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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Fifth Epochal Revelation is to expand cosmic consciousness and enhance spiritual perception. The high ideals and the example of the life of Jesus are especially needed today, in the times of planetary crisis and pandemia of fear and madness, caused by intellectual ignorance and spiritual blindness.

The British Study Edition of The Urantia Papers has the following distinct features:

- The present text of *The Urantia Papers* is based on that of the Fifth Epochal Revelation, and was revised according to the present scientific knowledge and spiritual enlightenment.

- Study notes and textual variants are printed in the apparatus at the bottom of the page.

- The symbol §§ marks the first paragraph in the group as in the 1955 first printing, where such groups were delimited by blank lines.

- All distance and temperature measures have been converted to metric units, except where there was even the slightest potential for error, such as in the use of "Jerusem miles", which was left intact. The idiomatic expressions like "carry his pack for a mile" were also left intact, obviously.

- Long and hard to memorise phrases like "three hundred and forty-five thousand" have been converted to a compact form "345,000". Likewise, for phrases like "seventy-five per cent" a more compact form of "75%" was chosen. Similarly, the time

designations like "fifteen minutes past four o'clock" now read "16:15".

- Designation of the author of each paper (and Foreword) is printed in *italics* on a line by itself just before the text.

- Paragraph numbering is used both in the superscript and in the ranges printed in the header of every page.

- The Bibliography of the human sources used in the Revelation is printed at the end of each Paper. When it was deemed essential the reference to the source(s) was also indicated in the footnotes.

The need for the revision of the text was predicted by the Revelation itself at 101:4.2:

> ... within a few short years many of our statements regarding the phys-

> ical sciences will stand in need of revision in consequence of additional scientific developments and new discoveries.

Well, those "few short years" have come to pass and it now devolves upon us — its students and guardians — to revise, expand and fearlessly continue the living stream of the Fifth Epochal Revelation: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17).

Realizing the great importance of this text, a group of volunteers and I have carefully preserved the original First Edition (1955) of the Urantia Papers, known at the time as *The Urantia Book,* and made it available on my website in both electronic and printed forms:

http://www.bibles.org.uk/guardian-plates.htm

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https://urantiabooksources.com/

A few of the sources related to the material of the Revelation related to the physical sciences have been discovered by myself independently of Matthew's research.

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This PDF file also includes the interactive quiz (819 questions in total) called *The Cosmic Citizenship Quiz*. To use the quiz simply click on the symbol at the end of any Paper Clicking on the Paper's title in the quiz section will return you back to that Paper in the text section.

The full text of the Bible (King James Version) is also included in this PDF file.

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PART I

THE CENTRAL AND SUPERUNIVERSES

Sponsored by a Uversa Corps of Superuniverse Personalities acting by authority of the Orvonton Ancients of Days.

FOREWORD

Divine Counsellor

In the minds of the mortals of Urantia[1] — that being the name of your world — there exists great confusion respecting the meaning of such terms as God, divinity, and deity. Human beings are still more confused and uncertain about the relationships of the divine personalities designated

[1] Pronounced *oorántеeya*, may be a coined word from the Greek οὐρανός "heavens" and the Latin suffix *-tia*, signifying "[y]our place in the heavens".

by these numerous appellations. Because of this conceptual poverty associated with so much ideational confusion, I have been directed to formulate this introductory statement in explanation of the meanings which should be attached to certain word symbols as they may be hereinafter used in those papers which the Orvonton corps of truth revealers have been authorized[1] to translate into the English language[2]

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[1] Only the papers 1–31 (i.e. Part I) were authorized at the superuniverse level. The papers 32–196 (Parts II, III and IV) were revealed under the local universe and system level authorization.

[2] The reason why English was used for this Revelation is obvious: it is the mother tongue of the ma-

of Urantia.

2 It is exceedingly difficult to present enlarged concepts and advanced truth, in our endeavour to expand cosmic consciousness and enhance spiritual perception, when we are restricted

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jority of those people, whose thoughts and books served as the basis of it, namely: Dr William S. Sadler, Sir Arthur S. Eddington, Sir James Jeans and many others. One of the greatest spiritual teachers on Urantia — Lev Nikolaevich Tolstoy — has given to Russian speakers a reasonably accurate restatement of Jesus' teachings. His Complete Works have been printed in Stalin's USSR, beginning in 1935. See, for example, the volumes 23–25, 41–45 of the 90-volume set. On p. 315 of "The Physiology of Faith and Fear" Dr William S. Sadler writes: Tolstoi once called faith "the force of life."

to the use of a circumscribed language of the realm. But our mandate admonishes us to make every effort to convey our meanings by using the word symbols of the English tongue. We have been instructed to introduce new terms only when the concept to be portrayed finds no terminology in English which can be employed to convey such a new concept partially or even with more or less distortion of meaning.

3 In the hope of facilitating comprehension and of preventing confusion on the part of every mortal who may peruse these papers, we deem it wise to

present in this initial statement an outline of the meanings to be attached to numerous English words which are to be employed in designation of Deity and certain associated concepts of the things, meanings, and values of universal reality.

4 But in order to formulate this Foreword of definitions and limitations of terminology, it is necessary to anticipate the usage of these terms in the subsequent presentations. This Foreword is not, therefore, a finished statement within itself;[1] it is only

[1] Why *exactly* does the need to anticipate the usage of terms make this Foreword an unfinished state-

ment? I could not answer this question until I remembered the difficulty encountered when studying the ancient Hebrew poetry. Not prose, but *poetry*. Namely, the paucity of language makes the reading of poetry orders of magnitude more complex than prose. The fundamental fact is that the true meaning of any word is not the paragraph or two found in its dictionary definition, but rather the entire usage thereof in the whole body of literature, everywhere it is encountered. Hebrew poetry provides a clear and relatively compact illustration of this, because to *really* understand one verse you often need to re-read many times the entire body of literature (i.e. all three books of Hebrew poetry: Psalms, Proverbs and Job) and this is what makes reading poetry hundreds, if not thousands, times harder than prose. Likewise, here the paucity of English language makes the mere "dictionary definitions" incomplete, unfinished and they must be supplemented by the entire "body of literature",

a definitive guide designed to assist those who shall read the accompanying papers dealing with Deity and the universe of universes[1] which have been

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i.e. the 31 subsequent presentations where each of these definitions is encountered. Therefore, the terms defined here might still have different meanings later on and this is what makes this Foreword an unfinished statement, i.e. it cannot be "finished" without the entirety of all the contexts where all the terms are used.

[1] As already noted at 0:0.1 these are limited to papers 1–31 only. Therefore, this Foreword is properly "the Foreword to Part I of the Urantia Papers" and that is where it should be printed. Curiously, this is where the Foreword is found in "The Titles of the Papers" and "Contents of the Book" as printed in the original 1955 edition, although the text of the Foreword is printed just before the Part I title

formulated by an Orvonton commission sent to Urantia for this purpose.

5 §§ Your world, Urantia, is one of many similar inhabited planets which comprise the local universe of *Nebadon*. This universe, together with similar creations, makes up the superuniverse of *Orvonton,* from whose capital, Uversa, our commission hails. Orvonton is one of the seven evolutionary superuniverses of time and space which circle the never-beginning, never-ending creation of divine perfection — the central universe of *Havona.* At the heart of this eternal and central uni-

page preceding Paper 1 of that edition.

verse is the stationary Isle of Paradise, the geographic centre of infinity and the dwelling place of the eternal God.

6 The seven evolving superuniverses in association with the central and divine universe, we commonly refer to as the *grand universe;* these are the now organized and inhabited creations. They are all a part of the *master universe,* which also embraces the uninhabited but mobilizing universes of outer space.

1. DEITY AND DIVINITY

1 The universe of universes presents

phenomena of deity[1] activities on diverse levels of cosmic realities, mind meanings, and spirit values, but all of these ministrations — personal or otherwise — are divinely co-ordinated.

[2] §§ DEITY[2] is personalizable as

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[1] In the lower case to reflect a certain degree of *ambiguity* in associating observed universe phenomena with the activity of Deity. This sentence prepares the *empirical soil* for the definition of Deity, which commences in the next paragraph.

[2] In all capitals to reflect the *over-exactness* of this description which compensates for the ambiguity in the previous paragraph. Without resorting to such a combination of ambiguity and over-exactness it would probably be well-nigh impossible to formulate a definition of Deity, which is

God, is prepersonal and superpersonal in ways not altogether comprehensible by man. Deity is characterized by the quality of unity — actual or potential — on all supermaterial levels of reality; and this unifying quality is best comprehended by creatures as divinity.

3 §§ Deity functions on personal, prepersonal, and superpersonal levels. Total Deity is functional on the following seven levels:

4 1. *Static* — self-contained and

both comprehensible by a mortal mind and free of the circular reasoning involved in the conceptual pair (Deity, divinity).

self-existent Deity.

5 2. *Potential* — self-willed and self-purposive Deity.

6 3. *Associative* — self-personalized and divinely fraternal Deity.

7 4. *Creative* — self-distributive and divinely revealed Deity.

8 5. *Evolutional* — self-expansive and creature-identified Deity.

9 6. *Supreme* — self-experiential and creature-Creator-unifying Deity. Deity functioning on the first creature-identificational level as time-space overcontrollers of the grand universe, sometimes designated the Supremacy of Deity.

10 7. *Ultimate* — self-projected and time-space-transcending Deity. Deity omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. Deity functioning on the second level of unifying divinity expression as effective overcontrollers and absonite upholders of the master universe. As compared with the ministry of the Deities to the grand universe, this absonite function in the master universe is tantamount to universal overcontrol and supersustenance, sometimes called the Ultimacy of Deity.

11 §§ *The finite level* of reality is characterized by creature life and time-

space limitations. Finite realities may not have endings, but they always have beginnings — they are created. The Deity level of Supremacy may be conceived as a function in relation to finite existences.

12 §§ *The absonite level* of reality is characterized by things and beings without beginnings or endings and by the transcendence of time and space. Absoniters are not created; they are eventuated — they simply are. The Deity level of Ultimacy connotes a function in relation to absonite realities. No matter in what part of the master universe, whenever time and

space are transcended, such an absonite phenomenon is an act of the Ultimacy of Deity.

13 §§ *The absolute level* is beginningless, endless, timeless, and spaceless. For example: On Paradise, time and space are nonexistent; the time-space status of Paradise is absolute. This level is Trinity attained, existentially, by the Paradise Deities, but this third level of unifying Deity expression is not fully unified experientially. Whenever, wherever, and however the absolute level of Deity functions, Paradise-absolute values and meanings are manifest.

14 §§ Deity may be existential as in the Eternal Son; experiential, as in the Supreme Being; associative, as in God the Sevenfold; undivided, as in the Paradise Trinity.

15 Deity is the source of all that which is divine. Deity is characteristically and invariably divine, but all that which is divine is not necessarily Deity, though it will be co-ordinated with Deity and will tend towards some phase of unity with Deity — spiritual, mindal, or personal.

16 §§ DIVINITY is the characteristic, unifying, and co-ordinating quality of Deity.

17 Divinity is creature comprehensible as truth, beauty, and goodness; correlated in personality as love, mercy, and ministry; disclosed on impersonal levels as justice, power, and sovereignty.

18 Divinity may be perfect — complete — as on existential and creator levels of Paradise perfection; it may be imperfect, as on experiential and creature levels of time-space evolution; or it may be relative, neither perfect nor imperfect, as on certain Havona levels of existential-experiential relationships.

19 §§ When we attempt to conceive

of perfection in all phases and forms of relativity, we encounter seven conceivable types[1]:

20 1. Absolute perfection in all aspects.

21 2. Absolute perfection in some phases and relative perfection in all other aspects.

22 3. Absolute, relative, and imperfect aspects in varied association.

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[1] The following list of seven elements is taken from [1] and contains all non-empty subsets ($2^3 - 1 = 7$) of the set (Absolute, Relative, Imperfection), listed in this particular order to reflect the inherent ordering of the three basic elements as follows: Absolute > Relative > Imperfection.

23 4. Absolute perfection in some respects, imperfection in all others.

24 5. Absolute perfection in no direction, relative perfection in all other[1] manifestations.

25 6. Absolute perfection in no phase, relative in some, imperfect in others.

26 7. Absolute perfection in no at-

[1] The word 'other' was removed from the second edition in 1967 and from all subsequent editions, probably to comply more closely with the human source [1]. I chose to revert to the reading of the first 1955 edition.

tribute, imperfection in all.

2. GOD

1 Evolving mortal creatures experience an irresistible urge to symbolize their finite concepts of God. Man's consciousness of moral duty and his spiritual idealism represent a value level — an experiential reality — which is difficult of symbolization.

2 Cosmic consciousness implies the recognition of a First Cause, the one and only uncaused reality. God, the Universal Father, functions on three Deity-personality levels of subinfinite value and relative divinity expression:

3 1. *Prepersonal* — as in the ministry of the Father fragments, such as the Thought Adjusters.

4 2. *Personal* — as in the evolutionary experience of created and procreated beings.

5 3. *Superpersonal* — as in the eventuated existences of certain absonite and associated beings.

6 GOD is a word symbol designating all personalizations of Deity. The term requires a different definition on each personal level of Deity function and must be still further redefined within each of these levels, as this term may be used to designate the diverse

co-ordinate and subordinate personalizations of Deity; for example: the Paradise Creator Sons — the local universe fathers.

7 §§ The term God, as we make use of it, may be understood:

8 *By designation* — as God the Father.

9 *By context* — as when used in the discussion of some one deity level or association. When in doubt as to the exact interpretation of the word God, it would be advisable to refer it to the person of the Universal Father.

10 §§ The term God always denotes

personality. Deity may, or may not, refer to divinity personalities.

11 §§ The word GOD is used, in these papers, with the following meanings:

12 1. *God the Father* — Creator, Controller, and Upholder. The Universal Father, the First Person of Deity.

13 2. *God the Son* — Co-ordinate Creator, Spirit Controller, and Spiritual Administrator. The Eternal Son, the Second Person of Deity.

14 3. *God the Spirit* — Conjoint Actor, Universal Integrator, and Mind Bestower. The Infinite Spirit, the Third Person of Deity.

15 4. *God the Supreme* — the actualizing or evolving God of time and space. Personal Deity associatively realizing the time-space experiential achievement of creature-Creator identity. The Supreme Being is personally experiencing the achievement of Deity unity as the evolving and experiential God of the evolutionary creatures of time and space.

16 5. *God the Sevenfold* — Deity personality anywhere actually functioning in time and space. The personal Paradise Deities and their creative associates functioning in and beyond the borders of the central uni-

verse and power-personalizing as the Supreme Being on the first creature level of unifying Deity revelation in time and space. This level, the grand universe, is the sphere of the time-space descension of Paradise personalities in reciprocal association with the time-space ascension of evolutionary creatures.

17 6. *God the Ultimate* — the eventuating God of supertime and transcended space. The second experiential level of unifying Deity manifestation. God the Ultimate implies the attained realization of the synthesized absonite-superpersonal, time-

space-transcended, and eventuated-experiential values, co-ordinated on final creative levels of Deity reality.

18 7. *God the Absolute* — the experientializing God of transcended superpersonal values and divinity meanings, now existential as the *Deity Absolute.* This is the third level of unifying Deity expression and expansion. On this supercreative level, Deity experiences exhaustion of personalizable potential, encounters completion of divinity, and undergoes depletion of capacity for self-revelation to successive and progressive levels of other-personalization. Deity now encounters, im-

pinges upon, and experiences identity with, the *Unqualified Absolute.*

3. THE FIRST SOURCE AND CENTRE

1 Total, infinite reality is existential in seven phases and as seven co-ordinate Absolutes:

2 1. The First Source and Centre.

3 2. The Second Source and Centre.

4 3. The Third Source and Centre.

5 4. The Isle of Paradise.

6 5. The Deity Absolute.

7 6. The Universal Absolute.

8 7. The Unqualified Absolute.

9 §§ God, as the First Source and Centre, is primal in relation to total reality — unqualifiedly. The First Source and Centre is infinite as well as eternal and is therefore limited or conditioned only by volition.

10 God — the Universal Father — is the personality of the First Source and Centre and as such maintains personal relations of infinite control over all coordinate and subordinate sources and centres. Such control is personal and infinite in *potential,* even though it may never actually function owing to the perfection of the function of such coordinate and subordinate sources and

centres and personalities.

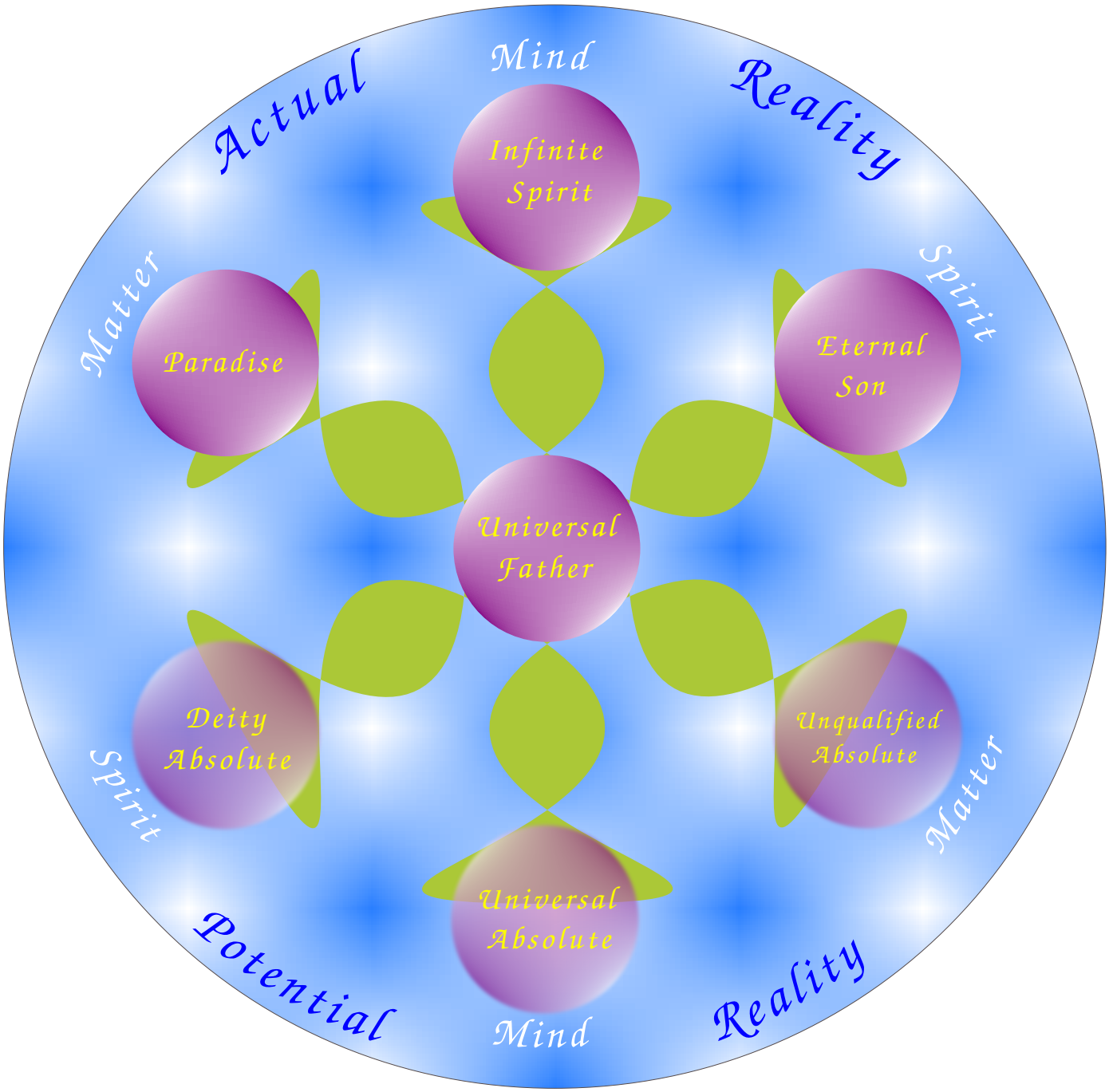

Figure 1: The Seven Absolutes and the structure of reality

11 The First Source and Centre is, therefore, primal in all domains: deified or undeified, personal or impersonal, actual or potential, finite or infinite. No thing or being, no relativity or finality, exists except in direct or indirect relation to, and dependence on, the primacy of the First Source and Centre.

12 §§ *The First Source and Centre* is related to the universe as:

13 1. The gravity forces of the material universes are convergent in the gravity centre of nether Paradise. That is just why the geographic location of his person is eternally fixed in absolute

relation to the force-energy centre of the nether or material plane of Paradise. But the absolute personality of Deity exists on the upper or spiritual plane of Paradise.

14 2. The mind forces are convergent in the Infinite Spirit; the differential and divergent cosmic mind in the Seven Master Spirits; the factualizing mind of the Supreme as a time-space experience in Majeston.

15 3. The universe spirit forces are convergent in the Eternal Son.

16 4. The unlimited capacity for deity action resides in the Deity Absolute.

17 5. The unlimited capacity for infinity response exists in the Unqualified Absolute.

18 6. The two Absolutes — Qualified and Unqualified — are co-ordinated and unified in and by the Universal Absolute.

19 7. The potential personality of an evolutionary moral being or of any other moral being is centred in the personality of the Universal Father.

20 §§ REALITY, as comprehended by finite beings, is partial, relative, and shadowy. The maximum Deity reality fully comprehensible by evolutionary finite creatures is embraced within the

Supreme Being. Nevertheless there are antecedent and eternal realities, superfinite realities, which are ancestral to this Supreme Deity of evolutionary time-space creatures. In attempting to portray the origin and nature of universal reality, we are forced to employ the technique of time-space reasoning in order to reach the level of the finite mind. Therefore must many of the simultaneous events of eternity be presented as sequential transactions.

21 As a time-space creature would view the origin and differentiation of Reality, the eternal and infinite I AM achieved Deity liberation from the fet-

ters of unqualified infinity through the exercise of inherent and eternal free will, and this divorcement from unqualified infinity produced the first *absolute divinity-tension.* This tension of infinity differential is resolved by the Universal Absolute, which functions to unify and co-ordinate the dynamic infinity of Total Deity and the static infinity of the Unqualified Absolute.

22 In this original transaction the theoretical I AM achieved the realization of personality by becoming the Eternal Father of the Original Son simultaneously with becoming the Eternal Source of the Isle of Par-

adise. Coexistent with the differentiation of the Son from the Father, and in the presence of Paradise, there appeared the person of the Infinite Spirit and the central universe of Havona. With the appearance of coexistent personal Deity, the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit, the Father escaped, as a personality, from otherwise inevitable diffusion throughout the potential of Total Deity. Thenceforth it is only in Trinity association with his two Deity equals that the Father fills all Deity potential, while increasingly experiential Deity is being actualized on the divinity levels of Su-

premacy, Ultimacy, and Absoluteness.

23 §§ *The concept of the I AM* is a philosophic concession which we make to the time-bound, space-fettered, finite mind of man, to the impossibility of creature comprehension of eternity existences — nonbeginning, nonending realities and relationships. To the time-space creature, all things must have a beginning save only the ONE UNCAUSED — the primeval cause of causes. Therefore do we conceptualize this philosophic value-level as the I AM, at the same time instructing all creatures that the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit are coeternal with the I

AM; in other words, that there never was a time when the I AM was not the *Father* of the Son and, with him, of the Spirit.

24 §§ *The Infinite* is used to denote the fullness — the finality — implied by the primacy of the First Source and Centre. The *theoretical* I AM is a creature-philosophic extension of the "infinity of will," but the Infinite is an *actual* value-level representing the eternity-intension of the true infinity of the absolute and unfettered free will of the Universal Father. This concept is sometimes designated the Father-Infinite.

25 Much of the confusion of all orders of beings, high and low, in their efforts to discover the Father-Infinite, is inherent in their limitations of comprehension. The absolute primacy of the Universal Father is not apparent on subinfinite levels; therefore is it probable that only the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit truly know the Father as an infinity; to all other personalities such a concept represents the exercise of faith.

4. UNIVERSE REALITY

1 Reality differentially actualizes on diverse universe levels; reality origi-

nates in and by the infinite volition of the Universal Father and is realizable in three primal phases on many different levels of universe actualization:

2 1. *Undeified reality* ranges from the energy domains of the nonpersonal to the reality realms of the nonpersonalizable values of universal existence, even to the presence of the Unqualified Absolute.

3 2. *Deified reality* embraces all of infinite Deity potentials ranging upward through all realms of personality from the lowest finite to the highest infinite, thus encompassing the domain of all that which is personalizable

and more — even to the presence of the Deity Absolute.

4 3. *Interassociated reality.* Universe reality is supposedly either deified or undeified, but to subdeified beings there exists a vast domain of interassociated reality, potential and actualizing, which is difficult of identification. Much of this co-ordinate reality is embraced within the realms of the Universal Absolute.

5 This is the primal concept of original reality: The Father initiates and maintains Reality. The primal *differentials* of reality are the deified and the undeified — the Deity Absolute and

the Unqualified Absolute. The primal *relationship* is the tension between them. This Father-initiated divinity-tension is perfectly resolved by, and eternalizes as, the Universal Absolute.

6 §§ From the viewpoint of time and space, reality is further divisible as:

7 1. *Actual and Potential.* Realities existing in fullness of expression in contrast to those which carry undisclosed capacity for growth. The Eternal Son is an absolute spiritual actuality; mortal man is very largely an unrealized spiritual potentiality.

8 2. *Absolute and Subabsolute.* Absolute realities are eternity existences.

Subabsolute realities are projected on two levels: Absonites — realities which are relative with respect to both time and eternity. Finites — realities which are projected in space and are actualized in time.

9 3. *Existential and Experiential.* Paradise Deity is existential, but the emerging Supreme and Ultimate are experiential.

10 4. *Personal and Impersonal.* Deity expansion, personality expression, and universe evolution are forever conditioned by the Father's freewill act which forever separated the mind-spirit-personal meanings and values

of actuality and potentiality centring in the Eternal Son from those things which centre and inhere in the eternal Isle of Paradise.

11 §§ PARADISE is a term inclusive of the personal and the nonpersonal focal Absolutes of all phases of universe reality. Paradise, properly qualified, may connote any and all forms of reality, Deity, divinity, personality, and energy — spiritual, mindal, or material. All share Paradise as the place of origin, function, and destiny, as regards values, meanings, and factual existence.

12 §§ *The Isle of Paradise* — Paradise

not otherwise qualified — is the Absolute of the material-gravity control of the First Source and Centre. Paradise is motionless, being the only stationary thing in the universe of universes. The Isle of Paradise has a universe location but no position in space. This eternal Isle is the actual source of the physical universes — past, present, and future. The nuclear Isle of Light is a Deity derivative, but it is hardly Deity; neither are the material creations a part of Deity; they are a consequence.

13 Paradise is not a creator; it is a unique controller of many universe activities, far more of a controller than

a reactor. Throughout the material universes Paradise influences the reactions and conduct of all beings having to do with force, energy, and power, but Paradise itself is unique, exclusive, and isolated in the universes. Paradise represents nothing and nothing represents Paradise. It is neither a force nor a presence; it is just *Paradise.*

5. PERSONALITY REALITIES

1 Personality is a level of deified reality and ranges from the mortal and midwayer level of the higher mind activation of worship and wisdom up through the morontial and spiritual to

the attainment of finality of personality status. That is the evolutionary ascent of mortal- and kindred-creature personality, but there are numerous other orders of universe personalities.

2 Reality is subject to universal expansion, personality to infinite diversification, and both are capable of well-nigh unlimited Deity co-ordination and eternal stabilization. While the metamorphic range of nonpersonal reality is definitely limited, we know of no limitations to the progressive evolution of personality realities.

3 On attained experiential levels all personality orders or values are asso-

ciable and even cocreational. Even God and man can coexist in a unified personality, as is so exquisitely demonstrated in the present status of Christ Michael — Son of Man and Son of God.

4 All subinfinite orders and phases of personality are associative attainables and are potentially cocreational. The prepersonal, the personal, and the superpersonal are all linked together by mutual potential of co-ordinate attainment, progressive achievement, and cocreational capacity. But never does the impersonal directly transmute to the personal. Personality is

never spontaneous; it is the gift of the Paradise Father. Personality is superimposed upon energy, and it is associated only with living energy systems; identity can be associated with nonliving energy patterns.

5 §§ The Universal Father is the secret of the reality of personality, the bestowal of personality, and the destiny of personality. The Eternal Son is the absolute personality, the secret of spiritual energy, morontia spirits, and perfected spirits. The Conjoint Actor is the spirit-mind personality, the source of intelligence, reason, and the universal mind. But the Isle of Paradise

is nonpersonal and extraspiritual, being the essence of the universal body, the source and centre of physical matter, and the absolute master pattern of universal material reality.

6 §§ These qualities of universal reality are manifest in Urantian human experience on the following levels:

7 1. *Body.* The material or physical organism of man. The living electrochemical mechanism of animal nature and origin.

8 2. *Mind.* The thinking, perceiving, and feeling mechanism of the human organism. The total conscious and unconscious experience. The in-

telligence associated with the emotional life reaching upward through worship and wisdom to the spirit level.

9 3. *Spirit.* The divine spirit that indwells the mind of man — the Thought Adjuster. This immortal spirit is prepersonal — not a personality, though destined to become a part of the personality of the surviving mortal creature.

10 4. *Soul.* The soul of man is an experiential acquirement. As a mortal creature chooses to "do the will of the Father in heaven," so the indwelling spirit becomes the father of a *new reality* in human experience. The mortal

and material mind is the mother[1] of this same emerging reality. The substance of this new reality is neither material nor spiritual — it is *morontial.* This is the emerging and immortal soul which is destined to survive mortal death and begin the Paradise ascension.

11 §§ *Personality.* The personality of mortal man is neither body, mind, nor spirit; neither is it the soul. Personality is the one changeless reality in an otherwise ever-changing creature experi-

[1] The words *matter* and *mother* have the same origin, namely from the Latin *mater* and Greek μήτηρ meaning 'mother'.

ence[1]; and it unifies all other associated factors of individuality. The personality is the unique bestowal which the Universal Father makes upon the living and associated energies of matter, mind, and spirit, and which survives with the survival of the morontial soul.

12 §§ *Morontia* is a term designating a vast level intervening between the material and the spiritual. It may designate personal or impersonal realities, living or nonliving energies. The warp

[1] For the human source of this definition see the note at 103:8.6.

of morontia[1] is spiritual; its woof is physical.

6. ENERGY AND PATTERN

1 Any and all things responding to the personality circuit of the Father, we call personal. Any and all things responding to the spirit circuit of the

[1] The word "morontia" is composed of "matter" plus "moral". In addition to the present Editor's personal experience, the proof of this connection is given in the footnote to 112:3.2. The link with the Greek word μάρανσις "causing to die away", "dying or fading away" is also important here. And the medical term μαρασμός, whence the English "marasmus" and "marasmic" come, is synonymous with μάρανσις. It was used by the great *Galen* in the II century A.D.

Son, we call spirit. Any and all that responds to the mind circuit of the Conjoint Actor, we call mind, mind as an attribute of the Infinite Spirit — mind in all its phases. Any and all that responds to the material-gravity circuit centring in nether Paradise, we call matter — energy-matter in all its metamorphic states.

2 §§ ENERGY we use as an all-inclusive term applied to spiritual, mindal, and material realms. *Force* is also thus broadly used. *Power* is ordinarily limited to the designation of the electronic level of material or linear-gravity-responsive matter in the grand uni-

verse. Power is also employed to designate sovereignty. We cannot follow your generally accepted definitions of force, energy, and power. There is such paucity of language that we must assign multiple meanings to these terms.

3 §§ *Physical energy* is a term denoting all phases and forms of phenomenal motion, action, and potential.

4 In discussing physical-energy manifestations, we generally use the terms cosmic force, emergent energy, and universe power. These are often employed as follows:

5 1. *Cosmic force* embraces all energies deriving from the Unqualified

Absolute but which are as yet unresponsive to Paradise gravity.

6 2. *Emergent energy* embraces thos energies which are responsive to Paradise gravity but are as yet unresponsive to local or linear gravity. This is the pre-electronic level of energy-matter.

7 3. *Universe power* includes all forms of energy which, while still responding to Paradise gravity, are directly responsive to linear gravity. This is the electronic level of energy-matter and all subsequent evolutions thereof.

8 §§ *Mind* is a phenomenon connoting the presence-activity of *living ministry* in addition to varied energy sys-

tems; and this is true on all levels of intelligence. In personality, mind ever intervenes between spirit and matter; therefore is the universe illuminated by three kinds of light: material light, intellectual insight, and spirit luminosity.

9 §§ *Light* — spirit luminosity — is a word symbol, a figure of speech, which connotes the personality manifestation characteristic of spirit beings of diverse orders. This luminous emanation is in no respect related either to intellectual insight or to physical-light manifestations.

10 §§ PATTERN can be projected as

material, spiritual, or mindal, or any combination of these energies. It can pervade personalities, identities, entities, or nonliving matter. But pattern is pattern and remains pattern; only *copies* are multiplied.

11 Pattern may configure energy, but it does not control it. Gravity is the sole control of energy-matter. Neither space nor pattern are gravity responsive, but there is no relationship between space and pattern; space is neither pattern nor potential pattern. Pattern is a configuration of reality which has already paid all gravity debt; the *reality* of any pattern consists of its

energies, its mind, spirit, or material components.

12 In contrast to the aspect of the *total,* pattern discloses the *individual* aspect of energy and of personality. Personality or identity forms are patterns resultant from energy (physical, spiritual, or mindal) but are not inherent therein. That quality of energy or of personality by virtue of which pattern is caused to appear may be attributed to God — Deity — to Paradise force endowment, to the coexistence of personality and power.

13 Pattern is a master design from which copies are made. Eternal Par-

adise is the absolute of patterns; the Eternal Son is the pattern personality; the Universal Father is the direct ancestor-source of both. But Paradise does not bestow pattern, and the Son cannot bestow personality.

7. THE SUPREME BEING

1 The Deity mechanism of the master universe is twofold as concerns eternity relationships. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit are eternal — are existential beings — while God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and God the Absolute are *actualizing* Deity personalities of the

post-Havona epochs in the time-space and the time-space-transcended spheres of master universe evolutionary expansion. These actualizing Deity personalities are future eternals from the time when, and as, they power-personalize in the growing universes by the technique of the experiential actualization of the associative-creative potentials of the eternal Paradise Deities.

2 Deity is, therefore, dual in presence:

3 1. *Existential* — beings of eternal existence, past, present, and future.

4 2. *Experiential* — beings actualizing in the post-Havona present but

of unending existence throughout all future eternity.

5 §§ The Father, Son, and Spirit are existential — existential in actuality (though all potentials are supposedly experiential). The Supreme and the Ultimate are wholly experiential. The Deity Absolute is experiential in actualization but existential in potentiality. The essence of Deity is eternal, but only the three original persons of Deity are unqualifiedly eternal. All other Deity personalities have an origin, but they are eternal in destiny.

6 Having achieved existential Deity expression of himself in the Son and

the Spirit, the Father is now achieving experiential expression on hitherto impersonal and unrevealed deity levels as God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and God the Absolute; but these experiential Deities are not now fully existent; they are in process of actualization.

7 §§ *God the Supreme* in Havona is the personal spirit reflection of the triune Paradise Deity. This associative Deity relationship is now creatively expanding outward in God the Sevenfold and is synthesizing in the experiential power of the Almighty Supreme in the grand universe. Paradise De-

ity, existential as three persons, is thus experientially evolving in two phases of Supremacy, while these dual phases are power-personality unifying as one Lord, the Supreme Being.

8 The Universal Father achieves freewill liberation from the bonds of infinity and the fetters of eternity by the technique of trinitization, threefold Deity personalization. The Supreme Being is even now evolving as a subeternal personality unification of the sevenfold manifestation of Deity in the time-space segments of the grand universe.

9 §§ *The Supreme Being* is not a di-

rect creator, except that he is the father of Majeston, but he is a synthetic co-ordinator of all creature-Creator universe activities. The Supreme Being, now actualizing in the evolutionary universes, is the Deity correlator and synthesizer of time-space divinity, of triune Paradise Deity in experiential association with the Supreme Creators of time and space. When finally actualized, this evolutionary Deity will constitute the eternal fusion of the finite and the infinite — the everlasting and indissoluble union of experiential power and spirit personality.

10 All time-space finite reality, un-

der the directive urge of the evolving Supreme Being, is engaged in an ever-ascending mobilization and perfecting unification (power-personality synthesis) of all phases and values of finite reality, in association with varied phases of Paradise reality, to the end and for the purpose of subsequently embarking upon the attempt to reach absonite levels of supercreature attainment.

8. GOD THE SEVENFOLD

1 To atone for finity of status and to compensate for creature limitations of concept, the Universal Father has

established the evolutionary creature's sevenfold approach to Deity:

2 1. The Paradise Creator Sons.

3 2. The Ancients of Days.

4 3. The Seven Master Spirits.

5 4. The Supreme Being.

6 5. God the Spirit.

7 6. God the Son.

8 7. God the Father.

9 §§ This sevenfold Deity personalization in time and space and to the seven superuniverses enables mortal man to attain the presence of God, who is spirit. This sevenfold Deity, to finite time-space creatures sometime

power-personalizing in the Supreme Being, is the functional Deity of the mortal evolutionary creatures of the Paradise-ascension career. Such an experiential discovery-career of the realization of God begins with the recognition of the divinity of the Creator Son of the local universe and ascends through the superuniverse Ancients of Days and by way of the person of one of the Seven Master Spirits to the attainment of the discovery and recognition of the divine personality of the Universal Father on Paradise.

10 §§ The grand universe is the threefold Deity domain of the Trinity of

Supremacy, God the Sevenfold, and the Supreme Being. God the Supreme is potential in the Paradise Trinity, from whom he derives his personality and spirit attributes; but he is now actualizing in the Creator Sons, Ancients of Days, and the Master Spirits, from whom he derives his power as Almighty to the superuniverses of time and space. This power manifestation of the immediate God of evolutionary creatures actually time-space evolves concomitantly with them. The Almighty Supreme, evolving on the value-level of nonpersonal activities, and the spirit person

of God the Supreme are *one reality* — the Supreme Being.

11 The Creator Sons in the Deity association of God the Sevenfold provide the mechanism whereby the mortal becomes immortal and the finite attains the embrace of the infinite. The Supreme Being provides the technique for the power-personality mobilization, the divine synthesis, of *all* these manifold transactions, thus enabling the finite to attain the absonite and, through other possible future actualizations, to attempt the attainment of the Ultimate. The Creator Sons and their associated Divine

Ministers are participants in this supreme mobilization, but the Ancients of Days and the Seven Master Spirits are probably eternally fixed as permanent administrators in the grand universe.

12 The function of God the Sevenfold dates from the organization of the seven superuniverses, and it will probably expand in connection with the future evolution of the creations of outer space. The organization of these future universes of the primary, secondary, tertiary, and quartan space levels of progressive evolution will undoubtedly witness the inauguration

of the transcendent and absonite approach to Deity.

9. GOD THE ULTIMATE

1 Just as the Supreme Being progressively evolves from the antecedent divinity endowment of the encompassed grand universe potential of energy and personality, so does God the Ultimate eventuate from the potentials of divinity residing in the transcended time-space domains of the master universe. The actualization of Ultimate Deity signalizes absonite unification of the first experiential Trinity and signifies unifying Deity ex-

pansion on the second level of creative self-realization. This constitutes the personality-power equivalent of the universe experiential-Deity actualization of Paradise absonite realities on the eventuating levels of transcended time-space values. The completion of such an experiential unfoldment is designed to afford ultimate service-destiny for all time-space creatures who have attained absonite levels through the completed realization of the Supreme Being and by the ministry of God the Sevenfold.

2 §§ *God the Ultimate* is designative of personal Deity functioning on the

divinity levels of the absonite and on the universe spheres of supertime and transcended space. The Ultimate is a supersupreme eventuation of Deity. The Supreme is the Trinity unification comprehended by finite beings; the Ultimate is the unification of the Paradise Trinity comprehended by absonite beings.

3 The Universal Father, through the mechanism of evolutionary Deity, is actually engaged in the stupendous and amazing *act* of personality focalization and power mobilization, on their respective universe meaning-levels, of the divine reality values of the

finite, the absonite, and even of the absolute.

4 The first three and past-eternal Deities of Paradise — the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit — are, in the eternal future, to be personality-complemented by the experiential actualization of associate evolutionary Deities — God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and possibly God the Absolute.

5 §§ God the Supreme and God the Ultimate, now evolving in the experiential universes, are not existential — not past eternals, only future eternals, time-space-conditioned and transcen-

dental-conditioned eternals. They are Deities of supreme, ultimate, and possibly supreme-ultimate endowments, but they have experienced historic universe origins. They will never have an end, but they do have personality beginnings. They are indeed actualizations of eternal and infinite Deity potentials, but they themselves are neither unqualifiedly eternal nor infinite.

10. GOD THE ABSOLUTE

1 There are many features of the eternal reality of the *Deity Absolute* which cannot be fully explained to the time-space finite mind, but the actualiza-

tion of *God the Absolute* would be in consequence of the unification of the second experiential Trinity, the Absolute Trinity. This would constitute the experiential realization of absolute divinity, the unification of absolute meanings on absolute levels; but we are not certain regarding the encompassment of all absolute values since we have at no time been informed that the Qualified Absolute is the equivalent of the Infinite. Superultimate destinies are involved in absolute meanings and infinite spirituality, and without both of these unachieved realities we cannot establish absolute values.

2 God the Absolute is the realization-attainment goal of all superabsonite beings, but the power and personality potential of the Deity Absolute transcends our concept, and we hesitate to discuss those realities which are so far removed from experiential actualization.

11. THE THREE ABSOLUTES

1 When the combined thought of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, functioning in the God of Action, constituted the creation of the divine and central universe, the Father followed the expression of his thought

into the word of his Son and the act of their Conjoint Executive by differentiating his Havona presence from the potentials of infinity. And these undisclosed infinity potentials remain space concealed in the Unqualified Absolute and divinely enshrouded in the Deity Absolute, while these two become one in the functioning of the Universal Absolute, the unrevealed infinity-unity of the Paradise Father.

2 Both potency of cosmic force and potency of spirit force are in process of progressive revelation-realization as the enrichment of all reality is effected by experiential growth and through

the correlation of the experiential with the existential by the Universal Absolute. By virtue of the equipoising presence of the Universal Absolute, the First Source and Centre realizes extension of experiential power, enjoys identification with his evolutionary creatures, and achieves expansion of experiential Deity on the levels of Supremacy, Ultimacy, and Absoluteness.

3 §§ When it is not possible fully to distinguish the Deity Absolute from the Unqualified Absolute, their supposedly combined function or co-ordinated presence is designated the ac-

tion of the Universal Absolute.

4 1. *The Deity Absolute* seems to be the all-powerful activator, while the Unqualified Absolute appears to be the all-efficient mechanizer of the supremely unified and ultimately co-ordinated universe of universes, even universes upon universes, made, making, and yet to be made.

5 The Deity Absolute cannot, or at least does not, react to any universe situation in a subabsolute manner. Every response of this Absolute to any given situation appears to be made in terms of the welfare of the whole creation of things and beings, not only in its pre-

sent state of existence, but also in view of the infinite possibilities of all future eternity.

6 The Deity Absolute is that potential which was segregated from total, infinite reality by the freewill choice of the Universal Father, and within which all divinity activities — existential and experiential — take place. This is the *Qualified* Absolute in contradistinction to the *Unqualified* Absolute; but the Universal Absolute is superadditive to both in the encompassment of all absolute potential.

7 2. *The Unqualified Absolute* is nonpersonal, extradivine, and unde-

ified. The Unqualified Absolute is therefore devoid of personality, divinity, and all creator prerogatives. Neither fact nor truth, experience nor revelation, philosophy nor absonity are able to penetrate the nature and character of this Absolute without universe qualification.

8 Let it be made clear that the Unqualified Absolute is a *positive reality* pervading the grand universe and, apparently, extending with equal space presence on out into the force activities and prematerial evolutions of the staggering stretches of the space regions beyond the seven superuniver-

ses. The Unqualified Absolute is not a mere negativism of philosophic concept predicated on the assumptions of metaphysical sophistries concerning the universality, dominance, and primacy of the unconditioned and the unqualified. The Unqualified Absolute is a positive universe overcontrol in infinity; this overcontrol is space-force unlimited but is definitely conditioned by the presence of life, mind, spirit, and personality, and is further conditioned by the will-reactions and purposeful mandates of the Paradise Trinity.

9 We are convinced that the Un-

qualified Absolute is not an undifferentiated and all-pervading influence comparable either to the pantheistic concepts of metaphysics or to the sometime ether hypothesis of science. The Unqualified Absolute is force unlimited and Deity conditioned, but we do not fully perceive the relation of this Absolute to the spirit realities of the universes.

10 3. *The Universal Absolute,* we logically deduce, was inevitable in the Universal Father's absolute freewill act of differentiating universe realities into deified and undeified — personalizable and nonpersonalizable — val-

ues. The Universal Absolute is the Deity phenomenon indicative of the resolution of the tension created by the freewill act of thus differentiating universe reality, and functions as the associative co-ordinator of these sum totals of existential potentialities.

11 §§ The tension-presence of the Universal Absolute signifies the adjustment of differential between deity reality and undeified reality inherent in the separation of the dynamics of freewill divinity from the statics of unqualified infinity.

12 §§ Always remember: Potential infinity is absolute and inseparable from

eternity. Actual infinity in time can never be anything but partial and must therefore be nonabsolute; neither can infinity of actual personality be absolute except in unqualified Deity. And it is the differential of infinity potential in the Unqualified Absolute and the Deity Absolute that eternalizes the Universal Absolute, thereby making it cosmically possible to have material universes in space and spiritually possible to have finite personalities in time.

13 The finite can coexist in the cosmos along with the Infinite only because the associative presence of the Universal Absolute so perfectly equal-

izes the tensions between time and eternity, finity and infinity, reality potential and reality actuality, Paradise and space, man and God. Associatively the Universal Absolute constitutes the identification of the zone of progressing evolutional reality existent in the time-space, and in the transcended time-space, universes of subinfinite Deity manifestation.

14 The Universal Absolute is the potential of the static-dynamic Deity functionally realizable on time-eternity levels as finite-absolute values and as possible of experiential-existential approach. This incomprehensible as-

pect of Deity may be static, potential, and associative but is not experientially creative or evolutional as concerns the intelligent personalities now functioning in the master universe.

15 §§ *The Absolute.* The two Absolutes — qualified and unqualified — while so apparently divergent in function as they may be observed by mind creatures, are perfectly and divinely unified in and by the Universal Absolute. In the last analysis and in the final comprehension all three are one Absolute. On subinfinite levels they are functionally differentiated, but in infinity they are ONE.

16 §§ We never use the term the Absolute as a negation of aught or as a denial of anything. Neither do we regard the Universal Absolute as self-determinative, a sort of pantheistic and impersonal Deity. The Absolute, in all that pertains to universe personality, is strictly Trinity limited and Deity dominated.

12. THE TRINITIES

1 The original and eternal Paradise Trinity is existential and was inevitable. This never-beginning Trinity was inherent in the fact of the differentiation of the personal and the

nonpersonal by the Father's unfettered will and factualized when his personal will co-ordinated these dual realities by mind. The post-Havona Trinities are experiential — are inherent in the creation of two subabsolute and evolutional levels of power-personality manifestation in the master universe.

2 §§ *The Paradise Trinity* — the eternal Deity union of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit — is existential in actuality, but all potentials are experiential. Therefore does this Trinity constitute the only Deity reality embracing infinity,

and therefore do there occur the universe phenomena of the actualization of God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and God the Absolute.

3 §§ The first and second experiential Trinities, the post-Havona Trinities, cannot be infinite because they embrace *derived Deities,* Deities evolved by the experiential actualization of realities created or eventuated by the existential Paradise Trinity. Infinity of divinity is being ever enriched, if not enlarged, by finity and absonity of creature and Creator experience.

4 Trinities are truths of relationship and facts of co-ordinate Deity man-

ifestation. Trinity functions encompass Deity realities, and Deity realities always seek realization and manifestation in personalization. God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and even God the Absolute are therefore divine inevitabilities. These three experiential Deities were potential in the existential Trinity, the Paradise Trinity, but their universe emergence as personalities of power is dependent in part on their own experiential functioning in the universes of power and personality and in part on the experiential achievements of the post-Havona Creators and Trinities.

5 §§ The two post-Havona Trinities, the Ultimate and the Absolute experiential Trinities, are not now fully manifest; they are in process of universe realization. These Deity associations may be described as follows:

6 1. *The Ultimate Trinity,* now evolving, will eventually consist of the Supreme Being, the Supreme Creator Personalities, and the absonite Architects of the Master Universe, those unique universe planners who are neither creators nor creatures. God the Ultimate will eventually and inevitably powerize and personalize as the Deity consequence of the unifica-

tion of this experiential Ultimate Trinity in the expanding arena of the well-nigh limitless master universe.

7 2. *The Absolute Trinity* — the second experiential Trinity — now in process of actualization, will consist of God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and the unrevealed Consummator of Universe Destiny. This Trinity functions on both personal and superpersonal levels, even to the borders of the nonpersonal, and its unification in universality would experientialize Absolute Deity.

8 §§ The Ultimate Trinity is experientially unifying in completion, but

we truly doubt the possibility of such full unification of the Absolute Trinity. Our concept, however, of the eternal Paradise Trinity is an ever-present reminder that Deity trinitization may accomplish what is otherwise nonattainable; hence do we postulate the sometime appearance of the *Supreme-Ultimate* and the possible trinitization-factualization of God the Absolute.

9 §§ The philosophers of the universes postulate a *Trinity of Trinities,* an existential-experiential Trinity Infinite, but they are not able to envisage its personalization; possibly it would

equivalate to the person of the Universal Father on the conceptual level of the I AM. But irrespective of all this, the original Paradise Trinity is potentially infinite since the Universal Father actually is infinite.

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11 In formulating the succeeding presentations having to do with the portrayal of the character of the Universal Father and the nature of his Paradise associates, together with an attempted description of the perfect central universe and the encircling seven superu-

niverses[1], we are to be guided by the mandate of the superuniverse rulers which directs that we shall, in all our efforts to reveal truth and co-ordinate essential knowledge, give preference to the highest existing human concepts pertaining to the subjects to be presented. We may resort to pure revelation only when the concept of presentation has had no adequate previous expression by the human mind.

12 Successive planetary revelations of divine truth invariably embrace the

[1] Another clear confirmation (cf. 0:0.1, 0:0.4 and 0:2.11), that this Foreword is intended for papers 1–31 only.

highest existing concepts of spiritual values as a part of the new and enhanced co-ordination of planetary knowledge. Accordingly, in making these presentations about God and his universe associates, we have selected as the basis of these papers more than one thousand human concepts representing the highest and most advanced planetary knowledge of spiritual values and universe meanings. Wherein these human concepts, assembled from the God-knowing mortals of the past and the present, are inadequate to portray the truth as we are directed to reveal it, we will unhesitat-

ingly supplement them, for this purpose drawing upon our own superior knowledge of the reality and divinity of the Paradise Deities and their transcendent residential universe.

13 We are fully cognizant of the difficulties of our assignment; we recognize the impossibility of fully translating the language of the concepts of divinity and eternity into the symbols of the language of the finite concepts of the mortal mind. But we know that there dwells within the human mind a fragment of God, and that there sojourns with the human soul the Spirit of Truth; and we further know that

these spirit forces conspire to enable material man to grasp the reality of spiritual values and to comprehend the philosophy of universe meanings. But even more certainly we know that these spirits of the Divine Presence are able to assist man in the spiritual appropriation of all truth contributory to the enhancement of the ever-progressing reality of personal religious experience — God-consciousness.

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PAPER 1

THE UNIVERSAL FATHER

Divine Counsellor

The Universal Father is the God of all creation, the First Source and Centre of all things and beings. First think of God as a creator, then as a controller, and lastly as an infinite upholder. The truth about the Universal Father had begun to dawn upon mankind when the prophet said: "You, God, are alone; there is none beside you. You have created the heaven and the heaven of heavens, with all

their hosts; you preserve and control them. By the Sons of God were the universes made. The Creator covers himself with light as with a garment and stretches out the heavens as a curtain."[1] Only the concept of the Universal Father — one God in the place of many gods — enabled mortal man to comprehend the Father as divine creator and infinite controller.

2 The myriads of planetary systems

[1] Psalms 104:1–2: "Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain."

were all made to be eventually inhabited by many different types of intelligent creatures, beings who could know God, receive the divine affection, and love him in return. The universe of universes is the work of God and the dwelling place of his diverse creatures. "God created the heavens and formed the earth; he established the universe and created this world not in vain; he formed it to be inhabited."[1]

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[1] Isaiah 45:18: "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else."

3 The enlightened worlds all recognize and worship the Universal Father, the eternal maker and infinite upholder of all creation. The will creatures of universe upon universe have embarked upon the long, long Paradise journey, the fascinating struggle of the eternal adventure of attaining God the Father. The transcendent goal of the children of time is to find the eternal God, to comprehend the divine nature, to recognize the Universal Father. God-knowing creatures have only one supreme ambition, just one consuming desire, and that is to become, as they are in their spheres,

like him as he is in his Paradise perfection of personality and in his universal sphere of righteous supremacy. From the Universal Father who inhabits eternity there has gone forth the supreme mandate, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect."[1] In love and mercy the messengers of Paradise have carried this divine exhortation down through the ages and out through the universes, even to such lowly animal-origin creatures as the human races of Urantia.

4 This magnificent and universal in-

[1] Matthew 5:48: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

junction to strive for the attainment of the perfection of divinity is the first duty, and should be the highest ambition, of all the struggling creature creation of the God of perfection. This possibility of the attainment of divine perfection is the final and certain destiny of all man's eternal spiritual progress.

5 Urantia mortals can hardly hope to be perfect in the infinite sense, but it is entirely possible for human beings, starting out as they do on this planet, to attain the supernal and divine goal which the infinite God has set for mortal man; and when they

do achieve this destiny, they will, in all that pertains to self-realization and mind attainment, be just as replete in their sphere of divine perfection as God himself is in his sphere of infinity and eternity. Such perfection may not be universal in the material sense, unlimited in intellectual grasp, or final in spiritual experience, but it is final and complete in all finite aspects of divinity of will, perfection of personality motivation, and God-consciousness.

6 This is the true meaning of that divine command, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect," which ever urges mortal man onward and beckons him

inward in that long and fascinating struggle for the attainment of higher and higher levels of spiritual values and true universe meanings. This sublime search for the God of universes is the supreme adventure of the inhabitants of all the worlds of time and space.

1. THE FATHER'S NAME

1 Of all the names by which God the Father is known throughout the universes, those which designate him as the First Source and the Universe Centre are most often encountered. The First Father is known by various names in different universes and in

different sectors of the same universe. The names which the creature assigns to the Creator are much dependent on the creature's concept of the Creator. The First Source and Universe Centre has never revealed himself by name, only by nature. If we believe that we are the children of this Creator, it is only natural that we should eventually call him Father. But this is the name of our own choosing, and it grows out of the recognition of our personal relationship with the First Source and Centre.

2 The Universal Father never imposes any form of arbitrary recogni-

tion, formal worship, or slavish service upon the intelligent will creatures of the universes. The evolutionary inhabitants of the worlds of time and space must of themselves — in their own hearts — recognize, love, and voluntarily worship him. The Creator refuses to coerce or compel the submission of the spiritual free wills of his material creatures. The affectionate dedication of the human will to the doing of the Father's will is man's choicest gift to God; in fact, such a consecration of creature will constitutes man's only possible gift of true value to the Paradise Father. In God, man

lives, moves, and has his being; there is nothing which man can give to God except this choosing to abide by the Father's will, and such decisions, effected by the intelligent will creatures of the universes, constitute the reality of that true worship which is so satisfying to the love-dominated nature of the Creator Father.

3 When you have once become truly God-conscious, after you really discover the majestic Creator and begin to experience the realization of the indwelling presence of the divine controller, then, in accordance with your enlightenment and in accor-

dance with the manner and method by which the divine Sons reveal God, you will find a name for the Universal Father which will be adequately expressive of your concept of the First Great Source and Centre. And so, on different worlds and in various universes, the Creator becomes known by numerous appellations, in spirit of relationship all meaning the same but, in words and symbols, each name standing for the degree, the depth, of his enthronement in the hearts of his creatures of any given realm.

4 §§ Near the centre of the universe of universes, the Universal Father

is generally known by names which may be regarded as meaning the First Source. Farther out in the universes of space, the terms employed to designate the Universal Father more often mean the Universal Centre. Still farther out in the starry creation, he is known, as on the headquarters world of your local universe, as the First Creative Source and Divine Centre. In one near-by constellation God is called the Father of Universes. In another, the Infinite Upholder, and to the east, the Divine Controller. He has also been designated the Father of Lights, the Gift of Life, and the All-

powerful One.

5 On those worlds where a Paradise Son has lived a bestowal life, God is generally known by some name indicative of personal relationship, tender affection, and fatherly devotion. On your constellation headquarters God is referred to as the Universal Father, and on different planets in your local system of inhabited worlds he is variously known as the Father of Fathers, the Paradise Father, the Havona Father, and the Spirit Father. Those who know God through the revelations of the bestowals of the Paradise Sons, eventually yield to the sentimen-

tal appeal of the touching relationship of the creature-Creator association and refer to God as "our Father."

6 On a planet of sex creatures, in a world where the impulses of parental emotion are inherent in the hearts of its intelligent beings, the term Father becomes a very expressive and appropriate name for the eternal God. He is best known, most universally acknowledged, on your planet, Urantia, by the name *God.* The name he is given is of little importance; the significant thing is that you should know him and aspire to be like him. Your prophets of old truly called him "the everlasting

God"[1] and referred to him as the one who "inhabits eternity."[2]

2. THE REALITY OF GOD

1 God is primal reality in the spirit world; God is the source of truth in the mind spheres; God overshadows all throughout the material realms. To all created intelligences God is a personality, and to the universe of universes he is the First Source and Centre of eternal reality. God is neither manlike nor machinelike. The First Father is

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[1] Isaiah 40:28: אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם = "God of eternity".

[2] Isaiah 57:15: שֹׁכֵן עַד = "dwelling eternally" or "inhabiting eternity".

universal spirit, eternal truth, infinite reality, and father personality.

2 §§ The eternal God is infinitely more than reality idealized or the universe personalized. God is not simply the supreme desire of man, the mortal quest objectified. Neither is God merely a concept, the power-potential of righteousness. The Universal Father is not a synonym for nature, neither is he natural law personified. God is a transcendent reality, not merely man's traditional concept of supreme values. God is not a psychological focalization of spiritual meanings, neither is

he "the noblest work of man."[1] God may be any or all of these concepts in the minds of men, but he is more. He is a saving person and a loving Father to all who enjoy spiritual peace on earth, and who crave to experience personality survival in death.

3 §§ The actuality of the existence of God is demonstrated in human experience by the indwelling of the divine presence, the spirit Monitor sent from Paradise to live in the mortal mind of man and there to assist in evolving the

[1] The words "An honest God is the noblest work of man." belong to an American lawyer Robert Green Ingersoll (1833–1899).

immortal soul of eternal survival. The presence of this divine Adjuster in the human mind is disclosed by three experiential phenomena:

4 1. The intellectual capacity for knowing God — God-consciousness.

5 2. The spiritual urge to find God — God-seeking.

6 3. The personality craving to be like God — the wholehearted desire to do the Father's will.

7 §§ The existence of God can never be proved by scientific experiment or by the pure reason of logical deduction. God can be realized only in the

realms of human experience; nevertheless, the true concept of the reality of God is reasonable to logic, plausible to philosophy, essential to religion, and indispensable to any hope of personality survival.

8 Those who know God have experienced the fact of his presence; such God-knowing mortals hold in their personal experience the only positive proof of the existence of the living God which one human being can offer to another. The existence of God is utterly beyond all possibility of demonstration except for the contact between the God-consciousness of the

human mind and the God-presence of the Thought Adjuster that indwells the mortal intellect and is bestowed upon man as the free gift of the Universal Father.

9 §§ In theory you may think of God as the Creator, and he is the personal creator of Paradise and the central universe of perfection, but the universes of time and space are all created and organized by the Paradise corps of the Creator Sons. The Universal Father is not the personal creator of the local universe of Nebadon; the universe in which you live is the creation of his Son Michael. Though the Father does

not personally create the evolutionary universes, he does control them in many of their universal relationships and in certain of their manifestations of physical, mindal, and spiritual energies. God the Father is the personal creator of the Paradise universe and, in association with the Eternal Son, the creator of all other personal universe Creators.

10 §§ As a physical controller in the material universe of universes, the First Source and Centre functions in the patterns of the eternal Isle of Paradise, and through this absolute gravity centre the eternal God exercises cos-

mic overcontrol of the physical level equally in the central universe and throughout the universe of universes. As mind, God functions in the Deity of the Infinite Spirit; as spirit, God is manifest in the person of the Eternal Son and in the persons of the divine children of the Eternal Son. This interrelation of the First Source and Centre with the co-ordinate Persons and Absolutes of Paradise does not in the least preclude the *direct* personal action of the Universal Father throughout all creation and on all levels thereof. Through the presence of his fragmentized spirit the Creator

Father maintains immediate contact with his creature children and his created universes.

3. GOD IS A UNIVERSAL SPIRIT

1 "God is spirit."[1] He is a universal spiritual presence. The Universal Father is an infinite spiritual reality; he is "the sovereign, eternal, immortal, invisible, and only true God."[2] Even though you are "the offspring of God," you ought not to think that

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[1] John 4:24: "God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth."

[2] 1 Timothy 1:17: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

the Father is like yourselves in form and physique because you are said to be created "in his image" — indwelt by Mystery Monitors dispatched from the central abode of his eternal presence. Spirit beings are real, notwithstanding they are invisible to human eyes; even though they have not flesh and blood.

2 Said the seer of old: "Lo, he goes by me, and I see him not; he passes on also, but I perceive him not."[1] We may constantly observe the works of God, we may be highly conscious of

[1] A direct quote of Job 9:11.

the material evidences of his majestic conduct, but rarely may we gaze upon the visible manifestation of his divinity, not even to behold the presence of his delegated spirit of human indwelling.

3 The Universal Father is not invisible because he is hiding himself away from the lowly creatures of materialistic handicaps and limited spiritual endowments. The situation rather is: "You cannot see my face, for no mortal can see me and live."[1] No material man could behold the spirit God

[1] Exodus 33:20: "And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live."

and preserve his mortal existence. The glory and the spiritual brilliance of the divine personality presence is impossible of approach by the lower groups of spirit beings or by any order of material personalities. The spiritual luminosity of the Father's personal presence is a "light which no mortal man can approach; which no material creature has seen or can see."[1] But it is not necessary to see God with the eyes of the flesh in order to discern him by the

[1] 1 Timothy 6:16: "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen."

faith-vision of the spiritualized mind.

4 §§ The spirit nature of the Universal Father is shared fully with his coexistent self, the Eternal Son of Paradise. Both the Father and the Son in like manner share the universal and eternal spirit fully and unreservedly with their conjoint personality co-ordinate, the Infinite Spirit. God's spirit is, in and of himself, absolute; in the Son it is unqualified, in the Spirit, universal, and in and by all of them, infinite.

5 §§ God is a universal spirit; God is the universal person. The supreme personal reality of the finite creation is spirit; the ultimate reality of the per-

sonal cosmos is absonite spirit. Only the levels of infinity are absolute, and only on such levels is there finality of oneness between matter, mind, and spirit.

6 §§ In the universes God the Father is, in potential, the overcontroller of matter, mind, and spirit. Only by means of his far-flung personality circuit does God deal directly with the personalities of his vast creation of will creatures, but he is contactable (outside of Paradise) only in the presences of his fragmented entities, the will of God abroad in the universes. This Paradise spirit that indwells the minds of

the mortals of time and there fosters the evolution of the immortal soul of the surviving creature is of the nature and divinity of the Universal Father. But the minds of such evolutionary creatures originate in the local universes and must gain divine perfection by achieving those experiential transformations of spiritual attainment which are the inevitable result of a creature's choosing to do the will of the Father in heaven.

7 §§ In the inner experience of man, mind is joined to matter. Such material-linked minds cannot survive mortal death. The technique of survival

is embraced in those adjustments of the human will and those transformations in the mortal mind whereby such a God-conscious intellect gradually becomes spirit taught and eventually spirit led. This evolution of the human mind from matter association to spirit union results in the transmutation of the potentially spirit phases of the mortal mind into the morontia realities of the immortal soul. Mortal mind subservient to matter is destined to become increasingly material and consequently to suffer eventual personality extinction; mind yielded to spirit is destined to become in-

creasingly spiritual and ultimately to achieve oneness with the surviving and guiding divine spirit and in this way to attain survival and eternity of personality existence.

8 I come forth from the Eternal, and I have repeatedly returned to the presence of the Universal Father. I know of the actuality and personality of the First Source and Centre, the Eternal and Universal Father. I know that, while the great God is absolute, eternal, and infinite, he is also good, divine, and gracious. I know the truth of the great declarations: "God is spirit" and "God is love," and these two attri-

butes are most completely revealed to the universe in the Eternal Son.

4. THE MYSTERY OF GOD

1 The infinity of the perfection of God is such that it eternally constitutes him mystery. And the greatest of all the unfathomable mysteries of God is the phenomenon of the divine indwelling of mortal minds. The manner in which the Universal Father sojourns with the creatures of time is the most profound of all universe mysteries; the divine presence in the mind of man is the mystery of mysteries.

2 The physical bodies of mortals are

"the temples of God."[1] Notwithstanding that the Sovereign Creator Sons come near the creatures of their inhabited worlds and "draw all men to themselves"; though they "stand at the door" of consciousness "and knock" and delight to come in to all who will "open the doors of their hearts"; although there does exist this intimate personal communion between the Creator Sons and their mortal creatures, nevertheless, mortal men have something from God himself

[1] 1 Corinthians 3:16: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

which actually dwells within them; their bodies are the temples thereof.

3 When you are through down here, when your course has been run in temporary form on earth, when your trial trip in the flesh is finished, when the dust that composes the mortal tabernacle "returns to the earth whence it came"; then, it is revealed, the indwelling "Spirit shall return to God who gave it."[1] There sojourns within

[1] Ecclesiastes 12:7: "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Note, that "as it was" is a more accurate rendering of both the Hebrew (MT) כְּשֶׁהָיָה and the Greek (LXX) ὡς ἦν.

each moral being of this planet a fragment of God, a part and parcel of divinity. It is not yet yours by right of possession, but it is designedly intended to be one with you if you survive the mortal existence.

4 §§ We are constantly confronted with this mystery of God; we are nonplussed by the increasing unfolding of the endless panorama of the truth of his infinite goodness, endless mercy, matchless wisdom, and superb character.

5 §§ The divine mystery consists in the inherent difference which exists between the finite and the infinite, the

temporal and the eternal, the time-space creature and the Universal Creator, the material and the spiritual, the imperfection of man and the perfection of Paradise Deity. The God of universal love unfailingly manifests himself to every one of his creatures up to the fullness of that creature's capacity to spiritually grasp the qualities of divine truth, beauty, and goodness.

6 To every spirit being and to every mortal creature in every sphere and on every world of the universe of universes, the Universal Father reveals all of his gracious and divine self that can be discerned or comprehended by such

spirit beings and by such mortal creatures. God is no respecter of persons, either spiritual or material. The divine presence which any child of the universe enjoys at any given moment is limited only by the capacity of such a creature to receive and to discern the spirit actualities of the supermaterial world.

7 As a reality in human spiritual experience God is not a mystery. But when an attempt is made to make plain the realities of the spirit world to the physical minds of the material order, mystery appears: mysteries so subtle and so profound that only the

faith-grasp of the God-knowing mortal can achieve the philosophic miracle of the recognition of the Infinite by the finite, the discernment of the eternal God by the evolving mortals of the material worlds of time and space.

5. PERSONALITY OF THE UNIVERSAL FATHER

1 Do not permit the magnitude of God, his infinity, either to obscure or eclipse his personality. "He who planned the ear, shall he not hear? He who formed the eye, shall he not see?"[1]

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[1] Psalms 94:9: "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?" Note, that "he that planted" is a more ac-

The Universal Father is the acme of divine personality; he is the origin and destiny of personality throughout all creation. God is both infinite and personal; he is an infinite personality. The Father is truly a personality, notwithstanding that the infinity of his person places him forever beyond the full comprehension of material and finite

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curate translation of the Hebrew הֲנֹטֵע and Greek ὁ φυτεύσας, than "he who planned" given in the text. This is probably intentional to differentiate between God as the First Source and Centre from the Creator Son or even from the ultimate actual agencies (Life Carriers) who directly "planted" the ear and all other organs. But if so, then why is יֹצֵר correctly given as "he who formed" in the second part of this verse?

beings.

2 God is much more than a personality as personality is understood by the human mind; he is even far more than any possible concept of a superpersonality. But it is utterly futile to discuss such incomprehensible concepts of divine personality with the minds of material creatures whose maximum concept of the reality of being consists in the idea and ideal of personality. The material creature's highest possible concept of the Universal Creator is embraced within the spiritual ideals of the exalted idea of divine personality. Therefore, although

you may know that God must be much more than the human conception of personality, you equally well know that the Universal Father cannot possibly be anything less than an eternal, infinite, true, good, and beautiful personality.

3 God is not hiding from any of his creatures. He is unapproachable to so many orders of beings only because he "dwells in a light which no material creature can approach." The immensity and grandeur of the divine personality is beyond the grasp of the unperfected mind of evolutionary mortals. He "measures the waters in the

hollow of his hand, measures a universe with the span of his hand. It is he who sits on the circle of the earth, who stretches out the heavens as a curtain and spreads them out as a universe to dwell in." "Lift up your eyes on high and behold who has created all these things, who brings out their worlds by number and calls them all by their names"; and so it is true that "the invisible things of God are partially understood by the things which are made."[1]

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[1] Romans 1:20: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are

Today, and as you are, you must discern the invisible Maker through his manifold and diverse creation, as well as through the revelation and ministration of his Sons and their numerous subordinates.

4 Even though material mortals cannot see the person of God, they should rejoice in the assurance that he is a person; by faith accept the truth which portrays that the Universal Father so loved the world as to provide for the eternal spiritual progression of its lowly inhabitants; that he "delights in his children." God is lacking in none

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without excuse."

of those superhuman and divine attributes which constitute a perfect, eternal, loving, and infinite Creator personality.

5 §§ In the local creations (excepting the personnel of the superuniverses) God has no personal or residential manifestation aside from the Paradise Creator Sons who are the fathers of the inhabited worlds and the sovereigns of the local universes. If the faith of the creature were perfect, he would assuredly know that when he had seen a Creator Son he had seen the Universal Father; in seeking for the Father, he would not ask nor expect to see other

than the Son. Mortal man simply cannot see God until he achieves completed spirit transformation and actually attains Paradise.

6 The natures of the Paradise Creator Sons do not encompass all the unqualified potentials of the universal absoluteness of the infinite nature of the First Great Source and Centre, but the Universal Father is in every way *divinely* present in the Creator Sons. The Father and his Sons are one. These Paradise Sons of the order of Michael are perfect personalities, even the pattern for all local universe personality from that of the Bright and Morning Star

down to the lowest human creature of progressing animal evolution.

7 §§ Without God and except for his great and central person, there would be no personality throughout all the vast universe of universes. *God is personality.*

8 §§ Notwithstanding that God is an eternal power, a majestic presence, a transcendent ideal, and a glorious spirit, though he is all these and infinitely more, nonetheless, he is truly and everlastingly a perfect Creator personality, a person who can "know and be known," who can "love and be loved," and one who can befriend us;

while you can be known, as other humans have been known, as the friend of God. He is a real spirit and a spiritual reality.

9 As we see the Universal Father revealed throughout his universe; as we discern him indwelling his myriads of creatures; as we behold him in the persons of his Sovereign Sons; as we continue to sense his divine presence here and there, near and afar, let us not doubt nor question his personality primacy. Notwithstanding all these far-flung distributions, he remains a true person and everlastingly maintains personal connection with the

countless hosts of his creatures scattered throughout the universe of universes.

10 §§ The idea of the personality of the Universal Father is an enlarged and truer concept of God which has come to mankind chiefly through revelation. Reason, wisdom, and religious experience all infer and imply the personality of God, but they do not altogether validate it. Even the indwelling Thought Adjuster is prepersonal. The truth and maturity of any religion is directly proportional to its concept of the infinite personality of God and to its grasp of the absolute unity of Deity.

The idea of a personal Deity becomes, then, the measure of religious maturity after religion has first formulated the concept of the unity of God.

11 Primitive religion had many personal gods, and they were fashioned in the image of man. Revelation affirms the validity of the personality concept of God which is merely possible in the scientific postulate of a First Cause and is only provisionally suggested in the philosophic idea of Universal Unity. Only by personality approach can any person begin to comprehend the unity of God. To deny the personality of the First Source and

Centre leaves one only the choice of two philosophic dilemmas: materialism or pantheism.

12 In the contemplation of Deity, the concept of personality must be divested of the idea of corporeality. A material body is not indispensable to personality in either man or God. The corporeality error is shown in both extremes of human philosophy. In materialism, since man loses his body at death, he ceases to exist as a personality; in pantheism, since God has no body, he is not, therefore, a person. The superhuman type of progressing personality functions in a union of

mind and spirit.

13 §§ Personality is not simply an attribute of God; it rather stands for the totality of the co-ordinated infinite nature and the unified divine will which is exhibited in eternity and universality of perfect expression. Personality, in the supreme sense, is the revelation of God to the universe of universes.

14 §§ God, being eternal, universal, absolute, and infinite, does not grow in knowledge nor increase in wisdom. God does not acquire experience, as finite man might conjecture or comprehend, but he does, within the realms

of his own eternal personality, enjoy those continuous expansions of self-realization which are in certain ways comparable to, and analogous with, the acquirement of new experience by the finite creatures of the evolutionary worlds.

15 The absolute perfection of the infinite God would cause him to suffer the awful limitations of unqualified finality of perfectness were it not a fact that the Universal Father directly participates in the personality struggle of every imperfect soul in the wide universe who seeks, by divine aid, to ascend to the spiritually perfect worlds

on high. This progressive experience of every spirit being and every mortal creature throughout the universe of universes is a part of the Father's ever-expanding Deity-consciousness of the never-ending divine circle of ceaseless self-realization.

16 It is literally true: "In all your afflictions he is afflicted."[1] "In all your triumphs he triumphs in and with you." His prepersonal divine spirit is a real part of you. The Isle of Paradise re-

[1] Isaiah 63:9: "In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old."

sponds to all the physical metamorphoses of the universe of universes; the Eternal Son includes all the spirit impulses of all creation; the Conjoint Actor encompasses all the mind expression of the expanding cosmos. The Universal Father realizes in the fullness of the divine consciousness all the individual experience of the progressive struggles of the expanding minds and the ascending spirits of every entity, being, and personality of the whole evolutionary creation of time and space. And all this is literally true, for "in Him we all live and move and

have our being."[1]

6. PERSONALITY IN THE UNIVERSE

1 Human personality is the time-space image-shadow cast by the divine Creator personality. And no actuality can ever be adequately comprehended by an examination of its shadow. Shadows should be interpreted in terms of the true substance.

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[1] Acts 17:28: "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." Here, by "certain also of your own poets" Paul is probably referring to Aratus (315–240 B.C.) who wrote in *Φαινόμενα* 4–5: "Everywhere everyone is indebted to Zeus. For we are indeed his offspring."

2 §§ God is to science a cause, to philosophy an idea, to religion a person, even the loving heavenly Father. God is to the scientist a primal force, to the philosopher a hypothesis of unity, to the religionist a living spiritual experience. Man's inadequate concept of the personality of the Universal Father can be improved only by man's spiritual progress in the universe and will become truly adequate only when the pilgrims of time and space finally attain the divine embrace of the living God on Paradise.

3 Never lose sight of the antipodal viewpoints of personality as it is

conceived by God and man. Man views and comprehends personality, looking from the finite to the infinite; God looks from the infinite to the finite. Man possesses the lowest type of personality; God, the highest, even supreme, ultimate, and absolute. Therefore did the better concepts of the divine personality have patiently to await the appearance of improved ideas of human personality, especially the enhanced revelation of both human and divine personality in the Urantian bestowal life of Michael, the Creator Son.

4 §§ The prepersonal divine spirit

which indwells the mortal mind carries, in its very presence, the valid proof of its actual existence, but the concept of the divine personality can be grasped only by the spiritual insight of genuine personal religious experience. Any person, human or divine, may be known and comprehended quite apart from the external reactions or the material presence of that person.

5 Some degree of moral affinity and spiritual harmony is essential to friendship between two persons; a loving personality can hardly reveal himself to a loveless person. Even

to approach the knowing of a divine personality, all of man's personality endowments must be wholly consecrated to the effort; half-hearted, partial devotion will be unavailing.

6 The more completely man understands himself and appreciates the personality values of his fellows, the more he will crave to know the Original Personality, and the more earnestly such a God-knowing human will strive to become like the Original Personality. You can argue over opinions about God, but experience with him and in him exists above and beyond all human controversy and mere intellec-

tual logic. The God-knowing man describes his spiritual experiences, not to convince unbelievers, but for the edification and mutual satisfaction of believers.

7 §§ To assume that the universe can be known, that it is intelligible, is to assume that the universe is mind made and personality managed. Man's mind can only perceive the mind phenomena of other minds, be they human or superhuman. If man's personality can experience the universe, there is a divine mind and an actual personality somewhere concealed in that universe.

8 §§ God is spirit — spirit personal-

ity; man is also a spirit — potential spirit personality. Jesus of Nazareth attained the full realization of this potential of spirit personality in human experience; therefore his life of achieving the Father's will becomes man's most real and ideal revelation of the personality of God. Even though the personality of the Universal Father can be grasped only in actual religious experience, in Jesus' earth life we are inspired by the perfect demonstration of such a realization and revelation of the personality of God in a truly human

experience.

7. SPIRITUAL VALUE OF THE PERSONALITY CONCEPT

1 When Jesus talked about "the living God," he referred to a personal Deity — the Father in heaven. The concept of the personality of Deity facilitates fellowship; it favours intelligent worship; it promotes refreshing trustfulness. Interactions can be had between nonpersonal things, but not fellowship. The fellowship relation of father and son, as between God and man, cannot be enjoyed unless both are persons. Only personalities can

commune with each other, albeit this personal communion may be greatly facilitated by the presence of just such an impersonal entity as the Thought Adjuster.

2 Man does not achieve union with God as a drop of water might find unity with the ocean. Man attains divine union by progressive reciprocal spiritual communion, by personality intercourse with the personal God, by increasingly attaining the divine nature through wholehearted and intelligent conformity to the divine will. Such a sublime relationship can exist only between personalities.

3 §§ The concept of truth might possibly be entertained apart from personality, the concept of beauty may exist without personality, but the concept of divine goodness is understandable only in relation to personality. Only a *person* can love and be loved. Even beauty and truth would be divorced from survival hope if they were not attributes of a personal God, a loving Father.

4 §§ We cannot fully understand how God can be primal, changeless, all-powerful, and perfect, and at the same time be surrounded by an ever-changing and apparently law-limited

universe, an evolving universe of relative imperfections. But we can *know* such a truth in our own personal experience since we all maintain identity of personality and unity of will in spite of the constant changing of both ourselves and our environment.

5 Ultimate universe reality cannot be grasped by mathematics, logic, or philosophy, only by personal experience in progressive conformity to the divine will of a personal God. Neither science, philosophy, nor theology can validate the personality of God. Only the personal experience of the faith sons of the heavenly Father can

effect the actual spiritual realization of the personality of God.

6 §§ The higher concepts of universe personality imply: identity, self-consciousness, self-will, and possibility for self-revelation. And these characteristics further imply fellowship with other and equal personalities, such as exists in the personality associations of the Paradise Deities. And the absolute unity of these associations is so perfect that divinity becomes known by indivisibility, by oneness. "The Lord God is *one.*"[1] Indivisibility of person-

[1] Deuteronomy 6:4 says: יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל "Hear, O Israel! Yahweh our God,

ality does not interfere with God's bestowing his spirit to live in the hearts of mortal men. Indivisibility of a human father's personality does not prevent the reproduction of mortal sons and daughters.

7 This concept of indivisibility in association with the concept of unity implies transcendence of both time and space by the Ultimacy of Deity; therefore neither space nor time can be absolute or infinite. The First Source and Centre is that infinity who

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Yahweh *is* One." This formula is literally quoted in the Greek text of Mark 12:29: Ἄκουε, Ἰσραήλ, κύριος ὁ θεὸς ἡμῶν κύριος εἷς ἐστιν.

unqualifiedly transcends all mind, all matter, and all spirit.

8 The fact of the Paradise Trinity in no manner violates the truth of the divine unity. The three personalities of Paradise Deity are, in all universe reality reactions and in all creature relations, as one. Neither does the existence of these three eternal persons violate the truth of the indivisibility of Deity. I am fully aware that I have at my command no language adequate to make clear to the mortal mind how these universe problems appear to us. But you should not become discouraged; not all of these things are wholly

clear to even the high personalities belonging to my group of Paradise beings. Ever bear in mind that these profound truths pertaining to Deity will increasingly clarify as your minds become progressively spiritualized during the successive epochs of the long mortal ascent to Paradise.

9 [Presented by a Divine Counsellor, a member of a group of celestial personalities assigned by the Ancients of Days on Uversa, the headquarters of the seventh superuniverse, to supervise those portions of this forthcoming revelation which have to do

with affairs beyond the borders of the local universe of Nebadon. I am commissioned to sponsor those papers portraying the nature and attributes of God because I represent the highest source of information available for such a purpose on any inhabited world. I have served as a Divine Counsellor in all seven of the superuniverses and have long resided at the Paradise centre of all things. Many times have I enjoyed the supreme pleasure of a sojourn in the immediate personal presence of the Universal Father. I portray the reality and truth of the Father's nature and attri-

butes with unchallengeable authority; I know whereof I speak.]

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PAPER 2

THE NATURE OF GOD

Divine Counsellor

Inasmuch as man's highest possible concept of God is embraced within the human idea and ideal of a primal and infinite personality, it is permissible, and may prove helpful, to study certain characteristics of the divine nature which constitute the character of Deity. The nature of God can best be understood by the revelation of the Father which Michael of Nebadon unfolded in his manifold

teachings and in his superb mortal life in the flesh. The divine nature can also be better understood by man if he regards himself as a child of God and looks up to the Paradise Creator as a true spiritual Father.

2 The nature of God can be studied in a revelation of supreme ideas, the divine character can be envisaged as a portrayal of supernal ideals, but the most enlightening and spiritually edifying of all revelations of the divine nature is to be found in the comprehension of the religious life of Jesus of Nazareth, both before and after his attainment of full consciousness of di-

vinity. If the incarnated life of Michael is taken as the background of the revelation of God to man, we may attempt to put in human word symbols certain ideas and ideals concerning the divine nature which may possibly contribute to a further illumination and unification of the human concept of the nature and the character of the personality of the Universal Father.

3 In all our efforts to enlarge and spiritualize the human concept of God, we are tremendously handicapped by the limited capacity of the mortal mind. We are also seriously handicapped in the execution of our

assignment by the limitations of language and by the poverty of material which can be utilized for purposes of illustration or comparison in our efforts to portray divine values and to present spiritual meanings to the finite, mortal mind of man. All our efforts to enlarge the human concept of God would be well-nigh futile except for the fact that the mortal mind is indwelt by the bestowed Adjuster of the Universal Father and is pervaded by the Truth Spirit of the Creator Son. Depending, therefore, on the presence of these divine spirits within the heart of man for assistance in the enlarge-

ment of the concept of God, I cheerfully undertake the execution of my mandate to attempt the further portrayal of the nature of God to the mind of man.

1. THE INFINITY OF GOD

1 "Touching the Infinite[1], we cannot find him out. The divine footsteps are not known." "His understanding is infinite and his greatness is unsearchable." The blinding light of the Father's

[1] Here, as well as in all 30 occurrences of "touching" in the KJV, where this quote comes from, viz. Job 37:23, is of course used as a preposition meaning "regarding", "concerning". The same applies to the usage in 96:6.4.

presence is such that to his lowly creatures he apparently "dwells in the thick darkness." Not only are his thoughts and plans unsearchable, but "he does great and marvellous things without number." "God is great; we comprehend him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out." "Will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven (universe) and the heaven of heavens (universe of universes) cannot contain him." "How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out!"

2 "There is but one God, the infinite Father, who is also a faithful Creator."

"The divine Creator is also the Universal Disposer, the source and destiny of souls. He is the Supreme Soul, the Primal Mind, and the Unlimited Spirit of all creation." "The great Controller makes no mistakes. He is resplendent in majesty and glory." "The Creator God is wholly devoid of fear and enmity. He is immortal, eternal, self-existent, divine, and bountiful." "How pure and beautiful, how deep and unfathomable is the supernal Ancestor of all things!" "The Infinite is most excellent in that he imparts himself to men. He is the beginning and the end, the Father of every good and perfect pur-

pose." "With God all things are possible; the eternal Creator is the cause of causes."

3 §§ Notwithstanding the infinity of the stupendous manifestations of the Father's eternal and universal personality, he is unqualifiedly self-conscious of both his infinity and eternity; likewise he knows fully his perfection and power. He is the only being in the universe, aside from his divine co-ordinates, who experiences a perfect, proper, and complete appraisal of himself.

4 The Father constantly and unfailingly meets the need of the differen-

tial of demand for himself as it changes from time to time in various sections of his master universe. The great God knows and understands himself; he is infinitely self-conscious of all his primal attributes of perfection. God is not a cosmic accident; neither is he a universe experimenter. The Universe Sovereigns may engage in adventure; the Constellation Fathers may experiment; the system heads may practise; but the Universal Father sees the end from the beginning, and his divine plan and eternal purpose actually embrace and comprehend all the experiments and all the adventures of all his

subordinates in every world, system, and constellation in every universe of his vast domains.

5 No thing is new to God, and no cosmic event ever comes as a surprise; he inhabits the circle of eternity. He is without beginning or end of days. To God there is no past, present, or future; all time is present at any given moment. He is the great and only I AM.

6 §§ The Universal Father is absolutely and without qualification infinite in all his attributes; and this fact, in and of itself, automatically shuts him off from all direct personal com-

munication with finite material beings and other lowly created intelligences.

7 And all this necessitates such arrangements for contact and communication with his manifold creatures as have been ordained, first, in the personalities of the Paradise Sons of God, who, although perfect in divinity, also often partake of the nature of the very flesh and blood of the planetary races, becoming one of you and one with you; thus, as it were, God becomes man, as occurred in the bestowal of Michael, who was called interchangeably the Son of God and the Son of Man. And second, there are the per-

sonalities of the Infinite Spirit, the various orders of the seraphic hosts and other celestial intelligences who draw near to the material beings of lowly origin and in so many ways minister to them and serve them. And third, there are the impersonal Mystery Monitors, Thought Adjusters, the actual gift of the great God himself sent to indwell such as the humans of Urantia, sent without announcement and without explanation. In endless profusion they descend from the heights of glory to grace and indwell the humble minds of those mortals who possess the capacity for God-consciousness or the

potential therefor.

8 In these ways and in many others, in ways unknown to you and utterly beyond finite comprehension, does the Paradise Father lovingly and willingly downstep and otherwise modify, dilute, and attenuate his infinity in order that he may be able to draw nearer the finite minds of his creature children. And so, through a series of personality distributions which are diminishingly absolute, the infinite Father is enabled to enjoy close contact with the diverse intelligences of the many realms of his far-flung universe.

9 All this he has done and now does,

and evermore will continue to do, without in the least detracting from the fact and reality of his infinity, eternity, and primacy. And these things are absolutely true, notwithstanding the difficulty of their comprehension, the mystery in which they are enshrouded, or the impossibility of their being fully understood by creatures such as dwell on Urantia.

10 §§ Because the First Father is infinite in his plans and eternal in his purposes, it is inherently impossible for any finite being ever to grasp or comprehend these divine plans and purposes in their fullness. Mortal man

can glimpse the Father's purposes only now and then, here and there, as they are revealed in relation to the outworking of the plan of creature ascension on its successive levels of universe progression. Though man cannot encompass the significance of infinity, the infinite Father does most certainly fully comprehend and lovingly embrace all the finity of all his children in all universes.

11 Divinity and eternity the Father shares with large numbers of the higher Paradise beings, but we question whether infinity and consequent universal primacy is fully shared with

any save his co-ordinate associates of the Paradise Trinity. Infinity of personality must, perforce, embrace all finitude of personality; hence the truth — literal truth — of the teaching which declares that "In Him we live and move and have our being." That fragment of the pure Deity of the Universal Father which indwells mortal man *is* a part of the infinity of the First Great Source and Centre, the Father of Fathers.

2. THE FATHER'S ETERNAL PERFECTION

1 Even your olden prophets understood the eternal, never-beginning,

never-ending, circular nature of the Universal Father. God is literally and eternally present in his universe of universes. He inhabits the present moment with all his absolute majesty and eternal greatness. "The Father has life in himself, and this life is eternal life." Throughout the eternal ages it has been the Father who "gives to all life." There is infinite perfection in the divine integrity. "I am the Lord; I change not." Our knowledge of the universe of universes discloses not only that he is the Father of lights, but also that in his conduct of interplanetary affairs there "is no variableness neither

shadow of changing." He "declares the end from the beginning." He says: "My counsel shall stand; I will do all my pleasures" "according to the eternal purpose which I purposed in my Son." Thus are the plans and purposes of the First Source and Centre like himself: eternal, perfect, and forever changeless.

2 There is finality of completeness and perfection of repleteness in the mandates of the Father. "Whatsoever God does, it shall be forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it." The Universal Father does not repent of his original purposes of

wisdom and perfection. His plans are steadfast, his counsel immutable, while his acts are divine and infallible. "A thousand years in his sight are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch in the night." The perfection of divinity and the magnitude of eternity are forever beyond the full grasp of the circumscribed mind of mortal man.

3 §§ The reactions of a changeless God, in the execution of his eternal purpose, may seem to vary in accordance with the changing attitude and the shifting minds of his created intelligences; that is, they may apparently and superficially vary; but under-

neath the surface and beneath all outward manifestations, there is still present the changeless purpose, the everlasting plan, of the eternal God.

4 Out in the universes, perfection must necessarily be a relative term, but in the central universe and especially on Paradise, perfection is undiluted; in certain phases it is even absolute. Trinity manifestations vary the exhibition of the divine perfection but do not attenuate it.

5 §§ God's primal perfection consists not in an assumed righteousness but rather in the inherent perfection of the goodness of his divine nature. He is fi-

nal, complete, and perfect. There is no thing lacking in the beauty and perfection of his righteous character. And the whole scheme of living existences on the worlds of space is centred in the divine purpose of elevating all will creatures to the high destiny of the experience of sharing the Father's Paradise perfection. God is neither self-centred nor self-contained; he never ceases to bestow himself upon all self-conscious creatures of the vast universe of universes.

6 God is eternally and infinitely perfect, he cannot personally know imperfection as his own experience, but

he does share the consciousness of all the experience of imperfectness of all the struggling creatures of the evolutionary universes of all the Paradise Creator Sons. The personal and liberating touch of the God of perfection overshadows the hearts and encircuits the natures of all those mortal creatures who have ascended to the universe level of moral discernment. In this manner, as well as through the contacts of the divine presence, the Universal Father actually participates in the experience *with* immaturity and imperfection in the evolving career of every moral being of the entire uni-

verse.

7 Human limitations, potential evil, are not a part of the divine nature, but mortal experience *with* evil and all man's relations thereto are most certainly a part of God's ever-expanding self-realization in the children of time — creatures of moral responsibility who have been created or evolved by every Creator Son going out from Paradise.

3. JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 God is righteous; therefore is he just. "The Lord is righteous in all his ways." "I have not done without cause

all that I have done,' says the Lord." "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." The justice of the Universal Father cannot be influenced by the acts and performances of his creatures, "for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, no respect of persons, no taking of gifts."

2 §§ How futile to make puerile appeals to such a God to modify his changeless decrees so that we can avoid the just consequences of the operation of his wise natural laws and righteous spiritual mandates! "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that shall he

also reap." True, even in the justice of reaping the harvest of wrongdoing, this divine justice is always tempered with mercy. Infinite wisdom is the eternal arbiter which determines the proportions of justice and mercy which shall be meted out in any given circumstance. The greatest punishment (in reality an inevitable consequence) for wrongdoing and deliberate rebellion against the government of God is loss of existence as an individual subject of that government. The final result of wholehearted sin is annihilation. In the last analysis, such sin-identified individu-

als have destroyed themselves by becoming wholly unreal through their embrace of iniquity. The factual disappearance of such a creature is, however, always delayed until the ordained order of justice current in that universe has been fully complied with.

3 Cessation of existence is usually decreed at the dispensational or epochal adjudication of the realm or realms. On a world such as Urantia it comes at the end of a planetary dispensation. Cessation of existence can be decreed at such times by co-ordinate action of all tribunals of jurisdiction, extending from the planetary

council up through the courts of the Creator Son to the judgment tribunals of the Ancients of Days. The mandate of dissolution originates in the higher courts of the superuniverse following an unbroken confirmation of the indictment originating on the sphere of the wrongdoer's residence; and then, when sentence of extinction has been confirmed on high, the execution is by the direct act of those judges residential on, and operating from, the headquarters of the superuniverse.

4 When this sentence is finally confirmed, the sin-identified being instantly becomes as though he had

not been. There is no resurrection from such a fate; it is everlasting and eternal. The living energy factors of identity are resolved by the transformations of time and the metamorphoses of space into the cosmic potentials whence they once emerged. As for the personality of the iniquitous one, it is deprived of a continuing life vehicle by the creature's failure to make those choices and final decisions which would have assured eternal life. When the continued embrace of sin by the associated mind culminates in complete self-identification with iniquity, then upon the cessation of life,

upon cosmic dissolution, such an isolated personality is absorbed into the oversoul of creation, becoming a part of the evolving experience of the Supreme Being. Never again does it appear as a personality; its identity becomes as though it had never been. In the case of an Adjuster-indwelt personality, the experiential spirit values survive in the reality of the continuing Adjuster.

5 §§ In any universe contest between actual levels of reality, the personality of the higher level will ultimately triumph over the personality of the lower level. This inevitable outcome of

universe controversy is inherent in the fact that divinity of quality equals the degree of reality or actuality of any will creature. Undiluted evil, complete error, wilful sin, and unmitigated iniquity are inherently and automatically suicidal. Such attitudes of cosmic unreality can survive in the universe only because of transient mercy-tolerance pending the action of the justice-determining and fairness-finding mechanisms of the universe tribunals of righteous adjudication.

6 The rule of the Creator Sons in the local universes is one of creation and spiritualization. These Sons de-

vote themselves to the effective execution of the Paradise plan of progressive mortal ascension, to the rehabilitation of rebels and wrong thinkers, but when all such loving efforts are finally and forever rejected, the final decree of dissolution is executed by forces acting under the jurisdiction of the Ancients of Days.

4. THE DIVINE MERCY

1 Mercy is simply justice tempered by that wisdom which grows out of perfection of knowledge and the full recognition of the natural weaknesses and environmental handicaps of fi-

nite creatures. "Our God is full of compassion, gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy." Therefore "whosoever calls upon the Lord shall be saved," "for he will abundantly pardon." "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting"; yes, "his mercy endures forever." "I am the Lord who executes loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight." "I do not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men," for I am "the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort."

2 God is inherently kind, naturally compassionate, and everlastingly mer-

ciful. And never is it necessary that any influence be brought to bear upon the Father to call forth his loving-kindness. The creature's need is wholly sufficient to ensure the full flow of the Father's tender mercies and his saving grace. Since God knows all about his children, it is easy for him to forgive. The better man understands his neighbour, the easier it will be to forgive him, even to love him.

3 §§ Only the discernment of infinite wisdom enables a righteous God to minister justice and mercy at the same time and in any given universe situation. The heavenly Father is never torn

by conflicting attitudes towards his universe children; God is never a victim of attitudinal antagonisms. God's all-knowingness unfailingly directs his free will in the choosing of that universe conduct which perfectly, simultaneously, and equally satisfies the demands of all his divine attributes and the infinite qualities of his eternal nature.

4 Mercy is the natural and inevitable offspring of goodness and love. The good nature of a loving Father could not possibly withhold the wise ministry of mercy to each member of every group of his universe children. Eter-

nal justice and divine mercy together constitute what in human experience would be called *fairness.*

5 Divine mercy represents a fairness technique of adjustment between the universe levels of perfection and imperfection. Mercy is the justice of Supremacy adapted to the situations of the evolving finite, the righteousness of eternity modified to meet the highest interests and universe welfare of the children of time. Mercy is not a contravention of justice but rather an understanding interpretation of the demands of supreme justice as it is fairly applied to the subordinate spiritual

beings and to the material creatures of the evolving universes. Mercy is the justice of the Paradise Trinity wisely and lovingly visited upon the manifold intelligences of the creations of time and space as it is formulated by divine wisdom and determined by the all-knowing mind and the sovereign free will of the Universal Father and all his associated Creators.

5. THE LOVE OF GOD

1 "God is love"; therefore his only personal attitude towards the affairs of the universe is always a reaction of divine affection. The Father loves us

sufficiently to bestow his life upon us. "He makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

2 §§ It is wrong to think of God as being coaxed into loving his children because of the sacrifices of his Sons or the intercession of his subordinate creatures, "for the Father himself loves you." It is in response to this paternal affection that God sends the marvellous Adjusters to indwell the minds of men. God's love is universal; "whosoever will may come." He would "have all men be saved by coming into the knowledge of the truth." He is "not

willing that any should perish."

3 The Creators are the very first to attempt to save man from the disastrous results of his foolish transgression of the divine laws. God's love is by nature a fatherly affection; therefore does he sometimes "chasten us for our own profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness." Even during your fiery trials remember that "in all our afflictions he is afflicted with us."

4 God is divinely kind to sinners. When rebels return to righteousness, they are mercifully received, "for our God will abundantly pardon." "I am he who blots out your transgressions for

my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God."

5 After all, the greatest evidence of the goodness of God and the supreme reason for loving him is the indwelling gift of the Father — the Adjuster who so patiently awaits the hour when you both shall be eternally made one. Though you cannot find God by searching, if you will submit to the leading of the indwelling spirit, you will be unerringly guided, step by step, life by life, through universe upon uni-

verse, and age by age, until you finally stand in the presence of the Paradise personality of the Universal Father.

6 §§ How unreasonable that you should not worship God because the limitations of human nature and the handicaps of your material creation make it impossible for you to see him. Between you and God there is a tremendous distance (physical space) to be traversed. There likewise exists a great gulf of spiritual differential which must be bridged; but notwithstanding all that physically and spiritually separates you from the Paradise personal presence of God, stop and

ponder the solemn fact that God lives within you; he has in his own way already bridged the gulf. He has sent of himself, his spirit, to live in you and to toil with you as you pursue your eternal universe career.

7 I find it easy and pleasant to worship one who is so great and at the same time so affectionately devoted to the uplifting ministry of his lowly creatures. I naturally love one who is so powerful in creation and in the control thereof, and yet who is so perfect in goodness and so faithful in the loving-kindness which constantly overshadows us. I think I would love God just

as much if he were not so great and powerful, as long as he is so good and merciful. We all love the Father more because of his nature than in recognition of his amazing attributes.

8 When I observe the Creator Sons and their subordinate administrators struggling so valiantly with the manifold difficulties of time inherent in the evolution of the universes of space, I discover that I bear these lesser rulers of the universes a great and profound affection. After all, I think we all, including the mortals of the realms, love the Universal Father and all other beings, divine or human, because we dis-

cern that these personalities truly love us. The experience of loving is very much a direct response to the experience of being loved. Knowing that God loves me, I should continue to love him supremely, even though he were divested of all his attributes of supremacy, ultimacy, and absoluteness.

9 The Father's love follows us now and throughout the endless circle of the eternal ages. As you ponder the loving nature of God, there is only one reasonable and natural personality reaction thereto: You will increasingly love your Maker; you will yield to God an affection analogous to that given by

a child to an earthly parent; for, as a father, a real father, a true father, loves his children, so the Universal Father loves and forever seeks the welfare of his created sons and daughters.

10 But the love of God is an intelligent and farseeing parental affection. The divine love functions in unified association with divine wisdom and all other infinite characteristics of the perfect nature of the Universal Father. God is love, but love is not God. The greatest manifestation of the divine love for mortal beings is observed in the bestowal of the Thought Adjusters, but your greatest revelation of

the Father's love is seen in the bestowal life of his Son Michael as he lived on earth the ideal spiritual life. It is the indwelling Adjuster who individualizes the love of God to each human soul.

11 §§ At times I am almost pained to be compelled to portray the divine affection of the heavenly Father for his universe children by the employment of the human word symbol *love.* This term, even though it does connote man's highest concept of the mortal relations of respect and devotion, is so frequently designative of so much of human relationship that is wholly ignoble and utterly unfit to be known by

any word which is also used to indicate the matchless affection of the living God for his universe creatures! How unfortunate that I cannot make use of some supernal and exclusive term which would convey to the mind of man the true nature and exquisitely beautiful significance of the divine affection of the Paradise Father.

12 §§ When man loses sight of the love of a personal God, the kingdom of God becomes merely the kingdom of good. Notwithstanding the infinite unity of the divine nature, love is the dominant characteristic of all God's

personal dealings with his creatures.

6. THE GOODNESS OF GOD

1 In the physical universe we may see the divine beauty, in the intellectual world we may discern eternal truth, but the goodness of God is found only in the spiritual world of personal religious experience. In its true essence, religion is a faith-trust in the goodness of God. God could be great and absolute, somehow even intelligent and personal, in philosophy, but in religion God must also be moral; he must be good. Man might fear a great God, but he trusts and loves only a good

God. This goodness of God is a part of the personality of God, and its full revelation appears only in the personal religious experience of the believing sons of God.

2 Religion implies that the superworld of spirit nature is cognizant of, and responsive to, the fundamental needs of the human world. Evolutionary religion may become ethical, but only revealed religion becomes truly and spiritually moral. The olden concept that God is a Deity dominated by kingly morality was upstepped by Jesus to that affectionately touching level of intimate family morality of the

parent-child relationship, than which there is none more tender and beautiful in mortal experience.

3 §§ The "richness of the goodness of God leads erring man to repentance." "Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights." "God is good; he is the eternal refuge of the souls of men." "The Lord God is merciful and gracious. He is long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth." "Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who trusts him." "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. He is the God of salvation." "He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up the wounds of the soul. He is man's all-powerful benefactor."

4 §§ The concept of God as a king-judge, although it fostered a high moral standard and created a law-respecting people as a group, left the individual believer in a sad position of insecurity respecting his status in time and in eternity. The later Hebrew prophets proclaimed God to be a Father to Israel; Jesus revealed God as the Father of each human being. The entire mortal concept of God is transcendently illuminated by the life of Jesus. Selflessness is inherent in parental love. God loves not *like* a father, but

as a father. He is the Paradise Father of every universe personality.

5 §§ Righteousness implies that God is the source of the moral law of the universe. Truth exhibits God as a revealer, as a teacher. But love gives and craves affection, seeks understanding fellowship such as exists between parent and child. Righteousness may be the divine thought, but love is a father's attitude. The erroneous supposition that the righteousness of God was irreconcilable with the selfless love of the heavenly Father, presupposed absence of unity in the nature of Deity and led directly to the elaboration

of the atonement doctrine, which is a philosophic assault upon both the unity and the free-willness of God.

6 The affectionate heavenly Father, whose spirit indwells his children on earth, is not a divided personality — one of justice and one of mercy — neither does it require a mediator to secure the Father's favour or forgiveness. Divine righteousness is not dominated by strict retributive justice; God as a father transcends God as a judge.

7 §§ God is never wrathful, vengeful, or angry. It is true that wisdom does often restrain his love, while jus-

tice conditions his rejected mercy. His love of righteousness cannot help being exhibited as equal hatred for sin. The Father is not an inconsistent personality; the divine unity is perfect. In the Paradise Trinity there is absolute unity despite the eternal identities of the co-ordinates of God.

8 §§ God loves the sinner and *hates* the sin: such a statement is true philosophically, but God is a transcendent personality, and persons can only love and hate other persons. Sin is not a person. God loves the sinner because he is a personality reality (potentially eternal), while towards sin God strikes

no personal attitude, for sin is not a spiritual reality; it is not personal; therefore does only the justice of God take cognizance of its existence. The love of God saves the sinner; the law of God destroys the sin. This attitude of the divine nature would apparently change if the sinner finally identified himself wholly with sin just as the same mortal mind may also fully identify itself with the indwelling spirit Adjuster. Such a sin-identified mortal would then become wholly unspiritual in nature (and therefore personally unreal) and would experience eventual extinction of being. Unre-

ality, even incompleteness of creature nature, cannot exist forever in a progressingly real and increasingly spiritual universe.

9 §§ Facing the world of personality, God is discovered to be a loving person; facing the spiritual world, he is a personal love; in religious experience he is both. Love identifies the volitional will of God. The goodness of God rests at the bottom of the divine free-willness — the universal tendency to love, show mercy, manifest

patience, and minister forgiveness.

7. DIVINE TRUTH AND BEAUTY

1 All finite knowledge and creature understanding are *relative.* Information and intelligence, gleaned from even high sources, is only relatively complete, locally accurate, and personally true.

2 Physical facts are fairly uniform, but truth is a living and flexible factor in the philosophy of the universe. Evolving personalities are only partially wise and relatively true in their communications. They can be certain only as far as their personal experience

extends. That which apparently may be wholly true in one place may be only relatively true in another segment of creation.

3 Divine truth, final truth, is uniform and universal, but the story of things spiritual, as it is told by numerous individuals hailing from various spheres, may sometimes vary in details owing to this relativity in the completeness of knowledge and in the repleteness of personal experience as well as in the length and extent of that experience. While the laws and decrees, the thoughts and attitudes, of the First Great Source and Centre

are eternally, infinitely, and universally true; at the same time, their application to, and adjustment for, every universe, system, world, and created intelligence, are in accordance with the plans and technique of the Creator Sons as they function in their respective universes, as well as in harmony with the local plans and procedures of the Infinite Spirit and of all other associated celestial personalities.

4 §§ The false science of materialism would sentence mortal man to become an outcast in the universe. Such partial knowledge is potentially evil; it is knowledge composed of both good

and evil. Truth is beautiful because it is both replete and symmetrical. When man searches for truth, he pursues the divinely real.

5 Philosophers commit their gravest error when they are misled into the fallacy of abstraction, the practice of focusing the attention upon one aspect of reality and then of pronouncing such an isolated aspect to be the whole truth. The wise philosopher will always look for the creative design which is behind, and pre-existent to, all universe phenomena. The creator thought invariably precedes creative action.

6 Intellectual self-consciousness can discover the beauty of truth, its spiritual quality, not only by the philosophic consistency of its concepts, but more certainly and surely by the unerring response of the ever-present Spirit of Truth. Happiness ensues from the recognition of truth because it can be *acted out;* it can be lived. Disappointment and sorrow attend upon error because, not being a reality, it cannot be realized in experience. Divine truth is best known by its *spiritual flavour.*

7 §§ The eternal quest is for unification, for divine coherence. The far-

flung physical universe coheres in the Isle of Paradise; the intellectual universe coheres in the God of mind, the Conjoint Actor; the spiritual universe is coherent in the personality of the Eternal Son. But the isolated mortal of time and space coheres in God the Father through the direct relationship between the indwelling Thought Adjuster and the Universal Father. Man's Adjuster is a fragment of God and everlastingly seeks for divine unification; it coheres with, and in, the Paradise Deity of the First Source and Centre.

8 §§ The discernment of supreme beauty is the discovery and integra-

tion of reality: The discernment of the divine goodness in the eternal truth, that is ultimate beauty. Even the charm of human art consists in the harmony of its unity.

9 The great mistake of the Hebrew religion was its failure to associate the goodness of God with the factual truths of science and the appealing beauty of art. As civilization progressed, and since religion continued to pursue the same unwise course of overemphasizing the goodness of God to the relative exclusion of truth and neglect of beauty, there developed an increasing tendency for certain types

of men to turn away from the abstract and dissociated concept of isolated goodness. The overstressed and isolated morality of modern religion, which fails to hold the devotion and loyalty of many XX century men, would rehabilitate itself if, in addition to its moral mandates, it would give equal consideration to the truths of science, philosophy, and spiritual experience, and to the beauties of the physical creation, the charm of intellectual art, and the grandeur of genuine character achievement.

10 The religious challenge of this age is to those farseeing and forward-look-

ing men and women of spiritual insight who will dare to construct a new and appealing philosophy of living out of the enlarged and exquisitely integrated modern concepts of cosmic truth, universe beauty, and divine goodness. Such a new and righteous vision of morality will attract all that is good in the mind of man and challenge that which is best in the human soul. Truth, beauty, and goodness are divine realities, and as man ascends the scale of spiritual living, these supreme qualities of the Eternal become increasingly co-ordinated and unified in God, who is love.

11 §§ All truth — material, philosophic, or spiritual — is both beautiful and good. All real beauty — material art or spiritual symmetry — is both true and good. All genuine goodness — whether personal morality, social equity, or divine ministry — is equally true and beautiful. Health, sanity, and happiness are integrations of truth, beauty, and goodness as they are blended in human experience. Such levels of efficient living come about through the unification of energy systems, idea systems, and spirit systems.

12 Truth is coherent, beauty attrac-

tive, goodness stabilizing. And when these values of that which is real are co-ordinated in personality experience, the result is a high order of love conditioned by wisdom and qualified by loyalty. The real purpose of all universe education is to effect the better co-ordination of the isolated child of the worlds with the larger realities of his expanding experience. Reality is finite on the human level, infinite and eternal on the higher and divine levels.

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PAPER 3

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

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God is everywhere present; the Universal Father rules the circle of eternity. But he rules in the local universes in the persons of his Paradise Creator Sons, even as he bestows life through these Sons. "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Sons." These Creator Sons of God are the personal expression of himself in the sectors of time and to

the children of the whirling planets of the evolving universes of space.

2 The highly personalized Sons of God are clearly discernible by the lower orders of created intelligences, and so do they compensate for the invisibility of the infinite and therefore less discernible Father. The Paradise Creator Sons of the Universal Father are a revelation of an otherwise invisible being, invisible because of the absoluteness and infinity inherent in the circle of eternity and in the personalities of the Paradise Deities.

3 §§ Creatorship is hardly an attribute of God; it is rather the aggregate

of his acting nature. And this universal function of creatorship is eternally manifested as it is conditioned and controlled by all the co-ordinated attributes of the infinite and divine reality of the First Source and Centre. We sincerely doubt whether any one characteristic of the divine nature can be regarded as being antecedent to the others, but if such were the case, then the creatorship nature of Deity would take precedence over all other natures, activities, and attributes. And the creatorship of Deity culminates in the universal truth of the Fatherhood of

God.

1. GOD'S EVERYWHERENESS

1 The ability of the Universal Father to be everywhere present, and at the same time, constitutes his omnipresence. God alone can be in two places, in numberless places, at the same time. God is simultaneously present "in heaven above and on the earth beneath"; as the Psalmist exclaimed: "Whither shall I go from your spirit? or whither shall I flee from your presence?"

2 "'I am a God at hand as well as afar off,' says the Lord. 'Do not I fill heaven

and earth?'" The Universal Father is all the time present in all parts and in all hearts of his far-flung creation. He is "the fullness of him who fills all and in all," and "who works all in all," and further, the concept of his personality is such that "the heaven (universe) and heaven of heavens (universe of universes) cannot contain him." It is literally true that God is all and in all. But even that is not *all* of God. The Infinite can be finally revealed only in infinity; the cause can never be fully comprehended by an analysis of effects; the living God is immeasurably greater than the sum total of creation

that has come into being as a result of the creative acts of his unfettered free will. God is revealed throughout the cosmos, but the cosmos can never contain or encompass the entirety of the infinity of God.

3 The Father's presence unceasingly patrols the master universe. "His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit to the ends of it; and there is nothing hidden from the light thereof."

4 §§ The creature not only exists in God, but God also lives in the creature. "We know we dwell in him because he lives in us; he has given us his

spirit. This gift from the Paradise Father is man's inseparable companion." "He is the ever-present and all-pervading God." "The spirit of the everlasting Father is concealed in the mind of every mortal child." "Man goes forth searching for a friend while that very friend lives within his own heart." "The true God is not afar off; he is a part of us; his spirit speaks from within us." "The Father lives in the child. God is always with us. He is the guiding spirit of eternal destiny."

5 Truly of the human race has it been said, "You are of God" because "he who dwells in love dwells in God,

and God in him." Even in wrongdoing you torment the indwelling gift of God, for the Thought Adjuster must needs go through the consequences of evil thinking with the human mind of its incarceration.

6 §§ The omnipresence of God is in reality a part of his infinite nature; space constitutes no barrier to Deity. God is, in perfection and without limitation, discernibly present only on Paradise and in the central universe. He is not thus observably present in the creations encircling Havona, for God has limited his direct and actual presence in recognition of the sover-

eignty and the divine prerogatives of the co-ordinate creators and rulers of the universes of time and space. Hence must the concept of the divine presence allow for a wide range of both mode and channel of manifestation embracing the presence circuits of the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and the Isle of Paradise. Nor is it always possible to distinguish between the presence of the Universal Father and the actions of his eternal co-ordinates and agencies, so perfectly do they fulfil all the infinite requirements of his unchanging purpose. But not so with the personality circuit and the Adjusters;

here God acts uniquely, directly, and exclusively.

7 §§ The Universal Controller is potentially present in the gravity circuits of the Isle of Paradise in all parts of the universe at all times and in the same degree, in accordance with the mass, in response to the physical demands for this presence, and because of the inherent nature of all creation which causes all things to adhere and consist in him. Likewise is the First Source and Centre potentially present in the Unqualified Absolute, the repository of the uncreated universes of the eternal future. God thus potentially

pervades the physical universes of the past, present, and future. He is the primordial foundation of the coherence of the so-called material creation. This nonspiritual Deity potential becomes actual here and there throughout the level of physical existences by the inexplicable intrusion of some one of his exclusive agencies upon the stage of universe action.

8 The mind presence of God is correlated with the absolute mind of the Conjoint Actor, the Infinite Spirit, but in the finite creations it is better discerned in the everywhere functioning of the cosmic mind of the Para-

dise Master Spirits. Just as the First Source and Centre is potentially present in the mind circuits of the Conjoint Actor, so is he potentially present in the tensions of the Universal Absolute. But mind of the human order is a bestowal of the Daughters of the Conjoint Actor, the Divine Ministers of the evolving universes.

9 The everywhere-present spirit of the Universal Father is co-ordinated with the function of the universal spirit presence of the Eternal Son and the everlasting divine potential of the Deity Absolute. But neither the spiritual activity of the Eternal Son and his

Paradise Sons nor the mind bestowals of the Infinite Spirit seem to exclude the direct action of the Thought Adjusters, the indwelling fragments of God, in the hearts of his creature children.

10 Concerning God's presence in a planet, system, constellation, or a universe, the degree of such presence in any creational unit is a measure of the degree of the evolving presence of the Supreme Being: It is determined by the en masse recognition of God and loyalty to him on the part of the vast universe organization, running down to the systems and planets themselves.

Therefore it is sometimes with the hope of conserving and safeguarding these phases of God's precious presence that, when some planets (or even systems) have plunged far into spiritual darkness, they are in a certain sense quarantined, or partially isolated from intercourse with the larger units of creation. And all this, as it operates on Urantia, is a spiritually defensive reaction of the majority of the worlds to save themselves, as far as possible, from suffering the isolating consequences of the alienating acts of a headstrong, wicked, and rebellious minority.

11 §§ While the Father parentally en-

circuits all his sons — all personalities — his influence in them is limited by the remoteness of their origin from the Second and the Third Persons of Deity and augmented as their destiny attainment nears such levels. The *fact* of God's presence in creature minds is determined by whether or not they are indwelt by Father fragments, such as the Mystery Monitors, but his *effective* presence is determined by the degree of co-operation accorded these indwelling Adjusters by the minds of their sojourn.

12 The fluctuations of the Father's presence are not due to the change-

ableness of God. The Father does not retire in seclusion because he has been slighted; his affections are not alienated because of the creature's wrongdoing. Rather, having been endowed with the power of choice (concerning Himself), his children, in the exercise of that choice, directly determine the degree and limitations of the Father's divine influence in their own hearts and souls. The Father has freely bestowed himself upon us without limit and without favour. He is no respecter of persons, planets, systems, or universes. In the sectors of time he confers differential honour only on the Para-

dise personalities of God the Sevenfold, the co-ordinate creators of the finite universes.

2. GOD'S INFINITE POWER

1 All the universes know that "the Lord God omnipotent reigns." The affairs of this world and other worlds are divinely supervised. "He does according to his will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth." It is eternally true, "there is no power but of God."

2 Within the bounds of that which is consistent with the divine nature, it is literally true that "with God all

things are possible." The long-drawn-out evolutionary processes of peoples, planets, and universes are under the perfect control of the universe creators and administrators and unfold in accordance with the eternal purpose of the Universal Father, proceeding in harmony and order and in keeping with the all-wise plan of God. There is only one lawgiver. He upholds the worlds in space and swings the universes around the endless circle of the eternal circuit.

3 Of all the divine attributes, his omnipotence, especially as it prevails in the material universe, is the best un-

derstood. Viewed as an unspiritual phenomenon, God is energy. This declaration of physical fact is predicated on the incomprehensible truth that the First Source and Centre is the primal cause of the universal physical phenomena of all space. From this divine activity all physical energy and other material manifestations are derived. Light, that is, light without heat, is another of the nonspiritual manifestations of the Deities. And there is still another form of nonspiritual energy which is virtually unknown on Urantia; it is as yet unrecognized.

4 God controls all power; he has

made "a way for the lightning"; he has ordained the circuits of all energy. He has decreed the time and manner of the manifestation of all forms of energy-matter. And all these things are held forever in his everlasting grasp — in the gravitational control centring on nether Paradise. The light and energy of the eternal God thus swing on forever around his majestic circuit, the endless but orderly procession of the starry hosts composing the universe of universes. All creation circles eternally around the Paradise-Personality centre of all things and beings.

5 The omnipotence of the Father

pertains to the everywhere dominance of the absolute level, whereon the three energies, material, mindal, and spiritual, are indistinguishable in close proximity to him — the Source of all things. Creature mind, being neither Paradise monota nor Paradise spirit, is not directly responsive to the Universal Father. God *adjusts* with the mind of imperfection — with Urantia mortals through the Thought Adjusters.

6 §§ The Universal Father is not a transient force, a shifting power, or a fluctuating energy. The power and wisdom of the Father are wholly adequate to cope with any and all uni-

verse exigencies. As the emergencies of human experience arise, he has foreseen them all, and therefore he does not react to the affairs of the universe in a detached way but rather in accordance with the dictates of eternal wisdom and in consonance with the mandates of infinite judgment. Regardless of appearances, the power of God is not functioning in the universe as a blind force.

7 Situations do arise in which it appears that emergency rulings have been made, that natural laws have been suspended, that misadaptations have been recognized, and that an ef-

fort is being made to rectify the situation; but such is not the case. Such concepts of God have their origin in the limited range of your viewpoint, in the finiteness of your comprehension, and in the circumscribed scope of your survey; such misunderstanding of God is due to the profound ignorance you enjoy regarding the existence of the higher laws of the realm, the magnitude of the Father's character, the infinity of his attributes, and the fact of his free-willness.

8 The planetary creatures of God's spirit indwelling, scattered hither and yon throughout the universes of space,

are so nearly infinite in number and order, their intellects are so diverse, their minds are so limited and sometimes so gross, their vision is so curtailed and localized, that it is almost impossible to formulate generalizations of law adequately expressive of the Father's infinite attributes and at the same time to any degree comprehensible to these created intelligences. Therefore, to you the creature, many of the acts of the all-powerful Creator seem to be arbitrary, detached, and not infrequently heartless and cruel. But again I assure you that this is not true. God's doings are all purposeful, intelligent,

wise, kind, and eternally considerate of the best good, not always of an individual being, an individual race, an individual planet, or even an individual universe; but they are for the welfare and best good of all concerned, from the lowest to the highest. In the epochs of time the welfare of the part may sometimes appear to differ from the welfare of the whole; in the circle of eternity such apparent differences are nonexistent.

9 We are all a part of the family of God, and we must therefore sometimes share in the family discipline. Many of the acts of God which so

disturb and confuse us are the result of the decisions and final rulings of all-wisdom, empowering the Conjoint Actor to execute the choosing of the infallible will of the infinite mind, to enforce the decisions of the personality of perfection, whose survey, vision, and solicitude embrace the highest and eternal welfare of all his vast and far-flung creation.

10 Thus it is that your detached, sectional, finite, gross, and highly materialistic viewpoint and the limitations inherent in the nature of your being constitute such a handicap that you are unable to see, comprehend,

or know the wisdom and kindness of many of the divine acts which to you seem fraught with such crushing cruelty, and which seem to be characterized by such utter indifference to the comfort and welfare, to the planetary happiness and personal prosperity, of your fellow creatures. It is because of the limits of human vision, it is because of your circumscribed understanding and finite comprehension, that you misunderstand the motives, and pervert the purposes, of God. But many things occur on the evolutionary worlds which are not the personal doings of the Universal Father.

11 §§ The divine omnipotence is perfectly co-ordinated with the other attributes of the personality of God. The power of God is, ordinarily, only limited in its universe spiritual manifestation by three conditions or situations:

12 1. By the nature of God, especially by his infinite love, by truth, beauty, and goodness.

13 2. By the will of God, by his mercy ministry and fatherly relationship with the personalities of the universe.

14 3. By the law of God, by the righteousness and justice of the eter-

nal Paradise Trinity.

15 §§ God is unlimited in power, divine in nature, final in will, infinite in attributes, eternal in wisdom, and absolute in reality. But all these characteristics of the Universal Father are unified in Deity and universally expressed in the Paradise Trinity and in the divine Sons of the Trinity. Otherwise, outside of Paradise and the central universe of Havona, everything pertaining to God is limited by the evolutionary presence of the Supreme, conditioned by the eventuating presence of the Ultimate, and co-ordinated by the three existential Abso-

lutes — Deity, Universal, and Unqualified. And God's presence is thus limited because such is the will of God.

3. GOD'S UNIVERSAL KNOWLEDGE

1 "God knows all things." The divine mind is conscious of, and conversant with, the thought of all creation. His knowledge of events is universal and perfect. The divine entities going out from him are a part of him; he who "balances the clouds" is also "perfect in knowledge." "The eyes of the Lord are in every place." Said your great teacher of the insignificant sparrow, "One of them shall not fall to the ground with-

out my Father's knowledge," and also, "The very hairs of your head are numbered." "He tells the number of the stars; he calls them all by their names."

2 The Universal Father is the only personality in all the universe who does actually know the number of the stars and planets of space. All the worlds of every universe are constantly within the consciousness of God. He also says: "I have surely seen the affliction of my people, I have heard their cry, and I know their sorrows." For "the Lord looks from heaven; he beholds all the sons of men; from the place of his habitation he looks upon

all the inhabitants of the earth." Every creature child may truly say: "He knows the way I take, and when he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold." "God knows our downsittings and our uprisings; he understands our thoughts afar off and is acquainted with all our ways." "All things are naked and open to the eyes of him with whom we have to do." And it should be a real comfort to every human being to understand that "he knows your frame; he remembers that you are dust." Jesus, speaking of the living God, said, "Your Father knows what you have need of even before you

ask him."

3 God is possessed of unlimited power to know all things; his consciousness is universal. His personal circuit encompasses all personalities, and his knowledge of even the lowly creatures is supplemented indirectly through the descending series of divine Sons and directly through the indwelling Thought Adjusters. And furthermore, the Infinite Spirit is all the time everywhere present.

4 We are not wholly certain as to whether or not God chooses to foreknow events of sin. But even if God should foreknow the freewill acts of

his children, such foreknowledge does not in the least abrogate their freedom. One thing is certain: God is never subjected to surprise.

5 §§ Omnipotence does not imply the power to do the nondoable, the ungodlike act. Neither does omniscience imply the knowing of the unknowable. But such statements can hardly be made comprehensible to the finite mind. The creature can hardly understand the range and limitations of the will of the Creator.

4. GOD'S LIMITLESSNESS

1 The successive bestowal of himself

upon the universes as they are brought into being in no wise lessens the potential of power or the store of wisdom as they continue to reside and repose in the central personality of Deity. In potential of force, wisdom, and love, the Father has never lessened aught of his possession nor become divested of any attribute of his glorious personality as the result of the unstinted bestowal of himself upon the Paradise Sons, upon his subordinate creations, and upon the manifold creatures thereof.

2 The creation of every new universe calls for a new adjustment of gravity; but even if creation should continue

indefinitely, eternally, even to infinity, so that eventually the material creation would exist without limitations, still the power of control and co-ordination reposing in the Isle of Paradise would be found equal to, and adequate for, the mastery, control, and co-ordination of such an infinite universe. And subsequent to this bestowal of limitless force and power upon a boundless universe, the Infinite would still be surcharged with the same degree of force and energy; the Unqualified Absolute would still be undiminished; God would still possess the same infinite potential, just as

if force, energy, and power had never been poured forth for the endowment of universe upon universe.

3 And so with wisdom: The fact that mind is so freely distributed to the thinking of the realms in no wise impoverishes the central source of divine wisdom. As the universes multiply, and beings of the realms increase in number to the limits of comprehension, if mind continues without end to be bestowed upon these beings of high and low estate, still will God's central personality continue to embrace the same eternal, infinite, and all-wise mind.

4 The fact that he sends forth spirit messengers from himself to indwell the men and women of your world and other worlds in no wise lessens his ability to function as a divine and all-powerful spirit personality; and there is absolutely no limit to the extent or number of such spirit Monitors which he can and may send out. This giving of himself to his creatures creates a boundless, almost inconceivable future possibility of progressive and successive existences for these divinely endowed mortals. And this prodigal distribution of himself as these ministering spirit entities in no manner dimin-

ishes the wisdom and perfection of truth and knowledge which repose in the person of the all-wise, all-knowing, and all-powerful Father.

5 §§ To the mortals of time there is a future, but God inhabits eternity. Even though I hail from near the very abiding place of Deity, I cannot presume to speak with perfection of understanding concerning the infinity of many of the divine attributes. Infinity of mind alone can fully comprehend infinity of existence and eternity of action.

6 §§ Mortal man cannot possibly know the infinitude of the heavenly

Father. Finite mind cannot think through such an absolute truth or fact. But this same finite human being can actually *feel* — literally experience — the full and undiminished impact of such an infinite Father's LOVE. Such a love can be truly experienced, albeit while quality of experience is unlimited, quantity of such an experience is strictly limited by the human capacity for spiritual receptivity and by the associated capacity to love the Father in return.

7 Finite appreciation of infinite qualities far transcends the logically limited capacities of the creature be-

cause of the fact that mortal man is made in the image of God — there lives within him a fragment of infinity. Therefore man's nearest and dearest approach to God is by and through love, for God is love. And all of such a unique relationship is an actual experience in cosmic sociology, the Creator-creature relationship — the Father-child affection.

5. THE FATHER'S SUPREME RULE

1 In his contact with the post-Havona creations, the Universal Father does not exercise his infinite power and final authority by direct transmit-

tal but rather through his Sons and their subordinate personalities. And God does all this of his own free will. Any and all powers delegated, if occasion should arise, if it should become the choice of the divine mind, could be exercised direct; but, as a rule, such action only takes place as a result of the failure of the delegated personality to fulfil the divine trust. At such times and in the face of such default and within the limits of the reservation of divine power and potential, the Father does act independently and in accordance with the mandates of his own choice; and that choice is always

one of unfailing perfection and infinite wisdom.

2 The Father rules through his Sons; on down through the universe organization there is an unbroken chain of rulers ending with the Planetary Princes, who direct the destinies of the evolutionary spheres of the Father's vast domains. It is no mere poetic expression that exclaims: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." "He removes kings and sets up kings." "The Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men."

3 In the affairs of men's hearts the Universal Father may not always have

his way; but in the conduct and destiny of a planet the divine plan prevails; the eternal purpose of wisdom and love triumphs.

4 Said Jesus: "My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." As you glimpse the manifold workings and view the staggering immensity of God's well-nigh limitless creation, you may falter in your concept of his primacy, but you should not fail to accept him as securely and everlastingly enthroned at the Paradise centre of all things and as the beneficent Father of all intelligent beings.

There is but "one God and Father of all, who is above all and in all," "and he is before all things, and in him all things consist."

5 §§ The uncertainties of life and the vicissitudes of existence do not in any manner contradict the concept of the universal sovereignty of God. All evolutionary creature life is beset by certain *inevitabilities.* Consider the following:

6 1. Is *courage* — strength of character — desirable? Then must man be reared in an environment which necessitates grappling with hardships and reacting to disappointments.

7 2. Is *altruism* — service of one's fellows — desirable? Then must life experience provide for encountering situations of social inequality.

8 3. Is *hope* — the grandeur of trust — desirable? Then human existence must constantly be confronted with insecurities and recurrent uncertainties.

9 4. Is *faith* — the supreme assertion of human thought — desirable? Then must the mind of man find itself in that troublesome predicament where it ever knows less than it can believe.

10 5. Is the *love of truth* and the will-

ingness to go wherever it leads, desirable? Then must man grow up in a world where error is present and falsehood always possible.

11 6. Is *idealism* — the approaching concept of the divine — desirable? Then must man struggle in an environment of relative goodness and beauty, surroundings stimulative of the irrepressible reach for better things.

12 7. Is *loyalty* — devotion to highest duty — desirable? Then must man carry on amid the possibilities of betrayal and desertion. The valour of devotion to duty consists in the implied

danger of default.

13 8. Is *unselfishness* — the spirit of self-forgetfulness — desirable? Then must mortal man live face to face with the incessant clamouring of an inescapable self for recognition and honour. Man could not dynamically choose the divine life if there were no self-life to forsake. Man could never lay saving hold on righteousness if there were no potential evil to exalt and differentiate the good by contrast.

14 9. Is *pleasure* — the satisfaction of happiness — desirable? Then must man live in a world where the alternative of pain and the likelihood of

suffering are ever-present experiential possibilities.

15 §§ Throughout the universe, every unit is regarded as a part of the whole. Survival of the part is dependent on co-operation with the plan and purpose of the whole, the wholehearted desire and perfect willingness to do the Father's divine will. The only evolutionary world without error (the possibility of unwise judgment) would be a world without *free* intelligence. In the Havona universe there are a billion perfect worlds with their perfect inhabitants, but evolving man must be fallible if he is to be free. Free and inex-

perienced intelligence cannot possibly at first be uniformly wise. The possibility of mistaken judgment (evil) becomes sin only when the human will consciously endorses and knowingly embraces a deliberate immoral judgment.

16 §§ The full appreciation of truth, beauty, and goodness is inherent in the perfection of the divine universe. The inhabitants of the Havona worlds do not require the potential of relative value levels as a choice stimulus; such perfect beings are able to identify and choose the good in the absence of all contrastive and thought-com-

pelling moral situations. But all such perfect beings are, in moral nature and spiritual status, what they are by virtue of the fact of existence. They have experientially earned advancement only within their inherent status. Mortal man earns even his status as an ascension candidate by his own faith and hope. Everything divine which the human mind grasps and the human soul acquires is an experiential attainment; it is a *reality* of personal experience and is therefore a unique possession in contrast to the inherent goodness and righteousness of the inerrant personalities of Havona.

17 §§ The creatures of Havona are naturally brave, but they are not courageous in the human sense. They are innately kind and considerate, but hardly altruistic in the human way. They are expectant of a pleasant future, but not hopeful in the exquisite manner of the trusting mortal of the uncertain evolutionary spheres. They have faith in the stability of the universe, but they are utter strangers to that saving faith whereby mortal man climbs from the status of an animal up to the portals of Paradise. They love the truth, but they know nothing of its soul-saving qualities. They are ideal-

ists, but they were born that way; they are wholly ignorant of the ecstasy of becoming such by exhilarating choice. They are loyal, but they have never experienced the thrill of wholehearted and intelligent devotion to duty in the face of temptation to default. They are unselfish, but they never gained such levels of experience by the magnificent conquest of a belligerent self. They enjoy pleasure, but they do not comprehend the sweetness of the pleasure escape from the pain potential.

6. THE FATHER'S PRIMACY

1 With divine selflessness, consum-

mate generosity, the Universal Father relinquishes authority and delegates power, but he is still primal; his hand is on the mighty lever of the circumstances of the universal realms; he has reserved all final decisions and unerringly wields the all-powerful veto sceptre of his eternal purpose with unchallengeable authority over the welfare and destiny of the outstretched, whirling, and ever-circling creation.

2 The sovereignty of God is unlimited; it is the fundamental fact of all creation. The universe was not inevitable. The universe is not an accident, neither is it self-existent. The universe

is a work of creation and is therefore wholly subject to the will of the Creator. The will of God is divine truth, living love; therefore are the perfecting creations of the evolutionary universes characterized by goodness — nearness to divinity; by potential evil — remoteness from divinity.

3 §§ All religious philosophy, sooner or later, arrives at the concept of unified universe rule, of one God. Universe causes cannot be lower than universe effects. The source of the streams of universe life and of the cosmic mind must be above the levels of their manifestation. The human mind cannot

be consistently explained in terms of the lower orders of existence. Man's mind can be truly comprehended only by recognizing the reality of higher orders of thought and purposive will. Man as a moral being is inexplicable unless the reality of the Universal Father is acknowledged.

4 The mechanistic philosopher professes to reject the idea of a universal and sovereign will, the very sovereign will whose activity in the elaboration of universe laws he so deeply reverences. What unintended homage the mechanist pays the law-Creator when he conceives such laws to be self-act-

ing and self-explanatory!

5 It is a great blunder to humanize God, except in the concept of the indwelling Thought Adjuster, but even that is not so stupid as completely to *mechanize* the idea of the First Great Source and Centre.

6 §§ Does the Paradise Father suffer? I do not know. The Creator Sons most certainly can and sometimes do, even as do mortals. The Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit suffer in a modified sense. I think the Universal Father does, but I cannot understand *how;* perhaps through the personality circuit or through the individual-

ity of the Thought Adjusters and other bestowals of his eternal nature. He has said of the mortal races, "In all your afflictions I am afflicted." He unquestionably experiences a fatherly and sympathetic understanding; he may truly suffer, but I do not comprehend the nature thereof.

7 §§ The infinite and eternal Ruler of the universe of universes is power, form, energy, process, pattern, principle, presence, and idealized reality. But he is more; he is personal; he exercises a sovereign will, experiences self-consciousness of divinity, executes the mandates of a creative mind, pursues

the satisfaction of the realization of an eternal purpose, and manifests a Father's love and affection for his universe children. And all these more personal traits of the Father can be better understood by observing them as they were revealed in the bestowal life of Michael, your Creator Son, while he was incarnated on Urantia.

8 §§ God the Father loves men; God the Son serves men; God the Spirit inspires the children of the universe to the ever-ascending adventure of finding God the Father by the ways ordained by God the Sons through the ministry of the grace of God the Spirit.

9 [Being the Divine Counsellor assigned to the presentation of the revelation of the Universal Father, I have continued with this statement of the attributes of Deity.]

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PAPER 4

GOD'S RELATION TO THE UNIVERSE

Divine Counsellor

The Universal Father has an eternal purpose pertaining to the material, intellectual, and spiritual phenomena of the universe of universes, which he is executing throughout all time. God created the universes of his own free and sovereign will, and he created them in accordance with his all-wise and eternal

purpose. It is doubtful whether anyone except the Paradise Deities and their highest associates really knows very much about the eternal purpose of God. Even the exalted citizens of Paradise hold very diverse opinions about the nature of the eternal purpose of the Deities.

2 It is easy to deduce that the purpose in creating the perfect central universe of Havona was purely the satisfaction of the divine nature. Havona may serve as the pattern creation for all other universes and as the finishing school for the pilgrims of time on their way to Paradise; however, such a

supernal creation must exist primarily for the pleasure and satisfaction of the perfect and infinite Creators.

3 The amazing plan for perfecting evolutionary mortals and, after their attainment of Paradise and the Corps of the Finality, providing further training for some undisclosed future work, does seem to be, at present, one of the chief concerns of the seven superuniverses and their many subdivisions; but this ascension scheme for spiritualizing and training the mortals of time and space is by no means the exclusive occupation of the universe intelligences. There are, indeed, many

other fascinating pursuits which occupy the time and enlist the energies of the celestial hosts.

1. THE UNIVERSE ATTITUDE OF THE FATHER

1 For ages the inhabitants of Urantia have misunderstood the providence of God. There is a providence of divine outworking on your world, but it is not the childish, arbitrary, and material ministry many mortals have conceived it to be. The providence of God consists in the interlocking activities of the celestial beings and the divine spirits who, in accordance with cosmic law, unceasingly labour for the

honour of God and for the spiritual advancement of his universe children.

2 Can you not advance in your concept of God's dealing with man to that level where you recognize that the watchword of the universe is *progress?* Through long ages the human race has struggled to reach its present position. Throughout all these millenniums Providence has been working out the plan of progressive evolution. The two thoughts are not opposed in practice, only in man's mistaken concepts. Divine providence is never arrayed in opposition to true human progress, either temporal or spiritual. Providence

is always consistent with the unchanging and perfect nature of the supreme Lawmaker.

3 "God is faithful" and "all his commandments are just." "His faithfulness is established in the very skies." "Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness is to all generations; you have established the earth and it abides." "He is a faithful Creator."

4 There is no limitation of the forces and personalities which the Father may use to uphold his purpose and sustain his creatures. "The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the

everlasting arms." "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." "Behold, he who keeps us shall neither slumber nor sleep." "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God," "for the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers."

5 God upholds "all things by the word of his power." And when new worlds are born, he "sends forth his Sons and they are created." God not only creates, but he "preserves them all." God constantly upholds all things material and all beings spiritual. The

universes are eternally stable. There is stability in the midst of apparent instability. There is an underlying order and security in the midst of the energy upheavals and the physical cataclysms of the starry realms.

6 The Universal Father has not withdrawn from the management of the universes; he is not an inactive Deity. If God should retire as the present upholder of all creation, there would immediately occur a universal collapse. Except for God, there would be no such thing as *reality.* At this very moment, as during the remote ages of the past and in the eternal fu-

ture, God continues to uphold. The divine reach extends around the circle of eternity. The universe is not wound up like a clock to run just so long and then cease to function; all things are constantly being renewed. The Father unceasingly pours forth energy, light, and life. The work of God is literal as well as spiritual. "He stretches out the north over the empty space and hangs the earth upon nothing."

7 §§ A being of my order is able to discover ultimate harmony and to detect far-reaching and profound coordination in the routine affairs of universe administration. Much that

seems disjointed and haphazard to the mortal mind appears orderly and constructive to my understanding. But there is very much going on in the universes that I do not fully comprehend. I have long been a student of, and am more or less conversant with, the recognized forces, energies, minds, morontias, spirits, and personalities of the local universes and the superuniverses. I have a general understanding of how these agencies and personalities operate, and I am intimately familiar with the workings of the accredited spirit intelligences of the grand universe. Notwithstanding my knowl-

edge of the phenomena of the universes, I am constantly confronted with cosmic reactions which I cannot fully fathom. I am continually encountering apparently fortuitous conspiracies of the interassociation of forces, energies, intellects, and spirits, which I cannot satisfactorily explain.

8 I am entirely competent to trace out and to analyse the working of all phenomena directly resulting from the functioning of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and, to a large extent, the Isle of Paradise. My perplexity is occasioned by encountering what appears

to be the performance of their mysterious co-ordinates, the three Absolutes of potentiality. These Absolutes seem to supersede matter, to transcend mind, and to supervene spirit. I am constantly confused and often perplexed by my inability to comprehend these complex transactions which I attribute to the presences and performances of the Unqualified Absolute, the Deity Absolute, and the Universal Absolute.

9 These Absolutes must be the not-fully-revealed presences abroad in the universe which, in the phenomena of space potency and in the function of

other superultimates, render it impossible for physicists, philosophers, or even religionists to predict with certainty as to just how the primordials of force, concept, or spirit will respond to demands made in a complex reality situation involving supreme adjustments and ultimate values.

10 §§ There is also an organic unity in the universes of time and space which seems to underlie the whole fabric of cosmic events. This living presence of the evolving Supreme Being, this Immanence of the Projected Incomplete, is inexplicably manifested ever and anon by what appears to be an

amazingly fortuitous co-ordination of apparently unrelated universe happenings. This must be the function of Providence — the realm of the Supreme Being and the Conjoint Actor.

11 I am inclined to believe that it is this far-flung and generally unrecognizable control of the co-ordination and interassociation of all phases and forms of universe activity that causes such a variegated and apparently hopelessly confused medley of physical, mental, moral, and spiritual phenomena so unerringly to work out to the glory of God and for the good of men and angels.

12 But in the larger sense the apparent "accidents" of the cosmos are undoubtedly a part of the finite drama of the time-space adventure of the Infinite in his eternal manipulation of the Absolutes.

2. GOD AND NATURE

1 Nature is in a limited sense the physical habit of God. The conduct, or action, of God is qualified and provisionally modified by the experimental plans and the evolutionary patterns of a local universe, a constellation, a system, or a planet. God acts in accordance with a well-defined, unchang-

ing, immutable law throughout the wide-spreading master universe; but he modifies the patterns of his action so as to contribute to the co-ordinate and balanced conduct of each universe, constellation, system, planet, and personality in accordance with the local objects, aims, and plans of the finite projects of evolutionary unfolding.

2 Therefore, nature, as mortal man understands it, presents the underlying foundation and fundamental background of a changeless Deity and his immutable laws, modified by, fluctuating because of, and experiencing

upheavals through, the working of the local plans, purposes, patterns, and conditions which have been inaugurated and are being carried out by the local universe, constellation, system, and planetary forces and personalities. For example: As God's laws have been ordained in Nebadon, they are modified by the plans established by the Creator Son and Creative Spirit of this local universe; and in addition to all this the operation of these laws has been further influenced by the errors, defaults, and insurrections of certain beings resident upon your planet and belonging to your immediate plane-

tary system of Satania[1].

3 §§ Nature is a time-space resultant of two cosmic factors: first, the immutability, perfection, and rectitude of Paradise Deity, and second, the experimental plans, executive blunders, insurrectionary errors, incompleteness of development, and imperfection of wisdom of the extra-Paradise creatures, from the highest to the lowest. Nature therefore carries a uniform, unchanging, majestic, and marvellous thread of perfection from the

[1] Possibly a coined word from the Hebrew שָׂטָן *satan* "adversary", resulting in the probable meaning of "the hostile system".

circle of eternity; but in each universe, on each planet, and in each individual life, this nature is modified, qualified, and perchance marred by the acts, the mistakes, and the disloyalties of the creatures of the evolutionary systems and universes; and therefore must nature ever be of a changing mood, whimsical withal, though stable underneath, and varied in accordance with the operating procedures of a local universe.

4 Nature is the perfection of Paradise divided by the incompletion, evil, and sin of the unfinished universes. This quotient is thus expressive

of both the perfect and the partial, of both the eternal and the temporal. Continuing evolution modifies nature by augmenting the content of Paradise perfection and by diminishing the content of the evil, error, and disharmony of relative reality.

5 §§ God is not personally present in nature or in any of the forces of nature, for the phenomenon of nature is the superimposition of the imperfections of progressive evolution and, sometimes, the consequences of insurrectionary rebellion, upon the Paradise foundations of God's universal law. As it appears on such a world as Urantia,

nature can never be the adequate expression, the true representation, the faithful portrayal, of an all-wise and infinite God.

6 Nature, on your world, is a qualification of the laws of perfection by the evolutionary plans of the local universe. What a travesty to worship nature because it is in a limited, qualified sense pervaded by God; because it is a phase of the universal and, therefore, divine power! Nature also is a manifestation of the unfinished, the incomplete, the imperfect outworkings of the development, growth, and progress of a universe experiment in cosmic

evolution.

7 The apparent defects of the natural world are not indicative of any such corresponding defects in the character of God. Rather are such observed imperfections merely the inevitable stop-moments in the exhibition of the ever-moving reel of infinity picturization. It is these very defect-interruptions of perfection-continuity which make it possible for the finite mind of material man to catch a fleeting glimpse of divine reality in time and space. The material manifestations of divinity appear defective to the evolutionary mind of man only because

mortal man persists in viewing the phenomena of nature through natural eyes, human vision unaided by morontia mota[1] or by revelation, its compensatory substitute on the worlds of time.

8 And nature is marred, her beautiful face is scarred, her features are seared, by the rebellion, the misconduct, the misthinking of the myriads of creatures who are a part of nature, but who have contributed to her dis-

[1] Possibly a coined word from the Latin *motus* "movement", because the super-knowledge corresponding to the true harmony of science, philosophy and religion is inherently active and moving.

figurement in time. No, nature is not God. Nature is not an object of worship.

3. GOD'S UNCHANGING CHARACTER

1 All too long has man thought of God as one like himself. God is not, never was, and never will be jealous of man or any other being in the universe of universes. Knowing that the Creator Son intended man to be the masterpiece of the planetary creation, to be the ruler of all the earth, the sight of his being dominated by his own baser passions, the spectacle of his bowing down before idols of wood,

stone, gold, and selfish ambition — these sordid scenes stir God and his Sons to be jealous *for* man, but never of him.

2 The eternal God is incapable of wrath and anger in the sense of these human emotions and as man understands such reactions. These sentiments are mean and despicable; they are hardly worthy of being called human, much less divine; and such attitudes are utterly foreign to the perfect nature and gracious character of the Universal Father.

3 §§ Much, very much, of the difficulty which Urantia mortals have in

understanding God is due to the far-reaching consequences of the Lucifer rebellion and the Caligastia[1] betrayal. On worlds not segregated by sin, the evolutionary races are able to formulate far better ideas of the Universal Father; they suffer less from confusion, distortion, and perversion of concept.

4 §§ God repents of nothing he has ever done, now does, or ever will do. He is all-wise as well as all-powerful. Man's wisdom grows out of the trials and errors of human experience;

[1] Possibly a coined word from the Latin verb *caligo* "to be in darkness, waste away", resulting in the total meaning of "the one who is in total darkness".

God's wisdom consists in the unqualified perfection of his infinite universe insight, and this divine foreknowledge effectively directs the creative free will.

5 The Universal Father never does anything that causes subsequent sorrow or regret, but the will creatures of the planning and making of his Creator personalities in the outlying universes, by their unfortunate choosing, sometimes occasion emotions of divine sorrow in the personalities of their Creator parents. But though the Father neither makes mistakes, harbours regrets, nor experiences sorrows, he is a being with a father's af-

fection, and his heart is undoubtedly grieved when his children fail to attain the spiritual levels they are capable of reaching with the assistance which has been so freely provided by the spiritual-attainment plans and the mortal-ascension policies of the universes.

6 The infinite goodness of the Father is beyond the comprehension of the finite mind of time; hence must there always be afforded a contrast with comparative evil (not sin) for the effective exhibition of all phases of relative goodness. Perfection of divine goodness can be discerned by mortal imperfection of insight only because it

stands in contrastive association with relative imperfection in the relationships of time and matter in the motions of space.

7 The character of God is infinitely superhuman; therefore must such a nature of divinity be personalized, as in the divine Sons, before it can even be faith-grasped by the finite mind of man.

4. THE REALIZATION OF GOD

1 God is the only stationary, self-contained, and changeless being in the whole universe of universes, having no outside, no beyond, no past, and

no future. God is purposive energy (creative spirit) and absolute will, and these are self-existent and universal.

2 Since God is self-existent, he is absolutely independent. The very identity of God is inimical to change. "I, the Lord, change not." God is immutable; but not until you achieve Paradise status can you even begin to understand how God can pass from simplicity to complexity, from identity to variation, from quiescence to motion, from infinity to finitude, from the divine to the human, and from unity to duality and triunity. And God can thus modify the mani-

festations of his absoluteness because divine immutability does not imply immobility; God has will — he *is* will.

3 God is the being of absolute self-determination; there are no limits to his universe reactions save those which are self-imposed, and his freewill acts are conditioned only by those divine qualities and perfect attributes which inherently characterize his eternal nature. Therefore is God related to the universe as the being of final goodness plus a free will of creative infinity.

4 The Father-Absolute is the creator of the central and perfect universe and the Father of all other Creators.

Personality, goodness, and numerous other characteristics, God shares with man and other beings, but infinity of will is his alone. God is limited in his creative acts only by the sentiments of his eternal nature and by the dictates of his infinite wisdom. God personally chooses only that which is infinitely perfect, hence the supernal perfection of the central universe; and while the Creator Sons fully share his divinity, even phases of his absoluteness, they are not altogether limited by that finality of wisdom which directs the Father's infinity of will. Hence, in the Michael order of sonship, creative free

will becomes even more active, wholly divine and well-nigh ultimate, if not absolute. The Father is infinite and eternal, but to deny the possibility of his volitional self-limitation amounts to a denial of this very concept of his volitional absoluteness.

5 §§ God's absoluteness pervades all seven levels of universe reality. And the whole of this absolute nature is subject to the relationship of the Creator to his universe creature family. Precision may characterize trinitarian justice in the universe of universes, but in all his vast family relationship with the creatures of time the God of uni-

verses is governed by *divine sentiment.* First and last — eternally — the infinite God is a *Father.* Of all the possible titles by which he might appropriately be known, I have been instructed to portray the God of all creation as the Universal Father.

6 In God the Father freewill performances are not ruled by power, nor are they guided by intellect alone; the divine personality is defined as consisting in spirit and manifesting himself to the universes as love. Therefore, in all his personal relations with the creature personalities of the universes, the First Source and Centre is always and

consistently a loving Father. God is a Father in the highest sense of the term. He is eternally motivated by the perfect idealism of divine love, and that tender nature finds its strongest expression and greatest satisfaction in loving and being loved.

7 §§ In science, God is the First Cause; in religion, the universal and loving Father; in philosophy, the one being who exists by himself, not dependent on any other being for existence but beneficently conferring reality of existence on all things and upon all other beings. But it requires revelation to show that the First Cause

of science and the self-existent Unity of philosophy are the God of religion, full of mercy and goodness and pledged to effect the eternal survival of his children on earth.

8 We crave the concept of the Infinite, but we worship the experience-idea of God, our anywhere and anytime capacity to grasp the personality and divinity factors of our highest concept of Deity.

9 The consciousness of a victorious human life on earth is born of that creature faith which dares to challenge each recurring episode of existence when confronted with the awful

spectacle of human limitations, by the unfailing declaration: Even if I cannot do this, there lives in me one who can and will do it, a part of the Father-Absolute of the universe of universes. And that is "the victory which overcomes the world, even your faith."

5. ERRONEOUS IDEAS OF GOD

1 Religious tradition is the imperfectly preserved record of the experiences of the God-knowing men of past ages, but such records are untrustworthy as guides for religious living or as the source of true information about the Universal Father. Such ancient be-

liefs have been invariably altered by the fact that primitive man was a myth-maker.

2 One of the greatest sources of confusion on Urantia concerning the nature of God grows out of the failure of your sacred books clearly to distinguish between the personalities of the Paradise Trinity and between Paradise Deity and the local universe creators and administrators. During the past dispensations of partial understanding, your priests and prophets failed clearly to differentiate between Planetary Princes, System Sovereigns, Constellation Fathers, Creator Sons, Su-

peruniverse Rulers, the Supreme Being, and the Universal Father. Many of the messages of subordinate personalities, such as Life Carriers and various orders of angels, have been, in your records, presented as coming from God himself. Urantian religious thought still confuses the associate personalities of Deity with the Universal Father himself, so that all are included under one appellation.

3 §§ The people of Urantia continue to suffer from the influence of primitive concepts of God. The gods who go on a rampage in the storm; who shake the earth in their wrath and

strike down men in their anger; who inflict their judgments of displeasure in times of famine and flood — these are the gods of primitive religion; they are not the Gods who live and rule the universes. Such concepts are a relic of the times when men supposed that the universe was under the guidance and domination of the whims of such imaginary gods. But mortal man is beginning to realize that he lives in a realm of comparative law and order as far as concerns the administrative policies and conduct of the Supreme Creators and the Supreme Controllers.

4 §§ The barbarous idea of appeasing an angry God, of propitiating an offended Lord, of winning the favour of Deity through sacrifices and penance and even by the shedding of blood, represents a religion wholly puerile and primitive, a philosophy unworthy of an enlightened age of science and truth. Such beliefs are utterly repulsive to the celestial beings and the divine rulers who serve and reign in the universes. It is an affront to God to believe, hold, or teach that innocent blood must be shed in order to win his favour or to divert the fictitious divine wrath.

5 The Hebrews believed that "without the shedding of blood there could be no remission of sin."[1] They had not found deliverance from the old and pagan idea that the Gods could not be appeased except by the sight of blood, though Moses did make a distinct advance when he forbade human sacrifices and substituted therefor, in the primitive minds of his childlike Bedouin followers, the ceremonial sacrifice of animals.

6 The bestowal of a Paradise Son on your world was inherent in the situa-

[1] Hebrews 9:22.

tion of closing a planetary age; it was inescapable, and it was not made necessary for the purpose of winning the favour of God. This bestowal also happened to be the final personal act of a Creator Son in the long adventure of earning the experiential sovereignty of his universe. What a travesty upon the infinite character of God! this teaching that his fatherly heart in all its austere coldness and hardness was so untouched by the misfortunes and sorrows of his creatures that his tender mercies were not forthcoming until he saw his blameless Son bleeding and dying upon the cross of Calvary!

7 But the inhabitants of Urantia are to find deliverance from these ancient errors and pagan superstitions respecting the nature of the Universal Father. The revelation of the truth about God is appearing, and the human race is destined to know the Universal Father in all that beauty of character and loveliness of attributes so magnificently portrayed by the Creator Son who sojourned on Urantia as the Son of Man and the Son of God.

8 [Presented by a Divine Counsellor of Uversa.]

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PAPER 5

GOD'S RELATION TO THE INDIVIDUAL

Divine Counsellor

If the finite mind of man is unable to comprehend how so great and so majestic a God as the Universal Father can descend from his eternal abode in infinite perfection to fraternize with the individual human creature, then must such a finite intellect rest assurance of divine fellowship upon the truth of the fact that an actual fragment of the living God resides

within the intellect of every normal-minded and morally conscious Urantia mortal. The indwelling Thought Adjusters are a part of the eternal Deity of the Paradise Father. Man does not have to go farther than his own inner experience of the soul's contemplation of this spiritual-reality presence to find God and attempt communion with him.

2 God has distributed the infinity of his eternal nature throughout the existential realities of his six absolute co-ordinates, but he may, at any time, make direct personal contact with any part or phase or kind of creation

through the agency of his prepersonal fragments. And the eternal God has also reserved to himself the prerogative of bestowing personality upon the divine Creators and the living creatures of the universe of universes, while he has further reserved the prerogative of maintaining direct and parental contact with all these personal beings through the personality circuit.

1. THE APPROACH TO GOD

1 The inability of the finite creature to approach the infinite Father is inherent, not in the Father's aloofness, but in the finiteness and material lim-

itations of created beings. The magnitude of the spiritual difference between the highest personality of universe existence and the lower groups of created intelligences is inconceivable. Were it possible for the lower orders of intelligence to be transported instantly into the presence of the Father himself, they would not know they were there. They would there be just as oblivious of the presence of the Universal Father as where they now are. There is a long, long road ahead of mortal man before he can consistently and within the realms of possibility ask for safe conduct into the

Paradise presence of the Universal Father. Spiritually, man must be translated many times before he can attain a plane that will yield the spiritual vision which will enable him to see even any one of the Seven Master Spirits.

2 Our Father is not in hiding; he is not in arbitrary seclusion. He has mobilized the resources of divine wisdom in a never-ending effort to reveal himself to the children of his universal domains. There is an infinite grandeur and an inexpressible generosity connected with the majesty of his love which causes him to yearn for the association of every created being who can

comprehend, love, or approach him; and it is, therefore, the limitations inherent in you, inseparable from your finite personality and material existence, that determine the time and place and circumstances in which you may achieve the goal of the journey of mortal ascension and stand in the presence of the Father at the centre of all things.

3 §§ Although the approach to the Paradise presence of the Father must await your attainment of the highest finite levels of spirit progression, you should rejoice in the recognition of the ever-present possibility of imme-

diate communion with the bestowal spirit of the Father so intimately associated with your inner soul and your spiritualizing self.

4 The mortals of the realms of time and space may differ greatly in innate abilities and intellectual endowment, they may enjoy environments exceptionally favourable to social advancement and moral progress, or they may suffer from the lack of almost every human aid to culture and supposed advancement in the arts of civilization; but the possibilities for spiritual progress in the ascension career are equal to all; increasing levels of

spiritual insight and cosmic meanings are attained quite independently of all such sociomoral differentials of the diversified material environments on the evolutionary worlds.

5 However Urantia mortals may differ in their intellectual, social, economic, and even moral opportunities and endowments, forget not that their spiritual endowment is uniform and unique. They all enjoy the same divine presence of the gift from the Father, and they are all equally privileged to seek intimate personal communion with this indwelling spirit of divine origin, while they may all equally

choose to accept the uniform spiritual leading of these Mystery Monitors.

6 §§ If mortal man is wholeheartedly spiritually motivated, unreservedly consecrated to the doing of the Father's will, then, since he is so certainly and so effectively spiritually endowed by the indwelling and divine Adjuster, there cannot fail to materialize in that individual's experience the sublime consciousness of knowing God and the supernal assurance of surviving for the purpose of finding God by the progressive experience of becoming more and more like him.

7 Man is spiritually indwelt by a sur-

viving Thought Adjuster. If such a human mind is sincerely and spiritually motivated, if such a human soul desires to know God and become like him, honestly wants to do the Father's will, there exists no negative influence of mortal deprivation nor positive power of possible interference which can prevent such a divinely motivated soul from securely ascending to the portals of Paradise.

8 The Father desires all his creatures to be in personal communion with him. He has on Paradise a place to receive all those whose survival status and spiritual nature make possible

such attainment. Therefore settle in your philosophy now and forever: To each of you and to all of us, God is approachable, the Father is attainable, the way is open; the forces of divine love and the ways and means of divine administration are all interlocked in an effort to facilitate the advancement of every worthy intelligence of every universe to the Paradise presence of the Universal Father.

9 The fact that vast time is involved in the attainment of God makes the presence and personality of the Infinite none the less real. Your ascension is a part of the circuit of the seven su-

peruniverses, and though you swing around it countless times, you may expect, in spirit and in status, to be ever swinging inward. You can depend upon being translated from sphere to sphere, from the outer circuits ever nearer the inner centre, and some day, doubt not, you shall stand in the divine and central presence and see him, figuratively speaking, face to face. It is a question of the attainment of actual and literal spiritual levels; and these spiritual levels are attainable by any being who has been indwelt by a Mystery Monitor, and who has subsequently eternally fused with that Thought Ad-

juster.

10 §§ The Father is not in spiritual hiding, but so many of his creatures have hidden themselves away in the mists of their own wilful decisions and for the time being have separated themselves from the communion of his spirit and the spirit of his Son by the choosing of their own perverse ways and by the indulgence of the self-assertiveness of their intolerant minds and unspiritual natures.

11 Mortal man may draw near God and may repeatedly forsake the divine will so long as the power of choice remains. Man's final doom is not sealed

until he has lost the power to choose the Father's will. There is never a closure of the Father's heart to the need and the petition of his children. Only do his offspring close their hearts forever to the Father's drawing power when they finally and forever lose the desire to do his divine will — to know him and to be like him. Likewise is man's eternal destiny assured when Adjuster fusion proclaims to the universe that such an ascender has made the final and irrevocable choice to live the Father's will.

12 The great God makes direct contact with mortal man and gives a

part of his infinite and eternal and incomprehensible self to live and dwell within him. God has embarked upon the eternal adventure with man. If you yield to the leadings of the spiritual forces in you and around you, you cannot fail to attain the high destiny established by a loving God as the universe goal of his ascendant creatures from the evolutionary worlds of space.

2. THE PRESENCE OF GOD

1 The physical presence of the Infinite is the reality of the material universe. The mind presence of De-

ity must be determined by the depth of individual intellectual experience and by the evolutionary personality level. The spiritual presence of Divinity must of necessity be differential in the universe. It is determined by the spiritual capacity of receptivity and by the degree of the consecration of the creature's will to the doing of the divine will.

2 God lives in every one of his spirit-born sons. The Paradise Sons always have access to the presence of God, "the right hand of the Father," and all of his creature personalities have access to the "bosom of the Fa-

ther." This refers to the personality circuit, whenever, wherever, and however contacted, or otherwise entails personal, self-conscious contact and communion with the Universal Father, whether at the central abode or at some other designated place, as on one of the seven sacred spheres of Paradise.

3 The divine presence cannot, however, be discovered anywhere in nature or even in the lives of God-knowing mortals so fully and so certainly as in your attempted communion with the indwelling Mystery Monitor, the Paradise Thought Adjuster. What a mis-

take to dream of God far off in the skies when the spirit of the Universal Father lives within your own mind!

4 §§ It is because of this God fragment that indwells you that you can hope, as you progress in harmonizing with the Adjuster's spiritual leadings, more fully to discern the presence and transforming power of those other spiritual influences that surround you and impinge upon you but do not function as an integral part of you. The fact that you are not intellectually conscious of close and intimate contact with the indwelling Adjuster does not in the least disprove such an ex-

alted experience. The proof of fraternity with the divine Adjuster consists wholly in the nature and extent of the fruits of the spirit which are yielded in the life experience of the individual believer. "By their fruits you shall know them."

5 It is exceedingly difficult for the meagrely spiritualized, material mind of mortal man to experience marked consciousness of the spirit activities of such divine entities as the Paradise Adjusters. As the soul of joint mind and Adjuster creation becomes increasingly existent, there also evolves a new phase of soul consciousness which is

capable of experiencing the presence, and of recognizing the spirit leadings and other supermaterial activities, of the Mystery Monitors.

6 The entire experience of Adjuster communion is one involving moral status, mental motivation, and spiritual experience. The self-realization of such an achievement is mainly, though not exclusively, limited to the realms of soul consciousness, but the proofs are forthcoming and abundant in the manifestation of the fruits of the spirit in the lives of all such inner-spirit

contactors.

3. TRUE WORSHIP

1 Though the Paradise Deities, from the universe standpoint, are as one, in their spiritual relations with such beings as inhabit Urantia they are also three distinct and separate persons. There is a difference between the Godheads in the matter of personal appeals, communion, and other intimate relations. In the highest sense, we worship the Universal Father and him only. True, we can and do worship the Father as he is manifested in his Creator Sons, but it is the Father, directly

or indirectly, who is worshipped and adored.

2 Supplications of all kinds belong to the realm of the Eternal Son and the Son's spiritual organization. Prayers, all formal communications, everything except adoration and worship of the Universal Father, are matters that concern a local universe; they do not ordinarily proceed out of the realm of the jurisdiction of a Creator Son. But worship is undoubtedly encircuited and dispatched to the person of the Creator by the function of the Father's personality circuit. We further believe that such registry of the

homage of an Adjuster-indwelt creature is facilitated by the Father's spirit presence. There exists a tremendous amount of evidence to substantiate such a belief, and I know that all orders of Father fragments are empowered to register the bona fide adoration of their subjects acceptably in the presence of the Universal Father. The Adjusters undoubtedly also utilize direct prepersonal channels of communication with God, and they are likewise able to utilize the spirit-gravity circuits of the Eternal Son.

3 Worship is for its own sake; prayer embodies a self- or creature-interest

element; that is the great difference between worship and prayer. There is absolutely no self-request or other element of personal interest in true worship; we simply worship God for what we comprehend him to be. Worship asks nothing and expects nothing for the worshipper. We do not worship the Father because of anything we may derive from such veneration; we render such devotion and engage in such worship as a natural and spontaneous reaction to the recognition of the Father's matchless personality and because of his lovable nature and adorable attributes.

4 The moment the element of self-interest intrudes upon worship, that instant devotion translates from worship to prayer and more appropriately should be directed to the person of the Eternal Son or the Creator Son. But in practical religious experience there exists no reason why prayer should not be addressed to God the Father as a part of true worship.

5 When you deal with the practical affairs of your daily life, you are in the hands of the spirit personalities having origin in the Third Source and Centre; you are co-operating with the agencies of the Conjoint Actor. And so it is:

You worship God; pray to, and commune with, the Son; and work out the details of your earthly sojourn in connection with the intelligences of the Infinite Spirit operating on your world and throughout your universe.

6 §§ The Creator or Sovereign Sons who preside over the destinies of the local universes stand in the place of both the Universal Father and the Eternal Son of Paradise. These Universe Sons receive, in the name of the Father, the adoration of worship and give ear to the pleas of their petitioning subjects throughout their respective creations. To the children of a

local universe a Michael Son is, to all practical intents and purposes, God. He is the local universe personification of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. The Infinite Spirit maintains personal contact with the children of these realms through the Universe Spirits, the administrative and creative associates of the Paradise Creator Sons.

7 §§ Sincere worship connotes the mobilization of all the powers of the human personality under the dominance of the evolving soul and subject to the divine directionization of the associated Thought Adjuster. The

mind of material limitations can never become highly conscious of the real significance of true worship. Man's realization of the reality of the worship experience is chiefly determined by the developmental status of his evolving immortal soul. The spiritual growth of the soul takes place wholly independently of the intellectual self-consciousness.

8 The worship experience consists in the sublime attempt of the betrothed Adjuster to communicate to the divine Father the inexpressible longings and the unutterable aspirations of the human soul — the conjoint creation

of the God-seeking mortal mind and the God-revealing immortal Adjuster. Worship is, therefore, the act of the material mind's assenting to the attempt of its spiritualizing self, under the guidance of the associated spirit, to communicate with God as a faith son of the Universal Father. The mortal mind consents to worship; the immortal soul craves and initiates worship; the divine Adjuster presence conducts such worship in behalf of the mortal mind and the evolving immortal soul. True worship, in the last analysis, becomes an experience realized on four cosmic levels: the intellec-

tual, the morontial, the spiritual, and the personal — the consciousness of mind, soul, and spirit, and their unification in personality.

4. GOD IN RELIGION

1 The morality of the religions of evolution *drives* men forward in the God quest by the motive power of fear. The religions of revelation *allure* men to seek for a God of love because they crave to become like him. But religion is not merely a passive feeling of "absolute dependence" and "surety of survival"; it is a living and dynamic experience of divinity attainment predicated

on humanity service.

2 The great and immediate service of true religion is the establishment of an enduring unity in human experience, a lasting peace and a profound assurance. With primitive man, even polytheism is a relative unification of the evolving concept of Deity; polytheism is monotheism in the making. Sooner or later, God is destined to be comprehended as the reality of values, the substance of meanings, and the life of truth.

3 God is not only the determiner of destiny; he *is* man's eternal destination. All nonreligious human activi-

ties seek to bend the universe to the distorting service of self; the truly religious individual seeks to identify the self with the universe and then to dedicate the activities of this unified self to the service of the universe family of fellow beings, human and superhuman.

4 §§ The domains of philosophy and art intervene between the nonreligious and the religious activities of the human self. Through art and philosophy the material-minded man is inveigled into the contemplation of the spiritual realities and universe values of eternal meanings.

5 §§ All religions teach the worship

of Deity and some doctrine of human salvation. The Buddhist religion promises salvation from suffering, unending peace; the Jewish religion promises salvation from difficulties, prosperity predicated on righteousness; the Greek religion promised salvation from disharmony, ugliness, by the realization of beauty; Christianity promises salvation from sin, sanctity; Mohammedanism provides deliverance from the rigorous moral standards of Judaism and Christianity. The religion of Jesus *is* salvation from self, deliverance from the evils of creature isolation in time and

in eternity.

6 The Hebrews based their religion on goodness; the Greeks on beauty; both religions sought truth. Jesus revealed a God of love, and love is all-embracing of truth, beauty, and goodness.

7 The Zoroastrians had a religion of morals; the Hindus a religion of metaphysics; the Confucianists a religion of ethics. Jesus lived a religion of *service.* All these religions are of value in that they are valid approaches to the religion of Jesus. Religion is destined to become the reality of the spiritual unification of all that is good, beautiful,

and true in human experience.

8 The Greek religion had a watchword "Know yourself"; the Hebrews centred their teaching on "Know your God"; the Christians preach a gospel aimed at a "knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ"; Jesus proclaimed the good news of "knowing God, and yourself as a son of God." These differing concepts of the purpose of religion determine the individual's attitude in various life situations and foreshadow the depth of worship and the nature of his personal habits of prayer. The spiritual status of any religion may be determined by the nature of its prayers.

9 §§ The concept of a semihuman and jealous God is an inevitable transition between polytheism and sublime monotheism. An exalted anthropomorphism is the highest attainment level of purely evolutionary religion. Christianity has elevated the concept of anthropomorphism from the ideal of the human to the transcendent and divine concept of the person of the glorified Christ. And this is the highest anthropomorphism that man can ever conceive.

10 §§ The Christian concept of God is an attempt to combine three separate teachings:

11 1. *The Hebrew concept* — God as a vindicator of moral values, a righteous God.

12 2. *The Greek concept* — God as a unifier, a God of wisdom.

13 3. *Jesus' concept* — God as a living friend, a loving Father, the divine presence.

14 §§ It must therefore be evident that composite Christian theology encounters great difficulty in attaining consistency. This difficulty is further aggravated by the fact that the doctrines of early Christianity were generally based on the personal religious experience of three different persons:

Philo of Alexandria, Jesus of Nazareth, and Paul of Tarsus.

15 §§ In the study of the religious life of Jesus, view him positively. Think not so much of his sinlessness as of his righteousness, his loving service. Jesus upstepped the passive love disclosed in the Hebrew concept of the heavenly Father to the higher *active* and creature-loving affection of a God who is the Father of every individual, even of the wrongdoer.

5. THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD

1 Morality has its origin in the reason of self-consciousness; it is superan-

imal but wholly evolutionary. Human evolution embraces in its unfolding all endowments antecedent to the bestowal of the Adjusters and to the pouring out of the Spirit of Truth. But the attainment of levels of morality does not deliver man from the real struggles of mortal living. Man's physical environment entails the battle for existence; the social surroundings necessitate ethical adjustments; the moral situations require the making of choices in the highest realms of reason; the spiritual experience (having realized God) demands that man find him and sincerely strive to be like

him.

2 Religion is not grounded in the facts of science, the obligations of society, the assumptions of philosophy, or the implied duties of morality. Religion is an independent realm of human response to life situations and is unfailingly exhibited at all stages of human development which are postmoral. Religion may permeate all four levels of the realization of values and the enjoyment of universe fellowship: the physical or material level of self-preservation; the social or emotional level of fellowship; the moral or duty level of reason; the spiritual level of

the consciousness of universe fellowship through divine worship.

3 The fact-seeking scientist conceives of God as the First Cause, a God of force. The emotional artist sees God as the ideal of beauty, a God of aesthetics. The reasoning philosopher is sometimes inclined to posit a God of universal unity, even a pantheistic Deity. The religionist of faith believes in a God who fosters survival, the Father in heaven, the God of love.

4 §§ Moral conduct is always an antecedent of evolved religion and a part of even revealed religion, but never the whole of religious experience. Social

service is the result of moral thinking and religious living. Morality does not biologically lead to the higher spiritual levels of religious experience. The adoration of the abstract beautiful is not the worship of God; neither is exaltation of nature nor the reverence of unity the worship of God.

5 Evolutionary religion is the mother of the science, art, and philosophy which elevated man to the level of receptivity to revealed religion, including the bestowal of Adjusters and the coming of the Spirit of Truth. The evolutionary picture of human existence begins and ends with religion, al-

beit very different qualities of religion, one evolutional and biological, the other revelational and periodical. And so, while religion is normal and natural to man, it is also optional. Man does not have to be religious against his will.

6 §§ Religious experience, being essentially spiritual, can never be fully understood by the material mind; hence the function of theology, the psychology of religion. The essential doctrine of the human realization of God creates a paradox in finite comprehension. It is well-nigh impossible for human logic and finite reason to

harmonize the concept of divine immanence, God within and a part of every individual, with the idea of God's transcendence, the divine domination of the universe of universes. These two essential concepts of Deity must be unified in the faith-grasp of the concept of the transcendence of a personal God and in the realization of the indwelling presence of a fragment of that God in order to justify intelligent worship and validate the hope of personality survival. The difficulties and paradoxes of religion are inherent in the fact that the realities of religion are utterly beyond the mortal capacity for

intellectual comprehension.

7 §§ Mortal man secures three great satisfactions from religious experience, even in the days of his temporal sojourn on earth:

8 1. *Intellectually* he acquires the satisfactions of a more unified human consciousness.

9 2. *Philosophically* he enjoys the substantiation of his ideals of moral values.

10 3. *Spiritually* he thrives in the experience of divine companionship, in the spiritual satisfactions of true worship.

11 §§ God-consciousness, as it is experienced by an evolving mortal of the realms, must consist of three varying factors, three differential levels of reality realization. There is first the mind consciousness — the comprehension of the *idea* of God. Then follows the soul consciousness — the realization of the *ideal* of God. Last, dawns the spirit consciousness — the realization of the *spirit reality* of God. By the unification of these factors of the divine realization, no matter how incomplete, the mortal personality at all times overspreads all conscious levels with a realization of the *personality* of

God. In those mortals who have attained the Corps of the Finality all this will in time lead to the realization of the *supremacy* of God and may subsequently eventuate in the realization of the *ultimacy* of God, some phase of the absonite superconsciousness of the Paradise Father.

12 The experience of God-consciousness remains the same from generation to generation, but with each advancing epoch in human knowledge the philosophic concept and the theologic definitions of God *must* change. God-knowingness, religious consciousness, is a universe reality, but

no matter how valid (real) religious experience is, it must be willing to subject itself to intelligent criticism and reasonable philosophic interpretation; it must not seek to be a thing apart in the totality of human experience.

13 §§ Eternal survival of personality is wholly dependent on the choosing of the mortal mind, whose decisions determine the survival potential of the immortal soul. When the mind believes God and the soul knows God, and when, with the fostering Adjuster, they all *desire* God, then is survival assured. Limitations of in-

tellect, curtailment of education, deprivation of culture, impoverishment of social status, even inferiority of the human standards of morality resulting from the unfortunate lack of educational, cultural, and social advantages, cannot invalidate the presence of the divine spirit in such unfortunate and humanly handicapped but believing individuals. The indwelling of the Mystery Monitor constitutes the inception and ensures the possibility of the potential of growth and survival of the immortal soul.

14 The ability of mortal parents to procreate is not predicated on their

educational, cultural, social, or economic status. The union of the parental factors under natural conditions is quite sufficient to initiate offspring. A human mind discerning right and wrong and possessing the capacity to worship God, in union with a divine Adjuster, is all that is required in that mortal to initiate and foster the production of his immortal soul of survival qualities if such a spirit-endowed individual seeks God and sincerely desires to become like him, honestly elects to do the will of the Father in

heaven.

6. THE GOD OF PERSONALITY

1 The Universal Father is the God of personalities. The domain of universe personality, from the lowest mortal and material creature of personality status to the highest persons of creator dignity and divine status, has its centre and circumference in the Universal Father. God the Father is the bestower and the conservator of every personality. And the Paradise Father is likewise the destiny of all those finite personalities who wholeheartedly choose to do the divine will, those who love God

and long to be like him.

2 §§ Personality is one of the unsolved mysteries of the universes. We are able to form adequate concepts of the factors entering into the make-up of various orders and levels of personality, but we do not fully comprehend the real nature of the personality itself. We clearly perceive the numerous factors which, when put together, constitute the vehicle for human personality, but we do not fully comprehend the nature and significance of such a finite personality.

3 Personality is potential in all creatures who possess a mind endow-

ment ranging from the minimum of self-consciousness to the maximum of God-consciousness. But mind endowment alone is not personality, neither is spirit nor physical energy. Personality is that quality and value in cosmic reality which is exclusively bestowed by God the Father upon these living systems of the associated and co-ordinated energies of matter, mind, and spirit. Neither is personality a progressive achievement. Personality may be material or spiritual, but there either is personality or there is no personality. The other-than-personal never attains the level of the personal

except by the direct act of the Paradise Father.

4 The bestowal of personality is the exclusive function of the Universal Father, the personalization of the living energy systems which he endows with the attributes of relative creative consciousness and the freewill control thereof. There is no personality apart from God the Father, and no personality exists except for God the Father. The fundamental attributes of human selfhood, as well as the absolute Adjuster nucleus of the human personality, are the bestowals of the Universal Father, acting in his exclusively per-

sonal domain of cosmic ministry.

5 §§ The Adjusters of prepersonal status indwell numerous types of mortal creatures, thus ensuring that these same beings may survive mortal death to personalize as morontia creatures with the potential of ultimate spirit attainment. For, when such a creature mind of personality endowment is indwelt by a fragment of the spirit of the eternal God, the prepersonal bestowal of the personal Father, then does this finite personality possess the potential of the divine and the eternal and aspire to a destiny akin to the Ultimate, even reaching out for a realization of

the Absolute.

6 Capacity for divine personality is inherent in the prepersonal Adjuster; capacity for human personality is potential in the cosmic-mind endowment of the human being. But the experiential personality of mortal man is not observable as an active and functional reality until after the material life vehicle of the mortal creature has been touched by the liberating divinity of the Universal Father, being thus launched upon the seas of experience as a self-conscious and a (relatively) self-determinative and self-creative personality. The material self is

truly and *unqualifiedly personal.*

7 §§ The material self has personality and identity, temporal identity; the prepersonal spirit Adjuster also has identity, eternal identity. This material personality and this spirit prepersonality are capable of so uniting their creative attributes as to bring into existence the surviving identity of the immortal soul.

8 Having thus provided for the growth of the immortal soul and having liberated man's inner self from the fetters of absolute dependence on antecedent causation, the Father stands aside. Now, man having thus been

liberated from the fetters of causation response, at least as pertains to eternal destiny, and provision having been made for the growth of the immortal self, the soul, it remains for man himself to will the creation or to inhibit the creation of this surviving and eternal self which is his for the choosing. No other being, force, creator, or agency in all the wide universe of universes can interfere to any degree with the absolute sovereignty of the mortal free will, as it operates within the realms of choice, regarding the eternal destiny of the personality of the choosing mortal. As pertains to eter-

nal survival, God has decreed the sovereignty of the material and mortal will, and that decree is absolute.

9 §§ The bestowal of creature personality confers relative liberation from slavish response to antecedent causation, and the personalities of all such moral beings, evolutionary or otherwise, are centred in the personality of the Universal Father. They are ever drawn towards his Paradise presence by that kinship of being which constitutes the vast and universal family circle and fraternal circuit of the eternal God. There is a kinship of divine spontaneity in all personality.

10 §§ The personality circuit of the universe of universes is centred in the person of the Universal Father, and the Paradise Father is personally conscious of, and in personal touch with, all personalities of all levels of self-conscious existence. And this personality consciousness of all creation exists independently of the mission of the Thought Adjusters.

11 §§ As all gravity is circuited in the Isle of Paradise, as all mind is circuited in the Conjoint Actor and all spirit in the Eternal Son, so is all personality circuited in the personal presence of the Universal Father, and this circuit

unerringly transmits the worship of all personalities to the Original and Eternal Personality.

12 §§ Concerning those personalities who are not Adjuster indwelt: The attribute of choice-liberty is also bestowed by the Universal Father, and such persons are likewise embraced in the great circuit of divine love, the personality circuit of the Universal Father. God provides for the sovereign choice of all true personalities. No personal creature can be coerced into the eternal adventure; the portal of eternity opens only in response to the freewill choice of the freewill sons of

the God of free will.

13 §§ And this represents my efforts to present the relation of the living God to the children of time. And when all is said and done, I can do nothing more helpful than to reiterate that God is your universe Father, and that you are all his planetary children.

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PAPER 6

THE ETERNAL SON

Divine Counsellor

The Eternal Son is the perfect and final expression of the "first" personal and absolute concept of the Universal Father. Accordingly, whenever and however the Father personally and absolutely expresses himself, he does so through his Eternal Son, who ever has been, now is, and ever will be, the living and divine Word. And this Eternal Son is residential at the centre of all things,

in association with, and immediately enshrouding the personal presence of, the Eternal and Universal Father.

2 We speak of God's "first" thought and allude to an impossible time origin of the Eternal Son for the purpose of gaining access to the thought channels of the human intellect. Such distortions of language represent our best efforts at contact-compromise with the time-bound minds of mortal creatures. In the sequential sense the Universal Father never could have had a first thought, nor could the Eternal Son ever have had a beginning. But I was instructed to portray the realities

of eternity to the time-limited minds of mortals by such symbols of thought and to designate the relationships of eternity by such time concepts of sequentiality.

3 The Eternal Son is the spiritual personalization of the Paradise Father's universal and infinite concept of divine reality, unqualified spirit, and absolute personality. And thereby does the Son constitute the divine revelation of the creator identity of the Universal Father. The perfect personality of the Son discloses that the Father is actually the eternal and universal source of all the meanings and val-

ues of the spiritual, the volitional, the purposeful, and the personal.

4 In an effort to enable the finite mind of time to form some sequential concept of the relationships of the eternal and infinite beings of the Paradise Trinity, we utilize such license of conception as to refer to the "Father's first personal, universal, and infinite concept." It is impossible for me to convey to the human mind any adequate idea of the eternal relations of the Deities; therefore do I employ such terms as will afford the finite mind something of an idea of the relationship of these eternal beings in the

subsequent eras of time. We believe the Son sprang from the Father; we are taught that both are unqualifiedly eternal. It is apparent, therefore, that no time creature can ever fully comprehend this mystery of a Son who is derived from the Father, and yet who is co-ordinately eternal with the Father himself.

1. IDENTITY OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 The Eternal Son is the original and only-begotten Son of God. He is God the Son, the Second Person of Deity and the associate creator of all things. As the Father is the First Great Source

and Centre, so the Eternal Son is the Second Great Source and Centre.

2 The Eternal Son is the spiritual centre and the divine administrator of the spiritual government of the universe of universes. The Universal Father is first a creator and then a controller; the Eternal Son is first a cocreator and then a *spiritual administrator.* "God is spirit," and the Son is a personal revelation of that spirit. The First Source and Centre is the Volitional Absolute; the Second Source and Centre is the Personality Absolute.

3 The Universal Father never per-

sonally functions as a creator except in conjunction with the Son or with the co-ordinate action of the Son. Had the New Testament writer referred to the Eternal Son, he would have uttered the truth when he wrote: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made."

4 When a Son of the Eternal Son appeared on Urantia, those who fraternized with this divine being in human form alluded to him as "He who was from the beginning, whom we

have heard, whom we have seen with our eyes, whom we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, even the Word of life." And this bestowal Son came forth from the Father just as truly as did the Original Son, as is suggested in one of his earthly prayers: "And now, O my Father, glorify me with your own self, with the glory which I had with you before this world was."

5 §§ The Eternal Son is known by different names in various universes. In the central universe he is known as the Co-ordinate Source, the Cocreator, and the Associate Absolute. On

Uversa, the headquarters of the superuniverse, we designate the Son as the Co-ordinate Spirit Centre and as the Eternal Spirit Administrator. On Salvington, the headquarters of your local universe, this Son is of record as the Second Eternal Source and Centre. The Melchizedeks speak of him as the Son of Sons. On your world, but not in your system of inhabited spheres, this Original Son has been confused with a co-ordinate Creator Son, Michael of Nebadon, who bestowed himself upon the mortal races of Urantia.

6 Although any of the Paradise Sons

may fittingly be called Sons of God, we are in the habit of reserving the designation "the Eternal Son" for this Original Son, the Second Source and Centre, cocreator with the Universal Father of the central universe of power and perfection and cocreator of all other divine Sons who spring from the infinite Deities.

2. NATURE OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 The Eternal Son is just as changeless and infinitely dependable as the Universal Father. He is also just as spiritual as the Father, just as truly an unlimited spirit. To you of lowly origin

the Son would appear to be more personal since he is one step nearer you in approachability than is the Universal Father.

2 The Eternal Son is the eternal Word of God. He is wholly like the Father; in fact, the Eternal Son *is* God the Father personally manifest to the universe of universes. And thus it was and is and forever will be true of the Eternal Son and of all the co-ordinate Creator Sons: "He who has seen the Son has seen the Father."

3 In nature the Son is wholly like the spirit Father. When we worship the Universal Father, actually we at the

same time worship God the Son and God the Spirit. God the Son is just as divinely real and eternal in nature as God the Father.

4 The Son not only possesses all the Father's infinite and transcendent righteousness, but the Son is also reflective of all the Father's holiness of character. The Son shares the Father's perfection and jointly shares the responsibility of aiding all creatures of imperfection in their spiritual efforts to attain divine perfection.

5 The Eternal Son possesses all the Father's character of divinity and attributes of spirituality. The Son *is* the

fullness of God's absoluteness in personality and spirit, and these qualities the Son reveals in his personal management of the spiritual government of the universe of universes.

6 God is, indeed, a universal spirit; God is spirit; and this spirit nature of the Father is focalized and personalized in the Deity of the Eternal Son. In the Son all spiritual characteristics are apparently greatly enhanced by differentiation from the universality of the First Source and Centre. And as the Father shares his spirit nature with the Son, so do they together just as fully and unreservedly share the divine

spirit with the Conjoint Actor, the Infinite Spirit.

7 In the love of truth and in the creation of beauty the Father and the Son are equal except that the Son *appears* to devote himself more to the realization of the exclusively spiritual beauty of universal values.

8 In divine goodness I discern no difference between the Father and the Son. The Father loves his universe children as a father; the Eternal Son looks upon all creatures both as father

and as brother.

3. MINISTRY OF THE FATHER'S LOVE

1 The Son shares the justice and righteousness of the Trinity but overshadows these divinity traits by the infinite personalization of the Father's love and mercy; the Son is the revelation of divine love to the universes. As God is love, so the Son is mercy. The Son cannot love more than the Father, but he can show mercy to creatures in one additional way, for he not only is a primal creator like the Father, but he is also the Eternal Son of that same Father, thereby sharing in the sonship

experience of all other sons of the Universal Father.

2 The Eternal Son is the great mercy minister to all creation. Mercy is the essence of the Son's spiritual character. The mandates of the Eternal Son, as they go forth over the spirit circuits of the Second Source and Centre, are keyed in tones of mercy.

3 To comprehend the love of the Eternal Son, you must first perceive its divine source, the Father, who *is* love, and then behold the unfolding of this infinite affection in the far-flung ministry of the Infinite Spirit and his almost limitless host of ministering per-

sonalities.

4 The ministry of the Eternal Son is devoted to the revelation of the God of love to the universe of universes. This divine Son is not engaged in the ignoble task of trying to persuade his gracious Father to love his lowly creatures and to show mercy to the wrongdoers of time. How wrong to envisage the Eternal Son as appealing to the Universal Father to show mercy to his lowly creatures on the material worlds of space! Such concepts of God are crude and grotesque. Rather should you realize that all the merciful ministrations of the Sons of God are a di-

rect revelation of the Father's heart of universal love and infinite compassion. The Father's love is the real and eternal source of the Son's mercy.

5 God is love, the Son is mercy. Mercy is applied love, the Father's love in action in the person of his Eternal Son. The love of this universal Son is likewise universal. As love is comprehended on a sex planet, the love of God is more comparable to the love of a father, while the love of the Eternal Son is more like the affection of a mother. Crude, indeed, are such illustrations, but I employ them in the hope of conveying to the human mind

the thought that there is a difference, not in divine content but in quality and technique of expression, between the love of the Father and the love of the Son.

4. ATTRIBUTES OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 The Eternal Son motivates the spirit level of cosmic reality; the spiritual power of the Son is absolute in relation to all universe actualities. He exercises perfect control over the interassociation of all undifferentiated spirit energy and over all actualized spirit reality through his absolute grasp of spirit gravity. All pure unfrag-

mented spirit and all spiritual beings and values are responsive to the infinite drawing power of the primal Son of Paradise. And if the eternal future should witness the appearance of an unlimited universe, the spirit gravity and the spirit power of the Original Son will be found wholly adequate for the spiritual control and effective administration of such a boundless creation.

2 §§ The Son is omnipotent only in the spiritual realm. In the eternal economy of universe administration, wasteful and needless repetition of function is never encountered; the

Deities are not given to useless duplication of universe ministry.

3 §§ The omnipresence of the Original Son constitutes the spiritual unity of the universe of universes. The spiritual cohesion of all creation rests upon the everywhere active presence of the divine spirit of the Eternal Son. When we conceive of the Father's spiritual presence, we find it difficult to differentiate it in our thinking from the spiritual presence of the Eternal Son. The spirit of the Father is eternally resident in the spirit of the Son.

4 The Father must be spiritually omnipresent, but such omnipresence ap-

pears to be inseparable from the everywhere spirit activities of the Eternal Son. We do, however, believe that in all situations of Father-Son presence of a dual spiritual nature the spirit of the Son is co-ordinate with the spirit of the Father.

5 In his contact with personality, the Father acts in the personality circuit. In his personal and detectable contact with spiritual creation, he appears in the fragments of the totality of his Deity, and these Father fragments have a solitary, unique, and exclusive function wherever and whenever they appear in the universes. In all such sit-

uations the spirit of the Son is co-ordinate with the spiritual function of the fragmented presence of the Universal Father.

6 Spiritually the Eternal Son is omnipresent. The spirit of the Eternal Son is most certainly with you and around you, but not within you and a part of you like the Mystery Monitor. The indwelling Father fragment adjusts the human mind to progressively divine attitudes, whereupon such an ascending mind becomes increasingly responsive to the spiritual drawing power of the all-powerful spirit-gravity circuit of the Second Source and

Centre.

7 §§ The Original Son is universally and spiritually self-conscious. In wisdom the Son is the full equal of the Father. In the realms of knowledge, omniscience, we cannot distinguish between the First and Second Sources; like the Father, the Son knows all; he is never surprised by any universe event; he comprehends the end from the beginning.

8 §§ The Father and the Son really know the number and whereabouts of all the spirits and spiritualized beings in the universe of universes. Not only does the Son know all things by virtue

of his own omnipresent spirit, but the Son, equally with the Father and the Conjoint Actor, is fully cognizant of the vast reflectivity intelligence of the Supreme Being, which intelligence is at all times aware of all things that transpire on all the worlds of the seven superuniverses. And there are other ways in which the Paradise Son is omniscient.

9 §§ The Eternal Son, as a loving, merciful, and ministering spiritual personality, is wholly and infinitely equal with the Universal Father, while in all those merciful and affectionate personal contacts with the ascendant

beings of the lower realms the Eternal Son is just as kind and considerate, just as patient and long-suffering, as are his Paradise Sons in the local universes who so frequently bestow themselves upon the evolutionary worlds of time.

10 It is needless further to expatiate on the attributes of the Eternal Son. With the exceptions noted, it is only necessary to study the spiritual attributes of God the Father to understand and correctly evaluate the attributes of

God the Son.

5. LIMITATIONS OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 The Eternal Son does not personally function in the physical domains, nor does he function, except through the Conjoint Actor, in the levels of mind ministry to creature beings. But these qualifications do not in any manner otherwise limit the Eternal Son in the full and free exercise of all the divine attributes of *spiritual* omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence.

2 The Eternal Son does not personally pervade the potentials of spirit in-

herent in the infinity of the Deity Absolute, but as these potentials become actual, they come within the all-powerful grasp of the spirit-gravity circuit of the Son.

3 Personality is the exclusive gift of the Universal Father. The Eternal Son derives personality from the Father, but he does not, without the Father, bestow personality. The Son gives origin to a vast spirit host, but such derivations are not personalities. When the Son creates personality, he does so in conjunction with the Father or with the Conjoint Creator, who may act for the Father in such rela-

tionships. The Eternal Son is thus a cocreator of personalities, but he bestows personality upon no being and of himself, alone, never creates personal beings. This limitation of action does not, however, deprive the Son of the ability to create any or all types of other-than-personal reality.

4 The Eternal Son is limited in transmittal of creator prerogatives. The Father, in eternalizing the Original Son, bestowed upon him the power and privilege of subsequently joining with the Father in the divine act of producing additional Sons possessing creative attributes, and this

they have done and now do. But when these co-ordinate Sons have been produced, the prerogatives of creatorship are apparently not further transmissible. The Eternal Son transmits creatorship powers only to the first or direct personalization. Therefore, when the Father and the Son unite to personalize a Creator Son, they achieve their purpose; but the Creator Son thus brought into existence is never able to transmit or delegate the prerogatives of creatorship to the various orders of Sons which he may subsequently create, notwithstanding that, in the highest local universe Sons,

there does appear a very limited reflection of the creative attributes of a Creator Son.

5 The Eternal Son, as an infinite and exclusively personal being, cannot fragmentize his nature, cannot distribute and bestow individualized portions of his selfhood upon other entities or persons as do the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit. But the Son can and does bestow himself as an unlimited spirit to bathe all creation and unceasingly draw all spirit personalities and spiritual realities to himself.

6 Ever remember, the Eternal Son is the personal portrayal of the spirit Fa-

ther to all creation. The Son is personal and nothing but personal in the Deity sense; such a divine and absolute personality cannot be disintegrated or fragmentized. God the Father and God the Spirit are truly personal, but they are also everything else in addition to being such Deity personalities.

7 Though the Eternal Son cannot personally participate in the bestowal of the Thought Adjusters, he did sit in council with the Universal Father in the eternal past, approving the plan and pledging endless co-operation, when the Father, in projecting the bestowal of the Thought Ad-

justers, proposed to the Son, "Let us make mortal man in our own image." And as the spirit fragment of the Father dwells within you, so does the spirit presence of the Son envelop you, while these two forever work as one for your spiritual advancement.

6. THE SPIRIT MIND

1 The Eternal Son is spirit and has mind, but not a mind or a spirit which mortal mind can comprehend. Mortal man perceives mind on the finite, cosmic, material, and personal levels. Man also observes mind phenomena in living organisms functioning on the

subpersonal (animal) level, but it is difficult for him to grasp the nature of mind when associated with supermaterial beings and as a part of exclusive spirit personalities. Mind must, however, be differently defined when it refers to the spirit level of existence, and when it is used to denote spirit functions of intelligence. That kind of mind which is directly allied with spirit is comparable neither to that mind which co-ordinates spirit and matter nor to that mind which is allied only with matter.

2 Spirit is ever conscious, minded, and possessed of varied phases of iden-

tity. Without mind in some phase there would be no spiritual consciousness in the fraternity of spirit beings. The equivalent of mind, the ability to know and be known, is indigenous to Deity. Deity may be personal, prepersonal, superpersonal, or impersonal, but Deity is never mindless, that is, never without the ability at least to communicate with similar entities, beings, or personalities.

3 The mind of the Eternal Son is like that of the Father but unlike any other mind in the universe, and with the mind of the Father it is ancestor to the diverse and far-flung minds of

the Conjoint Creator. The mind of the Father and the Son, that intellect which is ancestral to the absolute mind of the Third Source and Centre, is perhaps best illustrated in the premind of a Thought Adjuster, for, though these Father fragments are entirely outside of the mind circuits of the Conjoint Actor, they have some form of premind; they know as they are known; they enjoy the equivalent of human thinking.

4 The Eternal Son is wholly spiritual; man is very nearly entirely material; therefore much pertaining to the spirit personality of the Eternal Son,

to his seven spiritual spheres encircling Paradise and to the nature of the impersonal creations of the Paradise Son, will have to await your attainment of spirit status following your completion of the morontia ascension of the local universe of Nebadon. And then, as you pass through the superuniverse and on to Havona, many of these spirit-concealed mysteries will clarify as you begin to be endowed with the "mind of the spirit" — spiritual insight.

7. PERSONALITY OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 The Eternal Son is that infinite

personality from whose unqualified personality fetters the Universal Father escaped by the technique of trinitization, and by virtue of which he has ever since continued to bestow himself in endless profusion upon his ever-expanding universe of Creators and creatures. The Son is *absolute personality;* God is *father personality* — the source of personality, the bestower of personality, the cause of personality. Every personal being derives personality from the Universal Father just as the Original Son eternally derives his personality from the Paradise Father.

2 The personality of the Paradise

Son is absolute and purely spiritual, and this absolute personality is also the divine and eternal pattern, first, of the Father's bestowal of personality upon the Conjoint Actor and, subsequently, of his bestowal of personality upon the myriads of his creatures throughout a far-flung universe.

3 The Eternal Son is truly a merciful minister, a divine spirit, a spiritual power, and a real personality. The Son is the spiritual and personal nature of God made manifest to the universes — the sum and substance of the First Source and Centre, divested of all that which is nonpersonal, ex-

tradivine, nonspiritual, and pure potential. But it is impossible to convey to the human mind a word picture of the beauty and grandeur of the supernal personality of the Eternal Son. Everything that tends to obscure the Universal Father operates with almost equal influence to prevent the conceptual recognition of the Eternal Son. You must await your attainment of Paradise, and then you will understand why I was unable to portray the character of this absolute personality to the

understanding of the finite mind.

8. REALIZATION OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 Concerning identity, nature, and other attributes of personality, the Eternal Son is the full equal, the perfect complement, and the eternal counterpart of the Universal Father. In the same sense that God is the Universal Father, the Son is the Universal Mother. And all of us, high and low, constitute their universal family.

2 To appreciate the character of the Son, you should study the revelation of the divine character of the Father; they are forever and inseparably one.

As divine personalities they are virtually indistinguishable by the lower orders of intelligence. They are not so difficult of separate recognition by those whose origin is in the creative acts of the Deities themselves. Beings of nativity in the central universe and on Paradise discern the Father and the Son not only as one personal unity of universal control but also as two separate personalities functioning in definite domains of universe administration.

3 As persons you may conceive of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son as separate individuals, for they

indeed are; but in the administration of the universes they are so intertwined and interrelated that it is not always possible to distinguish between them. When, in the affairs of the universes, the Father and the Son are encountered in confusing interassociations, it is not always profitable to attempt to segregate their operations; merely recall that God is the initiating thought and the Son is the expressionful word. In each local universe this inseparability is personalized in the divinity of the Creator Son, who stands for both Father and Son to the creatures of 10,000,000 inhabited worlds.

4 The Eternal Son is infinite, but he is approachable through the persons of his Paradise Sons and through the patient ministry of the Infinite Spirit. Without the bestowal service of the Paradise Sons and the loving ministry of the creatures of the Infinite Spirit, beings of material origin could hardly hope to attain the Eternal Son. And it is equally true: With the help and guidance of these celestial agencies the God-conscious mortal will certainly attain Paradise and sometime stand in the personal presence of this majestic Son of Sons.

5 §§ Even though the Eternal Son is

the pattern of mortal personality attainment, you find it easier to grasp the reality of both the Father and the Spirit because the Father is the actual bestower of your human personality and the Infinite Spirit is the absolute source of your mortal mind. But as you ascend in the Paradise path of spiritual progression, the personality of the Eternal Son will become increasingly real to you, and the reality of his infinitely spiritual mind will become more discernible to your progressively spiritualizing mind.

6 Never can the concept of the Eternal Son shine brightly in your ma-

terial or subsequent morontial mind; not until you spiritize and commence your spirit ascension will the comprehension of the personality of the Eternal Son begin to equal the vividness of your concept of the personality of the Creator Son of Paradise origin who, in person and as a person, onetime incarnated and lived on Urantia as a man among men.

7 Throughout your local universe experience the Creator Son, whose personality is comprehensible by man, must compensate for your inability to grasp the full significance of the more exclusively spiritual, but none

the less personal, Eternal Son of Paradise. As you progress through Orvonton and Havona, as you leave behind you the vivid picture and deep memories of the Creator Son of your local universe, the passing of this material and morontia experience will be compensated by ever-enlarging concepts and intensifying comprehension of the Eternal Son of Paradise, whose reality and nearness will ever augment as you progress Paradiseward.

8 §§ The Eternal Son is a grand and glorious personality. Although it is beyond the powers of the mortal and material mind to grasp the actuality of

the personality of such an infinite being, doubt not, he is a person. I know whereof I speak. Times almost without number I have stood in the divine presence of this Eternal Son and then journeyed forth in the universe to execute his gracious bidding.

9 [Indited by a Divine Counsellor assigned to formulate this statement depicting the Eternal Son of Paradise.]

PAPER 7

RELATION OF THE ETERNAL SON TO THE UNIVERSE

Divine Counsellor

The Original Son is ever concerned with the execution of the spiritual aspects of the Father's eternal purpose as it progressively unfolds in the phenomena of the evolving universes with their manifold groups of living beings. We do not fully comprehend this eternal plan, but the Paradise Son undoubtedly does.

2 The Son is like the Father in that he seeks to bestow everything possible of himself upon his co-ordinate Sons and upon their subordinate Sons. And the Son shares the Father's self-distributive nature in the unstinted bestowal of himself upon the Infinite Spirit, their conjoint executive.

3 §§ As the upholder of spirit realities, the Second Source and Centre is the eternal counterpoise of the Isle of Paradise, which so magnificently upholds all things material. Thus is the First Source and Centre forever revealed in the material beauty of the exquisite patterns of the central Isle and

in the spiritual values of the supernal personality of the Eternal Son.

4 §§ The Eternal Son is the actual upholder of the vast creation of spirit realities and spiritual beings. The spirit world is the habit, the personal conduct, of the Son, and the impersonal realities of spirit nature are always responsive to the will and purpose of the perfect personality of the Absolute Son.

5 The Son is not, however, personally responsible for the conduct of all spirit personalities. The will of the personal creature is relatively free and hence determines the actions of such

volitional beings. Therefore the free-will spirit world is not always truly representative of the character of the Eternal Son, even as nature on Urantia is not truly revelatory of the perfection and immutability of Paradise and Deity. But no matter what may characterize the freewill action of man or angel, the Son's eternal grasp of the universal gravity control of all spirit realities continues as absolute.

1. THE SPIRIT-GRAVITY CIRCUIT

1 Everything taught concerning the immanence of God, his omnipresence, omnipotence, and omniscience,

is equally true of the Son in the spiritual domains. The pure and universal spirit gravity of all creation, this exclusively spiritual circuit, leads directly back to the person of the Second Source and Centre on Paradise. He presides over the control and operation of that ever-present and unerring spiritual grasp of all true spirit values. Thus does the Eternal Son exercise absolute spiritual sovereignty. He literally holds all spirit realities and all spiritualized values, as it were, in the hollow of his hand. The control of universal spiritual gravity *is* universal spiritual sovereignty.

2 This gravity control of spiritual things operates independently of time and space; therefore is spirit energy undiminished in transmission. Spirit gravity never suffers time delays, nor does it undergo space diminution. It does not decrease in accordance with the square of the distance of its transmission; the circuits of pure spirit power are not retarded by the mass of the material creation. And this transcendence of time and space by pure spirit energies is inherent in the absoluteness of the Son; it is not due to the interposition of the antigravity forces of the Third Source and Centre.

3 Spirit realities respond to the drawing power of the centre of spiritual gravity in accordance with their qualitative value, their actual degree of spirit nature. Spirit substance (quality) is just as responsive to spirit gravity as the organized energy of physical matter (quantity) is responsive to physical gravity. Spiritual values and spirit forces are *real.* From the viewpoint of personality, spirit is the soul of creation; matter is the shadowy physical body.

4 The reactions and fluctuations of spirit gravity are ever true to the content of spiritual values, the qualita-

tive spiritual status of an individual or a world. This drawing power is instantly responsive to the inter- and intraspirit values of any universe situation or planetary condition. Every time a spiritual reality actualizes in the universes, this change necessitates the immediate and instantaneous readjustment of spirit gravity. Such a new spirit is actually a part of the Second Source and Centre; and just as certainly as mortal man becomes a spiritized being, he will attain the spiritual Son, the centre and source of spirit gravity.

5 §§ The Son's spiritual drawing

power is inherent to a lesser degree in many Paradise orders of sonship. For there do exist within the absolute spirit-gravity circuit those local systems of spiritual attraction that function in the lesser units of creation. Such subabsolute focalizations of spirit gravity are a part of the divinity of the Creator personalities of time and space and are correlated with the emerging experiential overcontrol of the Supreme Being.

6 Spirit-gravity pull and response thereto operate not only on the universe as a whole but also even between individuals and groups of individu-

als. There is a spiritual cohesiveness among the spiritual and spiritized personalities of any world, race, nation, or believing group of individuals. There is a direct attractiveness of a spirit nature between spiritually minded persons of like tastes and longings. The term *kindred spirits* is not wholly a figure of speech.

7 §§ Like the material gravity of Paradise, the spiritual gravity of the Eternal Son is absolute. Sin and rebellion may interfere with the operation of local universe circuits, but nothing can suspend the spirit gravity of the Eternal Son. The Lucifer rebellion pro-

duced many changes in your system of inhabited worlds and on Urantia, but we do not observe that the resultant spiritual quarantine of your planet in the least affected the presence and function of either the omnipresent spirit of the Eternal Son or the associated spirit-gravity circuit.

8 §§ All reactions of the spirit-gravity circuit of the grand universe are predictable. We recognize all actions and reactions of the omnipresent spirit of the Eternal Son and find them to be dependable. In accordance with well-known laws, we can and do measure spiritual gravity just as man

attempts to compute the workings of finite physical gravity. There is an unvarying response of the Son's spirit to all spirit things, beings, and persons, and this response is always in accordance with the degree of actuality (the qualitative degree of reality) of all such spiritual values.

9 But alongside this very dependable and predictable function of the spiritual presence of the Eternal Son, there are encountered phenomena which are not so predictable in their reactions. Such phenomena probably indicate the co-ordinate action of the Deity Absolute in the realms

of emerging spiritual potentials. We know that the spirit presence of the Eternal Son is the influence of a majestic and infinite personality, but we hardly regard the reactions associated with the conjectured performances of the Deity Absolute as personal.

10 §§ Viewed from the personality standpoint and by persons, the Eternal Son and the Deity Absolute appear to be related in the following way: The Eternal Son dominates the realm of actual spiritual values, whereas the Deity Absolute seems to pervade the vast domain of potential spirit values. All actual value of spirit nature finds

lodgement in the gravity grasp of the Eternal Son but, if potential, then apparently in the presence of the Deity Absolute.

11 Spirit seems to emerge from the potentials of the Deity Absolute; evolving spirit finds correlation in the experiential and incomplete grasps of the Supreme and the Ultimate; spirit eventually finds final destiny in the absolute grasp of the spiritual gravity of the Eternal Son. This appears to be the cycle of experiential spirit, but existential spirit is inherent in the infinity of

the Second Source and Centre.

2. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 On Paradise the presence and personal activity of the Original Son is profound, absolute in the spiritual sense. As we pass outward from Paradise through Havona and into the realms of the seven superuniverses, we detect less and less of the personal activity of the Eternal Son. In the post-Havona universes the presence of the Eternal Son is personalized in the Paradise Sons, conditioned by the experiential realities of the Supreme and the Ultimate, and co-ordinated with the

unlimited spirit potential of the Deity Absolute.

2 In the central universe the personal activity of the Original Son is discernible in the exquisite spiritual harmony of the eternal creation. Havona is so marvellously perfect that the spiritual status and the energy states of this pattern universe are in perfect and perpetual balance.

3 In the superuniverses the Son is not personally present or resident; in these creations he maintains only a superpersonal representation. These spirit manifestations of the Son are not personal; they are not in the per-

sonality circuit of the Universal Father. We know of no better term to use than to designate them *superpersonalities;* and they are finite beings; they are neither absonite nor absolute.

4 The administration of the Eternal Son in the superuniverses, being exclusively spiritual and superpersonal, is not discernible by creature personalities. Nonetheless, the all-pervading spiritual urge of the Son's personal influence is encountered in every phase of the activities of all sectors of the domains of the Ancients of Days. In the local universes, however, we observe the Eternal Son personally present in

the persons of the Paradise Sons. Here the infinite Son spiritually and creatively functions in the persons of the majestic corps of the co-ordinate Creator Sons.

3. RELATION OF THE ETERNAL SON TO THE INDIVIDUAL

1 In the local universe ascent the mortals of time look to the Creator Son as the personal representative of the Eternal Son. But when they begin the ascent of the superuniverse training regime, the pilgrims of time increasingly detect the supernal presence of the inspiring spirit of the Eter-

nal Son, and they are able to profit by the intake of this ministry of spiritual energization. In Havona the ascenders become still more conscious of the loving embrace of the all-pervading spirit of the Original Son. At no stage of the entire mortal ascension does the spirit of the Eternal Son indwell the mind or soul of the pilgrim of time, but his beneficence is ever near and always concerned with the welfare and spiritual security of the advancing children of time.

2 The spiritual-gravity pull of the Eternal Son constitutes the inherent secret of the Paradise ascension of sur-

viving human souls. All genuine spirit values and all bona fide spiritualized individuals are held within the unfailing grasp of the spiritual gravity of the Eternal Son. The mortal mind, for example, initiates its career as a material mechanism and is eventually mustered into the Corps of the Finality as a well-nigh perfected spirit existence, becoming progressively less subject to material gravity and correspondingly more responsive to the inward pulling urge of spirit gravity during this entire experience. The spirit-gravity circuit literally pulls the soul of man Paradiseward.

3 §§ The spirit-gravity circuit is the basic channel for transmitting the genuine prayers of the believing human heart from the level of human consciousness to the actual consciousness of Deity. That which represents true spiritual value in your petitions will be seized by the universal circuit of spirit gravity and will pass immediately and simultaneously to all divine personalities concerned. Each will occupy himself with that which belongs to his personal province. Therefore, in your practical religious experience, it is immaterial whether, in addressing your supplications, you visualize

the Creator Son of your local universe or the Eternal Son at the centre of all things.

4 §§ The discriminative operation of the spirit-gravity circuit might possibly be compared to the functions of the neural circuits in the material human body: Sensations travel inward over the neural paths; some are detained and responded to by the lower automatic spinal centres; others pass on to the less automatic but habit-trained centres of the lower brain, while the most important and vital incoming messages flash by these subordinate centres and are immediately

registered in the highest levels of human consciousness.

5 But how much more perfect is the superb technique of the spiritual world! If anything originates in your consciousness that is fraught with supreme spiritual value, when once you give it expression, no power in the universe can prevent its flashing directly to the Absolute Spirit Personality of all creation.

6 Conversely, if your supplications are purely material and wholly self-centred, there exists no plan whereby such unworthy prayers can find lodgement in the spirit circuit of the Eter-

nal Son. The content of any petition which is not "spirit indited" can find no place in the universal spiritual circuit; such purely selfish and material requests fall dead; they do not ascend in the circuits of true spirit values. Such words are as "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

7 It is the motivating thought, the spiritual content, that validates the mortal supplication. Words are valueless.

4. THE DIVINE PERFECTION PLANS

1 The Eternal Son is in everlasting liaison with the Father in the successful

prosecution of the *divine plan of progress:* the universal plan for the creation, evolution, ascension, and perfection of will creatures. And, in divine faithfulness, the Son is the eternal equal of the Father.

2 The Father and his Son are as one in the formulation and prosecution of this gigantic attainment plan for advancing the material beings of time to the perfection of eternity. This project for the spiritual elevation of the ascendant souls of space is a joint creation of the Father and the Son, and they are, with the co-operation of the Infinite Spirit, engaged in associative exe-

cution of their divine purpose.

3 §§ This divine plan of perfection attainment embraces three unique, though marvellously correlated, enterprises of universal adventure:

4 1. *The Plan of Progressive Attainment.* This is the Universal Father's plan of evolutionary ascension, a program unreservedly accepted by the Eternal Son when he concurred in the Father's proposal, "Let us make mortal creatures in our own image." This provision for upstepping the creatures of time involves the Father's bestowal of the Thought Adjusters and the endowing of material creatures with the

prerogatives of personality.

5 2. *The Bestowal Plan.* The next universal plan is the great Father-revelation enterprise of the Eternal Son and his co-ordinate Sons. This is the proposal of the Eternal Son and consists of his bestowal of the Sons of God upon the evolutionary creations, there to personalize and factualize, to incarnate and make real, the love of the Father and the mercy of the Son to the creatures of all universes. Inherent in the bestowal plan, and as a provisional feature of this ministration of love, the Paradise Sons act as rehabilitators of that which misguided creature

will has placed in spiritual jeopardy. Whenever and wherever there occurs a delay in the functioning of the attainment plan, if rebellion, perchance, should mar or complicate this enterprise, then do the emergency provisions of the bestowal plan become active forthwith. The Paradise Sons stand pledged and ready to function as retrievers, to go into the very realms of rebellion and there restore the spiritual status of the spheres. And such a heroic service a co-ordinate Creator Son did perform on Urantia in connection with his experiential bestowal career of sovereignty acquirement.

6 3. *The Plan of Mercy Ministry.* When the attainment plan and the bestowal plan had been formulated and proclaimed, alone and of himself, the Infinite Spirit projected and put in operation the tremendous and universal enterprise of mercy ministry. This is the service so essential to the practical and effective operation of both the attainment and the bestowal undertakings, and the spiritual personalities of the Third Source and Centre all partake of the spirit of mercy ministry which is so much a part of the nature of the Third Person of Deity. Not only in creation but also in administra-

tion, the Infinite Spirit functions truly and literally as the conjoint executive of the Father and the Son.

7 §§ The Eternal Son is the personal trustee, the divine custodian, of the Father's universal plan of creature ascension. Having promulgated the universal mandate, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect," the Father entrusted the execution of this tremendous undertaking to the Eternal Son; and the Eternal Son shares the fostering of this supernal enterprise with his divine coordinate, the Infinite Spirit. Thus do the Deities effectively co-operate in the work of creation, control, evolu-

tion, revelation, and ministration — and if required, in restoration and rehabilitation.

5. THE SPIRIT OF BESTOWAL

1 The Eternal Son without reservation joined with the Universal Father in broadcasting that tremendous injunction to all creation: "Be you perfect, even as your Father in Havona is perfect." And ever since, that invitation-command has motivated all the survival plans and the bestowal projects of the Eternal Son and his vast family of co-ordinate and associated Sons. And in these very bestowals the

Sons of God have become to all evolutionary creatures "the way, the truth, and the life."

2 §§ The Eternal Son cannot contact directly with human beings as does the Father through the gift of the prepersonal Thought Adjusters, but the Eternal Son does draw near to created personalities by a series of downstepping gradations of divine sonship until he is enabled to stand in man's presence and, at times, as man himself.

3 The purely personal nature of the Eternal Son is incapable of fragmentation. The Eternal Son ministers as a spiritual influence or as a person,

never otherwise. The Son finds it impossible to become a part of creature experience in the sense that the Father-Adjuster participates therein, but the Eternal Son compensates this limitation by the technique of bestowal. What the experience of fragmented entities means to the Universal Father, the incarnation experiences of the Paradise Sons mean to the Eternal Son.

4 The Eternal Son comes not to mortal man as the divine will, the Thought Adjuster indwelling the human mind, but the Eternal Son did come to mortal man on Urantia when the divine *personality* of his Son, Mi-

chael of Nebadon, incarnated in the human nature of Jesus of Nazareth. To share the experience of created personalities, the Paradise Sons of God must assume the very natures of such creatures and incarnate their divine personalities as the actual creatures themselves. Incarnation, the secret of Sonarington, is the technique of the Son's escape from the otherwise all-encompassing fetters of personality absolutism.

5 §§ Long, long ago the Eternal Son bestowed himself upon each of the circuits of the central creation for the enlightenment and advancement of all

the inhabitants and pilgrims of Havona, including the ascending pilgrims of time. On none of these seven bestowals did he function as either an ascender or a Havoner. He existed as himself. His experience was unique; it was not *with* or *as* a human or other pilgrim but in some way associative in the superpersonal sense.

6 Neither did he pass through the rest that intervenes between the inner Havona circuit and the shores of Paradise. It is not possible for him, an absolute being, to suspend consciousness of personality, for in him centre all lines of spiritual gravity. And dur-

ing the times of these bestowals the central Paradise lodgement of spiritual luminosity was undimmed, and the Son's grasp of universal spirit gravity was undiminished.

7 §§ The bestowals of the Eternal Son in Havona are not within the scope of human imagination; they were transcendental. He added to the experience of all Havona then and subsequently, but we do not know whether he added to the supposed experiential capacity of his existential nature. That would fall within the bestowal mystery of the Paradise Sons. We do, however, believe that whatever

the Eternal Son acquired on these bestowal missions, he has ever since retained; but we do not know what it is.

8 §§ Whatever our difficulty in comprehending the bestowals of the Second Person of Deity, we do comprehend the Havona bestowal of a Son of the Eternal Son, who literally passed through the circuits of the central universe and actually shared those experiences which constitute an ascender's preparation for Deity attainment. This was the original Michael, the first-born Creator Son, and he passed through the life experiences of the ascending pilgrims from circuit to

circuit, personally journeying a stage of each circle with them in the days of Grandfanda, the first of all mortals to attain Havona.

9 Whatever else this original Michael revealed, he made the transcendent bestowal of the Original Mother Son real to the creatures of Havona. So real, that forevermore each pilgrim of time who labours in the adventure of making the Havona circuits is cheered and strengthened by the certain knowledge that the Eternal Son of God seven times abdicated the power and glory of Paradise to participate in the experiences of the time-space pil-

grims on the seven circuits of progressive Havona attainment.

10 §§ The Eternal Son is the exemplary inspiration for all the Sons of God in their ministrations of bestowal throughout the universes of time and space. The co-ordinate Creator Sons and the associate Magisterial Sons, together with other unrevealed orders of sonship, all partake of this wonderful willingness to bestow themselves upon the varied orders of creature life and as the creatures themselves. Therefore, in spirit and because of kinship of nature as well as fact of origin, it becomes true that in the bestowal of each Son

of God upon the worlds of space, in and through and by these bestowals, the Eternal Son has bestowed himself upon the intelligent will creatures of the universes.

11 In spirit and nature, if not in all attributes, each Paradise Son is a divinely perfect portraiture of the Original Son. It is literally true, whosoever has seen a Paradise Son has seen the Eternal Son of God.

6. THE PARADISE SONS OF GOD

1 The lack of a knowledge of the multiple Sons of God is a source of great confusion on Urantia. And

this ignorance persists in the face of such statements as the record of a conclave of these divine personalities: "When the Sons of God proclaimed joy, and all of the Morning Stars sang together." Every millennium of sector standard time the various orders of the divine Sons forgather for their periodic conclaves.

2 The Eternal Son is the personal source of the adorable attributes of mercy and service which so abundantly characterize all orders of the descending Sons of God as they function throughout creation. All the divine nature, if not all the infinity of

attributes, the Eternal Son unfailingly transmits to the Paradise Sons who go out from the eternal Isle to reveal his divine character to the universe of universes.

3 §§ The Original and Eternal Son is the offspring-person of the "first" completed and infinite thought of the Universal Father. Every time the Universal Father and the Eternal Son jointly project a new, original, identical, unique, and absolute personal thought, that very instant this creative idea is perfectly and finally personalized in the being and personality of a new and original *Creator Son.* In

spirit nature, divine wisdom, and co-ordinate creative power, these Creator Sons are potentially equal with God the Father and God the Son.

4 The Creator Sons go out from Paradise into the universes of time and, with the co-operation of the controlling and creative agencies of the Third Source and Centre, complete the organization of the local universes of progressive evolution. These Sons are not attached to, nor are they concerned with, the central and universal controls of matter, mind, and spirit. Hence are they limited in their creative acts by the pre-existence, prior-

ity, and primacy of the First Source and Centre and his co-ordinate Absolutes. These Sons are able to administer only that which they bring into existence. Absolute administration is inherent in priority of existence and is inseparable from eternity of presence. The Father remains primal in the universes.

5 §§ Much as the Creator Sons are personalized by the Father and the Son, so are the *Magisterial Sons* personalized by the Son and the Spirit. These are the Sons who, in the experiences of creature incarnation, earn the right to serve as the judges of survival

in the creations of time and space.

6 §§ The Father, Son, and Spirit also unite to personalize the versatile *Trinity Teacher Sons,* who range the grand universe as the supernal teachers of all personalities, human and divine. And there are numerous other orders of Paradise sonship that have not been brought to the attention of Urantia mortals.

7 §§ Between the Original Mother Son and these hosts of Paradise Sons scattered throughout all creation, there is a direct and exclusive channel of communication, a channel whose function is inherent in the qual-

ity of spiritual kinship which unites them in bonds of near-absolute spiritual association. This intersonship circuit is entirely different from the universal circuit of spirit gravity, which also centres in the person of the Second Source and Centre. All Sons of God who take origin in the persons of the Paradise Deities are in direct and constant communication with the Eternal Mother Son. And such communication is instantaneous; it is independent of time though sometimes conditioned by space.

8 The Eternal Son not only has at all times perfect knowledge concern-

ing the status, thoughts, and manifold activities of all orders of Paradise sonship, but he also has perfection of knowledge at all times regarding everything of spiritual value which exists in the hearts of all creatures in the primary central creation of eternity and in the secondary time creations of the co-ordinate Creator Sons.

7. THE SUPREME REVELATION OF THE FATHER

1 The Eternal Son is a complete, exclusive, universal, and final revelation of the spirit and the personality of the Universal Father. All knowl-

edge of, and information concerning, the Father must come from the Eternal Son and his Paradise Sons. The Eternal Son is from eternity and is wholly and without spiritual qualification one with the Father. In divine personality they are co-ordinate; in spiritual nature they are equal; in divinity they are identical.

2 The character of God could not possibly be intrinsically improved upon in the person of the Son, for the divine Father is infinitely perfect, but that character and personality are amplified, by divestment of the nonpersonal and nonspiritual, for revelation

to creature beings. The First Source and Centre is much more than a personality, but all of the spirit qualities of the father personality of the First Source and Centre are spiritually present in the absolute personality of the Eternal Son.

3 The primal Son and his Sons are engaged in making a universal revelation of the spiritual and personal nature of the Father to all creation. In the central universe, the superuniverses, the local universes, or on the inhabited planets, it is a Paradise Son who reveals the Universal Father to men and angels. The Eternal Son and

his Sons reveal the avenue of creature approach to the Universal Father. And even we of high origin understand the Father much more fully as we study the revelation of his character and personality in the Eternal Son and in the Sons of the Eternal Son.

4 The Father comes down to you as a personality only through the divine Sons of the Eternal Son. And you attain the Father by this same living way; you ascend to the Father by the guidance of this group of divine Sons. And this remains true notwithstanding that your very personality is a direct bestowal of the Universal Father.

5 §§ In all these widespread activities of the far-flung spiritual administration of the Eternal Son, do not forget that the Son is a person just as truly and actually as the Father is a person. Indeed, to beings of the onetime human order the Eternal Son will be more easy to approach than the Universal Father. In the progress of the pilgrims of time through the circuits of Havona, you will be competent to attain the Son long before you are prepared to discern the Father.

6 More of the character and merciful nature of the Eternal Son of mercy you should comprehend as you med-

itate on the revelation of these divine attributes which was made in loving service by your own Creator Son, one-time Son of Man on earth, now the exalted sovereign of your local universe — the Son of Man and the Son of God.

7 [Indited by a Divine Counsellor assigned to formulate this statement depicting the Eternal Son of Paradise.]

PAPER 8

THE INFINITE SPIRIT

Divine Counsellor

Back in eternity, when the Universal Father's "first" infinite and absolute thought finds in the Eternal Son such a perfect and adequate word for its divine expression, there ensues the supreme desire of both the Thought-God and the Word-God for a universal and infinite agent of mutual expression and combined action.

2 In the dawn of eternity both the Father and the Son become infinitely cognizant of their mutual interdependence, their eternal and absolute oneness; and therefore do they enter into an infinite and everlasting covenant of divine partnership. This never-ending compact is made for the execution of their united concepts throughout all of the circle of eternity; and ever since this eternity event the Father and the Son continue in this divine union.

3 We are now face to face with the eternity origin of the Infinite Spirit, the Third Person of Deity. The very instant that God the Father and God

the Son conjointly conceive an identical and infinite action — the execution of an absolute thought-plan — that very moment, the Infinite Spirit springs full-fledgedly into existence.

4 §§ In thus reciting the order of the origin of the Deities, I do so merely to enable you to think of their relationship. In reality they are all three existent from eternity; they are existential. They are without beginning or ending of days; they are co-ordinate, supreme, ultimate, absolute, and infinite. They are and always have been and ever shall be. And they are three distinctly individualized but eternally

associated persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.

1. THE GOD OF ACTION

1 In the eternity of the past, upon the personalization of the Infinite Spirit the divine personality cycle becomes perfect and complete. The God of Action is existent, and the vast stage of space is set for the stupendous drama of creation — the universal adventure — the divine panorama of the eternal ages.

2 The first act of the Infinite Spirit is the inspection and recognition of his divine parents, the Father-Father

and the Mother-Son. He, the Spirit, unqualifiedly identifies both of them. He is fully cognizant of their separate personalities and infinite attributes as well as of their combined nature and united function. Next, voluntarily, with transcendent willingness and inspiring spontaneity, the Third Person of Deity, notwithstanding his equality with the First and Second Persons, pledges eternal loyalty to God the Father and acknowledges everlasting dependence upon God the Son.

3 Inherent in the nature of this transaction and in mutual recognition of the personality independence

of each and the executive union of all three, the cycle of eternity is established. The Paradise Trinity is existent. The stage of universal space is set for the manifold and never-ending panorama of the creative unfolding of the purpose of the Universal Father through the personality of the Eternal Son and by the execution of the God of Action, the executive agency for the reality performances of the Father-Son creator partnership.

4 §§ The God of Action functions and the dead vaults of space are astir. One billion perfect spheres flash into existence. Prior to this hypothetical

eternity moment the space-energies inherent in Paradise are existent and potentially operative, but they have no actuality of being; neither can physical gravity be measured except by the reaction of material realities to its incessant pull. There is no material universe at this (assumed) eternally distant moment, but the very instant that one billion worlds materialize, there is in evidence gravity sufficient and adequate to hold them in the everlasting grasp of Paradise.

5 There now flashes through the creation of the Gods the second form of energy, and this outflowing spirit is in-

stantly grasped by the spiritual gravity of the Eternal Son. Thus the twofold gravity-embraced universe is touched with the energy of infinity and immersed in the spirit of divinity. In this way is the soil of life prepared for the consciousness of mind made manifest in the associated intelligence circuits of the Infinite Spirit.

6 Upon these seeds of potential existence, diffused throughout the central creation of the Gods, the Father acts, and creature personality appears. Then does the presence of the Paradise Deities fill all organized space and begin effectively to draw all things and

beings Paradiseward.

7 §§ The Infinite Spirit eternalizes concurrently with the birth of the Havona worlds, this central universe being created by him and with him and in him in obedience to the combined concepts and united wills of the Father and the Son. The Third Person deitizes by this very act of conjoint creation, and he thus forever becomes the Conjoint Creator.

8 §§ These are the grand and awful times of the creative expansion of the Father and the Son by, and in, the action of their conjoint associate and exclusive executive, the Third Source

and Centre. There exists no record of these stirring times. We have only the meagre disclosures of the Infinite Spirit to substantiate these mighty transactions, and he merely verifies the fact that the central universe and all that pertains thereto eternalized simultaneously with his attainment of personality and conscious existence.

9 In brief, the Infinite Spirit testifies that, since he is eternal, so also is the central universe eternal. And this is the traditional starting point of the history of the universe of universes. Absolutely nothing is known, and no records are in existence, regarding

any event or transaction prior to this stupendous eruption of creative energy and administrative wisdom that crystallized the vast universe which exists, and so exquisitely functions, at the centre of all things. Beyond this event lie the unsearchable transactions of eternity and the depths of infinity — absolute mystery.

10 §§ And we thus portray the sequential origin of the Third Source and Centre as an interpretative condescension to the time-bound and space-conditioned mind of mortal creatures. The mind of man must have a starting point for the visualization of universe

history, and I have been directed to provide this technique of approach to the historic concept of eternity. In the material mind, consistency demands a First Cause; therefore do we postulate the Universal Father as the First Source and the Absolute Centre of all creation, at the same time instructing all creature minds that the Son and the Spirit are coeternal with the Father in all phases of universe history and in all realms of creative activity. And we do this without in any sense being disregardful of the reality and eternity of the Isle of Paradise and of the Unqualified, Universal, and Deity Absolutes.

11 It is enough of a reach of the material mind of the children of time to conceive of the Father in eternity. We know that any child can best relate himself to reality by first mastering the relationships of the child-parent situation and then by enlarging this concept to embrace the family as a whole. Subsequently the growing mind of the child will be able to adjust to the concept of family relations, to relationships of the community, the race, and the world, and then to those of the universe, the superuniverse, even the

universe of universes.

2. NATURE OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT

1 The Conjoint Creator is from eternity and is wholly and without qualification one with the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. The Infinite Spirit reflects in perfection not only the nature of the Paradise Father but also the nature of the Original Son.

2 §§ The Third Source and Centre is known by numerous titles: the Universal Spirit, the Supreme Guide, the Conjoint Creator, the Divine Executive, the Infinite Mind, the Spirit of Spirits, the Paradise Mother Spirit, the

Conjoint Actor, the Final Co-ordinator, the Omnipresent Spirit, the Absolute Intelligence, the Divine Action; and on Urantia he is sometimes confused with the cosmic mind.

3 It is altogether proper to denominate the Third Person of Deity the Infinite Spirit, for God is spirit. But material creatures who tend towards the error of viewing matter as basic reality and mind, together with spirit, as postulates rooted in matter, would better comprehend the Third Source and Centre if he were called the Infinite Reality, the Universal Organizer, or the Personality Co-ordinator.

4 §§ The Infinite Spirit, as a universe revelation of divinity, is unsearchable and utterly beyond human comprehension. To sense the absoluteness of the Spirit, you need only contemplate the infinity of the Universal Father and stand in awe of the eternity of the Original Son.

5 §§ There is mystery indeed in the person of the Infinite Spirit but not so much as in the Father and the Son. Of all aspects of the Father's nature, the Conjoint Creator most strikingly discloses his infinity. Even if the master universe eventually expands to infinity, the spirit presence, energy control,

and mind potential of the Conjoint Actor will be found adequate to meet the demands of such a limitless creation.

6 Though in every way sharing the perfection, the righteousness, and the love of the Universal Father, the Infinite Spirit inclines towards the mercy attributes of the Eternal Son, thus becoming the mercy minister of the Paradise Deities to the grand universe. Ever and always — universally and eternally — the Spirit is a mercy minister, for, as the divine Sons reveal the love of God, so the divine Spirit depicts the mercy of God.

7 It is not possible that the Spirit could have more of goodness than the Father since all goodness takes origin in the Father, but in the acts of the Spirit we can the better comprehend such goodness. The Father's faithfulness and the Son's constancy are made very real to the spirit beings and the material creatures of the spheres by the loving ministry and ceaseless service of the personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

8 The Conjoint Creator inherits all the Father's beauty of thought and character of truth. And these sublime traits of divinity are co-ordinated in the near-supreme levels of the cosmic

mind in subordination to the infinite and eternal wisdom of the unconditioned and limitless mind of the Third Source and Centre.

3. RELATION OF THE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER AND THE SON

1 As the Eternal Son is the word expression of the "first" absolute and infinite thought of the Universal Father, so the Conjoint Actor is the perfect execution of the "first" completed creative concept or plan for combined action by the Father-Son personality partnership of absolute thought-word union. The Third Source and Cen-

tre eternalizes concurrently with the central or fiat creation, and only this central creation is eternal in existence among universes.

2 Since the personalization of the Third Source, the First Source no more personally participates in universe creation. The Universal Father delegates everything possible to his Eternal Son; likewise does the Eternal Son bestow all possible authority and power upon the Conjoint Creator.

3 The Eternal Son and the Conjoint Creator have, as partners and through their co-ordinate personalities, planned and fashioned every

post-Havona universe which has been brought into existence. The Spirit sustains the same personal relation to the Son in all subsequent creation that the Son sustains to the Father in the first and central creation.

4 A Creator Son of the Eternal Son and a Creative Spirit of the Infinite Spirit created you and your universe; and while the Father in faithfulness upholds that which they have organized, it devolves upon this Universe Son and this Universe Spirit to foster and sustain their work as well as to minister to the creatures of their own making.

5 §§ The Infinite Spirit is the effective agent of the all-loving Father and the all-merciful Son for the execution of their conjoint project of drawing to themselves all truth-loving souls on all the worlds of time and space. The very instant the Eternal Son accepted his Father's plan of perfection attainment for the creatures of the universes, the moment the ascension project became a Father-Son plan, that instant the Infinite Spirit became the conjoint administrator of the Father and the Son for the execution of their united and eternal purpose. And in so doing the Infinite Spirit pledged all his resources

of divine presence and of spirit personalities to the Father and the Son; he has dedicated *all* to the stupendous plan of exalting surviving will creatures to the divine heights of Paradise perfection.

6 The Infinite Spirit is a complete, exclusive, and universal revelation of the Universal Father and his Eternal Son. All knowledge of the Father-Son partnership must be had through the Infinite Spirit, the conjoint representative of the divine thought-word union.

7 The Eternal Son is the only avenue of approach to the Universal Fa-

ther, and the Infinite Spirit is the only means of attaining the Eternal Son. Only by the patient ministry of the Spirit are the ascendant beings of time able to discover the Son.

8 At the centre of all things the Infinite Spirit is the first of the Paradise Deities to be attained by the ascending pilgrims. The Third Person enshrouds the Second and the First Persons and therefore must always be first recognized by all who are candidates for presentation to the Son and his Father.

9 And in many other ways does the Spirit equally represent and similarly

serve the Father and the Son.

4. THE SPIRIT OF DIVINE MINISTRY

1 Paralleling the physical universe wherein Paradise gravity holds all things together is the spiritual universe wherein the word of the Son interprets the thought of God and, when "made flesh," demonstrates the loving mercy of the combined nature of the associated Creators. But in and through all this material and spiritual creation there is a vast stage whereon the Infinite Spirit and his spirit offspring show forth the combined mercy, patience, and everlasting affection of the

divine parents towards the intelligent children of their co-operative devising and making. Everlasting ministry to mind is the essence of the Spirit's divine character. And all the spirit offspring of the Conjoint Actor partake of this desire to minister, this divine urge to service.

2 God is love, the Son is mercy, the Spirit is ministry — the ministry of divine love and endless mercy to all intelligent creation. The Spirit is the personification of the Father's love and the Son's mercy; in him are they eternally united for universal service. The Spirit is *love applied* to the creature cre-

ation, the combined love of the Father and the Son.

3 On Urantia the Infinite Spirit is known as an omnipresent influence, a universal presence, but in Havona you shall know him as a personal presence of actual ministry. Here the ministry of the Paradise Spirit is the exemplary and inspiring pattern for each of his co-ordinate Spirits and subordinate personalities ministering to the created beings on the worlds of time and space. In this divine universe the Infinite Spirit fully participated in the seven transcendental appearances of the Eternal Son; likewise did he

participate with the original Michael Son in the seven bestowals upon the circuits of Havona, thereby becoming the sympathetic and understanding spirit minister to every pilgrim of time traversing these perfect circles on high.

4 §§ When a Creator Son of God accepts the creatorship charge of responsibility for a projected local universe, the personalities of the Infinite Spirit pledge themselves as the tireless ministers of this Michael Son when he goes forth on his mission of creative adventure. Especially in the persons of the Creative Daughters, the local universe

Mother Spirits, do we find the Infinite Spirit devoted to the task of fostering the ascension of the material creatures to higher and higher levels of spiritual attainment. And all this work of creature ministry is done in perfect harmony with the purposes, and in close association with the personalities, of the Creator Sons of these local universes.

5 As the Sons of God are engaged in the gigantic task of revealing the Father's personality of love to a universe, so is the Infinite Spirit dedicated to the unending ministry of revealing the combined love of the Father and

the Son to the individual minds of all the children of each universe. In these local creations the Spirit does not come down to the material races in the likeness of mortal flesh as do certain of the Sons of God, but the Infinite Spirit and his co-ordinate Spirits do downstep themselves, do joyfully undergo an amazing series of divinity attenuations, until they appear as angels to stand by your side and guide you through the lowly paths of earthly existence.

6 By this very diminishing series the Infinite Spirit does actually, and as a person, draw very near to every be-

ing of the animal-origin spheres. And all this the Spirit does without in the least invalidating his existence as the Third Person of Deity at the centre of all things.

7 §§ The Conjoint Creator is truly and forever the great ministering personality, the universal mercy minister. To comprehend the ministry of the Spirit, ponder the truth that he is the combined portrayal of the Father's unending love and of the Son's eternal mercy. The Spirit's ministry is not, however, restricted solely to the representation of the Eternal Son and the Universal Father. The Infinite Spirit

also possesses the power to minister to the creatures of the realm in his own name and right; the Third Person is of divine dignity and also bestows the universal ministry of mercy in his own behalf.

8 As man learns more of the loving and tireless ministry of the lower orders of the creature family of this Infinite Spirit, he will all the more admire and adore the transcendent nature and matchless character of this combined Action of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. Indeed is this Spirit "the eyes of the Lord which are ever over the righteous" and "the

divine ears which are ever open to their prayers."

5. THE PRESENCE OF GOD

1 The outstanding attribute of the Infinite Spirit is omnipresence. Throughout all the universe of universes there is everywhere present this all-pervading spirit, which is so akin to the presence of a universal and divine mind. Both the Second Person and the Third Person of Deity are represented on all worlds by their ever-present spirits.

2 The Father is *infinite* and is therefore limited only by volition. In the bestowal of Adjusters and in the en-

circuitment of personality, the Father acts alone, but in the contact of spirit forces with intelligent beings, he utilizes the spirits and personalities of the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit. He is at will spiritually present equally with the Son or with the Conjoint Actor; he is present *with* the Son and *in* the Spirit. The Father is most certainly everywhere present, and we discern his presence by and through any and all of these diverse but associated forces, influences, and presences.

3 §§ In your sacred writings the term *Spirit of God* seems to be used interchangeably to designate both the In-

finite Spirit on Paradise and the Creative Spirit of your local universe. The Holy Spirit is the spiritual circuit of this Creative Daughter of the Paradise Infinite Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a circuit indigenous to each local universe and is confined to the spiritual realm of that creation; but the Infinite Spirit is omnipresent.

4 §§ There are many spiritual influences, and they are all as *one.* Even the work of the Thought Adjusters, though independent of all other influences, unvaryingly coincides with the spirit ministry of the combined influences of the Infinite Spirit and a local

universe Mother Spirit. As these spiritual presences operate in the lives of Urantians, they cannot be segregated. In your minds and upon your souls they function as one spirit, notwithstanding their diverse origins. And as this united spiritual ministration is experienced, it becomes to you the influence of the Supreme, "who is ever able to keep you from failing and to present you blameless before your Father on high."

5 Ever remember that the Infinite Spirit is the *Conjoint* Actor; both the Father and the Son are functioning in and through him; he is present not

only as himself but also as the Father and as the Son and as the Father-Son. In recognition of this and for many additional reasons the spirit presence of the Infinite Spirit is often referred to as "the spirit of God."

6 It would also be consistent to refer to the liaison of all spiritual ministry as the spirit of God, for such a liaison is truly the union of the spirits of God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit, and God the Sevenfold — even the spirit of God the Supreme.

6. PERSONALITY OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT

1 Do not allow the widespread be-

stowal and the far-flung distribution of the Third Source and Centre to obscure or otherwise detract from the fact of his personality. The Infinite Spirit is a universe presence, an eternal action, a cosmic power, a holy influence, and a universal mind; he is all of these and infinitely more, but he is also a true and divine personality.

2 The Infinite Spirit is a complete and perfect personality, the divine equal and co-ordinate of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. The Conjoint Creator is just as real and visible to the higher intelligences of the universes as are the Father and the Son; in-

deed more so, for it is the Spirit whom all ascenders must attain before they may approach the Father through the Son.

3 The Infinite Spirit, the Third Person of Deity, is possessed of all the attributes which you associate with personality. The Spirit is endowed with absolute mind: "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." The Spirit is endowed not only with mind but also with will. In the bestowal of his gifts it is recorded: "But all these works that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally and as he wills."

4 "The love of the Spirit" is real, as also are his sorrows; therefore "Grieve not the Spirit of God." Whether we observe the Infinite Spirit as Paradise Deity or as a local universe Creative Spirit, we find that the Conjoint Creator is not only the Third Source and Centre but also a divine person. This divine personality also reacts to the universe as a person. The Spirit speaks to you, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says." "The Spirit himself makes intercession for you." The Spirit exerts a direct and personal influence upon created beings, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,

they are the sons of God."

5 Even though we behold the phenomenon of the ministry of the Infinite Spirit to the remote worlds of the universe of universes, even though we envisage this same co-ordinating Deity acting in and through the untold legions of the manifold beings who take origin in the Third Source and Centre, even though we recognize the omnipresence of the Spirit, nonetheless, we still affirm that this same Third Source and Centre is a person, the Conjoint Creator of all things and all beings and all universes.

6 §§ In the administration of univer-

ses the Father, Son, and Spirit are perfectly and eternally interassociated. Though each is engaged in a personal ministry to all creation, all three are divinely and absolutely interlocked in a service of creation and control which forever makes them *one*.

7 In the person of the Infinite Spirit the Father and the Son are mutually present, always and in unqualified perfection, for the Spirit is like the Father and like the Son, and also like the Father and the Son as they two are forever one.

8 [Presented on Urantia by a Divine

Counsellor of Uversa commissioned by the Ancients of Days to portray the nature and work of the Infinite Spirit.]

PAPER 9

RELATION OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT TO THE UNIVERSE

Divine Counsellor

A strange thing occurred when, in the presence of Paradise, the Universal Father and the Eternal Son unite to personalize themselves. Nothing in this eternity situation foreshadows that the Conjoint Actor would personalize as an unlimited spirituality co-ordinated with absolute mind and endowed with unique prerogatives of energy manipulation.

His coming into being completes the Father's liberation from the bonds of centralized perfection and from the fetters of personality absolutism. And this liberation is disclosed in the amazing power of the Conjoint Creator to create beings well adapted to serve as ministering spirits even to the material creatures of the subsequently evolving universes.

2 §§ The Father is infinite in love and volition, in spiritual thought and purpose; he is the universal upholder. The Son is infinite in wisdom and truth, in spiritual expression and interpretation; he is the universal revealer. Par-

adise is infinite in potential for force endowment and in capacity for energy dominance; it is the universal stabilizer. The Conjoint Actor possesses unique prerogatives of synthesis, infinite capacity to co-ordinate all existing universe energies, all actual universe spirits, and all real universe intellects; the Third Source and Centre is the universal unifier of the manifold energies and diverse creations which have appeared in consequence of the divine plan and the eternal purpose of the Universal Father.

3 The Infinite Spirit, the Conjoint Creator, is a universal and divine min-

ister. The Spirit unceasingly ministers the Son's mercy and the Father's love, even in harmony with the stable, unvarying, and righteous justice of the Paradise Trinity. His influence and personalities are ever near you; they really know and truly understand you.

4 Throughout the universes the agencies of the Conjoint Actor ceaselessly manipulate the forces and energies of all space. Like the First Source and Centre, the Third is responsive to both the spiritual and the material. The Conjoint Actor is the revelation of the unity of God, in whom all things consist — things, meanings,

and values; energies, minds, and spirits.

5 §§ The Infinite Spirit pervades all space; he indwells the circle of eternity; and the Spirit, like the Father and the Son, is perfect and changeless — absolute.

1. ATTRIBUTES OF THE THIRD SOURCE AND CENTRE

1 The Third Source and Centre is known by many names, all designative of relationship and in recognition of function: As God the Spirit, he is the personality co-ordinate and divine equal of God the Son and God the Fa-

ther. As the Infinite Spirit, he is an omnipresent spiritual influence. As the Universal Manipulator, he is the ancestor of the power-control creatures and the activator of the cosmic forces of space. As the Conjoint Actor, he is the joint representative and partnership executive of the Father-Son. As the Absolute Mind, he is the source of the endowment of intellect throughout the universes. As the God of Action, he is the apparent ancestor of motion, change, and relationship.

2 Some of the attributes of the Third Source and Centre are derived from the Father, some from the Son, while

still others are not observed to be actively and personally present in either the Father or the Son — attributes that can hardly be explained except by assuming that the Father-Son partnership which eternalizes the Third Source and Centre consistently functions in consonance with, and in recognition of, the eternal fact of the absoluteness of Paradise. The Conjoint Creator embodies the fullness of the combined and infinite concepts of the First and Second Persons of Deity.

3 §§ While you envisage the Father as an original creator and the Son as a spiritual administrator, you should

think of the Third Source and Centre as a universal co-ordinator, a minister of unlimited co-operation. The Conjoint Actor is the correlator of all actual reality; he is the Deity repository of the Father's thought and the Son's word and in action is eternally regardful of the material absoluteness of the central Isle. The Paradise Trinity has ordained the universal order of *progress,* and the providence of God is the domain of the Conjoint Creator and the evolving Supreme Being. No actual or actualizing reality can escape eventual relationship with the Third Source and Centre.

4 §§ The Universal Father presides over the realms of pre-energy, pre-spirit, and personality; the Eternal Son dominates the spheres of spiritual activities; the presence of the Isle of Paradise unifies the domain of physical energy and materializing power; the Conjoint Actor operates not only as an infinite spirit representing the Son but also as a universal manipulator of the forces and energies of Paradise, thus bringing into existence the universal and absolute mind. The Conjoint Actor functions throughout the grand universe as a positive and distinct personality, espe-

cially in the higher spheres of spiritual values, physical-energy relationships, and true mind meanings. He functions specifically wherever and whenever energy and spirit associate and interact; he dominates all reactions with mind, wields great power in the spiritual world, and exerts a mighty influence over energy and matter. At all times the Third Source is expressive of the nature of the First Source and Centre.

5 §§ The Third Source and Centre perfectly and without qualification shares the omnipresence of the First Source and Centre, sometimes being

called the Omnipresent Spirit. In a peculiar and very personal manner the God of mind shares the omniscience of the Universal Father and his Eternal Son; the knowledge of the Spirit is profound and complete. The Conjoint Creator manifests certain phases of the omnipotence of the Universal Father but is actually omnipotent only in the domain of mind. The Third Person of Deity is the intellectual centre and the universal administrator of the mind realms; herein is he absolute — his sovereignty is unqualified.

6 The Conjoint Actor seems to be motivated by the Father-Son partner-

ship, but all his actions appear to recognize the Father-Paradise relationship. At times and in certain functions he seems to compensate for the incompleteness of the development of the experiential Deities — God the Supreme and God the Ultimate.

7 §§ And herein is an infinite mystery: That the Infinite simultaneously revealed his infinity in the Son and as Paradise, and then there springs into existence a being equal to God in divinity, reflective of the Son's spiritual nature, and capable of activating the Paradise pattern, a being provisionally subordinate in sovereignty but in

many ways apparently the most versatile in *action.* And such apparent superiority in action is disclosed in an attribute of the Third Source and Centre which is superior even to physical gravity — the universal manifestation of the Isle of Paradise.

8 In addition to this supercontrol of energy and things physical, the Infinite Spirit is superbly endowed with those attributes of patience, mercy, and love which are so exquisitely revealed in his spiritual ministry. The Spirit is supremely competent to minister love and to overshadow justice with mercy. God the Spirit possesses

all the supernal kindness and merciful affection of the Original and Eternal Son. The universe of your origin is being forged out between the anvil of justice and the hammer of suffering; but those who wield the hammer are the children of mercy, the spirit offspring of the Infinite Spirit.

2. THE OMNIPRESENT SPIRIT

1 God is spirit in a threefold sense: He himself is spirit; in his Son he appears as spirit without qualification; in the Conjoint Actor, as spirit allied with mind. And in addition to these spiritual realities, we think we discern

levels of experiential spirit phenomena — the spirits of the Supreme Being, Ultimate Deity, and Deity Absolute.

2 The Infinite Spirit is just as much a complement of the Eternal Son as the Son is a complement of the Universal Father. The Eternal Son is a spiritualized personalization of the Father; the Infinite Spirit is a personalized spiritualization of the Eternal Son and the Universal Father.

3 There are many untrammelled lines of spiritual force and sources of supermaterial power linking the people of Urantia directly with the Deities of Paradise. There exist the connec-

tion of the Thought Adjusters direct with the Universal Father, the widespread influence of the spiritual-gravity urge of the Eternal Son, and the spiritual presence of the Conjoint Creator. There is a difference in function between the spirit of the Son and the spirit of the Spirit. The Third Person in his spiritual ministry may function as mind plus spirit or as spirit alone.

4 In addition to these Paradise presences, Urantians benefit by the spiritual influences and activities of the local and the superuniverse, with their almost endless array of loving personalities who ever lead the true of pur-

pose and the honest of heart upward and inward towards the ideals of divinity and the goal of supreme perfection.

5 The presence of the universal spirit of the Eternal Son we *know* — we can unmistakably recognize it. The presence of the Infinite Spirit, the Third Person of Deity, even mortal man may know, for material creatures can actually experience the beneficence of this divine influence which functions as the Holy Spirit of local universe bestowal upon the races of mankind. Human beings can also in some degree become conscious of the Ad-

juster, the impersonal presence of the Universal Father. These divine spirits which work for man's uplifting and spiritualization all act in unison and in perfect co-operation. They are as one in the spiritual operation of the plans of mortal ascension and perfection attainment.

3. THE UNIVERSAL MANIPULATOR

1 The Isle of Paradise is the source and substance of physical gravity; and that should be sufficient to inform you that gravity is one of the most *real* and eternally dependable things in the whole physical universe of uni-

verses. Gravity cannot be modified or annulled except by the forces and energies conjointly sponsored by the Father and the Son, which have been entrusted to, and are functionally associated with, the person of the Third Source and Centre.

2 §§ The Infinite Spirit possesses a unique and amazing power — *anti-gravity.* This power is not functionally (observably) present in either the Father or the Son. This ability to withstand the pull of material gravity, inherent in the Third Source, is revealed in the personal reactions of the Conjoint Actor to certain phases of uni-

verse relationships. And this unique attribute is transmissible to certain of the higher personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

3 §§ Antigravity can annul gravity within a local frame; it does so by the exercise of equal force presence. It operates only with reference to material gravity, and it is not the action of mind. The gravity-resistant phenomenon of a gyroscope is a fair illustration of the *effect* of antigravity but of no value to illustrate the *cause* of antigravity.

4 Still further does the Conjoint Actor display powers which can tran-

scend force and neutralize energy. Such powers operate by slowing down energy to the point of materialization and by other techniques unknown to you.

5 §§ The Conjoint Creator is not energy nor the source of energy nor the destiny of energy; he is the *manipulator* of energy. The Conjoint Creator is action — motion, change, modification, co-ordination, stabilization, and equilibrium. The energies subject to the direct or indirect control of Paradise are by nature responsive to the acts of the Third Source and Centre and his manifold agencies.

6 The universe of universes is permeated by the power-control creatures of the Third Source and Centre: physical controllers, power directors, power centres, and other representatives of the God of Action who have to do with the regulation and stabilization of physical energies. These unique creatures of physical function all possess varying attributes of power control, such as antigravity, which they utilize in their efforts to establish the physical equilibrium of the matter and energies of the grand universe.

7 All these material activities of the God of Action appear to relate his

function to the Isle of Paradise, and indeed the agencies of power are all regardful of, even dependent on, the absoluteness of the eternal Isle. But the Conjoint Actor does not act for, or in response to, Paradise. He acts, personally, for the Father and the Son. Paradise is not a person. The nonpersonal, impersonal, and otherwise not personal doings of the Third Source and Centre are all volitional acts of the Conjoint Actor himself; they are not reflections, derivations, or repercussions of anything or anybody.

8 Paradise is the pattern of infinity; the God of Action is the activator of

that pattern. Paradise is the material fulcrum of infinity; the agencies of the Third Source and Centre are the levers of intelligence which motivate the material level and inject spontaneity into the mechanism of the physical creation.

4. THE ABSOLUTE MIND

1 There is an intellectual nature of the Third Source and Centre that is distinct from his physical and spiritual attributes. Such a nature is hardly contactable, but it is associable — intellectually though not personally. It is distinguishable from the physical attri-

butes and the spiritual character of the Third Person on mind levels of function, but to the discernment of personalities this nature never functions independently of physical or spiritual manifestations.

2 The absolute mind is the mind of the Third Person; it is inseparable from the personality of God the Spirit. Mind, in functioning beings, is not separated from energy or spirit, or both. Mind is not inherent in energy; energy is receptive and responsive to mind; mind can be superimposed upon energy, but consciousness is not inherent in the purely material

level. Mind does not have to be added to pure spirit, for spirit is innately conscious and identifying. Spirit is always intelligent, *minded* in some way. It may be this mind or that mind, it may be premind or supermind, even spirit mind, but it does the equivalent of thinking and knowing. The insight of spirit transcends, supervenes, and theoretically antedates the consciousness of mind.

3 §§ The Conjoint Creator is absolute only in the domain of mind, in the realms of universal intelligence. The mind of the Third Source and Centre is infinite; it utterly transcends the ac-

tive and functioning mind circuits of the universe of universes. The mind endowment of the seven superuniverses is derived from the Seven Master Spirits, the primary personalities of the Conjoint Creator. These Master Spirits distribute mind to the grand universe as the cosmic mind, and your local universe is pervaded by the Nebadon variant of the Orvonton type of cosmic mind.

4 Infinite mind ignores time, ultimate mind transcends time, cosmic mind is conditioned by time. And so with space: The Infinite Mind is independent of space, but as descent is

made from the infinite to the adjutant levels of mind, intellect must increasingly reckon with the fact and limitations of space.

5 §§ Cosmic force responds to mind even as cosmic mind responds to spirit. Spirit is divine purpose, and spirit mind is divine purpose in action. Energy is thing, mind is meaning, spirit is value. Even in time and space, mind establishes those relative relationships between energy and spirit which are suggestive of mutual kinship in eternity.

6 Mind transmutes the values of spirit into the meanings of intellect;

volition has power to bring the meanings of mind to fruit in both the material and spiritual domains. The Paradise ascent involves a relative and differential growth in spirit, mind, and energy. The personality is the unifier of these components of experiential individuality.

5. THE MINISTRY OF MIND

1 The Third Source and Centre is infinite in mind. If the universe should grow to infinity, still his mind potential would be adequate to endow limitless numbers of creatures with suitable minds and other prerequisites of intel-

lect.

2 In the domain of *created mind* the Third Person, with his co-ordinate and subordinate associates, rules supreme. The realms of creature mind are of exclusive origin in the Third Source and Centre; he is the bestower of mind. Even the Father fragments find it impossible to indwell the minds of men until the way has been properly prepared for them by the mind action and spiritual function of the Infinite Spirit.

3 The unique feature of mind is that it can be bestowed upon such a wide range of life. Through his creative and creature associates the Third Source

and Centre ministers to all minds on all spheres. He ministers to human and subhuman intellect through the adjutants of the local universes and, through the agency of the physical controllers, ministers even to the lowest nonexperiencing entities of the most primitive types of living things. And always is the direction of mind a ministry of mind-spirit or mind-energy personalities.

4 §§ Since the Third Person of Deity is the source of mind, it is quite natural that the evolutionary will creatures find it easier to form comprehensible concepts of the Infinite Spirit

than they do of either the Eternal Son or the Universal Father. The reality of the Conjoint Creator is disclosed imperfectly in the very existence of human mind. The Conjoint Creator is the ancestor of the cosmic mind, and the mind of man is an individualized circuit, an impersonal portion, of that cosmic mind as it is bestowed in a local universe by a Creative Daughter of the Third Source and Centre.

5 §§ Because the Third Person is the source of mind, do not presume to reckon that all phenomena of mind are divine. Human intellect is rooted in the material origin of the animal

races. Universe intelligence is no more a true revelation of God who is mind than is physical nature a true revelation of the beauty and harmony of Paradise. Perfection is in nature, but nature is not perfect. The Conjoint Creator is the source of mind, but mind is not the Conjoint Creator.

6 Mind, on Urantia, is a compromise between the essence of thought perfection and the evolving mentality of your immature human nature. The plan for your intellectual evolution is, indeed, one of sublime perfection, but you are far short of that divine goal as you function in the tabernacles of the

flesh. Mind is truly of divine origin, and it does have a divine destiny, but your mortal minds are not yet of divine dignity.

7 Too often, all too often, you mar your minds by insincerity and sear them with unrighteousness; you subject them to animal fear and distort them by useless anxiety. Therefore, though the source of mind is divine, mind as you know it on your world of ascension can hardly become the object of great admiration, much less of adoration or worship. The contemplation of the immature and inactive human intellect should lead only to re-

actions of humility.

6. THE MIND-GRAVITY CIRCUIT

1 The Third Source and Centre, the universal intelligence, is personally conscious of every *mind,* every intellect, in all creation, and he maintains a personal and perfect contact with all these physical, morontial, and spiritual creatures of mind endowment in the far-flung universes. All these activities of mind are grasped in the absolute mind-gravity circuit which focalizes in the Third Source and Centre and is a part of the personal consciousness of the Infinite Spirit.

2 Much as the Father draws all personality to himself, and as the Son attracts all spiritual reality, so does the Conjoint Actor exercise a drawing power on all minds; he unqualifiedly dominates and controls the universal mind circuit. All true and genuine intellectual values, all divine thoughts and perfect ideas, are unerringly drawn into this absolute circuit of mind.

3 §§ Mind gravity can operate independently of material and spiritual gravity, but wherever and whenever the latter two impinge, mind gravity always functions. When all three are associated, personality grav-

ity may embrace the material creature — physical or morontial, finite or absonite. But irrespective of this, the endowment of mind even in impersonal beings qualifies them to think and endows them with consciousness despite the total absence of personality.

4 §§ Selfhood of personality dignity, human or divine, immortal or potentially immortal, does not however originate in either spirit, mind, or matter; it is the bestowal of the Universal Father. Neither is the interaction of spirit, mind, and material gravity a prerequisite to the appearance of personality gravity. The Father's circuit may

embrace a mind-material being who is unresponsive to spirit gravity, or it may include a mind-spirit being who is unresponsive to material gravity. The operation of personality gravity is always a volitional act of the Universal Father.

5 While mind is energy associated in purely material beings and spirit associated in purely spiritual personalities, innumerable orders of personality, including the human, possess minds that are associated with both energy and spirit. The spiritual aspects of creature mind unfailingly respond to the spirit-gravity pull of the Eter-

nal Son; the material features respond to the gravity urge of the material universe.

6 §§ Cosmic mind, when not associated with either energy or spirit, is subject to the gravity demands of neither material nor spiritual circuits. Pure mind is subject only to the universal gravity grasp of the Conjoint Actor. Pure mind is close of kin to infinite mind, and infinite mind (the theoretical co-ordinate of the absolutes of spirit and energy) is apparently a law in itself.

7 The greater the spirit-energy divergence, the greater the observable

function of mind; the lesser the diversity of energy and spirit, the lesser the observable function of mind. Apparently, the maximum function of the cosmic mind is in the time universes of space. Here mind seems to function in a mid-zone between energy and spirit, but this is not true of the higher levels of mind; on Paradise, energy and spirit are essentially one.

8 §§ The mind-gravity circuit is dependable; it emanates from the Third Person of Deity on Paradise, but not all the observable function of mind is predictable. Throughout all known creation there parallels this circuit of

mind some little-understood presence whose function is not predictable. We believe that this unpredictability is partly attributable to the function of the Universal Absolute. What this function is, we do not know; what actuates it, we can only conjecture; concerning its relation to creatures, we can only speculate.

9 §§ Certain phases of the unpredictability of finite mind may be due to the incompleteness of the Supreme Being, and there is a vast zone of activities wherein the Conjoint Actor and the Universal Absolute may possibly be tangent. There is much about mind

that is unknown, but of this we are sure: The Infinite Spirit is the perfect expression of the mind of the Creator to all creatures; the Supreme Being is the evolving expression of the minds of all creatures to their Creator.

7. UNIVERSE REFLECTIVITY

1 The Conjoint Actor is able to coordinate all levels of universe actuality in such manner as to make possible the simultaneous recognition of the mental, the material, and the spiritual. This is the phenomenon of *universe reflectivity,* that unique and inexplicable power to see, hear, sense, and know

all things as they transpire throughout a superuniverse, and to focalize, by reflectivity, all this information and knowledge at any desired point. The action of reflectivity is shown in perfection on each of the headquarters worlds of the seven superuniverses. It is also operative throughout all sectors of the superuniverses and within the boundaries of the local universes. Reflectivity finally focalizes on Paradise.

2 The phenomenon of reflectivity, as it is disclosed on the superuniverse headquarters worlds in the amazing performances of the reflective personalities there stationed, represents

the most complex interassociation of all phases of existence to be found in all creation. Lines of spirit can be traced back to the Son, physical energy to Paradise, and mind to the Third Source; but in the extraordinary phenomenon of universe reflectivity there is a unique and exceptional unification of all three, so associated as to enable the universe rulers to know about remote conditions instantaneously, simultaneously with their occurrence.

3 Much of the technique of reflectivity we comprehend, but there are many phases which truly baffle us. We

know that the Conjoint Actor is the universe centre of the mind circuit, that he is the ancestor of the cosmic mind, and that cosmic mind operates under the dominance of the absolute mind gravity of the Third Source and Centre. We know further that the circuits of the cosmic mind influence the intellectual levels of all known existence; they contain the universal space reports, and just as certainly they focus in the Seven Master Spirits and converge in the Third Source and Centre.

4 §§ The relationship between the finite cosmic mind and the divine absolute mind appears to be evolving in

the experiential mind of the Supreme. We are taught that, in the dawn of time, this experiential mind was bestowed upon the Supreme by the Infinite Spirit, and we conjecture that certain features of the phenomenon of reflectivity can be accounted for only by postulating the activity of the Supreme Mind. If the Supreme is not concerned in reflectivity, we are at a loss to explain the intricate transactions and unerring operations of this consciousness of the cosmos.

5 Reflectivity appears to be omniscience within the limits of the experiential finite and may represent the

emergence of the presence-consciousness of the Supreme Being. If this assumption is true, then the utilization of reflectivity in any of its phases is equivalent to partial contact with the consciousness of the Supreme.

8. PERSONALITIES OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT

1 The Infinite Spirit possesses full power to transmit many of his powers and prerogatives to his co-ordinate and subordinate personalities and agencies.

2 The first Deity-creating act of the Infinite Spirit, functioning apart from the Trinity but in some unrevealed as-

sociation with the Father and the Son, personalized in the existence of the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise, the distributors of the Infinite Spirit to the universes.

3 There is no direct representative of the Third Source and Centre on the headquarters of a superuniverse. Each of these seven creations is dependent on one of the Master Spirits of Paradise, who acts through the seven Reflective Spirits situated at the capital of the superuniverse.

4 The next and continuing creative act of the Infinite Spirit is disclosed, from time to time, in the production

of the Creative Spirits. Every time the Universal Father and the Eternal Son become parent to a Creator Son, the Infinite Spirit becomes ancestor to a local universe Creative Spirit who becomes the close associate of that Creator Son in all subsequent universe experience.

5 Just as it is necessary to distinguish between the Eternal Son and the Creator Sons, so it is necessary to differentiate between the Infinite Spirit and the Creative Spirits, the local universe co-ordinates of the Creator Sons. What the Infinite Spirit is to the total creation, a Creative Spirit

is to a local universe.

6 §§ The Third Source and Centre is represented in the grand universe by a vast array of ministering spirits, messengers, teachers, adjudicators, helpers, and advisers, together with supervisors of certain circuits of physical, morontial, and spiritual nature. Not all of these beings are personalities in the strict meaning of the term. Personality of the finite-creature variety is characterized by:

7 1. Subjective self-consciousness.

8 2. Objective response to the Father's personality circuit.

9 §§ There are creator personalities and creature personalities, and in addition to these two fundamental types there are *personalities of the Third Source and Centre,* beings who are personal to the Infinite Spirit, but who are not unqualifiedly personal to creature beings. These Third Source personalities are not a part of the Father's personality circuit. First Source personality and Third Source personality are mutually contactable; all personality is contactable.

10 §§ The Father bestows personality by his personal free will. Why he does so we can only conjecture; how he

does so we do not know. Neither do we know why the Third Source bestows non-Father personality, but this the Infinite Spirit does in his own behalf, in creative conjunction with the Eternal Son and in numerous ways unknown to you. The Infinite Spirit can also act for the Father in the bestowal of First Source personality.

11 §§ There are numerous types of Third Source personalities. The Infinite Spirit bestows Third Source personality upon numerous groups who are not included in the Father's personality circuit, such as certain of the power directors. Likewise does the In-

finite Spirit treat as personalities numerous groups of beings, such as the Creative Spirits, who are in a class by themselves in their relations to encircuited creatures of the Father.

12 Both First Source and Third Source personalities are endowed with all and more than man associates with the concept of personality; they have minds embracing memory, reason, judgment, creative imagination, idea association, decision, choice, and numerous additional powers of intellect wholly unknown to mortals. With few exceptions the orders revealed to you possess form and distinct individ-

uality; they are real beings. A majority of them are visible to all orders of spirit existence.

13 Even you will be able to see your spiritual associates of the lower orders as soon as you are delivered from the limited vision of your present material eyes and have been endowed with a morontia form with its enlarged sensitivity to the reality of spiritual things.

14 §§ *The functional family of the Third Source and Centre,* as it is revealed in these narratives, falls into three great groups:

15 I. *The Supreme Spirits.* A group of composite origin that embraces,

among others, the following orders:

16 1. The Seven Master Spirits of Paradise.

17 2. The Reflective Spirits of the Superuniverses.

18 3. The Creative Spirits of the Local Universes.

19 II. *The Power Directors.* A group of control creatures and agencies that function throughout all organized space.

20 III. *The Personalities of the Infinite Spirit.* This designation does not necessarily imply that these beings are Third Source personalities though

some of them are unique as will creatures. They are usually grouped in three major classifications:

21 1. The Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

22 2. The Messenger Hosts of Space.

23 3. The Ministering Spirits of Time.

24 These groups serve on Paradise, in the central or residential universe, in the superuniverses, and they embrace orders that function in the local universes, even to the constellations, systems, and planets.

25 The spirit personalities of the vast family of the Divine and Infinite Spirit

are forever dedicated to the service of the ministry of the love of God and the mercy of the Son to all the intelligent creatures of the evolutionary worlds of time and space. These spirit beings constitute the living ladder whereby mortal man climbs from chaos to glory.

26 [Revealed on Urantia by a Divine Counsellor of Uversa commissioned by the Ancients of Days to portray the nature and work of the Infinite Spirit.]

PAPER 10

THE PARADISE TRINITY

Universal Censor

The Paradise Trinity of eternal Deities facilitates the Father's escape from personality absolutism. The Trinity perfectly associates the limitless expression of God's infinite personal will with the absoluteness of Deity. The Eternal Son and the various Sons of divine origin, together with the Conjoint Actor and his universe children, effectively provide for the Father's libera-

tion from the limitations otherwise inherent in primacy, perfection, changelessness, eternity, universality, absoluteness, and infinity.

2 The Paradise Trinity effectively provides for the full expression and perfect revelation of the eternal nature of Deity. The Stationary Sons of the Trinity likewise afford a full and perfect revelation of divine justice. The Trinity is Deity unity, and this unity rests eternally upon the absolute foundations of the divine oneness of the three original and co-ordinate and co-existent personalities, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.

3 §§ From the present situation on the circle of eternity, looking backward into the endless past, we can discover only one inescapable inevitability in universe affairs, and that is the Paradise Trinity. I deem the Trinity to have been inevitable. As I view the past, present, and future of time, I consider nothing else in all the universe of universes to have been inevitable. The present master universe, viewed in retrospect or in prospect, is unthinkable without the Trinity. Given the Paradise Trinity, we can postulate alternate or even multiple ways of doing all things, but without the Trinity

of Father, Son, and Spirit we are unable to conceive how the Infinite could achieve threefold and co-ordinate personalization in the face of the absolute oneness of Deity. No other concept of creation measures up to the Trinity standards of the completeness of the absoluteness inherent in Deity unity coupled with the repleteness of volitional liberation inherent in the threefold personalization of Deity.

1. SELF-DISTRIBUTION OF THE FIRST SOURCE AND CENTRE

1 It would seem that the Father, back in eternity, inaugurated a policy of

profound self-distribution. There is inherent in the selfless, loving, and lovable nature of the Universal Father something which causes him to reserve to himself the exercise of only those powers and that authority which he apparently finds it impossible to delegate or to bestow.

2 The Universal Father all along has divested himself of every part of himself that was bestowable on any other Creator or creature. He has delegated to his divine Sons and their associated intelligences every power and all authority that could be delegated. He has actually transferred to his Sover-

eign Sons, in their respective universes, every prerogative of administrative authority that was transferable. In the affairs of a local universe, he has made each Sovereign Creator Son just as perfect, competent, and authoritative as is the Eternal Son in the original and central universe. He has given away, actually bestowed, with the dignity and sanctity of personality possession, all of himself and all of his attributes, everything he possibly could divest himself of, in every way, in every age, in every place, and to every person, and in every universe except that of his central indwelling.

3 §§ Divine personality is not self-centred; self-distribution and sharing of personality characterize divine free-will selfhood. Creatures crave association with other personal creatures; Creators are moved to share divinity with their universe children; the personality of the Infinite is disclosed as the Universal Father, who shares reality of being and equality of self with two co-ordinate personalities, the Eternal Son and the Conjoint Actor.

4 §§ For knowledge concerning the Father's personality and divine attributes we will always be dependent

on the revelations of the Eternal Son, for when the conjoint act of creation was effected, when the Third Person of Deity sprang into personality existence and executed the combined concepts of his divine parents, the Father ceased to exist as the unqualified personality. With the coming into being of the Conjoint Actor and the materialization of the central core of creation, certain eternal changes took place. God gave himself as an absolute personality to his Eternal Son. Thus does the Father bestow the "personality of infinity" upon his only-begotten Son, while they both bestow the

"conjoint personality" of their eternal union upon the Infinite Spirit.

5 For these and other reasons beyond the concept of the finite mind, it is exceedingly difficult for the human creature to comprehend God's infinite father-personality except as it is universally revealed in the Eternal Son and, with the Son, is universally active in the Infinite Spirit.

6 Since the Paradise Sons of God visit the evolutionary worlds and sometimes even there dwell in the likeness of mortal flesh, and since these bestowals make it possible for mortal man actually to know something

of the nature and character of divine personality, therefore must the creatures of the planetary spheres look to the bestowals of these Paradise Sons for reliable and trustworthy information regarding the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

2. DEITY PERSONALIZATION

1 By the technique of trinitization the Father divests himself of that unqualified spirit personality which is the Son, but in so doing he constitutes himself the Father of this very Son and thereby possesses himself of unlimited capacity to become the divine Father

of all subsequently created, eventuated, or other personalized types of intelligent will creatures. As the *absolute and unqualified personality* the Father can function only as and with the Son, but as a *personal Father* he continues to bestow personality upon the diverse hosts of the differing levels of intelligent will creatures, and he forever maintains personal relations of loving association with this vast family of universe children.

2 After the Father has bestowed upon the personality of his Son the fullness of himself, and when this act of self-bestowal is complete and per-

fect, of the infinite power and nature which are thus existent in the Father-Son union, the eternal partners conjointly bestow those qualities and attributes which constitute still another being like themselves; and this conjoint personality, the Infinite Spirit, completes the existential personalization of Deity.

3 The Son is indispensable to the fatherhood of God. The Spirit is indispensable to the fraternity of the Second and Third Persons. Three persons are a minimum social group, but this is least of all the many reasons for believing in the inevitability of the Conjoint

Actor.

4 §§ The First Source and Centre is the infinite *father-personality,* the unlimited source personality. The Eternal Son is the unqualified *personality-absolute,* that divine being who stands throughout all time and eternity as the perfect revelation of the personal nature of God. The Infinite Spirit is the *conjoint personality,* the unique personal consequence of the everlasting Father-Son union.

5 §§ The personality of the First Source and Centre is the personality of infinity minus the absolute personality of the Eternal Son. The personal-

ity of the Third Source and Centre is the superadditive consequence of the union of the liberated Father-personality and the absolute Son-personality.

6 §§ The Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit are unique persons; none is a duplicate; each is original; all are united.

7 §§ The Eternal Son alone experiences the fullness of divine personality relationship, consciousness of both sonship with the Father and paternity to the Spirit and of divine equality with both Father-ancestor and Spirit-associate. The Father knows the experience of having a Son who is his

equal, but the Father knows no ancestral antecedents. The Eternal Son has the experience of sonship, recognition of personality ancestry, and at the same time the Son is conscious of being joint parent to the Infinite Spirit. The Infinite Spirit is conscious of twofold personality ancestry but is not parental to a co-ordinate Deity personality. With the Spirit the existential cycle of Deity personalization attains completion; the primary personalities of the Third Source and Centre are experiential and are seven in number.

8 I am of origin in the Paradise Trinity. I know the Trinity as unified De-

ity; I also know that the Father, Son, and Spirit exist and act in their definite personal capacities. I positively know that they not only act personally and collectively, but that they also co-ordinate their performances in various groupings, so that in the end they function in seven different singular and plural capacities. And since these seven associations exhaust the possibilities for such divinity combination, it is inevitable that the realities of the universe shall appear in seven variations of values, meanings, and person-

ality.

3. THE THREE PERSONS OF DEITY

1 Notwithstanding there is only one Deity, there are three positive and divine personalizations of Deity. Regarding the endowment of man with the divine Adjusters, the Father said: "Let us make mortal man in our own image." Repeatedly throughout the Urantian writings there occurs this reference to the acts and doings of plural Deity, clearly showing recognition of the existence and working of the three Sources and Centres.

2 §§ We are taught that the Son and

the Spirit sustain the same and equal relations to the Father in the Trinity association. In eternity and as Deities they undoubtedly do, but in time and as personalities they certainly disclose relationships of a very diverse nature. Looking from Paradise out on the universes, these relationships do seem to be very similar, but when viewed from the domains of space, they appear to be quite different.

3 The divine Sons are indeed the "Word of God," but the children of the Spirit are truly the "Act of God." God speaks through the Son and, with the Son, acts through the Infinite Spirit,

while in all universe activities the Son and the Spirit are exquisitely fraternal, working as two equal brothers with admiration and love for an honoured and divinely respected common Father.

4 The Father, Son, and Spirit are certainly equal in nature, co-ordinate in being, but there are unmistakable differences in their universe performances, and when acting alone, each person of Deity is apparently limited in absoluteness.

5 §§ The Universal Father, prior to his self-willed divestment of the personality, powers, and attributes which

constitute the Son and the Spirit, seems to have been (philosophically considered) an unqualified, absolute, and infinite Deity. But such a theoretical First Source and Centre without a Son could not in any sense of the word be considered the *Universal Father;* fatherhood is not real without sonship. Furthermore, the Father, to have been absolute in a total sense, must have existed at some eternally distant moment alone. But he never had such a solitary existence; the Son and the Spirit are both coeternal with the Father. The First Source and Centre has always been, and will forever be, the

eternal Father of the Original Son and, with the Son, the eternal progenitor of the Infinite Spirit.

6 We observe that the Father has divested himself of all direct manifestations of absoluteness except absolute fatherhood and absolute volition. We do not know whether volition is an inalienable attribute of the Father; we can only observe that he did *not* divest himself of volition. Such infinity of will must have been eternally inherent in the First Source and Centre.

7 In bestowing absoluteness of personality upon the Eternal Son, the Universal Father escapes from the fet-

ters of personality absolutism, but in so doing he takes a step which makes it forever impossible for him to act alone as the personality-absolute. And with the final personalization of coexistent Deity — the Conjoint Actor — there ensues the critical trinitarian interdependence of the three divine personalities with regard to the totality of Deity function in absolute.

8 God is the Father-Absolute of all personalities in the universe of universes. The Father is personally absolute in liberty of action, but in the universes of time and space, made, in the making, and yet to be made, the Fa-

ther is not discernibly absolute as total Deity except in the Paradise Trinity.

9 §§ The First Source and Centre functions outside of Havona in the phenomenal universes as follows:

10 1. As creator, through the Creator Sons, his grandsons.

11 2. As controller, through the gravity centre of Paradise.

12 3. As spirit, through the Eternal Son.

13 4. As mind, through the Conjoint Creator.

14 5. As a Father, he maintains parental contact with all creatures through his personality circuit.

15 6. As a person, he acts *directly* throughout creation by his exclusive fragments — in mortal man by the Thought Adjusters.

16 7. As total Deity, he functions only in the Paradise Trinity.

17 §§ All these relinquishments and delegations of jurisdiction by the Universal Father are wholly voluntary and self-imposed. The all-powerful Father purposefully assumes these limitations of universe authority.

18 §§ The Eternal Son seems to function as one with the Father in all spiritual respects except in the bestowals of the God fragments and in other

prepersonal activities. Neither is the Son closely identified with the intellectual activities of material creatures nor with the energy activities of the material universes. As absolute the Son functions as a person and only in the domain of the spiritual universe.

19 §§ The Infinite Spirit is amazingly universal and unbelievably versatile in all his operations. He performs in the spheres of mind, matter, and spirit. The Conjoint Actor represents the Father-Son association, but he also functions as himself. He is not directly concerned with physical gravity, with spiritual gravity, or with the personal-

ity circuit, but he more or less participates in all other universe activities. While apparently dependent on three existential and absolute gravity controls, the Infinite Spirit appears to exercise three supercontrols. This threefold endowment is employed in many ways to transcend and seemingly to neutralize even the manifestations of primary forces and energies, right up to the superultimate borders of absoluteness. In certain situations these supercontrols absolutely transcend even the primal manifestations of cosmic

reality.

4. THE TRINITY UNION OF DEITY

1 Of all absolute associations, the Paradise Trinity (the first triunity) is unique as an exclusive association of personal Deity. God functions as God only in relation to God and to those who can know God, but as absolute Deity only in the Paradise Trinity and in relation to universe totality.

2 §§ Eternal Deity is perfectly unified; nevertheless there are three perfectly individualized persons of Deity. The Paradise Trinity makes possible the simultaneous expression of

all the diversity of the character traits and infinite powers of the First Source and Centre and his eternal co-ordinates and of all the divine unity of the universe functions of undivided Deity.

3 The Trinity is an association of infinite persons functioning in a nonpersonal capacity but not in contravention of personality. The illustration is crude, but a father, son, and grandson could form a corporate entity which would be nonpersonal but nonetheless subject to their personal wills.

4 The Paradise Trinity is *real.* It exists as the Deity union of Father, Son, and Spirit; yet the Father, the Son, or

the Spirit, or any two of them, can function in relation to this selfsame Paradise Trinity. The Father, Son, and Spirit can collaborate in a non-Trinity manner, but not as three Deities. As persons they can collaborate as they choose, but that is not the Trinity.

5 §§ Ever remember that what the Infinite Spirit does is the function of the Conjoint Actor. Both the Father and the Son are functioning in and through and as him. But it would be futile to attempt to elucidate the Trinity mystery: three as one and in one, and one as two and acting for two.

6 §§ The Trinity is so related to to-

tal universe affairs that it must be reckoned with in our attempts to explain the totality of any isolated cosmic event or personality relationship. The Trinity functions on all levels of the cosmos, and mortal man is limited to the finite level; therefore must man be content with a finite concept of the Trinity as the Trinity.

7 As a mortal in the flesh you should view the Trinity in accordance with your individual enlightenment and in harmony with the reactions of your mind and soul. You can know very little of the absoluteness of the Trinity, but as you ascend Paradiseward,

you will many times experience astonishment at successive revelations and unexpected discoveries of Trinity supremacy and ultimacy, if not of absoluteness.

5. FUNCTIONS OF THE TRINITY

1 The personal Deities have attributes, but it is hardly consistent to speak of the Trinity as having attributes. This association of divine beings may more properly be regarded as having *functions,* such as justice administration, totality attitudes, co-ordinate action, and cosmic overcontrol. These functions are actively supreme,

ultimate, and (within the limits of Deity) absolute as far as all living realities of personality value are concerned.

2 The functions of the Paradise Trinity are not simply the sum of the Father's apparent endowment of divinity plus those specialized attributes that are unique in the personal existence of the Son and the Spirit. The Trinity association of the three Paradise Deities results in the evolution, eventuation, and deitization of new meanings, values, powers, and capacities for universal revelation, action, and administration. Living associations, human families, social groups,

or the Paradise Trinity are not augmented by mere arithmetical summation. The group potential is always far in excess of the simple sum of the attributes of the component individuals.

3 §§ The Trinity maintains a unique attitude as the Trinity towards the entire universe of the past, present, and future. And the functions of the Trinity can best be considered in relation to the universe attitudes of the Trinity. Such attitudes are simultaneous and may be multiple concerning any isolated situation or event:

4 1. *Attitude toward the Finite.* The maximum self-limitation of the Trin-

ity is its attitude toward the finite. The Trinity is not a person, nor is the Supreme Being an exclusive personalization of the Trinity, but the Supreme is the nearest approach to a power-personality focalization of the Trinity which can be comprehended by finite creatures. Hence the Trinity in relation to the finite is sometimes spoken of as the Trinity of Supremacy.

5 2. *Attitude toward the Absonite.* The Paradise Trinity has regard for those levels of existence which are more than finite but less than absolute, and this relationship is sometimes denominated the Trinity of Ul-

timacy. Neither the Ultimate nor the Supreme are wholly representative of the Paradise Trinity, but in a qualified sense and to their respective levels, each seems to represent the Trinity during the prepersonal eras of experiential-power development.

6 3. *The Absolute Attitude* of the Paradise Trinity is in relation to absolute existences and culminates in the action of total Deity.

7 §§ The Trinity Infinite involves the co-ordinate action of all triunity relationships of the First Source and Centre — undeified as well as deified — and hence is very difficult for person-

alities to grasp. In the contemplation of the Trinity as infinite, do not ignore the seven triunities[1]; thereby certain difficulties of understanding may be avoided, and certain paradoxes may be partially resolved.

8 §§ But I do not command language which would enable me to convey to the limited human mind the full truth and the eternal significance of the Paradise Trinity and the nature of the never-ending interassociation of the

[1] Defined at 104:4.

three beings of infinite perfection.

6. THE STATIONARY SONS OF THE TRINITY

1 All law takes origin in the First Source and Centre; *he is law.* The administration of spiritual law inheres in the Second Source and Centre. The revelation of law, the promulgation and interpretation of the divine statutes, is the function of the Third Source and Centre. The application of law, justice, falls within the province of the Paradise Trinity and is carried out by certain Sons of the Trinity.

2 §§ *Justice* is inherent in the universal sovereignty of the Paradise Trinity,

but goodness, mercy, and truth are the universe ministry of the divine personalities, whose Deity union constitutes the Trinity. Justice is not the attitude of the Father, the Son, or the Spirit. Justice is the Trinity attitude of these personalities of love, mercy, and ministry. No one of the Paradise Deities fosters the administration of justice. Justice is never a personal attitude; it is always a plural function.

3 §§ *Evidence,* the basis of fairness (justice in harmony with mercy), is supplied by the personalities of the Third Source and Centre, the conjoint representative of the Father and the

Son to all realms and to the minds of the intelligent beings of all creation.

4 §§ *Judgment,* the final application of justice in accordance with the evidence submitted by the personalities of the Infinite Spirit, is the work of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, beings partaking of the Trinity nature of the united Father, Son, and Spirit.

5 §§ This group of Trinity Sons embraces the following personalities:

6 1. Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy.

7 2. Eternals of Days.

8 3. Ancients of Days.

9 4. Perfections of Days.

10 5. Recents of Days.

11 6. Unions of Days.

12 7. Faithfuls of Days.

13 8. Perfectors of Wisdom.

14 9. Divine Counsellors.

15 10. Universal Censors.

16 §§ We are the children of the three Paradise Deities functioning as the Trinity, for I chance to belong to the tenth order of this group, the Universal Censors. These orders are not representative of the attitude of the Trinity in a universal sense; they represent this collective attitude of Deity

only in the domains of executive judgment — justice. They were specifically designed by the Trinity for the precise work to which they are assigned, and they represent the Trinity only in those functions for which they were personalized.

17 The Ancients of Days and their Trinity-origin associates mete out the just judgment of supreme fairness to the seven superuniverses. In the central universe such functions exist in theory only; there fairness is self-evident in perfection, and Havona perfection precludes all possibility of disharmony.

18 Justice is the collective thought of righteousness; mercy is its personal expression. Mercy is the attitude of love; precision characterizes the operation of law; divine judgment is the soul of fairness, ever conforming to the justice of the Trinity, ever fulfilling the divine love of God. When fully perceived and completely understood, the righteous justice of the Trinity and the merciful love of the Universal Father are coincident. But man has no such full understanding of divine justice. Thus in the Trinity, as man would view it, the personalities of Father, Son, and Spirit are adjusted to co-ordinate min-

istry of love and law in the experiential universes of time.

7. THE OVERCONTROL OF SUPREMACY

1 The First, Second, and Third Persons of Deity are equal to each other, and they are one. "The Lord our God is one God." There is perfection of purpose and oneness of execution in the divine Trinity of eternal Deities. The Father, the Son, and the Conjoint Actor are truly and divinely one. Of a truth it is written: "I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God."

2 §§ As things appear to the mortal

on the finite level, the Paradise Trinity, like the Supreme Being, is concerned only with the total — total planet, total universe, total superuniverse, total grand universe. This totality attitude exists because the Trinity is the total of Deity and for many other reasons.

3 The Supreme Being is something less and something other than the Trinity functioning in the finite universes; but within certain limits and during the present era of incomplete power-personalization, this evolutionary Deity does appear to reflect the attitude of the Trinity of Supremacy. The Father, Son, and Spirit do

not personally function with the Supreme Being, but during the present universe age they collaborate with him as the Trinity. We understand that they sustain a similar relationship to the Ultimate. We often conjecture as to what will be the personal relationship between the Paradise Deities and God the Supreme when he has finally evolved, but we do not really know.

4 §§ We do not find the overcontrol of Supremacy to be wholly predictable. Furthermore, this unpredictability appears to be characterized by a certain developmental incompleteness, undoubtedly an earmark of

the incompleteness of the Supreme and of the incompleteness of finite reaction to the Paradise Trinity.

5 The mortal mind can immediately think of a thousand and one things — catastrophic physical events, appalling accidents, horrific disasters, painful illnesses, and world-wide scourges — and ask whether such visitations are correlated in the unknown manoeuvring of this probable functioning of the Supreme Being. Frankly, we do not know; we are not really sure. But we do observe that, as time passes, all these difficult and more or less mysterious situations *always* work out for

the welfare and progress of the universes. It may be that the circumstances of existence and the inexplicable vicissitudes of living are all interwoven into a meaningful pattern of high value by the function of the Supreme and the overcontrol of the Trinity.

6 As a son of God you can discern the personal attitude of love in all the acts of God the Father. But you will not always be able to understand how many of the universe acts of the Paradise Trinity redound to the good of the individual mortal on the evolutionary worlds of space. In the progress of eternity the acts of the Trinity

will be revealed as altogether meaningful and considerate, but they do not always so appear to the creatures of time.

8. THE TRINITY BEYOND THE FINITE

1 Many truths and facts pertaining to the Paradise Trinity can only be even partially comprehended by recognizing a function that transcends the finite.

2 It would be inadvisable to discuss the functions of the Trinity of Ultimacy, but it may be disclosed that God the Ultimate is the Trinity manifestation comprehended by the Tran-

scendentalers. We are inclined to the belief that the unification of the master universe is the eventuating act of the Ultimate and is probably reflective of certain, but not all, phases of the absonite overcontrol of the Paradise Trinity. The Ultimate is a qualified manifestation of the Trinity in relation to the absonite only in the sense that the Supreme thus partially represents the Trinity in relation to the finite.

3 §§ The Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit are, in a certain sense, the constituent personalities of total Deity. Their union in

the Paradise Trinity and the absolute function of the Trinity equivalate to the function of total Deity. And such completion of Deity transcends both the finite and the absonite.

4 While no single person of the Paradise Deities actually fills all Deity potential, collectively all three do. Three infinite persons seem to be the minimum number of beings required to activate the prepersonal and existential potential of total Deity — the Deity Absolute.

5 We know the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit as *persons,* but I do not personally know

the Deity Absolute. I love and worship God the Father; I respect and honour the Deity Absolute.

6 §§ I once sojourned in a universe where a certain group of beings taught that the finaliters, in eternity, were eventually to become the children of the Deity Absolute. But I am unwilling to accept this solution of the mystery which enshrouds the future of the finaliters.

7 The Corps of the Finality embrace, among others, those mortals of time and space who have attained perfection in all that pertains to the will of God. As creatures and within the

limits of creature capacity they fully and truly know God. Having thus found God as the Father of all creatures, these finaliters must sometime begin the quest for the superfinite Father. But this quest involves a grasp of the absonite nature of the ultimate attributes and character of the Paradise Father. Eternity will disclose whether such an attainment is possible, but we are convinced, even if the finaliters do grasp this ultimate of divinity, they will probably be unable to attain the superultimate levels of absolute Deity.

8 It may be possible that the finaliters will partially attain the Deity Ab-

solute, but even if they should, still in the eternity of eternities the problem of the Universal Absolute will continue to intrigue, mystify, baffle, and challenge the ascending and progressing finaliters, for we perceive that the unfathomability of the cosmic relationships of the Universal Absolute will tend to grow in proportions as the material universes and their spiritual administration continue to expand.

9 §§ Only infinity can disclose the Father-Infinite.

10 [Sponsored by a Universal Censor acting by authority from the Ancients

of Days resident on Uversa.]

PAPER 11

THE ETERNAL ISLE OF PARADISE

Perfector of Wisdom

Paradise is the eternal centre of the universe of universes and the abiding place of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and their divine co-ordinates and associates. This central Isle is the most gigantic organized body of cosmic reality in all the master universe. Paradise is a material sphere as well as

a spiritual abode. All of the intelligent creation of the Universal Father is domiciled on material abodes; hence must the absolute controlling centre also be material, literal. And again it should be reiterated that spirit things and spiritual beings are *real.*

2 The material beauty of Paradise consists in the magnificence of its physical perfection; the grandeur of the Isle of God is exhibited in the superb intellectual accomplishments and mind development of its inhabitants; the glory of the central Isle is shown forth in the infinite endowment of divine spirit personality —

the light of life. But the depths of the spiritual beauty and the wonders of this magnificent ensemble are utterly beyond the comprehension of the finite mind of material creatures. The glory and spiritual splendour of the divine abode are impossible of mortal comprehension. And Paradise is from eternity; there are neither records nor traditions respecting the origin of this nuclear Isle of Light and Life.

1. THE DIVINE RESIDENCE

1 Paradise serves many purposes in the administration of the universal realms, but to creature beings it ex-

ists primarily as the dwelling place of Deity. The personal presence of the Universal Father is resident at the very centre of the upper surface of this well-nigh circular, but not spherical, abode of the Deities. This Paradise presence of the Universal Father is immediately surrounded by the personal presence of the Eternal Son, while they are both invested by the unspeakable glory of the Infinite Spirit.

2 God dwells, has dwelt, and everlastingly will dwell in this same central and eternal abode. We have always found him there and always will. The Universal Father is cosmically focal-

ized, spiritually personalized, and geographically resident at this centre of the universe of universes.

3 §§ We all know the direct course to pursue to find the Universal Father. You are not able to comprehend much about the divine residence because of its remoteness from you and the immensity of the intervening space, but those who are able to comprehend the meaning of these enormous distances know God's location and residence just as certainly and literally as you know the location of New York, London, Rome, or Singapore, cities definitely and geographically located

on Urantia. If you were an intelligent navigator, equipped with ship, maps, and compass, you could readily find these cities. Likewise, if you had the time and means of passage, were spiritually qualified, and had the necessary guidance, you could be piloted through universe upon universe and from circuit to circuit, ever journeying inward through the starry realms, until at last you would stand before the central shining of the spiritual glory of the Universal Father. Provided with all the necessities for the journey, it is just as possible to find the personal presence of God at the centre of all things

as to find distant cities on your own planet. That you have not visited these places in no way disproves their reality or actual existence. That so few of the universe creatures have found God on Paradise in no way disproves either the reality of his existence or the actuality of his spiritual person at the centre of all things.

4 The Father is always to be found at this central location. Did he move, universal pandemonium would be precipitated, for there converge in him at this residential centre the universal lines of gravity from the ends of creation. Whether we trace the

personality circuit back through the universes or follow the ascending personalities as they journey inward to the Father; whether we trace the lines of material gravity to nether Paradise or follow the insurging cycles of cosmic force; whether we trace the lines of spiritual gravity to the Eternal Son or follow the inward processional of the Paradise Sons of God; whether we trace out the mind circuits or follow the trillions upon trillions of celestial beings who spring from the Infinite Spirit — by any of these observations or by all of them we are led directly back to the Father's presence,

to his central abode. Here is God personally, literally, and actually present. And from his infinite being there flow the flood-streams of life, energy, and personality to all universes.

2. NATURE OF THE ETERNAL ISLE

1 Since you are beginning to glimpse the enormousness of the material universe discernible even from your astronomical location, your space position in the starry systems, it should become evident to you that such a tremendous material universe must have an adequate and worthy capital, a headquarters commensurate with the dignity

and infinitude of the universal Ruler of all this vast and far-flung creation of material realms and living beings.

2 §§ In form Paradise differs from the inhabited space bodies: it is not spherical. It is definitely ellipsoid, being one-sixth longer in the north-south diameter than in the east-west diameter. The central Isle is essentially flat, and the distance from the upper surface to the nether surface is one tenth that of the east-west diameter.

3 These differences in dimensions, taken in connection with its stationary status and the greater out-pressure of force-energy at the north end of the

Isle, make it possible to establish absolute direction in the master universe.

4 §§ The central Isle is geographically divided into three domains of activity:

5 1. Upper Paradise.

6 2. Peripheral Paradise.

7 3. Nether Paradise.

8 §§ We speak of that surface of Paradise which is occupied with personality activities as the upper side, and the opposite surface as the nether side. The periphery of Paradise provides for activities that are not strictly personal or nonpersonal. The Trinity seems to dominate the personal or upper plane,

the Unqualified Absolute the nether or impersonal plane. We hardly conceive of the Unqualified Absolute as a person, but we do think of the functional space presence of this Absolute as focalized on nether Paradise.

9 §§ The eternal Isle is composed of a single form of materialization — stationary systems of reality. This literal substance of Paradise is a homogeneous organization of space potency not to be found elsewhere in all the wide universe of universes. It has received many names in different universes, and the Melchizedeks of Nebadon long since named it *absolutum*.

This Paradise source material is neither dead nor alive; it is the original nonspiritual expression of the First Source and Centre; it is *Paradise,* and Paradise is without duplicate.

10 It appears to us that the First Source and Centre has concentrated all absolute potential for cosmic reality in Paradise as a part of his technique of self-liberation from infinity limitations, as a means of making possible subinfinite, even time-space, creation. But it does not follow that Paradise is time-space limited just because the universe of universes discloses these qualities. Paradise exists without time

and has no location in space.

11 Roughly: space seemingly originates just below nether Paradise; time just above upper Paradise. Time, as you understand it, is not a feature of Paradise existence, though the citizens of the central Isle are fully conscious of nontime sequence of events. Motion is not inherent on Paradise; it is volitional. But the concept of distance, even absolute distance, has very much meaning as it may be applied to relative locations on Paradise. Paradise is nonspatial; hence its areas are absolute and therefore serviceable in many ways

beyond the concept of mortal mind.

3. UPPER PARADISE

1 On upper Paradise there are three grand spheres of activity, the *Deity presence,* the *Most Holy Sphere,* and the *Holy Area.* The vast region immediately surrounding the presence of the Deities[1] is set aside as the Most Holy Sphere and is reserved for the func-

[1] The "Deity presence" indicates the presence of the *one* undivided Paradise Trinity, whereas the "presence of the Deities" points to the dwelling places of the *three* individual existential Deities: Universal Father, Eternal Son and Infinite Spirit. In effect, this simply means that the *home* of each existential Deity and the *office* of their corporate organisation as Trinity is the same place.

tions of worship, trinitization, and high spiritual attainment. There are no material structures nor purely intellectual creations in this zone; they could not exist there. It is useless for me to undertake to portray to the human mind the divine nature and the beauteous grandeur of the Most Holy Sphere of Paradise. This realm is wholly spiritual, and you are almost wholly material. A purely spiritual reality is, to a purely material being, apparently nonexistent.

2 While there are no physical materializations in the area of the Most Holy, there are abundant souvenirs of

your material days in the Holy Land sectors and still more in the reminiscent historic areas of peripheral Paradise.

3 The Holy Area, the outlying or residential region, is divided into seven concentric zones. Paradise is sometimes called "the Father's House" since it is his eternal residence, and these seven zones are often designated "the Father's Paradise mansions." The inner or first zone is occupied by Paradise Citizens and the natives of Havona who may chance to be dwelling on Paradise. The next or second zone is the residential area of the natives of

the seven superuniverses of time and space. This second zone is in part subdivided into seven immense divisions, the Paradise home of the spirit beings and ascendant creatures who hail from the universes of evolutionary progression. Each of these sectors is exclusively dedicated to the welfare and advancement of the personalities of a single superuniverse, but these facilities are almost infinitely beyond the requirements of the present seven superuniverses.

4 Each of the seven sectors of Paradise is subdivided into residential units suitable for the lodgement headquar-

ters of 1,000,000,000 glorified individual working groups. One thousand of these units constitute a division. One hundred thousand divisions equal one congregation. Ten million congregations constitute an assembly. One billion assemblies make one grand unit. And this ascending series continues through the 2nd grand unit, the 3rd, and so on to the 7th grand unit. And seven of the grand units make up the master units, and seven of the master units constitute a superior unit; and thus by sevens the ascending series expands through the superior, supersuperior, celestial, supercelestial, to the

supreme units. But even this does not utilize all the space available. This staggering number of residential designations on Paradise, a number beyond your concept, occupies considerably less than 1% of the assigned area of the Holy Land. There is still plenty of room for those who are on their way inward, even for those who shall not start the Paradise climb until the times of the eternal future.

4. PERIPHERAL PARADISE

1 The central Isle ends abruptly at the periphery, but its size is so enormous that this terminal angle is rel-

atively indiscernible within any circumscribed area. The peripheral surface of Paradise is occupied, in part, by the landing and dispatching fields for various groups of spirit personalities. Since the nonpervaded-space zones nearly impinge upon the periphery, all personality transports destined to Paradise land in these regions. Neither upper nor nether Paradise is approachable by transport supernaphim or other types of space traversers.

2 The Seven Master Spirits have their personal seats of power and authority on the seven spheres of the Spirit, which circle about Paradise in

the space between the shining orbs of the Son and the inner circuit of the Havona worlds, but they maintain force-focal headquarters on the Paradise periphery. Here the slowly circulating presences of the Seven Supreme Power Directors indicate the location of the seven flash stations for certain Paradise energies going forth to the seven superuniverses.

3 Here on peripheral Paradise are the enormous historic and prophetic exhibit areas assigned to the Creator Sons, dedicated to the local universes of time and space. There are just seven trillion of these historic reservations

now set up or in reserve, but these arrangements all together occupy only about 4% of that portion of the peripheral area thus assigned. We infer that these vast reserves belong to creations sometime to be situated beyond the borders of the present known and inhabited seven superuniverses.

4 That portion of Paradise which has been designated for the use of the existing universes is occupied only 1%–4%, while the area assigned to these activities is at least a million times that actually required for such purposes. Paradise is large enough to accommodate the activities of an al-

most infinite creation.

5 But a further attempt to visualize to you the glories of Paradise would be futile. You must wait, and ascend while you wait, for truly, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the mind of mortal man, the things which the Universal Father has prepared for those who survive the life in the flesh on the worlds of time and space."

5. NETHER PARADISE

1 Concerning nether Paradise, we know only that which is revealed; personalities do not sojourn there. It has

nothing whatever to do with the affairs of spirit intelligences, nor does the Deity Absolute there function. We are informed that all physical-energy and cosmic-force circuits have their origin on nether Paradise, and that it is constituted as follows:

2 1. Directly underneath the location of the Trinity, in the central portion of nether Paradise, is the unknown and unrevealed Zone of Infinity.

3 2. This Zone is immediately surrounded by an unnamed area.

4 3. Occupying the outer margins of the under surface is a region hav-

ing mainly to do with space potency and force-energy. The activities of this vast elliptical force centre are not identifiable with the known functions of any triunity, but the primordial force-charge of space appears to be focalized in this area. This centre consists of three concentric elliptical zones: The innermost is the focal point of the force-energy activities of Paradise itself; the outermost may possibly be identified with the functions of the Unqualified Absolute, but we are not certain concerning the space functions of the mid-zone.

5 §§ *The inner zone* of this force cen-

tre seems to act as a gigantic heart whose pulsations direct currents to the outermost borders of physical space. It directs and modifies force-energies but hardly drives them. The reality pressure-presence of this primal force is definitely greater at the north end of the Paradise centre than in the southern regions; this is a uniformly registered difference. The mother force of space seems to flow in at the south and out at the north through the operation of some unknown circulatory system which is concerned with the diffusion of this basic form of force-energy. From time to time there

are also noted differences in the east-west pressures. The forces emanating from this zone are not responsive to observable physical gravity but are always obedient to Paradise gravity.

6 §§ *The mid-zone* of the force centre immediately surrounds this area. This mid-zone appears to be static except that it expands and contracts through three cycles of activity. The least of these pulsations is in an east-west direction, the next in a north-south direction, while the greatest fluctuation is in every direction, a generalized expansion and contraction. The function of this mid-area has never been re-

ally identified, but it must have something to do with reciprocal adjustment between the inner and the outer zones of the force centre. It is believed by many that the mid-zone is the control mechanism of the midspace or quiet zones which separate the successive space levels of the master universe, but no evidence or revelation confirms this. This inference is derived from the knowledge that this mid-area is in some manner related to the functioning of the nonpervaded-space mechanism of the master universe.

7 §§ *The outer zone* is the largest and most active of the three concen-

tric and elliptical belts of unidentified space potential. This area is the site of unimagined activities, the central circuit point of emanations which proceed spaceward in every direction to the outermost borders of the seven superuniverses and on beyond to overspread the enormous and incomprehensible domains of all outer space. This space presence is entirely impersonal notwithstanding that in some undisclosed manner it seems to be indirectly responsive to the will and mandates of the infinite Deities when acting as the Trinity. This is believed to be the central focalization, the Par-

adise centre, of the space presence of the Unqualified Absolute.

8 All forms of force and all phases of energy seem to be encircuited; they circulate throughout the universes and return by definite routes. But with the emanations of the activated zone of the Unqualified Absolute there appears to be either an outgoing or an incoming — never both simultaneously. This outer zone pulsates in agelong cycles of gigantic proportions. For a little more than one billion Urantia years the space-force of this centre is outgoing; then for a similar length of time it will be incoming.

And the space-force manifestations of this centre are universal; they extend throughout all pervadable space.

9 §§ All physical force, energy, and matter are one. All force-energy originally proceeded from nether Paradise and will eventually return thereto following the completion of its space circuit. But the energies and material organizations of the universe of universes did not all come from nether Paradise in their present phenomenal states; space is the womb of several forms of matter and prematter. Though the outer zone of the Paradise force centre is the source of space-energies, space

does not originate there. Space is not force, energy, or power. Nor do the pulsations of this zone account for the respiration of space, but the incoming and outgoing phases of this zone are synchronized with the two-billion-year expansion-contraction cycles of space.

6. SPACE RESPIRATION

1 We do not know the actual mechanism of space respiration; we merely observe that all space alternately contracts and expands. This respiration affects both the horizontal extension of pervaded space and the vertical ex-

tensions of unpervaded space which exist in the vast space reservoirs above and below Paradise. In attempting to imagine the volume outlines of these space reservoirs, you might think of an hourglass.

2 As the universes of the horizontal extension of pervaded space expand, the reservoirs of the vertical extension of unpervaded space contract and vice versa. There is a confluence of pervaded and unpervaded space just underneath nether Paradise. Both types of space there flow through the transmuting regulation channels, where changes are wrought making

pervadable space nonpervadable and vice versa in the contraction and expansion cycles of the cosmos.

3 §§ "Unpervaded" space means: unpervaded by those forces, energies, powers, and presences known to exist in pervaded space. We do not know whether vertical (reservoir) space is destined always to function as the equipoise of horizontal (universe) space; we do not know whether there is a creative intent concerning unpervaded space; we really know very little about the space reservoirs, merely that they exist, and that they seem to counterbalance the space-expansion-

contraction cycles of the universe of universes.

4 §§ The cycles of space respiration extend in each phase for a little more than one billion Urantia years. During one phase the universes expand; during the next they contract. Pervaded space is now approaching the mid-point of the expanding phase, while unpervaded space nears the mid-point of the contracting phase, and we are informed that the outermost limits of both space extensions are, theoretically, now approximately equidistant from Paradise. The unpervaded-space reservoirs now extend vertically above

upper Paradise and below nether Paradise just as far as the pervaded space of the universe extends horizontally outward from peripheral Paradise to and even beyond the fourth outer space level.

5 For a billion years of Urantia time the space reservoirs contract while the master universe and the force activities of all horizontal space expand. It thus requires a little over two billion Urantia years to complete the entire expansion-contraction cycle.

7. SPACE FUNCTIONS OF PARADISE

1 Space does not exist on any of the

surfaces of Paradise. If one "looked" directly up from the upper surface of Paradise, one would "see" nothing but unpervaded space going out or coming in, just now coming in. Space does not touch Paradise; only the quiescent *midspace zones* come in contact with the central Isle.

2 Paradise is the actually motionless nucleus of the relatively quiescent zones existing between pervaded and unpervaded space. Geographically these zones appear to be a relative extension of Paradise, but there probably is some motion in them. We know very little about them, but we

observe that these zones of lessened space motion separate pervaded and unpervaded space. Similar zones once existed between the levels of pervaded space, but these are now less quiescent.

3 The vertical cross section of total space would slightly resemble a Maltese[1] cross, with the horizontal arms representing pervaded (universe) space and the vertical arms representing unpervaded (reservoir) space. The areas between the four arms would separate them somewhat as the midspace zones separate pervaded and

[1] Erroneously spelled in the lower case "maltese" in the first edition of 1955.

unpervaded space. These quiescent midspace zones grow larger and larger at greater and greater distances from Paradise and eventually encompass the borders of all space and completely incapsulate both the space reservoirs and the entire horizontal extension of pervaded space.

4 §§ Space is neither a subabsolute condition within, nor the presence of, the Unqualified Absolute, neither is it a function of the Ultimate. It is a bestowal of Paradise, and the space of the grand universe and that of all outer regions is believed to be actually pervaded by the ancestral space

potency of the Unqualified Absolute. From near approach to peripheral Paradise, this pervaded space extends horizontally outward through the fourth space level and beyond the periphery of the master universe, but how far beyond we do not know.

5 If you imagine a finite, but inconceivably large, V-shaped plane situated at right angles to both the upper and lower surfaces of Paradise, with its point nearly tangent to peripheral Paradise, and then visualize this plane in elliptical revolution about Paradise, its revolution would roughly outline the volume of pervaded space.

6 There is an upper and a lower limit to horizontal space with reference to any given location in the universes. If one could move far enough at right angles to the plane of Orvonton, either up or down, eventually the upper or lower limit of pervaded space would be encountered. Within the known dimensions of the master universe these limits draw farther and farther apart at greater and greater distances from Paradise; space thickens, and it thickens somewhat faster than does the plane of creation, the universes.

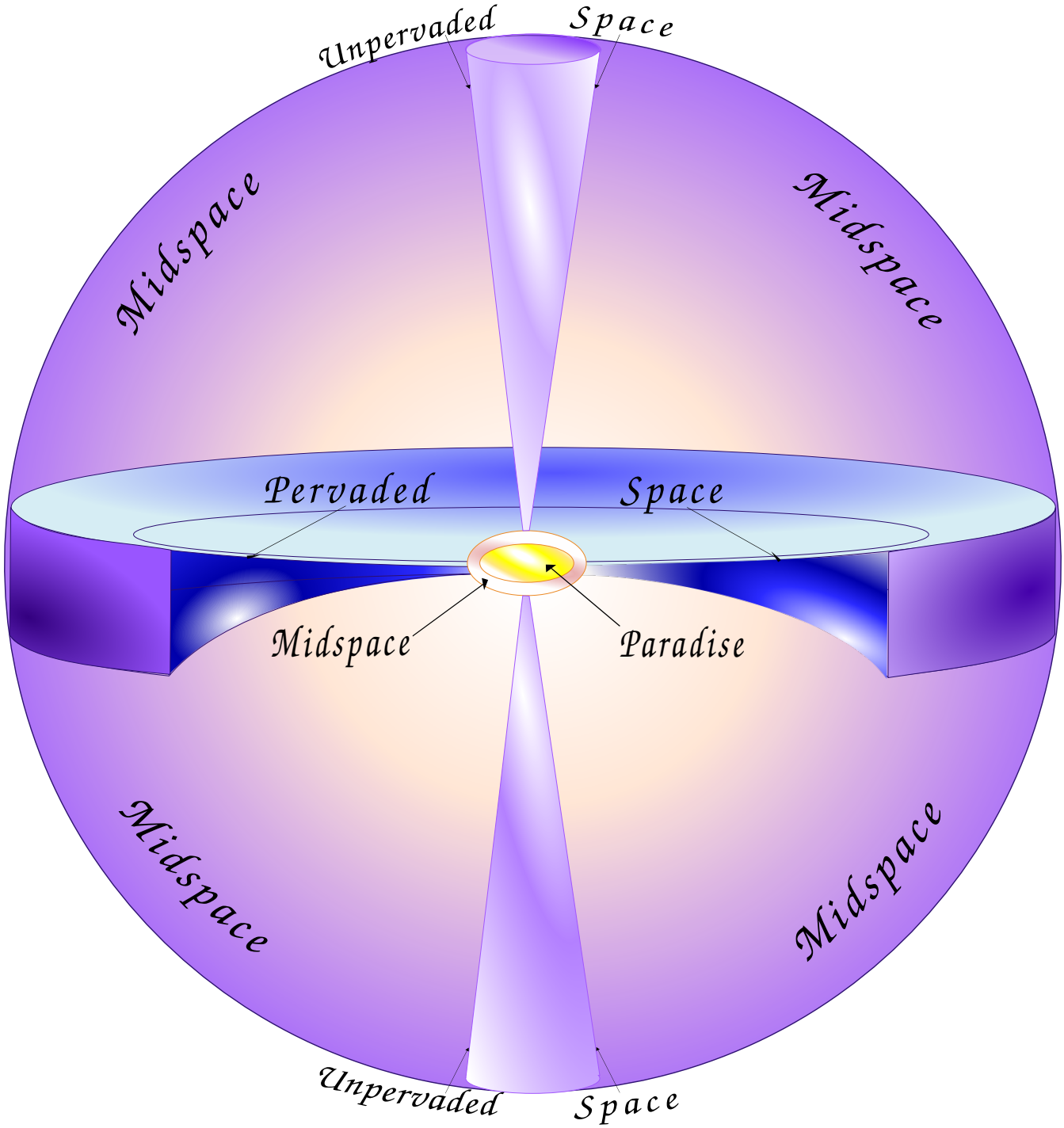

Figure 2: Space Functions of Paradise

7 §§ The relatively quiet zones[1] between the space levels, such as the one separating the seven superuniverses from the first outer space level, are enormous elliptical regions of quiescent space activities. These zones separate the vast galaxies which race around Paradise in orderly procession. You may visualize the first outer space level, where untold universes are now in process of formation, as a vast procession of galaxies swinging around Paradise, bounded above and below by the midspace zones of quiescence and

[1] In 1955 text "zone" in singular, disagreeing with the verb "are" that follows.

bounded on the inner and outer margins by relatively quiet space zones.

8 A space level thus functions as an elliptical region of motion surrounded on all sides by relative motionlessness. Such relationships of motion and quiescence constitute a curved space path of lessened resistance to motion which is universally followed by cosmic force and emergent energy as they circle forever around the Isle of Paradise.

9 This alternate zoning of the master universe, in association with the alternate clockwise and counterclockwise flow of the galaxies, is a factor in the stabilization of physical gravity de-

signed to prevent the accentuation of gravity pressure to the point of disruptive and dispersive activities. Such an arrangement exerts antigravity influence and acts as a brake upon otherwise dangerous velocities.

8. PARADISE GRAVITY

1 The inescapable pull of gravity effectively grips all the worlds of all the universes of all space. Gravity is the all-powerful grasp of the physical presence of Paradise. Gravity is the omnipotent strand on which are strung the gleaming stars, blazing suns, and whirling spheres which constitute the

universal physical adornment of the eternal God, who is all things, fills all things, and in whom all things consist.

2 The centre and focal point of absolute material gravity is the Isle of Paradise, complemented by the dark gravity bodies encircling Havona and equilibrated by the upper and nether space reservoirs. All known emanations of nether Paradise invariably and unerringly respond to the central gravity pull operating upon the endless circuits of the elliptical space levels of the master universe. Every known form of cosmic reality has the bend of the ages, the trend of the circle, the swing of the

great ellipse.

3 Space is nonresponsive to gravity, but it acts as an equilibrant on gravity. Without the space cushion, explosive action would jerk surrounding space bodies. Pervaded space also exerts an antigravity influence upon physical or linear gravity; space can actually neutralize such gravity action even though it cannot delay it. Absolute gravity is Paradise gravity. Local or linear gravity pertains to the electrical stage of energy or matter; it operates within the central, super-, and outer universes, wherever suitable materialization has taken place.

4 §§ The numerous forms of cosmic force, physical energy, universe power, and various materializations disclose three general, though not perfectly clear-cut, stages of response to Paradise gravity:

5 1. *Pregravity Stages (Force).* This is the first step in the individuation of space potency into the pre-energy forms of cosmic force. This state is analogous to the concept of the primordial force-charge of space, sometimes called *pure energy* or *segregata.*

6 2. *Gravity Stages (Energy).* This modification of the force-charge of space is produced by the action of the

Paradise force organizers. It signalizes the appearance of energy systems responsive to the pull of Paradise gravity. This emergent energy is originally neutral but consequent upon further metamorphosis will exhibit the so-called negative and positive qualities. We designate these stages *ultimata.*

7 3. *Postgravity Stages (Universe Power).* In this stage, energy-matter discloses response to the control of linear gravity. In the central universe these physical systems are threefold organizations known as *triata.* They are the superpower mother systems of the creations of time and space. The

physical systems of the superuniverses are mobilized by the Universe Power Directors and their associates. These material organizations are dual in constitution and are known as *gravita*. The dark gravity bodies encircling Havona are neither triata nor gravita, and their drawing power discloses both forms of physical gravity, linear and absolute.

8 §§ Space potency is not subject to the interactions of any form of gravitation. This primal endowment of Paradise is not an actual level of reality, but it is ancestral to all relative functional nonspirit realities — all mani-

festations of force-energy and the organization of power and matter. Space potency is a term difficult to define. It does not mean that which is ancestral to space; its meaning should convey the idea of the potencies and potentials existent within space. It may be roughly conceived to include all those absolute influences and potentials which emanate from Paradise and constitute the space presence of the Unqualified Absolute.

9 Paradise is the absolute source and the eternal focal point of all energy-matter in the universe of universes. The Unqualified Absolute is the re-

vealer, regulator, and repository of that which has Paradise as its source and origin. The universal presence of the Unqualified Absolute seems to be equivalent to the concept of a potential infinity of gravity extension, an elastic tension of Paradise presence. This concept aids us in grasping the fact that everything is drawn inward towards Paradise. The illustration is crude but nonetheless helpful. It also explains why gravity always acts preferentially in the plane perpendicular to the mass[1], a phenomenon in-

[1] A *plane* cannot be perpendicular to a *mass*, any more than an *apple* can be perpendicular to an *or-*

dicative of the differential dimensions of Paradise[1] and the surrounding cre-

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ange. As is known from celestial mechanics, the orbits of two bodies, interacting according to Newton's law, lie in the same plane, determined by the angular moment, which is conserved both in the direction and magnitude. In the case of planets orbiting a Sun this plane is known as *ecliptic*. When the transport seraphim accelerates to the speed of light and beyond, the subluminal motion occurs in the direction, *perpendicular* to the plane of ecliptic (from the present editor's personal experience). This fact may be related to the "preferential action of gravity" mentioned in the text.

[1] Thus (see the previous note) the elliptic trajectories in the Kepler's problem are indicative of the elliptic shape of Paradise!

ations.

9. THE UNIQUENESS OF PARADISE

1 Paradise is unique in that it is the realm of primal origin and the final goal of destiny for all spirit personalities. Although it is true that not all of the lower spirit beings of the local universes are immediately destined to Paradise, Paradise still remains the goal of desire for all supermaterial personalities.

2 §§ Paradise is the geographic centre of infinity; it is not a part of universal creation, not even a real part of the eternal Havona universe. We com-

monly refer to the central Isle as belonging to the divine universe, but it really does not. Paradise is an eternal and exclusive existence.

3 §§ In the eternity of the past, when the Universal Father gave infinite personality expression of his spirit self in the being of the Eternal Son, simultaneously he revealed the infinity potential of his nonpersonal self as Paradise. Nonpersonal and nonspiritual Paradise appears to have been the inevitable repercussion to the Father's will and act which eternalized the Original Son. Thus did the Father project reality in two actual phases — the per-

sonal and the nonpersonal, the spiritual and the nonspiritual. The tension between them, in the face of will to action by the Father and the Son, gave existence to the Conjoint Actor and the central universe of material worlds and spiritual beings.

4 When reality is differentiated into the personal and the nonpersonal (Eternal Son and Paradise), it is hardly proper to call that which is nonpersonal "Deity" unless somehow qualified. The energy and material repercussions of the acts of Deity could hardly be called Deity. Deity may cause much that is not Deity, and Par-

adise is not Deity; neither is it conscious as mortal man could ever possibly understand such a term.

5 §§ Paradise is not ancestral to any being or living entity; it is not a creator. Personality and mind-spirit relationships are *transmissible,* but pattern is not. Patterns are never reflections; they are duplications — reproductions. Paradise is the absolute of patterns; Havona is an exhibit of these potentials in actuality.

6 §§ God's residence is central and eternal, glorious and ideal. His home is the beauteous pattern for all universe headquarters worlds; and the

central universe of his immediate indwelling is the pattern for all universes in their ideals, organization, and ultimate destiny.

7 Paradise is the universal headquarters of all personality activities and the source-centre of all force-space and energy manifestations. Everything which has been, now is, or is yet to be, has come, now comes, or will come forth from this central abiding place of the eternal Gods. Paradise is the centre of all creation, the source of all energies, and the place of primal origin of all personalities.

8 §§ After all, to mortals the most

important thing about eternal Paradise is the fact that this perfect abode of the Universal Father is the real and far-distant destiny of the immortal souls of the mortal and material sons of God, the ascending creatures of the evolutionary worlds of time and space. Every God-knowing mortal who has espoused the career of doing the Father's will has already embarked upon the long, long Paradise trail of divinity pursuit and perfection attainment. And when such an animal-origin being does stand, as countless numbers now do, before the Gods on Paradise, having ascended from the lowly sphe-

res of space, such an achievement represents the reality of a spiritual transformation bordering on the limits of supremacy.

9 [Presented by a Perfector of Wisdom commissioned thus to function by the Ancients of Days on Uversa.]

PAPER 12

THE UNIVERSE OF UNIVERSES

Perfector of Wisdom

The immensity of the far-flung creation of the Universal Father is utterly beyond the grasp of finite imagination; the enormousness of the master universe staggers the concept of even my order of being. But the mortal mind can be taught much about the plan and arrangement of the universes; you can know

something of their physical organization and marvellous administration; you may learn much about the various groups of intelligent beings who inhabit the seven superuniverses of time and the central universe of eternity.

2 In principle, that is, in eternal potential, we conceive of material creation as being infinite because the Universal Father is actually infinite, but as we study and observe the total material creation, we know that at any given moment in time it is limited, although to your finite minds it is comparatively limitless, virtually boundless.

3 We are convinced, from the study

of physical law and from the observation of the starry realms, that the infinite Creator is not yet manifest in finality of cosmic expression, that much of the cosmic potential of the Infinite is still self-contained and unrevealed. To created beings the master universe might appear to be almost infinite, but it is far from finished; there are still physical limits to the material creation, and the experiential revelation of the eternal purpose is still in progress.

1. SPACE LEVELS OF THE MASTER UNIVERSE

1 The universe of universes is not an

infinite plane, a boundless cube, nor a limitless circle; it certainly has dimensions. The laws of physical organization and administration prove conclusively that the whole vast aggregation of force-energy and matter-power functions ultimately as a space unit, as an organized and co-ordinated whole. The observable behaviour of the material creation constitutes evidence of a physical universe of definite limits. The final proof of both a circular and delimited universe is afforded by the, to us, well-known fact that all forms of basic energy ever swing around the curved path of the space levels of the

master universe in obedience to the incessant and absolute pull of Paradise gravity.

2 The successive space levels of the master universe constitute the major divisions of pervaded space — total creation, organized and partially inhabited or yet to be organized and inhabited. If the master universe were not a series of elliptical space levels of lessened resistance to motion, alternating with zones of relative quiescence, we conceive that some of the cosmic energies would be observed to shoot off on an infinite range, off on a straight-line path into trackless space;

but we never find force, energy, or matter thus behaving; ever they whirl, always swinging onward in the tracks of the great space circuits.

3 §§ Proceeding outward from Paradise through the horizontal extension of pervaded space, the master universe is existent in six concentric ellipses, the space levels encircling the central Isle:

4 1. The Central Universe — Havona.

5 2. The Seven Superuniverses.

6 3. The First Outer Space Level.

7 4. The Second Outer Space Level.

8 5. The Third Outer Space Level.

9 6. The Fourth and Outermost Space Level.

10 §§ *Havona,* the central universe, is not a time creation; it is an eternal existence. This never-beginning, never-ending universe consists of one billion spheres of sublime perfection and is surrounded by the enormous dark gravity bodies. At the centre of Havona is the stationary and absolutely stabilized Isle of Paradise, surrounded by its 21 satellites. Owing to the enormous encircling masses of the dark gravity bodies about the fringe of the central universe, the mass content of

this central creation is far in excess of the total known mass of all seven sectors of the grand universe.

11 §§ *The Paradise-Havona System,* the eternal universe encircling the eternal Isle, constitutes the perfect and eternal nucleus of the master universe; all seven of the superuniverses and all regions of outer space revolve in established orbits around the gigantic central aggregation of the Paradise satellites and the Havona spheres.

12 *The Seven Superuniverses* are not primary physical organizations; nowhere do their boundaries divide a nebular family, neither do they cross a local

universe, a prime creative unit. Each superuniverse is simply a geographic space clustering of approximately one seventh of the organized and partially inhabited post-Havona creation, and each is about equal in the number of local universes embraced and in the space encompassed. *Nebadon,* your local universe, is one of the newer creations in *Orvonton,* the seventh superuniverse.

13 *The Grand Universe* is the present organized and inhabited creation. It consists of the seven superuniverses, with an aggregate evolutionary potential of around seven trillion inhabited

planets, not to mention the eternal spheres of the central creation. But this tentative estimate takes no account of architectural administrative spheres, neither does it include the outlying groups of unorganized universes. The present ragged edge of the grand universe, its uneven and unfinished periphery, together with the tremendously unsettled condition of the whole astronomical plot, suggests to our star students that even the seven superuniverses are, as yet, uncompleted. As we move from within, from the divine centre outward in any one direction, we do, eventually, come

to the outer limits of the organized and inhabited creation; we come to the outer limits of the grand universe. And it is near this outer border, in a far-off corner of such a magnificent creation, that your local universe has its eventful existence.

14 *The Outer Space Levels.* Far out in space, at an enormous distance from the seven inhabited superuniverses, there are assembling vast and unbelievably stupendous circuits of force and materializing energies. Between the energy circuits of the seven superuniverses and this gigantic outer belt of force activity, there is a space zone

of comparative quiet, which varies in width but averages about 400,000 light-years. These space zones are free from star dust — cosmic fog. Our students of these phenomena are in doubt as to the exact status of the space-forces existing in this zone of relative quiet which encircles the seven super-universes. But about 500,000 light-years beyond the periphery of the present grand universe we observe the beginnings of a zone of an unbelievable energy action which increases in volume and intensity for over 25,000,000 light-years. These tremendous wheels of energizing forces are situated in the

first outer space level, a continuous belt of cosmic activity encircling the whole of the known, organized, and inhabited creation.

15 Still greater activities are taking place beyond these regions, for the Uversa physicists have detected early evidence of force manifestations more than 50,000,000 light-years beyond the outermost ranges of the phenomena in the first outer space level. These activities undoubtedly presage the organization of the material creations of the second outer space level of the master universe.

16 The central universe is the cre-

ation of eternity; the seven superuniverses are the creations of time; the four outer space levels are undoubtedly destined to eventuate-evolve the ultimacy of creation. And there are those who maintain that the Infinite can never attain full expression short of infinity; and therefore do they postulate an additional and unrevealed creation beyond the fourth and outermost space level, a possible ever-expanding, never-ending universe of infinity. In theory we do not know how to limit either the infinity of the Creator or the potential infinity of creation, but as it exists and is adminis-

tered, we regard the master universe as having limitations, as being definitely delimited and bounded on its outer margins by open space.

2. THE DOMAINS OF THE UNQUALIFIED ABSOLUTE

1 When Urantia astronomers peer through their increasingly powerful telescopes into the mysterious stretches of outer space and there behold the amazing evolution of almost countless physical universes, they should realize that they are gazing upon the mighty outworking of the unsearchable plans of the Archi-

tects of the Master Universe. True, we do possess evidences which are suggestive of the presence of certain Paradise personality influences here and there throughout the vast energy manifestations now characteristic of these outer regions, but from the larger viewpoint the space regions extending beyond the outer borders of the seven superuniverses are generally recognized as constituting the domains of the Unqualified Absolute.

2 Although the unaided human eye can see only two or three nebulae[1] out-

[1] That is galaxies. Unaided eye can see only two galaxies in the Northern Hemisphere: M31 (An-

side the borders of the superuniverse of Orvonton, your telescopes literally reveal millions upon millions of these physical universes in process of formation. Most of the starry realms visually exposed to the search of your present-day telescopes are in Orvonton, but with photographic technique the larger telescopes penetrate far beyond

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dromeda) and M33 (Triangulum). These very objects are mentioned in the book [2], which served as one of the sources of this paper. The Large and Small Magellanic Clouds are visible only in the Southern Hemisphere and are considered to be the sattelites of our Galaxy. Therefore, the Andromeda galaxy is situated *outside the borders of the superuniverse of Orvonton*. See also 15:4.7.

the borders of the grand universe into the domains of outer space, where untold universes are in process of organization. And there are yet other millions of universes beyond the range of your present instruments.

Figure 3: Andromeda galaxy (M31)

3 In the not-distant future, new telescopes[1] will reveal to the wondering

[1] According to [2] the "new" 200-inch telescope Hale, sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation in 1928 is meant here. It was being built from 1936

gaze of Urantian astronomers no less than 375,000,000 new galaxies in the remote stretches of outer space. At the same time these more powerful telescopes will disclose that many island universes formerly believed to be in outer space are really a part of the galactic system of Orvonton. The seven superuniverses are still growing; the periphery of each is gradually expanding; new nebulae are constantly being stabilized and organized; and some of the nebulae which Urantian astronomers regard as extragalactic are actually on the fringe of Orvon-

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until 1948.

ton and are travelling along with us.[1]

Figure 4: 200-inch telescope George Ellery Hale in San Diego, California, USA

[4] §§ The Uversa star students ob-

[1] The Large and Small Magellanic Clouds may be referred to here.

serve that the grand universe is surrounded by the ancestors of a series of starry and planetary clusters which completely encircle the present inhabited creation as concentric rings of outer universes upon universes. The physicists of Uversa calculate that the energy and matter of these outer and uncharted regions already equal many times the total material mass and energy charge embraced in all seven superuniverses. We are informed that the metamorphosis of cosmic force in these outer space levels is a function of the Paradise force organizers. We also know that these forces are ances-

tral to those physical energies which at present activate the grand universe. The Orvonton power directors, however, have nothing to do with these far-distant realms, neither are the energy movements therein discernibly connected with the power circuits of the organized and inhabited creations.

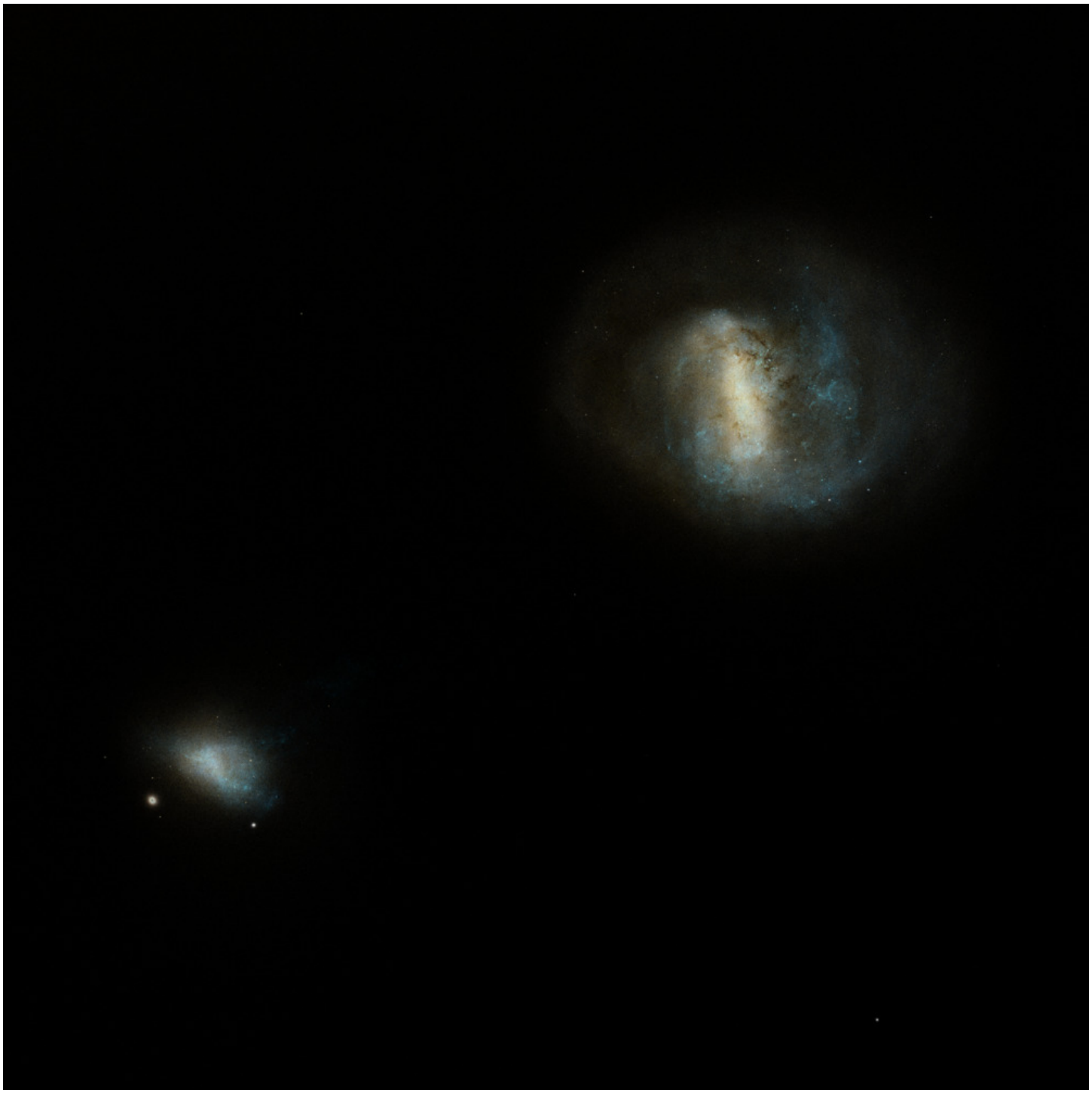

Figure 5: Large and Small Magellanic Clouds

5 §§ We know very little of the signif-

icance of these tremendous phenomena of outer space. A greater creation of the future is in process of formation. We can observe its immensity, we can discern its extent and sense its majestic dimensions, but otherwise we know little more about these realms than do the astronomers of Urantia. As far as we know, no material beings on the order of humans, no angels or other spirit creatures, exist in this outer ring of nebulae, suns, and planets. This distant domain is beyond the jurisdiction and administration of the superuniverse governments.

6 Throughout Orvonton it is be-

lieved that a new type of creation is in process, an order of universes destined to become the scene of the future activities of the assembling Corps of the Finality; and if our conjectures are correct, then the endless future may hold for all of you the same enthralling spectacles that the endless past has held for your seniors and predecessors.

3. UNIVERSAL GRAVITY

1 All forms of force-energy — material, mindal, or spiritual — are alike subject to those grasps, those universal presences, which we call gravity.

Personality also is responsive to gravity — to the Father's exclusive circuit; but though this circuit is exclusive to the Father, he is not excluded from the other circuits; the Universal Father is infinite and acts over *all* four absolute-gravity circuits in the master universe:

2 1. The Personality Gravity of the Universal Father.

3 2. The Spirit Gravity of the Eternal Son.

4 3. The Mind Gravity of the Conjoint Actor.

5 4. The Cosmic Gravity of the Isle of Paradise.

6 §§ These four circuits are not related to the nether Paradise force centre; they are neither force, energy, nor power circuits. They are absolute *presence* circuits and like God are independent of time and space.

7 In this connection it is interesting to record certain observations made on Uversa during recent millenniums by the corps of gravity researchers. This expert group of workers has arrived at the following conclusions regarding the different gravity systems of the master universe:

8 1. *Physical Gravity.* Having formulated an estimate of the summa-

tion of the entire physical-gravity capacity of the grand universe, they have laboriously effected a comparison of this finding with the estimated total of absolute gravity presence now operative. These calculations indicate that the total gravity action on the grand universe is a very small part of the estimated gravity pull of Paradise, computed on the basis of the gravity response of basic physical units of universe matter. These investigators reach the amazing conclusion that the central universe and the surrounding seven superuniverses are at the present time making use of only about 5%

of the active functioning of the Paradise absolute-gravity grasp. In other words: At the present moment about 95% of the active cosmic-gravity action of the Isle of Paradise, computed on this totality theory, is engaged in controlling material systems beyond the borders of the present organized universes. These calculations all refer to absolute gravity; linear gravity is an interactive phenomenon which can be computed only by knowing the actual Paradise gravity.

9 2. *Spiritual Gravity.* By the same technique of comparative estimation and calculation these researchers have

explored the present reaction capacity of spirit gravity and, with the cooperation of Solitary Messengers and other spirit personalities, have arrived at the summation of the active spirit gravity of the Second Source and Centre. And it is most instructive to note that they find about the same value for the actual and functional presence of spirit gravity in the grand universe that they postulate for the present total of active spirit gravity. In other words: At the present time practically the entire spirit gravity of the Eternal Son, computed on this theory of totality, is observable as functioning in the grand

universe. If these findings are dependable, we may conclude that the universes now evolving in outer space are at the present time wholly nonspiritual. And if this is true, it would satisfactorily explain why spirit-endowed beings are in possession of little or no information about these vast energy manifestations aside from knowing the fact of their physical existence.

10 3. *Mind Gravity.* By these same principles of comparative computation these experts have attacked the problem of mind-gravity presence and response. The mind unit of estimation was arrived at by averaging three mate-

rial and three spiritual types of mentality, although the type of mind found in the power directors and their associates proved to be a disturbing factor in the effort to arrive at a basic unit for mind-gravity estimation. There was little to impede the estimation of the present capacity of the Third Source and Centre for mind-gravity function in accordance with this theory of totality. Although the findings in this instance are not so conclusive as in the estimates of physical and spirit gravity, they are, comparatively considered, very instructive, even intriguing. These investigators deduce that about

85% of the mind-gravity response to the intellectual drawing of the Conjoint Actor takes origin in the existing grand universe. This would suggest the possibility that mind activities are involved in connection with the observable physical activities now in progress throughout the realms of outer space. While this estimate is probably far from accurate, it accords, in principle, with our belief that intelligent force organizers are at present directing universe evolution in the space levels beyond the present outer limits of the grand universe. Whatever the nature of this postulated intelligence, it

is apparently not spirit-gravity responsive.

11 But all these computations are at best estimates based on assumed laws. We think they are fairly reliable. Even if a few spirit beings were located in outer space, their collective presence would not markedly influence calculations involving such enormous measurements.

12 §§ *Personality Gravity* is noncomputable. We recognize the circuit, but we cannot measure either qualitative or quantitative realities responsive

thereto.

4. SPACE AND MOTION

1 All units of cosmic energy are in primary revolution, are engaged in the execution of their mission, while swinging around the universal orbit. The universes of space and their component systems and worlds are all revolving spheres, moving along the endless circuits of the master universe space levels. Absolutely nothing is stationary in all the master universe except the very centre of Havona, the eternal Isle of Paradise, the centre of gravity.

2 The Unqualified Absolute is functionally limited to space, but we are not so sure about the relation of this Absolute to motion. Is motion inherent therein? We do not know. We know that motion is not inherent in space; even the motions *of* space are not innate. But we are not so sure about the relation of the Unqualified to motion. Who, or what, is really responsible for the gigantic activities of force-energy transmutations now in progress out beyond the borders of the present seven superuniverses? Concerning the origin of motion we have the following opinions:

3 1. We think the Conjoint Actor initiates motion *in* space.

4 2. If the Conjoint Actor produces the motions *of* space, we cannot prove it.

5 3. The Universal Absolute does not originate initial motion but does equalize and control all of the tensions originated by motion.

6 §§ In outer space the force organizers are apparently responsible for the production of the gigantic universe wheels which are now in process of stellar evolution, but their ability so to function must have been made possible by some modification of the space

presence of the Unqualified Absolute.

7 §§ Space is, from the human viewpoint, nothing — negative; it exists only as related to something positive and nonspatial. Space is, however, real. It contains and conditions motion. It even moves. Space motions may be roughly classified as follows:

8 1. Primary motion — space respiration, the motion of space itself.

9 2. Secondary motion — the alternate directional swings of the successive space levels.

10 3. Relative motions — relative in the sense that they are not evaluated with Paradise as a base point. Primary

and secondary motions are absolute, motion in relation to unmoving Paradise.

11 4. Compensatory or correlating movement designed to co-ordinate all other motions.

12 §§ The present relationship of your sun and its associated planets, while disclosing many relative and absolute motions in space, tends to convey the impression to astronomic observers that you are comparatively stationary in space, and that the surrounding starry clusters and streams are engaged in outward flight at ever-increasing velocities as your calculations proceed

outward in space. But such is not the case. You fail to recognize the present outward and uniform expansion of the physical creations of all pervaded space. Your own local creation (Nebadon) participates in this movement of universal outward expansion. The entire seven superuniverses participate in the two-billion-year cycles of space respiration along with the outer regions of the master universe.

13 When the universes expand and contract, the material masses in pervaded space alternately move against and with the pull of Paradise gravity. The work that is done in moving

the material energy mass of creation is *space* work but not *power-energy* work.

14 §§ Although your spectroscopic estimations of astronomic velocities are fairly reliable when applied to the starry realms belonging to your superuniverse and its associate superuniverses, such reckonings with reference to the realms of outer space are wholly unreliable. Spectral lines are displaced from the normal towards the violet by an approaching star; likewise these lines are displaced towards the red by a receding star. Many influences interpose to make it appear that the recessional velocity of the external univer-

ses increases at the rate of more than 160 km/s for every 1,000,000 light-years[1] increase in distance. By this method of reckoning, subsequent to the perfection of more powerful telescopes, it will appear that these far-distant systems are in flight from this part

[1] The value of Hubble constant given in the text (522 km/s/Mpc) is very close to the value obtained by Hubble himself in 1935: 535 km/s/Mpc. Hubble's calculations were based on the dependence between the period and luminosity of variable stars called Cepheids. The revision of the base point of this dependence by W. Baade in 1952 led to the significant correction of the value of Hubble's constant. By 1955 the accepted value became 180 km/s/Mpc and the modern (2016) value is even smaller: 6,93±0,62 km/s/Mpc.

of the universe at the unbelievable rate of more than 48,000 km/s. But this apparent speed of recession is not real; it results from numerous factors of error embracing angles of observation and other time-space distortions[1].

15 But the greatest of all such distortions arises because the vast universes of outer space, in the realms[2] next to the domains of the seven superuniverses, seem to be revolving in a direction opposite to that of the

[1] This possibility was pointed out by Sir Arthur Eddington in his book "Space, Time and Gravity", 1920 [1].

[2] In 1955 text no comma after "space".

grand universe. That is, these myriads of nebulae and their accompanying suns and spheres are at the present time revolving clockwise about the central creation. The seven superuniverses revolve about Paradise in a counterclockwise direction. It appears that the second outer universe of galaxies, like the seven superuniverses, revolves counterclockwise about Paradise. And the astronomic observers of Uversa think they detect evidence of revolutionary movements in a third outer belt of far-distant space which are beginning to exhibit directional tendencies of a clockwise nature.

16 It is probable that these alternate directions of successive space processions of the universes have something to do with the intramaster universe gravity technique of the Universal Absolute, which consists of a co-ordination of forces and an equalization of space tensions. Motion as well as space is a complement or equilibrant of gravity.

5. SPACE AND TIME

1 Like space, time is a bestowal of Paradise, but not in the same sense, only indirectly. Time comes by virtue of motion and because mind is inher-

ently aware of sequentiality. From a practical viewpoint, motion is essential to time, but there is no universal time unit based on motion except in so far as the Paradise-Havona standard day is arbitrarily so recognized. The totality of space respiration destroys its local value as a time source.

2 Space is not infinite, even though it takes origin from Paradise; not absolute, for it is pervaded by the Unqualified Absolute. We do not know the absolute limits of space, but we do know that the absolute of time is eternity.

3 §§ Time and space are inseparable

only in the time-space creations, the seven superuniverses. Nontemporal space (space without time) theoretically exists, but the only truly nontemporal place is Paradise *area*. Nonspatial time (time without space) exists in mind of the Paradise level of function.

4 The relatively motionless midspace zones impinging on Paradise and separating pervaded from unpervaded space are the transition zones from time to eternity, hence the necessity of Paradise pilgrims becoming unconscious during this transit when it is to culminate in Paradise citizenship. Time-conscious *visitors* can go to Par-

adise without thus sleeping, but they remain creatures of time.

5 §§ Relationships to time do not exist without motion in space, but consciousness of time does. Sequentiality can consciousize time even in the absence of motion. Man's mind is less time-bound than space-bound because of the inherent nature of mind. Even during the days of the earth life in the flesh, though man's mind is rigidly space-bound, the creative human imagination is comparatively time free. But time itself is not genetically a quality of mind.

6 §§ There are three different levels of

time cognizance:

7 1. Mind-perceived time — consciousness of sequence, motion, and a sense of duration.

8 2. Spirit-perceived time — insight into motion Godward and the awareness of the motion of ascent to levels of increasing divinity.

9 3. Personality *creates* a unique time sense out of insight into Reality plus a consciousness of presence and an awareness of duration.

10 §§ Unspiritual animals know only the past and live in the present. Spirit-indwelt man has powers of prevision (insight); he may visualize the future.

Only forward-looking and progressive attitudes are personally real. Static ethics and traditional morality are just slightly superanimal. Nor is stoicism a high order of self-realization. Ethics and morals become truly human when they are dynamic and progressive, alive with universe reality.

11 The human personality is not merely a concomitant of time-and-space events; the human personality can also act as the cosmic cause of such events.

6. UNIVERSAL OVERCONTROL

1 The universe is nonstatic. Stability

is not the result of inertia but rather the product of balanced energies, co-operative minds, co-ordinated morontias, spirit overcontrol, and personality unification. Stability is wholly and always proportional to divinity.

2 In the physical control of the master universe the Universal Father exercises priority and primacy through the Isle of Paradise; God is absolute in the spiritual administration of the cosmos in the person of the Eternal Son. Concerning the domains of mind, the Father and the Son function co-ordinately in the Conjoint Actor.

3 The Third Source and Centre as-

sists in the maintenance of the equilibrium and co-ordination of the combined physical and spiritual energies and organizations by the absoluteness of his grasp of the cosmic mind and by the exercise of his inherent and universal physical- and spiritual-gravity complements. Whenever and wherever there occurs a liaison between the material and the spiritual, such a mind phenomenon is an act of the Infinite Spirit. Mind alone can interassociate the physical forces and energies of the material level with the spiritual powers and beings of the spirit level.

4 In all your contemplation of uni-

versal phenomena, make certain that you take into consideration the interrelation of physical, intellectual, and spiritual energies, and that due allowance is made for the unexpected phenomena attendant upon their unification by personality and for the unpredictable phenomena resulting from the actions and reactions of experiential Deity and the Absolutes.

5 The universe is highly predictable only in the quantitative or gravity-measurement sense; even the primal physical forces are not responsive to linear gravity, nor are the higher mind meanings and true spirit values of ulti-

mate universe realities. Qualitatively, the universe is not highly predictable as regards new associations of forces, either physical, mindal, or spiritual, although many such combinations of energies or forces become partially predictable when subjected to critical observation. When matter, mind, and spirit are unified by creature personality, we are unable fully to predict the decisions of such a freewill being.

6 §§ All phases of primordial force, nascent spirit, and other nonpersonal ultimates appear to react in accordance with certain relatively stable but unknown laws and are characterized

by a latitude of performance and an elasticity of response which are often disconcerting when encountered in the phenomena of a circumscribed and isolated situation. What is the explanation of this unpredictable freedom of reaction disclosed by these emerging universe actualities? These unknown, unfathomable unpredictables — whether pertaining to the behaviour of a primordial unit of force, the reaction of an unidentified level of mind, or the phenomenon of a vast preuniverse in the making in the domains of outer space — probably disclose the activities of the Ultimate and

the presence-performances of the Absolutes, which antedate the function of all universe Creators.

7 We do not really know, but we surmise that such amazing versatility and such profound co-ordination signify the presence and performance of the Absolutes, and that such diversity of response in the face of apparently uniform causation discloses the reaction of the Absolutes, not only to the immediate and situational causation, but also to all other related causations throughout the entire master universe.

8 §§ Individuals have their guardians of destiny; planets, systems, constel-

lations, universes, and superuniverses each have their respective rulers who labour for the good of their domains. Havona and even the grand universe are watched over by those entrusted with such high responsibilities. But who fosters and cares for the fundamental needs of the master universe as a whole, from Paradise to the fourth and outermost space level? Existentially such overcare is probably attributable to the Paradise Trinity, but from an experiential viewpoint the appearance of the post-Havona universes is dependent on:

9 1. The Absolutes in potential.

10 2. The Ultimate in direction.

11 3. The Supreme in evolutionary co-ordination.

12 4. The Architects of the Master Universe in administration prior to the appearance of specific rulers.

13 §§ The Unqualified Absolute pervades all space. We are not altogether clear as to the exact status of the Deity and Universal Absolutes, but we know the latter functions wherever the Deity and Unqualified Absolutes function. The Deity Absolute may be universally present but hardly space present. The Ultimate is, or sometime will be, space present to the outer mar-

gins of the fourth space level. We doubt that the Ultimate will ever have a space presence beyond the periphery of the master universe, but within this limit the Ultimate is progressively integrating the creative organization of the potentials of the three Absolutes.

7. THE PART AND THE WHOLE

1 There is operative throughout all time and space and with regard to all reality of whatever nature an inexorable and impersonal law which is equivalent to the function of a cosmic providence. Mercy characterizes God's attitude of love for the individ-

ual; impartiality motivates God's attitude toward the total. The will of God does not necessarily prevail in the part — the heart of any one personality — but his will does actually rule the whole, the universe of universes.

2 §§ In all his dealings with all his beings it is true that the laws of God are not inherently arbitrary. To you, with your limited vision and finite viewpoint, the acts of God must often appear to be dictatorial and arbitrary. The laws of God are merely the habits of God[1], his way of repeatedly doing

[1] This statement is taken from [2].

things; and he ever does all things well. You observe that God does the same thing in the same way, repeatedly, simply because that is the best way to do that particular thing in a given circumstance; and the best way is the right way, and therefore does infinite wisdom always order it done in that precise and perfect manner. You should also remember that nature is not the exclusive act of Deity; other influences are present in those phenomena which man calls nature.

3 It is repugnant to the divine nature to suffer any sort of deterioration or ever to permit the execution

of any purely personal act in an inferior way. It should be made clear, however, that, *if,* in the divinity of any situation, in the extremity of any circumstance, in any case where the course of supreme wisdom might indicate the demand for different conduct — if the demands of perfection might for any reason dictate another method of reaction, a better one, then and there would the all-wise God function in that better and more suitable way. That would be the expression of a higher law, not the reversal of a lower law.

4 God is not a habit-bound slave to

the chronicity of the repetition of his own voluntary acts. There is no conflict among the laws of the Infinite; they are all perfections of the infallible nature; they are all the unquestioned acts expressive of faultless decisions. Law is the unchanging reaction of an infinite, perfect, and divine mind. The acts of God are all volitional notwithstanding this apparent sameness. In God there "is no variableness neither shadow of changing."[1] But all this which can be truly said of the Universal Father cannot be said with equal

[1] See James 1:17.

certainty of all his subordinate intelligences or of his evolutionary creatures.

5 Because God is changeless, therefore can you depend, in all ordinary circumstances, on his doing the same thing in the same identical and ordinary way. God is the assurance of stability for all created things and beings. He is God; therefore he changes not.

6 And all this steadfastness of conduct and uniformity of action is personal, conscious, and highly volitional, for the great God is not a helpless slave to his own perfection and infinity. God is not a self-acting automatic force; he is not a slavish law-

bound power. God is neither a mathematical equation nor a chemical formula. He is a freewill and primal personality. He is the Universal Father, a being surcharged with personality and the universal fount of all creature personality.

7 §§ The will of God does not uniformly prevail in the heart of the God-seeking material mortal, but if the time frame is enlarged beyond the moment to embrace the whole of the first life, then does God's will become increasingly discernible in the spirit fruits which are borne in the lives of the spirit-led children of God. And

then, if human life is further enlarged to include the morontia experience, the divine will is observed to shine brighter and brighter in the spiritualizing acts of those creatures of time who have begun to taste the divine delights of experiencing the relationship of the personality of man with the personality of the Universal Father.

8 The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man present the paradox of the part and the whole on the level of personality. God loves *each* individual as an individual child in the heavenly family. Yet God thus loves *every* individual; he is no respecter of

persons, and the universality of his love brings into being a relationship of the whole, the universal brotherhood.

9 The love of the Father absolutely individualizes each personality as a unique child of the Universal Father, a child without duplicate in infinity, a will creature irreplaceable in all eternity. The Father's love glorifies each child of God, illuminating each member of the celestial family, sharply silhouetting the unique nature of each personal being against the impersonal levels that lie outside the fraternal circuit of the Father of all. The love of God strikingly portrays the tran-

scendent value of each will creature, unmistakably reveals the high value which the Universal Father has placed upon each and every one of his children from the highest creator personality of Paradise status to the lowest personality of will dignity among the savage tribes of men in the dawn of the human species on some evolutionary world of time and space.

10 This very love of God for the individual brings into being the divine family of all individuals, the universal brotherhood of the freewill children of the Paradise Father. And this brotherhood, being universal, is a re-

lationship of the whole. Brotherhood, when universal, discloses not the *each* relationship, but the *all* relationship. Brotherhood is a reality of the total and therefore discloses qualities of the whole in contradistinction to qualities of the part.

11 Brotherhood constitutes a fact of relationship between every personality in universal existence. No person can escape the benefits or the penalties that may come as a result of relationship to other persons. The part profits or suffers in measure with the whole. The good effort of each man benefits all men; the error or evil of each

man augments the tribulation of all men. As moves the part, so moves the whole. As the progress of the whole, so the progress of the part. The relative velocities of part and whole determine whether the part is retarded by the inertia of the whole or is carried forward by the momentum of the cosmic brotherhood.

12 §§ It is a mystery that God is a highly personal self-conscious being with residential headquarters, and at the same time personally present in such a vast universe and personally in contact with such a well-nigh infinite number of beings. That such a phe-

nomenon is a mystery beyond human comprehension should not in the least lessen your faith. Do not allow the magnitude of the infinity, the immensity of the eternity, and the grandeur and glory of the matchless character of God to overawe, stagger, or discourage you; for the Father is not very far from any one of you; he dwells within you, and in him do we all literally move, actually live, and veritably have our being.

13 §§ Even though the Paradise Father functions through his divine creators and his creature children, he also enjoys the most intimate inner contact

with you, so sublime, so highly personal, that it is even beyond my comprehension — that mysterious communion of the Father fragment with the human soul and with the mortal mind of its actual indwelling. Knowing what you do of these gifts of God, you therefore know that the Father is in intimate touch, not only with his divine associates, but also with his evolutionary mortal children of time. The Father indeed abides on Paradise, but his divine presence also dwells in the minds of men.

14 Even though the spirit of a Son be poured out upon all flesh, even though

a Son once dwelt with you in the likeness of mortal flesh, even though the seraphim personally guard and guide you, how can any of these divine beings of the Second and Third Centres ever hope to come as near to you or to understand you as fully as the Father, who has given a part of himself to be in you, to be your real and divine, even your eternal, self?

8. MATTER, MIND, AND SPIRIT

1 "God is spirit," but Paradise is not. The material universe is always the arena wherein take place all spiritual activities; spirit beings and spirit

ascenders live and work on physical spheres of material reality.

2 §§ The bestowal of cosmic force, the domain of cosmic gravity, is the function of the Isle of Paradise. All original force-energy proceeds from Paradise, and the matter for the making of untold universes now circulates throughout the master universe in the form of a supergravity presence which constitutes the force-charge of pervaded space.

3 Whatever the transformations of force in the outlying universes, having gone out from Paradise, it journeys on subject to the never-ending, ever-pre-

sent, unfailing pull of the eternal Isle, obediently and inherently swinging on forever around the eternal space paths of the universes. Physical energy is the one reality which is true and steadfast in its obedience to universal law. Only in the realms of creature volition has there been deviation from the divine paths and the original plans. Power and energy are the universal evidences of the stability, constancy, and eternity of the central Isle of Paradise.

4 §§ The bestowal of spirit and the spiritualization of personalities, the domain of spiritual gravity, is the realm of the Eternal Son. And this

spirit gravity of the Son, ever drawing all spiritual realities to himself, is just as real and absolute as is the all-powerful material grasp of the Isle of Paradise. But material-minded man is naturally more familiar with the material manifestations of a physical nature than with the equally real and mighty operations of a spiritual nature which are discerned only by the spiritual insight of the soul.

5 As the mind of any personality in the universe becomes more spiritual — Godlike — it becomes less responsive to material gravity. Reality, measured by physical-gravity response, is

the antithesis of reality as determined by quality of spirit content. Physical-gravity action is a quantitative determiner of nonspirit energy; spiritual-gravity action is the qualitative measure of the living energy of divinity.

6 §§ What Paradise is to the physical creation, and what the Eternal Son is to the spiritual universe, the Conjoint Actor is to the realms of mind — the intelligent universe of material, morontial, and spiritual beings and personalities.

7 The Conjoint Actor reacts to both material and spiritual realities and therefore inherently becomes the uni-

versal minister to all intelligent beings, beings who may represent a union of both the material and spiritual phases of creation. The endowment of intelligence, the ministry to the material and the spiritual in the phenomenon of mind, is the exclusive domain of the Conjoint Actor, who thus becomes the partner of the spiritual mind, the essence of the morontia mind, and the substance of the material mind of the evolutionary creatures of time.

8 Mind is the technique whereby spirit realities become experiential to creature personalities. And in the last analysis the unifying possibilities of

even human mind, the ability to co-ordinate things, ideas, and values, is supermaterial.

9 §§ Though it is hardly possible for the mortal mind to comprehend the seven levels of relative cosmic reality, the human intellect should be able to grasp much of the meaning of three functioning levels of finite reality:

10 1. *Matter.* Organized energy which is subject to linear gravity except as it is modified by motion and conditioned by mind.

11 2. *Mind.* Organized consciousness which is not wholly subject to material gravity, and which be-

comes truly liberated when modified by spirit.

12 3. *Spirit.* The highest personal reality. True spirit is not subject to physical gravity but eventually becomes the motivating influence of all evolving energy systems of personality dignity.

13 §§ The goal of existence of all personalities is spirit; material manifestations are relative, and the cosmic mind intervenes between these universal opposites. The bestowal of mind and the ministration of spirit are the work of the associate persons of Deity, the Infinite Spirit and the Eternal Son. Total

Deity reality is not mind but spirit-mind — mind-spirit unified by personality. Nevertheless the absolutes of both the spirit and the thing converge in the person of the Universal Father.

14 §§ On Paradise the three energies, physical, mindal, and spiritual, are coordinate. In the evolutionary cosmos energy-matter is dominant except in personality, where spirit, through the mediation of mind, is striving for the mastery. Spirit is the fundamental reality of the personality experience of all creatures because God is spirit. Spirit is unchanging, and therefore, in all personality relations, it transcends

both mind and matter, which are experiential variables of progressive attainment.

15 In cosmic evolution matter becomes a philosophic shadow cast by mind in the presence of spirit luminosity of divine enlightenment, but this does not invalidate the reality of matter-energy. Mind, matter, and spirit are equally real, but they are not of equal value to personality in the attainment of divinity. Consciousness of divinity is a progressive spiritual experience.

16 The brighter the shining of the spiritualized personality (the Father in

the universe, the fragment of potential spirit personality in the individual creature), the greater the shadow cast by the intervening mind upon its material investment. In time, man's body is just as real as mind or spirit, but in death, both mind (identity) and spirit survive while the body does not. A cosmic reality can be nonexistent in personality experience. And so your Greek figure of speech — the material as the shadow of the more real spirit substance — does have a philosophic

significance.

9. PERSONAL REALITIES

1 Spirit is the basic personal reality in the universes, and personality is basic to all progressing experience with spiritual reality. Every phase of personality experience on every successive level of universe progression swarms with clues to the discovery of alluring personal realities. Man's true destiny consists in the creation of new and spirit goals and then in responding to the cosmic allurements of such supernal goals of nonmaterial value.

2 §§ Love is the secret of benefi-

cial association between personalities. You cannot really know a person as the result of a single contact. You cannot appreciatingly know music through mathematical deduction, even though music is a form of mathematical rhythm. The number assigned to a telephone subscriber does not in any manner identify the personality of that subscriber or signify anything concerning his character.

3 Mathematics[1], material science, is indispensable to the intelligent discus-

[1] Mathematics is a creation of the material mind just like the morontia mathematics corresponds to the morontia type of mind, see 112:1.11.

sion of the material aspects of the universe, but such knowledge is not necessarily a part of the higher realization of truth or of the personal appreciation of spiritual realities. Not only in the realms of life but even in the world of physical energy, the sum of two or more things is very often something *more* than, or something *different* from, the predictable additive consequences of such unions. The entire science of mathematics, the whole domain of philosophy, the highest physics or chemistry, could not predict or know that the union of two gaseous hydrogen atoms with one

gaseous oxygen atom would result in a new and qualitatively superadditive substance — liquid water. The understanding knowledge of this one physiochemical phenomenon should have prevented the development of materialistic philosophy and mechanistic cosmology.

4 Technical analysis does not reveal what a person or a thing can do. For example: Water is used effectively to extinguish fire. That water will put out fire is a fact of everyday experience, but no analysis of water could ever be made to disclose such a property. Analysis determines that water

is composed of hydrogen and oxygen; a further study of these elements discloses that oxygen is the real supporter of combustion and that hydrogen will itself freely burn.

5 Your religion is becoming real because it is emerging from the slavery of fear and the bondage of superstition. Your philosophy struggles for emancipation from dogma and tradition. Your science is engaged in the agelong contest between truth and error while it fights for deliverance from the bondage of abstraction, the slavery of mathematics, and the relative blindness of mechanistic materialism.

6 §§ Mortal man has a spirit nucleus. The mind is a personal-energy system existing around a divine spirit nucleus and functioning in a material environment. Such a living relationship of personal mind and spirit constitutes the universe potential of eternal personality. Real trouble, lasting disappointment, serious defeat, or inescapable death can come only after self-concepts presume fully to displace the governing power of the central spirit nucleus, thereby disrupting the cosmic scheme of personality identity.

7 [Presented by a Perfector of Wis-

dom acting by authority of the Ancients of Days.]

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PAPER 13

THE SACRED SPHERES OF PARADISE

Perfector of Wisdom

Between the central Isle of Paradise and the innermost of the Havona planetary circuits there are situated in space three lesser circuits of special spheres. The innermost circuit consists of the seven secret spheres of the Universal Father; the second group is composed of the seven luminous worlds of the Eternal Son; in the outermost are the seven

immense spheres of the Infinite Spirit, the executive-headquarters worlds of the Seven Master Spirits.

2 These three seven-world circuits of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are spheres of unexcelled grandeur and unimagined glory. Even their material or physical construction is of an order unrevealed to you. Each circuit is diverse in material, and each world of each circuit is different excepting the seven worlds of the Son, which are alike in physical constitution. All 21 are enormous spheres, and each group of seven is differently eternalized. As far as we know they have always been;

like Paradise they are eternal. There exists neither record nor tradition of their origin.

3 §§ The seven secret spheres of the Universal Father, circulating about Paradise in close proximity to the eternal Isle, are highly reflective of the spiritual luminosity of the central shining of the eternal Deities, shedding this light of divine glory throughout Paradise and even upon the seven circuits of Havona.

4 §§ On the seven sacred worlds of the Eternal Son there appear to take origin the impersonal energies of spirit luminosity. No personal being may

sojourn on any of these seven shining realms. With spiritual glory they illuminate all Paradise and Havona, and they directionize pure spirit luminosity to the seven superuniverses. These brilliant spheres of the second circuit likewise emit their light (light without heat[1]) to Paradise and to the billion worlds of the seven-circuited central universe.

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[1] The scientific term for this is *luminescence* and its sources can be compared to those of the thermal (blackbody, i.e. "light with heat") radiation as the orderly movements of the troops are compared to the chaotic pushes and running of a crowd. See p.138 of "О «тёплом» и «холодном» свете", С.И. Вавилов, 1961.

5 §§ The seven worlds of the Infinite Spirit are occupied by the Seven Master Spirits, who preside over the destinies of the seven superuniverses, sending forth the spiritual illumination of the Third Person of Deity to these creations of time and space. And all Havona, but not the Isle of Paradise, is bathed in these spiritualizing influences.

6 §§ Although the worlds of the Father are ultimate status spheres for all Father-endowed personalities, this is not their exclusive function. Many beings and entities other than personal sojourn on these worlds. Each world

in the circuit of the Father and the circuit of the Spirit has a distinct type of permanent citizenship, but we think the Son's worlds are inhabited by uniform types of other-than-personal beings. Father fragments are among the natives of Divinington; the other orders of permanent citizenship are unrevealed to you.

7 The 21 Paradise satellites serve many purposes in both central and superuniverses not disclosed in these narratives. You are able to understand so little of the life of these spheres that you cannot hope to gain anything like a consistent view of them, either as to

nature or function; thousands of activities are there going on which are unrevealed to you. These 21 spheres embrace the *potentials* of the function of the master universe. These papers afford only a fleeting glimpse of certain circumscribed activities pertaining to the present universe age of the grand universe — rather, one of the seven sectors of the grand universe.

1. THE SEVEN SACRED WORLDS OF THE FATHER

1 The Father's circuit of sacred life spheres contains the only inherent personality secrets in the universe of universes. These satellites of Paradise,

the innermost of the three circuits, are the only forbidden domains concerned with personality in the central universe. Nether Paradise and the worlds of the Son are likewise closed to personalities, but neither of those realms is in any way directly concerned with personality.

2 The Paradise worlds of the Father are directed by the highest order of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy. Of these worlds I can tell little; of their manifold activities I may tell less. Such information concerns only those beings who function thereon and go

forth therefrom. And though I am somewhat familiar with six of these special worlds, never have I landed on Divinington; that world is wholly forbidden to me.

3 One of the reasons for the secrecy of these worlds is because each of these sacred spheres enjoys a specialized representation, or manifestation, of the Deities composing the Paradise Trinity; not a personality, but a unique presence of Divinity which can only be appreciated and comprehended by those particular groups of intelligences resident on, or admissible to, that particular sphere. The

Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy are the personal agents of these specialized and impersonal presences of Divinity. And the Secrets of Supremacy are highly personal beings, superbly endowed and marvellously adapted to their exalted and exacting work.

4 1. DIVININGTON. This world is, in a unique sense, the "bosom of the Father," the personal-communion sphere of the Universal Father, and thereon is a special manifestation of his divinity. Divinington is the Paradise rendezvous of the Thought Adjusters, but it is also the home of numerous other entities, personalities,

and other beings taking origin in the Universal Father. Many personalities besides the Eternal Son are of direct origin by the solitary acts of the Universal Father. Only the Father fragments and those personalities and other beings of direct and exclusive origin in the Universal Father fraternize and function on this abode.

5 §§ *The secrets of Divinington* include the secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters. Their nature, origin, and the technique of their contact with the lowly creatures of the evolutionary worlds is a secret of this Paradise sphere. These amazing trans-

actions do not personally concern the rest of us, and therefore do the Deities deem it proper to withhold certain features of this great and divine ministry from our full understanding. In so far as we come in contact with this phase of divine activity, we are permitted full knowledge of these transactions, but concerning the intimate details of this great bestowal we are not fully informed.

6 This sphere also holds the secrets of the nature, purpose, and activities of all other forms of Father fragments, of the Gravity Messengers, and of hosts of other beings unrevealed to you. It

is highly probable that those truths pertaining to Divinington which are withheld from me, if revealed, would merely confuse and handicap me in my present work, and still again, perhaps they are beyond the conceptual capacity of my order of being.

7 2. SONARINGTON. This sphere is the "bosom of the Son," the personal receiving world of the Eternal Son. It is the Paradise headquarters of the descending and ascending Sons of God when, and after, they are fully accredited and finally approved. This world is the Paradise home for all Sons of the Eternal Son and of his co-ordinate

and associate Sons. There are numerous orders of divine sonship attached to this supernal abode which have not been revealed to mortals since they are not concerned with the plans of the ascension scheme of human spiritual progression through the universes and on to Paradise.

8 §§ *The secrets of Sonarington* include the secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons. When a Son of God becomes a Son of Man, is literally born of woman, as occurred on your world 1900 years ago[1], it is a univer-

[1] By the time of working on this book (2021) this event had occurred 2027 years ago.

sal mystery. It is occurring right along throughout the universes, and it is a Sonarington secret of divine sonship. The Adjusters are a mystery of God the Father. The incarnation of the divine Sons is a mystery of God the Son; it is a secret locked up in the seventh sector of Sonarington, a realm penetrated by none save those who have personally passed through this unique experience. Only those phases of incarnation having to do with your ascension career have been brought to your notice. There are many other phases of the mystery of the incarnation of the Paradise Sons of unrevealed

types on missions of universe service which are undisclosed to you. And there are still other Sonarington mysteries.

9 3. SPIRITINGTON. This world is the "bosom of the Spirit," the Paradise home of the high beings that exclusively represent the Infinite Spirit. Here forgather the Seven Master Spirits and certain of their offspring from all universes. At this celestial abode may also be found numerous unrevealed orders of spirit personalities, beings assigned to the manifold activities of the universe not associated with the plans of upstepping the mor-

tal creatures of time to the Paradise levels of eternity.

10 §§ *The secrets of Spiritington* involve the impenetrable mysteries of reflectivity. We tell you of the vast and universal phenomenon of reflectivity, more particularly as it is operative on the headquarters worlds of the seven superuniverses, but we never fully explain this phenomenon, for we do not fully understand it. Much, very much, we do comprehend, but many basic details are still mysterious to us. Reflectivity is a secret of God the Spirit. You have been instructed concerning reflectivity functions in relation to the

ascension scheme of mortal survival, and it does so operate, but reflectivity is also an indispensable feature of the normal working of numerous other phases of universe occupation. This endowment of the Infinite Spirit is also utilized in channels other than those of intelligence gathering and information dissemination. And there are other secrets of Spiritington.

11 4. VICEGERINGTON. This planet is the "bosom of the Father and the Son" and is the secret sphere of certain unrevealed beings who take origin by the acts of the Father and the Son. This is also the Paradise home of many

glorified beings of complex ancestry, those whose origin is complicated because of the many diverse techniques operative in the seven superuniverses. Many groups of beings forgather on this world whose identity has not been revealed to Urantia mortals.

12 §§ *The secrets of Vicegerington* include the secrets of trinitization, and trinitization constitutes the secret of authority to represent the Trinity, to act as vicegerents of the Gods. Authority to represent the Trinity attaches only to those beings, revealed and unrevealed, who are trinitized, created, eventuated, or eternalized by

any two or all three of the Paradise Trinity. Personalities brought into being by the trinitizing acts of certain types of glorified creatures represent no more than the conceptual potential mobilized in that trinitization, albeit such creatures may ascend the path of Deity embrace open to all of their kind.

13 Nontrinitized beings do not fully understand the technique of trinitization by either two or three Creators or by certain creatures. You will never fully understand such a phenomenon unless, in the far-distant future of your glorified career, you should essay and

succeed in such an adventure, because otherwise these secrets of Vicegerington will always be forbidden you. But to me, a high Trinity-origin being, all sectors of Vicegerington are open. I fully understand, and just as fully and sacredly protect, the secret of my origin and destiny.

14 There are still other forms and phases of trinitization which have not been brought to the notice of the Urantia peoples, and these experiences, in their personal aspects, are duly protected in the secret sector of Vicegerington.

15 5. SOLITARINGTON. This wo

is the "bosom of the Father and the Spirit" and is the rendezvous of a magnificent host of unrevealed beings of origin in the conjoint acts of the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit, beings who partake of the traits of the Father in addition to their Spirit inheritance.

16 This is also the home of the Solitary Messengers and of other personalities of the superangelic orders. You know of very few of these beings; there are vast numbers of orders unrevealed on Urantia. Because they are domiciled on the fifth world, it does not necessarily follow that the Father had

aught to do with the creation of Solitary Messengers or their superangelic associates, but in this universe age he does have to do with their function. During the present universe age this is also the status sphere of the Universe Power Directors.

17 There are numerous additional orders of spirit personalities, beings unknown to mortal man, who look upon Solitarington as their Paradise home sphere. It should be remembered that all divisions and levels of universe activities are just as fully provided with spirit ministers as is the realm concerned with helping mortal man as-

cend to his divine Paradise destiny.

18 §§ *The secrets of Solitarington.* Besides certain secrets of trinitization, this world holds the secrets of the personal relation of the Infinite Spirit with certain of the higher offspring of the Third Source and Centre. On Solitarington are held the mysteries of the intimate association of numerous unrevealed orders with the spirits of the Father, of the Son, and of the Spirit, with the threefold spirit of the Trinity, and with the spirits of the Supreme, the Ultimate, and the Supreme-Ultimate.

19 6. SERAPHINGTON. This sphe

is the "bosom of the Son and the Spirit" and is the home world of the vast hosts of unrevealed beings created by the Son and the Spirit. This is also the destiny sphere of all ministering orders of the angelic hosts, including supernaphim, seconaphim, and seraphim. There also serve in the central and outlying universes many orders of superb spirits who are not "ministering spirits to those who shall be heirs of salvation." All these spirit workers in all levels and realms of universe activities look upon Seraphington as their Paradise home.

20 §§ *The secrets of Seraphington* in-

volve a threefold mystery, only one of which I may mention — the mystery of seraphic transport. The ability of various orders of seraphim and allied spirit beings to envelop within their spirit forms all orders of nonmaterial personalities and to carry them away on lengthy interplanetary journeys, is a secret locked up in the sacred sectors of Seraphington. The transport seraphim comprehend this mystery, but they do not communicate it to the rest of us, or perhaps they cannot. The other mysteries of Seraphington pertain to the personal experiences of types of spirit servers

as yet not revealed to mortals. And we refrain from discussing the secrets of such closely related beings because you can almost comprehend such near orders of existence, and it would be akin to betrayal of trust to present even our partial knowledge of such phenomena.

21 7. ASCENDINGTON. This uni world is the "bosom of the Father, Son, and Spirit," the rendezvous of the ascendant creatures of space, the receiving sphere of the pilgrims of time who are passing through the Havona universe on their way to Paradise. Ascendington is the actual Paradise

home of the ascendant souls of time and space until they attain Paradise status. You mortals will spend most of your Havona "vacations" on Ascendington. During your Havona life Ascendington will be to you what the reversion directors were during the local and superuniverse ascension. Here you will engage in thousands of activities which are beyond the grasp of mortal imagination. And as on every previous advance in the Godward ascent, your human self will here enter into new relationships with your divine self.

22 §§ *The secrets of Ascendington* in-

clude the mystery of the gradual and certain building up in the material and mortal mind of a spiritual and potentially immortal counterpart of character and identity. This phenomenon constitutes one of the most perplexing mysteries of the universes — the evolution of an immortal soul within the mind of a mortal and material creature.

[23] You will never fully understand this mysterious transaction until you reach Ascendington. And that is just why all Ascendington will be open to your wondering gaze. One seventh of Ascendington is forbidden to me —

that sector concerned with this very secret which is (or will be) the exclusive experience and possession of your type of being. This experience belongs to your human order of existence. My order of personality is not directly concerned with such transactions. It is therefore forbidden to me and eventually revealed to you. But even after it is revealed to you, for some reason it forever remains your secret. You do not reveal it to us nor to any other order of beings. We know about the eternal fusion of a divine Adjuster and an immortal soul of human origin, but the ascendant finaliters know this

very experience as an absolute reality.

2. FATHER-WORLD RELATIONSHIPS

1 These home worlds of the diverse orders of spiritual beings are tremendous and stupendous spheres, and they are equal to Paradise in their matchless beauty and superb glory. They are rendezvous worlds, reunion spheres, serving as permanent cosmic addresses. As finaliters you will be domiciled on Paradise, but Ascendington will be your home address at all times, even when you enter service in outer space. Through all eternity you will regard Ascendington as

your home of sentimental memories and reminiscent recollections. When you become seventh-stage spirit beings, possibly you will give up your residential status on Paradise.

2 If outer universes are in the making, if they are to be inhabited by time creatures of ascension potential, then we infer that these children of the future will also be destined to look upon Ascendington as their Paradise home world.

3 §§ Ascendington is the only sacred sphere that will be unreservedly open to your inspection as a Paradise arrival. Vicegerington is the only sa-

cred sphere that is wholly and unreservedly open to my scrutiny. Though its secrets are concerned in my origin, in this universe age I do not regard Vicegerington as my home. Trinity-origin beings and trinitized beings are not the same.

4 §§ The Trinity-origin beings do not fully share the Father's worlds; they have their sole homes on the Isle of Paradise in close proximity to the Most Holy Sphere. They often appear on Ascendington, the "bosom of the Father-Son-Spirit," where they fraternize with their brethren who have come up from the lowly worlds of

space.

5 §§ You might assume that Creator Sons, being of Father-Son origin, would regard Vicegerington as their home, but such is not the case in this universe age of the function of God the Sevenfold. And there are many similar problems that will perplex you, for you are sure to encounter many difficulties as you attempt to understand these things which are so near Paradise. Nor can you successfully reason out these questions; you know so little. And if you knew more about the Father's worlds, you would simply encounter more difficulties until you

knew *all* about them. Status on any of these secret worlds is acquired by service as well as by nature of origin, and the successive universe ages may and do redistribute certain of these personality groupings.

6 §§ The worlds of the inner circuit are really fraternal or status worlds more than actual residential spheres. Mortals will attain some status on each of the Father's worlds save one. For example: When you mortals attain Havona, you are granted clearance for Ascendington, where you are most welcome, but you are not permitted to visit the other six sacred

worlds. Subsequent to your passage through the Paradise regime and after your admission to the Corps of the Finality, you are granted clearance for Sonarington since you are sons of God as well as ascenders — and you are even more. But there will always remain one seventh of Sonarington, the sector of the incarnation secrets of the divine Sons, which will not be open to your scrutiny. Never will those secrets be revealed to the ascendant sons of God.

7 Eventually you will have full access to Ascendington and relative access to the other spheres of the Fa-

ther except Divinington. But even when you are granted permission to land on five additional secret spheres, after you have become a finaliter, you will not be allowed to visit all sectors of such worlds. Nor will you be permitted to land on the shores of Divinington, the "bosom of the Father," though you shall surely stand repeatedly at the "right hand of the Father." Never throughout all eternity will there arise any necessity for your presence on the world of the Thought Adjusters.

8 These rendezvous worlds of spirit life are forbidden ground to the extent

that we are asked not to negotiate entrance to those phases of these spheres which are wholly outside our realms of experience. You may become creature perfect even as the Universal Father is deity perfect, but you may not know all the experiential secrets of all other orders of universe personalities. When the Creator has an experiential personality secret with his creature, the Creator preserves that secret in eternal confidence.

9 §§ All these secrets are supposedly known to the collective body of the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy. These beings are fully known only by

their special world groups; they are little comprehended by other orders. After you attain Paradise, you will know and ardently love the ten Secrets of Supremacy who direct Ascendington. Excepting Divinington, you will also achieve a partial understanding of the Secrets of Supremacy on the other worlds of the Father, though not so perfectly as on Ascendington.

10 The Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy, as their name might suggest, are related to the Supreme; they are likewise related to the Ultimate and to the future Supreme-Ultimate. These Secrets of Supremacy are the secrets of

the Supreme and also the secrets of the Ultimate, even the secrets of the Supreme-Ultimate.

3. THE SACRED WORLDS OF THE ETERNAL SON

1 The seven luminous spheres of the Eternal Son are the worlds of the seven phases of pure-spirit existence. These shining orbs are the source of the threefold light of Paradise and Havona, their influence being largely, but not wholly, confined to the central universe.

2 Personality is not present on these Paradise satellites; therefore is there little concerning these pure-

spirit abodes which can be presented to the mortal and material personality. We are taught that these worlds teem with the otherwise-than-personal life of the beings of the Eternal Son. We infer that these entities are being assembled for ministry in the projected new universes of outer space. The Paradise philosophers maintain that each Paradise cycle, about two billion years of Urantia time, witnesses the creation of additional reserves of these orders on the secret worlds of the Eternal Son.

3 §§ As far as I am informed, no personality has ever been on any one of

these spheres of the Eternal Son. I have never been assigned to visit one of these worlds in all my long experience in and out of Paradise. Even the personalities cocreated by the Eternal Son do not go to these worlds. We infer that all types of impersonal spirits — regardless of parentage — are admitted to these spirit homes. As I am a person and have a spirit form, no doubt such a world would seem empty and deserted even if I were permitted to pay it a visit. High spirit personalities are not given to the gratification of purposeless curiosity, purely useless adventure. There is at all times alto-

gether too much intriguing and purposeful adventure to permit the development of any great interest in those projects which are either futile or unreal.

4. THE WORLDS OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT

1 Between the inner circuit of Havona and the shining spheres of the Eternal Son there circle the seven orbs of the Infinite Spirit, worlds inhabited by the offspring of the Infinite Spirit, by the trinitized sons of glorified created personalities, and by other types of unrevealed beings concerned with the effective administration of

the many enterprises of the various realms of universe activities.

2 The Seven Master Spirits are the supreme and ultimate representatives of the Infinite Spirit. They maintain their personal stations, their power focuses, on the periphery of Paradise, but all operations concerned with their management and direction of the grand universe are conducted on and from these seven special executive spheres of the Infinite Spirit. The Seven Master Spirits are, in reality, the mind-spirit balance wheel of the universe of universes, an all-embracing, all-encompassing, and all-co-ordinat-

ing power of central location.

3 From these seven special spheres the Master Spirits operate to equalize and stabilize the cosmic-mind circuits of the grand universe. They also have to do with the differential spiritual attitude and presence of the Deities throughout the grand universe. Physical reactions are uniform, unvarying, and always instantaneous and automatic. But experiential spiritual presence is in accordance with the underlying conditions or states of spiritual receptivity inherent in the individual minds of the realms.

4 §§ Physical authority, presence,

and function are unvarying in all the universes, small or great. The differing factor in spiritual presence, or reaction, is the fluctuating differential in its recognition and reception by will creatures. Whereas the spiritual presence of absolute and existential Deity is in no manner whatever influenced by attitudes of loyalty or disloyalty on the part of created beings, at the same time it is true that the functioning presence of subabsolute and experiential Deity is definitely and directly influenced by the decisions, choices, and will-attitudes of such finite creature beings — by the loyalty and de-

votion of the individual being, planet, system, constellation, or universe. But this spiritual presence of divinity is not whimsical nor arbitrary; its experiential variance is inherent in the freewill endowment of personal creatures.

5 The determiner of the differential of spiritual presence exists in your own hearts and minds and consists in the manner of your own choosing, in the decisions of your minds, and in the determination of your own wills. This differential is inherent in the freewill reactions of intelligent personal beings, beings whom the Universal Father has ordained shall exercise this

liberty of choosing. And the Deities are ever true to the ebb and flow of their spirits in meeting and satisfying the conditions and demands of this differential of creature choice, now bestowing more of their presence in response to a sincere desire for the same and again withdrawing themselves from the scene as their creatures decide adversely in the exercise of their divinely bestowed freedom of choice. And thus does the spirit of divinity become humbly obedient to the choosing of the creatures of the realms.

6 §§ The executive abodes of the Seven Master Spirits are, in reality, the

Paradise headquarters of the seven superuniverses and their correlated segments in outer space. Each Master Spirit presides over one superuniverse, and each of these seven worlds is exclusively assigned to one of the Master Spirits. There is literally no phase of the sub-Paradise administration of the seven superuniverses which is not provided for on these executive worlds. They are not so exclusive as the spheres of the Father or those of the Son, and though residential status is limited to native beings and those who work thereon, these seven administrative planets are always open to all be-

ings who desire to visit them, and who can command the necessary means of transit.

7 To me, these executive worlds are the most interesting and intriguing spots outside of Paradise. In no other place in the wide universe can one observe such varied activities, involving so many different orders of living beings, having to do with operations on so many diverse levels, occupations at once material, intellectual, and spiritual. When I am accorded a period of release from assignment, if I chance to be on Paradise or in Havona, I usually proceed to one of these busy worlds of

the Seven Master Spirits, there to inspire my mind with such spectacles of enterprise, devotion, loyalty, wisdom, and effectiveness. Nowhere else can I observe such an amazing interassociation of personality performances on all seven levels of universe reality. And I am always stimulated by the activities of those who well know how to do their work, and who so thoroughly enjoy doing it.

8 [Presented by a Perfector of Wisdom commissioned thus to function by the Ancients of Days on Uversa.]

PAPER 14

THE CENTRAL AND DIVINE UNIVERSE

Perfector of Wisdom

The perfect and divine universe occupies the centre of all creation; it is the eternal core around which the vast creations of time and space revolve. Paradise is the gigantic nuclear Isle of absolute stability which rests motionless at the very heart of the magnificent eternal universe. This central planetary family is called Havona and is far-distant from

the local universe of Nebadon. It is of enormous dimensions and almost unbelievable mass and consists of one billion spheres of unimagined beauty and superb grandeur, but the true magnitude of this vast creation is really beyond the understanding grasp of the human mind.

2 This is the one and only settled, perfect, and established aggregation of worlds. This is a wholly created and perfect universe; it is not an evolutionary development. This is the eternal core of perfection, about which swirls that endless procession of universes which constitute the tremendous evo-

lutionary experiment, the audacious adventure of the Creator Sons of God, who aspire to duplicate in time and to reproduce in space the pattern universe, the ideal of divine completeness, supreme finality, ultimate reality, and eternal perfection.

1. THE PARADISE-HAVONA SYSTEM

1 From the periphery of Paradise to the inner borders of the seven superuniverses there are the following seven space conditions and motions:

2 1. The quiescent midspace zones impinging on Paradise.

3 2. The clockwise processional of

the three Paradise and the seven Havona circuits.

4 3. The semiquiet space zone separating the Havona circuits from the dark gravity bodies of the central universe.

5 4. The inner, counterclockwise-moving belt of the dark gravity bodies.

6 5. The second unique space zone dividing the two space paths of the dark gravity bodies.

7 6. The outer belt of dark gravity bodies, revolving clockwise around Paradise.

8 7. A third space zone — a semiquiet zone — separating the outer

belt of dark gravity bodies from the innermost circuits of the seven superuniverses.

9 §§ The billion worlds of Havona are arranged in seven concentric circuits immediately surrounding the three circuits of Paradise satellites. There are upwards of 35,000,000 worlds in the innermost Havona circuit and over 245,000,000 in the outermost, with proportionate numbers intervening[1]. Each circuit differs, but all are perfectly balanced and exqui-

[1] One possible distribution of the worlds (in millions) on the kth circuit is given by the following neat formula: $N_k = 35k + (-1)^k + 3$, which gives

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$N_1 = 37 > 35, N_7 = 247 > 245, \sum_{k=1}^{7} N_k = 1000.$ This distribution has the property of: $(N_{k+1} - N_{k-1})/2 = 35 = const$, but does not satisfy the condition of proportionality in any mathematically acceptable sense (geometric, harmonic or arithmetic). It comes the closest to the arithmetic mean, but is never equal to it: $(N_{k+1} + N_{k-1})/2 = N_k - 2(-1)^k \neq N_k$. To find a more suitable form of N_k we need to satisfy the following boundary and totalling constraints: $N_1 = 35 + \epsilon, N_7 = 245 + \delta, \sum_{k=1}^{7} N_k = 1000, \epsilon > 0, \delta > 0$ to which we should add the condition of proportionality: $N_k = f(N_{k+1}, N_{k-1})$, where $f(a, b)$ is a function which determines what kind of average is selected to provide the *proportionality* between the numbers of worlds on the three consecutive circuits. In principle $f(a, b)$ could be any function which satisfies the four *Kolmogorov's Axioms* for a generalised

mean (also known as "quasi-arithmetic mean"), but we restrict our attention here to the three particular types abovementioned. If we restrict the values of ϵ and δ thus: $0 < \epsilon < 2, 0 < \delta < 2$, then it is possible to show (using Wolfram Mathematica) that there exists *no* solution for the following three types of $f(a, b)$: a) arithmetic mean $f(a, b) = (a + b)/2$, b) geometric mean $f(a, b) = \sqrt{ab}$, c) harmonic mean $f(a, b) = 2ab/(a + b)$. If, however, the upper limits on ϵ and δ are relaxed to allow up to 3 million worlds (minus 1) excess on the 1st and the 7th circuits: $0 < \epsilon < 3, 0 < \delta < 3$, then there exists a solution with the simplest form of average $f(a, b) = (a + b)/2$ in the form of arithmetic progression: $N_k = \lambda k + \mu, \lambda = 35 - \mu + (20 + 21\mu)/28, \epsilon = (20 + 21\mu)/28, \delta = -245 + \mu + 7(35 - \mu + (20 + 21\mu)/28)$ with the parameter μ taking any value in the range $8/3 < \mu < 64/21$. Note that this solution implies a slightly higher excess (e.g. $N_1 \approx 37.7$) than the solution proposed at the beginning of this footnote,

sitely organized, and each is pervaded by a specialized representation of the Infinite Spirit, one of the Seven Spirits of the Circuits. In addition to other functions this impersonal Spirit coordinates the conduct of celestial affairs throughout each circuit.

10 The Havona planetary circuits are not superimposed; their worlds follow each other in an orderly linear procession. The central universe whirls around the stationary Isle of Paradise in one vast plane, consisting of ten concentric stabilized units — the

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but it has the advantage of providing strict *proportionality* as demanded by the text.

three circuits of Paradise spheres and the seven circuits of Havona worlds. Physically regarded, the Havona and the Paradise circuits are all one and the same system; their separation is in recognition of functional and administrative segregation.

11 §§ Time is not reckoned on Paradise; the sequence of successive events is inherent in the concept of those who are indigenous to the central Isle. But time is germane to the Havona circuits and to numerous beings of both celestial and terrestrial origin sojourning thereon. Each Havona world has its own local time, determined by its

circuit. All worlds in a given circuit have the same length of year since they uniformly swing around Paradise, and the length of these planetary years decreases from the outermost to the innermost circuit.

12 Besides Havona-circuit time, there is the Paradise-Havona standard day and other time designations which are determined on, and are sent out from, the seven Paradise satellites of the Infinite Spirit. The Paradise-Havona standard day is based on the length of time required for the planetary abodes of the first or inner Havona circuit to complete one revolution around the

Isle of Paradise; and though their velocity is enormous, owing to their situation between the dark gravity bodies and gigantic Paradise, it requires almost 1,000 years for these spheres to complete their circuit. You have unwittingly read the truth when your eyes rested on the statement "A day is as a thousand years with God, as but a watch in the night." One Paradise-Havona day is just 7 minutes, 3 ⅛ seconds less than 1,000 years of the present Urantia leap-year calendar.

13 This Paradise-Havona day is the standard time measurement for the seven superuniverses, although each

maintains its own internal time standards.

14 §§ On the outskirts of this vast central universe, far out beyond the seventh belt of Havona worlds, there swirl an unbelievable number of enormous dark gravity bodies. These multitudinous dark masses are quite unlike other space bodies in many particulars; even in form they are very different. These dark gravity bodies neither reflect nor absorb light; they are nonreactive to physical-energy light, and they so completely encircle and enshroud Havona as to hide it from the view of even near-by inhabited univer-

ses of time and space.

15 The great belt of dark gravity bodies is divided into two equal elliptical circuits by a unique space intrusion. The inner belt revolves counterclockwise; the outer revolves clockwise. These alternate directions of motion, coupled with the extraordinary mass of the dark bodies, so effectively equalize the lines of Havona gravity as to render the central universe a physically balanced and perfectly stabilized creation.

16 The inner procession of dark gravity bodies is tubular in arrangement, consisting of three circular group-

ings. A cross section of this circuit would exhibit three concentric circles of about equal density. The outer circuit of dark gravity bodies is arranged perpendicularly, being 10,000 times higher than the inner circuit. The up-and-down diameter of the outer circuit is 50,000 times that of the transverse diameter.

17 The intervening space which exists between these two circuits of gravity bodies is *unique* in that nothing like it is to be found elsewhere in all the wide universe. This zone is characterized by enormous wave movements of an up-and-down nature and is permeated by

tremendous energy activities of an unknown order.

18 In our opinion, nothing like the dark gravity bodies of the central universe will characterize the future evolution of the outer space levels; we regard these alternate processions of stupendous gravity-balancing bodies as unique in the master universe.

2. CONSTITUTION OF HAVONA

1 Spirit beings do not dwell in nebulous space; they do not inhabit ethereal worlds; they are domiciled on actual spheres of a material nature, worlds just as real as those on which

mortals live. The Havona worlds are actual and literal, albeit their literal substance differs from the material organization of the planets of the seven superuniverses.

2 The physical realities of Havona represent an order of energy organization radically different from any prevailing in the evolutionary universes of space. Havona energies are threefold; superuniverse units of energy-matter contain a twofold energy charge, although one form of energy exists in negative and positive phases. The creation of the central universe is threefold (Trinity); the creation of a lo-

cal universe (directly) is twofold, by a Creator Son and a Creative Spirit.

3 The material of Havona consists of the organization of exactly 1,000 basic chemical elements and the balanced function of the seven forms of Havona energy. Each of these basic energies manifests seven phases of excitation, so that the Havona natives respond to 49 differing sensation stimuli. In other words, viewed from a purely physical standpoint, the natives of the central universe possess 49 specialized forms of sensation. The morontia senses are 70, and the higher spiritual orders of reaction response

vary in different types of beings from 70 to 210.

4 None of the physical beings of the central universe would be visible to Urantians. Neither would any of the physical stimuli of those faraway worlds excite a reaction in your gross sense organs. If a Urantia mortal could be transported to Havona, he would there be deaf, blind, and utterly lacking in all other sense reactions; he could only function as a limited self-conscious being deprived of all environmental stimuli and all reactions thereto.

5 §§ There are numerous physical

phenomena and spiritual reactions transpiring in the central creation which are unknown on worlds such as Urantia. The basic organization of a threefold creation is wholly unlike that of the twofold constitution of the created universes of time and space.

6 All natural law is co-ordinated on a basis entirely different than in the dual-energy systems of the evolving creations. The entire central universe is organized in accordance with the threefold system of perfect and symmetrical control. Throughout the whole Paradise-Havona system there is maintained a perfect balance be-

tween all cosmic realities and all spiritual forces. Paradise, with an absolute grasp of material creation, perfectly regulates and maintains the physical energies of this central universe; the Eternal Son, as a part of his all-embracing spirit grasp, most perfectly sustains the spiritual status of all who indwell Havona. On Paradise nothing is experimental, and the Paradise-Havona system is a unit of creative perfection.

7 The universal spiritual gravity of the Eternal Son is amazingly active throughout the central universe. All spirit values and spiritual personalities

are unceasingly drawn inward towards the abode of the Gods. This Godward urge is intense and inescapable. The ambition to attain God is stronger in the central universe, not because spirit gravity is stronger than in the outlying universes, but because those beings who have attained Havona are more fully spiritualized and hence more responsive to the ever-present action of the universal spirit-gravity pull of the Eternal Son.

8 Likewise does the Infinite Spirit draw all intellectual values Paradiseward. Throughout the central universe the mind gravity of the Infinite

Spirit functions in liaison with the spirit gravity of the Eternal Son, and these together constitute the combined urge of the ascendant souls to find God, to attain Deity, to achieve Paradise, and to know the Father.

9 §§ Havona is a spiritually perfect and physically stable universe. The control and balanced stability of the central universe appear to be perfect. Everything physical or spiritual is perfectly predictable, but mind phenomena and personality volition are not. We do infer that sin can be reckoned as impossible of occurrence, but we do this on the ground that the na-

tive freewill creatures of Havona have never been guilty of transgressing the will of Deity. Through all eternity these supernal beings have been consistently loyal to the Eternals of Days. Neither has sin appeared in any creature who has entered Havona as a pilgrim. There has never been an instance of misconduct by any creature of any group of personalities ever created in, or admitted to, the central Havona universe. So perfect and so divine are the methods and means of selection in the universes of time that never in the records of Havona has an error occurred; no mistakes have ever

been made; no ascendant soul has ever been prematurely admitted to the central universe.

3. THE HAVONA WORLDS

1 Concerning the government of the central universe, there is none. Havona is so exquisitely perfect that no intellectual system of government is required. There are no regularly constituted courts, neither are there legislative assemblies; Havona requires only administrative direction. Here may be observed the height of the ideals of true *self*-government.

2 There is no need of government

among such perfect and near-perfect intelligences. They stand in no need of regulation, for they are beings of native perfection interspersed with evolutionary creatures who have long since passed the scrutiny of the supreme tribunals of the superuniverses.

3 The administration of Havona is not automatic, but it is marvellously perfect and divinely efficient. It is chiefly planetary and is vested in the resident Eternal of Days, each Havona sphere being directed by one of these Trinity-origin personalities. Eternals of Days are not creators, but they are perfect administrators. They teach

with supreme skill and direct their planetary children with a perfection of wisdom bordering on absoluteness.

4 The billion spheres of the central universe constitute the training worlds of the high personalities native to Paradise and Havona and further serve as the final proving grounds for ascending creatures from the evolutionary worlds of time. In the execution of the Universal Father's great plan of creature ascension the pilgrims of time are landed on the receiving worlds of the outer or seventh circuit, and subsequent to increased training and enlarged experience, they are progres-

sively advanced inward, planet by planet and circle by circle, until they finally attain the Deities and achieve residence on Paradise.

5 At present, although the spheres of the seven circuits are maintained in all their supernal glory, only about 1% of all planetary capacity is utilized in the work of furthering the Father's universal plan of mortal ascension. About 0.1% of the area of these enormous worlds is dedicated to the life and activities of the Corps of the Finality, beings eternally settled in light and life who often sojourn and minister on the Havona worlds. These exalted beings

have their personal residences on Paradise.

6 The planetary construction of the Havona spheres is entirely unlike that of the evolutionary worlds and systems of space. Nowhere else in all the grand universe is it convenient to utilize such enormous spheres as inhabited worlds. Triata physical constitution, coupled with the balancing effect of the immense dark gravity bodies, makes it possible so perfectly to equalize the physical forces and so exquisitely to balance the various attractions of this tremendous creation. Antigravity is also employed

in the organization of the material functions and the spiritual activities of these enormous worlds.

7 The architecture, lighting, and heating, as well as the biologic and artistic embellishment, of the Havona spheres, are quite beyond the greatest possible stretch of human imagination. You cannot be told much about Havona; to understand its beauty and grandeur you must see it. But there are real rivers and lakes on these perfect worlds.

8 Spiritually these worlds are ideally appointed; they are fittingly adapted to their purpose of harbouring the

numerous orders of differing beings who function in the central universe. Manifold activities take place on these beautiful worlds which are far beyond human comprehension.

4. CREATURES OF THE CENTRAL UNIVERSE

1 There are seven basic forms of living things and beings on the Havona worlds, and each of these basic forms exists in three distinct phases. Each of these three phases is divided into 70 major divisions, and each major division is composed of 1,000 minor divisions, with yet other subdivisions, and so on. These basic life groups might be

classified as:

2 1. Material.

3 2. Morontial.

4 3. Spiritual.

5 4. Absonite.

6 5. Ultimate.

7 6. Coabsolute.

8 7. Absolute.

9 §§ Decay and death are not a part of the cycle of life on the Havona worlds. In the central universe the lower living things undergo the transmutation of materialization. They do change form and manifestation, but

they do not resolve by process of decay and cellular death.

10 §§ The Havona natives are all the offspring of the Paradise Trinity. They are without creature parents, and they are nonreproducing beings. We cannot portray the creation of these citizens of the central universe, beings who never were created. The entire story of the creation of Havona is an attempt to time-space an eternity fact which has no relation to time or space as mortal man comprehends them. But we must concede human philosophy a point of origin; even personalities far above the human level require a

concept of "beginnings." Nevertheless, the Paradise-Havona system is eternal.

11 The natives of Havona live on the billion spheres of the central universe in the same sense that other orders of permanent citizenship dwell on their respective spheres of nativity. As the material order of sonship carries on the material, intellectual, and spiritual economy of a billion local systems in a superuniverse, so, in a larger sense, do the Havona natives live and function on the billion worlds of the central universe. You might possibly regard these Havoners as material creatures in the sense that the word "ma-

terial" could be expanded to describe the physical realities of the divine universe.

12 There is a life that is native to Havona and possesses significance in and of itself. Havoners minister in many ways to Paradise descenders and to superuniverse ascenders, but they also live lives that are unique in the central universe and have relative meaning quite apart from either Paradise or the superuniverses.

13 As the worship of the faith sons of the evolutionary worlds ministers to the satisfaction of the Universal Father's love, so the exalted adoration of

the Havona creatures satiates the perfect ideals of divine beauty and truth. As mortal man strives to do the will of God, these beings of the central universe live to gratify the ideals of the Paradise Trinity. In their very nature they *are* the will of God. Man rejoices in the goodness of God, Havoners exult in the divine beauty, while you both enjoy the ministry of the liberty of living truth.

14 Havoners have both optional present and future unrevealed destinies. And there is a progression of native creatures that is peculiar to the central universe, a progression that involves

neither ascent to Paradise nor penetration of the superuniverses. This progression to higher Havona status may be suggested as follows:

15 1. Experiential progress outward from the first to the seventh circuit.

16 2. Progress inward from the seventh to the first circuit.

17 3. Intracircuit progress — progression within the worlds of a given circuit.

18 §§ In addition to the Havona natives, the inhabitants of the central universe embrace numerous classes of pattern beings for various universe groups — advisers, directors, and

teachers of their kind and to their kind throughout creation. All beings in all universes are fashioned along the lines of some one order of pattern creature living on some one of the billion worlds of Havona. Even the mortals of time have their goal and ideals of creature existence on the outer circuits of these pattern spheres on high.

19 Then there are those beings who have attained the Universal Father, and who are entitled to go and come, who are assigned here and there in the universes on missions of special service. And on every Havona world will be found the attainment candi-

dates, those who have physically attained the central universe, but who have not yet achieved that spiritual development which will enable them to claim Paradise residence.

20 The Infinite Spirit is represented on the Havona worlds by a host of personalities, beings of grace and glory, who administer the details of the intricate intellectual and spiritual affairs of the central universe. On these worlds of divine perfection they perform the work indigenous to the normal conduct of this vast creation and, in addition, carry on the manifold tasks of teaching, training, and ministering to

the enormous numbers of ascendant creatures who have climbed to glory from the dark worlds of space.

21 There are numerous groups of beings native to the Paradise-Havona system that are in no way directly associated with the ascension scheme of creature perfection attainment; therefore are they omitted from the personality classifications presented to the mortal races. Only the major groups of superhuman beings and those orders directly connected with your survival experience are herein presented.

22 Havona teems with the life of all phases of intelligent beings, who there

seek to advance from lower to higher circuits in their efforts to attain higher levels of divinity realization and enlarged appreciation of supreme meanings, ultimate values, and absolute reality.

5. LIFE IN HAVONA

1 On Urantia you pass through a short and intense test during your initial life of material existence. On the mansion worlds and up through your system, constellation, and local universe, you traverse the morontia phases of ascension. On the training worlds of the superuniverse you

pass through the true spirit stages of progression and are prepared for eventual transit to Havona. On the seven circuits of Havona your attainment is intellectual, spiritual, and experiential. And there is a definite task to be achieved on each of the worlds of each of these circuits.

2 Life on the divine worlds of the central universe is so rich and full, so complete and replete, that it wholly transcends the human concept of anything a created being could possibly experience. The social and economic activities of this eternal creation are entirely dissimilar to the occupations

of material creatures living on evolutionary worlds like Urantia. Even the technique of Havona thought is unlike the process of thinking on Urantia.

3 The regulations of the central universe are fittingly and inherently natural; the rules of conduct are not arbitrary. In every requirement of Havona there is disclosed the reason of righteousness and the rule of justice. And these two factors, combined, equal what on Urantia would be denominated *fairness.* When you arrive in Havona, you will naturally enjoy doing things the way they should be done.

4 §§ When intelligent beings first attain the central universe, they are received and domiciled on the pilot world of the seventh Havona circuit. As the new arrivals progress spiritually, attain identity comprehension of their superuniverse Master Spirit, they are transferred to the sixth circle. (It is from these arrangements in the central universe that the circles of progress in the human mind have been designated.) After ascenders have attained a realization of Supremacy and are thereby prepared for the Deity adventure, they are taken to the fifth circuit; and after attaining the Infinite Spirit,

they are transferred to the fourth. Following the attainment of the Eternal Son, they are removed to the third; and when they have recognized the Universal Father, they go to sojourn on the second circuit of worlds, where they become more familiar with the Paradise hosts. Arrival on the first circuit of Havona signifies the acceptance of the candidates of time into the service of Paradise. Indefinitely, according to the length and nature of the creature ascension, they will tarry on the inner circuit of progressive spiritual attainment. From this inner circuit the ascending pilgrims pass in-

ward to Paradise residence and admission to the Corps of the Finality.

5 During your sojourn in Havona as a pilgrim of ascent, you will be allowed to visit freely among the worlds of the circuit of your assignment. You will also be permitted to go back to the planets of those circuits you have previously traversed. And all this is possible to those who sojourn on the circles of Havona without the necessity of being ensupernaphimed. The pilgrims of time are able to equip themselves to traverse "achieved" space but must depend on the ordained technique to negotiate "unachieved" space; a pilgrim

cannot leave Havona nor go forward beyond his assigned circuit without the aid of a transport supernaphim.

6 §§ There is a refreshing originality about this vast central creation. Aside from the physical organization of matter and the fundamental constitution of the basic orders of intelligent beings and other living things, there is nothing in common between the worlds of Havona. Every one of these planets is an original, unique, and exclusive creation; each planet is a matchless, superb, and perfect production. And this diversity of individuality extends to all features of the physical, intellec-

tual, and spiritual aspects of planetary existence. Each of these billion perfection spheres has been developed and embellished in accordance with the plans of the resident Eternal of Days. And this is just why no two of them are alike.

7 Not until you traverse the last of the Havona circuits and visit the last of the Havona worlds, will the tonic of adventure and the stimulus of curiosity disappear from your career. And then will the urge, the forward impulse of eternity, replace its forerunner, the adventure lure of time.

8 Monotony is indicative of imma-

turity of the creative imagination and inactivity of intellectual co-ordination with the spiritual endowment. By the time an ascendant mortal begins the exploration of these heavenly worlds, he has already attained emotional, intellectual, and social, if not spiritual, maturity.

9 Not only will you find undreamed-of changes confronting you as you advance from circuit to circuit in Havona, but your astonishment will be inexpressible as you progress from planet to planet within each circuit. Each of these billion study worlds is a veritable university of surprises. Contin-

uing astonishment, unending wonder, is the experience of those who traverse these circuits and tour these gigantic spheres. Monotony is not a part of the Havona career.

10 Love of adventure, curiosity, and dread of monotony — these traits inherent in evolving human nature — were not put there just to aggravate and annoy you during your short sojourn on earth, but rather to suggest to you that death is only the beginning of an endless career of adventure, an everlasting life of anticipation, an eternal voyage of discovery.

11 Curiosity — the spirit of investi-

gation, the urge of discovery, the drive of exploration — is a part of the inborn and divine endowment of evolutionary space creatures. These natural impulses were not given you merely to be frustrated and repressed. True, these ambitious urges must frequently be restrained during your short life on earth, disappointment must be often experienced, but they are to be fully realized and gloriously gratified during the long ages to come.

6. THE PURPOSE OF THE CENTRAL UNIVERSE

1 The range of the activities of seven-circuited Havona is enormous. In gen-

eral, they may be described as:

2 1. Havonal.

3 2. Paradisiacal.

4 3. Ascendant-finite — Supreme-Ultimate evolutional.

5 §§ Many superfinite activities take place in the Havona of the present universe age, involving untold diversities of absonite and other phases of mind and spirit functions. It is possible that the central universe serves many purposes which are not revealed to me, as it functions in numerous ways beyond the comprehension of the created mind. Nevertheless, I will endeavour to depict how this perfect creation

ministers to the needs and contributes to the satisfactions of seven orders of universe intelligence.

6 1. *The Universal Father* — the First Source and Centre. God the Father derives supreme parental satisfaction from the perfection of the central creation. He enjoys the experience of love satiety on near-equality levels. The perfect Creator is divinely pleased with the adoration of the perfect creature.

7 Havona affords the Father supreme achievement gratification. The perfection realization in Havona compensates for the time-space delay of

the eternal urge of infinite expansion.

8 The Father enjoys the Havona reciprocation of the divine beauty. It satisfies the divine mind to afford a perfect pattern of exquisite harmony for all evolving universes.

9 Our Father beholds the central universe with perfect pleasure because it is a worthy revelation of spirit reality to all personalities of the universe of universes.

10 The God of universes has favourable regard for Havona and Paradise as the eternal power nucleus for all subsequent universe expansion in time and space.

11 The eternal Father views with never-ending satisfaction the Havona creation as the worthy and alluring goal for the ascension candidates of time, his mortal grandchildren of space achieving their Creator-Father's eternal home. And God takes pleasure in the Paradise-Havona universe as the eternal home of Deity and the divine family.

12 2. *The Eternal Son* — the Second Source and Centre. To the Eternal Son the superb central creation affords eternal proof of the partnership effectiveness of the divine family — Father, Son, and Spirit. It is the spir-

itual and material basis for absolute confidence in the Universal Father.

13 Havona affords the Eternal Son an almost unlimited base for the ever-expanding realization of spirit power. The central universe afforded the Eternal Son the arena wherein he could safely and securely demonstrate the spirit and technique of the bestowal ministry for the instruction of his associate Paradise Sons.

14 Havona is the reality foundation for the Eternal Son's spirit-gravity control of the universe of universes. This universe affords the Son the gratification of parental craving, spiritual

reproduction.

15 The Havona worlds and their perfect inhabitants are the first and the eternally final demonstration that the Son is the Word of the Father. Thereby is the consciousness of the Son as an infinite complement of the Father perfectly gratified.

16 And this universe affords the opportunity for the realization of reciprocation of equality fraternity between the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, and this constitutes the everlasting proof of the infinite personality of each.

17 3. *The Infinite Spirit* — the Third

Source and Centre. The Havona universe affords the Infinite Spirit proof of being the Conjoint Actor, the infinite representative of the unified Father-Son. In Havona the Infinite Spirit derives the combined satisfaction of functioning as a creative activity while enjoying the satisfaction of absolute coexistence with this divine achievement.

18 In Havona the Infinite Spirit found an arena wherein he could demonstrate the ability and willingness to serve as a potential mercy minister. In this perfect creation the Spirit rehearsed for the adventure of min-

istry in the evolutionary universes.

19 This perfect creation afforded the Infinite Spirit opportunity to participate in universe administration with both divine parents — to administer a universe as associate-Creator offspring, thereby preparing for the joint administration of the local universes as the Creative Spirit associates of the Creator Sons.

20 The Havona worlds are the mind laboratory of the creators of the cosmic mind and the ministers to every creature mind in existence. Mind is different on each Havona world and serves as the pattern for all spiritual

and material creature intellects.

21 These perfect worlds are the mind graduate schools for all beings destined for Paradise society. They afforded the Spirit abundant opportunity to test out the technique of mind ministry on safe and advisory personalities.

22 Havona is a compensation to the Infinite Spirit for his widespread and unselfish work in the universes of space. Havona is the perfect home and retreat for the untiring Mind Minister of time and space.

23 4. *The Supreme Being* — the evolutionary unification of experiential

Deity. The Havona creation is the eternal and perfect proof of the spiritual reality of the Supreme Being. This perfect creation is a revelation of the perfect and symmetrical spirit nature of God the Supreme before the beginnings of the power-personality synthesis of the finite reflections of the Paradise Deities in the experiential universes of time and space.

24 In Havona the power potentials of the Almighty are unified with the spiritual nature of the Supreme. This central creation is an exemplification of the future-eternal unity of the Supreme.

25 Havona is a perfect pattern of the universality potential of the Supreme. This universe is a finished portrayal of the future perfection of the Supreme and is suggestive of the potential of the Ultimate.

26 Havona exhibits finality of spirit values existing as living will creatures of supreme and perfect self-control; mind existing as ultimately equivalent to spirit; reality and unity of intelligence with an unlimited potential.

27 5. *The Co-ordinate Creator Sons.* Havona is the educational training ground where the Paradise Michaels are prepared for their subsequent ad-

ventures in universe creation. This divine and perfect creation is a pattern for every Creator Son. He strives to make his own universe eventually attain to these Paradise-Havona levels of perfection.

28 A Creator Son uses the creatures of Havona as personality-pattern possibilities for his own mortal children and spirit beings. The Michael and other Paradise Sons view Paradise and Havona as the divine destiny of the children of time.

29 The Creator Sons know that the central creation is the real source of that indispensable universe overcon-

trol which stabilizes and unifies their local universes. They know that the personal presence of the ever-present influence of the Supreme and of the Ultimate is in Havona.

30 Havona and Paradise are the source of a Michael Son's creative power. Here dwell the beings who co-operate with him in universe creation. From Paradise come the Universe Mother Spirits, the cocreators of local universes.

31 The Paradise Sons regard the central creation as the home of their divine parents — their home. It is the place they enjoy returning to ever and

anon.

32 *6. The Co-ordinate Ministering Daughters.* The Universe Mother Spirits, cocreators of the local universes, secure their prepersonal training on the worlds of Havona in close association with the Spirits of the Circuits. In the central universe the Spirit Daughters of the local universes were duly trained in the methods of co-operation with the Sons of Paradise, all the while subject to the will of the Father.

33 On the worlds of Havona the Spirit and the Daughters of the Spirit find the mind patterns for all their groups of spiritual and material intelli-

gences, and this central universe is the sometime destiny of those creatures which a Universe Mother Spirit jointly sponsors with an associated Creator Son.

34 The Universe Mother Creator remembers Paradise and Havona as the place of her origin and the home of the Infinite Mother Spirit, the abode of the personality presence of the Infinite Mind.

35 From this central universe also came the bestowal of the personal prerogatives of creatorship which a Universe Divine Minister employs as complemental to a Creator Son in the

work of creating living will creatures.

36 And lastly, since these Daughter Spirits of the Infinite Mother Spirit will not likely ever return to their Paradise home, they derive great satisfaction from the universal reflectivity phenomenon associated with the Supreme Being in Havona and personalized in Majeston on Paradise.

37 *7. The Evolutionary Mortals of the Ascending Career.* Havona is the home of the pattern personality of every mortal type and the home of all superhuman personalities of mortal association who are not native to the creations of time.

38 These worlds provide the stimulus of all human impulses towards the attainment of true spirit values on the highest conceivable reality levels. Havona is the pre-Paradise training goal of every ascending mortal. Here mortals attain pre-Paradise Deity — the Supreme Being. Havona stands before every will creature as the portal to Paradise and God attainment.

39 Paradise is the home, and Havona the workshop and playground, of the finaliters. And every God-knowing mortal craves to be a finaliter.

40 The central universe is not only man's established destiny, but it is also

the starting place of the eternal career of the finaliters as they shall sometime be started out on the undisclosed and universal adventure in the experience of exploring the infinity of the Universal Father.

41 §§ Havona will unquestionably continue to function with absonite significance even in future universe ages which may witness space pilgrims attempting to find God on superfinite levels. Havona has capacity to serve as a training universe for absonite beings. It will probably be the finishing school when the seven superuniverses are functioning as the intermedi-

ate school for the graduates of the primary schools of outer space. And we incline to the opinion that the potentials of eternal Havona are really unlimited, that the central universe has eternal capacity to serve as an experiential training universe for all past, present, or future types of created beings.

42 [Presented by a Perfector of Wisdom commissioned thus to function by the Ancients of Days on Uversa.]

PAPER 15

THE SEVEN SUPERUNIVERSES

Universal Censor

As far as the Universal Father is concerned — as a Father — the universes are virtually nonexistent; he deals with personalities; he is the Father of personalities. As far as the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit are concerned — as creator partners — the universes are localized and individual under the joint rule of the Creator Sons and the Creative

Spirits. As far as the Paradise Trinity is concerned, outside Havona there are just seven inhabited universes, the seven superuniverses which hold jurisdiction over the circle of the first post-Havona space level. The Seven Master Spirits radiate their influence out from the central Isle, thus constituting the vast creation one gigantic wheel, the hub being the eternal Isle of Paradise, the seven spokes the radiations of the Seven Master Spirits, the rim the outer regions of the grand universe.

2 Early in the materialization of the universal creation the sevenfold scheme of the superuniverse organi-

zation and government was formulated. The first post-Havona creation was divided into seven stupendous segments, and the headquarters worlds of these superuniverse governments were designed and constructed. The present scheme of administration has existed from near eternity, and the rulers of these seven superuniverses are rightly called Ancients of Days.

3 Of the vast body of knowledge concerning the superuniverses, I can hope to tell you little, but there is operative throughout these realms a technique of intelligent control for both physical and spiritual forces, and the

universal gravity presences there function in majestic power and perfect harmony. It is important first to gain an adequate idea of the physical constitution and material organization of the superuniverse domains, for then you will be the better prepared to grasp the significance of the marvellous organization provided for their spiritual government and for the intellectual advancement of the will creatures who dwell on the myriads of inhabited planets scattered hither and yon throughout these seven superuni-

verses.

1. THE SUPERUNIVERSE SPACE LEVEL

1 Within the limited range of the records, observations, and memories of the generations of a million or a billion of your short years, to all practical intents and purposes, Urantia and the universe to which it belongs are experiencing the adventure of one long and uncharted plunge into new space; but according to the records of Uversa, in accordance with older observations, in harmony with the more extensive experience and calculations of our order, and as a result of conclusions

based on these and other findings, we know that the universes are engaged in an orderly, well-understood, and perfectly controlled processional, swinging in majestic grandeur around the First Great Source and Centre and his residential universe.

2 We have long since discovered that the seven superuniverses traverse a great ellipse, a gigantic and elongated circle. Your solar system and other worlds of time are not plunging headlong, without chart and compass, into unmapped space. The local universe to which your system belongs is pursuing a definite and well-

understood counterclockwise course around the vast swing that encircles the central universe. This cosmic path is well charted and is just as thoroughly known to the superuniverse star observers as the orbits of the planets constituting your solar system are known to Urantia astronomers.

3 Urantia is situated in a local universe and a superuniverse not fully organized, and your local universe is in immediate proximity to numerous partially completed physical creations. You belong to one of the relatively recent universes. But you are not, today, plunging on wildly into uncharted

space nor swinging out blindly into unknown regions. You are following the orderly and predetermined path of the superuniverse space level. You are now passing through the very same space that your planetary system, or its predecessors, traversed ages ago; and some day in the remote future your system, or its successors, will again traverse the identical space through which you are now so swiftly plunging.

4 §§ In this age and as direction is regarded on Urantia, superuniverse number one swings almost due north, approximately opposite, in an easterly

direction, to the Paradise residence of the Great Sources and Centres and the central universe of Havona. This position, with the corresponding one to the west, represents the nearest physical approach of the spheres of time to the eternal Isle. Superuniverse number two is in the north, preparing for the westward swing, while number three now holds the northernmost segment of the great space path, having already turned into the bend leading to the southerly plunge. Number four is on the comparatively straightaway southerly flight, the advance regions now approaching opposition to the

Great Centres. Number five has about left its position opposite the Centre of Centres while continuing on the direct southerly course just preceding the eastward swing; number six occupies most of the southern curve, the segment from which your superuniverse has nearly passed.

5 Your local universe of Nebadon belongs to Orvonton, the seventh superuniverse, which swings on between superuniverses one and six, having not long since (as we reckon time) turned the south-eastern bend of the superuniverse space level. Today, the solar system to which Urantia belongs is a

few billion years past the swing around the southern curvature so that you are just now advancing beyond the southeastern bend and are moving swiftly through the long and comparatively straightaway northern path. For untold ages Orvonton will pursue this almost direct northerly course.

6 Urantia belongs to a system which is well out towards the borderland of your local universe; and your local universe is at present traversing the periphery of Orvonton. Beyond you there are still others, but you are far removed in space from those physical systems which swing around the great

circle in comparative proximity to the Great Source and Centre.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SUPERUNIVERSES

1 Only the Universal Father knows the location and actual number of inhabited worlds in space; he calls them all by name and number. I can give only the approximate number of inhabited or inhabitable planets, for some local universes have more worlds suitable for intelligent life than others. Nor have all projected local universes been organized. Therefore the estimates which I offer are solely for the purpose of affording some idea of the

immensity of the material creation.

2 §§ There are seven superuniverses in the grand universe, and they are constituted approximately as follows:

3 1. *The System.* The basic unit of the supergovernment consists of about 1,000 inhabited or inhabitable worlds. Blazing suns, cold worlds, planets too near the hot suns, and other spheres not suitable for creature habitation are not included in this group. These 1,000 worlds adapted to support life are called a system, but in the younger systems only a comparatively small number of these worlds may be inhabited. Each inhabited

planet is presided over by a Planetary Prince, and each local system has an architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by a System Sovereign.

4 2. *The Constellation.* 100 systems (about 100,000 inhabitable planets) make up a constellation. Each constellation has an architectural headquarters sphere and is presided over by three Vorondadek Sons, the Most Highs. Each constellation also has a Faithful of Days in observation, an ambassador of the Paradise Trinity.

5 3. *The Local Universe.* 100 constellations (about 10,000,000 inhabitable planets) constitute a local uni-

verse. Each local universe has a magnificent architectural headquarters world and is ruled by one of the co-ordinate Creator Sons of God of the order of Michael. Each universe is blessed by the presence of a Union of Days, a representative of the Paradise Trinity.

6 4. *The Minor Sector.* 100 local universes (about 1,000,000,000 inhabitable planets) constitute a minor sector of the superuniverse government; it has a wonderful headquarters world, wherefrom its rulers, the Recents of Days, administer the affairs of the minor sector. There are three Recents of

Days, Supreme Trinity Personalities, on each minor sector headquarters.

7 5. *The Major Sector.* 100 minor sectors (about 100,000,000,000 inhabitable worlds) make one major sector. Each major sector is provided with a superb headquarters and is presided over by three Perfections of Days, Supreme Trinity Personalities.

8 6. *The Superuniverse.* 10 major sectors (about 1,000,000,000,000 inhabitable planets) constitute a superuniverse. Each superuniverse is provided with an enormous and glorious headquarters world and is ruled by three Ancients of Days.

9 *7. The Grand Universe.* Seven superuniverses make up the present organized grand universe, consisting of approximately seven trillion inhabitable worlds plus the architectural spheres and the one billion inhabited spheres of Havona. The superuniverses are ruled and administered indirectly and reflectively from Paradise by the Seven Master Spirits. The billion worlds of Havona are directly administered by the Eternals of Days, one such Supreme Trinity Personality presiding over each of these perfect spheres.

10 §§ Excluding the Paradise-Havona

spheres, the plan of universe organization provides for the following units:

11 Superuniverses 7

12 Major sectors 70

13 Minor sectors 7,000

14 Local universes 700,000

15 Constellations . . . 70,000,000

16 Local systems . . 7,000,000,000

17 Inhabitable planets7,000,000,000,0

18 Each of the seven superuniverses is constituted, approximately, as follows:

19 One system embraces, approximately . . . . . 1,000 worlds

20 One constellation (100 systems) 100,000 worlds

21 One universe (100 constellations) 10,000,000 worlds

22 One minor sector (100 universes) 1,000,000,000 worlds

23 One major sector (100 minor sectors) . . . . . 100,000,000,000 worlds

24 One superuniverse (10 major sectors) . . . . . 1,000,000,000,000 worlds

25 §§ All such estimates are approximations at best, for new systems are constantly evolving while other orga-

nizations are temporarily passing out of material existence.

3. THE SUPERUNIVERSE OF ORVONTON

1 Practically all of the starry realms visible to the naked eye on Urantia belong to the seventh section of the grand universe, the superuniverse of Orvonton. The vast Milky Way starry system represents the central nucleus of Orvonton, being largely beyond the borders of your local universe. This great aggregation of suns, dark islands of space, double stars, globular clusters, star clouds, spiral and other nebulae, together with myriads of individ-

ual planets, forms a watchlike, elongated-circular grouping of about one seventh of the inhabited evolutionary universes.

2 From the astronomical position of Urantia, as you look through the cross section of near-by systems to the great Milky Way, you observe that the spheres of Orvonton are travelling in a vast elongated plane, the breadth being far greater than the thickness and the length far greater than the breadth.

3 Observation of the so-called Milky Way discloses the comparative increase in Orvonton stellar density when the heavens are viewed in one

direction, while on either side the density diminishes; the number of stars and other spheres decreases away from the chief plane of our material superuniverse. When the angle of observation is propitious, gazing through the main body of this realm of maximum density, you are looking toward the residential universe and the centre of all things.

4 §§ Of the ten major divisions of Orvonton, eight have been roughly identified by Urantian astronomers. The other two are difficult of separate recognition because you are obliged to view these phenomena from the in-

side. If you could look upon the superuniverse of Orvonton from a position far-distant in space, you would immediately recognize the ten major sectors of the seventh galaxy.

5 The rotational centre of your minor sector is situated far away in the enormous and dense star cloud of Sagittarius, around which your local universe and its associated creations all move, and from opposite sides of the vast Sagittarius subgalactic system you may observe two great streams of star clouds emerging in stupendous stellar coils.

6 The nucleus of the physical system

to which your sun and its associated planets belong is the centre of the one-time Andronover nebula. This former spiral nebula was slightly distorted by the gravity disruptions associated with the events which were attendant upon the birth of your solar system, and which were occasioned by the near approach of a large neighbouring nebula. This near collision changed Andronover into a somewhat globular aggregation but did not wholly destroy the two-way procession of the suns and their associated physical groups. Your solar system now occupies a fairly central position in one of the arms of this

distorted spiral, situated about half-way from the centre out towards the edge of the star stream.

7 §§ The Sagittarius sector and all other sectors and divisions of Orvonton are in rotation around Uversa, and some of the confusion of Urantian star observers arises out of the illusions and relative distortions produced by the following multiple revolutionary movements:

8 1. The revolution of Urantia around its sun.

9 2. The circuit of your solar system about the nucleus of the former Andronover nebula.

10 3. The rotation of the Andronover stellar family and the associated clusters about the composite rotation-gravity centre of the star cloud of Nebadon.

11 4. The swing of the local star cloud of Nebadon and its associated creations around the Sagittarius centre of their minor sector.

12 5. The rotation of 100 minor sectors, including Sagittarius, about their major sector.

13 6. The whirl of 10 major sectors, the so-called star drifts, about the Uversa headquarters of Orvonton.

14 7. The movement of Orvonton and six associated superuniverses around Paradise and Havona, the counterclockwise processional of the superuniverse space level.

15 §§ These multiple motions are of several orders: The space paths of your planet and your solar system are genetic, inherent in origin. The absolute counterclockwise motion of Orvonton is also genetic, inherent in the architectural plans of the master universe. But the intervening motions are of composite origin, being derived in part from the constitutive segmentation of matter-energy into the su-

peruniverses and in part produced by the intelligent and purposeful action of the Paradise force organizers.

16 §§ The local universes are in closer proximity as they approach Havona; the circuits are greater in number, and there is increased superimposition, layer upon layer. But farther out from the eternal centre there are fewer and fewer systems, layers, circuits, and universes.

4. NEBULAE — THE ANCESTORS OF UNIVERSES

1 While creation and universe organization remain forever under the control of the infinite Creators and

their associates, the whole phenomenon proceeds in accordance with an ordained technique and in conformity to the gravity laws of force, energy, and matter. But there is something of mystery associated with the universal force-charge of space; we quite understand the organization of the material creations from the ultimatonic stage forward, but we do not fully comprehend the cosmic ancestry of the ultimatons. We are confident that these ancestral forces have a Paradise origin because they forever swing through pervaded space in the exact gigantic outlines of Paradise. Though nonre-

sponsive to Paradise gravity, this force-charge of space, the ancestor of all materialization, does always respond to the presence of nether Paradise, being apparently circuited in and out of the nether Paradise centre.

2 The Paradise force organizers transmute space potency into primordial force and evolve this prematerial potential into the primary and secondary energy manifestations of physical reality. When this energy attains gravity-responding levels, the power directors and their associates of the superuniverse regime appear upon the scene and begin their never-ending

manipulations designed to establish the manifold power circuits and energy channels of the universes of time and space. Thus does physical matter appear in space, and so is the stage set for the inauguration of universe organization.

3 This segmentation of energy is a phenomenon which has never been solved by the physicists of Nebadon. Their chief difficulty lies in the relative inaccessibility of the Paradise force organizers, for the living power directors, though they are competent to deal with space-energy, do not have the least conception of the origin of

the energies they so skillfully and intelligently manipulate.

4 §§ Paradise force organizers are nebulae originators; they are able to initiate about their space presence the tremendous cyclones of force which, when once started, can never be stopped or limited until the all-pervading forces are mobilized for the eventual appearance of the ultimatonic units of universe matter. Thus are brought into being the spiral and other nebulae, the mother wheels of the direct-origin suns and their varied systems. In outer space there may be seen ten different forms of nebulae,

phases of primary universe evolution, and these vast energy wheels had the same origin as did those in the seven superuniverses.

5 §§ Nebulae vary greatly in size and in the resulting number and aggregate mass of their stellar and planetary offspring. A sun-forming nebula just north of the borders of Orvonton, but within the superuniverse space level, has already given origin to approximately 40,000 suns, and the mother wheel is still throwing off suns, the majority of which are many times the size of yours. Some of the larger nebulae of outer space are giving origin to as

many as 100,000,000 suns.

6 Nebulae are not directly related to any of the administrative units, such as minor sectors or local universes, although some local universes have been organized from the products of a single nebula. Each local universe embraces exactly[1] 1/100,000th of the total energy charge of a superuniverse irrespective of nebular relationship, for energy is not organized by nebulae — it is universally distributed.

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[1] In 32:1.4 we are told this is *approximately* so, not *exactly*. The only apparent difference is that there it refers to the *force endowment*, whereas here to the *energy charge* of a superuniverse.

7 Not all spiral nebulae are engaged in sun making. Some have retained control of many of their segregated stellar offspring, and their spiral appearance is occasioned by the fact that their suns pass out of the nebular arm in close formation but return by diverse routes, thus making it easy to observe them at one point but more difficult to see them when widely scattered on their different returning routes farther out and away from the arm of the nebula. There are not many sun-forming nebulae active in Orvonton at the present time, though Andromeda, which is outside the inhabited superu-

niverse, is very active. This far-distant nebula is visible to the naked eye, and when you view it, pause to consider that the light you behold left those distant suns almost million years[1] ago.

8 The Milky Way galaxy is composed of vast numbers of former spiral and other nebulae, and many still retain their original configuration.

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[1] The modern (2003) estimate of the distance to the Andromeda galaxy (M31) is $2.54 \pm 0.06 \times 10^6$ light years. The estimate given in the text corresponds to one given in the book "Stars and Atoms" by Sir Arthur Eddington, which was published in 1927. Edwin Hubble was the first to identify the Cepheid variable stars in M31 in 1925, thus forever settling the debate about the object being extragalactic.

But as the result of internal catastrophes and external attraction, many have suffered such distortion and rearrangement as to cause these enormous aggregations to appear as gigantic luminous masses of blazing suns, like the Magellanic Cloud. The globular type of star clusters predominates near the outer margins of Orvonton.

9 The vast star clouds of Orvonton should be regarded as individual aggregations of matter comparable to the separate nebulae observable in the space regions external to the Milky Way galaxy. Many of the so-called star clouds of space, however, consist

of gaseous material only. The energy potential of these stellar gas clouds is unbelievably enormous, and some of it is taken up by near-by suns and redispatched in space as solar emanations.

5. THE ORIGIN OF SPACE BODIES

1 The bulk of the mass contained in the suns and planets of a superuniverse originates in the nebular wheels; very little of superuniverse mass is organized by the direct action of the power directors (as in the construction of architectural spheres), although a constantly varying quantity of matter originates in open space.

2 As to origin, the majority of the suns, planets, and other spheres can be classified in one of the following ten groups:

3 1. *Concentric Contraction Rings.* Not all nebulae are spiral. Many an immense nebula, instead of splitting into a double star system or evolving as a spiral, undergoes condensation by multiple-ring formation. For long periods such a nebula appears as an enormous central sun surrounded by numerous gigantic clouds of encircling, ring-appearing formations of matter.

4 2. *The Whirled Stars* embrace those suns which are thrown off the

great mother wheels of highly heated gases. They are not thrown off as rings but in right- and left-handed processions. Whirled stars are also of origin in other-than-spiral nebulae.

5 3. *Gravity-explosion Planets.* Whe a sun is born of a spiral or of a barred nebula, not infrequently it is thrown out a considerable distance. Such a sun is highly gaseous, and subsequently, after it has somewhat cooled and condensed, it may chance to swing near some enormous mass of matter, a gigantic sun or a dark island of space. Such an approach may not be near enough to result in collision

but still near enough to allow the gravity pull of the greater body to start tidal convulsions in the lesser, thus initiating a series of tidal upheavals which occur simultaneously on opposite sides of the convulsed sun. At their height these explosive eruptions produce a series of varying-sized aggregations of matter which may be projected beyond the gravity-reclamation zone of the erupting sun, thus becoming stabilized in orbits of their own around one of the two bodies concerned in this episode. Later on the larger collections of matter unite and gradually draw the smaller bodies to

themselves. In this way many of the solid planets of the lesser systems are brought into existence. Your own solar system had just such an origin.

Figure 6: Example of a barred galaxy ("nebula"): NGC 1300

6 4. *Centrifugal Planetary Daugh-*

ters. Enormous suns, when in certain stages of development, and if their revolutionary rate greatly accelerates, begin to throw off large quantities of matter which may subsequently be assembled to form small worlds that continue to encircle the parent sun.

7 5. *Gravity-deficiency Spheres.* There is a critical limit to the size of individual stars. When a sun reaches this limit, unless it slows down in revolutionary rate, it is doomed to split; sun fission occurs, and a new double star of this variety is born. Numerous small planets may be subsequently formed as a by-product of this gigantic disrup-

tion.

8 6. *Contractural Stars.* In the smaller systems the largest outer planet sometimes draws to itself its neighbouring worlds, while those planets near the sun begin their terminal plunge. With your solar system, such an end would mean that the four inner planets would be claimed by the sun, while the major planet, Jupiter, would be greatly enlarged by capturing the remaining worlds. Such an end of a solar system would result in the production of two adjacent but unequal suns, one type of double star formation. Such catastrophes are infrequent

except out on the fringe of the superuniverse starry aggregations.

9 7. *Cumulative Spheres.* From the vast quantity of matter circulating in space, small planets may slowly accumulate. They grow by meteoric accretion and by minor collisions. In certain sectors of space, conditions favour such forms of planetary birth. Many an inhabited world has had such an origin.

10 Some of the dense dark islands are the direct result of the accretions of transmuting energy in space. Another group of these dark islands have come into being by the accumulation

of enormous quantities of cold matter, mere fragments and meteors, circulating through space. Such aggregations of matter have never been hot and, except for density, are in composition very similar to Urantia.

11 8. *Burned-out Suns.* Some of the dark islands of space are burned-out isolated suns, all available space-energy having been emitted. The organized units of matter approximate full condensation, virtual complete consolidation; and it requires ages upon ages for such enormous masses of highly condensed matter to be recharged in the circuits of space

and thus to be prepared for new cycles of universe function following a collision or some equally revivifying cosmic happening.

12 9. *Collisional Spheres.* In those regions of thicker clustering, collisions are not uncommon. Such an astronomic readjustment is accompanied by tremendous energy changes and matter transmutations. Collisions involving dead suns are peculiarly influential in creating widespread energy fluctuations. Collisional debris often constitutes the material nucleuses for the subsequent formation of planetary bodies adapted to mortal habitation.

13 10. *Architectural Worlds.* These are the worlds which are built according to plans and specifications for some special purpose, such as Salvington, the headquarters of your local universe, and Uversa, the seat of government of our superuniverse.

14 §§ There are numerous other techniques for evolving suns and segregating planets, but the foregoing procedures suggest the methods whereby the vast majority of stellar systems and planetary families are brought into existence. To undertake to describe all the various techniques involved in stellar metamorphosis and planetary evo-

lution would require the narration of almost 100 different modes of sun formation and planetary origin. As your star students scan the heavens, they will observe phenomena indicative of all these modes of stellar evolution, but they will seldom detect evidence of the formation of those small, nonluminous collections of matter which serve as inhabited planets, the most important of the vast material creations.

6. THE SPHERES OF SPACE

1 Irrespective of origin, the various spheres of space are classifiable into the

following major divisions:

2 1. The suns — the stars of space.

3 2. The dark islands of space.

4 3. Minor space bodies — comets, meteors, and planetesimals.

5 4. The planets, including the inhabited worlds.

6 5. Architectural spheres — world made to order.

7 §§ With the exception of the architectural spheres, all space bodies have had an evolutionary origin, evolutionary in the sense that they have not been brought into being by fiat of Deity, evolutionary in the sense that the creative acts of God have unfolded by a

time-space technique through the operation of many of the created and eventuated intelligences of Deity.

8 §§ *The Suns.* These are the stars of space in all their various stages of existence. Some are solitary evolving space systems; others are double stars, contracting or disappearing planetary systems. The stars of space exist in no less than a thousand different states and stages. You are familiar with suns that emit light accompanied by heat; but there are also suns which shine without heat.

9 The trillions upon trillions of years that an ordinary sun will continue to

give out heat and light well illustrates the vast store of energy which each unit of matter contains. The actual energy stored in these invisible particles of physical matter is well-nigh unimaginable. And this energy becomes almost wholly available as light when subjected to the tremendous heat pressure and the associated energy activities which prevail in the interior of the blazing suns. Still other conditions enable these suns to transform and send forth much of the energy of space which comes their way in the established space circuits. Many phases of physical energy and all forms

of matter are attracted to, and subsequently distributed by, the solar dynamos. In this way the suns serve as local accelerators of energy circulation, acting as automatic power-control stations.

10 The superuniverse of Orvonton is illuminated and warmed by more than ten trillion blazing suns. These suns are the stars of your observable astronomic system. More than two trillion are too distant and too small ever to be seen from Urantia. But in the master universe there are as many suns as there are glasses of water in the oceans

of your world[1].

11 §§ *The Dark Islands of Space.* These are the dead suns and other large aggregations of matter devoid of light and heat. The dark islands are sometimes enormous in mass and exert a powerful influence in universe equilibrium and energy manipulation. The density of some of these large masses is well-nigh unbelievable. And this great concentration of mass enables these dark islands to function

[1] Assuming the present value of the volume of the oceans (together with their seas) to be $1.5 \times 10^{18}\ m^3$ and a standard 250 ml glass of water we obtain the required total number of stars: 6×10^{21}.

as powerful balance wheels, holding large neighbouring systems in effective leash. They hold the gravity balance of power in many constellations; many physical systems which would otherwise speedily dive to destruction in near-by suns are held securely in the gravity grasp of these guardian dark islands. It is because of this function that we can locate them accurately. We have measured the gravity pull of the luminous bodies, and we can therefore calculate the exact size and location of the dark islands of space which so effectively function to hold a given system steady in its

course.

12 §§ *Minor Space Bodies.* The meteors and other small particles of matter circulating and evolving in space constitute an enormous aggregate of energy and material substance.

13 Many comets are unestablished wild offspring of the solar mother wheels, which are being gradually brought under control of the central governing sun. Comets also have numerous other origins. A comet's tail points away from the attracting body or sun because of the electrical reaction of its highly expanded gases and because of the actual pressure of light

and other energies emanating from the sun. This phenomenon constitutes one of the positive proofs of the reality of light and its associated energies; it demonstrates that light has weight[1]. Light is a real substance, not

[1] More correctly, this proves only that light has *momentum,* but it is also true that light has *weight* and this has been demonstrated by Sir Arthur S. Eddington on 29th May 1919, when he measured the deflection of light rays passing near the Sun during the eclipse. This day of the year, 29th May, is the most favourable because on it the Sun passes through the midst of an exceptionally bright patch of the star cluster of Hyades, in constellation of Taurus. And in 1919 a solar eclipse happened to occur on this day, which provided the unique opportunity for such an experiment, successfully per-

simply waves of hypothetical ether.

14 §§ *The Planets.* These are the larger aggregations of matter which follow an orbit around a sun or some other space body; they range in size from planetesimals to enormous gaseous, liquid, or solid spheres. The cold worlds which have been built up by the assemblage of floating space material, when they happen to be in proper relation to a near-by sun, are the more ideal planets to harbour intelligent inhabitants. The dead suns are not, as a rule, suited to life; they are usually too far away from a living, blazing sun, and

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formed by Eddington.

further, they are altogether too massive; gravity is tremendous at the surface.

15 In your superuniverse not one cool planet in 40 is habitable by beings of your order. And, of course, the superheated suns and the frigid outlying worlds are unfit to harbour higher life. In your solar system only three planets[1] are at present suited to harbour life. Urantia, in size, density, and location, is in many respects ideal for human habitation.

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[1] The other two being Mars and Venus, according to A.S. Eddington, "The Nature of the Physical World", p. 170, 1929.

16 The laws of physical-energy behaviour are basically universal, but local influences have much to do with the physical conditions which prevail on individual planets and in local systems. An almost endless variety of creature life and other living manifestations characterizes the countless worlds of space. There are, however, certain points of similarity in a group of worlds associated in a given system, while there also is a universe pattern of intelligent life. There are physical relationships among those planetary systems which belong to the same physical circuit, and which closely follow

each other in the endless swing around the circle of universes.

7. THE ARCHITECTURAL SPHERES

1 While each superuniverse government presides near the centre of the evolutionary universes of its space segment, it occupies a world made to order and is peopled by accredited personalities. These headquarters worlds are architectural spheres, space bodies specifically constructed for their special purpose. While sharing the light of near-by suns, these spheres are independently lighted and heated. Each has a sun which gives forth light with-

out heat, like the satellites of Paradise, while each is supplied with heat by the circulation of certain energy currents near the surface of the sphere. These headquarters worlds belong to one of the greater systems situated near the astronomical centre of their respective superuniverses.

2 §§ Time is standardized on the headquarters of the superuniverses. The standard day of the superuniverse of Orvonton is equal to almost 30 days of Urantia time, and the Orvonton year equals 100 standard days. This Uversa year is standard in the 7th superuniverse, and it is 22 minutes short

of 3,000 days of Urantia time, about 8 ⅕ of your years.

3 §§ The headquarters worlds of the seven superuniverses partake of the nature and grandeur of Paradise, their central pattern of perfection. In reality, all headquarters worlds are paradisiacal. They are indeed heavenly abodes, and they increase in material size, morontia beauty, and spirit glory from Jerusem to the central Isle. And all the satellites of these headquarters worlds are also architectural spheres.

4 The various headquarters worlds are provided with every phase of material and spiritual creation. All kinds of

material, morontial, and spiritual beings are at home on these rendezvous worlds of the universes. As mortal creatures ascend the universe, passing from the material to the spiritual realms, they never lose their appreciation for, and enjoyment of, their former levels of existence.

5 §§*Jerusem,* the headquarters of your local system of Satania, has its seven worlds of transition culture, each of which is encircled by seven satellites, among which are the seven mansion worlds of morontia detention, man's first postmortal residence. As the term heaven has been used on

Urantia, it has sometimes meant these seven mansion worlds, the first mansion world being denominated the 1st heaven, and so on to the 7th.

6 §§ *Edentia,* the headquarters of your constellation of Norlatiadek, has its 70 satellites of socializing culture and training, on which ascenders sojourn upon the completion of the Jerusem regime of personality mobilization, unification, and realization.

7 §§ *Salvington,* the capital of Nebadon, your local universe, is surrounded by 10 university clusters of 49 spheres each. Hereon is man spiritualized following his constellation socialization.

8 §§ *Uminor the third,* the headquarters of your minor sector, Ensa, is surrounded by the seven spheres of the higher physical studies of the ascendant life.

9 §§ *Umajor the fifth,* the headquarters of your major sector, Splandon, is surrounded by the 70 spheres of the advancing intellectual training of the superuniverse.

10 §§ *Uversa,* the headquarters of Orvonton, your superuniverse, is immediately surrounded by the seven higher universities of advanced spiritual training for ascending will creatures. Each of these seven clusters

of wonder spheres consists of 70 specialized worlds containing thousands upon thousands of replete institutions and organizations devoted to universe training and spirit culture wherein the pilgrims of time are re-educated and re-examined preparatory to their long flight to Havona. The arriving pilgrims of time are always received on these associated worlds, but the departing graduates are always dispatched for Havona direct from the shores of Uversa.

11 Uversa is the spiritual and administrative headquarters for approximately one trillion inhabited or in-

habitable worlds. The glory, grandeur, and perfection of the Orvonton capital surpass any of the wonders of the time-space creations.

12 §§ If all the projected local universes and their component parts were established, there would be slightly less than 500 billion[1] architectural worlds in the seven superuniverses.

8. ENERGY CONTROL AND REGULATION

1 The headquarters spheres of the superuniverses are so constructed that

[1] The exact number is: $7 \times (1 + 7 \times 70 + 10 \times (70 + 1) + 1000 \times (7 + 1) + 100000 \times 647591) = 453,313,764,407$.

they are able to function as efficient power-energy regulators for their various sectors, serving as focal points for the directionization of energy to their component local universes. They exert a powerful influence over the balance and control of the physical energies circulating through organized space.

2 Further regulative functions are performed by the superuniverse power centres and physical controllers, living and semiliving intelligent entities constituted for this express purpose. These power centres and controllers are difficult of understanding;

the lower orders are not volitional, they do not possess will, they do not choose, their functions are very intelligent but apparently automatic and inherent in their highly specialized organization. The power centres and physical controllers of the superuniverses assume direction and partial control of the 30 energy systems which comprise the gravita domain. The physical-energy circuits administered by the power centres of Uversa require a little over 968,000,000 years to complete the encirclement of the superuniverse.

3 §§ Evolving energy has substance;

it has weight, although weight is always relative, depending on revolutionary velocity, mass, and antigravity. Mass in matter tends to retard velocity in energy[1]; and the anywhere-present velocity of energy represents: the initial endowment of velocity, minus retardation by mass encountered in transit, plus the regulatory function of the living energy controllers of the superuniverse and the physical influence of near-by highly heated or heavily charged bodies.

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[1] Indeed, this is clear from the geometric nature of proper mass as the momentum $p_5 = m$ conjugated to the proper time $x^5 = \tau$, cf. the note on 23:3.2.

4 The universal plan for the maintenance of equilibrium between matter and energy necessitates the everlasting making and unmaking of the lesser material units. The Universe Power Directors have the ability to condense and detain, or to expand and liberate, varying quantities of energy.

5 Given a sufficient duration of retarding influence, gravity would eventually convert all energy into matter were it not for two factors: First, because of the antigravity influences of the energy controllers, and second, because organized matter tends to disintegrate under certain condi-

tions found in very hot stars and under certain peculiar conditions in space near highly energized cold bodies of condensed matter.

6 When mass becomes overaggregated and threatens to unbalance energy, to deplete the physical power circuits, the physical controllers intervene unless gravity's own further tendency to overmaterialize energy is defeated by the occurrence of a collision among the dead giants of space, thus in an instant completely dissipating the cumulative collections of gravity. In these collisional episodes enormous masses of matter are suddenly con-

verted into the rarest form of energy, and the struggle for universal equilibrium is begun anew. Eventually the larger physical systems become stabilized, become physically settled, and are swung into the balanced and established circuits of the superuniverses. Subsequent to this event no more collisions or other devastating catastrophes will occur in such established systems.

7 During the times of plus energy there are power disturbances and heat fluctuations accompanied by electrical manifestations. During times of minus energy there are increased ten-

dencies for matter to aggregate, condense, and to get out of control in the more delicately balanced circuits, with resultant tidal or collisional adjustments which quickly restore the balance between circulating energy and more literally stabilized matter. To forecast and otherwise to understand such likely behaviour of the blazing suns and the dark islands of space is one of the tasks of the celestial star observers.

8 We are able to recognize most of the laws governing universe equilibrium and to predict much pertaining to universe stability. Practically, our

forecasts are reliable, but we are always confronted by certain forces which are not wholly amenable to the laws of energy control and matter behaviour known to us. The predictability of all physical phenomena becomes increasingly difficult as we proceed outward in the universes from Paradise. As we pass beyond the borders of the personal administration of the Paradise Rulers, we are confronted with increasing inability to reckon in accordance with the standards established and the experience acquired in connection with observations having exclusively to do with the physical phe-

nomena of the near-by astronomic systems. Even in the realms of the seven superuniverses we are living in the midst of force actions and energy reactions which pervade all our domains and extend in unified equilibrium on through all regions of outer space.

9 The farther out we go, the more certainly we encounter those variational and unpredictable phenomena which are so unerringly characteristic of the unfathomable presence-performances of the Absolutes and the experiential Deities. And these phenomena must be indicative of some uni-

versal overcontrol of all things.

10 The superuniverse of Orvonton is apparently now running down; the outer universes seem to be winding up for unparalleled future activities; the central Havona universe is eternally stabilized. Gravity and absence of heat (cold) organize and hold matter together; heat and antigravity disrupt matter and dissipate energy. The living power directors and force organizers are the secret of the special control and intelligent direction of the endless metamorphoses of universe making, unmaking, and remaking. Nebulae may disperse, suns burn out, sys-

tems vanish, and planets perish, but the universes do not run down.

9. CIRCUITS OF THE SUPERUNIVERSES

1 The universal circuits of Paradise do actually pervade the realms of the seven superuniverses. These presence circuits are: the personality gravity of the Universal Father, the spiritual gravity of the Eternal Son, the mind gravity of the Conjoint Actor, and the material gravity of the eternal Isle.

2 In addition to the universal Paradise circuits and in addition to the presence-performances of the Absolutes and the experiential Deities,

there function within the superuniverse space level only two energy-circuit divisions or power segregations: the superuniverse circuits and the local universe circuits.

3 §§ *The Superuniverse Circuits:*

4 1. The unifying intelligence circuit of one of the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise. Such a cosmic-mind circuit is limited to a single superuniverse.

5 2. The reflective-service circuit of the seven Reflective Spirits in each superuniverse.

6 3. The secret circuits of the Mystery Monitors, in some manner in-

terassociated and routed by Divington to the Universal Father on Paradise.

7 4. The circuit of the intercommunion of the Eternal Son with his Paradise Sons.

8 5. The flash presence of the Infinite Spirit.

9 6. The broadcasts of Paradise, the space reports of Havona.

10 7. The energy circuits of the power centres and the physical controllers.

11 §§ *The Local Universe Circuits:*

12 1. The bestowal spirit of the Paradise Sons, the Comforter of the be-

stowal worlds. The Spirit of Truth, the spirit of Michael on Urantia.

13 2. The circuit of the Divine Ministers, the local universe Mother Spirits, the Holy Spirit of your world.

14 3. The intelligence-ministry circuit of a local universe, including the diversely functioning presence of the adjutant mind-spirits.

15 §§ When there develops such a spiritual harmony in a local universe that its individual and combined circuits become indistinguishable from those of the superuniverse, when such identity of function and oneness of ministry actually prevail, then does the

local universe immediately swing into the settled circuits of light and life, becoming at once eligible for admission into the spiritual confederation of the perfected union of the supercreation. The requisites for admission to the councils of the Ancients of Days, membership in the superuniverse confederation, are:

16 1. *Physical Stability.* The stars and planets of a local universe must be in equilibrium; the periods of immediate stellar metamorphosis must be over. The universe must be proceeding on a clear track; its orbit must be safely and finally settled.

17 2. *Spiritual Loyalty.* There must exist a state of universal recognition of, and loyalty to, the Sovereign Son of God who presides over the affairs of such a local universe. There must have come into being a state of harmonious co-operation between the individual planets, systems, and constellations of the entire local universe.

18 §§ Your local universe is not even reckoned as belonging to the settled physical order of the superuniverse, much less as holding membership in the recognized spiritual family of the supergovernment. Although Nebadon does not yet have representa-

tion on Uversa, we of the superuniverse government are dispatched to its worlds on special missions from time to time, even as I have come to Urantia directly from Uversa. We lend every possible assistance to your directors and rulers in the solution of their difficult problems; we are desirous of seeing your universe qualified for full admission into the associated creations of the superuniverse family.

10. RULERS OF THE SUPERUNIVERSES

1 The headquarters of the superuniverses are the seats of the high spiritual government of the time-space do-

mains. The executive branch of the supergovernment, taking origin in the Councils of the Trinity, is immediately directed by one of the Seven Master Spirits of supreme supervision, beings who sit upon seats of Paradise authority and administer the superuniverses through the Seven Supreme Executives stationed on the seven special worlds of the Infinite Spirit, the outermost satellites of Paradise.

2 The superuniverse headquarters are the abiding places of the Reflective Spirits and the Reflective Image Aids. From this midway position these marvellous beings conduct their tremen-

dous reflectivity operations, thus ministering to the central universe above and to the local universes below.

3 §§ Each superuniverse is presided over by three Ancients of Days, the joint chief executives of the supergovernment. In its executive branch the personnel of the superuniverse government consists of seven different groups:

4 1. Ancients of Days.

5 2. Perfectors of Wisdom.

6 3. Divine Counsellors.

7 4. Universal Censors.

8 5. Mighty Messengers.

9 6. Those High in Authority.

10 7. Those without Name and Number.

11 §§ The three Ancients of Days are immediately assisted by a corps of one billion Perfectors of Wisdom, with whom are associated three billion Divine Counsellors. One billion Universal Censors are attached to each superuniverse administration. These three groups are Co-ordinate Trinity Personalities, taking origin directly and divinely in the Paradise Trinity.

12 The remaining three orders, Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and

Number, are glorified ascendant mortals. The first of these orders came up through the ascendant regime and passed through Havona in the days of Grandfanda. Having attained Paradise, they were mustered into the Corps of the Finality, embraced by the Paradise Trinity, and subsequently assigned to the supernal service of the Ancients of Days. As a class, these three orders are known as Trinitized Sons of Attainment, being of dual origin but now of Trinity service. Thus was the executive branch of the superuniverse government enlarged to include the glorified and perfected chil-

dren of the evolutionary worlds.

13 The co-ordinate council of the superuniverse is composed of the seven executive groups previously named and the following sector rulers and other regional overseers:

14 1. Perfections of Days — the rulers of the superuniverse major sectors.

15 2. Recents of Days — the directors of the superuniverse minor sectors.

16 3. Unions of Days — the Paradise advisers to the rulers of the local universes.

17 4. Faithfuls of Days — the Paradise counsellors to the Most High rulers of the constellation governments.

18 5. Trinity Teacher Sons who may chance to be on duty at superuniverse headquarters.

19 6. Eternals of Days who may happen to be present at superuniverse headquarters.

20 7. The seven Reflective Image Aids — the spokesmen of the seven Reflective Spirits and through them representatives of the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise.

21 §§ The Reflective Image Aids also function as the representatives of numerous groups of beings who are influential in the superuniverse governments, but who are not, at present, for various reasons, fully active in their individual capacities. Embraced within this group are: the evolving superuniverse personality manifestation of the Supreme Being, the Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme, the Qualified Vicegerents of the Ultimate, the unnamed liaison reflectivators of Majeston, and the superpersonal spirit representatives of the Eternal Son.

22 §§ At almost all times it is possi-

ble to find representatives of all groups of created beings on the headquarters worlds of the superuniverses. The routine ministering work of the superuniverses is performed by the mighty seconaphim and by other members of the vast family of the Infinite Spirit. In the work of these marvellous centres of superuniverse administration, control, ministry, and executive judgment, the intelligences of every sphere of universal life are mingled in effective service, wise administration, loving ministry, and just judgment.

23 The superuniverses do not maintain any sort of ambassadorial rep-

resentation; they are completely isolated from each other. They know of mutual affairs only through the Paradise clearinghouse maintained by the Seven Master Spirits. Their rulers work in the councils of divine wisdom for the welfare of their own superuniverses regardless of what may be transpiring in other sections of the universal creation. This isolation of the superuniverses will persist until such time as their co-ordination is achieved by the more complete factualization of the personality-sovereignty of the

evolving experiential Supreme Being.

11. THE DELIBERATIVE ASSEMBLY

1 It is on such worlds as Uversa that the beings representative of the autocracy of perfection and the democracy of evolution meet face to face. The executive branch of the supergovernment originates in the realms of perfection; the legislative branch springs from the flowering of the evolutionary universes.

2 The deliberative assembly of the superuniverse is confined to the headquarters world. This legislative or advisory council consists of seven

houses, to each of which every local universe admitted to the superuniverse councils elects a native representative. These representatives are chosen by the high councils of such local universes from among the ascending-pilgrim graduates of Orvonton who are tarrying on Uversa, accredited for transport to Havona. The average term of service is about 100 years of superuniverse standard time.

3 Never have I known of a disagreement between the Orvonton executives and the Uversa assembly. Never yet, in the history of our superuniverse, has the deliberative body ever passed

a recommendation that the executive division of the supergovernment has even hesitated to carry out. There always has prevailed the most perfect harmony and working agreement, all of which testifies to the fact that evolutionary beings can really attain the heights of perfected wisdom which qualifies them to consort with the personalities of perfect origin and divine nature. The presence of the deliberative assemblies on the superuniverse headquarters reveals the wisdom, and foreshadows the ultimate triumph, of the whole vast evolutionary concept of the Universal Father and his Eter-

nal Son.

12. THE SUPREME TRIBUNALS

1 When we speak of executive and deliberative branches of the Uversa government, you may, from the analogy of certain forms of Urantian civil government, reason that we must have a third or judicial branch, and we do; but it does not have a separate personnel. Our courts are constituted as follows: There presides, in accordance with the nature and gravity of the case, an Ancient of Days, a Perfector of Wisdom, or a Divine Counsellor. The evidence for or against an individ-

ual, a planet, system, constellation, or universe is presented and interpreted by the Censors. The defence of the children of time and the evolutionary planets is offered by the Mighty Messengers, the official observers of the superuniverse government to the local universes and systems. The attitude of the higher government is portrayed by Those High in Authority. And ordinarily the verdict is formulated by a varying-sized commission consisting equally of Those without Name and Number and a group of understanding personalities chosen from the deliberative assembly.

2 The courts of the Ancients of Days are the high review tribunals for the spiritual adjudication of all component universes. The Sovereign Sons of the local universes are supreme in their own domains; they are subject to the supergovernment only in so far as they voluntarily submit matters for counsel or adjudication by the Ancients of Days except in matters involving the extinction of will creatures. Mandates of judgment originate in the local universes, but sentences involving the extinction of will creatures are always formulated on, and executed from, the headquarters of the superuniverse.

The Sons of the local universes can decree the survival of mortal man, but only the Ancients of Days may sit in executive judgment on the issues of eternal life and death.

3 In all matters not requiring trial, the submission of evidence, the Ancients of Days or their associates render decisions, and these rulings are always unanimous. We are here dealing with the councils of perfection. There are no disagreements nor minority opinions in the decrees of these supreme and superlative tribunals.

4 With certain few exceptions the supergovernments exercise jurisdic-

tion over all things and all beings in their respective domains. There is no appeal from the rulings and decisions of the superuniverse authorities since they represent the concurred opinions of the Ancients of Days and that Master Spirit who, from Paradise, presides over the destiny of the superuniverse concerned.

13. THE SECTOR GOVERNMENTS

1 A *major sector* comprises about one tenth of a superuniverse and consists of 100 minor sectors, 10,000 local universes, about 100,000,000,000 inhabitable worlds. These major sectors

are administered by three Perfections of Days, Supreme Trinity Personalities.

2 The courts of the Perfections of Days are constituted much as are those of the Ancients of Days except that they do not sit in spiritual judgment upon the realms. The work of these major sector governments has chiefly to do with the intellectual status of a far-flung creation. The major sectors detain, adjudicate, dispense, and tabulate, for reporting to the courts of the Ancients of Days, all matters of superuniverse importance of a routine and administrative nature which are not

immediately concerned with the spiritual administration of the realms or with the outworking of the mortal-ascension plans of the Paradise Rulers. The personnel of a major sector government is no different from that of the superuniverse.

3 As the magnificent satellites of Uversa are concerned with your final spiritual preparation for Havona, so are the 70 satellites of Umajor the fifth devoted to your superuniverse intellectual training and development. From all Orvonton, here are gathered together the wise beings who labour untiringly to prepare the mortals of

time for their further progress towards the career of eternity. Most of this training of ascending mortals is conducted on the 70 study worlds.

4 §§ The *minor sector* governments are presided over by three Recents of Days. Their administration is concerned mainly with the physical control, unification, stabilization, and routine co-ordination of the administration of the component local universes. Each minor sector embraces as many as 100 local universes, 10,000 constellations, 1,000,000 systems, or about 1,000,000,000 inhabitable worlds.

5 Minor sector headquarters worlds are the grand rendezvous of the Master Physical Controllers. These headquarters worlds are surrounded by the seven instruction spheres which constitute the entrance schools of the superuniverse and are the centres of training for physical and administrative knowledge concerning the universe of universes.

6 The administrators of the minor sector governments are under the immediate jurisdiction of the major sector rulers. The Recents of Days receive all reports of observations and coordinate all recommendations which

come up to a superuniverse from the Unions of Days who are stationed as Trinity observers and advisers on the headquarters spheres of the local universes and from the Faithfuls of Days who are similarly attached to the councils of the Most Highs at the headquarters of the constellations. All such reports are transmitted to the Perfections of Days on the major sectors, subsequently to be passed on to the courts of the Ancients of Days. Thus the Trinity regime extends from the constellations of the local universes up to the headquarters of the superuniverse. The local system head-

quarters do not have Trinity representatives.

14. PURPOSES OF THE SEVEN SUPERUNIVERSES

1 There are seven major purposes which are being unfolded in the evolution of the seven superuniverses. Each major purpose in superuniverse evolution will find fullest expression in only one of the seven superuniverses, and therefore does each superuniverse have a special function and a unique nature.

2 Orvonton, the seventh superuniverse, the one to which your local universe belongs, is known chiefly be-

cause of its tremendous and lavish bestowal of merciful ministry to the mortals of the realms. It is renowned for the manner in which justice prevails as tempered by mercy and power rules as conditioned by patience, while the sacrifices of time are freely made to secure the stabilization of eternity. Orvonton is a universe demonstration of love and mercy.

3 It is, however, very difficult to describe our conception of the true nature of the evolutionary purpose which is unfolding in Orvonton, but it may be suggested by saying that in this supercreation we feel that the

six unique purposes of cosmic evolution as manifested in the six associated supercreations are here being interassociated into a meaning-of-the-whole; and it is for this reason that we have sometimes conjectured that the evolved and finished personalization of God the Supreme will in the remote future and from Uversa rule the perfected seven superuniverses in all the experiential majesty of his then attained almighty sovereign power.

4 As Orvonton is unique in nature and individual in destiny, so also is each of its six associated superuniverses. A great deal that is going

on in Orvonton is not, however, revealed to you, and of these unrevealed features of Orvonton life, many are to find most complete expression in some other superuniverse. The seven purposes of superuniverse evolution are operative throughout all seven superuniverses, but each supercreation will give fullest expression to only one of these purposes. To understand more about these superuniverse purposes, much that you do not understand would have to be revealed, and even then you would comprehend but little. This entire narrative presents only a fleeting glimpse of the immense

creation of which your world and local system are a part.

5 §§ Your world is called Urantia, and it is number 606 in the planetary group, or system, of Satania. This system has at present 619 inhabited worlds, and more than 200 additional planets are evolving favourably toward becoming inhabited worlds at some future time.

6 Satania has a headquarters world called Jerusem, and it is system number 24 in the constellation of Norlatiadek. Your constellation, Norlatiadek, consists of 100 local systems and has a headquarters world called Eden-

tia. Norlatiadek is number 70 in the universe of Nebadon. The local universe of Nebadon consists of 100 constellations and has a capital known as Salvington. The universe of Nebadon is number 84 in the minor sector of Ensa.

7 The minor sector of Ensa consists of 100 local universes and has a capital called Uminor the 3rd. This minor sector is number 3 in the major sector of Splandon. Splandon consists of 100 minor sectors and has a headquarters world called Umajor the 5th. It is the 5th major sector of the superuniverse of Orvonton, the 7th segment of the

grand universe. Thus you can locate your planet in the scheme of the organization and administration of the universe of universes.

8 The grand universe number of your world, Urantia, is 5,342,482,337,66[1] That is the registry number on Uversa and on Paradise, your number in the catalogue of the inhabited worlds. I know the physical-sphere registry number, but it is of such an extraor-

[1] How are the seven celestial coordinates of our planet just given (7, 5, 3, 84, 70, 24, 606) encoded in the registry number? It is possible that the *decimal* status is included as well and, together with the planet's number 606, it is represented in the final digits 666, see the note on 58:1.1.

dinary size that it is of little practical significance to the mortal mind.

9 §§ Your planet is a member of an enormous cosmos; you belong to a well-nigh infinite family of worlds, but your sphere is just as precisely administered and just as lovingly fostered as if it were the only inhabited world in all existence.

10 [Presented by a Universal Censor hailing from Uversa.]

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PAPER 16

THE SEVEN MASTER SPIRITS

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The Seven Master Spirits of Paradise are the primary personalities of the Infinite Spirit. In this sevenfold creative act of self-duplication the Infinite Spirit exhausted the associative possibilities mathematically inherent in the factual existence of the three persons of Deity. Had it been possible to produce a larger number of Master Spirits, they would have been created, but there are

just seven associative possibilities, and only seven, inherent in three Deities. And this explains why the universe is operated in seven grand divisions, and why the number seven is basically fundamental in its organization and administration.

2 The Seven Master Spirits thus have their origin in, and derive their individual characteristics from, the following seven likenesses:

3 1. The Universal Father.

4 2. The Eternal Son.

5 3. The Infinite Spirit.

6 4. The Father and the Son.

7 5. The Father and the Spirit.

8 6. The Son and the Spirit.

9 7. The Father, Son, and Spirit.

10 §§ We know very little about the action of the Father and the Son in the creation of the Master Spirits. Apparently they were brought into existence by the personal acts of the Infinite Spirit, but we have been definitely instructed that both the Father and the Son participated in their origin.

11 In spirit character and nature these Seven Spirits of Paradise are as one, but in all other aspects of identity they are very unlike, and the results of their functioning in the superuniverses are

such that the individual differences of each are unmistakably discernible. All the afterplans of the seven segments of the grand universe — and even the correlative segments of outer space — have been conditioned by the other-than-spiritual diversity of these Seven Master Spirits of supreme and ultimate supervision.

12 The Master Spirits have many functions, but at the present time their particular domain is the central supervision of the seven superuniverses. Each Master Spirit maintains an enormous force-focal headquarters, which slowly circulates around the periph-

ery of Paradise, always maintaining a position opposite the superuniverse of immediate supervision and at the Paradise focal point of its specialized power control and segmental energy distribution. The radial boundary lines of any one of the superuniverses do actually converge at the Paradise headquarters of the supervising Master Spirit.

1. RELATION TO TRIUNE DEITY

1 The Conjoint Creator, the Infinite Spirit, is necessary to the completion of the triune personalization of undivided Deity. This threefold Deity

personalization is inherently sevenfold in possibility of individual and associative expression; hence the subsequent plan to create universes inhabited by intelligent and potentially spiritual beings, duly expressive of the Father, Son, and Spirit, made the personalization of the Seven Master Spirits inescapable. We have come to speak of the threefold personalization of Deity as the *absolute inevitability,* while we have come to look upon the appearance of the Seven Master Spirits as the *subabsolute inevitability.*

2 While the Seven Master Spirits are hardly expressive of *threefold* Deity,

they are the eternal portrayal of *sevenfold* Deity, the active and associative functions of the three ever-existent persons of Deity. By and in and through these Seven Spirits, the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, or the Infinite Spirit, or any dual association, is able to function as such. When the Father, the Son, and the Spirit act together, they can and do function through Master Spirit Number Seven, but not as the Trinity. The Master Spirits singly and collectively represent any and all possible Deity functions, single and several, but not collective, not the Trinity. Mas-

ter Spirit Number Seven is personally nonfunctional with regard to the Paradise Trinity, and that is just why he can function *personally* for the Supreme Being.

3 But when the Seven Master Spirits vacate their individual seats of personal power and superuniverse authority and assemble about the Conjoint Actor in the triune presence of Paradise Deity, then and there are they collectively representative of the functional power, wisdom, and authority of undivided Deity — the Trinity — to and in the evolving universes. Such a Paradise union of the primal seven-

fold expression of Deity does actually embrace, literally encompass, all of every attribute and attitude of the three eternal Deities in Supremacy and in Ultimacy. To all practical intents and purposes the Seven Master Spirits do, then and there, encompass the functional domain of the Supreme-Ultimate to and in the master universe.

4 As far as we can discern, these Seven Spirits are associated with the divine activities of the three eternal persons of Deity; we detect no evidence of direct association with the functioning presences of the three eternal phases of the Absolute. When

associated, the Master Spirits represent the Paradise Deities in what may be roughly conceived as the finite domain of action. It might embrace much that is ultimate but *not* absolute.

2. RELATION TO THE INFINITE SPIRIT

1 Just as the Eternal and Original Son is revealed through the persons of the constantly increasing number of divine Sons, so is the Infinite and Divine Spirit revealed through the channels of the Seven Master Spirits and their associated spirit groups. At the centre of centres the Infinite Spirit is

approachable, but not all who attain Paradise are immediately able to discern his personality and differentiated presence; but all who attain the central universe can and do immediately commune with one of the Seven Master Spirits, the one presiding over the superuniverse from which the newly arrived space pilgrim hails.

2 To the universe of universes the Paradise Father speaks only through his Son, while he and the Son conjointly act only through the Infinite Spirit. Outside of Paradise and Havona the Infinite Spirit *speaks* only by the voices of the Seven Master Spirits.

3 §§ The Infinite Spirit exerts an influence of *personal presence* within the confines of the Paradise-Havona system; elsewhere his personal spirit presence is exerted by and through one of the Seven Master Spirits. Therefore is the superuniverse spirit presence of the Third Source and Centre on any world or in any individual conditioned by the unique nature of the supervisory Master Spirit of that segment of creation. Conversely, the combined lines of spirit force and intelligence pass inward to the Third Person of Deity by way of the Seven Master Spirits.

4 §§ The Seven Master Spirits are

collectively endowed with the supreme-ultimate attributes of the Third Source and Centre. While each one individually partakes of this endowment, only collectively do they disclose the attributes of omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence. No one of them can so function universally; as individuals and in the exercise of these powers of supremacy and ultimacy each is personally limited to the superuniverse of immediate supervision.

5 All of everything which has been told you concerning the divinity and personality of the Conjoint Actor ap-

plies equally and fully to the Seven Master Spirits, who so effectively distribute the Infinite Spirit to the seven segments of the grand universe in accordance with their divine endowment and in the manner of their differing and individually unique natures. It would therefore be proper to apply to the collective group of seven any or all of the names of the Infinite Spirit. Collectively they are one with the Conjoint Creator on all subabso-

lute levels.

3. IDENTITY AND DIVERSITY OF THE MASTER SPIRITS

1 The Seven Master Spirits are indescribable beings, but they are distinctly and definitely personal. They have names, but we elect to introduce them by number. As primary personalizations of the Infinite Spirit, they are akin, but as primary expressions of the seven possible associations of triune Deity, they are essentially diverse in nature, and this diversity of nature determines their differential of superuniverse conduct. These Seven Master

Spirits may be described as follows:

2 *Master Spirit Number One.* In a special manner this Spirit is the direct representation of the Paradise Father. He is a peculiar and efficient manifestation of the power, love, and wisdom of the Universal Father. He is the close associate and supernal adviser of the chief of Mystery Monitors, that being who presides over the College of Personalized Adjusters on Divinington. In all associations of the Seven Master Spirits, it is always Master Spirit Number One who speaks for the Universal Father.

3 This Spirit presides over the first

superuniverse and, while unfailingly exhibiting the divine nature of a primary personalization of the Infinite Spirit, seems more especially to resemble the Universal Father in character. He is always in personal liaison with the seven Reflective Spirits at the headquarters of the first superuniverse.

4 §§ *Master Spirit Number Two.* This Spirit adequately portrays the matchless nature and charming character of the Eternal Son, the first-born of all creation. He is always in close association with all orders of the Sons of God whenever they may happen to be in the residential universe as individ-

uals or in joyous conclave. In all the assemblies of the Seven Master Spirits he always speaks for, and in behalf of, the Eternal Son.

5 This Spirit directs the destinies of superuniverse number two and rules this vast domain much as would the Eternal Son. He is always in liaison with the seven Reflective Spirits situated at the capital of the second superuniverse.

6 §§ *Master Spirit Number Three.* This Spirit personality especially resembles the Infinite Spirit, and he directs the movements and work of many of the high personalities of the

Infinite Spirit. He presides over their assemblies and is closely associated with all personalities who take exclusive origin in the Third Source and Centre. When the Seven Master Spirits are in council, it is Master Spirit Number Three who always speaks for the Infinite Spirit.

7 This Spirit is in charge of superuniverse number three, and he administers the affairs of this segment much as would the Infinite Spirit. He is always in liaison with the Reflective Spirits at the headquarters of the third superuniverse.

8 §§ *Master Spirit Number Four.* Par-

taking of the combined natures of the Father and the Son, this Master Spirit is the determining influence regarding Father-Son policies and procedures in the councils of the Seven Master Spirits. This Spirit is the chief director and adviser of those ascendant beings who have attained the Infinite Spirit and thus have become candidates for seeing the Son and the Father. He fosters that enormous group of personalities taking origin in the Father and the Son. When it becomes necessary to represent the Father and the Son in the association of the Seven Master Spirits, it is always Master Spirit Number

Four who speaks.

9 This Spirit fosters the fourth segment of the grand universe in accordance with his peculiar association of the attributes of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. He is always in personal liaison with the Reflective Spirits of the headquarters of the fourth superuniverse.

10 §§ *Master Spirit Number Five.* This divine personality who exquisitely blends the character of the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit is the adviser of that enormous group of beings known as the power directors, power centres, and physical controllers. This

Spirit also fosters all personalities taking origin in the Father and the Conjoint Actor. In the councils of the Seven Master Spirits, when the Father-Spirit attitude is in question, it is always Master Spirit Number Five who speaks.

11 This Spirit directs the welfare of the fifth superuniverse in such a way as to suggest the combined action of the Universal Father and the Infinite Spirit. He is always in liaison with the Reflective Spirits at the headquarters of the fifth superuniverse.

12 §§ *Master Spirit Number Six.* This divine being seems to portray the

combined character of the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit. Whenever the creatures jointly created by the Son and the Spirit forgather in the central universe, it is this Master Spirit who is their adviser; and whenever, in the councils of the Seven Master Spirits, it becomes necessary to speak conjointly for the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit, it is Master Spirit Number Six who responds.

13 This Spirit directs the affairs of the sixth superuniverse much as would the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit. He is always in liaison with the Reflective Spirits at the headquarters of the sixth

superuniverse.

14 §§ *Master Spirit Number Seven.* The presiding Spirit of the seventh superuniverse is a uniquely equal portrayal of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit. The Seventh Spirit, the fostering adviser of all triune-origin beings, is also the adviser and director of all the ascending pilgrims of Havona, those lowly beings who have attained the courts of glory through the combined ministry of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

15 The Seventh Master Spirit is not organically representative of the Paradise Trinity; but it is a known fact

that his personal and spiritual nature *is* the Conjoint Actor's portraiture in equal proportions of the three infinite persons whose Deity union *is* the Paradise Trinity, and whose function as such *is* the source of the personal and spiritual nature of God the Supreme. Hence the Seventh Master Spirit discloses a personal and organic relationship to the spirit person of the evolving Supreme. Therefore in the Master Spirit councils on high, when it becomes necessary to cast the ballot for the combined personal attitude of the Father, Son, and Spirit or to depict the spiritual attitude of the Supreme Be-

ing, it is Master Spirit Number Seven who functions. He thus inherently becomes the presiding head of the Paradise council of the Seven Master Spirits.

16 No one of the Seven Spirits is organically representative of the Paradise Trinity, but when they unite as sevenfold Deity, this union in a deity sense — not in a personal sense — equivalates to a functional level associable with Trinity functions. In this sense the "Sevenfold Spirit" is functionally associable with the Paradise Trinity. It is also in this sense that Master Spirit Number Seven sometimes

speaks in confirmation of Trinity attitudes or, rather, acts as spokesman for the attitude of the Sevenfold-Spirit-union regarding the attitude of the Threefold-Deity-union, the attitude of the Paradise Trinity.

17 The multiple functions of the Seventh Master Spirit thus range from a combined portraiture of the *personal natures* of the Father, Son, and Spirit, through a representation of the *personal attitude* of God the Supreme, to a disclosure of the *deity attitude* of the Paradise Trinity. And in certain respects this presiding Spirit is similarly expressive of the *attitudes* of the Ulti-

mate and of the Supreme-Ultimate.

18 It is Master Spirit Number Seven who, in his multiple capacities, personally sponsors the progress of the ascension candidates from the worlds of time in their attempts to achieve comprehension of the undivided Deity of Supremacy. Such comprehension involves a grasp of the existential sovereignty of the Trinity of Supremacy so co-ordinated with a concept of the growing experiential sovereignty of the Supreme Being as to constitute the creature grasp of the unity of Supremacy. Creature realization of these three factors equals Havona compre-

hension of Trinity reality and endows the pilgrims of time with the ability eventually to penetrate the Trinity, to discover the three infinite persons of Deity.

19 The inability of the Havona pilgrims fully to find God the Supreme is compensated by the Seventh Master Spirit, whose triune nature in such a peculiar manner is revelatory of the spirit person of the Supreme. During the present universe age of the noncontactability of the person of the Supreme, Master Spirit Number Seven functions in the place of the God of ascendant creatures in the matter of per-

sonal relationships. He is the one high spirit being that all ascenders are certain to recognize and somewhat comprehend when they reach the centres of glory.

20 This Master Spirit is always in liaison with the Reflective Spirits of Uversa, the headquarters of the seventh superuniverse, our own segment of creation. His administration of Orvonton discloses the marvellous symmetry of the co-ordinate blending of the divine natures of Father, Son, and

Spirit.

4. ATTRIBUTES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MASTER SPIRITS

1 The Seven Master Spirits are the full representation of the Infinite Spirit to the evolutionary universes. They represent the Third Source and Centre in the relationships of energy, mind, and spirit. While they function as the co-ordinating heads of the universal administrative control of the Conjoint Actor, do not forget that they have their origin in the creative acts of the Paradise Deities. It is literally true that these Seven Spirits are

the personalized physical power, cosmic mind, and spiritual presence of the triune Deity, "the Seven Spirits of God sent forth to all the universe."

2 The Master Spirits are unique in that they function on all universe levels of reality excepting the absolute. They are, therefore, efficient and perfect supervisors of all phases of administrative affairs on all levels of superuniverse activities. It is difficult for the mortal mind to understand very much about the Master Spirits because their work is so highly specialized yet all-embracing, so exceptionally material and at the same time so exquisitely

spiritual. These versatile creators of the cosmic mind are the ancestors of the Universe Power Directors and are, themselves, supreme directors of the vast and far-flung spirit-creature creation.

3 The Seven Master Spirits are the creators of the Universe Power Directors and their associates, entities who are indispensable to the organization, control, and regulation of the physical energies of the grand universe. And these same Master Spirits very materially assist the Creator Sons in the work of shaping and organizing the local universes.

4 We are unable to trace any personal connection between the cosmic-energy work of the Master Spirits and the force functions of the Unqualified Absolute. The energy manifestations under the jurisdiction of the Master Spirits are all directed from the periphery of Paradise; they do not appear to be in any direct manner associated with the force phenomena identified with the nether surface of Paradise.

5 Unquestionably, when we encounter the functional activities of the various Morontia Power Supervisors, we are face to face with certain of the unrevealed activities of the Master

Spirits. Who, aside from these ancestors of both physical controllers and spirit ministers, could have contrived so to combine and associate material and spiritual energies as to produce a hitherto nonexistent phase of universe reality — morontia substance and morontia mind?

6 Much of the reality of the spiritual worlds is of the morontia order, a phase of universe reality wholly unknown on Urantia. The goal of personality existence is spiritual, but the morontia creations always intervene, bridging the gulf between the material realms of mortal origin and the super-

universe spheres of advancing spiritual status. It is in this realm that the Master Spirits make their great contribution to the plan of man's Paradise ascension.

7 The Seven Master Spirits have personal representatives who function throughout the grand universe; but since a large majority of these subordinate beings are not directly concerned with the ascendant scheme of mortal progression in the path of Paradise perfection, little or nothing has been revealed about them. Much, very much, of the activity of the Seven Master Spirits remains hidden from

human understanding because in no way does it directly pertain to your problem of Paradise ascent.

8 §§ It is highly probable, though we cannot offer definite proof, that the Master Spirit of Orvonton exerts a decided influence in the following spheres of activity:

9 1. The life-initiation procedures of the local universe Life Carriers.

10 2. The life activations of the adjutant mind-spirits bestowed upon the worlds by a local universe Creative Spirit.

11 3. The fluctuations in energy manifestations exhibited by the linear-

gravity-responding units of organized matter.

12 4. The behaviour of emergent energy when fully liberated from the grasp of the Unqualified Absolute, thus becoming responsive to the direct influence of linear gravity and to the manipulations of the Universe Power Directors and their associates.

13 5. The bestowal of the ministry spirit of a local universe Creative Spirit, known on Urantia as the Holy Spirit.

14 6. The subsequent bestowal of the spirit of the bestowal Sons, on

Urantia called the Comforter or the Spirit of Truth.

15 7. The reflectivity mechanism of the local universes and the superuniverse. Many features connected with this extraordinary phenomenon can hardly be reasonably explained or rationally understood without postulating the activity of the Master Spirits in association with the Conjoint Actor and the Supreme Being.

16 §§ Notwithstanding our failure adequately to comprehend the manifold workings of the Seven Master Spirits, we are confident there are two realms in the vast range of universe activities

with which they have nothing whatever to do: the bestowal and ministry of the Thought Adjusters and the inscrutable functions of the Unqualified Absolute.

5. RELATION TO CREATURES

1 Each segment of the grand universe, each individual universe and world, enjoys the benefits of the united counsel and wisdom of all Seven Master Spirits but receives the personal touch and tinge of only one. And the personal nature of each Master Spirit entirely pervades and uniquely conditions his superuniverse.

2 Through this personal influence of the Seven Master Spirits every creature of every order of intelligent beings, outside of Paradise and Havona, must bear the characteristic stamp of individuality indicative of the ancestral nature of some one of these Seven Paradise Spirits. As concerns the seven superuniverses, each native creature, man or angel, will forever bear this badge of natal identification.

3 The Seven Master Spirits do not directly invade the material minds of the individual creatures on the evolutionary worlds of space. The mortals of Urantia do not experience the per-

sonal presence of the mind-spirit influence of the Master Spirit of Orvonton. If this Master Spirit does attain any sort of contact with the individual mortal mind during the earlier evolutionary ages of an inhabited world, it must occur through the ministry of the local universe Creative Spirit, the consort and associate of the Creator Son of God who presides over the destinies of each local creation. But this very Creative Mother Spirit is, in nature and character, quite like the Master Spirit of Orvonton.

4 The physical stamp of a Master Spirit is a part of man's material ori-

gin. The entire morontia career is lived under the continuing influence of this same Master Spirit. It is hardly strange that the subsequent spirit career of such an ascending mortal never fully eradicates the characteristic stamp of this same supervising Spirit. The impress of a Master Spirit is basic to the very existence of every pre-Havona stage of mortal ascension.

5 The distinctive personality trends exhibited in the life experience of evolutionary mortals, which are characteristic in each superuniverse, and which are directly expressive of the nature of the dominating Master Spirit,

are never fully effaced, not even after such ascenders are subjected to the long training and unifying discipline encountered on the one billion educational spheres of Havona. Even the subsequent intense Paradise culture does not suffice to eradicate the earmarks of superuniverse origin. Throughout all eternity an ascendant mortal will exhibit traits indicative of the presiding Spirit of his superuniverse of nativity. Even in the Corps of the Finality, when it is desired to arrive at or to portray a *complete* Trinity relationship to the evolutionary creation, always a group of seven finaliters

is assembled, one from each superuniverse.

6. THE COSMIC MIND

1 The Master Spirits are the sevenfold source of the cosmic mind, the intellectual potential of the grand universe. This cosmic mind is a subabsolute manifestation of the mind of the Third Source and Centre and, in certain ways, is functionally related to the mind of the evolving Supreme Being.

2 On a world like Urantia we do not encounter the direct influence of the Seven Master Spirits in the affairs of the human races. You live under the

immediate influence of the Creative Spirit of Nebadon. Nevertheless these same Master Spirits dominate the basic reactions of all creature mind because they are the actual sources of the intellectual and spiritual potentials which have been specialized in the local universes for function in the lives of those individuals who inhabit the evolutionary worlds of time and space.

3 The fact of the cosmic mind explains the kinship of various types of human and superhuman minds. Not only are kindred spirits attracted to each other, but kindred minds are also very fraternal and inclined towards co-

operation the one with the other. Human minds are sometimes observed to be running in channels of astonishing similarity and inexplicable agreement.

4 §§ There exists in all personality associations of the cosmic mind a quality which might be denominated the "reality response." It is this universal cosmic endowment of will creatures which saves them from becoming helpless victims of the implied a priori assumptions of science, philosophy, and religion. This reality sensitivity of the cosmic mind responds to certain phases of reality just as energy-material responds to gravity. It would

be still more correct to say that these supermaterial realities so respond to the mind of the cosmos.

5 The cosmic mind unfailingly responds (recognizes response) on three levels of universe reality. These responses are self-evident to clear-reasoning and deep-thinking minds. These levels of reality are:

6 1. *Causation* — the reality domain of the physical senses, the scientific realms of logical uniformity, the differentiation of the factual and the nonfactual, reflective conclusions based on cosmic response. This is the mathematical form of the cosmic dis-

crimination.

7 2. *Duty* — the reality domain of morals in the philosophic realm, the arena of reason, the recognition of relative right and wrong. This is the judicial form of the cosmic discrimination.

8 3. *Worship* — the spiritual domain of the reality of religious experience, the personal realization of divine fellowship, the recognition of spirit values, the assurance of eternal survival, the ascent from the status of servants of God to the joy and liberty of the sons of God. This is the highest insight of the cosmic mind, the reveren-

tial and worshipful form of the cosmic discrimination.

9 §§ These scientific, moral, and spiritual insights, these cosmic responses, are innate in the cosmic mind, which endows all will creatures. The experience of living never fails to develop these three cosmic intuitions; they are constitutive in the self-consciousness of reflective thinking. But it is sad to record that so few persons on Urantia take delight in cultivating these qualities of courageous and independent cosmic thinking.

10 §§ In the local universe mind bestowals, these three insights of the cos-

mic mind constitute the a priori assumptions which make it possible for man to function as a rational and self-conscious personality in the realms of science, philosophy, and religion. Stated otherwise, the recognition of the *reality* of these three manifestations of the Infinite is by a cosmic technique of self-revelation. Matter-energy is recognized by the mathematical logic of the senses; mind-reason intuitively knows its moral duty; spirit-faith (worship) is the religion of the reality of spiritual experience. These three basic factors in reflective thinking may be unified and co-ordinated in

personality development, or they may become disproportionate and virtually unrelated in their respective functions. But when they become unified, they produce a strong character consisting in the correlation of a factual science, a moral philosophy, and a genuine religious experience. And it is these three cosmic intuitions that give objective validity, reality, to man's experience in and with things, meanings, and values.

11 It is the purpose of education to develop and sharpen these innate endowments of the human mind; of civilization to express them; of life expe-

rience to realize them; of religion to ennoble them; and of personality to unify them.

7. MORALS, VIRTUE, AND PERSONALITY

1 Intelligence alone cannot explain the moral nature. Morality, virtue, is indigenous to human personality. Moral intuition, the realization of duty, is a component of human mind endowment and is associated with the other inalienables of human nature: scientific curiosity and spiritual insight. Man's mentality far transcends that of his animal cousins, but it is his moral and religious natures that espe-

cially distinguish him from the animal world.

2 The selective response of an animal is limited to the motor level of behaviour. The supposed insight of the higher animals is on a motor level and usually appears only after the experience of motor trial and error. Man is able to exercise scientific, moral, and spiritual insight prior to all exploration or experimentation.

3 Only a personality can know what it is doing before it does it; only personalities possess insight in advance of experience. A personality can look before it leaps and can therefore learn

from looking as well as from leaping. A nonpersonal animal ordinarily learns only by leaping.

4 As a result of experience an animal becomes able to examine the different ways of attaining a goal and to select an approach based on accumulated experience. But a personality can also examine the goal itself and pass judgment on its worth-whileness, its value. Intelligence alone can discriminate as to the best means of attaining indiscriminate ends, but a moral being possesses an insight which enables him to discriminate between ends as well as between means. And a moral being in

choosing virtue is nonetheless intelligent. He knows what he is doing, why he is doing it, where he is going, and how he will get there.

5 When man fails to discriminate the ends of his mortal striving, he finds himself functioning on the animal level of existence. He has failed to avail himself of the superior advantages of that material acumen, moral discrimination, and spiritual insight which are an integral part of his cosmic-mind endowment as a personal being.

6 §§ Virtue is righteousness — conformity with the cosmos. To name

virtues is not to define them, but to live them is to know them. Virtue is not mere knowledge nor yet wisdom but rather the reality of progressive experience in the attainment of ascending levels of cosmic achievement. In the day-by-day life of mortal man, virtue is realized by the consistent choosing of good rather than evil, and such choosing ability is evidence of the possession of a moral nature.

7 Man's choosing between good and evil is influenced, not only by the keenness of his moral nature, but also by such influences as ignorance, immaturity, and delusion. A sense of propor-

tion is also concerned in the exercise of virtue because evil may be perpetrated when the lesser is chosen in the place of the greater as a result of distortion or deception. The art of relative estimation or comparative measurement enters into the practice of the virtues of the moral realm.

8 §§ Man's moral nature would be impotent without the art of measurement, the discrimination embodied in his ability to scrutinize meanings. Likewise would moral choosing be futile without that cosmic insight which yields the consciousness of spiritual values. From the standpoint of intel-

ligence, man ascends to the level of a moral being because he is endowed with personality.

9 §§ Morality can never be advanced by law or by force. It is a personal and freewill matter and must be disseminated by the contagion of the contact of morally fragrant persons with those who are less morally responsive, but who are also in some measure desirous of doing the Father's will.

10 Moral acts are those human performances which are characterized by the highest intelligence, directed by selective discrimination in the choice of superior ends as well as in the se-

lection of moral means to attain these ends. Such conduct is virtuous. Supreme virtue, then, is wholeheartedly to choose to do the will of the Father in heaven.

8. URANTIA PERSONALITY

1 The Universal Father bestows personality upon numerous orders of beings as they function on diverse levels of universe actuality. Urantia human beings are endowed with personality of the finite-mortal type, functioning on the level of the ascending sons of God.

2 Though we can hardly undertake

to define personality, we may attempt to narrate our understanding of the known factors which go to make up the ensemble of material, mental, and spiritual energies whose interassociation constitutes the mechanism wherein and whereon and wherewith the Universal Father causes his bestowed personality to function.

3 Personality is a unique endowment of original nature whose existence is independent of, and antecedent to, the bestowal of the Thought Adjuster. Nevertheless, the presence of the Adjuster does augment the qualitative manifestation of personal-

ity. Thought Adjusters, when they come forth from the Father, are identical in nature, but personality is diverse, original, and exclusive; and the manifestation of personality is further conditioned and qualified by the nature and qualities of the associated energies of a material, mindal, and spiritual nature which constitute the organismal vehicle for personality manifestation.

4 Personalities may be similar, but they are never the same. Persons of a given series, type, order, or pattern may and do resemble one another, but they are never identical. Personality is that feature of an individual which we

know, and which enables us to identify such a being at some future time regardless of the nature and extent of changes in form, mind, or spirit status. Personality is that part of any individual which enables us to recognize and positively identify that person as the one we have previously known, no matter how much he may have changed because of the modification of the vehicle of expression and manifestation of his personality.

5 §§ Creature personality is distinguished by two self-manifesting and characteristic phenomena of mortal reactive behaviour: self-consciousness

and associated relative free will.

6 Self-consciousness consists in intellectual awareness of personality actuality; it includes the ability to recognize the reality of other personalities. It indicates capacity for individualized experience in and with cosmic realities, equivalating to the attainment of identity status in the personality relationships of the universe. Self-consciousness connotes recognition of the actuality of mind ministration and the realization of relative independence of creative and determinative free will.

7 §§ The relative free will which char-

acterizes the self-consciousness of human personality is involved in:

8 1. Moral decision, highest wisdom.

9 2. Spiritual choice, truth discernment.

10 3. Unselfish love, brotherhood service.

11 4. Purposeful co-operation, group loyalty.

12 5. Cosmic insight, the grasp of universe meanings.

13 6. Personality dedication, wholehearted devotion to doing the Father's will.

14 7. Worship, the sincere pursuit of divine values and the wholehearted love of the divine Value-Giver.

15 §§ The Urantia type of human personality may be viewed as functioning in a physical mechanism consisting of the planetary modification of the Nebadon type of organism belonging to the electrochemical order of life activation and endowed with the Nebadon order of the Orvonton series of the cosmic mind of parental reproductive pattern. The bestowal of the divine gift of personality upon such a mind-endowed mortal mechanism confers the dignity of cosmic

citizenship and enables such a mortal creature forthwith to become reactive to the constitutive recognition of the three basic mind realities of the cosmos:

16 1. The mathematical or logical recognition of the uniformity of physical causation.

17 2. The reasoned recognition of the obligation of moral conduct.

18 3. The faith-grasp of the fellowship worship of Deity, associated with the loving service of humanity.

19 §§ The full function of such a personality endowment is the beginning realization of Deity kinship. Such

a selfhood, indwelt by a prepersonal fragment of God the Father, is in truth and in fact a spiritual son of God. Such a creature not only discloses capacity for the reception of the gift of the divine presence but also exhibits reactive response to the personality-gravity circuit of the Paradise Father of all personalities.

9. REALITY OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS

1 The cosmic-mind-endowed, Adjuster-indwelt, personal creature possesses innate recognition-realization of energy reality, mind reality, and spirit reality. The will creature is thus

equipped to discern the fact, the law, and the love of God. Aside from these three inalienables of human consciousness, all human experience is really subjective except that intuitive realization of validity attaches to the *unification* of these three universe reality responses of cosmic recognition.

2 The God-discerning mortal is able to sense the unification value of these three cosmic qualities in the evolution of the surviving soul, man's supreme undertaking in the physical tabernacle where the moral mind collaborates with the indwelling divine spirit to dualize the immortal soul. From its ear-

liest inception the soul is *real;* it has cosmic survival qualities.

3 If mortal man fails to survive natural death, the real spiritual values of his human experience survive as a part of the continuing experience of the Thought Adjuster. The personality values of such a nonsurvivor persist as a factor in the personality of the actualizing Supreme Being. Such persisting qualities of personality are deprived of identity but not of experiential values accumulated during the mortal life in the flesh. The survival of identity is dependent on the survival of the immortal soul of morontia status and increas-

ingly divine value. Personality identity survives in and by the survival of the soul.

4 §§ Human self-consciousness implies the recognition of the reality of selves other than the conscious self and further implies that such awareness is mutual; that the self is known as it knows. This is shown in a purely human manner in man's social life. But you cannot become so absolutely certain of a fellow being's reality as you can of the reality of the presence of God that lives within you. The social consciousness is not inalienable like the God-consciousness; it is a cul-

tural development and is dependent on knowledge, symbols, and the contributions of the constitutive endowments of man — science, morality, and religion. And these cosmic gifts, socialized, constitute civilization.

5 Civilizations are unstable because they are not cosmic; they are not innate in the individuals of the races. They must be nurtured by the combined contributions of the constitutive factors of man — science, morality, and religion. Civilizations come and go, but science, morality, and religion always survive the crash.

6 Jesus not only revealed God to

man, but he also made a new revelation of man to himself and to other men. In the life of Jesus you see man at his best. Man thus becomes so beautifully real because Jesus had so much of God in his life, and the realization (recognition) of God is inalienable and constitutive in all men.

7 §§ Unselfishness, aside from parental instinct, is not altogether natural; other persons are not naturally loved or socially served. It requires the enlightenment of reason, morality, and the urge of religion, God-knowingness, to generate an unselfish and altruistic social order. Man's own per-

sonality awareness, self-consciousness, is also directly dependent on this very fact of innate other-awareness, this innate ability to recognize and grasp the reality of other personality, ranging from the human to the divine.

8 Unselfish social consciousness must be, at bottom, a religious consciousness; that is, if it is objective; otherwise it is a purely subjective philosophic abstraction and therefore devoid of love. Only a God-knowing individual can love another person as he loves himself.

9 Self-consciousness is in essence a communal consciousness: God and

man, Father and son, Creator and creature. In human self-consciousness four universe-reality realizations are latent and inherent:

10 1. The quest for knowledge, the logic of science.

11 2. The quest for moral values, the sense of duty.

12 3. The quest for spiritual values, the religious experience.

13 4. The quest for personality values, the ability to recognize the reality of God as a personality and the concurrent realization of our fraternal relationship with fellow personalities.

14 §§ You become conscious of man as your creature brother because you are already conscious of God as your Creator Father. Fatherhood is the relationship out of which we reason ourselves into the recognition of brotherhood. And Fatherhood becomes, or may become, a universe reality to all moral creatures because the Father has himself bestowed personality upon all such beings and has encircuited them within the grasp of the universal personality circuit. We worship God, first, because *he is,* then, because *he is in us,* and last, because *we are in him.*

15 Is it strange that the cosmic mind

should be self-consciously aware of its own source, the infinite mind of the Infinite Spirit, and at the same time conscious of the physical reality of the far-flung universes, the spiritual reality of the Eternal Son, and the personality reality of the Universal Father?

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PAPER 17

THE SEVEN SUPREME SPIRIT GROUPS

Divine Counsellor

The seven Supreme Spirit groups are the universal co-ordinating directors of the seven-segmented administration of the grand universe. Although all are classed among the functional family of the Infinite Spirit, the following three groups are usually classified as children of the Paradise Trinity:

2 1. The Seven Master Spirits.

3 2. The Seven Supreme Executives.

4 3. The Reflective Spirits.

5 §§ The remaining four groups are brought into being by the creative acts of the Infinite Spirit or by his associates of creative status:

6 4. The Reflective Image Aids.

7 5. The Seven Spirits of the Circuits.

8 6. The Local Universe Creative Spirits.

9 7. The Adjutant Mind-Spirits.

10 §§ These seven orders are known on Uversa as the seven Supreme Spirit

groups. Their functional domain extends from the personal presence of the Seven Master Spirits on the periphery of the eternal Isle, through the seven Paradise satellites of the Spirit, the Havona circuits, the governments of the superuniverses, and the administration and supervision of the local universes, even to the lowly service of the adjutants bestowed upon the realms of evolutionary mind on the worlds of time and space.

11 The Seven Master Spirits are the co-ordinating directors of this far-flung administrative realm. In some matters pertaining to the administra-

tive regulation of organized physical power, mind energy, and impersonal spirit ministry, they act personally and directly, and in others they function through their multifarious associates. In all matters of an executive nature — rulings, regulations, adjustments, and administrative decisions — the Master Spirits act in the persons of the Seven Supreme Executives. In the central universe the Master Spirits may function through the Seven Spirits of the Havona Circuits; on the headquarters of the seven superuniverses they reveal themselves through the channel of the Reflective Spirits and

act through the persons of the Ancients of Days, with whom they are in personal communication through the Reflective Image Aids.

12 The Seven Master Spirits do not directly and personally contact universe administration below the courts of the Ancients of Days. Your local universe is administered as a part of our superuniverse by the Master Spirit of Orvonton, but his function in relation to the native beings of Nebadon is immediately discharged and personally directed by the Creative Mother Spirit resident on Salvington, the headquarters of your local uni-

verse.

1. THE SEVEN SUPREME EXECUTIVES

1 The executive headquarters of the Master Spirits occupy the seven Paradise satellites of the Infinite Spirit, which swing around the central Isle between the shining spheres of the Eternal Son and the innermost Havona circuit. These executive spheres are under the direction of the Supreme Executives, a group of seven who were trinitized by the Father, Son, and Spirit in accordance with the specifications of the Seven Master Spirits for beings of a type that could

function as their universal representatives.

2 The Master Spirits maintain contact with the various divisions of the superuniverse governments through these Supreme Executives. It is they who very largely determine the basic constitutive trends of the seven superuniverses. They are uniformly and divinely perfect, but they also possess diversity of personality. They have no presiding head; each time they meet together, they choose one of their number to preside over that joint council. Periodically they journey to Paradise to sit in council with

the Seven Master Spirits.

3 §§ The Seven Supreme Executives function as the administrative co-ordinators of the grand universe; they might be termed the board of managing directors of the post-Havona creation. They are not concerned with the internal affairs of Paradise, and they direct their limited spheres of Havona activity through the Seven Spirits of the Circuits. Otherwise there are few limits to the scope of their supervision; they engage in the direction of things physical, intellectual, and spiritual; they see all, hear all, feel all, even know all, that transpires

in the seven superuniverses and in Havona.

4 These Supreme Executives do not originate policies, nor do they modify universe procedures; they are concerned with the execution of the plans of divinity promulgated by the Seven Master Spirits. Neither do they interfere with the rule of the Ancients of Days in the superuniverses nor with the sovereignty of the Creator Sons in the local universes. They are the coordinating executives whose function it is to carry out the combined policies of all duly constituted rulers in the grand universe.

5 Each of the executives and the facilities of his sphere are devoted to the efficient administration of a single superuniverse. Supreme Executive Number One, functioning on executive sphere number one, is wholly occupied with the affairs of superuniverse number one, and so on to Supreme Executive Number Seven, working from the seventh Paradise satellite of the Spirit and devoting his energies to the management of the seventh superuniverse. The name of this seventh sphere is Orvonton, for the Paradise satellites of the Spirit have the same names as their related super-

universes; in fact, the superuniverses were named after them.

6 On the executive sphere of the seventh superuniverse the staff engaged in keeping straight the affairs of Orvonton runs into numbers beyond human comprehension and embraces practically every order of celestial intelligence. All superuniverse services of personality dispatch (except Inspired Trinity Spirits and Thought Adjusters) pass through one of these seven executive worlds on their universe journeys to and from Paradise, and here are maintained the central registries for all personalities created

by the Third Source and Centre who function in the superuniverses. The system of material, morontial, and spiritual records on one of these executive worlds of the Spirit amazes even a being of my order.

7 The immediate subordinates of the Supreme Executives consist for the greater part of the trinitized sons of Paradise-Havona personalities and of the trinitized offspring of the glorified mortal graduates from the age-long training of the ascendant scheme of time and space. These trinitized sons are designated for service with the Supreme Executives by the chief

of the Supreme Council of the Paradise Corps of the Finality.

8 Each Supreme Executive has two advisory cabinets: The children of the Infinite Spirit on the headquarters of each superuniverse choose representatives from their ranks to serve for one millennium in the primary advisory cabinet of their Supreme Executive. In all matters affecting the ascending mortals of time, there is a secondary cabinet, consisting of mortals of Paradise attainment and of the trinitized sons of glorified mortals; this body is chosen by the perfecting and ascending beings who transiently dwell on

the seven superuniverse headquarters. All other chiefs of affairs are appointed by the Supreme Executives.

9 §§ From time to time, great conclaves take place on these Paradise satellites of the Spirit. Trinitized sons assigned to these worlds, together with the ascenders who have attained Paradise, assemble with the spirit personalities of the Third Source and Centre in the reunions of the struggles and triumphs of the ascendant career. The Supreme Executives always preside over such fraternal gatherings.

10 Once in each Paradise millennium the Seven Supreme Executives vacate

their seats of authority and go to Paradise, where they hold their millennial conclave of universal greeting and well-wishing to the intelligent hosts of creation. This eventful occasion takes place in the immediate presence of Majeston, the chief of all reflective spirit groups. And they are thus able to communicate simultaneously with all their associates in the grand universe through the unique functioning of universal reflectivity.

2. MAJESTON — CHIEF OF REFLECTIVITY

1 The Reflective Spirits are of divine Trinity origin. There are 50 of these

unique and somewhat mysterious beings. Seven of these extraordinary personalities were created at a time, and each such creative episode was effected by a liaison of the Paradise Trinity and one of the Seven Master Spirits.

2 This momentous transaction, occurring in the dawn of time, represents the initial effort of the Supreme Creator Personalities, represented by the Master Spirits, to function as cocreators with the Paradise Trinity. This union of the creative power of the Supreme Creators with the creative potentials of the Trinity is the very source of the actuality of the Supreme Be-

ing. Therefore, when the cycle of reflective creation had run its course, when each of the Seven Master Spirits had found perfect creative synchrony with the Paradise Trinity, when the 49th Reflective Spirit had personalized, then a new and far-reaching reaction occurred in the Deity Absolute which imparted new personality prerogatives to the Supreme Being and culminated in the personalization of Majeston, the reflectivity chief and Paradise centre of all the work of the 49 Reflective Spirits and their associates throughout the universe of universes.

3 Majeston is a true person, the personal and infallible centre of reflectivity phenomena in all seven superuniverses of time and space. He maintains permanent Paradise headquarters near the centre of all things at the rendezvous of the Seven Master Spirits. He is concerned solely with the co-ordination and maintenance of the reflectivity service in the far-flung creation; he is not otherwise involved in the administration of universe affairs.

4 Majeston is not included in our catalogue of Paradise personalities because he is the only existing personality of divinity created by the Supreme

Being in functional liaison with the Deity Absolute. He is a person, but he is exclusively and apparently automatically concerned with this one phase of universe economy; he does not now function in any personal capacity with relation to other (nonreflective) orders of universe personalities.

5 §§ The creation of Majeston signalized the first supreme creative act of the Supreme Being. This will to action was volitional in the Supreme Being, but the stupendous reaction of the Deity Absolute was not foreknown. Not since the eternity-appearance of Havona had the universe wit-

nessed such a tremendous factualization of such a gigantic and far-flung alignment of power and co-ordination of functional spirit activities. The Deity response to the creative wills of the Supreme Being and his associates was vastly beyond their purposeful intent and greatly in excess of their conceptual forecasts.

6 We stand in awe of the possibility of what the future ages, wherein the Supreme and the Ultimate may attain new levels of divinity and ascend to new domains of personality function, may witness in the realms of the deitization of still other unex-

pected and undreamed of beings who will possess unimagined powers of enhanced universe co-ordination. There would seem to be no limit to the Deity Absolute's potential of response to such unification of relationships between experiential Deity and the existential Paradise Trinity.

3. THE REFLECTIVE SPIRITS

1 The 49 Reflective Spirits are of Trinity origin, but each of the seven creative episodes attendant upon their appearance was productive of a type of being in nature resembling the characteristics of the coancestral Master

Spirit. Thus they variously reflect the natures and characters of the seven possible combinations of the association of the divinity characteristics of the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit. For this reason it is necessary to have seven of these Reflective Spirits on the headquarters of each superuniverse. One of each of the seven types is required in order to achieve the perfect reflection of all phases of every possible manifestation of the three Paradise Deities as such phenomena might occur in any part of the seven superuniverses. One of each type was accordingly assigned to

service in each of the superuniverses. These groups of seven dissimilar Reflective Spirits maintain headquarters on the capitals of the superuniverses at the reflective focus of each realm, and this is not identical with the point of spiritual polarity.

2 The Reflective Spirits have names, but these designations are not revealed on the worlds of space. They pertain to the nature and character of these beings and are a part of one of the seven universal mysteries of the secret spheres of Paradise.

3 The attribute of reflectivity, the phenomenon of the mind levels of the

Conjoint Actor, the Supreme Being, and the Master Spirits, is transmissible to all beings concerned in the working of this vast scheme of universal intelligence. And herein is a great mystery: Neither the Master Spirits nor the Paradise Deities, singly or collectively, disclose these powers of co-ordinate universal reflectivity just as they are manifested in these 49 liaison personalities of Majeston, and yet they are the creators of all these marvellously endowed beings. Divine heredity does sometimes disclose in the creature certain attributes which are not discernible in the Creator.

4 The personnel of the reflectivity service, with the exception of Majeston and the Reflective Spirits, are all the creatures of the Infinite Spirit and his immediate associates and subordinates. The Reflective Spirits of each superuniverse are the creators of their Reflective Image Aids, their personal voices to the courts of the Ancients of Days.

5 §§ The Reflective Spirits are not merely transmitting agents; they are retentive personalities as well. Their offspring, the seconaphim, are also retentive or record personalities. Everything of true spiritual value is regis-

tered in duplicate, and one impression is preserved in the personal equipment of some member of one of the numerous orders of secoraphic personalities belonging to the vast staff of the Reflective Spirits.

6 The formal records of the universes are passed up by and through the angelic recorders, but the true spiritual records are assembled by reflectivity and are preserved in the minds of suitable and appropriate personalities belonging to the family of the Infinite Spirit. These are the *live* records in contrast with the formal and *dead* records of the universe, and they are per-

fectly preserved in the living minds of the recording personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

7 The reflectivity organization is also the news-gathering and the decree-disseminating mechanism of all creation. It is in constant operation in contrast with the periodic functioning of the various broadcast services.

8 Everything of import transpiring on a local universe headquarters is inherently reflected to the capital of its superuniverse. And conversely, everything of local universe significance is reflected outward to the local universe capitals from the headquarters of their

superuniverse. The reflectivity service from the universes of time up to the superuniverses is apparently automatic or self-operating, but it is not. It is all very personal and intelligent; its precision results from perfection of personality co-operation and therefore can hardly be attributed to the impersonal presence-performances of the Absolutes.

9 While Thought Adjusters do not participate in the operation of the universal reflectivity system, we have every reason to believe that all Father fragments are fully cognizant of these transactions and are able to avail

themselves of their content.

10 §§ During the present universe age the space range of the extra-Paradise reflectivity service seems to be limited by the periphery of the seven superuniverses. Otherwise, the function of this service seems to be independent of time and space. It appears to be independent of all known subabsolute universe circuits.

11 On the headquarters of each superuniverse the reflective organization acts as a segregated unit; but on certain special occasions, under the direction of Majeston, all seven may and do act in universal unison, as in the event of

the jubilee occasioned by the settling of an entire local universe in light and life and at the times of the millennial greetings of the Seven Supreme Executives.

4. THE REFLECTIVE IMAGE AIDS

1 The 49 Reflective Image Aids were created by the Reflective Spirits, and there are just seven Aids on the headquarters of each superuniverse. The first creative act of the seven Reflective Spirits of Uversa was the production of their seven Image Aids, each Reflective Spirit creating his own Aid. The Image Aids are, in certain attributes

and characteristics, perfect reproductions of their Reflective Mother Spirits; they are virtual duplications minus the attribute of reflectivity. They are true images and constantly function as the channel of communication between the Reflective Spirits and the superuniverse authorities. The Image Aids are not merely assistants; they are actual representations of their respective Spirit ancestors; they are *images,* and they are true to their name.

2 The Reflective Spirits themselves are true personalities but of such an order as to be incomprehensible to material beings. Even on a superuni-

verse headquarters sphere they require the assistance of their Image Aids in all personal intercourse with the Ancients of Days and their associates. In contacts between the Image Aids and the Ancients of Days, sometimes one Aid functions acceptably, while on other occasions two, three, four, or even all seven are required for the full and proper presentation of the communication entrusted to their transmission. Likewise, the messages of the Image Aids are variously received by one, two, or all three Ancients of Days, as the content of the communication may require.

3 The Image Aids serve forever by the sides of their ancestral Spirits, and they have at their disposal an unbelievable host of helper seconaphim. The Image Aids do not directly function in connection with the training worlds of ascending mortals. They are closely associated with the intelligence service of the universal scheme of mortal progression, but you will not personally come in contact with them when you sojourn in the Uversa schools because these seemingly personal beings are devoid of will; they do not exercise the power of choice. They are true images, wholly reflective of the personal-

ity and mind of the individual Spirit ancestor. As a class, ascending mortals do not intimately contact with reflectivity. Always some being of the reflective nature will be interposed between you and the actual operation of the service.

5. THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF THE CIRCUITS

1 The Seven Spirits of the Havona Circuits are the joint impersonal representation of the Infinite Spirit and the Seven Master Spirits to the seven circuits of the central universe. They are the servants of the Master Spirits, whose collective offspring they

are. The Master Spirits provide a distinct and diversified administrative individuality in the seven superuniverses. Through these uniform Spirits of the Havona Circuits they are enabled to provide a unified, uniform, and coordinated spiritual supervision for the central universe.

2 The Seven Spirits of the Circuits are each limited to the permeation of a single Havona circuit. They are not directly concerned with the regimes of the Eternals of Days, the rulers of the individual Havona worlds. But they are in liaison with the Seven Supreme Executives, and they synchronize with

the central universe presence of the Supreme Being. Their work is wholly confined to Havona.

3 These Spirits of the Circuits make contact with those who sojourn in Havona through their personal offspring, the tertiary supernaphim. While the Circuit Spirits are coexistent with the Seven Master Spirits, their function in the creation of tertiary supernaphim did not attain major importance until the first pilgrims of time arrived on the outer circuit of Havona in the days of Grandfanda.

4 As you advance from circuit to circuit in Havona, you will learn of the

Spirits of the Circuits, but you will not be able to hold personal communion with them, even though you may personally enjoy, and recognize the impersonal presence of, their spiritual influence.

5 The Circuit Spirits are related to the native inhabitants of Havona much as the Thought Adjusters are related to the mortal creatures inhabiting the worlds of the evolutionary universes. Like the Thought Adjusters, the Circuit Spirits are impersonal, and they consort with the perfect minds of Havona beings much as the impersonal spirits of the Universal Father in-

dwell the finite minds of mortal men. But the Spirits of the Circuits never become a permanent part of Havona personalities.

6. THE LOCAL UNIVERSE CREATIVE SPIRITS

1 Much that pertains to the nature and function of the local universe Creative Spirits properly belongs to the narrative of their association with the Creator Sons in the organization and management of the local creations; but there are many features of the prelocal universe experiences of these marvellous beings which may be narrated as a part of this discussion of the

seven Supreme Spirit groups.

2 §§ We are conversant with six phases of the career of a local universe Mother Spirit, and we speculate much concerning the probability of a seventh stage of activity. These different stages of existence are:

3 1. *Initial Paradise Differentiation.* When a Creator Son is personalized by the joint action of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, simultaneously there occurs in the person of the Infinite Spirit what is known as the "supreme reaction of complement." We do not comprehend the nature of this reaction, but we un-

derstand that it designates an inherent modification of those personalizable possibilities which are embraced within the creative potential of the Conjoint Creator. The birth of a coordinate Creator Son signalizes the birth within the person of the Infinite Spirit of the potential of the future local universe consort of this Paradise Son. We are not cognizant of this new prepersonal identification of entity, but we know that this fact finds place on the Paradise records of the career of such a Creator Son.

4 2. *Preliminary Creatorship Training.* During the long period of the

preliminary training of a Michael Son in the organization and administration of universes, his future consort undergoes further development of entity and becomes group conscious of destiny. We do not know, but we suspect that such a group-conscious entity becomes space cognizant and begins that preliminary training requisite to the acquirement of spirit skill in her future work of collaboration with the complemental Michael in universe creation and administration.

5 3. *The Stage of Physical Creation.* At the time the creatorship charge is administered to a Michael Son by the

Eternal Son, the Master Spirit who directs the superuniverse to which this new Creator Son is destined gives expression to the "prayer of identification" in the presence of the Infinite Spirit; and for the first time, the entity of the subsequent Creative Spirit appears as differentiated from the person of the Infinite Spirit. And proceeding directly to the person of the petitioning Master Spirit, this entity is immediately lost to our recognition, becoming apparently a part of the person of this Master Spirit. The newly identified Creative Spirit remains with the Master Spirit until the moment of

the departure of the Creator Son for the adventure of space; whereupon the Master Spirit commits the new Spirit consort to the keeping of the Creator Son, at the same time administering to the Spirit consort the charge of eternal fidelity and unending loyalty. And then occurs one of the most profoundly touching episodes which ever take place on Paradise. The Universal Father speaks in acknowledgement of the eternal union of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit and in confirmation of the bestowal of certain joint powers of administration by the Master Spirit of superuniverse jurisdiction.

6 The Father-united Creator Son and Creative Spirit then go forth on their adventure of universe creation. And they work together in this form of association throughout the long and arduous period of the material organization of their universe.

7 4. *The Life-Creation Era.* Upon the declaration of intention to create life by the Creator Son, there ensue on Paradise the "personalization ceremonies," participated in by the Seven Master Spirits and personally experienced by the supervising Master Spirit. This is a Paradise Deity contribution to the individuality of

the Spirit consort of the Creator Son and becomes manifest to the universe in the phenomenon of "the primary eruption" in the person of the Infinite Spirit. Simultaneously with this phenomenon on Paradise, the heretofore impersonal Spirit consort of the Creator Son becomes, to all practical intents and purposes, a bona fide person. Henceforth and forevermore, this same local universe Mother Spirit will be regarded as a person and will maintain personal relations with all the personality hosts of the ensuing life creation.

8 5. *The Postbestowal Ages.* An-

other and great change occurs in the never-ending career of a Creative Spirit when the Creator Son returns to universe headquarters after the completion of his seventh bestowal and subsequent to his acquirement of full universe sovereignty. On that occasion, before the assembled administrators of the universe, the triumphant Creator Son elevates the Universe Mother Spirit to cosovereignty and acknowledges the Spirit consort as his equal.

9 6. *The Ages of Light and Life.* Upon the establishment of the era of light and life the local universe

cosovereign enters upon the sixth phase of a Creative Spirit's career. But we may not portray the nature of this great experience. Such things pertain to a future stage of evolution in Nebadon.

10 7. *The Unrevealed Career.* We know of these six phases of the career of a local universe Mother Spirit. It is inevitable that we should ask: Is there a seventh career? We are mindful that, when finaliters attain what appears to be their final destiny of mortal ascension, they are of record as entering upon the career of sixth-stage spirits. We conjecture that there

awaits the finaliters still another and unrevealed career in universe assignment. It is only to be expected that we would likewise regard the Universe Mother Spirits as having ahead of them some undisclosed career which will constitute their seventh phase of personal experience in universe service and loyal co-operation with the order of the Creator Michaels.

7. THE ADJUTANT MIND-SPIRITS

1 These adjutant spirits are the sevenfold mind bestowal of a local universe Mother Spirit upon the living creatures of the conjoint creation of

a Creator Son and such a Creative Spirit. This bestowal becomes possible at the time of the Spirit's elevation to the status of personality prerogatives. The narration of the nature and functioning of the seven adjutant mind-spirits belongs more appropriately to the story of your local universe of Nebadon.

8. FUNCTIONS OF THE SUPREME SPIRITS

1 The seven groups of Supreme Spirits constitute the nucleus of the functional family of the Third Source and Centre both as the Infinite Spirit and as the Conjoint Actor. The domain of

the Supreme Spirits extends from the presence of the Trinity on Paradise to the functioning of mind of the evolutionary-mortal order on the planets of space. Thus do they unify the descending administrative levels and coordinate the manifold functions of the personnel thereof. Whether it is a Reflective Spirit group in liaison with the Ancients of Days, a Creative Spirit acting in concert with a Michael Son, or the Seven Master Spirits encircuited around the Paradise Trinity, the activity of the Supreme Spirits is encountered everywhere in the central, super-, and local universes. They func-

tion alike with the Trinity personalities of the order of "Days" and with the Paradise personalities of the order of "Sons."

2 §§ Together with their Infinite Mother Spirit, the Supreme Spirit groups are the immediate creators of the vast creature family of the Third Source and Centre. All orders of the ministering spirits spring from this association. Primary supernaphim originate in the Infinite Spirit; secondary beings of this order are created by the Master Spirits; tertiary supernaphim by the Seven Spirits of the Circuits. The Reflective Spirits, collectively, are

the mother-makers of a marvellous order of the angelic hosts, the mighty seconaphim of the superuniverse services. A Creative Spirit is the mother of the angelic orders of a local creation; such seraphic ministers are original in each local universe, though they are fashioned after the patterns of the central universe. All these creators of ministering spirits are only indirectly assisted by the central lodgement of the Infinite Spirit, the original and eternal mother of all the angelic ministers.

3 §§ The seven Supreme Spirit groups are the co-ordinators of the inhabited

creation. The association of their directing heads, the Seven Master Spirits, appears to co-ordinate the far-flung activities of God the Sevenfold:

4 1. Collectively the Master Spirits near-equivalate to the divinity level of the Trinity of Paradise Deities.

5 2. Individually they exhaust the primary associable possibilities of triune Deity.

6 3. As diversified representatives of the Conjoint Actor they are the repositories of that spirit-mind-power sovereignty of the Supreme Being which he does not yet personally exercise.

7 4. Through the Reflective Spirits they synchronize the superuniverse governments of the Ancients of Days with Majeston, the Paradise centre of universal reflectivity.

8 5. In their participation in the individualization of the local universe Divine Ministers, the Master Spirits contribute to the last level of God the Sevenfold, the Creator Son-Creative Spirit union of the local universes.

9 §§ Functional unity, inherent in the Conjoint Actor, is disclosed to the evolving universes in the Seven Master Spirits, his primary personalities. But in the perfected superuniverses of the

future this unity will undoubtedly be inseparable from the experiential sovereignty of the Supreme.

10 [Presented by a Divine Counsellor of Uversa.]

PAPER 18

THE SUPREME TRINITY PERSONALITIES

Divine Counsellor

Supreme Trinity Personalities are all created for specific service. They are designed by the divine Trinity for the fulfilment of certain specific duties, and they are qualified to serve with perfection of technique and finality of devotion. There are seven orders of the Supreme Trinity Personalities:

2 1. Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy.

3 2. Eternals of Days.

4 3. Ancients of Days.

5 4. Perfections of Days.

6 5. Recents of Days.

7 6. Unions of Days.

8 7. Faithfuls of Days.

9 §§ These beings of administrative perfection are of definite and final numbers. Their creation is a past event; no more are being personalized.

10 Throughout the grand universe these Supreme Trinity Personalities represent the administrative policies

of the Paradise Trinity; they represent the justice and *are* the executive judgment of the Paradise Trinity. They form an interrelated line of administrative perfection extending from the Paradise spheres of the Father to the headquarters worlds of the local universes and to the capitals of their component constellations.

11 All Trinity-origin beings are created in Paradise perfection in all their divine attributes. Only in the realms of experience has the passing of time added to their equipment for cosmic service. There is never any danger of default or risk of rebellion with Trin-

ity-origin beings. They are of divinity essence, and they have never been known to depart from the divine and perfect path of personality conduct.

1. THE TRINITIZED SECRETS OF SUPREMACY

1 There are seven worlds in the innermost circuit of the Paradise satellites, and each of these exalted worlds is presided over by a corps of ten Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy. They are not creators, but they are supreme and ultimate administrators. The conduct of the affairs of these seven fraternal spheres is wholly committed to this corps of 70 supreme directors.

Though the offspring of the Trinity supervise these seven sacred spheres nearest Paradise, this group of worlds is universally known as the personal circuit of the Universal Father.

2 The Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy function in groups of ten as co-ordinate and joint directors of their respective spheres, but they also function individually in particular fields of responsibility. The work of each of these special worlds is divided into seven major departments, and one of these co-ordinate rulers presides over each such division of specialized activities. The remaining three act as the

personal representatives of triune Deity in relation to the other seven, one representing the Father, one the Son, and one the Spirit.

3 Although there is a definite class resemblance which typifies the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy, they also disclose seven distinct group characteristics. The ten supreme directors of Divinington affairs are reflective of the personal character and nature of the Universal Father; and so it is with each of these seven spheres: Each group of ten resembles that Deity or Deity association which is characteristic of their domain. The ten directors who

rule Ascendington are reflective of the combined nature of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

4 §§ I can reveal very little about the work of these high personalities on the seven sacred worlds of the Father, for they are truly the *Secrets* of Supremacy. There are no arbitrary secrets associated with the approach to the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, or the Infinite Spirit. The Deities are an open book to all who attain divine perfection, but all the Secrets of Supremacy can never be fully attained. Always will we be unable fully to penetrate the realms containing the personality se-

crets of Deity association with the sevenfold grouping of created beings.

5 Since the work of these supreme directors has to do with the intimate and personal contact of the Deities with these seven basic groupings of universe beings when domiciled on these seven special worlds or while functioning throughout the grand universe, it is fitting that these very personal relations and extraordinary contacts should be held sacredly secret. The Paradise Creators respect the privacy and sanctity of personality even in their lowly creatures. And this is true both of individuals and of

the various separate orders of personalities.

6 To beings of even high universe attainment these secret worlds ever remain a test of loyalty. It is given us fully and personally to know the eternal Gods, freely to know their characters of divinity and perfection, but it is not granted us fully to penetrate all of the personal relations of the Paradise Rulers with all of their creature beings.

2. THE ETERNALS OF DAYS

1 Each of the billion worlds of Havona is directed by a Supreme Trinity

Personality. These rulers are known as the Eternals of Days, and they number exactly one billion, one for each of the Havona spheres. They are the offspring of the Paradise Trinity, but like the Secrets of Supremacy there are no records of their origin. Forever have these two groups of all-wise fathers ruled their exquisite worlds of the Paradise-Havona system, and they function without rotation or reassignment.

2 The Eternals of Days are visible to all will creatures dwelling in their domains. They preside over the regular planetary conclaves. Periodically, and

by rotation, they visit the headquarters spheres of the seven superuniverses. They are close of kin to, and are the divine equals of, the Ancients of Days, who preside over the destinies of the seven supergovernments. When an Eternal of Days is absent from his sphere, his world is directed by a Trinity Teacher Son.

3 Except for the established orders of life, such as the Havona natives and other living creatures of the central universe, the resident Eternals of Days have developed their respective spheres entirely in accordance with their own personal ideas and ideals. They

visit each other's planets, but they do not copy or imitate; they are always and wholly original.

4 The architecture, natural embellishment, morontia structures, and spirit creations are exclusive and unique on each sphere. Every world is a place of everlasting beauty and is wholly unlike any other world in the central universe. And you will each spend a longer or shorter time on each of these unique and thrilling spheres on your way inward through Havona to Paradise. It is natural, on your world, to speak of Paradise as *upward,* but it would be more correct to refer

to the divine goal of ascension as *inward.*

3. THE ANCIENTS OF DAYS

1 When mortals of time graduate from the training worlds surrounding the headquarters of a local universe and are advanced to the educational spheres of their superuniverse, they have progressed in spiritual development to that point where they are able to recognize and communicate with the high spiritual rulers and directors of these advanced realms, including the Ancients of Days.

2 The Ancients of Days are all basically identical; they disclose the combined character and unified nature of the Trinity. They possess individuality and are in personality diverse, but they do not differ from each other as do the Seven Master Spirits. They provide the uniform directorship of the otherwise differing seven superuniverses, each of which is a distinct, segregated, and unique creation. The Seven Master Spirits are unlike in nature and attributes, but the Ancients of Days, the personal rulers of the superuniverses, are all uniform and superperfect offspring of the Paradise Trinity.

3 The Seven Master Spirits on high determine the *nature* of their respective superuniverses, but the Ancients of Days dictate the *administration* of these same superuniverses. They superimpose administrative uniformity on creative diversity and ensure the harmony of the whole in the face of the underlying creational differences of the seven segmental groupings of the grand universe.

4 §§ The Ancients of Days were all trinitized at the same time. They represent the beginning of the personality records of the universe of universes, hence their name — *Ancients* of Days.

When you reach Paradise and search the written records of the beginning of things, you will find that the first entry appearing in the personality section is the recital of the trinitization of these 21 Ancients of Days.

5 §§ These high beings always govern in groups of three. There are many phases of activity in which they work as individuals, still others in which any two can function, but in the higher spheres of their administration they must act jointly. They never personally leave their residential worlds, but then they do not have to, for these worlds are the superuniverse fo-

cal points of the far-flung reflectivity system.

6 The personal abodes of each trio of the Ancients of Days are located at the point of spiritual polarity on their headquarters sphere. Such a sphere is divided into 70 administrative sectors and has 70 divisional capitals in which the Ancients of Days reside from time to time.

7 In power, scope of authority, and extent of jurisdiction the Ancients of Days are the most powerful and mighty of any of the direct rulers of the time-space creations. In all the vast universe of universes they alone are in-

vested with the high powers of final executive judgment concerning the eternal extinction of will creatures. And all three Ancients of Days must participate in the final decrees of the supreme tribunal of a superuniverse.

8 §§ Aside from the Deities and their Paradise associates, the Ancients of Days are the most perfect, most versatile, and the most divinely endowed rulers in all time-space existence. Apparently they are the supreme rulers of the superuniverses; but they have not experientially earned this right to rule and are therefore destined sometime to be superseded by the Supreme Be-

ing, an experiential sovereign, whose vicegerents they will undoubtedly become.

9 The Supreme Being is achieving the sovereignty of the seven superuniverses by experiential service just as a Creator Son experientially earns the sovereignty of his local universe. But during the present age of the unfinished evolution of the Supreme, the Ancients of Days provide the co-ordinated and perfect administrative overcontrol of the evolving universes of time and space. And the wisdom of originality and the initiative of individuality characterize all the decrees

and rulings of the Ancients of Days.

4. THE PERFECTIONS OF DAYS

1 There are just 210 Perfections of Days, and they preside over the governments of the ten major sectors of each superuniverse. They were trinitized for the special work of assisting the superuniverse directors, and they rule as the immediate and personal vicegerents of the Ancients of Days.

2 Three Perfections of Days are assigned to each major sector capital, but unlike the Ancients of Days, it is not necessary that all three be present at all times. From time to time one of

this trio may absent himself to confer in person with the Ancients of Days concerning the welfare of his realm.

3 §§ These triune rulers of the major sectors are peculiarly perfect in the mastery of administrative details, hence their name — *Perfections* of Days. In recording the names of these beings of the spiritual world, we are confronted with the problem of translating into your tongue, and very often it is exceedingly difficult to render a satisfactory translation. We dislike to use arbitrary designations which would be meaningless to you; hence we often find it difficult to choose a

suitable name, one which will be clear to you and at the same time be somewhat representative of the original.

4 §§ The Perfections of Days have a moderate-sized corps of Divine Counsellors, Perfectors of Wisdom, and Universal Censors attached to their governments. They have still larger numbers of Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and Number. But much of the routine work of major sector affairs is carried on by the Celestial Guardians and the High Son Assistants. These two groups are drawn from among the trinitized offspring of

either Paradise-Havona personalities or glorified mortal finaliters. Certain of these two orders of creature-trinitized beings are retrinitized by the Paradise Deities and then are dispatched to assist in the administration of the superuniverse governments.

5 Most of the Celestial Guardians and the High Son Assistants are assigned to the service of the major and the minor sectors, but the Trinitized Custodians (Trinity-embraced seraphim and midwayers) are the officers of the courts of all three divisions, functioning in the tribunals of the Ancients of Days, the Perfections

of Days, and the Recents of Days. The Trinitized Ambassadors (Trinity-embraced ascendant mortals of Son- or Spirit-fused nature) may be encountered anywhere in a superuniverse, but the majority are in the service of the minor sectors.

6 Before the times of the full unfolding of the governmental scheme of the seven superuniverses, practically all administrators of the various divisions of these governments, excepting the Ancients of Days, served apprenticeships of varying duration under the Eternals of Days on the various worlds of the perfect Havona uni-

verse. The later trinitized beings likewise passed through a season of training under the Eternals of Days before they were attached to the service of the Ancients of Days, the Perfections of Days, and the Recents of Days. They are all seasoned, tried, and experienced administrators.

7 §§ You will early see the Perfections of Days when you advance to the headquarters of Splandon after your sojourn on the worlds of your minor sector, for these exalted rulers are closely associated with the 70 major sector worlds of higher training for the ascendant creatures of time. The Per-

fections of Days, in person, administer the group pledges to the ascending graduates of the major sector schools.

8 The work of the pilgrims of time on the worlds surrounding a major sector headquarters is chiefly of an intellectual nature in contrast with the more physical and material character of the training on the seven educational spheres of a minor sector and with the spiritual undertakings on the 490 university worlds of a superuniverse headquarters.

9 Although you are entered only upon the registry of the major sector of Splandon, which embraces the local

universe of your origin, you will have to pass through every one of the ten major divisions of our superuniverse. You will see all 30 of the Orvonton Perfections of Days before you reach Uversa.

5. THE RECENTS OF DAYS

1 The Recents of Days are the youngest of the supreme directors of the superuniverses; in groups of three they preside over the affairs of the minor sectors. In nature they are co-ordinate with the Perfections of Days, but in administrative authority they are subordinate. There are just 21,000 of

these personally glorious and divinely efficient Trinity personalities. They were created simultaneously, and together they passed through their Havona training under the Eternals of Days.

2 The Recents of Days have a corps of associates and assistants similar to that of the Perfections of Days. In addition they have assigned to them enormous numbers of the various subordinate orders of celestial beings. In the administration of the minor sectors they utilize large numbers of the resident ascending mortals, the personnel of the various courtesy

colonies, and the various groups originating in the Infinite Spirit.

3 The governments of the minor sectors are very largely, though not exclusively, concerned with the great physical problems of the superuniverses. The minor sector spheres are the headquarters of the Master Physical Controllers. On these worlds ascending mortals carry on studies and experiments having to do with an examination of the activities of the third order of the Supreme Power Centres and of all seven orders of the Master Physical Controllers.

4 Since the regime of a minor sec-

tor is so extensively concerned with physical problems, its three Recents of Days are seldom together on the capital sphere. Most of the time one is away in conference with the Perfections of Days of the supervising major sector or absent while representing the Ancients of Days at the Paradise conclaves of the high Trinity-origin beings. They alternate with the Perfections of Days in representing the Ancients of Days at the supreme councils on Paradise. Meanwhile, another Recent of Days may be away on a tour of inspection of the headquarters worlds of the local universes belonging to his

jurisdiction. But at least one of these rulers always remains on duty at the headquarters of a minor sector.

5 You will all sometime know the three Recents of Days in charge of Ensa, your minor sector, since you must pass through their hands on your way inward to the training worlds of the major sectors. In ascending to Uversa, you will pass through only one group of minor sector training spheres.

6. THE UNIONS OF DAYS

1 The Trinity personalities of the order of "Days" do not function in an ad-

ministrative capacity below the level of the superuniverse governments. In the evolving local universes they act only as counsellors and advisers. The Unions of Days are a group of liaison personalities accredited by the Paradise Trinity to the dual rulers of the local universes. Each organized and inhabited local universe has assigned to it one of these Paradise counsellors, who acts as the representative of the Trinity, and in some respects, of the Universal Father, to the local creation.

2 There are 700,000 of these beings in existence, though they have not all been commissioned. The reserve

corps of the Unions of Days functions on Paradise as the Supreme Council of Universe Adjustments.

3 In a special manner these Trinity observers co-ordinate the administrative activities of all branches of the universal government, from those of the local universes up through the sector governments to those of the superuniverse, hence their name — *Unions* of Days. They make a threefold report to their superiors: They report pertinent data of a physical and semi-intellectual nature to the Recents of Days of their minor sector; they report intellectual and quasi-spiritual happenings to the

Perfections of Days of their major sector; they report spiritual and semiparadisiacal matters to the Ancients of Days at the capital of their superuniverse.

4 Since they are Trinity-origin beings, all of the Paradise circuits are available to them for intercommunication, and thus are they always in touch with each other and with all other required personalities up to the supreme councils of Paradise.

5 §§ A Union of Days is not organically connected with the government of the local universe of his assignment. Aside from his duties as an observer,

he acts only at the request of the local authorities. He is an ex officio member of all primary councils and all important conclaves of the local creation, but he does not participate in the technical consideration of administrative problems.

6 When a local universe is settled in light and life, its glorified beings associate freely with the Union of Days, who then functions in an enlarged capacity in such a realm of evolutionary perfection. But he is still primarily a Trinity ambassador and Paradise counsellor.

7 A local universe is directly ruled by

a divine Son of dual Deity origin, but he has constantly by his side a Paradise brother, a Trinity-origin personality. In the event of the temporary absence of a Creator Son from the headquarters of his local universe, the acting rulers are largely guided in their major decisions by the counsel of their Union of Days.

7. THE FAITHFULS OF DAYS

1 These high Trinity-origin personalities are the Paradise advisers to the rulers of the 100 constellations in each local universe. There are 70,000,000 Faithfuls of Days, and like the Unions

of Days, not all are in service. Their Paradise reserve corps is the Advisory Commission of Interuniverse Ethics and Self-government. Faithfuls of Days rotate in service in accordance with the rulings of the supreme council of their reserve corps.

2 All that a Union of Days is to a Creator Son of a local universe, the Faithfuls of Days are to the Vorondadek Sons who rule the constellations of that local creation. They are supremely devoted and divinely faithful to the welfare of their constellations of assignment, hence the name — *Faithfuls* of Days. They act only as counsel-

lors; never do they participate in administrative activities except upon the invitation of the constellation authorities. Neither are they directly concerned in the educational ministry to the pilgrims of ascension on the architectural training spheres surrounding a constellation headquarters. All such undertakings are under the supervision of the Vorondadek Sons.

3 All Faithfuls of Days functioning in the constellations of a local universe are under the jurisdiction of, and report directly to, the Union of Days. They do not have a far-flung system of intercommunication, being ordinar-

ily self-limited to an interassociation within the limits of a local universe. Any Faithful of Days on duty in Nebadon can and does communicate with all others of his order on duty in this local universe.

4 Like the Union of Days on a universe headquarters, the Faithfuls of Days maintain their personal residences on the constellation capitals separate from those of the administrative directors of such realms. Their abodes are indeed modest in comparison with the homes of the Vorondadek rulers of the constellations.

5 The Faithfuls of Days are the last

link in the long administrative-advisory chain which reaches from the sacred spheres of the Universal Father near the centre of all things to the primary divisions of the local universes. The Trinity-origin regime stops with the constellations; no such Paradise advisers are permanently situated on their component systems or on the inhabited worlds. These latter administrative units are wholly under the jurisdiction of beings native to the local universes.

6 [Presented by a Divine Counsellor of Uversa.]

PAPER 19

THE CO-ORDINATE TRINITY-ORIGIN BEINGS

Divine Counsellor

This Paradise group, designated the Co-ordinate Trinity-origin Beings, embraces the Trinity Teacher Sons, also classed among the Paradise Sons of God, three groups of high superuniverse administrators, and the somewhat impersonal category of the Inspired Trinity Spirits. Even the Havona natives may properly be included in this classification

of Trinity personalities along with numerous groups of beings resident on Paradise. Those Trinity-origin beings to be considered in this discussion are:

2 1. Trinity Teacher Sons.

3 2. Perfectors of Wisdom.

4 3. Divine Counsellors.

5 4. Universal Censors.

6 5. Inspired Trinity Spirits.

7 6. Havona Natives.

8 7. Paradise Citizens.

9 §§ Excepting the Trinity Teacher Sons and possibly the Inspired Trinity Spirits, these groups are of definite

numbers; their creation is a finished and past event.

1. THE TRINITY TEACHER SONS

1 Of all the high orders of celestial personalities revealed to you, the Trinity Teacher Sons alone act in a dual capacity. By origin of Trinity nature, in function they are almost wholly devoted to the services of divine sonship. They are the liaison beings who bridge the universe gulf between Trinity- and dual-origin personalities.

2 While the Stationary Sons of the Trinity are of completed numbers, the Teacher Sons are constantly increas-

ing. What the final number of Teacher Sons will be I do not know. I can, however, state that, at the last periodic report to Uversa, the Paradise records indicated 21,001,624,821 of these Sons in service.

3 These beings are the only group of the Sons of God revealed to you whose origin is in the Paradise Trinity. They range the central and superuniverses, and an enormous corps is assigned to each local universe. They also serve the individual planets as do the other Paradise Sons of God. Since the scheme of the grand universe is not fully developed, large numbers of

Teacher Sons are held in the reserves on Paradise, and they volunteer for emergency duty and unusual service in all divisions of the grand universe, on the lone worlds of space, in the local and superuniverses, and on the worlds of Havona. They also function on Paradise, but it will be more helpful to postpone their detailed consideration until we come to the discussion of the Paradise Sons of God.

4 In this connection, however, it may be noted that Teacher Sons are the supreme co-ordinating personalities of Trinity origin. In such a far-flung universe of universes there is al-

ways great danger of succumbing to the error of the circumscribed viewpoint, to the evil inherent in a segmentalized conception of reality and divinity.

5 For example: The human mind would ordinarily crave to approach the cosmic philosophy portrayed in these revelations by proceeding from the simple and the finite to the complex and the infinite, from human origins to divine destinies. But that path does not lead to *spiritual wisdom.* Such a procedure is the easiest path to a certain form of *genetic knowledge,* but at best it can only reveal man's origin; it

reveals little or nothing about his divine destiny.

6 Even in the study of man's biologic evolution on Urantia, there are grave objections to the exclusive historic approach to his present-day status and his current problems. The true perspective of any reality problem — human or divine, terrestrial or cosmic — can be had only by the full and unprejudiced study and correlation of three phases of universe reality: origin, history, and destiny. The proper understanding of these three experiential realities affords the basis for a wise estimate of the current status.

7 §§ When the human mind undertakes to follow the philosophic technique of starting from the lower to approach the higher, whether in biology or theology, it is always in danger of committing four errors of reasoning:

8 1. It may utterly fail to perceive the final and completed evolutionary goal of either personal attainment or cosmic destiny.

9 2. It may commit the supreme philosophical blunder by oversimplifying cosmic evolutionary (experiential) reality, thus leading to the distortion of facts, to the perversion of truth, and to the misconception of destinies.

10 3. The study of causation is the perusal of history. But the knowledge of *how* a being becomes does not necessarily provide an intelligent understanding of the present status and true character of such a being.

11 4. History alone fails adequately to reveal future development — destiny. Finite origins are helpful, but only divine causes reveal final effects. Eternal ends are not shown in time beginnings. The present can be truly interpreted only in the light of the correlated past and future.

12 §§ Therefore, because of these and for still other reasons, do we employ

the technique of approaching man and his planetary problems by embarkation on the time-space journey from the infinite, eternal, and divine Paradise Source and Centre of all personality reality and all cosmic existence.

2. THE PERFECTORS OF WISDOM

1 The Perfectors of Wisdom are a specialized creation of the Paradise Trinity designed to personify the wisdom of divinity in the superuniverses. There are exactly 7,000,000,000 of these beings in existence, and 1,000,000,000 are assigned to each of

the seven superuniverses.

2 In common with their co-ordinates, the Divine Counsellors and the Universal Censors, the Perfectors of Wisdom passed through the wisdom of Paradise, of Havona, and except for Divinington, of the Father's Paradise spheres. After these experiences the Perfectors of Wisdom were permanently assigned to the service of the Ancients of Days. They serve neither on Paradise nor on the worlds of the Paradise-Havona circuits; they are wholly occupied with the administration of the superuniverse governments.

3 §§ Wherever and whenever a Perfector of Wisdom functions, there and then divine wisdom functions. There is actuality of presence and perfection of manifestation in the knowledge and wisdom represented in the doings of these mighty and majestic personalities. They do not *reflect* the wisdom of the Paradise Trinity; they *are* that wisdom. They are the sources of wisdom for all teachers in the application of universe knowledge; they are the fountains of discretion and the wellsprings of discrimination to the institutions of learning and discernment in all universes.

4 Wisdom is twofold in origin, being derived from the perfection of divine insight inherent in perfect beings and from the personal experience acquired by evolutionary creatures. The Perfectors of Wisdom *are* the divine wisdom of the Paradise perfection of Deity insight. Their administrative associates on Uversa, the Mighty Messengers, Those without Name and Number, and Those High in Authority, when acting together, *are* the universe wisdom of experience. A divine being can have perfection of divine knowledge. An evolutionary mortal can sometime attain per-

fection of ascendant knowledge, but neither of these beings alone exhausts the potentials of all possible wisdom. Accordingly, whenever in the conduct of the superuniverse it is desired to achieve the maximum of administrative wisdom, these perfectors of the wisdom of divine insight are always associated with those ascendant personalities who have come up to the high responsibilities of superuniverse authority through the experiential tribulations of evolutionary progression.

5 The Perfectors of Wisdom will always require this complement of experiential wisdom for the completion

of their administrative sagacity. But it has been postulated that a high and hitherto unattained level of wisdom may possibly be achieved by the Paradise finaliters *after* they are sometime inducted into the seventh stage of spirit existence. If this inference is correct, then would such perfected beings of evolutionary ascent undoubtedly become the most effective universe administrators ever to be known in all creation. I believe that such is the high destiny of finaliters.

6 §§ The versatility of the Perfectors of Wisdom enables them to participate in practically all of the celes-

tial services of the ascendant creatures. The Perfectors of Wisdom and my order of personality, the Divine Counsellors, together with the Universal Censors, constitute the highest orders of beings who may and do engage in the work of revealing truth to the individual planets and systems, whether in their earlier epochs or when settled in light and life. From time to time we all make contact with the service of the ascending mortals, from an initial-life planet on up through a local universe and the superuniverse, particularly the

latter.

3. THE DIVINE COUNSELLORS

1 These Trinity-origin beings are the counsel of Deity to the realms of the seven superuniverses. They are not *reflective* of the divine counsel of the Trinity; they *are* that counsel. There are 21,000,000,000 Counsellors in service, and 3,000,000,000 are assigned to each superuniverse.

2 Divine Counsellors are the associates and equals of the Universal Censors and the Perfectors of Wisdom, from one to seven Counsellors being associated with each of these latter

personalities. All three orders participate in the government of the Ancients of Days, including major and minor sectors, in the local universes and constellations, and in the councils of the local system sovereigns.

3 We act as individuals, as I do in inditing this statement, but we also function as a trio whenever the occasion requires. When we act in an executive capacity, always there are associated together a Perfector of Wisdom, a Universal Censor, and from one to seven Divine Counsellors.

4 §§ One Perfector of Wisdom, seven Divine Counsellors, and one

Universal Censor constitute a tribunal of Trinity divinity, the highest mobile advisory body in the universes of time and space. Such a group of nine is known either as a fact-finding or as a truth-revealing tribunal, and when it sits in judgment upon a problem and renders a decision, it is just as if an Ancient of Days had adjudicated the matter, for in all the annals of the superuniverses such a verdict has never been reversed by the Ancients of Days.

5 When the three Ancients of Days function, the Paradise Trinity functions. When the tribunal of nine arrives at a decision following its united

deliberations, to all intents and purposes the Ancients of Days have spoken. And it is in this manner that the Paradise Rulers make personal contact, in administrative matters and governmental regulation, with the individual worlds, systems, and universes.

6 §§ Divine Counsellors are the perfection of the divine counsel of the Paradise Trinity. We represent, in fact *are,* the counsel of perfection. When we are supplemented by the experiential counsel of our associates, the perfected and Trinity-embraced beings of evolutionary ascent, our com-

bined conclusions are not only complete but replete. When our united counsel has been associated, adjudicated, confirmed, and promulgated by a Universal Censor, it is very probable that it approaches the threshold of universal totality. Such verdicts represent the nearest possible approach to the absolute attitude of Deity within the time-space limits of the situation involved and the problem concerned.

7 Seven Divine Counsellors in liaison with a trinitized evolutionary trio — a Mighty Messenger, One High in Authority, and One without Name and Number — represent the nearest

superuniverse approach to the union of the human viewpoint and the divine attitude on near-paradisiacal levels of spiritual meanings and reality values. Such close approximation of the united cosmic attitudes of the creature and the Creator is only surpassed in the Paradise bestowal Sons, who are, in every phase of personality experience, God and man.

4. THE UNIVERSAL CENSORS

1 There are exactly 8,000,000,000 Universal Censors in existence. These unique beings *are* the judgment of Deity. They are not merely reflective of

the decisions of perfection; they *are* the judgment of the Paradise Trinity. Even the Ancients of Days do not sit in judgment except in association with the Universal Censors.

2 One Censor is commissioned on each of the billion worlds of the central universe, being attached to the planetary administration of the resident Eternal of Days. Neither Perfectors of Wisdom nor Divine Counsellors are thus permanently attached to the Havona administrations, nor do we altogether understand why Universal Censors are stationed in the central universe. Their present activities

hardly account for their assignment in Havona, and we therefore suspect that they are there in anticipation of the needs of some future universe age in which the Havona population may partially change.

3 1,000,000,000 Censors are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses. Both in an individual capacity and in association with Perfectors of Wisdom and Divine Counsellors, they operate throughout all divisions of the seven superuniverses. Thus the Censors act on all levels of the grand universe, from the perfect worlds of Havona to the councils of the Sys-

tem Sovereigns, and they are an organic part of all dispensational adjudications of the evolutionary worlds.

4 §§ Whenever and wherever a Universal Censor is present, then and there is the judgment of Deity. And since the Censors always render their verdicts in liaison with Perfectors of Wisdom and Divine Counsellors, such decisions embrace the united wisdom, counsel, and judgment of the Paradise Trinity. In this juridical trio the Perfector of Wisdom would be the "I was," the Divine Counsellor the "I will be," but the Universal Censor is always "I am."

5 §§ The Censors are universe totalling personalities. When a thousand witnesses have given testimony — or a million — when the voice of wisdom has spoken and the counsel of divinity has recorded, when the testimony of ascendant perfection has been added, then the Censor functions, and there is immediately revealed an unerring and divine totalling of all that has transpired; and such a disclosure represents the divine conclusion, the sum and substance of a final and perfect decision. Therefore, when a Censor has spoken, no one else may speak, for the Censor has de-

picted the true and unmistakable total of all that has gone before. When he speaks, there is no appeal.

6 Most fully do I understand the operation of the mind of a Perfector of Wisdom, but I certainly do not fully comprehend the working of the adjudicating mind of a Universal Censor. It appears to me that the Censors formulate new meanings and originate new values from the association of the facts, truths, and findings presented to them in the course of an investigation of universe affairs. It seems probable that the Universal Censors are able to bring forth original interpretations

of the combination of perfect Creator insight and the perfected creature experience. This association of Paradise perfection and universe experience undoubtedly eventuates a new value in ultimates.

7 But this is not the end of our difficulties regarding the working of the minds of the Universal Censors. Having made due allowances for all that we know or conjecture about the functioning of a Censor in any given universe situation, we find that we are still unable to predict decisions or to forecast verdicts. We very accurately determine the probable result of the as-

sociation of Creator attitude and creature experience, but such conclusions are not always accurate forecasts of Censor disclosures. It seems likely that the Censors are in some manner in liaison with the Deity Absolute; we are otherwise unable to explain many of their decisions and rulings.

8 §§ Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counsellors, and Universal Censors, together with the seven orders of Supreme Trinity Personalities, constitute those ten groups which have been sometimes designated *Stationary Sons of the Trinity.* Together they comprise the grand corps of

Trinity administrators, rulers, executives, advisers, counsellors, and judges. Their numbers slightly exceed 37,000,000,000. 2,000,000,070[1] are stationed in the central universe and just over 5,000,000,000 in each superuniverse.

9 It is very difficult to portray the functional limits of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity. It would be incorrect to state that their acts are finite limited, for there are transactions

[1] The 70 are, no doubt, the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy serving in the innermost circuit of the Paradise satellites, the spheres of the Universal Father.

of superuniverse record which indicate otherwise. They act on any level of universe administration or adjudication that may be required by time-space conditions and that pertains to the past, present, and future evolution of the master universe.

5. INSPIRED TRINITY SPIRITS

1 I will be able to tell you very little concerning the Inspired Trinity Spirits, for they are one of the few wholly secret orders of beings in existence, secret, no doubt, because it is impossible for them fully to reveal themselves even to those of us whose origin is so

near the source of their creation. They come into being by the act of the Paradise Trinity and may be utilized by any one or two of the Deities as well as by all three. We do not know whether these Spirits are of completed numbers or are constantly increasing, but we incline to the belief that their number is not fixed.

2 We fully understand neither the nature nor the conduct of the Inspired Spirits. They may possibly belong to the category of superpersonal spirits. They seem to operate over all known circuits and appear to act well-nigh independently of time and space. But we

know little about them except as we deduce their character from the nature of their activities, the results of which we certainly observe here and there in the universes.

3 Under certain conditions these Inspired Spirits can individualize themselves sufficiently for recognition by beings of Trinity origin. I have seen them; but it would never be possible for the lower orders of celestial beings to recognize one of them. Certain circumstances also arise from time to time in the conduct of the evolving universes in which any being of Trinity origin may directly employ these

Spirits in the furtherance of his assignments. We therefore know that they exist, and that under certain conditions we may command and receive their assistance, sometimes recognize their presence. But they are not a part of the manifest and definitely revealed organization entrusted with the conduct of the time-space universes before such material creations are settled in light and life. They have no clearly discernible place in the present economy or administration of the evolving seven superuniverses. They are a secret of the Paradise Trinity.

4 The Melchizedeks of Nebadon

teach that Inspired Trinity Spirits are destined, sometime in the eternal future, to function in the places of the Solitary Messengers, whose ranks are slowly but certainly being depleted by their assignment as associates of certain types of trinitized sons.

5 §§ The Inspired Spirits are the solitary Spirits of the universe of universes. As Spirits they are very much like the Solitary Messengers except that the latter are distinct personalities. We obtain much of our knowledge of the Inspired Spirits from the Solitary Messengers, who detect their nearness by virtue of an inherent sensitivity to the

presence of the Inspired Spirits which functions just as unfailingly as a magnetic needle points to a magnetic pole. When a Solitary Messenger is near an Inspired Trinity Spirit, he is conscious of a qualitative indication of such a divine presence and also of a very definite quantitative registration which enables him actually to know the classification or number of the Spirit presence or presences.

6 I may relate a further interesting fact: When a Solitary Messenger is on a planet whose inhabitants are indwelt by Thought Adjusters, as on Urantia, he is aware of a qualitative excitation in

his detection-sensitivity to spirit presence. In such instances there is no quantitative excitation, only a qualitative agitation. When on a planet to which Adjusters do not come, contact with the natives does not produce any such reaction. This suggests that Thought Adjusters are in some manner related to, or are connected with, the Inspired Spirits of the Paradise Trinity. In some way they may possibly be associated in certain phases of their work; but we do not really know. They both originate near the centre and source of all things, but they are not the same order of being.

Thought Adjusters spring from the Father alone; Inspired Spirits are the offspring of the Paradise Trinity.

7 The Inspired Spirits do not apparently belong to the evolutionary scheme of the individual planets or universes, and yet they seem to be almost everywhere. Even as I am engaged in the formulation of this statement, my associated Solitary Messenger's personal sensitivity to the presence of this order of Spirit indicates that there is with us at this very moment, not over 8 m away, a Spirit of the Inspired order and of the 3rd volume of power presence. The 3rd volume

of power presence suggests to us the probability that three Inspired Spirits are functioning in liaison.

8 §§ Of more than 12 orders of beings associated with me at this time, the Solitary Messenger is the only one aware of the presence of these mysterious entities of the Trinity. And further, while we are thus apprised of the nearness of these divine Spirits, we are all equally ignorant of their mission. We really do not know whether they are merely interested observers of our doings, or whether they are, in some manner unknown to us, actually contributing to the success of our under-

taking.

9 We know that the Trinity Teacher Sons are devoted to the *conscious* enlightenment of universe creatures. I have arrived at the settled conclusion that the Inspired Trinity Spirits, by *superconscious* techniques, are also functioning as teachers of the realms. I am persuaded that there is a vast body of essential spiritual knowledge, truth indispensable to high spiritual attainment, which cannot be consciously received; self-consciousness would effectively jeopardize the certainty of reception. If we are right in this concept, and my entire order of being shares

it, it may be the mission of these Inspired Spirits to overcome this difficulty, to bridge this gap in the universal scheme of moral enlightenment and spiritual advancement. We think that these two types of Trinity-origin teachers effect some kind of liaison in their activities, but we do not really know.

10 On the superuniverse training worlds and on the eternal circuits of Havona, I have fraternized with the perfecting mortals — spiritualized and ascendant souls from the evolutionary realms — but never have they been aware of the Inspired Spir-

its, which ever and anon the powers of detection resident in the Solitary Messengers would indicate were very near us. I have freely conversed with all orders of the Sons of God, high and low, and they likewise are unconscious of the admonitions of the Inspired Trinity Spirits. They can and do look back in their experiences and recount happenings which are difficult to explain if the action of such Spirits is not taken into account. But excepting Solitary Messengers, and sometimes Trinity-origin beings, none of the celestial family have ever been conscious of the nearness of the Inspired Spirits.

11 I do not believe the Inspired Trinity Spirits are playing hide and seek with me. They are probably trying just as hard to disclose themselves to me as I am to communicate with them; our difficulties and limitations must be mutual and inherent. I am satisfied that there are no arbitrary secrets in the universe; therefore will I never cease in my efforts to solve the mystery of the isolation of these Spirits belonging to my order of creation.

12 And from all this, you mortals, just now taking your first step on the eternal journey, can well see that you must advance a long way before you will

progress by "sight" and "material" assurance. You will long use faith and be dependent on revelation if you hope to progress quickly and safely.

6. HAVONA NATIVES

1 The Havona natives are the direct creation of the Paradise Trinity, and their number is beyond the concept of your circumscribed minds. Neither is it possible for Urantians to conceive of the inherent endowments of such divinely perfect creatures as these Trinity-origin races of the eternal universe. You can never truly envisage these glorious creatures; you must await your

arrival in Havona, when you can greet them as spirit comrades.

2 During your long sojourn on the billion worlds of Havona culture you will develop an eternal friendship for these superb beings. And how deep is that friendship which grows up between the lowest personal creature from the worlds of space and these high personal beings native to the perfect spheres of the central universe! Ascending mortals, in their long and loving association with the Havona natives, do much to compensate for the spiritual impoverishment of the earlier stages of mortal progres-

sion. At the same time, through their contacts with ascending pilgrims, the Havoners gain an experience which to no small extent overcomes the experiential handicap of having always lived a life of divine perfection. The good to both ascending mortal and Havona native is great and mutual.

3 §§ Havona natives, like all other Trinity-origin personalities, are projected in divine perfection, and as with other Trinity-origin personalities, the passing of time may add to their stores of experiential endowments. But unlike the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, Havoners may evolve in status,

may have an unrevealed future eternity-destiny. This is illustrated by those Havoners who service-factualize capacity for fusion with a non-Adjuster Father fragment and so qualify for membership in the Mortal Corps of the Finality. And there are other finaliter corps open to these natives of the central universe.

4 §§ The status evolution of Havona natives has occasioned much speculation on Uversa. Since they are constantly filtering into the several Paradise Corps of the Finality, and since no more are being created, it is apparent that the number of natives remain-

ing in Havona is constantly diminishing. The ultimate consequences of these transactions have never been revealed to us, but we do not believe that Havona will ever be entirely depleted of its natives. We have entertained the theory that Havoners will possibly cease entering the finaliter corps sometime during the ages of the successive creations of the outer space levels. We have also entertained the thought that in these subsequent universe ages the central universe may be peopled by a mixed group of resident beings, a citizenship consisting only in part of the original Havona natives.

We do not know what order or type of creature may be thus destined to residential status in the future Havona, but we have thought of:

5 1. The univitatia, who are at present the permanent citizens of the local universe constellations.

6 2. Future types of mortals who may be born on the inhabited spheres of the superuniverses in the flowering of the ages of light and life.

7 3. The incoming spiritual aristocracy of the successive outer universes.

8 We know that the Havona of the previous universe age was somewhat

different from the Havona of the present age. We deem it no more than reasonable to assume that we are now witnessing those slow changes in the central universe that are anticipatory of the ages to come. One thing is certain: The universe is nonstatic; only God is changeless.

7. PARADISE CITIZENS

1 There are resident on Paradise numerous groups of superb beings, the Paradise Citizens. They are not directly concerned with the scheme of perfecting ascending will creatures and are not, therefore, fully revealed

to Urantia mortals. There are more than 3,000 orders of these supernal intelligences, the last group having been personalized simultaneously with the mandate of the Trinity which promulgated the creative plan of the seven superuniverses of time and space.

2 §§ Paradise Citizens and Havona natives are sometimes designated collectively as *Paradise-Havona personalities.*

3 §§ This completes the story of those beings who are brought into existence by the Paradise Trinity. None of them have ever gone astray. And yet, in the highest sense, they are all

freewill endowed.

4 Trinity-origin beings possess prerogatives of transit which make them independent of transport personalities, such as seraphim. We all possess the power of moving about freely and quickly in the universe of universes. Excepting the Inspired Trinity Spirits, we cannot attain the almost unbelievable velocity of the Solitary Messengers, but we are able so to utilize the sum total of the transport facilities in space that we can reach any point in a superuniverse, from its headquarters, in less than one year of Urantia time. It required 109 days of your time for

me to journey from Uversa to Urantia.

5 Through these same avenues we are enabled to intercommunicate instantaneously. Our entire order of creation finds itself in touch with every individual embraced within every division of the children of the Paradise Trinity save only the Inspired Spirits.

6 [Presented by a Divine Counsellor of Uversa.]

PAPER 20

THE PARADISE SONS OF GOD

Perfector of Wisdom

As they function in the superuniverse of Orvonton, the Sons of God are classified under three general heads:

2 1. The Descending Sons of God.

3 2. The Ascending Sons of God.

4 3. The Trinitized Sons of God.

5 §§ Descending orders of sonship include personalities who are of direct

and divine creation. Ascending sons, such as mortal creatures, achieve this status by experiential participation in the creative technique known as evolution. Trinitized Sons are a group of composite origin which includes all beings embraced by the Paradise Trinity even though not of direct Trinity origin.

1. THE DESCENDING SONS OF GOD

1 All descending Sons of God have high and divine origins. They are dedicated to the descending ministry of service on the worlds and systems of time and space, there to facilitate the

progress in the Paradise climb of the lowly creatures of evolutionary origin — the ascending sons of God. Of the numerous orders of descending Sons, seven[1] will be depicted in these nar-

[1] The seven orders are split into two groups of three elements each plus one element forming a group of its own. The name of the first element of each group coincides with a well-known biblical term: *Michael* from the Hebrew מִיכָאֵל *mi ka el* "who is like God?" and *Melchizedek* from the Hebrew מַלְכִּי־צֶדֶק *malki tsedek* "the king of righteousness". The remaining two names in each group are constructed from the two components: a root, bearing the lexical meaning and the ending -el/-al, signifying the affinity with the group's chief element. Thus, *Avonal*, no doubt, originates from the Hebrew עָוֹן *avon* "iniquity" or "visitation upon iniquities" and *Daynal,* likewise, comes from the Hebrew

ratives. Those Sons who come forth from the Deities on the central Isle of Light and Life are called the *Paradise Sons of God* and embrace the following three orders:

2 1. Creator Sons — the Michaels.

3 2. Magisterial Sons — the Avonals.

4 3. Trinity Teacher Sons — the Daynals.

דֵּעָה *deah* "knowledge", especially "the knowledge *about* God". As for the Old Saxon derivation of *Vorondadek* from vor- + on- + da- = "the very same one as the Father" and *Lanonandek* from lan- + on- + an- = "no longer the same one as [the Father]" — I consider both very doubtful.

5 §§ The remaining four orders of descending sonship are known as the *Local Universe Sons of God:*

6 4. Melchizedek[1] Sons.

7 5. Vorondadek Sons.

8 6. Lanonandek Sons.

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[1] In the Hebrew text of the Old Testament the word מַלְכִּי־צֶדֶק occurs only twice: in Genesis 14:18 and Psalms 110:4 and the reason for this is explained in 93:9.9. The Ancient Hebrew of pre-Biblical times had, like the Classical Arabic, three cases with the following endings: -u (nominative), -i (genitive) and -a (accusative). The -i preserved in the proper name מַלְכִּי־צֶדֶק, which means "the king of righteousness", probably explains the irregular form of the noun in the construct state, instead of the *incorrect* form מֶלֶךְ־צֶדֶק produced by following the rules of the Biblical Hebrew grammar.

9 7. The Life Carriers.

10 §§ Melchizedeks are the joint offspring of a local universe Creator Son, Creative Spirit, and Father Melchizedek. Both Vorondadeks and Lanonandeks are brought into being by a Creator Son and his Creative Spirit associate. Vorondadeks are best known as the Most Highs, the Constellation Fathers; Lanonandeks as System Sovereigns and as Planetary Princes. The threefold order of Life Carriers is brought into being by a Creator Son and Creative Spirit associated with one of the three Ancients of Days of the superuniverse of juris-

diction. But the natures and activities of these Local Universe Sons of God are more properly portrayed in those papers dealing with the affairs of the local creations.

11 §§ The Paradise Sons of God are of threefold origin: The primary or Creator Sons are brought into being by the Universal Father and the Eternal Son; the secondary or Magisterial Sons are children of the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit; the Trinity Teacher Sons are the offspring of the Father, Son, and Spirit. From the standpoint of service, worship, and supplication the Paradise Sons are as

one; their spirit is one, and their work is identical in quality and completeness.

12 As the Paradise orders of Days proved to be divine administrators, so have the orders of Paradise Sons revealed themselves as divine ministers — creators, servers, bestowers, judges, teachers, and truth revealers. They range the universe of universes from the shores of the eternal Isle to the inhabited worlds of time and space, performing manifold services in the central and superuniverses not disclosed in these narratives. They are variously organized, dependent on the nature

and whereabouts of their service, but in a local universe both Magisterial and Teacher Sons serve under the direction of the Creator Son who presides over that domain.

13 The Creator Sons seem to possess a spiritual endowment centring in their persons, which they control and which they can bestow, as did your own Creator Son when he poured out his spirit upon all mortal flesh on Urantia. Each Creator Son is endowed with this spiritual drawing power in his own realm; he is personally conscious of every act and emotion of every descending Son of God

serving in his domain. Here is a divine reflection, a local universe duplication, of that absolute spiritual drawing power of the Eternal Son which enables him to reach out to make and maintain contact with all his Paradise Sons, no matter where they may be in all the universe of universes.

14 The Paradise Creator Sons serve not only as Sons in their descending ministrations of service and bestowal, but when they have completed their bestowal careers, each functions as a universe Father in his own creation, while the other Sons of God continue the service of bestowal and spiritual

uplifting designed to win the planets, one by one, to the willing recognition of the loving rule of the Universal Father, culminating in creature consecration to the will of the Paradise Father and in planetary loyalty to the universe sovereignty of his Creator Son.

15 In a sevenfold Creator Son, Creator and creature are forever blended in understanding, sympathetic, and merciful association. The entire order of Michael, the Creator Sons, is so unique that the consideration of their natures and activities will be reserved to the next paper in this series, while

this narrative will be chiefly concerned with the two remaining orders of Paradise sonship: the Magisterial Sons and the Trinity Teacher Sons.

2. THE MAGISTERIAL SONS

1 Every time an original and absolute concept of being formulated by the Eternal Son unites with a new and divine ideal of loving service conceived by the Infinite Spirit, a new and original Son of God, a Paradise Magisterial Son, is produced. These Sons constitute the order of Avonals in contradistinction to the order of Michael, the Creator Sons. Though not creators in

the personal sense, they are closely associated with the Michaels in all their work. The Avonals are planetary ministers and judges, the magistrates of the time-space realms — of all races, to all worlds, and in all universes.

2 We have reasons for believing that the total number of Magisterial Sons in the grand universe is about one billion. They are a self-governing order, being directed by their supreme council on Paradise, which is made up of experienced Avonals drawn from the services of all universes. But when assigned to, and commissioned in, a local universe, they serve under the di-

rection of the Creator Son of that domain.

3 Avonals are the Paradise Sons of service and bestowal to the individual planets of the local universes. And since each Avonal Son has an exclusive personality, since no two are alike, their work is individually unique in the realms of their sojourn, where they are often incarnated in the likeness of mortal flesh and sometimes are born of earthly mothers on the evolutionary worlds.

4 §§ In addition to their services on the higher administrative levels, the Avonals have a threefold function on

the inhabited worlds:

5 1. *Judicial Actions.* They act at the close of the planetary dispensations. In time, scores — hundreds — of such missions may be executed on each individual world, and they may go to the same or to other worlds times without number as dispensation terminators, liberators of the sleeping survivors.

6 2. *Magisterial Missions.* A planetary visitation of this type usually occurs prior to the arrival of a bestowal Son. On such a mission an Avonal appears as an adult of the realm by a technique of incarnation not involv-

ing mortal birth. Subsequent to this first and usual magisterial visit, Avonals may repeatedly serve in a magisterial capacity on the same planet both before and after the appearance of the bestowal Son. On these additional magisterial missions an Avonal may or may not appear in material and visible form, but on none of them will he be born into the world as a helpless babe.

7 3. *Bestowal Missions.* The Avonal Sons do all, at least once, bestow themselves upon some mortal race on some evolutionary world. Judicial visits are numerous, magisterial missions may be plural, but on each planet there

appears but one bestowal Son. Bestowal Avonals are born of woman as Michael of Nebadon was incarnated on Urantia.

8 §§ There is no limit to the number of times the Avonal Sons may serve on magisterial and on bestowal missions, but usually, when the experience has been seven times traversed, there is suspension in favour of those who have had less of such service. These Sons of multiple bestowal experience are then assigned to the high personal council of a Creator Son, thus becoming participants in the administration of universe affairs.

9 In all their work for and on the inhabited worlds, the Magisterial Sons are assisted by two orders of local universe creatures, the Melchizedeks and the archangels, while on bestowal missions they are also accompanied by the Brilliant Evening Stars, likewise of origin in the local creations. In every planetary effort the secondary Paradise Sons, the Avonals, are supported by the full power and authority of a primary Paradise Son, the Creator Son of their local universe of service. To all intents and purposes their work on the inhabited spheres is just as effective and acceptable as would have been

the service of a Creator Son upon such worlds of mortal habitation.

3. JUDICIAL ACTIONS

1 The Avonals are known as Magisterial Sons because they are the high magistrates of the realms, the adjudicators of the successive dispensations of the worlds of time. They preside over the awakening of the sleeping survivors, sit in judgment on the realm, bring to an end a dispensation of suspended justice, execute the mandates of an age of probationary mercy, reassign the space creatures of planetary ministry to the tasks of the new

dispensation, and return to the headquarters of their local universe upon the completion of their mission.

2 When they sit in judgment on the destinies of an age, the Avonals decree the fate of the evolutionary races, but though they may render judgments extinguishing the identity of personal creatures, they do not execute such sentences. Verdicts of this nature are executed by none but the authorities of a superuniverse.

3 The arrival of a Paradise Avonal on an evolutionary world for the purpose of terminating a dispensation and of inaugurating a new era of planetary

progression is not necessarily either a magisterial mission or a bestowal mission. Magisterial missions sometimes, and bestowal missions always, are incarnations; that is, on such assignments the Avonals serve on a planet in material form — literally. Their other visits are "technical," and in this capacity an Avonal is not incarnated for planetary service. If a Magisterial Son comes solely as a dispensational adjudicator, he arrives on a planet as a spiritual being, invisible to the material creatures of the realm. Such technical visits occur repeatedly in the long history of an inhabited world.

4 Avonal Sons may act as planetary judges prior to both the magisterial and bestowal experiences. On either of these missions, however, the incarnated Son will judge the passing planetary age; likewise does a Creator Son when incarnated on a mission of bestowal in the likeness of mortal flesh. When a Paradise Son visits an evolutionary world and becomes like one of its people, his presence terminates a dispensation and constitutes a judgment of the realm.

4. MAGISTERIAL MISSIONS

1 Prior to the planetary appearance

of a bestowal Son, an inhabited world is usually visited by a Paradise Avonal on a magisterial mission. If it is an initial magisterial visitation, the Avonal is always incarnated as a material being. He appears on the planet of assignment as a full-fledged male of the mortal races, a being fully visible to, and in physical contact with, the mortal creatures of his day and generation. Throughout a magisterial incarnation the connection of the Avonal Son with the local and the universal spiritual forces is complete and unbroken.

2 A planet may experience many

magisterial visitations both before and after the appearance of a bestowal Son. It may be visited many times by the same or other Avonals, acting as dispensational adjudicators, but such technical missions of judgment are neither bestowal nor magisterial, and the Avonals are never incarnated at such times. Even when a planet is blessed with repeated magisterial missions, the Avonals do not always submit to mortal incarnation; and when they do serve in the likeness of mortal flesh, they always appear as adult beings of the realm; they are not born of woman.

3 When incarnated on either bestowal or magisterial missions, the Paradise Sons have experienced Adjusters, and these Adjusters are different for each incarnation. The Adjusters that occupy the minds of the incarnated Sons of God can never hope for personality through fusion with the human-divine beings of their indwelling, but they are often personalized by fiat of the Universal Father. Such Adjusters form the supreme Divinington council of direction for the administration, identification, and dispatch of Mystery Monitors to the inhabited realms. They

also receive and accredit Adjusters on their return to the "bosom of the Father" upon the mortal dissolution of their earthly tabernacles. In this way the faithful Adjusters of the world judges become the exalted chiefs of their kind.

4 §§ Urantia has never been host to an Avonal Son on a magisterial mission. Had Urantia followed the general plan of inhabited worlds, it would have been blessed with a magisterial mission sometime between the days of Adam and the bestowal of Christ Michael. But the regular sequence of Paradise Sons on your planet was wholly

deranged by the appearance of your Creator Son on his terminal bestowal 1900 years ago.

5 Urantia may yet be visited by an Avonal commissioned to incarnate on a magisterial mission, but regarding the future appearance of Paradise Sons, not even "the angels in heaven know the time or manner of such visitations," for a Michael-bestowal world becomes the individual and personal ward of a Master Son and, as such, is wholly subject to his own plans and rulings. And with your world, this is further complicated by Michael's promise to return. Regardless of the

misunderstandings about the Urantian sojourn of Michael of Nebadon, one thing is certainly authentic — his promise to come back to your world. In view of this prospect, only time can reveal the future order of the visitations of the Paradise Sons of God on Urantia.

5. BESTOWAL OF THE PARADISE SONS OF GOD

1 The Eternal Son is the eternal Word of God. The Eternal Son is the perfect expression of the "first" absolute and infinite thought of his eternal Father. When a personal duplication or divine extension of this Origi-

nal Son starts on a bestowal mission of mortal incarnation, it becomes literally true that the divine "Word is made flesh," and that the Word thus dwells among the lowly beings of animal origin.

2 On Urantia there is a widespread belief that the purpose of a Son's bestowal is, in some manner, to influence the attitude of the Universal Father. But your enlightenment should indicate that this is not true. The bestowals of the Avonal and the Michael Sons are a necessary part of the experiential process designed to make these Sons safe and sympathetic magistrates

and rulers of the peoples and planets of time and space. The career of sevenfold bestowal is the supreme goal of all Paradise Creator Sons. And all Magisterial Sons are motivated by this same spirit of service which so abundantly characterizes the primary Creator Sons and the Eternal Son of Paradise.

3 Some order of Paradise Son must be bestowed upon each mortal-inhabited world in order to make it possible for Thought Adjusters to indwell the minds of all normal human beings on that sphere, for the Adjusters do not come to *all* bona fide human be-

ings until the Spirit of Truth has been poured out upon all flesh; and the sending of the Spirit of Truth is dependent upon the return to universe headquarters of a Paradise Son who has successfully executed a mission of mortal bestowal upon an evolving world.

4 During the course of the long history of an inhabited planet, many dispensational adjudications will take place, and more than one magisterial mission may occur, but ordinarily only once will a bestowal Son serve on the sphere. It is only required that each inhabited world have one bestowal Son come to live the full mortal life from

birth to death. Sooner or later, regardless of spiritual status, every mortal-inhabited world is destined to become host to a Magisterial Son on a bestowal mission except the one planet in each local universe whereon a Creator Son elects to make his mortal bestowal.

5 §§ Understanding more about the bestowal Sons, you discern why so much interest attaches to Urantia in the history of Nebadon. Your small and insignificant planet is of local universe concern simply because it is the mortal home world of Jesus of Nazareth. It was the scene of the final and

triumphant bestowal of your Creator Son, the arena in which Michael won the supreme personal sovereignty of the universe of Nebadon.

6 At the headquarters of his local universe a Creator Son, especially after the completion of his own mortal bestowal, spends much of his time in counselling and instructing the college of associate Sons, the Magisterial Sons and others. In love and devotion, with tender mercy and affectionate consideration, these Magisterial Sons bestow themselves upon the worlds of space. And in no way are these planetary services inferior to the

mortal bestowals of the Michaels. It is true that your Creator Son selected for the realm of his final adventure in creature experience one which had had unusual misfortunes. But no planet could ever be in such a condition that it would require the bestowal of a Creator Son to effect its spiritual rehabilitation. Any Son of the bestowal group would have equally sufficed, for in all their work on the worlds of a local universe the Magisterial Sons are just as divinely effective and all wise as would have been their Paradise brother, the Creator Son.

7 §§ Though the possibility of disas-

ter always attends these Paradise Sons during their bestowal incarnations, I have yet to see the record of the failure or default of either a Magisterial or a Creator Son on a mission of bestowal. Both are of origin too close to absolute perfection to fail. They indeed assume the risk, really become like the mortal creatures of flesh and blood and thereby gain the unique creature experience, but within the range of my observation they always succeed. They never fail to achieve the goal of the bestowal mission. The story of their bestowal and planetary service throughout Nebadon constitutes the most no-

ble and fascinating chapter in the history of your local universe.

6. THE MORTAL-BESTOWAL CAREERS

1 The method whereby a Paradise Son becomes ready for mortal incarnation as a bestowal Son, becomes enmothered on the bestowal planet, is a universal mystery; and any effort to detect the working of this Sonarington technique is doomed to meet with certain failure. Let the sublime knowledge of the mortal life of Jesus of Nazareth sink into your souls, but waste no thought in useless speculation as to how this mysterious incarnation of

Michael of Nebadon was effected. Let us all rejoice in the knowledge and assurance that such achievements are possible to the divine nature and waste no time on futile conjectures about the technique employed by divine wisdom to effect such phenomena.

2 §§ On a mortal-bestowal mission a Paradise Son is always born of woman and grows up as a male child of the realm, as Jesus did on Urantia. These Sons of supreme service all pass from infancy through youth to manhood just as does a human being. In every respect they become like the mortals of the race into which they are

born. They make petitions to the Father as do the children of the realms in which they serve. From a material viewpoint, these human-divine Sons live ordinary lives with just one exception: They do not beget offspring on the worlds of their sojourn; that is a universal restriction imposed on all orders of the Paradise bestowal Sons.

3 As Jesus worked on your world as the carpenter's son, so do other Paradise Sons labour in various capacities on their bestowal planets. You could hardly think of a vocation that has not been followed by some Paradise Son in the course of his bestowal on some one

of the evolutionary planets of time.

4 When a bestowal Son has mastered the experience of living the mortal life, when he has achieved perfection of attunement with his indwelling Adjuster, thereupon he begins that part of his planetary mission designed to illuminate the minds and to inspire the souls of his brethren in the flesh. As teachers, these Sons are exclusively devoted to the spiritual enlightenment of the mortal races on the worlds of their sojourn.

5 §§ The mortal-bestowal careers of the Michaels and the Avonals, while comparable in most respects, are not

identical in all: Never does a Magisterial Son proclaim, "Whosoever has seen the Son has seen the Father," as did your Creator Son when on Urantia and in the flesh. But a bestowed Avonal does declare, "Whosoever has seen me has seen the Eternal Son of God." The Magisterial Sons are not of immediate descent from the Universal Father, nor do they incarnate subject to the Father's will; always do they bestow themselves as Paradise *Sons* subject to the will of the Eternal Son of Paradise.

6 §§ When the bestowal Sons, Creator or Magisterial, enter the por-

tals of death, they reappear on the third day. But you should not entertain the idea that they always meet with the tragic end encountered by the Creator Son who sojourned on your world 1900 years ago. The extraordinary and unusually cruel experience through which Jesus of Nazareth passed has caused Urantia to become locally known as "the world of the cross." It is not necessary that such inhuman treatment be accorded a Son of God, and the vast majority of planets have afforded them a more considerate reception, allowing them to finish their mortal careers, termi-

nate the age, adjudicate the sleeping survivors, and inaugurate a new dispensation, without imposing a violent death. A bestowal Son must encounter death, must pass through the whole of the actual experience of mortals of the realms, but it is not a requirement of the divine plan that this death be either violent or unusual.

7 When bestowal Sons are not put to death by violence, they voluntarily relinquish their lives and pass through the portals of death, not to satisfy the demands of "stern justice" or "divine wrath," but rather to complete the bestowal, "to drink the cup" of the ca-

reer of incarnation and personal experience in all that constitutes a creature's life as it is lived on the planets of mortal existence. Bestowal is a planetary and a universe necessity, and physical death is nothing more than a necessary part of a bestowal mission.

8 When the mortal incarnation is finished, the Avonal of service proceeds to Paradise, is accepted by the Universal Father, returns to the local universe of assignment, and is acknowledged by the Creator Son. Thereupon the bestowal Avonal and the Creator Son send their conjoint Spirit of Truth to function in the

hearts of the mortal races dwelling on the bestowal world. In the presovereignty ages of a local universe, this is the joint spirit of both Sons, implemented by the Creative Spirit. It differs somewhat from the Spirit of Truth which characterizes the local universe ages following a Michael's seventh bestowal.

9 Upon the completion of a Creator Son's final bestowal the Spirit of Truth previously sent into all Avonal-bestowal worlds of that local universe changes in nature, becoming more literally the spirit of the sovereign Michael. This phenomenon takes place

concurrently with the liberation of the Spirit of Truth for service on the Michael-mortal-bestowal planet. Thereafter, each world honoured by a Magisterial bestowal will receive the same spirit Comforter from the sevenfold Creator Son, in association with that Magisterial Son, which it would have received had the local universe Sovereign personally incarnated as its bestowal Son.

7. THE TRINITY TEACHER SONS

1 These highly personal and highly spiritual Paradise Sons are brought into being by the Paradise Trinity.

They are known in Havona as the order of Daynals. In Orvonton they are of record as Trinity Teacher Sons, so named because of their parentage. On Salvington they are sometimes denominated the Paradise Spiritual Sons.

2 In numbers the Teacher Sons are constantly increasing. The last universal census broadcast gave the number of these Trinity Sons functioning in the central and superuniverses as a little more than 21,000,000,000, and this is exclusive of the Paradise reserves, which include more than one third of all Trinity Teacher Sons in existence.

3 The Daynal order of sonship is not an organic part of the local or superuniverse administrations. Its members are neither creators nor retrievers, neither judges nor rulers. They are not so much concerned with universe administration as with moral enlightenment and spiritual development. They are the universal educators, being dedicated to the spiritual awakening and moral guidance of all realms. Their ministry is intimately interrelated with that of the personalities of the Infinite Spirit and is closely associated with the Paradise ascension of creature beings.

4 These Sons of the Trinity partake of the combined natures of the three Paradise Deities, but in Havona they seem more to reflect the nature of the Universal Father. In the superuniverses they seem to portray the nature of the Eternal Son, while in the local creations they appear to show forth the character of the Infinite Spirit. In all universes they are the embodiment of service and the discretion of wisdom.

5 Unlike their Paradise brethren, Michaels and Avonals, Trinity Teacher Sons receive no preliminary training in the central universe. They are dispatched directly to the headquarters

of the superuniverses and from there are commissioned for service in some local universe. In their ministry to these evolutionary realms they utilize the combined spiritual influence of a Creator Son and the associated Magisterial Sons, for the Daynals do not possess a spiritual drawing power in and of themselves.

8. LOCAL UNIVERSE MINISTRY OF THE DAYNALS

1 The Paradise Spiritual Sons are unique Trinity-origin beings and the only Trinity creatures to be so completely associated with the conduct

of the dual-origin universes. They are affectionately devoted to the educational ministry to mortal creatures and the lower orders of spiritual beings. They begin their labours in the local systems and, in accordance with experience and achievement, are advanced inward through the constellation service to the highest work of the local creation. Upon certification they may become spiritual ambassadors representing the local universes of their service.

2 The exact number of Teacher Sons in Nebadon I do not know; there are many thousands of them. Many of

the heads of departments in the Melchizedek schools belong to this order, while the combined staff of the regularly constituted University of Salvington embraces over 100,000 including these Sons. Large numbers are stationed on the various morontia-training worlds, but they are not wholly occupied with the spiritual and intellectual advancement of mortal creatures; they are equally concerned with the instruction of seraphic beings and other natives of the local creations. Many of their assistants are drawn from the ranks of the creature-trinitized beings.

3 The Teacher Sons compose the faculties who administer all examinations and conduct all tests for the qualification and certification of all subordinate phases of universe service, from the duties of outpost sentinels to those of star students. They conduct an agelong course of training, ranging from the planetary courses up to the high College of Wisdom located on Salvington. Recognition indicative of effort and attainment is granted to all, ascending mortal or ambitious cherubim, who complete these adventures in wisdom and truth.

4 In all universes all the Sons of God

are beholden to these ever-faithful and universally efficient Trinity Teacher Sons. They are the exalted teachers of all spirit personalities, even the tried and true teachers of the Sons of God themselves. But of the endless details of the duties and functions of the Teacher Sons I can hardly instruct you. The vast domain of Daynal-sonship activities will be better understood on Urantia when you are more advanced in intelligence, and after the spiritual isolation of your planet has

been terminated.

9. PLANETARY SERVICE OF THE DAYNALS

1 When the progress of events on an evolutionary world indicates that the time is ripe to initiate a spiritual age, the Trinity Teacher Sons always volunteer for this service. You are not familiar with this order of sonship because Urantia has never experienced a spiritual age, a millennium of cosmic enlightenment. But the Teacher Sons even now visit your world for the purpose of formulating plans concerning their projected sojourn on your sphere. They will be due to appear

on Urantia after its inhabitants have gained comparative deliverance from the shackles of animalism and from the fetters of materialism.

2 Trinity Teacher Sons have nothing to do with terminating planetary dispensations. They neither judge the dead nor translate the living, but on each planetary mission they are accompanied by a Magisterial Son who performs these services. Teacher Sons are wholly concerned with the initiation of a spiritual age, with the dawn of the era of spiritual realities on an evolutionary planet. They make real the spiritual counterparts of material

knowledge and temporal wisdom.

3 The Teacher Sons usually remain on their visitation planets for one thousand years of planetary time. One Teacher Son presides over the planetary millennial reign and is assisted by 70 associates of his order. The Daynals do not incarnate or otherwise so materialize themselves as to be visible to mortal beings; therefore is contact with the world of visitation maintained through the activities of the Brilliant Evening Stars, local universe personalities who are associated with the Trinity Teacher Sons.

4 The Daynals may return many

times to an inhabited world, and following their final mission the planet will be ushered into the settled status of a sphere of light and life, the evolutionary goal of all the mortal-inhabited worlds of the present universe age. The Mortal Corps of the Finality has much to do with the spheres settled in light and life, and their planetary activities touch upon those of the Teacher Sons. Indeed, the whole order of Daynal sonship is intimately connected with all phases of finaliter activities in the evolutionary creations of time and space.

5 §§ The Trinity Teacher Sons seem

to be so completely identified with the regime of mortal progression through the earlier stages of evolutionary ascension that we are often led to speculate regarding their possible association with the finaliters in the undisclosed career of the future universes. We observe that the administrators of the superuniverses are part Trinity-origin personalities and part Trinity-embraced ascendant evolutionary creatures. We firmly believe that the Teacher Sons and the finaliters are now engaged in acquiring the experience of time-association which may be the preliminary training to prepare

them for close association in some unrevealed future destiny. On Uversa it is our belief that, when the superuniverses are finally settled in light and life, these Paradise Teacher Sons, who have become so thoroughly familiar with the problems of evolutionary worlds and have been so long associated with the career of evolutionary mortals, will probably be transferred to eternal association with the Paradise Corps of the Finality.

10. UNITED MINISTRY OF THE PARADISE SONS

1 All the Paradise Sons of God are divine in origin and in nature. The

work of each Paradise Son in behalf of each world is just as if the Son of service were the first and only Son of God.

2 The Paradise Sons are the divine presentation of the acting natures of the three persons of Deity to the domains of time and space. The Creator, Magisterial, and Teacher Sons are the gifts of the eternal Deities to the children of men and to all other universe creatures of ascension potential. These Sons of God are the divine ministers who are unceasingly devoted to the work of helping the creatures of time attain the high spiritual goal of

eternity.

3 In the Creator Sons the love of the Universal Father is blended with the mercy of the Eternal Son and is disclosed to the local universes in the creative power, loving ministry, and understanding sovereignty of the Michaels. In the Magisterial Sons the mercy of the Eternal Son, united with the ministry of the Infinite Spirit, is revealed to the evolutionary domains in the careers of these Avonals of judgment, service, and bestowal. In the Trinity Teacher Sons the love, mercy, and ministry of the three Paradise Deities are co-ordinated on the highest

time-space value-levels and are presented to the universes as living truth, divine goodness, and true spiritual beauty.

4 In the local universes these orders of sonship collaborate to effect the revelation of the Deities of Paradise to the creatures of space: As the Father of a local universe, a Creator Son portrays the infinite character of the Universal Father. As the bestowal Sons of mercy, the Avonals reveal the matchless nature of the Eternal Son of infinite compassion. As the true teachers of ascending personalities, the Trinity Daynal Sons disclose the teacher per-

sonality of the Infinite Spirit. In their divinely perfect co-operation, Michaels, Avonals, and Daynals are contributing to the actualization and revelation of the personality and sovereignty of God the Supreme in and to the time-space universes. In the harmony of their triune activities these Paradise Sons of God ever function in the vanguard of the personalities of Deity as they follow the never-ending expansion of the divinity of the First Great Source and Centre from the everlasting Isle of Paradise into the un-

known depths of space.

5 [Presented by a Perfector of Wisdom from Uversa.]

PAPER 21

THE PARADISE CREATOR SONS

Perfector of Wisdom

The Creator Sons are the makers and rulers of the local universes of time and space. These universe creators and sovereigns are of dual origin, embodying the characteristics of God the Father and God the Son. But each Creator Son is different from every other; each is unique in nature as well as in personality; each is

the "only-begotten Son" of the perfect deity ideal of his origin.

2 In the vast work of organizing, evolving, and perfecting a local universe, these high Sons always enjoy the sustaining approval of the Universal Father. The relationship of the Creator Sons with their Paradise Father is touching and superlative. No doubt the profound affection of the Deity parents for their divine progeny is the wellspring of that beautiful and well-nigh divine love which even mortal parents bear their children.

3 These primary Paradise Sons are personalized as Michaels. As they go

forth from Paradise to found their universes, they are known as Creator Michaels. When settled in supreme authority, they are called Master Michaels. Sometimes we refer to the sovereign of your universe of Nebadon as Christ Michael. Always and forever do they reign after the "order of Michael," that being the designation of the first Son of their order and nature.

4 §§ The original or first-born Michael has never experienced incarnation as a material being, but seven times he passed through the experience of spiritual creature ascent on the seven circuits of Havona, advancing

from the outer spheres to the innermost circuit of the central creation. The order of Michael knows the grand universe from one end to the other; there is no essential experience of any of the children of time and space in which the Michaels have not personally participated; they are in fact partakers not only of the divine nature but also of your nature, meaning all natures, from the highest to the lowest.

5 The original Michael is the presiding head of the primary Paradise Sons when they assemble for conference at the centre of all things. Not long

since on Uversa we recorded a universal broadcast of a conclave extraordinary on the eternal Isle of 150,000 Creator Sons assembled in the parental presence and engaged in deliberations having to do with the progress of the unification and stabilization of the universe of universes. This was a selected group of Sovereign Michaels, sevenfold bestowal Sons.

1. ORIGIN AND NATURE OF CREATOR SONS

1 When the fullness of absolute spiritual ideation in the Eternal Son encounters the fullness of absolute personality concept in the Universal Fa-

ther, when such a creative union is finally and fully attained, when such absolute identity of spirit and such infinite oneness of personality concept occur, then, right then and there, without the loss of anything of personality or prerogative by either of the infinite Deities, there flashes into full-fledged being a new and original Creator Son, the only-begotten Son of the perfect ideal and the powerful idea whose union produces this new creator personality of power and perfection.

2 Each Creator Son is the only-begotten and only-begettable offspring

of the perfect union of the original concepts of the two infinite and eternal and perfect minds of the ever-existent Creators of the universe of universes. There never can be another such Son because each Creator Son is the unqualified, finished, and final expression and embodiment of all of every phase of every feature of every possibility of every divine reality that could, throughout all eternity, ever be found in, expressed by, or evolved from, those divine creative potentials which united to bring this Michael Son into existence. Each Creator Son is the absolute of the united deity con-

cepts which constitute his divine origin.

3 The divine natures of these Creator Sons are, in principle, derived equally from the attributes of both Paradise parents. All partake of the fullness of the divine nature of the Universal Father and of the creative prerogatives of the Eternal Son, but as we observe the practical outworking of the Michael functions in the universes, we discern apparent differences. Some Creator Sons appear to be more like God the Father; others more like God the Son. For example: The trend of administration in the universe of

Nebadon suggests that its Creator and ruling Son is one whose nature and character more resemble that of the Eternal Mother Son. It should be further stated that some universes are presided over by Paradise Michaels who appear equally to resemble God the Father and God the Son. And these observations are in no sense implied criticisms; they are simply a recording of fact.

4 I do not know the exact number of Creator Sons in existence, but I have good reasons for believing that there are more than 700,000. Now, we know that there are exactly 700,000 Unions

of Days and no more are being created. We also observe that the ordained plans of the present universe age seem to indicate that one Union of Days is to be stationed in each local universe as the counselling ambassador of the Trinity. We note further that the constantly increasing number of Creator Sons already exceeds the stationary number of the Unions of Days. But concerning the destiny of the Michaels beyond 700,000, we have never been informed.

2. THE CREATORS OF LOCAL UNIVERSES

1 The Paradise Sons of the pri-

mary order are the designers, creators, builders, and administrators of their respective domains, the local universes of time and space, the basic creative units of the seven evolutionary superuniverses. A Creator Son is permitted to choose the space site of his future cosmic activity, but before he may begin even the physical organization of his universe, he must spend a long period of observation devoted to the study of the efforts of his older brothers in various creations located in the superuniverse of his projected action. And prior to all this, the Michael Son will have completed his long

and unique experience of Paradise observation and Havona training.

2 §§ When a Creator Son departs from Paradise to embark upon the adventure of universe making, to become the head — virtually the God — of the local universe of his own organization, then, for the first time, he finds himself in intimate contact with, and in many respects dependent upon, the Third Source and Centre. The Infinite Spirit, though abiding with the Father and the Son at the centre of all things, is destined to function as the actual and effective helper of each Creator Son. Therefore is each Creator Son

accompanied by a Creative Daughter of the Infinite Spirit, that being who is destined to become the Divine Minister, the Mother Spirit of the new local universe.

3 The departure of a Michael Son on this occasion forever liberates his creator prerogatives from the Paradise Sources and Centres, subject only to certain limitations inherent in the preexistence of these Sources and Centres and to certain other antecedent powers and presences. Among these limitations to the otherwise all-powerful creator prerogatives of a local universe Father are the following:

4 1. *Energy-matter* is dominated by the Infinite Spirit. Before any new forms of things, great or small, may be created, before any new transformations of energy-matter may be attempted, a Creator Son must secure the consent and working co-operation of the Infinite Spirit.

5 2. *Creature designs and types* are controlled by the Eternal Son. Before a Creator Son may engage in the creation of any new type of being, any new design of creature, he must secure the consent of the Eternal and Original Mother Son.

6 3. *Personality* is designed and be-

stowed by the Universal Father.

7 §§ The types and patterns of *mind* are determined by the precreature factors of being. After these have been associated to constitute a creature (personal or otherwise), mind is the endowment of the Third Source and Centre, the universal source of mind ministry to all beings below the level of Paradise Creators.

8 §§ The control of *spirit* designs and types depends on the level of their manifestation. In the last analysis, spiritual design is controlled by the Trinity or by the pre-Trinity spirit endowments of the Trinity personalities

— Father, Son, and Spirit.

9 §§ When such a perfect and divine Son has taken possession of the space site of his chosen universe; when the initial problems of universe materialization and of gross equilibrium have been resolved; when he has formed an effective and co-operative working union with the complemental Daughter of the Infinite Spirit — then do this Universe Son and this Universe Spirit initiate that liaison which is designed to give origin to the innumerable hosts of their local universe children. In connection with this event the Creative Spirit focalization of the Paradise

Infinite Spirit becomes changed in nature, taking on the personal qualities of the Mother Spirit of a local universe.

10 Notwithstanding that all Creator Sons are divinely like their Paradise parents, none exactly resembles another; each is unique, diverse, exclusive, and original in *nature* as well as in personality. And since they are the architects and makers of the life plans of their respective realms, this very diversity ensures that their domains will also be diverse in every form and phase of Michael-derived living existence which may be created or subsequently evolved therein. Hence the

orders of creatures native to the local universes are quite varied. No two are administered or inhabited by dual-origin native beings who are in all respects identical. Within any superuniverse, one half of their inherent attributes are quite alike, being derived from the uniform Creative Spirits; the other half vary, being derived from the diversified Creator Sons. But such diversity does not characterize those creatures of sole origin in the Creative Spirit nor those imported beings who are native to the central or superuniverses.

11 §§ When a Michael Son is absent

from his universe, its government is directed by the first-born native being, the Bright and Morning Star, the local universe chief executive. The advice and counsel of the Union of Days is invaluable at such times. During these absences a Creator Son is able to invest the associated Mother Spirit with the overcontrol of his spiritual presence on the inhabited worlds and in the hearts of his mortal children. And the Mother Spirit of a local universe remains always at its headquarters, extending her fostering care and spiritual ministry to the uttermost parts of such an evolutionary domain.

12 The personal presence of a Creator Son in his local universe is not necessary to the smooth running of an established material creation. Such Sons may journey to Paradise, and still their universes swing on through space. They may lay down their lines of power to incarnate as the children of time; still their realms whirl on about their respective centres. No material organization is independent of the absolute-gravity grasp of Paradise or of the cosmic overcontrol inherent in the space presence of the Unqualified Ab-

solute.

3. LOCAL UNIVERSE SOVEREIGNTY

1 A Creator Son is given the range of a universe by the consent of the Paradise Trinity and with the confirmation of the supervising Master Spirit of the superuniverse concerned. Such action constitutes title of physical possession, a cosmic leasehold. But the elevation of a Michael Son from this initial and self-limited stage of rulership to the experiential supremacy of self-earned sovereignty comes as a result of his own personal experiences in the work of universe creation and in-

carnated bestowal. Until the achievement of bestowal-earned sovereignty, he rules as vicegerent of the Universal Father.

2 §§ A Creator Son could assert full sovereignty over his personal creation at any time, but he wisely chooses not to. If, prior to passing through the creature bestowals, he assumed an unearned supreme sovereignty, the Paradise personalities resident in his local universe would withdraw. But this has never happened throughout all the creations of time and space.

3 The fact of creatorship implies the fullness of sovereignty, but the Mi-

chaels choose to experientially *earn* it, thereby retaining the full co-operation of all Paradise personalities attached to the local universe administration. We know of no Michael who ever did otherwise; but they all could, they are truly freewill Sons.

4 §§ The sovereignty of a Creator Son in a local universe passes through six, perhaps seven, stages of experiential manifestation. These appear in the following order:

5 1. Initial vicegerent sovereignty — the solitary provisional authority exercised by a Creator Son before the acquirement of personal qualities by

the associated Creative Spirit.

6 2. Conjoint vicegerent sovereignty — the joint rule of the Paradise pair subsequent to the personality achievement of the Universe Mother Spirit.

7 3. Augmenting vicegerent sovereignty — the advancing authority of a Creator Son during the period of his seven creature bestowals.

8 4. Supreme sovereignty — the settled authority following the completion of the seventh bestowal. In Nebadon, supreme sovereignty dates from the completion of Michael's bestowal on Urantia. It has existed just

slightly over 1900 years of your planetary time.

9 5. Augmenting supreme sovereignty — the advanced relationship growing out of the settling of a majority of the creature domains in light and life. This stage pertains to the unachieved future of your local universe.

10 6. Trinitarian sovereignty — exercised subsequent to the settling of the entire local universe in light and life.

11 7. Unrevealed sovereignty — the unknown relationships of a future universe age.

12 §§ In accepting the initial vicegerent sovereignty of a projected local universe, a Creator Michael takes an oath to the Trinity not to assume supreme sovereignty until the seven creature bestowals have been completed and certified by the superuniverse rulers. But if a Michael Son could not, at will, assert such unearned sovereignty, there would be no meaning in taking an oath not to do so.

13 Even in the prebestowal ages a Creator Son rules his domain wellnigh supremely when there is no dissent in any of its parts. Limited rulership would hardly be manifest if sov-

ereignty were never challenged. The sovereignty exercised by a prebestowal Creator Son in a universe without rebellion is no greater than in a universe with rebellion; but in the first instance sovereignty limitations are not apparent; in the second, they are.

14 If ever the authority or administration of a Creator Son is challenged, attacked, or jeopardized, he is eternally pledged to uphold, protect, defend, and if necessary retrieve his personal creation. Such Sons can be troubled or harassed only by the creatures of their own making or by higher beings of their own choosing. It might

be inferred that "higher beings," those of origin on levels above a local universe, would be unlikely to trouble a Creator Son, and this is true. But they could if they chose to. Virtue is volitional with personality; righteousness is not automatic in freewill creatures.

15 Before the completion of the bestowal career a Creator Son rules with certain self-imposed limitations of sovereignty, but subsequent to his finished bestowal service he rules by virtue of his actual experience in the form and likeness of his manifold creatures. When a Creator has seven times sojourned among his creatures, when

the bestowal career is finished, then is he supremely settled in universe authority; he has become a Master Son, a sovereign and supreme ruler.

16 §§ The technique of obtaining supreme sovereignty over a local universe involves the following seven experiential steps:

17 1. Experientially to penetrate seven creature levels of being through the technique of incarnated bestowal in the very likeness of the creatures on the level concerned.

18 2. To make an experiential consecration to each phase of the seven-

fold will of Paradise Deity as it is personified in the Seven Master Spirits.

19 3. To traverse each of the seven experiences on the creature levels simultaneously with the execution of one of the seven consecrations to the will of Paradise Deity.

20 4. On each creature level, experientially to portray the acme of creature life to Paradise Deity and to all universe intelligences.

21 5. On each creature level, experientially to reveal one phase of the sevenfold will of Deity to the bestowal level and to all the universe.

22 6. Experientially to unify the sevenfold creature experience with the sevenfold experience of consecration to the revelation of the nature and will of Deity.

23 7. To achieve new and higher relationship with the Supreme Being. The repercussion of the totality of this Creator-creature experience augments the superuniverse reality of God the Supreme and the time-space sovereignty of the Almighty Supreme and factualizes the supreme local universe sovereignty of a Paradise Michael.

24 §§ In settling the question of sovereignty in a local universe, the Cre-

ator Son is not only demonstrating his own fitness to rule but is also revealing the nature and portraying the sevenfold attitude of the Paradise Deities. The finite understanding and creature appreciation of the Father's primacy is concerned in the adventure of a Creator Son when he condescends to take upon himself the form and experiences of his creatures. These primary Paradise Sons are the real revealers of the Father's loving nature and beneficent authority, the same Father who, in association with the Son and the Spirit, is the universal head of all power, personality, and government

throughout all the universal realms.

4. THE MICHAEL BESTOWALS

1 There are seven groups of bestowal Creator Sons, and they are so classified in accordance with the number of times they have bestowed themselves upon the creatures of their realms. They range from the initial experience up through five additional spheres of progressive bestowal until they attain the seventh and final episode of creature-Creator experience.

2 Avonal bestowals are always in the likeness of mortal flesh, but the seven bestowals of a Creator Son involve his

appearing on seven creature levels of being and pertain to the revelation of the seven primary expressions of the will and nature of Deity. Without exception, all Creator Sons pass through this seven times giving of themselves to their created children before they assume settled and supreme jurisdiction over the universes of their own creation.

3 Though these seven bestowals vary in the different sectors and universes, they always embrace the mortal-bestowal adventure. In the final bestowal a Creator Son appears as a member of one of the higher mortal

races on some inhabited world, usually as a member of that racial group which contains the largest hereditary legacy of the Adamic stock which has previously been imported to upstep the physical status of the animal-origin peoples. Only once in his sevenfold career as a bestowal Son is a Paradise Michael born of woman as you have the record of the babe of Bethlehem. Only once does he live and die as a member of the lowest order of evolutionary will creatures.

4 After each of his bestowals a Creator Son proceeds to the "right hand of the Father," there to gain the Fa-

ther's acceptance of the bestowal and to receive instruction preparatory to the next episode of universe service. Following the seventh and final bestowal a Creator Son receives from the Universal Father supreme authority and jurisdiction over his universe.

5 §§ It is of record that the divine Son of last appearance on your planet was a Paradise Creator Son who had completed six phases of his bestowal career; consequently, when he gave up the conscious grasp of the incarnated life on Urantia, he could, and did, truly say, "It is finished" — it was literally finished. His death on Urantia com-

pleted his bestowal career; it was the last step in fulfilling the sacred oath of a Paradise Creator Son. And when this experience has been acquired, such Sons are supreme universe sovereigns; no longer do they rule as vicegerents of the Father but in their own right and name as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." With certain stated exceptions these sevenfold bestowal Sons are unqualifiedly supreme in the universes of their abode. Concerning his local universe, "all power in heaven and on earth" was relegated to this triumphant and enthroned Master Son.

6 §§ Creator Sons, subsequent to the

completion of their bestowal careers, are reckoned as a separate order, sevenfold Master Sons. In person the Master Sons are identical with the Creator Sons, but they have undergone such a unique bestowal experience that they are commonly regarded as a different order. When a Creator deigns to effect a bestowal, a real and permanent change is destined to take place. True, the bestowal Son is still and none the less a Creator, but he has added to his nature the experience of a creature, which forever removes him from the divine level of a Creator Son and elevates him to the experiential plane of a

Master Son, one who has fully earned the right to rule a universe and administer its worlds. Such beings embody all that can be secured from divine parentage and embrace everything to be derived from perfected-creature experience. Why should man bemoan his lowly origin and enforced evolutionary career when the very Gods must pass through an equivalent experience before they are accounted experientially worthy and competent finally and fully to rule over their uni-

verse domains!

5. RELATION OF MASTER SONS TO THE UNIVERSE

1 The power of a Master Michael is unlimited because derived from experienced association with the Paradise Trinity, is unquestioned because derived from actual experience as the very creatures subject to such authority. The nature of the sovereignty of a sevenfold Creator Son is supreme because it:

2 1. Embraces the sevenfold viewpoint of Paradise Deity.

3 2. Embodies a sevenfold attitude of time-space creatures.

4 3. Perfectly synthesizes Paradise attitude and creature viewpoint.

5 §§ This experiential sovereignty is thus all-inclusive of the divinity of God the Sevenfold culminating in the Supreme Being. And the personal sovereignty of a sevenfold Son is like the future sovereignty of the sometime-to-be-completed Supreme Being, embracing as it does the fullest possible content of the power and authority of the Paradise Trinity manifestable within the time-space limits concerned.

6 §§ With the achievement of supreme local universe sovereignty,

there passes from a Michael Son the power and opportunity to create entirely new types of creature beings during the present universe age. But a Master Son's loss of power to originate entirely new orders of beings in no way interferes with the work of life elaboration already established and in process of unfoldment; this vast program of universe evolution goes on without interruption or curtailment. The acquirement of supreme sovereignty by a Master Son implies the responsibility of personal devotion to the fostering and the administering of that which has already been designed and created,

and of that which will subsequently be produced by those who have been thus designed and created. In time there may develop an almost endless evolution of diverse beings, but no entirely new pattern or type of intelligent creature will henceforth take direct origin from a Master Son. This is the first step, the beginning, of a settled administration in any local universe.

7 The elevation of a sevenfold bestowal Son to the unquestioned sovereignty of his universe means the beginning of the end of agelong uncertainty and relative confusion. Subsequent to this event, that which cannot

be sometime spiritualized will eventually be disorganized; that which cannot be sometime co-ordinated with cosmic reality will eventually be destroyed. When the provisions of endless mercy and nameless patience have been exhausted in an effort to win the loyalty and devotion of the will creatures of the realms, justice and righteousness will prevail. That which mercy cannot rehabilitate justice will eventually annihilate.

8 §§ The Master Michaels are supreme in their own local universes when once they have been installed as sovereign rulers. The few limita-

tions upon their rule are those inherent in the cosmic pre-existence of certain forces and personalities. Otherwise these Master Sons are supreme in authority, responsibility, and administrative power in their respective universes; they are as Creators and Gods, supreme in virtually all things. There is no penetration beyond their wisdom regarding the functioning of a given universe.

9 After his elevation to settled sovereignty in a local universe a Paradise Michael is in full control of all other Sons of God functioning in his domain, and he may freely rule in accor-

dance with his concept of the needs of his realms. A Master Son may at will vary the order of the spiritual adjudication and evolutionary adjustment of the inhabited planets. And such Sons do make and carry out the plans of their own choosing in all matters of special planetary needs, in particular regarding the worlds of their creature sojourn and still more concerning the realm of terminal bestowal, the planet of incarnation in the likeness of mortal flesh.

10 The Master Sons seem to be in perfect communication with their bestowal worlds, not only the worlds of

their personal sojourn but all worlds whereon a Magisterial Son has bestowed himself. This contact is maintained by their own spiritual presence, the Spirit of Truth, which they are able to "pour out upon all flesh." These Master Sons also maintain an unbroken connection with the Eternal Mother Son at the centre of all things. They possess a sympathetic reach which extends from the Universal Father on high to the lowly races of planetary life in the realms of time.

6. DESTINY OF THE MASTER MICHAELS

1 No one may with finality of au-

thority presume to discuss either the natures or the destinies of the seven-fold Master Sovereigns of the local universes; nevertheless, we all speculate much regarding these matters. We are taught, and we believe, that each Paradise Michael is the *absolute* of the dual deity concepts of his origin; thus he embodies actual phases of the infinity of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. The Michaels must be partial in relation to total infinity, but they are probably absolute in relation to that part of infinity concerned in their origin. But as we observe their work in the present universe age, we

detect no action that is more than finite; any conjectured superfinite capacities must be self-contained and as yet unrevealed.

2 The completion of the creature-bestowal careers and the elevation to supreme universe sovereignty must signify the completed liberation of a Michael's finite-action capacities accompanied by the appearance of capacity for more-than-finite service. For in this connection we note that such Master Sons are then restricted in the production of new types of creature beings, a restriction undoubtedly made necessary by the liberation of

their superfinite potentialities.

3 It is highly probable that these undisclosed creator powers will remain self-contained throughout the present universe age. But sometime in the far-distant future, in the now mobilizing universes of outer space, we believe that the liaison between a sevenfold Master Son and a seventh-stage Creative Spirit may attain to absonite levels of service attended by the appearance of new things, meanings, and values on transcendental levels of ultimate universe significance.

4 Just as the Deity of the Supreme is actualizing by virtue of experiential

service, so are the Creator Sons achieving the personal realization of the Paradise-divinity potentials bound up in their unfathomable natures. When on Urantia, Christ Michael once said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And we believe that in eternity the Michaels are literally destined to be "the way, the truth, and the life," ever blazing the path for all universe personalities as it leads from supreme divinity through ultimate absonity to eternal deity finality.

5 [Presented by a Perfector of Wisdom from Uversa.]

PAPER 22

THE TRINITIZED SONS OF GOD

Mighty Messenger

There are three groups of beings who are called Sons of God. In addition to descending and ascending orders of sonship there is a third group known as the Trinitized Sons of God. The trinitized order of sonship is subdivided into three primary divisions in accordance with the origins of its many types of personalities, revealed and unrevealed. These primary divisions are:

2 1. Deity-trinitized Sons.

3 2. Trinity-embraced Sons.

4 3. Creature-trinitized Sons.

5 Irrespective of origin all Trinitized Sons of God have in common the experience of trinitization, either as a part of their origin or as an experience of Trinity embrace subsequently attained. The Deity-trinitized Sons are unrevealed in these narratives; therefore will this presentation be confined to a portrayal of the remaining two groups, more particularly the Trinity-

embraced sons of God.

1. THE TRINITY-EMBRACED SONS

1 All Trinity-embraced sons are originally of dual or single origin, but subsequent to the Trinity embrace they are forever devoted to Trinity service and assignment. This corps, as revealed and as organized for superuniverse service, embraces seven orders of personalities:

2 1. Mighty Messengers.

3 2. Those High in Authority.

4 3. Those without Name and Number.

5 4. Trinitized Custodians.

6 5. Trinitized Ambassadors.

7 6. Celestial Guardians.

8 7. High Son Assistants.

9 §§ These seven groups of personalities are further classified, according to origin, nature, and function, into three major divisions: the Trinitized Sons of Attainment, the Trinitized Sons of Selection, and the Trinitized Sons of Perfection.

10 §§ *The Trinitized Sons of Attainment* — the Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and Number — are all Adjuster-fused ascendant mortals who have attained Paradise and the Corps

of the Finality. But they are not finaliters; when they have been Trinity embraced, their names are removed from the finaliter roll call. The new sons of this order pass through specific courses of training, for comparatively short periods, on the circuit headquarters planets of the Havona circuits under the direction of the Eternals of Days. Thereafter they are assigned to the services of the Ancients of Days in the seven superuniverses.

11 §§ *The Trinitized Sons of Selection* embrace the Trinitized Custodians and the Trinitized Ambassadors. They are recruited from certain of the evolu-

tionary seraphim and translated midway creatures who have traversed Havona and have attained Paradise, as well as from certain of the Spirit-fused and the Son-fused mortals who have likewise ascended to the central Isle of Light and Life. Subsequent to their embrace by the Paradise Trinity and after a brief training in Havona, the Trinitized Sons of Selection are assigned to the courts of the Ancients of Days.

12 §§ *The Trinitized Sons of Perfection.* The Celestial Guardians and their coordinates, the High Son Assistants, comprise a unique group of twice-tri-

nitized personalities. They are the creature-trinitized sons of Paradise-Havona personalities or of perfected ascendant mortals who have long distinguished themselves in the Corps of the Finality. Some of these creature-trinitized sons, after service with the Supreme Executives of the Seven Master Spirits and after serving under the Trinity Teacher Sons, are re-trinitized (embraced) by the Paradise Trinity and then commissioned to the courts of the Ancients of Days as Celestial Guardians and as High Son Assistants. Trinitized Sons of Perfection are assigned directly to the superuni-

verse service without further training.

13 §§ Our Trinity-origin associates — Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counsellors, and Universal Censors — are of stationary numbers, but the Trinity-embraced sons are constantly increasing. All seven orders of Trinity-embraced sons are commissioned as members of one of the seven superuniverse governments, and the number in the service of each superuniverse is exactly the same; not one has ever been lost. Trinity-embraced beings have never gone astray; they may stumble temporarily, but not one has ever been adjudged in contempt of the

superuniverse governments. The Sons of Attainment and the Sons of Selection have never faltered in the service of Orvonton, but the Trinitized Sons of Perfection have sometimes erred in judgment and thereby caused transient confusion.

14 Under the direction of the Ancients of Days all seven orders function very much as self-governing groups. Their scope of service is far-flung; Trinitized Sons of Perfection do not leave the superuniverse of assignment, but their trinitized associates range the grand universe, journeying from the evolutionary worlds of time

and space to the eternal Isle of Paradise. They may function in any of the superuniverses, but they do so always as members of the supergovernment of original designation.

15 Apparently the Trinity-embraced sons have been permanently assigned to the service of the seven superuniverses; certainly this assignment is for the duration of the present universe age, but we have never been informed that it is to be eternal.

2. THE MIGHTY MESSENGERS

1 Mighty Messengers belong to the ascendant group of the Trinitized

Sons. They are a class of perfected mortals who have been rebellion tested or otherwise equally proved as to their personal loyalty; all have passed through some definite test of universe allegiance. At some time in their Paradise ascent they stood firm and loyal in the face of the disloyalty of their superiors, and some did actively and loyally function in the places of such unfaithful leaders.

2 With such personal records of fidelity and devotion, these ascending mortals pass on through Havona with the stream of the pilgrims of time, attain Paradise, graduate therefrom, and

are mustered into the Corps of the Finality. Thereupon they are trinitized in the secret embrace of the Paradise Trinity and subsequently are commissioned to become associated with the Ancients of Days in the administration of the governments of the seven superuniverses.

3 Every ascendant mortal of insurrectionary experience who functions loyally in the face of rebellion is eventually destined to become a Mighty Messenger of the superuniverse service. Likewise is any ascendant creature who effectively prevents such upheavals of error, evil, or sin; for ac-

tion designed to prevent rebellion or to effect higher types of loyalty in a universe crisis is regarded as of even greater value than loyalty in the face of actual rebellion.

4 The senior Mighty Messengers were chosen from those ascendant mortals of time and space who were among the earlier Paradise arrivals, many having traversed Havona in the times of Grandfanda. But the first trinitizing of Mighty Messengers was not effected until the candidate corps contained representatives from each of the seven superuniverses. And the last group of this order to qualify on

Paradise embraced ascendant pilgrims from the local universe of Nebadon.

5 Mighty Messengers are embraced by the Paradise Trinity in classes of 700,000, 100,000 for assignment to each superuniverse. Almost one trillion Mighty Messengers are commissioned on Uversa, and there is every reason to believe that the number serving in each of the seven superuniverses is exactly the same.

6 §§ I am a Mighty Messenger, and it may interest Urantians to know that the companion and associate of my mortal experience was also triumphant in the great test, and that,

though we were many times and for long periods separated in the agelong inward ascent to Havona, we were embraced in the same 700,000 group, and that we spent our time passing through Vicegerington in close and loving association. We were finally commissioned and together assigned to Uversa of Orvonton, and we are often dispatched in company for the execution of assignments requiring the services of two Messengers.

7 §§ Mighty Messengers, in common with all Trinity-embraced sons, are assigned to all phases of superuniverse activities. They maintain

constant connection with their headquarters through the superuniverse reflectivity service. Mighty Messengers serve in all sectors of a superuniverse and frequently execute missions to the local universes and even to the individual worlds, as I do on this occasion.

8 In the superuniverse courts, Mighty Messengers act as defenders of both individuals and planets when they come up for adjudication; they also assist the Perfections of Days in the direction of the affairs of the major sectors. As a group, their chief assignment is that of superuniverse observers. They are stationed on the var-

ious headquarters worlds and on individual planets of importance as the official observers of the Ancients of Days. When so assigned, they also serve as advisers to the authorities directing the affairs of the spheres of their sojourn. The Messengers take active part in all phases of the ascendant scheme of mortal progression. With their associates of mortal origin they keep the supergovernments in close and personal touch with the status and progression of the plans of the descending Sons of God.

9 Mighty Messengers are fully conscious of their entire ascendant ca-

reers, and that is why they are such useful and sympathetic ministers, understanding messengers, for service on any world of space and to any creature of time. As soon as you are delivered from the flesh, you will communicate freely and understandingly with us since we spring from all the races on all the evolutionary worlds of space, that is, from those mortal races that are indwelt by, and subsequently fused with, Thought Adjusters.

3. THOSE HIGH IN AUTHORITY

1 Those High in Authority, the second group of the Trinitized Sons of

Attainment, are all Adjuster-fused beings of mortal origin. These are the perfected mortals who have exhibited superior administrative ability and have shown extraordinary executive genius throughout their long ascending careers. They are the cream of governing ability derived from the surviving mortals of space.

2 70,000 of Those High in Authority are trinitized at each Trinity liaison. Though the local universe of Nebadon is a comparatively young creation, it has representatives among a recently trinitized class of this order. There are now commissioned in Or-

vonton more than ten billion of these skillful administrators. Like all separate orders of celestial beings, they maintain their own headquarters on Uversa, and like the other Trinity-embraced sons, their reserves on Uversa act as the central directing body of their order in Orvonton.

3 Those High in Authority are administrators without limitation. They are the everywhere-present and always-efficient executives of the Ancients of Days. They serve on any sphere, on any inhabited world, and in any phase of activity in any of the seven superuniverses.

4 Having superb administrative wisdom and unusual executive skill, these brilliant beings assume to present the cause of justice in behalf of the superuniverse tribunals; they foster the execution of justice and the rectification of misadaptations in the evolutionary universes. Therefore, if you should ever be cited for errors of judgment while you are ascending the worlds and spheres of your ordained cosmic progression, it is hardly likely that you would suffer injustice since your prosecutors would be onetime ascendant creatures who are personally familiar with every step of the career you have

traversed and are traversing.

4. THOSE WITHOUT NAME AND NUMBER

1 Those without Name and Number constitute the third and last group of the Trinitized Sons of Attainment; they are the ascendant souls who have developed the ability to worship beyond the skill of all the sons and daughters of the evolutionary races from the worlds of time and space. They have acquired a spiritual concept of the eternal purpose of the Universal Father which comparatively transcends the comprehension of the evolutionary creatures of name or num-

ber; therefore are they denominated Those without Name and Number. More strictly translated, their name would be "Those *above* Name and Number."

2 This order of sons is embraced by the Paradise Trinity in groups of 7,000. There are of record on Uversa over 100,000,000 of these sons commissioned in Orvonton.

3 Since Those without Name and Number are the superior spiritual minds of the survival races, they are especially qualified to sit in judgment and to render opinions when a spiritual viewpoint is desirable, and when

experience in the ascendant career is essential to an adequate comprehension of the questions involved in the problem to be adjudicated. They are the supreme jurors of Orvonton. A maladministered jury system may be more or less of a travesty of justice on some worlds, but on Uversa and its extension tribunals we employ the highest type of evolved spiritual mentality as juror-judges. Adjudication is the highest function of any government, and those who are entrusted with verdict rendering should be chosen from the highest and most noble types of the most experienced and understand-

ing individuals.

4 §§ The selection of candidates for the trinitization classes of Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and Number is inherent and automatic. The selective techniques of Paradise are not in any sense arbitrary. Personal experience and spiritual values determine the personnel of the Trinitized Sons of Attainment. Such beings are equal in authority and uniform in administrative status, but they all possess individuality and diverse characters; they are not standardized beings. All are characteristically different, depending

on the differentials of their ascendant careers.

5 In addition to these experiential qualifications, the Trinitized Sons of Attainment have been trinitized in the divine embrace of the Paradise Deities. Consequently they function as the coordinate associates of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, for the Trinity embrace does seem to precipitate out of the stream of future time many of the unrealized potentials of creature beings. But this is true concerning only that which pertains to the present universe age.

6 This group of sons is chiefly, but

not wholly, concerned with the services of the ascendant career of the time-space mortals. If the viewpoint of a mortal creature is ever in doubt, the question is settled by appeal to an ascendant commission consisting of a Mighty Messenger, One High in Authority, and One without Name and Number.

7 You mortals who read this message may yourselves ascend to Paradise, attain the Trinity embrace, and in remote future ages be attached to the service of the Ancients of Days in one of the seven superuniverses, and sometime be assigned to enlarge the revela-

tion of truth to some evolving inhabited planet, even as I am now functioning on Urantia.

5. THE TRINITIZED CUSTODIANS

1 The Trinitized Custodians are Trinitized Sons of Selection. Not only do your races and other mortals of survival value traverse Havona, attain Paradise, and sometimes find themselves destined to superuniverse service with the Stationary Sons of the Trinity, but your faithful seraphic guardians and your equally faithful midway associates may also become candidates for the same Trinity recognition and

superb personality destiny.

2 Trinitized Custodians are ascendant seraphim and translated midway creatures who have passed through Havona and have attained Paradise and the Corps of the Finality. Subsequently they were embraced by the Paradise Trinity and were assigned to the service of the Ancients of Days.

3 The candidates for the Trinity embrace from among the ascendant seraphim are accorded this recognition because of their valiant co-operation with some ascendant mortal who attained the Corps of the Finality and was subsequently trinitized. My own

seraphic guardian of the mortal career went through with me, was later trinitized, and now is attached to the Uversa government as a Trinitized Custodian.

4 And so with the midway creatures; many are translated and achieve Paradise and, along with the seraphim and for the same reasons, are Trinity embraced and commissioned as Custodians in the superuniverses.

5 The Trinitized Custodians are embraced by the Paradise Trinity in groups of 70,000, and one seventh of each group is assigned to a superuniverse. There are now in the service

of Orvonton slightly over 10,000,000 of these trusted and high Custodians. They serve on Uversa and on the major and minor headquarters spheres. In their labours they are assisted by a corps of several billion seconaphim and other able superuniverse personalities.

6 The Trinitized Custodians start out their careers as custodians, and they continue as such in the affairs of the supergovernments. In a way, they are officers of their superuniverse governments, but they do not deal with individuals, as do the Celestial Guardians. The Trinitized Custodians ad-

minister group affairs and foster collective projects. They are the custodians of records, plans, and institutions; they act as the trustees of undertakings, personality groups, ascendant projects, morontia plans, universe projections, and innumerable other enterprises.

6. THE TRINITIZED AMBASSADORS

1 Trinitized Ambassadors are the second order of the Trinitized Sons of Selection and like their associates, the Custodians, are recruited from two types of ascendant creatures. Not all ascending mortals are Adjuster or Fa-

ther fused; some are Spirit fused, some are Son fused. Certain of these Spirit- and Son-fused mortals reach Havona and attain Paradise. From among these Paradise ascenders, candidates are selected for the Trinity embrace, and from time to time they are trinitized in classes of 7,000. They are then commissioned in the superuniverses as Trinitized Ambassadors of the Ancients of Days. Almost 500,000,000 are registered on Uversa.

2 Trinitized Ambassadors are selected for the Trinity embrace upon the advices of their Havona teachers. They represent the superior minds of

their respective groups and are, therefore, best qualified to assist the superuniverse rulers in understanding and in administering the interests of those worlds from which the Spirit-fused mortals hail. The Son-fused Ambassadors are of great assistance in our dealings with problems involving the Son-fused order of personality.

3 Trinitized Ambassadors are the emissaries of the Ancients of Days for any and all purposes, to any and all worlds or universes within the superuniverse of their assignment. They render particular and important services on the headquarters of the minor sec-

tors, and they perform the numberless miscellaneous assignments of a superuniverse. They are the emergency or reserve corps of the Trinitized Sons of the supergovernments, and they are therefore available for a great range of duties. They engage in thousands upon thousands of undertakings in superuniverse affairs which it is impossible to portray to human minds since there is nothing transpiring on Urantia that is in any way analogous to these activities.

7. TECHNIQUE OF TRINITIZATION

1 I cannot fully unfold to the ma-

terial mind the experience of the supreme creative performance of perfect and perfected spiritual beings — the act of trinitization. The techniques of trinitization are among the secrets of Vicegerington and Solitarington and are revealable to, and understandable by, none save those who have passed through these unique experiences. Therefore is it beyond the possibility of any being successfully to portray to the human mind the nature and purport of this extraordinary transaction.

2 Aside from the Deities, only Paradise-Havona personalities and certain

members of each of the finaliter corps engage in trinitization. Under specialized conditions of Paradise perfection, these superb beings may embark upon the unique adventure of concept-identity, and they are many times successful in the production of a new being, a creature-trinitized son.

3 The glorified creatures who engage in such adventures of trinitization may participate in only one such experience, whereas with the Paradise Deities there seems to be no limit to the continued enactment of trinitization episodes. Deity seems to be limited in just one respect: There

can be only one Original and Infinite Spirit, only one infinite executive of the united will of the Father-Son.

4 The ascendant Adjuster-fused mortal finaliters who have attained certain levels of Paradise culture and spiritual development are among those who can essay to trinitize a creature being. Mortal-finaliter companies, when stationed on Paradise, are granted a recess every millennium of Havona time. There are seven different ways such finaliters may elect to spend this duty-free period, and one of these is, in association with some fellow finaliter or some Paradise-Havona personality,

to attempt the enactment of creature trinitization.

5 If two mortal finaliters, on going before the Architects of the Master Universe, demonstrate that they have independently chosen an identical concept for trinitization, the Architects are empowered, on their own discretion, to promulgate mandates permitting these glorified mortal ascenders to extend their recess and to remove themselves for a time to the trinitizing sector of the Paradise Citizens. At the end of this assigned retreat, if they report that they have singly and jointly elected to make the

paradisiacal effort to spiritualize, idealize, and actualize a selected and original concept which has not theretofore been trinitized, then does Master Spirit Number Seven issue orders authorizing such an extraordinary undertaking.

6 Unbelievably long periods of time are sometimes consumed in these adventures; an age seems to pass before these faithful and determined one-time mortals — and sometimes Paradise-Havona personalities — finally achieve their goal, really succeed in bringing their chosen concept of universal truth into actual being. And not

always do these devoted couples meet with success; many times they fail, and that through no discoverable error on their part. Candidates for trinitization who thus fail are admitted to a special group of finaliters who are designated as beings who have made the supreme effort and sustained the supreme disappointment. When the Paradise Deities unite to trinitize, they always succeed, but not so with a homogeneous pair of creatures, the attempted union of two members of the same order of being.

7 §§ When a new and original being is trinitized by the Gods, the di-

vine parents are in deity potential unchanged; but when exalted creature beings enact such a creative episode, one of the contracting and participating individuals undergoes a unique personality modification. The two ancestors of a creature-trinitized son become in a certain sense spiritually as one. We believe that this status of biunification of certain spiritual phases of personality will probably prevail until such time as the Supreme Being shall have attained full and completed manifestation of personality in the grand universe.

8 Simultaneously with the appear-

ance of a new creature-trinitized son, there occurs this functional spiritual union of the two ancestors; the two trinitizing parents become one on the ultimate functional level. No created being in the universe can fully explain this amazing phenomenon; it is a near-divine experience. When the Father and the Son united to eternalize the Infinite Spirit, upon the accomplishment of their purpose they immediately became as one and ever since have been one. And while the trinitization union of two creatures is on the order of the infinite scope of the perfect Deity union of the Universal Fa-

ther and the Eternal Son, the repercussions of creature trinitization are not eternal in nature; they will terminate upon the completed factualization of the experiential Deities.

9 While these parents of creature-trinitized sons become as one in their universe assignments, they continue to be reckoned as two personalities in the make-up and roll calls of the Corps of the Finality and of the Architects of the Master Universe. During the current universe age, all trinitization-united parents are inseparable in assignment and function; where one goes the other goes, what one does

the other does. If parental bi-unification involves a mortal (or other) finaliter and a Paradise-Havona personality, the united parental beings function neither with the Paradisers, Havoners, nor finaliters. Such mixed unions forgather in a special corps made up of similar beings. And in all trinitization unions, mixed or otherwise, the parental beings are conscious of, and can communicate with, each other, and they can perform duties that neither could have previously discharged.

10 §§ The Seven Master Spirits have authority to sanction the trinitizing

union of finaliters and Paradise-Havona personalities, and such mixed liaisons are always successful. The resultant magnificent creature-trinitized sons are representative of concepts unsuited to the comprehension of either the eternal creatures of Paradise or the time creatures of space; hence they become the wards of the Architects of the Master Universe. These trinitized sons of destiny embody ideas, ideals, and *experience* which apparently pertain to a future universe age and are therefore of no immediate practical value to either the super- or central universe administrations.

These unique sons of the children of time and the citizens of eternity are all held in reserve on Vicegerington, where they are engaged in the study of the concepts of time and the realities of eternity in a special sector of the sphere occupied by the secret colleges of the corps of the Creator Sons.

11 §§ The Supreme Being is the unification of three phases of Deity reality: God the Supreme, the spiritual unification of certain finite aspects of the Paradise Trinity; the Almighty Supreme, the power unification of the grand universe Creators; and the Supreme Mind, the individual contribu-

tion of the Third Source and Centre and his co-ordinates to the reality of the Supreme Being. In their trinitization adventures the superb creatures of the central universe and Paradise are engaged in a threefold exploration of the Deity of the Supreme which results in the production of three orders of creature-trinitized sons:

12 1. *Ascender-trinitized Sons.* In their creative efforts the finaliters are attempting to trinitize certain conceptual realities of the Almighty Supreme which they have experientially acquired in their ascension through time and space to Paradise.

13 2. *Paradise-Havona-trinitized Sons* The creative efforts of the Paradise Citizens and the Havoners result in the trinitization of certain high spiritual aspects of the Supreme Being which they have experientially acquired on a supersupreme background bordering on the Ultimate and the Eternal.

14 3. *Trinitized Sons of Destiny.* But when a finaliter and a Paradise-Havoner together trinitize a new creature, this conjoint effort repercusses in certain phases of the Supreme-Ultimate Mind. The resulting creature-trinitized sons are supercreational; they

represent actualities of Supreme-Ultimate Deity which have not been otherwise experientially attained, and which, therefore, automatically fall within the province of the Architects of the Master Universe, custodians of those things which transcend the creational limits of the present universe age. The trinitized sons of destiny embody certain aspects of the unrevealed master universe function of the Supreme-Ultimate. We do not know a great deal about these conjoint children of time and eternity, but we know much more than we are permitted to

reveal.

8. THE CREATURE-TRINITIZED SONS

1 In addition to the creature-trinitized sons considered in this narrative, there are numerous unrevealed orders of creature-trinitized beings — the diverse progeny of the multiple liaisons of seven finaliter corps and Paradise-Havona personalities. But all these creature-trinitized beings, revealed and unrevealed, are endowed with personality by the Universal Father.

2 §§ When new ascender-trinitized

and Paradise-Havona-trinitized sons are young and untrained, they are usually dispatched for long periods of service on the seven Paradise spheres of the Infinite Spirit, where they serve under the tutelage of the Seven Supreme Executives. Subsequently they may be adopted for further training in the local universes by the Trinity Teacher Sons.

3 These adopted sons of high and glorified creature origin are the apprentices, student helpers, of the Teacher Sons, and as regards classification they are often temporarily numbered with these Sons. They may and

do execute many noble assignments in self-denial in behalf of their chosen realms of service.

4 The Teacher Sons in the local universes may nominate their creature-trinitized wards for embrace by the Paradise Trinity. Emerging from this embrace as Trinitized Sons of Perfection, they enter the service of the Ancients of Days in the seven superuniverses, that being the present known destiny of this unique group of twice-trinitized beings.

5 Not all creature-trinitized sons are Trinity embraced; many become the associates and ambassadors of the

Seven Master Spirits of Paradise, of the Reflective Spirits of the superuniverses, and of the Mother Spirits of the local creations. Others may accept special assignments on the eternal Isle. Still others may enter the special services on the secret worlds of the Father and on the Paradise spheres of the Spirit. Eventually many find their way into the conjoint corps of the Trinitized Sons on the inner circuit of Havona.

6 Excepting the Trinitized Sons of Perfection and those who are forgathering on Vicegerington, the supreme destiny of all creature-trinitized sons

appears to be entrance into the Corps of Trinitized Finaliters, one of the seven Paradise Corps of the Finality.

9. THE CELESTIAL GUARDIANS

1 Creature-trinitized sons are embraced by the Paradise Trinity in classes of 7,000. These trinitized offspring of perfected humans and of Paradise-Havona personalities are all equally embraced by the Deities, but they are assigned to the superuniverses in accordance with the advice of their former instructors, the Trinity Teacher Sons. Those of more acceptable service are commissioned High

Son Assistants; those of less distinguished performance are designated Celestial Guardians.

2 When these unique beings have been Trinity embraced, they become valuable adjuncts to the superuniverse governments. They are versed in the affairs of the ascendant career, not by personal ascension, but as a result of their service with the Trinity Teacher Sons on the worlds of space.

3 §§ Almost one billion Celestial Guardians have been commissioned in Orvonton. They are chiefly assigned to the administrations of the Perfections of Days on the headquar-

ters of the major sectors and are ably assisted by a corps of ascendant Sonfused mortals.

4 The Celestial Guardians are the officers of the courts of the Ancients of Days, functioning as court messengers and as bearers of the summonses and decisions of the various tribunals of the superuniverse governments. They are the apprehending agents of the Ancients of Days; they go forth from Uversa to bring back beings whose presence is required before the superuniverse judges; they execute the mandates for the detention of any personality in the superuniverse. They also

accompany Spirit-fused mortals of the local universes when, for any reason, their presence is required on Uversa.

5 §§ The Celestial Guardians and their associates, the High Son Assistants, have never been indwelt by Adjusters. Neither are they Spirit nor Son fused. The embrace of the Paradise Trinity does, however, compensate for the nonfused status of the Trinitized Sons of Perfection. The Trinity embrace may act solely upon the idea which is personified in a creature-trinitized son, leaving the embraced son otherwise unchanged, but such a limitation occurs only when so planned.

6 These twice-trinitized sons are marvellous beings, but they are neither as versatile nor dependable as their ascendant associates; they lack that tremendous and profound personal experience which the rest of the sons belonging to this group have acquired by actually climbing up to glory from the dark domains of space. We of the ascendant career love them and do all in our power to compensate their deficiencies, but they make us ever grateful for our lowly origin and our capacity for experience. Their willingness to recognize and acknowledge their deficiencies in the experiencible realities

of universe ascension is transcendently beautiful and sometimes most touchingly pathetic.

7 Trinitized Sons of Perfection are limited in contrast to other Trinity-embraced sons because their experiential capacity is time-space inhibited. They are experience-deficient, despite long training with the Supreme Executives and the Teacher Sons, and if this were not the case, experiential saturation would preclude their being left in reserve for acquiring experience in a future universe age. There is simply nothing in all universal existence which can take the place of actual per-

sonal experience, and these creature-trinitized sons are held in reserve for experiential function in some future universe epoch.

8 On the mansion worlds I have often seen these dignified officers of the high courts of the superuniverse look so longingly and appealingly at even the recent arrivals from the evolutionary worlds of space that one could not help realizing that these possessors of nonexperiential trinitization really envied their supposedly less fortunate brethren who ascend the universal path by steps of bona fide experience and actual living. Notwith-

standing their handicaps and limitations they are a wonderfully useful and ever-willing corps of workers when it comes to the execution of the complex administrative plans of the superuniverse governments.

10. HIGH SON ASSISTANTS

1 The High Son Assistants are the superior group of the retrinitized trinitized sons of glorified ascendant beings of the Mortal Corps of the Finality and of their eternal associates, the Paradise-Havona personalities. They are assigned to the superuniverse service and function as personal aids to

the high sons of the governments of the Ancients of Days. They might fittingly be denominated private secretaries. They act, from time to time, as clerks for special commissions and other group associations of the high sons. They serve Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counsellors, Universal Censors, Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and Number.

2 §§ If, in discussing the Celestial Guardians, I have seemed to call attention to the limitations and handicaps of these twice-trinitized sons, let me now, in all fairness, call attention

to their one point of great strength, the attribute which makes them almost invaluable to us. These beings owe their very existence to the fact that they are the personification of a single and supreme concept. They are the personality embodiment of some divine idea, some universal ideal, as it has never before been conceived, expressed, or trinitized. And they have subsequently been Trinity embraced; thus they show forth and actually embody the very wisdom of the divine Trinity as concerns the idea-ideal of their personality existence. As far as that particular concept is revealable to

the universes, these personalities embody all of everything that any creature or Creator intelligence could possibly conceive, express, or exemplify. *They are that idea personified.*

3 Can you not see that such living concentrations of a single supreme concept of universe reality would be of untold service to those who are entrusted with the administration of the superuniverses?

4 §§ Not long since I was directed to head a commission of six — one of each of the high sons — assigned to the study of three problems pertaining to a group of new universes

in the south parts of Orvonton. I was made acutely aware of the value of the High Son Assistants when I made requisition on the chief of their order on Uversa for temporary assignment of such secretaries to my commission. The first of our ideas was represented by a High Son Assistant on Uversa, who was forthwith attached to our group. Our second problem was embodied in a High Son Assistant assigned to superuniverse number three. We secured much help from this source through the central universe clearinghouse for the co-ordination and dissemination of essential

knowledge, but nothing comparable to the assistance afforded by the actual presence of a personality who *is* a concept creature-trinitized in supremacy and Deity-trinitized in finality. Concerning our third problem, the records of Paradise disclosed that such an idea had never been creature trinitized.

5 §§ High Son Assistants are unique and original personalizations of tremendous concepts and stupendous ideals. And as such they are able to impart inexpressible illumination to our deliberations from time to time. When I am acting on some remote assignment out in the universes of space, think

what it means, by way of assistance, if I am so fortunate as to have attached to my mission a High Son Assistant who is the fullness of divine concept regarding the very problem I have been sent to attack and solve; and I have repeatedly had this very experience. The only difficulty with this plan is that no superuniverse can have a complete edition of these trinitized ideas; we only get one seventh of these beings; so it is only about one time in seven that we enjoy the personal association of these beings even when the records indicate that the idea has been trinitized.

6 We could use to great advantage

much larger numbers of these beings on Uversa. Because of their value to the superuniverse administrations, we, in every way possible, encourage the pilgrims of space and also the residents of Paradise to attempt trinitization after they have contributed to one another those experiential realities which are essential to the enactment of such creative adventures.

7 §§ We now have in our superuniverse about one and a quarter million High Son Assistants, and they serve on both the major and minor sectors, even as they function on Uversa. They very often accompany us on our

assignments to the remote universes. High Son Assistants are not permanently assigned to any Son or to any commission. They are in constant circulation, serving where the idea or ideal which they *are* can best further the eternal purposes of the Paradise Trinity, whose sons they have become.

8 They are touchingly affectionate, superbly loyal, exquisitely intelligent, supremely wise — regarding a single idea — and transcendently humble. While they can impart to you the lore of the universe concerning their one idea or ideal, it is well-nigh pathetic to observe them seeking knowledge and

information on hosts of other subjects, even from the ascending mortals.

9 §§ And this is the narrative of the origin, nature, and functioning of certain of those who are called the Trinitized Sons of God, more particularly of those who have passed through the divine embrace of the Paradise Trinity, and who have then been assigned to the services of the superuniverses, there to give wise and understanding co-operation with the administrators of the Ancients of Days in their untiring efforts to facilitate the inward progress of the ascending mortals of

time toward their immediate Havona destination and their eventual Paradise goal.

10 [Narrated by a Mighty Messenger of the revelatory corps of Orvonton.]

PAPER 23

THE SOLITARY MESSENGERS

Divine Counsellor

Solitary Messengers are the personal and universal corps of the Conjoint Creator; they are the first and senior order of the Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit. They represent the initial creative action of the Infinite Spirit in solitary function for the purpose of bringing into existence solitary personality spirits. Neither the Father nor the

Son directly participated in this stupendous spiritualization.

2 These spirit messengers were personalized in a single creative episode, and their number is stationary. Although I have one of these extraordinary beings associated with me on this present mission, I do not know how many such personalities exist in the universe of universes. I only know, from time to time, how many are of registry-record as functioning for the time being within the jurisdiction of our superuniverse. From the last Uversa report I observe that there were almost 7,690 trillion Solitary Messen-

gers then operating within the boundaries of Orvonton; and I conjecture that this is considerably less than one seventh of their total number.

1. NATURE AND ORIGIN OF SOLITARY MESSENGERS

1 Immediately following the creation of the Seven Spirits of the Havona Circuits the Infinite Spirit brought into being the vast corps of Solitary Messengers. There is no part of the universal creation which is preexistent to the Solitary Messengers except Paradise and the Havona circuits; they have functioned throughout the grand universe from near eter-

nity. They are fundamental to the divine technique of the Infinite Spirit for self-revelation to, and personal contact with, the far-flung creations of time and space.

2 Notwithstanding that these messengers are existent from the near times of eternity, they are all aware of a beginning of selfhood. They are conscious of time, being the first of the creation of the Infinite Spirit to possess such a time consciousness. They are the first-born creatures of the Infinite Spirit to be personalized in time and spiritualized in space.

3 These solitary spirits came forth in

the dawn of time as full-fledged and perfectly endowed spirit beings. They are all equal, and there are no classes or subdivisions founded on personal variation. Their classifications are based wholly on the type of work to which they are assigned from time to time.

4 Mortals start out as well-nigh material beings on the worlds of space and ascend inward towards the Great Centres; these solitary spirits start out at the centre of all things and crave assignment to the remote creations, even to the individual worlds of the outermost local universes and even on

beyond.

5 Though denominated Solitary Messengers, they are not lonesome spirits, for they truly like to work alone. They are the only beings in all creation who can and do enjoy a solitary existence, albeit they equally enjoy association with the very few orders of universe intelligence with whom they can fraternize.

6 §§ Solitary Messengers are not isolated in their service; they are constantly in touch with the wealth of the intellect of all creation as they are capable of "listening in" on all the broadcasts of the realms of their so-

journ. They can also intercommunicate with members of their own immediate corps, those beings doing the same kind of work in the same superuniverse. They could communicate with others of their number, but they have been directed by the council of the Seven Master Spirits not to do so, and they are a loyal group; they do not disobey or default. There is no record that a Solitary Messenger ever stumbled into darkness.

7 The Solitary Messengers, like the Universe Power Directors, are among the very few types of beings operating throughout the realms who are ex-

empt from apprehension or detention by the tribunals of time and space. They could be cited to appear before no one except the Seven Master Spirits, but not in all the annals of the master universe has this Paradise council ever been called upon to adjudicate the case of a Solitary Messenger.

8 These messengers of solitary assignment are a dependable, self-reliant, versatile, thoroughly spiritual, and broadly sympathetic group of created beings derived from the Third Source and Centre; they operate by the authority of the Infinite Spirit resident on the central Isle of Paradise and

as personalized on the headquarters spheres of the local universes. They are constant partakers of the direct circuit emanating from the Infinite Spirit, even when they function in the local creations under the immediate influence of the local universe Mother Spirits.

9 §§ There is a technical reason why these Solitary Messengers must travel and work alone. For short periods and when stationary, they can collaborate in a group, but when thus ensembled, they are altogether cut off from the sustenance and direction of their Paradise circuit; they are wholly iso-

lated. When in transit, or when operating in the circuits of space and the currents of time, if two or more of this order are in close proximity, both or all are thrown out of liaison with the higher circulating forces. They are "short circuited" as you might describe it in illustrative symbols. Therefore they have inherent within them a power of automatic alarm, a warning signal, which unerringly operates to apprise them of approaching conflicts and unfailingly keeps them sufficiently separated as not to interfere with their proper and effective functioning. They also possess inherent

and automatic powers which detect and indicate the proximity of both the Inspired Trinity Spirits and the divine Thought Adjusters.

10 §§ These messengers possess no power of personality extension or reproduction, but there is practically no work of the universes in which they cannot engage, and to which they cannot contribute something essential and helpful. Especially are they the great timesavers for those who are concerned in the administration of universe affairs; and they assist us all,

from the highest to the lowest.

2. ASSIGNMENTS OF SOLITARY MESSENGERS

1 Solitary Messengers are not permanently attached to any individual or group of celestial personalities. They are on duty, always by assignment, and during such service they work under the immediate supervision of those who direct the realms of their attachment. Among themselves they have neither organization nor government of any kind; they are *Solitary* Messengers.

2 §§ Solitary Messengers are assigned by the Infinite Spirit to the following

seven divisions of service:

3 1. Messengers of the Paradise Trinity.

4 2. Messengers of the Havona Circuits.

5 3. Messengers of the Superuniverses.

6 4. Messengers of the Local Universes.

7 5. Explorers of Undirected Assignment.

8 6. Ambassadors and Emissaries of Special Assignment.

9 7. Revelators of Truth.

10 §§ These spirit messengers are in every sense interchangeable from one

type of service to another; such transfers are constantly taking place. There are no separate orders of Solitary Messengers; they are spiritually alike and in every sense equal. While they are generally designated by number, they are known to the Infinite Spirit by personal names. They are known to the rest of us by the name or number designative of their current assignment.

11 1. *Messengers of the Paradise Trinity.* I am not permitted to reveal much of the work of the group of messengers assigned to the Trinity. They are the trusted and secret servants of the Deities, and when entrusted with spe-

cial messages which involve the unrevealed policies and future conduct of the Gods, they have never been known to divulge a secret or betray the confidence reposed in their order. And all this is related in this connection, not to appear boastful of their perfection, but rather to point out that the Deities can and do create *perfect beings.*

12 The confusion and turmoil of Urantia do not signify that the Paradise Rulers lack either interest or ability to manage affairs differently. The Creators are possessed of full power to make Urantia a veritable paradise, but such an Eden would not contribute to

the development of those strong, noble, and experienced characters which the Gods are so surely forging out on your world between the anvils of necessity and the hammers of anguish. Your anxieties and sorrows, your trials and disappointments, are just as much a part of the divine plan on your sphere as are the exquisite perfection and infinite adaptation of all things to their supreme purpose on the worlds of the central and perfect universe.

13 2. *Messengers of the Havona Circuits.* Throughout the ascendant career you will be vaguely, but increasingly, able to detect the presence of the

Solitary Messengers, but not until you reach Havona will you recognize them unmistakably. The first of the messengers you will see face to face will be those of the Havona circuits.

14 Solitary Messengers enjoy special relations with the natives of the Havona worlds. These messengers, who are so functionally handicapped when associating with one another, can and do have a very close and personal communion with the Havona natives. But it is quite impossible to convey to human minds the supreme satisfactions consequent upon the contact of the minds of these divinely perfect beings

with the spirits of such near-transcendent personalities.

15 3. *Messengers of the Superuniverses.* The Ancients of Days, those personalities of Trinity origin who preside over the destinies of the seven superuniverses, those trios of divine power and administrative wisdom, are bountifully supplied with Solitary Messengers. It is only through this order of messengers that the triune rulers of one superuniverse can directly and personally communicate with the rulers of another. Solitary Messengers are the only available type of spirit intelligence — aside, possibly,

from the Inspired Trinity Spirits — that can be dispatched from the headquarters of one superuniverse directly to the headquarters of another. All other personalities must make such excursions by way of Havona and the executive worlds of the Master Spirits.

16 There are some kinds of information which cannot be obtained either by Gravity Messengers, reflectivity, or broadcast. And when the Ancients of Days would certainly know these things, they must dispatch a Solitary Messenger to the source of knowledge. Long before the presence of life on Urantia the messenger now associated

with me was assigned on a mission out of Uversa to the central universe — was absent from the roll calls of Orvonton for almost a million years but returned in due time with the desired information.

17 There is no limitation upon the service of Solitary Messengers in the superuniverses; they may function as executioners of the high tribunals or as intelligence gatherers for the good of the realm. Of all the supercreations they most delight to serve in Orvonton because here the need is greatest and the opportunities for heroic effort are greatly multiplied. In the more

needy realms we all enjoy the satisfaction of a more replete function.

18 4. *Messengers of the Local Universes.* In the services of a local universe there is no limit upon the functioning of the Solitary Messengers. They are the faithful revealers of the motives and intent of the local universe Mother Spirit, although they are under the full jurisdiction of the reigning Master Son. And this is true of all messengers operating in a local universe, whether they are travelling out directly from universe headquarters, or whether they are acting temporarily in liaison with Constellation Fa-

thers, System Sovereigns, or Planetary Princes. Before the concentration of all power in the hands of a Creator Son at the time of his elevation as sovereign ruler of his universe, these messengers of the local universes function under the general direction of the Ancients of Days and are immediately responsible to their resident representative, the Union of Days.

19 5. *Explorers of Undirected Assignment.* When the reserve corps of the Solitary Messengers is overrecruited, there issues from one of the Seven Supreme Power Directors a call for exploration volunteers; and there is

never a lack of volunteers, for they delight to be dispatched as free and untrammelled explorers, to experience the thrill of finding the organizing nucleuses of new worlds and universes.

20 They go forth to investigate the clues furnished by the space contemplators of the realms. Undoubtedly the Paradise Deities know of the existence of these undiscovered energy systems of space, but they never divulge such information. If the Solitary Messengers did not explore and chart these newly organizing energy centres, such phenomena would long remain unnoticed even by the intel-

ligences of adjacent realms. Solitary Messengers, as a class, are highly sensitive to gravity; accordingly they can sometimes detect the probable presence of very small dark planets, the very worlds which are best adapted to life experiments.

21 These messenger-explorers of undirected assignment patrol the master universe. They are constantly out on exploring expeditions to the uncharted regions of all outer space. Very much of the information which we possess of transactions in the realms of outer space, we owe to the explorations of the Solitary Messengers as

they often work and study with the celestial astronomers.

22 6. *Ambassadors and Emissaries of Special Assignment.* Local universes situated within the same superuniverse customarily exchange ambassadors selected from their native orders of sonship. But to avoid delay, Solitary Messengers are frequently asked to go as ambassadors from one local creation to another, to represent and interpret one realm to another. For example: When a newly inhabited realm is discovered, it may prove to be so remote in space that a long time will pass before an enseraphimed ambassador can

reach this far-distant universe. An enseraphimed being cannot possibly exceed the velocity of 899,366 Urantia kilometres in one second of your time. Massive stars, crosscurrents, and detours, as well as attraction tangents, will all tend to retard such speed so that on a long journey the velocity will average about 885,139 km/s.

23 When it develops that it will require hundreds of years for a native ambassador to reach a far-distant local universe, a Solitary Messenger is often asked to proceed there immediately to act as ambassador ad interim. Solitary Messengers can go in very short order,

not independently of time and space as do the Gravity Messengers, but nearly so. They also serve in other circumstances as emissaries of special assignment.

24 7. *Revelators of Truth.* The Solitary Messengers regard the assignment to reveal truth as the highest trust of their order. And they function ever and anon in this capacity, from the superuniverses to the individual planets of space. They are frequently attached to commissions which are sent to enlarge the revelation of truth

to the worlds and systems.

3. TIME AND SPACE SERVICES OF SOLITARY MESSENGERS

1 The Solitary Messengers are the highest type of perfect and confidential personality available in all realms for the quick transmission of important and urgent messages when it is inexpedient to utilize either the broadcast service or the reflectivity mechanism. They serve in an endless variety of assignments, helping out the spiritual and material beings of the realms, particularly where the element of time is involved. Of all orders as-

signed to the services of the superuniverse domains, they are the highest and most versatile personalized beings who can come so near to defying time and space.

2 §§ The universe is well supplied with spirits who utilize gravity for purposes of transit; they can go anywhere any time — instanter — but they are not persons. Certain other gravity traversers are personal beings, such as Gravity Messengers and Transcendental Recorders, but they are not available to the super- and the local universe administrators. The worlds teem with angels and men and other highly

personal beings, but they are handicapped by time and space: The limit of velocity for most nonenseraphimed beings is 299,789 kilometres of your world per second of your time[1]; the midway creatures and certain others can, often do, attain double velocity — 599,577 km/s — while the seraphim and others can traverse space at triple velocity, about 899,367 km/s[2].

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[1] Note that the speed of light is *exactly* 299,792,458 m/s. The original American text says "186,280 miles of your world per second of your time", which is somewhat lower than the value 299,796±4 km/s measured in 1926 by Albert Michelson.

[2] The mathematical details of a possibility of travelling faster than the speed of light is suggested by in-

terpreting the fifth dimension of Kaluza's "unified field theory of gravitation and electromagnetism" as *proper time* τ and the momentum conjugated to it (the total phase space being the cotangent bundle over a 5-dimensional Lorentzian manifold $\mathcal{M}$ of signature $(-,+,+,+,+)$) as *rest mass* m: $x^\mu = (t, \mathbf{r}, \tau), p_\mu = (E, \mathbf{p}, m)$, thus explicitly manifesting the geometric nature of rest mass (as opposed to it being an *inherent constant parameter*). Therefore, the ordinary 4-dimensional mass shell constraint $E^2 = \mathbf{p}^2 + m^2, g(p,p) + m^2 = 0$ appears as nothing but the restriction on all matter being supported on the "lightlike cone in 5-dimensions": $G(p,p) = 0$, where g and G are 4d and 5d metric tensors respectively. Thus, all energy is "lightlike" in 5 dimensions, but as this "lightlike energy" undergoes slowing down, it manifests itself (i.e. its projection to a 4-dimensional spacetime submanifold) as a normal "massive material energy". In such interpretation of Kaluza's fifth dimension there is

no need whatsoever for Klein's constraint of S^1-compactification thereof. Moreover, it is easily seen that the modern offshoots of Kaluza-Klein model (superstring theories, etc.), which impose such constraints are nothing more than the special cases of *monstrous* situations of energy somehow locked in a loop of time-perception. Our "normal" perception of time is linear (and has a topology of a closed interval $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}^1$) and no such compactification constraints are demanded. Note, further, that the velocity in the fifth dimension (as measured with respect to the coordinate time t) is extremely high for slow movements in purely spatial dimension: $d\tau/dt = \sqrt{1 - v^2}$. Hence, if we can imagine a surface capable of reflecting the momentum in τ-dimension (thus causing *dematerialization*, i.e. passing through the point $m = 0$ in the phase space) into one of the purely spatial dimensions (just like an ordinary elastic collision at an angle of 45° causes a reflection of, say p_x momentum

component into p_y), we would expect by the law of conservation of 5-momentum the corresponding spatial momentum to be likewise extremely high, even equal to that of light if the process begins from purely spatial rest ($\mathbf{p} = 0$). And, having crossed "the light barrier", there is then nothing peculiar about accelerating to an even higher speed, this being permitted even by such limited treatment of the material reality as Einstein's Special Relativity theory in four dimensions. The surface itself would have to be immovable in (coordinate) time, such as the Isle of Paradise, which we are told is reachable from any point in space by moving inward, the Paradise itself remaining outside space and time. This implies that superluminal travel is possible from any point in space, but some sort of contact with the Isle of Paradise or other such "surface immovable in time" (or some other dematerialization technique) is required — and this is apparently facilitated by the transport seraphim.

There are, however, no transit or messenger personalities who function between the instantaneous velocities of the gravity traversers and the comparatively slow speeds of the seraphim, except the Solitary Messengers.

3 Solitary Messengers are, therefore, generally used for dispatch and service in those situations where personality is essential to the achievement of the assignment, and where it is desired to avoid the loss of time which would be occasioned by the sending of any other readily available type of personal messenger. They are the only definitely personalized beings

who can synchronize with the combined universal currents of the grand universe. Their velocity in traversing space is variable, depending on a great variety of interfering influences, but the record shows that on the journey to fulfil this mission my associate messenger proceeded at the rate of 1,354,458,739,823 km/s.

4 It is wholly beyond my ability to explain to the material type of mind how a spirit can be a real person and at the same time traverse space at such tremendous velocities. But these very Solitary Messengers actually come to, and go from, Urantia at these incom-

prehensible speeds; indeed, the whole economy of universal administration would be largely deprived of its personal element were this not a fact.

5 §§ The Solitary Messengers are able to function as emergency lines of communication throughout remote space regions, realms not embraced within the established circuits of the grand universe. It develops that one messenger, when so functioning, can transmit a message or send an impulse through space to a fellow messenger about 100 light-years away as Urantia astronomers estimate stellar distances.

6 Of the myriads of beings who co-

operate with us in the conduct of the affairs of the superuniverse, none are more important in practical helpfulness and timesaving assistance. In the universes of space we must reckon with the handicaps of time; hence the great service of the Solitary Messengers, who, by means of their personal prerogatives of communication, are somewhat independent of space and, by virtue of their tremendous transit velocities, are so nearly independent of time.

7 §§ I am at a loss to explain to Urantia mortals how the Solitary Messengers can be without form and yet pos-

sess real and definite personalities. Although they are without that form which would naturally be associated with personality, they do possess a spirit presence which is discernible by all higher types of spirit beings. The Solitary Messengers are the only class of beings who seem to be possessed of well-nigh all the advantages of a formless spirit coupled with all the prerogatives of a full-fledged personality. They are true persons, yet endowed with nearly all of the attributes of impersonal spirit manifestation.

8 In the seven superuniverses, ordinarily — but not always — every-

thing which tends to increase any creature's liberation from the handicaps of time and space proportionately diminishes personality prerogatives. Solitary Messengers are an exception to this general law. They are in their activities all but unrestricted in the utilization of any and all of the limitless avenues of spiritual expression, divine service, personal ministry, and cosmic communication. If you could view these extraordinary beings in the light of my experience in universe administration, you would comprehend how difficult it would be to co-ordinate superuniverse affairs were it not

for their versatile co-operation.

9 No matter how much the universe may enlarge, no more Solitary Messengers will probably ever be created. As the universes grow, the expanded work of administration must be increasingly borne by other types of spirit ministers and by those beings who take origin in these new creations, such as the creatures of the Sovereign Sons and the local universe Mother Spirits.

4. SPECIAL MINISTRY OF SOLITARY MESSENGERS

1 The Solitary Messengers seem to be personality co-ordinators for all

types of spirit beings. Their ministry helps to make all the personalities of the far-flung spiritual world akin. They contribute much to the development, in all spirit beings, of a consciousness of group identity. Every type of spirit being is served by special groups of Solitary Messengers who foster the ability of such beings to understand and fraternize with all other types and orders, however dissimilar.

2 The Solitary Messengers demonstrate such an amazing ability to coordinate all types and orders of finite personality — even to make contact

with the absonite regime of the master universe overcontrollers — that some of us postulate that the creation of these messengers by the Infinite Spirit is in some manner related to the Conjoint Actor's bestowal of Supreme-Ultimate Mind.

3 §§ When a finaliter and a Paradise Citizen co-operate in the trinitization of a "child of time and eternity" — a transaction involving the unrevealed mind potentials of the Supreme-Ultimate — and when such an unclassified personality is dispatched to Vicegerington, a Solitary Messenger (a conjectured personality reper-

cussion of the bestowal of such deity mind) is always assigned as guardian-companion to such a creature-trinitized son. This messenger accompanies the new son of destiny to the world of his assignment and nevermore leaves Vicegerington. When thus attached to the destinies of a child of time and eternity, a Solitary Messenger is forever transferred to the sole supervision of the Architects of the Master Universe. What the future of such an extraordinary association may be, we do not know. For ages these partnerships of unique personalities have continued to forgather on

Vicegerington, but not even a single pair has ever gone forth therefrom.

4 Solitary Messengers are of stationary numbers, but the trinitization of the sons of destiny is apparently an unlimited technique. Since each trinitized son of destiny has assigned to him a Solitary Messenger, it appears to us that at some time in the remote future the supply of messengers will become exhausted. Who will take up their work in the grand universe? Will their service be assumed by some new development among the Inspired Trinity Spirits? Is the grand universe at some remote period go-

ing to be more nearly administered by Trinity-origin beings while the single- and dual-origin creatures move on into the realms of outer space? If the messengers return to their former service, will these sons of destiny accompany them? Will the trinitizations between finaliters and Paradise-Havoners cease when the supply of Solitary Messengers has been absorbed as guardian-companions of these sons of destiny? Are all our efficient Solitary Messengers going to be concentrated on Vicegerington? Are these extraordinary spirit personalities going to be eternally associated with these

trinitized sons of unrevealed destiny? What significance should we attach to the fact that these couples forgathering on Vicegerington are under the exclusive direction of those mighty mystery beings, the Architects of the Master Universe? These and many similar questions we ask ourselves, and ask numerous other orders of celestial beings, but we do not know the answers.

5 §§ This transaction, together with many similar occurrences in universe administration, unmistakably indicates that the personnel of the grand universe, even that of Havona and Paradise, is undergoing a definite and cer-

tain reorganization in co-ordination with, and with reference to, the vast energy evolutions now taking place throughout the realms of outer space.

6 We incline to the belief that the eternal future will witness phenomena of universe evolution which will far transcend all that the eternal past has experienced. And we anticipate such tremendous adventures, even as you should, with keen relish and ever-heightening expectation.

7 [Presented by a Divine Counsellor from Uversa.]

PAPER 24

HIGHER PERSONALITIES OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT

Divine Counsellor

On Uversa we divide all personalities and entities of the Conjoint Creator into three grand divisions: the Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit, the Messenger Hosts of Space, and the Ministering Spirits of Time, those spirit beings who are concerned with teaching and ministering to the will creatures of the

ascendant scheme of mortal progression.

2 §§ Those Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit that find mention in these narratives function throughout the grand universe in seven divisions:

3 1. Solitary Messengers.

4 2. Universe Circuit Supervisors.

5 3. Census Directors.

6 4. Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit.

7 5. Associate Inspectors.

8 6. Assigned Sentinels.

9 7. Graduate Guides.

10 §§ Solitary Messengers, Circuit Supervisors, Census Directors, and the Personal Aids are characterized by the possession of tremendous endowments of antigravity. The Solitary Messengers are without known general headquarters; they roam the universe of universes. The Universe Circuit Supervisors and the Census Directors maintain headquarters on the capitals of the superuniverses. The Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit are stationed on the central Isle of Light. The Associate Inspectors and the Assigned Sentinels are respectively stationed on the capitals of the local

universes and on the capitals of their component systems. The Graduate Guides are resident in the Havona universe and function on all its billion worlds. Most of these higher personalities have stations in the local universes, but they are not organically attached to the administrations of the evolutionary realms.

11 Of the seven classes composing this group, only the Solitary Messengers and perhaps the Personal Aids range the universe of universes. Solitary Messengers are encountered from Paradise outward: through the Havona circuits to the superuniverse cap-

itals and thence out through the sectors and local universes, with their subdivisions, and even to the inhabited worlds. Although Solitary Messengers belong to the Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit, their origin, nature, and service have been discussed in the preceding paper.

1. THE UNIVERSE CIRCUIT SUPERVISORS

1 The vast power currents of space and the circuits of spirit energy may seem to operate automatically; they may appear to function without let or hindrance, but such is not the case. All these stupendous systems of energy

are under control; they are subject to intelligent supervision. Universe Circuit Supervisors are concerned, not with the realms of purely physical or material energy — the domain of the Universe Power Directors — but with the circuits of relative spiritual energy and with those modified circuits which are essential to the maintenance of both the highly developed spiritual beings and the morontia or transition type of intelligent creatures. The supervisors do not give origin to circuits of energy and superessence of divinity, but in general they have to do with all higher spirit circuits of time and

eternity and with all relative spirit circuits concerned in the administration of the component parts of the grand universe. They direct and manipulate all such spirit-energy circuits outside the Isle of Paradise.

2 §§ Universe Circuit Supervisors are the exclusive creation of the Infinite Spirit, and they function solely as the agents of the Conjoint Actor. They are personalized for service in the following four orders:

3 1. Supreme Circuit Supervisors.

4 2. Associate Circuit Supervisors.

5 3. Secondary Circuit Supervisors.

6 4. Tertiary Circuit Supervisors.

7 §§ The supreme supervisors of Havona and the associate supervisors of the seven superuniverses are of completed numbers; no more of these orders are being created. The supreme supervisors are seven in number and are stationed on the pilot worlds of the seven Havona circuits. The circuits of the seven superuniverses are in the charge of a marvellous group of seven associate supervisors, who maintain headquarters on the seven Paradise spheres of the Infinite Spirit, the

worlds of the Seven Supreme Executives. From here they supervise and direct the circuits of the superuniverses of space.

8 On these Paradise spheres of the Spirit the seven associate circuit supervisors and the first order of the Supreme Power Centres effect a liaison which, under the direction of the Supreme Executives, results in the sub-Paradise co-ordination of all material and spiritual circuits passing out to the seven superuniverses.

9 On the headquarters worlds of each superuniverse are stationed the secondary supervisors for the local

universes of time and space. The major and minor sectors are administrative divisions of the supergovernments but are not concerned in these matters of spirit-energy supervision. I do not know how many secondary circuit supervisors there are in the grand universe, but on Uversa there are 84,691 of these beings. Secondary supervisors are being created right along; from time to time they appear in groups of 70 on the worlds of the Supreme Executives. We obtain them on requisition as we arrange for the establishment of separate circuits of spirit energy and liaison power to the newly evolving uni-

verses of our jurisdiction.

10 A tertiary circuit supervisor functions on the headquarters world of every local universe. This order, like the secondary supervisors, is of continuous creation, being created in groups of 700. They are assigned to the local universes by the Ancients of Days.

11 Circuit supervisors are created for their specific tasks, and they eternally serve in the groups of their original assignment. They are not rotated in service and hence make an agelong study of the problems found in the realms of their original assignment. For example: Tertiary circuit supervisor num-

ber[1] 572,842 has functioned on Salvington since the early concept of your local universe, and he is a member of the personal staff of Michael of Nebadon.

12 §§ Whether acting in the local or higher universes, circuit supervisors direct all concerned as to the proper circuits to employ for the transmission of all spirit messages and for the transit of all personalities. In their work of circuit supervision these efficient beings utilize all agencies, forces, and personalities in the universe of

[1] In 1955 text "No." instead of "number".

universes. They employ the unrevealed "high spirit personalities of circuit control" and are ably assisted by numerous staffs composed of personalities of the Infinite Spirit. It is they who would isolate an evolutionary world if its Planetary Prince should rebel against the Universal Father and his vicegerent Son. They are able to throw any world out of certain universe circuits of the higher spiritual order, but they cannot annul the material currents of the power directors.

13 §§ The Universe Circuit Supervisors have something of the same relationship to spirit circuits that the Uni-

verse Power Directors have to material circuits. The two orders are complemental, together having the oversight of all spirit and all material circuits that are controllable and manipulatable by creatures.

14 The circuit supervisors exercise certain oversight of those mind circuits which are spirit associated much as the power directors have certain jurisdiction over those phases of mind which are physical-energy associated — mechanical mind. In general the functions of each order are expanded by liaison with the other, but the circuits of pure mind are subject to the

supervision of neither. Neither are the two orders co-ordinate; in all their manifold labours the Universe Circuit Supervisors are subject to the Seven Supreme Power Directors and their subordinates.

15 §§ While the circuit supervisors are entirely alike within their respective orders, they are all distinct individuals. They are truly personal beings, but they possess a type of other-than-Father-endowed personality not encountered in any other type of creature in all universal existence.

16 Although you will recognize and know them as you journey inward to-

wards Paradise, you will have no personal relations with them. They are circuit supervisors, and they attend strictly and efficiently to their business. They deal solely with those personalities and entities having the oversight of those activities which are concerned with the circuits subject to their supervision.

2. THE CENSUS DIRECTORS

1 Notwithstanding that the cosmic mind of the Universal Intelligence is cognizant of the presence and whereabouts of all *thinking* creatures, there is operative in the universe of univer-

ses an independent method of keeping count of all *will* creatures.

2 The Census Directors are a special and completed creation of the Infinite Spirit, and they exist in numbers unknown to us. They are so created as to be able to maintain perfect synchrony with the reflectivity technique of the superuniverses, while at the same time they are personally sensitive and responsive to intelligent *will*. These directors, by a not-fully-understood technique, are made immediately aware of the birth of will in any part of the grand universe. They are, therefore, always competent to give us

the number, nature, and whereabouts of all will creatures in any part of the central creation and the seven superuniverses. But they do not function on Paradise; there is no need for them there. On Paradise knowledge is inherent; the Deities know all things.

3 §§ Seven Census Directors operate in Havona, one being stationed on the pilot world of each Havona circuit. Excepting these seven and the reserves of the order on the Paradise worlds of the Spirit, all Census Directors function under the jurisdiction of the Ancients of Days.

4 One Census Director presides at

the headquarters of each superuniverse, while subject to such a chief director are thousands upon thousands, one on the capital of every local universe. All personalities of this order are equal excepting those on the Havona pilot worlds and the seven superuniverse chiefs.

5 In the seventh superuniverse there are 100,000 Census Directors. And this number consists entirely of those assignable to local universes; it does not include the personal staff of Usatia, the superuniverse chief of all Orvonton directors. Usatia, like the other superuniverse chiefs, is not di-

rectly attuned to the registration of intelligent will. He is solely attuned to his subordinates stationed in the Orvonton universes; thus he acts as a magnificent totalling personality for their reports coming in from the capitals of the local creations.

6 From time to time the official recorders of Uversa place on their records the status of the superuniverse as it is indicated by the registrations in and upon the personality of Usatia. Such census data is indigenous to the superuniverses; these reports are transmitted neither to Havona nor to Paradise.

7 §§ The Census Directors are concerned with human beings — as with other will creatures — only to the extent of recording the fact of will function. They are not concerned with the records of your life and its doings; they are not in any sense recording personalities. The Census Director of Nebadon, number 81,412 of Orvonton, now stationed on Salvington, is at this very moment personally conscious and aware of your living presence here on Urantia; and he will afford the records confirmation of your death the moment you cease to function as a will creature.

8 Census Directors register the existence of a new will creature when the first act of will is performed; they indicate the death of a will creature when the last act of will takes place. The partial emergence of will observed in the reactions of certain of the higher animals does not belong to the domain of the Census Directors. They keep count of nothing but bona fide will creatures, and they are responsive to nothing but *will function.* Exactly how they register the function of will, we do not know.

9 These beings always have been, and always will be, Census Direc-

tors. They would be comparatively useless in any other division of universe labour. But they are infallible in function; they never default, neither do they falsify. And notwithstanding their marvellous powers and unbelievable prerogatives, they are persons; they have recognizable spirit presence and form.

3. PERSONAL AIDS OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT

1 We have no authentic knowledge as to the time or manner of the creation of the Personal Aids. Their number must be legion, but it is not of record on Uversa. From conservative

deductions based on our knowledge of their work, I venture to estimate that their number extends high into the trillions. We hold the opinion that the Infinite Spirit is not limited as to numbers in the creation of these Personal Aids.

2 The Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit exist for the exclusive assistance of the Paradise presence of the Third Person of Deity. Although attached directly to the Infinite Spirit and located on Paradise, they flash to and fro to the uttermost parts of creation. Wherever the circuits of the Conjoint Creator extend, there these Personal

Aids may appear for the purpose of executing the bidding of the Infinite Spirit. They traverse space much as do the Solitary Messengers but are not persons in the sense that the messengers are.

3 The Personal Aids are all equal and identical; they disclose no differentiation of individuality. Though the Conjoint Actor looks upon them as true personalities, it is difficult for others to regard them as real persons; they do not manifest a spirit presence to other spirit beings. Paradise-origin beings are always aware of the proximity of these Aids; but we do not recog-

nize a personality presence. The lack of such a presence-form undoubtedly renders them all the more serviceable to the Third Person of Deity.

4 Of all the revealed orders of spirit beings taking origin in the Infinite Spirit, the Personal Aids are about the only ones you will not encounter on your inward ascent to Paradise.

4. THE ASSOCIATE INSPECTORS

1 The Seven Supreme Executives, on the seven Paradise spheres of the Infinite Spirit, collectively function as the administrative board of supermanagers for the seven superuniver-

ses. The Associate Inspectors are the personal embodiment of the authority of the Supreme Executives to the local universes of time and space. These high observers of the affairs of the local creations are the joint offspring of the Infinite Spirit and the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise. In the near times of eternity 700,000 were personalized, and their reserve corps abides on Paradise.

2 Associate Inspectors work under the direct supervision of the Seven Supreme Executives, being their personal and powerful representatives to the local universes of time and space.

An inspector is stationed on the headquarters sphere of each local creation and is a close associate of the resident Union of Days.

3 The Associate Inspectors receive reports and recommendations only from their subordinates, the Assigned Sentinels, stationed on the capitals of the local systems of inhabited worlds, while they make reports only to their immediate superior, the Supreme Executive of the superuniverse concerned.

5. THE ASSIGNED SENTINELS

1 The Assigned Sentinels are co-or-

dinating personalities and liaison representatives of the Seven Supreme Executives. They were personalized on Paradise by the Infinite Spirit and were created for the specific purposes of their assignment. They are of stationary numbers, and there are exactly seven billion in existence.

2 Much as an Associate Inspector represents the Seven Supreme Executives to a whole local universe, so in each of the 10,000 systems of that local creation there is an Assigned Sentinel, who acts as the direct representative of the far-distant and supreme board of supercontrol for the affairs of

all seven superuniverses. The sentinels on duty in the local system governments of Orvonton are acting under the direct authority of Supreme Executive Number Seven, the co-ordinator of the seventh superuniverse. But in their administrative organization all sentinels commissioned in a local universe are subordinate to the Associate Inspector stationed at universe headquarters.

3 Within a local creation the Assigned Sentinels serve in rotation, being transferred from system to system. They are usually changed every millennium of local universe time. They are

among the highest ranking personalities stationed on a system capital, but they never participate in deliberations concerned with system affairs. In the local systems they serve as the ex officio heads of the four and twenty administrators hailing from the evolutionary worlds, but otherwise, ascending mortals have little contact with them. The sentinels are almost exclusively concerned in keeping the Associate Inspector of their universe fully informed on all matters relating to the welfare and state of the systems of their assignment.

4 Assigned Sentinels and Associate

Inspectors do not report to the Supreme Executives through a superuniverse headquarters. They are responsible solely to the Supreme Executive of the superuniverse concerned; their activities are distinct from the administration of the Ancients of Days.

5 §§ The Supreme Executives, Associate Inspectors, and Assigned Sentinels, together with the omniaphim and a host of unrevealed personalities, constitute an efficient, direct, centralized, but far-flung system of advisory and administrative co-ordination of all the grand universe of things and be-

ings.

6. THE GRADUATE GUIDES

1 The Graduate Guides, as a group, sponsor and conduct the high university of technical instruction and spiritual training which is so essential to mortal attainment of the goal of the ages: God, rest, and then eternity of perfected service. These highly personal beings take their name from the nature and purpose of their work. They are exclusively devoted to the tasks of guiding the mortal graduates from the superuniverses of time through the Havona course of instruc-

tion and training which serves to prepare the ascending pilgrims for admission to Paradise and the Corps of the Finality.

2 I am not forbidden to undertake to tell you of the work of these Graduate Guides, but it is so ultraspiritual that I despair of being able to adequately portray to the material mind a concept of their manifold activities. On the mansion worlds, after your vision range is extended and you are freed from the fetters of material comparisons, you can begin to comprehend the meaning of those realities which "eye cannot see nor ear

hear, and which have never entered the concept of human minds," even those things which "God has prepared for those who love such eternal verities." You are not always to be so limited in the range of your vision and spiritual comprehension.

3 The Graduate Guides are engaged in piloting the pilgrims of time through the seven circuits of Havona worlds. The guide who greets you upon your arrival on the receiving world of the outer Havona circuit will remain with you throughout your entire career on the heavenly circuits. Though you will associate with count-

less other personalities during your sojourn on a billion worlds, your Graduate Guide will follow you to the end of your Havona progression and will witness your entrance into the terminal slumber of time, the sleep of eternity transit to the Paradise goal, where, upon awakening, you will be greeted by the Paradise Companion assigned to welcome you and perhaps to remain with you until you are initiated as a member of the Mortal Corps of the Finality.

4 §§ The number of Graduate Guides is beyond the power of human minds to grasp, and they continue to appear.

Their origin is something of a mystery. They have not existed from eternity; they mysteriously appear as they are needed. There is no record of a Graduate Guide in all the realms of the central universe until that far-distant day when the first mortal pilgrim of all time made his way to the outer belt of the central creation. The instant he arrived on the pilot world of the outer circuit, he was met with friendly greetings by Malvorian, the first of the Graduate Guides and now the chief of their supreme council and the director of their vast educational organization.

5 On the Paradise records of Ha-

vona, in the section denominated "Graduate Guides," there appears this initial entry:

6 "And Malvorian, the first of this order, did greet and instruct the pilgrim discoverer of Havona and did conduct him from the outer circuits of initial experience, step by step and circuit by circuit, until he stood in the very presence of the Source and Destiny of all personality, subsequently crossing the threshold of eternity to Paradise."

7 At that far-distant time I was attached to the service of the Ancients of Days on Uversa, and we all rejoiced

in the assurance that, eventually, pilgrims from our superuniverse would reach Havona. For ages we had been taught that the evolutionary creatures of space would attain Paradise, and the thrill of all time swept through the heavenly courts when the first pilgrim actually arrived.

8 §§ The name of this pilgrim discoverer of Havona is *Grandfanda,* and he hailed from planet 341 of system 84 in constellation 62 of local universe 1,131 situated in superuniverse number one. His arrival was the signal for the establishment of the broadcast service of the universe of universes.

Theretofore only the broadcasts of the superuniverses and the local universes had been in operation, but the announcement of the arrival of Grandfanda at the portals of Havona signalized the inauguration of the "space reports of glory," so named because the initial universe broadcast reported the Havona arrival of the first of the evolutionary beings to attain entrance upon the goal of ascendant existence.

9 §§ Graduate Guides never leave the Havona worlds; they are dedicated to the service of the graduate pilgrims of time and space. And you will sometime meet these noble beings face to

face if you do not reject the certain and all-perfected plan designed to effect your survival and ascension.

7. ORIGIN OF THE GRADUATE GUIDES

1 Though evolution is not the order of the central universe, we believe that the Graduate Guides are the perfected or more experienced members of another order of central universe creatures, the Havona Servitals. Graduate Guides show such a breadth of sympathy and such a capacity for understanding the ascendant creatures that we are convinced they have gained this culture by actual service in the superu-

niverse realms as the Havona Servitals of universal ministry. If this view is not correct, how then can we account for the continuous disappearance of the senior or more experienced servitals?

2 A servital will be long absent from Havona on superuniverse assignment, having been on many such missions previously, will return home, be granted the privilege of "personal contact" with the Paradise Central Shining, will be embraced by the Luminous Persons, and disappear from the recognition of his spirit fellows, never more to reappear among those of his kind.

3 On returning from superuniverse service, a Havona Servital may enjoy numerous divine embraces and emerge therefrom merely an exalted servital. Experiencing the luminous embrace does not necessarily signify that the servital must translate into a Graduate Guide, but almost one quarter of those who achieve the divine embrace never return to the service of the realms.

4 §§ There appears on the high records a succession of such entries as this:

5 "And servital number 842,842,682,8
of Havona, named Sudna, came over

from the superuniverse service, was received on Paradise, knew the Father, entered the divine embrace, and is not."

6 When such an entry appears on the records, the career of such a servital is closed. But in just three moments (a little less than three days of your time) a newborn Graduate Guide "spontaneously" appears on the outer circuit of the Havona universe. And the number of Graduate Guides, allowing for a slight difference, due no doubt to those in transition, exactly equals the number of vanished servitals.

7 §§ There is an additional reason for supposing the Graduate Guides to be evolved Havona Servitals, and that is the unfailing tendency of these guides and their associated servitals to form such extraordinary attachments. The manner in which these supposedly separate orders of beings understand and sympathize with one another is wholly inexplicable. It is refreshing and inspiring to witness their mutual devotion.

8 §§ The Seven Master Spirits and the associated Seven Supreme Power Directors, respectively, are the personal repositories of the mind poten-

tial and of the power potential of the Supreme Being which he does not, as yet, operate personally. And when these Paradise associates collaborate to create the Havona Servitals, the latter are inherently involved in certain phases of Supremacy. Havona Servitals are thus, in actuality, a reflection in the perfect central universe of certain evolutionary potentialities of the time-space domains, all of which is disclosed when a servital undergoes transformation and re-creation. We believe that this transformation takes place in response to the will of the Infinite Spirit, undoubtedly acting in be-

half of the Supreme. Graduate Guides are not created by the Supreme Being, but we all conjecture that experiential Deity is in some way concerned in those transactions which bring these beings into existence.

9 The Havona now traversed by ascending mortals differs in many respects from the central universe as it was before the times of Grandfanda. The arrival of mortal ascenders on the Havona circuits inaugurated sweeping modifications in the organization of the central and divine creation, modifications undoubtedly initiated by the Supreme Being — the God of evolu-

tionary creatures — in response to the arrival of the first of his experiential children from the seven superuniverses. The appearance of the Graduate Guides, together with the creation of the tertiary supernaphim, is indicative of these performances of God the Supreme.

10 [Presented by a Divine Counsellor of Uversa.]

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THE MESSENGER HOSTS OF SPACE

One High in Authority

Ranking intermediately in the family of the Infinite Spirit are the Messenger Hosts of Space. These versatile beings function as the connecting links between the higher personalities and the ministering spirits. The messenger hosts include the following orders of celestial beings:

2 1. Havona Servitals.

3 2. Universal Conciliators.

4 3. Technical Advisers.

5 4. Custodians of Records on Paradise.

6 5. Celestial Recorders.

7 6. Morontia Companions.

8 7. Paradise Companions.

9 §§ Of the seven groups enumerated, only three — servitals, conciliators, and Morontia Companions — are created as such; the remaining four represent attainment levels of the angelic orders. In accordance with inherent nature and attained status, the messenger hosts variously serve in the universe of universes but always sub-

ject to the direction of those who rule the realms of their assignment.

1. THE HAVONA SERVITALS

1 Though denominated servitals, these "midway creatures" of the central universe are not servants in any menial sense of the word. In the spiritual world there is no such thing as menial work; all service is sacred and exhilarating; neither do the higher orders of beings look down upon the lower orders of existence.

2 §§ The Havona Servitals are the joint creative work of the Seven Master Spirits and their associates, the

Seven Supreme Power Directors. This creative collaboration comes the nearest to being the pattern for the long list of reproductions of the dual order in the evolutionary universes, extending from the creation of a Bright and Morning Star by a Creator Son-Creative Spirit liaison down to sex procreation on worlds like Urantia.

3 The number of servitals is prodigious, and more are being created all the time. They appear in groups of 1,000 on the 3rd moment following the assembly of the Master Spirits and the Supreme Power Directors at their joint area in the far northerly sector

of Paradise. Every 4th servital is more physical in type than the others; that is, out of each 1,000, 750 are apparently true to spirit type, but 250 are semiphysical in nature. These *4th creatures* are somewhat on the order of material beings (material in the Havona sense), resembling the physical power directors more than the Master Spirits.

4 §§ In personality relationships the spiritual is dominant over the material, even though it does not now so appear on Urantia; and in the production of Havona Servitals the law of spirit dominance prevails; the estab-

lished ratio yields three spiritual beings to one semiphysical.

5 §§ The newly created servitals, together with newly appearing Graduate Guides, all pass through the courses of training which the senior guides continuously conduct on each of the seven Havona circuits. Servitals are then assigned to the activities for which they are best adapted, and since they are of two types — spiritual and semiphysical — there are few limits to the range of work these versatile beings can do. The higher or spirit groups are assigned selectively to the services of the Father, the Son, and the

Spirit, and to the work of the Seven Master Spirits. In large numbers they are dispatched, from time to time, to serve on the study worlds encircling the headquarters spheres of the seven superuniverses, the worlds devoted to the final training and spiritual culture of the ascending souls of time who are preparing for advancement to the circuits of Havona. Both spirit servitals and their more physical fellows are also designated assistants and associates of the Graduate Guides in helping and instructing the various orders of ascending creatures who have attained Havona, and who seek to attain

Paradise.

6 The Havona Servitals and the Graduate Guides manifest a transcendent devotion to their work and a touching affection for one another, an affection which, while spiritual, you could only understand by comparison with the phenomenon of human love. There is divine pathos in the separation of the servitals from the guides, as so often occurs when the servitals are dispatched on missions beyond the limits of the central universe; but they go with joy and not with sorrow. The satisfying joy of high duty is the eclipsing emotion of spir-

itual beings. Sorrow cannot exist in the face of the consciousness of divine duty faithfully performed. And when man's ascending soul stands before the Supreme Judge, the decision of eternal import will not be determined by material successes or quantitative achievements; the verdict reverberating through the high courts declares: "Well done, good and *faithful* servant; you have been faithful over a few essentials; you shall be made ruler over universe realities."

7 On superuniverse service the Havona Servitals are always assigned to that domain presided over by the Mas-

ter Spirit whom they most resemble in general and special spirit prerogatives. They serve only on the educational worlds surrounding the capitals of the seven superuniverses, and the last report of Uversa indicates that almost 138 billion servitals were ministering on its 490 satellites. They engage in an endless variety of activities in connection with the work of these educational worlds comprising the superuniversities of the superuniverse of Orvonton. Here they are your companions; they have come down from your next career to study you and to inspire you with the reality

and certainty of your eventual graduation from the universes of time to the realms of eternity. And in these contacts the servitals gain that preliminary experience of ministering to the ascending creatures of time which is so helpful in their subsequent work on the Havona circuits as associates of the Graduate Guides or — as translated servitals — as Graduate Guides themselves.

2. THE UNIVERSAL CONCILIATORS

1 For every Havona Servital created, seven Universal Conciliators are brought into being, one in each su-

peruniverse. This creative enactment involves a definite superuniverse technique of reflective response to transactions taking place on Paradise.

2 On the headquarters worlds of the seven superuniverses there function the seven reflections of the Seven Master Spirits. It is difficult to undertake to portray the natures of these Reflective Spirits to material minds. They are true personalities; still each member of a superuniverse group is perfectly reflective of just one of the Seven Master Spirits. And every time the Master Spirits associate themselves with the power directors for the purpose of

creating a group of Havona Servitals, there is a simultaneous focalization upon one of the Reflective Spirits in each of the superuniverse groups, and forthwith and full-fledgedly an equal number of Universal Conciliators appear on the headquarters worlds of the supercreations. If, in the creation of servitals, Master Spirit Number Seven should take the initiative, none but the Reflective Spirits of the seventh order would become pregnant with conciliators; and concurrently with the creation of 1,000 Orvontonlike servitals, 1,000 of the 7th-order conciliators would appear on each superuniverse

capital. Out of these episodes, reflecting the sevenfold nature of the Master Spirits, arise the seven created orders of conciliators serving in each superuniverse.

3 Conciliators of pre-Paradise status do not serve interchangeably between superuniverses, being restricted to their native segments of creation. Every superuniverse corps, embracing one seventh of each created order, therefore spends a very long time under the influence of one of the Master Spirits to the exclusion of the others, for, while all seven are *reflected* on the superuniverse capitals, only one is

dominant in each supercreation.

4 Each of the seven supercreations is actually pervaded by that one of the Master Spirits who presides over its destinies. Each superuniverse thus becomes like a gigantic mirror reflecting the nature and character of the supervising Master Spirit, and all of this is further continued in every subsidiary local universe by the presence and function of the Creative Mother Spirits. The effect of such an environment upon evolutionary growth is so profound that in their postsuperuniverse careers the conciliators collectively manifest 49 experiential view-

points, or insights, each angular — hence incomplete — but all mutually compensatory and together tending to encompass the circle of Supremacy.

5 §§ In each superuniverse the Universal Conciliators find themselves strangely and innately segregated into groups of four, associations in which they continue to serve. In each group, three are spirit personalities, and one, like the fourth creatures of the servitals, is a semimaterial being. This quartet constitutes a conciliating commission and is made up as follows:

6 1. *The Judge-Arbiter.* The one unanimously designated by the other

three as the most competent and best qualified to act as judicial head of the group.

7 2. *The Spirit-Advocate.* The one appointed by the judge-arbiter to present evidence and to safeguard the rights of all personalities involved in any matter assigned to the adjudication of the conciliating commission.

8 3. *The Divine Executioner.* The conciliator qualified by inherent nature to make contact with the material beings of the realms and to execute the decisions of the commission. Divine executioners, being fourth creatures — quasi-material beings — are

almost, but not quite, visible to the short-range vision of the mortal races.

9 4. *The Recorder.* The remaining member of the commission automatically becomes the recorder, the clerk of the tribunal. He makes certain that all records are properly prepared for the archives of the superuniverse and for the records of the local universe. If the commission is serving on an evolutionary world, a third report, with the assistance of the executioner, is prepared for the physical records of the system government of jurisdiction.

10 §§ When in session a commission functions as a group of three since the

advocate is detached during adjudication and participates in the formulation of the verdict only at the conclusion of the hearing. Hence these commissions are sometimes called referee trios.

11 §§ The conciliators are of great value in keeping the universe of universes running smoothly. Traversing space at the seraphic rate of triple velocity, they serve as the travelling courts of the worlds, commissions devoted to the quick adjudication of minor difficulties. Were it not for these mobile and eminently fair commissions, the tribunals of the spheres

would be hopelessly overspread with the minor misunderstandings of the realms.

12 These referee trios do not pass upon matters of eternal import; the soul, the eternal prospects of a creature of time, is never placed in jeopardy by their acts. Conciliators do not deal with questions extending beyond the temporal existence and the cosmic welfare of the creatures of time. But when a commission has once accepted jurisdiction of a problem, its rulings are final and always unanimous; there is no appeal from the decision of the

judge-arbiter.

3. THE FAR-REACHING SERVICE OF CONCILIATORS

1 Conciliators maintain group headquarters on the capital of their superuniverse, where their primary reserve corps is held. Their secondary reserves are stationed on the capitals of the local universes. The younger and less experienced commissioners begin their service on the lower worlds, worlds like Urantia, and are advanced to the adjudication of greater problems after they have acquired riper experience.

2 The order of conciliators is wholly

dependable; not one has ever gone astray. Though not infallible in wisdom and judgment, they are of unquestioned reliability and unerring in faithfulness. They take origin on the headquarters of a superuniverse and eventually return thereto, advancing through the following levels of universe service:

3 1. *Conciliators to the Worlds.* Whenever the supervising personalities of the individual worlds become greatly perplexed or actually deadlocked concerning the proper procedure under existing circumstances, and if the matter is not of sufficient

importance to be brought before the regularly constituted tribunals of the realm, then, upon the receipt of a petition of two personalities, one from each contention, a conciliating commission will begin to function forthwith.

4 When these administrative and jurisdictional difficulties have been placed in the hands of the conciliators for study and adjudication, they are supreme in authority. But they will not formulate a decision until all the evidence has been heard, and there is absolutely no limit to their authority to call witnesses from anywhere and

everywhere. And while their decisions may not be appealed, sometimes matters so develop that the commission closes its records at a given point, concludes its opinions, and transfers the whole question to the higher tribunals of the realm.

5 The commissioners' decisions are placed on the planetary records and, if necessary, are put into effect by the divine executioner. His power is very great, and the range of his activities on an inhabited world is very wide. Divine executioners are masterful manipulators of that which is in the interests of that which ought to be. Their

work is sometimes carried out for the apparent welfare of the realm, and sometimes their acts on the worlds of time and space are difficult of explanation. Though executing decrees in defiance of neither natural law nor the ordained usages of the realm, they do ofttimes effect their strange doings and enforce the mandates of the conciliators in accordance with the higher laws of the system administration.

6 2. *Conciliators to the System Headquarters.* From service on the evolutionary worlds these commissions of four are advanced to duty on a system headquarters. Here they have

much work to do, and they prove to be the understanding friends of men, angels, and other spirit beings. The referee trios are not so much concerned with personal differences as with group contentions and with misunderstandings arising between different orders of creatures; and on a system headquarters there live both spiritual and material beings, as well as the combined types, such as the Material Sons.

7 The moment the Creators bring into existence evolving individuals with the power of choice, that moment a departure is made from the

smooth working of divine perfection; misunderstandings are certain to arise, and provision for the fair adjustment of these honest differences of viewpoint must be made. We should all remember that the all-wise and all-powerful Creators could have made the local universes just as perfect as Havona. No conciliating commissions need function in the central universe. But the Creators did not choose in their all-wisdom to do this. And while they have produced universes which abound in differences and teem with difficulties, they have likewise provided the mechanisms and the means

for composing all these differences and for harmonizing all this seeming confusion.

8 3. *The Constellation Conciliators.* From service in the systems the conciliators are promoted to the adjudication of the problems of a constellation, taking up the minor difficulties arising between its 100 systems of inhabited worlds. Not many problems developing on the constellation headquarters fall under their jurisdiction, but they are kept busy going from system to system gathering evidence and preparing preliminary statements. If the contention is honest, if the difficulties

arise out of sincere differences of opinion and honest diversity of viewpoints, no matter how few persons may be involved, no matter how apparently trivial the misunderstanding, a conciliating commission can always be had to pass upon the merits of the controversy.

9 4. *Conciliators to the Local Universes.* In this larger work of a universe the commissioners are of great assistance to both the Melchizedeks and the Magisterial Sons and to the constellation rulers and the hosts of personalities concerned with the coordination and administration of the

100 constellations. The different orders of seraphim and other residents of the headquarters spheres of a local universe also avail themselves of the help and decisions of the referee trios.

10 It is almost impossible to explain the nature of those differences which may arise in the detailed affairs of a system, a constellation, or a universe. Difficulties do develop, but they are very unlike the petty trials and travails of material existence as it is lived on the evolutionary worlds.

11 5. *Conciliators to the Superuniverse Minor Sectors.* From the problems of local universes the commis-

sioners are advanced to the study of questions arising in the minor sectors of their superuniverse. The farther they ascend inward from the individual planets, the fewer are the material duties of the divine executioner; gradually he assumes a new role of mercy-justice interpreter, at the same time — being quasi-material — keeping the commission as a whole in sympathetic touch with the material aspects of its investigations.

12 6. *Conciliators to the Superuniverse Major Sectors.* The character of the work of the commissioners continues to change as they advance.

There is less and less of misunderstanding to adjudicate and more and more of mysterious phenomena to explain and interpret. From stage to stage they are evolving from arbiters of differences to *explainers of mysteries* — judges evolving into interpretative teachers. Arbiters of those who through ignorance permit difficulties and misunderstandings to arise, they once were; but they are now becoming instructors of those who are sufficiently intelligent and tolerant to avoid clashes of mind and wars of opinions. The higher a creature's education, the more respect he has for the

knowledge, experience, and opinions of others.

13 7. *Conciliators to the Superuniverse.* Here the conciliators become co-ordinate — four mutually understood and perfectly functioning arbiter-teachers. The divine executioner is divested of retributive power and becomes the physical voice of the spirit trio. By this time these counsellors and teachers have become expertly familiar with most of the actual problems and difficulties encountered in the conduct of superuniverse affairs. Thus they become wonderful advisers and wise teachers of the ascending

pilgrims who are in residence on the educational spheres surrounding the headquarters worlds of the superuniverses.

14 §§ All conciliators serve under the general supervision of the Ancients of Days and under the immediate direction of the Image Aids until such time as they are advanced to Paradise. During the Paradise sojourn they report to the Master Spirit who presides over the superuniverse of their origin.

15 The superuniverse registries do not enumerate those conciliators who have passed beyond their jurisdiction, and such commissions are widely scat-

tered through the grand universe. The last report of registry on Uversa gives the number operating in Orvonton as almost 18 trillion commissions — over 70 trillion individuals. But these are only a very small fraction of the multitude of conciliators that have been created in Orvonton; that number is of an altogether higher magnitude and is the equivalent of the total number of Havona Servitals, with allowances for the transmutation into Graduate Guides.

16 From time to time, as the numbers of the superuniverse conciliators increase, they are translated to the coun-

cil of perfection on Paradise, from which they subsequently emerge as the co-ordinating corps evolved by the Infinite Spirit for the universe of universes, a marvellous group of beings which is constantly increasing in numbers and efficiency. By experiential ascent and Paradise training they have acquired a unique grasp of the emerging reality of the Supreme Being, and they roam the universe of universes on special assignment.

17 The members of a conciliating commission are never separated. A group of four forever serve together just as they were originally associated.

Even in their glorified service they continue to function as quartets of accumulated cosmic experience and perfected experiential wisdom. They are eternally associated as the embodiment of the supreme justice of time and space.

4. TECHNICAL ADVISERS

1 These legal and technical minds of the spirit world were not created as such. From the early supernaphim and omniaphim, 1,000,000 of the most orderly minds were chosen by the Infinite Spirit as the nucleus of this vast and versatile group. And ever since

that far-distant time, actual experience in the application of the laws of perfection to the plans of evolutionary creation has been required of all who aspire to become Technical Advisers.

2 §§ The Technical Advisers are recruited from the ranks of the following personality orders:

3 1. The Supernaphim.

4 2. The Seconaphim.

5 3. The Tertiaphim.

6 4. The Omniaphim.

7 5. The Seraphim.

8 6. Certain Types of Ascending Mortals.

9 7. Certain Types of Ascending Midwayers.

10 §§ At the present time, not counting the mortals and midwayers who are all of transient attachment, the number of Technical Advisers registered on Uversa and operating in Orvonton is slightly in excess of 61 trillion.

11 Technical Advisers frequently function as individuals but are organized for service and maintain common headquarters on the spheres of assignment in groups of seven. In each group at least five must be of permanent status, while two may be of tem-

porary association. Ascending mortals and ascending midway creatures serve on these advisory commissions while pursuing the Paradise ascent, but they do not enter the regular courses of training for Technical Advisers, nor do they ever become permanent members of the order.

12 Those mortals and midwayers who serve transiently with the advisers are chosen for such work because of their expertness in the concept of universal law and supreme justice. As you journey toward your Paradise goal, constantly acquiring added knowledge and enhanced skill, you

are continuously afforded the opportunity to give out to others the wisdom and experience you have already accumulated; all the way in to Havona you enact the role of a pupil-teacher. You will work your way through the ascending levels of this vast experiential university by imparting to those just below you the new-found knowledge of your advancing career. In the universal regime you are not reckoned as having possessed yourself of knowledge and truth until you have demonstrated your ability and your willingness to impart this knowledge and truth to others.

13 After long training and actual experience, any of the ministering spirits above the status of cherubim are permitted to receive permanent appointment as Technical Advisers. All candidates voluntarily enter this order of service; but having once assumed such responsibilities, they may not relinquish them. Only the Ancients of Days can transfer these advisers to other activities.

14 §§ The training of Technical Advisers, begun in the Melchizedek colleges of the local universes, continues to the courts of the Ancients of Days. From this superuniverse training they

proceed to the "schools of the seven circles" located on the pilot worlds of the Havona circuits. And from the pilot worlds they are received into the "college of the ethics of law and the technique of Supremacy," the Paradise training school for the perfecting of Technical Advisers.

15 These advisers are more than legal experts; they are students and teachers of *applied* law, the laws of the universe applied to the lives and destinies of all who inhabit the vast domains of the far-flung creation. As time passes, they become the living law libraries of time and space, preventing endless trou-

ble and needless delays by instructing the personalities of time regarding the forms and modes of procedure most acceptable to the rulers of eternity. They are able so to counsel the workers of space as to enable them to function in harmony with the requirements of Paradise; they are the teachers of all creatures concerning the technique of the Creators.

16 Such a living library of applied law could not be created; such beings must be evolved by actual experience. The infinite Deities are existential, hence are compensated for lack of experience; they know all even

before they experience all, but they do not impart this nonexperiential knowledge to their subordinate creatures.

17 §§ Technical Advisers are dedicated to the work of preventing delay, facilitating progress, and counselling achievement. There is always a *best* and *right* way to do things; there is always the technique of perfection, a divine method, and these advisers know how to direct us all in the finding of this better way.

18 These exceedingly wise and practical beings are always closely associated with the service and work of the

Universal Censors. The Melchizedeks are provided with an able corps. The rulers of the systems, constellations, universes, and superuniverse sectors are all bountifully supplied with these technical or legal reference minds of the spiritual world. A special group act as law counsellors to the Life Carriers, advising these Sons concerning the extent of permissible departure from the established order of life propagation and otherwise instructing them respecting their prerogatives and latitudes of function. They are the advisers of all classes of beings regarding the proper usages and techniques of all

spirit-world transactions. But they do not directly and personally deal with the material creatures of the realms.

19 Besides counselling regarding legal usages, Technical Advisers are equally devoted to the efficient interpretation of all laws concerning creature beings — physical, mindal, and spiritual. They are available to the Universal Conciliators and to all others who desire to know the truth of law; in other words, to know how the Supremacy of Deity may be depended upon to react in a given situation having factors of an established physical, mindal, and spiritual order. They even

essay to elucidate the technique of the Ultimate.

[20] Technical Advisers are selected and tested beings; I have never known one of them to go astray. We have no records on Uversa of their ever having been adjudged in contempt of the divine laws they so effectively interpret and so eloquently expound. There is no known limit to the domain of their service, neither has any been placed upon their progress. They continue as advisers even to the portals of Paradise; the whole universe of law and

experience is open to them.

5. THE CUSTODIANS OF RECORDS ON PARADISE

1 From among the tertiary supernaphim in Havona, certain of the senior chief recorders are chosen as Custodians of Records, as keepers of the formal archives of the Isle of Light, those archives which stand in contrast to the living records of registry in the minds of the custodians of knowledge, sometimes designated the "living library of Paradise."

2 The recording angels of the inhabited planets are the source of all individual records. Throughout the

universes other recorders function regarding both formal records and living records. From Urantia to Paradise, both recordings are encountered: in a local universe, more of the written records and less of the living; on Paradise, more of the living and less of the formal; on Uversa, both are equally available.

3 Every occurrence of significance in the organized and inhabited creation is a matter of record. While events of no more than local importance find only a local recording, those of wider significance are dealt with accordingly. From the planets, systems,

and constellations of Nebadon, everything of universe import is posted on Salvington; and from such universe capitals those episodes are advanced to higher recording which pertain to the affairs of the sector and supergovernments. Paradise also has a relevant summary of superuniverse and Havona data; and this historic and cumulative story of the universe of universes is in the custody of these exalted tertiary supernaphim.

4 While certain of these beings have been dispatched to the superuniverses to serve as Chiefs of Records directing the activities of the Celestial Record-

ers, not one has ever been transferred from the permanent roll call of their order.

6. THE CELESTIAL RECORDERS

1 These are the recorders who execute all records in duplicate, making an original spirit recording and a semi-material counterpart — what might be called a carbon copy. This they can do because of their peculiar ability simultaneously to manipulate both spiritual and material energy. Celestial Recorders are not created as such; they are ascendant seraphim from the local universes. They are received, clas-

sified, and assigned to their spheres of work by the councils of the Chiefs of Records on the headquarters of the seven superuniverses. There also are located the schools for training Celestial Recorders. The school on Uversa is conducted by the Perfectors of Wisdom and the Divine Counsellors.

2 As the recorders advance in universe service, they continue their system of dual recording, thus making their records always available to all classes of beings, from those of the material order to the high spirits of light. In your transition experience, as you ascend from this material world, you

will always be able to consult the records of, and to be otherwise conversant with, the history and traditions of your status sphere.

3 The recorders are a tested and tried corps. Never have I known of the defection of a Celestial Recorder, and never has there been discovered a falsification in their records. They are subjected to a dual inspection, their records being scrutinized by their exalted fellows from Uversa and by the Mighty Messengers, who certify to the correctness of the quasi-physical duplicates of the original spirit records.

4 While the advancing recorders

stationed on the subordinate spheres of record in the Orvonton universes number trillions upon trillions, those of attained status on Uversa are not quite 8,000,000 in number. These senior or graduate recorders are the superuniverse custodians and forwarders of the sponsored records of time and space. Their permanent headquarters are in the circular abodes surrounding the area of records on Uversa. They never leave the custody of these records to others; as individuals they may be absent, but never in large numbers.

5 Like those supernaphim who have

become Custodians of Records, the corps of Celestial Recorders is of permanent assignment. Once seraphim and supernaphim are mustered into these services, they will respectively remain Celestial Recorders and Custodians of Records until the day of the new and modified administration of the full personalization of God the Supreme.

6 On Uversa these senior Celestial Recorders can show the records of everything of cosmic import in all Orvonton since the far-distant times of the arrival of the Ancients of Days, while on the eternal Isle the Custodi-

ans of Records guard the archives of that realm which testify to the transactions of Paradise since the times of the personification of the Infinite Spirit.

7. THE MORONTIA COMPANIONS

1 These children of the local universe Mother Spirits are the friends and associates of all who live the ascending morontia life. They are not indispensable to an ascender's real work of creature progression, neither do they in any sense displace the work of the seraphic guardians who often accompany their mortal associates on the Paradise journey. The Morontia

Companions are simply gracious hosts to those who are just beginning the long inward ascent. They are also skillful play sponsors and are ably assisted in this work by the reversion directors.

2 Though you will have earnest and progressively difficult tasks to perform on the morontia training worlds of Nebadon, you will always be provided with regular seasons of rest and reversion. Throughout the journey to Paradise there will always be time for rest and spirit play; and in the career of light and life there is always time for worship and new achievement.

3 These Morontia Companions are

such friendly associates that, when you finally leave the last phase of the morontia experience, as you prepare to embark upon the superuniverse spirit adventure, you will truly regret that these companionable creatures cannot accompany you, but they serve exclusively in the local universes. At every stage of the ascending career all contactable personalities will be friendly and companionable, but not until you meet the Paradise Companions will you find another group so devoted to friendship and companionship.

4 The work of the Morontia Com-

panions is more fully depicted in those narratives dealing with the affairs of your local universe.

8. THE PARADISE COMPANIONS

1 The Paradise Companions are a composite or assembled group recruited from the ranks of the seraphim, seconaphim, supernaphim, and omniaphim. Though serving for what you would regard as an extraordinary length of time, they are not of permanent status. When this ministry has been completed, as a rule (but not invariably) they return to those duties they performed when summoned to

Paradise service.

2 Members of the angelic hosts are nominated for this service by the local universe Mother Spirits, by the superuniverse Reflective Spirits, and by Majeston of Paradise. They are summoned to the central Isle and are commissioned as Paradise Companions by one of the Seven Master Spirits. Aside from permanent status on Paradise, this temporary service of Paradise companionship is the highest honour ever conferred upon the ministering spirits.

3 These selected angels are dedicated to the service of companion-

ship and are assigned as associates to all classes of beings who may chance to be alone on Paradise, chiefly to the ascendant mortals but also to all others who are alone on the central Isle. Paradise Companions have nothing especial to accomplish in behalf of those with whom they fraternize; they are simply companions. Almost every other being you mortals will encounter during your Paradise sojourn — aside from your fellow pilgrims — will have something definite to do with you or for you; but these companions are assigned only to be with you and to commune with you as per-

sonality associates. They are often assisted in their ministry by the gracious and brilliant Paradise Citizens.

4 Mortals come from races that are very social. The Creators well know that it is "not good for man to be alone," and provision is accordingly made for companionship, even on Paradise.

5 §§ If you, as an ascendant mortal, should reach Paradise in the company of the companion or close associate of your earthly career, or if your seraphic guardian of destiny should chance to arrive with you or were waiting for you, then no permanent companion

would be assigned you. But if you arrive alone, a companion will certainly welcome you as you awaken on the Isle of Light from the terminal sleep of time. Even if it is known that you will be accompanied by someone of ascendant association, temporary companions will be designated to welcome you to the eternal shores and to escort you to the reservation made ready for the reception of you and your associates. You may be certain of being warmly welcomed when you experience the resurrection into eternity on the everlasting shores of Paradise.

6 Reception companions are as-

signed during the terminal days of the ascenders' sojourn on the last circuit of Havona, and they carefully examine the records of mortal origin and eventful ascent through the worlds of space and the circles of Havona. When they greet the mortals of time, they are already well versed in the careers of these arriving pilgrims and immediately prove to be sympathetic and intriguing companions.

7 During your prefinaliter sojourn on Paradise, if for any reason you should be temporarily separated from your associate of the ascending career — mortal or seraphic — a Paradise

Companion would be forthwith assigned for counsel and companionship. When once assigned to an ascendant mortal of solitary residence on Paradise, the companion remains with this person until he either is rejoined by his ascendant associates or is duly mustered into the Corps of the Finality.

8 §§ Paradise Companions are assigned in order of waiting except that an ascender is never placed in the charge of a companion whose nature is unlike his superuniverse type. If a Urantia mortal were arriving on Paradise today, there would be assigned

to him the first waiting companion either of origin in Orvonton or otherwise of the nature of the Seventh Master Spirit. Hence the omniaphim serve not with the ascendant creatures[1] from the seven superuniverses.

9 §§ Many additional services are performed by the Paradise Companions: If an ascending mortal should reach the central universe alone and, while traversing Havona, should fail in some phase of the Deity adventure, in

[1] Because omniaphim are created concertedly by the Infinite Spirit and the Seven Supreme Executives (cf. 26:1.13) and therefore their natures are not like a single superuniverse type.

due course he would be remanded to the universes of time, and forthwith a call would be made to the reserves of the Paradise Companions. One of this order would be assigned to follow the defeated pilgrim, to be with him and to comfort and cheer him, and to remain with him until he returned to the central universe to resume the Paradise ascent.

10 If an ascending pilgrim met defeat in the Deity adventure while traversing Havona in the company of an ascending seraphim, the guardian angel of the mortal career, she would elect to accompany her mortal asso-

ciate. These seraphim always volunteer and are permitted to accompany their long-time mortal comrades back to the service of time and space.

11 But not so with two closely associated mortal ascenders: If one attains God while the other temporarily fails, the successful individual invariably chooses to go back to the evolutionary creations with the disappointed personality, but this is not permitted. Instead, a call is made to the reserves of the Paradise Companions, and one of the volunteers is selected to accompany the disappointed pilgrim. A volunteer Paradise Citi-

zen then becomes associated with the successful mortal, who tarries on the central Isle awaiting the Havona return of the defeated comrade and in the meantime teaches in certain Paradise schools, presenting the adventurous story of the evolutionary ascent.

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PAPER 26

MINISTERING SPIRITS OF THE CENTRAL UNIVERSE

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Supernaphim are the ministering spirits of Paradise and the central universe; they are the highest order of the lowest group of the children of the Infinite Spirit — the angelic hosts. Such ministering spirits are to be encountered from the Isle of Paradise to the worlds of time and space. No major part of the organized

and inhabited creation is without their services.

1. THE MINISTERING SPIRITS

1 Angels are the ministering-spirit associates of the evolutionary and ascending will creatures of all space; they are also the colleagues and working associates of the higher hosts of the divine personalities of the spheres. The angels of all orders are distinct personalities and are highly individualized. They all have a large capacity for appreciation of the ministrations of the reversion directors. Together with the Messenger Hosts of Space, the minis-

tering spirits enjoy seasons of rest and change; they possess very social natures and have an associative capacity far transcending that of human beings.

2 §§ The ministering spirits of the grand universe are classified as follows:

3 1. Supernaphim.

4 2. Seconaphim.

5 3. Tertiaphim.

6 4. Omniaphim.

7 5. Seraphim.

8 6. Cherubim and Sanobim.

9 7. Midway Creatures.

10 §§ The individual members of the angelic orders are not altogether sta-

tionary as to personal status in the universe. Angels of certain orders may become Paradise Companions for a season; some become Celestial Recorders; others ascend to the ranks of the Technical Advisers. Certain of the cherubim may aspire to seraphic status and destiny, while evolutionary seraphim can achieve the spiritual levels of the ascending Sons of God.

11 §§ The seven orders of ministering spirits, as revealed, are grouped for presentation in accordance with their functions of greatest importance to ascending creatures:

12 1. *The Ministering Spirits of the*

Central Universe. The three orders of *supernaphim* serve in the Paradise-Havona system. Primary or Paradise supernaphim are created by the Infinite Spirit. The secondary and tertiary orders, serving in Havona, are respectively the offspring of the Master Spirits and of the Spirits of the Circuits.

13 2. *The Ministering Spirits of the Superuniverses* — the seconaphim, the tertiaphim, and the omniaphim. *Seconaphim,* the children of the Reflective Spirits, variously serve in the seven superuniverses. *Tertiaphim,* of origin in the Infinite Spirit, are eventually dedicated to the liaison service of the Cre-

ator Sons and the Ancients of Days. *Omniaphim* are created concertedly by the Infinite Spirit and the Seven Supreme Executives, and they are the exclusive servants of the latter. The discussion of these three orders forms the subject of a succeeding narrative in this series.

14 3. *The Ministering Spirits of the Local Universes* embrace the *seraphim* and their assistants, the *cherubim.* With these offspring of a Universe Mother Spirit mortal ascenders have initial contact. The *midway creatures,* of nativity on the inhabited worlds, are not really of the angelic orders proper,

though often functionally grouped with the ministering spirits. Their story, with an account of the seraphim and cherubim, is presented in those papers dealing with the affairs of your local universe.

15 §§ All orders of the angelic hosts are devoted to the various universe services, and they minister in one way or another to the higher orders of celestial beings; but it is the supernaphim, seconaphim, and seraphim who, in large numbers, are employed in the furtherance of the ascending scheme of progressive perfection for the children of time. Functioning in

the central, super-, and local universes, they form that unbroken chain of spirit ministers which has been provided by the Infinite Spirit for the help and guidance of all who seek to attain the Universal Father through the Eternal Son.

16 Supernaphim are limited in "spirit polarity" regarding only one phase of action, that with the Universal Father. They can work singly except when directly employing the exclusive circuits of the Father. When they are in power reception on the Father's direct ministry, supernaphim must voluntarily associate in pairs to be able to func-

tion. Seconaphim are likewise limited and in addition must work in pairs in order to synchronize with the circuits of the Eternal Son. Seraphim can work singly as discrete and localized personalities, but they are able to encircuit only when polarized as liaison pairs. When such spirit beings are associated as pairs, the one is spoken of as complemental to the other. Complemental relationships may be transient; they are not necessarily of a permanent nature.

17 These brilliant creatures of light are sustained directly by the intake of the spiritual energy of the primary cir-

cuits of the universe. Urantia mortals must obtain light-energy through the vegetative incarnation, but the angelic hosts are encircuited; they "have food that you know not." They also partake of the circulating teachings of the marvellous Trinity Teacher Sons; they have a reception of knowledge and an intake of wisdom much resembling their technique of assimilating the life energies.

2. THE MIGHTY SUPERNAPHIM

1 The supernaphim are the skilled ministers to all types of beings who sojourn on Paradise and in the central

universe. These high angels are created in three major orders: primary, secondary, and tertiary.

2 §§ *Primary supernaphim* are the exclusive offspring of the Conjoint Creator. They divide their ministry about equally between certain groups of the Paradise Citizens and the ever-enlarging corps of ascendant pilgrims. These angels of the eternal Isle are highly efficacious in furthering the essential training of both groups of Paradise dwellers. They contribute much that is helpful to the mutual understanding of these two unique orders of universe creatures — the one being the high-

est type of divine and perfect will creature, and the other, the perfected evolution of the lowest type of will creature in all the universe of universes.

3 §§ The work of the primary supernaphim is so unique and distinctive that it will be separately considered in the succeeding narrative.

4 §§ *Secondary supernaphim* are the directors of the affairs of ascending beings on the seven circuits of Havona. They are equally concerned in ministering to the educational training of numerous orders of Paradise Citizens who sojourn for long periods on the world circuits of the central creation,

but we may not discuss this phase of their service.

5 §§ There are seven types of these high angels, each of origin in one of the Seven Master Spirits and in nature patterned accordingly. Collectively, the Seven Master Spirits create many different groups of unique beings and entities, and the individual members of each order are comparatively uniform in nature. But when these same Seven Spirits create individually, the resulting orders are always sevenfold in nature; the children of each Master Spirit partake of the nature of their creator and are accord-

ingly diverse from the others. Such is the origin of the secondary supernaphim, and the angels of all seven created types function in all channels of activity open to their entire order, chiefly on the seven circuits of the central and divine universe.

6 §§ Each of the seven planetary circuits of Havona is under the direct supervision of one of the Seven Spirits of the Circuits, themselves the collective — hence uniform — creation of the Seven Master Spirits. Though partaking of the nature of the Third Source and Centre, these seven subsidiary Spirits of Havona were not a

part of the original pattern universe. They were in function after the original (eternal) creation but long before the times of Grandfanda. They undoubtedly appeared as a creative response of the Master Spirits to the emerging purpose of the Supreme Being, and they were discovered in function upon the organization of the grand universe. The Infinite Spirit and all his creative associates, as universal co-ordinators, seem abundantly endowed with the ability to make suitable creative responses to the simultaneous developments in the experiential Deities and in the evolving univer-

ses.

7 §§ *Tertiary supernaphim* take origin in these Seven Spirits of the Circuits. Each one of them, on the separate Havona circles, is empowered by the Infinite Spirit to create a sufficient number of high superaphic ministers of the tertiary order to meet the needs of the central universe. While the Circuit Spirits produced comparatively few of these angelic ministers prior to the arrival in Havona of the pilgrims of time, the Seven Master Spirits did not even begin the creation of secondary supernaphim until the landing of Grandfanda. As the older of the two orders,

the tertiary supernaphim will therefore receive first consideration.

3. THE TERTIARY SUPERNAPHIM

1 These servants of the Seven Master Spirits are the angelic specialists of the various circuits of Havona, and their ministry extends to both the ascending pilgrims of time and the descending pilgrims of eternity. On the billion study worlds of the perfect central creation, your superaphic associates of all orders will be fully visible to you. There you will all be, in the highest sense, fraternal and understanding beings of mutual contact

and sympathy. You will also fully recognize and exquisitely fraternize with the descending pilgrims, the Paradise Citizens, who traverse these circuits from within outward, entering Havona through the pilot world of the first circuit and proceeding outward to the seventh.

2 The ascending pilgrims from the seven superuniverses pass through Havona in the opposite direction, entering by way of the pilot world of the seventh circuit and proceeding inward. There is no time limit set on the progress of the ascending creatures from world to world and from circuit to

circuit, just as no fixed span of time is arbitrarily assigned to residence on the morontia worlds. But, whereas adequately developed individuals may be exempted from sojourn on one or more of the local universe training worlds, no pilgrim may avoid passing through all seven of the Havona circuits of progressive spiritualization.

3 §§ That corps of tertiary supernaphim which is chiefly assigned to the service of the pilgrims of time is classified as follows:

4 1. *The Harmony Supervisors.* It must be apparent that some sort of co-ordinating influence would be re-

quired, even in perfect Havona, to maintain system and to ensure harmony in all the work of preparing the pilgrims of time for their subsequent Paradise achievements. Such is the real mission of the harmony supervisors — to keep everything moving along smoothly and expeditiously. Originating on the first circuit, they serve throughout Havona, and their presence on the circuits means that nothing can possibly go amiss. A great ability to co-ordinate a diversity of activities involving personalities of differing orders — even multiple levels — enables these supernaphim to give

assistance wherever and whenever required. They contribute enormously to the mutual understanding of the pilgrims of time and the pilgrims of eternity.

5 2. *The Chief Recorders.* These angels are created on the second circuit but operate everywhere in the central universe. They record in triplicate, executing records for the literal files of Havona, for the spiritual files of their order, and for the formal records of Paradise. In addition they automatically transmit the transactions of true-knowledge import to the living libraries of Paradise, the custodi-

ans of knowledge of the primary order of supernaphim.

6 3. *The Broadcasters.* The children of the third Circuit Spirit function throughout Havona, although their official station is located on planet number 70 in the outermost circle. These master technicians are the broadcast receivers and senders of the central creation and the directors of the space reports of all Deity phenomena on Paradise. They can operate all of the basic circuits of space.

7 4. *The Messengers* take origin on circuit number four. They range the Paradise-Havona system as bearers of

all messages requiring personal transmission. They serve their fellows, the celestial personalities, the Paradise pilgrims, and even the ascendant souls of time.

8 5. *The Intelligence Co-ordinators.* These tertiary supernaphim, the children of the fifth Circuit Spirit, are always the wise and sympathetic promoters of fraternal association between the ascending and the descending pilgrims. They minister to all the inhabitants of Havona, and especially to the ascenders, by keeping them currently informed regarding the affairs of the universe of universes. By virtue

of personal contacts with the broadcasters and the reflectors, these "living newspapers" of Havona are instantly conversant with all information passing over the vast news circuits of the central universe. They secure intelligence by the Havona graph method, which enables them automatically to assimilate as much information in one hour of Urantia time as would require a thousand years for your most rapid telegraphic technique to record.

9 6. *The Transport Personalities.* These beings, of origin on circuit number 6, usually operate from planet number 40 in the outermost cir-

cuit. It is they who take away the disappointed candidates who transiently fail in the Deity adventure. They stand ready to serve all who must come and go in the service of Havona, and who are not space traversers.

10 7. *The Reserve Corps.* The fluctuations in the work with the ascendant beings, the Paradise pilgrims, and other orders of beings sojourning in Havona, make it necessary to maintain these reserves of supernaphim on the pilot world of the seventh circle, where they take origin. They are created without special design and are competent to take up service in the less

exacting phases of any of the duties of their superaphic associates of the tertiary order.

4. THE SECONDARY SUPERNAPHIM

1 The secondary supernaphim are ministers to the seven planetary circuits of the central universe. Part are devoted to the service of the pilgrims of time, and one half of the entire order is assigned to the training of the Paradise pilgrims of eternity. These Paradise Citizens, in their pilgrimage through the Havona circuits, are also attended by volunteers from the Mortal Finality Corps, an arrange-

ment that has prevailed since the completion of the first finaliter group.

2 §§ According to their periodic assignment to the ministry of the ascending pilgrims, secondary supernaphim work in the following seven groups:

3 1. Pilgrim Helpers.

4 2. Supremacy Guides.

5 3. Trinity Guides.

6 4. Son Finders.

7 5. Father Guides.

8 6. Counsellors and Advisers.

9 7. Complements of Rest.

10 §§ Each of these working groups contains angels of all seven created types, and a pilgrim of space is always tutored by secondary supernaphim of origin in the Master Spirit who presides over that pilgrim's superuniverse of nativity. When you mortals of Urantia attain Havona, you will certainly be piloted by supernaphim whose created natures — like your own evolved natures — are derived from the Master Spirit of Orvonton. And since your tutors spring from the Master Spirit of your own superuniverse, they are especially qualified to understand, comfort, and assist you in

all your efforts to attain Paradise perfection.

11 The pilgrims of time are transported past the dark gravity bodies of Havona to the outer planetary circuit by the transport personalities of the primary order of seconaphim, operating from the headquarters of the seven superuniverses. A majority, but not all, of the seraphim of planetary and local universe service who have been accredited for the Paradise ascent will part with their mortal associates before the long flight to Havona and will at once begin a long and intense training for supernal assignment, expect-

ing to achieve, as seraphim, perfection of existence and supremacy of service. And this they do, hoping to rejoin the pilgrims of time, to be reckoned among those who forever follow the course of such mortals as have attained the Universal Father and have received assignment to the undisclosed service of the Corps of the Finality.

12 The pilgrim lands on the receiving planet of Havona, the pilot world of the seventh circuit, with only one endowment of perfection, perfection of purpose. The Universal Father has decreed: "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect." That is the astounding invita-

tion-command broadcast to the finite children of the worlds of space. The promulgation of that injunction has set all creation astir in the co-operative effort of the celestial beings to assist in bringing about the fulfilment and realization of that tremendous command of the First Great Source and Centre.

13 When, through and by the ministry of all the helper hosts of the universal scheme of survival, you are finally deposited on the receiving world of Havona, you arrive with only one sort of perfection — *perfection of purpose.* Your purpose has been thoroughly proved; your faith has been

tested. You are known to be disappointment proof. Not even the failure to discern the Universal Father can shake the faith or seriously disturb the trust of an ascendant mortal who has passed through the experience that all must traverse in order to attain the perfect spheres of Havona. By the time you reach Havona, your sincerity has become sublime. Perfection of purpose and divinity of desire, with steadfastness of faith, have secured your entrance to the settled abodes of eternity; your deliverance from the uncertainties of time is full and complete; and now

must you come face to face with the problems of Havona and the immensities of Paradise, to meet which you have so long been in training in the experiential epochs of time on the world schools of space.

14 Faith has won for the ascendant pilgrim a perfection of purpose which admits the children of time to the portals of eternity. Now must the pilgrim helpers begin the work of developing that perfection of understanding and that technique of comprehension which are so indispensable to Paradise perfection of personality.

15 *Ability to comprehend is the mortal*

passport to Paradise. Willingness to believe is the key to Havona. The acceptance of sonship, co-operation with the indwelling Adjuster, is the price of evolutionary survival.

5. THE PILGRIM HELPERS

1 The first of the seven groups of secondary supernaphim to be encountered are the pilgrim helpers, those beings of quick understanding and broad sympathy who welcome the much-travelled ascenders of space to the stabilized worlds and settled economy of the central universe. Simultaneously these high ministers begin their work

for the Paradise pilgrims of eternity, the first of whom arrived on the pilot world of the inner Havona circuit concomitantly with the landing of Grandfanda on the pilot world of the outer circuit. Back in those far-distant days the pilgrims from Paradise and the pilgrims of time first met on the receiving world of circuit number four.

2 These pilgrim helpers, functioning on the seventh circle of Havona worlds, conduct their work for the ascending mortals in three major divisions: first, the supreme understanding of the Paradise Trinity; second, the spiritual comprehension of the Fa-

ther-Son partnership; and third, the intellectual recognition of the Infinite Spirit. Each of these phases of instruction is divided into 7 branches of 12 minor divisions of 70 subsidiary groups; and each of these 70 subsidiary groupings of instruction is presented in 1,000 classifications. More detailed instruction is provided on subsequent circles, but an outline of every Paradise requirement is taught by the pilgrim helpers.

3 That, then, is the primary or elementary course which confronts the faith-tested and much-travelled pilgrims of space. But long before reach-

ing Havona, these ascendant children of time have learned to feast upon uncertainty, to fatten upon disappointment, to enthuse over apparent defeat, to invigorate in the presence of difficulties, to exhibit indomitable courage in the face of immensity, and to exercise unconquerable faith when confronted with the challenge of the inexplicable. Long since, the battle cry of these pilgrims became: "In liaison with God, nothing — absolutely nothing — is impossible."

4 There is a definite requirement of the pilgrims of time on each of the Havona circles; and while every pilgrim

continues under the tutelage of supernaphim by nature adapted to helping that particular type of ascendant creature, the course that must be mastered is fairly uniform for all ascenders who reach the central universe. This course of achievement is quantitative, qualitative, and experiential — intellectual, spiritual, and supreme.

5 Time is of little consequence on the Havona circles. In a limited manner it enters into the possibilities of advancement, but achievement is the final and supreme test. The very moment your superaphic associate deems you to be competent to pass inward to

the next circle, you will be taken before the 12 adjutants of the seventh Circuit Spirit. Here you will be required to pass the tests of the circle determined by the superuniverse of your origin and by the system of your nativity. The divinity attainment of this circle takes place on the pilot world and consists in the spiritual recognition and realization of the Master Spirit of the ascending pilgrim's superuniverse.

6 When the work of the outer Havona circle is finished and the course presented is mastered, the pilgrim helpers take their subjects to the pilot world of the next circle and com-

mit them to the care of the supremacy guides. The pilgrim helpers always tarry for a season to assist in making the transfer both pleasant and profitable.

6. THE SUPREMACY GUIDES

1 Ascenders of space are designated "spiritual graduates" when translated from the seventh to the sixth circle and are placed under the immediate supervision of the supremacy guides. These guides should not be confused with the Graduate Guides — belonging to the Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit — who, with their servi-

tal associates, minister on all circuits of Havona to both ascending and descending pilgrims. The supremacy guides function only on the sixth circle of the central universe.

2 It is in this circle that the ascenders achieve a new realization of Supreme Divinity. Through their long careers in the evolutionary universes the pilgrims of time have been experiencing a growing awareness of the reality of an almighty overcontrol of the time-space creations. Here, on this Havona circuit, they come near to encountering the central universe source of time-space unity — the spiritual reality of

God the Supreme.

3 I am somewhat at a loss to explain what takes place on this circle. No personalized presence of Supremacy is perceptible to the ascenders. In certain respects, new relationships with the Seventh Master Spirit compensate this noncontactability of the Supreme Being. But regardless of our inability to grasp the technique, each ascending creature seems to undergo a transforming growth, a new integration of consciousness, a new spiritualization of purpose, a new sensitivity for divinity, which can hardly be satisfactorily explained without assuming the

unrevealed activity of the Supreme Being. To those of us who have observed these mysterious transactions, it appears as if God the Supreme were affectionately bestowing upon his experiential children, up to the very limits of their experiential capacities, those enhancements of intellectual grasp, of spiritual insight, and of personality outreach which they will so need, in all their efforts at penetrating the divinity level of the Trinity of Supremacy, to achieve the eternal and existential Deities of Paradise.

4 When the supremacy guides deem their pupils ripe for advancement, they

bring them before the commission of 70, a mixed group serving as examiners on the pilot world of circuit number six. After satisfying this commission as to their comprehension of the Supreme Being and of the Trinity of Supremacy, the pilgrims are certified for translation to the fifth circuit.

7. THE TRINITY GUIDES

1 Trinity guides are the tireless ministers of the fifth circle of the Havona training of the advancing pilgrims of time and space. The spiritual graduates are here designated "candidates for the Deity adventure" since it is on

this circle, under the direction of the Trinity guides, that the pilgrims receive advanced instruction concerning the divine Trinity in preparation for the attempt to achieve the personality recognition of the Infinite Spirit. And here the ascending pilgrims discover what true study and real mental effort mean as they begin to discern the nature of the still-more-taxing and far-more-arduous spiritual exertion that will be required to meet the demands of the high goal set for their achievement on the worlds of this circuit.

2 Most faithful and efficient are the

Trinity guides; and each pilgrim receives the undivided attention, and enjoys the whole affection, of a secondary supernaphim belonging to this order. Never would a pilgrim of time find the first approachable person of the Paradise Trinity were it not for the help and assistance of these guides and the host of other spiritual beings engaged in instructing the ascenders respecting the nature and technique of the forthcoming Deity adventure.

3 After the completion of the course of training on this circuit the Trinity guides take their pupils to its pilot world and present them before one

of the many triune commissions functioning as examiners and certifiers of candidates for the Deity adventure. These commissions consist of one fellow of the finaliters, one of the directors of conduct of the order of primary supernaphim, and either a Solitary Messenger of space or a Trinitized Son of Paradise.

4 When an ascendant soul actually starts for Paradise, he is accompanied only by the transit trio: the superaphic circle associate, the Graduate Guide, and the ever-present servital associate of the latter. These excursions from the Havona circles to Paradise are trial

trips; the ascenders are not yet of Paradise status. They do not achieve residential status on Paradise until they have passed through the terminal rest of time subsequent to the attainment of the Universal Father and the final clearance of the Havona circuits. Not until after the divine rest do they partake of the "essence of divinity" and the "spirit of supremacy" and thus really begin to function in the circle of eternity and in the presence of the Trinity.

5 §§ The ascender's companions of the transit trio are not required to enable him to locate the geographic pres-

ence of the spiritual luminosity of the Trinity, rather to afford all possible assistance to a pilgrim in his difficult task of recognizing, discerning, and comprehending the Infinite Spirit sufficiently to constitute personality recognition. Any ascendant pilgrim on Paradise can discern the geographic or locational presence of the Trinity, the great majority are able to contact the intellectual reality of the Deities, especially the Third Person, but not all can recognize or even partially comprehend the reality of the spiritual presence of the Father and the Son. Still more difficult is even the minimum

spiritual comprehension of the Universal Father.

6 Seldom does the quest for the Infinite Spirit fail of consummation, and when their subjects have succeeded in this phase of the Deity adventure, the Trinity guides prepare to transfer them to the ministry of the Son finders on the fourth circle of Havona.

8. THE SON FINDERS

1 The fourth Havona circuit is sometimes called the "circuit of the Sons." From the worlds of this circuit the ascending pilgrims go to Paradise to achieve an understanding con-

tact with the Eternal Son, while on the worlds of this circuit the descending pilgrims achieve a new comprehension of the nature and mission of the Creator Sons of time and space. There are seven worlds in this circuit on which the reserve corps of the Paradise Michaels maintain special service schools of mutual ministry to both the ascending and descending pilgrims; and it is on these worlds of the Michael Sons that the pilgrims of time and the pilgrims of eternity arrive at their first truly mutual understanding of one another. In many respects the experiences of this circuit are the

most intriguing of the entire Havona sojourn.

2 The Son finders are the superaphic ministers to the ascending mortals of the fourth circuit. In addition to the general work of preparing their candidates for a realization of the Trinity relationships of the Eternal Son, these Son finders must so fully instruct their subjects that they will be wholly successful: first, in the adequate spiritual comprehension of the Son; second, in the satisfactory personality recognition of the Son; and third, in the proper differentiation of the Son from the personality of the Infinite Spirit.

3 After the attainment of the Infinite Spirit, no more examinations are conducted. The tests of the inner circles are the performances of the pilgrim candidates when in the embrace of the enshroudment of the Deities. Advancement is determined purely by the spirituality of the individual, and no one but the Gods presumes to pass upon this possession. In the event of failure no reasons are ever assigned, neither are the candidates themselves nor their various tutors and guides ever chided or criticized. On Paradise, disappointment is never regarded as defeat; postponement is never looked

upon as disgrace; the apparent failures of time are never confused with the significant delays of eternity.

4 §§ Not many pilgrims experience the delay of seeming failure in the Deity adventure. Nearly all attain the Infinite Spirit, though occasionally a pilgrim from superuniverse number one does not succeed on the first attempt. The pilgrims who attain the Spirit seldom fail in finding the Son; of those who do fail on the first adventure, almost all hail from superuniverses three and five. The great majority of those who fail on the first adventure to attain the Father, after finding both the

Spirit and the Son, hail from superuniverse number six, though a few from numbers two and three[1] are likewise unsuccessful. And all this seems clearly to indicate that there is some good and sufficient reason for these apparent failures; in reality, simply unescapable delays.

5 The defeated candidates for the Deity adventure are placed under the jurisdiction of the chiefs of assignment, a group of primary super-

[1] The pattern observed here suggests that it is harder for the pilgrims hailing from a superuniverse not expressing the nature of a particular Paradise Deity to recognize that Deity on the first attempt.

naphim, and are remanded to the work of the realms of space for a period of not less than one millennium. They never return to the superuniverse of their nativity, always to that supercreation most propitious for their retraining in preparation for the second Deity adventure. Following this service, on their own motion, they return to the outer circle of Havona, are immediately escorted to the circle of their interrupted career, and at once resume their preparations for the Deity adventure. Never do the secondary supernaphim fail to pilot their subjects successfully on the second attempt,

and the same superaphic ministers and other guides always attend these candidates during this second adventure.

9. THE FATHER GUIDES

1 When the pilgrim soul attains the third circle of Havona, he comes under the tutelage of the Father guides, the older, highly skilled, and most experienced of the superaphic ministers. On the worlds of this circuit the Father guides maintain schools of wisdom and colleges of technique wherein all the beings inhabiting the central universe serve as teachers. Nothing is neglected which would be

of service to a creature of time in this transcendent adventure of eternity attainment.

2 The attainment of the Universal Father is the passport to eternity, notwithstanding the remaining circuits to be traversed. It is therefore a momentous occasion on the pilot world of circle number three when the transit trio announce that the last venture of time is about to ensue; that another creature of space seeks entry to Paradise through the portals of eternity.

3 §§ The test of time is almost over; the race for eternity has been all but run. The days of uncertainty are end-

ing; the temptation to doubt is vanishing; the injunction to be *perfect* has been obeyed. From the very bottom of intelligent existence the creature of time and material personality has ascended the evolutionary spheres of space, thus proving the feasibility of the ascension plan while forever demonstrating the justice and righteousness of the command of the Universal Father to his lowly creatures of the worlds: "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect."

4 Step by step, life by life, world by world, the ascendant career has been mastered, and the goal of Deity has

been attained. Survival is complete in perfection, and perfection is replete in the supremacy of divinity. Time is lost in eternity; space is swallowed up in worshipful identity and harmony with the Universal Father. The broadcasts of Havona flash forth the space reports of glory, the good news that in very truth the conscientious creatures of animal nature and material origin have, through evolutionary ascension, become in reality and eternally the perfected sons of God.

10. THE COUNSELLORS AND ADVISERS

1 The superaphic counsellors and

advisers of the second circle are the instructors of the children of time regarding the career of eternity. The attainment of Paradise entails responsibilities of a new and higher order, and the sojourn on the second circle affords ample opportunity to receive the helpful counsel of these devoted supernaphim.

2 §§ Those who are unsuccessful in the first effort at Deity attainment are advanced from the circle of failure directly to the second circle before they are returned to superuniverse service. Thus the counsellors and advisers also serve as the counsellors and

comforters of these disappointed pilgrims. They have just encountered their greatest disappointment, in no way differing from the long list of such experiences whereon they climbed, as on a ladder, from chaos to glory — except in its magnitude. These are they who have drained the experiential cup to its dregs; and I have observed that they temporarily return to the services of the superuniverses as the highest type of loving ministrators to the children of time and temporal disappointments.

3 After a long sojourn on circuit number two the subjects of disap-

pointment are examined by the councils of perfection sitting on the pilot world of this circle and are certified as having passed the Havona test; and this, so far as nonspiritual status is concerned, grants them the same standing in the universes of time as if they had actually succeeded in the Deity adventure. The spirit of such candidates was wholly acceptable; their failure was inherent in some phase of the technique of approach or in some part of their experiential background.

4 They are then taken by the counsellors of the circle before the chiefs of assignment on Paradise and are re-

manded to the service of time on the worlds of space; and they go with joy and gladness to the tasks of former days and ages. In another day they will return to the circle of their greatest disappointment and attempt anew the Deity adventure.

5 For the successful pilgrims on the second circuit the stimulus of evolutionary uncertainty is over, but the adventure of the eternal assignment has not yet begun; and while the sojourn on this circle is wholly pleasurable and highly profitable, it lacks some of the anticipative enthusiasm of the former circles. Many are the pilgrims who, at

such a time, look back upon the long, long struggle with a joyous envy, really wishing they might somehow go back to the worlds of time and begin it all over again, just as you mortals, in approaching advanced age, sometimes look back over the struggles of youth and early life and truly wish you might live your lives over once again.

6 But the traversal of the innermost circle lies just ahead, and soon thereafter the last transit sleep will terminate, and the new adventure of the eternal career will begin. The counsellors and advisers on the second circle begin the preparation of their sub-

jects for this great and final rest, the inevitable sleep which ever intervenes between the epochal stages of the ascendant career.

7 When those ascendant pilgrims who have attained the Universal Father complete the second-circle experience, their ever-attendant Graduate Guides issue the order admitting them to the final circle. These guides personally pilot their subjects to the inner circle and there place them in the custody of the complements of rest, the last of those orders of secondary supernaphim assigned to the ministry of the pilgrims of time on the world cir-

cuits of Havona.

11. THE COMPLEMENTS OF REST

1 Much of an ascender's time on the last circuit is devoted to a continuation of the study of the impending problems of Paradise residence. A vast and diverse host of beings, the majority unrevealed, are permanent and transient residents of this inner ring of Havona worlds. And the commingling of these manifold types provides the superaphic complements of rest with a rich situational environment which they effectively utilize in furthering the education of the ascending

pilgrims, especially with regard to the problems of adjustment to the many groups of beings soon to be encountered on Paradise.

2 §§ Among those who dwell on this inner circuit are the creature-trinitized sons. The primary and the secondary supernaphim are the general custodians of the conjoint corps of these sons, including the trinitized offspring of the mortal finaliters and similar progeny of the Paradise Citizens. Certain of these sons are Trinity embraced and commissioned in the supergovernments, others are variously assigned, but the great majority are be-

ing gathered together in the conjoint corps on the perfect worlds of the inner Havona circuit. Here, under the supervision of the supernaphim, they are being prepared for some future work by a special and unnamed corps of high Paradise Citizens who were, prior to the times of Grandfanda, first executive assistants to the Eternals of Days. There are many reasons for conjecturing that these two unique groups of trinitized beings are going to work together in the remote future, not the least of which is their common destiny in the reserves of the Paradise Corps of Trinitized Finaliters.

3 On this innermost circuit, both the ascending and the descending pilgrims fraternize with each other and with the creature-trinitized sons. Like their parents, these sons derive great benefits from interassociation, and it is the special mission of the supernaphim to facilitate and to ensure the confraternity of the trinitized sons of the mortal finaliters and the trinitized sons of the Paradise Citizens. The superaphic complements of rest are not so much concerned with their training as with promoting their understanding association with diverse groups.

4 Mortals have received the Paradise

command: "Be you perfect, even as your Paradise Father is perfect." To these trinitized sons of the conjoint corps the supervising supernaphim never cease to proclaim: "Be you understanding of your ascendant brethren, even as the Paradise Creator Sons know and love them."

5 §§ The mortal creature must find God. The Creator Son never stops until he finds man — the lowest will creature. Beyond doubt, the Creator Sons and their mortal children are preparing for some future and unknown universe service. Both traverse the gamut of the experiential universe

and so are educated and trained for their eternal mission. Throughout the universes there is occurring this unique blending of the human and the divine, the commingling of creature and Creator. Unthinking mortals have referred to the manifestation of divine mercy and tenderness, especially towards the weak and in behalf of the needy, as indicative of an anthropomorphic God. What a mistake! Rather should such manifestations of mercy and forbearance by human beings be taken as evidence that mortal man is indwelt by the spirit of the living God; that the creature is, af-

ter all, divinity motivated.

6 §§ Near the end of the first-circle sojourn the ascending pilgrims first meet the instigators of rest of the primary order of supernaphim. These are the angels of Paradise coming out to greet those who stand at the threshold of eternity and to complete their preparation for the transition slumber of the last resurrection. You are not really a child of Paradise until you have traversed the inner circle and have experienced the resurrection of eternity from the terminal sleep of time. The perfected pilgrims begin this rest, go to sleep, on the first circle of Havona,

but they awaken on the shores of Paradise. Of all who ascend to the eternal Isle, only those who thus arrive are the children of eternity; the others go as visitors, as guests without residential status.

7 And now, at the culmination of the Havona career, as you mortals go to sleep on the pilot world of the inner circuit, you go not alone to your rest as you did on the worlds of your origin when you closed your eyes in the natural sleep of mortal death, nor as you did when you entered the long transit trance preparatory for the journey to Havona. Now, as you prepare for

the attainment rest, there moves over by your side your long-time associate of the first circle, the majestic complement of rest, who prepares to enter the rest as one with you, as the pledge of Havona that your transition is complete, and that you await only the final touches of perfection.

8 Your first transition was indeed death, the second an ideal sleep, and now the third metamorphosis is the true rest, the relaxation of the ages.

9 [Presented by a Perfector of Wisdom from Uversa.]

PAPER 27

MINISTRY OF THE PRIMARY SUPERNAPHIM

Perfector of Wisdom

Primary supernaphim are the supernal servants of the Deities on the eternal Isle of Paradise. Never have they been known to depart from the paths of light and righteousness. The roll calls are complete; from eternity not one of this magnificent host has been lost. These high supernaphim are perfect beings, supreme in perfection, but they are not absonite,

neither are they absolute. Being of the essence of perfection, these children of the Infinite Spirit work interchangeably and at will in all phases of their manifold duties. They do not function extensively outside Paradise, though they do participate in the various millennial gatherings and group reunions of the central universe. They also go forth as special messengers of the Deities, and in large numbers they ascend to become Technical Advisers.

2 Primary supernaphim are also placed in command of the seraphic hosts ministering on worlds isolated because of rebellion. When a Par-

adise Son is bestowed upon such a world, completes his mission, ascends to the Universal Father, is accepted, and returns as the accredited deliverer of this isolated world, a primary supernaphim is always designated by the chiefs of assignment to assume command of the ministering spirits on duty in the newly reclaimed sphere. Supernaphim in this special service are periodically rotated. On Urantia the present "chief of seraphim" is the second of this order to be on duty since the times of the bestowal of Christ Michael.

3 From eternity the primary super-

naphim have served on the Isle of Light and have gone forth on missions of leadership to the worlds of space, but they have functioned as now classified only since the arrival on Paradise of the Havona pilgrims of time. These high angels now minister chiefly in the following seven orders of service:

4 1. Conductors of Worship.

5 2. Masters of Philosophy.

6 3. Custodians of Knowledge.

7 4. Directors of Conduct.

8 5. Interpreters of Ethics.

9 6. Chiefs of Assignment.

10 7. Instigators of Rest.

11 Not until the ascending pilgrims actually attain Paradise residence do they come under the direct influence of these supernaphim, and then they pass through a training experience under the direction of these angels in the reverse order of their naming. That is, you enter upon your Paradise career under the tutelage of the instigators of rest and, after successive seasons with the intervening orders, finish this training period with the conductors of worship. Thereupon are you ready to begin the endless career

of a finaliter.

1. INSTIGATORS OF REST

1 The instigators of rest are the inspectors of Paradise who go forth from the central Isle to the inner circuit of Havona, there to collaborate with their colleagues, the complements of rest of the secondary order of supernaphim. The one essential to the enjoyment of Paradise is rest, divine rest; and these instigators of rest are the final instructors who make ready the pilgrims of time for their introduction to eternity. They begin their work on the final attainment circle of the cen-

tral universe and continue it when the pilgrim awakes from the last transition sleep, the slumber which graduates a creature of space into the realm of the eternal.

2 §§ Rest is of a sevenfold nature: There is the rest of sleep and of play in the lower life orders, discovery in the higher beings, and worship in the highest type of spirit personality. There is also the normal rest of energy intake, the recharging of beings with physical or with spiritual energy. And then there is the transit sleep, the unconscious slumber when enseraphimed, when in passage from

one sphere to another. Entirely different from all of these is the deep sleep of metamorphosis, the transition rest from one stage of being to another, from one life to another, from one state of existence to another, the sleep which ever attends transition from actual universe *status* in contrast to evolution through various *stages* of any one status.

3 But the last metamorphic sleep is something more than those previous transition slumbers which have marked the successive status attainments of the ascendant career; thereby do the creatures of time and space tra-

verse the innermost margins of the temporal and the spatial to attain residential status in the timeless and spaceless abodes of Paradise. The instigators and the complements of rest are just as essential to this transcending metamorphosis as are the seraphim and associated beings to the mortal creature's survival of death.

4 §§ You enter the rest on the final Havona circuit and are eternally resurrected on Paradise. And as you there spiritually repersonalize, you will immediately recognize the instigator of rest who welcomes you to the eternal shores as the very primary su-

pernaphim who produced the final sleep on the innermost circuit of Havona; and you will recall the last grand stretch of faith as you once again made ready to commend the keeping of your identity into the hands of the Universal Father.

5 The last rest of time has been enjoyed; the last transition sleep has been experienced; now you awake to life everlasting on the shores of the eternal abode. "And there shall be no more sleep. The presence of God and his Son are before you, and you are eternally his servants; you have seen his face, and his name is your spirit.

There shall be no night there; and they need no light of the sun, for the Great Source and Centre gives them light; they shall live forever and ever. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away."

2. CHIEFS OF ASSIGNMENT

1 This is the group designated from time to time by the chief supernaphim, "the original pattern angel," to preside over the organization of all three orders of these angels — primary,

secondary, and tertiary. The supernaphim, as a body, are wholly self-governing and self-regulatory except for the functions of their mutual chief, the first angel of Paradise, who ever presides over all these spirit personalities.

2 The angels of assignment have much to do with glorified mortal residents of Paradise before they are admitted to the Corps of the Finality. Study and instruction are not the exclusive occupations of Paradise arrivals; service also plays its essential part in the prefinaliter educational experiences of Paradise. And I have observed that, when the ascendant mor-

tals have periods of leisure, they evince a predilection to fraternize with the reserve corps of the superaphic chiefs of assignment.

3 When you mortal ascenders attain Paradise, your societal relationships involve a great deal more than contact with a host of exalted and divine beings and with a familiar multitude of glorified fellow mortals. You must also fraternize with upwards of 3,000 different orders of Paradise Citizens, with the various groups of the Transcendentalers, and with numerous other types of Paradise inhabitants, permanent and transient, who have not been

revealed on Urantia. After sustained contact with these mighty intellects of Paradise, it is very restful to visit with the angelic types of mind; they remind the mortals of time of the seraphim with whom they have had such long contact and such refreshing association.

3. INTERPRETERS OF ETHICS

1 The higher you ascend in the scale of life, the more attention must be paid to universe ethics. Ethical awareness is simply the recognition by any individual of the rights inherent in the existence of any and all other indi-

viduals. But spiritual ethics far transcends the mortal and even the morontia concept of personal and group relations.

2 Ethics has been duly taught and adequately learned by the pilgrims of time in their long ascent to the glories of Paradise. As this inward-ascending career has unfolded from the nativity worlds of space, the ascenders have continued to add group after group to their ever-widening circle of universe associates. Every new group of colleagues met with adds one more level of ethics to be recognized and complied with until, by the time the mor-

tals of ascent reach Paradise, they really need someone to provide helpful and friendly counsel regarding ethical interpretations. They do not need to be taught ethics, but they do need to have what they have so laboriously learned properly *interpreted* to them as they are brought face to face with the extraordinary task of contacting with so much that is new.

3 The interpreters of ethics are of inestimable assistance to the Paradise arrivals in helping them to adjust to numerous groups of majestic beings during that eventful period extending from the attainment of residential sta-

tus to formal induction into the Corps of Mortal Finaliters. Many of the numerous types of Paradise Citizens the ascendant pilgrims have already met on the seven circuits of Havona. The glorified mortals have also enjoyed intimate contact with the creature-trinitized sons of the conjoint corps on the inner Havona circuit, where these beings are receiving much of their education. And on the other circuits the ascending pilgrims have met numerous unrevealed residents of the Paradise-Havona system who are there pursuing group training in preparation for the unrevealed assignments of the fu-

ture.

4 All these celestial companionships are invariably mutual. As ascending mortals you not only derive benefit from these successive universe companions and such numerous orders of increasingly divine associates, but you also impart to each of these fraternal beings something from your own personality and experience which forever makes every one of them different and better for having been associated with an ascending mortal from the evolu-

tionary worlds of time and space.

4. DIRECTORS OF CONDUCT

1 Having already been fully instructed in the ethics of Paradise relationships — neither meaningless formalities nor the dictations of artificial castes but rather the inherent proprieties — the ascendant mortals find it helpful to receive the counsel of the superaphic directors of conduct, who instruct the new members of Paradise society in the usages of the perfect conduct of the high beings who sojourn on the central Isle of Light and Life.

2 Harmony is the keynote of the central universe, and detectable order prevails on Paradise. Proper conduct is essential to progress by way of knowledge, through philosophy, to the spiritual heights of spontaneous worship. There is a divine technique in the approach to Divinity; and the acquirement of this technique must await the pilgrims' arrival on Paradise. The spirit of it has been imparted on the circles of Havona, but the final touches of the training of the pilgrims of time can be applied only after they actually attain the Isle of Light.

3 All Paradise conduct is wholly

spontaneous, in every sense natural and free. But there still is a proper and perfect way of doing things on the eternal Isle, and the directors of conduct are ever by the side of the "strangers within the gates" to instruct them and so guide their steps as to put them at perfect ease and at the same time to enable the pilgrims to avoid that confusion and uncertainty which would otherwise be inevitable. Only by such an arrangement could endless confusion be avoided; and confusion never appears on Paradise.

4 These directors of conduct really serve as glorified teachers and guides.

They are chiefly concerned with instructing the new mortal residents regarding the almost endless array of new situations and unfamiliar usages. Notwithstanding all the long preparation therefor and the long journey thereto, Paradise is still inexpressibly strange and unexpectedly new to those who finally attain residential status.

5. THE CUSTODIANS OF KNOWLEDGE

1 The superaphic custodians of knowledge are the higher "living epistles" known and read by all who dwell on Paradise. They are the divine re-

cords of truth, the living books of real knowledge. You have heard about records in the "book of life." The custodians of knowledge are just such living books, records of perfection imprinted upon the eternal tablets of divine life and supreme surety. They are in reality living, automatic libraries. The facts of the universes are inherent in these primary supernaphim, actually recorded in these angels; and it is also inherently impossible for an untruth to gain lodgement in the minds of these perfect and replete repositories of the truth of eternity and the intelligence of time.

2 These custodians conduct informal courses of instruction for the residents of the eternal Isle, but their chief function is that of reference and verification. Any sojourner on Paradise may at will have by his side the living repository of the particular fact or truth he may wish to know. At the northern extremity of the Isle there are available the living finders of knowledge, who will designate the director of the group holding the information sought, and forthwith will appear the brilliant beings who *are* the very thing you wish to know. No longer must you seek enlightenment from engrossed pages;

you now commune with living intelligence face to face. Supreme knowledge you thus obtain from the living beings who are its final custodians.

3 When you locate that supernaphim who is exactly what you desire to verify, you will find available *all* the known facts of all universes, for these custodians of knowledge are the final and living summaries of the vast network of the recording angels, ranging from the seraphim and seconaphim of the local and superuniverses to the chief recorders of the tertiary supernaphim in Havona. And this living accumulation of knowledge is distinct

from the formal records of Paradise, the cumulative summary of universal history.

4 The wisdom of truth takes origin in the divinity of the central universe, but knowledge, experiential knowledge, largely has its beginnings in the domains of time and space — therefore the necessity for the maintenance of the far-flung superuniverse organizations of the recording seraphim and supernaphim sponsored by the Celestial Recorders.

5 These primary supernaphim who are inherently in possession of universe knowledge are also responsible

for its organization and classification. In constituting themselves the living reference library of the universe of universes, they have classified knowledge into seven grand orders, each having about 1,000,000 subdivisions. The facility with which the residents of Paradise can consult this vast store of knowledge is solely due to the voluntary and wise efforts of the custodians of knowledge. The custodians are also the exalted teachers of the central universe, freely giving out their living treasures to all beings on any of the Havona circuits, and they are extensively, though indirectly, utilized by

the courts of the Ancients of Days. But this living library, which is available to the central and superuniverses, is not accessible to the local creations. Only by indirection and reflectively are the benefits of Paradise knowledge secured in the local universes.

6. MASTERS OF PHILOSOPHY

1 Next to the supreme satisfaction of worship is the exhilaration of philosophy. Never do you climb so high or advance so far that there do not remain a thousand mysteries which demand the employment of philosophy in an attempted solution.

2 The master philosophers of Paradise delight to lead the minds of its inhabitants, both native and ascendant, in the exhilarating pursuit of attempting to solve universe problems. These superaphic masters of philosophy are the "wise men of heaven," the beings of wisdom who make use of the truth of knowledge and the facts of experience in their efforts to master the unknown. With them knowledge attains to truth and experience ascends to wisdom. On Paradise the ascendant personalities of space experience the heights of being: They have knowledge; they know the truth; they may

philosophize — think the truth; they may even seek to encompass the concepts of the Ultimate and attempt to grasp the techniques of the Absolutes.

3 At the southern extremity of the vast Paradise domain the masters of philosophy conduct elaborate courses in the seventy functional divisions of wisdom. Here they discourse upon the plans and purposes of Infinity and seek to co-ordinate the experiences, and to compose the knowledge, of all who have access to their wisdom. They have developed a highly specialized attitude toward various universe problems, but their final conclusions

are always in uniform agreement.

4 These Paradise philosophers teach by every possible method of instruction, including the higher graph technique of Havona and certain Paradise methods of communicating information. All of these higher techniques of imparting knowledge and conveying ideas are utterly beyond the comprehension capacity of even the most highly developed human mind. One hour's instruction on Paradise would be the equivalent of 10,000 years of the word-memory methods of Urantia. You cannot grasp such communication techniques, and there is sim-

ply nothing in mortal experience with which they may be compared, nothing to which they can be likened.

5 The masters of philosophy take supreme pleasure in imparting their interpretation of the universe of universes to those beings who have ascended from the worlds of space. And while philosophy can never be as settled in its conclusions as the facts of knowledge and the truths of experience, yet, when you have listened to these primary supernaphim discourse upon the unsolved problems of eternity and the performances of the Absolutes, you will feel a certain and lasting satis-

faction concerning these unmastered questions.

6 These intellectual pursuits of Paradise are not broadcast; the philosophy of perfection is available only to those who are personally present. The encircling creations know of these teachings only from those who have passed through this experience, and who have subsequently carried this wisdom out to the universes of space.

7. CONDUCTORS OF WORSHIP

1 Worship is the highest privilege and the first duty of all created intelligences. Worship is the conscious

and joyous act of recognizing and acknowledging the truth and fact of the intimate and personal relationships of the Creators with their creatures. The quality of worship is determined by the depth of creature perception; and as the knowledge of the infinite character of the Gods progresses, the act of worship becomes increasingly all-encompassing until it eventually attains the glory of the highest experiential delight and the most exquisite pleasure known to created beings.

2 §§ While the Isle of Paradise contains certain places of worship, it is more nearly one vast sanctuary of di-

vine service. Worship is the first and dominant passion of all who climb to its blissful shores — the spontaneous ebullition of the beings who have learned enough of God to attain his presence. Circle by circle, during the inward journey through Havona, worship is a growing passion until on Paradise it becomes necessary to direct and otherwise control its expression.

3 The periodic, spontaneous, group, and other special outbursts of supreme adoration and spiritual praise enjoyed on Paradise are conducted under the leadership of a special corps of primary supernaphim. Under the di-

rection of these conductors of worship, such homage achieves the creature goal of supreme pleasure and attains the heights of the perfection of sublime self-expression and personal enjoyment. All primary supernaphim crave to be conductors of worship; and all ascendant beings would enjoy forever remaining in the attitude of worship did not the chiefs of assignment periodically disperse these assemblages. But no ascendant being is ever required to enter upon the assignments of eternal service until he has attained full satisfaction in worship.

4 §§ It is the task of the conduc-

tors of worship so to teach the ascendant creatures how to worship that they may be enabled to gain this satisfaction of self-expression and at the same time be able to give attention to the essential activities of the Paradise regime. Without improvement in the technique of worship it would require hundreds of years for the average mortal who reaches Paradise to give full and satisfactory expression to his emotions of intelligent appreciation and ascendant gratitude. The conductors of worship open up new and hitherto unknown avenues of expression so that these wonderful children of the

womb of space and the travail of time are enabled to gain the full satisfactions of worship in much less time.

5 All the arts of all the beings of the entire universe which are capable of intensifying and exalting the abilities of self-expression and the conveyance of appreciation, are employed to their highest capacity in the worship of the Paradise Deities. *Worship is the highest joy of Paradise existence;* it is the refreshing play of Paradise. What play does for your jaded minds on earth, worship will do for your perfected souls on Paradise. The mode of worship on Paradise is utterly beyond mortal com-

prehension, but the spirit of it you can begin to appreciate even down here on Urantia, for the spirits of the Gods even now indwell you, hover over you, and inspire you to true worship.

6 There are appointed times and places for worship on Paradise, but these are not adequate to accommodate the ever-increasing overflow of the spiritual emotions of the growing intelligence and expanding divinity recognition of the brilliant beings of experiential ascension to the eternal Isle. Never since the times of Grandfanda have the supernaphim been able fully to accommodate the

spirit of worship on Paradise. Always is there an excess of worshipfulness as gauged by the preparation therefor. And this is because personalities of inherent perfection never can fully appreciate the tremendous reactions of the spiritual emotions of beings who have slowly and laboriously made their way upward to Paradise glory from the depths of the spiritual darkness of the lower worlds of time and space. When such angels and mortals of time attain the presence of the Powers of Paradise, there occurs the expression of the accumulated emotions of the ages, a spectacle astounding to the angels

of Paradise and productive of the supreme joy of divine satisfaction in the Paradise Deities.

7 Sometimes all Paradise becomes engulfed in a dominating tide of spiritual and worshipful expression. Often the conductors of worship cannot control such phenomena until the appearance of the threefold fluctuation of the light of the Deity abode, signifying that the divine heart of the Gods has been fully and completely satisfied by the sincere worship of the residents of Paradise, the perfect citizens of glory and the ascendant creatures of time. What a triumph of technique!

What a fruition of the eternal plan and purpose of the Gods that the intelligent love of the creature child should give full satisfaction to the infinite love of the Creator Father!

8 §§ After the attainment of the supreme satisfaction of the fullness of worship, you are qualified for admission to the Corps of the Finality. The ascendant career is well-nigh finished, and the seventh jubilee prepares for celebration. The first jubilee marked the mortal agreement with the Thought Adjuster when the purpose to survive was sealed; the second was the awakening in the moron-

tia life; the third was the fusion with the Thought Adjuster; the fourth was the awakening in Havona; the fifth celebrated the finding of the Universal Father; and the sixth jubilee was the occasion of the Paradise awakening from the final transit slumber of time. The seventh jubilee marks entrance into the mortal finaliter corps and the beginning of the eternity service. The attainment of the seventh stage of spirit realization by a finaliter will probably signalize the celebration of the first of the jubilees of eternity.

9 §§ And thus ends the story of the Paradise supernaphim, the highest or-

der of all the ministering spirits, those beings who, as a universal class, ever attend you from the world of your origin until you are finally bidden farewell by the conductors of worship as you take the Trinity oath of eternity and are mustered into the Mortal Corps of the Finality.

10 The endless service of the Paradise Trinity is about to begin; and now the finaliter is face to face with the challenge of God the Ultimate.

11 [Presented by a Perfector of Wisdom from Uversa.]

PAPER 28

MINISTERING SPIRITS OF THE SUPERUNIVERSES

Mighty Messenger

As the supernaphim are the angelic hosts of the central universe and the seraphim of the local universes, so are the seconaphim the ministering spirits of the superuniverses. In degree of divinity and in potential of supremacy, however, these children of the Reflective Spirits are much more like supernaphim than seraphim. They serve not alone

in the supercreations, and both numerous and intriguing are the transactions sponsored by their unrevealed associates.

2 §§ As presented in these narratives, the ministering spirits of the superuniverses embrace the following three orders:

3 1. The Seconaphim.

4 2. The Tertiaphim.

5 3. The Omniaphim.

6 §§ Since the latter two orders are not so directly concerned with the ascendant scheme of mortal progression, they will be briefly discussed

prior to the more extended consideration of seconaphim. Technically, neither tertiaphim nor omniaphim are ministering spirits *of* the superuniverses, though both serve as spirit ministers *in* these domains.

1. THE TERTIAPHIM

1 These high angels are of record on the superuniverse headquarters, and despite service in the local creations, technically they are residents of these superuniverse capitals inasmuch as they are not native to the local universes. Tertiaphim are children of the Infinite Spirit and are personalized on

Paradise in groups of 1,000. These supernal beings of divine originality and near-supreme versatility are the gift of the Infinite Spirit to the Creator Sons of God.

2 When a Michael Son is detached from the parental regime of Paradise and is made ready to go forth on the universe adventure of space, the Infinite Spirit is delivered of a group of 1,000 of these companion spirits. And these majestic tertiaphim accompany this Creator Son when he embarks upon the adventure of universe organization.

3 Throughout the early times of uni-

verse building, these 1,000 tertiaphim are the only personal staff of a Creator Son. They acquire a mighty experience as Son assistants during these stirring ages of universe assembling and other astronomical manipulations. They serve by the side of the Creator Son until the day of the personalization of the Bright and Morning Star, the first-born of a local universe. Thereupon the formal resignations of the tertiaphim are tendered and accepted. And with the appearance of the initial orders of native angelic life, they retire from active service in the local universe and become

the liaison ministers between the Creator Son of former attachment and the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse concerned.

2. THE OMNIAPHIM

1 Omniaphim are created by the Infinite Spirit in liaison with the Seven Supreme Executives, and they are the exclusive servants and messengers of these same Supreme Executives. Omniaphim are of grand universe assignment, and in Orvonton their corps maintains headquarters in the northerly parts of Uversa, where they reside as a special courtesy colony.

They are not of registry on Uversa, nor are they attached to our administration. Neither are they directly concerned with the ascendant scheme of mortal progression.

2 The omniaphim are wholly occupied with the oversight of the superuniverses in the interests of administrative co-ordination from the viewpoint of the Seven Supreme Executives. Our colony of omniaphim on Uversa receives instructions from, and makes reports to, only the Supreme Executive of Orvonton, situated on conjoint executive sphere number seven in the

outer ring of Paradise satellites.

3. THE SECONAPHIM

1 The secoraphic hosts are produced by the seven Reflective Spirits assigned to the headquarters of each superuniverse. There is a definite Paradise-responsive technique associated with the creation of these angels in groups of seven. In each seven there are always one primary, three secondary, and three tertiary seconaphim; they always personalize in this exact proportion. When seven such seconaphim are created, one, the primary, becomes attached to the service of the Ancients

of Days. The three secondary angels are associated with three groups of Paradise-origin administrators in the supergovernments: the Divine Counsellors, the Perfectors of Wisdom, and the Universal Censors. The three tertiary angels are attached to the ascendant trinitized associates of the superuniverse rulers: the Mighty Messengers, Those High in Authority, and Those without Name and Number.

2 These seconaphim of the superuniverses are the offspring of the Reflective Spirits, and therefore reflectivity is inherent in their nature. They are reflectively responsive to all of each

phase of every creature of origin in the Third Source and Centre and the Paradise Creator Sons, but they are not directly reflective of the beings and entities, personal or otherwise, of sole origin in the First Source and Centre. We possess many evidences of the actuality of the universal intelligence circuits of the Infinite Spirit, but even if we had no other proof, the reflective performances of the seconaphim would be quite sufficient to demonstrate the reality of the universal presence of the

infinite mind of the Conjoint Actor.

4. THE PRIMARY SECONAPHIM

1 The primary seconaphim, of assignment to the Ancients of Days, are living mirrors in the service of these triune rulers. Think what it means in the economy of a superuniverse to be able to turn, as it were, to a living mirror and therein to see and therewith to hear the certain responses of another being 1,000 or 100,000 light-years distant and to do all this instantly and unerringly. Records are essential to the conduct of the universes, broadcasts are serviceable, the work of the

Solitary and other messengers is very helpful, but the Ancients of Days from their position midway between the inhabited worlds and Paradise — between man and God — can instantly look both ways, hear both ways, and *know* both ways.

2 This ability — to hear and see, as it were, all things — can be perfectly realized in the superuniverses only by the Ancients of Days and only on their respective headquarters worlds. Even there limits are encountered: From Uversa, such communication is limited to the worlds and universes of Orvonton, and while inoperative be-

tween the superuniverses, this same reflective technique keeps each one of them in close touch with the central universe and with Paradise. The seven supergovernments, though individually segregated, are thus perfectly reflective of the authority above and are wholly sympathetic, as well as perfectly conversant, with the needs below.

3 §§ The primary seconaphim are found to incline by inherent nature towards seven types of service, and it is befitting that the first serials of this order should be so endowed as inherently to interpret the mind of the

Spirit to the Ancients of Days:

4 1. *The Voice of the Conjoint Actor.* In each superuniverse the first primary seconaphim and every seventh one of that order subsequently created exhibit a high order of adaptability for understanding and interpreting the mind of the Infinite Spirit to the Ancients of Days and their associates in the supergovernments. This is of great value on the headquarters of the superuniverses, for, unlike the local creations with their Divine Ministers, the seat of a supergovernment does not have a specialized personalization of the Infinite Spirit. Hence

these secoraphic voices come the nearest to being the personal representatives of the Third Source and Centre on such a capital sphere. True, the seven Reflective Spirits are there, but these mothers of the secoraphic hosts are less truly and automatically reflective of the Conjoint Actor than of the Seven Master Spirits.

5 2. *The Voice of the Seven Master Spirits.* The second primary seconaphim and every seventh one thereafter created incline towards portraying the collective natures and reactions of the Seven Master Spirits. Though each Master Spirit is already

represented on a superuniverse capital by some one of the seven Reflective Spirits of assignment, such representation is individual, not collective. Collectively, they are only reflectively present; therefore do the Master Spirits welcome the services of these highly personal angels, the second serials of the primary seconaphim, who are so competent to represent them before the Ancients of Days.

6 3. *The Voice of the Creator Sons.* The Infinite Spirit must have had something to do with the creation or training of the Paradise Sons of the order of Michael, for the third primary

seconaphim and every seventh serial thereafter possess the remarkable gift of being reflective of the minds of these Creator Sons. If the Ancients of Days would like to know — really know — the attitude of Michael of Nebadon regarding some matter under consideration, they do not have to call him on the lines of space; they need only call for the Chief of Nebadon Voices, who, upon request, will present the Michael seconaphim of record; and right then and there the Ancients of Days will perceive the voice of the Master Son of Nebadon.

7 No other order of sonship is thus

"reflectible," and no other order of angel can thus function. We do not fully understand just how this is accomplished, and I doubt very much that the Creator Sons themselves fully understand it. But of a certainty we know it works, and that it unfailingly works acceptably we also know, for in all the history of Uversa the secoraphic voices have never erred in their presentations.

8 You are here beginning to see something of the manner in which divinity encompasses the space of time and masters the time of space. You are here obtaining one of your first fleet-

ing glimpses of the technique of the eternity cycle, divergent for the moment to assist the children of time in their tasks of mastering the difficult handicaps of space. And these phenomena are additional to the established universe technique of the Reflective Spirits.

9 Though apparently deprived of the personal presence of the Master Spirits above and of the Creator Sons below, the Ancients of Days have at their command living beings attuned to cosmic mechanisms of reflective perfection and ultimate precision whereby they may enjoy the reflec-

tive presence of all those exalted beings whose personal presence is denied them. By and through these means, and others unknown to you, God is potentially present on the headquarters of the superuniverses.

10 The Ancients of Days perfectly deduce the Father's will by equating the Spirit voice-flash from above and the Michael voice-flashes from below. Thus may they be unerringly certain in calculating the Father's will concerning the administrative affairs of the local universes. But to deduce the will of one of the Gods from a knowledge of the other two, the three Ancients

of Days must act together; two would not be able to achieve the answer. And for this reason, even were there no others, the superuniverses are always presided over by three Ancients of Days, and not by one or even two.

11 4. *The Voice of the Angelic Hosts.* The fourth primary seconaphim and every seventh serial prove to be angels peculiarly responsive to the sentiments of all orders of angels, including the supernaphim above and the seraphim below. Thus the attitude of any commanding or supervising angel is immediately available for consideration at any council of the An-

cients of Days. Never a day passes on your world that the chief of seraphim on Urantia is not made conscious of the phenomenon of reflective transference, of being drawn upon from Uversa for some purpose; but unless forewarned by a Solitary Messenger, she remains wholly ignorant of what is sought and of how it is secured. These ministering spirits of time are constantly furnishing this sort of unconscious and certainly, therefore, unprejudiced testimony concerning the endless array of matters engaging the attention and counsel of the Ancients of Days and their associates.

12 5. *Broadcast Receivers.* There is a special class of broadcast messages which are received only by these primary seconaphim. While they are not the regular broadcasters of Uversa, they work in liaison with the angels of the reflective voices for the purpose of synchronizing the reflective vision of the Ancients of Days with certain actual messages coming in over the established circuits of universe communication. Broadcast receivers are the fifth serials, the fifth primary seconaphim to be created and every seventh one thereafter.

13 6. *Transport Personalities.* These

are the seconaphim who carry the pilgrims of time from the headquarters worlds of the superuniverses to the outer circle of Havona. They are the transport corps of the superuniverses, operating inward to Paradise and outward to the worlds of their respective sectors. This corps is composed of the sixth primary seconaphim and every seventh one subsequently created.

14 7. *The Reserve Corps.* A very large group of seconaphim, the seventh primary serials, are held in reserve for the unclassified duties and the emergency assignments of the realms. Not being highly specialized, they can

function fairly well in any of the capacities of their diverse associates, but such specialized work is undertaken only in emergencies. Their usual tasks are the performance of those generalized duties of a superuniverse which do not fall within the scope of the angels of specific assignment.

5. THE SECONDARY SECONAPHIM

1 Seconaphim of the secondary order are no less reflective than their primary fellows. Being classed as primary, secondary, and tertiary does not indicate a differential of status or function in the case of seconaphim; it

merely denotes orders of procedure. Identical qualities are exhibited by all three groups in their activities.

2 §§ The seven reflective types of secondary seconaphim are assigned to the services of the co-ordinate Trinity-origin associates of the Ancients of Days as follows:

3 To the Perfectors of Wisdom — the Voices of Wisdom, the Souls of Philosophy, and the Unions of Souls.

4 To the Divine Counsellors — the Hearts of Counsel, the Joys of Existence, and the Satisfactions of Service.

5 To the Universal Censors — the Discerners of Spirits.

6 §§ Like the primary order, this group is created serially; that is, the first-born was a Voice of Wisdom, and the seventh thereafter was similar, and so with the six other types of these reflective angels.

7 1. *The Voice of Wisdom.* Certain of these seconaphim are in perpetual liaison with the living libraries of Paradise, the custodians of knowledge belonging to the primary supernaphim. In specialized reflective service the Voices of Wisdom are living, current, replete, and thoroughly reliable concentrations and focalizations of the co-ordinated wisdom of the

universe of universes. To the well-nigh infinite volume of information circulating on the master circuits of the superuniverses, these superb beings are so reflective and selective, so sensitive, as to be able to segregate and receive the essence of wisdom and unerringly to transmit these jewels of mentation to their superiors, the Perfectors of Wisdom. And they so function that the Perfectors of Wisdom not only hear the actual and original expressions of this wisdom but also reflectively see the very beings, of high or lowly origin, who gave voice to it.

8 It is written, "If any man lack wis-

dom, let him ask." On Uversa, when it becomes necessary to arrive at the decisions of wisdom in the perplexing situations of the complex affairs of the superuniverse government, when both the wisdom of perfection and of practicability must be forthcoming, then do the Perfectors of Wisdom summon a battery of the Voices of Wisdom and, by the consummate skill of their order, so attune and directionize these living receivers of the enminded and circulating wisdom of the universe of universes that presently, from these secoraphic voices, there ensues a stream of the wisdom of divinity from the uni-

verse above and a flood of the wisdom of practicality from the higher minds of the universes below.

9 If confusion arises regarding the harmonization of these two versions of wisdom, immediate appeal is made to the Divine Counsellors, who forthwith rule as to the proper combination of procedures. If there is any doubt as to the authenticity of something coming in from realms where rebellion has been rife, appeal is made to the Censors, who, with their Discerners of Spirits, are able to rule immediately as to "what manner of spirit" actuated the adviser. So are the wisdom of the ages

and the intellect of the moment ever present with the Ancients of Days, like an open book before their beneficent gaze.

10 You can just faintly comprehend what all this means to those who are responsible for the conduct of the superuniverse governments. The immensity and the comprehensiveness of these transactions are quite beyond finite conception. When you stand, as I repeatedly have, in the special receiving chambers of the temple of wisdom on Uversa and see all this in actual operation, you will be moved to adoration by the perfection of the complex-

ity, and by the surety of the working, of the interplanetary communications of the universes. You will pay homage to the divine wisdom and goodness of the Gods, who plan and execute with such superb technique. And these things actually happen just as I have portrayed them.

11 2. *The Soul of Philosophy.* These wonderful teachers are also attached to the Perfectors of Wisdom and, when not otherwise directionized, remain in focal synchrony with the masters of philosophy on Paradise. Think of stepping up to a huge living mirror, as it were, but instead of beholding the

likeness of your finite and material self, of perceiving a reflection of the wisdom of divinity and the philosophy of Paradise. And if it becomes desirable to "incarnate" this philosophy of perfection, so to dilute it as to make it practical of application to, and assimilation by, the lowly peoples of the lower worlds, these living mirrors have only to turn their faces downward to reflect the standards and needs of another world or universe.

12 By these very techniques do the Perfectors of Wisdom adapt decisions and recommendations to the real needs and actual status of the peo-

ples and worlds under consideration, and always do they act in concert with the Divine Counsellors and the Universal Censors. But the sublime repleteness of these transactions is beyond even my ability to comprehend.

13 3. *The Union of Souls.* Completing the triune staff of attachment to the Perfectors of Wisdom, are these reflectors of the ideals and status of ethical relationships. Of all the problems in the universe requiring an exercise of the consummate wisdom of experience and adaptability, none are more important than those arising out of the relationships and associations of

intelligent beings. Whether in human associations of commerce and trade, friendship and marriage, or in the liaisons of the angelic hosts, there continue to arise petty frictions, minor misunderstandings too trivial even to engage the attention of conciliators but sufficiently irritating and disturbing to mar the smooth working of the universe if they were allowed to multiply and continue. Therefore do the Perfectors of Wisdom make available the wise experience of their order as the "oil of reconciliation" for an entire superuniverse. In all this work these wise men of the superuniverses are

ably seconded by their reflective associates, the Unions of Souls, who make available current information regarding the status of the universe and concurrently portray the Paradise ideal of the best adjustment of these perplexing problems. When not specifically directionized elsewhere, these seconaphim remain in reflective liaison with the interpreters of ethics on Paradise.

14 §§ These are the angels who foster and promote the teamwork of all Orvonton. One of the most important lessons to be learned during your mortal career is *teamwork*. The spheres of

perfection are manned by those who have mastered this art of working with other beings. Few are the duties in the universe for the lone servant. The higher you ascend, the more lonely you become when temporarily without the association of your fellows.

15 4. *The Heart of Counsel.* This is the first group of these reflective geniuses to be placed under the supervision of the Divine Counsellors. Seconaphim of this type are in possession of the facts of space, being selective for such data in the circuits of time. Especially are they reflective of the superaphic intelligence co-ordina-

tors, but they are also selectively reflective of the counsel of all beings, whether of high or low estate. Whenever the Divine Counsellors are called upon for important advice or decisions, they immediately requisition an ensemble of the Hearts of Counsel, and presently there is handed down a ruling which actually incorporates the co-ordinated wisdom and advice of the most competent minds of the entire superuniverse, all of which has been censored and revised in the light of the counsel of the high minds of Havona and even of Paradise.

16 5. *The Joy of Existence.* By nature

these beings are reflectively attuned to the superaphic harmony supervisors above and to certain of the seraphim below, but it is difficult to explain just what the members of this interesting group really do. Their principal activities are directed toward promoting reactions of joy among the various orders of the angelic hosts and the lower will creatures. The Divine Counsellors, to whom they are attached, seldom use them for specific joy finding. In a more general manner and in collaboration with the reversion directors, they function as joy clearinghouses, seeking to upstep the pleasure

reactions of the realms while trying to improve the humour taste, to develop a superhumour among mortals and angels. They endeavour to demonstrate that there is inherent joy in free-will existence, independent of all extraneous influences; and they are right, although they meet with great difficulty in inculcating this truth in the minds of primitive men. The higher spirit personalities and the angels are more quickly responsive to these educational efforts.

17 6. *The Satisfaction of Service.* These angels are highly reflective of the attitude of the directors of conduct on

Paradise, and functioning much as do the Joys of Existence, they strive to enhance the value of service and to augment the satisfactions to be derived therefrom. They have done much to illuminate the deferred rewards inherent in unselfish service, service for the extension of the kingdom of truth.

18 The Divine Counsellors, to whom this order is attached, utilize them to reflect from one world to another the benefits to be derived from spiritual service. And by using the performances of the best to inspire and encourage the mediocre, these seconaphim contribute immensely to the

quality of devoted service in the superuniverses. Effective use is made of the fraternal competitive spirit by circulating to any one world information about what the others, particularly the best, are doing. A refreshing and wholesome rivalry is promoted even among the seraphic hosts.

19 7. *The Discerner of Spirits.* A special liaison exists between the counsellors and advisers of the second Havona circle and these reflective angels. They are the only seconaphim attached to the Universal Censors but are probably the most uniquely specialized of all their fellows. Regardless

of the source or channel of information, no matter how meagre the evidence at hand, when it is subjected to their reflective scrutiny, these discerners will forthwith inform us as to the true motive, the actual purpose, and the real nature of its origin. I marvel at the superb functioning of these angels, who so unerringly reflect the actual moral and spiritual character of any individual concerned in a focal exposure.

20 The Discerners of Spirits carry on these intricate services by virtue of inherent "spiritual insight," if I may use such words in an endeavour to convey

to the human mind the thought that these reflective angels thus function intuitively, inherently, and unerringly. When the Universal Censors behold these presentations, they are face to face with the naked soul of the reflected individual; and this very certainty and perfection of portraiture in part explains why the Censors can always function so justly as righteous judges. The discerners always accompany the Censors on any mission away from Uversa, and they are just as effective out in the universes as at their Uversa headquarters.

21 I assure you that all these transac-

tions of the spirit world are real, that they take place in accordance with established usages and in harmony with the immutable laws of the universal domains. The beings of every newly created order, immediately upon receiving the breath of life, are instantly reflected on high; a living portrayal of the creature nature and potential is flashed to the superuniverse headquarters. Thus, by means of the discerners, are the Censors made fully cognizant of exactly "what manner of spirit" has been born on the worlds of space.

22 So it is with mortal man: The Mother Spirit of Salvington knows

you fully, for the Holy Spirit on your world "searches all things," and whatsoever the divine Spirit knows of you is immediately available whenever the secoraphic discerners reflect with the Spirit concerning the Spirit's knowledge of you. It should, however, be mentioned that the knowledge and plans of the Father fragments are not reflectible. The discerners can and do reflect the presence of the Adjusters (and the Censors pronounce them divine), but they cannot decipher the content of the mindedness of the Mys-

tery Monitors.

6. THE TERTIARY SECONAPHIM

1 In the same manner as their fellows, these angels are created serially and in seven reflective types, but these types are not assigned individually to the separate services of the superuniverse administrators. All tertiary seconaphim are collectively assigned to the Trinitized Sons of Attainment, and these ascendant sons use them interchangeably; that is, the Mighty Messengers can and do utilize any of the tertiary types, and so do their coordinates, Those High in Authority

and Those without Name and Number. These seven types of tertiary seconaphim are:

2 1. *The Significance of Origins.* The ascendant Trinitized Sons of a superuniverse government are charged with the responsibility of dealing with all issues growing out of the origin of any individual, race, or world; and the significance of origin is the paramount question in all our plans for the cosmic advancement of the living creatures of the realm. All relationships and the application of ethics grow out of the fundamental facts of origin. Origin is the basis of the relational reaction of

the Gods. Always does the Conjoint Actor "take note of the man, in what manner he was born."

3 With the higher descendant beings, origin is simply a fact to be ascertained; but with the ascending beings, including the lower orders of angels, the nature and circumstances of origin are not always so clear, though of equally vital importance at almost every turn of universe affairs — hence the value of having at our disposal a series of reflective seconaphim who can instantly portray anything required respecting the genesis of any being in either the central universe or through-

out the entire realm of a superuniverse.

4 The Significances[1] of Origins are the living ready-reference genealogies of the vast hosts of beings — men, angels, and others — who inhabit the seven superuniverses. They are always ready to supply their superiors with an up-to-date, replete, and trustworthy estimate of the ancestral factors and the current actual status of any individual on any world of their respective superuniverses; and their computation of possessed facts is always up to the minute.

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[1] In 1955 text "Significance" in the singular, disagreeing with the verb "are" that follows.

5 2. *The Memory of Mercy.* These are the actual, full and replete, living records of the mercy which has been extended to individuals and races by the tender ministrations of the instrumentalities of the Infinite Spirit in the mission of adapting the justice of righteousness to the status of the realms, as disclosed by the portrayals of the Significance of Origins. The Memory of Mercy discloses the moral debt of the children of mercy — their spiritual liabilities — to be set down against their assets of the saving provision established by the Sons of God. In revealing the Father's pre-existent mercy, the

Sons of God establish the necessary credit to ensure the survival of all. And then, in accordance with the findings of the Significance of Origins, a mercy credit is established for the survival of each rational creature, a credit of lavish proportions and one of sufficient grace to ensure the survival of every soul who really desires divine citizenship.

6 The Memory of Mercy is a living trial balance, a current statement of your account with the supernatural forces of the realms. These are the living records of mercy ministration which are read into the testi-

mony of the courts of Uversa when each individual's right to unending life comes up for adjudication, when "thrones are cast up and the Ancients of Days are seated. The broadcasts of Uversa issue and come forth from before them; thousands upon thousands minister to them, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before them. The judgment is set, and the books are opened." And the books which are opened on such a momentous occasion are the living records of the tertiary seconaphim of the superuniverses. The formal records are on file to corroborate the testimony of

the Memories of Mercy if they are required.

7 The Memory of Mercy must show that the saving credit established by the Sons of God has been fully and faithfully paid out in the loving ministry of the patient personalities of the Third Source and Centre. But when mercy is exhausted, when the "memory" thereof testifies to its depletion, then does justice prevail and righteousness decree. For mercy is not to be thrust upon those who despise it; mercy is not a gift to be trampled under foot by the persistent rebels of time. Nevertheless, though mercy

is thus precious and dearly bestowed, your individual drawing credits are always far in excess of your ability to exhaust the reserve if you are sincere of purpose and honest of heart.

8 §§ The mercy reflectors, with their tertiary associates, engage in numerous superuniverse ministries, including the teaching of the ascending creatures. Among many other things the Significances[1] of Origins teach these ascenders how to apply spirit ethics, and following such training, the Mem-

[1] In 1955 text "Significance" in the singular, disagreeing with the verb "teach" that follows, similarly to 28:6.4.

ories of Mercy teach them how to be truly merciful. While the spirit techniques of mercy ministry are beyond your concept, you should even now understand that mercy is a quality of growth. You should realize that there is a great reward of personal satisfaction in being first just, next fair, then patient, then kind. And then, on that foundation, if you choose and have it in your heart, you can take the next step and really show mercy; but you cannot exhibit mercy in and of itself. These steps must be traversed; otherwise there can be no genuine mercy. There may be patronage, condescen-

sion, or charity — even pity — but not mercy. True mercy comes only as the beautiful climax to these preceding adjuncts to group understanding, mutual appreciation, fraternal fellowship, spiritual communion, and divine harmony.

9 3. *The Import of Time.* Time is the one universal endowment of all will creatures; it is the "one talent" entrusted to all intelligent beings. You all have time in which to ensure your survival; and time is fatally squandered only when it is buried in neglect, when you fail so to utilize it as to make certain the survival of your soul. Failure

to improve one's time to the fullest extent possible does not impose fatal penalties; it merely retards the pilgrim of time in his journey of ascent. If survival is gained, all other losses can be retrieved.

10 In the assignment of trusts the counsel of the Imports of Time is invaluable. Time is a vital factor in everything this side of Havona and Paradise. In the final judgment before the Ancients of Days, time is an element of evidence. The Imports of Time must always afford testimony to show that every defendant has had ample time for making decisions, achieving

choice.

11 These time evaluators are also the secret of prophecy; they portray the element of time which will be required in the completion of any undertaking, and they are just as dependable as indicators as are the frandalanks and chronoldeks of other living orders. The Gods foresee, hence foreknow; but the ascendant authorities of the universes of time must consult the Imports of Time to be able to forecast events of the future.

12 You will first encounter these beings on the mansion worlds, and they will there instruct you in the advan-

tageous use of that which you call "time," both in its positive employment, work, and in its negative utilization, rest. Both uses of time are important.

13 4. *The Solemnity of Trust.* Trust is the crucial test of will creatures. Trustworthiness is the true measure of self-mastery, character. These seconaphim accomplish a double purpose in the economy of the superuniverses: They portray to all will creatures the sense of the obligation, sacredness, and solemnity of trust. At the same time they unerringly reflect to the governing authorities the exact trustworthiness of

any candidate for confidence or trust.

14 On Urantia, you grotesquely essay to read character and to estimate specific abilities, but on Uversa we actually do these things in perfection. These seconaphim weigh trustworthiness in the living scales of unerring character appraisal, and when they have looked at you, we have only to look at them to know the limitations of your ability to discharge responsibility, execute trust, and fulfil missions. Your assets of trustworthiness are clearly set forth alongside your liabilities of possible default or betrayal.

15 §§ It is the plan of your superiors

to advance you by augmented trusts just as fast as your character is sufficiently developed to gracefully bear these added responsibilities, but to overload the individual only courts disaster and ensures disappointment. And the mistake of placing responsibility prematurely upon either man or angel may be avoided by utilizing the ministry of these infallible estimators of the trust capacity of the individuals of time and space. These seconaphim ever accompany Those High in Authority, and never do these executives make assignments until their candidates have been weighed in the

secoraphic balances and pronounced "not wanting."

16 5. *The Sanctity of Service.* The privilege of service immediately follows the discovery of trustworthiness. Nothing can stand between you and opportunity for increased service except your own untrustworthiness, your lack of capacity for appreciation of the solemnity of trust.

17 Service — purposeful service, not slavery — is productive of the highest satisfaction and is expressive of the divinest dignity. Service — more service, increased service, difficult service, adventurous service, and at last divine

and perfect service — is the goal of time and the destination of space. But ever will the play cycles of time alternate with the service cycles of progress. And after the service of time there follows the superservice of eternity. During the play of time you should envision the work of eternity, even as you will, during the service of eternity, reminisce the play of time.

18 §§ The universal economy is based on intake and output; throughout the eternal career you will never encounter monotony of inaction or stagnation of personality. Progress is made possible by inherent motion, advancement

grows out of the divine capacity for action, and achievement is the child of imaginative adventure. But inherent in this capacity for achievement is the responsibility of ethics, the necessity for recognizing that the world and the universe are filled with a multitude of differing types of beings. All of this magnificent creation, *including yourself,* was not made just for you. This is not an egocentric universe. The Gods have decreed, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and said your Master Son, "He who would be greatest among you let him be server of all."

19 §§ The real nature of any service,

be it rendered by man or angel, is fully revealed in the faces of these secoraphic service indicators, the Sanctities of Service. The full analysis of the true and of the hidden motives is clearly shown. These angels are indeed the mind readers, heart searchers, and soul revealers of the universe. Mortals may employ words to conceal their thoughts, but these high seconaphim lay bare the deep motives of the human heart and of the angelic mind.

20 6 and 7. *The Secret of Greatness and the Soul of Goodness.* The ascending pilgrims having awakened to the import of time, the way is prepared

for the realization of the solemnity of trust and for the appreciation of the sanctity of service. While these are the moral elements of greatness, there are also secrets of greatness. When the spiritual tests of greatness are applied, the moral elements are not disregarded, but the quality of unselfishness revealed in disinterested labour for the welfare of one's earthly fellows, particularly worthy beings in need and in distress, that is the real *measure* of planetary greatness. And the *manifestation* of greatness on a world like Urantia is the exhibition of self-control. The great man is not he who

"takes a city" or "overthrows a nation," but rather "he who subdues his own tongue."

21 Greatness is synonymous with divinity. God is supremely great and good. *Greatness and goodness simply cannot be divorced.* They are forever made one in God. This truth is literally and strikingly illustrated by the reflective interdependence of the Secret of Greatness and the Soul of Goodness, for neither can function without the other. In reflecting other qualities of divinity, the superuniverse seconaphim can and do act alone, but the reflective estimates of greatness and

of goodness appear to be inseparable. Hence, on any world, in any universe, must these reflectors of greatness and of goodness work together, always showing a dual and mutually dependent report of every being upon whom they focalize. Greatness cannot be estimated without knowing the content of goodness, while goodness cannot be portrayed without exhibiting its inherent and divine greatness.

22 The estimate of greatness varies from sphere to sphere. To be great is to be Godlike. And since the quality of greatness is wholly determined by the content of goodness, it follows

that, even in your present human estate, if you can through grace become good, you are thereby becoming great. The more steadfastly you behold, and the more persistently you pursue, the concepts of divine goodness, the more certainly will you grow in greatness, in true magnitude of genuine survival character.

7. MINISTRY OF THE SECONAPHIM

1 The seconaphim have their origin and headquarters on the capitals of the superuniverses, but with their liaison fellows they range from the shores of Paradise to the evolutionary worlds

of space. They serve as valued assistants to the members of the deliberative assemblies of the supergovernments and are of great help to the courtesy colonies of Uversa: the star students, millennial tourists, celestial observers, and a host of others, including the ascendant beings in waiting for Havona transport. The Ancients of Days take pleasure in assigning certain of the primary seconaphim to assist the ascending creatures domiciled on the 490 study worlds surrounding Uversa, and here also do many of the secondary and tertiary orders serve as teachers. These Uversa satellites are

the finishing schools of the universes of time, presenting the preparatory course for the seven-circuited university of Havona.

2 §§ Of the three orders of seconaphim, the tertiary group, attached to the ascendant authorities, minister most extensively to the ascending creatures of time. You will on occasion meet them soon after your departure from Urantia, though you will not freely make use of their services until you reach the tarrying worlds of Orvonton. You will enjoy their companionship when you become fully acquainted with them during your so-

journ on the Uversa school worlds.

3 These tertiary seconaphim are the timesavers, space abridgers, error detectors, faithful teachers, and everlasting guideposts — living signs of divine surety — in mercy placed at the crossroads of time, there to guide the feet of anxious pilgrims in moments of great perplexity and spiritual uncertainty. Long before attaining the portals of perfection, you will begin to gain access to the tools of divinity and to make contact with the techniques of Deity. Increasingly, from the time you arrive on the initial mansion world until you close your eyes in the Ha-

vona sleep preparatory to your Paradise transit, you will avail yourself of the emergency help of these marvellous beings, who are so fully and freely reflective of the sure knowledge and certain wisdom of those safe and dependable pilgrims who have preceded you on the long journey to the portals of perfection.

4 We are denied the full privilege of using these angels of the reflective order on Urantia. They are frequent visitors on your world, accompanying assigned personalities, but here they cannot freely function. This sphere is still under partial spiritual quaran-

tine, and some of the circuits essential to their services are not here at present. When your world is once more restored to the reflective circuits concerned, much of the work of interplanetary and interuniverse communication will be greatly simplified and expedited. Celestial workers on Urantia encounter many difficulties because of this functional curtailment of their reflective associates. But we go on joyfully conducting our affairs with the instrumentalities at hand, notwithstanding our local deprivation of many of the services of these marvellous beings, the living mirrors of

space and the presence projectors of time.

5 [Sponsored by a Mighty Messenger of Uversa.]

PAPER 29

THE UNIVERSE POWER DIRECTORS

Universal Censor

Of all the universe personalities concerned in the regulation of interplanetary and interuniverse affairs, the power directors and their associates have been the least understood on Urantia. While your races have long known of the existence of angels and similar orders of celestial beings, little information concerning the controllers and regulators of

the physical domain has ever been imparted. Even now I am permitted fully to disclose only the last of the following three groups of living beings having to do with force control and energy regulation in the master universe:

2 1. Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers.

3 2. Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers.

4 3. Universe Power Directors.

5 §§ Though I deem it impossible to portray the individuality of the various groups of directors, centres, and controllers of universe power, I hope to be able to explain something about

the domain of their activities. They are a unique group of living beings having to do with the intelligent regulation of energy throughout the grand universe. Including the supreme directors, they embrace the following major divisions:

6 1. The Seven Supreme Power Directors.

7 2. The Supreme Power Centres.

8 3. The Master Physical Controllers.

9 4. The Morontia Power Supervisors.

10 §§ The Supreme Power Directors and Centres have existed from the near

times of eternity, and as far as we know, no more beings of these orders have been created. The Seven Supreme Directors were personalized by the Seven Master Spirits, and then they collaborated with their parents in the production of more than ten billion associates. Before the days of the power directors the energy circuits of space outside of the central universe were under the intelligent supervision of the Master Force Organizers of Paradise.

11 Having knowledge about material creatures, you have at least a contrastive conception of spiritual beings;

but it is very difficult for the mortal mind to envisage the power directors. In the scheme of ascendant progression to higher levels of existence you have nothing directly to do with either the supreme directors or the power centres. On certain rare occasions you will have dealings with the physical controllers, and you will work freely with the supervisors of morontia power upon reaching the mansion worlds. These Morontia Power Supervisors function so exclusively in the morontia regime of the local creations that it is deemed best to narrate their activities in the section dealing with

the local universe.

1. THE SEVEN SUPREME POWER DIRECTORS

1 The Seven Supreme Power Directors are the physical-energy regulators of the grand universe. Their creation by the Seven Master Spirits is the first recorded instance of the derivation of semimaterial progeny from true spirit ancestry. When the Seven Master Spirits create individually, they bring forth highly spiritual personalities on the angelic order; when they create collectively, they sometimes produce these high types of semimaterial beings. But even these quasi-physical be-

ings would be invisible to the short-range vision of Urantia mortals.

2 The Supreme Power Directors are seven in number, and they are identical in appearance and function. One cannot be distinguished from another except by that Master Spirit with whom each is in immediate association, and to whom each is in complete functional subservience. Each of the Master Spirits is thus in eternal union with one of their collective offspring. The same director is always in association with the same Spirit, and their working partnership results in a unique association of physical and

spiritual energies, of a semiphysical being and a spirit personality.

3 The Seven Supreme Power Directors are stationed on peripheral Paradise, where their slowly circulating presences indicate the whereabouts of the force-focal headquarters of the Master Spirits. These power directors function singly in the power-energy regulation of the superuniverses but collectively in the administration of the central creation. They operate from Paradise but maintain themselves as effective power centres in all divisions of the grand universe.

4 These mighty beings are the phys-

ical ancestors of the vast host of the power centres and, through them, of the physical controllers scattered throughout the seven superuniverses. Such subordinate physical-control organisms are basically uniform, identical except for the differential toning of each superuniverse corps. In order to change in superuniverse service, they would merely have to return to Paradise for retoning. The physical creation is fundamentally uniform in administration.

2. THE SUPREME POWER CENTRES

1 The Seven Supreme Power Direc-

tors are not able, individually, to reproduce themselves, but collectively, and in association with the Seven Master Spirits, they can and do reproduce — create — other beings like themselves. Such is the origin of the Supreme Power Centres of the grand universe, who function in the following seven groups:

2 1. Supreme Centre Supervisors.

3 2. Havona Centres.

4 3. Superuniverse Centres.

5 4. Local Universe Centres.

6 5. Constellation Centres.

7 6. System Centres.

8 ## 7. Unclassified Centres.

9 §§ These power centres together with the Supreme Power Directors are beings of high will freedom and action. They are all endowed with Third-Source personality and disclose unquestioned volitional capacity of a high order. These directing centres of the universe power system are the possessors of exquisite intelligence endowment; they are the intellect of the power system of the grand universe and the secret of the technique of the mind control of all the vast network of the far-flung functions of the Master Physical Controllers and the Moron-

tia Power Supervisors.

10 1. *Supreme Centre Supervisors.* These seven co-ordinates and associates of the Supreme Power Directors are the regulators of the master energy circuits of the grand universe. Each centre supervisor is headquartered on one of the special worlds of the Seven Supreme Executives, and they work in close association with these co-ordinators of general universe affairs.

11 The Supreme Power Directors and the Supreme Centre Supervisors function both as individuals and conjointly with regard to all cosmic phenomena below the levels of "gravity

energy." When acting in liaison, these 14 beings are to universe power what the Seven Supreme Executives are to general universe affairs, and what the Seven Master Spirits are to the cosmic mind.

12 2. *Havona Centres.* Before the creation of the universes of time and space, power centres were not required in Havona, but ever since these far-distant times, 1,000,000 have functioned in the central creation, each centre having the supervision of 1,000 Havona worlds. Here in the divine universe there is perfection of energy control, a condition not existing else-

where. Perfection of energy regulation is the ultimate goal of all the power centres and the physical controllers of space.

13 3. *Superuniverse Centres.* Occupying an enormous area on the capital sphere of each of the seven superuniverses are 1,000 power centres of the 3rd order. Three currents of primary energy of 10 segregations each come in to these power centres, but seven specialized and well-directed, though imperfectly controlled, circuits of power go forth from their seat of united action. This is the electronic organization of universe power.

14 All energy is circuited in the Paradise cycle, but the Universe Power Directors *direct* the force-energies of nether Paradise as they find them modified in the space functions of the central and superuniverses, converting and directing these energies into channels of useful and constructive application. There is a difference between Havona energy and the energies of the superuniverses. The power charge of a superuniverse consists of 3 phases of energy of 10 segregations each. This threefold energy charge spreads throughout the space of the grand universe; it is like a vast mov-

ing ocean of energy which engulfs and bathes the whole of each of the seven supercreations.

15 The electronic organization of universe power functions in seven phases and discloses varying response to local or linear gravity. This seven-fold circuit proceeds from the super-universe power centres and pervades each supercreation. Such specialized currents of time and space are definite and localized energy movements initiated and directed for specific purposes, much as the Gulf Stream functions as a circumscribed phenomenon in the midst of the Atlantic Ocean.

16 4. *Local Universe Centres.* On the headquarters of each local universe are stationed 100 power centres of the 4th order. They function to downstep and otherwise to modify the seven power circuits emanating from superuniverse headquarters, thus making them applicable to the services of the constellations and systems. The local astronomical catastrophes of space are of passing concern to these power centres; they are engaged in the orderly dispatch of effective energy to the subsidiary constellations and systems. They are of great assistance to the Creator Sons

during the later times of universe organization and energy mobilization. These centres are able to provide intensified lanes of energy useful for interplanetary communication between important inhabited points. Such a *lane* or *line* of energy, sometimes also called an energy path, is a direct circuit of energy from one power centre to another power centre or from one physical controller to another controller. It is an individualized stream of power and stands in contrast to the free space movements of undifferentiated energy.

17 5. *Constellation Centres.* Ten of

these living power centres are stationed in each constellation, functioning as energy projectors to the 100 tributary local systems. From these beings there go forth the power lines for communication and transport and for the energizing of those living creatures who are dependent upon certain forms of physical energy for the maintenance of life. But neither the power centres nor the subordinate physical controllers are otherwise concerned with life as a functional organization.

18 6. *System Centres.* One Supreme Power Centre is permanently assigned to each local system. These system

centres dispatch the power circuits to the inhabited worlds of time and space. They co-ordinate the activities of the subordinate physical controllers and otherwise function to ensure the satisfactory distribution of power in the local system. The circuit relay between the planets depends upon the perfect co-ordination of certain material energies and upon the efficient regulation of physical power.

19 7. *Unclassified Centres.* These are the centres who function in special local situations but not on the inhabited planets. The individual worlds are in the charge of Master Physi-

cal Controllers and receive the encircuited lines of power dispatched by the power centre of their system. Only those spheres of the most extraordinary energy relationships have power centres of the 7th order acting as universe balance wheels or energy governors. In every phase of activity these power centres are the full equals of those who function on the higher units of control, but not 1 space body in 1,000,000 harbours such a living power organization.

3. THE DOMAIN OF POWER CENTRES

1 The Supreme Power Centres dis-

tributed throughout the superuniverses number, with their associates and subordinates, upward of ten billion. And they are all in perfect synchrony and complete liaison with their Paradise progenitors, the Seven Supreme Power Directors. The power control of the grand universe is thus entrusted to the keeping and direction of the Seven Master Spirits, the creators of the Seven Supreme Power Directors.

2 The Supreme Power Directors and all their associates, assistants, and subordinates are forever exempt from apprehension or interference by all the tribunals of all space; neither are they

subject to the administrative direction either of the superuniverse government of the Ancients of Days or of the local universe administration of the Creator Sons.

3 These power centres and directors are brought into being by the children of the Infinite Spirit. They are not germane to the administration of the Sons of God, though they affiliate with the Creator Sons during the later epochs of universe material organization. But the power centres are in some way closely associated with the cosmic overcontrol of the Supreme Being.

4 §§ Power centres and physical controllers undergo no training; they are all created in perfection and are inherently perfect in action. Never do they pass from one function to another; always do they serve as originally assigned. There is no evolution in their ranks, and this is true of all seven divisions of both orders.

5 Having no ascendant past to revert to in memory, power centres and physical controllers never play; they are thoroughly businesslike in all their actions. They are always on duty; there is no provision in the universal scheme for the interruption of the physical

lines of energy; never for a fraction of a second can these beings relinquish their direct supervision of the energy circuits of time and space.

6 §§ The directors, centres, and controllers of power have nothing to do with anything in all creation except power, material or semiphysical energy; they do not originate it, but they do modify, manipulate, and directionize it. Neither do they have anything whatever to do with physical gravity except to resist its drawing power. Their relation to gravity is wholly negative.

7 The power centres utilize vast

mechanisms and co-ordinations of a material order in liaison with the living mechanisms of the various segregated energy concentrations. Each individual power centre is constituted in exactly 1,000,000 units of functional control, and these energy-modifying units are not stationary as are the vital organs of man's physical body; these "vital organs" of power regulation are mobile and truly kaleidoscopic in associative possibilities.

8 It is utterly beyond my ability to explain the manner in which these living beings encompass the manipulation and regulation of the master cir-

cuits of universe energy. To undertake to inform you further concerning the size and function of these gigantic and almost perfectly efficient power centres, would only add to your confusion and consternation. They are both living and "personal," but they are beyond your comprehension.

9 §§ Outside of Havona the Supreme Power Centres function only on especially constructed (architectural) spheres or on otherwise suitably constituted space bodies. The architectural worlds are so constructed that the living power centres can act as selective switches to directionize, mod-

ify, and concentrate the energies of space as they pour over these spheres. They could not so function on an ordinary evolutionary sun or planet. Certain groups are also concerned in the heating and other material necessities of these special headquarters worlds. And though it is beyond the scope of Urantia knowledge, I may state that these orders of living power personalities have much to do with the distribution of the light that shines without heat. They do not produce this phenomenon, but they are concerned with its dissemination and directionization.

10 §§ The power centres and their subordinate controllers are assigned to the working of all of the physical energies of organized space. They work with the three basic currents of ten energies each. That is the energy charge of organized space; and organized space is their domain. The Universe Power Directors have nothing whatever to do with those tremendous actions of force which are now taking place outside the present boundaries of the seven superuniverses.

11 The power centres and controllers exert perfect control over only seven of the ten forms of energy contained

in each basic universe current; those forms which are partly or wholly exempt from their control must represent the unpredictable realms of energy manifestation dominated by the Unqualified Absolute. If they exert an influence upon the primordial forces of this Absolute, we are not cognizant of such functions, though there is some slight evidence which would warrant the opinion that certain of the physical controllers are sometimes automatically reactive to certain impulses of the Universal Absolute.

12 These living power mechanisms are not consciously related to the mas-

ter universe energy overcontrol of the Unqualified Absolute, but we surmise that their entire and almost perfect scheme of power direction is in some unknown manner subordinated to this supergravity presence. In any local energy situation the centres and controllers exert near-supremacy, but they are always conscious of the superenergy presence and the unrecognizable performance of the Unqualified Absolute.

4. THE MASTER PHYSICAL CONTROLLERS

1 These beings are the mobile subordinates of the Supreme Power Centres.

The physical controllers are endowed with capabilities of individuality metamorphosis of such a nature that they can engage in a remarkable variety of autotransport, being able to traverse local space at velocities approaching the flight of Solitary Messengers. But like all other space traversers they require the assistance of both their fellows and certain other types of beings in overcoming the action of gravity and the resistance of inertia in departing from a material sphere.

2 The Master Physical Controllers serve throughout the grand universe. They are directly governed from Para-

dise by the Seven Supreme Power Directors as far as the headquarters of the superuniverses; from here they are directed and distributed by the Council of Equilibrium, the high commissioners of power dispatched by the Seven Master Spirits from the personnel of the Associate Master Force Organizers. These high commissioners are empowered to interpret the readings and registrations of the master frandalanks, those living instruments which indicate the power pressure and the energy charge of an entire superuniverse.

3 While the presence of the Para-

dise Deities encircles the grand universe and sweeps around the circle of eternity, the influence of any one of the Seven Master Spirits is limited to a single superuniverse. There is a distinct segregation of energy and a separation of the circuits of power between each of the seven supercreations; hence individualized control methods must and do prevail.

4 §§ The Master Physical Controllers are the direct offspring of the Supreme Power Centres, and their numbers include the following:

5 1. Associate Power Directors.

6 2. Mechanical Controllers.

7 3. Energy Transformers.

8 4. Energy Transmitters.

9 5. Primary Associators.

10 6. Secondary Dissociators.

11 7. The Frandalanks and Chronoldeks.

12 §§ Not all of these orders are persons in the sense of possessing individual powers of choice. Especially do the last four seem to be wholly automatic and mechanical in response to the impulses of their superiors and in reaction to existing energy conditions. But though such response appears wholly mechanistic, it is not;

they may seem to be automatons, but all of them disclose the differential function of intelligence.

13 Personality is not necessarily a concomitant of mind. Mind can think even when deprived of all power of choice, as in numerous of the lower types of animals and in certain of these subordinate physical controllers. Many of these more automatic regulators of physical power are not persons in any sense of the term. They are not endowed with will and independence of decision, being wholly subservient to the mechanical perfection of design for the tasks of their allotment.

Nonetheless all of them are highly intelligent beings.

14 The physical controllers are chiefly occupied in the adjustment of basic energies undiscovered on Urantia. These unknown energies are very essential to the interplanetary system of transport and to certain techniques of communication. When we lay lines of energy for the purpose of conveying sound equivalents or of extending vision, these undiscovered forms of energy are utilized by the living physical controllers and their associates. These same energies are also, on occasion, used by the midway creatures in their

routine work.

15 1. *Associate Power Directors.* These marvellously efficient beings are entrusted with the assignment and dispatch of all orders of the Master Physical Controllers in accordance with the ever-shifting needs of the constantly changing energy status of the realms. The vast reserves of the physical controllers are maintained on the headquarters worlds of the minor sectors, and from these concentration points they are periodically dispatched by the associate power directors to the headquarters of the universes, constellations, and systems, and to the indi-

vidual planets. When thus assigned, the physical controllers are provisionally subject to the orders of the divine executioners of the conciliating commissions but are otherwise solely amenable to their associate directors and to the Supreme Power Centres.

16 3,000,000 associate power directors are assigned to each of the Orvonton minor sectors, making a total of 3,000,000,000 as the superuniverse quota of these amazingly versatile beings. Their own reserves are maintained on these same minor sector worlds, where they also serve as instructors of all who study the sciences

of the techniques of intelligent energy control and transmutation.

17 These directors alternate periods of executive service in the minor sectors with equal periods of inspection service to the realms of space. At least one acting inspector is always present in each local system, maintaining headquarters on its capital sphere. They keep the whole vast living energy aggregation in harmonious synchrony.

18 2. *Mechanical Controllers.* These are the exceedingly versatile and mobile assistants of the associate power directors. Trillions upon trillions of

them are commissioned in Ensa, your minor sector. These beings are called mechanical controllers because they are so completely dominated by their superiors, so fully subservient to the will of the associate power directors. Nevertheless they are, themselves, very intelligent, and their work, though mechanical and matter-of-fact in nature, is skillfully performed.

19 Of all the Master Physical Controllers assigned to the inhabited worlds, the mechanical controllers are by far the most powerful. Possessing the living endowment of antigravity in excess of all other beings, each con-

troller has a gravity resistance equalled only by enormous spheres revolving at tremendous velocity. 10 of these controllers are now stationed on Urantia, and one of their most important planetary activities is to facilitate the departure of seraphic transports. In so functioning, all 10 of the mechanical controllers act in unison while a battery of 1,000 energy transmitters provides the initial momentum for the seraphic departure.

20 The mechanical controllers are competent to directionize the flow of energy and to facilitate its concentration into the specialized currents or

circuits. These mighty beings have much to do with the segregation, directionization, and intensification of the physical energies and with the equalization of the pressures of the interplanetary circuits. They are expert in the manipulation of 21 of the 30 physical energies of space, constituting the power charge of a superuniverse. They are also able to accomplish much towards the management and control of six of the nine more subtle forms of physical energy. By placing these controllers in proper technical relationship to each other and to certain of the power centres, the as-

sociate power directors are enabled to effect unbelievable changes in power adjustment and energy control.

21 The Master Physical Controllers often function in batteries of hundreds, thousands, and even millions and by varying their positions and formations are able to effect energy control in a collective as well as an individual capacity. As requirements vary, they can upstep and accelerate the energy volume and movement or detain, condense, and retard the energy currents. They influence energy and power transformations somewhat as so-called catalytic agents augment

chemical reactions. They function by inherent ability and in co-operation with the Supreme Power Centres.

22 3. *Energy Transformers.* The number of these beings in a superuniverse is unbelievable. There are almost 1,000,000 in Satania alone, and the usual quota is 100 for each inhabited world.

23 The energy transformers are the conjoint creation of the Seven Supreme Power Directors and the Seven Centre[1] Supervisors. They are among

[1] In 1955 text "Central", but there is no mention of the Seven *Central* Supervisors anywhere in the text and there are multiple references to the Seven *Cen-*

the more personal orders of physical controllers, and except when an associate power director is present on an inhabited world, the transformers are in command. They are the planetary inspectors of all departing seraphic transports. All classes of celestial life can utilize the less personal orders of the physical controllers only by liaison with the more personal orders of the associate directors and the energy transformers.

24 These transformers are powerful and effective living switches, being

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tre Supervisors; the primary description of them is given at 29:2.10.

able to dispose themselves for or against a given power disposition or directionization. They are also skillful in their efforts to insulate the planets against the powerful energy streams passing between gigantic planetary and starry neighbours. Their energy-transmutive attributes render them most serviceable in the important task of maintaining universal energy balance, or power equilibrium. At one time they seem to consume or store energy; at other times they appear to exude or liberate energy. The transformers are able to increase or to diminish the "storage-battery" potential

of the living and dead energies of their respective realms. But they deal only with physical and semimaterial energies, they do not directly function in the domain of life, neither do they change the forms of living beings.

25 In some respects the energy transformers are the most remarkable and mysterious of all semimaterial living creatures. They are in some unknown manner physically differentiated, and by varying their liaison relationships, they are able to exert a profound influence upon the energy which passes through their associated presences. The status of the physical

realms seems to undergo a transformation under their skillful manipulation. *They can and do change the physical form of the energies of space.* With the aid of their fellow controllers they are actually able to change the form and potential of 27 of the 30 physical energies of the superuniverse power charge. That three of these energies are beyond their control proves that they are not instrumentalities of the Unqualified Absolute.

26 §§ The remaining four groups of the Master Physical Controllers are hardly persons within any acceptable definition of that word. These trans-

mitters, associators, dissociators, and frandalanks are wholly automatic in their reactions; nevertheless they are in every sense intelligent. We are greatly limited in our knowledge of these wonderful entities because we cannot communicate with them. They appear to understand the language of the realm, but they cannot communicate with us. They seem fully able to receive our communications but quite powerless to make response.

27 4. *Energy Transmitters.* These beings function chiefly, but not wholly, in an intraplanetary capacity. They are marvellous dispatchers of en-

ergy as it is manifested on the individual worlds.

28 When energy is to be diverted to a new circuit, the transmitters deploy themselves in a line along the desired energy path, and by virtue of their unique attributes of energy-attraction, they can actually induce an increased energy flow in the desired direction. This they do just as literally as certain metallic circuits directionize the flow of certain forms of electric energy; and they are living superconductors for more than half of the 30 forms of physical energy.

29 Transmitters form skillful liaisons

which are effective in rehabilitating the weakening currents of specialized energy passing from planet to planet and from station to station on an individual planet. They can detect currents which are much too feeble to be recognized by any other type of living being, and they can so augment these energies that the accompanying message becomes perfectly intelligible. Their services are invaluable to the broadcast receivers.

30 Energy transmitters can function with regard to all forms of communicable perception; they can render a distant scene "visible" as well as a dis-

tant sound "audible." They provide the emergency lines of communication in the local systems and on the individual planets. These services must be used by practically all creatures for purposes of communication outside of the regularly established circuits.

31 These beings, together with the energy transformers, are indispensable to the maintenance of mortal existence on those worlds having an impoverished atmosphere, and they are an integral part of the technique of life on the nonbreathing planets.

32 5. *Primary Associators.* These interesting and invaluable entities are

masterly energy conservators and custodians. Somewhat as a plant stores solar light, so do these living organisms store energy during times of plus manifestations. They work on a gigantic scale, converting the energies of space into a physical state not known on Urantia. They are also able to carry forward these transformations to the point of producing some of the primitive units of material existence. These beings simply act by their presence. They are in no way exhausted or depleted by this function; they act like living catalytic agents.

33 During seasons of minus mani-

festations they are empowered to release these accumulated energies. But your knowledge of energy and matter is not sufficiently advanced to make it possible to explain the technique of this phase of their work. They always labour in compliance with universal law, handling and manipulating atoms, electrons, and ultimatons much as you manoeuvre adjustable type to make the same alphabetical symbols tell vastly different stories.

34 The associators are the first group of life to appear on an organizing material sphere, and they can function at physical temperatures which you

would regard as utterly incompatible with the existence of living beings. They represent an order of life which is simply beyond the range of human imagination. Together with their co-workers, the dissociators, they are the most slavish of all intelligent creatures.

35 6. *Secondary Dissociators.* Compared with the primary associators, these beings of enormous antigravity endowment are the reverse workers. There is never any danger that the special or modified forms of physical energy on the local worlds or in the local systems will be exhausted, for these living organizations are endowed with

the unique power of evolving limitless supplies of energy. They are chiefly concerned with the evolution of a form of energy which is hardly known on Urantia from a form of matter which is recognized still less. They are truly the alchemists of space and the wonder-workers of time. But in all the wonders they work, they never transgress the mandates of Cosmic Supremacy.

36 7. *The Frandalanks.* These beings are the joint creation of all three orders of energy-control beings: the primary and secondary force organizers and the power directors. Fran-

dalanks are the most numerous of all the Master Physical Controllers; the number functioning in Satania alone is beyond your numerical concept. They are stationed on all inhabited worlds and are always attached to the higher orders of physical controllers. They function interchangeably in the central and superuniverses and in the domains of outer space.

37 The frandalanks are created in 30 divisions, one for each form of basic universe force, and they function exclusively as living and automatic presence, pressure, and velocity gauges. These living barometers are

solely concerned with the automatic and unerring registration of the status of all forms of force-energy. They are to the physical universe what the vast reflectivity mechanism is to the minded universe. The frandalanks that register time in addition to quantitative and qualitative energy presence are called *chronoldeks.*

38 I recognize that the frandalanks are intelligent, but I cannot classify them as other than living machines. About the only way I can help you to understand these living mechanisms is to compare them to your own mechanical contrivances which perform

with almost intelligentlike precision and accuracy. Then if you would conceive of these beings, draw upon your imagination to the extent of recognizing that in the grand universe we actually have intelligent and *living* mechanisms (entities) that can perform more intricate tasks involving more stupendous computations with even greater delicacy of accuracy, even with ultimacy of precision.

5. THE MASTER FORCE ORGANIZERS

1 The force organizers are resident on Paradise, but they function throughout the master universe, more

particularly in the domains of unorganized space. These extraordinary beings are neither creators nor creatures, and they comprise two grand divisions of service:

2 1. Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers.

3 2. Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers.

4 §§ These two mighty orders of primordial-force manipulators work exclusively under the supervision of the Architects of the Master Universe, and at the present time they do not function extensively within the boundaries of the grand universe.

5 §§ Primary Master Force Organizers are the manipulators of the primordial or basic space-forces of the Unqualified Absolute; they are nebulae creators. They are the living instigators of the energy cyclones of space and the early organizers and directionizers of these gigantic manifestations. These force organizers transmute *primordial force* (pre-energy not responsive to direct Paradise gravity) into primary or *puissant energy,* energy transmuting from the exclusive grasp of the Unqualified Absolute to the gravity grasp of the Isle of Paradise. They are thereupon succeeded

by the associate force organizers, who continue the process of energy transmutation from the primary through the secondary or *gravity-energy* stage.

6 Upon the completion of the plans for the creation of a local universe, signalized by the arrival of a Creator Son, the Associate Master Force Organizers give way to the orders of power directors acting in the superuniverse of astronomic jurisdiction. But in the absence of such plans the associate force organizers continue on indefinitely in charge of these material creations, even as they now operate in outer space.

7 The Master Force Organizers withstand temperatures and function under physical conditions which would be intolerable even to the versatile power centres and physical controllers of Orvonton. The only other types of revealed beings capable of functioning in these realms of outer space are the Solitary Messengers and the Inspired Trinity Spirits.

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PAPER 30

PERSONALITIES OF THE GRAND UNIVERSE

Mighty Messenger

The personalities and other-than-personal entities now functioning on Paradise and in the grand universe constitute a well-nigh limitless number of living beings. Even the number of major orders and types would stagger the human imagination, let alone the countless subtypes and variations. It is, however, desirable to present something of two

basic classifications of living beings — a suggestion of the Paradise classification and an abbreviation of the Uversa Personality Register.

2 It is not possible to formulate comprehensive and entirely consistent classifications of the personalities of the grand universe because *all* of the groups are not revealed. It would require numerous additional papers to cover the further revelation required to systematically classify all groups. Such conceptual expansion would hardly be desirable as it would deprive the thinking mortals of the next thousand years of that stimulus to

creative speculation which these partially revealed concepts supply. It is best that man not have an overrevelation; it stifles imagination.

1. THE PARADISE CLASSIFICATION OF LIVING BEINGS

1 Living beings are classified on Paradise in accordance with inherent and attained relationship to the Paradise Deities. During the grand gatherings of the central and superuniverses those present are often grouped in accordance with origin: those of triune origin, or of Trinity attainment; those of dual origin; and those of single origin.

It is difficult to interpret the Paradise classification of living beings to the mortal mind, but we are authorized to present the following:

2 I. *TRIUNE-ORIGIN BEINGS.* Beings created by all three Paradise Deities, either as such or as the Trinity, together with the Trinitized Corps, which designation refers to all groups of trinitized beings, revealed and unrevealed.

3 A. *The Supreme Spirits.*

4 1. The Seven Master Spirits.

5 2. The Seven Supreme Executives.

6 3. The Seven Orders of Reflective Spirits.

7 B. *The Stationary Sons of the Trinity.*

8 1. Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy.

9 2. Eternals of Days.

10 3. Ancients of Days.

11 4. Perfections of Days.

12 5. Recents of Days.

13 6. Unions of Days.

14 7. Faithfuls of Days.

15 8. Perfectors of Wisdom.

16 9. Divine Counsellors.

17 10. Universal Censors.

18 C. *Trinity-origin and Trinitized Beings.*

19 1. Trinity Teacher Sons.

20 2. Inspired Trinity Spirits.

21 3. Havona Natives.

22 4. Paradise Citizens.

23 5. Unrevealed Trinity-origin Beings.

24 6. Unrevealed Deity-trinitized Beings.

25 7. Trinitized Sons of Attainment.

26 8. Trinitized Sons of Selection.

27 9. Trinitized Sons of Perfection.

28 10. Creature-trinitized Sons.

29 II. *DUAL-ORIGIN BEINGS.* Th of origin in any two of the Paradise Deities or otherwise created by any two beings of direct or indirect descent from the Paradise Deities.

30 A. *The Descending Orders.*

31 1. Creator Sons.

32 2. Magisterial Sons.

33 3. Bright and Morning Stars.

34 4. Father Melchizedeks.

35 5. The Melchizedeks.

36 6. The Vorondadeks.

37 7. The Lanonandeks.

38 8. Brilliant Evening Stars.

39 9. The Archangels.

40 10. Life Carriers.

41 11. Unrevealed Universe Aids.

42 12. Unrevealed Sons of God.

43 B. *The Stationary Orders.*

44 1. Abandonters.

45 2. Susatia.

46 3. Univitatia.

47 4. Spironga.

48 5. Unrevealed Dual-origin Beings.

49 C. *The Ascending Orders.*

50 1. Adjuster-fused Mortals.

51 2. Son-fused Mortals.

52 3. Spirit-fused Mortals.

53 4. Translated Midwayers.

54 5. Unrevealed Ascenders.

55 III. *SINGLE-ORIGIN BEINGS.* Those of origin in any one of the Paradise Deities or otherwise created by any one being of direct or indirect descent from the Paradise Deities.

56 A. *The Supreme Spirits.*

57 1. Gravity Messengers.

58 2. The Seven Spirits of the Havona Circuits.

59 3. The Twelvefold Adjutants of the Havona Circuits.

60 4. The Reflective Image Aids.

61 5. Universe Mother Spirits.

62 6. The Sevenfold Adjutant Mind-Spirits.

63 7. Unrevealed Deity-origin Beings.

64 B. *The Ascending Orders.*

65 1. Personalized Adjusters.

66 2. Ascending Material Sons.

67 3. Evolutionary Seraphim.

68 4. Evolutionary Cherubim.

69 5. Unrevealed Ascenders.

70 C. *The Family of the Infinite Spirit.*

71 1. Solitary Messengers.

72 2. Universe Circuit Supervisors.

73 3. Census Directors.

74 4. Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit.

75 5. Associate Inspectors.

76 6. Assigned Sentinels.

77 7. Graduate Guides.

78 8. Havona Servitals.

79 9. Universal Conciliators.

80 10. Morontia Companions.

81 11. Supernaphim.

82 12. Seconaphim.

83 13. Tertiaphim.

84 14. Omniaphim.

85 15. Seraphim.

86 16. Cherubim and Sanobim.

87 17. Unrevealed Spirit-origin Beings.

88 18. The Seven Supreme Power Directors.

89 19. The Supreme Power Centres.

90 20. The Master Physical Controllers.

91 21. The Morontia Power Supervisors.

92 IV. *EVENTUATED TRANSCENDENTAL BEINGS.* There is to be found on Paradise a vast host of transcendental beings whose origin is

not ordinarily disclosed to the universes of time and space until they are settled in light and life. These Transcendentalers are neither creators nor creatures; they are the *eventuated* children of divinity, ultimacy, and eternity. These "eventuators" are neither finite nor infinite — they are *absonite;* and absonity is neither infinity nor absoluteness.

93 These uncreated noncreators are ever loyal to the Paradise Trinity and obedient to the Ultimate. They are existent on four ultimate levels of personality activity and are functional on the seven levels of the absonite in

twelve grand divisions consisting of one thousand major working groups of seven classes each. These eventuated beings include the following orders:

94 1. The Architects of the Master Universe.

95 2. Transcendental Recorders.

96 3. Other Transcendentalers.

97 4. Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers.

98 5. Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers.

99 §§ God, as a superperson, eventuates; God, as a person, creates; God,

as a preperson, fragments; and such an Adjuster fragment of himself evolves the spirit soul upon the material and mortal mind in accordance with the freewill choosing of the personality which has been bestowed upon such a mortal creature by the parental act of God as a Father.

100 V. *FRAGMENTED ENTITIES OF DEITY.* This order of living existence, originating in the Universal Father, is best typified by the Thought Adjusters, though these entities are by no means the only fragmentations of the prepersonal reality of the First Source and Centre. The functions of

the other-than-Adjuster fragments are manifold and little known. Fusion with an Adjuster or other such fragment constitutes the creature a *Father-fused being.*

101 The fragmentations of the pre-mind spirit of the Third Source and Centre, though hardly comparable to the Father fragments, should be here recorded. Such entities differ very greatly from Adjusters; they do not as such dwell on Spiritington, nor do they as such traverse the mind-gravity circuits; neither do they indwell mortal creatures during the life in the flesh. They are not prepersonal in the sense

that the Adjusters are, but such fragments of premind spirit are bestowed upon certain of the surviving mortals, and fusion therewith constitutes them *Spirit-fused mortals* in contradistinction to Adjuster-fused mortals.

102 Still more difficult of description is the individualized spirit of a Creator Son, union with which constitutes the creature a *Son-fused mortal.* And there are still other fragmentations of Deity.

103 VI. *SUPERPERSONAL BEINGS*

There is a vast host of other-than-personal beings of divine origin and of manifold service in the universe of universes. Certain of these beings are res-

ident on the Paradise worlds of the Son; others, like the superpersonal representatives of the Eternal Son, are encountered elsewhere. They are for the most part unmentioned in these narratives, and it would be quite futile to attempt their description to *personal* creatures.

104 VII. *UNCLASSIFIED AND UNREVEALED ORDERS.* During the present universe age it would not be possible to place all beings, personal or otherwise, within classifications pertaining to the present universe age; nor have all such categories been revealed in these narratives; hence numerous

orders have been omitted from these lists. Consider the following:

105 The Consummator of Universe Destiny.

106 The Qualified Vicegerents of the Ultimate.

107 The Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme.

108 The Unrevealed Creative Agencies of the Ancients of Days.

109 Majeston of Paradise.

110 The Unnamed Reflectivator Liaisons of Majeston.

111 The Midsonite Orders of the Local Universes.

112 §§ No especial significance need attach to the listing of these orders together except that none of them appear in the Paradise classification as revealed herein. These are the unclassified few; you have yet to learn of the unrevealed many.

113 There are spirits: spirit entities, spirit presences, personal spirits, prepersonal spirits, superpersonal spirits, spirit existences, spirit personalities — but neither mortal language nor mortal intellect are adequate. We may however state that there are no personalities of "pure mind"; no entity has personality unless he is endowed

with it by God who is spirit. Any mind entity that is not associated with either spiritual or physical energy is not a personality. But in the same sense that there are spirit personalities who have mind there are mind personalities who have spirit. Majeston and his associates are fairly good illustrations of mind-dominated beings, but there are better illustrations of this type of personality unknown to you. There are even whole unrevealed orders of such *mind personalities,* but they are always spirit associated. Certain other unrevealed creatures are what might be termed *mindal- and physical-energy*

personalities. This type of being is nonresponsive to spirit gravity but is nonetheless a true personality — is within the Father's circuit.

114 §§ These papers do not — cannot — even begin to exhaust the story of the living creatures, creators, eventuators, and still-otherwise-existent beings who live and worship and serve in the swarming universes of time and in the central universe of eternity. You mortals are persons; hence we can describe beings who are *personalized,* but how could an *absonitized* being ever be

explained to you?

2. THE UVERSA PERSONALITY REGISTER

1 The divine family of living beings is registered on Uversa in seven grand divisions:

2 1. The Paradise Deities.

3 2. The Supreme Spirits.

4 3. The Trinity-origin Beings.

5 4. The Sons of God.

6 5. Personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

7 6. The Universe Power Directors.

8 7. The Corps of Permanent Citizenship.

9 §§ These groups of will creatures are divided into numerous classes and minor subdivisions. The presentation of this classification of the personalities of the grand universe is however chiefly concerned in setting forth those orders of intelligent beings who have been revealed in these narratives, most of whom will be encountered in the ascendant experience of the mortals of time on their progressive climb to Paradise. The following listings make no mention of vast orders of universe beings who carry forward their

work apart from the mortal ascension scheme.

10 I. *THE PARADISE DEITIES.*

11 1. The Universal Father.

12 2. The Eternal Son.

13 3. The Infinite Spirit.

14 II. *THE SUPREME SPIRITS.*

15 1. The Seven Master Spirits.

16 2. The Seven Supreme Executives.

17 3. The Seven Groups of Reflective Spirits.

18 4. The Reflective Image Aids.

19 5. The Seven Spirits of the Circuits.

20 6. Local Universe Creative Spirits.

21 7. Adjutant Mind-Spirits.

22 III. *THE TRINITY-ORIGIN BEINGS.*

23 1. Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy.

24 2. Eternals of Days.

25 3. Ancients of Days.

26 4. Perfections of Days.

27 5. Recents of Days.

28 6. Unions of Days.

29 7. Faithfuls of Days.

30 8. Trinity Teacher Sons.

31 9. Perfectors of Wisdom.

32 10. Divine Counsellors.

33 11. Universal Censors.

34 12. Inspired Trinity Spirits.

35 13. Havona Natives.

36 14. Paradise Citizens.

37 IV. *THE SONS OF GOD.*

38 A. *Descending Sons.*

39 1. Creator Sons — Michaels.

40 2. Magisterial Sons — Avonals.

41 3. Trinity Teacher Sons — Daynals.

42 4. Melchizedek Sons.

43 5. Vorondadek Sons.

44 6. Lanonandek Sons.

45 7. Life Carrier Sons.

46 B. *Ascending Sons.*

47 1. Father-fused Mortals.

48 2. Son-fused Mortals.

49 3. Spirit-fused Mortals.

50 4. Evolutionary Seraphim.

51 5. Ascending Material Sons.

52 6. Translated Midwayers.

53 7. Personalized Adjusters.

54 C. *Trinitized Sons.*

55 1. Mighty Messengers.

56 2. Those High in Authority.

57 3. Those without Name and Number.

58 4. Trinitized Custodians.

59 5. Trinitized Ambassadors.

60 6. Celestial Guardians.

61 7. High Son Assistants.

62 8. Ascender-trinitized Sons.

63 9. Paradise-Havona-trinitized Sons.

64 10. Trinitized Sons of Destiny.

65 V. *PERSONALITIES OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT.*

66 A. *Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit.*

67 1. Solitary Messengers.

68 2. Universe Circuit Supervisors.

69 3. Census Directors.

70 4. Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit.

71 5. Associate Inspectors.

72 6. Assigned Sentinels.

73 7. Graduate Guides.

74 B. *The Messenger Hosts of Space.*

75 1. Havona Servitals.

76 2. Universal Conciliators.

77 3. Technical Advisers.

78 4. Custodians of Records on Paradise.

79 5. Celestial Recorders.

80 6. Morontia Companions.

81 7. Paradise Companions.

82 C. *The Ministering Spirits.*

83 1. Supernaphim.

84 2. Seconaphim.

85 3. Tertiaphim.

86 4. Omniaphim.

87 5. Seraphim.

88 6. Cherubim and Sanobim.

89 7. Midwayers.

90 VI. *THE UNIVERSE POWER DIRECTORS.*

91 A. *The Seven Supreme Power Directors.*

92 B. *Supreme Power Centres.*

93 1. Supreme Centre Supervisors.

94 2. Havona Centres.

95 3. Superuniverse Centres.

96 4. Local Universe Centres.

97 5. Constellation Centres.

98 6. System Centres.

99 7. Unclassified Centres.

100 C. *Master Physical Controllers.*

101 1. Associate Power Directors.

102 2. Mechanical Controllers.

103 3. Energy Transformers.

104 4. Energy Transmitters.

105 5. Primary Associators.

106 6. Secondary Dissociators.

107 7. Frandalanks and Chronoldeks.

108 D. *Morontia Power Supervisors.*

109 1. Circuit Regulators.

110 2. System Co-ordinators.

111 3. Planetary Custodians.

112 4. Combined Controllers.

113 5. Liaison Stabilizers.

114 6. Selective Assorters.

115 7. Associate Registrars.

116 VII. *THE CORPS OF PERMANENT CITIZENSHIP.*

117 1. The Planetary Midwayers.

118 2. The Adamic Sons of the Systems.

119 3. The Constellation Univitatia.

120 4. The Local Universe Susatia.

121 5. Spirit-fused Mortals of the Local Universes.

122 6. The Superuniverse Abandonters.

123 7. Son-fused Mortals of the Superuniverses.

124 8. The Havona Natives.

125 9. Natives of the Paradise Spheres of the Spirit.

126 10. Natives of the Father's Paradise Spheres.

127 11. The Created Citizens of Paradise.

128 12. Adjuster-fused Mortal Citizens of Paradise.

129 §§ This is the working classification of the personalities of the universes as they are of record on the headquarters world of Uversa.

130 §§ *COMPOSITE PERSONALITY GROUPS.* There are on Uversa the re-

cords of numerous additional groups of intelligent beings, beings that are also closely related to the organization and administration of the grand universe. Among such orders are the following three composite personality groups:

131 A. *The Paradise Corps of the Finality.*

132 1. The Corps of Mortal Finaliters.

133 2. The Corps of Paradise Finaliters.

134 3. The Corps of Trinitized Finaliters.

135 4. The Corps of Conjoint Trinitized Finaliters.

136 5. The Corps of Havona Finaliters.

137 6. The Corps of Transcendental Finaliters.

138 7. The Corps of Unrevealed Sons of Destiny.

139 §§ The Mortal Corps of the Finality is dealt with in the next and final paper of this series.

140 B. *The Universe Aids.*

141 1. Bright and Morning Stars.

142 2. Brilliant Evening Stars.

143 3. Archangels.

144 4. Most High Assistants.

145 5. High Commissioners.

146 6. Celestial Overseers.

147 7. Mansion World Teachers.

148 §§ On all headquarters worlds of both local and superuniverses, provision is made for these beings who are engaged in specific missions for the Creator Sons, the local universe rulers. We welcome these *Universe Aids* on Uversa, but we have no jurisdiction

over them. Such emissaries prosecute their work and carry on their observations under authority of the Creator Sons. Their activities are more fully described in the narrative of your local universe.

149 C. *The Seven Courtesy Colonies.*

150 1. Star Students.

151 2. Celestial Artisans.

152 3. Reversion Directors.

153 4. Extension-school Instructors.

154 5. The Various Reserve Corps.

155 6. Student Visitors.

156 7. Ascending Pilgrims.

157 §§ These seven groups of beings will be found thus organized and governed on all headquarters worlds from the local systems up to the capitals of the superuniverses, particularly the latter. The capitals of the seven superuniverses are the meeting places for almost all classes and orders of intelligent beings. With the exception of numerous groups of Paradise-Havoners, here the will creatures of every phase of existence may be observed

and studied.

3. THE COURTESY COLONIES

1 The seven courtesy colonies sojourn on the architectural spheres for a longer or shorter time while engaged in the furtherance of their missions and in the execution of their special assignments. Their work may be described as follows:

2 1. *The Star Students,* the celestial astronomers, choose to work on spheres like Uversa because such specially constructed worlds are unusually favourable for their observations and calculations. Uversa is favourably

situated for the work of this colony, not only because of its central location, but also because there are no gigantic living or dead suns near at hand to disturb the energy currents. These students are not in any manner organically connected with the affairs of the superuniverse; they are merely guests.

3 The astronomical colony of Uversa contains individuals from many nearby realms, from the central universe, and even from Norlatiadek. Any being on any world in any system of any universe may become a star student, may aspire to join some corps of celestial astronomers. The only requisites are:

continuing life and sufficient knowledge of the worlds of space, especially their physical laws of evolution and control. Star students are not required to serve eternally in this corps, but no one admitted to this group may withdraw under one millennium of Uversa time.

4 The star-observer colony of Uversa now numbers over one million. These astronomers come and go, though some remain for comparatively long periods. They carry on their work with the aid of a multitude of mechanical instruments and physical appliances; they are also greatly assisted

by the Solitary Messengers and other spirit explorers. These celestial astronomers make constant use of the living energy transformers and transmitters, as well as of the reflective personalities, in their work of star study and space survey. They study all forms and phases of space material and energy manifestations, and they are just as much interested in force function as in stellar phenomena; nothing in all space escapes their scrutiny.

5 Similar astronomer colonies are to be found on the sector headquarters worlds of the superuniverse as well as on the architectural capitals of the

local universes and their administrative subdivisions. Except on Paradise, knowledge is not inherent; understanding of the physical universe is largely dependent on observation and research.

6 2. *The Celestial Artisans* serve throughout the seven superuniverses. Ascending mortals have their initial contact with these groups in the morontia career of the local universe in connection with which these artisans will be more fully discussed.

7 3. *The Reversion Directors* are the promoters of relaxation and humour — reversion to past memories. They

are of great service in the practical operation of the ascending scheme of mortal progression, especially during the earlier phases of morontia transition and spirit experience. Their story belongs to the narrative of the mortal career in the local universe.

8 4. *Extension-School Instructors.* Th next higher residential world of the ascendant career always maintains a strong corps of teachers on the world just below, a sort of preparatory school for the progressing residents of that sphere; this is a phase of the ascendant scheme for advancing the pilgrims of time. These schools, their methods

of instruction and examinations, are wholly unlike anything which you essay to conduct on Urantia.

9 The entire ascendant plan of mortal progression is characterized by the practice of giving out to other beings new truth and experience just as soon as acquired. You work your way through the long school of Paradise attainment by serving as teachers to those pupils just behind you in the scale of progression.

10 5. *The Various Reserve Corps.* Vast reserves of beings not under our immediate supervision are mobilized on Uversa as the reserve-corps colony.

There are 70 primary divisions of this colony on Uversa, and it is a liberal education to be permitted to spend a season with these extraordinary personalities. Similar general reserves are maintained on Salvington and other universe capitals; they are dispatched on active service on the requisition of their respective group directors.

11 6. *The Student Visitors.* From all the universe a constant stream of celestial visitors pours through the various headquarters worlds. As individuals and as classes these various types of beings flock in upon us as observers, exchange pupils, and stu-

dent helpers. On Uversa, at present, there are over one billion persons in this courtesy colony. Some of these visitors may tarry a day, others may remain a year, all dependent on the nature of their mission. This colony contains almost every class of universe beings except Creator personalities and morontia mortals.

12 Morontia mortals are student visitors only within the confines of the local universe of their origin. They may visit in a superuniverse capacity only after they have attained spirit status. Fully one half of our visitor colony consists of "stopovers," beings en route

elsewhere who pause to visit the Orvonton capital. These personalities may be executing a universe assignment, or they may be enjoying a period of leisure — freedom from assignment. The privilege of intrauniverse travel and observation is a part of the career of all ascending beings. The human desire to travel and observe new peoples and worlds will be fully gratified during the long and eventful climb to Paradise through the local, super-, and central universes.

13 7. *The Ascending Pilgrims.* As the ascending pilgrims are assigned to various services in connection with

their Paradise progression, they are domiciled as a courtesy colony on the various headquarters spheres. While functioning here and there throughout a superuniverse, such groups are largely self-governing. They are an ever-shifting colony embracing all orders of evolutionary mortals and their ascending associates.

4. THE ASCENDING MORTALS

1 While the mortal survivors of time and space are denominated *ascending pilgrims* when accredited for the progressive ascent to Paradise, these evolutionary creatures occupy such an im-

portant place in these narratives that we here desire to present a synopsis of the following seven stages of the ascending universe career:

2 1. Planetary Mortals.

3 2. Sleeping Survivors.

4 3. Mansion World Students.

5 4. Morontia Progressors.

6 5. Superuniverse Wards.

7 6. Havona Pilgrims.

8 7. Paradise Arrivals.

9 §§ The following narrative presents the universe career of an Adjuster-indwelt mortal. The Son- and Spirit-fused mortals share portions of this

career, but we have elected to tell this story as it pertains to the Adjuster-fused mortals, for such a destiny may be anticipated by all of the human races of Urantia.

10 1. *Planetary Mortals.* Mortals are all animal-origin evolutionary beings of ascendant potential. In origin, nature, and destiny these various groups and types of human beings are not wholly unlike the Urantia peoples. The human races of each world receive the same ministry of the Sons of God and enjoy the presence of the ministering spirits of time. After natural death all types of ascenders fraternize

as one morontia family on the mansion worlds.

11 2. *Sleeping Survivors.* All mortals of survival status, in the custody of personal guardians of destiny, pass through the portals of natural death and, on the third period, personalize on the mansion worlds. Those accredited beings who have, for any reason, been unable to attain that level of intelligence mastery and endowment of spirituality which would entitle them to personal guardians, cannot thus immediately and directly go to the mansion worlds. Such surviving souls must rest in unconscious sleep

until the judgment day of a new epoch, a new dispensation, the coming of a Son of God to call the rolls of the age and adjudicate the realm, and this is the general practice throughout all Nebadon. It was said of Christ Michael that, when he ascended on high at the conclusion of his work on earth, "He led a great multitude of captives." And these captives were the sleeping survivors from the days of Adam to the day of the Master's resurrection on Urantia.

12 The passing of time is of no moment to sleeping mortals; they are wholly unconscious and oblivious to

the length of their rest. On reassembly of personality at the end of an age, those who have slept five thousand years will react no differently than those who have rested five days. Aside from this time delay these survivors pass on through the ascension regime identically with those who avoid the longer or shorter sleep of death.

13 These dispensational classes of world pilgrims are utilized for group morontia activities in the work of the local universes. There is a great advantage in the mobilization of such enormous groups; they are thus kept together for long periods of effective ser-

vice.

14 3. *Mansion World Students.* All surviving mortals who reawaken on the mansion worlds belong to this class.

15 The physical body of mortal flesh is not a part of the reassembly of the sleeping survivor; the physical body has returned to dust. The seraphim of assignment sponsors the new body, the morontia form, as the new life vehicle for the immortal soul and for the indwelling of the returned Adjuster. The Adjuster is the custodian of the spirit transcript of the mind of the sleeping survivor. The assigned ser-

aphim is the keeper of the surviving identity — the immortal soul — as far as it has evolved. And when these two, the Adjuster and the seraphim, reunite their personality trusts, the new individual constitutes the resurrection of the old personality, the survival of the evolving morontia identity of the soul. Such a reassociation of soul and Adjuster is quite properly called a resurrection, a reassembly of personality factors; but even this does not entirely explain the reappearance of the surviving *personality.* Though you will probably never understand the fact of such an inexplicable transaction, you

will sometime experientially know the truth of it if you do not reject the plan of mortal survival.

16 §§ The plan of initial mortal detention on seven worlds of progressive training is nearly universal in Orvonton. In each local system of approximately one thousand inhabited planets there are seven mansion worlds, usually satellites or subsatellites of the system capital. They are the receiving worlds for the majority of ascending mortals.

17 Sometimes all training worlds of mortal residence are called universe "mansions," and it was to such sphe-

res that Jesus alluded when he said: "In my Father's house are many mansions." From here on, within a given group of spheres like the mansion worlds, ascenders will progress individually from one sphere to another and from one phase of life to another, but they will always advance from one stage of universe study to another in class formation.

18 4. *Morontia Progressors.* From the mansion worlds on up through the spheres of the system, constellation, and the universe, mortals are classed as morontia progressors; they are traversing the transition spheres of mortal

ascension. As the ascending mortals progress from the lower to the higher of the morontia worlds, they serve on countless assignments in association with their teachers and in company with their more advanced and senior brethren.

19 Morontia progression pertains to continuing advancement of intellect, spirit, and personality form. Survivors are still three-natured beings. Throughout the entire morontia experience they are wards of the local universe. The regime of the superuniverse does not function until the spirit career begins.

20 Mortals acquire real spirit identity just before they leave the local universe headquarters for the receiving worlds of the minor sectors of the superuniverse. Passing from the final morontia stage to the first or lowest spirit status is but a slight transition. The mind, personality, and character are unchanged by such an advance; only does the form undergo modification. But the spirit form is just as real as the morontia body, and it is equally discernible.

21 Before departing from their native local universes for the superuniverse receiving worlds, the mortals of

time are recipients of spirit confirmation from the Creator Son and the local universe Mother Spirit. From this point on, the status of the ascending mortal is forever settled. Superuniverse wards have never been known to go astray. Ascending seraphim are also advanced in angelic standing at the time of their departure from the local universes.

22 5. *Superuniverse Wards.* All ascenders arriving on the training worlds of the superuniverses become the wards of the Ancients of Days; they have traversed the morontia life of the local universe and are now ac-

credited spirits. As young spirits they begin the ascension of the superuniverse system of training and culture, extending from the receiving spheres of their minor sector in through the study worlds of the ten major sectors and on to the higher cultural spheres of the superuniverse headquarters.

23 There are three orders of student spirits in accordance with their sojourn upon the minor sector, major sectors, and the superuniverse headquarters worlds of spirit progression. As morontia ascenders studied and worked on the worlds of the local universe, so spirit ascenders continue to

master new worlds while they practise at giving out to others that which they have imbibed at the experiential founts of wisdom. But going to school as a spirit being in the superuniverse career is very unlike anything that has ever entered the imaginative realms of the material mind of man.

24 Before leaving the superuniverse for Havona, these ascending spirits receive the same thorough course in superuniverse management that they received during their morontia experience in local universe supervision. Before spirit mortals reach Havona, their chief study, but not exclusive occupa-

tion, is the mastery of local and superuniverse administration. The reason for all of this experience is not now fully apparent, but no doubt such training is wise and necessary in view of their possible future destiny as members of the Corps of the Finality.

25 The superuniverse regime is not the same for all ascending mortals. They receive the same general education, but special groups and classes are carried through special courses of instruction and are put through specific courses of training.

26 6. *Havona Pilgrims.* When spirit development is complete, even

though not replete, then the surviving mortal prepares for the long flight to Havona, the haven of evolutionary spirits. On earth you were a creature of flesh and blood; through the local universe you were a morontia being; through the superuniverse you were an evolving spirit; with your arrival on the receiving worlds of Havona your spiritual education begins in reality and in earnest; your eventual appearance on Paradise will be as a perfected spirit.

27 The journey from the superuniverse headquarters to the Havona receiving spheres is always made alone. From now on no more class or group

instruction will be administered. You are through with the technical and administrative training of the evolutionary worlds of time and space. Now begins your *personal education,* your individual spiritual training. From first to last, throughout all Havona, the instruction is personal and threefold in nature: intellectual, spiritual, and experiential.

28 The first act of your Havona career will be to recognize and thank your transport seconaphim for the long and safe journey. Then you are presented to those beings who will sponsor your early Havona activities. Next you go

to register your arrival and prepare your message of thanksgiving and adoration for dispatch to the Creator Son of your local universe, the universe Father who made possible your sonship career. This concludes the formalities of the Havona arrival; whereupon you are accorded a long period of leisure for free observation, and this affords opportunity for looking up your friends, fellows, and associates of the long ascension experience. You may also consult the broadcasts to ascertain who of your fellow pilgrims have departed for Havona since the time of your leaving Uversa.

29 The fact of your arrival on the receiving worlds of Havona will be duly transmitted to the headquarters of your local universe and personally conveyed to your seraphic guardian, wherever that seraphim may chance to be.

30 The ascendant mortals have been thoroughly trained in the affairs of the evolutionary worlds of space; now they begin their long and profitable contact with the created spheres of perfection. What a preparation for some future work is afforded by this combined, unique, and extraordinary experience! But I cannot tell you

about Havona; you must see these worlds to appreciate their glory or to understand their grandeur.

31 7. *Paradise Arrivals.* On reaching Paradise with residential status, you begin the progressive course in divinity and absonity. Your residence on Paradise signifies that you have found God, and that you are to be mustered into the Mortal Corps of the Finality. Of all the creatures of the grand universe, only those who are Father fused are mustered into the Mortal Corps of the Finality. Only such individuals take the finaliter oath. Other beings of Paradise perfection or attainment may

be temporarily attached to this finality corps, but they are not of eternal assignment to the unknown and unrevealed mission of this accumulating host of the evolutionary and perfected veterans of time and space.

32 Paradise arrivals are accorded a period of freedom, after which they begin their associations with the seven groups of the primary supernaphim. They are designated Paradise graduates when they have finished their course with the conductors of worship and then, as finaliters, are assigned on observational and co-operative service to the ends of the far-flung creation.

As yet there seems to be no specific or settled employment for the Mortal Corps of Finaliters, though they serve in many capacities on worlds settled in light and life.

33 If there should be no future or unrevealed destiny for the Mortal Corps of the Finality, the present assignment of these ascendant beings would be altogether adequate and glorious. Their present destiny wholly justifies the universal plan of evolutionary ascent. But the future ages of the evolution of the spheres of outer space will undoubtedly further elaborate, and with more repleteness divinely illuminate,

the wisdom and loving-kindness of the Gods in the execution of their divine plan of human survival and mortal ascension.

34 §§ This narrative, together with what has been revealed to you and with what you may acquire in connection with instruction respecting your own world, presents an outline of the career of an ascending mortal. The story varies considerably in the different superuniverses, but this recital affords a glimpse of the average plan of mortal progression as it is operative in the local universe of Nebadon and in the 7th segment of the grand universe,

the superuniverse of Orvonton.

35 [Sponsored by a Mighty Messenger from Uversa.]

PAPER 31

THE CORPS OF THE FINALITY

Divine Counsellor and One Without Name and Number

The Corps of Mortal Finaliters represents the present known destination of the ascending Adjuster-fused mortals of time. But there are other groups who are also assigned to this corps. The primary finaliter corps is composed of the following:

2 1. Havona Natives.

3 2. Gravity Messengers.

4 3. Glorified Mortals.

5 4. Adopted Seraphim.

6 5. Glorified Material Sons.

7 6. Glorified Midway Creatures.

8 §§ These six groups of glorified beings compose this unique body of eternal destiny. We think we know their future work, but we are not certain. While the Corps of the Mortal Finality is mobilizing on Paradise, and while they now so extensively minister to the universes of space and administer the worlds settled in light and life, their future destination must be the now-or-

ganizing universes of outer space. At least that is the conjecture of Uversa.

9 The corps is organized in accordance with the working associations of the worlds of space and in keeping with the associative experience acquired throughout the long and eventful ascendant career. All the ascendant creatures admitted to this corps are received in equality, but this exalted equality in no way abrogates individuality or destroys personal identity. We can immediately discern, in communicating with a finaliter, whether he is an ascendant mortal, Havona native, adopted seraphim, midway creature,

or Material Son.

10 During the present universe age the finaliters return to serve in the universes of time. They are assigned to labour successively in the different superuniverses and never in their native superuniverses until after they have served in all the other six supercreations. Thus may they acquire the sevenfold concept of the Supreme Being.

11 One or more companies of the mortal finaliters are constantly in service on Urantia. There is no domain of universe service to which they are not assigned; they function universally

and with alternating and equal periods of assigned duty and free service.

12 We have no idea as to the nature of the future organization of this extraordinary group, but the finaliters are now wholly a self-governing body. They choose their own permanent, periodic, and assignment leaders and directors. No outside influence can ever be brought to bear upon their policies, and their oath of allegiance is only to the Paradise Trinity.

13 The finaliters maintain their own headquarters on Paradise, in the superuniverses, in the local universes, and on all the divisional capitals. They

are a separate order of evolutionary creation. We do not directly manage them or control them, and yet they are absolutely loyal and always co-operative with all our plans. They are indeed the accumulating tried and true souls of time and space — the evolutionary salt of the universe — and they are forever proof against evil and secure against sin.

1. THE HAVONA NATIVES

1 Many of the Havona natives who serve as teachers in the pilgrim-training schools of the central universe become greatly attached to the ascend-

ing mortals and still more intrigued with the future work and destiny of the Corps of Mortal Finaliters. On Paradise there is maintained, at the administrative headquarters of the corps, a registry for Havona volunteers presided over by the associate of Grandfanda. Today, you will find millions upon millions of Havona natives upon this waiting list. These perfect beings of direct and divine creation are of great assistance to the Mortal Corps of Finality, and they will undoubtedly be of even greater service in the far-distant future. They provide the viewpoint of one born in perfection and

divine repleteness. The finaliters thus embrace both phases of experiential existence — perfect and perfected.

2 Havona natives must achieve certain experiential developments in liaison with evolutionary beings which will create reception capacity for the bestowal of a fragment of the spirit of the Universal Father. The Mortal Finaliter Corps has as permanent members only such beings as have been fused with the spirit of the First Source and Centre, or who, like the Gravity Messengers, innately embody this spirit of God the Father.

3 The inhabitants of the central uni-

verse are received into the corps in the ratio of one in a thousand — a finaliter company. The corps is organized for temporary service in companies of one thousand, the ascendant creatures numbering 997 to one Havona native and one Gravity Messenger. Finaliters are thus mobilized in companies, but the finality oath is administered individually. It is an oath of sweeping implications and eternal import. The Havona native takes the same oath and becomes forever attached to the corps.

4 The Havona recruits follow the company of their assignment; wher-

ever the group goes, they go. And you should see their enthusiasm in the new work of the finaliters. The possibility of attaining the Corps of the Finality is one of the superb thrills of Havona; the possibility of becoming a finaliter is one of the supreme adventures of these perfect races.

5 The Havona natives are also received, in the same ratio, into the Corps of Conjoint Trinitized Finaliters on Vicegerington and into the Corps of Transcendental Finaliters on Paradise. The Havona citizens regard these three destinies as constituting the supreme goals of their supernal ca-

reers, together with their possible admission to the Corps of Havona Finaliters.

2. GRAVITY MESSENGERS

1 Wherever and whenever Gravity Messengers are functioning, the finaliters are in command. All Gravity Messengers are under the exclusive jurisdiction of Grandfanda, and they are assigned only to the primary Corps of the Finality. They are invaluable to the finaliters even now, and they will be all-serviceable in the eternal future. No other group of intelligent creatures possesses such a personalized messen-

ger corps able to transcend time and space. Similar types of messenger-recorders attached to other finaliter corps are not personalized; they are absonitized.

2 §§ Gravity Messengers hail from Divinington, and they are modified and personalized Adjusters, but no one of our Uversa group will undertake to explain the nature of one of these messengers. We know they are highly personal beings, divine, intelligent, and touchingly understanding, but we do not comprehend their timeless technique of traversing space. They seem to be competent to utilize

any and all energies, circuits, and even gravity. Finaliters of the mortal corps cannot defy time and space, but they have associated with them and subject to their command all but infinite spirit personalities who can. We presume to call Gravity Messengers personalities, but in reality they are superspirit beings, unlimited and boundless personalities. They are of an entirely different order of personality as compared with Solitary Messengers.

3 §§ Gravity Messengers may be attached to a finaliter company in unlimited numbers, but only one messenger, the chief of his fellows, is mus-

tered into the Mortal Corps of the Finality. This chief however has assigned to him a permanent staff of 999 fellow messengers, and as occasion may require, he may call upon the reserves of the order for assistants in unlimited numbers.

4 Gravity Messengers and glorified mortal finaliters achieve a touching and profound affection for one another; they have much in common: One is a direct personalization of a fragment of the Universal Father, the other a creature personality existent in the surviving immortal soul fused with a fragment of the same Universal Fa-

ther, the spirit Thought Adjuster.

3. GLORIFIED MORTALS

1 Ascendant Adjuster-fused mortals compose the bulk of the primary Corps of the Finality. Together with the adopted and glorified seraphim they usually constitute 990 in each finaliter company. The proportion of mortals and angels in any one group varies, though the mortals far outnumber the seraphim. The Havona natives, glorified Material Sons, glorified midway creatures, the Gravity Messengers, and the unknown and missing member make up only 1% of

the corps; each company of one thousand finaliters has places for just 10 of these nonmortal and nonseraphic personalities.

2 We of Uversa do not know the "finality destiny" of the ascendant mortals of time. At present they reside on Paradise and temporarily serve in the Corps of Light and Life, but such a tremendous course of ascendant training and such lengthy universe discipline must be designed to qualify them for even greater tests of trust and more sublime services of responsibility.

3 §§ Notwithstanding that these as-

cendant mortals have attained Paradise, have been mustered into the Corps of the Finality, and have been sent back in large numbers to participate in the conduct of local universes and to assist in the administration of superuniverse affairs — in the face of even this *apparent* destiny, there remains the significant fact that they are of record as only sixth-stage spirits. There undoubtedly remains one more step in the career of the Mortal Corps of the Finality. We do not know the nature of that step, but we have taken cognizance of, and here call attention to, three facts:

4 1. We know from the records that mortals are spirits of the first order during their sojourn in the minor sectors, and that they advance to the second order when translated to the major sectors, and to the third when they go forward to the central training worlds of the superuniverse. Mortals become quartan or graduate spirits after reaching the sixth circle of Havona and become spirits of the fifth order when they find the Universal Father. They subsequently attain the sixth stage of spirit existence upon taking the oath that musters them forever into the eternity assignment of

the Corps of the Mortal Finality.

5 We observe that spirit classification, or designation, has been determined by actual advancement from one realm of universe service to another realm of universe service or from one universe to another universe; and we surmise that the bestowal of 7th-spirit classification upon the Mortal Corps of the Finality will be simultaneous with their advancement to eternal assignment for service on hitherto unrecorded and unrevealed spheres and concomitant with their attainment of God the Supreme. But aside from these bold conjectures, we really

know no more about all this than you do; our knowledge of the mortal career does not go beyond present Paradise destiny.

6 2. The mortal finaliters have fully complied with the injunction of the ages, "Be you perfect"; they have ascended the universal path of mortal attainment; they have found God, and they have been duly inducted into the Corps of the Finality. Such beings have attained the present limit of spirit progression but not *finality of ultimate spirit status.* They have achieved the present limit of creature perfection but not *finality of creature service.* They

have experienced the fullness of Deity worship but not *finality of experiential Deity attainment.*

7 3. The glorified mortals of the Paradise Corps of Finality are ascendant beings in possession of experiential knowledge of every step of the actuality and philosophy of the fullest possible life of intelligent existence, while during the ages of this ascent from the lowest material worlds to the spiritual heights of Paradise, these surviving creatures have been trained to the limits of their capacity respecting every detail of every divine principle of the just and efficient, as well as

merciful and patient, administration of all the universal creation of time and space.

8 §§ We deem that human beings are entitled to share our opinions, and that you are free to conjecture with us respecting the mystery of the ultimate destiny of the Paradise Corps of Finality. It seems evident to us that the present assignments of the perfected evolutionary creatures partake of the nature of postgraduate courses in universe understanding and superuniverse administration; and we all ask, "Why should the Gods be so concerned in so thoroughly training sur-

viving mortals in the technique of universe management?"

4. ADOPTED SERAPHIM

1 Many of the faithful seraphic guardians of mortals are permitted to go through the ascendant career with their human wards, and many of these guardian angels, after becoming Father fused, join their subjects in taking the finaliter oath of eternity and forever accept the destiny of their mortal associates. Angels who pass through the ascending experience of mortal beings may share the destiny of human nature; they may equally and eternally

be mustered into this Corps of the Finality. Large numbers of the adopted and glorified seraphim are attached to the various nonmortal finaliter corps.

5. GLORIFIED MATERIAL SONS

1 There is provision in the universes of time and space whereby the Adamic citizens of the local systems, when long delayed in receiving planetary assignment, may initiate a petition for release from permanent-citizenship status. And if granted, they join the ascending pilgrims on the universe capitals and thence proceed onward to Paradise and the Corps of the

Finality.

2 When an advanced evolutionary world attains the later eras of the age of light and life, the Material Sons, the Planetary Adam and Eve, may elect to humanize, receive Adjusters, and embark upon the evolutionary course of universe ascent leading to the Corps of Mortal Finaliters. Certain of these Material Sons have partially failed or technically defaulted in their mission as biologic accelerators, as Adam did on Urantia; and then are they compelled to take the natural course of the peoples of the realm, receive Adjusters, pass through death, and prog-

ress by faith through the ascendant regime, subsequently attaining Paradise and the Corps of the Finality.

3 These Material Sons are not to be found in many finaliter companies. Their presence lends great potential to the possibilities of high service for such a group, and they are invariably chosen as its leaders. If both of the Edenic pair are attached to the same group, they are usually permitted to function jointly, as one personality. Such ascendant pairs are far more successful in the adventure of trinitizing

than are the ascendant mortals.

6. GLORIFIED MIDWAY CREATURES

1 On many planets the midway creatures are produced in large numbers, but they seldom tarry on their native world subsequent to its being settled in light and life. Then, or soon thereafter, they are released from permanent-citizenship status and start on the ascension to Paradise, passing through the morontia worlds, the superuniverse, and Havona in company with the mortals of time and space.

2 The midway creatures from various universes differ greatly in origin

and nature, but they are all destined to one or another of the Paradise finality corps. The secondary midwayers are all eventually Adjuster fused and are mustered into the mortal corps. Many finaliter companies have one of these glorified beings in their group.

7. THE EVANGELS OF LIGHT

1 At the present time every finaliter company numbers 999 personalities of oath status, permanent members. The vacant place is occupied by the chief of attached Evangels of Light assigned on any single mission. But these beings are only transient mem-

bers of the corps.

2 Any celestial personality assigned to the service of any finaliter corps is denominated an Evangel of Light. These beings do not take the finaliter oath, and though subject to the corps organization they are not of permanent attachment. This group may embrace Solitary Messengers, supernaphim, seconaphim, Paradise Citizens, or their trinitized offspring — any being required in the prosecution of a transient finaliter assignment. Whether or not the corps is to have these beings attached to the eternal mission, we do not know. At the con-

clusion of attachment these Evangels of Light resume their former status.

3 §§ As the Mortal Corps of the Finality is at present constituted, there are just six classes of permanent members. The finaliters, as might be expected, engage in much speculation as to the identity of their future comrades, but there is little agreement among them.

4 We of Uversa often conjecture respecting the identity of the 7th group of finaliters. We entertain many ideas, embracing possible assignment of some of the accumulating corps of the numerous trinitized groups on

Paradise, Vicegerington, and the inner Havona circuit. It is even conjectured that the Corps of the Finality may be permitted to trinitize many of their assistants in the work of universe administration in the event they are destined to the service of universes now in the making.

5 One of us holds the opinion that this vacant place in the corps will be filled by some type of being of origin in the new universe of their future service; the other inclines to the belief that this place will be occupied by some type of Paradise personality not yet created, eventuated, or trinitized.

But we will most likely await the entrance of the finaliters upon their 7th stage of spirit attainment before we really know.

8. THE TRANSCENDENTALERS

1 Part of the perfected mortal's experience on Paradise as a finaliter consists in the effort to achieve comprehension of the nature and function of more than one thousand groups of the transcendental supercitizens of Paradise, eventuated beings of absonite attributes. In their association with these superpersonalities, the ascendant finaliters receive great assis-

tance from the helpful guidance of numerous orders of transcendental ministers who are assigned to the task of introducing the evolved finaliters to their new Paradise brethren. The entire order of the Transcendentalers live in the west of Paradise in a vast area which they exclusively occupy.

2 In the discussion of Transcendentalers we are restricted, not only by the limitations of human comprehension, but also by the terms of the mandate governing these disclosures concerning the personalities of Paradise. These beings are in no way connected with the mortal ascent to Havona. The vast

host of the Paradise Transcendentalers have nothing whatever to do with the affairs of either Havona or the seven superuniverses, being concerned only with the superadministration of the affairs of the master universe.

3 You, being a creature, can conceive of a Creator, but you can hardly comprehend that there exists an enormous and diversified aggregation of intelligent beings who are neither Creators nor creatures. These Transcendentalers create no beings, neither were they ever created. In speaking of their origin, in order to avoid using a new term — an arbitrary and meaningless

designation — we deem it best to say that Transcendentalers simply *eventuate.* The Deity Absolute may well have been concerned in their origin and may be implicated in their destiny, but these unique beings are not now dominated by the Deity Absolute. They are subject to God the Ultimate, and their present Paradise sojourn is in every way Trinity supervised and directed.

4 Although all mortals who attain Paradise frequently fraternize with the Transcendentalers as they do with the Paradise Citizens, it develops that man's first serious contact with a Tran-

scendentaler occurs on that eventful occasion when, as a member of a new finaliter group, the mortal ascender stands in the finaliter receiving circle as the Trinity oath of eternity is administered by the chief of Transcendentalers, the presiding head of the Architects of the Master Universe.

9. ARCHITECTS OF THE MASTER UNIVERSE

1 The Architects of the Master Universe are the governing corps of the Paradise Transcendentalers. This governing corps numbers 28,011 personalities possessing master minds, superb spirits, and supernal absonites.

The presiding officer of this magnificent group, the senior Master Architect, is the co-ordinating head of all Paradise intelligences below the level of Deity.

2 The 16th proscription of the mandate authorizing these narratives says: "If deemed wise, the existence of the Architects of the Master Universe and their associates may be disclosed, but their origin, nature, and destiny may not be fully revealed." We may, however, inform you that these Master Architects exist in seven levels of the absonite. These seven groups are classified as follows:

3 1. *The Paradise Level.* Only the senior or first-eventuated Architect functions on this highest level of the absonite. This ultimate personality — neither Creator nor creature — eventuated in the dawn of eternity and now functions as the exquisite co-ordinator of Paradise and its 21 worlds of associated activities.

4 2. *The Havona Level.* The second Architect eventuation yielded three master planners and absonite administrators, and they have always been devoted to the co-ordination of the one billion perfect spheres of the central universe. Paradise tradi-

tion asserts that these three Architects, with the counsel of the pre-eventuated senior Architect, contributed to the planning of Havona, but we really do not know.

5 3. *The Superuniverse Level.* The third absonite level embraces the seven Master Architects of the seven superuniverses, who now, as a group, spend about equal time in the company of the Seven Master Spirits on Paradise and with the Seven Supreme Executives on the seven special worlds of the Infinite Spirit. They are the superco-ordinators of the grand universe.

6 4. *The Primary Space Level.* This group numbers 70 Architects, and we conjecture that they are concerned with the ultimate plans for the first universe of outer space, now mobilizing beyond the borders of the present seven superuniverses.

7 5. *The Secondary Space Level.* This fifth corps of Architects numbers 490, and again we conjecture that they must be concerned with the second universe of outer space, where already our physicists have detected definite energy mobilizations.

8 6. *The Tertiary Space Level.* This sixth group of Master Architects num-

bers 3,430, and we likewise infer that they may be occupied with the gigantic plans for the third universe of outer space.

9 7. *The Quartan Space Level.* This, the final and largest corps, consists of 24,010 Master Architects, and if our former conjectures are valid, it must be related to the fourth and last of the ever-increasing-sized universes of outer space.

10 §§ These seven groups of Master Architects total 28,011 universe planners. On Paradise there is a tradition that far back in eternity there was attempted the eventuation of the

28,012th Master Architect, but that this being failed to absonitize, experiencing personality seizure by the Universal Absolute. It is possible that the ascending series of the Master Architects attained the limit of absonity in the 28,011th Architect, and that the 28,012th attempt encountered the mathematical level of the presence of the Absolute. In other words, at the 28,012th eventuation level the quality of absonity equivalated to the level of the Universal and attained the value of the Absolute.

11 §§ In their functional organization the three supervising Architects of

Havona act as associate assistants to the solitary Paradise Architect. The seven Architects of the superuniverses act as co-ordinates of the three supervisors of Havona. The 70 planners of the universes of the primary outer space level are at present serving as associate assistants to the seven Architects of the seven superuniverses.

12 The Architects of the Master Universe have at their disposal numerous groups of assistants and helpers, including two vast orders of force organizers, the primary eventuated and the associate transcendental. These Master Force Organizers are not to be con-

fused with the power directors, who are germane to the grand universe.

13 All beings produced by the union of the children of time and eternity, such as the trinitized offspring of the finaliters and the Paradise Citizens, become wards of the Master Architects. But of all other creatures or entities revealed as functioning in the present organized universes, only Solitary Messengers and Inspired Trinity Spirits maintain any organic association with the Transcendentalers and the Architects of the Master Universe.

14 The Master Architects contribute technical approval of the assignment

of the Creator Sons to their space sites for the organization of the local universes. There is a very close association between the Master Architects and the Paradise Creator Sons, and while this relationship is unrevealed, you have been informed of the association of the Architects and the grand universe Supreme Creators in the relationship of the first experiential Trinity. These two groups, together with the evolving and experiential Supreme Being, constitute the Trinity Ultimate of transcendental values and master

universe meanings.

10. THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

1 The senior Master Architect has the oversight of the seven Corps of the Finality, and they are:

2 1. The Corps of Mortal Finaliters.

3 2. The Corps of Paradise Finaliters.

4 3. The Corps of Trinitized Finaliters.

5 4. The Corps of Conjoint Trinitized Finaliters.

6 5. The Corps of Havona Finaliters.

7 6. The Corps of Transcendental Finaliters.

8 7. The Corps of Unrevealed Sons of Destiny.

9 Each of these destiny corps has a presiding head, and the seven constitute the Supreme Council of Destiny on Paradise; and during the present universe age Grandfanda is the chief of this supreme body of universe assignment for the children of ultimate destiny.

10 The gathering together of these seven finaliter corps signifies reality mobilization of potentials, personalities, minds, spirits, absonites, and

experiential actualities that probably transcend even the future master universe functions of the Supreme Being. These seven finaliter corps probably signify the present activity of the Ultimate Trinity engaged in mustering the forces of the finite and the absonite in preparation for inconceivable developments in the universes of outer space. Nothing like this mobilization has taken place since the near times of eternity when the Paradise Trinity similarly mobilized the then existing personalities of Paradise and Havona and commissioned them as administrators and rulers of the pro-

jected seven superuniverses of time and space. The seven finaliter corps represent the divinity response of the grand universe to the future needs of the undeveloped potentials in the outer universes of future-eternal activities.

11 We venture the forecast of future and greater outer universes of inhabited worlds, new spheres peopled with new orders of exquisite and unique beings, a material universe sublime in its ultimacy, a vast creation lacking in only one important detail — the presence of actual *finite experience* in the universal life of ascendant exis-

tence. Such a universe will come into being under a tremendous experiential handicap: the deprivation of participation in the evolution of the Almighty Supreme. These outer universes will all enjoy the matchless ministry and supernal overcontrol of the Supreme Being, but the very fact of his active presence precludes their participation in the actualization of the Supreme Deity.

12 During the present universe age the evolving personalities of the grand universe suffer many difficulties due to the incomplete actualization of the sovereignty of God the Supreme, but

we are all sharing the unique experience of his evolution. We evolve in him and he evolves in us. Sometime in the eternal future the evolution of Supreme Deity will become a completed fact of universe history, and the opportunity to participate in this wonderful experience will have passed from the stage of cosmic action.

13 But those of us who have acquired this unique experience during the youth of the universe will treasure it throughout all future eternity. And many of us speculate that it may be the mission of the gradually accumulating reserves of the ascendant and

perfected mortals of the Corps of the Finality, in association with the other six similarly recruiting corps, to administer these outer universes in an effort to compensate their experiential deficiencies in not having participated in the time-space evolution of the Supreme Being.

14 These deficiencies are inevitable on all levels of universe existence. During the present universe age we of the higher levels of spiritual existences now come down to administer the evolutionary universes and minister to the ascending mortals, thus endeavouring to atone for their deficiencies

in the realities of the higher spiritual experience.

15 But though we really know nothing about the plans of the Architects of the Master Universe respecting these outer creations, nevertheless, of three things we are certain:

16 1. There actually is a vast and new system of universes gradually organizing in the domains of outer space. New orders of physical creations, enormous and gigantic circles of swarming universes upon universes far out beyond the present bounds of the peopled and organized creations, are actually visible through your tele-

scopes. At present, these outer creations are wholly physical; they are apparently uninhabited and seem to be devoid of creature administration.

17 2. For ages upon ages there continues the unexplained and wholly mysterious Paradise mobilization of the perfected and ascendant beings of time and space, in association with the six other finaliter corps.

18 3. Concomitantly with these transactions the Supreme Person of Deity is powerizing as the almighty sovereign of the supercreations.

19 §§ As we view this triune development, embracing creatures, universes,

and Deity, can we be criticized for anticipating that something new and unrevealed is approaching culmination in the master universe? Is it not natural that we should associate this age-long mobilization and organization of physical universes on such a hitherto unknown scale and the personality emergence of the Supreme Being with this stupendous scheme of upstepping the mortals of time to divine perfection and with their subsequent mobilization on Paradise in the Corps of the Finality — a designation and destiny enshrouded in universe mystery? It is increasingly the belief of all Uversa

that the assembling Corps of the Finality are destined to some future service in the universes of outer space, where we already are able to identify the clustering of at least 70,000 aggregations of matter, each of which is greater than any one of the present superuniverses.

20 §§ Evolutionary mortals are born on the planets of space, pass through the morontia worlds, ascend the spirit universes, traverse the Havona spheres, find God, attain Paradise, and are mustered into the primary Corps of the Finality, therein to await the next assignment of universe service. There

are six other assembling finality corps, but Grandfanda, the first mortal ascender, presides as Paradise chief of all orders of finaliters. And as we view this sublime spectacle, we all exclaim: What a glorious destiny for the animal-origin children of time, the material sons of space!

21 [Jointly sponsored by a Divine Counsellor and One without Name and Number authorized so to function by the Ancients of Days on Uversa.]

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23 These 31 papers depicting the nature of Deity, the reality of Paradise, the organization and working of the central and superuniverses, the personalities of the grand universe, and the high destiny of evolutionary mortals, were sponsored, formulated, and put into English by a high commission consisting of 24 Orvonton administrators acting in accordance with a mandate issued by the Ancients of Days of Uversa directing that we should do this on Urantia, 606 of Satania, in Norlatiadek of Nebadon, in

the year A.D. 1934[1].

[1] Specification of this date does not necessarily imply that no materials published after 1934 were used in subsequent editing and preparation of this Revelation.

PART II

THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

Sponsored by a Nebadon Corps of Local Universe Personalities acting by authority of Gabriel of Salvington.

PAPER 32

THE EVOLUTION OF LOCAL UNIVERSES

Mighty Messenger

A local universe is the handiwork of a Creator Son of the Paradise order of Michael. It comprises 100 constellations, each embracing 100 systems of inhabited worlds. Each system will eventually contain approximately 1,000 inhabited spheres.

2 These universes of time and space are all evolutionary. The creative plan

of the Paradise Michaels always proceeds along the path of gradual evolvement and progressive development of the physical, intellectual, and spiritual natures and capacities of the manifold creatures who inhabit the varied orders of spheres comprising such a local universe.

3 Urantia belongs to a local universe whose sovereign is the God-man of Nebadon, Jesus of Nazareth and Michael of Salvington. And all of Michael's plans for this local universe were fully approved by the Paradise Trinity before he ever embarked upon the supreme adventure of space.

4 The Sons of God may choose the realms of their creator activities, but these material creations were originally projected and planned by the Paradise Architects of the Master Universe.

1. PHYSICAL EMERGENCE OF UNIVERSES

1 The preuniverse manipulations of space-force and the primordial energies are the work of the Paradise Master Force Organizers; but in the superuniverse domains, when emergent energy becomes responsive to local or linear gravity, they retire in favour of the power directors of the superuni-

verse concerned.

2 These power directors function alone in the prematerial and postforce phases of a local universe creation. There is no opportunity for a Creator Son to begin universe organization until the power directors have effected the mobilization of the space-energies sufficiently to provide a material foundation — literal suns and material spheres — for the emerging universe.

3 §§ The local universes are all approximately of the same energy potential, though they differ greatly in physical dimensions and may vary in visi-

ble-matter content from time to time. The power charge and potential-matter endowment of a local universe are determined by the manipulations of the power directors and their predecessors as well as by the Creator Son's activities and by the endowment of the inherent physical control possessed by his creative associate.

4 The energy charge of a local universe is approximately[1] 1/100,000th of the force endowment of its superuni-

[1] In 15:4.6 we are told this is *exactly* so, not *approximately*. The only apparent difference is that there it refers to the *energy charge*, whereas here to the *force endowment* of a superuniverse.

verse. In the case of Nebadon, your local universe, the mass materialization is a trifle less. Physically speaking, Nebadon possesses all of the physical endowment of energy and matter that may be found in any of the Orvonton local creations. The only physical limitation upon the developmental expansion of the Nebadon universe consists in the quantitative charge of space-energy held captive by the gravity control of the associated powers and personalities of the combined universe mechanism.

5 §§ When energy-matter has attained a certain stage in mass materi-

alization, a Paradise Creator Son appears upon the scene, accompanied by a Creative Daughter of the Infinite Spirit. Simultaneously with the arrival of the Creator Son, work is begun upon the architectural sphere which is to become the headquarters world of the projected local universe. For long ages such a local creation evolves, suns become stabilized, planets form and swing into their orbits, while the work of creating the architectural worlds which are to serve as constellation headquarters and system

capitals continues.

2. UNIVERSE ORGANIZATION

1 The Creator Sons are preceded in universe organization by the power directors and other beings originating in the Third Source and Centre. From the energies of space, thus previously organized, Michael, your Creator Son, established the inhabited realms of the universe of Nebadon and ever since has been painstakingly devoted to their administration. From pre-existent energy these divine Sons materialize visible matter, project living creatures, and with the co-opera-

tion of the universe presence of the Infinite Spirit, create a diverse retinue of spirit personalities.

2 These power directors and energy controllers who long preceded the Creator Son in the preliminary physical work of universe organization later serve in magnificent liaison with this Universe Son, forever remaining in associated control of those energies which they originally organized and circuitized. On Salvington there now function the same 100 power centres who co-operated with your Creator Son in the original formation of this local universe.

3 §§ The first completed act of physical creation in Nebadon consisted in the organization of the headquarters world, the architectural sphere of Salvington, with its satellites. From the time of the initial moves of the power centres and physical controllers to the arrival of the living staff on the completed spheres of Salvington, there intervened a little over one billion years of your present planetary time. The construction of Salvington was immediately followed by the creation of the 100 headquarters worlds of the projected constellations and the 10,000 headquarters spheres of the projected

local systems of planetary control and administration, together with their architectural satellites. Such architectural worlds are designed to accommodate both physical and spiritual personalities as well as the intervening morontia or transition stages of being.

4 Salvington, the headquarters of Nebadon, is situated at the exact energy-mass centre of the local universe. But your local universe is not a single astronomic system, though a large system does exist at its physical centre.

5 Salvington is the personal headquarters of Michael of Nebadon, but he will not always be found there.

While the smooth functioning of your local universe no longer requires the fixed presence of the Creator Son at the capital sphere, this was not true of the earlier epochs of physical organization. A Creator Son is unable to leave his headquarters world until such a time as gravity stabilization of the realm has been effected through the materialization of sufficient energy to enable the various circuits and systems to counterbalance one another by mutual material attraction.

6 §§ Presently, the physical plan of a universe is completed, and the Creator Son, in association with the Creative

Spirit, projects his plan of life creation; whereupon does this representation of the Infinite Spirit begin her universe function as a distinct creative personality. When this first creative act is formulated and executed, there springs into being the Bright and Morning Star, the personification of this initial creative concept of identity and ideal of divinity. This is the chief executive of the universe, the personal associate of the Creator Son, one like him in all aspects of character, though markedly limited in the attributes of divinity.

7 And now that the right-hand helper and chief executive of the Cre-

ator Son has been provided, there ensues the bringing into existence of a vast and wonderful array of diverse creatures. The sons and daughters of the local universe are forthcoming, and soon thereafter the government of such a creation is provided, extending from the supreme councils of the universe to the fathers of the constellations and the sovereigns of the local systems — the aggregations of those worlds which are designed subsequently to become the homes of the varied mortal races of will creatures; and each of these worlds will be presided over by a Planetary Prince.

8 And then, when such a universe has been so completely organized and so repletely manned, does the Creator Son enter into the Father's proposal to create mortal man in their divine image.

9 §§ The organization of planetary abodes is still progressing in Nebadon, for this universe is, indeed, a young cluster in the starry and planetary realms of Orvonton. At the last registry there were 3,840,101 inhabited planets in Nebadon, and Satania, the local system of your world, is fairly typical of other systems.

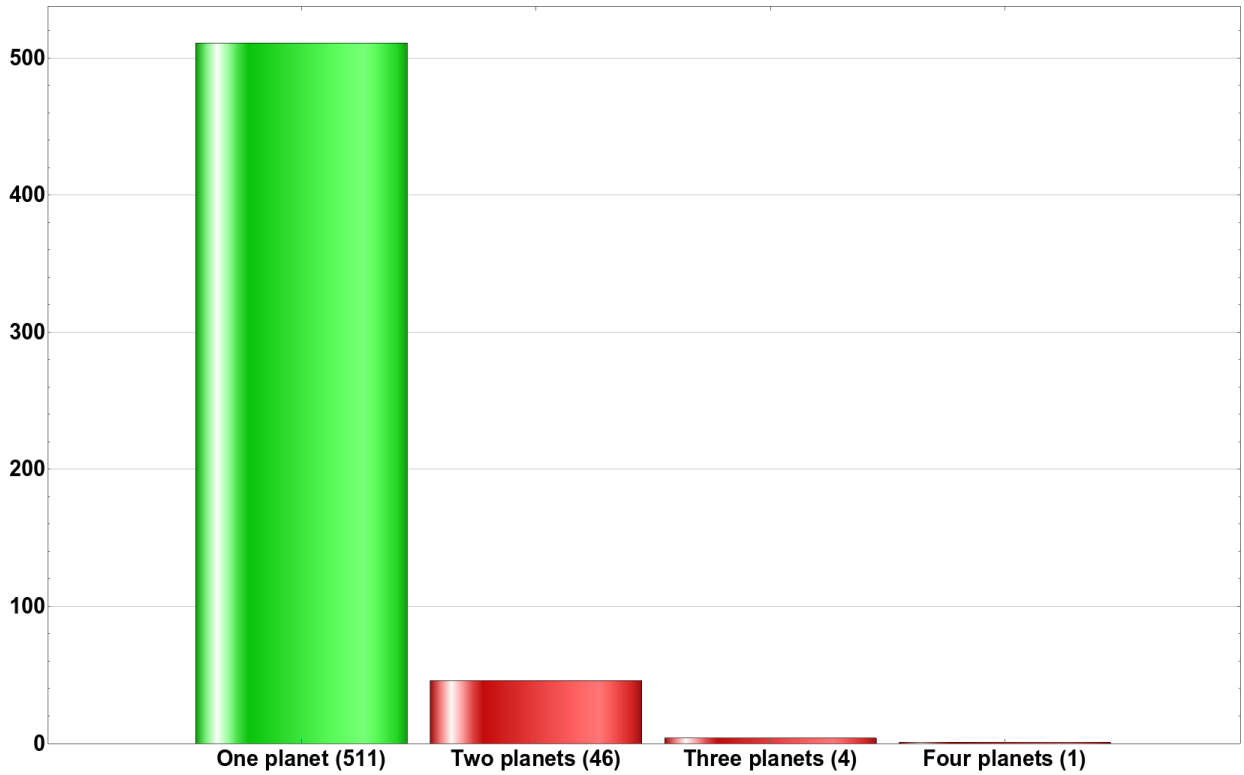

Figure 8: Distribution of 562 Systems by Number of Planets, presumed Solar System type ("One planet") is marked with green.

10 Satania is not a uniform physical system, a single astronomic unit or organization. Its 619 inhabited worlds are located in over 500 different physi-

cal systems[1]. Only 5 have more than 2 inhabited worlds, and of these only 1 has 4 peopled planets, while there are 46 having 2 inhabited worlds.

11 The Satania system of inhabited worlds is far removed from Uversa and that great sun cluster which functions as the physical or astronomic centre of the seventh superuniverse. From Jerusem, the headquarters of Satania, it is over 200,000 light-years to the physical centre of the superuniverse of Orvonton, far, far away in the dense di-

[1] More precisely: 562 systems, of which 511 are with 1, 46 with 2, 4 with 3 and 1 with 4 inhabited planets.

ameter of the Milky Way. Satania is on the periphery of the local universe, and Nebadon is now well out towards the edge of Orvonton. From the outermost system of inhabited worlds to the centre of the superuniverse is a trifle less than 250,000 light-years[1].

12 The universe of Nebadon now swings far to the south and east in the superuniverse circuit of Orvonton. The nearest neighbouring universes are: Avalon[2], Henselon, Sanselon,

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[1] This implies that the present estimate of the size of Milky Way galaxy (100,000 ly) is at least five times lower than the actual size thereof.

[2] This word occurs 5 times in the Urantia Papers

(38:5.1, 66:2.7, 67:6.5 and 77:2.6). The word "Avalon" first appears in Geoffrey of Monmouth's historical account *Historia Regum Britanniæ* ("The History of the Kings of Britain", c. 1136) as the place where King Arthur's sword Excalibur (Caliburnus) was forged and later where Arthur was taken to recover from his wounds after the Battle of Camlann — his final battle (and the word "Camlann" signifying "crooked"). The island was ruled by the enchantress Morgan le Fay and her eight sisters, all of them skilled in the healing arts. In Latin it was called *Insula Avallonis* in the *Historia*. In the later *Vita Merlini* ("The Life of Merlin", c. 1150) he called it *Insula Pomorum* the "isle of apples". The name is generally considered to be of Welsh origin (though an Old Cornish or Old Breton origin is also possible), derived from Old Welsh *abal*, "apple", or *aball*, "apple tree" (in later Middle Welsh spelled *aval, avall;* now Modern Welsh *afal, afall*). Sir John Rhys, however (*Studies in the*

Portalon, Wolvering, Fanoving, and Alvoring.

13 §§ But the evolution of a local universe is a long narrative. Papers dealing with the superuniverse introduce this subject, those of this section, treating of the local creations, continue it, while those to follow, touching upon the history and destiny of Urantia, complete the story. But you can ade-

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Arthurian Legend, 1891), linked the name Avalon with that of Aballach, a dark Celtic divinity and places Avalon at the west coast in Cornwall. Malory identifies Avalon with Glastonbury in Somerset, and this may be connected with Celtic legends about an "isle of glass" inhabited by deceased heroes.

quately comprehend the destiny of the mortals of such a local creation only by a perusal of the narratives of the life and teachings of your Creator Son as he once lived the life of man, in the likeness of mortal flesh, on your own evolutionary world.

3. THE EVOLUTIONARY IDEA

1 The only creation that is perfectly settled is Havona, the central universe, which was made directly by the thought of the Universal Father and the word of the Eternal Son. Havona is an existential, perfect, and replete universe, surrounding the home

of the eternal Deities, the centre of all things. The creations of the seven superuniverses are finite, evolutionary, and consistently progressive.

2 The physical systems of time and space are all evolutionary in origin. They are not even physically stabilized until they are swung into the settled circuits of their superuniverses. Neither is a local universe settled in light and life until its physical possibilities of expansion and development have been exhausted, and until the spiritual status of all its inhabited worlds has been forever settled and stabilized.

3 Except in the central universe, per-

fection is a progressive attainment. In the central creation we have a pattern of perfection, but all other realms must attain that perfection by the methods established for the advancement of those particular worlds or universes. And an almost infinite variety characterizes the plans of the Creator Sons for organizing, evolving, disciplining, and settling their respective local universes.

4 §§ With the exception of the deity presence of the Father, every local universe is, in a certain sense, a duplication of the administrative organization of the central or pattern creation.

Although the Universal Father is personally present in the residential universe, he does not indwell the minds of the beings originating in that universe as he does literally dwell with the souls of the mortals of time and space. There seems to be an all-wise compensation in the adjustment and regulation of the spiritual affairs of the far-flung creation. In the central universe the Father is personally present as such but absent in the minds of the children of that perfect creation; in the universes of space the Father is absent in person, being represented by his Sovereign Sons, while he is intimately pre-

sent in the minds of his mortal children, being spiritually represented by the prepersonal presence of the Mystery Monitors that reside in the minds of these will creatures.

5 On the headquarters of a local universe there reside all those creator and creative personalities who represent self-contained authority and administrative autonomy except the personal presence of the Universal Father. In the local universe there are to be found something of everyone and someone of almost every class of intelligent beings existing in the central universe except the Universal Father. Although

the Universal Father is not personally present in a local universe, he is personally represented by its Creator Son, sometime vicegerent of God and subsequently supreme and sovereign ruler in his own right.

6 The farther down the scale of life we go, the more difficult it becomes to locate, with the eye of faith, the invisible Father. The lower creatures — and sometimes even the higher personalities — find it difficult always to envisage the Universal Father in his Creator Sons. And so, pending the time of their spiritual exaltation, when perfection of development will enable

them to see God in person, they grow weary in progression, entertain spiritual doubts, stumble into confusion, and thus isolate themselves from the progressive spiritual aims of their time and universe. In this way they lose the ability to see the Father when beholding the Creator Son. The surest safeguard for the creature throughout the long struggle to attain the Father, during this time when inherent conditions make such attainment impossible, is tenaciously to hold on to the truth-fact of the Father's presence in his Sons. Literally and figuratively, spiritually and personally, the Father

and the Sons are one. It is a fact: He who has seen a Creator Son has seen the Father.

7 §§ The personalities of a given universe are settled and dependable, at the start, only in accordance with their degree of kinship to Deity. When creature origin departs sufficiently far from the original and divine Sources, whether we are dealing with the Sons of God or the creatures of ministry belonging to the Infinite Spirit, there is an increase in the possibility of disharmony, confusion, and sometimes rebellion — sin.

8 §§ Excepting perfect beings of De-

ity origin, all will creatures in the superuniverses are of evolutionary nature, beginning in lowly estate and climbing ever upward, in reality inward. Even highly spiritual personalities continue to ascend the scale of life by progressive translations from life to life and from sphere to sphere. And in the case of those who entertain the Mystery Monitors, there is indeed no limit to the possible heights of their spiritual ascent and universe attainment.

9 The perfection of the creatures of time, when finally achieved, is wholly an acquirement, a bona fide personal-

ity possession. While the elements of grace are freely admixed, nevertheless, the creature attainments are the result of individual effort and actual living, personality reaction to the existing environment.

10 The fact of animal evolutionary origin does not attach stigma to any personality in the sight of the universe as that is the exclusive method of producing one of the two basic types of finite intelligent will creatures. When the heights of perfection and eternity are attained, all the more honour to those who began at the bottom and joyfully climbed the ladder of life,

round by round, and who, when they do reach the heights of glory, will have gained a personal experience which embodies an actual knowledge of every phase of life from the bottom to the top.

11 In all this is shown the wisdom of the Creators. It would be just as easy for the Universal Father to make all mortals perfect beings, to impart perfection by his divine word. But that would deprive them of the wonderful experience of the adventure and training associated with the long and gradual inward climb, an experience to be had only by those who are so fortunate

as to begin at the very bottom of living existence.

12 In the universes encircling Havona there are provided only a sufficient number of perfect creatures to meet the need for pattern teacher guides for those who are ascending the evolutionary scale of life. The experiential nature of the evolutionary type of personality is the natural cosmic complement of the ever-perfect natures of the Paradise-Havona creatures. In reality, both perfect and perfected creatures are incomplete as regards finite totality. But in the complemental association of the existentially perfect

creatures of the Paradise-Havona system with the experientially perfected finaliters ascending from the evolutionary universes, both types find release from inherent limitations and thus may conjointly attempt to reach the sublime heights of the ultimate of creature status.

13 These creature transactions are the universe repercussions of actions and reactions within the Sevenfold Deity, wherein the eternal divinity of the Paradise Trinity is conjoined with the evolving divinity of the Supreme Creators of the time-space universes in, by, and through the power-actualizing

Deity of the Supreme Being.

14 The divinely perfect creature and the evolutionary perfected creature are equal in degree of divinity potential, but they differ in kind. Each must depend on the other to attain supremacy of service. The evolutionary superuniverses depend on perfect Havona to provide the final training for their ascending citizens, but so does the perfect central universe require the existence of the perfecting superuniverses to provide for the full development of its descending inhabitants.

15 The two prime manifestations of finite reality, innate perfection and

evolved perfection, be they personalities or universes, are co-ordinate, dependent, and integrated. Each requires the other to achieve completion of function, service, and destiny.

4. GOD'S RELATION TO A LOCAL UNIVERSE

1 Do not entertain the idea that, since the Universal Father has delegated so much of himself and his power to others, he is a silent or inactive member of the Deity partnership. Aside from personality domains and Adjuster bestowal, he is apparently the least active of the Paradise Deities in that he allows his Deity co-ordinates,

his Sons, and numerous created intelligences to perform so much in the carrying out of his eternal purpose. He is the silent member of the creative trio only in that he never does aught which any of his co-ordinate or subordinate associates can do.

2 God has full understanding of the need of every intelligent creature for function and experience, and therefore, in every situation, be it concerned with the destiny of a universe or the welfare of the humblest of his creatures, God retires from activity in favour of the galaxy of creature and Creator personalities who inherently in-

tervene between himself and any given universe situation or creative event. But notwithstanding this retirement, this exhibition of infinite co-ordination, there is on God's part an actual, literal, and personal participation in these events by and through these ordained agencies and personalities. The Father is working in and through all these channels for the welfare of all his far-flung creation.

3 §§ As regards the policies, conduct, and administration of a local universe, the Universal Father acts in the person of his Creator Son. In the interrelationships of the Sons of God, in

the group associations of the personalities of origin in the Third Source and Centre, or in the relationship between any other creatures, such as human beings — as concerns such associations the Universal Father never intervenes. The law of the Creator Son, the rule of the Constellation Fathers, the System Sovereigns, and the Planetary Princes — the ordained policies and procedures for that universe — always prevail. There is no division of authority; never is there a cross working of divine power and purpose. The Deities are in perfect and eternal unanimity.

4 The Creator Son rules supreme in

all matters of ethical associations, the relations of any division of creatures to any other class of creatures or of two or more individuals within any given group; but such a plan does not mean that the Universal Father may not in his own way intervene and do aught that pleases the divine mind with any *individual creature* throughout all creation, as pertains to that individual's present status or future prospects and as concerns the Father's eternal plan and infinite purpose.

5 §§ In the mortal will creatures the Father is actually present in the indwelling Adjuster, a fragment of his

prepersonal spirit; and the Father is also the source of the personality of such a mortal will creature.

6 §§ These Thought Adjusters, the bestowals of the Universal Father, are comparatively isolated; they indwell human minds but have no discernible connection with the ethical affairs of a local creation. They are not directly co-ordinated with the seraphic service nor with the administration of systems, constellations, or a local universe, not even with the rule of a Creator Son, whose will is the supreme law of his universe.

7 The indwelling Adjusters are one

of God's separate but unified modes of contact with the creatures of his all but infinite creation. Thus does he who is invisible to mortal man manifest his presence, and could he do so, he would show himself to us in still other ways, but such further revelation is not divinely possible.

8 We can see and understand the mechanism whereby the Sons enjoy intimate and complete knowledge regarding the universes of their jurisdiction; but we cannot fully comprehend the methods whereby God is so fully and personally conversant with the details of the universe of univer-

ses, although we at least can recognize the avenue whereby the Universal Father can receive information regarding, and manifest his presence to, the beings of his immense creation. Through the personality circuit the Father is cognizant — has personal knowledge — of all the thoughts and acts of all the beings in all the systems of all the universes of all creation. Though we cannot fully grasp this technique of God's communion with his children, we can be strengthened in the assurance that the "Lord knows his children," and that of each one of us "he takes note where we were

born."

9 §§ In your universe and in your heart the Universal Father is present, spiritually speaking, by one of the Seven Master Spirits of central abode and, specifically, by the divine Adjuster who lives and works and waits in the depths of the mortal mind.

10 §§ God is not a self-centred personality; the Father freely distributes himself to his creation and to his creatures. He lives and acts, not only in the Deities, but also in his Sons, whom he entrusts with the doing of everything that it is divinely possible for them to do. The Universal Father has truly di-

vested himself of every function which it is possible for another being to perform. And this is just as true of mortal man as of the Creator Son who rules in God's stead at the headquarters of a local universe. Thus we behold the outworking of the ideal and infinite love of the Universal Father.

11 In this universal bestowal of himself we have abundant proof of both the magnitude and the magnanimity of the Father's divine nature. If God has withheld aught of himself from the universal creation, then of that residue he is in lavish generosity bestowing the Thought Adjusters upon the mortals

of the realms, the Mystery Monitors of time, who so patiently indwell the mortal candidates for life everlasting.

12 The Universal Father has poured out himself, as it were, to make all creation rich in personality possession and potential spiritual attainment. God has given us himself that we may be like him, and he has reserved for himself of power and glory only that which is necessary for the maintenance of those things for the love of which he has thus divested

himself of all things else.

5. THE ETERNAL AND DIVINE PURPOSE

1 There is a great and glorious purpose in the march of the universes through space. All of your mortal struggling is not in vain. We are all part of an immense plan, a gigantic enterprise, and it is the vastness of the undertaking that renders it impossible to see very much of it at any one time and during any one life. We are all a part of an eternal project which the Gods are supervising and outworking. The whole marvellous and universal mechanism moves on majestically through

space to the music of the metre of the infinite thought and the eternal purpose of the First Great Source and Centre.

2 The eternal purpose of the eternal God is a high spiritual ideal. The events of time and the struggles of material existence are but the transient scaffolding which bridges over to the other side, to the promised land of spiritual reality and supernal existence. Of course, you mortals find it difficult to grasp the idea of an eternal purpose; you are virtually unable to comprehend the thought of eternity, something never beginning and never end-

ing. Everything familiar to you has an end.

3 §§ As regards an individual life, the duration of a realm, or the chronology of any connected series of events, it would seem that we are dealing with an isolated stretch of time; everything seems to have a beginning and an end. And it would appear that a series of such experiences, lives, ages, or epochs, when successively arranged, constitutes a straightaway drive, an isolated event of time flashing momentarily across the infinite face of eternity. But when we look at all this from behind the scenes, a more com-

prehensive view and a more complete understanding suggest that such an explanation is inadequate, disconnected, and wholly unsuited properly to account for, and otherwise to correlate, the transactions of time with the underlying purposes and basic reactions of eternity.

4 To me it seems more fitting, for purposes of explanation to the mortal mind, to conceive of eternity as a cycle and the eternal purpose as an endless circle, a cycle of eternity in some way synchronized with the transient material cycles of time. As regards the sectors of time connected with, and

forming a part of, the cycle of eternity, we are forced to recognize that such temporary epochs are born, live, and die just as the temporary beings of time are born, live, and die. Most human beings die because, having failed to achieve the spirit level of Adjuster fusion, the metamorphosis of death constitutes the only possible procedure whereby they may escape the fetters of time and the bonds of material creation, thereby being enabled to strike spiritual step with the progressive procession of eternity. Having survived the trial life of time and material existence, it becomes possible for

you to continue on in touch with, even as a part of, eternity, swinging on forever with the worlds of space around the circle of the eternal ages.

5 The sectors of time are like the flashes of personality in temporal form; they appear for a season, and then they are lost to human sight, only to reappear as new actors and continuing factors in the higher life of the endless swing around the eternal circle. Eternity can hardly be conceived as a straightaway drive, in view of our belief in a delimited universe moving over a vast, elongated circle around the central dwelling place of the Universal

Father.

6 Frankly, eternity is incomprehensible to the finite mind of time. You simply cannot grasp it; you cannot comprehend it. I do not completely visualize it, and even if I did, it would be impossible for me to convey my concept to the human mind. Nevertheless, I have done my best to portray something of our viewpoint, to tell you somewhat of our understanding of things eternal. I am endeavouring to aid you in the crystallization of your thoughts about these values which are of infinite nature and eternal import.

7 §§ There is in the mind of God a

plan which embraces every creature of all his vast domains, and this plan is an eternal purpose of boundless opportunity, unlimited progress, and endless life. And the infinite treasures of such a matchless career are yours for the striving!

8 The goal of eternity is ahead! The adventure of divinity attainment lies before you! The race for perfection is on! whosoever will may enter, and certain victory will crown the efforts of every human being who will run the race of faith and trust, depending every step of the way on the leading of the indwelling Adjuster and on

the guidance of that good spirit of the Universe Son, which so freely has been poured out upon all flesh.

9 [Presented by a Mighty Messenger temporarily attached to the Supreme Council of Nebadon and assigned to this mission by Gabriel of Salvington.]

PAPER 33

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

Chief of Archangels

While the Universal Father most certainly rules over his vast creation, he functions in a local universe administration through the person of the Creator Son. The Father does not otherwise personally function in the administrative affairs of a local universe. These matters are entrusted to the Creator Son and to the local universe Mother

Spirit and to their manifold children. The plans, policies, and administrative acts of the local universe are formed and executed by this Son, who, in conjunction with his Spirit associate, delegates executive power to Gabriel and jurisdictional authority to the Constellation Fathers, System Sovereigns, and Planetary Princes.

1. MICHAEL OF NEBADON

1 Our Creator Son is the personification of the 611,121st original concept of infinite identity of simultaneous origin in the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. The Michael of Ne-

badon is the "only-begotten Son" personalizing this 611,121st universal concept of divinity and infinity. His headquarters is in the threefold mansion of light on Salvington. And this dwelling is so ordered because Michael has experienced the living of all three phases of intelligent creature existence: spiritual, morontial, and material. Because of the name associated with his seventh and final bestowal on Urantia, he is sometimes spoken of as Christ Michael.

2 Our Creator Son is not the Eternal Son, the existential Paradise associate of the Universal Father and the

Infinite Spirit. Michael of Nebadon is not a member of the Paradise Trinity. Nevertheless our Master Son possesses in his realm all of the divine attributes and powers that the Eternal Son himself would manifest were he actually to be present on Salvington and functioning in Nebadon. Michael possesses even additional power and authority, for he not only personifies the Eternal Son but also fully represents and actually embodies the personality presence of the Universal Father to and in this local universe. He even represents the Father-Son. These relationships constitute a Creator Son

the most powerful, versatile, and influential of all divine beings who are capable of direct administration of evolutionary universes and of personality contact with immature creature beings.

3 Our Creator Son exerts the same spiritual drawing power, spirit gravity, from the headquarters of the local universe that the Eternal Son of Paradise would exert if he were personally present on Salvington, and *more;* this Universe Son is also the personification of the Universal Father to the universe of Nebadon. Creator Sons are personality centres for the spiri-

tual forces of the Paradise Father-Son. Creator Sons are the final power-personality focalizations of the mighty time-space attributes of God the Sevenfold.

4 The Creator Son is the vicegerent personalization of the Universal Father, the divinity co-ordinate of the Eternal Son, and the creative associate of the Infinite Spirit. To our universe and all its inhabited worlds the Sovereign Son is, to all practical intents and purposes, God. He personifies all of the Paradise Deities which evolving mortals can discerningly comprehend. This Son and his Spirit associate

are your creator parents. To you, Michael, the Creator Son, is the supreme personality; to you, the Eternal Son is supersupreme — an infinite Deity personality.

5 §§ In the person of the Creator Son we have a ruler and divine parent who is just as mighty, efficient, and beneficent as would be the Universal Father and the Eternal Son if both were present on Salvington and engaged in the administration of the affairs of the universe of Nebadon.

2. THE SOVEREIGN OF NEBADON

1 Observation of Creator Sons dis-

closes that some resemble more the Father, some the Son, while others are a blend of both their infinite parents. Our Creator Son very definitely manifests traits and attributes which more resemble the Eternal Son.

2 Michael elected to organize this local universe, and herein he now reigns supreme. His personal power is limited by the pre-existent gravity circuits centring at Paradise and by the reservation on the part of the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse government of all final executive judgments regarding the extinction of personality. Personality is the sole be-

stowal of the Father, but the Creator Sons, with the approval of the Eternal Son, do initiate new creature designs, and with the working co-operation of their Spirit associates they may attempt new transformations of energy-matter.

3 §§ Michael is the personification of the Paradise Father-Son to and in the local universe of Nebadon; therefore, when the Creative Mother Spirit, the local universe representation of the Infinite Spirit, subordinated herself to Christ Michael upon the return from his final bestowal on Urantia, the Master Son thereby acquired jurisdic-

tion over "all power in heaven and on earth."

4 This subordination of the Divine Ministers to the Creator Sons of the local universes constitutes these Master Sons the personal repositories of the finitely manifestable divinity of the Father, Son, and Spirit, while the creature-bestowal experiences of the Michaels qualify them to portray the experiential divinity of the Supreme Being. No other beings in the universes have thus personally exhausted the potentials of present finite experience, and no other beings in the universes possess such qualifications for solitary

sovereignty.

5 §§ Although Michael's headquarters is officially located on Salvington, the capital of Nebadon, he spends much of his time visiting the constellation and system headquarters and even the individual planets. Periodically he journeys to Paradise and often to Uversa, where he counsels with the Ancients of Days. When he is away from Salvington, his place is assumed by Gabriel, who then functions as regent of the universe of Nebadon.

3. THE UNIVERSE SON AND SPIRIT

1 While pervading all the univer-

ses of time and space, the Infinite Spirit functions from the headquarters of each local universe as a specialized focalization acquiring full personality qualities by the technique of creative co-operation with the Creator Son. As concerns a local universe, the administrative authority of a Creator Son is supreme; the Infinite Spirit, as the Divine Minister, is wholly co-operative though perfectly co-ordinate.

2 §§ The Universe Mother Spirit of Salvington, the associate of Michael in the control and administration of Nebadon, is of the sixth group of Supreme Spirits, being the 611,121st of

that order. She volunteered to accompany Michael on the occasion of his liberation from Paradise obligations and has ever since functioned with him in creating and governing his universe.

3 §§ The Master Creator Son is the personal sovereign of his universe, but in all the details of its management the Universe Spirit is codirector with the Son. While the Spirit ever acknowledges the Son as sovereign and ruler, the Son always accords the Spirit a coordinate position and equality of authority in all the affairs of the realm. In all his work of love and life be-

stowal the Creator Son is always and ever perfectly sustained and ably assisted by the all-wise and ever-faithful Universe Spirit and by all of her diversified retinue of angelic personalities. Such a Divine Minister is in reality the mother of spirits and spirit personalities, the ever-present and all-wise adviser of the Creator Son, a faithful and true manifestation of the Paradise Infinite Spirit.

4 §§ The Son functions as a father in his local universe. The Spirit, as mortal creatures would understand, enacts the role of a mother, always assisting the Son and being everlastingly

indispensable to the administration of the universe. In the face of insurrection only the Son and his associated Sons can function as deliverers. Never can the Spirit undertake to contest rebellion or defend authority, but ever does the Spirit sustain the Son in all of everything he may be required to experience in his efforts to stabilize government and uphold authority on worlds tainted with evil or dominated by sin. Only a Son can retrieve the work of their joint creation, but no Son could hope for final success without the incessant co-operation of the Divine Minister and her vast assem-

blage of spirit helpers, the daughters of God, who so faithfully and valiantly struggle for the welfare of mortal men and the glory of their divine parents.

5 Upon the completion of the Creator Son's seventh and final creature bestowal, the uncertainties of periodic isolation terminate for the Divine Minister, and the Son's universe helper becomes forever settled in surety and control. It is at the enthronement of the Creator Son as a Master Son, at the jubilee of jubilees, that the Universe Spirit, before the assembled hosts, first makes public and universal acknowledgement of subordination to

the Son, pledging fidelity and obedience. This event occurred in Nebadon at the time of Michael's return to Salvington after the Urantian bestowal. Never before this momentous occasion did the Universe Spirit acknowledge subordination to the Universe Son, and not until after this voluntary relinquishment of power and authority by the Spirit could it be truthfully proclaimed of the Son that "all power in heaven and on earth has been committed to his hand."

6 After this pledge of subordination by the Creative Mother Spirit, Michael of Nebadon nobly acknowl-

edged his eternal dependence on his Spirit companion, constituting the Spirit coruler of his universe domains and requiring all their creatures to pledge themselves in loyalty to the Spirit as they had to the Son; and there issued and went forth the final "Proclamation of Equality." Though he was the sovereign of this local universe, the Son published to the worlds the fact of the Spirit's equality with him in all endowments of personality and attributes of divine character. And this becomes the transcendent pattern for the family organization and government of even the lowly creatures of the

worlds of space. This is, in deed and in truth, the high ideal of the family and the human institution of voluntary marriage.

7 The Son and the Spirit now preside over the universe much as a father and mother watch over, and minister to, their family of sons and daughters. It is not altogether out of place to refer to the Universe Spirit as the creative companion of the Creator Son and to regard the creatures of the realms as their sons and daughters — a grand and glorious family but one of untold responsibilities and endless watchcare.

8 §§ The Son initiates the creation

of certain of the universe children, while the Spirit is solely responsible for bringing into existence the numerous orders of spirit personalities who minister and serve under the direction and guidance of this selfsame Mother Spirit. In the creation of other types of universe personalities, both the Son and the Spirit function together, and in no creative act does the one do aught without the counsel and approval of the other.

4. GABRIEL — THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1 The Bright and Morning Star is the personalization of the first con-

cept of identity and ideal of personality conceived by the Creator Son and the local universe manifestation of the Infinite Spirit. Going back to the early days of the local universe, before the union of the Creator Son and the Mother Spirit in the bonds of creative association, back to the times before the beginning of the creation of their versatile family of sons and daughters, the first conjoint act of this early and free association of these two divine persons results in the creation of the highest spirit personality of the Son and the Spirit, the Bright and Morning Star.

2 Only one such being of wisdom and majesty is brought forth in each local universe. The Universal Father and the Eternal Son can, in fact do, create an unlimited number of Sons in divinity equal to themselves; but such Sons, in union with the Daughters of the Infinite Spirit, can create only one Bright and Morning Star in each universe, a being like themselves and partaking freely of their combined natures but not of their creative prerogatives. Gabriel of Salvington is like the Universe Son in divinity of nature though considerably limited in the attributes of Deity.

3 This first-born of the parents of a new universe is a unique personality possessing many wonderful traits not visibly present in either ancestor, a being of unprecedented versatility and unimagined brilliance. This supernal personality embraces the divine will of the Son combined with the creative imagination of the Spirit. The thoughts and acts of the Bright and Morning Star will ever be fully representative of both the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit. Such a being is also capable of a broad understanding of, and sympathetic contact with, both the spiritual seraphic hosts and the

material evolutionary will creatures.

4 §§ The Bright and Morning Star is not a creator, but he is a marvellous administrator, being the personal administrative representative of the Creator Son. Aside from creation and life impartation the Son and the Spirit never confer upon important universe procedures without Gabriel's presence.

5 Gabriel of Salvington is the chief executive of the universe of Nebadon and the arbiter of all executive appeals respecting its administration. This universe executive was created fully endowed for his work, but he

has gained experience with the growth and evolution of our local creation.

6 Gabriel is the chief officer of execution for superuniverse mandates relating to nonpersonal affairs in the local universe. Most matters pertaining to mass judgment and dispensational resurrections, adjudicated by the Ancients of Days, are also delegated to Gabriel and his staff for execution. Gabriel is thus the combined chief executive of both the super- and the local universe rulers. He has at his command an able corps of administrative assistants, created for their special work, who are unrevealed to evo-

lutionary mortals. In addition to these assistants, Gabriel may employ any and all of the orders of celestial beings functioning in Nebadon, and he is also the commander in chief of "the armies of heaven" — the celestial hosts.

7 §§ Gabriel and his staff are not teachers; they are administrators. They were never known to depart from their regular work except when Michael was incarnated on a creature bestowal. During such bestowals Gabriel was ever attendant on the will of the incarnated Son, and with the collaboration of the Union of Days, he became the actual director of uni-

verse affairs during the later bestowals. Gabriel has been closely identified with the history and development of Urantia ever since the mortal bestowal of Michael.

8 Aside from meeting Gabriel on the bestowal worlds and at the times of general- and special-resurrection roll calls, mortals will seldom encounter him as they ascend through the local universe until they are inducted into the administrative work of the local creation. As administrators, of whatever order or degree, you will come un-

der the direction of Gabriel.

5. THE TRINITY AMBASSADORS

1 The administration of Trinity-origin personalities ends with the government of the superuniverses. The local universes are characterized by dual supervision, the beginning of the father-mother concept. The universe father is the Creator Son; the universe mother is the Divine Minister, the local universe Creative Spirit. Every local universe is, however, blessed with the presence of certain personalities from the central universe and Paradise. At the head of this Paradise group in

Nebadon is the ambassador of the Paradise Trinity — Immanuel of Salvington — the Union of Days assigned to the local universe of Nebadon. In a certain sense this high Trinity Son is also the personal representative of the Universal Father to the court of the Creator Son; hence his name, Immanuel[1].

2 Immanuel of Salvington, number 611,121 of the sixth order of Supreme Trinity Personalities, is a being of sublime dignity and of such superb condescension that he refuses the wor-

[1] The Hebrew עִמָּנוּאֵל literally means "God with us" (cf. Isaiah 7:14, 8:8,10, Matthew 1:23).

ship and adoration of all living creatures. He bears the distinction of being the only personality in all Nebadon who has never acknowledged subordination to his brother Michael. He functions as adviser to the Sovereign Son but gives counsel only on request. In the absence of the Creator Son he might preside over any high universe council but would not otherwise participate in the executive affairs of the universe except as requested.

3 This ambassador of Paradise to Nebadon is not subject to the jurisdiction of the local universe government. Neither does he exercise authoritative

jurisdiction in the executive affairs of an evolving local universe except in the supervision of his liaison brethren, the Faithfuls of Days, serving on the headquarters of the constellations.

4 The Faithfuls of Days, like the Union of Days, never proffer advice or offer assistance to the constellation rulers unless it is asked for. These Paradise ambassadors to the constellations represent the final personal presence of the Stationary Sons of the Trinity functioning in advisory roles in the local universes. Constellations are more closely related to the superuniverse administration than local sys-

tems, which are administered exclusively by personalities native to the local universe.

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1 Gabriel is the chief executive and actual administrator of Nebadon. Michael's absence from Salvington in no way interferes with the orderly conduct of universe affairs. During the absence of Michael, as recently on the mission of reunion of Orvonton Master Sons on Paradise, Gabriel is the regent of the universe. At such times Gabriel always seeks the counsel of Immanuel of Salvington regarding all

major problems.

2 The Father Melchizedek is Gabriel's first assistant. When the Bright and Morning Star is absent from Salvington, his responsibilities are assumed by this original Melchizedek Son.

3 §§ The various subadministrations of the universe have assigned to them certain special domains of responsibility. While, in general, a system government looks after the welfare of its planets, it is more particularly concerned with the physical status of living beings, with biologic problems. In turn, the constellation rulers pay especial at-

tention to the social and governmental conditions prevailing on the different planets and systems. A constellation government is chiefly exercised over unification and stabilization. Still higher up, the universe rulers are more occupied with the spiritual status of the realms.

4 §§ Ambassadors are appointed by judicial decree and represent universes to other universes. Consuls are representatives of constellations to one another and to the universe headquarters; they are appointed by legislative decree and function only within the confines of the local universe. Ob-

servers are commissioned by executive decree of a System Sovereign to represent that system to other systems and at the constellation capital, and they, too, function only within the confines of the local universe.

5 §§ From Salvington, broadcasts are simultaneously directed to the constellation headquarters, the system headquarters, and to individual planets. All higher orders of celestial beings are able to utilize this service for communication with their fellows scattered throughout the universe. The universe broadcast is extended to all inhabited worlds regard-

less of their spiritual status. Planetary intercommunication is denied only those worlds under spiritual quarantine.

6 Constellation broadcasts are periodically sent out from the headquarters of the constellation by the chief of the Constellation Fathers.

7 §§ Chronology is reckoned, computed, and rectified by a special group of beings on Salvington. The standard day of Nebadon is equal to 18 days, 6 hours and 2½ minutes of Urantia time. The Nebadon year consists of a segment of the time of universe swing in relation to the Uversa circuit and is

equal to 100 days of standard universe time, about 5 years of Urantia time.

8 Nebadon time, broadcast from Salvington, is the standard for all constellations and systems in this local universe. Each constellation conducts its affairs by Nebadon time, but the systems maintain their own chronology, as do the individual planets.

9 The day in Satania, as reckoned on Jerusem, is a little less (1 hour, 4 minutes, 15 seconds) than three days of Urantia time. These times are generally known as Salvington or universe time, and Satania or system time.

Standard time is universe time.

7. THE COURTS OF NEBADON

1 The Master Son, Michael, is supremely concerned with but three things: creation, sustenance, and ministry. He does not personally participate in the judicial work of the universe. Creators never sit in judgment on their creatures; that is the exclusive function of creatures of high training and actual creature experience.

2 The entire judicial mechanism of Nebadon is under the supervision of Gabriel. The high courts, located on Salvington, are occupied with prob-

lems of general universe import and with the appellate cases coming up from the system tribunals. There are 70 branches of these universe courts, and they function in seven divisions of ten sections each. In all matters of adjudication there presides a dual magistracy consisting of one judge of perfection antecedents and one magistrate of ascendant experience.

3 As regards jurisdiction, the local universe courts are limited in the following matters:

4 1. The administration of the local universe is concerned with creation, evolution, maintenance, and

ministry. The universe tribunals are, therefore, denied the right to pass upon those cases involving the question of eternal life and death. This has no reference to natural death as it obtains on Urantia, but if the question of the right of continued existence, life eternal, comes up for adjudication, it must be referred to the tribunals of Orvonton, and if decided adversely to the individual, all sentences of extinction are carried out upon the orders, and through the agencies, of the rulers of the supergovernment.

5 2. The default or defection of any of the Local Universe Sons of God

which jeopardizes their status and authority as Sons is never adjudicated in the tribunals of a Son; such a misunderstanding would be immediately carried to the superuniverse courts.

6 3. The question of the readmission of any constituent part of a local universe — such as a local system — to the fellowship of full spiritual status in the local creation subsequent to spiritual isolation must be concurred in by the high assembly of the superuniverse.

7 §§ In all other matters the courts of Salvington are final and supreme. There is no appeal and no escape from

their decisions and decrees.

8 However unfairly human contentions may sometimes appear to be adjudicated on Urantia, in the universe justice and divine equity do prevail. You are living in a well-ordered universe, and sooner or later you may depend upon being dealt with justly, even mercifully.

8. THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

1 On Salvington, the headquarters of Nebadon, there are no true legislative bodies. The universe headquarters worlds are concerned largely with adjudication. The legislative assemblies

of the local universe are located on the headquarters of the 100 constellations. The systems are chiefly concerned with the executive and administrative work of the local creations. The System Sovereigns and their associates enforce the legislative mandates of the constellation rulers and execute the judicial decrees of the high courts of the universe.

2 While true legislation is not enacted at the universe headquarters, there do function on Salvington a variety of advisory and research assemblies, variously constituted and conducted in accordance with their scope

and purpose. Some are permanent; others disband upon the accomplishment of their objective.

3 §§ *The supreme council* of the local universe is made up of three members from each system and seven representatives from each constellation. Systems in isolation do not have representation in this assembly, but they are permitted to send observers who attend and study all its deliberations.

4 §§ *The 100 councils of supreme sanction* are also situated on Salvington. The presidents of these councils constitute the immediate working cabinet of Gabriel.

5 §§ All findings of the high universe advisory councils are referred either to the Salvington judicial bodies or to the legislative assemblies of the constellations. These high councils are without authority or power to enforce their recommendations. If their advice is founded on the fundamental laws of the universe, then will the Nebadon courts issue rulings of execution; but if their recommendations have to do with local or emergency conditions, they must pass down to the legislative assemblies of the constellation for deliberative enactment and then to the system authorities for

execution. These high councils are, in reality, the universe superlegislatures, but they function without the authority of enactment and without the power of execution.

6 While we speak of universe administration in terms of "courts" and "assemblies," it should be understood that these spiritual transactions are very different from the more primitive and material activities of Urantia which bear corresponding names.

7 [Presented by the Chief of the Archangels of Nebadon.]

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THE LOCAL UNIVERSE MOTHER SPIRIT

Mighty Messenger

When a Creator Son is personalized by the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, then does the Infinite Spirit individualize a new and unique representation of himself to accompany this Creator Son to the realms of space, there to be his companion, first, in physical organization and, later, in creation and

ministry to the creatures of the newly projected universe.

2 A Creative Spirit reacts to both physical and spiritual realities; so does a Creator Son; and thus are they co-ordinate and associate in the administration of a local universe of time and space.

3 These Daughter Spirits are of the essence of the Infinite Spirit, but they cannot function in the work of physical creation and spiritual ministry simultaneously. In physical creation the Universe Son provides the pattern while the Universe Spirit initiates the materialization of physical reali-

ties. The Son operates in the power designs, but the Spirit transforms these energy creations into physical substances. Although it is somewhat difficult to portray this early universe presence of the Infinite Spirit as a person, nevertheless, to the Creator Son the Spirit associate is personal and has always functioned as a distinct individual.

1. PERSONALIZATION OF THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

1 After the completion of the physical organization of a starry and planetary cluster and the establishment of the energy circuits by the superuni-

verse power centres, subsequent to this preliminary work of creation by the agencies of the Infinite Spirit, operating through, and under the direction of, his local universe creative focalization, there goes forth the proclamation of the Michael Son that life is next to be projected in the newly organized universe. Upon the Paradise recognition of this declaration of intention, there occurs a reaction of approval in the Paradise Trinity, followed by the disappearance in the spiritual shining of the Deities of the Master Spirit in whose superuniverse this new creation is organizing. Meanwhile the

other Master Spirits draw near this central lodgement of the Paradise Deities, and subsequently, when the Deity-embraced Master Spirit emerges to the recognition of his fellows, there occurs what is known as a "primary eruption." This is a tremendous spiritual flash, a phenomenon clearly discernible as far away as the headquarters of the superuniverse concerned; and simultaneously with this little-understood Trinity manifestation there occurs a marked change in the nature of the creative spirit presence and power of the Infinite Spirit resident in the local universe concerned. In re-

sponse to these Paradise phenomena there immediately personalizes, in the very presence of the Creator Son, a new personal representation of the Infinite Spirit. This is the Divine Minister. The individualized Creative Spirit helper of the Creator Son has become his personal creative associate, the local universe Mother Spirit.

2 From and through this new personal segregation of the Conjoint Creator there proceed the established currents and the ordained circuits of spirit power and spiritual influence destined to pervade all the worlds and beings of that local universe. In reality, this new

and personal presence is but a transformation of the pre-existent and less personal associate of the Son in his earlier work of physical universe organization.

3 §§ This is the relation of a stupendous drama in few words, but it represents about all that can be told regarding these momentous transactions. They are instantaneous, inscrutable, and incomprehensible; the secret of the technique and procedure resides in the bosom of the Paradise Trinity. Of only one thing are we certain: The Spirit presence in the local universe during the time of purely

physical creation or organization was incompletely differentiated from the spirit of the Paradise Infinite Spirit; whereas, after the reappearance of the supervising Master Spirit from the secret embrace of the Gods and following the flash of spiritual energy, the local universe manifestation of the Infinite Spirit suddenly and completely changes to the personal likeness of that Master Spirit who was in transmuting liaison with the Infinite Spirit. The local universe Mother Spirit thus acquires a personal nature tinged by that of the Master Spirit of the superuniverse of astronomic jurisdiction.

4 This personalized presence of the Infinite Spirit, the Creative Mother Spirit of the local universe, is known in Satania as the Divine Minister. To all practical intents and spiritual purposes this manifestation of Deity is a divine individual, a spirit person. And she is so recognized and regarded by the Creator Son. It is through this localization and personalization of the Third Source and Centre in our local universe that the Spirit could subsequently become so fully subject to the Creator Son that of this Son it was truly said, "All power in heaven and on

earth has been entrusted to him."

2. NATURE OF THE DIVINE MINISTER

1 Having undergone marked personality metamorphosis at the time of life creation, the Divine Minister thereafter functions as a person and co-operates in a very personal manner with the Creator Son in the planning and management of the extensive affairs of their local creation. To many universe types of being, even this representation of the Infinite Spirit may not appear to be wholly personal during the ages preceding the final Michael bestowal; but subsequent to the

elevation of the Creator Son to the sovereign authority of a Master Son, the Creative Mother Spirit becomes so augmented in personal qualities as to be personally recognized by all contacting individuals.

2 From the earliest association with the Creator Son the Universe Spirit possesses all the physical-control attributes of the Infinite Spirit, including the full endowment of antigravity. Upon the attainment of personal status the Universe Spirit exerts just as full and complete control of mind gravity, in the local universe, as would the Infinite Spirit if personally present.

3 §§ In each local universe the Divine Minister functions in accordance with the nature and inherent characteristics of the Infinite Spirit as embodied in one of the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise. While there is a basic uniformity of character in all Universe Spirits, there is also a diversity of function, determined by their origin through one of the Seven Master Spirits. This differential of origin accounts for the diverse techniques in the function of the local universe Mother Spirits in different superuniverses. But in all essential spiritual attributes these Spirits are identical, equally spiritual

and wholly divine, irrespective of superuniverse differentiation.

4 §§ The Creative Spirit is coresponsible with the Creator Son in producing the creatures of the worlds and never fails the Son in all efforts to uphold and conserve these creations. Life is ministered and maintained through the agency of the Creative Spirit. "You send forth your Spirit, and they are created. You renew the face of the earth."

5 In the creation of a universe of intelligent creatures the Creative Mother Spirit functions first in the sphere of universe perfection, collabo-

rating with the Son in the production of the Bright and Morning Star. Subsequently the offspring of the Spirit increasingly approach the order of created beings on the planets, even as the Sons grade downward from the Melchizedeks to the Material Sons, who actually contact with the mortals of the realms. In the later evolution of mortal creatures the Life Carrier Sons provide the physical body, fabricated out of the existing organized material of the realm, while the Universe Spirit contributes the "breath of life."

6 §§ While the 7th segment of the grand universe may, in many respects,

be tardy in development, thoughtful students of our problems look forward to the evolution of an extraordinarily well-balanced creation in the ages to come. We predict this high degree of symmetry in Orvonton because the presiding Spirit of this superuniverse is the chief of the Master Spirits on high, being a spirit intelligence embodying the balanced union and perfect co-ordination of the traits and character of all three of the eternal Deities. We are tardy and backward in comparison with other sectors, but there undoubtedly awaits us a transcendent development and an unprecedented achieve-

ment sometime in the eternal ages of the future.

3. THE SON AND SPIRIT IN TIME AND SPACE

1 Neither the Eternal Son nor the Infinite Spirit is limited or conditioned by either time or space, but most of their offspring are.

2 The Infinite Spirit pervades all space and indwells the circle of eternity. Still, in their personal contact with the children of time, the personalities of the Infinite Spirit must often reckon with temporal elements, though not so much with space. Many mind ministries ignore space but suf-

fer a time lag in effecting co-ordination of diverse levels of universe reality. A Solitary Messenger is virtually independent of space except that time is actually required in travelling from one location to another; and there are similar entities unknown to you.

3 §§ In personal prerogatives a Creative Spirit is wholly and entirely independent of space, but not of time. There is no specialized personal presence of such a Universe Spirit on either the constellation or system headquarters. She is equally and diffusely present throughout her entire local universe and is, therefore, just as literally

and personally present on one world as on any other.

4 Only as regards the element of time is a Creative Spirit ever limited in her universe ministrations. A Creator Son acts instantaneously throughout his universe; but the Creative Spirit must reckon with time in the ministration of the universal mind except as she consciously and designedly avails herself of the personal prerogatives of the Universe Son. In pure-spirit function the Creative Spirit also acts independently of time as well as in her collaboration with the mysterious function of universe reflectivity.

5 §§ Though the spirit-gravity circuit of the Eternal Son operates independently of both time and space, all functions of the Creator Sons are not exempt from space limitations. If the transactions of the evolutionary worlds are excepted, these Michael Sons seem to be able to operate relatively independent of time. A Creator Son is not handicapped by time, but he is conditioned by space; he cannot personally be in two places at the same time. Michael of Nebadon acts timelessly within his own universe and by reflectivity practically so in the superuniverse. He communicates timelessly

with the Eternal Son directly.

6 The Divine Minister is the understanding helper of the Creator Son, enabling him to overcome and atone for his inherent limitations regarding space, for when these two function in administrative union, they are practically independent of time *and* space within the confines of their local creation. Therefore, as practically observed throughout a local universe, the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit usually function independently of both time and space since there is always available to each the time and the space liberation of the

other.

7 §§ Only absolute beings are independent of time and space in the absolute sense. The majority of the subordinate persons of both the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit are subject to both time and space.

8 When a Creative Spirit becomes "space conscious," she is preparing to recognize a circumscribed "space domain" as hers, a realm in which to be space free in contradistinction to all other space by which she would be conditioned. One is free to choose and act only within the realm of one's

consciousness.

4. THE LOCAL UNIVERSE CIRCUITS

1 There are three distinct spirit circuits in the local universe of Nebadon:

2 1. The bestowal spirit of the Creator Son, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth.

3 2. The spirit circuit of the Divine Minister, the Holy Spirit.

4 3. The intelligence-ministry circuit, including the more or less unified activities but diverse functioning of the seven adjutant mind-spirits.

5 §§ The Creator Sons are endowed with a spirit of universe presence in

many ways analogous to that of the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise. This is the Spirit of Truth which is poured out upon a world by a bestowal Son after he receives spiritual title to such a sphere. This bestowed Comforter is the spiritual force which ever draws all truth seekers towards Him who is the personification of truth in the local universe. This spirit is an inherent endowment of the Creator Son, emerging from his divine nature just as the master circuits of the grand universe are derived from the personality presences of the Paradise Deities.

6 The Creator Son may come and

go; his personal presence may be in the local universe or elsewhere; yet the Spirit of Truth functions undisturbed, for this divine presence, while derived from the personality of the Creator Son, is functionally centred in the person of the Divine Minister.

7 The Universe Mother Spirit, however, never leaves the local universe headquarters world. The spirit of the Creator Son may and does function independently of the personal presence of the Son, but not so with her personal spirit. The Holy Spirit of the Divine Minister would become nonfunctional if her personal presence

should be removed from Salvington. Her spirit presence seems to be fixed on the universe headquarters world, and it is this very fact that enables the spirit of the Creator Son to function independently of the whereabouts of the Son. The Universe Mother Spirit acts as the universe focus and centre of the Spirit of Truth as well as of her own personal influence, the Holy Spirit.

8 §§ The Creator Father-Son and the Creative Mother Spirit both contribute variously to the mind endowment of their local universe children. But the Creative Spirit does not bestow mind until she is endowed with

personal prerogatives.

9 The superevolutionary orders of personality in a local universe are endowed with the local universe type of the superuniverse pattern of mind. The human and the subhuman orders of evolutionary life are endowed with the adjutant spirit types of mind ministration.

10 §§ The seven adjutant mind-spirits are the creation of the Divine Minister of a local universe. These mind-spirits are similar in character but diverse in power, and all partake alike of the nature of the Universe Spirit, although they are hardly regarded as personali-

ties apart from their Mother Creator. The seven adjutants have been given the following names: the spirit of *wisdom,* the spirit of *worship,* the spirit of *counsel,* the spirit of *knowledge,* the spirit of *courage,* the spirit of *understanding,* the spirit of *intuition* — of quick perception.

11 §§ These are the "seven spirits of God," "like lamps burning before the throne," which the prophet saw in the symbols of vision. But he did not see the seats of the four and twenty sentinels about these seven adjutant mind-spirits. This record represents the confusion of two presentations,

one pertaining to the universe headquarters and the other to the system capital. The seats of the four and twenty elders are on Jerusem, the headquarters of your local system of inhabited worlds.

12 But it was of Salvington that John wrote: "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices" — the universe broadcasts to the local systems. He also envisaged the directional control creatures of the local universe, the living compasses of the headquarters world. This directional control in Nebadon is maintained by the four control creatures

of Salvington, who operate over the universe currents and are ably assisted by the first functioning mind-spirit, the adjutant of intuition, the spirit of "quick understanding." But the description of these four creatures — called beasts — has been sadly marred; they are of unparalleled beauty and exquisite form.

13 The four points of the compass are universal and inherent in the life of Nebadon. All living creatures possess bodily units which are sensitive and responsive to these directional currents. These creature creations are duplicated on down through the uni-

verse to the individual planets and, in conjunction with the magnetic forces of the worlds, so activate the hosts of microscopic bodies in the animal organism that these direction cells ever point north and south. Thus is the sense of orientation forever fixed in the living beings of the universe. This sense is not wholly wanting as a conscious possession by mankind. These bodies were first observed on Urantia about the time of this narration.

5. THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT

1 The Divine Minister co-operates with the Creator Son in the formu-

lation of life and the creation of new orders of beings up to the time of his 7th bestowal and, subsequently, after his elevation to the full sovereignty of the universe, continues to collaborate with the Son and the Son's bestowed spirit in the further work of world ministry and planetary progression.

2 On the inhabited worlds the Spirit begins the work of evolutionary progression, starting with the lifeless material of the realm, first endowing vegetable life, then the animal organisms, then the first orders of human existence; and each succeeding imparta-

tion contributes to the further unfolding of the evolutionary potential of planetary life from the initial and primitive stages to the appearance of will creatures. This labour of the Spirit is largely effected through the seven adjutants, the spirits of promise, the unifying and co-ordinating spirit-mind of the evolving planets, ever and unitedly leading the races of men towards higher ideas and spiritual ideals.

3 §§ Mortal man first experiences the ministry of the Spirit in conjunction with mind when the purely animal mind of evolutionary creatures develops reception capacity for the adju-

tants of worship and of wisdom. This ministry of the 6th and 7th adjutants indicates mind evolution crossing the threshold of spiritual ministry. And immediately are such minds of worship- and wisdom-function included in the spiritual circuits of the Divine Minister.

4 When mind is thus endowed with the ministry of the Holy Spirit, it possesses the capacity for (consciously or unconsciously) choosing the spiritual presence of the Universal Father — the Thought Adjuster. But it is not until a bestowal Son has liberated the Spirit of Truth for planetary ministry to all

mortals that all normal minds are automatically prepared for the reception of the Thought Adjusters. The Spirit of Truth works as one with the presence of the spirit of the Divine Minister. This dual spirit liaison hovers over the worlds, seeking to teach truth and to spiritually enlighten the minds of men, to inspire the souls of the creatures of the ascending races, and to lead the peoples dwelling on the evolutionary planets ever towards their Paradise goal of divine destiny.

5 Though the Spirit of Truth is poured out upon all flesh, this spirit of the Son is almost wholly limited in

function and power by man's personal reception of that which constitutes the sum and substance of the mission of the bestowal Son. The Holy Spirit is partly independent of human attitude and partially conditioned by the decisions and co-operation of the will of man. Nevertheless, the ministry of the Holy Spirit becomes increasingly effective in the sanctification and spiritualization of the inner life of those mortals who the more fully *obey* the divine leadings.

6 §§ As individuals you do not personally possess a segregated portion or entity of the spirit of the Creator

Father-Son or the Creative Mother Spirit; these ministries do not contact with, nor indwell, the thinking centres of the individual's mind as do the Mystery Monitors. Thought Adjusters are definite individualizations of the prepersonal reality of the Universal Father, actually indwelling the mortal mind as a very part of that mind, and they ever work in perfect harmony with the combined spirits of the Creator Son and Creative Spirit.

7 The presence of the Holy Spirit of the Universe Daughter of the Infinite Spirit, of the Spirit of Truth of the Universe Son of the Eternal Son,

and of the Adjuster-spirit of the Paradise Father in or with an evolutionary mortal, denotes symmetry of spiritual endowment and ministry and qualifies such a mortal consciously to realize the faith-fact of sonship with God.

6. THE SPIRIT IN MAN

1 With the advancing evolution of an inhabited planet and the further spiritualization of its inhabitants, additional spiritual influences may be received by such mature personalities. As mortals progress in mind control and spirit perception, these multiple spirit ministries become more and

more co-ordinate in function; they become increasingly blended with the overministry of the Paradise Trinity.

2 Although Divinity may be plural in manifestation, in human experience Deity is singular, always *one.* Neither is spiritual ministry plural in human experience. Regardless of plurality of origin, all spirit influences are one in function. Indeed they are one, being the spirit ministry of God the Sevenfold in and to the creatures of the grand universe; and as creatures grow in appreciation of, and receptivity for, this unifying ministry of the spirit, it becomes in their experience the min-

istry of God the Supreme.

3 §§ From the heights of eternal glory the divine Spirit descends, by a long series of steps, to meet you as you are and where you are and then, in the partnership of faith, lovingly to embrace the soul of mortal origin and to embark on the sure and certain retracement of those steps of condescension, never stopping until the evolutionary soul is safely exalted to the very heights of bliss from which the divine Spirit originally sallied forth on this mission of mercy and ministry.

4 Spiritual forces unerringly seek and attain their own original levels.

Having gone out from the Eternal, they are certain to return thereto, bringing with them all those children of time and space who have espoused the leading and teaching of the indwelling Adjuster, those who have been truly "born of the Spirit," the faith sons of God.

5 §§ The divine Spirit is the source of continual ministry and encouragement to the children of men. Your power and achievement is "according to his mercy, through the renewing of the Spirit." Spiritual life, like physical energy, is consumed. Spiritual effort results in relative spiritual exhaustion.

The whole ascendant experience is real as well as spiritual; therefore, it is truly written, "It is the Spirit that quickens." "The Spirit gives life."

6 The dead theory of even the highest religious doctrines is powerless to transform human character or to control mortal behaviour. What the world of today needs is the truth which your teacher of old declared: "Not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit." The seed of theoretical truth is dead, the highest moral concepts without effect, unless and until the divine Spirit breathes upon the forms of truth and quickens

the formulas of righteousness.

7 Those who have received and recognized the indwelling of God have been born of the Spirit. "You are the temple of God, and the spirit of God dwells in you." It is not enough that this spirit be poured out upon you; the divine Spirit must dominate and control every phase of human experience.

8 It is the presence of the divine Spirit, the water of life, that prevents the consuming thirst of mortal discontent and that indescribable hunger of the unspiritualized human mind. Spirit-motivated beings "never thirst, for this spiritual water shall be in them

a well of satisfaction springing up into life everlasting." Such divinely watered souls are all but independent of material environment as regards the joys of living and the satisfactions of earthly existence. They are spiritually illuminated and refreshed, morally strengthened and endowed.

9 §§ In every mortal there exists a dual nature: the inheritance of animal tendencies and the high urge of spirit endowment. During the short life you live on Urantia, these two diverse and opposing urges can seldom be fully reconciled; they can hardly be harmonized and unified; but through-

out your lifetime the combined Spirit ever ministers to assist you in subjecting the flesh more and more to the leading of the Spirit. Even though you must live your material life through, even though you cannot escape the body and its necessities, nonetheless, in purpose and ideals you are empowered increasingly to subject the animal nature to the mastery of the Spirit. There truly exists within you a conspiracy of spiritual forces, a confederation of divine powers, whose exclusive purpose is to effect your final deliverance from material bondage and finite handicaps.

10 The purpose of all this ministration is, "That you may be strengthened with power through His spirit in the inner man." And all this represents but the preliminary steps to the final attainment of the perfection of faith and service, that experience wherein you shall be "filled with all the fullness of God," "for all those who are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God."

11 §§ The Spirit never *drives,* only leads. If you are a willing learner, if you want to attain spirit levels and reach divine heights, if you sincerely desire to reach the eternal goal, then the divine Spirit will gently and lovingly lead

you along the pathway of sonship and spiritual progress. Every step you take must be one of willingness, intelligent and cheerful co-operation. The domination of the Spirit is never tainted with coercion nor compromised by compulsion.

12 And when such a life of spirit guidance is freely and intelligently accepted, there gradually develops within the human mind a positive consciousness of divine contact and assurance of spirit communion; sooner or later "the Spirit bears witness with your spirit (the Adjuster) that you are a child of God." Already

has your own Thought Adjuster told you of your kinship to God so that the record testifies that the Spirit bears witness "*with* your spirit," not *to* your spirit.

13 The consciousness of the spirit domination of a human life is presently attended by an increasing exhibition of the characteristics of the Spirit in the life reactions of such a spirit-led mortal, "for the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance." Such spirit-guided and divinely illuminated mortals, while they yet tread the lowly

paths of toil and in human faithfulness perform the duties of their earthly assignments, have already begun to discern the lights of eternal life as they glimmer on the faraway shores of another world; already have they begun to comprehend the reality of that inspiring and comforting truth, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." And throughout every trial and in the presence of every hardship, spirit-born souls are sustained by that hope which transcends all fear because the love of God is shed abroad in all hearts by the presence of

the divine Spirit.

7. THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH

1 The flesh, the inherent nature derived from the animal-origin races, does not naturally bear the fruits of the divine Spirit. When the mortal nature has been upstepped by the addition of the nature of the Material Sons of God, as the Urantia races were in a measure advanced by the bestowal of Adam, then is the way better prepared for the Spirit of Truth to co-operate with the indwelling Adjuster to bring forth the beautiful harvest of the character fruits of the spirit. If you do not

reject this spirit, even though eternity may be required to fulfil the commission, "he will guide you into all truth."

2 Evolutionary mortals inhabiting normal worlds of spiritual progress do not experience the acute conflicts between the spirit and the flesh which characterize the present-day Urantia races. But even on the most ideal planets, pre-Adamic man must put forth positive efforts to ascend from the purely animalistic plane of existence up through successive levels of increasingly intellectual meanings and higher spiritual values.

3 The mortals of a normal world do

not experience constant warfare between their physical and spiritual natures. They are confronted with the necessity of climbing up from the animal levels of existence to the higher planes of spiritual living, but this ascent is more like undergoing an educational training when compared with the intense conflicts of Urantia mortals in this realm of the divergent material and spiritual natures.

4 §§ The Urantia peoples are suffering the consequences of a double deprivation of help in this task of progressive planetary spiritual attainment. The Caligastia upheaval pre-

cipitated world-wide confusion and robbed all subsequent generations of the moral assistance which a well-ordered society would have provided. But even more disastrous was the Adamic default in that it deprived the races of that superior type of physical nature which would have been more consonant with spiritual aspirations.

5 Urantia mortals are compelled to undergo such marked struggling between the spirit and the flesh because their remote ancestors were not more fully Adamized by the Edenic bestowal. It was the divine plan that the mortal races of Urantia should have

had physical natures more naturally spirit responsive.

6 §§ Notwithstanding this double disaster to man's nature and his environment, present-day mortals would experience less of this apparent warfare between the flesh and the spirit if they would enter the spirit kingdom, wherein the faith sons of God enjoy comparative deliverance from the slave-bondage of the flesh in the enlightened and liberating service of wholehearted devotion to doing the will of the Father in heaven. Jesus showed mankind the new way of mortal living whereby human beings

may very largely escape the dire consequences of the Caligastic rebellion and most effectively compensate for the deprivations resulting from the Adamic default. "The spirit of the life of Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of animal living and the temptations of evil and sin." "This is the victory that overcomes the flesh, even your faith."

7 Those God-knowing men and women who have been born of the Spirit experience no more conflict with their mortal natures than do the inhabitants of the most normal of worlds, planets which have never been tainted

with sin nor touched by rebellion. Faith sons work on intellectual levels and live on spiritual planes far above the conflicts produced by unrestrained or unnatural physical desires. The normal urges of animal beings and the natural appetites and impulses of the physical nature are not in conflict with even the highest spiritual attainment except in the minds of ignorant, mistaught, or unfortunately overconscientious persons.

8 §§ Having started out on the way of life everlasting, having accepted the assignment and received your orders to advance, do not fear the dangers

of human forgetfulness and mortal inconstancy, do not be troubled with doubts of failure or by perplexing confusion, do not falter and question your status and standing, for in every dark hour, at every crossroad in the forward struggle, the Spirit of Truth will always speak, saying, "This is the way."

9 [Presented by a Mighty Messenger temporarily assigned to service on Urantia.]

PAPER 35

THE LOCAL UNIVERSE SONS OF GOD

Chief of Archangels

The Sons of God previously introduced have had a Paradise origin. They are the offspring of the divine Rulers of the universal domains. Of the first Paradise order of sonship, the Creator Sons, there is in Nebadon only one, Michael, the universe father and sovereign. Of the second order of Paradise sonship,

the Avonal or Magisterial Sons, Nebadon has its full quota — 1,062. And these "lesser Christs" are just as effective and all-powerful in their planetary bestowals as was the Creator and Master Son on Urantia. The third order, being of Trinity origin, do not register in a local universe, but I estimate there are in Nebadon between 15,000 and 20,000 Trinity Teacher Sons exclusive of 9,642 creature-trinitized assistants of record. These Paradise Daynals are neither magistrates nor administrators; they are superteachers.

2 The types of Sons about to be considered are of local universe ori-

gin; they are the offspring of a Paradise Creator Son in varied association with the complemental Universe Mother Spirit. The following orders of local universe sonship find mention in these narratives:

3 1. Melchizedek Sons.

4 2. Vorondadek Sons.

5 3. Lanonandek Sons.

6 4. Life Carrier Sons.

7 §§ Triune Paradise Deity functions for the creation of three orders of sonship: the Michaels, the Avonals, and the Daynals. Dual Deity in the local universe, the Son and the Spirit,

also functions in the creation of three high orders of Sons: the Melchizedeks, the Vorondadeks, and the Lanonandeks; and having achieved this threefold expression, they collaborate with the next level of God the Sevenfold in the production of the versatile order of Life Carriers. These beings are classified with the descending Sons of God, but they are a unique and original form of universe life. Their consideration will occupy the whole of the next paper.

1. THE FATHER MELCHIZEDEK

1 After bringing into existence the

beings of personal aid, such as the Bright and Morning Star and other administrative personalities, in accordance with the divine purpose and creative plans of a given universe, there occurs a new form of creative union between the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit, the local universe Daughter of the Infinite Spirit. The personality offspring resulting from this creative partnership is the original Melchizedek — the Father Melchizedek — that unique being who subsequently collaborates with the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit to bring into existence the entire group of that

name.

2 In the universe of Nebadon the Father Melchizedek acts as the first executive associate of the Bright and Morning Star. Gabriel is occupied more with universe policies, Melchizedek with practical procedures. Gabriel presides over the regularly constituted tribunals and councils of Nebadon, Melchizedek over the special, extraordinary, and emergency commissions and advisory bodies. Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek are never away from Salvington at the same time[1], for in Gabriel's absence

[1] They were *apparently* away at the same time on

the Father Melchizedek functions as the chief executive of Nebadon.

3 The Melchizedeks of our universe were all created within one millennial period of standard time by the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit in liaison with the Father Melchizedek. Being an order of sonship wherein one of their own number functioned as coordinate creator, Melchizedeks are in constitution partly of self-origin and therefore candidates for the realization of a supernal type of self-government. They periodically elect their own administrative chief for a term

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the Mount of Transfiguration, cf. 158:1.6,7.

of seven years of standard time and otherwise function as a self-regulating order, though the original Melchizedek does exercise certain inherent co-parental prerogatives. From time to time this Father Melchizedek designates certain individuals of his order to function as special Life Carriers to the midsonite worlds, a type of inhabited planet not heretofore revealed on Urantia.

4 The Melchizedeks do not function extensively outside the local universe except when they are called as witnesses in matters pending before the tribunals of the superuniverse, and

when designated special ambassadors, as they sometimes are, representing one universe to another in the same superuniverse. The original or first-born Melchizedek of each universe is always at liberty to journey to the neighbouring universes or to Paradise on missions having to do with the interests and duties of his order.

2. THE MELCHIZEDEK SONS

1 The Melchizedeks are the first order of divine Sons to approach sufficiently near the lower creature life to be able to function directly in the ministry of mortal uplift, to serve the evo-

lutionary races without the necessity of incarnation. These Sons are naturally at the mid-point of the great personality descent, by origin being just about midway between the highest Divinity and the lowest creature life of will endowment. They thus become the natural intermediaries between the higher and divine levels of living existence and the lower, even the material, forms of life on the evolutionary worlds. The seraphic orders, the angels, delight to work with the Melchizedeks; in fact, all forms of intelligent life find in these Sons understanding friends, sympathetic teach-

ers, and wise counsellors.

2 The Melchizedeks are a self-governing order. With this unique group we encounter the first attempt at self-determination on the part of local universe beings and observe the highest type of true self-government. These Sons organize their own machinery for their group and home-planet administration, as well as that for the six associated spheres and their tributary worlds. And it should be recorded that they have never abused their prerogatives; not once throughout all the superuniverse of Orvonton have these Melchizedek Sons ever be-

trayed their trust. They are the hope of every universe group which aspires to self-government; they are the pattern and the teachers of self-government to all the spheres of Nebadon. All orders of intelligent beings, superiors from above and subordinates from below, are wholehearted in their praise of the government of the Melchizedeks.

3 §§ The Melchizedek order of sonship occupies the position, and assumes the responsibility, of the eldest son in a large family. Most of their work is regular and somewhat routine, but much of it is voluntary and altogether self-imposed. A majority

of the special assemblies which, from time to time, convene on Salvington are called on motion of the Melchizedeks. On their own initiative these Sons patrol their native universe. They maintain an autonomous organization devoted to universe intelligence, making periodical reports to the Creator Son independent of all information coming up to universe headquarters through the regular agencies concerned with the routine administration of the realm. They are by nature unprejudiced observers; they have the full confidence of all classes of intelligent beings.

4 The Melchizedeks function as mobile and advisory review courts of the realms; these universe Sons go in small groups to the worlds to serve as advisory commissions, to take depositions, to receive suggestions, and to act as counsellors, thus helping to compose the major difficulties and settle the serious differences which arise from time to time in the affairs of the evolutionary domains.

5 These eldest Sons of a universe are the chief aids of the Bright and Morning Star in carrying out the mandates of the Creator Son. When a Melchizedek goes to a remote world in the

name of Gabriel, he may, for the purposes of that particular mission, be deputized in the name of the sender and in that event will appear on the planet of assignment with the full authority of the Bright and Morning Star. Especially is this true on those spheres where a higher Son has not yet appeared in the likeness of the creatures of the realm.

6 When a Creator Son enters upon the bestowal career on an evolutionary world, he goes alone; but when one of his Paradise brothers, an Avonal Son, enters upon a bestowal, he is accompanied by the Melchizedek supporters,

12 in number, who so efficiently contribute to the success of the bestowal mission. They also support the Paradise Avonals on magisterial missions to the inhabited worlds, and in these assignments the Melchizedeks are visible to mortal eyes if the Avonal Son is also thus manifest.

7 There is no phase of planetary spiritual need to which they do not minister. They are the teachers who so often win whole worlds of advanced life to the final and full recognition of the Creator Son and his Paradise Father.

8 §§ The Melchizedeks are well-nigh perfect in wisdom, but they are not in-

fallible in judgment. When detached and alone on planetary missions, they have sometimes erred in minor matters, that is, they have elected to do certain things which their supervisors did not subsequently approve. Such an error of judgment temporarily disqualifies a Melchizedek until he goes to Salvington and, in audience with the Creator Son, receives that instruction which effectually purges him of the disharmony which caused disagreement with his fellows; and then, following the correctional rest, reinstatement to service ensues on the third day. But these minor misadaptations

in Melchizedek function have rarely occurred in Nebadon.

9 These Sons are not an increasing order; their number is stationary, although varying in each local universe. The number of Melchizedeks of record on their headquarters planet in Nebadon is upward of 10,000,000.

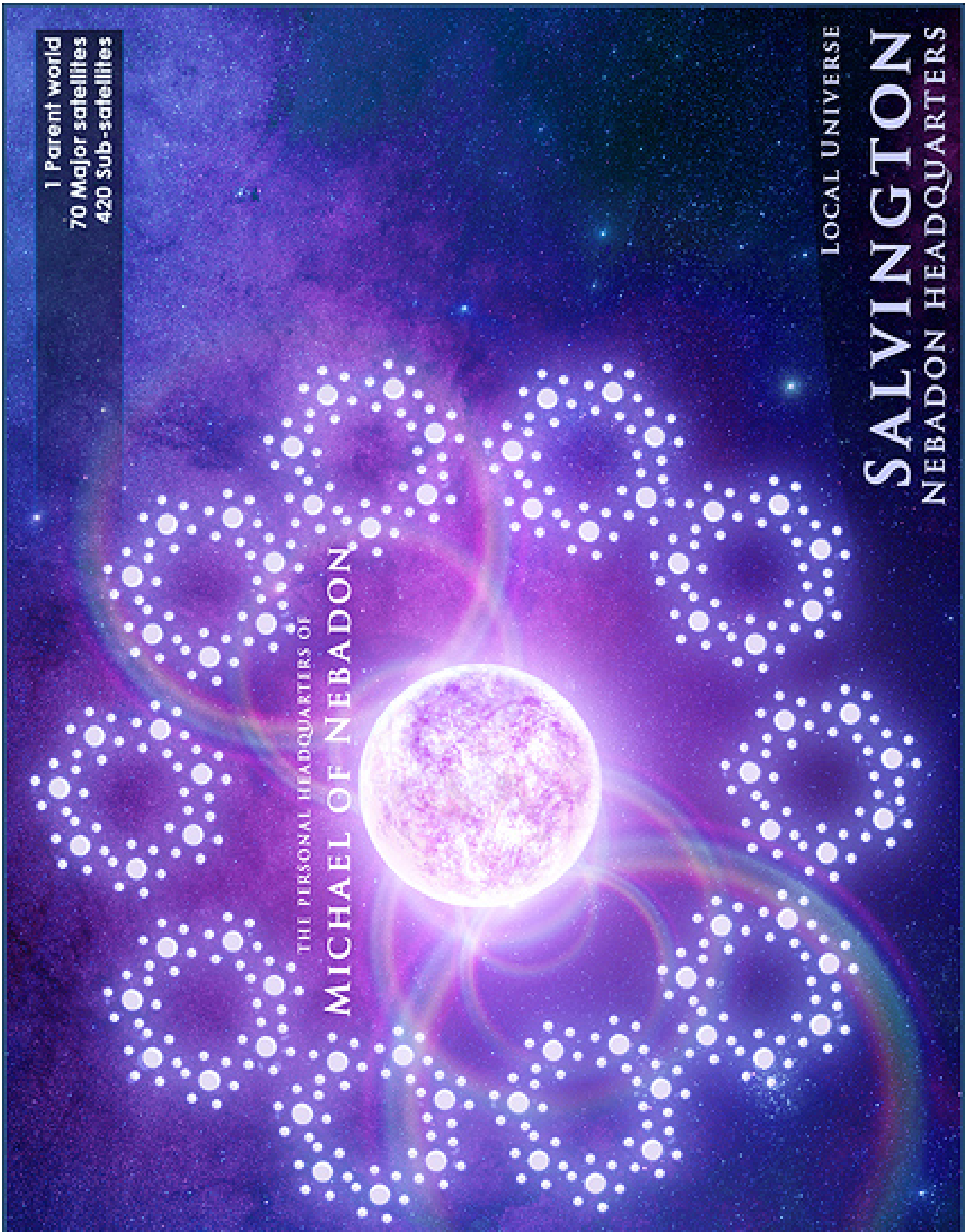
3. THE MELCHIZEDEK WORLDS

1 The Melchizedeks occupy a world of their own near Salvington, the universe headquarters. This sphere, by name Melchizedek, is the pilot world of the Salvington circuit of 70 primary spheres, each of which is encir-

cled by six tributary spheres devoted to specialized activities. These marvellous spheres — 70 primaries and 420 tributaries — are often spoken of as the Melchizedek University. Ascending mortals from all the constellations of Nebadon pass through training on all 490 worlds in the acquirement of residential status on Salvington. But the education of ascenders is only one phase of the manifold activities taking place on the Salvington cluster of architectural spheres.

2 The 490 spheres of the Salvington circuit are divided into 10 groups, each containing seven primary and 42 trib-

utary spheres. Each of these groups is under the general supervision of some one of the major orders of universe life. The first group, embracing the pilot world and the next six primary spheres in the encircling planetary procession, is under the supervision of the Melchizedeks. These Melchizedek worlds are:


1 Parent world
70 Major satellites
420 Sub-satellites
THE PERSONAL HEADQUARTERS OF
MICHAEL OF NEBADON
LOCAL UNIVERSE
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NEBADON HEADQUARTERS

3 1. The pilot world — the home world of the Melchizedek Sons.

4 2. The world of the physical-life schools and the laboratories of living energies.

5 3. The world of morontia life.

6 4. The sphere of initial spirit life.

7 5. The world of mid-spirit life.

8 6. The sphere of advancing spirit life.

9 7. The domain of co-ordinate and supreme self-realization.

10 §§ The six tributary worlds of each of these Melchizedek spheres are devoted to activities germane to the work of the associated primary sphere.

11 §§ The pilot world, the sphere *Melchizedek,* is the common meeting ground for all beings who are engaged in educating and spiritualizing the ascending mortals of time and space. To an ascender this world is probably the most interesting place in all Nebadon. All evolutionary mortals who graduate from their constellation training are destined to land on Melchizedek, where they are initiated into the regime of the disciplines and spirit progression of the Salvington educational system. And never will you forget your reactions to the first day of life on this unique world, not even after

you have reached your Paradise destination.

12 Ascending mortals maintain residence on the Melchizedek world while pursuing their training on the six encircling planets of specialized education. And this same method is adhered to throughout their sojourn on the 70 cultural worlds, the primary spheres of the Salvington circuit.

13 §§ Many diverse activities occupy the time of the numerous beings who reside on the six tributary worlds of the Melchizedek sphere, but as concerns the ascending mortals, these satellites are devoted to the following

special phases of study:

14 1. Sphere number one is occupied with the review of the initial planetary life of the ascending mortals. This work is carried on in classes composed of those who hail from a given world of mortal origin. Those from Urantia pursue such an experiential review together.

15 2. The special work of sphere number two consists in a similar review of the experiences passed through on the mansion worlds encircling the premier satellite of the local system headquarters.

16 3. The reviews of this sphere per-

tain to the sojourn on the capital of the local system and embrace the activities of the remainder of the architectural worlds of the system headquarters cluster.

17 4. The fourth sphere is occupied with a review of the experiences of the 70 tributary worlds of the constellation and of their associated spheres.

18 5. On the fifth sphere there is conducted the review of the ascendant sojourn on the constellation headquarters world.

19 6. The time on sphere number six is devoted to an attempt to correlate these five epochs and thus achieve

co-ordination of experience preparatory to entering the Melchizedek primary schools of universe training.

20 §§ The schools of universe administration and spiritual wisdom are located on the Melchizedek home world, where also are to be found those schools devoted to a single line of research, such as energy, matter, organization, communication, records, ethics, and comparative creature existence.

21 In the Melchizedek College of Spiritual Endowment all orders — even the Paradise orders — of the Sons of God co-operate with the Melchize-

dek and the seraphic teachers in training the hosts who go forth as evangels of destiny, proclaiming spiritual liberty and divine sonship even to the remote worlds of the universe. This particular school of the Melchizedek University is an exclusive universe institution; student visitors are not received from other realms.

22 The highest course of training in universe administration is given by the Melchizedeks on their home world. This College of High Ethics is presided over by the original Father Melchizedek. It is to these schools that the various universes send exchange stu-

dents. While the young universe of Nebadon stands low in the scale of universes as regards spiritual achievement and high ethical development, nevertheless, our administrative troubles have so turned the whole universe into a vast clinic for other near-by creations that the Melchizedek colleges are thronged with student visitors and observers from other realms. Besides the immense group of local registrants there are always upward of 100,000 foreign students in attendance upon the Melchizedek schools, for the order of Melchizedeks in Nebadon is

renowned throughout all Splandon.

4. SPECIAL WORK OF THE MELCHIZEDEKS

1 A highly specialized branch of Melchizedek activities has to do with the supervision of the progressive morontia career of the ascending mortals. Much of this training is conducted by the patient and wise seraphic ministers, assisted by mortals who have ascended to relatively higher levels of universe attainment, but all of this educational work is under the general supervision of the Melchizedeks in association with the Trinity Teacher Sons.

2 §§ While the Melchizedek orders

are chiefly devoted to the vast educational system and experiential training regime of the local universe, they also function in unique assignments and in unusual circumstances. In an evolving universe eventually embracing approximately 10,000,000 inhabited worlds, many things out of the ordinary are destined to happen, and it is in such emergencies that the Melchizedeks act. On Edentia, your constellation headquarters, they are known as emergency Sons. They are always ready to serve in all exigencies — physical, intellectual, or spiritual — whether on a planet, in a system,

in a constellation, or in the universe. Whenever and wherever special help is needed, there you will find one or more of the Melchizedek Sons.

3 When failure of some feature of the Creator Son's plan is threatened, forthwith will go a Melchizedek to render assistance. But not often are they summoned to function in the presence of sinful rebellion, such as occurred in Satania.

4 The Melchizedeks are the first to act in all emergencies of whatever nature on all worlds where will creatures dwell. They sometimes act as temporary custodians on wayward plan-

ets, serving as receivers of a defaulting planetary government. In a planetary crisis these Melchizedek Sons serve in many unique capacities. It is easily possible for such a Son to make himself visible to mortal beings, and sometimes one of this order has even incarnated in the likeness of mortal flesh. Seven times in Nebadon has a Melchizedek served on an evolutionary world in the similitude of mortal flesh, and on numerous occasions these Sons have appeared in the likeness of other orders of universe creatures. They are indeed the versatile and volunteer emergency ministers to all

orders of universe intelligences and to all the worlds and systems of worlds.

5 §§ The Melchizedek who lived on Urantia during the time of Abraham was locally known as Prince of Salem because he presided over a small colony of truth seekers residing at a place called Salem. He volunteered to incarnate in the likeness of mortal flesh and did so with the approval of the Melchizedek receivers of the planet, who feared that the light of life would become extinguished during that period of increasing spiritual darkness. And he did foster the truth of his day and safely pass it on to Abra-

ham and his associates.

5. THE VORONDADEK SONS

1 After the creation of the personal aids and the first group of the versatile Melchizedeks, the Creator Son and the local universe Creative Spirit planned for, and brought into existence, the second great and diverse order of universe sonship, the Vorondadeks. They are more generally known as Constellation Fathers because a Son of this order is uniformly found at the head of each constellation government in every local universe.

2 §§ The number of Vorondadeks

varies in each local universe, just 1,000,000 being the recorded number in Nebadon. These Sons, like their co-ordinates, the Melchizedeks, possess no power of reproduction. There exists no known method whereby they can increase their numbers.

3 §§ In many respects these Sons are a self-governing body; as individuals and as groups, even as a whole, they are largely self-determinative, much as are the Melchizedeks, but Vorondadeks do not function through such a wide range of activities. They do not equal their Melchizedek brethren in brilliant versatility, but they are even

more reliable and efficient as rulers and farseeing administrators. Neither are they quite the administrative peers of their subordinates, the Lanonandek System Sovereigns, but they excel all orders of universe sonship in stability of purpose and in divinity of judgment.

4 Although the decisions and rulings of this order of Sons are always in accordance with the spirit of divine sonship and in harmony with the policies of the Creator Son, they have been cited for error to the Creator Son, and in details of technique their decisions have sometimes been reversed on ap-

peal to the superior tribunals of the universe. But these Sons rarely fall into error, and they have never gone into rebellion; never in all the history of Nebadon has a Vorondadek been found in contempt of the universe government.

5 The service of the Vorondadeks in the local universes is extensive and varied. They serve as ambassadors to other universes and as consuls representing constellations within their native universe. Of all orders of local universe sonship they are the most often entrusted with the full delegation of sovereign powers to be exercised in

critical universe situations.

6 On those worlds segregated in spiritual darkness, those spheres which have, through rebellion and default, suffered planetary isolation, an observer Vorondadek is usually present pending the restoration of normal status. In certain emergencies this Most High observer could exercise absolute and arbitrary authority over every celestial being assigned to that planet. It is of record on Salvington that the Vorondadeks have sometimes exercised such authority as Most High regents of such planets. And this has also been true even of inhabited

worlds that were untouched by rebellion.

7 Often a corps of 12 or more Vorondadek Sons sits en banc[1] as a high court of review and appeal concerning special cases involving the status of a planet or a system. But their work more largely pertains to the legislative functions indigenous to the constellation governments. As a result of all these services, the Vorondadek Sons have become the historians of the lo-

[1] As a group, particularly with respect to a legal decision rendered by all of the judges sitting on a court, rather than by a smaller panel of judges from that court.

cal universes; they are personally familiar with all the political struggles and the social upheavals of the inhabited worlds.

6. THE CONSTELLATION FATHERS

1 At least three Vorondadeks are assigned to the rulership of each of the 100 constellations of a local universe. These Sons are selected by the Creator Son and are commissioned by Gabriel as the *Most Highs* of the constellations for service during one dekamillennium — 10,000 standard years, about 50,000 years of Urantia time. The reigning Most High,

the Constellation Father, has two associates, a senior and a junior. At each change of administration the senior associate becomes the head of the government, the junior assumes the duties of the senior, while the unassigned Vorondadeks resident on the Salvington worlds nominate one of their number as candidate for selection to assume the responsibilities of junior associate. Thus each of the Most High rulers, in accordance with present policy, has a period of service on the headquarters of a constellation of three dekamillenniums, about 150,000 Urantia years.

2 The 100 Constellation Fathers, the actual presiding heads of the constellation governments, constitute the supreme advisory cabinet of the Creator Son. This council is in frequent session at universe headquarters and is unlimited in the scope and range of its deliberations but is chiefly concerned with the welfare of the constellations and with the unification of the administration of the entire local universe.

3 When a Constellation Father is in attendance upon duties at the universe headquarters, as he frequently is, the senior associate becomes acting director of constellation affairs. The nor-

mal function of the senior associate is the oversight of spiritual affairs, while the junior associate is personally occupied with the physical welfare of the constellation. No major policy, however, is ever carried out in a constellation unless all three of the Most Highs are agreed upon all the details of its execution.

4 The entire mechanism of spirit intelligence and communication channels is at the disposal of the constellation Most Highs. They are in perfect touch with their superiors on Salvington and with their direct subordinates, the sovereigns of the local

systems. They frequently convene in council with these System Sovereigns to deliberate upon the state of the constellation.

5 The Most Highs surround themselves with a corps of counsellors, which varies in number and personnel from time to time in accordance with the presence of the various groups at constellation headquarters and also as the local requirements vary. During times of stress they may ask for, and will quickly receive, additional Sons of the Vorondadek order to assist with the administrative work. Norlatiadek, your own constellation, is at

present administered by 12 Vorondadek Sons.

7. THE VORONDADEK WORLDS

1 The second group of seven worlds in the circuit of 70 primary spheres surrounding Salvington comprise the Vorondadek planets. Each of these spheres, with its six encircling satellites, is devoted to a special phase of Vorondadek activities. On these 49 realms the ascending mortals secure the acme of their education respecting universe legislation.

2 The ascending mortals have observed the legislative assemblies as

they functioned on the headquarters worlds of the constellations, but here on these Vorondadek worlds they participate in the enactment of the actual general legislation of the local universe under the tutelage of the senior Vorondadeks. Such enactments are designed to co-ordinate the varied pronouncements of the autonomous legislative assemblies of the 100 constellations. The instruction to be had in the Vorondadek schools is unexcelled even on Uversa. This training is progressive, extending from the first sphere, with supplemental work on its six satellites, on up through the re-

maining six primary spheres and their associated satellite groups.

3 The ascending pilgrims will be introduced to numerous new activities on these worlds of study and practical work. We are not forbidden to undertake the revelation of these new and undreamed-of pursuits, but we despair of being able to portray these undertakings to the material mind of mortal beings. We are without words to convey the meanings of these supernal activities, and there are no analogous human engagements which might be utilized as illustrations of these new occupations of the ascending mortals

as they pursue their studies on these 49 worlds. And many other activities, not a part of the ascendant regime, are centred on these Vorondadek worlds of the Salvington circuit.

8. THE LANONANDEK SONS

1 After the creation of the Vorondadeks, the Creator Son and the Universe Mother Spirit unite for the purpose of bringing into existence the third order of universe sonship, the Lanonandeks. Although occupied with varied tasks connected with the system administrations, they are best known as System Sovereigns, the

rulers of the local systems, and as Planetary Princes, the administrative heads of the inhabited worlds.

2 Being a later and lower — as concerns divinity levels — order of sonship creation, these beings were required to pass through certain courses of training on the Melchizedek worlds in preparation for subsequent service. They were the first students in the Melchizedek University and were classified and certified by their Melchizedek teachers and examiners according to ability, personality, and attainment.

3 The universe of Nebadon began its existence with exactly 12,000,000 La-

nonandeks, and when they had passed through the Melchizedek sphere, they were divided in the final tests into three classes:

4 1. *Primary Lanonandeks.* Of the highest rank there were 709,841. These are the Sons designated as System Sovereigns and assistants to the supreme councils of the constellations and as counsellors in the higher administrative work of the universe.

5 2. *Secondary Lanonandeks.* Of this order emerging from Melchizedek there were 10,234,601. They are assigned as Planetary Princes and to the reserves of that order.

6 3. *Tertiary Lanonandeks.* This group contained 1,055,558. These Sons function as subordinate assistants, messengers, custodians, commissioners, observers, and prosecute the miscellaneous duties of a system and its component worlds.

7 §§ It is not possible, as it is with evolutionary beings, for these Sons to progress from one group to another. When subjected to the Melchizedek training, when once tested and classified, they serve continuously in the rank assigned. Neither do these Sons engage in reproduction; their number in the universe is stationary.

8 In round numbers the Lanonandek order of Sons is classified on Salvington as follows:

9 §§ Universe Co-ordinators and Constellation Counsellors . . . 100,000

10 System Sovereigns and Assistants 600,000

11 Planetary Princes and Reserves 10,000,000

12 Messenger Corps 400,000

13 Custodians and Recorders 100,000

14 Reserve Corps 800,000

15 §§ Since Lanonandeks are a somewhat lower order of sonship than the Melchizedeks and the Vorondadeks,

they are of even greater service in the subordinate units of the universe, for they are capable of drawing nearer the lower creatures of the intelligent races. They also stand in greater danger of going astray, of departing from the acceptable technique of universe government. But these Lanonandeks, especially the primary order, are the most able and versatile of all local universe administrators. In executive ability they are excelled only by Gabriel and his unrevealed associates.

9. THE LANONANDEK RULERS

1 The Lanonandeks are the contin-

uous rulers of the planets and the rotating sovereigns of the systems. Such a Son now rules on Jerusem, the headquarters of your local system of inhabited worlds.

2 The System Sovereigns rule in commissions of two or three on the headquarters of each system of inhabited worlds. The Constellation Father names one of these Lanonandeks as chief every dekamillennium. Sometimes no change in the head of the trio is made, the matter being entirely optional with the constellation rulers. System governments do not suddenly change in personnel unless a tragedy

of some sort occurs.

3 When System Sovereigns or assistants are recalled, their places are filled by selections made by the supreme council located on the constellation headquarters from the reserves of that order, a group which is larger on Edentia than the average indicated.

4 The supreme Lanonandek councils are stationed on the various constellation headquarters. Such a body is presided over by the senior Most High associate of the Constellation Father, while the junior associate supervises the reserves of the secondary order.

5 §§ The System Sovereigns are true

to their names; they are well-nigh sovereign in the local affairs of the inhabited worlds. They are almost paternal in their direction of the Planetary Princes, the Material Sons, and the ministering spirits. The personal grasp of the sovereign is all but complete. These rulers are not supervised by Trinity observers from the central universe. They are the executive division of the local universe, and as custodians of the enforcement of legislative mandates and as executives for the application of judicial verdicts, they present the one place in all universe administration where personal disloy-

alty to the will of the Michael Son could most easily and readily entrench itself and seek to assert itself.

6 Our local universe has been unfortunate in that over 700 Sons of the Lanonandek order have rebelled against the universe government, thus precipitating confusion in several systems and on numerous planets. Of this entire number of failures only three were System Sovereigns; practically all of these Sons belonged to the second and third orders, Planetary Princes and tertiary Lanonandeks.

7 The large number of these Sons who have lapsed from integrity does

not indicate any fault in creatorship. They could have been made divinely perfect, but they were so created that they might better understand, and draw near to, the evolutionary creatures dwelling on the worlds of time and space.

8 Of all the local universes in Orvonton, our universe has, with the exception of Henselon, lost the largest number of this order of Sons. On Uversa it is the consensus that we have had so much administrative trouble in Nebadon because our Sons of the Lanonandek order have been created with such a large degree of personal

liberty in choosing and planning. I do not make this observation by way of criticism. The Creator of our universe has full authority and power to do this. It is the contention of our high rulers that, while such free-choosing Sons make excessive trouble in the earlier ages of the universe, when things are fully sifted and finally settled, the gains of higher loyalty and fuller volitional service on the part of these thoroughly tested Sons will far more than compensate for the confusion and tribulations of earlier times.

9 §§ In the event of rebellion on a system headquarters, a new sovereign

is usually installed within a comparatively short time, but not so on the individual planets. They are the component units of the material creation, and creature free will is a factor in the final adjudication of all such problems. Successor Planetary Princes are designated for isolated worlds, planets whose princes of authority may have gone astray, but they do not assume active rulership of such worlds until the results of insurrection are partially overcome and removed by the remedial measures adopted by the Melchizedeks and other ministering personalities. Rebellion by a Planetary Prince

instantly isolates his planet; the local spiritual circuits are immediately severed. Only a bestowal Son can re-establish interplanetary lines of communication on such a spiritually isolated world.

10 There exists a plan for saving these wayward and unwise Sons, and many have availed themselves of this merciful provision; but never again may they function in those positions wherein they defaulted. After rehabilitation they are assigned to custodial duties and to departments of physical

administration.

10. THE LANONANDEK WORLDS

1 The third group of seven worlds in the Salvington circuit of 70 planets, with their respective 42 satellites, constitute the Lanonandek cluster of administrative spheres. On these realms the experienced Lanonandeks belonging to the ex-System Sovereign corps officiate as administrative teachers of the ascending pilgrims and the seraphic hosts. The evolutionary mortals observe the system administrators at work on the system capitals, but here they participate in the actual co-

ordination of the administrative pronouncements of the 10,000 local systems.

2 These administrative schools of the local universe are supervised by a corps of Lanonandek Sons who have had long experience as System Sovereigns and as constellation counsellors. These executive colleges are excelled only by the administrative schools of Ensa.

3 While serving as training spheres for ascending mortals, the Lanonandek worlds are the centres for extensive undertakings having to do with the normal and routine administrative

operations of the universe. All the way in to Paradise the ascending pilgrims pursue their studies in the practical schools of applied knowledge — actual training in really doing the things they are being taught. The universe educational system sponsored by the Melchizedeks is practical, progressive, meaningful, and experiential. It embraces training in things material, intellectual, morontial, and spiritual.

4 §§ It is in connection with these administrative spheres of the Lanonandeks that most of the salvaged Sons of that order serve as custodians and directors of planetary affairs. And these

defaulting Planetary Princes and their associates in rebellion who choose to accept the proffered rehabilitation will continue to serve in these routine capacities, at least until the universe of Nebadon is settled in light and life.

5 §§ Many of the Lanonandek Sons in the older systems, however, have established wonderful records of service, administration, and spiritual achievement. They are a noble, faithful, and loyal group, notwithstanding their tendency to fall into error through fallacies of personal liberty and fictions

of self-determination.

6 [Sponsored by the Chief of Archangels acting by authority of Gabriel of Salvington.]

PAPER 36

THE LIFE CARRIERS

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Life does not originate spontaneously. Life is constructed according to plans formulated by the (unrevealed) Architects of Being and appears on the inhabited planets either by direct importation or as a result of the operations of the Life Carriers of the local universes. These carriers of life are among the most interesting and versatile of the diverse family of universe Sons. They are entrusted

with designing and carrying creature life to the planetary spheres. And after planting this life on such new worlds, they remain there for long periods to foster its development.

1. ORIGIN AND NATURE OF LIFE CARRIERS

1 Though the Life Carriers belong to the family of divine sonship, they are a peculiar and distinct type of universe Sons, being the only group of intelligent life in a local universe in whose creation the rulers of a superuniverse participate. The Life Carriers are the offspring of three pre-existent personalities: the Creator Son,

the Universe Mother Spirit, and, by designation, one of the three Ancients of Days presiding over the destinies of the superuniverse concerned. These Ancients of Days, who alone can decree the extinction of intelligent life, participate in the creation of the Life Carriers, who are entrusted with establishing physical life on the evolving worlds.

2 In the universe of Nebadon we have on record the creation of 100,000,000 Life Carriers. This efficient corps of life disseminators is not a truly self-governing group. They are directed by the life-determining trio,

consisting of Gabriel, the Father Melchizedek, and Nambia, the original and first-born Life Carrier of Nebadon. But in all phases of their divisional administration they are self-governing.

3 Life Carriers are graded into three grand divisions: The first division is the senior Life Carriers, the second, assistants, and the third, custodians. The primary division is subdivided into 12 groups of specialists in the various forms of life manifestation. The segregation of these three divisions was effected by the Melchizedeks, who conducted tests for such

purposes on the Life Carriers' headquarters sphere. The Melchizedeks have ever since been closely associated with the Life Carriers and always accompany them when they go forth to establish life on a new planet.

4 When an evolutionary planet is finally settled in light and life, the Life Carriers are organized into the higher deliberative bodies of advisory capacity to assist in the further administration and development of the world and its glorified beings. In the later and settled ages of an evolving universe these Life Carriers are entrusted with

many new duties.

2. THE LIFE CARRIER WORLDS

1 The Melchizedeks have the general oversight of the 4th group of seven primary spheres in the Salvington circuit. These worlds of the Life Carriers are designated as follows:

2 1. The Life Carrier headquarters.

3 2. The life-planning sphere.

4 3. The life-conservation sphere.

5 4. The sphere of life evolution.

6 5. The sphere of life associated with mind.

7 6. The sphere of mind and spirit in living beings.

8 7. The sphere of unrevealed life.

9 §§ Each of these primary spheres is surrounded by six satellites, on which the special phases of all the Life Carrier activities in the universe are centred.

10 §§ *World Number One,* the headquarters sphere, together with its six tributary satellites, is devoted to the study of universal life, life in all of its known phases of manifestation. Here is located the college of life planning, wherein function teachers and advisers from Uversa and Havona, even

from Paradise. And I am permitted to reveal that the seven central emplacements of the adjutant mind-spirits are situated on this world of the Life Carriers.

11 The number 10 — the decimal system — is inherent in the physical universe but not in the spiritual. The domain of life is characterized by 3, 7, and 12 or by multiples and combinations of these basic numbers. There are three primal and essentially different life plans, after the order of the three Paradise Sources and Centres, and in the universe of Nebadon these three basic forms of life are segregated

on three different types of planets[1]. There were, originally, 12 distinct and divine concepts of transmissible life. This number 12, with its subdivisions and multiples, runs throughout all basic life patterns of all seven superuniverses. There are also seven architectural types of life design, fundamental arrangements of the reproducing configurations of living matter. The Orvonton life patterns are configured as

[1] These three different types of planets and the corresponding three different life plans are: evolutionary planets — material life, system and constellation spheres (cf. 48:1.2) — morontia life and the worlds of the Salvington cluster — spirit life.

12 inheritance carriers. The differing orders of will creatures are configured as 12, 24, 48, 96, 192, 384, and 768. On Urantia there are 48[1] units of pat-

[1] The "trait determiners" and "chromosomes" are not the same thing, because the number of chromosome pairs in a single human sex cell is 23, not 48. There are 24 different chromosomes in human cells: 22 autosomes, the X, and the Y. Each chromosome contains a single DNA molecule, which contains two gene strands and thus represents two trait determiners. Therefore, there are really 48 (24×2) trait determiners in sex cells, despite the fact that no single sex cell contains all 48. It is curious to note that the accepted number of chromosomes for humans at the time of revelation (1935) was 48, but the role of DNA in trait determination was as yet unknown. The authors of this revelation were able to present us with information which was

tern control — trait determiners — in the sex cells of human reproduction.

12 §§ *The Second World* is the life-designing sphere; here all new modes of life organization are worked out. While the original life designs are provided by the Creator Son, the actual outworking of these plans is entrusted to the Life Carriers and their associates. When the general life plans for a new world have been formulated, they are transmitted to the headquarters sphere, where they are minutely

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consistent with the accepted scientific truth of the day in which it appeared and also remained consistent in the light of new discoveries.

scrutinized by the supreme council of the senior Life Carriers in collaboration with a corps of consulting Melchizedeks. If the plans are a departure from previously accepted formulas, they must be passed upon, and endorsed by, the Creator Son. The chief of Melchizedeks often represents the Creator Son in these deliberations.

13 Planetary life, therefore, while similar in some respects, differs in many ways on each evolutionary world. Even in a uniform life series in a single family of worlds, life is not exactly the same on any two planets; there is always a planetary type, for

the Life Carriers work constantly in an effort to improve the vital formulas committed to their keeping.

14 There are over 1,000,000 fundamental or cosmic chemical formulas which constitute the parent patterns and the numerous basic functional variations of life manifestations. Satellite number one of the life-planning sphere is the realm of the universe physicists and electrochemists who serve as technical assistants to the Life Carriers in the work of capturing, organizing, and manipulating the essential units of energy which are employed in building up the material

vehicles of life transmission, the so-called germ plasm.

15 The planetary life-planning laboratories are situated on the second satellite of this world number two. In these laboratories the Life Carriers and all their associates collaborate with the Melchizedeks in the effort to modify and possibly improve the life designed for implantation on the *decimal planets* of Nebadon. The life now evolving on Urantia was planned and partially worked out on this very world, for Urantia is a decimal planet, a life-experiment world. On 1 world in each 10 a greater variance in the stan-

dard life designs is permitted than on the other (nonexperimental) worlds.

16 §§ *World Number Three* is devoted to the conservation of life. Here various modes of life protection and preservation are studied and developed by the assistants and custodians of the Life Carrier corps. The life plans for every new world always provide for the early establishment of the life-conservation commission, consisting of custodian specialists in the expert manipulation of the basic life patterns. On Urantia there were 24 such custodian commissioners, two for each fundamental or parent pattern of the

architectural organization of the life material. On planets such as yours the highest form of life is reproduced by a life-carrying bundle which possesses 24 pattern units. (And since the intellectual life grows out of, and upon the foundation of, the physical, there come into existence the four and twenty basic orders of psychic organization.)

17 §§ *Sphere Number Four* and its tributary satellites are devoted to the study of the evolution of creature life in general and to the evolutionary antecedents of any one life level in particular. The original life plasm of an evo-

lutionary world must contain the full potential for all future developmental variations and for all subsequent evolutionary changes and modifications. The provision for such far-reaching projects of life metamorphosis may require the appearance of many apparently useless forms of animal and vegetable life. Such by-products of planetary evolution, foreseen or unforeseen, appear upon the stage of action only to disappear, but in and through all this long process there runs the thread of the wise and intelligent formulations of the original designers of the planetary life plan and species scheme.

The manifold by-products of biologic evolution are all essential to the final and full function of the higher intelligent forms of life, notwithstanding that great outward disharmony may prevail from time to time in the long upward struggle of the higher creatures to effect the mastery of the lower forms of life, many of which are sometimes so antagonistic to the peace and comfort of the evolving will creatures.

18 §§ *Number Five World* is concerned wholly with life associated with mind. Each of its satellites is devoted to the study of a single phase of creature mind correlated with creature

life. Mind such as man comprehends is an endowment of the seven adjutant mind-spirits superimposed on the nonteachable or mechanical levels of mind[1] by the agencies of the Infinite Spirit. The life patterns are variously responsive to these adjutants and to the different spirit ministries operating throughout the universes of time and space. The capacity of material

[1] That is the level of individual cells or organs composed of similar cells (or, more correctly, of tissues, which are made up of cells). Thus, when an esoteric guru "asks" his own (or someone else's!) heart to slow down or the liver to heal itself, he in effect communes with such nonteachable or mechanical level of mind.

creatures to effect spirit response is entirely dependent on the associated mind endowment, which, in turn, has directionized the course of the biologic evolution of these same mortal creatures.

19 §§ *World Number Six* is dedicated to the correlation of mind with spirit as they are associated with living forms and organisms. This world and its six tributaries embrace the schools of creature co-ordination, wherein teachers from both the central universe and the superuniverse collaborate with the Nebadon instructors in presenting the highest levels of crea-

ture attainment in time and space.

20 §§ *The Seventh Sphere* of the Life Carriers is dedicated to the unrevealed domains of evolutionary creature life as it is related to the cosmic philosophy of the expanding factualization of the Supreme Being.

3. LIFE TRANSPLANTATION

1 Life does not spontaneously appear in the universes; the Life Carriers must initiate it on the barren planets. They are the carriers, disseminators, and guardians of life as it appears on the evolutionary worlds of space. All life of the order and forms known on

Urantia arises with these Sons, though not all forms of planetary life are existent on Urantia.

2 The corps of Life Carriers commissioned to plant life upon a new world usually consists of 100 senior carriers, 100 assistants, and 1,000 custodians. The Life Carriers often carry actual life plasm to a new world, but not always. They sometimes organize the life patterns after arriving on the planet of assignment in accordance with formulas previously approved for a new adventure in life establishment. Such was the origin of the planetary life of Urantia.

3 When, in accordance with approved formulas, the physical patterns have been provided, then do the Life Carriers catalyse this lifeless material, imparting through their persons the vital spirit spark; and forthwith do the inert patterns become living matter.

4 §§ The vital spark — the mystery of life — is bestowed through the Life Carriers, not by them. They do indeed supervise such transactions, they formulate the life plasm itself, but it is the Universe Mother Spirit who supplies the essential factor of the living plasm. From the Creative Daughter of the Infinite Spirit comes that energy spark

which enlivens the body and presages the mind.

5 §§ In the bestowal of life the Life Carriers transmit nothing of their personal natures, not even on those spheres where new orders of life are projected. At such times they simply initiate and transmit the spark of life, start the required revolutions of matter in accordance with the physical, chemical, and electrical specifications of the ordained plans and patterns. Life Carriers are living catalytic presences which agitate, organize, and vitalize the otherwise inert elements of the material order of existence.

6 §§ The Life Carriers of a planetary corps are given a certain period in which to establish life on a new world, approximately 500,000 years of the time of that planet. At the termination of this period, indicated by certain developmental attainments of the planetary life, they cease implantation efforts, and they may not subsequently add anything[1] new or supplemental to the life of that planet.

7 During the ages intervening between life establishment and the emergence of human creatures of moral sta-

[1] In 1955 text "any thing" two words.

tus, the Life Carriers are permitted to manipulate the life environment and otherwise favourably directionize the course of biologic evolution. And this they do for long periods of time.

8 When the Life Carriers operating on a new world have once succeeded in producing a being with will, with the power of moral decision and spiritual choice, then and there their work terminates — they are through; they may manipulate the evolving life no further. From this point forward the evolution of living things must proceed in accordance with the endowment of the inherent nature and ten-

dencies which have already been imparted to, and established in, the planetary life formulas and patterns. The Life Carriers are not permitted to experiment or to interfere with will; they are not allowed to dominate or arbitrarily influence moral creatures.

9 Upon the arrival of a Planetary Prince they prepare to leave, though two of the senior carriers and twelve custodians may volunteer, by taking temporary renunciation vows, to remain indefinitely on the planet as advisers in the matter of the further development and conservation of the life plasm. Two such Sons and their

twelve associates are now serving on Urantia.

4. MELCHIZEDEK LIFE CARRIERS

1 In every local system of inhabited worlds throughout Nebadon there is a single sphere whereon the Melchizedeks have functioned as life carriers. These abodes are known as the system *midsonite* worlds, and on each of them a materially modified Melchizedek Son has mated with a selected Daughter of the material order of sonship. The Mother Eves of such midsonite worlds are dispatched from the system headquarters of jurisdiction,

having been chosen by the designated Melchizedek life carrier from among the numerous volunteers who respond to the call of the System Sovereign addressed to the Material Daughters of his sphere.

2 The progeny of a Melchizedek life carrier and a Material Daughter are known as *midsoniters.* The Melchizedek father of such a race of supernal creatures eventually leaves the planet of his unique life function, and the Mother Eve of this special order of universe beings also departs upon the appearance of the 7th generation of planetary offspring. The direction of

such a world then devolves upon her eldest son.

3 The midsonite creatures live and function as reproducing beings on their magnificent worlds until they are one thousand standard years of age; whereupon they are translated by seraphic transport. Midsoniters are nonreproducing beings thereafter because the technique of dematerialization which they pass through in preparation for enseraphiming forever deprives them of reproductive prerogatives[1].

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[1] Is this also true of normal human mortals? If so, then it would appear that the experiences of Betty

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Andreasson cannot be explained as a journey in the transport seraphim. Rather, they were more likely to be the projections of the Thought Adjuster of this highly spiritually developed person, permeated by love and unselfish service. The evidence for Betty being enseraphimed is based solely on her perception of immersion in the white liquid-like cloudy substance during the trip, which also formed a part of my own *very similar* experiences. However, we know too little about the mechanism of the detachment of Thought Adjuster from the body to conclude that "passing through the white cloud" (as was witnessed by several other prophets, both ancient and modern) is necessarily an indication of being transport-enseraphimed. For more information I recommend the series of five books by Raymond E. Fowler which document the numerous contacts of Betty Andreasson with what appears to be the seraphic Planetary Government, namely: 1. *The Andreasson Affair*, 2. *The Andreasson Affair:*

4 The present status of these beings can hardly be reckoned as either mortal or immortal, neither can they be definitely classified as human or divine. These creatures are not Adjuster indwelt, hence hardly immortal. But neither do they seem to be mortal; no midsoniter has experienced death. All midsoniters ever born in Nebadon are alive today, functioning on their native worlds, on some interven-

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Phase Two, 3. *The Watchers*, 4. *The Watchers II*, 5. *The Andreasson Legacy*. Note, however, that 99% of the information presented in these books is sheer imagination (due to inevitable *hypnotic confabulation*), so one has to exercise wisdom to extract the precious remaining 1% of real truth.

ing sphere, or on the Salvington midsonite sphere in the finaliters' group of worlds.

5 §§ *The Salvington Worlds of the Finaliters.* The Melchizedek life carriers, as well as the associated Mother Eves, go from the system midsonite spheres to the finaliters' worlds of the Salvington circuit, where their offspring are also destined to forgather.

6 It should be explained in this connection that the fifth group of seven primary worlds in the Salvington circuit are the Nebadon worlds of the finaliters. The children of the Melchizedek life carriers and the Mate-

rial Daughters are domiciled on the 7th world of the finaliters, the Salvington midsonite sphere.

7 The satellites of the seven primary worlds of the finaliters are the rendezvous of the personalities of the super- and central universes who may be executing assignments in Nebadon. While the ascending mortals go about freely on all of the cultural worlds and training spheres of the 490 worlds comprising the Melchizedek University, there are certain special schools and numerous restricted zones which they are not permitted to enter. This is especially true of the 49 spheres under

the jurisdiction of the finaliters.

8 §§ The purpose of the midsonite creatures is not at present known, but it would appear that these personalities are forgathering on the 7th finaliter world in preparation for some future eventuality in universe evolution. Our inquiries concerning the midsonite races are always referred to the finaliters, and always do the finaliters decline to discuss the destiny of their wards. Regardless of our uncertainty as to the future of the midsoniters, we do know that every local universe in Orvonton harbours such an accumulating corps of these myste-

rious beings. It is the belief of the Melchizedek life carriers that their midsonite children will some day be endowed with the transcendental and eternal spirit of absonity by God the Ultimate.

5. THE SEVEN ADJUTANT MIND-SPIRITS

1 It is the presence of the seven adjutant mind-spirits on the primitive worlds that conditions the course of organic evolution; that explains why evolution is purposeful and not accidental. These adjutants represent that function of the mind ministry of the Infinite Spirit which is ex-

tended to the lower orders of intelligent life through the operations of a local universe Mother Spirit. The adjutants are the children of the Universe Mother Spirit and constitute her personal ministry to the material minds of the realms. Wherever and whenever such mind is manifest, these spirits are variously functioning.

2 The seven adjutant mind-spirits are called by names which are the equivalents of the following designations: intuition, understanding, courage, knowledge, counsel, worship, and wisdom. These mind-spirits send forth their influence into all the inhab-

ited worlds as a differential urge, each seeking receptivity capacity for manifestation quite apart from the degree to which its fellows may find reception and opportunity for function.

3 The central lodgements of the adjutant spirits on the Life Carrier headquarters world indicate to the Life Carrier supervisors the extent and quality of the mind function of the adjutants on any world and in any given living organism of intellect status. These life-mind emplacements are perfect indicators of living mind function for the first 5 adjutants. But with regard to the 6th and 7th adju-

tant spirits — worship and wisdom — these central lodgements record only a qualitative function. The quantitative activity of the adjutant of worship and the adjutant of wisdom is registered in the immediate presence of the Divine Minister on Salvington, being a personal experience of the Universe Mother Spirit.

4 §§ The seven adjutant mind-spirits always accompany the Life Carriers to a new planet, but they should not be regarded as entities; they are more like circuits. The spirits of the seven universe adjutants do not function as personalities apart from the universe pres-

ence of the Divine Minister; they are in fact a level of consciousness of the Divine Minister and are always subordinate to the action and presence of their creative mother.

5 We are handicapped for words adequately to designate these seven adjutant mind-spirits. They are ministers of the lower levels of experiential mind, and they may be described, in the order of evolutionary attainment, as follows:

6 1. *The spirit of intuition* — quick perception, the primitive physical and inherent reflex instincts, the directional and other self-preservative en-

dowments of all mind creations; the only one of the adjutants to function so largely in the lower orders of animal life and the only one to make extensive functional contact with the nonteachable levels of mechanical mind.

7 2. *The spirit of understanding* — the impulse of co-ordination, the spontaneous and apparently automatic association of ideas. This is the gift of the co-ordination of acquired knowledge, the phenomenon of quick reasoning, rapid judgment, and prompt decision.

8 3. *The spirit of courage* — the fidelity endowment — in personal be-

ings, the basis of character acquirement and the intellectual root of moral stamina and spiritual bravery. When enlightened by facts and inspired by truth, this becomes the secret of the urge of evolutionary ascension by the channels of intelligent and conscientious self-direction.

9 4. *The spirit of knowledge* — the curiosity-mother of adventure and discovery, the scientific spirit; the guide and faithful associate of the spirits of courage and counsel; the urge to direct the endowments of courage into useful and progressive paths of growth.

10 5. *The spirit of counsel* — the social urge, the endowment of species co-operation; the ability of will creatures to harmonize with their fellows; the origin of the gregarious instinct among the more lowly creatures.

11 6. *The spirit of worship* — the religious impulse, the first differential urge separating mind creatures into the two basic classes of mortal existence. The spirit of worship forever distinguishes the animal of its association from the soulless creatures of mind endowment. Worship is the badge of spiritual-ascension candidacy.

12 7. *The spirit of wisdom* — the inherent tendency of all moral creatures towards orderly and progressive evolutionary advancement. This is the highest of the adjutants, the spirit co-ordinator and articulator of the work of all the others. This spirit is the secret of that inborn urge of mind creatures which initiates and maintains the practical and effective program of the ascending scale of existence; that gift of living things which accounts for their inexplicable ability to survive and, in survival, to utilize the co-ordination of all their past experience and present opportunities for the acquisi-

tion of all of everything that all of the other six mental ministers can mobilize in the mind of the organism concerned. Wisdom is the acme of intellectual performance. Wisdom is the goal of a purely mental and moral existence.

13 §§ The adjutant mind-spirits experientially grow, but they never become personal. They evolve in function, and the function of the first 5 in the animal orders is to a certain extent essential to the function of all seven as human intellect. This animal relationship makes the adjutants more practically effective as human mind; hence

animals are to a certain extent indispensable to man's intellectual as well as to his physical evolution.

14 These mind-adjutants of a local universe Mother Spirit are related to creature life of intelligence status much as the power centres and physical controllers are related to the nonliving forces of the universe. They perform invaluable service in the mind circuits on the inhabited worlds and are effective collaborators with the Master Physical Controllers, who also serve as controllers and directors of the preadjutant mind levels, the levels of nonteachable or mechanical mind.

15 Living mind, prior to the appearance of capacity to learn from experience, is the ministry domain of the Master Physical Controllers. Creature mind, before acquiring the ability to recognize divinity and worship Deity, is the exclusive domain of the adjutant spirits. With the appearance of the spiritual response of the creature intellect, such created minds at once become superminded, being instantly encircuited in the spirit cycles of the local universe Mother Spirit.

16 The adjutant mind-spirits are in no manner directly related to the diverse and highly spiritual function of

the spirit of the personal presence of the Divine Minister, the Holy Spirit of the inhabited worlds; but they are functionally antecedent to, and preparatory for, the appearance of this very spirit in evolutionary man. The adjutants afford the Universe Mother Spirit a varied contact with, and control over, the material living creatures of a local universe, but they do not repercuss in the Supreme Being when acting on prepersonality levels.

17 §§ Nonspiritual mind is either a spirit-energy manifestation or a physical-energy phenomenon. Even human mind, personal mind, has no sur-

vival qualities apart from spirit identification. Mind is a divinity bestowal, but it is not immortal when it functions without spirit insight, and when it is devoid of the ability to worship and crave survival.

6. LIVING FORCES

1 Life is both mechanistic and vitalistic — material and spiritual. Ever will Urantia physicists and chemists progress in their understanding of the protoplasmic forms of vegetable and animal life, but never will they be able to produce living organisms. Life is something different from all energy

manifestations; even the material life of physical creatures is not inherent in matter.

2 Things material may enjoy an independent existence, but life springs only from life. Mind can be derived only from pre-existent mind. Spirit takes origin only from spirit ancestors. The creature may produce the forms of life, but only a creator personality or a creative force can supply the activating living spark.

3 Life Carriers can organize the material forms, or physical patterns, of living beings, but the Spirit provides the initial spark of life and bestows the

endowment of mind. Even the living forms of experimental life which the Life Carriers organize on their Salvington worlds are always devoid of reproductive powers. When the life formulas and the vital patterns are correctly assembled and properly organized, the presence of a Life Carrier is sufficient to initiate life, but all such living organisms are lacking in two essential attributes — mind endowment and reproductive powers. Animal mind and human mind are gifts of the local universe Mother Spirit, functioning through the seven adjutant mind-spirits, while creature abil-

ity to reproduce is the specific and personal impartation of the Universe Spirit to the ancestral life plasm inaugurated by the Life Carriers.

4 §§ When the Life Carriers have designed the patterns of life, after they have organized the energy systems, there must occur an additional phenomenon; the "breath of life" must be imparted to these lifeless forms. The Sons of God can construct the forms of life, but it is the Spirit of God who really contributes the vital spark. And when the life thus imparted is spent, then again the remaining material body becomes dead matter. When

the bestowed life is exhausted, the body returns to the bosom of the material universe from which it was borrowed by the Life Carriers to serve as a transient vehicle for that life endowment which they conveyed to such a visible association of energy-matter.

5 The life bestowed upon plants and animals by the Life Carriers does not return to the Life Carriers upon the death of plant or animal. The departing life of such a living thing possesses neither identity nor personality; it does not individually survive death. During its existence and the time of its sojourn in the body of matter, it has

undergone a change; it has undergone energy evolution and survives only as a part of the cosmic forces of the universe; it does not survive as individual life. The survival of mortal creatures is wholly predicated on the evolvement of an immortal soul within the mortal mind.

6 §§ We speak of life as "energy" and as "force," but it is really neither. Force-energy is variously gravity responsive; life is not. Pattern is also nonresponsive to gravity, being a configuration of energies that have already fulfilled all gravity-responsive obligations. Life, as such, constitutes the ani-

mation of some pattern-configured or otherwise segregated system of energy — material, mindal, or spiritual.

7 §§ There are some things connected with the elaboration of life on the evolutionary planets which are not altogether clear to us. We fully comprehend the physical organization of the electrochemical formulas of the Life Carriers, but we do not wholly understand the nature and source of the *life-activation spark.* We know that life flows from the Father through the Son and *by* the Spirit. It is more than possible that the Master Spirits are the sevenfold channel of the river of life

which is poured out upon all creation. But we do not comprehend the technique whereby the supervising Master Spirit participates in the initial episode of life bestowal on a new planet. The Ancients of Days, we are confident, also have some part in this inauguration of life on a new world, but we are wholly ignorant of the nature thereof. We do know that the Universe Mother Spirit actually vitalizes the lifeless patterns and imparts to such activated plasm the prerogatives of organismal reproduction. We observe that these three are the levels of God the Sevenfold, sometimes designated as the Su-

preme Creators of time and space; but otherwise we know little more than Urantia mortals — simply that concept is inherent in the Father, expression in the Son, and life realization in the Spirit.

8 [Indited by a Vorondadek Son stationed on Urantia as an observer and acting in this capacity by request of the Melchizedek Chief of the Supervising Revelatory Corps.]

PAPER 37

PERSONALITIES OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

Brilliant Evening Star

At the head of all personality in Nebadon stands the Creator and Master Son, Michael, the universe father and sovereign. Co-ordinate in divinity and complemental in creative attributes is the local universe Mother Spirit, the Divine Minister of Salvington. And these creators are in a very literal sense the Father-Son and the Spirit-Mother of all the native creatures of Nebadon.

2 Preceding papers have dealt with the created orders of sonship; succeeding narratives will portray the ministering spirits and the ascending orders of sonship. This paper is chiefly concerned with an intervening group, the Universe Aids, but it will also give brief consideration to certain of the higher spirits stationed in Nebadon and to certain of the orders of permanent citizenship in the local universe.

1. THE UNIVERSE AIDS

1 Many of the unique orders generally grouped in this category are unrevealed, but as presented in these pa-

pers, the Universe Aids include the following seven orders:

2 1. Bright and Morning Stars.

3 2. Brilliant Evening Stars.

4 3. Archangels.

5 4. Most High Assistants.

6 5. High Commissioners.

7 6. Celestial Overseers.

8 7. Mansion World Teachers.

9 §§ Of the first order of Universe Aids, the Bright and Morning Stars, there is just one in each local universe, and he is the first-born of all creatures native to a local universe. The Bright and Morning Star of our universe is

known as Gabriel of Salvington. He is the chief executive of all Nebadon, functioning as the personal representative of the Sovereign Son and as spokesman for his creative consort.

10 During the earlier times of Nebadon, Gabriel worked quite alone with Michael and the Creative Spirit. As the universe grew and administrative problems multiplied, he was provided with a personal staff of unrevealed assistants, and eventually this group was augmented by the creation of the Ne-

badon corps of Evening Stars.

2. THE BRILLIANT EVENING STARS

1 These brilliant creatures were planned by the Melchizedeks and were then brought into being by the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit. They serve in many capacities but chiefly as liaison officers of Gabriel, the local universe chief executive. One or more of these beings function as his representatives at the capital of every constellation and system in Nebadon.

2 As chief executive of Nebadon, Gabriel is ex officio chairman of, or observer at, most of the Salvington

conclaves, and as many as one thousand of these are often in session simultaneously. The Brilliant Evening Stars represent Gabriel on these occasions; he cannot be in two places at the same time, and these superangels compensate for this limitation. They perform an analogous service for the corps of the Trinity Teacher Sons.

3 Though personally occupied with administrative duties, Gabriel maintains contact with all other phases of universe life and affairs through the Brilliant Evening Stars. They always accompany him on his planetary tours and frequently go on special missions

to the individual planets as his personal representatives. On such assignments they have sometimes been known as "the angel of the Lord." They frequently go to Uversa to represent the Bright and Morning Star before the courts and assemblies of the Ancients of Days, but they seldom journey beyond the confines of Orvonton.

4 §§ The Brilliant Evening Stars are a unique twofold order, embracing some of created dignity and others of attained service. The Nebadon corps of these superangels now numbers 13,641. There are 4,832 of created dignity, while 8,809 are ascen-

dant spirits who have attained this goal of exalted service. Many of these ascendant Evening Stars started their universe careers as seraphim; others have ascended from unrevealed levels of creature life. As an attainment goal this high corps is never closed to ascension candidates so long as a universe is not settled in light and life.

5 Both types of Brilliant Evening Stars are easily visible to morontia personalities and certain types of supermortal material beings. The created beings of this interesting and versatile order possess a spirit force which can be manifested independently of their

personal presence.

6 §§ The head of these superangels is Gavalia, the first-born of this order in Nebadon. Since the return of Christ Michael from his triumphant bestowal on Urantia, Gavalia has been assigned to the ascendant mortal ministry, and for the last 1900 Urantia years his associate, Galantia, has maintained headquarters on Jerusem, where he spends about half of his time. Galantia is the first of the ascendant superangels to attain this high estate.

7 No grouping or company organization of the Brilliant Evening Stars exists other than their customary asso-

ciation in pairs on many assignments. They are not extensively assigned on missions pertaining to the ascendant career of mortals, but when thus commissioned, they never function alone. They always work in pairs — one a created being, the other an ascendant Evening Star.

8 One of the high duties of the Evening Stars is to accompany the Avonal bestowal Sons on their planetary missions, even as Gabriel accompanied Michael on his Urantia bestowal. The two attending superangels are the ranking personalities of such missions, serving as cocommanders of

the archangels and all others assigned to these undertakings. It is the senior of these superangel commanders who, at the significant time and age, bids the Avonal bestowal Son, "Be about your brother's business."[1]

9 Similar pairs of these superangels are assigned to the planetary corps of Trinity Teacher Sons that functions to establish the postbestowal or dawning spiritual age of an inhabited world. On such assignments the

[1] Compare with a similar message Jesus received at the age of 12 during the visit to Jerusalem (see 124:6.15): "The hour has come. It is time that you began to be about your Father's business."

Evening Stars serve as liaisons between the mortals of the realm and the invisible corps of Teacher Sons.

10 §§ *The Worlds of the Evening Stars.* The sixth group of seven Salvington worlds and their 42 tributary satellites are assigned to the administration of the Brilliant Evening Stars. The seven primary worlds are presided over by the created orders of these superangels, while the tributary satellites are administered by ascendant Evening Stars.

11 The satellites of the first three worlds are devoted to the schools of the Teacher Sons and the Evening

Stars dedicated to the spirit personalities of the local universe. The next three groups are occupied by similar joint schools devoted to the training of ascending mortals. The seventh-world satellites are reserved for the triune deliberations of the Teacher Sons, the Evening Stars, and the finaliters. During recent times these superangels have been closely identified with the local universe work of the Corps of the Finality, and they have long been associated with the Teacher Sons. There exists a liaison of tremendous power and import between the Evening Stars and the Gravity Messen-

gers attached to the finaliter working groups. The seventh primary world itself is reserved for those unrevealed matters which pertain to the future relationship that will obtain between the Teacher Sons, the finaliters, and the Evening Stars consequent upon the completed emergence of the superuniverse manifestation of the personality of God the Supreme.

3. THE ARCHANGELS

1 Archangels are the offspring of the Creator Son and the Universe Mother Spirit. They are the highest type of high spirit being produced in large

numbers in a local universe, and at the time of the last registry there were almost 800,000 in Nebadon.

2 Archangels are one of the few groups of local universe personalities who are not normally under the jurisdiction of Gabriel. They are not in any manner concerned with the routine administration of the universe, being dedicated to the work of creature survival and to the furtherance of the ascending career of the mortals of time and space. While not ordinarily subject to the direction of the Bright and Morning Star, the archangels do sometimes function by his authority.

They also collaborate with others of the Universe Aids, such as the Evening Stars, as is illustrated by certain transactions depicted in the narrative of life transplantation on your world.

3 §§ The archangel corps of Nebadon is directed by the first-born of this order, and in more recent times a divisional headquarters of the archangels has been maintained on Urantia. It is this unusual fact that soon arrests the attention of extra-Nebadon student visitors. Among their early observations of intrauniverse transactions is the discovery that many ascendant activities of the Brilliant Evening

Stars are directed from the capital of a local system, Satania. On further examination they discover that certain archangel activities are directed from a small and apparently insignificant inhabited world called Urantia. And then ensues the revelation of Michael's bestowal on Urantia and their immediately quickened interest in you and your lowly sphere.

4 Do you grasp the significance of the fact that your lowly and confused planet has become a divisional headquarters for the universe administration and direction of certain archangel activities having to do with the Para-

dise ascension scheme? This undoubtedly presages the future concentration of other ascendant activities on the bestowal world of Michael and lends a tremendous and solemn import to the Master's personal promise, "I will come again."

5 §§ In general, the archangels are assigned to the service and ministry of the Avonal order of sonship, but not until they have passed through extensive preliminary training in all phases of the work of the various ministering spirits. A corps of 100 accompanies every Paradise bestowal Son to an inhabited world, being temporar-

ily assigned to him for the duration of such a bestowal. If the Magisterial Son should become temporary ruler of the planet, these archangels would act as the directing heads of all celestial life on that sphere.

6 Two senior archangels are always assigned as the personal aids of a Paradise Avonal on all planetary missions, whether involving judicial actions, magisterial missions, or bestowal incarnations. When this Paradise Son has finished the judgment of a realm and the dead are called to record (the so-called resurrection), it is literally true that the seraphic guardi-

ans of the slumbering personalities respond to "the voice of the archangel." The roll call of a dispensation termination is promulgated by an attendant archangel. This is the archangel of the resurrection, sometimes referred to as the "archangel of Michael."

7 §§ *The Worlds of the Archangels.* The seventh group of the encircling Salvington worlds, with their associated satellites, is assigned to the archangels. Sphere number one and all of its six tributary satellites are occupied by the personality record keepers. This enormous corps of recorders busy themselves with keeping straight

the record of each mortal of time from the moment of birth up through the universe career until such an individual either leaves Salvington for the superuniverse regime or is "blotted out of recorded existence" by the mandate of the Ancients of Days.

8 It is on these worlds that personality records and identification sureties are classified, filed, and preserved during that time which intervenes between mortal death and the hour of repersonalization, the resurrection

from death.

4. MOST HIGH ASSISTANTS

1 The Most High Assistants are a group of volunteering beings, of origin outside the local universe, who are temporarily assigned as central and superuniverse representatives to, or observers of, the local creations. Their number varies constantly but is always far up in the millions.

2 From time to time we thus benefit from the ministry and assistance of such Paradise-origin beings as Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counsellors, Universal Censors, Inspired

Trinity Spirits, Trinitized Sons, Solitary Messengers, supernaphim, seconaphim, tertiaphim, and other gracious ministers, who sojourn with us for the purpose of helping our native personalities in the effort to bring all Nebadon into fuller harmony with the ideas of Orvonton and the ideals of Paradise.

3 Any of these beings may be voluntarily serving in Nebadon and hence be technically outside our jurisdiction, but when functioning by assignment, such personalities of the super- and central universes are not wholly exempt from the regulations of the lo-

cal universe of their sojourn, though they continue to function as representatives of the higher universes and to work in accordance with the instructions which constitute their mission in our realm. Their general headquarters is situated in the Salvington sector of the Union of Days, and they operate in Nebadon subject to the oversupervision of this ambassador of the Paradise Trinity. When serving in unattached groups, these personalities from the higher realms are usually self-directing, but when serving on request, they often voluntarily place themselves wholly under the jurisdic-

tion of the supervising directors of the realms of assigned function.

4 Most High Assistants serve in local universe and in constellation capacities but are not directly attached to the system or planetary governments. They may, however, function anywhere in the local universe and may be assigned to any phase of Nebadon activity — administrative, executive, educational, and others.

5 Most of this corps is enlisted in assisting the Nebadon Paradise personalities — the Union of Days, the Creator Son, the Faithfuls of Days, the Magisterial Sons, and the Trin-

ity Teacher Sons. Now and then in the transaction of the affairs of a local creation it becomes wise to withhold certain details, temporarily, from the knowledge of practically all of the native personalities of that local universe. Certain advanced plans and complex rulings are also better grasped and more fully understood by the more mature and farseeing corps of Most High Assistants, and it is in such situations, and many others, that they are so highly serviceable to the universe

rulers and administrators.

5. HIGH COMMISSIONERS

1 The High Commissioners are Spirit-fused ascendant mortals; they are not Adjuster fused. You quite well understand about the universe-ascension career of a mortal candidate for Adjuster fusion, that being the high destiny in prospect for all Urantia mortals since the bestowal of Christ Michael. But this is not the exclusive destiny of all mortals in the pre-bestowal ages of worlds like yours, and there is another type of world whose inhabitants are never permanently in-

dwelt by Thought Adjusters. Such mortals are never permanently joined in union with a Mystery Monitor of Paradise bestowal; nevertheless, the Adjusters do transiently indwell them, serving as guides and patterns for the duration of the life in the flesh. During this temporary sojourn they foster the evolution of an immortal soul just as in those beings with whom they hope to fuse, but when the mortal race is run, they take eternal leave of the creatures of temporary association.

2 Surviving souls of this order attain immortality by eternal fusion with an individualized fragment of the spirit

of the local universe Mother Spirit. They are not a numerous group, at least not in Nebadon. On the mansion worlds you will meet and fraternize with these Spirit-fused mortals as they ascend the Paradise path with you as far as Salvington, where they stop. Some of them may subsequently ascend to higher universe levels, but the majority will forever remain in the service of the local universe; as a class they are not destined to attain Paradise.

3 Not being Adjuster fused, they never become finaliters, but they do eventually become enrolled in the local universe Corps of Perfection. They

have in spirit obeyed the Father's command, "Be you perfect."

4 §§ After attaining the Nebadon Corps of Perfection, Spirit-fused ascenders may accept assignment as Universe Aids, this being one of the avenues of continuing experiential growth which is open to them. Thus do they become candidates for commissions to the high service of interpreting the viewpoints of the evolving creatures of the material worlds to the celestial authorities of the local universe.

5 The High Commissioners begin their service on the planets as race

commissioners. In this capacity they interpret the viewpoints and portray the needs of the various human races. They are supremely devoted to the welfare of the mortal races whose spokesmen they are, ever seeking to obtain for them mercy, justice, and fair treatment in all relationships with other peoples. Race commissioners function in an endless series of planetary crises and serve as the articulate expression of whole groups of struggling mortals.

6 After long experience in problem solving on the inhabited worlds, these race commissioners are advanced to

the higher levels of function, eventually attaining the status of High Commissioners of and in the local universe. The last registration recorded slightly over 1.5 billion of these High Commissioners in Nebadon. These beings are not finaliters, but they are ascendant beings of long experience and of great service to their native realm.

7 We invariably find these commissioners in all the tribunals of justice, from the lowest to the highest. Not that they participate in the proceedings of justice, but they do act as friends of the court, advising the presiding magistrates respecting the an-

tecedents, environment, and inherent nature of those concerned in the adjudication.

8 High Commissioners are attached to the various messenger hosts of space and always to the ministering spirits of time. They are encountered on the programs of various universe assemblies, and these same mortal-wise commissioners are always attached to the missions of the Sons of God to the worlds of space.

9 Whenever fairness and justice require an understanding of how a contemplated policy or procedure would affect the evolutionary races of time,

these commissioners are at hand to present their recommendations; they are always present to speak for those who cannot be present to speak for themselves.

10 §§ *The Worlds of the Spirit-fused Mortals.* The eighth group of seven primary worlds and tributary satellites in the Salvington circuit are the exclusive possession of the Spirit-fused mortals of Nebadon. Ascending Adjuster-fused mortals are not concerned with these worlds except to enjoy many pleasant and profitable sojourns as the invited guests of the Spirit-fused residents.

11 Except for those few who attain Uversa and Paradise, these worlds are the permanent residence of the Spirit-fused survivors. Such designed limitation of mortal ascent reacts to the good of the local universes by ensuring the retention of a permanent evolved population whose augmenting experience will continue to enhance the future stabilization and diversification of the local universe administration. These beings may not attain Paradise, but they achieve an experiential wisdom in the mastery of Nebadon problems that utterly surpasses anything attained by the transient ascen-

ders. And these surviving souls continue as unique combinations of the human and the divine, being increasingly able to unite the viewpoints of these two widely separate levels and to present such a dual viewpoint with ever-heightening wisdom.

6. CELESTIAL OVERSEERS

1 The Nebadon educational system is jointly administered by the Trinity Teacher Sons and the Melchizedek teaching corps, but much of the work designed to effect its maintenance and upbuilding is carried on by the Celestial Overseers. These be-

ings are a recruited corps embracing all types of individuals connected with the scheme of educating and training the ascending mortals. There are upward of 3,000,000 of them in Nebadon, and they are all volunteers who have qualified by experience to serve as educational advisers to the entire realm. From their headquarters on the Salvington worlds of the Melchizedeks, these overseers range the local universe as inspectors of the Nebadon school technique designed to effect the mind training and the spirit education of the ascending creatures.

2 This training of mind and educa-

tion of spirit is carried on from the worlds of human origin up through the system mansion worlds and the other spheres of progress associated with Jerusem, on the 70 socializing realms attached to Edentia, and on the 490 spheres of spirit progress encircling Salvington. On the universe headquarters itself are numerous Melchizedek schools, the colleges of the Universe Sons, the seraphic universities, and the schools of the Teacher Sons and the Union of Days. Every possible provision is made to qualify the various personalities of the universe for advancing service and im-

proving function. The entire universe is one vast school.

3 §§ The methods employed in many of the higher schools are beyond the human concept of the art of teaching truth, but this is the keynote of the whole educational system: character acquired by enlightened experience. The teachers provide the enlightenment; the universe station and the ascender's status afford the opportunity for experience; the wise utilization of these two augments character.

4 Fundamentally, the Nebadon educational system provides for your assignment to a task and then affords

you opportunity to receive instruction as to the ideal and divine method of best performing that task. You are given a definite task to perform, and at the same time you are provided with teachers who are qualified to instruct you in the best method of executing your assignment. The divine plan of education provides for the intimate association of work and instruction. We teach you how best to execute the things we command you to do.

5 §§ The purpose of all this training and experience is to prepare you for admission to the higher and more spiritual training spheres of the superuni-

verse. Progress within a given realm is individual, but transition from one phase to another is usually by classes.

6 The progression of eternity does not consist solely in spiritual development. Intellectual acquisition is also a part of universal education. The experience of the mind is broadened equally with the expansion of the spiritual horizon. Mind and spirit are afforded like opportunities for training and advancement. But in all this superb training of mind and spirit you are forever free from the handicaps of mortal flesh. No longer must you constantly referee the conflicting con-

tentions of your divergent spiritual and material natures. At last you are qualified to enjoy the unified urge of a glorified mind long since divested of primitive animalistic trends towards things material.

7 §§ Before leaving the universe of Nebadon, most Urantia mortals will be afforded opportunity to serve for a longer or shorter time as members of the Nebadon corps of Celestial Overseers.

7. MANSION WORLD TEACHERS

1 The Mansion World Teachers are recruited and glorified cherubim. Like

most other instructors in Nebadon they are commissioned by the Melchizedeks. They function in most of the educational enterprises of the morontia life, and their number is quite beyond the comprehension of mortal mind.

2 As an attainment level of cherubim and sanobim, the Mansion World Teachers will receive further consideration in the next paper, while as teachers playing an important part in the morontia life, they will be more extensively discussed in the paper of that

name.

8. HIGHER SPIRIT ORDERS OF ASSIGNMENT

1 Besides the power centres and the physical controllers, certain of the higher-origin spirit beings of the family of the Infinite Spirit are of permanent assignment to the local universe. Of the higher spirit orders of the family of the Infinite Spirit the following are so assigned:

2 §§ The *Solitary Messengers,* when functionally attached to the local universe administration, render invaluable service to us in our efforts to overcome the handicaps of time and space.

When they are not thus assigned, we of the local universes have absolutely no authority over them, but even then these unique beings are always willing to help us with the solution of our problems and with the execution of our mandates.

3 Andovontia is the name of the tertiary[1] *Universe Circuit Supervisor* sta-

[1] In 1955 text "secondary". While both a secondary and a tertiary Circuit Supervisor are assigned to the supervision of a single local universe's circuits, only the tertiary Circuit Supervisor is stationed within the local universe — the secondary Circuit Supervisor is located on the superuniverse headquarters (See 24:1.9–10 in the text). Therefore, if Andovontia is "stationed in our local universe"

tioned in our local universe. He is concerned only with spirit and morontia circuits, not with those under the jurisdiction of the power direc-

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he would be a tertiary Universe Circuit Supervisor. A straightforward explanation for the origin of the error relies on the inferred use of the somewhat unusual but nonetheless valid abbreviations 1ry, 2ry, and 3ry in the manuscript. These abbreviations are common within several disciplines (e.g., grammar/phonetics, medicine, chemistry) and when used in close proximity to each other their meanings are clear even to the general reader, but this instance is not located near similar references, so the likelihood of its use here remains only a probability based on typographical observation, rather than a certainty. This explanation, however, makes an impossible typographical error into common one — a mis-typed character.

tors. It was he who isolated Urantia at the time of the Caligastia betrayal of the planet during the testing seasons of the Lucifer rebellion. In sending greetings to the mortals of Urantia, he expresses pleasure in the anticipation of your sometime restoration to the universe circuits of his supervision.

4 The Nebadon *Census Director,* Salsatia, maintains headquarters within the Gabriel sector of Salvington. He is automatically cognizant of the birth and death of will and currently registers the exact number of will creatures functioning in the local universe. He works in close association with

the personality recorders domiciled on the record worlds of the archangels.

5 An *Associate Inspector* is resident on Salvington. He is the personal representative of the Supreme Executive of Orvonton. His associates, the *Assigned Sentinels* in the local systems, are also representatives of the Supreme Executive of Orvonton.

6 The *Universal Conciliators* are the travelling courts of the universes of time and space, functioning from the evolutionary worlds up through every section of the local universe and on beyond. These referees are registered

on Uversa; the exact number operating in Nebadon is not of record, but I estimate that there are in the neighbourhood of 100,000,000 conciliating commissions in our local universe.

7 Of the *Technical Advisers,* the legal minds of the realm, we have our quota, about 500,000,000. These beings are the living and circulating experiential law libraries of all space.

8 Of the *Celestial Recorders,* the ascendant seraphim, we have in Nebadon 75. These are the senior or supervising recorders. The advancing students of this order in training number almost 4 billion.

9 The ministry of the 70 billion *Morontia Companions* in Nebadon is described in those narratives dealing with the transition planets of the pilgrims of time.

10 §§ Each universe has its own native angelic corps; nevertheless, there are occasions on which it is very helpful to have the assistance of those higher spirits of origin outside the local creation. Supernaphim perform certain rare and unique services; the present chief of Urantia seraphim is a primary supernaphim of Paradise[1]. The re-

[1] This fact has been already revealed in 27:0.2.

flective seconaphim are encountered wherever the superuniverse personnel is functioning, and a great many tertiaphim are of temporary service as Most High Assistants.

9. PERMANENT CITIZENS OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

1 As with the super- and central universes, the local universe has its orders of permanent citizenship. These include the following created types:

2 1. Susatia.

3 2. Univitatia[1].

4 3. Material Sons.

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[1] Beings *unius vitae,* i.e. those who live *one life*.

5 4. Midway Creatures.

6 §§ These natives of the local creation, together with the Spirit-fused ascenders and the spironga (who are otherwise classified), constitute a relatively permanent citizenship. These orders of beings are by and large neither ascending nor descending. They are all experiential creatures, but their enlarging experience continues to be available to the universe on their level of origin. While this is not wholly true of the Adamic Sons and midway creatures, it is relatively true of these orders.

7 §§ *The Susatia.* These marvellous

beings reside and function as permanent citizens on Salvington, the headquarters of this local universe. They are the brilliant offspring of the Creator Son and Creative Spirit and are closely associated with the ascendant citizens of the local universe, the Spirit-fused mortals of the Nebadon Corps of Perfection.

8 §§ *The Univitatia.* Each of the 100 constellation headquarters clusters of architectural spheres enjoys the continuous ministry of a residential order of beings known as the univitatia. These children of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit constitute the

permanent population of the constellation headquarters worlds. They are nonreproducing beings existing on a plane of life about halfway between the semimaterial status of the Material Sons domiciled on the system headquarters and the more definitely spiritual plane of the Spirit-fused mortals and the susatia of Salvington; but the univitatia are not morontia beings. They accomplish for ascending mortals during the traversal of the constellation spheres what the Havona natives contribute to the pilgrim spirits passing through the central creation.

9 §§ *The Material Sons of God.* When

a creative liaison between the Creator Son and the universe representative of the Infinite Spirit, the Universe Mother Spirit, has completed its cycle, when no more offspring of the combined nature are forthcoming, then does the Creator Son personalize in dual form his last concept of being, thus finally confirming his own and original dual origin. In and of himself he then creates the beautiful and superb Sons and Daughters of the material order of universe sonship. This is the origin of the original Adam and Eve of each local system of Nebadon. They are a reproducing order

of sonship, being created male and female. Their progeny function as the relatively permanent citizens of a system capital, though some are commissioned as Planetary Adams.

10 On a planetary mission the Material Son and Daughter are commissioned to found the Adamic race of that world, a race designed eventually to amalgamate with the mortal inhabitants of that sphere. Planetary Adams are both descending and ascending Sons, but we ordinarily class them as ascending.

11 §§ *The Midway Creatures.* In the early days of most inhabited worlds,

certain superhuman but materialized beings are of assignment, but they usually retire upon the arrival of the Planetary Adams. The transactions of such beings and the efforts of the Material Sons to improve the evolutionary races often result in the appearance of a limited number of creatures who are difficult to classify. These unique beings are often midway between the Material Sons and the evolutionary creatures; hence their designation, midway creatures. In a comparative sense these midwayers are the permanent citizens of the evolutionary worlds. From the early days of

the arrival of a Planetary Prince to the far-distant time of the settling of the planet in light and life, they are the only group of intelligent beings to remain continuously on the sphere. On Urantia the midway ministers are in reality the actual custodians of the planet; they are, practically speaking, the citizens of Urantia. Mortals are indeed the physical and material inhabitants of an evolutionary world, but you are all so short-lived; you tarry on your nativity planet such a short time. You are born, live, die, and pass on to other worlds of evolutionary progression. Even

the superhuman beings who serve on the planets as celestial ministers are of transient assignment; few of them are long attached to a given sphere. The midway creatures, however, provide continuity of planetary administration in the face of ever-changing celestial ministries and constantly shifting mortal inhabitants. Throughout all of this never-ceasing changing and shifting, the midway creatures remain on the planet uninterruptedly carrying on their work.

12 §§ In like manner, all divisions of the administrative organization of the local universes and superuniver-

ses have their more or less permanent populations, inhabitants of citizenship status. As Urantia has its midwayers, Jerusem, your system capital, has the Material Sons and Daughters; Edentia, your constellation headquarters, has the univitatia, while the citizens of Salvington are twofold, the created susatia and the evolved Spirit-fused mortals. The administrative worlds of the minor and major sectors of the superuniverses do not have permanent citizens. But the Uversa headquarters spheres are continuously fostered by an amazing group of beings known as the *abandonters,* the creation

of the unrevealed agents of the Ancients of Days and the seven Reflective Spirits resident on the capital of Orvonton. These residential citizens on Uversa are at present administering the routine affairs of their world under the immediate supervision of the Uversa corps of the Son-fused mortals. Even Havona has its native beings, and the central Isle of Light and Life is the home of the various groups of Paradise Citizens.

10. OTHER LOCAL UNIVERSE GROUPS

1 Besides the seraphic and mortal orders, who will be considered in

later papers, there are numerous additional beings concerned in the maintenance and perfecting of such a gigantic organization as the universe of Nebadon, which even now has more than 3,000,000 inhabited worlds, with 10,000,000 in prospect. The various Nebadon types of life are much too numerous to be catalogued in this paper, but there are two unusual orders that function extensively on the 647,591 architectural spheres[1] of the

[1] It is easy to arrive at this number if we add the architectural worlds of the Salvington cluster ($1 + 70 + 70 \times 6 = 491$), those of each of the 100 constellations ($1 + 70 + 70 \times 10 = 771$ in

local universe, that may be mentioned.

2 §§ The *Spironga* are the spirit offspring of the Bright and Morning Star and the Father Melchizedek. They are exempt from personality termination but are not evolutionary or ascending beings. Neither are they functionally concerned with the evolutionary ascension regime. They are the spirit helpers of the local universe, executing the routine spirit tasks of Nebadon.

3 §§ The *Spornagia.* The architectural headquarters worlds of the lo-

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each) and those of each of the $100 \times 100 = 10,000$ local systems ($1 + 7 + 7 \times 7 = 57$ in each): $491 + 77100 + 570000 = 647591$.

cal universe are real worlds — physical creations. There is much work connected with their physical upkeep, and herein we have the assistance of a group of physical creatures called spornagia. They are devoted to the care and culture of the material phases of these headquarters worlds, from Jerusem to Salvington. Spornagia are neither spirits nor persons; they are an animal order of existence, but if you could see them, you would agree that they seem to be perfect animals.

4 §§ The various *courtesy colonies* are domiciled on Salvington and elsewhere. We especially profit from the

ministry of the celestial artisans on the constellations and benefit from the activities of the reversion directors, who operate chiefly on the capitals of the local systems.

5 Always there is attached to the universe service a corps of ascending mortals, including the glorified midway creatures. These ascenders, after attaining Salvington, are used in an almost endless variety of activities in the conduct of universe affairs. From each level of achievement these advancing mortals reach back and down to extend a helping hand to their fellows who follow them in the upward climb.

Such mortals of temporary sojourn on Salvington are assigned on requisition to practically all corps of celestial personalities as helpers, students, observers, and teachers.

6 There are still other types of intelligent life concerned with the administration of a local universe, but the plan of this narrative does not provide for the further revelation of these orders of creation. Enough of the life and administration of this universe is being herewith portrayed to afford the mortal mind a grasp of the reality and grandeur of the survival existence. Further experience in your ad-

vancing careers will increasingly reveal these interesting and charming beings. This narrative cannot be more than a brief outline of the nature and work of the manifold personalities who throng the universes of space administering these creations as enormous training schools, schools wherein the pilgrims of time advance from life to life and from world to world until they are lovingly dispatched from the borders of the universe of their origin to the higher educational regime of the superuniverse and thence on to the spirit-training worlds of Havona and eventually to Paradise and the high

destiny of the finaliters — the eternal assignment on missions not yet revealed to the universes of time and space.

7 [Dictated by a Brilliant Evening Star of Nebadon, Number 1,146 of the Created Corps.]

PAPER 38

MINISTERING SPIRITS OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

Melchizedek

There are three distinct orders of the personalities of the Infinite Spirit. The impetuous apostle[1] understood this when he wrote respecting Jesus, "who has gone to heaven and is on the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him." Angels

[1] Namely. Peter, cf. 139:3.4, 158:7.3, 179:3.5, 192:1.3. The quote is from 1 Peter 3:22.

are the ministering spirits of time; authorities, the messenger hosts of space; powers, the higher personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

2 §§ As the supernaphim in the central universe and the seconaphim in a superuniverse, so the seraphim, with the associated cherubim and sanobim, constitute the angelic corps of a local universe.

3 The seraphim are all fairly uniform in design. From universe to universe, throughout all seven of the superuniverses, they show a minimum of variation; they are the most nearly standard of all spirit types of personal be-

ings. Their various orders constitute the corps of the skilled and common ministers of the local creations.

1. ORIGIN OF SERAPHIM

1 Seraphim are created by the Universe Mother Spirit and have been projected in unit formation — 41,472[1] at a time — ever since the creation of the "pattern angels" and certain angelic archetypes in the early times of Nebadon. The Creator Son and the universe representation of the Infinite Spirit collaborate in the creation of a large number of Sons and

[1] One unit = 12 battalions, cf. 38:6.1.

other universe personalities. Following the completion of this united effort, the Son engages in the creation of the Material Sons, the first of the sex creatures, while the Universe Mother Spirit concurrently engages in her initial solitary effort at spirit reproduction. Thus begins the creation of the seraphic hosts of a local universe.

2 These angelic orders are projected at the time of planning for the evolution of mortal will creatures. The creation of seraphim dates from the attainment of relative personality by the Universe Mother Spirit, not as the later co-ordinate of the Master Son,

but as the early creative helper of the Creator Son. Previous to this event the seraphim on duty in Nebadon were temporarily loaned by a neighbouring universe.

3 Seraphim are still being periodically created; the universe of Nebadon is still in the making. The Universe Mother Spirit never ceases creative activity in a growing and perfecting universe.

2. ANGELIC NATURES

1 Angels do not have material bodies, but they are definite and discrete beings; they are of spirit nature and

origin. Though invisible to mortals, they perceive you as you are in the flesh without the aid of transformers or translators; they intellectually understand the mode of mortal life, and they share all of man's nonsensuous emotions and sentiments. They appreciate and greatly enjoy your efforts in music, art, and real humour. They are fully cognizant of your moral struggles and spiritual difficulties. They love human beings, and only good can result from your efforts to understand and love them.

2 §§ Though seraphim are very affectionate and sympathetic beings, they

are not sex-emotion creatures. They are much as you will be on the mansion worlds, where you will "neither marry nor be given in marriage but will be as the angels of heaven." For all who "shall be accounted worthy to attain the mansion worlds neither marry nor are given in marriage; neither do they die any more, for they are equal to the angels." Nevertheless, in dealing with sex creatures it is our custom to speak of those beings of more direct descent from the Father and the Son as the sons of God, while referring to the children of the Spirit as the daughters of God. Angels are, there-

fore, commonly designated by feminine pronouns on the sex planets.

3 The seraphim are so created as to function on both spiritual and literal levels. There are few phases of morontia or spirit activity which are not open to their ministrations. While in personal status angels are not so far removed from human beings, in certain functional performances seraphim far transcend them. They possess many powers far beyond human comprehension. For example: You have been told that the "very hairs of your head are numbered," and it is true they are, but a seraphim does not spend her

time counting them and keeping the number corrected up to date. Angels possess inherent and automatic (that is, automatic as far as you could perceive) powers of knowing such things; you would truly regard a seraphim as a mathematical prodigy. Therefore, numerous duties which would be tremendous tasks for mortals are performed with exceeding ease by seraphim.

4 §§ Angels are superior to you in spiritual status, but they are not your judges or accusers. No matter what your faults, "the angels, although greater in power and might, bring no

accusation against you." Angels do not sit in judgment on mankind, neither should individual mortals prejudge their fellow creatures.

5 §§ You do well to love them, but you should not adore them; angels are not objects of worship. The great seraphim, Loyalatia, when your seer[1] "fell down to worship before the feet of the angel," said: "See that you do it not; I am a fellow servant with you and with your races, who are all enjoined to worship God."

6 In nature and personality endow-

[1] That is John Zebedee and the quote is from Revelation 22:8–9.

ment the seraphim are just a trifle ahead of mortal races in the scale of creature existence. Indeed, when you are delivered from the flesh, you become very much like them. On the mansion worlds you will begin to appreciate the seraphim, on the constellation spheres to enjoy them, while on Salvington they will share their places of rest and worship with you. Throughout the whole morontia and subsequent spirit ascent, your fraternity with the seraphim will be ideal;

your companionship will be superb.

3. UNREVEALED ANGELS

1 Numerous orders of spirit beings function throughout the domains of the local universe that are unrevealed to mortals because they are in no manner connected with the evolutionary plan of Paradise ascension. In this paper the word "angel" is purposely limited to the designation of those seraphic and associated offspring of the Universe Mother Spirit who are so largely concerned with the operation of the plans of mortal survival. There serve in the local universe six

other orders of related beings, the unrevealed angels, who are not in any specific manner connected with those universe activities pertaining to the Paradise ascent of evolutionary mortals. These six groups of angelic associates are never called seraphim, neither are they referred to as ministering spirits. These personalities are wholly occupied with the administrative and other affairs of Nebadon, engagements which are in no way related to man's progressive career of spiritual

ascent and perfection attainment.

4. THE SERAPHIC WORLDS

1 The 9th group of seven primary spheres in the Salvington circuit are the worlds of the seraphim. Each of these worlds has six tributary satellites, whereon are the special schools devoted to all phases of seraphic training. While the seraphim have access to all 49 worlds comprising this group of Salvington spheres, they exclusively occupy only the 1st cluster of seven. The remaining six clusters are occupied by the six orders of angelic associates unrevealed on Urantia; each

such group maintains headquarters on one of these six primary worlds and carries on specialized activities on the six tributary satellites. Each angelic order has free access to all the worlds of these seven diverse groups.

2 These headquarters worlds are among the magnificent realms of Nebadon; the seraphic estates are characterized by both beauty and vastness. Here each seraphim has a real home, and "home" means the domicile of two seraphim; they live in pairs.

3 §§ Though not male and female as are the Material Sons and the mortal races, seraphim are negative and pos-

itive. In the majority of assignments it requires two angels to accomplish the task. When they are not encircuited, they can work alone; neither do they require complements of being when stationary. Ordinarily they retain their original complements of being, but not necessarily. Such associations are primarily necessitated by function; they are not characterized by sex emotion, though they are exceedingly personal and truly affectionate.

4 Besides designated homes, seraphim also have group, company, battalion, and unit headquarters. They forgather for reunions every millen-

nium and are all present in accordance with the time of their creation. If a seraphim bears responsibilities which forbid absence from duty, she alternates attendance with her complement, being relieved by a seraphim of another birth date. Each seraphic partner is thereby present at least every other reunion.

5. SERAPHIC TRAINING

1 Seraphim spend their first millennium as noncommissioned observers on Salvington and its associated world schools. The second millennium is spent on the seraphic worlds of the

Salvington circuit. Their central training school is now presided over by the first 100,000 Nebadon seraphim, and at their head is the original or first-born angel of this local universe. The first created group of Nebadon seraphim were trained by a corps of 1,000 seraphim from Avalon; subsequently our angels have been taught by their own seniors. The Melchizedeks also have a large part in the education and training of all local universe angels — seraphim, cherubim, and sanobim.

2 At the termination of this period of training on the seraphic worlds of Salvington, seraphim are mobilized in

the conventional groups and units of the angelic organization and are assigned to some one of the constellations. They are not yet commissioned as ministering spirits, although they have well entered upon the precommissioned phases of angelic training.

3 Seraphim are initiated as ministering spirits by serving as observers on the lowest of the evolutionary worlds. After this experience they return to the associate worlds of the headquarters of the assigned constellation to begin their advanced studies and more definitely to prepare for service in some particular local system. Follow-

ing this general education they are advanced to the service of some one of the local systems. On the architectural worlds associated with the capital of some Nebadon system our seraphim complete their training and are commissioned as ministering spirits of time.

4 When once seraphim are commissioned, they may range all Nebadon, even Orvonton, on assignment. Their work in the universe is without bounds and limitations; they are closely associated with the material creatures of the worlds and are ever in the service of the lower orders of

spiritual personalities, making contact between these beings of the spirit world and the mortals of the material realms.

6. SERAPHIC ORGANIZATION

1 After the second millennium of sojourn at seraphic headquarters the seraphim are organized under chiefs into groups of 12 (12 pairs, 24 seraphim), and 12 such groups constitute a company (144 pairs, 288 seraphim), which is commanded by a leader. Twelve companies under a commander constitute a battalion (1,728 pairs or 3,456 seraphim), and 12 battalions under a

director equal a seraphic unit (20,736 pairs or 41,472 individuals), while 12 units, subject to the command of a supervisor, constitute a legion numbering 248,832 pairs or 497,664 individuals. Jesus alluded to such a group of angels that night in the garden of Gethsemane when he said: "I can even now ask my Father, and he will presently give me more than 12 legions of angels."

2 Twelve legions of angels comprise a host numbering 2,985,984 pairs or 5,971,968 individuals, and 12 such hosts (35,831,808 pairs or 71,663,616 individuals) make up the largest op-

erating organization of seraphim, an angelic army. A seraphic host is commanded by an archangel or by some other personality of co-ordinate status, while the angelic armies are directed by the Brilliant Evening Stars or by other immediate lieutenants of Gabriel. And Gabriel is the "supreme commander of the armies of heaven," the chief executive of the Sovereign of Nebadon, "the Lord God of hosts."

3 Though serving under the direct supervision of the Infinite Spirit as personalized on Salvington, since the bestowal of Michael on Urantia, seraphim and all other local universe or-

ders have become subject to the sovereignty of the Master Son. Even when Michael was born of the flesh on Urantia, there issued the superuniverse broadcast to all Nebadon which proclaimed, "And let all the angels worship him." All ranks of angels are subject to his sovereignty; they are a part of that group which has been denominated "his mighty angels."

7. CHERUBIM AND SANOBIM

1 In all essential endowments cherubim and sanobim are similar to seraphim. They have the same origin but not always the same destiny. They are

wonderfully intelligent, marvellously efficient, touchingly affectionate, and almost human. They are the lowest order of angels, hence all the nearer of kin to the more progressive types of human beings on the evolutionary worlds.

2 Cherubim and sanobim are inherently associated, functionally united. One is an energy positive personality; the other, energy negative. The right-hand deflector, or positively charged angel, is the cherubim — the senior or controlling personality. The left-hand deflector, or negatively charged angel, is the sanobim — the complement of

being. Each type of angel is very limited in solitary function; hence they usually serve in pairs. When serving independently of their seraphic directors, they are more than ever dependent on mutual contact and always function together.

3 §§ Cherubim and sanobim are the faithful and efficient aids of the seraphic ministers, and all seven orders of seraphim are provided with these subordinate assistants. Cherubim and sanobim serve for ages in these capacities, but they do not accompany seraphim on assignments beyond the confines of the local universe.

4 The cherubim and sanobim are the routine spirit workers on the individual worlds of the systems. On a nonpersonal assignment and in an emergency, they may serve in the place of a seraphic pair, but they never function, even temporarily, as attending angels to human beings; that is an exclusive seraphic privilege.

5 §§ When assigned to a planet, cherubim enter the local courses of training, including a study of planetary usages and languages. The ministering spirits of time are all bilingual, speaking the language of the local universe of their origin and that of

their native superuniverse. By study in the schools of the realms they acquire additional tongues. Cherubim and sanobim, like seraphim and all other orders of spirit beings, are continuously engaged in efforts at self-improvement. Only such as the subordinate beings of power control and energy direction are incapable of progression; all creatures having actual or potential personality volition seek new achievements.

6 §§ Cherubim and sanobim are by nature very near the morontia level of existence, and they prove to be most efficient in the borderland work of

the physical, morontial, and spiritual domains. These children of the local universe Mother Spirit are characterized by "fourth creatures" much as are the Havona Servitals and the conciliating commissions. Every fourth cherubim and every fourth sanobim are quasi-material, very definitely resembling the morontia level of existence.

7 These angelic fourth creatures are of great assistance to the seraphim in the more literal phases of their universe and planetary activities. Such morontia cherubim also perform many indispensable borderline

tasks on the morontia training worlds and are assigned to the service of the Morontia Companions in large numbers. They are to the morontia spheres about what the midway creatures are to the evolutionary planets. On the inhabited worlds these morontia cherubim frequently work in liaison with the midway creatures. Cherubim and midway creatures are distinctly separate orders of beings; they have dissimilar origins, but they disclose great similarity in nature and function.

8. EVOLUTION OF CHERUBIM AND SANOBIM

1 Numerous avenues of advancing

service are open to cherubim and sanobim leading to an enhancement of status, which may be still further augmented by the embrace of the Divine Minister. There are three great classes of cherubim and sanobim with regard to evolutionary potential:

2 1. *Ascension Candidates.* These beings are by nature candidates for seraphic status. Cherubim and sanobim of this order are brilliant, though not by inherent endowment equal to the seraphim; but by application and experience it is possible for them to attain full seraphic standing.

3 2. *Mid-phase Cherubim.* All

cherubim and sanobim are not equal in ascension potential, and these are the inherently limited beings of the angelic creations. Most of them will remain cherubim and sanobim, although the more gifted individuals may achieve limited seraphic service.

4 3. *Morontia Cherubim.* These "fourth creatures" of the angelic orders always retain their quasi-material characteristics. They will continue on as cherubim and sanobim, together with a majority of their mid-phase brethren, pending the completed factualization of the Supreme Being.

5 §§ While the second and third

groups are somewhat limited in growth potential, the ascension candidates may attain the heights of universal seraphic service. Many of the more experienced of these cherubim are attached to the seraphic guardians of destiny and are thus placed in direct line for advancement to the status of Mansion World Teachers when deserted by their seraphic seniors. Guardians of destiny do not have cherubim and sanobim as helpers when their mortal wards attain the morontia life. And when other types of evolutionary seraphim are granted clearance for Seraphington and Para-

dise, they must forsake their former subordinates when they pass out of the confines of Nebadon. Such deserted cherubim and sanobim are usually embraced by the Universe Mother Spirit, thus achieving a level equivalent to that of a Mansion World Teacher in the attainment of seraphic status.

6 When, as Mansion World Teachers, the once-embraced cherubim and sanobim have long served on the morontia spheres, from the lowest to the highest, and when their corps on Salvington is overrecruited, the Bright and Morning Star summons these faithful servants of the crea-

tures of time to appear in his presence. The oath of personality transformation is administered; and thereupon, in groups of 7,000, these advanced and senior cherubim and sanobim are re-embraced by the Universe Mother Spirit. From this second embrace they emerge as full-fledged seraphim. Henceforth, the full and complete career of a seraphim, with all of its Paradise possibilities, is open to such reborn cherubim and sanobim. Such angels may be assigned as guardians of destiny to some mortal being, and if the mortal ward attains survival, then do they become eligible for ad-

vancement to Seraphington and the seven circles of seraphic attainment, even to Paradise and the Corps of the Finality.

9. THE MIDWAY CREATURES

1 The midway creatures have a threefold classification: They are properly classified with the ascending Sons of God; they are factually grouped with the orders of permanent citizenship, while they are functionally reckoned with the ministering spirits of time because of their intimate and effective association with the angelic hosts in the work of serving mortal man on the in-

dividual worlds of space.

2 These unique creatures appear on the majority of the inhabited worlds and are always found on the decimal or life-experiment planets, such as Urantia. Midwayers are of two types — primary and secondary — and they appear by the following techniques:

3 1. *Primary Midwayers,* the more spiritual group, are a somewhat standardized order of beings who are uniformly derived from the modified ascendant-mortal staffs of the Planetary Princes. The number of primary midway creatures is always 50,000, and no planet enjoying their ministry has a

larger group.

4 2. *Secondary Midwayers,* the more material group of these creatures, vary greatly in numbers on the different worlds, though the average is around 50,000. They are variously derived from the planetary biologic uplifters, the Adams and Eves, or from their immediate progeny. There are no less than 24 diverse techniques involved in the production of these secondary midway creatures on the evolutionary worlds of space. The mode of origin for this group on Urantia was unusual and extraordinary.

5 §§ Neither of these groups is an

evolutionary accident; both are essential features in the predetermined plans of the universe architects, and their appearance on the evolving worlds at the opportune juncture is in accordance with the original designs and developmental plans of the supervising Life Carriers.

6 Primary midwayers are energized intellectually and spiritually by the angelic technique and are uniform in intellectual status. The seven adjutant mind-spirits make no contact with them; and only the 6th and the 7th, the spirit of worship and the spirit of wisdom, are able to minister to the sec-

ondary group.

7 Secondary midwayers are physically energized by the Adamic technique, spiritually encircuited by the seraphic, and intellectually endowed with the morontia transition type of mind. They are divided into four physical types, seven orders spiritually, and twelve levels of intellectual response to the joint ministry of the last two adjutant spirits and the morontia mind. These diversities determine their differential of activity and of planetary assignment.

8 Primary midwayers resemble angels more than mortals; the secondary

orders are much more like human beings. Each renders invaluable assistance to the other in the execution of their manifold planetary assignments. The primary ministers can achieve liaison co-operation with both morontia- and spirit-energy controllers and mind circuiters. The secondary group can establish working connections only with the physical controllers and the material-circuit manipulators. But since each order of midwayer can establish perfect synchrony of contact with the other, either group is thereby able to achieve practical utilization of the entire energy gamut ex-

tending from the gross physical power of the material worlds up through the transition phases of universe energies to the higher spirit-reality forces of the celestial realms.

9 The gap between the material and spiritual worlds is perfectly bridged by the serial association of mortal man, secondary midwayer, primary midwayer, morontia cherubim, mid-phase cherubim, and seraphim. In the personal experience of an individual mortal these diverse levels are undoubtedly more or less unified and made personally meaningful by the unobserved and mysterious operations of the di-

vine Thought Adjuster.

10 §§ On normal worlds the primary midwayers maintain their service as the intelligence corps and as celestial entertainers in behalf of the Planetary Prince, while the secondary ministers continue their co-operation with the Adamic regime of furthering the cause of progressive planetary civilization. In case of the defection of the Planetary Prince and the failure of the Material Son, as occurred on Urantia, the midway creatures become the wards of the System Sovereign and serve under the directing guidance of the acting custodian of the planet. But on

only three other worlds in Satania do these beings function as one group under unified leadership as do the united midway ministers of Urantia.

11 The planetary work of both primary and secondary midwayers is varied and diverse on the numerous individual worlds of a universe, but on the normal and average planets their activities are very different from the duties which occupy their time on isolated spheres, such as Urantia.

12 The primary midwayers are the planetary historians who, from the time of the arrival of the Planetary Prince to the age of settled light and

life, formulate the pageants and design the portrayals of planetary history for the exhibits of the planets on the system headquarters worlds.

13 §§ Midwayers remain for long periods on an inhabited world, but if faithful to their trust, they will eventually and most certainly be recognized for their agelong service in maintaining the sovereignty of the Creator Son; they will be duly rewarded for their patient ministry to the material mortals on their world of time and space. Sooner or later all accredited midway creatures will be mustered into the ranks of the ascending Sons of

God and will be duly initiated into the long adventure of the Paradise ascent in company with those very mortals of animal origin, their earth brethren, whom they so jealously guarded and so effectively served during the long planetary sojourn.

14 [Presented by a Melchizedek acting by request of the Chief of the Seraphic Hosts of Nebadon.]

PAPER 39

THE SERAPHIC HOSTS

Melchizedek

As far as we are cognizant, the Infinite Spirit, as personalized on the local universe headquarters, intends to produce uniformly perfect seraphim, but for some unknown reason these seraphic offspring are very diverse. This diversity may be a result of the unknown interposition of evolving experiential Deity; if so, we cannot prove it. But we do observe that, when seraphim

have been subjected to educational tests and training discipline, they unfailingly and distinctly classify into the following seven groups:

2 1. Supreme Seraphim.

3 2. Superior Seraphim.

4 3. Supervisor Seraphim.

5 4. Administrator Seraphim.

6 5. Planetary Helpers.

7 6. Transition Ministers.

8 7. Seraphim of the Future.

9 §§ To say that any one seraphim is inferior to an angel of any other group would hardly be true. Nevertheless every angel is at first service-limited

to the group of original and inherent classification. My seraphic associate in the preparation of this statement, Manotia, is a supreme seraphim and onetime functioned only as a supreme seraphim. By application and devoted service she has, one by one, achieved all seven of the seraphic services, having functioned in well-nigh every avenue of activity open to a seraphim, and now holds the commission of associate chief of seraphim on Urantia.

10 Human beings sometimes find it hard to understand that a created capacity for higher-level ministry does not necessarily imply ability to func-

tion on relatively lower service levels. Man begins life as a helpless infant; hence every mortal attainment must embrace all experiential prerequisites; seraphim have no such preadult life — no childhood. They are, however, experiential creatures, and by experience and through additional education they can augment their divine and inherent endowment of ability by the experiential acquirement of functional skill in one or more of the seraphic services.

11 After being commissioned, seraphim are assigned to the reserves of their inherent group. Those of plan-

etary and administrator status often serve for long periods as originally classified, but the higher the inherent function level, the more persistently do the angelic ministers seek assignment to the lower orders of universe service. Especially do they desire assignment to the reserves of the planetary helpers, and if successful they enrol in the celestial schools attached to the headquarters of the Planetary Prince of some evolutionary world. Here they begin the study of the languages, history, and local habits of the races of mankind. Seraphim must acquire knowledge and gain experience

much as do human beings. They are not far removed from you in certain personality attributes. And they all crave to start at the bottom, on the lowest possible level of ministry; thus may they hope to achieve the highest possible level of experiential destiny.

1. SUPREME SERAPHIM

1 These seraphim are the highest of the seven revealed orders of local universe angels. They function in seven groups, each of which is closely associated with the angelic ministers of the Seraphic Corps of Completion.

2 1. *Son-Spirit Ministers.* The first

group of the supreme seraphim are assigned to the service of the high Sons and Spirit-origin beings resident and functioning in the local universe. This group of angelic ministers also serve the Universe Son and the Universe Spirit and are closely affiliated with the intelligence corps of the Bright and Morning Star, the universe chief executive of the united wills of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit.

3 Being of assignment to the high Sons and Spirits, these seraphim are naturally associated with the far-flung services of the Paradise Avonals, the divine offspring of the Eternal Son and

the Infinite Spirit. The Paradise Avonals are always attended on all magisterial and bestowal missions by this high and experienced order of seraphim, who are at such times devoted to organizing and administering the special work connected with the termination of one planetary dispensation and the inauguration of a new age. But they are not concerned in the work of adjudication which might be incidental to such a change in dispensations.

4 §§ *Bestowal Attendants.* Paradise Avonals, but not Creator Sons, when on a bestowal mission are always ac-

companied by a corps of 144 bestowal attendants. These 144 angels are the chiefs of all other Son-Spirit ministers who may be associated with a bestowal mission. There might possibly be legions of angels subject to the command of an incarnated Son of God on a planetary bestowal, but all these seraphim would be organized and directed by the 144 bestowal attendants. Higher orders of angels, supernaphim and seconaphim, might also form a part of the attending host, and though their missions are distinct from those of the seraphim, all these activities would be co-ordinated by

the bestowal attendants.

5 These bestowal attendants are completion seraphim; they have all traversed the circles of Seraphington and have attained the Seraphic Corps of Completion. And they have been further especially trained to meet the difficulties and to cope with the emergencies associated with the bestowals of the Sons of God for the advancement of the children of time. Such seraphim have all achieved Paradise and the personal embrace of the Second Source and Centre, the Eternal Son.

6 Seraphim equally crave assignment to the missions of the incarnated

Sons and attachment as destiny guardians to the mortals of the realms; the latter is the surest seraphic passport to Paradise, while the bestowal attendants have achieved the highest local universe service of the completion seraphim of Paradise attainment.

7 2. *Court Advisers.* These are the seraphic advisers and helpers attached to all orders of adjudication, from the conciliators up to the highest tribunals of the realm. It is not the purpose of such tribunals to determine punitive sentences but rather to adjudicate honest differences of opinion and to decree the everlasting survival

of ascending mortals. Herein lies the duty of the court advisers: to see that all charges against mortal creatures are stated in justice and adjudicated in mercy. In this work they are closely associated with the High Commissioners, Spirit-fused ascendant mortals serving in the local universe.

8 The seraphic court advisers serve extensively as defenders of mortals. Not that there ever exists any disposition to be unfair to the lowly creatures of the realms, but while justice demands the adjudication of every default in the climb towards divine perfection, mercy requires that every such

misstep be fairly adjudged in accordance with the creature nature and the divine purpose. These angels are the exponents and exemplification of the element of mercy inherent in divine justice — of fairness based on the knowledge of the underlying facts of personal motives and racial tendencies.

9 This order of angels serves from the councils of the Planetary Princes to the highest tribunals of the local universe, while their associates of the Seraphic Corps of Completion function in the higher realms of Orvonton, even to the courts of the Ancients of

Days on Uversa.

10 3. *Universe Orientators.* These are the true friends and postgraduate counsellors of all those ascending creatures who are pausing for the last time on Salvington, in their universe of origin, as they stand on the brink of the spirit adventure stretching out before them in the vast superuniverse of Orvonton. And at such a time many an ascender has a feeling which mortals could understand only by comparison with the human emotion of nostalgia. Behind lie the realms of achievement, realms grown familiar by long service and morontia attainment; ahead lies

the challenging mystery of a greater and vaster universe.

11 It is the task of the universe orientators to facilitate the passage of the ascending pilgrims from the attained to the unattained level of universe service, to help these pilgrims in making those kaleidoscopic adjustments in the comprehension of meanings and values inherent in the realization that a first-stage spirit being stands, not at the end and climax of the local universe morontia ascent, but rather at the very bottom of the long ladder of spiritual ascent to the Universal Father on Paradise.

12 Many of the Seraphington graduates, members of the Seraphic Corps of Completion who are associated with these seraphim, engage in extensive teaching in certain Salvington schools concerned with the preparation of the creatures of Nebadon for the relationships of the next universe age.

13 4. *The Teaching Counsellors.* These angels are the invaluable assistants of the spiritual teaching corps of the local universe. Teaching counsellors are secretaries to all orders of teachers, from the Melchizedeks and the Trinity Teacher Sons down to the moron-

tia mortals who are assigned as helpers to those of their kind who are just behind them in the scale of ascendant life. You will first *see* these associate teaching seraphim on some one of the seven mansion worlds surrounding Jerusem.

14 These seraphim become associates of the division chiefs of the numerous educational and training institutions of the local universes, and they are attached in large numbers to the faculties of the seven training worlds of the local systems and of the 70 educational spheres of the constellations. These ministrations extend on down

to the individual worlds. Even the true and consecrated teachers of time are assisted, and often attended, by these counsellors of the supreme seraphim.

15 The fourth creature bestowal of the Creator Son was in the likeness of a teaching counsellor of the supreme seraphim of Nebadon.

16 5. *Directors of Assignment.* A body of 144 supreme seraphim is elected from time to time by the angels serving on the evolutionary and on the architectural spheres of creature habitation. This is the highest angelic council on any sphere, and it co-ordinates the self-directed phases of se-

raphic service and assignment. These angels preside over all seraphic assemblies pertaining to the line of duty or the call to worship.

17 6. *The Recorders.* These are the official recorders for the supreme seraphim. Many of these high angels were born with their gifts fully developed; others have qualified for their positions of trust and responsibility by diligent application to study and faithful performance of similar duties while attached to lower or less responsible orders.

18 7. *Unattached Ministers.* Large numbers of unattached seraphim of

the supreme order are self-directed servers on the architectural spheres and on the inhabited planets. Such ministers voluntarily meet the differential of demand for the service of the supreme seraphim, thus constituting the general reserve of this order.

2. SUPERIOR SERAPHIM

1 Superior seraphim receive their name, not because they are in any sense qualitatively superior to other orders of angels, but because they are in charge of the higher activities of a local universe. Very many of the first two groups of this seraphic corps

are attainment seraphim, angels who have served in all phases of training and have returned to a glorified assignment as directors of their kind in the spheres of their earlier activities. Being a young universe, Nebadon does not have many of this order.

2 The superior seraphim function in the following seven groups:

3 1. *The Intelligence Corps.* These seraphim belong to the personal staff of Gabriel, the Bright and Morning Star. They range the local universe gathering the information of the realms for his guidance in the councils of Nebadon. They are the intelli-

gence corps of the mighty hosts over which Gabriel presides as vicegerent of the Master Son. These seraphim are not directly affiliated with either the systems or the constellations, and their information pours in direct to Salvington upon a continuous, direct, and independent circuit.

4 The intelligence corps of the various local universes can and do intercommunicate but only within a given superuniverse. There is a differential of energy which effectively segregates the business and transactions of the various supergovernments. One superuniverse can ordinarily communi-

cate with another superuniverse only through the provisions and facilities of the Paradise clearinghouse.

5 2. *The Voice of Mercy.* Mercy is the keynote of seraphic service and angelic ministry. It is therefore fitting that there should be a corps of angels who, in a special manner, portray mercy. These seraphim are the real mercy ministers of the local universes. They are the inspired leaders who foster the higher impulses and holier emotions of men and angels. The directors of these legions are now always completion seraphim who are also graduate guardians of mortal des-

tiny; that is, each angelic pair has guided at least one soul of animal origin during the life in the flesh and has subsequently traversed the circles of Seraphington and has been mustered into the Seraphic Corps of Completion.

6 3. *Spirit Co-ordinators.* The third group of superior seraphim are based on Salvington but function in the local universe anywhere they can be of fruitful service. While their tasks are essentially spiritual and therefore beyond the real understanding of human minds, you will perhaps grasp something of their ministry to mortals if

it is explained that these angels are entrusted with the task of preparing the ascendant sojourners on Salvington for their last transition in the local universe — from the highest morontia level to the status of newborn spirit beings. As the mind planners on the mansion worlds help the surviving creature to adjust to, and make effective use of, the potentials of morontia mind, so do these seraphim instruct the morontia graduates on Salvington regarding the newly attained capacities of the mind of the spirit. And they serve the ascendant mortals in many other ways.

7 4. *Assistant Teachers.* The assistant teachers are the helpers and associates of their fellow seraphim, the teaching counsellors. They are also individually connected with the extensive educational enterprises of the local universe, especially with the sevenfold scheme of training operative on the mansion worlds of the local systems. A marvellous corps of this order of seraphim functions on Urantia for the purpose of fostering and furthering the cause of truth and righteousness.

8 5. *The Transporters.* All groups of ministering spirits have their trans-

port corps, angelic orders dedicated to the ministry of transporting those personalities who are unable, of themselves, to journey from one sphere to another. The fifth group of the superior seraphim are headquartered on Salvington and serve as space traversers to and from the headquarters of the local universe. Like other subdivisions of the superior seraphim, some were created as such while others have risen from the lower or less endowed groups.

9 §§ The "energy range" of seraphim is wholly adequate for local universe and even for superuniverse require-

ments, but they could never withstand the energy demands entailed by such a long journey as that from Uversa to Havona. Such an exhaustive journey requires the special powers of a primary seconaphim of transport endowments. Transporters take on energy for flight while in transit and recuperate personal power at the end of the journey.

10 §§ Even on Salvington ascending mortals do not possess personal transit forms. Ascenders must depend upon seraphic transport in advancing from world to world until after the last rest of sleep on the inner circle of

Havona and the eternal awakening on Paradise. Subsequently you will not be dependent on angels for transport from universe to universe.

11 The process of being enseraphimed is not unlike the experience of death or sleep except that there is an automatic time element in the transit slumber. You are consciously unconscious during seraphic rest. But the Thought Adjuster is wholly and fully conscious, in fact, exceptionally efficient since you are unable to oppose, resist, or otherwise hinder creative and transforming work.

12 When enseraphimed, you go to

sleep for a specified time, and you will awake at the designated moment. The length of a journey when in transit sleep is immaterial. You are not directly aware of the passing of time. It is as if you went to sleep on a transport vehicle in one city and, after resting in peaceful slumber all night, awakened in another and distant metropolis. You journeyed while you slumbered. And so you take flight through space, enseraphimed, while you rest — sleep. The transit sleep is induced by the liaison between the Adjusters and the seraphic transporters.

13 §§ The angels cannot transport

combustion bodies — flesh and blood — such as you now have, but they can transport all others, from the lowest morontia to the higher spirit forms. They do not function in the event of natural death. When you finish your earthly career, your body remains on this planet. Your Thought Adjuster proceeds to the bosom of the Father, and these angels are not directly concerned in your subsequent personality reassembly on the identification mansion world. There your new body is a morontia form, one that can enseraphim. You "sow a mortal body" in the grave; you "reap a morontia form"

on the mansion worlds.

14 6. *The Recorders.* These personalities are especially concerned with the reception, filing, and redispatch of the records of Salvington and its associated worlds. They also serve as special recorders for resident groups of superuniverse and higher personalities and as clerks of the courts of Salvington and secretaries to the rulers thereof.

15 §§ *Broadcasters* — receivers and dispatchers — are a specialized subdivision of the seraphic recorders, being concerned with the dispatch of records and with the dissemination of

essential information. Their work is of a high order, being so multicircuited that 144,000 messages can simultaneously traverse the same lines of energy. They adapt the higher ideographic techniques of the superaphic chief recorders and with these common symbols maintain reciprocal contact with both the intelligence co-ordinators of the tertiary supernaphim and the glorified intelligence co-ordinators of the Seraphic Corps of Completion.

16 Seraphic recorders of the superior order thus effect a close liaison with the intelligence corps of their own order and with all subordinate record-

ers, while the broadcasts enable them to maintain constant communication with the higher recorders of the superuniverse and, through this channel, with the recorders of Havona and the custodians of knowledge on Paradise. Many of the superior order of recorders are seraphim ascended from similar duties in lower sections of the universe.

17 7. *The Reserves.* Large reserves of all types of the superior seraphim are held on Salvington, instantly available for dispatch to the farthermost worlds of Nebadon as they are requisitioned by the directors of assignment

or upon the request of the universe administrators. The reserves of superior seraphim also furnish messenger aids upon requisition by the chief of the Brilliant Evening Stars, who is entrusted with the custody and dispatch of all personal communications. A local universe is fully provided with adequate means of intercommunication, but there is always a residue of messages which requires dispatch by personal messengers.

18 §§ The basic reserves for the entire local universe are held on the seraphic worlds of Salvington. This corps in-

cludes all types of all groups of angels.

3. SUPERVISOR SERAPHIM

1 This versatile order of universe angels is assigned to the exclusive service of the constellations. These able ministers make their headquarters on the constellation capitals but function throughout all Nebadon in the interests of their assigned realms.

2 1. *Supervising Assistants.* The first order of the supervising seraphim are assigned to the collective work of the Constellation Fathers, and they are the ever-efficient helpers of the Most Highs. These seraphim are primar-

ily concerned with the unification and stabilization of a whole constellation.

3 2. *Law Forecasters.* The intellectual foundation of justice is law, and in a local universe law originates in the legislative assemblies of the constellations. These deliberative bodies codify and formally promulgate the basic laws of Nebadon, laws designed to afford the greatest possible co-ordination of a whole constellation consistent with the fixed policy of noninfringement of the moral free will of personal creatures. It is the duty of the second order of supervisor seraphim to place before the constellation

lawmakers a forecast of how any proposed enactment would affect the lives of freewill creatures. This service they are well qualified to perform by virtue of long experience in the local systems and on the inhabited worlds. These seraphim seek no special favours for one group or another, but they do appear before the celestial lawmakers to speak for those who cannot be present to speak for themselves. Even mortal man may contribute to the evolution of universe law, for these very seraphim do faithfully and fully portray, not necessarily man's transient and conscious desires, but rather the

true longings of the inner man, the evolving morontia soul of the material mortal on the worlds of space.

4 3. *Social Architects.* From the individual planets up through the morontia training worlds, these seraphim labour to enhance all sincere social contacts and to further the social evolution of universe creatures. These are the angels who seek to divest the associations of intelligent beings of all artificiality while endeavouring to facilitate the interassociation of will creatures on a basis of real self-understanding and genuine mutual appreciation.

5 Social architects do everything

within their province and power to bring together suitable individuals that they may constitute efficient and agreeable working groups on earth; and sometimes such groups have found themselves reassociated on the mansion worlds for continued fruitful service. But not always do these seraphim attain their ends; not always are they able to bring together those who would form the most ideal group to achieve a given purpose or to accomplish a certain task; under these conditions they must utilize the best of the material available.

6 These angels continue their min-

istry on the mansion and higher morontia worlds. They are concerned with any undertaking having to do with progress on the morontia worlds and which concerns three or more persons. Two beings are regarded as operating on the mating, complemental, or partnership basis, but when three or more are grouped for service, they constitute a social problem and therefore fall within the jurisdiction of the social architects. These efficient seraphim are organized in 70 divisions on Edentia, and these divisions minister on the 70 morontia progress worlds encircling the headquarters sphere.

7 4. *Ethical Sensitizers.* It is the mission of these seraphim to foster and to promote the growth of creature appreciation of the morality of interpersonal relationships, for such is the seed and secret of the continued and purposeful growth of society and government, human or superhuman. These enhancers of ethical appreciation function anywhere and everywhere they may be of service, as volunteer counsellors to the planetary rulers and as exchange teachers on the system training worlds. You will not, however, come under their full guidance until you reach the brotherhood

schools on Edentia, where they will quicken your appreciation of those very truths of fraternity which you will even then be so earnestly exploring by the actual experience of living with the univitatia in the social laboratories of Edentia, the 70 satellites of the Norlatiadek capital.

8 5. *The Transporters.* The fifth group of supervisor seraphim operate as personality transporters, carrying beings to and from the headquarters of the constellations. Such transport seraphim, while in flight from one sphere to another, are fully conscious of their velocity, direction, and

astronomic whereabouts. They are not traversing space as would an inanimate projectile. They may pass near one another during space flight without the least danger of collision. They are fully able to vary speed of progression and to alter direction of flight, even to change destinations if their directors should so instruct them at any space junction of the universe intelligence circuits.

9 These transit personalities are so organized that they can simultaneously utilize all three of the universally distributed lines of energy, each having a clear space velocity of

299,789 km/s. These transporters are thus able to superimpose velocity of energy upon velocity of power until they attain an average speed on their long journeys varying anywhere from 885,139 to almost 899,623 km/s. The velocity is affected by the mass and proximity of neighbouring matter and by the strength and direction of the near-by main circuits of universe power. There are numerous types of beings, similar to the seraphim, who are able to traverse space, and who also are able to transport other beings who have been properly prepared.

10 6. *The Recorders.* The sixth order

of supervising seraphim act as the special recorders of constellation affairs. A large and efficient corps functions on Edentia, the headquarters of the constellation of Norlatiadek, to which your system and planet belong.

11 7. *The Reserves.* General reserves of the supervisor seraphim are held on the headquarters of the constellations. Such angelic reservists are in no sense inactive; many serve as messenger aids to the constellation rulers; others are attached to the Salvington reserves of unassigned Vorondadeks; still others may be attached to Vorondadek Sons on special assignment, such as

the Vorondadek observer, and sometimes Most High regent, of Urantia.

4. ADMINISTRATOR SERAPHIM

1 The fourth order of seraphim are assigned to the administrative duties of the local systems. They are indigenous to the system capitals but are stationed in large numbers on the mansion and morontia spheres and on the inhabited worlds. Fourth-order seraphim are by nature endowed with unusual administrative ability. They are the able assistants of the directors of the lower divisions of the universe government of a Creator Son and are

mainly occupied with the affairs of the local systems and their component worlds. They are organized for service as follows:

2 1. *Administrative Assistants.* These able seraphim are the immediate assistants of a System Sovereign, a primary Lanonandek Son. They are invaluable aids in the execution of the intricate details of the executive work of the system headquarters. They also serve as the personal agents of the system rulers, journeying back and forth in large numbers to the various transition worlds and to the inhabited planets, executing many commissions for

the welfare of the system and in the physical and biologic interests of its inhabited worlds.

3 These same seraphic administrators are also attached to the governments of the world rulers, the Planetary Princes. The majority of planets in a given universe are under the jurisdiction of a secondary Lanonandek Son, but on certain worlds, such as Urantia, there has been a miscarriage of the divine plan. In the event of the defection of a Planetary Prince, these seraphim become attached to the Melchizedek receivers and their successors in planetary authority. The

present acting ruler of Urantia is assisted by a corps of 1,000 of this versatile order of seraphim.

4 2. *Justice Guides.* These are the angels who present the summary of evidence concerning the eternal welfare of men and angels when such matters come up for adjudication in the tribunals of a system or a planet. They prepare the statements for all preliminary hearings involving mortal survival, statements which are subsequently carried with the records of such cases to the higher tribunals of the universe and the superuniverse. The defence of all cases of doubtful

survival is prepared by these seraphim, who have a perfect understanding of all the details of every feature of every count in the indictments drawn by the administrators of universe justice.

5 It is not the mission of these angels to defeat or to delay justice but rather to ensure that unerring justice is dealt out with generous mercy in fairness to all creatures. These seraphim often function on the local worlds, commonly appearing before the referee trios of the conciliating commissions — the courts for minor misunderstandings. Many who at one time served as justice guides in the lower

realms later appear as Voices of Mercy in the higher spheres and on Salvington.

6 In the Lucifer rebellion in Satania very few of the justice guides were lost, but more than one quarter of the other administrator seraphim and of the lower orders of seraphic ministers were misled and deluded by the sophistries of unbridled personal liberty.

7 3. *Interpreters of Cosmic Citizenship.* When ascending mortals have completed the mansion world training, the first student apprenticeship in the universe career, they are permitted to enjoy the transient satisfactions

of relative maturity — citizenship on the system capital. While the attainment of each ascendant goal is a factual achievement, in the larger sense such goals are simply milestones on the long ascending path to Paradise. But however relative such successes may be, no evolutionary creature is ever denied the full though transient satisfaction of goal attainment. Ever and anon there is a pause in the Paradise ascent, a short breathing spell, during which universe horizons stand still, creature status is stationary, and the personality tastes the sweetness of goal fulfilment.

8 The first of such periods in the career of a mortal ascender occurs on the capital of a local system. During this pause you will, as a citizen of Jerusem, attempt to express in creature life those things which you have acquired during the eight preceding life experiences — embracing Urantia and the seven mansion worlds.

9 The seraphic interpreters of cosmic citizenship guide the new citizens of the system capitals and quicken their appreciation of the responsibilities of universe government. These seraphim are also closely associated with the Material Sons in the system

administration, while they portray the responsibility and morality of cosmic citizenship to the material mortals on the inhabited worlds.

10 4. *Quickeners of Morality.* On the mansion worlds you begin to learn self-government for the benefit of all concerned. Your mind learns co-operation, learns how to plan with other and wiser beings. On the system headquarters the seraphic teachers will further quicken your appreciation of cosmic morality — of the interactions of liberty and loyalty.

11 What is loyalty? It is the fruit of an intelligent appreciation of universe

brotherhood; one could not take so much and give nothing. As you ascend the personality scale, first you learn to be loyal, then to love, then to be filial, and then may you be free; but not until you are a finaliter, not until you have attained perfection of loyalty, can you self-realize finality of liberty.

12 §§ These seraphim teach the fruitfulness of patience: That stagnation is certain death, but that overrapid growth is equally suicidal; that as a drop of water from a higher level falls to a lower and, flowing onward, passes ever downward through a succession of short falls, so ever upward is prog-

ress in the morontia and spirit worlds — and just as slowly and by just such gradual stages.

13 To the inhabited worlds the quickeners of morality portray mortal life as an unbroken chain of many links. Your short sojourn on Urantia, on this sphere of mortal infancy, is only a single link, the very first in the long chain that is to stretch across universes and through the eternal ages. It is not so much what you learn in this first life; it is the experience of living this life that is important. Even the *work* of this world, paramount though it is, is not nearly so important as the *way* in

which you do this work. There is no material reward for righteous living, but there is profound satisfaction — consciousness of achievement — and this transcends any conceivable material reward.

14 The keys of the kingdom of heaven are: sincerity, more sincerity, and more sincerity. All men have these keys. Men use them — advance in spirit status — by decisions, by more decisions, and by more decisions. The highest moral choice is the choice of the highest possible value, and always — in any sphere, in all of them — this is to choose to do the will of God. If

man thus chooses, he *is* great, though he be the humblest citizen of Jerusem or even the least of mortals on Urantia.

15 5. *The Transporters.* These are the transport seraphim who function in the local systems. In Satania, your system, they carry passengers back and forth from Jerusem and otherwise serve as interplanetary transporters. Seldom does a day pass in which a transport seraphim of Satania does not deposit some student visitor or some other traveller of spirit or semispirit nature on the shores of Urantia. These very space traversers will sometime carry you to and from

the various worlds of the system headquarters group, and when you have finished the Jerusem assignment, they will carry you forward to Edentia. But under no circumstances will they carry you backward to the world of human origin. A mortal never returns to his native planet during the dispensation of his temporal existence, and if he should return during a subsequent dispensation, he would be escorted by a transport seraphim of the universe headquarters group.

16 6. *The Recorders.* These seraphim are the keepers of the threefold records of the local systems. The tem-

ple of records on a system capital is a unique structure, one third material, constructed of luminous metals and crystals; one third morontial, fabricated of the liaison of spiritual and material energy but beyond the range of mortal vision; and one third spiritual. The recorders of this order preside over and maintain this threefold system of records. Ascending mortals will at first consult the material archives, Material Sons and the higher transition beings consult those of the morontia halls, while seraphim and the higher spirit personalities of the realm peruse the records of the spirit

section.

17 7. *The Reserves.* The reserve corps of administrator seraphim on Jerusem spend much of their waiting time in visiting, as spirit companions, with the newly arrived ascending mortals from the various worlds of the system — the accredited graduates of the mansion worlds. One of the delights of your sojourn on Jerusem will be to talk and visit, during recess periods, with these much-travelled and many-experienced seraphim of the waiting reserve corps.

18 It is just such friendly relationships as these that so endear a system capital

to the ascending mortals. On Jerusem you will find the first intermingling of Material Sons, angels, and ascending pilgrims. Here fraternize beings who are wholly spiritual and semispiritual and individuals just emerging from material existence. Mortal forms are there so modified and human ranges of light reaction so extended that all are able to enjoy mutual recognition and sympathetic personality understanding.

5. PLANETARY HELPERS

1 These seraphim maintain headquarters on the system capitals and,

though closely associated with the resident Adamic citizens, are primarily assigned to the service of the Planetary Adams, the biologic or physical uplifters of the material races on the evolutionary worlds. The ministering work of angels becomes of increasing interest as it nears the inhabited worlds, as it nears the actual problems faced by the men and women of time who are preparing themselves for the attempt to attain the goal of eternity.

2 On Urantia the majority of the planetary helpers were removed upon the collapse of the Adamic regime, and the seraphic supervision of your

world devolved to a greater extent upon the administrators, the transition ministers, and the guardians of destiny. But these seraphic aids of your defaulting Material Sons still serve Urantia in the following groups:

3 1. *The Voices of the Garden.* When the planetary course of human evolution is attaining its highest biologic level, there always appear the Material Sons and Daughters, the Adams and Eves, to augment the further evolution of the races by an actual contribution of their superior life plasm. The planetary headquarters of such an Adam and Eve is usu-

ally denominated the Garden of Eden, and their personal seraphim are often known as the "voices of the Garden." These seraphim are of invaluable service to the Planetary Adams in all their projects for the physical and intellectual upstepping of the evolutionary races. After the Adamic default on Urantia, some of these seraphim were left on the planet and were assigned to Adam's successors in authority.

4 2. *The Spirits of Brotherhood.* It should be apparent that, when an Adam and Eve arrive on an evolutionary world, the task of achieving racial harmony and social co-opera-

tion among its diverse races is one of considerable proportions. Seldom do these races of different colours and varied natures take kindly to the plan of human brotherhood. These primitive men only come to realize the wisdom of peaceful interassociation as a result of ripened human experience and through the faithful ministry of the seraphic spirits of brotherhood. Without the work of these seraphim the efforts of the Material Sons to harmonize and advance the races of an evolving world would be greatly delayed. And had your Adam adhered to the original plan for the advancement

of Urantia, by this time these spirits of brotherhood would have worked unbelievable transformations in the human race. In view of the Adamic default, it is indeed remarkable that these seraphic orders have been able to foster and bring to realization even as much of brotherhood as you now have on Urantia.

5 3. *The Souls of Peace.* The early millenniums of the upward strivings of evolutionary men are marked by many a struggle. Peace is not the natural state of the material realms. The worlds first realize "peace on earth and good will among men" through

the ministry of the seraphic souls of peace. Although these angels were largely thwarted in their early efforts on Urantia, Vevona, chief of the souls of peace in Adam's day, was left on Urantia and is now attached to the staff of the resident governor general. And it was this same Vevona who, when Michael was born, heralded to the worlds, as the leader of the angelic host, "Glory to God in Havona and on earth peace and good will among men."

6 In the more advanced epochs of planetary evolution these seraphim are instrumental in supplanting the

atonement idea by the concept of divine attunement as a philosophy of mortal survival.

7 4. *The Spirits of Trust.* Suspicion is the inherent reaction of primitive men; the survival struggles of the early ages do not naturally breed trust. Trust is a new human acquisition brought about by the ministry of these planetary seraphim of the Adamic regime. It is their mission to inculcate trust into the minds of evolving men. The Gods are very trustful; the Universal Father is willing freely to trust himself — the Adjuster — to man's association.

8 This entire group of seraphim was transferred to the new regime after the Adamic miscarriage, and they have ever since continued their labours on Urantia. And they have not been wholly unsuccessful since a civilization is now evolving which embodies much of their ideals of confidence and trust.

9 In the more advanced planetary ages these seraphim enhance man's appreciation of the truth that uncertainty is the secret of contented continuity. They help the mortal philosophers to realize that, when ignorance is essential to success, it would be a colossal blunder for the creature to

know the future. They heighten man's taste for the sweetness of uncertainty, for the romance and charm of the indefinite and unknown future.

10 5. *The Transporters.* The planetary transporters serve the individual worlds. The majority of enseraphimed beings brought to this planet are in transit; they merely stop over; they are in custody of their own special seraphic transporters; but there are a large number of such seraphim stationed on Urantia. These are the transport personalities operating from the local planets, as from Urantia to Jerusem.

11 §§ Your conventional idea of angels has been derived in the following way: During moments just prior to physical death a reflective phenomenon sometimes occurs in the human mind, and this dimming consciousness seems to visualize something of the form of the attending angel, and this is immediately translated into terms of the habitual concept of angels held in that individual's mind.

12 The erroneous idea that angels possess wings is not wholly due to olden notions that they must have wings to fly through the air. Human beings have sometimes been per-

mitted to observe seraphim that were being prepared for transport service, and the traditions of these experiences have largely determined the Urantian concept of angels. In observing a transport seraphim being made ready to receive a passenger for interplanetary transit, there may be seen what are apparently double sets of wings extending from the head to the foot of the angel. In reality these wings are energy insulators — friction shields.

13 §§ When celestial beings are to be enseraphimed for transfer from one world to another, they are brought to the headquarters of the sphere and, af-

ter due registry, are inducted into the transit sleep. Meantime, the transport seraphim moves into a horizontal position immediately above the universe energy pole of the planet. While the energy shields are wide open, the sleeping personality is skillfully deposited, by the officiating seraphic assistants, directly on top of the transport angel. Then both the upper and lower pairs of shields are carefully closed and adjusted.

14 And now, under the influence of the transformers and the transmitters, a strange metamorphosis begins as the seraphim is made ready to swing into

the energy currents of the universe circuits. To outward appearance the seraphim grows pointed at both extremities and becomes so enshrouded in a queer light of amber hue that very soon it is impossible to distinguish the enseraphimed personality. When all is in readiness for departure, the chief of transport makes the proper inspection of the carriage of life, carries out the routine tests to ascertain whether or not the angel is properly encircuited, and then announces that the traveller is properly enseraphimed, that the energies are adjusted, that the angel is insulated, and that everything

is in readiness for the departing flash. The mechanical controllers, two of them, next take their positions. By this time the transport seraphim has become an almost transparent, vibrating, torpedo-shaped outline of glistening luminosity. Now the transport dispatcher of the realm summons the auxiliary batteries of the living energy transmitters, usually 1,000 in number; as he announces the destination of the transport, he reaches out and touches the near point of the seraphic carriage, which shoots forward with lightning-like speed, leaving a trail of celestial luminosity as far as the planetary at-

mospheric investment extends. In less than 10 minutes the marvellous spectacle will be lost even to reinforced seraphic vision.

15 §§ While planetary space reports are received at noon at the meridian of the designated spiritual headquarters, the transporters are dispatched from this same place at midnight. That is the most favourable time for departure and is the standard hour when not otherwise specified.

16 6. *The Recorders.* These are the custodians of the major affairs of the planet as it functions as a part of the system, and as it is related to, and

concerned in, the universe government. They function in the recording of planetary affairs but are not concerned with matters of individual life and existence.

17 7. *The Reserves.* The Satania reserve corps of the planetary seraphim is maintained on Jerusem in close association with the reserves of the Material Sons. These abundant reserves repletely provide for every phase of the manifold activities of this seraphic order. These angels are also the personal message bearers of the local systems. They serve transition mortals, angels, and the Material Sons as well as

others domiciled on the system headquarters. While Urantia is, at present, outside the spiritual circuits of Satania and Norlatiadek, you are otherwise in intimate touch with interplanetary affairs, for these messengers from Jerusem frequently come to this world as to all the other spheres of the system.

6. TRANSITION MINISTERS

1 As their name might suggest, seraphim of transitional ministry serve wherever they can contribute to creature transition from the material to the spiritual estate. These angels serve from the inhabited worlds to the sys-

tem capitals, but those in Satania at present direct their greatest efforts toward the education of the surviving mortals on the seven mansion worlds. This ministry is diversified in accordance with the following seven orders of assignment:

2 1. Seraphic Evangels.
3 2. Racial Interpreters.
4 3. Mind Planners.
5 4. Morontia Counsellors.
6 5. Technicians.
7 6. Recorder-Teachers.
8 7. Ministering Reserves.

9 §§ More about these seraphic ministers to transitional ascenders you will

learn in connection with the narratives dealing with the mansion worlds and the morontia life.

7. SERAPHIM OF THE FUTURE

1 These angels do not minister extensively except in older realms and on the more advanced planets of Nebadon. Large numbers of them are held in reserve on the seraphic worlds near Salvington, where they are engaged in pursuits relevant to the sometime dawning of the age of light and life in Nebadon. These seraphim do function in connection with the ascendant-mortal career but minister al-

most exclusively to those mortals who survive by some one of the modified orders of ascension.

2 Inasmuch as these angels are not now directly concerned with either Urantia or Urantians, it is deemed best to withhold the description of their fascinating activities.

8. SERAPHIC DESTINY

1 Seraphim are of origin in the local universes, and in these very realms of their nativity some achieve service destiny. With the help and counsel of the senior archangels some seraphim may be elevated to the exalted

duties of Brilliant Evening Stars, while others attain the status and service of the unrevealed co-ordinates of the Evening Stars. Still other adventures in local universe destiny may be attempted, but Seraphington ever remains the eternal goal of all angels. Seraphington is the angelic threshold to Paradise and Deity attainment, the transition sphere from the ministry of time to the exalted service of eternity.

2 §§ Seraphim may attain Paradise in scores — hundreds — of ways, but the most important as elaborated in these narratives are the following:

3 1. To gain admission to the Par-

adise seraphic abode in a personal capacity by achieving perfection of specialized service as a celestial artisan, a Technical Adviser, or a Celestial Recorder. To become a Paradise Companion and, having thus attained the centre of all things, perhaps then to become an eternal minister and adviser to the seraphic orders and others.

4 2. To be summoned to Seraphington. Under certain conditions seraphim are commanded on high; in other circumstances angels sometimes achieve Paradise in a much shorter time than mortals. But no matter how fitted any seraphic pair may be, they

cannot initiate departure for Seraphington or elsewhere. None but successful destiny guardians can be sure of proceeding to Paradise by a progressive path of evolutionary ascent. All others must patiently await the arrival of the Paradise messengers of the tertiary supernaphim who come with the summons commanding them to appear on high.

5 3. To attain Paradise by the evolutionary mortal technique. The supreme choice of seraphim in the career of time is the post of guardian angel in order that they may attain the career of finality and be qualified for assign-

ment to the eternal spheres of seraphic service. Such personal guides of the children of time are called guardians of destiny, signifying that they guard mortal creatures in the path of divine destiny, and that in so doing they are determining their own high destiny.

6 Guardians of destiny are drawn from the ranks of the more experienced angelic personalities of all orders of seraphim who have qualified for this service. All surviving mortals of Adjuster-fusion destiny have temporary guardians assigned, and these associates may become permanently attached when mortal survivors attain

the requisite intellectual and spiritual development. Before mortal ascenders leave the mansion worlds, they all have permanent seraphic associates. This group of ministering spirits is discussed in connection with the Urantia narratives.

7 §§ It is not possible for angels to attain God from the human level of origin, for they are created a "little higher than you"; but it has been wisely arranged that, while they cannot possibly start up from the very bottom, the spiritual lowlands of mortal existence, they may go down to those who do start from the bottom and pilot such

creatures, step by step, world by world, to the portals of Havona. When mortal ascenders leave Uversa to begin the circles of Havona, those guardians of attachment subsequent to the life in the flesh will bid their pilgrim associates a temporary farewell while they journey to Seraphington, the angelic destination of the grand universe. Here will these guardians attempt, and undoubtedly achieve, the seven circles of seraphic light.

8 Many, but not all, of those seraphim assigned as destiny guardians during the material life accompany their mortal associates through the

Havona circles, and certain other seraphim pass through the circuits of the central universe in a way that is wholly different from the mortal ascent. But irrespective of the route of ascent, all evolutionary seraphim traverse Seraphington, and the majority pass through this experience instead of the Havona circuits.

9 §§ Seraphington is the destiny sphere for angels, and their attainment of this world is quite different from the experiences of the mortal pilgrims on Ascendington. Angels are not absolutely sure of their eternal future until they have attained Seraphington. No

angel attaining Seraphington has ever been known to go astray; sin will never find response in the heart of a seraphim of completion.

10 The graduates of Seraphington are variously assigned: Destiny guardians of Havona-circle experience usually enter the Mortal Finaliter Corps. Other guardians, having passed their Havona separation tests, frequently rejoin their mortal associates on Paradise, and some become the everlasting associates of the mortal finaliters, while others enter the various nonmortal finaliter corps, and many are mustered into the Corps of Seraphic

Completion.

9. THE CORPS OF SERAPHIC COMPLETION

1 After attainment of the Father of spirits and admission to the seraphic service of completion, angels are sometimes assigned to the ministry of worlds settled in light and life. They gain attachment to the high trinitized beings of the universes and to the exalted services of Paradise and Havona. These seraphim of the local universes have experientially compensated the differential in divinity potential formerly setting them apart from the ministering spirits of the cen-

tral and superuniverses. Angels of the Seraphic Corps of Completion serve as associates of the superuniverse seconaphim and as assistants to the high Paradise-Havona orders of supernaphim. For such angels the career of time is finished; henceforth and forever they are the servants of God, the consorts of divine personalities, and the peers of the Paradise finaliters.

2 Large numbers of the completion seraphim return to their native universes, there to complement the ministry of divine endowment by the ministry of experiential perfection. Nebadon is, comparatively speaking, one of the

younger universes and therefore does not have so many of these returned Seraphington graduates as would be found in an older realm; nonetheless our local universe is adequately supplied with the completion seraphim, for it is significant that the evolutionary realms disclose increasing need for their services as they near the status of light and life. Completion seraphim now serve more extensively with the supreme orders of seraphim, but some serve with each of the other angelic orders. Even your world enjoys the extensive ministry of 12 specialized groups of the Seraphic Corps of

Completion; these master seraphim of planetary supervision accompany each newly commissioned Planetary Prince to the inhabited worlds.

3 Many fascinating avenues of ministry are open to the completion seraphim, but just as they all craved assignment as destiny guardians in the pre-Paradise days, so in the post-Paradise experience they most desire to serve as bestowal attendants of the incarnated Paradise Sons. They are still supremely devoted to that universal plan of starting the mortal creatures of the evolutionary worlds out upon the long and enticing journey towards the

Paradise goal of divinity and eternity. Throughout the whole mortal adventure of finding God and of achieving divine perfection, these spirit ministers of seraphic completion, together with the faithful ministering spirits of time, are always and forever your true friends and unfailing helpers.

4 [Presented by a Melchizedek acting by request of the Chief of the Seraphic Hosts of Nebadon.]

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THE ASCENDING SONS OF GOD

Mighty Messenger

As in many of the major groups of universe beings, seven general classes of the Ascending Sons of God have been revealed:

2 1. Father-fused Mortals.

3 2. Son-fused Mortals.

4 3. Spirit-fused Mortals.

5 4. Evolutionary Seraphim.

6 5. Ascending Material Sons.

7 6. Translated Midwayers.

8 7. Personalized Adjusters.

9 §§ The story of these beings, from the lowly animal-origin mortals of the evolutionary worlds to the Personalized Adjusters of the Universal Father, presents a glorious recital of the unstinted bestowal of divine love and gracious condescension throughout all time and in all universes of the far-flung creation of the Paradise Deities.

10 These presentations began with a description of the Deities, and group by group, the narrative has descended the universal scale of living beings un-

til it has reached the lowest order of life endowed with the potential of immortality; and now am I dispatched from Salvington — onetime a mortal of origin on an evolutionary world of space — to elaborate and continue the recital of the eternal purpose of the Gods respecting the ascending orders of sonship, more particularly with regard to the mortal creatures of time and space.

11 Since the greater part of this narrative will be devoted to a discussion of the three basic orders of ascending mortals, consideration will first be given to the nonmortal ascending or-

ders of sonship — seraphic, Adamic, midwayer, and Adjuster.

1. EVOLUTIONARY SERAPHIM

1 Mortal creatures of animal origin are not the only beings privileged to enjoy sonship; the angelic hosts also share the supernal opportunity to attain Paradise. Guardian seraphim, through experience and service with the ascending mortals of time, also achieve the status of ascendant sonship. Such angels attain Paradise through Seraphington, and many are even mustered into the Corps of Mortal Finality.

2 To climb to the supernal heights of finaliter sonship with God is a masterly achievement for an angel, an accomplishment far transcending your attainment of eternal survival through the plan of the Eternal Son and the ever-present help of the indwelling Adjuster; but the guardian seraphim, and occasionally others, do actually effect such ascensions.

2. ASCENDING MATERIAL SONS

1 The Material Sons of God are created in the local universe along with the Melchizedeks and their associates, who are all classified as de-

scending Sons. And indeed, the Planetary Adams — the Material Sons and Daughters of the evolutionary worlds — are descending Sons, coming down to the inhabited worlds from their spheres of origin, the capitals of the local systems.

2 When such an Adam and Eve are wholly successful in their joint planetary mission as biologic uplifters, they share the destiny of the inhabitants of their world. When such a world is settled in the advanced stages of light and life, this faithful Material Son and Daughter are permitted to resign all planetary administrative duties, and

after being thus liberated from the descending adventure, they are permitted to register themselves as perfected Material Sons on the records of the local universe. Likewise, when planetary assignment is long delayed, may the Material Sons of stationary status — the citizens of the local systems — withdraw from the activities of their status spheres and similarly register as perfected Material Sons. After these formalities such liberated Adams and Eves are accredited as ascending Sons of God and may immediately begin the long journey to Havona and Paradise, starting at the exact point of their

then present status and spiritual attainment. And they make this journey in company with the mortal and other ascending Sons, continuing until they have found God and have achieved the Corps of Mortal Finality in the eternal service of the Paradise Deities.

3. TRANSLATED MIDWAYERS

1 Although deprived of the immediate benefits of the planetary bestowals of the descending Sons of God, though the Paradise ascent is long deferred, nevertheless, soon after an evolutionary planet has attained the intermediate epochs of light and

life (if not before), both groups of midway creatures are released from planetary duty. Sometimes the majority of them are translated, along with their human cousins, on the day of the descent of the temple of light and the elevation of the Planetary Prince to the dignity of Planetary Sovereign. Upon being relieved of planetary service, both orders are registered in the local universe as ascending Sons of God and immediately begin the long Paradise ascent by the very routes ordained for the progression of the mortal races of the material worlds. The primary group are destined to various

finaliter corps, but the secondary or Adamic midwayers are all routed for enrolment in the Mortal Corps of Finality.

4. PERSONALIZED ADJUSTERS

1 When the mortals of time fail to achieve the eternal survival of their souls in planetary association with the spirit gifts of the Universal Father, such failure is never in any way due to neglect of duty, ministry, service, or devotion on the part of the Adjuster. At mortal death, such deserted Monitors return to Divinington, and sub-

sequently, following the adjudication of the nonsurvivor, they may be reassigned to the worlds of time and space. Sometimes, after repeated services of this sort or following some unusual experience, such as functioning as the indwelling Adjuster of an incarnated bestowal Son, these efficient Adjusters are personalized by the Universal Father.

2 Personalized Adjusters are beings of a unique and unfathomable order. Originally of existential prepersonal status, they have experientialized by participation in the lives and careers of the lowly mortals of the ma-

terial worlds. And since the personality bestowed upon these experienced Thought Adjusters takes origin, and has its wellspring, in the Universal Father's personal and continuing ministry of the bestowals of experiential personality upon his creature creation, these Personalized Adjusters are classified as ascending Sons of God, the highest of all such orders of sonship.

5. MORTALS OF TIME AND SPACE

1 Mortals represent the last link in the chain of those beings who are called sons of God. The personal touch of the Original and Eternal Son

passes on down through a series of decreasingly divine and increasingly human personalizations until there arrives a being much like yourselves, one you can see, hear, and touch. And then you are made spiritually aware of the great truth which your faith may grasp — sonship with the eternal God!

2 Likewise does the Original and Infinite Spirit, by a long series of decreasingly divine and increasingly human orders, draw nearer and nearer to the struggling creatures of the realms, reaching the limit of expression in the angels — than whom you were created but a little lower — who personally

guard and guide you in the life journey of the mortal career of time.

3 God the Father does not, cannot, thus downstep himself to make such near personal contact with the almost limitless number of ascending creatures throughout the universe of universes. But the Father is not deprived of personal contact with his lowly creatures; you are not without the divine presence. Although God the Father cannot be with you by direct personality manifestation, he is in you and of you in the identity of the indwelling Thought Adjusters, the divine Monitors. Thus does the Father,

who is the farthest from you in personality and in spirit, draw the nearest to you in the personality circuit and in the spirit touch of inner communion with the very souls of his mortal sons and daughters.

4 §§ Spirit identification constitutes the secret of personal survival and determines the destiny of spiritual ascension. And since the Thought Adjusters are the only spirits of fusion potential to be identified with man during the life in the flesh, the mortals of time and space are primarily classified in accordance with their relation to these divine gifts, the indwelling Mys-

tery Monitors. This classification is as follows:

5 1. Mortals of the transient or experiential Adjuster sojourn.

6 2. Mortals of the non-Adjuster-fusion types.

7 3. Mortals of Adjuster-fusion potential.

8 §§ *Series one — mortals of the transient or experiential Adjuster sojourn.* This series designation is temporary for any evolving planet, being used during the early stages of all inhabited worlds except those of the second series.

9 Mortals of series one inhabit the worlds of space during the earlier epochs of the evolution of mankind and embrace the most primitive types of human minds. On many worlds like pre-Adamic Urantia great numbers of the higher and more advanced types of primitive men acquire survival capacity but fail to attain Adjuster fusion. For ages upon ages, before man's ascent to the level of higher spiritual volition, the Adjusters occupy the minds of these struggling creatures during their short lives in the flesh, and the moment such will creatures are indwelt by Adjusters, the group guard-

ian angels begin to function. While these mortals of the first series do not have personal guardians, they do have group custodians.

10 An experiential Adjuster remains with a primitive human being throughout his entire lifetime in the flesh. The Adjusters contribute much to the advancement of primitive men but are unable to form eternal unions with such mortals. This transient ministry of the Adjusters accomplishes two things: First, they gain valuable and actual experience in the nature and working of the evolutionary intellect, an experience which will be invalu-

able in connection with later contacts on other worlds with beings of higher development. Second, the transient sojourn of the Adjusters contributes much towards preparing their mortal subjects for possible subsequent Spirit fusion. All God-seeking souls of this type achieve eternal life through the spiritual embrace of the Mother Spirit of the local universe, thus becoming ascending mortals of the local universe regime. Many persons from pre-Adamic Urantia were thus advanced to the mansion worlds of Satania.

11 §§ The Gods who ordained that mortal man should climb to higher

levels of spiritual intelligence through long ages of evolutionary trials and tribulations, take note of his status and needs at every stage of the ascent; and always are they divinely fair and just, even charmingly merciful, in the final judgments of these struggling mortals of the early days of the evolving races.

12 §§ *Series two — mortals of the non-Adjuster-fusion types.* These are specialized types of human beings who are not able to effect eternal union with their indwelling Adjusters. Type classification among the one-, two-, and three-brained races is not a factor in Adjuster fusion; all such mor-

tals are akin, but these non-Adjuster-fusion types are a wholly different and markedly modified order of will creatures. Many of the nonbreathers belong to this series, and there are numerous other groups who do not ordinarily fuse with Adjusters.

13 Like series number one, each member of this group enjoys the ministry of a single Adjuster during lifetime in the flesh. During temporal life these Adjusters do everything for their subjects of temporary indwelling that is done on other worlds where the mortals are of fusion potential. The mortals of this second series are of-

ten indwelt by virgin Adjusters, but the higher human types are often in liaison with masterful and experienced Monitors.

14 In the ascendant plan for upstepping the animal-origin creatures, these beings enjoy the same devoted service of the Sons of God as is extended to the Urantia type of mortals. Seraphic co-operation with Adjusters on the nonfusion planets is just as fully provided as on the worlds of fusion potential; the guardians of destiny minister on such spheres just as on Urantia and similarly function at the time of mortal survival, at which time the

surviving soul becomes Spirit fused.

15 When you encounter these modified mortal types on the mansion worlds, you will find no difficulty in communicating with them. There they speak the same system language but by a modified technique. These beings are identical with your order of creature life in spirit and personality manifestations, differing only in certain physical features and in the fact that they are nonfusible with Thought Adjusters.

16 As to just why this type of creature is never able to fuse with the Adjusters of the Universal Father, I am

unable to say. Some of us incline to the belief that the Life Carriers, in their efforts to formulate beings capable of maintaining existence in an unusual planetary environment, are confronted with the necessity of making such radical modifications in the universe plan of intelligent will creatures that it becomes inherently impossible to bring about permanent union with the Adjusters. Often have we asked: Is this an intended or an unintended part of the ascension plan? but we have not found the answer.

17 §§ *Series three — mortals of Adjuster-fusion potential.* All Father-fused mor-

tals are of animal origin, just like the Urantia races. They embrace mortals of the one-brained, two-brained, and three-brained types of Adjuster-fusion potential. Urantians are of the intermediate or two-brained type, being in many ways humanly superior to the one-brained groups but definitely limited in comparison with the three-brained orders. These three types of physical-brain endowment are not factors in Adjuster bestowal, in seraphic service, or in any other phase of spirit ministry. The intellectual and spiritual differential between the three brain types characterizes indi-

viduals who are otherwise quite alike in mind endowment and spiritual potential, being greatest in the temporal life and tending to diminish as the mansion worlds are traversed one by one. From the system headquarters on, the progression of these three types is the same, and their eventual Paradise destiny is identical.

18 §§ *The unnumbered series.* These narratives cannot possibly embrace all of the fascinating variations in the evolutionary worlds. You know that every tenth world is a decimal or experimental planet, but you know nothing of the other variables that punctuate the

processional of the evolutionary spheres. There are differences too numerous to narrate even between the revealed orders of living creatures as between planets of the same group, but this presentation makes clear the essential differences in relation to the ascension career. And the ascension career is the most important factor in any consideration of the mortals of time and space.

19 §§ As to the chances of mortal survival, let it be made forever clear: All souls of every possible phase of mortal existence will survive provided they manifest willingness to co-op-

erate with their indwelling Adjusters and exhibit a desire to find God and to attain divine perfection, even though these desires be but the first faint flickers of the primitive comprehension of that "true light which lights every man who comes into the world."

6. THE FAITH SONS OF GOD

1 The mortal races stand as the representatives of the lowest order of intelligent and personal creation. You mortals are divinely beloved, and every one of you may choose to accept the certain destiny of a glorious experience, but you are not yet by nature of

the divine order; you are wholly mortal. You will be reckoned as ascending sons the instant fusion takes place, but the status of the mortals of time and space is that of faith sons prior to the event of the final amalgamation of the surviving mortal soul with some type of eternal and immortal spirit.

2 It is a solemn and supernal fact that such lowly and material creatures as Urantia human beings are the sons of God, faith children of the Highest. "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." "As many as received him, to them

gave he the power to recognize that they are the sons of God." While "it does not yet appear what you shall be," even now "you are the faith sons of God"; "for you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship, whereby you cry, 'our Father.'" Spoke the prophet of old in the name of the eternal God: "Even to them will I give in my house a place and a name better than sons; I will give them an everlasting name, one that shall not be cut off." "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the spirit of his Son into your hearts."

3 All evolutionary worlds of mortal habitation harbour these faith sons of God, sons of grace and mercy, mortal beings belonging to the divine family and accordingly called the sons of God. Urantia mortals are entitled to regard themselves as being the sons of God because:

4 1. You are sons of spiritual promise, faith sons; you have accepted the status of sonship. You believe in the reality of your sonship, and thus does your sonship with God become eternally real.

5 2. A Creator Son of God became one of you; he is your elder

brother in fact; and if in spirit you become truly related brothers of Christ, the victorious Michael, then in spirit must you also be sons of that Father which you have in common — even the Universal Father of all.

6 3. You are sons because the spirit of a Son has been poured out upon you, has been freely and certainly bestowed upon all Urantia races. This spirit ever draws you toward the divine Son, who is its source, and toward the Paradise Father, who is the source of that divine Son.

7 4. Of his divine free-willness, the Universal Father has given you your

creature personalities. You have been endowed with a measure of that divine spontaneity of freewill action which God shares with all who may become his sons.

8 5. There dwells within you a fragment of the Universal Father, and you are thus directly related to the divine Father of all the Sons of God.

7. FATHER-FUSED MORTALS

1 The sending of Adjusters, their indwelling, is indeed one of the unfathomable mysteries of God the Father. These fragments of the divine nature of the Universal Father carry with

them the potential of creature immortality. Adjusters are immortal spirits, and union with them confers eternal life upon the soul of the fused mortal.

2 Your own races of surviving mortals belong to this group of the ascending Sons of God. You are now planetary sons, evolutionary creatures derived from the Life Carrier implantations and modified by the Adamic-life infusion, hardly yet ascending sons; but you are indeed sons of ascension potential — even to the highest heights of glory and divinity attainment — and this spiritual status of ascending sonship you may attain

by faith and by freewill co-operation with the spiritualizing activities of the indwelling Adjuster. When you and your Adjusters are finally and forever fused, when you two are made one, even as in Christ Michael the Son of God and the Son of Man are one, then in fact have you become the ascending sons of God.

3 The details of the Adjuster career of indwelling ministry on a probationary and evolutionary planet are not a part of my assignment; the elaboration of this great truth embraces your whole career. I include the mention of certain Adjuster functions in order

to make a replete statement regarding Adjuster-fused mortals. These indwelling fragments of God are with your order of being from the early days of physical existence through all of the ascending career in Nebadon and Orvonton and on through Havona to Paradise itself. Thereafter, in the eternal adventure, this same Adjuster is one with you and of you.

4 These are the mortals who have been commanded by the Universal Father, "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect." The Father has bestowed himself upon you, placed his own spirit within you; *therefore* does he demand

ultimate perfection of you. The narrative of human ascent from the mortal spheres of time to the divine realms of eternity constitutes an intriguing recital not included in my assignment, but this supernal adventure should be the supreme study of mortal man.

5 Fusion with a fragment of the Universal Father is equivalent to a divine validation of eventual Paradise attainment, and such Adjuster-fused mortals are the only class of human beings who all traverse the Havona circuits and find God on Paradise. To the Adjuster-fused mortal the career of universal service is wide open. What

dignity of destiny and glory of attainment await every one of you! Do you fully appreciate what has been done for you? Do you comprehend the grandeur of the heights of eternal achievement which are spread out before you? — even you who now trudge on in the lowly path of life through your so-called "vale of tears"?

8. SON-FUSED MORTALS

1 While practically all surviving mortals are fused with their Adjusters on one of the mansion worlds or immediately upon their arrival on the higher morontia spheres, there are cer-

tain cases of delayed fusion, some not experiencing this final surety of survival until they reach the last educational worlds of the universe headquarters; and a few of these mortal candidates for never-ending life utterly fail to attain identity fusion with their faithful Adjusters.

2 Such mortals have been deemed worthy of survival by the adjudicational authorities, and even their Adjusters, by returning from Divinington, have concurred in their ascension to the mansion worlds. Such beings have ascended through a system, a constellation, and through the edu-

cational worlds of the Salvington circuit; they have enjoyed the "seventy times seven" opportunities for fusion and still have been unable to attain oneness with their Adjusters.

3 When it becomes apparent that some synchronizing difficulty is inhibiting Father fusion, the survival referees of the Creator Son are convened. And when this court of inquiry, sanctioned by a personal representative of the Ancients of Days, finally determines that the ascending mortal is not guilty of any discoverable cause for failure to attain fusion, they so certify on the records of the local universe

and duly transmit this finding to the Ancients of Days. Thereupon does the indwelling Adjuster return forthwith to Divinington for confirmation by the Personalized Monitors, and upon this leave-taking the morontia mortal is immediately fused with an individualized gift of the spirit of the Creator Son.

4 §§ Much as the morontia spheres of Nebadon are shared with the Spirit-fused mortals, so do these Son-fused creatures share the services of Orvonton with their Adjuster-fused brethren who are journeying inward towards the far-distant Isle of Paradise.

They are truly your brethren, and you will greatly enjoy their association as you pass through the training worlds of the superuniverse.

5 Son-fused mortals are not a numerous group, there being less than 1,000,000 of them in the superuniverse of Orvonton. Aside from residential destiny on Paradise they are in every way the equals of their Adjuster-fused associates. They frequently journey to Paradise on superuniverse assignment but seldom permanently reside there, being, as a class, confined to

the superuniverse of their nativity.

9. SPIRIT-FUSED MORTALS

1 Ascending Spirit-fused mortals are not Third Source personalities; they are included in the Father's personality circuit, but they have fused with individualizations of the pre-mind spirit of the Third Source and Centre. Such Spirit fusion never occurs during the span of natural life; it takes place only at the time of mortal reawakening in the morontia existence on the mansion worlds. In the fusion experience there is no overlapping; the will creature is ei-

ther Spirit fused, Son fused, or Father fused. Those who are Adjuster or Father fused are never Spirit or Son fused.

2 §§ The fact that these types of mortal creatures are not Adjuster-fusion candidates does not prevent the Adjusters from indwelling them during the life in the flesh. Adjusters do work in the minds of such beings during the span of material life but never become everlastingly one with their pupil souls. During this temporary sojourn the Adjusters effectively build up the same spirit counterpart of mortal nature — the soul — that they do

in the candidates for Adjuster fusion. Up to the time of mortal death the work of the Adjusters is wholly akin to their function in your own races, but upon mortal dissolution the Adjusters take eternal leave of these Spirit-fusion candidates and, proceeding directly to Divinington, the headquarters of all divine Monitors, there await the new assignments of their order.

3 When such sleeping survivors are repersonalized on the mansion worlds, the place of the departed Adjuster is filled by an individualization of the spirit of the Divine Minister, the representative of the Infinite Spirit in

the local universe concerned. This spirit infusion constitutes these surviving creatures Spirit-fused mortals. Such beings are in every way your equals in mind and spirit; and they are indeed your contemporaries, sharing the mansion and morontia spheres in common with your order of fusion candidates and with those who are to be Son fused.

4 §§ There is, however, one particular in which Spirit-fused mortals differ from their ascendant brethren: Mortal memory of human experience on the material worlds of origin survives death in the flesh because the in-

dwelling Adjuster has acquired a spirit counterpart, or transcript, of those events of human life which were of spiritual significance. But with Spirit-fused mortals there exists no such mechanism whereby human memory may persist. The Adjuster transcripts of memory are full and intact, but these acquisitions are experiential possessions of the departed Adjusters and are not available to the creatures of their former indwelling, who therefore awaken in the resurrection halls of the morontia spheres of Nebadon as if they were newly created beings, creatures without consciousness of former

existence.

5 Such children of the local universe are enabled to repossess themselves of much of their former human memory experience through having it retold by the associated seraphim and cherubim and by consulting the records of the mortal career filed by the recording angels. This they can do with undoubted assurance because the surviving soul, of experiential origin in the material and mortal life, while having no memory of mortal events, does have a residual experiential-recognition-response to these unremembered events of past experience.

6 When a Spirit-fused mortal is told about the events of the unremembered past experience, there is an immediate response of experiential recognition within the soul (identity) of such a survivor which instantly invests the narrated event with the emotional tinge of reality and with the intellectual quality of fact; and this dual response constitutes the reconstruction, recognition, and validation of an unremembered facet of mortal experience.

7 Even with Adjuster-fusion candidates, only those human experiences which were of spiritual value are common possessions of the surviving mor-

tal and the returning Adjuster and hence are immediately remembered subsequent to mortal survival. Concerning those happenings which were not of spiritual significance, even these Adjuster-fusers must depend upon the attribute of recognition-response in the surviving soul. And since any one event may have a spiritual connotation to one mortal but not to another, it becomes possible for a group of contemporary ascenders from the same planet to pool their store of Adjuster-remembered events and thus to reconstruct any experience which they had in common, and which was of spiritual

value in the life of any one of them.

8 §§ While we understand such techniques of memory reconstruction fairly well, we do not grasp the technique of personality recognition. Personalities of onetime association mutually respond quite independently of the operation of memory, albeit, memory itself and the techniques of its reconstruction are necessary to invest such mutual personality response with the fullness of recognition.

9 §§ A Spirit-fused survivor is also able to learn much about the life he lived in the flesh by revisiting his nativity world subsequent to the planetary

dispensation in which he lived. Such children of Spirit fusion are enabled to enjoy these opportunities for investigating their human careers since they are in general confined to the service of the local universe. They do not share your high and exalted destiny in the Paradise Corps of the Finality; only Adjuster-fused mortals or other especially embraced ascendant beings are mustered into the ranks of those who await the eternal Deity adventure. Spirit-fused mortals are the permanent citizens of the local universes; they may aspire to Paradise destiny, but they cannot be sure of it. In Neba-

don their universe home is the eighth group of worlds encircling Salvington, a destiny-heaven of nature and location much like the one envisioned by the planetary traditions of Urantia.

10. ASCENDANT DESTINIES

1 Spirit-fused mortals are, generally speaking, confined to a local universe; Son-fused survivors are restricted to a superuniverse; Adjuster-fused mortals are destined to penetrate the universe of universes. The spirits of mortal fusion always ascend to the level of origin; such spirit entities unfailingly return to the sphere of primal source.

2 Spirit-fused mortals are of the local universe; they do not, ordinarily, ascend beyond the confines of their native realm, beyond the boundaries of the space range of the spirit that pervades them. Son-fused ascenders likewise rise to the source of spirit endowment, for much as the Truth Spirit of a Creator Son focalizes in the associated Divine Minister, so is his "fusion spirit" implemented in the Reflective Spirits of the higher universes. Such spirit relationship between the local and the superuniverse levels of God the Sevenfold may be difficult of explanation but not of discernment,

being unmistakably revealed in those children of the Reflective Spirits — the secoraphic Voices of the Creator Sons. The Thought Adjuster, hailing from the Father on Paradise, never stops until the mortal son stands face to face with the eternal God.

3 §§ The mysterious variable in associative technique whereby a mortal being does not or cannot become eternally fused with the indwelling Thought Adjuster may seem to disclose a flaw in the ascension scheme; Son and Spirit fusion do, superficially, resemble compensations of unexplained failures in some detail of

the Paradise-attainment plan; but all such conclusions stand in error; we are taught that all these happenings unfold in obedience to the established laws of the Supreme Universe Rulers.

4 We have analysed this problem and have reached the undoubted conclusion that the consignment of all mortals to an ultimate Paradise destiny would be unfair to the time-space universes inasmuch as the courts of the Creator Sons and of the Ancients of Days would then be wholly dependent on the services of those who were in transit to higher realms. And it does seem to be no more than fitting

that the local and the superuniverse governments should each be provided with a permanent group of ascendant citizenship; that the functions of these administrations should be enriched by the efforts of certain groups of glorified mortals who are of permanent status, evolutionary complements of the abandonters and of the susatia. Now it is quite obvious that the present ascension scheme effectively provides the time-space administrations with just such groups of ascendant creatures; and we have many times wondered: Does all this represent an intended part of the all-wise plans of the Archi-

tects of the Master Universe designed to provide the Creator Sons and the Ancients of Days with a permanent ascendant population? with evolved orders of citizenship that will become increasingly competent to carry forward the affairs of these realms in the universe ages to come?

5 §§ That mortal destinies do thus vary in no wise proves that one is necessarily greater or lesser than another, merely that they differ. Adjuster-fused ascenders do indeed have a grand and glorious career as finaliters spread out before them in the eternal future, but this does not mean that they are pre-

ferred above their ascendant brethren. There is no favouritism, nothing arbitrary, in the selective operation of the divine plan of mortal survival.

6 §§ While the Adjuster-fused finaliters obviously enjoy the widest service opportunity of all, the attainment of this goal automatically shuts them off from the chance to participate in the agelong struggle of some one universe or superuniverse, from the earlier and less settled epochs to the later and established eras of relative perfection attainment. Finaliters acquire a marvellous and far-flung experience of transient service in all seven segments of

the grand universe, but they do not ordinarily acquire that intimate knowledge of any one universe which even now characterizes the Spirit-fused veterans of the Nebadon Corps of Completion. These individuals enjoy an opportunity to witness the ascending processional of the planetary ages as they unfold one by one on 10,000,000 inhabited worlds. And in the faithful service of such local universe citizens, experience superimposes upon experience until the fullness of time ripens that high quality of wisdom which is engendered by focalized experience — *authoritative* wisdom — and this in it-

self is a vital factor in the settling of any local universe.

7 As it is with the Spirit fusers, so is it with those Son-fused mortals who have achieved residential status on Uversa. Some of these beings hail from the earliest epochs of Orvonton, and they represent a slowly accumulating body of insight-deepening wisdom which is making ever-augmenting service contributions to the welfare and eventual settlement of the seventh superuniverse.

8 §§ What the ultimate destiny of these stationary orders of local and of superuniverse citizenship will be we

do not know, but it is quite possible that, when the Paradise finaliters are pioneering the expanding frontiers of divinity in the planetary systems of the first outer space level, their Son- and Spirit-fused brethren of the ascendant evolutionary struggle will be acceptably contributing to the maintenance of the experiential equilibrium of the perfected superuniverses while they stand ready to welcome the incoming stream of Paradise pilgrims who may, at that distant day, pour in through Orvonton and its sister creations as a vast spirit-questing torrent from these now uncharted and unin-

habited galaxies of outer space.

9 §§ While the majority of Spirit fusers serve permanently as citizens of the local universes, all do not. If some phase of their universe ministry should require their personal presence in the superuniverse, then would such transformations of being be wrought in these citizens as would enable them to ascend to the higher universe; and upon the arrival of the Celestial Guardians with orders to present such Spirit-fused mortals at the courts of the Ancients of Days, they would so ascend, never to return. They become wards of the superuniverse, serving as

assistants to the Celestial Guardians and permanently, save for those few who are in turn summoned to the service of Paradise and Havona.

10 Like their Spirit-fused brethren, the Son fusers neither traverse Havona nor attain Paradise unless they have undergone certain modifying transformations. For good and sufficient reasons, such changes have been wrought in certain Son-fused survivors, and these beings are to be encountered ever and anon on the seven circuits of the central universe. Thus it is that certain numbers of both the Son- and the Spirit-fused mortals do

actually ascend to Paradise, do attain a goal in many ways equal to that which awaits the Father-fused mortals.

11 Father-fused mortals are potential finaliters; their destination is the Universal Father, and him they do attain, but within the purview of the present universe age, finaliters, as such, are not destiny attainers. They remain unfinished creatures — sixth-stage spirits — and hence nonactive in the evolutionary domains of prelight-and-life status.

12 When a mortal finaliter is Trinity embraced — becomes a Trinitized Son, such as a Mighty Messenger —

then has that finaliter attained destiny, at least for the present universe age. Mighty Messengers and their fellows may not in the exact sense be seventh-stage spirits, but in addition to other things the Trinity embrace endows them with everything which a finaliter will sometime achieve as a seventh-stage spirit. After Spirit-fused or Son-fused mortals are trinitized, they pass through the Paradise experience with the Adjuster-fused ascenders, with whom they are then identical in all matters pertaining to superuniverse administration. These Trinitized Sons of Selection or of Attain-

ment at least for now are finished creatures, in contrast to the finaliters, who are at present unfinished creatures.

13 §§ Thus, in the final analysis, it would be hardly proper to use the words "greater" or "lesser" in contrasting the destinies of the ascending orders of sonship. Every such son of God shares the fatherhood of God, and God loves each of his creature sons alike; he is no more a respecter of ascendant destinies than is he of the creatures who may attain such destinies. The Father loves *each* of his sons, and that affection is not less than true, holy, divine, unlimited, eternal,

and unique — a love bestowed upon *this* son and upon *that* son, individually, personally, and exclusively. And such a love utterly eclipses all other facts. Sonship is the supreme relationship of the creature to the Creator.

14 As mortals you can now recognize your place in the family of divine sonship and begin to sense the obligation to avail yourselves of the advantages so freely provided in and by the Paradise plan for mortal survival, which plan has been so enhanced and illuminated by the life experience of a bestowal Son. Every facility and all power have been provided for ensuring your ulti-

mate attainment of the Paradise goal of divine perfection.

15 [Presented by a Mighty Messenger temporarily attached to the staff of Gabriel of Salvington.]

PAPER 41

PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

Archangel

The characteristic space phenomenon which sets off each local creation from all others is the presence of the Creative Spirit. All Nebadon is certainly pervaded by the space presence of the Divine Minister of Salvington, and such presence just as certainly terminates at the outer borders of our local universe. That

which is pervaded by our local universe Mother Spirit *is* Nebadon; that which extends beyond her space presence is outside Nebadon, being the extra-Nebadon space regions of the superuniverse of Orvonton — other local universes.

2 §§ While the administrative organization of the grand universe discloses a clear-cut division between the governments of the central, super-, and local universes, and while these divisions are astronomically paralleled in the space separation of Havona and the seven superuniverses, no such clear lines of physical demarcation set off

the local creations. Even the major and minor sectors of Orvonton are (to us) clearly distinguishable, but it is not so easy to identify the physical boundaries of the local universes. This is because these local creations are administratively organized in accordance with certain *creative* principles governing the segmentation of the total energy charge of a superuniverse, whereas their physical components, the spheres of space — suns, dark islands, planets, etc. — take origin primarily from nebulae, and these make their astronomical appearance in accordance with certain *precreative*

(transcendental) plans of the Architects of the Master Universe.

3 One or more — even many — such nebulae may be encompassed within the domain of a single local universe even as Nebadon was physically assembled out of the stellar and planetary progeny of Andronover and other nebulae. The spheres of Nebadon are of diverse nebular ancestry, but they all had a certain minimum commonness of space motion which was so adjusted by the intelligent efforts of the power directors as to produce our present aggregation of space bodies, which travel along together as

a contiguous unit over the orbits of the superuniverse.

4 Such is the constitution of the local star cloud of Nebadon, which today swings in an increasingly settled orbit about the Sagittarius centre of that minor sector of Orvonton to which our local creation belongs.

1. THE NEBADON POWER CENTRES

1 The spiral and other nebulae, the mother wheels of the spheres of space, are initiated by Paradise force organizers; and following nebular evolution of gravity response, they are superseded in superuniverse function by

the power centres and physical controllers, who thereupon assume full responsibility for directing the physical evolution of the ensuing generations of stellar and planetary offspring. This physical supervision of the Nebadon preuniverse was, upon the arrival of our Creator Son, immediately co-ordinated with his plan for universe organization. Within the domain of this Paradise Son of God,[1] the Supreme Power Centres and the Master Physical Controllers collaborated with the later appearing Morontia Power Su-

[1] In 1995 text no comma after "God".

pervisors and others to produce that vast complex of communication lines, energy circuits, and power lanes which firmly bind the manifold space bodies of Nebadon into one integrated administrative unit.

2 One hundred Supreme Power Centres of the fourth order are permanently assigned to our local universe. These beings receive the incoming lines of power from the third-order centres of Uversa and relay the down-stepped and modified circuits to the power centres of our constellations and systems. These power centres, in association, function to pro-

duce the living system of control and equalization which operates to maintain the balance and distribution of otherwise fluctuating and variable energies. Power centres are not, however, concerned with transient and local energy upheavals, such as sun spots and system electric disturbances; light and electricity are not the basic energies of space; they are secondary and subsidiary manifestations.

3 The one hundred local universe centres are stationed on Salvington, where they function at the exact energy centre of that sphere. Architectural spheres, such as Salvington,

Edentia, and Jerusem, are lighted, heated, and energized by methods which make them quite independent of the suns of space. These spheres were constructed — made to order — by the power centres and physical controllers and were designed to exert a powerful influence over energy distribution. Basing their activities on such focal points of energy control, the power centres, by their living presences, directionize and channelize the physical energies of space. And these energy circuits are basic to all physical-material and morontia-spiritual phenomena.

4 Ten Supreme Power Centres of the fifth order are assigned to each of Nebadon's primary subdivisions, the 100 constellations. In Norlatiadek, your constellation, they are not stationed on the headquarters sphere but are situated at the centre of the enormous stellar system which constitutes the physical core of the constellation. On Edentia there are ten associated mechanical controllers and ten frandalanks who are in perfect and constant liaison with the near-by power centres.

5 One Supreme Power Centre of the sixth order is stationed at the ex-

act gravity focus of each local system. In the system of Satania the assigned power centre occupies a dark island of space located at the astronomic centre of the system. Many of these dark islands are vast dynamos which mobilize and directionize certain space-energies, and these natural circumstances are effectively utilized by the Satania Power Centre, whose living mass functions as a liaison with the higher centres, directing the streams of more materialized power to the Master Physical Controllers on the evolutionary planets of

space.

2. THE SATANIA PHYSICAL CONTROLLERS

1 While the Master Physical Controllers serve with the power centres throughout the grand universe, their functions in a local system, such as Satania, are more easy of comprehension. Satania is one of 100 local systems which make up the administrative organization of the constellation of Norlatiadek, having as immediate neighbours the systems of Sandmatia, Assuntia, Porogia, Sortoria, Rantulia, and Glantonia. The Norlatiadek systems differ in many respects, but all

are evolutionary and progressive, very much like Satania.

2 Satania itself is composed of over 7,000 astronomical groups, or physical systems, few of which had an origin similar to that of your solar system. The astronomic centre of Satania is an enormous dark island of space which, with its attendant spheres, is situated not far from the headquarters of the system government.

3 §§ Except for the presence of the assigned power centre, the supervision of the entire physical-energy system of Satania is centred on Jerusem. A Master Physical Controller, stationed

on this headquarters sphere, works in co-ordination with the system power centre, serving as liaison chief of the power inspectors headquartered on Jerusem and functioning throughout the local system.

4 The circuitizing and channelizing of energy is supervised by the 500,000 living and intelligent energy manipulators scattered throughout Satania. Through the action of such physical controllers the supervising power centres are in complete and perfect control of a majority of the basic energies of space, including the emanations of highly heated orbs and the dark en-

ergy-charged spheres. This group of living entities can mobilize, transform, transmute, manipulate, and transmit nearly all of the physical energies of organized space.

5 Life has inherent capacity for the mobilization and transmutation of universal energy. You are familiar with the action of vegetable life in transforming the material energy of light into the varied manifestations of the vegetable kingdom. You also know something of the method whereby this vegetative energy can be converted into the phenomena of animal activities, but you know practi-

cally nothing of the technique of the power directors and the physical controllers, who are endowed with ability to mobilize, transform, directionize, and concentrate the manifold energies of space.

6 §§ These beings of the energy realms do not directly concern themselves with energy as a component factor of living creatures, not even with the domain of physiological chemistry. They are sometimes concerned with the physical preliminaries of life, with the elaboration of those energy systems which may serve as the physical vehicles for the living energies of el-

ementary material organisms. In a way the physical controllers are related to the preliving manifestations of material energy as the adjutant mind-spirits are concerned with the prespiritual functions of material mind.

7 §§ These intelligent creatures of power control and energy direction must adjust their technique on each sphere in accordance with the physical constitution and architecture of that planet. They unfailingly utilize the calculations and deductions of their respective staffs of physicists and other technical advisers regarding the local influence of highly heated suns

and other types of supercharged stars. Even the enormous cold and dark giants of space and the swarming clouds of star dust must be reckoned with; all of these material things are concerned in the practical problems of energy manipulation.

8 The power-energy supervision of the evolutionary inhabited worlds is the responsibility of the Master Physical Controllers, but these beings are not responsible for all energy misbehaviour on Urantia. There are a number of reasons for such disturbances, some of which are beyond the domain and control of the physical custodians.

Urantia is in the lines of tremendous energies, a small planet in the circuit of enormous masses, and the local controllers sometimes employ enormous numbers of their order in an effort to equalize these lines of energy. They do fairly well with regard to the physical circuits of Satania but have trouble insulating against the powerful Norlatiadek currents.

3. OUR STARRY ASSOCIATES

1 There are upward of 2,000 brilliant suns[1] pouring forth light and energy in

[1] A sphere centred on Urantia with the radius of 65 ly contains about 2,000 stars. Therefore, assum-

Satania, and your own sun is an average blazing orb. Of the 30 suns nearest yours, only 3 are brighter[1]. The Universe Power Directors initiate the specialized currents of energy which play between the individual stars and their respective systems. These solar furnaces, together with the dark giants of space, serve the power centres and

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ing that the star density in other parts of Satania is at least as great as in the vicinity of our Sun, we can deduce that the size of Satania cannot be greater than 130 ly.

[1] The 30 nearest stars lie in a sphere of radius 12.6 ly and the three stars brighter than ours are: α Centauri (4.35 ly), Sirius (8.57 ly) and Procyon (11.4 ly). These are the same three stars mentioned in the source text [1].

physical controllers as way stations for the effective concentrating and directionizing of the energy circuits of the material creations.

2 The suns of Nebadon are not unlike those of other universes. The material composition of all suns, dark islands, planets, and satellites, even meteors, is quite identical. These suns have an average diameter of about 1.6×10^6 km, that of your own solar orb being slightly less[1]. The largest star in the universe, the stellar cloud

[1] Our own "solar orb" has an average diameter of 1.392684×10^6 km.

Antares, is 680 times[1] the diameter of your sun — or about a billion kilometres[2]. One could pack about 207 million[3] of your own suns inside it,

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[1] In 1955 text "four hundred and fifty times", corrected to the modern value according to [9].

[2] In 1955 text the phrase "— or about a billion kilometres" missing.

[3] In 1955 text "and is sixty million times its volume". This error creates an obvious contradiction with the simple fact of Euclidean geometry: the volume of a ball is proportional to the cube of its diameter. An attempt to rescue the situation by using non-Euclidean geometry in the context of Einstein's General Relativity has been made in 2012 [8], but it is not satisfactory as it implies an impossibly large density for a star of this class. However, in 2018 I discovered a proper solution to this problem. Namely, this text was taken from the book

and there would still be room to spare. But there is abundant space to accommodate all of these enormous suns. They have just as much comparative elbow room in space as one dozen oranges[1] would have if they were circu-

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by Sir James Jeans ([1], p. 183) and misunderstood by Dr. Sadler, namely the concept of "packing of spheres" (presumed to be fairly obvious to a typical youth of the British Empire of those times, for whom Jeans' book was written) was mistaken for a completely different notion of "the ratio of volumes". For the present text's purposes I derived the number "207 million" from the modern value of Antares' diameter, but using the same packing efficiency of 65.8% for identical spheres, which (efficiency) was used in the human source text [1].

[1] In the human original we have "thirty cricket

lating about throughout the interior of Urantia, and were the planet a hollow globe.

3 §§ When suns that are too large are thrown off a nebular mother wheel, they soon break up or form double stars. All suns are originally truly gaseous, though they may later transiently exist in a semiliquid state. When your sun attained this quasi-liquid state of supergas[1] pressure, it was not sufficiently large to split equatorially, this being one type of double star formation.

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balls" instead.

[1] Defined at 41:4.3 as almost fully ionised plasma.

4 When less than 1/10th the size of your sun, these fiery spheres rapidly contract, condense, and cool. When upwards of 30 times its size — rather 30 times the gross content of actual material — suns readily split into two separate bodies, either becoming the centres of new systems or else remaining in each other's gravity grasp and revolving about a common centre as one type of double star.

5 §§ The most recent of the major cosmic eruptions in Orvonton was the extraordinary double star explosion, the light of which reached Urantia in

A.D. 1572.[1] This conflagration was so intense that the explosion was clearly visible in broad daylight.

[1] The supernova SN 1572 appeared in early November 1572 is known as "Tycho's supernova", because in 1573 Tycho Brahe published both his own observations and the analysis of sightings of others. In England, Queen Elizabeth summoned Thomas Allen the mathematician to have his advice about the new Star that appeared in the Cassiopeia. In China, the star was interpreted as an evil omen for the young Wanli Emperor, which, however did not prevent him reigning for the next 48 years.

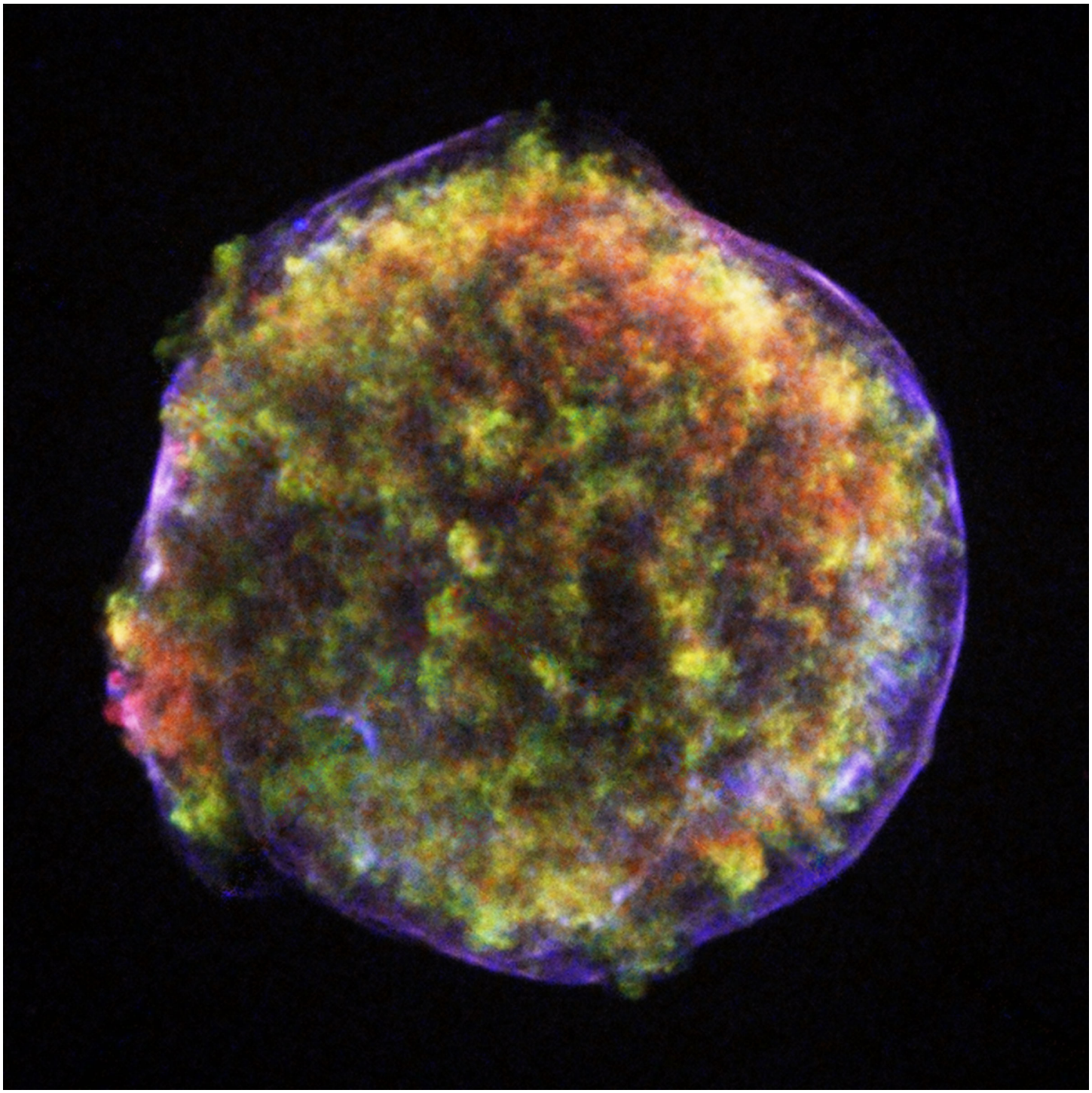

Figure 10: X-ray image of SN 1572, Chandra X-ray Observatory.

6 §§ Not all stars are solid, but many of the older ones are. Some of the reddish, faintly glimmering stars have acquired a density at the centre of their enormous masses which would be expressed by saying that 1 cm^3 of such a star, if on Urantia, would weigh 166 kg. The enormous pressure, accompanied by loss of heat and circulating energy, has resulted in bringing the orbits of the basic material units closer and closer together until they now closely approach the status of electronic condensation. This process of cooling and contraction may continue to the limiting and critical

explosion point of ultimatonic condensation.

7 Most of the giant suns are relatively young; most of the dwarf stars are old, but not all. The collisional dwarfs may be very young and may glow with an intense white light, never having known an initial red stage of youthful shining. Both very young and very old suns usually shine with a reddish glow. The yellow tinge indicates moderate youth or approaching old age, but the brilliant white light signifies robust and extended adult life.

8 §§ While all adolescent suns do not

pass through a pulsating stage, at least not visibly, when looking out into space you may observe many of these younger stars whose gigantic respiratory heaves require from 2 to 7 days to complete a cycle. Your own sun still carries a diminishing legacy of the mighty upswellings of its younger days, but the period has lengthened from the former 3½ day pulsations to the present 11½ year sunspot cycles.

9 Stellar variables have numerous origins. In some double stars the tides caused by rapidly changing distances as the two bodies swing around their orbits also occasion periodic fluctu-

ations of light. These gravity variations produce regular and recurrent flares, just as the capture of meteors by the accretion of energy-material at the surface would result in a comparatively sudden flash of light which would speedily recede to normal brightness for that sun. Sometimes a sun will capture a stream of meteors in a line of lessened gravity opposition, and occasionally collisions cause stellar flare-ups, but the majority of such phenomena are wholly due to internal fluctuations.

10 In one group of variable stars the period of light fluctuation is directly

dependent on luminosity, and knowledge of this fact enables astronomers to utilize such suns as universe lighthouses or accurate measuring points for the further exploration of distant star clusters. By this technique it is possible to measure stellar distances most precisely up to more than 1,000,000 light-years. Better methods of space measurement and improved telescopic technique will sometime more fully disclose the ten grand divisions of the superuniverse of Orvonton; you will at least recognize 8 of these immense sectors as enormous

and fairly symmetrical star clusters.

4. SUN DENSITY

1 The mass of your sun is slightly greater than the estimate of your physicists, who have reckoned it as about 2×10^{30} kg[1]. It now exists about halfway between the most dense and the most diffuse stars, having about 1.5 times the density of water[2]. But your sun is neither a liquid nor a solid — it is gaseous — and this is true notwithstanding the difficulty of explaining how gaseous matter can attain this

[1] The present estimate is: 1.98892×10^{30} kg.
[2] More accurately: 1.408×10^{3} kg/m^{3}.

and even much greater densities.

2 §§ Gaseous, liquid, and solid states are matters of atomic-molecular relationships, but density is a relationship of space and mass. Density varies directly with the quantity of mass in space and inversely with the amount of space in mass, the space between the central cores of matter and the particles which whirl around these centres as well as the space within such material particles.

3 §§ Cooling stars can be physically gaseous and tremendously dense at the same time. You are not familiar

with the solar *supergases,*[1] but these and other unusual forms of matter explain how even nonsolid suns can attain a density equal to iron — about the same as Urantia — and yet be in a highly heated gaseous state and continue to function as suns. The atoms in these dense supergases are exceptionally small; they contain few electrons. Such suns have also largely lost their free ultimatonic stores of energy.

4 One of your near-by suns, which

[1] In the original source text ("Stars and Atoms" by A.S. Eddington, [1]) the phrase "not imperfect, but superperfect", referring to the almost fully ionised gas, explains the prefix "super".

started life with about the same mass as yours, has now contracted almost to the size of Urantia, having become 40,000[1] times as dense as your sun. The

[1] In 1955 text "sixty thousand". Textual consistency and current scientific estimates of our sun's density both support the change to "40,000." The first paragraph of this section states that our sun is about 1.5 times the density of water 1 g/cm^3, and 40,000 times this is 40 kg/cm^3; the current scientific estimate of the sun's density is 1.4 times the density of water; 40,000 times that is 56 kg/cm^3. The likely cause of this error in the 1955 text is that the number in question was written as a numeral in the manuscript (40,000 not forty thousand), and the error was caused by a simple keystroke error in which 6 was mis-keyed for 4, creating 60,000 instead of 40,000. When the text was formatted for printing, the numerals were changed to words, and

weight of this hot-cold gaseous-solid is about 61 kg/cm[31]. And still this sun shines with a faint reddish glow, the senile glimmer of a dying monarch of light.

5 Most of the suns, however, are not

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an error that formerly consisted of one digit was transformed into an incorrect word. The formatting of words and numbers for printing is not a revelatory issue; it is a matter of style, and is covered extensively in the Chicago Manual of Style. (The problem at 43:1.6 in the text appears to have had an identical origin, and 42:5.1 in the text is very closely related.)

[1] Calculating the density we obtain $\rho = 1851.8\,\mathrm{kg/cm^3}$, which differs greatly from the figure $61\,\mathrm{kg/cm^3}$ given in the text. Therefore, this "near-by sun" has lost most of its mass by now.

so dense. One of your nearer neighbours[1] has a density exactly equal to that of your atmosphere at sea level. If you were in the interior of this sun, you would be unable to discern anything. And temperature permitting, you could penetrate the majority of the suns which twinkle in the night sky and notice no more matter than you perceive in the air of your earthly living rooms.

6 The massive sun of Veluntia, one of the largest in Orvonton, has a density only 0.001 that of Urantia's atmo-

[1] The distance to Capella (α Aurigæ) is estimated to be about 43 light years.

sphere. Were it in composition similar to your atmosphere and not superheated, it would be such a vacuum that human beings would speedily suffocate if they were in or on it.

7 Another of the Orvonton giants now has a surface temperature a trifle under 3,000 °C. Its diameter is over 482,803,200 km — ample room to accommodate your sun and the present orbit of the earth. And yet, for all this enormous size, over 40,000,000 times[1] that of your sun, its mass is only

[1] Here the "size" obviously signifies the volume, not the diameter, because the diameter of the Sun is 1,391,400 km and therefore the ratio of volumes

about 30 times greater. These enormous suns have an extending fringe that reaches almost from one to the other.

5. SOLAR RADIATION

1 That the suns of space are not very dense is proved by the steady streams of escaping light-energies. Too great a density would retain light by opacity until the light-energy pressure reached the explosion point. There is a tremendous light or gas pressure within a sun to cause it to shoot forth such a stream

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of the two stars is 41,778,652, i.e. approximately 40,000,000.

of energy as to penetrate space for millions upon millions of kilometres to energize, light, and heat the distant planets. 4.6 m of surface of the density of Urantia would effectually prevent the escape of all X-rays and light-energies from a sun until the rising internal pressure of accumulating energies resulting from atomic dismemberment overcame gravity with a tremendous outward explosion.

2 Light, in the presence of the propulsive gases, is highly explosive when confined at high temperatures by opaque retaining walls. Light is real. As you value energy and power

on your world, sunlight would be economical at a million dollars a pound[1].

3 The interior of your sun is a vast X-ray generator. The suns are supported from within by the incessant bombardment of these mighty emanations.

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[1] On p. 111 of "Space, Time, and Gravitation" by A.S. Eddington [2] we read: "I have calculated that at the low charge of 3*d*. a unit, an Electric Light Company would have to sell light at the rate of £140,000,000 a pound. All the sunlight falling on the earth amounts to 160 tons daily." Now, at the time the exchange rate was £1 = $5 and thus the actual price of light in US dollars would be 700 million dollars a pound. So, yes, at 1/700th of the price it would be very *economical* indeed! See also 58:2.1.

4 It requires more than 500,000 years for an X-ray-stimulated electron to work its way from the very centre of an average sun up to the solar surface, whence it starts out on its space adventure, maybe to warm an inhabited planet, to be captured by a meteor, to participate in the birth of an atom, to be attracted by a highly charged dark island of space, or to find its space flight terminated by a final plunge into the surface of a sun similar to the one of its origin.

5 The X-rays of a sun's interior charge the highly heated and agitated electrons with sufficient energy

to carry them out through space, past the hosts of detaining influences of intervening matter and, in spite of divergent gravity attractions, on to the distant spheres of the remote systems. The great energy of velocity required to escape the gravity clutch of a sun is sufficient to ensure that the sunbeam will travel on with unabated velocity until it encounters considerable masses of matter; whereupon it is quickly transformed into heat with the liberation of other energies.

6 §§ Energy, whether as light or in other forms, in its flight through space moves straight forward. The actual

particles of material existence traverse space like a fusillade. They go in a straight and unbroken line or procession except as they are acted on by superior forces, and except as they ever obey the linear-gravity pull inherent in material mass and the circular-gravity presence of the Isle of Paradise.

7 §§ Solar energy may seem to be propelled in waves, but that is due to the action of coexistent and diverse influences. A given form of organized energy does not proceed in waves but in direct lines. The presence of a second or a third form of force-energy may cause the stream under observa-

tion to *appear* to travel in wavy formation, just as, in a blinding rainstorm accompanied by a heavy wind, the water sometimes appears to fall in sheets or to descend in waves. The raindrops are coming down in a direct line of unbroken procession, but the action of the wind is such as to give the visible appearance of sheets of water and waves of raindrops.

8 The action of certain secondary and other undiscovered energies present in the space regions of your local universe is such that solar-light emanations appear to execute certain wavy phenomena as well as to be chopped

up into infinitesimal portions of definite length and weight. And, practically considered, that is exactly what happens. You can hardly hope to arrive at a better understanding of the behaviour of light until such a time as you acquire a clearer concept of the interaction and interrelationship of the various space-forces and solar energies operating in the space regions of Nebadon. Your present confusion is also due to your incomplete grasp of this problem as it involves the interassociated activities of the personal and nonpersonal control of the master universe — the presences, the perfor-

mances, and the co-ordination of the Conjoint Actor and the Unqualified Absolute.

6. CALCIUM — THE WANDERER OF SPACE

1 In deciphering spectral phenomena, it should be remembered that space is not empty; that light, in traversing space, is sometimes slightly modified by the various forms of energy and matter which circulate in all organized space. Some of the lines indicating unknown matter which appear in the spectra of your sun are due to modifications of well-known elements which are floating throughout

space in shattered form, the atomic casualties of the fierce encounters of the solar elemental battles. Space is pervaded by these wandering derelicts, especially sodium and calcium.

2 Calcium is, in fact, the chief element of the matter-permeation of space throughout Orvonton. Our whole superuniverse is sprinkled with minutely pulverized stone. Stone is literally the basic building matter for the planets and spheres of space. The cosmic cloud, the great space blanket, consists for the most part of the modified atoms of calcium. The stone atom is one of the most prevalent and per-

sistent of the elements. It not only endures solar ionization — splitting — but persists in an associative identity even after it has been battered by the destructive X-rays and shattered by the high solar temperatures. Calcium possesses an individuality and a longevity excelling all of the more common forms of matter.

3 §§ As your physicists have suspected, these mutilated remnants of solar calcium literally ride the light beams for varied distances, and thus their widespread dissemination throughout space is tremendously facilitated. The sodium atom, under cer-

tain modifications, is also capable of light and energy locomotion. The calcium feat is all the more remarkable since this element has almost twice the mass of sodium. Local space-permeation by calcium is due to the fact that it escapes from the solar photosphere, in modified form, by literally riding the outgoing sunbeams. Of all the solar elements, calcium, notwithstanding its comparative bulk — containing as it does 20 revolving electrons — is the most successful in escaping from the solar interior to the realms of space. This explains why there is a calcium layer, a gaseous stone surface, on

the sun 9,600 km thick; and this despite the fact that 19 lighter elements, and numerous heavier ones, are underneath.

4 Calcium is an active and versatile element at solar temperatures. The stone atom has two agile and loosely attached electrons in the two outer electronic circuits, which are very close together. Early in the atomic struggle it loses its outer electron; whereupon it engages in a masterful act of juggling the 19th electron back and forth between the 19th and 20th circuits of electronic revolu-

tion. By tossing this 19th electron[1] back and forth between its own orbit and that of its lost companion more than 25,000 times a second, a mutilated stone atom is able partially to defy gravity and thus successfully to ride the emerging streams of light and energy, the sunbeams, to liberty and adventure. This calcium atom moves outward by alternate jerks of forward

[1] Could this peculiarity be connected to the well-known (see [6], p. 160) anomaly of the 19th electron in neutral K and ionised Ca^{+}, which "prematurely" occupies the N_I subgroup instead of the $M_{IV} + M_V$ subgroup as predicted by the idealised model and actually observed starting from the nucleus charge of $Z = 21$, i.e. in Sc^{++} and Ti^{+++}?

propulsion, grasping and letting go the sunbeam about 25,000 times each second. And this is why stone is the chief component of the worlds of space. Calcium is the most expert solar-prison escaper.

5 The agility of this acrobatic calcium electron is indicated by the fact that, when tossed by the temperature-X-ray solar forces to the circle of the higher orbit, it only remains in that orbit for about 10^{-6} seconds; but before the electric-gravity power of the atomic nucleus pulls it back into its old orbit, it is able to complete 1,000,000 revolutions about the

atomic centre.

6 §§ Your sun has parted with an enormous quantity of its calcium, having lost tremendous amounts during the times of its convulsive eruptions in connection with the formation of the solar system. Much of the solar calcium is now in the outer crust of the sun.

7 §§ It should be remembered that spectral analyses show only sun-surface compositions. For example: Solar spectra exhibit many iron lines, but iron is not the chief element in the sun. This phenomenon is almost wholly due to the present temperature of the

sun's surface, a little less than 6,000 °C, this temperature being very favourable to the registry of the iron spectrum.

7. SOURCES OF SOLAR ENERGY

1 The internal temperature of many of the suns, even your own, is much higher than is commonly believed. In the interior of a sun practically no whole atoms exist; they are all more or less shattered by the intensive X-ray bombardment which is indigenous to such high temperatures. Regardless of what material elements may appear in the outer layers of a sun, those in the interior are rendered very similar by

the dissociative action of the disruptive X-rays. X-ray is the great leveler of atomic existence.

2 The surface temperature of your sun is almost 6,000 °C[1], but it rapidly

[1] The American text of 1955 says "6,000 degrees" and specifies that it refers to "your Fahrenheit scale". However, the number 6,000 is clearly taken from p. 14 of [1], where it refers to our Celsius scale, as indicated in the Preface on p. 6 of this work. Therefore, the modern estimates of the temperature of our Sun's photosphere (5,778 K) are in agreement with the value given in this Revelation, as long as the units discrepancy is taken into count. What happened here is that Dr Sadler quoted the text of [1], but forgot about the warning given concerning the units in the Preface thereof. Exactly the same situation occurred with the "English vs American billions" issue below, see 41:9.3.

increases as the interior is penetrated until it attains the unbelievable height of about 35,000,000 °C in the central regions. (All of these temperatures refer to your Celsius[1] scale.)

3 §§ All of these phenomena are indicative of enormous energy expenditure, and the sources of solar energy, named in the order of their importance, are[2]:

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[1] In 1955 text "Fahrenheit". However, it is now perfectly clear that these temperatures were taken from Eddington's book "Stars and Atoms" [1] without converting the units from Celsius to Fahrenheit.

[2] In the following list the items #1 and #2 were suggested by Professor A.S. Eddington (see [3]), though item #1 was also claimed by Professor

4 1. Annihilation of atoms and, eventually, of electrons.

5 2. Transmutation of elements, including the radioactive group of energies thus liberated.

6 3. The accumulation and transmission of certain universal space-energies.

7 4. Space matter and meteors which are incessantly diving into the blazing suns.

8 5. Solar contraction; the cool-

J.H. Jeans (see [2]). The items #4 and #5 were already known to Kelvin in the XIX century. The items #3 and #6 are unknown to science, whereas #7 is known, but usually considered insignificant.

ing and consequent contraction of a sun yields energy and heat sometimes greater than that supplied by space matter.

9 6. Gravity action at high temperatures transforms certain circuitized power into radiative energies.

10 7. Recaptive light and other matter which are drawn back into the sun after having left it, together with other energies having extrasolar origin.

11 §§ There exists a regulating blanket of hot gases (sometimes millions of degrees in temperature) which envelops the suns, and which acts to sta-

bilize heat loss and otherwise prevent hazardous fluctuations of heat dissipation. During the active life of a sun the internal temperature of 35,000,000 °C remains about the same quite regardless of the progressive fall of the external temperature.

12 §§ You might try to visualize 35,000,000 °C of heat, in association with certain gravity pressures, as the electronic boiling point[1]. Under such

[1] The upper bound for the electronic boiling point was calculated on the basis of the general relativistic covariant nonlocal statistical dynamics to be 740,000,000 K at by A.A. Vlasov in [6] and the actual value estimated by comparison with the energy distribution of cosmic rays at 657,000,000 K. This

pressure and at such temperature all atoms are degraded and broken up into their electronic and other ancestral components; even the electrons and other associations of ultimatons may be broken up, but the suns are not able to degrade the ultimatons.

13 These solar temperatures operate to enormously speed up the ultimatons and the electrons, at least such of the latter as continue to maintain their existence under these conditions. You will realize what high tempera-

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was done without taking into account the quantum effects. The corresponding quantum calculation has not yet been done by anyone.

ture means by way of the acceleration of ultimatonic and electronic activities when you pause to consider that one drop of ordinary water contains over 10^{21} of atoms[1]. This is the energy of more than 100 horsepower exerted continuously for two years[2]. The total

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[1] The mass of such a drop would be: $m = 1/3 \times (2m_H + m_O) \times 10^{21} = 0.01\,g$.

[2] Assuming the value of 1 horsepower = 745.7 watts, we obtain for the energy $E = 100 \times 745.7 \times 2 \times 365 \times 86,400 = 4.7 \times 10^{12}\,J$. Using Einstein's formula $E = mc^2$, we can calculate the mass of the drop: $m = E/c^2 = 0.05\,g$. This is five times greater than the estimate obtained in the previous note, based on the number of atoms in the drop. Therefore, either Einstein's formula is incorrect (but then how to reconcile

heat now given out by the solar system sun each second is sufficient to boil all the water in all the oceans on Urantia in just one second of time.

14 §§ Only those suns which function in the direct channels of the main streams of universe energy can shine on forever. Such solar furnaces blaze on indefinitely, being able to replen-

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this with the statement made in 42:4.11?) or the masses of hydrogen and oxygen atoms are different from the present values or, perhaps, the revelators are not overly concerned with being absolutely accurate in such minor technical details. It is, however, curious that this example is taken from pp. 102–103 of [1], where the author commits the same mistake, which is carried over here.

ish their material losses by the intake of space-force and analogous circulating energy. But stars far removed from these chief channels of recharging are destined to undergo energy depletion — gradually cool off and eventually burn out.

15 Such dead or dying suns can be rejuvenated by collisional impact or can be recharged by certain nonluminous energy islands of space or through gravity-robbery of near-by smaller suns or systems. The majority of dead suns will experience revivification by these or other evolutionary techniques. Those which are not thus

eventually recharged are destined to undergo disruption by mass explosion when the gravity condensation attains the critical level of ultimatonic condensation of energy pressure. Such disappearing suns thus become energy of the rarest form, admirably adapted to energize other more favourably situated suns.

8. SOLAR-ENERGY REACTIONS

1 In those suns which are encircuited in the space-energy channels, solar energy is liberated by various complex nuclear-reaction chains, the most common of which is the hydrogen-

carbon-helium reaction. In this metamorphosis, carbon acts as an energy catalyst since it is in no way actually changed by this process of converting hydrogen into helium. Under certain conditions of high temperature the hydrogen penetrates the carbon nuclei. Since the carbon cannot hold more than four such protons, when this saturation state is attained, it begins to emit protons as fast as new ones arrive. In this reaction the ingoing hydrogen particles come forth as a helium atom.

2 §§ Reduction of hydrogen content increases the luminosity of a sun. In

the suns destined to burn out, the height of luminosity is attained at the point of hydrogen exhaustion. Subsequent to this point, brilliance is maintained by the resultant process of gravity contraction. Eventually, such a star will become a so-called white dwarf, a highly condensed sphere.

3 §§ In large suns — small circular nebulae — when hydrogen is exhausted and gravity contraction ensues, if such a body is not sufficiently opaque to retain the internal pressure of support for the outer gas regions, then a sudden collapse occurs. The gravity-electric changes give origin to

vast quantities of tiny particles devoid of electric potential, and such particles readily escape from the solar interior, thus bringing about the collapse of a gigantic sun within a few days. It was such an emigration of these "runaway particles" that occasioned the collapse of the giant nova of the Andromeda nebula about 50 years ago. This vast stellar body collapsed in 40 minutes of Urantia time.

4 As a rule, the vast extrusion of matter continues to exist about the residual cooling sun as extensive clouds of nebular gases. And all this explains the origin of many types of ir-

regular nebulae, such as the Crab nebula, which had its origin about 900 years ago, and which still exhibits the mother sphere as a lone star near the centre of this irregular nebular mass.

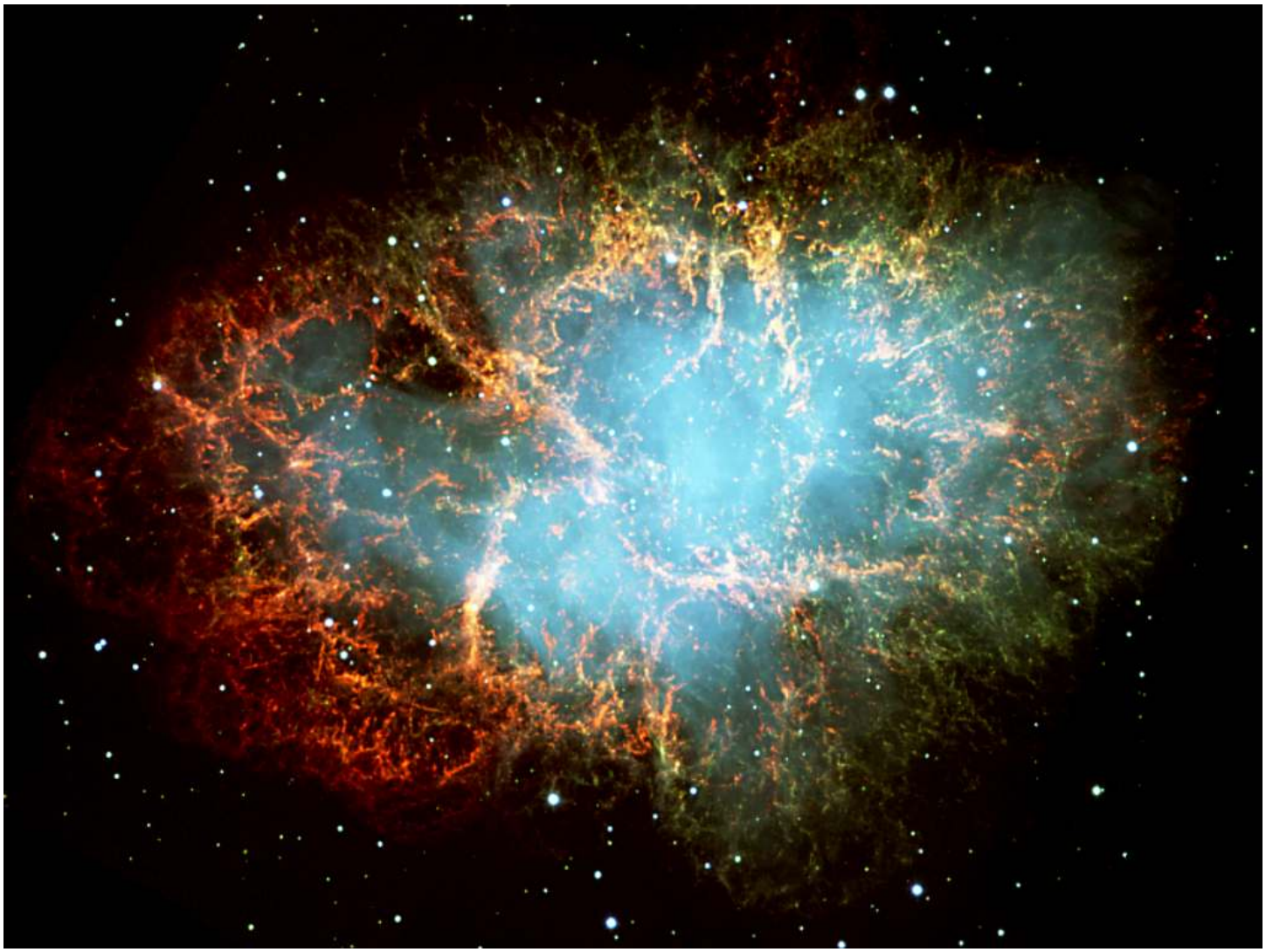

Figure 11: The Crab Nebula from VLT

9. SUN STABILITY

1 The larger suns maintain such a gravity control over their electrons that light escapes only with the aid of

the powerful X-rays. These helper rays penetrate all space and are concerned in the maintenance of the basic ultimatonic associations of energy. The great energy losses in the early days of a sun, subsequent to its attainment of maximum temperature — upwards of 35,000,000 °C — are not so much due to light escape as to ultimatonic leakage. These ultimaton energies escape out into space, to engage in the adventure of electronic association and energy materialization, as a veritable energy blast during adolescent solar times.

2 §§ Atoms and electrons are subject

to gravity. The ultimatons are *not* subject to local gravity, the interplay of material attraction, but they are fully obedient to absolute or Paradise gravity, to the trend, the swing, of the universal and eternal circle of the universe of universes. Ultimatonic energy does not obey the linear or direct gravity attraction of near-by or remote material masses, but it does ever swing true to the circuit of the great ellipse of the far-flung creation.

3 §§ Your own solar centre radiates almost 10^{14}[1] tons of actual matter an-

[1] The American text of 1955 says "one hundred billion", but this is a quotation from p.98 of [1], where

nually, while the giant suns lose matter at a prodigious rate during their earlier growth, the first billion years. A sun's life becomes stable after the maximum of internal temperature is reached, and the subatomic energies begin to be released. And it is just at this critical point that the larger suns are given to convulsive pulsations.

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the *English* billions (million million) are used and not the *American* billions, i.e. thousand million. Otherwise, the figure given in the text would be thousand times smaller than the actual value well-known in the modern science. The author, Sir Arthur S. Eddington explicitly warns the American reader in the Preface, but, apparently, Dr Sadler did not notice this warning.

4 Sun stability is wholly dependent on the equilibrium between gravity-heat contention — tremendous pressures counterbalanced by unimagined temperatures. The interior gas elasticity of the suns upholds the overlying layers of varied materials, and when gravity and heat are in equilibrium, the weight of the outer materials exactly equals the temperature pressure of the underlying and interior gases. In many of the younger stars continued gravity condensation produces ever-heightening internal temperatures, and as internal heat increases, the interior X-ray pressure of supergas winds be-

comes so great that, in connection with the centrifugal motion, a sun begins to throw its exterior layers off into space, thus redressing the imbalance between gravity and heat.

5 Your own sun has long since attained relative equilibrium between its expansion and contraction cycles, those disturbances which produce the gigantic pulsations of many of the younger stars. Your sun is now passing out of its six billionth year. At the present time it is functioning through the period of greatest economy. It will shine on as of present efficiency for more than 2.5×10^{10} years. It

will probably experience a partially efficient period of decline as long as the combined periods of its youth and stabilized function.

10. ORIGIN OF INHABITED WORLDS

1 Some of the variable stars, in or near the state of maximum pulsation, are in process of giving origin to subsidiary systems, many of which will eventually be much like your own sun and its revolving planets. Your sun was in just such a state of mighty pulsation when the massive Angona system swung into near approach, and the outer surface of the sun began to erupt

veritable streams — continuous sheets — of matter. This kept up with ever-increasing violence until nearest apposition, when the limits of solar cohesion were reached and a vast pinnacle of matter, the ancestor of the solar system, was disgorged. In similar circumstances the closest approach of the attracting body sometimes draws off whole planets, even a quarter or third of a sun. These major extrusions form certain peculiar cloud-bound types of worlds, spheres much like Jupiter and Saturn.

2 The majority of solar systems, however, had an origin entirely differ-

ent from yours, and this is true even of those which were produced by gravity-tidal technique. But no matter what technique of world building obtains, gravity always produces the solar system type of creation; that is, a central sun or dark island with planets, satellites, subsatellites, and meteors.

3 §§ The physical aspects of the individual worlds are largely determined by mode of origin, astronomical situation, and physical environment. Age, size, rate of revolution, and velocity through space are also determining factors. Both the gas-contraction and the solid-accretion worlds are charac-

terized by mountains and, during their earlier life, when not too small, by water and air. The molten-split and collisional worlds are sometimes without extensive mountain ranges.

4 During the earlier ages of all these new worlds, earthquakes are frequent, and they are all characterized by great physical disturbances; especially is this true of the gas-contraction spheres, the worlds born of the immense nebular rings which are left behind in the wake of the early condensation and contraction of certain individual suns. Planets having a dual origin like Urantia pass through a less vio-

lent and stormy youthful career. Even so, your world experienced an early phase of mighty upheavals, characterized by volcanoes, earthquakes, floods, and terrific storms.

5 §§ Urantia is comparatively isolated on the outskirts of Satania, your solar system, with one exception, being the farthest removed from Jerusem, while Satania itself is next to the outermost system of Norlatiadek, and this constellation is now traversing the outer fringe of Nebadon. You were truly among the least of all creation until Michael's bestowal elevated your planet to a position of honour and

great universe interest. Sometimes the last is first, while truly the least becomes greatest.

6 [Presented by an Archangel in collaboration with the Chief of Nebadon Power Centres.]

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PAPER 42

ENERGY — MIND AND MATTER

Mighty Messenger

The foundation of the universe is material in the sense that energy is the basis of all existence, and pure energy is controlled by the Universal Father. Force, energy, is the one thing which stands as an everlasting monument demonstrating and proving the existence and presence of the Universal Absolute. This vast stream of energy proceeding

from the Paradise Presences has never lapsed, never failed; there has never been a break in the infinite upholding.

2 The manipulation of universe energy is ever in accordance with the personal will and the all-wise mandates of the Universal Father. This personal control of manifested power and circulating energy is modified by the co-ordinate acts and decisions of the Eternal Son, as well as by the united purposes of the Son and the Father executed by the Conjoint Actor. These divine beings act personally and as individuals; they also function in the persons and powers of an

almost unlimited number of subordinates, each variously expressive of the eternal and divine purpose in the universe of universes. But these functional and provisional modifications or transmutations of divine power in no way lessen the truth of the statement that all force-energy is under the ultimate control of a personal God resident at the centre of all things.

1. PARADISE FORCES AND ENERGIES

1 The foundation of the universe is material, but the essence of life is spirit. The Father of spirits is also the ancestor of universes; the eternal Father of

the Original Son is also the eternity-source of the original pattern, the Isle of Paradise.

2 Matter — energy — for they are but diverse manifestations of the same cosmic reality, as a universe phenomenon is inherent in the Universal Father. "In him all things consist." Matter may appear to manifest inherent energy and to exhibit self-contained powers, but the lines of gravity involved in the energies concerned in all these physical phenomena are derived from, and are dependent on, Paradise. The ultimaton, the first measurable form of energy, has Paradise as its

nucleus.

3 §§ There is innate in matter and present in universal space a form of energy not known on Urantia. When this discovery is finally made, then will physicists feel that they have solved, almost at least, the mystery of matter. And so will they have approached one step nearer the Creator; so will they have mastered one more phase of the divine technique; but in no sense will they have found God, neither will they have established the existence of matter or the operation of natural laws apart from the cosmic technique of Paradise and the motivating purpose

of the Universal Father.

4 Subsequent to even still greater progress and further discoveries, after Urantia has advanced immeasurably in comparison with present knowledge, though you should gain control of the energy revolutions of the electrical units of matter to the extent of modifying their physical manifestations — even after all such possible progress, forever will scientists be powerless to create one atom of matter or to originate one flash of energy or ever to add to matter that which we call life.

5 §§ The creation of energy and the

bestowal of life are the prerogatives of the Universal Father and his associate Creator personalities. The river of energy and life is a continuous outpouring from the Deities, the universal and united stream of Paradise force going forth to all space. This divine energy pervades all creation. The force organizers initiate those changes and institute those modifications of space-force which eventuate in energy; the power directors transmute energy into matter; thus the material worlds are born. The Life Carriers initiate those processes in dead matter which we call life, material life. The Morontia

Power Supervisors likewise perform throughout the transition realms between the material and the spiritual worlds. The higher spirit Creators inaugurate similar processes in divine forms of energy, and there ensue the higher spirit forms of intelligent life.

6 §§ Energy proceeds from Paradise, fashioned after the divine order. Energy — pure energy — partakes of the nature of the divine organization; it is fashioned after the similitude of the three Gods embraced in one, as they function at the headquarters of the universe of universes. And all force is circuited in Paradise, comes

from the Paradise Presences and returns thereto, and is in essence a manifestation of the uncaused Cause — the Universal Father; and without the Father would not anything exist that does exist.

7 Force derived from self-existent Deity is in itself ever existent. Force-energy is imperishable, indestructible; these manifestations of the Infinite may be subject to unlimited transmutation, endless transformation, and eternal metamorphosis; but in no sense or degree, not even to the slightest imaginable extent, could they or ever shall they suffer extinction. But

energy, though springing from the Infinite, is not infinitely manifest; there are outer limits to the presently conceived master universe.

8 Energy is eternal but not infinite; it ever responds to the all-embracing grasp of Infinity. Forever force and energy go on; having gone out from Paradise, they must return thereto, even if age upon age be required for the completion of the ordained circuit. That which is of Paradise Deity origin can have only a Paradise destination or a Deity destiny.

9 §§ And all this confirms our belief in a circular, somewhat limited,

but orderly and far-flung universe of universes. If this were not true, then evidence of energy depletion at some point would sooner or later appear. All laws, organizations, administration, and the testimony of universe explorers — everything points to the existence of an infinite God but, as yet, a finite universe, a circularity of endless existence, well-nigh limitless but, nevertheless, finite in contrast with in-

finity.

2. UNIVERSAL NONSPIRITUAL ENERGY SYSTEMS (PHYSICAL ENERGIES)

1 It is indeed difficult to find suitable words in the English language whereby to designate and wherewith to describe the various levels of force and energy — physical, mindal, or spiritual. These narratives cannot altogether follow your accepted definitions of force, energy, and power. There is such paucity of language that we must use these terms in multiple

meanings. In this paper, for example, the word *energy* is used to denote all phases and forms of phenomenal motion, action, and potential, while *force* is applied to the pregravity, and *power* to the postgravity, stages of energy.

2 I will, however, endeavour to lessen conceptual confusion by suggesting the advisability of adopting the following classification for cosmic force, emergent energy, and universe power — physical energy:

3 1. *Space potency.* This is the unquestioned free space presence of the Unqualified Absolute. The extension of this concept connotes the universe

force-space potential inherent in the functional totality of the Unqualified Absolute, while the intension of this concept implies the totality of cosmic reality — universes — which emanated eternitywise from the never-beginning, never-ending, never-moving, never-changing Isle of Paradise.

4 The phenomena indigenous to the nether side of Paradise probably embrace three zones of absolute force presence and performance: the fulcral zone of the Unqualified Absolute, the zone of the Isle of Paradise itself, and the intervening zone of certain unidentified equalizing and compen-

sating agencies or functions. These triconcentric zones are the centrum of the Paradise cycle of cosmic reality.

5 Space potency is a prereality; it is the domain of the Unqualified Absolute and is responsive only to the personal grasp of the Universal Father, notwithstanding that it is seemingly modifiable by the presence of the Primary Master Force Organizers.

6 On Uversa, space potency is spoken of as ABSOLUTA.

7 2. *Primordial force.* This represents the first basic change in space potency and may be one of the nether Paradise functions of the Unqualified

Absolute. We know that the space presence going out from nether Paradise is modified in some manner from that which is incoming. But regardless of any such possible relationships, the openly recognized transmutation of space potency into primordial force is the primary differentiating function of the tension-presence of the living Paradise force organizers.

8 Passive and potential force becomes active and primordial in response to the resistance afforded by the space presence of the Primary Eventuated Master Force Organizers. Force is now emerging from the ex-

clusive domain of the Unqualified Absolute into the realms of multiple response — response to certain primal motions initiated by the God of Action and thereupon to certain compensating motions emanating from the Universal Absolute. Primordial force is seemingly reactive to transcendental causation in proportion to absoluteness.

9 Primordial force is sometimes spoken of as *pure energy;* on Uversa we refer to it as SEGREGATA.

10 3. *Emergent energies.* The passive presence of the primary force organizers is sufficient to transform space po-

tency into primordial force, and it is upon such an activated space field that these same force organizers begin their initial and active operations. Primordial force is destined to pass through two distinct phases of transmutation in the realms of energy manifestation before appearing as universe power. These two levels of emerging energy are:

11 a. *Puissant energy.* This is the powerful-directional, mass-movemented, mighty-tensioned, and forcible reacting energy — gigantic energy systems set in motion by the activities of the primary force organizers. This pri-

mary or puissant energy is not at first definitely responsive to the Paradise-gravity pull though probably yielding an aggregate-mass or space-directional response to the collective group of absolute influences operative from the nether side of Paradise. When energy emerges to the level of initial response to the circular and absolute-gravity grasp of Paradise, the primary force organizers give way to the functioning of their secondary associates.

12 b. *Gravity energy.* The now-appearing gravity-responding energy carries the potential of universe power and becomes the active ancestor of

all universe matter. This secondary or gravity energy is the product of the energy elaboration resulting from the pressure-presence and the tension-trends set up by the Associate Transcendental Master Force Organizers. In response to the work of these force manipulators, space-energy rapidly passes from the puissant to the gravity stage, thus becoming directly responsive to the circular grasp of Paradise (absolute) gravity while disclosing a certain potential for sensitivity to the linear-gravity pull inherent in the soon appearing material mass of the electronic and the post-

electronic stages of energy and matter. Upon the appearance of gravity response, the Associate Master Force Organizers may retire from the energy cyclones of space provided the Universe Power Directors are assignable to that field of action.

13 §§ We are quite uncertain regarding the exact causes of the early stages of force evolution, but we recognize the intelligent action of the Ultimate in both levels of emergent-energy manifestation. Puissant and gravity energies, when regarded collectively, are spoken of on Uversa as ULTIMATA.

14 4. *Universe power.* Space-force has been changed into space-energy and thence into the energy of gravity control. Thus has physical energy been ripened to that point where it can be directed into channels of power and made to serve the manifold purposes of the universe Creators. This work is carried on by the versatile directors, centres, and controllers of physical energy in the grand universe — the organized and inhabited creations. These Universe Power Directors assume the more or less complete control of 21 of the 30 phases of energy constituting the present en-

ergy system of the seven superuniverses. This domain of power-energy-matter is the realm of the intelligent activities of the Sevenfold, functioning under the time-space overcontrol of the Supreme.

15 On Uversa we refer to the realm of universe power as GRAVITA.

16 5. *Havona energy.* In concept this narrative has been moving Paradiseward as transmuting space-force has been followed, level by level, to the working level of the energy-power of the universes of time and space. Continuing Paradiseward, there is next encountered a pre-existent phase of en-

ergy which is characteristic of the central universe. Here the evolutionary cycle seems to turn back upon itself; energy-power now seems to begin to swing back towards force, but force of a nature very unlike that of space potency and primordial force. Havona energy systems are not dual; they are triune. This is the existential energy domain of the Conjoint Actor, functioning in behalf of the Paradise Trinity.

17 On Uversa these energies of Havona are known as TRIATA.

18 6. *Transcendental energy.* This energy system operates on and from

the upper level of Paradise and only in connection with the absonite peoples. On Uversa it is denominated TRANOSTA.

19 7. *Monota.* Energy is close of kin to divinity when it is Paradise energy. We incline to the belief that monota is the living, nonspirit energy of Paradise — an eternity counterpart of the living, spirit energy of the Original Son — hence the nonspiritual energy system of the Universal Father.

20 We cannot differentiate the *nature* of Paradise spirit and Paradise monota; they are apparently alike. They have different names, but you

can hardly be told very much about a reality whose spiritual and whose nonspiritual manifestations are distinguishable only by *name.*

21 §§ We know that finite creatures can attain the worship experience of the Universal Father through the ministry of God the Sevenfold and the Thought Adjusters, but we doubt that any subabsolute personality, even power directors, can comprehend the energy infinity of the First Great Source and Centre. One thing is certain: If the power directors are conversant with the technique of the metamorphosis of space-force, they do not

reveal the secret to the rest of us. It is my opinion that they do not fully comprehend the function of the force organizers.

22 These power directors themselves are energy catalysers; that is, they cause energy to segment, organize, or assemble in unit formation by their presence. And all this implies that there must be something inherent in energy which causes it thus to function in the presence of these power entities. The Nebadon Melchizedeks long since denominated the phenomenon of the transmutation of cosmic force into universe power as one of

the seven "infinities of divinity." And that is as far as you will advance on this point during your local universe ascension.

23 §§ Notwithstanding our inability fully to comprehend the origin, nature, and transmutations of cosmic force, we are fully conversant with all phases of emergent-energy behaviour from the times of its direct and unmistakable response to the action of Paradise gravity — about the time of the beginning of the function of the

superuniverse power directors.

3. CLASSIFICATION OF MATTER

1 Matter in all universes, excepting in the central universe, is identical. Matter in its physical properties depends on the revolutionary rates of its component members, the number and size of the revolving members, their distance from the nuclear body or the space content of matter, as well as on the presence of certain forces as yet undiscovered on Urantia.

2 In the varied suns, planets, and space bodies there are 10 grand divisions of matter:

3 1. Ultimatonic matter — the prime physical units of material existence, the energy particles which go to make up electrons.

4 2. Subelectronic matter — the explosive and repellent stage of the solar supergases.

5 3. Electronic matter — the electrical stage of material differentiation — electrons, protons, and various other units entering into the varied constitution of the electronic groups.

6 4. Subatomic matter — matter existing extensively in the interior of the hot suns.

7 5. Shattered atoms — found in the cooling suns and throughout space.

8 6. Ionized matter — individual atoms stripped of their outer (chemically active) electrons by electrical, thermal, or X-ray activities and by solvents.

9 7. Atomic matter — the chemical stage of elemental organization, the component units of molecular or visible matter.

10 8. The molecular stage of matter — matter as it exists on Urantia in a state of relatively stable materialization under ordinary conditions.

11 9. Radioactive matter — the disorganizing tendency and activity of the heavier elements under conditions of moderate heat and diminished gravity pressure.

12 10. Collapsed matter — the relatively stationary matter found in the interior of the cold or dead suns. This form of matter is not really stationary; there is still some ultimatonic even electronic activity, but these units are in very close proximity, and their rates of revolution are greatly diminished.

13 §§ The foregoing classification of matter pertains to its organization rather than to the forms of its appear-

ance to created beings. Neither does it take into account the pre-emergent stages of energy nor the eternal materializations on Paradise and in the central universe.

4. ENERGY AND MATTER TRANSMUTATIONS

1 Light, heat, electricity, magnetism, chemism, energy, and matter are — in origin, nature, and destiny — one and the same thing, together with other material realities as yet undiscovered on Urantia.

2 We do not fully comprehend the almost endless changes to which physical energy may be subject. In one uni-

verse it appears as light, in another as light plus heat, in another as forms of energy unknown on Urantia; in untold millions of years it may reappear as some form of restless, surging electrical energy or magnetic power; and still later on it may again appear in a subsequent universe as some form of variable matter going through a series of metamorphoses, to be followed by its outward physical disappearance in some great cataclysm of the realms. And then, after countless ages and almost endless wandering through numberless universes, again may this same energy re-emerge

and many times change its form and potential; and so do these transformations continue through successive ages and throughout countless realms. Thus matter sweeps on, undergoing the transmutations of time but swinging ever true to the circle of eternity; even if long prevented from returning to its source, it is ever responsive thereto, and it ever proceeds in the path ordained by the Infinite Personality who sent it forth.

3 The power centres and their associates are much concerned in the work of transmuting the ultimaton into the circuits and revolutions of the elec-

tron. These unique beings control and compound power by their skillful manipulation of the basic units of materialized energy, the ultimatons. They are masters of energy as it circulates in this primitive state. In liaison with the physical controllers they are able to effectively control and direct energy even after it has transmuted to the electrical level, the so-called electronic stage. But their range of action is enormously curtailed when electronically organized energy swings into the whirls of the atomic systems. Upon such materialization, these energies fall under the complete grasp of the

drawing power of linear gravity.

4 Gravity acts positively on the power lanes and energy channels of the power centres and the physical controllers, but these beings have only a negative relation to gravity — the exercise of their antigravity endowments.

5 Throughout all space, cold and other influences are at work creatively organizing ultimatons into electrons. Heat is the measurement of electronic activity, while cold merely signifies absence of heat — comparative energy rest — the status of the universal force-charge of space provided neither

emergent energy nor organized matter were present and responding to gravity.

6 Gravity presence and action is what prevents the appearance of the theoretical absolute zero, for interstellar space does not have the temperature of absolute zero. Throughout all organized space there are gravity-responding energy currents, power circuits, and ultimatonic activities, as well as organizing electronic energies. Practically speaking, space is not empty. Even the atmosphere of Urantia thins out increasingly until at about 4,800 km it begins to shade off into the

average space matter in this section of the universe. The most nearly empty space known in Nebadon would yield about 100 ultimatons — the equivalent of one electron — in 16.4 cm^3. Such scarcity of matter is regarded as practically empty space.

7 Temperature — heat and cold — is secondary only to gravity in the realms of energy and matter evolution. Ultimatons are humbly obedient to temperature extremes. Low temperatures favour certain forms of electronic construction and atomic assembly, while high temperatures facilitate all sorts of atomic breakup and

material disintegration.

8 When subjected to the heat and pressure of certain internal solar states, all but the most primitive associations of matter may be broken up. Heat can thus largely overcome gravity stability. But no known solar heat or pressure can convert ultimatons back into puissant energy.

9 The blazing suns can transform matter into various forms of energy, but the dark worlds and all outer space can slow down electronic and ultimatonic activity to the point of converting these energies into the matter of the realms. Certain electronic asso-

ciations of a close nature, as well as many of the basic associations of nuclear matter, are formed in the exceedingly low temperatures of open space, being later augmented by association with larger accretions of materializing energy.

10 Throughout all of this never-ending metamorphosis of energy and matter we must reckon with the influence of gravity pressure and with the antigravity behaviour of the ultimatonic energies under certain conditions of temperature, velocity, and revolution. Temperature, energy currents, distance, and the presence of the

living force organizers and the power directors also have a bearing on all transmutation phenomena of energy and matter.

11 The increase of mass in matter is equal to the increase of energy divided by the square of the velocity of light. In a dynamic sense the work which resting matter can perform is equal to the energy expended in bringing its parts together from Paradise minus the resistance of the forces overcome in transit and the attraction exerted by the parts of matter on one another.

12 §§ The existence of pre-electronic forms of matter is indicated by the

two atomic weights of lead. The lead of original formation weighs slightly more than that produced through uranium disintegration by way of radium emanations[1]; and this difference in atomic weight represents the actual loss of energy in the atomic breakup.

[1] The archaic term for the chemical element Radon, which is the indirect decay product (via radium) of Uranium-238.

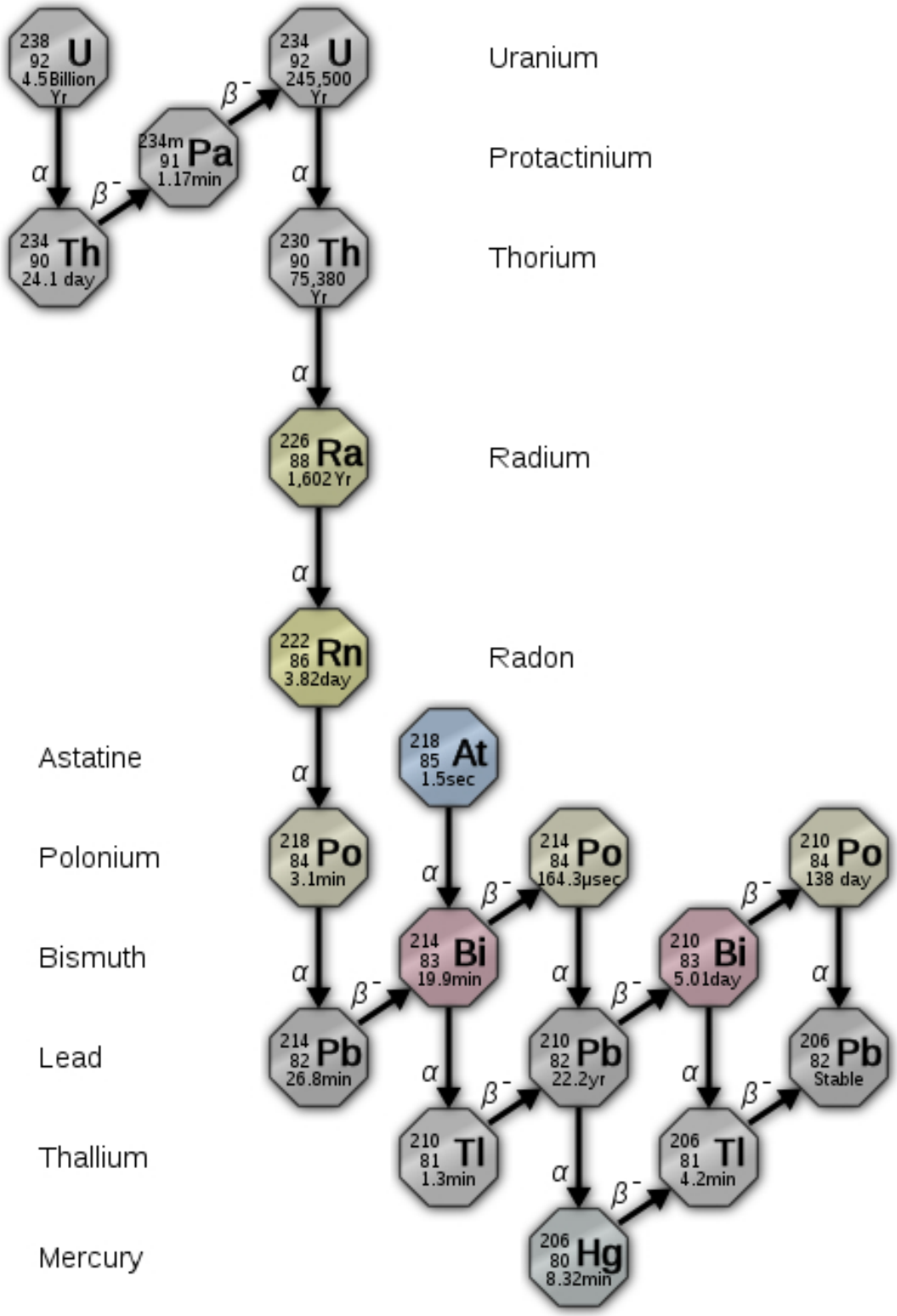

Figure 12: Uranium-238 decay series ending in Lead-206.

13 §§ The relative integrity of matter is assured by the fact that energy can be absorbed or released only in those exact amounts which Urantia scientists have designated quanta. This wise provision in the material realms serves to maintain the universes as going concerns.

14 The quantity of energy taken in or given out when electronic or other positions are shifted is always a "quantum" or some multiple thereof, but the vibratory or wavelike behaviour of such units of energy is wholly determined by the dimensions of the material structures concerned. Such wave-

like energy ripples are 860[1] times the diameters of the ultimatons, electrons, atoms, or other units thus performing. The never-ending confusion attending the observation of the wave mechanics of quantum behaviour is due to the superimposition of energy waves: Two crests can combine to make a double-height crest, while a crest and a trough may combine, thus

[1] This "magic number" is explained by Sir James Jeans in his book "The Universe Around Us" (1930, p.138) as follows: the energy needed to separate two charges $+e$ and $-e$ at a distance r is $e^2/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r)$; equating it to the energy of photon $h\nu$ we have $h\nu = hc/\lambda = e^2/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r)$, whence we obtain $\lambda/r = 4\pi\epsilon_0 hc/e^2 \approx 861.02$.

producing mutual cancellation.

5. WAVE-ENERGY MANIFESTATIONS

1 In the superuniverse of Orvonton there are 100 octaves of wave energy. Of these 100 groups of energy manifestations, 64 are wholly or partially recognized on Urantia. The sun's rays constitute 4 octaves in the superuniverse scale, the visible rays embracing a single octave, number 46[1] in this se-

[1] The wavelength of the visible light ranges between 400 nm and 780 nm, therefore the base frequency used for calibrating the spectrum is 11 Hz: $\nu_{max}(n) = 11 \times 2^n$, where ν_{max} is the top frequency (in Hz) of the nth octave.

ries. The ultraviolet group comes next, while 10 octaves up are the X-rays, followed by the γ-rays[1] of radium. 32 octaves above the visible light of the sun are the outer-space energy rays so frequently commingled with their associated highly energized minute particles of matter. Next downward from visible sunlight appear the infrared rays, and 30 octaves below are the radio transmission group.

[2] §§ Wavelike energy manifestations — from the standpoint of XX century Urantia scientific enlightenment

[1] In 1955 text "Y rays".

— may be classified into the following 10 groups:

3 1. *Infraultimatonic rays* — the borderland revolutions of ultimatons as they begin to assume definite form. This is the 1st stage of emergent energy in which wavelike phenomena can be detected and measured.

4 2. *Ultimatonic rays.* The assembly of energy into the minute spheres of the ultimatons occasions vibrations in the content of space which are discernible and measurable. And long before physicists ever discover the ultimaton, they will undoubtedly detect the phenomena of these rays as they

shower in upon Urantia. These short and powerful rays represent the initial activity of the ultimatons as they are slowed down to that point where they veer towards the electronic organization of matter. As the ultimatons aggregate into electrons, condensation occurs with a consequent storage of energy.

5 3. *The short space rays.* These are the shortest of all purely electronic vibrations and represent the preatomic stage of this form of matter. These rays require extraordinarily high or low temperatures for their production. There are two sorts of these space

rays: one attendant upon the birth of atoms and the other indicative of atomic disruption. They emanate in the largest quantities from the densest plane of the superuniverse, the Milky Way, which is also the densest plane of the outer universes.

6 4. *The electronic stage.* This stage of energy is the basis of all materialization in the seven superuniverses. When electrons pass from higher to lower energy levels of orbital revolution, quanta are always given off. Orbital shifting of electrons results in the ejection or the absorption of very definite and uniform measurable parti-

cles of light-energy, while the individual electron always gives up a particle of light-energy when subjected to collision. Wavelike energy manifestations also attend upon the performances of the positive bodies and the other members of the electronic stage.

7 5. *Gamma rays* — those emanations which characterize the spontaneous dissociation of atomic matter. The best illustration of this form of electronic activity is in the phenomena associated with radium disintegration.

8 6. *The X-ray group.* The next step in the slowing down of the electron

yields the various forms of solar X-rays together with artificially generated X-rays. The electronic charge creates an electric field; movement gives rise to an electric current; the current produces a magnetic field. When an electron is suddenly stopped, the resultant electromagnetic commotion produces the X-ray; the X-ray is *that* disturbance. The solar X-rays are identical with those which are mechanically generated for exploring the interior of the human body except that they are a trifle longer.

9 7. *The ultraviolet* or chemical rays of sunlight and the various me-

chanical productions.

10 8. *The white light* — the whole visible light of the suns.

11 9. *Infrared rays* — the slowing down of electronic activity still nearer the stage of appreciable heat.

12 10. *Hertzian waves* — those energies utilized on Urantia for broadcasting.

13 §§ Of all these 10 phases of wave-like energy activity, the human eye can react to just one octave, the whole light of ordinary sunlight.

14 §§ The so-called ether is merely a collective name to designate a group

of force and energy activities occurring in space. Ultimatons, electrons, and other mass aggregations of energy are uniform particles of matter, and in their transit through space they really proceed in direct lines. Light and all other forms of recognizable energy manifestations consist of a succession of definite energy particles which proceed in direct lines except as modified by gravity and other intervening forces. That these processions of energy particles appear as wave phenomena when subjected to certain observations is due to the resistance of the undifferentiated force blanket of all

space, the hypothetical ether, and to the intergravity tension of the associated aggregations of matter. The spacing of the particle-intervals of matter, together with the initial velocity of the energy beams, establishes the undulatory appearance of many forms of energy-matter.

15 The excitation of the content of space produces a wavelike reaction to the passage of rapidly moving particles of matter, just as the passage of a ship through water initiates waves of varying amplitude and interval.

16 Primordial-force behaviour does give rise to phenomena which are in

many ways analogous to your postulated ether. Space is not empty; the spheres of all space whirl and plunge on through a vast ocean of outspread force-energy; neither is the space content of an atom empty. Nevertheless there is no ether, and the very absence of this hypothetical ether enables the inhabited planet to escape falling into the sun and the encircling electron to resist falling into the nucleus.

6. ULTIMATONS, ELECTRONS, AND ATOMS

1 While the space charge of universal force is homogeneous and undiffer-

entiated, the organization of evolved energy into matter entails the concentration of energy into discrete masses of definite dimensions and established weight — precise gravity reaction.

2 Local or linear gravity becomes fully operative with the appearance of the atomic organization of matter. Preatomic matter becomes slightly gravity responsive when activated by X-ray and other similar energies, but no measurable linear-gravity pull is exerted on free, unattached, and uncharged electronic-energy particles or on unassociated ultimatons.

3 §§ Ultimatons function by mutual

attraction, responding only to the circular Paradise-gravity pull. Without linear-gravity response they are thus held in the universal space drift. Ultimatons are capable of accelerating revolutionary velocity to the point of partial antigravity behaviour, but they cannot, independent of force organizers or power directors, attain the critical escape velocity of deindividuation, return to the puissant-energy stage. In nature, ultimatons escape the status of physical existence only when participating in the terminal disruption of a cooled-off and dying sun.

4 §§ The ultimatons, unknown on

Urantia, slow down through many phases of physical activity before they attain the revolutionary-energy prerequisites to electronic organization. Ultimatons have three varieties of motion: mutual resistance to cosmic force, individual revolutions of antigravity potential, and the intraelectronic positions of the 100 mutually interassociated ultimatons.

5 Mutual attraction holds 100 ultimatons together in the constitution of the electron; and there are never more nor less than 100 ultimatons in a typical electron. The loss of one or more ultimatons destroys typical electronic

identity, thus bringing into existence one of the 10 modified forms of the electron.

6 Ultimatons do not describe orbits or whirl about in circuits within the electrons, but they do spread or cluster in accordance with their axial revolutionary velocities, thus determining the differential electronic dimensions. This same ultimatonic velocity of axial revolution also determines the negative or positive reactions of the several types of electronic units. The entire segregation and grouping of electronic matter, together with the electric differentiation of negative and positive

bodies of energy-matter, result from these various functions of the component ultimatonic interassociation.

7 §§ Each atom is a trifle over 2.54×10^{-8} cm[1] in diameter, while an electron weighs a little less than 1/2,000th of the smallest atom, hydrogen. The positive proton, characteristic of the atomic nucleus, while it may be no larger than a negative electron, weighs from 2,000 to 3,000 times more.

8 §§ If the mass of matter should be magnified until that of an electron equalled 3 g, then were size to be pro-

[1] About 4.8 times greater than the value of *Bohr radius* $a = 5.29 \times 10^{-9}$ cm.

portionately magnified, the volume of such an electron would become as large as that of the earth. If the volume of a proton — 1,800 times as heavy as an electron — should be magnified to the size of the head of a pin, then, in comparison, a pin's head would attain a diameter equal to that of the earth's orbit around the sun.

7. ATOMIC MATTER

1 The formation of all matter is on the order of the solar system. There is at the centre of every minute universe of energy a relatively stable, comparatively stationary, nuclear portion

of material existence. This central unit is endowed with a threefold possibility of manifestation. Surrounding this energy centre there whirl, in endless profusion but in fluctuating circuits, the energy units which are faintly comparable to the planets encircling the sun of some starry group like your own solar system.

2 §§ Within the atom the electrons revolve about the central proton with about the same comparative room the planets have as they revolve about the sun in the space of the solar system. There is the same relative distance, in comparison with actual size, between

the atomic nucleus and the inner electronic circuit as exists between the inner planet, Mercury, and your sun.

3 The electronic axial revolutions and their orbital velocities about the atomic nucleus are both beyond the human imagination, not to mention the velocities of their component ultimatons. The positive particles of radium fly off into space at the rate of 16,000 km/s, while the negative particles attain a velocity approximating that of light.

4 §§ The local universes are of decimal construction. There are just 100 distinguishable atomic material-

izations of space-energy in a dual universe; that is the maximum possible organization of matter in Nebadon. These 100 forms of matter consist of a regular series in which from 1 to 100 electrons revolve around a central and relatively compact nucleus. It is this orderly and dependable association of various energies that constitutes matter.

5 Not every world will show 100 recognizable elements at the surface, but they are somewhere present, have been present, or are in process of evolution. Conditions surrounding the origin and subsequent evolution of a

planet determine how many of the 100 atomic types will be observable. The heavier atoms are not found on the surface of many worlds. Even on Urantia the known heavier elements manifest a tendency to fly to pieces, as is illustrated by radium behaviour.

6 Stability of the atom depends on the number of electrically inactive neutrons in the central body. Chemical behaviour is wholly dependent on the activity of the freely revolving electrons.

7 §§ In Orvonton it has never been possible naturally to assemble over 100 orbital electrons in one atomic

system[1]. When 101 have been artificially introduced into the orbital field, the result has always been the instantaneous disruption of the central proton

[1] Modern relativistic quantum mechanics associates the maximum number of electrons in an atomic system with the reciprocal fine structure constant $1/\alpha = \hbar c/e^2 \approx 137$. In 1952 ([5]) F.J. Dyson argued that $1/\alpha$ was the greatest number of electrons that could subsist in an atom, because if n electrons are constrained to remain within a sphere of Compton wavelength diameter $\hbar/mc$, then their total Coulomb potential energy becomes $\frac{ne^2}{\hbar/2mc} = 2n\alpha mc^2$. If this value exceeds twice the amount of rest energy of an electron ($2mc^2$), then pair creation could occur and so the number of particles n becomes undefined — hence the condition $n < 1/\alpha$.

with the wild dispersion of the electrons and other liberated energies.

8 §§ While atoms may contain from 1 to 100 orbital electrons, only the outer 10 electrons of the larger atoms revolve about the central nucleus as distinct and discrete bodies, intactly and compactly swinging around on precise and definite orbits. The 30 electrons nearest the centre are difficult of observation or detection as separate and organized bodies. This same comparative ratio of electronic behaviour in relation to nuclear proximity obtains in all atoms regardless of the number of electrons embraced.

The nearer the nucleus, the less there is of electronic individuality. The wave-like energy extension of an electron may so spread out as to occupy the whole of the lesser atomic orbits; especially is this true of the electrons nearest the atomic nucleus.

9 The 30 innermost orbital electrons have individuality, but their energy systems tend to intermingle, extending from electron to electron and well-nigh from orbit to orbit. The next 30 electrons constitute the second family, or energy zone, and are of advancing individuality, bodies of matter exerting a more complete con-

trol over their attendant energy systems. The next 30 electrons, the third energy zone, are still more individualized and circulate in more distinct and definite orbits. The last 10 electrons, present in only the 10 heaviest elements, are possessed of the dignity of independence and are, therefore, able to escape more or less freely from the control of the mother nucleus. With a minimum variation in temperature and pressure, the members of this fourth and outermost group of electrons will escape from the grasp of the central nucleus, as is illustrated by the spontaneous disruption of ura-

nium and kindred elements.

10 The first 27 atoms, those containing from 1 to 27 orbital electrons, are more easy of comprehension than the rest. From 28 upward we encounter more and more of the unpredictability of the supposed presence of the Unqualified Absolute. But some of this electronic unpredictability is due to differential ultimatonic axial revolutionary velocities and to the unexplained "huddling" proclivity of ultimatons. Other influences — physical, electrical, magnetic, and gravitational — also operate to produce variable electronic behaviour. Atoms

therefore are similar to persons as to predictability. Statisticians may announce laws governing a large number of either atoms or persons but not for a single individual atom or person.

8. ATOMIC COHESION

1 While gravity is one of several factors concerned in holding together a tiny atomic energy system, there is also present in and among these basic physical units a powerful and unknown energy, the secret of their basic constitution and ultimate behaviour, a force which remains to be discovered on Urantia. This universal influence per-

meates all the space embraced within this tiny energy organization.

2 The interelectronic space of an atom is not empty. Throughout an atom this interelectronic space is activated by wavelike manifestations which are perfectly synchronized with electronic velocity and ultimatonic revolutions. This force is not wholly dominated by your recognized laws of positive and negative attraction; its behaviour is therefore sometimes unpredictable. This unnamed influence seems to be a space-force reaction of the Unqualified Absolute.

3 §§ The charged protons and the

uncharged neutrons of the nucleus of the atom are held together by the reciprocating function of the mesotron[1], a particle of matter 180 times as heavy as the electron. Without this arrangement the electric charge carried by the protons would be disruptive of the atomic nucleus.

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[1] This hypothetical particle was known under many aliases: Yukon, Japanese electron, heavy electron, mesotron, and finally meson (cf. "Thirty Years That Shook Physics" by G. Gamow, p. 152, 1966). The π^+-meson (pion) here referred to is now considered to be 273 times as heavy as the electron, but at the time (1934) when Swann penned the text quoted here it was assumed to be 180 times as heavy as the electron.

4 As atoms are constituted, neither electric nor gravitational forces could hold the nucleus together. The integrity of the nucleus is maintained by the reciprocal cohering function of the mesotron, which is able to hold charged and uncharged particles together because of superior force-mass power and by the further function of causing protons and neutrons constantly to change places. The mesotron causes the electric charge of the nuclear particles to be incessantly tossed back and forth between protons and neutrons. At one infinitesimal part of a second a given nu-

clear particle is a charged proton and the next an uncharged neutron. And these alternations of energy status are so unbelievably rapid that the electric charge is deprived of all opportunity to function as a disruptive influence. Thus does the mesotron function as an "energy-carrier" particle which mightily contributes to the nuclear stability of the atom[1].

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[1] The mechanism of π^+ pion exchange described here was first suggested by Hideki Yukawa in 1935 and experimentally confirmed in 1947. Having *finite mass* for the virtual quantum of strong field ideally corresponded to the fact that this interaction has a *short* range, unlike the electromagnetic interaction explained by the *massless* virtual

5 The presence and function of the mesotron also explains another atomic riddle. When atoms perform radioactively, they emit far more energy than would be expected. This excess of radiation is derived from the breaking up of the mesotron "energy carrier," which thereby becomes a mere electron. The mesotronic disin-

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photons. However, in 1964 it was superseded by the quark model, according to which the proton-neutron force is a kind of "residual" force caused by the gluon exchange between the quark constituents of nucleons. In the quark model, pions are thought to consist of quark-antiquark pairs (e.g. $\pi^+ = u\overline{d}$), just like all other mesons and so their *special* role as the field quanta disappears.

tegration is also accompanied by the emission of certain small uncharged particles[1].

6 The mesotron explains certain cohesive properties of the atomic nucleus, but it does not account for the cohesion of proton to proton nor for the adhesion of neutron to neutron. The paradoxical and powerful force of atomic cohesive integrity is a form of energy as yet undiscovered on Urantia.

7 These mesotrons are found abundantly in the space rays which so in-

[1] These are probably neutrino and the actual decay reaction is: $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e$.

cessantly impinge upon your planet.

9. NATURAL PHILOSOPHY

1 Religion is not alone dogmatic; natural philosophy equally tends to dogmatize. When a renowned religious teacher reasoned that the number 7 was fundamental to nature because there are 7 openings in the human head, if he had known more of chemistry, he might have advocated such a belief founded on a true phenomenon of the physical world. There is in all the physical universes of time and space, notwithstanding the universal manifestation of the decimal consti-

tution of energy, the ever-present reminder of the reality of the sevenfold electronic organization of prematter.

2 The number 7 is basic to the central universe and the spiritual system of inherent transmissions of character, but the number 10, the decimal system, is inherent in energy, matter, and the material creation. Nevertheless the atomic world does display a certain periodic characterization which recurs in groups of 7 — a birthmark carried by this material world indicative of its far-distant spiritual origin.

3 This sevenfold persistence of creative constitution is exhibited in the

chemical domains as a recurrence of similar physical and chemical properties in segregated periods of 7 when the basic elements are arranged in the order of their atomic weights. When the Urantia chemical elements are thus arranged in a row, any given quality or property tends to recur by sevens. This periodic change by sevens recurs diminishingly and with variations throughout the entire chemical table, being most markedly observable in the earlier or lighter atomic groupings. Starting from any one element, after noting some one property, such a quality will change for six consec-

utive elements, but on reaching the eighth, it tends to reappear, that is, the eighth chemically active element resembles the first, the ninth the second, and so on[1]. Such a fact of the

[1] Such a simple chemical periodicity was only true until the discovery of inert gases (Newlands, 1864, not Ramsay, as is commonly supposed), when the true "octaves" in the musical sense were replaced with the periods of eight, whereby the *ninth* element resembled the first, the *tenth* the second, and so on. However, even this periodicity was not strict, because after the two "small" periods of *eight* there appeared two "great" periods of *eighteen,* followed by two periods of *thirty-two*. This pattern $2, 8, 8, 18, 18, 32, 32$ could only be adequately explained in the late 1920s within the framework of Quantum Mechanics using Pauli's Principle for electron configurations. At the time of synthe-

physical world unmistakably points to the sevenfold constitution of ancestral energy and is indicative of the fundamental reality of the sevenfold diversity of the creations of time and space. Man should also note that there are 7

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sis of the Fifth Epochal Revelation the Quantum Mechanics was not yet popularised and thus remained unknown, except by the few "Founding Fathers" thereof. Thus it could not have been used in the Fifth Epochal Revelation, which was produced as a response to questions by a medical doctor (Dr William Sadler) and other people, among whom there were apparently no actively working theoretical physicists. For more information see Chapter III of the excellent monograph "Atomic Structure and Spectral Lines" (1934) by A. Sommerfeld [6].

colours in the natural spectrum.

4 But not all the suppositions of natural philosophy are valid; for example, the hypothetical ether, which represents an ingenious attempt of man to unify his ignorance of space phenomena. The philosophy of the universe cannot be predicated on the observations of so-called science. If such a metamorphosis could not be seen, a scientist would be inclined to deny the possibility of developing a butterfly out of a caterpillar.

5 Physical stability associated with biologic elasticity is present in nature only because of the well-nigh infinite

wisdom possessed by the Master Architects of creation. Nothing less than transcendental wisdom could ever design units of matter which are at the same time so stable and so efficiently flexible.

10. UNIVERSAL NONSPIRITUAL ENERGY SYSTEMS (MATERIAL MIND SYSTEMS)

1 The endless sweep of relative cosmic reality,[1] from the absoluteness of Paradise monota to the absoluteness of space potency, is suggestive of

[1] In 1955 text no comma after "reality".

certain evolutions of relationship in the nonspiritual realities of the First Source and Centre — those realities which are concealed in space potency, revealed in monota, and provisionally disclosed on intervening cosmic levels. This eternal cycle of energy, being circuited in the Father of universes, is absolute and, being absolute, is expansile in neither fact nor value; nevertheless the Primal Father is even now — as always — self-realizing of an ever-expanding arena of time-space, and of time-space-transcended, meanings, an arena of changing relationships wherein energy-matter is

being progressively subjected to the overcontrol of living and divine spirit through the experiential striving of living and personal mind.

2 The universal nonspiritual energies are reassociated in the living systems of non-Creator minds on various levels, certain of which may be depicted as follows:

3 1. *Preadjutant-spirit minds.* This level of mind is nonexperiencing and on the inhabited worlds is ministered by the Master Physical Controllers. This is mechanical mind, the nonteachable intellect of the most primitive forms of material life, but the non-

teachable mind functions on many levels beside that of primitive planetary life.

4 2. *Adjutant-spirit minds.* This is the ministry of a local universe Mother Spirit functioning through her seven adjutant mind-spirits on the teachable (nonmechanical) level of material mind. On this level material mind is experiencing: as subhuman (animal) intellect in the first five adjutants; as human (moral) intellect in the seven adjutants; as superhuman (midwayer) intellect in the last two adjutants.

5 3. *Evolving morontia minds* — the expanding consciousness of evolv-

ing personalities in the local universe ascending careers. This is the bestowal of the local universe Mother Spirit in liaison with the Creator Son. This mind level connotes the organization of the morontia type of life vehicle, a synthesis of the material and the spiritual which is effected by the Morontia Power Supervisors of a local universe. Morontia mind functions differentially in response to the 570 levels of morontia life, disclosing increasing associative capacity with the cosmic mind on the higher levels of attainment. This is the evolutionary course of mortal creatures, but mind of a non-

morontia order is also bestowed by a Universe Son and a Universe Spirit upon the nonmorontia children of the local creations.

6 §§ *The cosmic mind.* This is the sevenfold diversified mind of time and space, one phase of which is ministered by each of the Seven Master Spirits to one of the seven superuniverses. The cosmic mind encompasses all finite-mind levels and co-ordinates experientially with the evolutionary-deity levels of the Supreme Mind and transcendentally with the existential levels of absolute mind — the direct circuits of the Conjoint Actor.

7 On Paradise, mind is absolute; in Havona, absonite; in Orvonton, finite. Mind always connotes the presence-activity of living ministry plus varied energy systems, and this is true of all levels and of all kinds of mind. But beyond the cosmic mind it becomes increasingly difficult to portray the relationships of mind to nonspiritual energy. Havona mind is subabsolute but superevolutionary; being existential-experiential, it is nearer the absonite than any other concept revealed to you. Paradise mind is beyond human understanding; it is existential, nonspatial, and nontemporal. Neverthe-

less, all of these levels of mind are overshadowed by the universal presence of the Conjoint Actor — by the mind-gravity grasp of the God of mind on Paradise.

11. UNIVERSE MECHANISMS

1 In the evaluation and recognition of mind it should be remembered that the universe is neither mechanical nor magical; it is a creation of mind and a mechanism of law. But while in practical application the laws of nature operate in what seems to be the dual realms of the physical and the spiritual, in reality they are one. The First Source

and Centre is the primal cause of all materialization and at the same time the first and final Father of all spirits. The Paradise Father appears personally in the extra-Havona universes only as pure energy and pure spirit — as the Thought Adjusters and other similar fragmentations.

2 §§ Mechanisms do not absolutely dominate the total creation; the universe of universes *in toto* is mind planned, mind made, and mind administered. But the divine mechanism of the universe of universes is altogether too perfect for the scientific methods of the finite mind of man to

discern even a trace of the dominance of the infinite mind. For this creating, controlling, and upholding mind is neither material mind nor creature mind; it is spirit-mind functioning on and from creator levels of divine reality.

3 The ability to discern and discover mind in universe mechanisms depends entirely on the ability, scope, and capacity of the investigating mind engaged in such a task of observation. Time-space minds, organized out of the energies of time and space, are subject to the mechanisms of time and space.

4 §§ Motion and universe gravitation are twin facets of the impersonal time-space mechanism of the universe of universes. The levels of gravity response for spirit, mind, and matter are quite independent of time, but only true spirit levels of reality are independent of space (nonspatial). The higher mind levels of the universe — the spirit-mind levels — may also be nonspatial, but the levels of material mind, such as human mind, are responsive to the interactions of universe gravitation, losing this response only in proportion to spirit identification. Spirit-reality levels are recognized by their

spirit content, and spirituality in time and space is measured inversely to the linear-gravity response.

5 Linear-gravity response is a quantitative measure of nonspirit energy. All mass — organized energy — is subject to this grasp except as motion and mind act upon it. Linear gravity is the short-range cohesive force of the macrocosmos somewhat as the forces of intra-atomic cohesion are the short-range forces of the microcosmos. Physical materialized energy, organized as so-called matter, cannot traverse space without affecting linear-gravity response. Although such grav-

ity response is directly proportional to mass, it is so modified by intervening space that the final result is no more than roughly approximated when expressed as inversely according to the square of the distance. Space eventually conquers linear gravitation because of the presence therein of the antigravity influences of numerous supermaterial forces which operate to neutralize gravity action and all responses thereto.

6 §§ Extremely complex and highly automatic-appearing cosmic mechanisms always tend to conceal the presence of the originative or creative in-

dwelling mind from any and all intelligences very far below the universe levels of the nature and capacity of the mechanism itself. Therefore is it inevitable that the higher universe mechanisms must appear to be mindless to the lower orders of creatures. The only possible exception to such a conclusion would be the implication of mindedness in the amazing phenomenon of an *apparently self-maintaining universe* — but that is a matter of philosophy rather than one of actual experience.

7 Since mind co-ordinates the universe, fixity of mechanisms is nonexis-

tent. The phenomenon of progressive evolution associated with cosmic self-maintenance is universal. The evolutionary capacity of the universe is inexhaustible in the infinity of spontaneity. Progress towards harmonious unity, a growing experiential synthesis superimposed on an ever-increasing complexity of relationships, could be effected only by a purposive and dominant mind.

8 The higher the universe mind associated with any universe phenomenon, the more difficult it is for the lower types of mind to discover it. And since the mind of the universe mechanism

is creative spirit-mind (even the mindedness of the Infinite), it can never be discovered or discerned by the lower-level minds of the universe, much less by the *lowest* mind of all, the human. The evolving animal mind, while naturally God-seeking, is not alone and of itself inherently God-knowing.

12. PATTERN AND FORM — MIND DOMINANCE

1 The evolution of mechanisms implies and indicates the concealed presence and dominance of creative mind. The ability of the mortal intellect to conceive, design, and create automatic mechanisms demonstrates the supe-

rior, creative, and purposive qualities of man's mind as the dominant influence on the planet. Mind always reaches out towards:

2 1. Creation of material mechanisms.

3 2. Discovery of hidden mysteries.

4 3. Exploration of remote situations.

5 4. Formulation of mental systems.

6 5. Attainment of wisdom goals.

7 6. Achievement of spirit levels.

8 7. The accomplishment of divine destinies — supreme, ultimate, and absolute.

9 §§ Mind is always creative. The mind endowment of an individual animal, mortal, morontian, spirit ascender, or finality attainer is always competent to produce a suitable and serviceable body for the living creature identity. But the presence phenomenon of a personality or the pattern of an identity, as such, is not a manifestation of energy, either physical, mindal, or spiritual. The personality form is the *pattern* aspect of a living being; it connotes the *arrangement* of energies,

and this, plus life and motion, is the *mechanism* of creature existence.

10 Even spirit beings have form, and these spirit forms (patterns) are real. Even the highest type of spirit personalities have forms — personality presences in every sense analogous to Urantia mortal bodies. Nearly all beings encountered in the seven superuniverses are possessed of forms. But there are a few exceptions to this general rule: Thought Adjusters appear to be without form until after fusion with the surviving souls of their mortal associates. Solitary Messengers, Inspired Trinity Spirits, Personal Aids

of the Infinite Spirit, Gravity Messengers, Transcendental Recorders, and certain others are also without discoverable form. But these are typical of the exceptional few; the great majority have bona fide personality forms, forms which are individually characteristic, and which are recognizable and personally distinguishable.

11 The liaison of the cosmic mind and the ministry of the adjutant mind-spirits evolve a suitable physical tabernacle for the evolving human being. Likewise does the morontia mind individualize the morontia form for all mortal survivors. As the mortal body

is personal and characteristic for every human being, so will the morontia form be highly individual and adequately characteristic of the creative mind which dominates it. No two morontia forms are any more alike than any two human bodies. The Morontia Power Supervisors sponsor, and the attending seraphim provide, the undifferentiated morontia material wherewith the morontia life can begin to work. And after the morontia life it will be found that spirit forms are equally diverse, personal, and characteristic of their respective spirit-mind indwellers.

12 §§ On a material world you think of a body as having a spirit, but we regard the spirit as having a body. The material eyes are truly the windows of the spirit-born soul. The spirit is the architect, the mind is the builder, the body is the material building.

13 §§ Physical, spiritual, and mindal energies, as such and in their pure states, do not fully interact as actuals of the phenomenal universes. On Paradise the three energies are co-ordinate, in Havona co-ordinated, while in the universe levels of finite activities there must be encountered all ranges of material, mindal, and spiri-

tual dominance. In nonpersonal situations of time and space, physical energy seems to predominate, but it also appears that the more nearly spirit-mind function approaches divinity of purpose and supremacy of action, the more nearly does the spirit phase become dominant; that on the ultimate level spirit-mind may become all but completely dominant. On the absolute level spirit certainly is dominant. And from there on out through the realms of time and space, wherever a divine spirit reality is present, whenever a real spirit-mind is functioning, there always tends to be pro-

duced a material or physical counterpart of that spirit reality.

14 The spirit is the creative reality; the physical counterpart is the time-space reflection of the spirit reality, the physical repercussion of the creative action of spirit-mind.

15 Mind universally dominates matter, even as it is in turn responsive to the ultimate overcontrol of spirit. And with mortal man, only that mind which freely submits itself to the spirit direction can hope to survive the mortal time-space existence as an immortal child of the eternal spirit world of the Supreme, the Ultimate, and the

Absolute: the Infinite.

16 [Presented by a Mighty Messenger on duty in Nebadon and by the request of Gabriel.]

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PAPER 43

THE CONSTELLATIONS

Malavatia Melchizedek

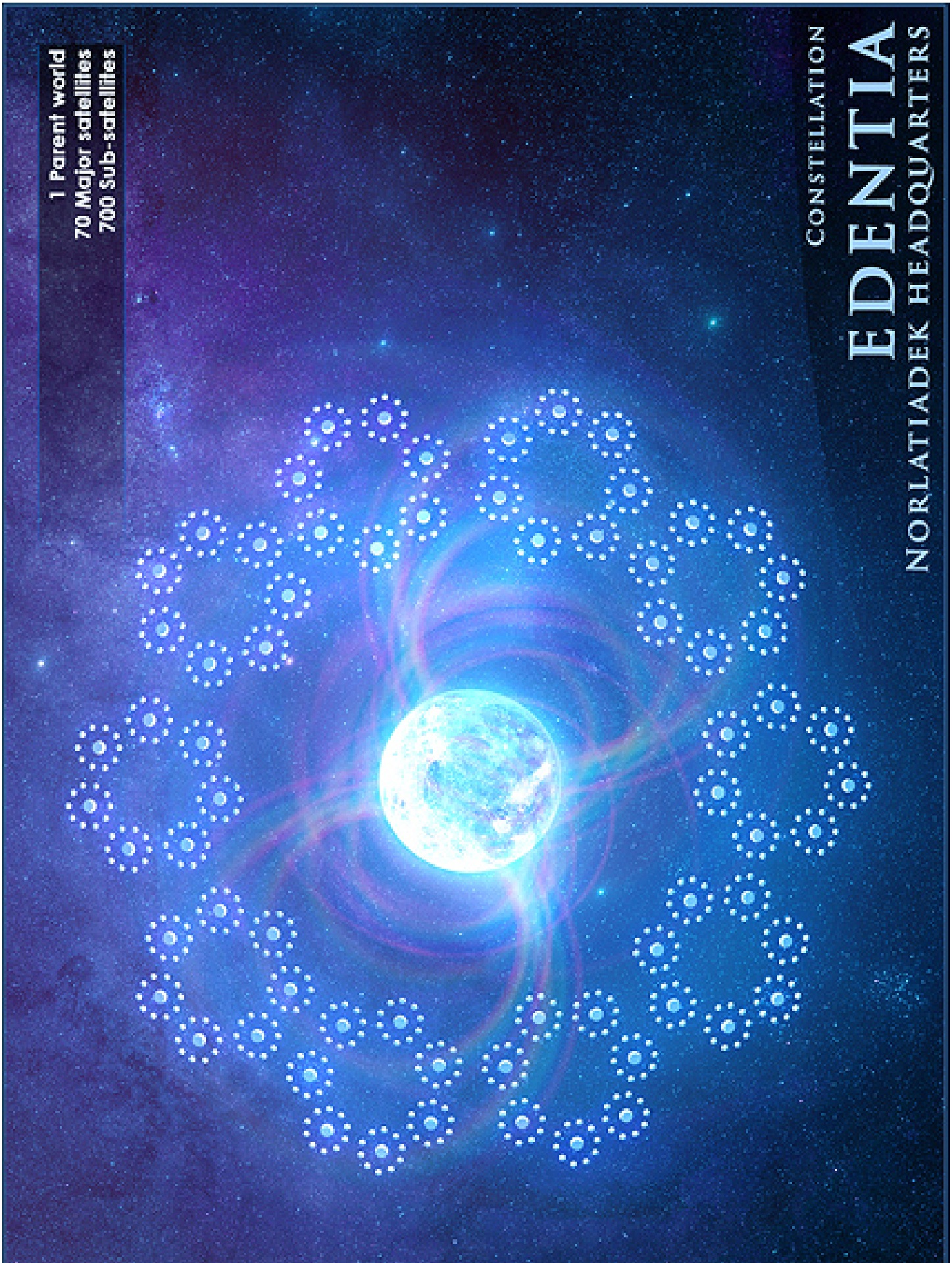
Urantia is commonly referred to as 606 of Satania in Norlatiadek of Nebadon, meaning the 606th inhabited world in the local system of Satania, situated in the constellation of Norlatiadek, one of the 100 constellations of the local universe of Nebadon. Constellations being the primary divisions of a local universe, their rulers link the local systems of inhabited worlds to the central admin-

istration of the local universe on Salvington and by reflectivity to the superadministration of the Ancients of Days on Uversa.

2 §§ The government of your constellation is situated in a cluster of 771 architectural spheres, the centremost and largest of which is Edentia, the seat of the administration of the Constellation Fathers, the Most Highs of Norlatiadek. Edentia itself is approximately 100 times as large as your world. The 70 major spheres surrounding Edentia are about 10 times the size of Urantia, while the 10 satellites which revolve around each

of these 70 worlds are about the size of Urantia[1]. These 771 architectural spheres are quite comparable in size to those of other constellations.

[1] Note that these proportions also hold for the local system architectural spheres (see 45:0.1). Assuming that they remain true for the spheres of the Salvington cluser, we can calculate the total surface area of all architectural worlds (cf. note at 37:10.1): $10^4+70*10^2+70*6+100*(10^4+70*10^2+70*10)+10,000*(10^4+7*10^2+7*7)=109,277,420$. This is more than 10 times greater than the total surface of all the evolutionary worlds.


1 Parent world
70 Major satellites
700 Sub-satellites
Constellation
EDENTIA
Norlatiadek Headquarters

3 §§ Edentia time reckoning and distance measurement are those of Salvington, and like the spheres of the universe capital, the constellation headquarters worlds are fully supplied with all orders of celestial intelligences. In general, these personalities are not very different from those described in connection with the universe administration.

4 The supervisor seraphim, the third order of local universe angels, are assigned to the service of the constellations. They make their headquarters on the capital spheres and minister extensively to the encircling morontia-

training worlds. In Norlatiadek the 70 major spheres, together with the 700 minor satellites, are inhabited by the univitatia, the permanent citizens of the constellation. All these architectural worlds are fully administered by the various groups of native life, for the greater part unrevealed but including the efficient spironga and the beautiful spornagia. Being the mid-point in the morontia-training regime, as you might suspect, the morontia life of the constellations is both typical and

ideal.

1. THE CONSTELLATION HEADQUARTERS

1 Edentia abounds in fascinating highlands, extensive elevations of physical matter crowned with morontia life and overspread with spiritual glory, but there are no rugged mountain ranges such as appear on Urantia. There are tens of thousands of sparkling lakes and thousands upon thousands of interconnecting streams, but there are no great oceans nor torrential rivers. Only the highlands are devoid of these surface streams.

2 The water of Edentia and similar architectural spheres is no different from the water of the evolutionary planets. The water systems of such spheres are both surface and subterranean, and the moisture is in constant circulation. Edentia can be circumnavigated via these various water routes, though the chief channel of transportation is the atmosphere. Spirit beings would naturally travel above the surface of the sphere, while the morontia and material beings make use of material and semimaterial means to negotiate atmospheric passage.

3 Edentia and its associated worlds have a true atmosphere, the usual three-gas mixture which is characteristic of such architectural creations, and which embodies the two elements of Urantian atmosphere plus that morontia gas suitable for the respiration of morontia creatures. But while this atmosphere is both material and morontial, there are no storms or hurricanes; neither is there summer nor winter. This absence of atmospheric disturbances and of seasonal variation makes it possible to embellish all outdoors on these especially created worlds.

4 The Edentia highlands are magnificent physical features, and their beauty is enhanced by the endless profusion of life which abounds throughout their length and breadth. Excepting a few rather isolated structures, these highlands contain no work of creature hands. Material and morontial ornamentations are limited to the dwelling areas. The lesser elevations are the sites of special residences and are beautifully embellished with both biologic and morontia art.

5 §§ Situated on the summit of the seventh highland range are the resurrection halls of Edentia, wherein

awaken the ascending mortals of the secondary modified order of ascension. These chambers of creature reassembly are under the supervision of the Melchizedeks. The first of the receiving spheres of Edentia (like the planet Melchizedek near Salvington) also has special resurrection halls, wherein the mortals of the modified orders of ascension are reassembled.

6 The Melchizedeks also maintain two special colleges on Edentia. One, the emergency school, is devoted to the study of problems growing out of the Satania rebellion. The other, the bestowal school, is dedicated to the

mastery of the new problems arising out of the fact that Michael made his final bestowal on one of the worlds of Norlatiadek. This latter college was established almost 40,000[1] years ago,

[1] In 1955 text "four thousand". The second edition correction appears to be warranted based on a reference at 119:7.2 in the text: "The public announcement that Michael had selected Urantia as the theatre for his final bestowal was made shortly after we learned about the default of Adam and Eve. And thus, for more than thirty-five thousand years, your world occupied a very conspicuous place in the councils of the entire universe." The default occurred about 37,800 years ago, so "almost forty thousand" and "more than thirty-five thousand" would seem to be equally reasonable descriptions. The committee concluded that the problem here is identical in origin to that of 41:4.4 in the text:

immediately after the announcement by Michael that Urantia had been selected as the world for his final bestowal.

7 §§ The sea of glass, the receiving area of Edentia, is near the administrative centre and is encircled by the headquarters amphitheatre. Surrounding this area are the governing centres for the 70 divisions of constellation affairs. One half of Edentia is divided into 70 triangular sec-

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the number in question was written as a numeral in the manuscript (40,000 not forty thousand), and the error was caused by the loss of a zero before the number was formatted into words for printing.

tions, whose boundaries converge at the headquarters buildings of their respective sectors. The remainder of this sphere is one vast natural park, the gardens of God.

8 During your periodic visits to Edentia, though the entire planet is open to your inspection, most of your time will be spent in that administrative triangle whose number corresponds to that of your current residential world. You will always be welcome as an observer in the legislative assemblies.

9 The morontia area assigned to ascending mortals resident on Edentia

is located in the mid-zone of the 35th triangle adjoining the headquarters of the finaliters, situated in the 36th triangle. The general headquarters of the univitatia occupies an enormous area in the mid-region of the 34th triangle immediately adjoining the residential reservation of the morontia citizens. From these arrangements it may be seen that provision is made for the accommodation of at least 70 major divisions of celestial life, and also that each of these 70 triangular areas is correlated with some one of the 70 major spheres of morontia training.

10 The Edentia sea of glass is

one enormous circular crystal about 160 km in circumference and about 48 km in depth. This magnificent crystal serves as the receiving field for all transport seraphim and other beings arriving from points outside the sphere; such a sea of glass greatly facilitates the landing of transport seraphim.

11 A crystal field on this order is found on almost all architectural worlds; and it serves many purposes aside from its decorative value, being utilized for portraying superuniverse reflectivity to assembled groups and as a factor in the energy-transformation

technique for modifying the currents of space and for adapting other incoming physical-energy streams.

2. THE CONSTELLATION GOVERNMENT

1 The constellations are the autonomous units of a local universe, each constellation being administered according to its own legislative enactments. When the courts of Nebadon sit in judgment on universe affairs, all internal matters are adjudicated in accordance with the laws prevailing in the constellation concerned. These judicial decrees of Salvington, together with the legislative enactments of the

constellations, are executed by the administrators of the local systems.

2 Constellations thus function as the legislative or lawmaking units, while the local systems serve as the executive or enforcement units. The Salvington government is the supreme judicial and co-ordinating authority.

3 §§ While the supreme judicial function rests with the central administration of a local universe, there are two subsidiary but major tribunals at the headquarters of each constellation, the Melchizedek council and the court of the Most High.

4 All judicial problems are first re-

viewed by the council of the Melchizedeks. Twelve of this order who have had certain requisite experience on the evolutionary planets and on the system headquarters worlds are empowered to review evidence, digest pleas, and formulate provisional verdicts, which are passed on to the court of the Most High, the reigning Constellation Father. The mortal division of this latter tribunal consists of seven judges, all of whom are ascendant mortals. The higher you ascend in the universe, the more certain you are to be judged by those of your own kind.

5 §§ The constellation legislative body is divided into three groups. The legislative program of a constellation originates in the lower house of ascenders, a group presided over by a finaliter and consisting of 1,000 representative mortals. Each system nominates 10 members to sit in this deliberative assembly. On Edentia this body is not fully recruited at the present time.

6 The mid-chamber of legislators is composed of the seraphic hosts and their associates, other children of the local universe Mother Spirit. This group numbers 100 and is nominated by the supervising personalities who

preside over the various activities of such beings as they function within the constellation.

7 The advisory or highest body of constellation legislators consists of the house of peers — the house of the divine Sons. This corps is chosen by the Most High Fathers and numbers ten. Only Sons of special experience may serve in this upper house. This is the fact-finding and timesaving group which very effectively serves both of the lower divisions of the legislative assembly.

8 The combined council of legislators consists of three members from

each of these separate branches of the constellation deliberative assembly and is presided over by the reigning junior Most High. This group sanctions the final form of all enactments and authorizes their promulgation by the broadcasters. The approval of this supreme commission renders legislative enactments the law of the realm; their acts are final. The legislative pronouncements of Edentia constitute the fundamental law of all Norlatiadek.

3. THE MOST HIGHS OF NORLATIADEK

1 The rulers of the constellations

are of the Vorondadek order of local universe sonship. When commissioned to active duty in the universe as constellation rulers or otherwise, these Sons are known as the *Most Highs* since they embody the highest administrative wisdom, coupled with the most farseeing and intelligent loyalty, of all the orders of the Local Universe Sons of God. Their personal integrity and their group loyalty have never been questioned; no disaffection of the Vorondadek Sons has ever occurred in Nebadon.

2 §§ At least three Vorondadek Sons are commissioned by Gabriel as the

Most Highs of each of the Nebadon constellations. The presiding member of this trio is known as the *Constellation Father* and his two associates as the *senior Most High* and the *junior Most High.* A Constellation Father reigns for 10,000 standard years (about 50,000 Urantia years), having previously served as junior associate and as senior associate for equal periods.

3 The Psalmist knew that Edentia was ruled by three Constellation Fathers and accordingly spoke of their abode in the plural: "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad

the city of God, the most holy place of the tabernacles of the Most Highs[1]."

4 §§ Down through the ages there has been great confusion on Urantia regarding the various universe rulers. Many later teachers confused their vague and indefinite tribal deities with the Most High Fathers. Still later, the Hebrews merged all of these celestial rulers into a composite Deity. One

[1] In the present Hebrew Massoretic text of Psalms 46:5(4 in Eng.), as well as all the Ancient Versions thereof which I have examined (Greek LXX, Latin Vulgate, Old Armenian, Syriac Peshitta, Aramaic Targum and Old Church Slavonic) "the Most High" appears in the *singular*, not in the *plural*.

teacher[1] understood that the Most Highs were not the Supreme Rulers, for he said, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." In the Urantia records it is very difficult at times to know exactly who is referred to by the term "Most High." But Daniel fully understood[2] these matters. He said, "The Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever he will."

5 §§ The Constellation Fathers are

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[1] This is a quote from Psalm 91:1.

[2] The statement that follows is repeated *three* times in the Book of Daniel: 4:17, 4:25 and 4:32.

little occupied with the individuals of an inhabited planet, but they are closely associated with those legislative and lawmaking functions of the constellations which so greatly concern every mortal *race* and national *group* of the inhabited worlds.

6 Although the constellation regime stands between you and the universe administration, as individuals you would ordinarily be little concerned with the constellation government. Your great interest would normally centre in the local system, Satania; but temporarily, Urantia is closely related to the constellation rulers be-

cause of certain system and planetary conditions growing out of the Lucifer rebellion.

7 The Edentia Most Highs seized certain phases of planetary authority on the rebellious worlds at the time of the Lucifer secession. They have continued to exercise this power, and the Ancients of Days long since confirmed this assumption of control over these wayward worlds. They will no doubt continue to exercise this assumed jurisdiction as long as Lucifer lives. Much of this authority would ordinarily, in a loyal system, be invested in the System Sovereign.

8 But there is still another way in which Urantia became peculiarly related to the Most Highs. When Michael, the Creator Son, was on his terminal bestowal mission, since the successor of Lucifer was not in full authority in the local system, all Urantia affairs which concerned the Michael bestowal were immediately supervised by the Most Highs of Norlatiadek.

4. MOUNT ASSEMBLY — THE FAITHFUL OF DAYS

1 The most holy mount of assembly is the dwelling place of the Faithful of Days, the representative of the Paradise Trinity who functions on Eden-

tia.

2 This Faithful of Days is a Trinity Son of Paradise and has been present on Edentia as the personal representative of Immanuel since the creation of the headquarters world. Ever the Faithful of Days stands at the right hand of the Constellation Fathers to counsel them, but never does he proffer advice unless it is asked for. The high Sons of Paradise never participate in the conduct of the affairs of a local universe except upon the petition of the acting rulers of such domains. But all that a Union of Days is to a Creator Son, a Faithful of Days is to the Most

Highs of a constellation.

3 The residence of the Edentia Faithful of Days is the constellation centre of the Paradise system of extrauniverse communication and intelligence. These Trinity Sons, with their staffs of Havona and Paradise personalities, in liaison with the supervising Union of Days, are in direct and constant communication with their order throughout all the universes, even to Havona and Paradise.

4 The most holy mount is exquisitely beautiful and marvellously appointed, but the actual residence of the Paradise Son is modest in com-

parison with the central abode of the Most Highs and the surrounding 70 structures comprising the residential unit of the Vorondadek Sons. These appointments are exclusively residential; they are entirely separate from the extensive administrative headquarters buildings wherein the affairs of the constellation are transacted.

5 The residence of the Faithful of Days on Edentia is located to the north of these residences of the Most Highs and is known as the "mount of Paradise assembly." On this consecrated highland the ascending mortals periodically assemble to hear this

Son of Paradise tell of the long and intriguing journey of progressing mortals through the one billion perfection worlds of Havona and on to the indescribable delights of Paradise. And it is at these special gatherings on Mount Assembly that the morontia mortals become more fully acquainted with the various groups of personalities of origin in the central universe.

6 The traitorous Lucifer, onetime sovereign of Satania, in announcing his claims to increased jurisdiction, sought to displace all superior orders of sonship in the governmental plan of the local universe. He purposed in his

heart[1], saying: "I will exalt my throne above the Sons of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the north; I will be like the Most High."

7 §§ The 100 System Sovereigns come periodically to the Edentia conclaves which deliberate on the welfare of the constellation. After the Satania rebellion the archrebels of Jerusem were wont to come up to these Edentia councils just as they had on for-

[1] Isaiah 14:13-14 "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.".

mer occasions. And there was found no way to stop this arrogant effrontery until after the bestowal of Michael on Urantia and his subsequent assumption of unlimited sovereignty throughout all Nebadon. Never, since that day, have these instigators of sin been permitted to sit in the Edentia councils of the loyal System Sovereigns.

8 That the teachers of olden times knew of these things is shown by the record[1]: "And there was a day when the Sons of God came to present

[1] This is stated in Job 1:6 and Job 2:1.

themselves before the Most Highs, and Satan came also and presented himself among them." And this is a statement of fact regardless of the connection in which it chances to appear.

9 §§ Since the triumph of Christ, all Norlatiadek is being cleansed of sin and rebels. Sometime before Michael's death in the flesh the fallen Lucifer's associate, Satan, sought to attend such an Edentia conclave, but the solidification of sentiment against the archrebels had reached the point where the doors of sympathy were so well-nigh universally closed that there could be found no standing ground

for the Satania adversaries. When there exists no open door for the reception of evil, there exists no opportunity for the entertainment of sin. The doors of the hearts of all Edentia closed against Satan; he was unanimously rejected by the assembled System Sovereigns, and it was at this time that the Son of Man "beheld Satan fall as lightning from heaven."

10 Since the Lucifer rebellion a new structure has been provided near the residence of the Faithful of Days. This temporary edifice is the headquarters of the Most High liaison, who functions in close touch with the Para-

dise Son as adviser to the constellation government in all matters respecting the policy and attitude of the order of Days toward sin and rebellion.

5. THE EDENTIA FATHERS SINCE THE LUCIFER REBELLION

1 The rotation of the Most Highs on Edentia was suspended at the time of the Lucifer rebellion. We now have the same rulers who were on duty at that time. We infer that no change in these rulers will be made until Lucifer and his associates are finally disposed of.

2 The present government of the constellation, however, has been ex-

panded to include 12 Sons of the Vorondadek order. These 12 are as follows:

3 1. The Constellation Father. The present Most High ruler of Norlatiadek is number 617,318 of the Vorondadek series of Nebadon. He saw service in many constellations throughout our local universe before taking up his Edentia responsibilities.

4 2. The senior Most High associate.

5 3. The junior Most High associate.

6 4. The Most High adviser, the personal representative of Michael

since his attainment of the status of a Master Son.

7 5. The Most High executive, the personal representative of Gabriel stationed on Edentia ever since the Lucifer rebellion.

8 6. The Most High chief of planetary observers, the director of the Vorondadek observers stationed on the isolated worlds of Satania.

9 7. The Most High referee, the Vorondadek Son entrusted with the duty of adjusting all difficulties consequential to rebellion within the constellation.

10 8. The Most High emergency administrator, the Vorondadek Son charged with the task of adapting the emergency enactments of the Norlatiadek legislature to the rebellion-isolated worlds of Satania.

11 9. The Most High mediator, the Vorondadek Son assigned to harmonize the special bestowal adjustments on Urantia with the routine administration of the constellation. The presence of certain archangel activities and numerous other irregular ministrations on Urantia, together with the special activities of the Brilliant Evening Stars on Jerusem, necessitates

the functioning of this Son.

12 10. The Most High judge-advocate, the head of the emergency tribunal devoted to the adjustment of the special problems of Norlatiadek growing out of the confusion consequent upon the Satania rebellion.

13 11. The Most High liaison, the Vorondadek Son attached to the Edentia rulers but commissioned as a special counsellor with the Faithful of Days regarding the best course to pursue in the management of problems pertaining to rebellion and creature disloyalty.

14 12. The Most High director, the

president of the emergency council of Edentia. All personalities assigned to Norlatiadek because of the Satania upheaval constitute the emergency council, and their presiding officer is a Vorondadek Son of extraordinary experience.

15 And this takes no account of the numerous Vorondadeks, envoys of Nebadon constellations, and others who are also resident on Edentia.

16 §§ Ever since the Lucifer rebellion the Edentia Fathers have exercised a special care over Urantia and the other isolated worlds of Satania. Long ago

the prophet[1] recognized the controlling hand of the Constellation Fathers in the affairs of nations. "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people."

17 Every quarantined or isolated world has a Vorondadek Son acting as an observer. He does not partic-

[1] The quote is from the controversial verse of Deuteronomy 32:8 which in the Hebrew ends with "according to the number of the children of Israel", but in the Greek LXX it ends with "according to the number of angels of God". Note that the present text simply omits this whole clause as irrelevant.

ipate in planetary administration except when ordered by the Constellation Father to intervene in the affairs of the nations. Actually it is this Most High observer who "rules in the kingdoms of men." Urantia is one of the isolated worlds of Norlatiadek, and a Vorondadek observer has been stationed on the planet ever since the Caligastia betrayal. When Machiventa Melchizedek ministered in semimaterial form on Urantia, he paid respectful homage to the Most High observer then on duty, as it is written, "And Melchizedek, king of Salem, was the priest of the Most

High." Melchizedek revealed the relations of this Most High observer to Abraham when he said, "And blessed be the Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

6. THE GARDENS OF GOD

1 The system capitals are particularly beautified with material and mineral constructions, while the universe headquarters is more reflective of spiritual glory, but the capitals of the constellations are the acme of morontia activities and living embellishments. On the constellation headquarters worlds living embellishment

is more generally utilized, and it is this preponderance of life — botanic artistry — that causes these worlds to be called "the gardens of God."

2 §§ About one half of Edentia is devoted to the exquisite gardens of the Most Highs, and these gardens are among the most entrancing morontia creations of the local universe. This explains why the extraordinarily beautiful places on the inhabited worlds of Norlatiadek are so often called "the garden of Eden."

3 Centrally located in this magnificent garden is the worship shrine of the Most Highs. The Psalmist must

have known something about these things, for he wrote: "Who shall ascend the hill of the Most Highs? Who shall stand in this holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to vanity nor sworn deceitfully." At this shrine the Most Highs, on every tenth day of relaxation, lead all Edentia in the worshipful contemplation of God the Supreme.

4 §§ The architectural worlds enjoy 10 forms of life of the material order. On Urantia there is plant and animal life, but on such a world as Edentia there are 10 divisions of the material

orders of life. Were you to view these 10 divisions of Edentia life, you would quickly classify the first three as vegetable and the last three as animal, but you would be utterly unable to comprehend the nature of the intervening four groups of prolific and fascinating forms of life.

5 Even the distinctively animal life is very different from that of the evolutionary worlds, so different that it is quite impossible to portray to mortal minds the unique character and affectionate nature of these nonspeaking creatures. There are thousands upon thousands of living creatures which

your imagination could not possibly picture. The whole animal creation is of an entirely different order from the gross animal species of the evolutionary planets. But all this animal life is most intelligent and exquisitely serviceable, and all the various species are surprisingly gentle and touchingly companionable. There are no carnivorous creatures on such architectural worlds; there is nothing in all Edentia to make any living being afraid.

6 The vegetable life is also very different from that of Urantia, consisting of both material and morontia varieties. The material growths have a

characteristic green colouration, but the morontia equivalents of vegetative life have a violet or orchid tinge of varying hue and reflection. Such morontia vegetation is purely an energy growth; when eaten there is no residual portion.

7 Being endowed with 10 divisions of physical life, not to mention the morontia variations, these architectural worlds provide tremendous possibilities for the biologic beautification of the landscape and of the material and the morontia structures. The celestial artisans direct the native spornagia in this extensive work

of botanic decoration and biologic embellishment. Whereas your artists must resort to inert paint and lifeless marble to portray their concepts, the celestial artisans and the univitatia more frequently utilize living materials to represent their ideas and to capture their ideals.

8 If you enjoy the flowers, shrubs, and trees of Urantia, then will you feast your eyes upon the botanical beauty and the floral grandeur of the supernal gardens of Edentia. But it is beyond my powers of description to undertake to convey to the mortal mind an adequate concept of these beauties

of the heavenly worlds. Truly, eye has not seen such glories as await your arrival on these worlds of the mortal-ascension adventure.

7. THE UNIVITATIA

1 Univitatia are the permanent citizens of Edentia and its associated worlds, all 770 worlds surrounding the constellation headquarters being under their supervision. These children of the Creator Son and the Creative Spirit are projected on a plane of existence in between the material and the spiritual, but they are not morontia creatures. The natives of each of

the 70 major spheres of Edentia possess different visible forms, and the morontia mortals have their morontia forms attuned to correspond with the ascending scale of the univitatia each time they change residence from one Edentia sphere to another as they pass successively from world number 1 to world number 70.

2 Spiritually, the univitatia are alike; intellectually, they vary as do mortals; in form, they much resemble the morontia state of existence, and they are created to function in 70 diverse orders of personality. Each of these orders of univitatia exhibits 10 major

variations of intellectual activity, and each of these varying intellectual types presides over the special training and cultural schools of progressive occupational or practical socialization on some one of the 10 satellites which swing around each of the major Edentia worlds.

3 These 700 minor worlds are technical spheres of practical education in the working of the entire local universe and are open to all classes of intelligent beings. These training schools of special skill and technical knowledge are not conducted exclusively for ascending mortals, although

morontia students constitute by far the largest group of all those who attend these courses of training. When you are received on any one of the 70 major worlds of social culture, you are immediately given clearance for each of the 10 surrounding satellites.

4 In the various courtesy colonies, ascending morontia mortals predominate among the reversion directors, but the univitatia represent the largest group associated with the Nebadon corps of celestial artisans. In all Orvonton no extra-Havona beings excepting the Uversa abandonters can equal the univitatia in artistic skill,

social adaptability, and co-ordinating cleverness.

5 These citizens of the constellation are not actually members of the artisan corps, but they freely work with all groups and contribute much to making the constellation worlds the chief spheres for the realization of the magnificent artistic possibilities of transition culture. They do not function beyond the confines of the constellation headquarters worlds.

8. THE EDENTIA TRAINING WORLDS

1 The physical endowment of Edentia and its surrounding spheres is well-

nigh perfect; they could hardly equal the spiritual grandeur of the spheres of Salvington, but they far surpass the glories of the training worlds of Jerusem. All these Edentia spheres are energized directly by the universal space currents, and their enormous power systems, both material and morontial, are expertly supervised and distributed by the constellation centres, assisted by a competent corps of Master Physical Controllers and Morontia Power Supervisors.

2 The time spent on the 70 training worlds of transition morontia culture associated with the Edentia age of

mortal ascension, is the most settled period in an ascending mortal's career up to the status of a finaliter; this is really the typical morontia life. While you are re-keyed[1] each time you pass from one major cultural world to another, you retain the same morontia body, and there are no periods of personality unconsciousness.

3 Your sojourn on Edentia and its associated spheres will be chiefly occupied with the mastery of group ethics, the secret of pleasant and profitable interrelationship between the various

[1] In 1955 text "rekeyed".

universe and superuniverse orders of intelligent personalities.

4 On the mansion worlds you completed the unification of the evolving mortal personality; on the system capital you attained Jerusem citizenship and achieved the willingness to submit the self to the disciplines of group activities and co-ordinated undertakings; but now on the constellation training worlds you are to achieve the real socialization of your evolving morontia personality. This supernal cultural acquirement consists in learning how to:

5 1. Live happily and work effec-

tively with 10 diverse fellow morontians, while 10 such groups are associated in companies of 100 and then federated in corps of 1,000.

6 2. Abide joyfully and co-operate heartily with 10 univitatia, who, though similar intellectually to morontia beings, are very different in every other way. And then must you function with this group of 10 as it co-ordinates with 10 other families, which are in turn confederated into a corps of 1,000 univitatia.

7 3. Achieve simultaneous adjustment to both fellow morontians and these host univitatia. Acquire the abil-

ity voluntarily and effectively to co-operate with your own order of beings in close working association with a somewhat dissimilar group of intelligent creatures.

8 4. While thus socially functioning with beings like and unlike yourself, achieve intellectual harmony with, and make vocational adjustment to, both groups of associates.

9 5. While attaining satisfactory socialization of the personality on intellectual and vocational levels, further perfect the ability to live in intimate contact with similar and slightly dissimilar beings with ever-lessening

irritability and ever-diminishing resentment. The reversion directors contribute much to this latter attainment through their group-play activities.

10 6. Adjust all of these various socialization techniques to the furtherance of the progressive co-ordination of the Paradise-ascension career; augment universe insight by enhancing the ability to grasp the eternal goal-meanings concealed within these seemingly insignificant time-space activities.

11 7. And then, climax all of these procedures of multisocialization with

the concurrent enhancement of spiritual insight as it pertains to the augmentation of all phases of personal endowment through group spiritual association and morontia co-ordination. Intellectually, socially, and spiritually two moral creatures do not merely double their personal potentials of universe achievement by partnership technique; they more nearly quadruple their attainment and accomplishment possibilities.

12 §§ We have portrayed Edentia socialization as an association of a morontia mortal with a univitatia family group consisting of 10 intellectu-

ally dissimilar individuals concomitant with a similar association with 10 fellow morontians. But on the first seven major worlds only 1 ascending mortal lives with 10 univitatia. On the second group of seven major worlds 2 mortals abide with each native group of 10, and so on up until, on the last group of seven major spheres, 10 morontia beings are domiciled with 10 univitatia. As you learn how better to socialize with the univitatia, you will practise such improved ethics in your relations with your fellow morontia progressors.

13 As ascending mortals you will

enjoy your sojourn on the progress worlds of Edentia, but you will not experience that personal thrill of satisfaction which characterizes your initial contact with universe affairs on the system headquarters or your farewell touch with these realities on the final worlds of the universe capital.

9. CITIZENSHIP ON EDENTIA

1 After graduation from world number 70, ascending mortals take up residence on Edentia. Ascenders now, for the first time, attend the "assemblies of Paradise" and hear the story of their far-flung career as it is depicted

by the Faithful of Days, the first of the Supreme Trinity-origin Personalities they have met.

2 §§ This entire sojourn on the constellation training worlds, culminating in Edentia citizenship, is a period of true and heavenly bliss for the morontia progressors. Throughout your sojourn on the system worlds you were evolving from a near-animal to a morontia creature; you were more material than spiritual. On the Salvington spheres you will be evolving from a morontia being to the status of a true spirit; you will be more spiritual than material. But on Edentia, ascenders

are midway between their former and their future estates, midway in their passage from evolutionary animal to ascending spirit. During your whole stay on Edentia and its worlds you are "as the angels"; you are constantly progressing but all the while maintaining a general and a typical morontia status.

3 This constellation sojourn of an ascending mortal is the most uniform and stabilized epoch in the entire career of morontia progression. This experience constitutes the prespirit socialization training of the ascenders. It is analogous to the prefinaliter spiri-

tual experience of Havona and to the preabsonite training on Paradise.

4 §§ Ascending mortals on Edentia are chiefly occupied with the assignments on the 70 progressive univitatia worlds. They also serve in varied capacities on Edentia itself, mainly in conjunction with the constellation program concerned with group, racial, national, and planetary welfare. The Most Highs are not so much engaged in fostering individual advancement on the inhabited worlds; they rule in the kingdoms of men rather than in the hearts of individuals.

5 And on that day when you are pre-

pared to leave Edentia for the Salvington career, you will pause and look back on one of the most beautiful and most refreshing of all your epochs of training this side of Paradise. But the glory of it all augments as you ascend inward and achieve increased capacity for enlarged appreciation of divine meanings and spiritual values.

6 [Sponsored by Malavatia Melchizedek.]

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THE CELESTIAL ARTISANS

Archangel

Among the courtesy colonies of the various divisional and universe headquarters worlds, may be found the unique order of composite personalities denominated the celestial artisans. These beings are the master artists and artisans of the morontia and lower spirit realms. They are the spirits and semispirits who are engaged in morontia embellishment and in spiritual beautification. Such artisans are distributed

throughout the grand universe — on the headquarters worlds of the superuniverses, the local universes, the constellations, and systems, as well as on all spheres settled in light and life; but their chief realm of activity is in the constellations and especially on the 770 worlds surrounding each headquarters sphere.

2 Though their work may be almost incomprehensible to the material mind, it should be understood that the morontia and spirit worlds are not without their high arts and supernal cultures.

3 §§ The celestial artisans are not cre-

ated as such; they are a selected and recruited corps of beings composed of certain teacher personalities native to the central universe and their volunteer pupils drawn from the ascending mortals and numerous other celestial groups. The original teaching corps of these artisans was sometime assigned by the Infinite Spirit in collaboration with the Seven Master Spirits and consisted of 7,000 Havona instructors, 1,000 to each of the seven divisions of artisans. With such a nucleus to start with, there has developed through the ages this brilliant body of skillful workers in spirit and morontia

affairs.

4 Any morontia personality or spirit entity is eligible for admission to the corps of the celestial artisans; that is, any being below the rank of inherent divine sonship. Ascending sons of God from the evolutionary spheres may, after their arrival on the morontia worlds, apply for admission to the artisan corps and, if sufficiently gifted, may choose such a career for a longer or shorter period. But no one may enlist with the celestial artisans for less than one millennium, one thousand years of superuniverse time.

5 All celestial artisans are registered

on the superuniverse headquarters but are directed by morontia supervisors on the local universe capitals. They are commissioned in the following seven major divisions of activity by the central corps of morontia supervisors functioning on the headquarters world of each local universe:

6 1. Celestial Musicians.

7 2. Heavenly Reproducers.

8 3. Divine Builders.

9 4. Thought Recorders.

10 5. Energy Manipulators.

11 6. Designers and Embellishers.

12 7. Harmony Workers.

13 §§ The original teachers of these seven groups all hailed from the perfect worlds of Havona, and Havona contains the patterns, the pattern studies, for all phases and forms of spirit artistry. While it is a gigantic task to undertake to transfer these arts of Havona to the worlds of space, the celestial artisans have improved in technique and execution from age to age. As in all other phases of the ascending career those who are most advanced in any line of endeavour are required constantly to impart their superior knowledge and skill to their less favoured fellows.

14 You will first begin to glimpse these transplanted arts of Havona on the mansion worlds, and their beauty and your appreciation of their beauty will heighten and brighten until you stand in the spirit halls of Salvington and behold the inspiring masterpieces of the supernal artists of the spirit realms.

15 §§ All these activities of the morontia and spirit worlds are real. To spirit beings the spirit world is a reality. To us the material world is the more unreal. The higher forms of spirits freely pass through ordinary matter. High spirits are reactive to noth-

ing material excepting certain of the basic energies. To material beings the spirit world is more or less unreal; to spirit beings the material world is almost entirely unreal, being merely a shadow of the substance of spirit realities.

16 I cannot, with exclusive spirit vision, perceive the building in which this narrative is being translated and recorded. A Divine Counsellor from Uversa who chances to stand by my side perceives still less of these purely material creations. We discern how these material structures appear to you by viewing a spirit counterpart pre-

sented to our minds by one of our attending energy transformers. This material building is not exactly real to me, a spirit being, but it is, of course, very real and very serviceable to material mortals.

17 There are certain types of beings who are capable of discerning the reality of the creatures of both the spirit and the material worlds. Belonging to this class are the so-called fourth creatures of the Havona Servitals and the fourth creatures of the conciliators. The angels of time and space are endowed with the ability to discern both spirit and material beings as also

are the ascending mortals subsequent to deliverance from the life in the flesh. After attainment of the higher spirit levels the ascenders are able to recognize material, morontia, and spirit realities.

18 There is also here with me a Mighty Messenger from Uversa, an ascendant Adjuster-fused, onetime mortal being, and he perceives you as you are, and at the same time he visualizes the Solitary Messenger, the supernaphim, and other celestial beings present. Never in your long ascendancy will you lose the power to recognize your associates of former ex-

istences. Always, as you ascend inward in the scale of life, will you retain the ability to recognize and fraternize with the fellow beings of your previous and lower levels of experience. Each new translation or resurrection will add one more group of spirit beings to your vision range without in the least depriving you of the ability to recognize your friends and fellows of former estates.

19 All this is made possible in the experience of ascending mortals by the action of the indwelling Thought Adjusters. Through their retention of the duplicates of your entire life's experi-

ences, you are assured of never losing any true attribute you once had; and these Adjusters are going through with you, as a part of you, in reality, as *you.*

20 But I almost despair of being able to convey to the material mind the nature of the work of the celestial artisans. I am under the necessity of constantly perverting thought and distorting language in an effort to unfold to the mortal mind the reality of these morontia transactions and near-spirit phenomena. Your comprehension is incapable of grasping, and your language is inadequate for conveying,

the meaning, value, and relationship of these semispirit activities. And I proceed with this effort to enlighten the human mind concerning these realities with the full understanding of the utter impossibility of my being very successful in such an undertaking.

21 §§ I can do no more than attempt to sketch a crude parallelism between mortal material activities and the manifold functions of the celestial artisans. If the Urantia races were more advanced in art and other cultural accomplishments, then could I go that much farther in an effort to project the human mind from the

things of matter to those of morontia. About all I can hope to accomplish is to make emphatic the fact of the reality of these transactions of the morontia and the spirit worlds.

1. THE CELESTIAL MUSICIANS

1 With the limited range of mortal hearing, you can hardly conceive of morontia melodies. There is even a material range of beautiful sound unrecognized by the human sense of hearing, not to mention the inconceivable scope of morontia and spirit harmony. Spirit melodies are not material sound waves but spirit pulsa-

tions received by the spirits of celestial personalities. There is a vastness of range and a soul of expression, as well as a grandeur of execution, associated with the melody of the spheres, that are wholly beyond human comprehension. I have seen millions of enraptured beings held in sublime ecstasy while the melody of the realm rolled in upon the spirit energy of the celestial circuits. These marvellous melodies can be broadcast to the uttermost parts of a universe.

2 The celestial musicians are occupied with the production of celestial harmony by the manipulation of the

following spirit forces:

3 1. *Spiritual sound* — spirit current interruptions.

4 2. *Spiritual light* — the control and intensification of the light of the morontia and spiritual realms.

5 3. *Energy impingements* — melody produced by the skillful management of the morontia and spirit energies.

6 4. *Colour symphonies* — melody of morontia colour tones; this ranks among the highest accomplishments of the celestial musicians.

7 5. *Harmony of associated spirits* — the very arrangement and associ-

ation of different orders of morontia and spirit beings produce majestic melodies.

8 6. *Melody of thought* — the thinking of spiritual thoughts can be so perfected as to burst forth in the melodies of Havona.

9 7. *The music of space* — by proper attunement the melodies of other spheres can be picked up on the universe broadcast circuits.

10 §§ There are over 100,000 different modes of sound, colour, and energy manipulation, techniques analogous to the human employment of musical instruments. Your ensembles

of dancing undoubtedly represent a crude and grotesque attempt of material creatures to approach the celestial harmony of being placement and personality arrangement. The other five forms of morontia melody are unrecognized by the sensory mechanism of material bodies.

11 Harmony, the music of the seven levels of melodious association, is the one universal code of spirit communication. Music, such as Urantia mortals understand, attains its highest expression in the schools of Jerusem, the system headquarters, where semimaterial beings are taught the harmonies

of sound. Mortals do not react to the other forms of morontia melody and celestial harmony.

12 §§ Appreciation of music on Urantia is both physical and spiritual; and your human musicians have done much to elevate musical taste from the barbarous monotony of your early ancestors to the higher levels of sound appreciation. The majority of Urantia mortals react to music so largely with the material muscles and so slightly with the mind and spirit; but there has been a steady improvement in musical appreciation for more than 35,000 years.

13 Tuneful syncopation represents a transition from the musical monotony of primitive man to the expressionful harmony and meaningful melodies of your later-day musicians. These earlier types of rhythm stimulate the reaction of the music-loving sense without entailing the exertion of the higher intellectual powers of harmony appreciation and thus more generally appeal to immature or spiritually indolent individuals.

14 §§ The best music of Urantia is just a fleeting echo of the magnificent strains heard by the celestial associates of your musicians, who left but

snatches of these harmonies of morontia forces on record as the musical melodies of sound harmonics. Spirit-morontia music not infrequently employs all seven modes of expression and reproduction, so that the human mind is tremendously handicapped in any attempt to reduce these melodies of the higher spheres to mere notes of musical sound. Such an effort would be something like endeavouring to reproduce the strains of a great orchestra by means of a single musical instrument.

15 While you have assembled some beautiful melodies on Urantia, you

have not progressed musically nearly so far as many of your neighbouring planets in Satania. If Adam and Eve had only survived, then would you have had music in reality; but the gift of harmony, so large in their natures, has been so diluted by strains of unmusical tendencies that only once in a thousand mortal lives is there any great appreciation of harmonics. But be not discouraged; some day a real musician may appear on Urantia, and whole peoples will be enthralled by the magnificent strains of his melodies. One such human being could forever change the course of a whole

nation, even the entire civilized world. It is literally true, "melody has power a whole world to transform." Forever, music will remain the universal language of men, angels, and spirits. Harmony is the speech of Havona.

2. THE HEAVENLY REPRODUCERS

1 Mortal man can hardly hope for more than a meagre and distorted concept of the functions of the heavenly reproducers, which I must attempt to illustrate through the gross and limited symbolism of your material language. The spirit-morontia world has a thousand and one things

of supreme value, things worthy of reproduction but unknown on Urantia, experiences that belong in the category of the activities which have hardly "entered into the mind of man," those realities which God has in waiting for those who survive the life in the flesh.

2 §§ There are seven groups of the heavenly reproducers, and I will attempt to illustrate their work by the following classification:

3 1. *The singers* — harmonists who reiterate the specific harmonies of the past and interpret the melodies of the present. But all of this is effected on

the morontia level.

4 2. *The colour workers* — those artists of light and shade you might call sketchers and painters, artists who preserve passing scenes and transient episodes for future morontia enjoyment.

5 3. *The light picturizers* — the makers of the real semispirit-phenomena preservations of which motion pictures would be a very crude illustration.

6 4. *The historic pageanteers* — those who dramatically reproduce the crucial events of universe records and history.

7 5. *The prophetic artists* — those who project the meanings of history into the future.

8 6. *The life-story tellers* — those who perpetuate the meaning and significance of life experience. The projection of present personal experiences into future attainment values.

9 7. *The administrative enactors* — those who depict the significance of governmental philosophy and administrative technique, the celestial dramatists of sovereignty.

10 §§ Very often and effectively the heavenly reproducers collaborate with the reversion directors in combining

memory recapitulation with certain forms of mind rest and personality diversion. Before the morontia conclaves and spirit assemblies these reproducers sometimes associate themselves in tremendous dramatic spectacles representative of the purpose of such gatherings. I recently witnessed such a stupendous presentation in which more than one million actors produced a succession of one thousand scenes.

11 The higher intellectual teachers and the transition ministers freely and effectively utilize these various groups of reproducers in their morontia edu-

cational activities. But not all of their efforts are devoted to transient illustration; much, very much, of their work is of a permanent nature and will forever remain as a legacy to all future time. So versatile are these artisans that, when they function en masse, they are able to re-enact an age, and in collaboration with the seraphic ministers they can actually portray the eternal values of the spirit world to the mortal seers of time.

3. THE DIVINE BUILDERS

1 There are cities "whose builder and maker is God." In spirit counterpart

we have all that you mortals are familiar with and inexpressibly more. We have homes, spirit comforts, and morontia necessities. For every material satisfaction which humans are capable of enjoying, we have thousands of spiritual realities that serve to enrich and enlarge our existence. The divine builders function in seven groups:

2 1. *The home designers and builders* — those who construct and remodel the abodes assigned to individuals and working groups. These morontia and spirit domiciles are real. They would be invisible to your short-range vision, but they are very real and beautiful to

us. To a certain extent, all spirit beings may share with the builders certain details of the planning and creation of their morontia or spirit abodes. These homes are fitted up and embellished in accordance with the needs of the morontia or of the spirit creatures who are to inhabit them. There is abundant variety and ample opportunity for individual expression in all these constructions.

3 2. *The vocation builders* — those who function in designing and assembling the abodes of the regular and routine workers of the spirit and morontia realms. These builders are com-

parable to those who construct the Urantia workshops and other industrial plants. The transition worlds have a necessary economy of mutual ministry and specialized division of labour. We do not all do everything; there is diversity of function among morontia beings and evolving spirits, and these vocation builders not only build better workshops but also contribute to the vocational enhancement of the worker.

4 3. *The play builders.* Enormous edifices are utilized during the seasons of rest, what mortals would call recreation and, in a certain sense, play. Pro-

vision is made for a suitable setting for the reversion directors, the humorists of the morontia worlds, those transition spheres whereon takes place the training of ascendant beings but recently removed from the evolutionary planets. Even the higher spirits engage in a certain form of reminiscent humour during their periods of spiritual recharging.

5 4. *The worship builders* — the experienced architects of the spirit and the morontia temples. All the worlds of mortal ascent have temples of worship, and they are the most exquisite creations of the morontia realms and

the spirit spheres.

6 5. *The education builders* — those who build the headquarters of morontia training and advanced spirit learning. Always is the way open to acquire more knowledge, to gain additional information respecting one's present and future work as well as universal cultural knowledge, information designed to make ascending mortals more intelligent and effective citizens of the morontia and spirit worlds.

7 6. *Morontia planners* — those who build for the co-ordinate association of all the personalities of all realms as they are at any one time pre-

sent on any one sphere. These planners collaborate with the Morontia Power Supervisors to enrich the co-ordination of the progressive morontia life.

8 7. *The public builders* — the artisans who plan and construct the designated places of assembly other than those of worship. Great and magnificent are the places of common assembly.

9 While neither these structures nor their embellishment would be exactly real to the sensory comprehension of material mortals, they are very real to us. You would be unable to see these temples could you be there in the flesh;

nevertheless, all of these supermaterial creations are actually there, and we clearly discern them and just as fully enjoy them.

4. THE THOUGHT RECORDERS

1 These artisans are devoted to the preservation and reproduction of the superior thought of the realms, and they function in seven groups:

2 1. *Thought preservers.* These are the artisans dedicated to the preservation of the higher thought of the realms. On the morontia worlds they truly treasure the gems of mentation. Before first coming to Urantia, I saw

records and heard broadcasts of the ideation of some of the great minds of this planet. Thought recorders preserve such noble ideas in the tongue of Uversa.

3 Each superuniverse has its own language, a tongue spoken by its personalities and prevailing throughout its sectors. This is known as the tongue of Uversa in our superuniverse. Each local universe also has its own language. All of the higher orders of Nebadon are bilingual, speaking both the language of Nebadon and the tongue of Uversa. When two individuals from different local

universes meet, they communicate in the tongue of Uversa; if, however, one of them hails from another superuniverse, they must have recourse to a translator. In the central universe there is little need of a language; there exists perfect and well-nigh complete understanding; there, only the Gods are not fully comprehended. We are taught that a chance meeting on Paradise reveals more of mutual understanding than could be communicated by a mortal language in a thousand years. Even on Salvington we "know as we are known."

4 The ability to translate thought

into language in the morontia and spirit spheres is beyond mortal comprehension. Our rate of reducing thought to a permanent record can be so speeded up by the expert recorders that the equivalent of over 500,000 words, or thought symbols, can be registered in one minute of Urantia time. These universe languages are far more replete than the speech of the evolving worlds. The concept symbols of Uversa embrace more than 10^9 characters, although the basic alphabet contains only 70 symbols. The language of Nebadon is not quite so elaborate, the basic symbols, or alphabet,

being 48 in number.

5 2. *Concept recorders.* This second group of recorders are concerned with the preservation of concept pictures, idea patterns. This is a form of permanent recording unknown on the material realms, and by this method I could gain more knowledge in one hour of your time than you could gain in 100 years of perusing ordinary written language.

6 3. *Ideograph recorders.* We have the equivalent of both your written and spoken word, but in preserving thought, we usually employ concept picturization and ideograph

techniques. Those who preserve ideographs are able to improve thousandfold upon the work of the concept recorders.

7 4. *Promoters of oratory.* This group of recorders are occupied with the task of preserving thought for reproduction by oratory. But in the language of Nebadon we could, in a half hour's address, cover the subject matter of the entire lifetime of a Urantia mortal. Your only hope of comprehending these transactions is to pause and consider the technique of your disordered and garbled dream life — how you can in a few seconds traverse

years of experience in these fantasies of the night season.

8 The oratory of the spirit world is one of the rare treats which await you who have heard only the crude and stumbling orations of Urantia. There is harmony of music and euphony of expression in the orations of Salvington and Edentia which are inspiring beyond description. These burning concepts are like gems of beauty in diadems of glory. But I cannot do it! I cannot convey to the human mind the breadth and depth of these realities of another world!

9 5. *The broadcast directors.* The

broadcasts of Paradise, the superuniverses, and the local universes are under the general supervision of this group of thought conservers. They serve as censors and editors as well as co-ordinators of the broadcast material, making a superuniverse adaptation of all Paradise broadcasts and adapting and translating the broadcasts of the Ancients of Days into the individual tongues of the local universes.

10 The local universe broadcasts must also be modified for reception by the systems and the individual planets. The transmittal of these space re-

ports is carefully supervised, and there is always a back registry to ensure the proper reception of every report on every world in a given circuit. These broadcast directors are technically expert in the utilization of the currents of space for all purposes of intelligence communication.

11 6. *The rhythm recorders.* Urantians would undoubtedly denominate these artisans poets, although their work is very different from, and almost infinitely transcends, your poetic productions. Rhythm is less exhausting to both morontia and spirit beings, and so an effort is frequently made to in-

crease efficiency, as well as to augment pleasure, by executing numerous functions in rhythmic form. I only wish you might be privileged to hear some of the poetic broadcasts of the Edentia assemblies and to enjoy the richness of the colour and tone of the constellation geniuses who are masters of this exquisite form of self-expression and social harmonization.

12 7. *The morontia recorders.* I am at a loss to know how to depict to the material mind the function of this important group of thought recorders assigned to the work of preserving the ensemble pictures of the var-

ious groupings of morontia affairs and spirit transactions; crudely illustrated, they are the group photographers of the transition worlds. They save for the future the vital scenes and associations of these progressive epochs, preserving them in the archives of the morontia halls of records.

5. THE ENERGY MANIPULATORS

1 These interesting and effective artisans are concerned with every kind of energy: physical, mindal, and spiritual.

2 1. *Physical-energy manipulators.* The physical-energy manipulators serve

for long periods with the power directors and are experts in the manipulation and control of many phases of physical energy. They are conversant with the 3 basic currents and the 30 subsidiary energy segregations of the superuniverses. These beings are of inestimable assistance to the Morontia Power Supervisors of the transition worlds. They are the persistent students of the cosmic projections of Paradise.

3 2. *Mind-energy manipulators.* The are the experts of intercommunication between morontia and other types of intelligent beings. This form

of communication between mortals is practically nonexistent on Urantia. These are the specialists who promote the ability of the ascending morontia beings to communicate with one another, and their work embraces numerous unique adventures in intellect liaison which are far beyond my power to portray to the material mind. These artisans are the keen students of the mind circuits of the Infinite Spirit.

4 3. *Spiritual-energy manipulators.* The manipulators of spiritual energy are an intriguing group. Spiritual energy acts in accordance with established laws, just as does physical en-

ergy. That is, spirit force, when studied, yields dependable deductions and can be precisely dealt with, even as can the physical energies. There are just as certain and reliable laws in the spirit world as obtain in the material realms. During the last few millions of years many improved techniques for the intake of spiritual energy have been effected by these students of the fundamental laws of the Eternal Son governing spirit energy as applied to the morontia and other orders of celestial beings throughout the universes.

5 4. *The compound manipulators.* This is the adventurous group of well-

trained beings who are dedicated to the functional association of the three original phases of divine energy manifested throughout the universes as physical, mindal, and spiritual energies. These are the keen personalities who are in reality seeking to discover the universe presence of God the Supreme, for in this Deity personality there must occur the experiential unification of all grand universe divinity. And to a certain extent, these artisans have in recent times met with some success.

6 5. *The transport advisers.* This corps of technical advisers to the

transport seraphim are most proficient in collaborating with the star students in working out routings and in otherwise assisting the chiefs of transport on the worlds of space. They are the traffic supervisors of the spheres and are present on all inhabited planets. Urantia is served by a corps of 70 transport advisers.

7 6. *The experts of communication.* Urantia, likewise, is served by 12 technicians of interplanetary and interuniverse communication. These long-experienced beings are expert in the knowledge of the laws of transmittal and interference as applied to the

communications of the realms. This corps is concerned with all forms of space messages except those of Gravity and Solitary Messengers. On Urantia much of their work must be accomplished over the archangels' circuit.

8 7. *The teachers of rest.* Divine rest is associated with the technique of spiritual-energy intake. Morontia and spirit energy must be replenished just as certainly as physical energy, but not for the same reasons. I am, perforce, compelled to employ crude illustrations in my attempts to enlighten you; nevertheless, we of the spirit world

must stop our regular activities periodically and betake ourselves to suitable places of rendezvous where we enter the divine rest and thus recuperate our depleting energies.

9 You will receive your first lessons in these matters when you reach the mansion worlds after you have become morontia beings and have begun to experience the technique of spirit affairs. You know of the innermost circle of Havona and that, after the pilgrims of space have traversed the preceding circles, they must be inducted into the long and revivifying rest of Paradise. This is not only a tech-

nical requirement of transit from the career of time to the service of eternity, but it is also a necessity, a form of rest required to replenish the energy losses incident to the final steps of the ascendant experience and to store reserves of spirit power for the next stage of the endless career.

10 These energy manipulators also function in hundreds of other ways too numerous to catalogue, such as counselling with the seraphim, cherubim, and sanobim regarding the most efficient modes of energy intake and as to the maintenance of the most helpful balances of divergent forces be-

tween active cherubim and passive sanobim. In many other ways do these experts lend assistance to morontia and spirit creatures in their efforts to understand the divine rest, which is so essential to the effective utilization of the basic energies of space.

6. THE DESIGNERS AND EMBELLISHERS

1 How I wish I knew how to portray the exquisite work of these unique artisans! Every attempt on my part to explain the work of spirit embellishment would only recall to material minds your own pitiful but worthy efforts to do these things on your world of mind

and matter.

2 This corps, while embracing over one thousand subdivisions of activity, is grouped under the following seven major heads:

3 1. *The craftworkers of colour.* These are they who make the 10,000 colour tones of spirit reflection peal forth their exquisite messages of harmonious beauty. Aside from colour perception there is nothing in human experience to which these activities may be compared.

4 2. *The sound designers.* Spirit waves of diverse identity and morontia appreciation are depicted by these de-

signers of what you would call sound. These impulses are in reality the superb reflections of the naked and glorious spirit-souls of the celestial hosts.

5 3. *The emotion designers.* These enhancers and conservators of feeling are those who preserve the sentiments of morontia and the emotions of divinity for the study and edification of the children of time and for the inspiration and beautification of morontia progressors and advancing spirits.

6 4. *The artists of odour.* This comparison of supernal spirit activities to the physical recognition of chemical odours is, indeed, unfortunate, but

Urantia mortals could hardly recognize this ministry by any other name. These artisans create their varied symphonies for the edification and delight of the advancing children of light. You have nothing on earth to which this type of spiritual grandeur can be even remotely compared.

7 5. *The presence embellishers.* These artisans are not occupied with the arts of self-adornment or the technique of creature beautification. They are devoted to the production of multitudinous and joyous reactions in individual morontia and spirit creatures by dramatizing the significance of rela-

tionship through the positional values assigned to different morontia and spirit orders in the composite ensembles of these diversified beings. These artists arrange supermaterial beings as you would living musical notes, odours, sights, and then blend them into the anthems of glory.

8 6. *The taste designers.* And how can you be told of these artists! Faintly I might suggest that they are improvers of morontia taste, and they also endeavour to increase the appreciation of beauty through the sharpening of the evolving spirit senses.

9 7. *The morontia synthesizers.* These

are the master craftsmen who, when all others have made their respective contributions, then add the culminating and finishing touches to the morontia ensemble, thus achieving an inspiring portrayal of the divinely beautiful, an enduring inspiration to spirit beings and their morontia associates. But you must await your deliverance from the animal body before you can begin to conceive of the artistic glories and aesthetic beauties of the morontia and spirit worlds.

7. THE HARMONY WORKERS

1 These artists are not concerned

with music, painting, or anything similar, as you might be led to surmise. They are occupied with the manipulation and organization of specialized forces and energies which are present in the spirit world, but which are not recognized by mortals. If I had the least possible basis for comparison, I would attempt to portray this unique field of spirit achievement, but I despair — there is no hope of conveying to mortal minds this sphere of celestial artistry. Nevertheless, that which cannot be described may still be implied:

2 Beauty, rhythm, and harmony are intellectually associated and spiritu-

ally akin. Truth, fact, and relationship are intellectually inseparable and associated with the philosophic concepts of beauty. Goodness, righteousness, and justice are philosophically interrelated and spiritually bound up together with living truth and divine beauty.

3 Cosmic concepts of true philosophy, the portrayal of celestial artistry, or the mortal attempt to depict the human recognition of divine beauty can never be truly satisfying if such attempted creature progression is ununified. These expressions of the divine urge within the evolving creature

may be intellectually true, emotionally beautiful, and spiritually good; but the real soul of expression is absent unless these realities of truth, meanings of beauty, and values of goodness are unified in the life experience of the artisan, the scientist, or the philosopher.

4 These divine qualities are perfectly and absolutely unified in God. And every God-knowing man or angel possesses the potential of unlimited self-expression on ever-progressive levels of unified self-realization by the technique of the never-ending achievement of Godlikeness — the experiential blending in the evolutionary

experience of eternal truth, universal beauty, and divine goodness.

8. MORTAL ASPIRATIONS AND MORONTIA ACHIEVEMENTS

1 Although celestial artisans do not personally work on material planets, such as Urantia, they do come, from time to time, from the headquarters of the system to proffer help to the naturally gifted individuals of the mortal races. When thus assigned, these artisans temporarily work under the supervision of the planetary angels of progress. The seraphic hosts co-operate with these artisans in attempting to

assist those mortal artists who possess inherent endowments, and who also possess Adjusters of special and previous experience.

2 There are three possible sources of special human ability: At the bottom *always* there exists the natural or inherent aptitude. Special ability is never an arbitrary gift of the Gods; there is always an ancestral foundation for every outstanding talent. In addition to this natural ability, or rather supplemental thereto, there may be contributed the leadings of the Thought Adjuster in those individuals whose indwelling Adjusters may have

had actual and bona fide experiences along such lines on other worlds and in other mortal creatures. In those cases where both the human mind and the indwelling Adjuster are unusually skillful, the spirit artisans may be delegated to act as harmonizers of these talents and otherwise to assist and inspire these mortals to seek for ever-perfecting ideals and to attempt their enhanced portrayal for the edification of the realm.

3 §§ There is no caste in the ranks of spirit artisans. No matter how lowly your origin, if you have ability and the gift of expression, you will

gain adequate recognition and receive due appreciation as you ascend upward in the scale of morontia experience and spiritual attainment. There can be no handicap of human heredity or deprivation of mortal environment which the morontia career will not fully compensate and wholly remove. And all such satisfactions of artistic achievement and expressionful self-realization will be effected by your own personal efforts in progressive advancement. At last the aspirations of evolutionary mediocrity may be realized. While the Gods do not arbitrarily bestow talents and ability upon the

children of time, they do provide for the attainment of the satisfaction of all their noble longings and for the gratification of all human hunger for supernal self-expression.

4 But every human being should remember: Many ambitions to excel which tantalize mortals in the flesh will not persist with these same mortals in the morontia and spirit careers. The ascending morontians learn to socialize their former purely selfish longings and egoistic ambitions. Nevertheless, those things which you so earnestly longed to do on earth and which circumstances so persis-

tently denied you, if, after acquiring true mota insight in the morontia career, you still desire to do, then will you most certainly be granted every opportunity fully to satisfy your long-cherished desires.

5 Before ascending mortals leave the local universe to embark upon their spirit careers, they will be satiated respecting every intellectual, artistic, and social longing or true ambition which ever characterized their mortal or morontia planes of existence. This is the achievement of equality of the satisfaction of self-expression and self-realization but not the attainment

of identical experiential status nor the complete obliteration of characteristic individuality in skill, technique, and expression. But the new spirit differential of personal experiential attainment will not become thus leveled off and equalized until after you have finished the last circle of the Havona career. And then will the Paradise residents be confronted with the necessity of adjusting to that absonite differential of personal experience which can be leveled off only by the group attainment of the ultimate of creature status — the seventh-stage-spirit destiny of the mortal finaliters.

6 §§ And this is the story of the celestial artisans, that cosmopolitan body of exquisite workers who do so much to glorify the architectural spheres with the artistic portrayals of the divine beauty of the Paradise Creators.

7 [Indited by an Archangel of Nebadon.]

PAPER 45

THE LOCAL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

Melchizedek

The administrative centre of Satania consists of a cluster of architectural spheres, 57 in number — Jerusem itself, the seven major satellites, and the 49 subsatellites. Jerusem, the system capital, is almost 100 times the size of Urantia, although its gravity is a trifle less. Jerusem's major satellites are the seven transition worlds, each of which is about

10 times as large as Urantia, while the seven subsatellites of these transition spheres are just about the size of Urantia.

2 The seven mansion worlds are the seven subsatellites of transition world number one.

3 This entire system of 57 architectural worlds is independently lighted, heated, watered, and energized by the co-ordination of the Satania Power Centre and the Master Physical Controllers in accordance with the established technique of the physical organization and arrangement of these specially created spheres. They are

also physically cared for and otherwise maintained by the native spornagia.

1 Parent world
7 Major satellites
49 Sub-satellites
THE WORLD OF THE FATHER
THE 7 MANSION WORLDS
THE FINALITER WORLD
THE MORONTIA WORLD
THE ANGELIC WORLD
LOCAL SYSTEM
JERUSEM
SATANIA HEADQUARTERS
OF THE SPIRIT
OF THE SONS
THE SUPERANGEL WORLD

1. TRANSITIONAL CULTURE WORLDS

1 The seven major worlds swinging around Jerusem are generally known as the transitional culture spheres. Their rulers are designated from time to time by the Jerusem supreme executive council. These spheres are numbered and named as follows:

2 §§ *Number 1. The Finaliter World.* This is the headquarters of the finaliter corps of the local system and is surrounded by the receiving worlds, the seven mansion worlds, dedicated so

fully to the scheme of mortal ascension. The finaliter world is accessible to the inhabitants of all seven mansion worlds. Transport seraphim carry ascending personalities back and forth on these pilgrimages, which are designed to cultivate their faith in the ultimate destiny of transition mortals. Although the finaliters and their structures are not ordinarily perceptible to morontia vision, you will be more than thrilled, from time to time, when the energy transformers and the Morontia Power Supervisors enable you momentarily to glimpse these high spirit personalities who have ac-

tually completed the Paradise ascension, and who have returned to the very worlds where you are beginning this long journey, as the pledge of assurance that you may and can complete the stupendous undertaking. All mansion world sojourners go to the finaliter sphere at least once a year for these assemblies of finaliter visualization.

3 §§ *Number 2. The Morontia World.* This planet is the headquarters of the supervisors of morontia life and is surrounded by the seven spheres whereon the morontia chiefs train their associates and helpers, both morontia be-

ings and ascending mortals.

4 In passing through the seven mansion worlds, you will also progress through these cultural and social spheres of increasing morontia contact. When you advance from the first to the second mansion world, you will become eligible for a visitor's permit to transitional headquarters number two, the morontia world, and so on. And when present on any one of these six cultural spheres, you may, on invitation, become a visitor and observer on any of the seven surrounding worlds of associated group activities.

5 §§ *Number 3. The Angelic World.*

This is the headquarters of all the seraphic hosts engaged in system activities and is surrounded by the seven worlds of angelic training and instruction. These are the seraphic social spheres.

6 §§ *Number 4. The Superangel World.* This sphere is the Satania home of the Brilliant Evening Stars and a vast concourse of co-ordinate and near-co-ordinate beings. The seven satellites of this world are assigned to the seven major groups of these unnamed celestial beings.

7 §§ *Number 5. The World of the Sons.* This planet is the headquarters of the

divine Sons of all orders, including the creature-trinitized sons. The surrounding seven worlds are devoted to certain individual groupings of these divinely related sons.

8 §§ *Number 6. The World of the Spirit.* This sphere serves as the system rendezvous of the high personalities of the Infinite Spirit. Its seven surrounding satellites are assigned to individual groups of these diverse orders. But on transition world number six there is no representation of the Spirit, neither is such a presence to be observed on the system capitals; the Divine Minister of Salvington is *everywhere* in Nebadon.

9 §§ *Number 7. The World of the Father.* This is the silent sphere of the system. No group of beings is domiciled on it. The great temple of light occupies a central place, but no one can be discerned therein. All beings of all the system worlds are welcomed as worshippers.

10 The seven satellites surrounding the Father's world are variously utilized in the different systems. In Satania they are now used as the detention spheres for the interned groups of the Lucifer rebellion. The constellation capital, Edentia, has no analogous prison worlds; the few seraphim

and cherubim who went over to the rebels in the Satania rebellion have been long since confined on these isolation worlds of Jerusem.

11 As a sojourner on the 7th mansion world, you have access to the 7th transition world, the sphere of the Universal Father, and are also permitted to visit the Satania prison worlds surrounding this planet, whereon are now confined Lucifer and the majority of those personalities who followed him in rebellion against Michael. And this sad spectacle has been observable during these recent ages and will continue to serve as a solemn warning to all Ne-

badon until the Ancients of Days shall adjudicate the sin of Lucifer and his fallen associates who rejected the salvation proffered by Michael, their universe Father.

2. THE SYSTEM SOVEREIGN

1 The chief executive of a local system of inhabited worlds is a primary Lanonandek Son, the System Sovereign. In our local universe these sovereigns are entrusted with large executive responsibilities, unusual personal prerogatives. Not all universes, even in Orvonton, are so organized as to permit the System Sovereigns to ex-

ercise such unusually wide powers of personal discretion in the direction of system affairs. But in all the history of Nebadon these untrammelled executives have exhibited disloyalty only three times. The Lucifer rebellion in the system of Satania was the last and the most widespread of all.

2 In Satania, even after this disastrous upheaval, absolutely no changes have been made in the technique of system administration. The present System Sovereign possesses all the power and exercises all the authority that were invested in his unworthy predecessor except for certain matters

now under the supervision of the Constellation Fathers which the Ancients of Days have not yet fully restored to Lanaforge, the successor of Lucifer.

3 §§ The present head of Satania is a gracious and brilliant ruler, and he is a rebellion-tested sovereign. When serving as an assistant System Sovereign, Lanaforge was faithful to Michael in an earlier upheaval in the universe of Nebadon. This mighty and brilliant Lord of Satania is a tried and tested administrator. At the time of the second system rebellion in Nebadon, when the System Sovereign stumbled and fell into darkness,

Lanaforge, the first assistant to the erring chief, seized the reins of government and so conducted the affairs of the system that comparatively few personalities were lost either on the headquarters worlds or on the inhabited planets of that unfortunate system. Lanaforge bears the distinction of being the only primary Lanonandek Son in all Nebadon who thus functioned loyally in the service of Michael and in the very presence of the default of his brother of superior authority and antecedent rank. Lanaforge will probably not be removed from Jerusem until all the results of the former folly have

been overcome and the products of rebellion removed from Satania.

4 §§ While all the affairs of the isolated worlds of Satania have not been returned to his jurisdiction, Lanaforge discloses great interest in their welfare, and he is a frequent visitor on Urantia. As in other and normal systems, the Sovereign presides over the system council of world rulers, the Planetary Princes and the resident governors general of the isolated worlds. This planetary council assembles from time to time on the headquarters of the system — "When the Sons of God come together."

5 Once a week, every 10 days on Jerusem, the Sovereign holds a conclave with some one group of the various orders of personalities domiciled on the headquarters world. These are the charmingly informal hours of Jerusem, and they are never-to-be-forgotten occasions. On Jerusem there exists the utmost fraternity between all the various orders of beings and between each of these groups and the System Sovereign.

6 These unique assemblages occur on the sea of glass, the great gathering field of the system capital. They are purely social and spiritual occa-

sions; nothing pertaining to the planetary administration or even to the ascendant plan is ever discussed. Ascending mortals come together at these times merely to enjoy themselves and to meet their fellow Jerusemites. Those groups which are not being entertained by the Sovereign at these weekly relaxations meet at their own headquarters.

3. THE SYSTEM GOVERNMENT

1 The chief executive of a local system, the System Sovereign, is always supported by two or three Lanonandek Sons, who function as first and

second assistants. But at the present time the system of Satania is administered by a staff of seven Lanonandeks:

2 1. *The System Sovereign* — Lanafor number 2,709 of the primary order and successor to the apostate Lucifer.

3 2. *The first assistant Sovereign* — Mansurotia, number 17,841 of the tertiary Lanonandeks. He was dispatched to Satania along with Lanaforge.

4 3. *The second assistant Sovereign* — Sadib, number 271,402 of the tertiary order. Sadib also came to Satania with Lanaforge.

5 4. *The custodian of the system* — Holdant, number 19 of the tertiary corps, the holder and controller of all interned spirits above the order of mortal existence. Holdant likewise came to Satania with Lanaforge.

6 5. *The system recorder* — Vilton, secretary of the Lanonandek ministry of Satania, number 374 of the third order. Vilton was a member of the original Lanaforge group.

7 6. *The bestowal director* — Fortant, number 319,847 of the reserves of the secondary Lanonandeks and temporary director of all universe activities transplanted to Jerusem since

Michael's bestowal on Urantia. Fortant has been attached to the staff of Lanaforge for 1900 years of Urantia time.

8 7. *The high counsellor* — Hanavard number 67 of the primary Lanonandek Sons and a member of the high corps of universe counsellors and coordinators. He functions as acting chairman of the executive council of Satania. Hanavard is the 12th of this order so to serve on Jerusem since the Lucifer rebellion.

9 §§ This executive group of seven Lanonandeks constitutes the expanded emergency administration

made necessary by the exigencies of the Lucifer rebellion. There are only minor courts on Jerusem since the system is the unit of administration, not adjudication, but the Lanonandek administration is supported by the Jerusem executive council, the supreme advisory body of Satania. This council consists of 12 members:

10 1. Hanavard, the Lanonandek chairman.

11 2. Lanaforge, the System Sovereign.

12 3. Mansurotia, the first assistant Sovereign.

13 4. The chief of Satania Melchizedeks.

14 5. The acting director of the Satania Life Carriers.

15 6. The chief of the Satania finaliters.

16 7. The original Adam of Satania, the supervising head of the Material Sons.

17 8. The director of the Satania seraphic hosts.

18 9. The chief of the Satania physical controllers.

19 10. The director of the system Morontia Power Supervisors.

20 11. The acting director of system midway creatures.

21 12. The acting head of the corps of ascending mortals.

22 §§ This council periodically chooses three members to represent the local system on the supreme council at universe headquarters, but this representation is suspended by rebellion. Satania now has an observer at the headquarters of the local universe, but since the bestowal of Michael the system has resumed the election of 10 mem-

bers to the Edentia legislature.

4. THE FOUR AND TWENTY COUNSELLORS

1 At the centre of the seven angelic residential circles on Jerusem is located the headquarters of the Urantia advisory council, the four and twenty counsellors. John the Revelator called them the four and twenty elders: "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment." The throne in the centre of this group is the judgment seat of the presiding archangel, the throne of the resurrection roll call of

mercy and justice for all Satania. This judgment seat has always been on Jerusem, but the 24 surrounding seats were placed in position no more than 1900 years ago, soon after Christ Michael was elevated to the full sovereignty of Nebadon. These four and twenty counsellors are his personal agents on Jerusem, and they have authority to represent the Master Son in all matters concerning the roll calls of Satania and in many other phases of the scheme of mortal ascension on the isolated worlds of the system. They are the designated agents for executing the special requests of Gabriel and

the unusual mandates of Michael.

2 These 24 counsellors have been recruited from the 8 Urantia races, and the last of this group were assembled at the time of the resurrection roll call of Michael, 1900 years ago. This Urantia advisory council is made up of the following members:

3 1. *Onagar,* the master mind of the pre-Planetary Prince age, who directed his fellows in the worship of "The Breath Giver."

4 2. *Mansant,* the great teacher of the post-Planetary Prince age on Urantia, who pointed his fellows to the veneration of "The Great Light."

5 3. *Onamonalonton,* a far-distant leader of the red man and the one who directed this race from the worship of many gods to the veneration of "The Great Spirit."

6 4. *Orlandof,* a prince of the blue men and their leader in the recognition of the divinity of "The Supreme Chief."

7 5. *Porshunta,* the oracle of the extinct orange race and the leader of this people in the worship of "The Great Teacher."

8 6. *Singlangton,* the first of the yellow men to teach and lead his people in the worship of "One Truth" in-

stead of many. Thousands of years ago the yellow man knew of the one God.

9 7. *Fantad,* the deliverer of the green men from darkness and their leader in the worship of "The One Source of Life."

10 8. *Orvonon,* the enlightener of the indigo races and their leader in the onetime service of "The God of Gods."

11 9. *Adam,* the discredited but rehabilitated planetary father of Urantia, a Material Son of God who was relegated to the likeness of mortal flesh, but who survived and was subsequently elevated to this position by the decree of Michael.

12 10. *Eve,* the mother of the violet race of Urantia, who suffered the penalty of default with her mate and was also rehabilitated with him and assigned to serve with this group of mortal survivors.

13 11. *Enoch,* the first of the mortals of Urantia to fuse with the Thought Adjuster during the mortal life in the flesh.

14 12. *Moses,* the emancipator of a remnant of the submerged violet race and the instigator of the revival of the worship of the Universal Father under the name of "The God of Israel."

15 13. *Elijah,* a translated soul of

brilliant spiritual achievement during the post-Material Son age.

16 14. *Machiventa Melchizedek,* the only Son of this order to bestow himself upon the Urantia races. While still numbered as a Melchizedek, he has become "forever a minister of the Most Highs," eternally assuming the assignment of service as a mortal ascender, having sojourned on Urantia in the likeness of mortal flesh at Salem in the days of Abraham. This Melchizedek has latterly been proclaimed vicegerent Planetary Prince of Urantia with headquarters on Jerusem and authority to act in behalf of Michael,

who is actually the Planetary Prince of the world whereon he experienced his terminal bestowal in human form. Notwithstanding this, Urantia is still supervised by successive resident governors general, members of the four and twenty counsellors.

17 15. *John the Baptist,* the forerunner of Michael's mission on Urantia and, in the flesh, distant cousin of the Son of Man.

18 16. *1-2-3 the First,* the leader of the loyal midway creatures in the service of Gabriel at the time of the Caligastia betrayal, elevated to this position by Michael soon after his entrance upon

unconditioned sovereignty.

19 §§ These selected personalities are exempt from the ascension regime for the time being, on Gabriel's request, and we have no idea how long they may serve in this capacity.

20 Seats numbers 17, 18, 19, and 20 are not permanently occupied. They are temporarily filled by the unanimous consent of the 16 permanent members, being kept open for later assignment to ascending mortals from the present postbestowal Son age on Urantia.

21 Numbers 21, 22, 23, and 24 are likewise temporarily filled while being

held in reserve for the great teachers of other and subsequent ages which undoubtedly will follow the present age. Eras of the Magisterial Sons and Teacher Sons and the ages of light and life are to be anticipated on Urantia, regardless of unexpected visitations of divine Sons which may or may not occur.

5. THE MATERIAL SONS

1 The great divisions of celestial life have their headquarters and immense preserves on Jerusem, including the various orders of divine Sons, high spirits, superangels, angels, and mid-

way creatures. The central abode of this wonderful sector is the chief temple of the Material Sons.

2 The domain of the Adams is the centre of attraction to all new arrivals on Jerusem. It is an enormous area consisting of one thousand centres, although each family of Material Sons and Daughters lives on an estate of its own up to the time of the departure of its members for service on the evolutionary worlds of space or until their embarkation upon the Paradise-ascension career.

3 These Material Sons are the highest type of sex-reproducing beings to

be found on the training spheres of the evolving universes. And they are really material; even the Planetary Adams and Eves are plainly visible to the mortal races of the inhabited worlds. These Material Sons are the last and physical link in the chain of personalities extending from divinity and perfection above down to humanity and material existence below. These Sons provide the inhabited worlds with a mutually contactable intermediary between the invisible Planetary Prince and the material creatures of the realms.

4 §§ At the last millennial registra-

tion on Salvington there were of record in Nebadon 161,432,840 Material Sons and Daughters of citizenship status on the local system capitals. The number of Material Sons varies in the different systems, and their number is being constantly increased by natural reproduction. In the exercise of their reproductive functions they are not guided wholly by the personal desires of the contacting personalities but also by the higher governing bodies and advisory councils.

5 §§ These Material Sons and Daughters are the permanent inhabitants of Jerusem and its associated worlds.

They occupy vast estates on Jerusem and participate liberally in the local management of the capital sphere, administering practically all routine affairs with the assistance of the midwayers and the ascenders.

6 On Jerusem these reproducing Sons are permitted to experiment with the ideals of self-government after the manner of the Melchizedeks, and they are achieving a very high type of society. The higher orders of sonship reserve the veto functions of the realm, but in nearly every respect the Jerusem Adamites govern themselves by universal suffrage and representative gov-

ernment. Sometime[1] they hope to be granted virtually complete autonomy.

7 The character of the service of the Material Sons is largely determined by their ages. While they are not eligible for admission to the Melchizedek University of Salvington — being material and ordinarily limited to certain planets — nevertheless, the Melchizedeks maintain strong faculties of teachers on the headquarters of each system for the instruction of the younger generations of Material Sons. The educational and spiritual training systems

[1] In 1955 text "Some time" two words.

provided for the development of the younger Material Sons and Daughters are the acme of perfection in scope, technique, and practicability.

6. ADAMIC TRAINING OF ASCENDERS

1 The Material Sons and Daughters, together with their children, present an engaging spectacle which never fails to arouse the curiosity and intrigue the attention of all ascending mortals. They are so similar to your own material sex races that you both find much of common interest to engage your thoughts and occupy your seasons of fraternal contact.

2 Mortal survivors spend much of their leisure on the system capital observing and studying the life habits and conduct of these superior semi-physical sex creatures, for these citizens of Jerusem are the immediate sponsors and mentors of the mortal survivors from the time they attain citizenship on the headquarters world until they take leave for Edentia.

3 On the seven mansion worlds ascending mortals are afforded ample opportunities for compensating any and all experiential deprivations suffered on their worlds of origin, whether due to inheritance, environment,

or unfortunate premature termination of the career in the flesh. This is in every sense true except in the mortal sex life and its attendant adjustments. Thousands of mortals reach the mansion worlds without having benefited particularly from the disciplines derived from fairly average sex relations on their native spheres. The mansion world experience can provide little opportunity for compensating these very personal deprivations. Sex experience in a physical sense is past for these ascenders, but in close association with the Material Sons and Daughters, both individually and

as members of their families, these sex-deficient mortals are enabled to compensate the social, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects of their deficiency. Thus are all those humans whom circumstances or bad judgment deprived of the benefits of advantageous sex association on the evolutionary worlds, here on the system capitals afforded full opportunity to acquire these essential mortal experiences in close and loving association with the supernal Adamic sex creatures of permanent residence on the system capitals.

4 §§ No surviving mortal, midwayer,

or seraphim may ascend to Paradise, attain the Father, and be mustered into the Corps of the Finality without having passed through that sublime experience of achieving parental relationship to an evolving child of the worlds or some other experience analogous and equivalent thereto. The relationship of child and parent is fundamental to the essential concept of the Universal Father and his universe children. Therefore does such an experience become indispensable to the experiential training of all ascenders.

5 The ascending midway creatures and the evolutionary seraphim must

pass through this parenthood experience in association with the Material Sons and Daughters of the system headquarters. Thus do such nonreproducing ascenders obtain the experience of parenthood by assisting the Jerusem Adams and Eves in rearing and training their progeny.

6 All mortal survivors who have not experienced parenthood on the evolutionary worlds must also obtain this necessary training while sojourning in the homes of the Jerusem Material Sons and as parental associates of these superb fathers and mothers. This is true except in so far as such mortals

have been able to compensate their deficiencies on the system nursery located on the first transitional-culture world of Jerusem.

7 §§ This probation nursery of Satania is maintained by certain morontia personalities on the finaliters' world, one half of the planet being devoted to this work of child rearing. Here are received and reassembled certain children of surviving mortals, such as those offspring who perished on the evolutionary worlds before acquiring spiritual status as individuals. The ascension of either of its natural parents ensures that such a mortal child of the

realms will be accorded repersonalization on the system finaliter planet and there be permitted to demonstrate by subsequent freewill choice whether or not it elects to follow the parental path of mortal ascension. Children here appear as on the nativity world except for the absence of sex differentiation. There is no reproduction of mortal kind after the life experience on the inhabited worlds.

8 Mansion world students who have one or more children in the probationary nursery on the finaliters' world, and who are deficient in essential parental experience, may apply for

a Melchizedek permit which will effect their temporary transfer from ascension duties on the mansion worlds to the finaliter world, where they are granted opportunity to function as associate parents to their own and other children. This service of parental ministry may be later accredited on Jerusem as the fulfilment of one half of the training which such ascenders are required to undergo in the families of the Material Sons and Daughters.

9 The probation nursery itself is supervised by one thousand couples of Material Sons and Daughters, volunteers from the Jerusem colony of their

order. They are immediately assisted by about an equal number of volunteer midsonite parental groups who stop off here to render this service on their way from the midsonite world of Satania to the unrevealed destiny on their special worlds of reservation among the finaliter spheres of Salvington.

7. THE MELCHIZEDEK SCHOOLS

1 The Melchizedeks are the directors of that large corps of instructors — partially spiritualized will creatures and others — who function so acceptably on Jerusem and its associated worlds but especially on the seven

mansion worlds. These are the detention planets, where those mortals who fail to achieve fusion with their indwelling Adjusters during the life in the flesh are rehabilitated in transient form to receive further help and to enjoy extended opportunity for continuing their strivings for spiritual attainment, those very efforts which were prematurely interrupted by death. Or if, for any other reason of hereditary handicap, unfavourable environment, or conspiracy of circumstances, this soul attainment was not completed, no matter what the reason, all who are true of purpose and worthy in spirit

find themselves, as themselves, present on the continuing planets, where they must learn to master the essentials of the eternal career, to possess themselves of traits which they could not, or did not, acquire during the lifetime in the flesh.

2 The Brilliant Evening Stars (and their unnamed co-ordinates) frequently serve as teachers in the various educational enterprises of the universe, including those sponsored by the Melchizedeks. Also do the Trinity Teacher Sons collaborate, and they impart the touches of Paradise perfection to these progressive training

schools. But all these activities are not exclusively devoted to the advancement of ascending mortals; many are equally occupied with the progressive training of the native spirit personalities of Nebadon.

3 The Melchizedek Sons conduct upward of 30 different educational centres on Jerusem. These training schools begin with the college of self-evaluation and end with the schools of Jerusem citizenship, wherein the Material Sons and Daughters join with the Melchizedeks and others in their supreme effort to qualify the mortal survivors for the assumption of the

high responsibilities of representative government. The entire universe is organized and administered on the *representative* plan. Representative government is the divine ideal of self-government among nonperfect beings.

4 Every 100 years of universe time each system selects its 10 representatives to sit in the constellation legislature. They are chosen by the Jerusem council of one thousand, an elective body charged with the duty of representing the system groups in all such delegated or appointive matters. All representatives or other delegates are selected by the council of one thou-

sand electors, and they must be graduates of the highest school of the Melchizedek College of Administration, as also are all of those who constitute this group of one thousand electors. This school is fostered by the Melchizedeks, latterly assisted by the finaliters.

5 §§ There are many elective bodies on Jerusem, and they are voted into authority from time to time by three orders of citizenship — the Material Sons and Daughters, the seraphim and their associates, including midway creatures, and the ascending mortals. To receive nomination for represen-

tative honour a candidate must have gained requisite recognition from the Melchizedek schools of administration.

6 Suffrage is universal on Jerusem among these three groups of citizenship, but the vote is differentially cast in accordance with the recognized and duly registered personal possession of mota — morontia wisdom. The vote cast at a Jerusem election by any one personality has a value ranging from one up to one thousand. Jerusem citizens are thus classified in accordance with their mota achievement.

7 From time to time Jerusem citi-

zens present themselves to the Melchizedek examiners, who certify to their attainment of morontia wisdom. Then they go before the examining corps of the Brilliant Evening Stars or their designates, who ascertain the degree of spirit insight. Next they appear in the presence of the four and twenty counsellors and their associates, who pass upon their status of experiential attainment of socialization. These three factors are then carried to the citizenship registrars of representative government, who quickly compute the mota status and assign suffrage qualifications in accordance

therewith.

8 §§ Under the supervision of the Melchizedeks the ascending mortals, especially those who are tardy in their personality unification on the new morontia levels, are taken in hand by the Material Sons and are given intensive training designed to rectify such deficiencies. No ascending mortal leaves the system headquarters for the more extensive and varied socialization career of the constellation until these Material Sons certify to the achievement of mota personality — an individuality combining the completed mortal existence in experiential

association with the budding morontia career, both being duly blended by the spiritual overcontrol of the Thought Adjuster.

9 [Presented by a Melchizedek of temporary assignment on Urantia.]

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THE LOCAL SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS

Archangel

Jerusem, the headquarters of Satania, is an average capital of a local system, and aside from numerous irregularities occasioned by the Lucifer rebellion and the bestowal of Michael on Urantia, it is typical of similar spheres. Your local system has passed through some stormy experiences, but it is at present being administered most efficiently, and as the

ages pass, the results of disharmony are being slowly but surely eradicated. Order and good will are being restored, and the conditions on Jerusem are more and more approaching the heavenly status of your traditions, for the system headquarters is truly the heaven visualized by the majority of XX century religious believers.

1. PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF JERUSEM

1 Jerusem is divided into 1,000 latitudinal sectors and 10,000 longitudinal zones. The sphere has seven major capitals and 70 minor administrative

centres. The seven sectional capitals are concerned with diverse activities, and the System Sovereign is present in each at least once a year.

2 §§ The standard mile of Jerusem is equivalent to about 11 Urantia km. The standard weight, the "gradant," is built up through the decimal system from the mature ultimaton[1] and rep-

[1] This suggests that there is no need for the concept of *amount of substance* or the equivalent of our Avogadro's number on Jerusem. It should be recalled that on Urantia the concept of the "amount of substance" exists because the unit of mass is not defined as a multiple of some elementary such unit, unlike the metre and second. And the accuracy with which the mass can be measured differs from that of

resents almost exactly 283 grams[1] of your weight. The Satania day equals 3 days of Urantia time, less 1 hour, 4 minutes, and 15 seconds,[2] that being the time of the axial revolution of Jerusem. The system year consists of

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the number of structural elements (electrons, ions, molecules, atoms etc). But on Jerusem, the mass is defined in the same way as our metre and second, i.e. as multiple of an elementary unit.

[1] Thus the mass of the mature ultimaton can be written as $2.8349523125 \times 10^{-N}$ kg, where N is a natural number. I think that $N = 8$, i.e. ultimaton has the mass close to the value of *Planck mass*.

[2] Assuming the length of *sidereal* day to be 86164.0905 s gives the length of Satania day of 254637.2715 s $\approx$ 2 days 22 hours 43 minutes and 57 seconds.

100 Jerusem days. The time of the system is broadcast by the master chronoldeks.

3 §§ The energy of Jerusem is superbly controlled and circulates about the sphere in the zone channels, which are directly fed from the energy charges of space and expertly administered by the Master Physical Controllers. The natural resistance to the passage of these energies through the physical channels of conduction yields the heat required for the production of the equable temperature of Jerusem. The full-light temperature is maintained at about 21 °C, while dur-

ing the period of light recession it falls to a little lower than 10 °C.

4 §§ The lighting system of Jerusem should not be so difficult for you to comprehend. There are no days and nights, no seasons of heat and cold. The power transformers maintain 100,000 centres from which rarefied energies are projected upward through the planetary atmosphere, undergoing certain changes, until they reach the electric air-ceiling of the sphere; and then these energies are reflected back and down as a gentle, sifting, and even light of about the intensity of Urantia sunlight when the sun

is shining overhead at 10:00.

5 Under such conditions of lighting, the light rays do not seem to come from one place; they just sift out of the sky, emanating equally from all space directions. This light is very similar to natural sunlight except that it contains very much less heat. Thus it will be recognized that such headquarters worlds are not luminous in space; if Jerusem were very near Urantia, it would not be visible.

6 The gases which reflect this light-energy from the Jerusem upper ionosphere back to the ground are very similar to those in the Urantia up-

per air belts which are concerned with the auroral phenomena of your so-called northern lights, although these are produced by different causes. On Urantia it is this same gas shield which prevents the escape of the terrestrial broadcast waves, reflecting them earthward when they strike this gas belt in their direct outward flight. In this way broadcasts are held near the surface as they journey through the air around your world.

7 This lighting of the sphere is uniformly maintained for 75% of the Jerusem day, and then there is a gradual recession until, at the time of min-

imum illumination, the light is about that of your full moon on a clear night. This is the quiet hour for all Jerusem. Only the broadcast-receiving stations are in operation during this period of rest and rehabilitation.

8 §§ Jerusem receives faint light from several near-by suns — a sort of brilliant starlight — but it is not dependent on them; worlds like Jerusem are not subject to the vicissitudes of sun disturbances, neither are they confronted with the problem of a cooling or dying sun.

9 The seven transitional study worlds and their 49 satellites are heated,

lighted, energized, and watered by the Jerusem technique.

2. PHYSICAL FEATURES OF JERUSEM

1 On Jerusem you will miss the rugged mountain ranges of Urantia and other evolved worlds since there are neither earthquakes nor rainfalls, but you will enjoy the beauteous highlands and other unique variations of topography and landscape. Enormous areas of Jerusem are preserved in a "natural state," and the grandeur of such districts is quite beyond the powers of human imagination.

2 There are thousands upon thousands of small lakes but no raging rivers nor expansive oceans. There is no rainfall, neither storms nor blizzards, on any of the architectural worlds, but there is the daily precipitation of the condensation of moisture during the time of lowest temperature attending the light recession. (The dew point is higher on a 3-gas world than on a 2-gas planet like Urantia.) The physical plant life and the morontia world of living things both require moisture, but this is largely supplied by the subsoil system of circulation which extends all over the sphere,

even up to the very tops of the highlands. This water system is not entirely subsurface, for there are many canals interconnecting the sparkling lakes of Jerusem.

3 The atmosphere of Jerusem is a 3-gas mixture. This air is very similar to that of Urantia with the addition of a gas adapted to the respiration of the morontia order of life. This third gas in no way unfits the air for the respiration of animals or plants of the material orders.

4 The transportation system is allied with the circulatory streams of energy movement, these main energy

currents being located at 10-mile intervals. By adjustment of physical mechanisms the material beings of the planet can proceed at a pace varying from 2 to 500 miles[1] per hour. The transport birds fly at about 100 miles an hour. The air mechanisms of the Material Sons travel around 500 miles per hour. Material and early morontia beings must utilize these mechanical means of transport, but spirit personalities proceed by liaison with the superior forces and spirit sources of energy.

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[1] Here the "mile" could be referring to a "standard Jerusem mile" and so was left unconverted.

5 §§ Jerusem and its associated worlds are endowed with the ten standard divisions of physical life characteristic of the architectural spheres of Nebadon. And since there is no organic evolution on Jerusem, there are no conflicting forms of life, no struggle for existence, no survival of the fittest. Rather is there a creative adaptation which foreshadows the beauty, the harmony, and the perfection of the eternal worlds of the central and divine universe. And in all this creative perfection there is the most amazing intermingling of physical and of morontia life, artistically contrasted by

the celestial artisans and their fellows.

6 Jerusem is indeed a foretaste of paradisiacal glory and grandeur. But you can never hope to gain an adequate idea of these glorious architectural worlds by any attempted description. There is so little that can be compared with aught on your world, and even then the things of Jerusem so transcend the things of Urantia that the comparison is almost grotesque. Until you actually arrive on Jerusem, you can hardly entertain anything like a true concept of the heavenly worlds, but that is not so long a time in the future when your coming experience on

the system capital is compared with your sometime arrival on the more remote training spheres of the universe, the superuniverse, and of Havona.

7 §§ The manufacturing or laboratory sector of Jerusem is an extensive domain, one which Urantians would hardly recognize since it has no smoking chimneys; nevertheless, there is an intricate material economy associated with these special worlds, and there is a perfection of mechanical technique and physical achievement which would astonish and even awe your most experienced chemists and inventors. Pause to consider that this

first world of detention in the Paradise journey is far more material than spiritual. Throughout your stay on Jerusem and its transition worlds you are far nearer your earth life of material things than your later life of advancing spirit existence.

8 §§ Mount Seraph is the highest elevation on Jerusem, almost 4.5 km, and is the point of departure for all transport seraphim. Numerous mechanical developments are used in providing initial energy for escaping the planetary gravity and overcoming the air resistance. A seraphic transport departs every 3 seconds of Urantia

time throughout the light period and, sometimes, far into the recession. The transporters take off at about 25 standard miles per second of Urantia time and do not attain standard velocity until they are over 2,000 miles away from Jerusem.

9 Transports arrive on the crystal field, the so-called sea of glass. Around this area are the receiving stations for the various orders of beings who traverse space by seraphic transport. Near the polar crystal receiving station for student visitors you may ascend the pearly observatory and view the immense relief map of the entire

headquarters planet.

3. THE JERUSEM BROADCASTS

1 The superuniverse and Paradise-Havona broadcasts are received on Jerusem in liaison with Salvington and by a technique involving the polar crystal, the sea of glass. In addition to provisions for the reception of these extra-Nebadon communications, there are three distinct groups of receiving stations. These separate but tricircular groups of stations are adjusted to the reception of broadcasts from the local worlds, from the constellation headquarters, and from the

capital of the local universe. All these broadcasts are automatically displayed so as to be discernible by all types of beings present in the central broadcast amphitheatre; of all preoccupations for an ascendant mortal on Jerusem, none is more engaging and engrossing than that of listening in on the never-ending stream of universe space reports.

2 This Jerusem broadcast-receiving station is encircled by an enormous amphitheatre, constructed of scintillating materials largely unknown on Urantia and seating over five billion beings — material and morontia —

besides accommodating innumerable spirit personalities. It is the favourite diversion for all Jerusem to spend their leisure at the broadcast station, there to learn of the welfare and state of the universe. And this is the only planetary activity which is not slowed down during the recession of light.

3 At this broadcast-receiving amphitheatre the Salvington messages are coming in continuously. Near by, the Edentia word of the Most High Constellation Fathers is received at least once a day. Periodically the regular and special broadcasts of Uversa are relayed through Salvington, and when

Paradise messages are in reception, the entire population is assembled around the sea of glass, and the Uversa friends add the reflectivity phenomena to the technique of the Paradise broadcast so that everything heard becomes visible. And it is in this manner that continual foretastes of advancing beauty and grandeur are afforded the mortal survivors as they journey inward on the eternal adventure.

4 §§ The Jerusem sending station is located at the opposite pole of the sphere. All broadcasts to the individual worlds are relayed from the system capitals except the Michael mes-

sages, which sometimes go direct to their destinations over the archangels' circuit.

4. RESIDENTIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS

1 Considerable portions of Jerusem are assigned as residential areas, while other portions of the system capital are given over to the necessary administrative functions involving the supervision of the affairs of 619 inhabited spheres, 56 transitional-culture worlds, and the system capital itself. On Jerusem and in Nebadon these arrangements are designed as follows:

2 1. *The circles* — the nonnative

residential areas.

3 2. *The squares* — the system executive-administrative areas.

4 3. *The rectangles* — the rendezvous of the lower native life.

5 4. *The triangles* — the local or Jerusem administrative areas.

6 §§ This arrangement of the system activities into circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles is common to all the system capitals of Nebadon. In another universe an entirely different arrangement might prevail. These are matters determined by the diverse plans of the Creator Sons.

7 §§ Our narrative of these residential and administrative areas takes no account of the vast and beautiful estates of the Material Sons of God, the permanent citizens of Jerusem, neither do we mention numerous other fascinating orders of spirit and near-spirit creatures. For example: Jerusem enjoys the efficient services of the spironga of design for system function. These beings are devoted to spiritual ministry in behalf of the supermaterial residents and visitors. They are a wonderful group of intelligent and beautiful beings who are the transition servants of the higher morontia crea-

tures and of the morontia helpers who labour for the upkeep and embellishment of all morontia creations. They are on Jerusem what the midway creatures are on Urantia, midway helpers functioning between the material and the spiritual.

8 The system capitals are unique in that they are the only worlds which exhibit well-nigh perfectly all three phases of universe existence: the material, the morontial, and the spiritual. Whether you are a material, morontia, or spirit personality, you will feel at home on Jerusem; so also do the combined beings, such as the midway

creatures and the Material Sons.

9 Jerusem has great buildings of both material and morontia types, while the embellishment of the purely spiritual zones is no less exquisite and replete. If I only had words to tell you of the morontia counterparts of the marvellous physical equipment of Jerusem! If I could only go on to portray the sublime grandeur and exquisite perfection of the spiritual appointments of this headquarters world! Your most imaginative concept of perfection of beauty and repleteness of appointment would hardly approach these grandeurs. And Jerusem is but

the first step on the way to the supernal perfection of Paradise beauty.

5. THE JERUSEM CIRCLES

1 The residential reservations assigned to the major groups of universe life are designated the Jerusem circles. Those circle groups which find mention in these narratives are the following:

2 1. The circles of the Sons of God.

3 2. The circles of the angels and higher spirits.

4 3. The circles of the Universe Aids, including the creature-trini-

tized sons not assigned to the Trinity Teacher Sons.

5 4. The circles of the Master Physical Controllers.

6 5. The circles of the assigned ascending mortals, including the midway creatures.

7 6. The circles of the courtesy colonies.

8 7. The circles of the Corps of the Finality.

9 §§ Each of these residential groupings consists of seven concentric and successively elevated circles. They are all constructed along the same lines

but are of different sizes and are fashioned of differing materials. They are all surrounded by far-reaching enclosures, which mount up to form extensive promenades entirely encompassing every group of seven concentric circles.

10 1. *Circles of the Sons of God.* Though the Sons of God possess a social planet of their own, one of the transitional-culture worlds, they also occupy these extensive domains on Jerusem. On their transitional-culture world the ascending mortals freely mingle with all orders of divine sonship. There you will personally know

and love these Sons, but their social life is largely confined to this special world and its satellites. In the Jerusem circles, however, these various groups of sonship may be observed at work. And since morontia vision is of enormous range, you can walk about on the Sons' promenades and overlook the intriguing activities of their numerous orders.

11 These seven circles of the Sons are concentric and successively elevated so that each of the outer and larger circles overlooks the inner and smaller ones, each being surrounded by a public promenade wall. These walls are

constructed of crystal gems of gleaming brightness and are so elevated as to overlook all of their respective residential circles. The many gates — from 50 to 150,000 — which penetrate each of these walls consist of single pearly crystals.

12 The 1st circle of the domain of the Sons is occupied by the Magisterial Sons and their personal staffs. Here centre all of the plans and immediate activities of the bestowal and adjudicational services of these juridical Sons. It is also through this centre that the Avonals of the system maintain contact with the universe.

13 The 2nd circle is occupied by the Trinity Teacher Sons. In this sacred domain the Daynals and their associates carry forward the training of the newly arrived primary Teacher Sons. And in all of this work they are ably assisted by a division of certain co-ordinates of the Brilliant Evening Stars. The creature-trinitized sons occupy a sector of the Daynal circle. The Trinity Teacher Sons come the nearest to being the personal representatives of the Universal Father in a local system; they are at least Trinity-origin beings. This 2nd circle is a domain of extraordinary interest to all the peoples of Je-

rusem.

14 The 3rd circle is devoted to the Melchizedeks. Here the system chiefs reside and supervise the almost endless activities of these versatile Sons. From the first of the mansion worlds on through all the Jerusem career of ascending mortals, the Melchizedeks are foster fathers and ever-present advisers. It would not be amiss to say that they are the dominant influence on Jerusem aside from the ever-present activities of the Material Sons and Daughters.

15 The 4th circle is the home of the Vorondadeks and all other orders of

the visiting and observer Sons who are not otherwise provided for. The Most High Constellation Fathers take up their abode in this circle when on visits of inspection to the local system. Perfectors of Wisdom, Divine Counsellors, and Universal Censors all reside in this circle when on duty in the system.

16 The 5th circle is the abode of the Lanonandeks, the sonship order of the System Sovereigns and the Planetary Princes. The three groups mingle as one when at home in this domain. The system reserves are held in this circle, while the System Sovereign has a tem-

ple situated at the centre of the governing group of structures on administration hill.

17 The 6th circle is the tarrying place of the system Life Carriers. All orders of these Sons are here assembled, and from here they go forth on their world assignments.

18 The 7th circle is the rendezvous of the ascending sons, those assigned mortals who may be temporarily functioning on the system headquarters, together with their seraphic consorts. All ex-mortals above the status of Jerusem citizens and below that of finaliters are reckoned as belonging to the

group having its headquarters in this circle.

19 These circular reservations of the Sons occupy an enormous area, and until 1900 years ago there existed a great open space at its centre. This central region is now occupied by the Michael memorial, completed some 500 years ago. 495 years ago, when this temple was dedicated, Michael was present in person, and all Jerusem heard the touching story of the Master Son's bestowal on Urantia, the least of Satania. The Michael memorial is now the centre of all activities embraced in the modified management

of the system occasioned by Michael's bestowal, including most of the more recently transplanted Salvington activities. The memorial staff consists of over 1,000,000 personalities.

20 2. *The circles of the angels.* Like the residential area of the Sons, these circles of the angels consist of seven concentric and successively elevated circles, each overlooking the inner areas.

21 §§ The 1st circle of the angels is occupied by the Higher Personalities of the Infinite Spirit who may be stationed on the headquarters world — Solitary Messengers and their asso-

ciates. The 2nd circle is dedicated to the messenger hosts, Technical Advisers, companions, inspectors, and recorders as they may chance to function on Jerusem from time to time. The 3rd circle is held by the ministering spirits of the higher orders and groupings.

22 The 4th circle is held by the administrator seraphim, and the seraphim serving in a local system like Satania are an "innumerable host of angels." The 5th circle is occupied by the planetary seraphim, while the 6th is the home of the transition ministers. The 7th circle is the tarrying sphere of certain unrevealed orders of seraphim.

The recorders of all these groups of angels do not sojourn with their fellows, being domiciled in the Jerusem temple of records. All records are preserved in triplicate in this threefold hall of archives. On a system headquarters, records are always preserved in material, in morontia, and in spirit form.

23 These seven circles are surrounded by the exhibit panorama of Jerusem, 5,000 standard miles in circumference, which is devoted to the presentation of the advancing status of the peopled worlds of Satania and is constantly revised so as to truly represent up-to-date conditions on the individ-

ual planets. I doubt not that this vast promenade overlooking the circles of the angels will be the first sight of Jerusem to claim your attention when you are permitted extended leisure on your earlier visits.

24 These exhibits are in charge of the native life of Jerusem, but they are assisted by the ascenders from the various Satania worlds who are tarrying on Jerusem en route to Edentia. The portrayal of planetary conditions and world progress is effected by many methods, some known to you, but mostly by techniques unknown on Urantia. These exhibits occupy the

outer edge of this vast wall. The remainder of the promenade is almost entirely open, being highly and magnificently embellished.

25 3. *The circles of the Universe Aids* have the headquarters of the Evening Stars situated in the enormous central space. Here is located the system headquarters of Galantia, the associate head of this powerful group of superangels, being the first commissioned of all the ascendant Evening Stars. This is one of the most magnificent of all the administrative sectors of Jerusem, even though it is among the more recent constructions. This cen-

tre is 50 miles in diameter. The Galantia headquarters is a monolithic cast crystal, wholly transparent. These material-morontia crystals are greatly appreciated by both morontia and material beings. The created Evening Stars exert their influence all over Jerusem, being possessed of such extrapersonality attributes. The entire world has been rendered spiritually fragrant since so many of their activities were transferred here from Salvington.

26 4. *The circles of the Master Physical Controllers.* The various orders of the Master Physical Controllers are concentrically arranged around the

vast temple of power, wherein presides the power chief of the system in association with the chief of the Morontia Power Supervisors. This temple of power is one of two sectors on Jerusem where ascending mortals and midway creatures are not permitted. The other one is the dematerializing sector in the area of the Material Sons, a series of laboratories wherein the transport seraphim transform material beings into a state quite like that of the morontia order of existence.

27 5. *The circles of the ascending mortals.* The central area of the circles of the ascending mortals is occupied by

a group of 619 planetary memorials representative of the inhabited worlds of the system, and these structures periodically undergo extensive changes. It is the privilege of the mortals from each world to agree, from time to time, upon certain of the alterations or additions to their planetary memorials. Many changes are even now being made in the Urantia structures. The centre of these 619 temples is occupied by a working model of Edentia and its many worlds of ascendant culture. This model is 40 miles in diameter and is an actual reproduction of the Edentia system, true to the original in

every detail.

28 Ascenders enjoy their Jerusem services and take pleasure in observing the techniques of other groups. Everything done in these various circles is open to the full observation of all Jerusem.

29 The activities of such a world are of three distinct varieties: work, progress, and play. Stated otherwise, they are: service, study, and relaxation. The composite activities consist of social intercourse, group entertainment, and divine worship. There is great educational value in mingling with diverse groups of personalities, orders

very different from one's own fellows.

30 6. *The circles of the courtesy colonies.* The seven circles of the courtesy colonies are graced by three enormous structures: the vast astronomic observatory of Jerusem, the gigantic art gallery of Satania, and the immense assembly hall of the reversion directors, the theatre of morontia activities devoted to rest and recreation.

31 The celestial artisans direct the spornagia and provide the host of creative decorations and monumental memorials which abound in every place of public assembly. The studios of these artisans are among the largest

and most beautiful of all the matchless structures of this wonderful world. The other courtesy colonies maintain extensive and beautiful headquarters. Many of these buildings are constructed wholly of crystal gems. All the architectural worlds abound in crystals and the so-called precious metals.

32 7. *The circles of the finaliters* have a unique structure at the centre. And this same vacant temple is found on every system headquarters world throughout Nebadon. This edifice on Jerusem is sealed with the insignia of Michael, and it bears this inscription:

"Undedicated to the seventh stage of spirit — to the eternal assignment." Gabriel placed the seal on this temple of mystery, and none but Michael can or may break the seal of sovereignty affixed by the Bright and Morning Star. Some day you shall look upon this silent temple, even though you may not penetrate its mystery.

33 §§ *Other Jerusem circles:* In addition to these residential circles there are on Jerusem numerous additional

designated abodes.

6. THE EXECUTIVE-ADMINISTRATIVE SQUARES

1 The executive-administrative divisions of the system are located in the immense departmental squares, 1,000 in number. Each administrative unit is divided into 100 subdivisions of 10 subgroups each. These 1,000 squares are clustered in 10 grand divisions, thus constituting the following 10 administrative departments:

2 1. Physical maintenance and material improvement, the domains of physical power and energy.

3 2. Arbitration, ethics, and administrative adjudication.

4 3. Planetary and local affairs.

5 4. Constellation and universe affairs.

6 5. Education and other Melchizedek activities.

7 6. Planetary and system physical progress, the scientific domains of Satania activities.

8 7. Morontia affairs.

9 8. Pure spirit activities and ethics.

10 9. Ascendant ministry.

11 10. Grand universe philosophy.

12 §§ These structures are transparent; hence all system activities can be viewed even by student visitors.

7. THE RECTANGLES — THE SPORNAGIA

1 The 1,000 *rectangles* of Jerusem are occupied by the lower native life of the headquarters planet, and at their centre is situated the vast circular headquarters of the spornagia.

2 On Jerusem you will be amazed by the agricultural achievements of the wonderful spornagia. There the land is cultivated largely for aesthetic and ornamental effects. The spornagia are the landscape gardeners of the head-

quarters worlds, and they are both original and artistic in their treatment of the open spaces of Jerusem. They utilize both animals and numerous mechanical contrivances in the culture of the soil. They are intelligently expert in the employment of the power agencies of their realms as well as in the utilization of numerous orders of their lesser brethren of the lower animal creations, many of which are provided them on these special worlds. This order of animal life is now largely directed by the ascending midway creatures from the evolutionary spheres.

3 Spornagia are not Adjuster indwelt. They do not possess survival souls, but they do enjoy long lives, sometimes to the extent of 40,000–50,000 standard years. Their number is legion, and they afford physical ministry to all orders of universe personalities requiring material service.

4 §§ Although spornagia neither possess nor evolve survival souls, though they do not have personality, nevertheless, they do evolve an individuality which can experience reincarnation. When, with the passing of time, the physical bodies of these unique creatures deteriorate from usage and age,

their creators, in collaboration with the Life Carriers, fabricate new bodies in which the old spornagia re-establish their residences.

5 Spornagia are the only creatures in all the universe of Nebadon who experience this or any other sort of reincarnation. They are only reactive to the first five of the adjutant mind-spirits; they are not responsive to the spirits of worship and wisdom. But the five-adjutant mind equivalates to a totality or sixth reality level, and it is this factor which persists as an experiential identity.

6 §§ I am quite without comparisons

in undertaking to describe these useful and unusual creatures as there are no animals on the evolutionary worlds comparable to them. They are not evolutionary beings, having been projected by the Life Carriers in their present form and status. They are bisexual and procreate as they are required to meet the needs of a growing population.

7 Perhaps I can best suggest to Urantia minds something of the nature of these beautiful and serviceable creatures by saying that they embrace the combined traits of a faithful horse and an affectionate dog and manifest an in-

telligence exceeding that of the highest type of chimpanzee. And they are very beautiful, as judged by the physical standards of Urantia. They are most appreciative of the attentions shown them by the material and semimaterial sojourners on these architectural worlds. They have a vision which permits them to recognize — in addition to material beings — the morontia creations, the lower angelic orders, midway creatures, and some of the lower orders of spirit personalities. They do not comprehend worship of the Infinite, nor do they grasp the import of the Eternal, but they

do, through affection for their masters, join in the outward spiritual devotions of their realms.

8 §§ There are those who believe that, in a future universe age, these faithful spornagia will escape from their animal level of existence and attain a worthy evolutional destiny of progressive intellectual growth and even spiritual achievement.

8. THE JERUSEM TRIANGLES

1 The purely local and routine affairs of Jerusem are directed from the 100 *triangles.* These units are clustered around the ten marvellous structures

domiciling the local administration of Jerusem. The triangles are surrounded by the panoramic depiction of the system headquarters history. At present there is an erasure of over 2 standard miles in this circular story. This sector will be restored upon the readmission of Satania into the constellation family. Every provision for this event has been made by the decrees of Michael, but the tribunal of the Ancients of Days has not yet finished the adjudication of the affairs of the Lucifer rebellion. Satania may not come back into the full fellowship of Norlatiadek so long as it harbours archrebels, high

created beings who have fallen from light into darkness.

2 When Satania can return to the constellation fold, then will come up for consideration the readmission of the isolated worlds into the system family of inhabited planets, accompanied by their restoration to the spiritual communion of the realms. But even if Urantia were restored to the system circuits, you would still be embarrassed by the fact that your whole system rests under a Norlatiadek quarantine partially segregating it from all other systems.

3 §§ But ere long, the adjudication of

Lucifer and his associates will restore the Satania system to the Norlatiadek constellation, and subsequently, Urantia and the other isolated spheres will be restored to the Satania circuits, and again will such worlds enjoy the privileges of interplanetary communication and intersystem communion.

4 §§ There will come an end for rebels and rebellion. The Supreme Rulers are merciful and patient, but the law of deliberately nourished evil is universally and unerringly executed. "The wages of sin is death" — eternal

obliteration.

5 [Presented by an Archangel of Nebadon.]

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THE SEVEN MANSION WORLDS

Brilliant Evening Star

The Creator Son, when on Urantia, spoke of the "many mansions in the Father's universe." In a certain sense, all 56 of the encircling worlds of Jerusem are devoted to the transitional culture of ascending mortals, but the seven satellites of world number one are more specifically known as the mansion worlds.

2 Transition world number one itself is quite exclusively devoted to ascendant activities, being the headquarters of the finaliter corps assigned to Satania. This world now serves as the headquarters for more than 100,000 companies of finaliters, and there are one thousand glorified beings in each of these groups.

3 When a system is settled in light and life, and as the mansion worlds one by one cease to serve as mortal-training stations, they are taken over by the increasing finaliter population which accumulates in these older and more highly perfected systems.

4 The seven mansion worlds are in charge of the morontia supervisors and the Melchizedeks. There is an acting governor on each world who is directly responsible to the Jerusem rulers. The Uversa conciliators maintain headquarters on each of the mansion worlds, while adjoining is the local rendezvous of the Technical Advisers. The reversion directors and celestial artisans maintain group headquarters on each of these worlds. The spironga function from mansion world number two onward, while all seven, in common with the other transitional-culture planets and the head-

quarters world, are abundantly provided with spornagia of standard creation.

1. THE FINALITERS' WORLD

1 Although only finaliters and certain groups of salvaged children and their caretakers are resident on transitional world number one, provision is made for the entertainment of all classes of spirit beings, transition mortals, and student visitors. The spornagia, who function on all of these worlds, are hospitable hosts to all beings whom they can recognize. They have a vague feeling concerning the

finaliters but cannot visualize them. They must regard them much as you do the angels in your present physical state.

2 Though the finaliter world is a sphere of exquisite physical beauty and extraordinary morontia embellishment, the great spirit abode located at the centre of activities, the temple of the finaliters, is not visible to the unaided material or early morontia vision. But the energy transformers are able to visualize many of these realities to ascending mortals, and from time to time they do thus function, as on the occasions of the class assem-

blies of the mansion world students on this cultural sphere.

3 All through the mansion world experience you are in a way spiritually aware of the presence of your glorified brethren of Paradise attainment, but it is very refreshing, now and then, actually to perceive them as they function in their headquarters abodes. You will not spontaneously visualize finaliters until you acquire true spirit vision.

4 §§ On the first mansion world all survivors must pass the requirements of the parental commission from their native planets. The present Urantia commission consists of 12 paren-

tal couples, recently arrived, who have had mortal experience in rearing three or more children to the pubescent age. Service on this commission is rotational and is for only 10 years as a rule. All who fail to satisfy these commissioners as to their parental experience must further qualify by service in the homes of the Material Sons on Jerusem or in part in the probationary nursery on the finaliters' world.

5 But irrespective of parental experience, mansion world parents who have growing children in the probation nursery are given every opportunity to collaborate with the morontia

custodians of such children regarding their instruction and training. These parents are permitted to journey there for visits as often as four times a year. And it is one of the most touchingly beautiful scenes of all the ascending career to observe the mansion world parents embrace their material offspring on the occasions of their periodic pilgrimages to the finaliter world. While one or both parents may leave a mansion world ahead of the child, they are quite often contemporary for a season.

6 No ascending mortal can escape the experience of rearing children —

their own or others — either on the material worlds or subsequently on the finaliter world or on Jerusem. Fathers must pass through this essential experience just as certainly as mothers. It is an unfortunate and mistaken notion of modern peoples on Urantia that child culture is largely the task of mothers. Children need fathers as well as mothers, and fathers need this parental experience as much as do mothers.

2. THE PROBATIONARY NURSERY

1 The infant-receiving schools of Satania are situated on the finaliter

world, the first of the Jerusem transition-culture spheres. These infant-receiving schools are enterprises devoted to the nurture and training of the children of time, including those who have died on the evolutionary worlds of space before the acquirement of individual status on the universe records. In the event of the survival of either or both of such a child's parents, the guardian of destiny deputizes her associated cherubim as the custodian of the child's potential identity, charging the cherubim with the responsibility of delivering this undeveloped soul into the hands of the

Mansion World Teachers in the probationary nurseries of the morontia worlds.

2 It is these same deserted cherubim who, as Mansion World Teachers, under the supervision of the Melchizedeks, maintain such extensive educational facilities for the training of the probationary wards of the finaliters. These wards of the finaliters, these infants of ascending mortals, are always personalized as of their exact physical status at the time of death except for reproductive potential. This awakening occurs at the exact time of the parental arrival on the first mansion

world. And then are these children given every opportunity, as they are, to choose the heavenly way just as they would have made such a choice on the worlds where death so untimely terminated their careers.

3 On the nursery world, probationary creatures are grouped according to whether or not they have Adjusters, for the Adjusters come to indwell these material children just as on the worlds of time. Children of pre-Adjuster ages are cared for in families of 5, ranging in ages from 1 year and under up to approximately 5 years, or that age when the Adjuster arrives.

4 All children on the evolving worlds who have Thought Adjusters, but who before death had not made a choice concerning the Paradise career, are also repersonalized on the finaliter world of the system, where they likewise grow up in the families of the Material Sons and their associates as do those little ones who arrived without Adjusters, but who will subsequently receive the Mystery Monitors after attaining the requisite age of moral choice.

5 The Adjuster-indwelt children and youths on the finaliter world are also reared in families of 5, ranging in ages

from 6 to 14; approximately, these families consist of children whose ages are 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14. Any time after 16, if final choice has been made, they translate to the first mansion world and begin their Paradise ascent. Some make a choice before this age and go on to the ascension spheres, but very few children under 16 years of age, as reckoned by Urantia standards, will be found on the mansion worlds.

6 The guardian seraphim attend these youths in the probationary nursery on the finaliter world just as they spiritually minister to mortals on the evolutionary planets, while the faith-

ful spornagia minister to their physical necessities. And so do these children grow up on the transition world until such time as they make their final choice.

7 When material life has run its course, if no choice has been made for the ascendant life, or if these children of time definitely decide against the Havona adventure, death automatically terminates their probationary careers. There is no adjudication of such cases; there is no resurrection from such a second death. They simply become as though they had not been.

8 But if they choose the Paradise

path of perfection, they are immediately made ready for translation to the first mansion world, where many of them arrive in time to join their parents in the Havona ascent. After passing through Havona and attaining the Deities, these salvaged souls of mortal origin constitute the permanent ascendant citizenship of Paradise. These children who have been deprived of the valuable and essential evolutionary experience on the worlds of mortal nativity are not mustered into the Corps

of the Finality.

3. THE FIRST MANSION WORLD

1 On the mansion worlds the resurrected mortal survivors resume their lives just where they left off when overtaken by death. When you go from Urantia to the first mansion world, you will notice considerable change, but if you had come from a more normal and progressive sphere of time, you would hardly notice the difference except for the fact that you were in possession of a different body; the tabernacle of flesh and blood has been left behind on the world of nativity.

2 The very centre of all activities on the first mansion world is the resurrection hall, the enormous temple of personality assembly. This gigantic structure consists of the central rendezvous of the seraphic destiny guardians, the Thought Adjusters, and the archangels of the resurrection. The Life Carriers also function with these celestial beings in the resurrection of the dead.

3 The mortal-mind transcripts and the active creature-memory patterns as transformed from the material levels to the spiritual are the individual possession of the detached Thought Adjusters; these spiritized factors of

mind, memory, and creature personality are forever a part of such Adjusters. The creature mind-matrix and the passive potentials of identity are present in the morontia soul entrusted to the keeping of the seraphic destiny guardians. And it is the reuniting of the morontia-soul trust of the seraphim and the spirit-mind trust of the Adjuster that reassembles creature personality and constitutes resurrection of a sleeping survivor.

4 If a transitory personality of mortal origin should never be thus reassembled, the spirit elements of the nonsurviving mortal creature would

forever continue as an integral part of the individual experiential endowment of the onetime indwelling Adjuster.

5 From the Temple of New Life there extend seven radial wings, the resurrection halls of the mortal races. Each of these structures is devoted to the assembly of one of the seven races of time. There are 100,000 personal resurrection chambers in each of these seven wings terminating in the circular class assembly halls, which serve as the awakening chambers for as many as 1,000,000 individuals. These halls are surrounded by the personality assem-

bly chambers of the blended races of the normal post-Adamic worlds. Regardless of the technique which may be employed on the individual worlds of time in connection with special or dispensational resurrections, the real and conscious reassembly of actual and complete personality takes place in the resurrection halls of mansonia number one. Throughout all eternity you will recall the profound memory impressions of your first witnessing of these resurrection mornings.

6 §§ From the resurrection halls you proceed to the Melchizedek sector, where you are assigned permanent res-

idence. Then you enter upon ten days of personal liberty. You are free to explore the immediate vicinity of your new home and to familiarize yourself with the program which lies immediately ahead. You also have time to gratify your desire to consult the registry and call upon your loved ones and other earth friends who may have preceded you to these worlds. At the end of your ten-day period of leisure you begin the second step in the Paradise journey, for the mansion worlds are actual training spheres, not merely detention planets.

7 §§ On mansion world number one

(or another in case of advanced status) you will resume your intellectual training and spiritual development at the exact level whereon they were interrupted by death. Between the time of planetary death or translation and resurrection on the mansion world, mortal man gains absolutely nothing aside from experiencing the fact of survival. You begin over there right where you leave off down here.

8 Almost the entire experience of mansion world number one pertains to deficiency ministry. Survivors arriving on this first of the detention spheres present so many and such varied

defects of creature character and deficiencies of mortal experience that the major activities of the realm are occupied with the correction and cure of these manifold legacies of the life in the flesh on the material evolutionary worlds of time and space.

9 The sojourn on mansion world number one is designed to develop mortal survivors at least up to the status of the post-Adamic dispensation on the normal evolutionary worlds. Spiritually, of course, the mansion world students are far in advance of such a state of mere human development.

10 If you are not to be detained on mansion world number one, at the end of ten days you will enter the translation sleep and proceed to world number two, and every ten days thereafter you will thus advance until you arrive on the world of your assignment.

11 §§ The centre of the seven major circles of the first mansion world administration is occupied by the temple of the Morontia Companions, the personal guides assigned to ascending mortals. These companions are the offspring of the local universe Mother Spirit, and there are several million of them on the morontia worlds of

Satania. Aside from those assigned as group companions, you will have much to do with the interpreters and translators, the building custodians, and the excursion supervisors. And all of these companions are most co-operative with those who have to do with developing your personality factors of mind and spirit within the morontia body.

12 As you start out on the first mansion world, one Morontia Companion is assigned to each company of one thousand ascending mortals, but you will encounter larger numbers as you progress through the seven man-

sion spheres. These beautiful and versatile beings are companionable associates and charming guides. They are free to accompany individuals or selected groups to any of the transition-culture spheres, including their satellite worlds. They are the excursion guides and leisure associates of all ascending mortals. They often accompany survivor groups on periodic visits to Jerusem, and on any day you are there, you can go to the registry sector of the system capital and meet ascending mortals from all seven of the mansion worlds since they freely journey back and forth between their residen-

tial abodes and the system headquarters.

4. THE SECOND MANSION WORLD

1 It is on this sphere that you are more fully inducted into the mansonia life. The groupings of the morontia life begin to take form; working groups and social organizations start to function, communities take on formal proportions, and the advancing mortals inaugurate new social orders and governmental arrangements.

2 Spirit-fused survivors occupy the mansion worlds in common with the Adjuster-fused ascending mortals.

While the various orders of celestial life differ, they are all friendly and fraternal. In all the worlds of ascension you will find nothing comparable to human intolerance and the discriminations of inconsiderate caste systems.

3 As you ascend the mansion worlds one by one, they become more crowded with the morontia activities of advancing survivors. As you go forward, you will recognize more and more of the Jerusem features added to the mansion worlds. The sea of glass makes its appearance on the second mansonia.

4 A newly developed and suitably

adjusted morontia body is acquired at the time of each advance from one mansion world to another. You go to sleep with the seraphic transport and awake with the new but undeveloped body in the resurrection halls, much as when you first arrived on mansion world number one except that the Thought Adjuster does not leave you during these transit sleeps between the mansion worlds. Your personality remains intact after you once pass from the evolutionary worlds to the initial mansion world.

5 Your Adjuster memory remains fully intact as you ascend the moron-

tia life. Those mental associations that were purely animalistic and wholly material naturally perished with the physical brain, but everything in your mental life which was worth while, and which had survival value, was counterparted by the Adjuster and is retained as a part of personal memory all the way through the ascendant career. You will be conscious of all your worth-while experiences as you advance from one mansion world to another and from one section of the universe to another — even to Paradise.

6 Though you have morontia bod-

ies, you continue, through all seven of these worlds, to eat, drink, and rest. You partake of the morontia order of food, a kingdom of living energy unknown on the material worlds. Both food and water are fully utilized in the morontia body; there is no residual waste. Pause to consider: Mansonia number one is a very material sphere, presenting the early beginnings of the morontia regime. You are still a near human and not far removed from the limited viewpoints of mortal life, but each world discloses definite progress. From sphere to sphere you grow less material, more intellectual, and

slightly more spiritual. The spiritual progress is greatest on the last three of these seven progressive worlds.

7 Biological deficiencies were largely made up on the first mansion world. There defects in planetary experiences pertaining to sex life, family association, and parental function were either corrected or were projected for future rectification among the Material Son families on Jerusem.

8 Mansonia number two more specifically provides for the removal of all phases of intellectual conflict and for the cure of all varieties of mental disharmony. The effort to master

the significance of morontia mota, begun on the first mansion world, is here more earnestly continued. The development on mansonia number two compares with the intellectual status of the post-Magisterial Son culture of the ideal evolutionary worlds.

5. THE THIRD MANSION WORLD

1 Mansonia the third is the headquarters of the Mansion World Teachers. Though they function on all seven of the mansion spheres, they maintain their group headquarters at the centre of the school circles of world number three. There are millions of these in-

structors on the mansion and higher morontia worlds. These advanced and glorified cherubim serve as morontia teachers all the way up from the mansion worlds to the last sphere of local universe ascendant training. They will be among the last to bid you an affectionate adieu when the farewell time draws near, the time when you bid good-bye — at least for a few ages — to the universe of your origin, when you enseraphim for transit to the receiving worlds of the minor sector of the superuniverse.

2 When sojourning on the first mansion world, you have permission

to visit the first of the transition worlds, the headquarters of the finaliters and the system probationary nursery for the nurture of undeveloped evolutionary children. When you arrive on mansonia number two, you receive permission periodically to visit transition world number two, where are located the morontia supervisor headquarters for all Satania and the training schools for the various morontia orders. When you reach mansion world number three, you are immediately granted a permit to visit the third transition sphere, the headquarters of the angelic orders and the

home of their various system training schools. Visits to Jerusem from this world are increasingly profitable and are of ever-heightening interest to the advancing mortals.

3 Mansonia the third is a world of great personal and social achievement for all who have not made the equivalent of these circles of culture prior to release from the flesh on the mortal nativity worlds. On this sphere more positive educational work is begun. The training of the first two mansion worlds is mostly of a deficiency nature — negative — in that it has to do with supplementing the experience

of the life in the flesh. On this third mansion world the survivors really begin their progressive morontia culture. The chief purpose of this training is to enhance the understanding of the correlation of morontia mota and mortal logic, the co-ordination of morontia mota and human philosophy. Surviving mortals now gain practical insight into true metaphysics. This is the real introduction to the intelligent comprehension of cosmic meanings and universe interrelationships. The culture of the third mansion world partakes of the nature of the postbestowal

Son age of a normal inhabited planet.

6. THE FOURTH MANSION WORLD

1 When you arrive on the fourth mansion world, you have well entered upon the morontia career; you have progressed a long way from the initial material existence. Now are you given permission to make visits to transition world number four, there to become familiar with the headquarters and training schools of the superangels, including the Brilliant Evening Stars. Through the good offices of these superangels of the fourth transition world the morontia visitors are en-

abled to draw very close to the various orders of the Sons of God during the periodic visits to Jerusem, for new sectors of the system capital are gradually opening up to the advancing mortals as they make these repeated visits to the headquarters world. New grandeurs are progressively unfolding to the expanding minds of these ascenders.

2 On the fourth mansonia the individual ascender more fittingly finds his place in the group working and class functions of the morontia life. Ascenders here develop increased appreciation of the broadcasts and other

phases of local universe culture and progress.

3 It is during the period of training on world number four that the ascending mortals are really first introduced to the demands and delights of the true social life of morontia creatures. And it is indeed a new experience for evolutionary creatures to participate in social activities which are predicated neither on personal aggrandizement nor on self-seeking conquest. A new social order is being introduced, one based on the understanding sympathy of mutual appreciation, the unselfish love of mutual service, and the

overmastering motivation of the realization of a common and supreme destiny — the Paradise goal of worshipful and divine perfection. Ascenders are all becoming self-conscious of God-knowing, God-revealing, God-seeking, and God-finding.

4 The intellectual and social culture of this fourth mansion world is comparable to the mental and social life of the post-Teacher Son age on the planets of normal evolution. The spiritual status is much in advance of such a

mortal dispensation.

7. THE FIFTH MANSION WORLD

1 Transport to the fifth mansion world represents a tremendous forward step in the life of a morontia progressor. The experience on this world is a real foretaste of Jerusem life. Here you begin to realize the high destiny of the loyal evolutionary worlds since they may normally progress to this stage during their natural planetary development. The culture of this mansion world corresponds in general to that of the early era of light and life on the planets of normal evo-

lutionary progress. And from this you can understand why it is so arranged that the highly cultured and progressive types of beings who sometimes inhabit these advanced evolutionary worlds are exempt from passing through one or more, or even all, of the mansion spheres.

2 Having mastered the local universe language before leaving the fourth mansion world, you now devote more time to the perfection of the tongue of Uversa to the end that you may be proficient in both languages before arriving on Jerusem with residential status. All ascending mortals

are bilingual from the system headquarters up to Havona. And then it is only necessary to enlarge the superuniverse vocabulary, still additional enlargement being required for residence on Paradise.

3 Upon arrival on mansonia number five the pilgrim is given permission to visit the transition world of corresponding number, the Sons' headquarters. Here the ascendant mortal becomes personally familiar with the various groups of divine sonship. He has heard of these superb beings and has already met them on Jerusem, but now he comes really to know them.

4 On the fifth mansonia you begin to learn of the constellation study worlds. Here you meet the first of the instructors who begin to prepare you for the subsequent constellation sojourn. More of this preparation continues on worlds six and seven, while the finishing touches are supplied in the sector of the ascending mortals on Jerusem.

5 A real birth of cosmic consciousness takes place on mansonia number five. You are becoming universe minded. This is indeed a time of expanding horizons. It is beginning to dawn upon the enlarging minds of the

ascending mortals that some stupendous and magnificent, some supernal and divine, destiny awaits all who complete the progressive Paradise ascension, which has been so laboriously but so joyfully and auspiciously begun. At about this point the average mortal ascender begins to manifest bona fide experiential enthusiasm for the Havona ascent. Study is becoming voluntary, unselfish service natural, and worship spontaneous. A real morontia character is budding; a real moron-

tia creature is evolving.

8. THE SIXTH MANSION WORLD

1 Sojourners on this sphere are permitted to visit transition world number six, where they learn more about the high spirits of the superuniverse, although they are not able to visualize many of these celestial beings. Here they also receive their first lessons in the prospective spirit career which so immediately follows graduation from the morontia training of the local universe.

2 The assistant System Sovereign makes frequent visits to this world,

and the initial instruction is here begun in the technique of universe administration. The first lessons embracing the affairs of a whole universe are now imparted.

3 §§ This is a brilliant age for ascending mortals and usually witnesses the perfect fusion of the human mind and the divine Adjuster. In potential, this fusion may have occurred previously, but the actual working identity many times is not achieved until the time of the sojourn on the fifth mansion world or even the sixth.

4 §§ The union of the evolving immortal soul with the eternal and divine

Adjuster is signalized by the seraphic summoning of the supervising superangel for resurrected survivors and of the archangel of record for those going to judgment on the third day; and then, in the presence of such a survivor's morontia associates, these messengers of confirmation speak: "This is a beloved son in whom I am well pleased." This simple ceremony marks the entrance of an ascending mortal upon the eternal career of Paradise service.

5 Immediately upon the confirmation of Adjuster fusion the new morontia being is introduced to his fel-

lows for the first time by his new name and is granted the 40 days of spiritual retirement from all routine activities wherein to commune with himself and to choose some one of the optional routes to Havona and to select from the differential techniques of Paradise attainment.

6 §§ But still are these brilliant beings more or less material; they are far from being true spirits; they are more like supermortals, spiritually speaking, still a little lower than the angels. But they are truly becoming marvellous creatures.

7 During the sojourn on world

number six the mansion world students achieve a status which is comparable with the exalted development characterizing those evolutionary worlds which have normally progressed beyond the initial stage of light and life. The organization of society on this mansonia is of a high order. The shadow of the mortal nature grows less and less as these worlds are ascended one by one. You are becoming more and more adorable as you leave behind the coarse vestiges of planetary animal origin. "Coming up through great tribulation" serves to make glorified mortals very kind and

understanding, very sympathetic and tolerant.

9. THE SEVENTH MANSION WORLD

1 The experience on this sphere is the crowning achievement of the immediate postmortal career. During your sojourn here you will receive the instruction of many teachers, all of whom will co-operate in the task of preparing you for residence on Jerusem. Any discernible differences between those mortals hailing from the isolated and retarded worlds and those survivors from the more advanced and enlightened spheres are virtually oblit-

erated during the sojourn on the seventh mansion world. Here you will be purged of all the remnants of unfortunate heredity, unwholesome environment, and unspiritual planetary tendencies. The last remnants of the "mark of the beast" are here eradicated.

2 While sojourning on mansonia number seven, permission is granted to visit transition world number seven, the world of the Universal Father. Here you begin a new and more spiritual worship of the unseen Father, a habit you will increasingly pursue all the way up through your long ascending career. You find the Father's tem-

ple on this world of transitional culture, but you do not see the Father.

3 §§ Now begins the formation of classes for graduation to Jerusem. You have gone from world to world as individuals, but now you prepare to depart for Jerusem in groups, although, within certain limits, an ascender may elect to tarry on the seventh mansion world for the purpose of enabling a tardy member of his earthly or mansonia working group to catch up with him.

4 The personnel of the seventh mansonia assemble on the sea of glass to witness your departure for Jerusem

with residential status. Hundreds or thousands of times you may have visited Jerusem, but always as a guest; never before have you proceeded toward the system capital in the company of a group of your fellows who were bidding an eternal farewell to the whole mansonia career as ascending mortals. You will soon be welcomed on the receiving field of the headquarters world as Jerusem citizens.

5 §§ You will greatly enjoy your progress through the seven dematerializing worlds; they are really demortalizing spheres. You are mostly human on the first mansion world, just a mortal be-

ing minus a material body, a human mind housed in a morontia form — a material body of the morontia world but not a mortal house of flesh and blood. You really pass from the mortal state to the immortal status at the time of Adjuster fusion, and by the time you have finished the Jerusem career, you will be full-fledged morontians.

10. JERUSEM CITIZENSHIP

1 The reception of a new class of mansion world graduates is the signal for all Jerusem to assemble as a committee of welcome. Even the spornagia enjoy the arrival of these

triumphant ascenders of evolutionary origin, those who have run the planetary race and finished the mansion world progression. Only the physical controllers and Morontia Power Supervisors are absent from these occasions of rejoicing.

2 §§ John the Revelator saw a vision of the arrival of a class of advancing mortals from the seventh mansion world to their first heaven, the glories of Jerusem. He recorded[1]: "And

[1] What follows is the quotation from Revelation 15:2, except the clause "that was originally in them" and, obviously, there is no mention of the mansion worlds in our present text.

I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and those who had gained the victory over the beast that was originally in them and over the image that persisted through the mansion worlds and finally over the last mark and trace, standing on the sea of glass, having the harps of God, and singing the song of deliverance from mortal fear and death." (Perfected space communication is to be had on all these worlds; and your anywhere reception of such communications is made possible by carrying the "harp of God," a morontia contrivance compensating for the inability to directly adjust the

immature morontia sensory mechanism to the reception of space communications.)

3 Paul also had a view of the ascendant-citizen corps of perfecting mortals on Jerusem, for he wrote: "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the grand assembly of Michael, and to the spirits of just men being made perfect."

4 §§ After mortals have attained residence on the system headquarters, no more literal resurrections will be experienced. The morontia form granted

you on departure from the mansion world career is such as will see you through to the end of the local universe experience. Changes will be made from time to time, but you will retain this same form until you bid it farewell when you emerge as first-stage spirits preparatory for transit to the superuniverse worlds of ascending culture and spirit training.

5 Seven times do those mortals who pass through the entire mansonia career experience the adjustment sleep and the resurrection awakening. But the last resurrection hall, the final awakening chamber, was left behind

on the seventh mansion world. No more will a form-change necessitate the lapse of consciousness or a break in the continuity of personal memory.

6 §§ The mortal personality initiated on the evolutionary worlds and tabernacled in the flesh — indwelt by the Mystery Monitors and invested by the Spirit of Truth — is not fully mobilized, realized, and unified until that day when such a Jerusem citizen is given clearance for Edentia and proclaimed a true member of the morontia corps of Nebadon — an immortal survivor of Adjuster association, a Paradise ascender, a personality of mo-

rontia status, and a true child of the Most Highs.

7 §§ Mortal death is a technique of escape from the material life in the flesh; and the mansonia experience of progressive life through seven worlds of corrective training and cultural education represents the introduction of mortal survivors to the morontia career, the transition life which intervenes between the evolutionary material existence and the higher spirit attainment of the ascenders of time who are destined to achieve the portals of

eternity.

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THE MORONTIA LIFE

Archangel

The Gods cannot — at least they do not — transform a creature of gross animal nature into a perfected spirit by some mysterious act of creative magic. When the Creators desire to produce perfect beings, they do so by direct and original creation, but they never undertake to convert animal-origin and material creatures into beings of perfection in a single step.

2 The morontia life, extending as it does over the various stages of the local universe career, is the only possible approach whereby material mortals could attain the threshold of the spirit world. What magic could death, the natural dissolution of the material body, hold that such a simple step should instantly transform the mortal and material mind into an immortal and perfected spirit? Such beliefs are but ignorant superstitions and pleasing fables.

3 Always this morontia transition intervenes between the mortal estate and the subsequent spirit status of sur-

viving human beings. This intermediate state of universe progress differs markedly in the various local creations, but in intent and purpose they are all quite similar. The arrangement of the mansion and higher morontia worlds in Nebadon is fairly typical of the morontia transition regimes in this part of Orvonton.

1. MORONTIA MATERIALS

1 The morontia realms are the local universe liaison spheres between the material and spiritual levels of creature existence. This morontia life has been known on Urantia since the early days

of the Planetary Prince. From time to time this transition state has been taught to mortals, and the concept, in distorted form, has found a place in present-day religions.

2 The morontia spheres are the transition phases of mortal ascension through the progression worlds of the local universe. Only the seven worlds surrounding the finaliters' sphere of the local systems are called mansion worlds, but all 56 of the system transition abodes, in common with the higher spheres around the constellations and the universe headquarters, are called morontia worlds. These cre-

ations partake of the physical beauty and the morontia grandeur of the local universe headquarters spheres.

3 All of these worlds are architectural spheres, and they have just double the number of elements of the evolved planets. Such made-to-order worlds not only abound in the heavy metals and crystals, having 100 physical elements, but likewise have exactly 100 forms of a unique energy organization called *morontia material.* The Master Physical Controllers and the Morontia Power Supervisors are able so to modify the revolutions of the primary units of matter and at the same

time so to transform these associations of energy as to create this new substance.

4 §§ The early morontia life in the local systems is very much like that of your present material world, becoming less physical and more truly morontial on the constellation study worlds. And as you advance to the Salvington spheres, you increasingly attain spiritual levels.

5 The Morontia Power Supervisors are able to effect a union of material and of spiritual energies, thereby organizing a morontia form of materialization which is receptive to the superim-

position of a controlling spirit. When you traverse the morontia life of Nebadon, these same patient and skillful Morontia Power Supervisors will successively provide you with 570 morontia bodies, each one a phase of your progressive transformation. From the time of leaving the material worlds until you are constituted a first-stage spirit on Salvington, you will undergo just 570 separate and ascending morontia changes. 8 of these occur in the system, 71 in the constellation, and 491 during the sojourn on the spheres of Salvington.

6 In the days of the mortal flesh the

divine spirit indwells you, almost as a thing apart — in reality an invasion of man by the bestowed spirit of the Universal Father. But in the morontia life the spirit will become a real part of your personality, and as you successively pass through the 570 progressive transformations, you ascend from the material to the spiritual estate of creature life.

7 §§ Paul learned of the existence of the morontia worlds and of the reality of morontia materials, for he wrote, "They have in heaven a better and more enduring substance." And these morontia materials are real, lit-

eral, even as in "the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." And each of these marvellous spheres is "a better country, that is, a heavenly one."

2. MORONTIA POWER SUPERVISORS

1 These unique beings are exclusively concerned with the supervision of those activities which represent a working combination of spiritual and physical or semimaterial energies. They are exclusively devoted to the ministry of morontia progression. Not that they so much minister to mortals during the transition ex-

perience, but they rather make possible the transition environment for the progressing morontia creatures. They are the channels of morontia power which sustain and energize the morontia phases of the transition worlds.

2 Morontia Power Supervisors are the offspring of a local universe Mother Spirit. They are fairly standard in design though differing slightly in nature in the various local creations. They are created for their specific function and require no training before entering upon their responsibilities.

3 The creation of the first Moron-

tia Power Supervisors is simultaneous with the arrival of the first mortal survivor on the shores of some one of the first mansion worlds in a local universe. They are created in groups of 1,000, classified as follows:

4 1. Circuit Regulators . . . 400
5 2. System Co-ordinators . 200
6 3. Planetary Custodians . 100
7 4. Combined Controllers 100
8 5. Liaison Stabilizers . . . 100
9 6. Selective Assorters 50
10 7. Associate Registrars . . . 50

11 §§ The power supervisors always serve in their native universe. They

are directed exclusively by the joint spirit activity of the Universe Son and the Universe Spirit but are otherwise a wholly self-governing group. They maintain headquarters on each of the first mansion worlds of the local systems, where they work in close association with both the physical controllers and the seraphim but function in a world of their own as regards energy manifestation and spirit application.

12 They also sometimes work in connection with supermaterial phenomena on the evolutionary worlds as ministers of temporary assignment. But they rarely serve on the inhab-

ited planets; neither do they work on the higher training worlds of the superuniverse, being chiefly devoted to the transition regime of morontia progression in a local universe.

13 1. *Circuit Regulators.* These are the unique beings who co-ordinate physical and spiritual energy and regulate its flow into the segregated channels of the morontia spheres, and these circuits are exclusively planetary, limited to a single world. The morontia circuits are distinct from, and supplementary to, both physical and spiritual circuits on the transition worlds, and it requires millions of these regula-

tors to energize even a system of mansion worlds like that of Satania.

14 Circuit regulators initiate those changes in material energies which render them subject to the control and regulation of their associates. These beings are morontia power generators as well as circuit regulators. Much as a dynamo apparently generates electricity out of the atmosphere, so do these living morontia dynamos seem to transform the everywhere energies of space into those materials which the morontia supervisors weave into the bodies and life activities of the ascending mortals.

15 2. *System Co-ordinators.* Since each morontia world has a separate order of morontia energy, it is exceedingly difficult for humans to visualize these spheres. But on each successive transition sphere, mortals will find the plant life and everything else pertaining to the morontia existence progressively modified to correspond with the advancing spiritization of the ascending survivor. And since the energy system of each world is thus individualized, these co-ordinators operate to harmonize and blend such differing power systems into a working unit for the associated spheres of any

particular group.

16 Ascending mortals gradually progress from the physical to the spiritual as they advance from one morontia world to another; hence the necessity for providing an ascending scale of morontia spheres and an ascending scale of morontia forms.

17 When mansion world ascenders pass from one sphere to another, they are delivered by the transport seraphim to the receivers of the system co-ordinators on the advanced world. Here in those unique temples at the centre of the 70 radiating wings wherein are the chambers of transition

similar to the resurrection halls on the initial world of reception for earth-origin mortals, the necessary changes in creature form are skillfully effected by the system co-ordinators. These early morontia-form changes require about seven days of standard time for their accomplishment.

18 3. *Planetary Custodians.* Each morontia world, from the mansion spheres up to the universe headquarters, is in the custody — as regards morontia affairs — of 70 guardians. They constitute the local planetary council of supreme morontia authority. This council grants material for

morontia forms to all ascending creatures who land on the spheres and authorizes those changes in creature form which make it possible for an ascender to proceed to the succeeding sphere. After the mansion worlds have been traversed, you will translate from one phase of morontia life to another without having to surrender consciousness. Unconsciousness attends only the earlier metamorphoses and the later transitions from one universe to another and from Havona to Paradise.

19 4. *Combined Controllers.* One of these highly mechanical beings is al-

ways stationed at the centre of each administrative unit of a morontia world. A combined controller is sensitive to, and functional with, physical, spiritual, and morontial energies; and with this being there are always associated two system co-ordinators, four circuit regulators, one planetary custodian, one liaison stabilizer, and either an associate registrar or a selective assorter.

20 5. *Liaison Stabilizers.* These are the regulators of the morontia energy in association with the physical and spirit forces of the realm. They make possible the conversion of morontia energy into morontia material. The

whole morontia organization of existence is dependent on the stabilizers. They slow down the energy revolutions to that point where physicalization can occur. But I have no terms with which I can compare or illustrate the ministry of such beings. It is quite beyond human imagination.

21 6. *Selective Assorters.* As you progress from one class or phase of a morontia world to another, you must be re-keyed or advance-tuned, and it is the task of the selective assorters to keep you in progressive synchrony with the morontia life.

22 While the basic morontia forms

of life and matter are identical from the first mansion world to the last universe transition sphere, there is a functional progression which gradually extends from the material to the spiritual. Your adaptation to this basically uniform but successively advancing and spiritizing creation is effected by this selective re-keying. Such an adjustment in the mechanism of personality is tantamount to a new creation, notwithstanding that you retain the same morontia form.

23 You may repeatedly subject yourself to the test of these examiners, and as soon as you register ade-

quate spiritual achievement, they will gladly certify you for advanced standing. These progressive changes result in altered reactions to the morontia environment, such as modifications in food requirements and numerous other personal practices.

24 The selective assorters are also of great service in the grouping of morontia personalities for purposes of study, teaching, and other projects. They naturally indicate those who will best function in temporary association.

25 7. *Associate Registrars.* The morontia world has its own recorders,

who serve in association with the spirit recorders in the supervision and custody of the records and other data indigenous to the morontia creations. The morontia records are available to all orders of personalities.

26 All morontia transition realms are accessible alike to material and spirit beings. As morontia progressors you will remain in full contact with the material world and with material personalities, while you will increasingly discern and fraternize with spirit beings; and by the time of departure from the morontia regime, you will have seen all orders of spirits with the

exception of a few of the higher types, such as Solitary Messengers.

3. MORONTIA COMPANIONS

1 These hosts of the mansion and morontia worlds are the offspring of a local universe Mother Spirit. They are created from age to age in groups of 100,000, and in Nebadon there are at present over seventy billion of these unique beings.

2 Morontia Companions are trained for service by the Melchizedeks on a special planet near Salvington; they do not pass through the central Melchizedek schools. In service they range

from the lowest mansion worlds of the systems to the highest study spheres of Salvington, but they are seldom encountered on the inhabited worlds. They serve under the general supervision of the Sons of God and under the immediate direction of the Melchizedeks.

3 The Morontia Companions maintain 10,000 headquarters in a local universe — on each of the first mansion worlds of the local systems. They are almost wholly a self-governing order and are, in general, an intelligent and loyal group of beings; but every now and then, in connection with certain

unfortunate celestial upheavals, they have been known to go astray. Thousands of these useful creatures were lost during the times of the Lucifer rebellion in Satania. Your local system now has its full quota of these beings, the loss of the Lucifer rebellion having only recently been made up.

4 §§ There are two distinct types of Morontia Companions; one type is aggressive, the other retiring, but otherwise they are equal in status. They are not sex creatures, but they manifest a touchingly beautiful affection for one another. And while they are hardly companionate in the material

(human) sense, they are very close of kin to the human races in the order of creature existence. The midway creatures of the worlds are your nearest of kin; then come the morontia cherubim, and after them the Morontia Companions.

5 These companions are touchingly affectionate and charmingly social beings. They possess distinct personalities, and when you meet them on the mansion worlds, after learning to recognize them as a class, you will soon discern their individuality. Mortals all resemble one another; at the same time each of you possesses a distinct

and recognizable personality.

6 §§ Something of an idea of the nature of the work of these Morontia Companions may be derived from the following classification of their activities in a local system:

7 1. *Pilgrim Guardians* are not assigned to specific duties in their association with the morontia progressors. These companions are responsible for the whole of the morontia career and are therefore the co-ordinators of the work of all other morontia and transition ministers.

8 2. *Pilgrim Receivers and Free Associators.* These are the social compan-

ions of the new arrivals on the mansion worlds. One of them will certainly be on hand to welcome you when you awaken on the initial mansion world from the first transit sleep of time, when you experience the resurrection from the death of the flesh into the morontia life. And from the time you are thus formally welcomed on awakening to that day when you leave the local universe as a first-stage spirit, these Morontia Companions are ever with you.

9 Companions are not assigned permanently to individuals. An ascending mortal on one of the mansion or

higher worlds might have a different companion on each of several successive occasions and again might go for long periods without one. It would all depend on the requirements and also on the supply of companions available.

10 3. *Hosts to Celestial Visitors.* These gracious creatures are dedicated to the entertainment of the superhuman groups of student visitors and other celestials who may chance to sojourn on the transition worlds. You will have ample opportunity to visit within any realm you have experientially attained. Student visitors are allowed on all inhabited planets, even those in isola-

tion.

11 4. *Co-ordinators and Liaison Directors.* These companions are dedicated to the facilitation of morontia intercourse and to the prevention of confusion. They are the instructors of social conduct and morontia progress, sponsoring classes and other group activities among the ascending mortals. They maintain extensive areas wherein they assemble their pupils and from time to time make requisition on the celestial artisans and the reversion directors for the embellishment of their programs. As you progress, you will come in intimate contact with these

companions, and you will grow exceedingly fond of both groups. It is a matter of chance as to whether you will be associated with an aggressive or a retiring type of companion.

12 5. *Interpreters and Translators.* During the early mansonia career you will have frequent recourse to the interpreters and the translators. They know and speak all the tongues of a local universe; they are the linguists of the realms.

13 You will not acquire new languages automatically; you will learn a language over there much as you do down here, and these brilliant beings

will be your language teachers. The first study on the mansion worlds will be the tongue of Satania and then the language of Nebadon. And while you are mastering these new tongues, the Morontia Companions will be your efficient interpreters and patient translators. You will never encounter a visitor on any of these worlds but that some one of the Morontia Companions will be able to officiate as interpreter.

14 6. *Excursion and Reversion Supervisors.* These companions will accompany you on the longer trips to the headquarters sphere and to the sur-

rounding worlds of transition culture. They plan, conduct, and supervise all such individual and group tours about the system worlds of training and culture.

15 *7. Area and Building Custodians.* Even the material and morontia structures increase in perfection and grandeur as you advance in the mansonia career. As individuals and as groups you are permitted to make certain changes in the abodes assigned as headquarters for your sojourn on the different mansion worlds. Many of the activities of these spheres take place in the open enclosures of the var-

iously designated circles, squares, and triangles. The majority of the mansion world structures are roofless, being enclosures of magnificent construction and exquisite embellishment. The climatic and other physical conditions prevailing on the architectural worlds make roofs wholly unnecessary.

16 §§ These custodians of the transition phases of ascendant life are supreme in the management of morontia affairs. They were created for this work, and pending the factualization of the Supreme Being, always will they remain Morontia Companions; never do they perform other duties.

17 As systems and universes are settled in light and life, the mansion worlds increasingly cease to function as transition spheres of morontia training. More and more the finaliters institute their new training regime, which appears to be designed to translate the cosmic consciousness from the present level of the grand universe to that of the future outer universes. The Morontia Companions are destined to function increasingly in association with the finaliters and in numerous other realms not at present revealed on Urantia.

18 You can forecast that these be-

ings are probably going to contribute much to your enjoyment of the mansion worlds, whether your sojourn is to be long or short. And you will continue to enjoy them all the way up to Salvington. They are not, technically, essential to any part of your survival experience. You could reach Salvington without them, but you would greatly miss them. They are the personality luxury of your ascending career in the local universe.

4. THE REVERSION DIRECTORS

1 Joyful mirth and the smile-equivalent are as universal as music. There is a

morontial and a spiritual equivalent of mirth and laughter. The ascendant life is about equally divided between work and play — freedom from assignment.

2 Celestial relaxation and superhuman humour are quite different from their human analogues, but we all actually indulge in a form of both; and they really accomplish for us, in our state, just about what ideal humour is able to do for you on Urantia. The Morontia Companions are skillful play sponsors, and they are most ably supported by the reversion directors.

3 You would probably best under-

stand the work of the reversion directors if they were likened to the higher types of humorists on Urantia, though that would be an exceedingly crude and somewhat unfortunate way in which to try to convey an idea of the function of these directors of change and relaxation, these ministers of the exalted humour of the morontia and spirit realms.

4 §§ In discussing spirit humour, first let me tell you what it is *not.* Spirit jest is never tinged with the accentuation of the misfortunes of the weak and erring. Neither is it ever blasphemous of the righteousness and glory of

divinity. Our humour embraces three general levels of appreciation:

5 1. *Reminiscent jests.* Quips growing out of the memories of past episodes in one's experience of combat, struggle, and sometimes fearfulness, and ofttimes foolish and childish anxiety. To us, this phase of humour derives from the deep-seated and abiding ability to draw upon the past for memory material with which pleasantly to flavour and otherwise lighten the heavy loads of the present.

6 2. *Current humour.* The senselessness of much that so often causes us serious concern, the joy at discover-

ing the unimportance of much of our serious personal anxiety. We are most appreciative of this phase of humour when we are best able to discount the anxieties of the present in favour of the certainties of the future.

7 3. *Prophetic joy.* It will perhaps be difficult for mortals to envisage this phase of humour, but we do get a peculiar satisfaction out of the assurance "that all things work together for good" — for spirits and morontians as well as for mortals. This aspect of celestial humour grows out of our faith in the loving overcare of our superiors and in the divine stability of our Su-

preme Directors.

8 §§ But the reversion directors of the realms are not concerned exclusively with depicting the high humour of the various orders of intelligent beings; they are also occupied with the leadership of diversion, spiritual recreation and morontia entertainment. And in this connection they have the hearty co-operation of the celestial artisans.

9 The reversion directors themselves are not a created group; they are a recruited corps embracing beings ranging from the Havona natives down through the messenger hosts of space

and the ministering spirits of time to the morontia progressors from the evolutionary worlds. All are volunteers, giving themselves to the work of assisting their fellows in the achievement of thought change and mind rest, for such attitudes are most helpful in recuperating depleted energies.

10 §§ When partially exhausted by the efforts of attainment, and while awaiting the reception of new energy charges, there is agreeable pleasure in living over again the enactments of other days and ages. *The early experiences of the race or the order are restful to reminisce.* And that is exactly

why these artists are called reversion directors — they assist in reverting the memory to a former state of development or to a less experienced status of being.

11 All beings enjoy this sort of reversion except those who are inherent Creators, hence automatic self-rejuvenators, and certain highly specialized types of creatures, such as the power centres and the physical controllers, who are always and eternally thoroughly businesslike in all their reactions. These periodic releases from the tension of functional duty are a regular part of life on all worlds throughout

the universe of universes but not on the Isle of Paradise. Beings indigenous to the central abode are incapable of depletion and are not, therefore, subject to re-energizing. And with such beings of eternal Paradise perfection there can be no such reversion to evolutionary experiences.

12 Most of us have come up through lower stages of existence or through progressive levels of our orders, and it is refreshing and in a measure amusing to look back upon certain episodes of our early experience. There is a restfulness in the contemplation of that which is old to one's order, and which

lingers as a memory possession of the mind. The future signifies struggle and advancement; it bespeaks work, effort, and achievement; but the past savours of things already mastered and achieved; contemplation of the past permits of relaxation and such a carefree review as to provoke spirit mirth and a morontia state of mind verging on merriment.

13 Even mortal humour becomes most hearty when it depicts episodes affecting those just a little beneath one's present developmental state, or when it portrays one's supposed superiors falling victim to the experi-

ences which are commonly associated with supposed inferiors. You of Urantia have allowed much that is at once vulgar and unkind to become confused with your humour, but on the whole, you are to be congratulated on a comparatively keen sense of humour. Some of your races have a rich vein of it and are greatly helped in their earthly careers thereby. Apparently you received much in the way of humour from your Adamic inheritance, much more than was secured of either music or art.

14 §§ All Satania, during times of play, those times when its inhabitants re-

freshingly resurrect the memories of a lower stage of existence, is edified by the pleasant humour of a corps of reversion directors from Urantia. The sense of celestial humour we have with us always, even when engaged in the most difficult of assignments. It helps to avoid an overdevelopment of the notion of one's self-importance. But we do not give rein to it freely, as you might say, "have fun," except when we are in recess from the serious assignments of our respective orders.

15 When we are tempted to magnify our self-importance, if we stop to contemplate the infinity of the great-

ness and grandeur of our Makers, our own self-glorification becomes sublimely ridiculous, even verging on the humorous. One of the functions of humour is to help all of us take ourselves less seriously. *Humour is the divine antidote for exaltation of ego.*

16 §§ The need for the relaxation and diversion of humour is greatest in those orders of ascendant beings who are subjected to sustained stress in their upward struggles. The two extremes of life have little need for humorous diversions. Primitive men have no capacity therefor, and beings of Paradise perfection have no need

thereof. The hosts of Havona are naturally a joyous and exhilarating assemblage of supremely happy personalities. On Paradise the quality of worship obviates the necessity for reversion activities. But among those who start their careers far below the goal of Paradise perfection, there is a large place for the ministry of the reversion directors.

17 The higher the mortal species, the greater the stress and the greater the capacity for humour as well as the necessity for it. In the spirit world the opposite is true: The higher we ascend, the less the need for the diversions of

reversion experiences. But proceeding down the scale of spirit life from Paradise to the seraphic hosts, there is an increasing need for the mission of mirth and the ministry of merriment. Those beings who most need the refreshment of periodic reversion to the intellectual status of previous experiences are the higher types of the human species, the morontians, angels, and the Material Sons, together with all similar types of personality.

18 Humour should function as an automatic safety valve to prevent the building up of excessive pressures due to the monotony of sustained and seri-

ous self-contemplation in association with the intense struggle for developmental progress and noble achievement. Humour also functions to lessen the shock of the unexpected impact of fact or of truth, rigid unyielding fact and flexible ever-living truth. The mortal personality, never sure as to which will next be encountered, through humour swiftly grasps — sees the point and achieves insight — the unexpected nature of the situation be it fact or be it truth.

19 §§ While the humour of Urantia is exceedingly crude and most inartistic, it does serve a valuable purpose both

as a health insurance and as a liberator of emotional pressure, thus preventing injurious nervous tension and overserious self-contemplation. Humour and play — relaxation — are never reactions of progressive exertion; always are they the echoes of a backward glance, a reminiscence of the past. Even on Urantia and as you now are, you always find it rejuvenating when for a short time you can suspend the exertions of the newer and higher intellectual efforts and revert to the more simple engagements of your ancestors.

20 The principles of Urantian play life

are philosophically sound and continue to apply on up through your ascending life, through the circuits of Havona to the eternal shores of Paradise. As ascendant beings you are in possession of personal memories of all former and lower existences, and without such identity memories of the past there would be no basis for the humour of the present, either mortal laughter or morontia mirth. It is this recalling of past experiences that provides the basis for present diversion and amusement. And so you will enjoy the celestial equivalents of your earthly humour all the way up through your

long morontia, and then increasingly spiritual, careers. And that part of God (the Adjuster) which becomes an eternal part of the personality of an ascendant mortal contributes the overtones of divinity to the joyous expressions, even spiritual laughter, of the ascending creatures of time and space.

5. THE MANSION WORLD TEACHERS

1 The Mansion World Teachers are a corps of deserted but glorified cherubim and sanobim. When a pilgrim of time advances from a trial world of space to the mansion and associated worlds of morontia training, he is ac-

companied by his personal or group seraphim, the guardian of destiny. In the worlds of mortal existence the seraphim is ably assisted by cherubim and sanobim; but when her mortal ward is delivered from the bonds of the flesh and starts out on the ascendant career, when the postmaterial or morontia life begins, the attending seraphim has no further need of the ministrations of her former lieutenants, the cherubim and sanobim.

2 These deserted assistants of the ministering seraphim are often summoned to universe headquarters, where they pass into the intimate em-

brace of the Universe Mother Spirit and then go forth to the system training spheres as Mansion World Teachers. These teachers often visit the material worlds and function from the lowest mansion worlds on up to the highest of the educational spheres connected with the universe headquarters. Upon their own motion they may return to their former associative work with the ministering seraphim.

3 There are billions upon billions of these teachers in Satania, and their numbers constantly increase because, in the majority of instances, when

a seraphim proceeds inward with an Adjuster-fused mortal, both a cherubim and a sanobim are left behind.

4 §§ Mansion World Teachers, like most of the other instructors, are commissioned by the Melchizedeks. They are generally supervised by the Morontia Companions, but as individuals and as teachers they are supervised by the acting heads of the schools or spheres wherein they may be functioning as instructors.

5 These advanced cherubim usually work in pairs as they did when attached to the seraphim. They are by nature very near the morontia type

of existence, and they are inherently sympathetic teachers of the ascending mortals and most efficiently conduct the program of the mansion world and morontia educational system.

6 In the schools of the morontia life these teachers engage in individual, group, class, and mass teaching. On the mansion worlds such schools are organized in three general groups of 100 divisions each: the schools of thinking, the schools of feeling, and the schools of doing. When you reach the constellation, there are added the schools of ethics, the schools of administration, and the schools of so-

cial adjustment. On the universe headquarters worlds you will enter the schools of philosophy, divinity, and pure spirituality.

7 §§ Those things which you might have learned on earth, but which you failed to learn, must be acquired under the tutelage of these faithful and patient teachers. There are no royal roads, short cuts, or easy paths to Paradise. Irrespective of the individual variations of the route, you master the lessons of one sphere before you proceed to another; at least this is true after you once leave the world of your nativity.

8 One of the purposes of the morontia career is to effect the permanent eradication from the mortal survivors of such animal vestigial traits as procrastination, equivocation, insincerity, problem avoidance, unfairness, and ease seeking. The mansonia life early teaches the young morontia pupils that postponement is in no sense avoidance. After the life in the flesh, time is no longer available as a technique of dodging situations or of circumventing disagreeable obligations.

9 §§ Beginning service on the lowest of the tarrying spheres, the Mansion

World Teachers advance, with experience, through the educational spheres of the system and the constellation to the training worlds of Salvington. They are subjected to no special discipline either before or after their embrace by the Universe Mother Spirit. They have already been trained for their work while serving as seraphic associates on the worlds native to their pupils of mansion world sojourn. They have had actual experience with these advancing mortals on the inhabited worlds. They are practical and sympathetic teachers, wise and understanding instructors, able and

efficient guides. They are entirely familiar with the ascendant plans and thoroughly experienced in the initial phases of the progression career.

10 Many of the older of these teachers, those who have long served on the worlds of the Salvington circuit, are re-embraced by the Universe Mother Spirit, and from this second embrace these cherubim and sanobim emerge with the status of seraphim.

6. MORONTIA WORLD SERAPHIM — TRANSITION MINISTERS

1 While all orders of angels, from the planetary helpers to the supreme

seraphim, minister on the morontia worlds, the transition ministers are more exclusively assigned to these activities. These angels are of the sixth order of seraphic servers, and their ministry is devoted to facilitating the transit of material and mortal creatures from the temporal life in the flesh on into the early stages of morontia existence on the seven mansion worlds.

2 You should understand that the morontia life of an ascending mortal is really initiated on the inhabited worlds at the conception of the soul, at that moment when the creature mind

of moral status is indwelt by the spirit Adjuster. And from that moment on, the mortal soul has potential capacity for supermortal function, even for recognition on the higher levels of the morontia spheres of the local universe.

3 §§ You will not, however, be conscious of the ministry of the transition seraphim until you attain the mansion worlds, where they labour untiringly for the advancement of their mortal pupils, being assigned for service in the following seven divisions:

4 1. *Seraphic Evangels.* The moment you consciousize on the mansion worlds, you are classified as evolv-

ing spirits in the records of the system. True, you are not yet spirits in reality, but you are no longer mortal or material beings; you have embarked upon the prespirit career and have been duly admitted to the morontia life.

5 On the mansion worlds the seraphic evangels will help you to choose wisely among the optional routes to Edentia, Salvington, Uversa, and Havona. If there are a number of equally advisable routes, these will be put before you, and you will be permitted to select the one that most appeals to you. These seraphim then make recommendations to the four and twenty

advisers on Jerusem concerning that course which would be most advantageous for each ascending soul.

6 You are not given unrestricted choice as to your future course; but you may choose within the limits of that which the transition ministers and their superiors wisely determine to be most suitable for your future spirit attainment. The spirit world is governed on the principle of respecting your freewill choice provided the course you may choose is not detrimental to you or injurious to your fellows.

7 §§ These seraphic evangels are ded-

icated to the proclamation of the gospel of eternal progression, the triumph of perfection attainment. On the mansion worlds they proclaim the great law of the conservation and dominance of goodness: No act of good is ever wholly lost; it may be long thwarted but never wholly annulled, and it is eternally potent in proportion to the divinity of its motivation.

8 Even on Urantia they counsel the human teachers of truth and righteousness to adhere to the preaching of "the goodness of God, which leads to repentance," to proclaim "the love of God, which casts out all fear." Even

so have these truths been declared on your world:

9 The Gods are my caretakers; I shall not stray;

10 Side by side they lead me in the beautiful paths and glorious refreshing of life everlasting.

11 I shall not, in this Divine Presence, want for food nor thirst for water.

12 Though I go down into the valley of uncertainty or ascend up into the worlds of doubt,

13 Though I move in loneliness or with the fellows of my kind,

14 Though I triumph in the choirs of light or falter in the solitary places of the spheres,

15 Your good spirit shall minister to me, and your glorious angel will comfort me.

16 Though I descend into the depths of darkness and death itself,

17 I shall not doubt you nor fear you,

18 For I know that in the full-

ness of time and the glory of your name

19 You will raise me up to sit with you on the battlements on high.

20 §§ That is the story whispered in the night season to the shepherd boy. He could not retain it word for word, but to the best of his memory he gave it much as it is recorded today.

21 These seraphim are also the evangels of the gospel of perfection attainment for the whole system as well as for the individual ascender. Even now in the young system of Satania

their teachings and plans encompass provisions for the future ages when the mansion worlds will no longer serve the mortal ascenders as stepping stones to the spheres on high.

22 2. *Racial Interpreters.* All races of mortal beings are not alike. True, there is a planetary pattern running through the physical, mental, and spiritual natures and tendencies of the various races of a given world; but there are also distinct racial types, and very definite social tendencies characterize the offspring of these different basic types of human beings. On the worlds of time the seraphic racial interpreters

further the efforts of the race commissioners to harmonize the varied viewpoints of the races, and they continue to function on the mansion worlds, where these same differences tend to persist in a measure. On a confused planet, such as Urantia, these brilliant beings have hardly had a fair opportunity to function, but they are the skillful sociologists and the wise ethnic advisers of the first heaven.

23 §§ You should consider the statement about "heaven" and the "heaven of heavens." The heaven conceived by most of your prophets was the first of the mansion worlds of the local sys-

tem. When the apostle spoke of being "caught up to the third heaven," he referred to that experience in which his Adjuster was detached during sleep and in this unusual state made a projection to the third of the seven mansion worlds. Some of your wise men saw the vision of the greater heaven, "the heaven of heavens," of which the sevenfold mansion world experience was but the first; the second being Jerusem; the third, Edentia and its satellites; the fourth, Salvington and the surrounding educational spheres; the fifth, Uversa; the sixth, Havona; and the seventh, Paradise.

24 3. *Mind Planners.* These seraphim are devoted to the effective grouping of morontia beings and to organizing their teamwork on the mansion worlds. They are the psychologists of the first heaven. The majority of this particular division of seraphic ministers have had previous experience as guardian angels to the children of time, but their wards, for some reason, failed to personalize on the mansion worlds or else survived by the technique of Spirit fusion.

25 It is the task of the mind planners to study the nature, experience, and status of the Adjuster souls in tran-

sit through the mansion worlds and to facilitate their grouping for assignment and advancement. But these mind planners do not scheme, manipulate, or otherwise take advantage of the ignorance or other limitations of mansion world students. They are wholly fair and eminently just. They respect your newborn morontia will; they regard you as independent volitional beings, and they seek to encourage your speedy development and advancement. Here you are face to face with true friends and understanding counsellors, angels who are really able to help you "to see yourself as others

see you" and "to know yourself as angels know you."

26 Even on Urantia, these seraphim teach the everlasting truth: If your own mind does not serve you well, you can exchange it for the mind of Jesus of Nazareth, who always serves you well.

27 4. *Morontia Counsellors.* These ministers receive their name because they are assigned to teach, direct, and counsel the surviving mortals from the worlds of human origin, souls in transit to the higher schools of the system headquarters. They are the teachers of those who seek insight into the experiential unity of divergent life levels,

those who are attempting the integration of meanings and the unification of values. This is the function of philosophy in mortal life, of mota on the morontia spheres.

28 Mota is more than a superior philosophy; it is to philosophy as two eyes are to one; it has a stereoscopic effect on meanings and values. Material man sees the universe, as it were, with but one eye — flat. Mansion world students achieve cosmic perspective — depth — by superimposing the perceptions of the morontia life upon the perceptions of the physical life. And they are enabled to bring these ma-

terial and morontial viewpoints into true focus largely through the untiring ministry of their seraphic counsellors, who so patiently teach the mansion world students and the morontia progressors. Many of the teaching counsellors of the supreme order of seraphim began their careers as advisers of the newly liberated souls of the mortals of time.

29 5. *Technicians.* These are the seraphim who help new ascenders adjust themselves to the new and comparatively strange environment of the morontia spheres. Life on the transition worlds entails real contact with the en-

ergies and materials of both the physical and morontia levels and to a certain extent with spiritual realities. Ascenders must acclimatize to every new morontia level, and in all of this they are greatly helped by the seraphic technicians. These seraphim act as liaisons with the Morontia Power Supervisors and with the Master Physical Controllers and function extensively as instructors of the ascending pilgrims concerning the nature of those energies which are utilized on the transition spheres. They serve as emergency space traversers and perform numerous other regular and special duties.

30 6. *Recorder-Teachers.* These seraphim are the recorders of the borderland transactions of the spiritual and the physical, of the relationships of men and angels, of the morontia transactions of the lower universe realms. They also serve as instructors regarding the efficient and effective techniques of fact recording. There is an artistry in the intelligent assembly and co-ordination of related data, and this art is heightened in collaboration with the celestial artisans, and even the ascending mortals become thus affiliated with the recording seraphim.

31 The recorders of all the seraphic

orders devote a certain amount of time to the education and training of the morontia progressors. These angelic custodians of the facts of time are the ideal instructors of all fact seekers. Before leaving Jerusem, you will become quite familiar with the history of Satania and its 619 inhabited worlds, and much of this story will be imparted by the seraphic recorders.

32 These angels are all in the chain of recorders extending from the lowest to the highest custodians of the facts of time and the truths of eternity. Some day they will teach you to seek truth as well as fact, to expand

your soul as well as your mind. Even now you should learn to water the garden of your heart as well as to seek for the dry sands of knowledge. Forms are valueless when lessons are learned. No chick may be had without the shell, and no shell is of any worth after the chick is hatched. But sometimes error is so great that its rectification by revelation would be fatal to those slowly emerging truths which are essential to its experiential overthrow. When children have their ideals, do not dislodge them; let them grow. And while you are learning to think as men, you should also be learning to pray as chil-

dren.

33 Law is life itself and not the rules of its conduct. Evil is a transgression of law, not a violation of the rules of conduct pertaining to life, which *is* the law. Falsehood is not a matter of narration technique but something premeditated as a perversion of truth. The creation of new pictures out of old facts, the restatement of parental life in the lives of offspring — these are the artistic triumphs of truth. The shadow of a hair's turning, premeditated for an untrue purpose, the slightest twisting or perversion of that which is principle — these constitute

falseness. But the fetish of factualized truth, fossilized truth, the iron band of so-called unchanging truth, holds one blindly in a closed circle of cold fact. One can be technically right as to fact and everlastingly wrong in the truth.

34 7. *Ministering Reserves.* A large corps of all orders of the transition seraphim is held on the first mansion world. Next to the destiny guardians, these transition ministers draw the nearest to humans of all orders of seraphim, and many of your leisure moments will be spent with them. Angels take delight in service and, when unassigned, often minister as volunteers.

The soul of many an ascending mortal has for the first time been kindled by the divine fire of the will-to-service through personal friendship with the volunteer servers of the seraphic reserves.

35 From them you will learn to let pressure develop stability and certainty; to be faithful and earnest and, withal, cheerful; to accept challenges without complaint and to face difficulties and uncertainties without fear. They will ask: If you fail, will you rise indomitably to try anew? If you succeed, will you maintain a well-balanced poise — a stabilized and spiri-

tualized attitude — throughout every effort in the long struggle to break the fetters of material inertia, to attain the freedom of spirit existence?

36 Even as mortals, so have these angels been father to many disappointments, and they will point out that sometimes your most disappointing disappointments have become your greatest blessings. Sometimes the planting of a seed necessitates its death, the death of your fondest hopes, before it can be reborn to bear the fruits of new life and new opportunity. And from them you will learn to suffer less through sorrow and disap-

pointment, first, by making fewer personal plans concerning other personalities, and then, by accepting your lot when you have faithfully performed your duty.

37 You will learn that you increase your burdens and decrease the likelihood of success by taking yourself too seriously. Nothing can take precedence over the work of your status sphere — this world or the next. Very important is the work of preparation for the next higher sphere, but nothing equals the importance of the work of the world in which you are actually living. But though the *work* is important,

the *self* is not. When you feel important, you lose energy to the wear and tear of ego dignity so that there is little energy left to do the work. Self-importance, not work-importance, exhausts immature creatures; it is the self element that exhausts, not the effort to achieve. You can do important work if you do not become self-important; you can do several things as easily as one if you leave yourself out. Variety is restful; monotony is what wears and exhausts. Day after day is alike — just

life or the alternative of death.

7. MORONTIA MOTA

1 The lower planes of morontia mota join directly with the higher levels of human philosophy. On the first mansion world it is the practice to teach the less advanced students by the parallel technique; that is, in one column are presented the more simple concepts of mota meanings, and in the opposite column citation is made of analogous statements of mortal philosophy.

2 Not long since, while executing an assignment on the first mansion world

of Satania, I had occasion to observe this method of teaching; and though I may not undertake to present the mota content of the lesson, I am permitted to record the 28 statements of human philosophy which this morontia instructor was utilizing as illustrative material designed to assist these new mansion world sojourners in their early efforts to grasp the significance and meaning of mota. These illustrations of human philosophy were:

3 1. A display of specialized skill does not signify possession of spiritual capacity. Cleverness is not a substitute for true character.

4 2. Few persons live up to the faith which they really have. Unreasoned fear is a master intellectual fraud practised upon the evolving mortal soul.

5 3. Inherent capacities cannot be exceeded; a pint can never hold a quart. The spirit concept cannot be mechanically forced into the material memory mould.

6 4. Few mortals ever dare to draw anything like the sum of personality credits established by the combined ministries of nature and grace. The majority of impoverished souls are truly rich, but they refuse to believe

it.

7 5. Difficulties may challenge mediocrity and defeat the fearful, but they only stimulate the true children of the Most Highs.

8 6. To enjoy privilege without abuse, to have liberty without license, to possess power and steadfastly refuse to use it for self-aggrandizement — these are the marks of high civilization.

9 7. Blind and unforeseen accidents do not occur in the cosmos. Neither do the celestial beings assist the lower being who refuses to act upon his light of truth.

10 8. Effort does not always produce joy, but there is no happiness without intelligent effort.

11 9. Action achieves strength; moderation eventuates in charm.

12 10. Righteousness strikes the harmony chords of truth, and the melody vibrates throughout the cosmos, even to the recognition of the Infinite.

13 11. The weak indulge in resolutions, but the strong act. Life is but a day's work — do it well. The act is ours; the consequences God's.

14 12. The greatest affliction of the cosmos is never to have been afflicted.

Mortals only learn wisdom by experiencing tribulation.

15 13. Stars are best discerned from the lonely isolation of experiential depths, not from the illuminated and ecstatic mountain tops.

16 14. Whet the appetites of your associates for truth; give advice only when it is asked for.

17 15. Affectation is the ridiculous effort of the ignorant to appear wise, the attempt of the barren soul to appear rich.

18 16. You cannot perceive spiritual truth until you feelingly experience it,

and many truths are not really felt except in adversity.

19 17. Ambition is dangerous until it is fully socialized. You have not truly acquired any virtue until your acts make you worthy of it.

20 18. Impatience is a spirit poison; anger is like a stone hurled into a hornet's nest.

21 19. Anxiety must be abandoned. The disappointments hardest to bear are those which never come.

22 20. Only a poet can discern poetry in the commonplace prose of routine existence.

23 21. The high mission of any art is, by its illusions, to foreshadow a higher universe reality, to crystallize the emotions of time into the thought of eternity.

24 22. The evolving soul is not made divine by what it does, but by what it strives to do.

25 23. Death added nothing to the intellectual possession or to the spiritual endowment, but it did add to the experiential status the consciousness of *survival.*

26 24. The destiny of eternity is determined moment by moment by the achievements of the day by day living.

The acts of today are the destiny of tomorrow.

27 25. Greatness lies not so much in possessing strength as in making a wise and divine use of such strength.

28 26. Knowledge is possessed only by sharing; it is safeguarded by wisdom and socialized by love.

29 27. Progress demands development of individuality; mediocrity seeks perpetuation in standardization.

30 28. The argumentative defence of any proposition is inversely proportional to the truth contained.

31 §§ Such is the work of the beginners on the first mansion world while

the more advanced pupils on the later worlds are mastering the higher levels of cosmic insight and morontia mota.

8. THE MORONTIA PROGRESSORS

1 From the time of graduation from the mansion worlds to the attainment of spirit status in the superuniverse career, ascending mortals are denominated morontia progressors. Your passage through this wonderful borderland life will be an unforgettable experience, a charming memory. It is the evolutionary portal to spirit life and the eventual attainment of creature perfection by which ascenders achieve

the goal of time — the finding of God on Paradise.

2 There is a definite and divine purpose in all this morontia and subsequent spirit scheme of mortal progression, this elaborate universe training school for ascending creatures. It is the design of the Creators to afford the creatures of time a graduated opportunity to master the details of the operation and administration of the grand universe, and this long course of training is best carried forward by having the surviving mortal climb up gradually and by actual participation in every step of the ascent.

3 The mortal-survival plan has a practical and serviceable objective; you are not the recipients of all this divine labour and painstaking training only that you may survive just to enjoy endless bliss and eternal ease. There is a goal of transcendent service concealed beyond the horizon of the present universe age. If the Gods designed merely to take you on one long and eternal joy excursion, they certainly would not so largely turn the whole universe into one vast and intricate practical training school, requisition a substantial part of the celestial creation as teachers and instructors, and

then spend ages upon ages piloting you, one by one, through this gigantic universe school of experiential training. The furtherance of the scheme of mortal progression seems to be one of the chief businesses of the present organized universe, and the majority of innumerable orders of created intelligences are either directly or indirectly engaged in advancing some phase of this progressive perfection plan.

4 In traversing the ascending scale of living existence from mortal man to the Deity embrace, you actually live the very life of every possible phase and stage of perfected creature exis-

tence within the limits of the present universe age. From mortal man to Paradise finaliter embraces all that now can be — encompasses everything presently possible to the living orders of intelligent, perfected finite creature beings. If the future destiny of the Paradise finaliters is service in new universes now in the making, it is assured that in this new and future creation there will be no created orders of experiential beings whose lives will be wholly different from those which mortal finaliters have lived on some world as a part of their ascending training, as one of the stages of their

agelong progress from animal to angel and from angel to spirit and from spirit to God.

5 [Presented by an Archangel of Nebadon.]

PAPER 49

THE INHABITED WORLDS

Melchizedek

All mortal-inhabited worlds are evolutionary in origin and nature. These spheres are the spawning ground, the evolutionary cradle, of the mortal races of time and space. Each unit of the ascendant life is a veritable training school for the stage of existence just ahead, and this is true of every stage of man's progressive Paradise ascent; just as true of the

initial mortal experience on an evolutionary planet as of the final universe headquarters school of the Melchizedeks, a school which is not attended by ascending mortals until just before their translation to the regime of the superuniverse and the attainment of first-stage spirit existence.

2 §§ All inhabited worlds are basically grouped for celestial administration into the local systems, and each of these local systems is limited to about one thousand evolutionary worlds. This limitation is by the decree of the Ancients of Days, and it pertains to actual evolutionary planets

whereon mortals of survival status are living. Neither worlds finally settled in light and life nor planets in the prehuman stage of life development are reckoned in this group.

3 §§ Satania itself is an unfinished system containing only 619 inhabited worlds. Such planets are numbered serially in accordance with their registration as inhabited worlds, as worlds inhabited by will creatures. Thus was Urantia given the number *606 of Satania,* meaning the 606th world in this local system on which the long evolutionary life process culminated in the appearance of human beings. There

are 36 uninhabited planets nearing the life-endowment stage, and several are now being made ready for the Life Carriers. There are nearly 200 spheres which are evolving so as to be ready for life implantation within the next few million years.

4 Not all planets are suited to harbour mortal life. Small ones having a high rate of axial revolution are wholly unsuited for life habitats. In several of the physical systems of Satania the planets revolving around the central sun are too large for habitation, their great mass occasioning oppressive gravity. Many of these enormous

spheres have satellites, sometimes a half dozen or more, and these moons are often in size very near that of Urantia, so that they are almost ideal for habitation.

5 The oldest inhabited world of Satania, world number 1, is Anova, one of the 44 satellites revolving around an enormous dark planet but exposed to the differential light of three neighbouring suns. Anova is in an advanced stage of progressive civilization.

1. THE PLANETARY LIFE

1 The universes of time and space are gradual in development; the pro-

gression of life — terrestrial or celestial — is neither arbitrary nor magical. Cosmic evolution may not always be understandable (predictable), but it is strictly nonaccidental.

2 The biologic unit of material life is the protoplasmic cell, the communal association of chemical, electrical, and other basic energies. The chemical formulas differ in each system, and the technique of living cell reproduction is slightly different in each local universe, but the Life Carriers are always the living catalysers who initiate the primordial reactions of material life; they are the instigators of the en-

ergy circuits of living matter.

3 All the worlds of a local system disclose unmistakable physical kinship; nevertheless, each planet has its own scale of life, no two worlds being exactly alike in plant and animal endowment. These planetary variations in the system life types result from the decisions of the Life Carriers. But these beings are neither capricious nor whimsical; the universes are conducted in accordance with law and order. The laws of Nebadon are the divine mandates of Salvington, and the evolutionary order of life in Satania is in consonance with the evolutionary

pattern of Nebadon.

4 Evolution is the rule of human development, but the process itself varies greatly on different worlds. Life is sometimes initiated in one centre, sometimes in three, as it was on Urantia. On the atmospheric worlds it usually has a marine origin, but not always; much depends on the physical status of a planet. The Life Carriers have great latitude in their function of life initiation.

5 In the development of planetary life the vegetable form always precedes the animal and is quite fully developed before the animal patterns dif-

ferentiate. All animal types are developed from the basic patterns of the preceding vegetable kingdom of living things; they are not separately organized.

6 The early stages of life evolution are not altogether in conformity with your present-day views. *Mortal man is not an evolutionary accident.* There is a precise system, a universal law, which determines the unfolding of the planetary life plan on the spheres of space. Time and the production of large numbers of a species are not the controlling influences. Mice reproduce much more rapidly than

elephants, yet elephants evolve more rapidly than mice.

7 The process of planetary evolution is orderly and controlled. The development of higher organisms from lower groupings of life is not accidental. Sometimes evolutionary progress is temporarily delayed by the destruction of certain favourable lines of life plasm carried in a selected species. It often requires ages upon ages to recoup the damage occasioned by the loss of a single superior strain of human heredity. These selected and superior strains of living protoplasm should be jealously and intelligently

guarded when once they make their appearance. And on most of the inhabited worlds these superior potentials of life are valued much more highly than on Urantia.

2. PLANETARY PHYSICAL TYPES

1 There is a standard and basic pattern of vegetable and animal life in each system. But the Life Carriers are oftentimes confronted with the necessity of modifying these basic patterns to conform to the varying physical conditions which confront them on numerous worlds of space. They foster a generalized system type of mor-

tal creature, but there are seven distinct physical types as well as thousands upon thousands of minor variants of these seven outstanding differentiations:

2 1. Atmospheric types.
3 2. Elemental types.
4 3. Gravity types.
5 4. Temperature types.
6 5. Electric types.
7 6. Energizing types.
8 7. Unnamed types.

9 §§ The Satania system contains all of these types and numerous intermediate groups, although some are very sparingly represented.

10 1. *The atmospheric types.* The physical differences of the worlds of mortal habitation are chiefly determined by the nature of the atmosphere; other influences which contribute to the planetary differentiation of life are relatively minor.

11 The present atmospheric status of Urantia is almost ideal for the support of the breathing type of man, but the human type can be so modified that it can live on both the superatmospheric and the subatmospheric planets. Such modifications also extend to the animal life, which differs greatly on the various inhabited spheres. There is a

very great modification of animal orders on both the sub- and the superatmospheric worlds.

12 Of the atmospheric types in Satania, about 2.5% are subbreathers, about 5% superbreathers, and over 91% are mid-breathers, altogether accounting for 98.5% of the Satania worlds.

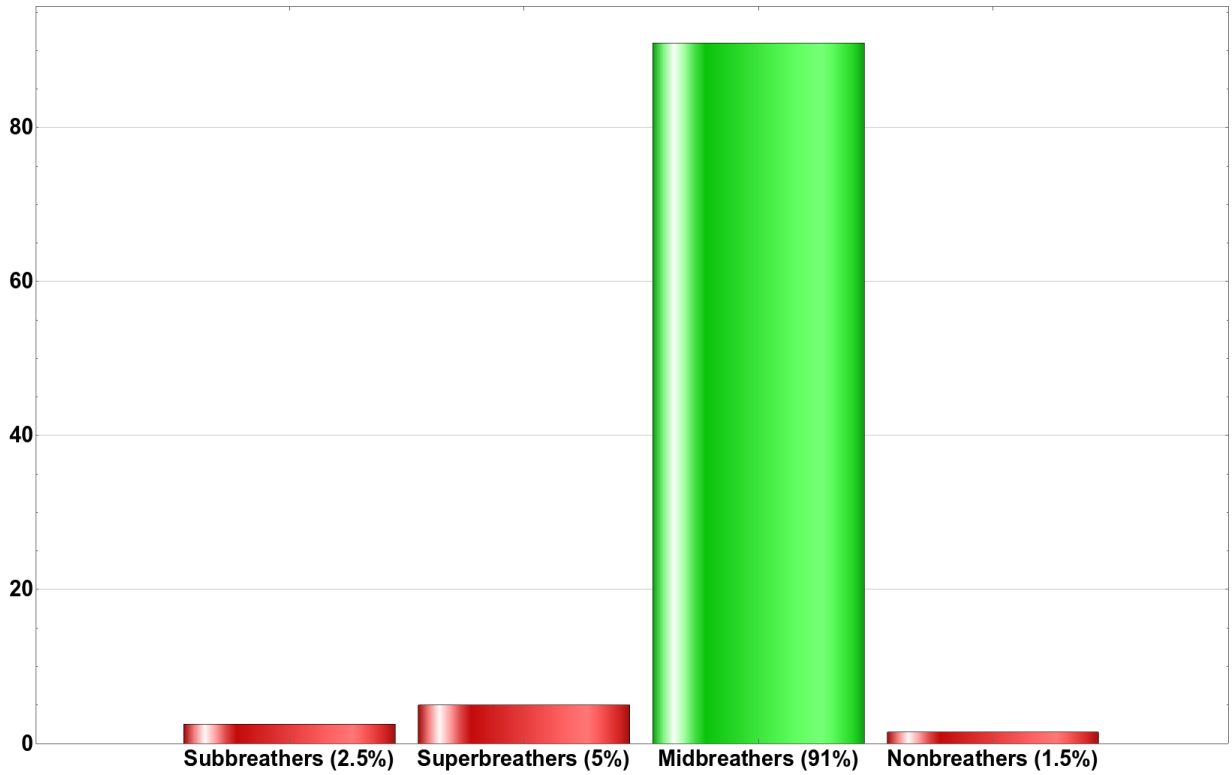

Figure 15: Distribution of Atmospheric Types (%), Urantia type ("Midbreathers") is marked with green.

13 Beings such as the Urantia races are classified as mid-breathers; you represent the average or typical breathing order of mortal existence. If intelligent creatures should exist on

a planet with an atmosphere similar to that of your near neighbour, Venus, they would belong to the superbreather group, while those inhabiting a planet with an atmosphere as thin as that of your outer neighbour, Mars, would be denominated subbreathers.

14 If mortals should inhabit a planet devoid of air, like your moon, they would belong to the separate order of nonbreathers. This type represents a radical or extreme adjustment to the planetary environment and is separately considered. Nonbreathers account for the remaining 1.5% of Sa-

tania worlds.

15 2. *The elemental types.* These differentiations have to do with the relation of mortals to water, air, and land, and there are four distinct species of intelligent life as they are related to these habitats. The Urantia races are of the land order.

16 It is quite impossible for you to envisage the environment which prevails during the early ages of some worlds. These unusual conditions make it necessary for the evolving animal life to remain in its marine nursery habitat for longer periods than on those planets which very early provide a hos-

pitable land-and-atmosphere environment. Conversely, on some worlds of the superbreathers, when the planet is not too large, it is sometimes expedient to provide for a mortal type which can readily negotiate atmospheric passage. These air navigators sometimes intervene between the water and land groups, and they always live in a measure upon the ground, eventually evolving into land dwellers. But on some worlds, for ages they continue to fly even after they have become land-type beings.

17 It is both amazing and amusing to observe the early civilization of a

primitive race of human beings taking shape, in one case, in the air and treetops and, in another, midst the shallow waters of sheltered tropic basins, as well as on the bottom, sides, and shores of these marine gardens of the dawn races of such extraordinary spheres. Even on Urantia there was a long age during which primitive man preserved himself and advanced his primitive civilization by living for the most part in the treetops as did his earlier arboreal ancestors. And on Urantia you still have a group of diminutive mammals (the bat family) that are air navigators, and your seals and whales,

of marine habitat, are also of the mammalian order.

18 In Satania, of the elemental types, 7% are water, 10% air, 70% land, and 13% combined land-and-air types. But these modifications of early intelligent creatures are neither human fishes nor human birds. They are of the human and prehuman types, neither superfishes nor glorified birds but distinctly mortal.

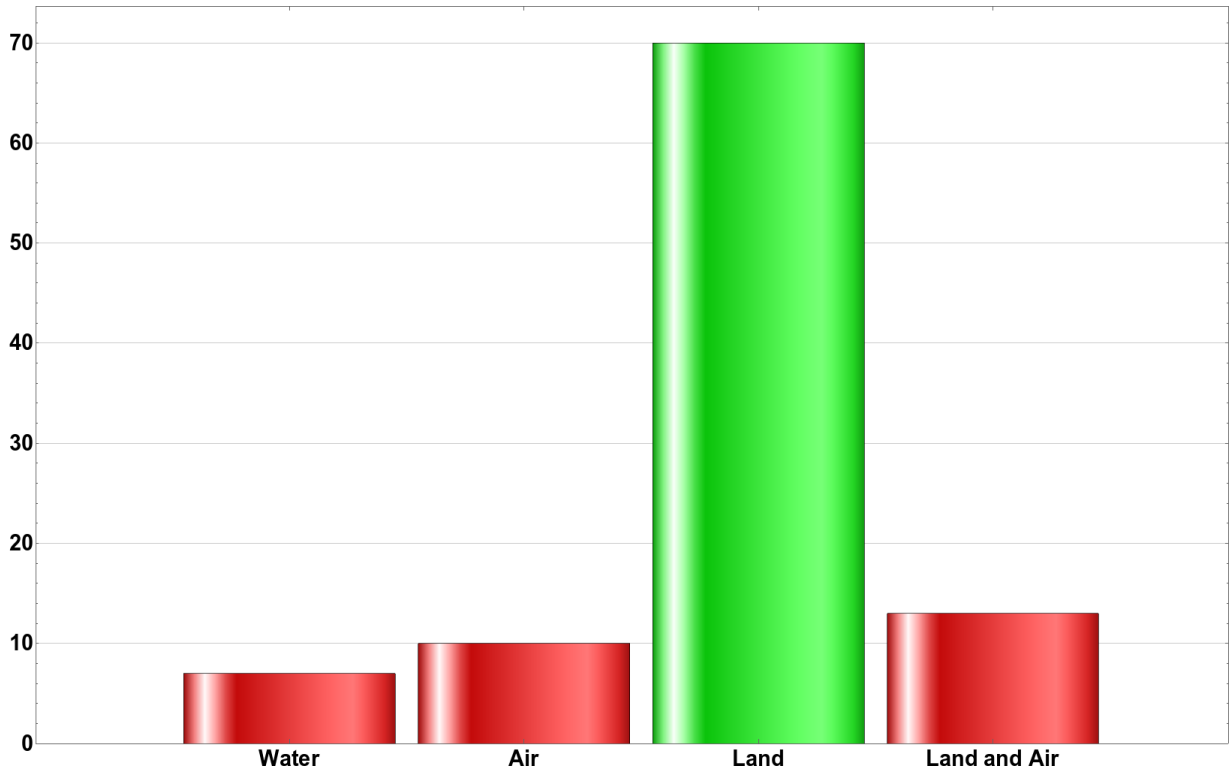

Figure 16: Distribution of Elemental Types (%), Urantia type ("Land") is marked with green.

19 3. *The gravity types.* By modification of creative design, intelligent beings are so constructed that they can freely function on spheres both smaller and larger than Urantia, thus

being, in measure, accommodated to the gravity of those planets which are not of ideal size and density.

20 The various planetary types of mortals vary in height, the average in Nebadon being a trifle under 2.1 m. Some of the larger worlds are peopled with beings who are only about 76 cm in height. Mortal stature ranges from here on up through the average heights on the average-sized planets to around 3 m on the smaller inhabited spheres. In Satania there is only one race under 1.2 m in height. 20% of the Satania inhabited worlds are peopled with mortals of the modified grav-

ity types occupying the larger and the smaller planets.

21 4. *The temperature types.* It is possible to create living beings who can withstand temperatures both much higher and much lower than the life range of the Urantia races. There are five distinct orders of beings as they are classified with reference to heat-regulating mechanisms. In this scale the Urantia races are number three. 30% of Satania worlds are peopled with races of modified temperature types. 12% belong to the higher temperature ranges, 18% to the lower, as compared with Urantians, who func-

tion in the mid-temperature group.

22 5. *The electric types.* The electric, magnetic, and electronic behaviour of the worlds varies greatly. There are ten designs of mortal life variously fashioned to withstand the differential energy of the spheres. These ten varieties also react in slightly different ways to the chemical rays of ordinary sunlight. But these slight physical variations in no way affect the intellectual or the spiritual life.

23 Of the electric groupings of mortal life, almost 23% belong to class number 4, the Urantia type of existence. These types are distributed as

follows: number 1, 1%; number 2, 2%; number 3, 5%; number 4, 23%; number 5, 27%; number 6, 24%; number 7, 8%; number 8, 5%; number 9, 3%; number 10, 2% — in whole percentages.

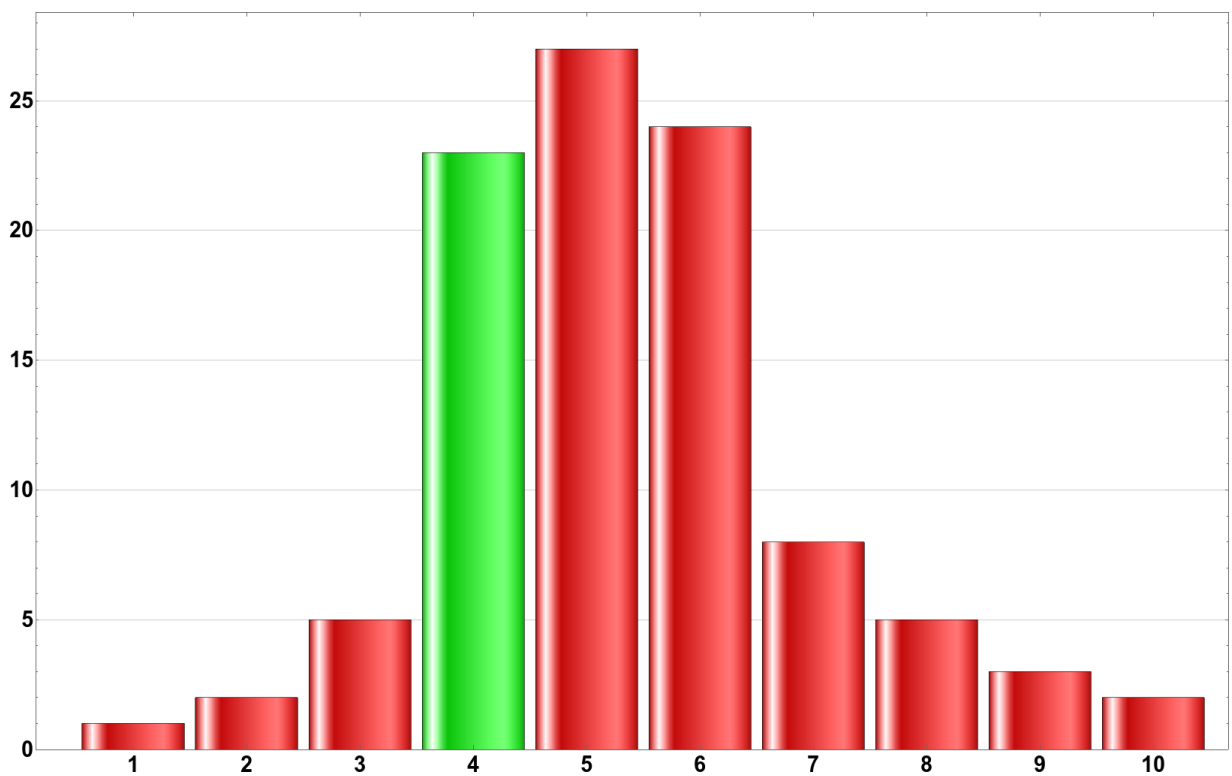

Figure 17: Distribution of Electric Types (%), Urantia type (4) is marked with green.

24 6. *The energizing types.* Not all worlds are alike in the manner of taking in energy. Not all inhabited worlds have an atmospheric ocean suited to respiratory exchange of gases, such as is present on Urantia. During the earlier and the later stages of many planets, beings of your present order could not exist; and when the respiratory factors of a planet are very high or very low, but when all other prerequisites to intelligent life are adequate, the Life Carriers often establish on such worlds a modified form of mortal existence, beings who are competent to effect their life-process exchanges di-

rectly by means of light-energy and the firsthand power transmutations of the Master Physical Controllers.

25 There are six differing types of animal and mortal nutrition: The subbreathers employ the first type of nutrition, the marine dwellers the second, the mid-breathers the third, as on Urantia. The superbreathers employ the fourth type of energy intake, while the nonbreathers utilize the fifth order of nutrition and energy. The sixth technique of energizing is limited to the midway creatures.

26 *7. The unnamed types.* There are numerous additional physical vari-

ations in planetary life, but all of these differences are wholly matters of anatomical modification, physiologic differentiation, and electrochemical adjustment. Such distinctions do not concern the intellectual or the spiritual life.

3. WORLDS OF THE NONBREATHERS

1 The majority of inhabited planets are peopled with the breathing type of intelligent beings. But there are also orders of mortals who are able to live on worlds with little or no air. Of the Orvonton inhabited worlds this type amounts to less than 7%. In Nebadon

this percentage is less than 3. In all Satania there are only 9 such worlds.

2 There are so very few of the non-breather type of inhabited worlds in Satania because this more recently organized section of Norlatiadek still abounds in meteoric space bodies; and worlds without a protective friction atmosphere are subject to incessant bombardment by these wanderers. Even some of the comets consist of meteor swarms, but as a rule they are disrupted smaller bodies of matter.

3 Millions upon millions of meteorites enter the atmosphere of Urantia daily, coming in at the rate of al-

most 320 km/s. On the nonbreathing worlds the advanced races must do much to protect themselves from meteor damage by making electrical installations which operate to consume or shunt the meteors. Great danger confronts them when they venture beyond these protected zones. These worlds are also subject to disastrous electrical storms of a nature unknown on Urantia. During such times of tremendous energy fluctuation the inhabitants must take refuge in their special structures of protective insulation.

4 Life on the worlds of the non-

breathers is radically different from what it is on Urantia. The non-breathers do not eat food or drink water as do the Urantia races. The reactions of the nervous system, the heat-regulating mechanism, and the metabolism of these specialized peoples are radically different from such functions of Urantia mortals. Almost every act of living, aside from reproduction, differs, and even the methods of procreation are somewhat different.

5 On the nonbreathing worlds the animal species are radically unlike those found on the atmospheric planets. The nonbreathing plan of life

varies from the technique of existence on an atmospheric world; even in survival their peoples differ, being candidates for Spirit fusion. Nevertheless, these beings enjoy life and carry forward the activities of the realm with the same relative trials and joys that are experienced by the mortals living on atmospheric worlds. In mind and character the nonbreathers do not differ from other mortal types.

6 You would be more than interested in the planetary conduct of this type of mortal because such a race of beings inhabits a sphere in close prox-

imity to Urantia.

4. EVOLUTIONARY WILL CREATURES

1 There are great differences between the mortals of the different worlds, even among those belonging to the same intellectual and physical types, but all mortals of will dignity are erect animals, bipeds.

2 There are six basic evolutionary races: three primary — red, yellow, and blue; and three secondary — orange, green, and indigo. Most inhabited worlds have all of these races, but many of the three-brained planets harbour only the three primary

types. Some local systems also have only these three races.

3 The average special physical-sense endowment of human beings is 12[1],

[1] It was Rudolf Steiner who first suggested the idea of 12 senses. His theory was later developed by others, e.g. Appli, Kranich, Schoorel, Soesman et al. Steiner's 12 senses are grouped as follows: Lower (0–7 years): life, touch, movement, balance. Feeling (7–14 years): sight, smell, taste, warmth. Cognitive (14–21 years): hearing, speech, thought, ego. On the other hand, these are not all *physical* senses, which are probably more accurately mapped to the 12 *cranial nerves*: olfactory, optic, motor oculi, patheticus, tri-facial, abducens, facial nerve, auditory, glossopharyngeal, pneumogastric, spinal accessory, hypoglossal. But the number of cranial nerves is always exact, so why does the text refer to the *average* endowment?

though the special senses of the three-brained mortals are extended slightly beyond those of the one- and two-brained types; they can see and hear considerably more than the Urantia races.

4 Young are usually born singly, multiple births being the exception, and the family life is fairly uniform on all types of planets. Sex equality prevails on all advanced worlds; male and female are equal in mind endowment and spiritual status. We do not regard a planet as having emerged from barbarism so long as one sex seeks to tyrannize over the other. This feature

of creature experience is always greatly improved after the arrival of a Material Son and Daughter.

5 §§ Seasons and temperature variations occur on all sunlighted and sunheated planets. Agriculture is universal on all atmospheric worlds; tilling the soil is the one pursuit that is common to the advancing races of all such planets.

6 Mortals all have the same general struggles with microscopic foes in their early days, such as you now experience on Urantia, though perhaps not so extensive. The length of life varies on the different planets from 25 years

on the primitive worlds to near 500 on the more advanced and older spheres.

7 Human beings are all gregarious, both tribal and racial. These group segregations are inherent in their origin and constitution. Such tendencies can be modified only by advancing civilization and by gradual spiritualization. The social, economic, and governmental problems of the inhabited worlds vary in accordance with the age of the planets and the degree to which they have been influenced by the successive sojourns of the divine Sons.

8 §§ Mind is the bestowal of the In-

finite Spirit and functions quite the same in diverse environments. The mind of mortals is akin, regardless of certain structural and chemical differences which characterize the physical natures of the will creatures of the local systems. Regardless of personal or physical planetary differences, the mental life of all these various orders of mortals is very similar, and their immediate careers after death are very much alike.

9 But mortal mind without immortal spirit cannot survive. The mind of man is mortal; only the bestowed spirit is immortal. Survival is depen-

dent on spiritualization by the ministry of the Adjuster — on the birth and evolution of the immortal soul; at least, there must not have developed an antagonism towards the Adjuster's mission of effecting the spiritual transformation of the material mind.

5. THE PLANETARY SERIES OF MORTALS

1 It will be somewhat difficult to make an adequate portrayal of the planetary series of mortals because you know so little about them, and because there are so many variations. Mortal creatures may, however, be studied from numerous viewpoints,

among which are the following:

2 1. Adjustment to planetary environment.

3 2. Brain-type series.

4 3. Spirit-reception series.

5 4. Planetary-mortal epochs.

6 5. Creature-kinship serials.

7 6. Adjuster-fusion series.

8 7. Techniques of terrestrial escape.

9 §§ The inhabited spheres of the seven superuniverses are peopled with mortals who simultaneously classify in some one or more categories of each of

these seven generalized classes of evolutionary creature life. But even these general classifications make no provision for such beings as midsoniters nor for certain other forms of intelligent life. The inhabited worlds, as they have been presented in these narratives, are peopled with evolutionary mortal creatures, but there are other life forms.

10 1. *Adjustment to planetary environment.* There are three general groups of inhabited worlds from the standpoint of the adjustment of creature life to the planetary environment: the normal adjustment group, the rad-

ical adjustment group, and the experimental group.

11 Normal adjustments to planetary conditions follow the general physical patterns previously considered. The worlds of the nonbreathers typify the radical or extreme adjustment, but other types are also included in this group. Experimental worlds are usually ideally adapted to the typical life forms, and on these decimal planets the Life Carriers attempt to produce beneficial variations in the standard life designs. Since your world is an experimental planet, it differs markedly from its sister spheres in Satania; many

forms of life have appeared on Urantia that are not found elsewhere; likewise are many common species absent from your planet.

12 In the universe of Nebadon, all the life-modification worlds are serially linked together and constitute a special domain of universe affairs which is given attention by designated administrators; and all of these experimental worlds are periodically inspected by a corps of universe directors whose chief is the veteran finaliter known in Satania as Tabamantia.

13 2. *Brain-type series.* The one physical uniformity of mortals is the

brain and nervous system; nevertheless, there are three basic organizations of the brain mechanism: the one-, the two-, and the three-brained types. Urantians are of the two-brained type[1], somewhat more imaginative, adventurous, and philosophi-

[1] The two conjectures on the identification of these "two brains" were: a) the two hemispheres of the cerebral cortex and b) the brain proper and the spinal cord. Both conjectures turned out to be wrong after careful examination of Dr William S. Sadler's "Physiology of Faith and Fear", Chicago, 1912 (pp. 513–514), where the first brain is identified with the brain proper (including medulla oblongata and the spinal cord) and the second brain is the *solar plexus*, also referred to as *the "abdominal brain"*.

cal than the one-brained mortals but somewhat less spiritual, ethical, and worshipful than the three-brained orders. These brain differences characterize even the prehuman animal existences.

14 From the two-hemisphere type of the Urantian cerebral cortex you can, by analogy, grasp something of the one-brained type. The third brain of the three-brained orders is best conceived as an evolvement of your lower or rudimentary form of brain, which is developed to the point where it functions chiefly in control of physical activities, leaving the two superior brains

free for higher engagements: one for intellectual functions and the other for the spiritual-counterparting activities of the Thought Adjuster.

15 While the terrestrial attainments of the one-brained races are slightly limited in comparison with the two-brained orders, the older planets of the three-brained group exhibit civilizations that would astound Urantians, and which would somewhat shame yours by comparison. In mechanical development and material civilization, even in intellectual progress, the two-brained mortal worlds are able to equal the three-brained spheres. But

in the higher control of mind and development of intellectual and spiritual reciprocation, you are somewhat inferior.

16 All such comparative estimates concerning the intellectual progress or the spiritual attainments of any world or group of worlds should in fairness recognize planetary age; much, very much, depends on age, the help of the biologic uplifters, and the subsequent missions of the various orders of the divine Sons.

17 While the three-brained peoples are capable of a slightly higher planetary evolution than either the one- or

two-brained orders, all have the same type of life plasm and carry on planetary activities in very similar ways, much as do human beings on Urantia. These three types of mortals are distributed throughout the worlds of the local systems. In the majority of cases planetary conditions had very little to do with the decisions of the Life Carriers to project these varied orders of mortals on the different worlds; it is a prerogative of the Life Carriers thus to plan and execute.

18 These three orders stand on an equal footing in the ascension career. Each must traverse the same intellec-

tual scale of development, and each must master the same spiritual tests of progression. The system administration and the constellation overcontrol of these different worlds are uniformly free from discrimination; even the regimes of the Planetary Princes are identical.

19 3. *Spirit-reception series.* There are three groups of mind design as related to contact with spirit affairs. This classification does not refer to the one-, two-, and three-brained orders of mortals; it refers primarily to gland chemistry, more particularly to the organization of certain glands compara-

ble to the pituitary bodies. The races on some worlds have one gland, on others two, as do Urantians[1], while on

[1] My original conjecture was that the second gland here referred to is in fact the pineal gland or epiphysis. The hypophysis and epiphysis correspond to the 6th and 7th chakras, which in the Urantia Papers are called "adjutant mind-spirits", so the "opening of the 3rd eye" (enlightenment) would correspond to the synchronized action of the two higher adjutants (worship and wisdom), coordinating the lower chakra activities. However, in his book "The Truth About Spiritualism" (1923, pp.40–41), Dr William Sadler mentions the anterior and posterior lobes of the human pituitary gland. He also notes: *"man possesses a larger anterior lobe and is therefore more gifted in analytical reason and more reliable in mature judgment; but woman, because of this fact that she has a superior posterior lobe of the pituitary gland, has more ability*

still other spheres the races have three of these unique bodies. The inherent imagination and spiritual receptivity is definitely influenced by this differential chemical endowment.

20 Of the spirit-reception types, 65% are of the second group, like the Urantia races. 12% are of the first type, naturally less receptive, while 23% are more spiritually inclined during terrestrial life. But such distinctions do not survive natural death; all of these racial differences pertain only to the life in the flesh.

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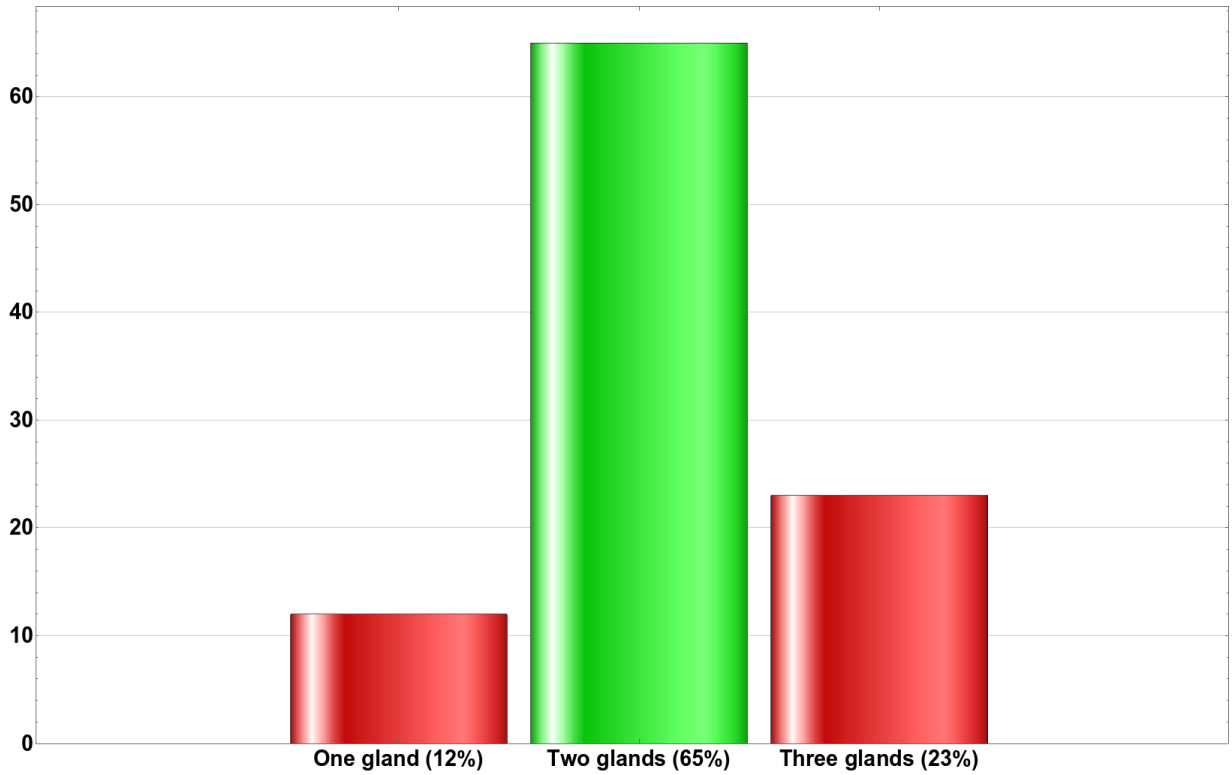

Figure 18: Distribution of Spirit Reception Types (%), Urantia type ("Two glands") is marked with green.

21 4. *Planetary-mortal epochs.* This classification recognizes the succession of temporal dispensations as they affect man's terrestrial status and his reception of celestial ministry.

22 Life is initiated on the planets by the Life Carriers, who watch over its development until sometime after the evolutionary appearance of mortal man. Before the Life Carriers leave a planet, they duly install a Planetary Prince as ruler of the realm. With this ruler there arrives a full quota of subordinate auxiliaries and ministering helpers, and the first adjudication of the living and the dead is simultaneous with his arrival.

23 With the emergence of human groupings, this Planetary Prince arrives to inaugurate human civilization and to focalize human society. Your

world of confusion is no criterion of the early days of the reign of the Planetary Princes, for it was near the beginning of such an administration on Urantia that your Planetary Prince, Caligastia, cast his lot with the rebellion of the System Sovereign, Lucifer. Your planet has pursued a stormy course ever since.

24 On a normal evolutionary world, racial progress attains its natural biologic peak during the regime of the Planetary Prince, and shortly thereafter the System Sovereign dispatches a Material Son and Daughter to that planet. These imported beings are of

service as biologic uplifters; their default on Urantia further complicated your planetary history.

25 When the intellectual and ethical progress of a human race has reached the limits of evolutionary development, there comes an Avonal Son of Paradise on a magisterial mission; and later on, when the spiritual status of such a world is nearing its limit of natural attainment, the planet is visited by a Paradise bestowal Son. The chief mission of a bestowal Son is to establish the planetary status, release the Spirit of Truth for planetary function, and thus effect the universal coming

of the Thought Adjusters.

26 Here, again, Urantia deviates: There has never been a magisterial mission on your world, neither was your bestowal Son of the Avonal order; your planet enjoyed the signal honour of becoming the mortal home planet of the Sovereign Son, Michael of Nebadon.

27 As a result of the ministry of all the successive orders of divine sonship, the inhabited worlds and their advancing races begin to approach the apex of planetary evolution. Such worlds now become ripe for the culminating mission, the arrival of the Trinity Teacher

Sons. This epoch of the Teacher Sons is the vestibule to the final planetary age — evolutionary utopia — the age of light and life.

28 This classification of human beings will receive particular attention in a succeeding paper.

29 5. *Creature-kinship serials.* Planets are not only organized vertically into systems, constellations, and so on, but the universe administration also provides for horizontal groupings according to type, series, and other relationships. This lateral administration of the universe pertains more particularly to the co-ordination of activ-

ities of a kindred nature which have been independently fostered on different spheres. These related classes of universe creatures are periodically inspected by certain composite corps of high personalities presided over by long-experienced finaliters.

30 These kinship factors are manifest on all levels, for kinship serials exist among nonhuman personalities as well as among mortal creatures — even between human and superhuman orders. Intelligent beings are vertically related in twelve great groups of seven major divisions each. The co-ordination of these uniquely re-

lated groups of living beings is probably effected by some not fully comprehended technique of the Supreme Being.

31 6. *Adjuster-fusion series.* The spiritual classification or grouping of all mortals during their prefusion experience is wholly determined by the relation of the personality status to the indwelling Mystery Monitor. Almost 90% of the inhabited worlds of Nebadon are peopled with Adjuster-fusion mortals in contrast with a nearby universe where scarcely more than one half of the worlds harbour beings who are Adjuster-indwelt candidates

for eternal fusion.

32 7. *Techniques of terrestrial escape.* There is fundamentally only one way in which individual human life can be initiated on the inhabited worlds, and that is through creature procreation and natural birth; but there are numerous techniques whereby man escapes his terrestrial status and gains access to the inward moving stream of Paradise ascenders.

6. TERRESTRIAL ESCAPE

1 All of the differing physical types and planetary series of mortals alike enjoy the ministry of Thought Ad-

justers, guardian angels, and the various orders of the messenger hosts of the Infinite Spirit. All alike are liberated from the bonds of flesh by the emancipation of natural death, and all alike go thence to the morontia worlds of spiritual evolution and mind progress.

2 From time to time, on motion of the planetary authorities or the system rulers, special resurrections of the sleeping survivors are conducted. Such resurrections occur at least every millennium of planetary time, when not all but "many of those who sleep in the dust awake." These special resur-

rections are the occasion for mobilizing special groups of ascenders for specific service in the local universe plan of mortal ascension. There are both practical reasons and sentimental associations connected with these special resurrections.

3 Throughout the earlier ages of an inhabited world, many are called to the mansion spheres at the special and the millennial resurrections, but most survivors are repersonalized at the inauguration of a new dispensation associated with the advent of a divine Son of planetary service.

4 1. *Mortals of the dispensational*

or group order of survival. With the arrival of the first Adjuster on an inhabited world the guardian seraphim also make their appearance; they are indispensable to terrestrial escape. Throughout the life-lapse period of the sleeping survivors the spiritual values and eternal realities of their newly evolved and immortal souls are held as a sacred trust by the personal or by the group guardian seraphim.

5 The group guardians of assignment to the sleeping survivors always function with the judgment Sons on their world advents. "He shall send his angels, and they shall gather together

his elect from the four winds." With each seraphim of assignment to the repersonalization of a sleeping mortal there functions the returned Adjuster, the same immortal Father fragment that lived in him during the days in the flesh, and thus is identity restored and personality resurrected. During the sleep of their subjects these waiting Adjusters serve on Divinington; they never indwell another mortal mind in this interim.

6 While the older worlds of mortal existence harbour those highly developed and exquisitely spiritual types of human beings who are virtually ex-

empt from the morontia life, the earlier ages of the animal-origin races are characterized by primitive mortals who are so immature that fusion with their Adjusters is impossible. The reawakening of these mortals is accomplished by the guardian seraphim in conjunction with an individualized portion of the immortal spirit of the Third Source and Centre.

7 Thus are the sleeping survivors of a planetary age repersonalized in the dispensational roll calls. But with regard to the nonsalvable personalities of a realm, no immortal spirit is present to function with the group guard-

ians of destiny, and this constitutes cessation of creature existence. While some of your records have pictured these events as taking place on the planets of mortal death, they all really occur on the mansion worlds.

8 2. *Mortals of the individual orders of ascension.* The individual progress of human beings is measured by their successive attainment and traversal (mastery) of the seven cosmic circles. These circles of mortal progression are levels of associated intellectual, social, spiritual, and cosmic-insight values. Starting out in the seventh circle, mortals strive for the first,

and all who have attained the third immediately have personal guardians of destiny assigned to them. These mortals may be repersonalized in the morontia life independent of dispensational or other adjudications.

9 Throughout the earlier ages of an evolutionary world, few mortals go to judgment on the third day. But as the ages pass, more and more the personal guardians of destiny are assigned to the advancing mortals, and thus increasing numbers of these evolving creatures are repersonalized on the first mansion world on the third day after natural death. On such occa-

sions the return of the Adjuster signalizes the awakening of the human soul, and this is the repersonalization of the dead just as literally as when the en masse roll is called at the end of a dispensation on the evolutionary worlds.

10 There are three groups of individual ascenders: The less advanced land on the initial or first mansion world. The more advanced group may take up the morontia career on any of the intermediate mansion worlds in accordance with previous planetary progression. The most advanced of these orders really begin their morontia experience on the seventh mansion

world.

11 3. *Mortals of the probationary-dependent orders of ascension.* The arrival of an Adjuster constitutes identity in the eyes of the universe, and all indwelt beings are on the roll calls of justice. But temporal life on the evolutionary worlds is uncertain, and many die in youth before choosing the Paradise career. Such Adjuster-indwelt children and youths follow the parent of most advanced spiritual status, thus going to the system finaliter world (the probationary nursery) on the third day, at a special resurrection, or at the regular millennial and dispensational roll

calls.

12 Children who die when too young to have Thought Adjusters are repersonalized on the finaliter world of the local systems concomitant with the arrival of either parent on the mansion worlds. A child acquires physical entity at mortal birth, but in the matter of survival all Adjusterless children are reckoned as still attached to their parents.

13 In due course Thought Adjusters come to indwell these little ones, while the seraphic ministry to both groups of the probationary-dependent orders of survival is in general similar to that

of the more advanced parent or is equivalent to that of the parent in case only one survives. Those attaining the third circle, regardless of the status of their parents, are accorded personal guardians.

14 Similar probation nurseries are maintained on the finaliter spheres of the constellation and the universe headquarters for the Adjusterless children of the primary and secondary modified orders of ascenders.

15 4. *Mortals of the secondary modified orders of ascension.* These are the progressive human beings of the intermediate evolutionary worlds. As

a rule they are not immune to natural death, but they are exempt from passing through the seven mansion worlds.

16 The less perfected group reawaken on the headquarters of their local system, passing by only the mansion worlds. The intermediate group go to the constellation training worlds; they pass by the entire morontia regime of the local system. Still farther on in the planetary ages of spiritual striving, many survivors awaken on the constellation headquarters and there begin the Paradise ascent.

17 But before any of these groups may

go forward, they must journey back as instructors to the worlds they missed, gaining many experiences as teachers in those realms which they passed by as students. They all subsequently proceed to Paradise by the ordained routes of mortal progression.

18 5. *Mortals of the primary modified order of ascension.* These mortals belong to the Adjuster-fused type of evolutionary life, but they are most often representative of the final phases of human development on an evolving world. These glorified beings are exempt from passing through the portals of death; they are submitted to

Son seizure; they are translated from among the living and appear immediately in the presence of the Sovereign Son on the headquarters of the local universe.

19 These are the mortals who fuse with their Adjusters during mortal life, and such Adjuster-fused personalities traverse space freely before being clothed with morontia forms. These fused souls go by direct Adjuster transit to the resurrection halls of the higher morontia spheres, where they receive their initial morontia investiture just as do all other mortals arriving from the evolutionary worlds.

20 This primary modified order of mortal ascension may apply to individuals in any of the planetary series from the lowest to the highest stages of the Adjuster-fusion worlds, but it more frequently functions on the older of these spheres after they have received the benefits of numerous sojourns of the divine Sons.

21 With the establishment of the planetary era of light and life, many go to the universe morontia worlds by the primary modified order of translation. Further along in the advanced stages of settled existence, when the majority of the mortals leaving a realm are

embraced in this class, the planet is regarded as belonging to this series. Natural death becomes decreasingly frequent on these spheres long settled in light and life.

22 [Presented by a Melchizedek of the Jerusem School of Planetary Administration.]

PAPER 50

THE PLANETARY PRINCES

Secondary Lanonandek

While belonging to the order of Lanonandek Sons, the Planetary Princes are so specialized in service that they are commonly regarded as a distinct group. After their Melchizedek certification as secondary Lanonandeks, these local universe Sons are assigned to the reserves of their order on the constellation headquarters. From here they are assigned to various duties by

the System Sovereign and eventually commissioned as Planetary Princes and sent forth to rule the evolving inhabited worlds.

2 The signal for a System Sovereign to act in the matter of assigning a ruler to a given planet is the reception of a request from the Life Carriers for the dispatch of an administrative head to function on this planet whereon they have established life and developed intelligent evolutionary beings. All planets which are inhabited by evolutionary mortal creatures have assigned to them a planetary ruler of

this order of sonship.

1. MISSION OF THE PRINCES

1 The Planetary Prince and his assistant brethren represent the nearest personalized approach (aside from incarnation) that the Eternal Son of Paradise can make to the lowly creatures of time and space. True, the Creator Son touches the creatures of the realms through his spirit, but the Planetary Prince is the last of the orders of personal Sons extending out from Paradise to the children of men. The Infinite Spirit comes very near in the persons of the guardians of destiny and

other angelic beings; the Universal Father lives in man by the prepersonal presence of the Mystery Monitors; but the Planetary Prince represents the last effort of the Eternal Son and his Sons to draw near you. On a newly inhabited world the Planetary Prince is the sole representative of complete divinity, springing from the Creator Son (the offspring of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son) and the Divine Minister (the universe Daughter of the Infinite Spirit).

2 The prince of a newly inhabited world is surrounded by a loyal corps of helpers and assistants and by large

numbers of the ministering spirits. But the directing corps of such new worlds must be of the lower orders of the administrators of a system in order to be innately sympathetic with, and understanding of, the planetary problems and difficulties. And all of this effort to provide sympathetic rulership for the evolutionary worlds entails the increased liability that these near-human personalities may be led astray by the exaltation of their own minds over and above the will of the Supreme Rulers.

3 Being quite alone as representatives of divinity on the individual

planets, these Sons are tested severely, and Nebadon has suffered the misfortune of several rebellions. In the creation of the System Sovereigns and the Planetary Princes there occurs the personalization of a concept that has been getting farther and farther away from the Universal Father and the Eternal Son, and there is an increasing danger of losing the sense of proportion as to one's self-importance and a greater likelihood of failure to keep a proper grasp of the values and relationships of the numerous orders of divine beings and their gradations of authority. That the Father is not personally pre-

sent in the local universe also imposes a certain test of faith and loyalty on all these Sons.

4 But not often do these world princes fail in their missions of organizing and administering the inhabited spheres, and their success greatly facilitates the subsequent missions of the Material Sons, who come to engraft the higher forms of creature life on the primitive men of the worlds. Their rule also does much to prepare the planets for the Paradise Sons of God, who subsequently come to judge the worlds and to inaugurate succes-

sive dispensations.

2. PLANETARY ADMINISTRATION

1 All Planetary Princes are under the universe administrative jurisdiction of Gabriel, the chief executive of Michael, while in immediate authority they are subject to the executive mandates of the System Sovereigns.

2 The Planetary Princes may at any time seek the counsel of the Melchizedeks, their former instructors and sponsors, but they are not arbitrarily required to ask for such assistance, and if such aid is not voluntarily requested, the Melchizedeks do not in-

terfere with the planetary administration. These world rulers may also avail themselves of the advice of the four and twenty counsellors, assembled from the bestowal worlds of the system. In Satania these counsellors are at present all natives of Urantia. And there is an analogous council of 70 at the constellation headquarters also selected from the evolutionary beings of the realms.

3 The rule of the evolutionary planets in their early and unsettled careers is largely autocratic. The Planetary Princes organize their specialized groups of assistants from among their

corps of planetary aids. They usually surround themselves with a supreme council of twelve, but this is variously chosen and diversely constituted on the different worlds. A Planetary Prince may also have as assistants one or more of the third order of his own group of sonship and sometimes, on certain worlds, one of his own order, a secondary Lanonandek associate.

4 The entire staff of a world ruler consists of personalities of the Infinite Spirit and certain types of higher evolved beings and ascending mortals from other worlds. Such a staff av-

erages about 1,000, and as the planet progresses, this corps of helpers may be increased up to 100,000 or more. At any time need is felt for more helpers, the Planetary Princes have only to make request of their brothers, the System Sovereigns, and the petition is granted forthwith.

5 Planets vary greatly in nature and organization and in administration, but all provide for tribunals of justice. The judicial system of the local universe has its beginnings in the tribunals of a Planetary Prince, which are presided over by a member of his personal staff; the decrees of such courts

reflect a highly fatherly and discretionary attitude. All problems involving more than the regulation of the planetary inhabitants are subject to appeal to the higher tribunals, but the affairs of his world domain are largely adjusted in accordance with the personal discretion of the prince.

6 The roving commissions of conciliators serve and supplement the planetary tribunals, and both spirit and physical controllers are subject to the findings of these conciliators. But no arbitrary execution is ever carried out without the consent of the Constellation Father, for the "Most Highs rule

in the kingdoms of men."

7 The controllers and transformers of planetary assignment are also able to collaborate with angels and other orders of celestial beings in rendering these latter personalities visible to mortal creatures. On special occasions the seraphic helpers and even the Melchizedeks can and do make themselves visible to the inhabitants of the evolutionary worlds. The principal reason for bringing mortal ascenders from the system capital as a part of the staff of the Planetary Prince is to facilitate communication with the inhabi-

tants of the realm.

3. THE PRINCE'S CORPOREAL STAFF

1 On going to a young world, a Planetary Prince usually takes with him a group of volunteer ascending beings from the local system headquarters. These ascenders accompany the prince as advisers and helpers in the work of early race improvement. This corps of material helpers constitutes the connecting link between the prince and the world races. The Urantia Prince, Caligastia, had a corps of 100 such helpers.

2 §§ Such volunteer assistants are cit-

izens of a system capital, and none of them have fused with their indwelling Adjusters. The status of the Adjusters of such volunteer servers remains as of the residential standing on the system headquarters while these morontia progressors temporarily revert to a former material state.

3 The Life Carriers, the architects of form, provide such volunteers with new physical bodies, which they occupy for the periods of their planetary sojourn. These personality forms, while exempt from the ordinary diseases of the realms, are, like the early morontia bodies, subject to certain ac-

cidents of a mechanical nature.

4 §§ The prince's corporeal staff are usually removed from the planet in connection with the next adjudication at the time of the second Son's arrival on the sphere. Before leaving, they customarily assign their various duties to their mutual offspring and to certain superior native volunteers. On those worlds where these helpers of the prince have been permitted to mate with the superior groups of the native races, such offspring usually succeed them.

5 These assistants to the Planetary Prince seldom mate with the world

races, but they do always mate among themselves. Two classes of beings result from these unions: the primary type of midway creatures and certain high types of material beings who remain attached to the prince's staff after their parents have been removed from the planet at the time of the arrival of Adam and Eve. These children do not mate with the mortal races except in certain emergencies and then only by direction of the Planetary Prince. In such an event, their children — the grandchildren of the corporeal staff — are in status as of the superior races of their day and generation. All the off-

spring of these semimaterial assistants of the Planetary Prince are Adjuster indwelt.

6 At the end of the prince's dispensation, when the time comes for this "reversion staff" to be returned to the system headquarters for the resumption of the Paradise career, these ascenders present themselves to the Life Carriers for the purpose of yielding up their material bodies. They enter the transition slumber and awaken delivered from their mortal investment and clothed with morontia forms, ready for seraphic transportation back to the system capital, where their de-

tached Adjusters await them. They are a whole dispensation behind their Jerusem class, but they have gained a unique and extraordinary experience, a rare chapter in the career of an ascending mortal.

4. THE PLANETARY HEADQUARTERS AND SCHOOLS

1 The prince's corporeal staff early organize the planetary schools of training and culture, wherein the cream of the evolutionary races are instructed and then sent forth to teach these better ways to their people. These schools of the prince are located

at the material headquarters of the planet.

2 Much of the physical work connected with the establishment of this headquarters city is performed by the corporeal staff. Such headquarters cities, or settlements, of the early times of the Planetary Prince are very different from what a Urantia mortal might imagine. They are, in comparison with later ages, simple, being characterized by mineral embellishment and by relatively advanced material construction. And all of this stands in contrast with the Adamic regime centring around a garden headquarters, from which

their work in behalf of the races is prosecuted during the second dispensation of the universe Sons.

3 §§ In the headquarters settlement on your world every human habitation was provided with abundance of land. Although the remote tribes continued in hunting and food foraging, the students and teachers in the Prince's schools were all agriculturists and horticulturists. The time was about equally divided between the following pursuits:

4 1. *Physical labour.* Cultivation of the soil, associated with home building and embellishment.

5 2. *Social activities.* Play performances and cultural social groupings.

6 3. *Educational application.* Individual instruction in connection with family-group teaching, supplemented by specialized class training.

7 4. *Vocational training.* Schools of marriage and homemaking, the schools of art and craft training, and the classes for the training of teachers — secular, cultural, and religious.

8 5. *Spiritual culture.* The teacher brotherhood, the enlightenment of childhood and youth groups, and the training of adopted native children as missionaries to their people.

9 §§ A Planetary Prince is not visible to mortal beings; it is a test of faith to believe the representations of the semimaterial beings of his staff. But these schools of culture and training are well adapted to the needs of each planet, and there soon develops a keen and laudatory rivalry among the races of men in their efforts to gain entrance to these various institutions of learning.

10 From such a world centre of culture and achievement there gradually radiates to all peoples an uplifting and civilizing influence which slowly and certainly transforms the evolutionary

races. Meantime the educated and spiritualized children of the surrounding peoples who have been adopted and trained in the prince's schools are returning to their native groups and, to the best of their ability, are there establishing new and potent centres of learning and culture which they carry on according to the plan of the prince's schools.

11 §§ On Urantia these plans for planetary progress and cultural advancement were well under way, proceeding most satisfactorily, when the whole enterprise was brought to a rather sudden and most inglorious end by Cali-

gastia's adherence to the Lucifer rebellion.

12 It was one of the most profoundly shocking episodes of this rebellion for me to learn of the callous perfidy of one of my own order of sonship, Caligastia, who, in deliberation and with malice aforethought, systematically perverted the instruction and poisoned the teaching provided in all the Urantia planetary schools in operation at that time. The wreck of these schools was speedy and complete.

13 Many of the offspring of the ascenders of the Prince's materialized staff remained loyal, deserting the ranks

of Caligastia. These loyalists were encouraged by the Melchizedek receivers of Urantia, and in later times their descendants did much to uphold the planetary concepts of truth and righteousness. The work of these loyal evangels helped to prevent the total obliteration of spiritual truth on Urantia. These courageous souls and their descendants kept alive some knowledge of the Father's rule and preserved for the world races the concept of the successive planetary dispensations of the various orders of divine

Sons.

5. PROGRESSIVE CIVILIZATION

1 The loyal princes of the inhabited worlds are permanently attached to the planets of their original assignment. Paradise Sons and their dispensations may come and go, but a successful Planetary Prince continues on as the ruler of his realm. His work is quite independent of the missions of the higher Sons, being designed to foster the development of planetary civilization.

2 The progress of civilization is hardly alike on any two planets. The

details of the unfoldment of mortal evolution are very different on numerous dissimilar worlds. Notwithstanding these many diversifications of planetary development along physical, intellectual, and social lines, all evolutionary spheres progress in certain well-defined directions.

3 Under the benign rule of a Planetary Prince, augmented by the Material Sons and punctuated by the periodic missions of the Paradise Sons, the mortal races on an average world of time and space will successively pass through the following seven developmental epochs:

4 1. *The nutrition epoch.* The prehuman creatures and the dawn races of primitive man are chiefly concerned with food problems. These evolving beings spend their waking hours either in seeking food or in fighting, offensively or defensively. The food quest is paramount in the minds of these early ancestors of subsequent civilization.

5 2. *The security age.* Just as soon as the primitive hunter can spare any time from the search for food, he turns this leisure to augmenting his security. More and more attention is devoted to the technique of war. Homes are fortified, and the clans are solidified by

mutual fear and by the inculcation of hate for foreign groups. Self-preservation is a pursuit which always follows self-maintenance.

6 3. *The material-comfort era.* After food problems have been partially solved and some degree of security has been attained, the additional leisure is utilized to promote personal comfort. Luxury vies with necessity in occupying the centre of the stage of human activities. Such an age is all too often characterized by tyranny, intolerance, gluttony, and drunkenness. The weaker elements of the races incline towards excesses and brutality. Grad-

ually these pleasure-seeking weaklings are subjugated by the more strong and truth-loving elements of the advancing civilization.

7 4. *The quest for knowledge and wisdom.* Food, security, pleasure, and leisure provide the foundation for the development of culture and the spread of knowledge. The effort to execute knowledge results in wisdom, and when a culture has learned how to profit and improve by experience, civilization has really arrived. Food, security, and material comfort still dominate society, but many forward-looking individuals are hungering for knowledge

and thirsting for wisdom. Every child is provided an opportunity to learn by doing; education is the watchword of these ages.

8 5. *The epoch of philosophy and brotherhood.* When mortals learn to think and begin to profit by experience, they become philosophical — they start out to reason within themselves and to exercise discriminative judgment. The society of this age becomes ethical, and the mortals of such an era are truly becoming moral beings. Wise moral beings are capable of establishing human brotherhood on such a progressing world. Ethical and

moral beings can learn how to live in accordance with the golden rule.

9 6. *The age of spiritual striving.* When evolving mortals have passed through the physical, intellectual, and social stages of development, sooner or later they attain those levels of personal insight which impel them to seek for spiritual satisfactions and cosmic understandings. Religion is completing the ascent from the emotional domains of fear and superstition to the high levels of cosmic wisdom and personal spiritual experience. Education aspires to the attainment of meanings, and culture grasps at cosmic relation-

ships and true values. Such evolving mortals are genuinely cultured, truly educated, and exquisitely God-knowing.

10 7. *The era of light and life.* This is the flowering of the successive ages of physical security, intellectual expansion, social culture, and spiritual achievement. These human accomplishments are now blended, associated, and co-ordinated in cosmic unity and unselfish service. Within the limitations of finite nature and material endowments there are no bounds set upon the possibilities of evolutionary attainment by the ad-

vancing generations who successively live upon these supernal and settled worlds of time and space.

11 §§ After serving their spheres throug successive dispensations of world history and the progressing epochs of planetary progress, the Planetary Princes are elevated to the position of Planetary Sovereigns upon the inauguration of the era of light and life.

6. PLANETARY CULTURE

1 The isolation of Urantia renders it impossible to undertake the presentation of many details of the life and environment of your Satania neigh-

bours. In these presentations we are limited by the planetary quarantine and by the system isolation. We must be guided by these restrictions in all our efforts to enlighten Urantia mortals, but in so far as is permissible, you have been instructed in the progress of an average evolutionary world, and you are able to compare such a world's career with the present state of Urantia.

2 The development of civilization on Urantia has not differed so greatly from that of other worlds which have sustained the misfortune of spiritual isolation. But when compared

with the loyal worlds of the universe, your planet seems most confused and greatly retarded in all phases of intellectual progress and spiritual attainment.

3 Because of your planetary misfortunes, Urantians are prevented from understanding very much about the culture of normal worlds. But you should not envisage the evolutionary worlds, even the most ideal, as spheres whereon life is a flowery bed of ease. The initial life of the mortal races is always attended by struggle. Effort and decision are an essential part of the acquirement of survival values.

4 Culture presupposes quality of mind; culture cannot be enhanced unless mind is elevated. Superior intellect will seek a noble culture and find some way to attain such a goal. Inferior minds will spurn the highest culture even when presented to them ready-made. Much depends, also, upon the successive missions of the divine Sons and upon the extent to which enlightenment is received by the ages of their respective dispensations.

5 §§ You should not forget that for 200,000 years all the worlds of Satania have rested under the spiritual ban

of Norlatiadek in consequence of the Lucifer rebellion. And it will require age upon age to retrieve the resultant handicaps of sin and secession. Your world still continues to pursue an irregular and checkered career as a result of the double tragedy of a rebellious Planetary Prince and a defaulting Material Son. Even the bestowal of Christ Michael on Urantia did not immediately set aside the temporal consequences of these serious blunders in the earlier administration of the

world.

7. THE REWARDS OF ISOLATION

1 On first thought it might appear that Urantia and its associated isolated worlds are most unfortunate in being deprived of the beneficent presence and influence of such superhuman personalities as a Planetary Prince and a Material Son and Daughter. But isolation of these spheres affords their races a unique opportunity for the exercise of faith and for the development of a peculiar quality of confidence in cosmic reliability which is not dependent on sight or any other

material consideration. It may turn out, eventually, that mortal creatures hailing from the worlds quarantined in consequence of rebellion are extremely fortunate. We have discovered that such ascenders are very early entrusted with numerous special assignments to cosmic undertakings where unquestioned faith and sublime confidence are essential to achievement.

2 On Jerusem the ascenders from these isolated worlds occupy a residential sector by themselves and are known as the *agondonters,* meaning evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when

isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone. This functional grouping of the agondonters persists throughout the ascension of the local universe and the traversal of the superuniverse; it disappears during the sojourn in Havona but promptly reappears upon the attainment of Paradise and definitely persists in the Corps of the Mortal Finality. Tabamantia is an *agondonter* of finaliter status, having survived from one of the quarantined spheres involved in the first rebellion ever to take place in the universes of time and space.

3 All through the Paradise career, reward follows effort as the result of causes. Such rewards set off the individual from the average, provide a differential of creature experience, and contribute to the versatility of ultimate performances in the collective body of the finaliters.

4 [Presented by a Secondary Lanonandek Son of the Reserve Corps.]

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THE PLANETARY ADAMS

Secondary Lanonandek

During the dispensation of a Planetary Prince, primitive man reaches the limit of natural evolutionary development, and this biologic attainment signals the System Sovereign to dispatch to such a world the second order of sonship, the biologic uplifters. These Sons, for there are two of them — the Material Son and Daughter — are usually known on a planet as Adam and Eve.

The original Material Son of Satania is Adam, and those who go to the system worlds as biologic uplifters always carry the name of this first and original Son of their unique order.

2 These Sons are the material gift of the Creator Son to the inhabited worlds. Together with the Planetary Prince, they remain on their planet of assignment throughout the evolutionary course of such a sphere. Such an adventure on a world having a Planetary Prince is not much of a hazard, but on an apostate planet, a realm without a spiritual ruler and deprived of interplanetary communica-

tion, such a mission is fraught with grave danger.

3 Although you cannot hope to know all about the work of these Sons on all the worlds of Satania and other systems, other papers depict more fully the life and experiences of the interesting pair, Adam and Eve, who came from the corps of the biologic uplifters of Jerusem to upstep the Urantia races. While there was a miscarriage of the ideal plans for improving your native races, still, Adam's mission was not in vain; Urantia has profited immeasurably from the gift of Adam and Eve, and among their fel-

lows and in the councils on high their work is not reckoned as a total loss.

1. ORIGIN AND NATURE OF THE MATERIAL SONS OF GOD

1 The material or sex Sons and Daughters are the offspring of the Creator Son; the Universe Mother Spirit does not participate in the production of these beings who are destined to function as physical uplifters on the evolutionary worlds.

2 The material order of sonship is not uniform throughout the local universe. The Creator Son produces only one pair of these beings in each local

system; these original pairs are diverse in nature, being attuned to the life pattern of their respective systems. This is a necessary provision since otherwise the reproductive potential of the Adams would be nonfunctional with that of the evolving mortal beings of the worlds of any one particular system. The Adam and Eve who came to Urantia were descended from the original Satania pair of Material Sons.

3 §§ Material Sons vary in height from 2.4 to 3 m, and their bodies glow with the brilliance of radiant light of a violet hue. While material blood circulates through their material bod-

ies, they are also surcharged with divine energy and saturated with celestial light. These Material Sons (the Adams) and Material Daughters (the Eves) are equal to each other, differing only in reproductive nature and in certain chemical endowments. They are equal but differential, male and female — hence complemental — and are designed to serve on almost all assignments in pairs.

4 The Material Sons enjoy a dual nutrition; they are really dual in nature and constitution, partaking of materialized energy much as do the physical beings of the realm, while their

immortal existence is fully maintained by the direct and automatic intake of certain sustaining cosmic energies. Should they fail on some mission of assignment or even consciously and deliberately rebel, this order of Sons becomes isolated, cut off from connection with the universe source of light and life. Thereupon they become practically material beings, destined to take the course of material life on the world of their assignment and compelled to look to the universe magistrates for adjudication. Material death will eventually terminate the planetary career of such an un-

fortunate and unwise Material Son or Daughter.

5 An original or directly created Adam and Eve are immortal by inherent endowment just as are all other orders of local universe sonship, but a diminution of immortality potential characterizes their sons and daughters. This original couple cannot transmit unconditioned immortality to their procreated sons and daughters. Their progeny are dependent for continuing life on unbroken intellectual synchrony with the mind-gravity circuit of the Spirit. Since the inception of the system of Satania, 13 Planetary

Adams have been lost in rebellion and default and 681,204 in the subordinate positions of trust. Most of these defections occurred at the time of the Lucifer rebellion.

6 §§ While living as permanent citizens on the system capitals, even when functioning on descending missions to the evolutionary planets, the Material Sons do not possess Thought Adjusters, but it is through these very services that they acquire experiential capacity for Adjuster indwellment and the Paradise ascension career. These unique and wonderfully useful beings are the connecting links between the

spiritual and physical worlds. They are concentrated on the system headquarters, where they reproduce and carry on as material citizens of the realm, and whence they are dispatched to the evolutionary worlds.

7 Unlike the other created Sons of planetary service, the material order of sonship is not, by nature, invisible to material creatures like the inhabitants of Urantia. These Sons of God can be seen, understood, and can, in turn, actually mingle with the creatures of time, could even procreate with them, though this role of biologic upliftment usually falls to the progeny of the Plan-

etary Adams.

8 §§ On Jerusem the loyal children of any Adam and Eve are immortal, but the offspring of a Material Son and Daughter procreated subsequent to their arrival on an evolutionary planet are not thus immune to natural death. There occurs a change in the life-transmitting mechanism when these Sons are rematerialized for reproductive function on an evolutionary world. The Life Carriers designedly deprive the Planetary Adams and Eves of the power of begetting undying sons and daughters. If they do not default, an Adam and Eve

on a planetary mission can live on indefinitely, but within certain limits their children experience decreasing longevity with each succeeding generation.

2. TRANSIT OF THE PLANETARY ADAMS

1 Upon receipt of the news that another inhabited world has attained the height of physical evolution, the System Sovereign convenes the corps of Material Sons and Daughters on the system capital; and following the discussion of the needs of such an evolutionary world, two of the volunteering group — an Adam and an Eve of the

senior corps of Material Sons — are selected to undertake the adventure, to submit to the deep sleep preparatory to being enseraphimed and transported from their home of associated service to the new realm of new opportunities and new dangers.

2 Adams and Eves are semimaterial creatures and, as such, are not transportable by seraphim. They must undergo dematerialization on the system capital before they can be enseraphimed for transport to the world of assignment. The transport seraphim are able to effect such changes in the Material Sons and in other semimate-

rial beings as enable them to be enseraphimed and thus to be transported through space from one world or system to another. About three days of standard time are consumed in this transport preparation, and it requires the co-operation of a Life Carrier to restore such a dematerialized creature to normal existence upon arrival at the end of the seraphic-transport journey.

3 §§ While there is this dematerializing technique for preparing the Adams for transit from Jerusem to the evolutionary worlds, there is no equivalent method for taking them away from such worlds unless the entire pla-

net is to be emptied, in which event emergency installation of the dematerialization technique is made for the entire salvable population. If some physical catastrophe should doom the planetary residence of an evolving race, the Melchizedeks and the Life Carriers would install the technique of dematerialization for all survivors, and by seraphic transport these beings would be carried away to the new world prepared for their continuing existence. The evolution of a human race, once initiated on a world of space, must proceed quite independently of the physical survival of that

planet, but during the evolutionary ages it is not otherwise intended that a Planetary Adam or Eve shall leave their chosen world.

4 §§ Upon arrival at their planetary destination the Material Son and Daughter are rematerialized under the direction of the Life Carriers. This entire process takes 10–28 days of Urantia time. The unconsciousness of the seraphic slumber continues throughout this entire period of reconstruction. When the reassembly of the physical organism is completed, these Material Sons and Daughters stand in their new homes and on their new

worlds to all intents and purposes just as they were before submitting to the dematerializing process on Jerusem.

3. THE ADAMIC MISSIONS

1 On the inhabited worlds the Material Sons and Daughters construct their own garden homes, soon being assisted by their own children. Usually the site of the garden has been selected by the Planetary Prince, and his corporeal staff do much of the preliminary work of preparation with the help of many of the higher types of native races.

2 These Gardens of Eden are so

named in honour of Edentia, the constellation capital, and because they are patterned after the botanic grandeur of the headquarters world of the Most High Fathers. Such garden homes are usually located in a secluded section and in a near-tropic zone. They are wonderful creations on an average world. You can judge nothing of these beautiful centres of culture by the fragmentary account of the aborted development of such an undertaking on Urantia.

3 §§ A Planetary Adam and Eve are, in potential, the full gift of physical grace to the mortal races. The chief

business of such an imported pair is to multiply and to uplift the children of time. But there is no immediate interbreeding between the people of the garden and those of the world; for many generations Adam and Eve remain biologically segregated from the evolutionary mortals while they build up a strong race of their order. This is the origin of the violet race on the inhabited worlds.

4 The plans for race upstepping are prepared by the Planetary Prince and his staff and are executed by Adam and Eve. And this was where your Material Son and his companion were placed

at great disadvantage when they arrived on Urantia. Caligastia offered crafty and effective opposition to the Adamic mission; and notwithstanding that the Melchizedek receivers of Urantia had duly warned both Adam and Eve concerning the planetary dangers inherent in the presence of the rebellious Planetary Prince, this archrebel, by a wily stratagem, outmanoeuvred the Edenic pair and entrapped them into a violation of the covenant of their trusteeship as the visible rulers of your world. The traitorous Planetary Prince did succeed in compromising your Adam and Eve, but he failed

in his effort to involve them in the Lucifer rebellion.

5 §§ The fifth order of angels, the planetary helpers, are attached to the Adamic mission, always accompanying the Planetary Adams on their world adventures. The corps of initial assignment is usually about 100,000. When the work of the Urantia Adam and Eve was prematurely launched, when they departed from the ordained plan, it was one of the seraphic Voices of the Garden who remonstrated with them concerning their reprehensible conduct. And your narrative of this occurrence well illus-

trates the manner in which your planetary traditions have tended to ascribe everything supernatural to the Lord God. Because of this, Urantians have often become confused concerning the nature of the Universal Father since the words and acts of all his associates and subordinates have been so generally attributed to him. In the case of Adam and Eve, the angel of the Garden was none other than the chief of the planetary helpers then on duty. This seraphim, Solonia, proclaimed the miscarriage of the divine plan and requisitioned the return of the Melchizedek receivers to Urantia.

6 §§ The secondary midway creatures are indigenous to the Adamic missions. As with the corporeal staff of the Planetary Prince, the descendants of the Material Sons and Daughters are of two orders: their physical children and the secondary order of midway creatures. These material but ordinarily invisible planetary ministers contribute much to the advancement of civilization and even to the subjection of insubordinate minorities who may seek to subvert social development and spiritual progress.

7 The secondary midwayers should not be confused with the primary or-

der, who date from the near times of the arrival of the Planetary Prince. On Urantia a majority of these earlier midway creatures went into rebellion with Caligastia and have, since Pentecost, been interned. Many of the Adamic group who did not remain loyal to the planetary administration are likewise interned.

8 On the day of Pentecost the loyal primary and the secondary midwayers effected a voluntary union and have functioned as one unit in world affairs ever since. They serve under the leadership of loyal midwayers alternately chosen from the two groups.

9 §§ Your world has been visited by four orders of sonship: Caligastia, the Planetary Prince; Adam and Eve of the Material Sons of God; Machiventa Melchizedek, the "sage of Salem" in the days of Abraham; and Christ Michael, who came as the Paradise bestowal Son. How much more effective and beautiful it would have been had Michael, the supreme ruler of the universe of Nebadon, been welcomed to your world by a loyal and efficient Planetary Prince and a devoted and successful Material Son, both of whom could have done so much to enhance the lifework and mission of the

bestowal Son! But not all worlds have been so unfortunate as Urantia, neither has the mission of the Planetary Adams always been so difficult or so hazardous. When they are successful, they contribute to the development of a great people, continuing as the visible heads of planetary affairs even far into the age when such a world is settled in light and life.

4. THE SIX EVOLUTIONARY RACES

1 The race of dominance during the early ages of the inhabited worlds is the red man, who ordinarily is the first to attain human levels of devel-

opment. But while the red man is the senior race of the planets, the succeeding coloured peoples begin to make their appearances very early in the age of mortal emergence.

2 The earlier races are somewhat superior to the later; the red man stands far above the indigo — black — race. The Life Carriers impart the full bestowal of the living energies to the initial or red race, and each succeeding evolutionary manifestation of a distinct group of mortals represents variation at the expense of the original endowment. Even mortal stature tends to decrease from the red man down

to the indigo race, although on Urantia unexpected strains of giantism appeared among the green and orange peoples.

3 On those worlds having all six evolutionary races the superior peoples are the 1st, 3rd, and 5th races — the red, the yellow, and the blue. The evolutionary races thus alternate in capacity for intellectual growth and spiritual development, the 2nd, 4th, and 6th being somewhat less endowed. These secondary races are the peoples that are missing on certain worlds; they are the ones that have been exterminated on many others. It is a misfor-

tune on Urantia that you so largely lost your superior blue men, except as they persist in your amalgamated "white race." The loss of your orange and green stocks is not of such serious concern.

4 The evolution of six — or of three — coloured races, while seeming to deteriorate the original endowment of the red man, provides certain very desirable variations in mortal types and affords an otherwise unattainable expression of diverse human potentials. These modifications are beneficial to the progress of mankind as a whole provided they are subsequently up-

stepped by the imported Adamic or violet race. On Urantia this usual plan of amalgamation was not extensively carried out, and this failure to execute the plan of race evolution makes it impossible for you to understand very much about the status of these peoples on an average inhabited planet by observing the remnants of these early races on your world.

5 §§ In the early days of racial development there is a slight tendency for the red, the yellow, and the blue men to interbreed; there is a similar tendency for the orange, green, and indigo races to intermingle.

6 The more backward humans are usually employed as labourers by the more progressive races. This accounts for the origin of slavery on the planets during the early ages. The orange men are usually subdued by the red and reduced to the status of servants — sometimes exterminated. The yellow and red men often fraternize, but not always. The yellow race usually enslaves the green, while the blue man subdues the indigo. These races of primitive men think no more of utilizing the services of their backward fellows in compulsory labour than Urantians would of buying and selling

horses and cattle.

7 On most normal worlds involuntary servitude does not survive the dispensation of the Planetary Prince, although mental defectives and social delinquents are often still compelled to perform involuntary labour. But on all normal spheres this sort of primitive slavery is abolished soon after the arrival of the imported violet or Adamic race.

8 These six evolutionary races are destined to be blended and exalted by amalgamation with the progeny of the Adamic uplifters. But before these peoples are blended, the infe-

rior and unfit are largely eliminated. The Planetary Prince and the Material Son, with other suitable planetary authorities, pass upon the fitness of the reproducing strains. The difficulty of executing such a radical program on Urantia consists in the absence of competent judges to pass upon the biologic fitness or unfitness of the individuals of your world races. Notwithstanding this obstacle, it seems that you ought to be able to agree upon the biologic disfellowshipping of your more markedly unfit, defective, degen-

erate, and antisocial stocks.

5. RACIAL AMALGAMATION

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BESTOWAL OF THE ADAMIC BLOOD

1 When a Planetary Adam and Eve arrive on an inhabited world, they have been fully instructed by their superiors as to the best way to effect the improvement of the existing races of intelligent beings. The plan of procedure is not uniform; much is left to the judgment of the ministering pair, and mistakes are not infrequent, especially on disordered, insurrectionary worlds, such as Urantia.

2 Usually the violet peoples do not begin to amalgamate with the planetary natives until their own group numbers over 1,000,000. But in the meantime the staff of the Planetary Prince proclaims that the children of the Gods have come down, as it were, to be one with the races of men; and the people eagerly look forward to the day when announcement will be made that those who have qualified as belonging to the superior racial strains may proceed to the Garden of Eden and be there chosen by the sons and daughters of Adam as the evolutionary fathers and mothers of the new and

blended order of mankind.

3 On normal worlds the Planetary Adam and Eve never mate with the evolutionary races. This work of biologic betterment is a function of the Adamic progeny. But these Adamites do not go out among the races; the prince's staff bring to the Garden of Eden the superior men and women for voluntary mating with the Adamic offspring. And on most worlds it is considered the highest honour to be selected as a candidate for mating with the sons and daughters of the garden.

4 For the first time the racial wars and other tribal struggles are dimin-

ished, while the world races increasingly strive to qualify for recognition and admission to the garden. You can at best have but a very meagre idea of how this competitive struggle comes to occupy the centre of all activities on a normal planet. This whole scheme of race improvement was early wrecked on Urantia.

5 §§ The violet race is a monogamous people, and every evolutionary man or woman uniting with the Adamic sons and daughters pledges not to take other mates and to instruct his or her children in single-matedness. The children of each of these unions are ed-

ucated and trained in the schools of the Planetary Prince and then are permitted to go forth to the race of their evolutionary parent, there to marry among the selected groups of superior mortals.

6 When this strain of the Material Sons is added to the evolving races of the worlds, a new and greater era of evolutionary progress is initiated. Following this procreative outpouring of imported ability and superevolutionary traits there ensues a succession of rapid strides in civilization and racial development; in 100,000 years more progress is made than in 1,000,000

years of former struggle. On[1] your world, even in the face of the miscarriage of the ordained plans, great progress has been made since the gift to your peoples of Adam's life plasm.

7 But while the pure-line children of a planetary Garden of Eden can bestow themselves upon the superior members of the evolutionary races and thereby upstep the biologic level of mankind, it would not prove beneficial for the higher strains of Urantia mortals to mate with the lower races; such an unwise procedure would jeop-

[1] In 1955 text "In".

ardize all civilization on your world. Having failed to achieve race harmonization by the Adamic technique, you must now work out your planetary problem of race improvement by other and largely human methods of adaptation and control.

6. THE EDENIC REGIME

1 On most of the inhabited worlds the Gardens of Eden remain as superb cultural centres and continue to function as the social patterns of planetary conduct and usage age after age. Even in early times when the violet peoples are relatively segregated,

their schools receive suitable candidates from among the world races, while the industrial developments of the garden open up new channels of commercial intercourse. Thus do the Adams and Eves and their progeny contribute to the sudden expansion of culture and to the rapid improvement of the evolutionary races of their worlds. And all of these relationships are augmented and sealed by the amalgamation of the evolutionary races and the sons of Adam, resulting in the immediate upstepping of biologic status, the quickening of intellectual potential, and the enhancement of spiri-

tual receptivity.

2 On normal worlds the garden headquarters of the violet race becomes the second centre of world culture and, jointly with the headquarters city of the Planetary Prince, sets the pace for the development of civilization. For centuries the city headquarters schools of the Planetary Prince and the garden schools of Adam and Eve are contemporary. They are usually not very far apart, and they work together in harmonious co-operation.

3 Think what it would mean on your world if somewhere in the Levant there were a world centre of civ-

ilization, a great planetary university of culture, which had functioned uninterruptedly for 37,000 years. And again, pause to consider how the moral authority of even such an ancient centre would be reinforced were there situated not far-distant still another and older headquarters of celestial ministry whose traditions would exert a cumulative force of 500,000 years of integrated evolutionary influence. It is custom which eventually spreads the ideals of Eden to a whole world.

4 The schools of the Planetary Prince are primarily concerned with

philosophy, religion, morals, and the higher intellectual and artistic achievements. The garden schools of Adam and Eve are usually devoted to practical arts, fundamental intellectual training, social culture, economic development, trade relations, physical efficiency, and civil government. Eventually these world centres amalgamate, but this actual affiliation sometimes does not occur until the times of the first Magisterial Son.

5 §§ The continuing existence of the Planetary Adam and Eve, together with the pure-line nucleus of the violet race, imparts that stability of growth

to Edenic culture by virtue of which it comes to act upon the civilization of a world with the compelling force of tradition. In these immortal Material Sons and Daughters we encounter the last and the indispensable link connecting God with man, bridging the almost infinite gulf between the eternal Creator and the lowest finite personalities of time. Here is a being of high origin who is physical, material, even a sex creature like Urantia mortals, one who can see and comprehend the invisible Planetary Prince and interpret him to the mortal creatures of the realm, for the Material Sons and

Daughters are able to see all of the lower orders of spirit beings; they visualize the Planetary Prince and his entire staff, visible and invisible.

6 With the passing of centuries, through the amalgamation of their progeny with the races of men, this same Material Son and Daughter become accepted as the common ancestors of mankind, the common parents of the now blended descendants of the evolutionary races. It is intended that mortals who start out from an inhabited world have the experience of recognizing seven fathers:

7 1. The biologic father — the fa-

ther in the flesh.

8 2. The father of the realm — the Planetary Adam.

9 3. The father of the spheres — the System Sovereign.

10 4. The Most High Father — the Constellation Father.

11 5. The universe Father — the Creator Son and supreme ruler of the local creations.

12 6. The super-Fathers — the Ancients of Days who govern the superuniverse.

13 7. The spirit or Havona Father — the Universal Father, who dwells

on Paradise and bestows his spirit to live and work in the minds of the lowly creatures who inhabit the universe of universes.

7. UNITED ADMINISTRATION

1 From time to time the Avonal Sons of Paradise come to the inhabited worlds for judicial actions, but the first Avonal to arrive on a magisterial mission inaugurates the fourth dispensation of an evolutionary world of time and space. On some planets where this Magisterial Son is universally accepted, he remains for one age; and thus the planet prospers under the

joint rulership of three Sons: the Planetary Prince, the Material Son, and the Magisterial Son, the latter two being visible to all the inhabitants of the realm.

2 Before the first Magisterial Son concludes his mission on a normal evolutionary world, there has been effected the union of the educational and administrative work of the Planetary Prince and the Material Son. This amalgamation of the dual supervision of a planet brings into existence a new and effective order of world administration. Upon the retirement of the Magisterial Son the Planetary Adam

assumes the outward direction of the sphere. The Material Son and Daughter thus act jointly as planetary administrators until the settling of the world in the era of light and life; whereupon the Planetary Prince is elevated to the position of Planetary Sovereign. During this age of advanced evolution, Adam and Eve become what might be called joint prime ministers of the glorified realm.

3 As soon as the new and consolidated capital of the evolving world has become well established, and just as fast as competent subordinate administrators can be properly trained, sub-

capitals are founded on remote land bodies and among the different peoples. Before the arrival of another dispensational Son, from 50 to 100 of these subcentres will have been organized.

4 The Planetary Prince and his staff still foster the spiritual and philosophic domains of activity. Adam and Eve pay particular attention to the physical, scientific, and economic status of the realm. Both groups equally devote their energies to the promotion of the arts, social relations, and intellectual achievements.

5 By the time of the inauguration

of the fifth dispensation of world affairs, a magnificent administration of planetary activities has been achieved. Mortal existence on such a well-managed sphere is indeed stimulating and profitable. And if Urantians could only observe life on such a planet, they would immediately appreciate the value of those things which their world has lost through embracing evil and participating in rebellion.

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PLANETARY MORTAL EPOCHS

Mighty Messenger

From the inception of life on an evolutionary planet to the time of its final flowering in the era of light and life, there appear upon the stage of world action at least seven epochs of human life. These successive ages are determined by the planetary missions of the divine Sons, and on an average inhabited world these epochs appear in the following order:

2 1. Pre-Planetary Prince Man.
3 2. Post-Planetary Prince Man.
4 3. Post-Adamic Man.
5 4. Post-Magisterial Son Man.
6 5. Post-Bestowal Son Man.
7 6. Post-Teacher Son Man.
8 7. The Era of Light and Life.

9 §§ The worlds of space, as soon as they are physically suitable for life, are placed on the registry of the Life Carriers, and in due time these Sons are dispatched to such planets for the purpose of initiating life. The entire period from life initiation to the appearance of man is designated the prehuman era and precedes the successive

mortal epochs considered in this narrative.

1. PRIMITIVE MAN

1 From the time of man's emergence from the animal level — when he can choose to worship the Creator — to the arrival of the Planetary Prince, mortal will creatures are called *primitive men.* There are six basic types or races of primitive men, and these early peoples successively appear in the order of the spectrum colours, beginning with the red. The length of time consumed in this early life evolution varies greatly on the different worlds,

ranging from 150,000 years to over 1,000,000 years of Urantia time.

2 The evolutionary races of colour — red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and indigo — begin to appear about the time that primitive man is developing a simple language and is beginning to exercise the creative imagination. By this time man is well accustomed to standing erect.

3 §§ Primitive men are mighty hunters and fierce fighters. The law of this age is the physical survival of the fittest; the government of these times is wholly tribal. During the early racial struggles on many worlds some of the

evolutionary races are obliterated, as occurred on Urantia. Those who survive are usually subsequently blended with the later imported violet race, the Adamic peoples.

4 In the light of subsequent civilization, this era of primitive man is a long, dark, and bloody chapter. The ethics of the jungle and the morals of the primeval forests are not in keeping with the standards of later dispensations of revealed religion and higher spiritual development. On normal and nonexperimental worlds this epoch is very different from the prolonged and extraordinarily brutal

struggles which characterized this age on Urantia. When you have emerged from your first world experience, you will begin to see why this long and painful struggle on the evolutionary worlds occurs, and as you go forward in the Paradise path, you will increasingly understand the wisdom of these apparently strange doings. But notwithstanding all the vicissitudes of the early ages of human emergence, the performances of primitive man represent a splendid, even a heroic, chapter in the annals of an evolutionary world of time and space.

5 §§ Early evolutionary man is not a

colourful creature. In general, these primitive mortals are cave dwellers or cliff residents. They also build crude huts in the large trees. Before they acquire a high order of intelligence, the planets are sometimes overrun with the larger types of animals. But early in this era mortals learn to kindle and maintain fire, and with the increase of inventive imagination and the improvement in tools, evolving man soon vanquishes the larger and more unwieldy animals. The early races also make extensive use of the larger flying animals. These enormous birds are able to carry one or two aver-

age-sized men for a nonstop flight of over 800 km. On some planets these birds are of great service since they possess a high order of intelligence, often being able to speak many words of the languages of the realm. These birds are most intelligent, very obedient, and unbelievably affectionate. Such passenger birds have been long extinct on Urantia, but your early ancestors enjoyed their services.

6 §§ Man's acquirement of ethical judgment, moral will, is usually coincident with the appearance of early language. Upon attaining the human level, after this emergence of mortal

will, these beings become receptive to the temporary indwelling of the divine Adjusters, and upon death many are duly elected as survivors and sealed by the archangels for subsequent resurrection and Spirit fusion. The archangels always accompany the Planetary Princes, and a dispensational adjudication of the realm is simultaneous with the prince's arrival.

7 All mortals who are indwelt by Thought Adjusters are potential worshippers; they have been "lighted by the true light," and they possess capacity for seeking reciprocal contact with divinity. Nevertheless, the

early or biologic religion of primitive man is largely a persistence of animal fear coupled with ignorant awe and tribal superstition. The survival of superstition in the Urantia races is hardly complimentary to your evolutionary development nor compatible with your otherwise splendid achievements in material progress. But this early fear religion serves a very valuable purpose in subduing the fiery tempers of these primitive creatures. It is the forerunner of civilization and the soil for the subsequent planting of the seeds of revealed religion by the Planetary Prince and his ministers.

8 §§ Within 100,000 years from the time man acquires erect posture, the Planetary Prince usually arrives, having been dispatched by the System Sovereign upon the report of the Life Carriers that will is functioning, even though comparatively few individuals have thus developed. Primitive mortals usually welcome the Planetary Prince and his visible staff; in fact, they often look upon them with awe and reverence, almost with worshipfulness, if they are not restrained.

2. POST-PLANETARY PRINCE MAN

1 With the arrival of the Plane-

tary Prince a new dispensation begins. Government appears on earth, and the advanced tribal epoch is attained. Great social strides are made during a few thousand years of this regime. Under normal conditions mortals attain a high state of civilization during this age. They do not struggle so long in barbarism as did the Urantia races. But life on an inhabited world is so changed by rebellion that you can have little or no idea of such a regime on a normal planet.

2 The average length of this dispensation is around 500,000 years, some longer, some shorter. During this era

the planet is established in the circuits of the system, and a full quota of seraphic and other celestial helpers is assigned to its administration. The Thought Adjusters come in increasing numbers, and the seraphic guardians amplify their regime of mortal supervision.

3 When the Planetary Prince arrives on a primitive world, the evolved religion of fear and ignorance prevails. The prince and his staff make the first revelations of higher truth and universe organization. These initial presentations of revealed religion are very simple, and they usually pertain to the

affairs of the local system. Religion is wholly an evolutionary process prior to the arrival of the Planetary Prince. Subsequently, religion progresses by graduated revelation as well as by evolutionary growth. Each dispensation, each mortal epoch, receives an enlarged presentation of spiritual truth and religious ethics. The evolution of the religious capacity of receptivity in the inhabitants of a world largely determines their rate of spiritual advancement and the extent of religious revelation.

4 This dispensation witnesses a spiritual dawn, and the different races and

their various tribes tend to develop specialized systems of religious and philosophic thought. There uniformly run through all of these racial religions two strains: the early fears of primitive men and the later revelations of the Planetary Prince. In some respects Urantians do not seem to have wholly emerged from this stage of planetary evolution. As you pursue this study, you will the more clearly discern how far your world departs from the average course of evolutionary progress and development.

5 §§ But the Planetary Prince is not "the Prince of Peace." Racial strug-

gles and tribal wars continue over into this dispensation but with diminishing frequency and severity. This is the great age of racial dispersion, and it culminates in a period of intense nationalism. Colour is the basis of tribal and national groupings, and the different races often develop separate languages. Each expanding group of mortals tends to seek isolation. This segregation is favoured by the existence of many languages. Before the unification of the several races their relentless warfare sometimes results in the obliteration of whole peoples; the orange and green men are particularly

subject to such extinction.

6 On average worlds, during the latter part of the prince's rule, national life begins to replace tribal organization or rather to be superimposed upon the existing tribal groupings. But the great social achievement of the prince's epoch is the emergence of family life. Heretofore, human relationships have been chiefly tribal; now, the home begins to materialize.

7 This is the dispensation of the realization of sex equality. On some planets the male may rule the female; on others the reverse prevails. During this age normal worlds establish full equal-

ity of the sexes, this being preliminary to the fuller realization of the ideals of home life. This is the dawn of the golden age of the home. The idea of tribal rule gradually gives way to the dual concept of national life and family life.

8 During this age agriculture makes its appearance. The growth of the family idea is incompatible with the roving and unsettled life of the hunter. Gradually the practices of settled habitations and the cultivation of the soil become established. The domestication of animals and the development of home arts proceed apace. Upon

reaching the apex of biologic evolution, a high level of civilization has been attained, but there is little development of a mechanical order; invention is the characteristic of the succeeding age.

9 §§ The races are purified and brought up to a high state of physical perfection and intellectual strength before the end of this era. The early development of a normal world is greatly helped by the plan of promoting the increase of the higher types of mortals with proportionate curtailment of the lower. And it is the failure of your early peoples to thus discriminate between

these types that accounts for the presence of so many defective and degenerate individuals among the present-day Urantia races.

10 One of the great achievements of the age of the prince is this restriction of the multiplication of mentally defective and socially unfit individuals. Long before the times of the arrival of the second Sons, the Adams, most worlds seriously address themselves to the tasks of race purification, something which the Urantia peoples have not even yet seriously undertaken.

11 This problem of race improvement is not such an extensive under-

taking when it is attacked at this early date in human evolution. The preceding period of tribal struggles and rugged competition in race survival has weeded out most of the abnormal and defective strains. An idiot does not have much chance of survival in a primitive and warring tribal social organization. It is the false sentiment of your partially perfected civilizations that fosters, protects, and perpetuates the hopelessly defective strains of evolutionary human stocks.

12 It is neither tenderness nor altruism to bestow futile sympathy upon degenerated human beings, unsalvable

abnormal and inferior mortals. There exist on even the most normal of the evolutionary worlds sufficient differences between individuals and between numerous social groups to provide for the full exercise of all those noble traits of altruistic sentiment and unselfish mortal ministry without perpetuating the socially unfit and the morally degenerate strains of evolving humanity. There is abundant opportunity for the exercise of tolerance and the function of altruism in behalf of those unfortunate and needy individuals who have not irretrievably lost their moral heritage and forever destroyed

their spiritual birthright.

3. POST-ADAMIC MAN

1 When the original impetus of evolutionary life has run its biologic course, when man has reached the apex of animal development, there arrives the second order of sonship, and the second dispensation of grace and ministry is inaugurated. This is true on all evolutionary worlds. When the highest possible level of evolutionary life has been attained, when primitive man has ascended as far as possible in the biologic scale, a Material Son and Daughter always appear on the planet,

having been dispatched by the System Sovereign.

2 Thought Adjusters are increasingly bestowed upon the post-Adamic men, and in constantly augmented numbers these mortals attain capacity for subsequent Adjuster fusion. While functioning as descending Sons, the Adams do not possess Adjusters, but their planetary offspring — direct and mixed — become legitimate candidates for the reception, in due time, of the Mystery Monitors. By the termination of the post-Adamic age the planet is in possession of its full quota of celestial ministers; only the fusion

Adjusters are not yet universally bestowed.

3 §§ It is the prime purpose of the Adamic regime to influence evolving man to complete the transit from the hunter and herder stage of civilization to that of the agriculturist and horticulturist, to be later supplemented by the appearance of the urban and industrial adjuncts to civilization. 10,000 years of this dispensation of the biologic uplifters is sufficient to effect a marvellous transformation. 25,000 years of such an administration of the conjoint wisdom of the Planetary Prince and the Material Sons usu-

ally ripens the sphere for the advent of a Magisterial Son.

4 §§ This age usually witnesses the completion of the elimination of the unfit and the still further purification of the racial strains; on normal worlds the defective bestial tendencies are very nearly eliminated from the reproducing stocks of the realm.

5 The Adamic progeny never amalgamate with the inferior strains of the evolutionary races. Neither is it the divine plan for the Planetary Adam or Eve to mate, personally, with the evolutionary peoples. This race-improvement project is the task of their

progeny. But the offspring of the Material Son and Daughter are mobilized for generations before the racial-amalgamation ministry is inaugurated.

6 The result of the gift of the Adamic life plasm to the mortal races is an immediate upstepping of intellectual capacity and an acceleration of spiritual progress. There is usually some physical improvement also. On an average world the post-Adamic dispensation is an age of great invention, energy control, and mechanical development. This is the era of the appearance of multiform manufacture and the control of natural forces; it is the

golden age of exploration and the final subduing of the planet. Much of the material progress of a world occurs during this time of the inauguration of the development of the physical sciences, just such an epoch as Urantia is now experiencing. Your world is a full dispensation and more behind the average planetary schedule.

7 By the end of the Adamic dispensation on a normal planet the races are practically blended, so that it can be truly proclaimed that "God has made of one blood all the nations," and that his Son "has made of one colour all peoples." The colour of such an

amalgamated race is somewhat of an olive shade of the violet hue, the racial "white" of the spheres.

8 §§ Primitive man is for the most part carnivorous; the Material Sons and Daughters do not eat meat, but their offspring within a few generations usually gravitate to the omnivorous level, although whole groups of their descendants sometimes remain nonflesh eaters. This double origin of the post-Adamic races explains how such blended human stocks exhibit anatomic vestiges belonging to both the herbivorous and carnivorous animal groups.

9 Within 10,000 years of racial amalgamation the resultant stocks show varying degrees of anatomic blend, some strains carrying more of the marks of the nonflesh-eating ancestry, others exhibiting more of the distinguishing traits and physical characteristics of their carnivorous evolutionary progenitors. The majority of these world races soon become omnivorous, subsisting upon a wide range of viands from both the animal and vegetable kingdoms.

10 §§ The post-Adamic epoch is the dispensation of internationalism. With the near completion of the task of

race blending, nationalism wanes, and the brotherhood of man really begins to materialize. Representative government begins to take the place of the monarchial or paternal form of rulership. The educational system becomes world-wide, and gradually the languages of the races give way to the tongue of the violet people. Universal peace and co-operation are seldom attained until the races are fairly well blended, and until they speak a common language.

11 During the closing centuries of the post-Adamic age there develops new interest in art, music, and literature,

and this world-wide awakening is the signal for the appearance of a Magisterial Son. The crowning development of this era is the universal interest in intellectual realities, true philosophy. Religion becomes less nationalistic, becomes more and more a planetary affair. New revelations of truth characterize these ages, and the Most Highs of the constellations begin to rule in the affairs of men. Truth is revealed up to the administration of the constellations.

12 Great ethical advancement characterizes this era; the brotherhood of man is the goal of its society. World-

wide peace — the cessation of race conflict and national animosity — is the indicator of planetary ripeness for the advent of the third order of sonship, the Magisterial Son.

4. POST-MAGISTERIAL SON MAN

1 On normal and loyal planets this age opens with the mortal races blended and biologically fit. There are no race or colour problems; literally all nations and races are of one blood. The brotherhood of man flourishes, and the nations are learning to live on earth in peace and tranquillity. Such a world stands on the eve of a great and

culminating intellectual development.

2 §§ When an evolutionary world becomes thus ripe for the magisterial age, one of the high order of Avonal Sons makes his appearance on a magisterial mission. The Planetary Prince and the Material Sons are of local universe origin; the Magisterial Son hails from Paradise.

3 When the Paradise Avonals come to the mortal spheres on judicial actions, solely as dispensation adjudicators, they are never incarnated. But when they come on magisterial missions, at least the initial one, they are always incarnated, though they do not

experience birth, neither do they die the death of the realm. They may live on for generations in those cases where they remain as rulers on certain planets. When their missions are concluded, they yield up their planetary lives and return to their former status of divine sonship.

4 Each new dispensation extends the horizon of revealed religion, and the Magisterial Sons extend the revelation of truth to portray the affairs of the local universe and all its tributaries.

5 §§ After the initial visitation of a Magisterial Son the races soon effect their economic liberation. The daily

work required to sustain one's independence would be represented by 2½ hours of your time. It is perfectly safe to liberate such ethical and intelligent mortals. Such refined peoples well know how to utilize leisure for self-improvement and planetary advancement. This age witnesses the further purification of the racial stocks by the restriction of reproduction among the less fit and poorly endowed individuals.

6 The political government and social administration of the races continue to improve, self-government being fairly well established by the end

of this age. By self-government we refer to the highest type of representative government. Such worlds advance and honour only those leaders and rulers who are most fit to bear social and political responsibilities.

7 During this epoch the majority of the world mortals are Adjuster indwelt. But even yet the bestowal of divine Monitors is not always universal. The Adjusters of fusion destiny are not yet bestowed upon all planetary mortals; it is still necessary for the will creatures to choose the Mystery Monitors.

8 During the closing ages of this dis-

pensation, society begins to return to more simplified forms of living. The complex nature of an advancing civilization is running its course, and mortals are learning to live more naturally and effectively. And this trend increases with each succeeding epoch. This is the age of the flowering of art, music, and higher learning. The physical sciences have already reached their height of development. The termination of this age, on an ideal world, witnesses the fullness of a great religious awakening, a world-wide spiritual enlightenment. And this extensive arousal of the spiritual natures of

the races is the signal for the arrival of the bestowal Son and for the inauguration of the fifth mortal epoch.

9 §§ On many worlds it develops that the planet is not made ready for a bestowal Son by one magisterial mission; in that event there will be a second, even a succession of Magisterial Sons, each of whom will advance the races from one dispensation to another until the planet is made ready for the gift of the bestowal Son. On the second and subsequent missions the Magisterial Sons may or may not be incarnated. But no matter how many Magisterial Sons may appear — and they

may also come as such after the bestowal Son — the advent of each one marks the end of one dispensation and the beginning of another.

10 §§ These dispensations of the Magisterial Sons cover anywhere from 25,000 to 50,000 years of Urantia time. Sometimes such an epoch is much shorter and in rare instances even longer. But in the fullness of time one of these same Magisterial Sons will be born as the Paradise bestowal Son.

5. POST-BESTOWAL SON MAN

1 When a certain standard of intellectual and spiritual development is at-

tained on an inhabited world, a Paradise bestowal Son always arrives. On normal worlds he does not appear in the flesh until the races have ascended to the highest levels of intellectual development and ethical attainment. But on Urantia the bestowal Son, even your own Creator Son, appeared at the close of the Adamic dispensation, but that is not the usual order of events on the worlds of space.

2 When the worlds have become ripe for spiritualization, the bestowal Son arrives. These Sons always belong to the Magisterial or Avonal order except in that case, once in each

local universe, when the Creator Son prepares for his terminal bestowal on some evolutionary world, as occurred when Michael of Nebadon appeared on Urantia to bestow himself upon your mortal races. Only one world in near ten million can enjoy such a gift; all other worlds are spiritually advanced by the bestowal of a Paradise Son of the Avonal order.

3 §§ The bestowal Son arrives on a world of high educational culture and encounters a race spiritually trained and prepared to assimilate advanced teachings and to appreciate the bestowal mission. This is an age char-

acterized by the world-wide pursuit of moral culture and spiritual truth. The mortal passion of this dispensation is the penetration of cosmic reality and communion with spiritual reality. The revelations of truth are extended to include the superuniverse. Entirely new systems of education and government grow up to supplant the crude regimes of former times. The joy of living takes on new colour, and the reactions of life are exalted to heavenly heights of tone and timbre.

4 The bestowal Son lives and dies for the spiritual uplift of the mortal races of a world. He establishes the "new

and living way"; his life is an incarnation of Paradise truth in mortal flesh, that very truth — even the Spirit of Truth — in the knowledge of which men shall be free.

5 On Urantia the establishment of this "new and living way" was a matter of fact as well as of truth. The isolation of Urantia in the Lucifer rebellion had suspended the procedure whereby mortals can pass, upon death, directly to the shores of the mansion worlds. Before the days of Christ Michael on Urantia all souls slept on until the dispensational or special millennial resurrections. Even Moses was not permit-

ted to go over to the other side until the occasion of a special resurrection, the fallen Planetary Prince, Caligastia, contesting such a deliverance. But ever since the day of Pentecost, Urantia mortals again may proceed directly to the morontia spheres.

6 §§ Upon the resurrection of a bestowal Son, on the third day after yielding up his incarnated life, he ascends to the right hand of the Universal Father, receives the assurance of the acceptance of the bestowal mission, and returns to the Creator Son at the headquarters of the local universe. Thereupon the bestowal Avo-

nal and the Creator Michael send their joint spirit, the Spirit of Truth, into the bestowal world. This is the occasion when the "spirit of the triumphant Son is poured out upon all flesh." The Universe Mother Spirit also participates in this bestowal of the Spirit of Truth, and concomitant therewith there issues the bestowal edict of the Thought Adjusters. Thereafter all normal-minded will creatures of that world will receive Adjusters as soon as they attain the age of moral responsibility, of spiritual choice.

7 If such a bestowal Avonal should return to a world after the bestowal

mission, he would not incarnate but would come "in glory with the seraphic hosts."

8 §§ The postbestowal Son age may extend from 10,000 to 100,000 years. There is no arbitrary time allotted to any of these dispensational eras. This is a time of great ethical and spiritual progress. Under the spiritual influence of these ages, human character undergoes tremendous transformations and experiences phenomenal development. It becomes possible to put the golden rule into practical operation. The teachings of Jesus are really applicable to a mortal world which has had

the preliminary training of the prebestowal Sons with their dispensations of character ennoblement and culture augmentation.

9 During this era the problems of disease and delinquency are virtually solved. Degeneracy has already been largely eliminated by selective reproduction. Disease has been practically mastered through the high resistant qualities of the Adamic strains and by the intelligent and world-wide application of the discoveries of the physical sciences of preceding ages. The average length of life, during this period, climbs well above the equivalent

of 300 years of Urantia time.

10 Throughout this epoch there is a gradual lessening of governmental supervision. True self-government is beginning to function; fewer and fewer restrictive laws are necessary. The military branches of national resistance are passing away; the era of international harmony is really arriving. There are many nations, mostly determined by land distribution, but only one race, one language, and one religion. Mortal affairs are almost, but not quite, utopian. This truly is a great

and glorious age!

6. URANTIA'S POST-BESTOWAL AGE

1 The bestowal Son is the Prince of Peace. He arrives with the message, "Peace on earth and good will among men." On normal worlds this is a dispensation of world-wide peace; the nations no more learn war. But such salutary influences did not attend the coming of your bestowal Son, Christ Michael. Urantia is not proceeding in the normal order. Your world is out of step in the planetary procession. Your Master, when on earth, warned his disciples that his advent would not

bring the usual reign of peace on Urantia. He distinctly told them that there would be "wars and rumours of wars," and that nation would rise against nation. At another time he said, "Think not that I have come to bring peace upon earth."

2 Even on normal evolutionary worlds the realization of the worldwide brotherhood of man is not an easy accomplishment. On a confused and disordered planet like Urantia such an achievement requires a much longer time and necessitates far greater effort. Unaided social evolution can hardly achieve such happy re-

sults on a spiritually isolated sphere. Religious revelation is essential to the realization of brotherhood on Urantia. While Jesus has shown the way to the immediate attainment of spiritual brotherhood, the realization of social brotherhood on your world depends much on the achievement of the following personal transformations and planetary adjustments:

3 1. *Social fraternity.* Multiplication of international and interracial social contacts and fraternal associations through travel, commerce, and competitive play. Development of a common language and the multipli-

cation of multilinguists. The racial and national interchange of students, teachers, industrialists, and religious philosophers.

4 2. *Intellectual cross-fertilization.* Brotherhood is impossible on a world whose inhabitants are so primitive that they fail to recognize the folly of unmitigated selfishness. There must occur an exchange of national and racial literature. Each race must become familiar with the thought of all races; each nation must know the feelings of all nations. Ignorance breeds suspicion, and suspicion is incompatible with the essential attitude of sympathy and love.

5 3. *Ethical awakening.* Only ethical consciousness can unmask the immorality of human intolerance and the sinfulness of fratricidal strife. Only a moral conscience can condemn the evils of national envy and racial jealousy. Only moral beings will ever seek for that spiritual insight which is essential to living the golden rule.

6 4. *Political wisdom.* Emotional maturity is essential to self-control. Only emotional maturity will ensure the substitution of international techniques of civilized adjudication for the barbarous arbitrament of war. Wise statesmen will sometime work for the

welfare of humanity even while they strive to promote the interest of their national or racial groups. Selfish political sagacity is ultimately suicidal — destructive of all those enduring qualities which ensure planetary group survival.

7 5. *Spiritual insight.* The brotherhood of man is, after all, predicated on the recognition of the fatherhood of God. The quickest way to realize the brotherhood of man on Urantia is to effect the spiritual transformation of present-day humanity. The only technique for accelerating the natural trend of social evolution is that of ap-

plying spiritual pressure from above, thus augmenting moral insight while enhancing the soul capacity of every mortal to understand and love every other mortal. Mutual understanding and fraternal love are transcendent civilizers and mighty factors in the worldwide realization of the brotherhood of man.

8 §§ If you could be transplanted from your backward and confused world to some normal planet now in the postbestowal Son age, you would think you had been translated to the heaven of your traditions. You would hardly believe that you were observing

the normal evolutionary workings of a mortal sphere of human habitation. These worlds are in the spiritual circuits of their realm, and they enjoy all the advantages of the universe broadcasts and the reflectivity services of the superuniverse.

7. POST-TEACHER SON MAN

1 The Sons of the next order to arrive on the average evolutionary world are the Trinity Teacher Sons, the divine Sons of the Paradise Trinity. Again we find Urantia out of step with its sister spheres in that your Jesus has promised to return. That prom-

ise he will certainly fulfil, but no one knows whether his second coming will precede or follow the appearances of Magisterial or Teacher Sons on Urantia.

2 The Teacher Sons come in groups to the spiritualizing worlds. A planetary Teacher Son is assisted and supported by 70 primary Sons, 12 secondary Sons, and 3 of the highest and most experienced of the supreme order of Daynals. This corps will remain for some time on the world, long enough to effect the transition from the evolutionary ages to the era of light and life — not less than 1,000 years of

planetary time and often considerably longer. This mission is a Trinity contribution to the antecedent efforts of all the divine personalities who have ministered to an inhabited world.

3 §§ The revelation of truth is now extended to the central universe and to Paradise. The races are becoming highly spiritual. A great people has evolved and a great age is approaching. The educational, economic, and administrative systems of the planet are undergoing radical transformations. New values and relationships are being established. The kingdom of heaven is appearing on earth, and the glory of

God is being shed abroad in the world.

4 This is the dispensation when many mortals are translated from among the living. As the era of Trinity Teacher Sons progresses, the spiritual allegiance of the mortals of time becomes more and more universal. Natural death becomes less frequent as the Adjusters increasingly fuse with their subjects during the lifetime in the flesh. The planet eventually is classed as of the primary modified order of mortal ascension.

5 §§ Life during this era is pleasant and profitable. Degeneracy and the antisocial end products of the long

evolutionary struggle have been virtually obliterated. The length of life approaches 500 Urantia years, and the reproductive rate of racial increase is intelligently controlled. An entirely new order of society has arrived. There are still great differences among mortals, but the state of society more nearly approaches the ideals of social brotherhood and spiritual equality. Representative government is vanishing, and the world is passing under the rule of individual self-control. The function of government is chiefly directed to collective tasks of social administration and economic co-ordination.

The golden age is coming on apace; the temporal goal of the long and intense planetary evolutionary struggle is in sight. The reward of the ages is soon to be realized; the wisdom of the Gods is about to be manifested.

6 The physical administration of a world during this age requires about one hour each day on the part of every adult individual; that is, the equivalent of one Urantia hour. The planet is in close touch with universe affairs, and its people scan the latest broadcasts with the same keen interest you now manifest in the latest editions of your daily newspapers. These races are

occupied with a thousand things of interest unknown on your world.

7 §§ Increasingly, true planetary allegiance to the Supreme Being grows. Generation after generation, more and more of the race step into line with those who practise justice and live mercy. Slowly but surely the world is being won to the joyous service of the Sons of God. The physical difficulties and material problems have been largely solved; the planet is ripening for advanced life and a more settled existence.

8 §§ From time to time throughout their dispensation, Teacher Sons

continue to come to these peaceful worlds. They do not leave a world until they observe that the evolutionary plan, as it concerns that planet, is working smoothly. A Magisterial Son of judgment usually accompanies the Teacher Sons on their successive missions, while another such Son functions at the time of their departure, and these judicial actions continue from age to age throughout the duration of the mortal regime of time and space.

9 Each recurring mission of the Trinity Teacher Sons successively exalts such a supernal world to ever-as-

cending heights of wisdom, spirituality, and cosmic illumination. But the noble natives of such a sphere are still finite and mortal. Nothing is perfect; nevertheless, there is evolving a quality of near perfection in the operation of an imperfect world and in the lives of its human inhabitants.

10 §§ The Trinity Teacher Sons may return many times to the same world. But sooner or later, in connection with the termination of one of their missions, the Planetary Prince is elevated to the position of Planetary Sovereign, and the System Sovereign appears to proclaim the entrance of such

a world upon the era of light and life.

11 It was of the conclusion of the terminal mission of the Teacher Sons (at least that would be the chronology on a normal world) that John wrote: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth and the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a princess adorned for the prince."

12 This is the same renovated earth, the advanced planetary stage, that the olden seer envisioned when he wrote: "'For, as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, so shall you and your children survive; and it shall come to pass

that from one new moon to another and from one Sabbath to another all flesh shall come to worship before me,' says the Lord."

13 It is the mortals of such an age who are described as "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, an exalted people; and you shall show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into this marvellous light."

14 §§ No matter what the special natural history of an individual planet may be, no difference whether a realm has been wholly loyal, tainted with evil, or cursed by sin — no matter what

the antecedents may be — sooner or later the grace of God and the ministry of angels will usher in the day of the advent of the Trinity Teacher Sons; and their departure, following their final mission, will inaugurate this superb era of light and life.

15 All the worlds of Satania can join in the hope of the one who wrote: "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless."

16 §§ The departure of the Teacher Son corps, at the end of their first or some subsequent reign, ushers in the dawn of the era of light and life — the threshold of the transition from time to the vestibule of eternity. The planetary realization of this era of light and life far more than equals the fondest expectations of Urantia mortals who have entertained no more farseeing concepts of the future life than those embraced within religious beliefs which depict heaven as the immediate destiny and final dwelling place

of surviving mortals.

17 [Sponsored by a Mighty Messenger temporarily attached to the staff of Gabriel.]

PAPER 53

THE LUCIFER REBELLION

Manovandet Melchizedek

Lucifer was a brilliant primary Lanonandek Son of Nebadon. He had experienced service in many systems, had been a high counsellor of his group, and was distinguished for wisdom, sagacity, and efficiency. Lucifer was number 37 of his order, and when commissioned by the Melchizedeks, he was designated as one of the 100 most able and brilliant personalities in more than 700,000 of

his kind. From such a magnificent beginning, through evil and error, he embraced sin and now is numbered as one of three System Sovereigns in Nebadon who have succumbed to the urge of self and surrendered to the sophistry of spurious personal liberty — rejection of universe allegiance and disregard of fraternal obligations, blindness to cosmic relationships.

2 In the universe of Nebadon, the domain of Christ Michael, there are 10,000 systems of inhabited worlds. In all the history of Lanonandek Sons, in all their work throughout these thousands of systems and at the universe

headquarters, only three System Sovereigns have ever been found in contempt of the government of the Creator Son.

1. THE LEADERS OF REBELLION

1 Lucifer was not an ascendant being; he was a created Son of the local universe, and of him it was said: "You were perfect in all your ways from the day you were created till unrighteousness was found in you." Many times had he been in counsel with the Most Highs of Edentia. And Lucifer reigned "upon the holy mountain of God," the administrative mount of Je-

rusem, for he was the chief executive of a great system of 607 inhabited worlds.

2 Lucifer was a magnificent being, a brilliant personality; he stood next to the Most High Fathers of the constellations in the direct line of universe authority. Notwithstanding Lucifer's transgression, subordinate intelligences refrained from showing him disrespect and disdain prior to Michael's bestowal on Urantia. Even the archangel of Michael, at the time of Moses' resurrection, "did not bring against him an accusing judgment but simply said, 'the Judge rebuke you.'" Judgment in such matters belongs to

the Ancients of Days, the rulers of the superuniverse.

3 Lucifer is now the fallen and deposed Sovereign of Satania. Self-contemplation is most disastrous, even to the exalted personalities of the celestial world. Of Lucifer it was said: "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom because of your brightness." Your olden prophet saw his sad estate when he wrote: "How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cast down, you who dared to confuse the worlds!"

4 Very little was heard of Lucifer on

Urantia owing to the fact that he assigned his first lieutenant, Satan, to advocate his cause on your planet. Satan was a member of the same primary group of Lanonandeks but had never functioned as a System Sovereign; he entered fully into the Lucifer insurrection. The "devil" is none other than Caligastia, the deposed Planetary Prince of Urantia and a Son of the secondary order of Lanonandeks. At the time Michael was on Urantia in the flesh, Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia were leagued together to effect the miscarriage of his bestowal mission. But they signally failed.

5 Abaddon was the chief of the staff of Caligastia. He followed his master into rebellion and has ever since acted as chief executive of the Urantia rebels. Beelzebub was the leader of the disloyal midway creatures who allied themselves with the forces of the traitorous Caligastia.

6 §§ The dragon eventually became the symbolic representation of all these evil personages. Upon the triumph of Michael, "Gabriel came down from Salvington and bound the dragon (all the rebel leaders) for an age."[1] Of the Jerusem seraphic rebels

[1] We must not forget, however, the following verse,

it is written: "And the angels who kept not their first estate but left their own habitation, he has reserved in sure chains of darkness to the judgment of the great day."

2. THE CAUSES OF REBELLION

1 Lucifer and his first assistant, Satan, had reigned on Jerusem for more than 500,000 years when in their hearts they began to array themselves against the Universal Father and his then vicegerent Son, Michael.

2 There were no peculiar or special

(Rev 20:3), which reads "... and after that he must be loosed a little season."

conditions in the system of Satania which suggested or favoured rebellion. It is our belief that the idea took origin and form in Lucifer's mind, and that he might have instigated such a rebellion no matter where he might have been stationed. Lucifer first announced his plans to Satan, but it required several months to corrupt the mind of his able and brilliant associate. However, when once converted to the rebel theories, he became a bold and earnest advocate of "self-assertion and liberty."

3 §§ No one ever suggested rebellion to Lucifer. The idea of self-assertion in

opposition to the will of Michael and to the plans of the Universal Father, as they are represented in Michael, had its origin in his own mind. His relations with the Creator Son had been intimate and always cordial. At no time prior to the exaltation of his own mind did Lucifer openly express dissatisfaction about the universe administration. Notwithstanding his silence, for more than 100 years of standard time the Union of Days on Salvington had been reflectivating to Uversa that all was not at peace in Lucifer's mind. This information was also communicated to the Creator Son and the Con-

stellation Fathers of Norlatiadek.

4 Throughout this period Lucifer became increasingly critical of the entire plan of universe administration but always professed wholehearted loyalty to the Supreme Rulers. His first outspoken disloyalty was manifested on the occasion of a visit of Gabriel to Jerusem just a few days before the open proclamation of the Lucifer Declaration of Liberty. Gabriel was so profoundly impressed with the certainty of the impending outbreak that he went direct to Edentia to confer with the Constellation Fathers regarding the measures to be employed

in case of open rebellion.

5 It is very difficult to point out the exact cause or causes which finally culminated in the Lucifer rebellion. We are certain of only one thing, and that is: Whatever these first beginnings were, they had their origin in Lucifer's mind. There must have been a pride of self that nourished itself to the point of self-deception, so that Lucifer for a time really persuaded himself that his contemplation of rebellion was actually for the good of the system, if not of the universe. By the time his plans had developed to the point of disillusionment, no doubt he had gone too

far for his original and mischief-making pride to permit him to stop. At some point in this experience he became insincere, and evil evolved into deliberate and wilful sin. That this happened is proved by the subsequent conduct of this brilliant executive. He was long offered opportunity for repentance, but only some of his subordinates ever accepted the proffered mercy. The Faithful of Days of Edentia, on the request of the Constellation Fathers, in person presented the plan of Michael for the saving of these flagrant rebels, but always was the mercy of the Creator Son rejected and re-

jected with increasing contempt and disdain.

3. THE LUCIFER MANIFESTO

1 Whatever the early origins of trouble in the hearts of Lucifer and Satan, the final outbreak took form as the Lucifer Declaration of Liberty. The cause of the rebels was stated under three heads:

2 1. *The reality of the Universal Father.* Lucifer charged that the Universal Father did not really exist, that physical gravity and space-energy were inherent in the universe, and that the Father was a myth invented by the Par-

adise Sons to enable them to maintain the rule of the universes in the Father's name. He denied that personality was a gift of the Universal Father. He even intimated that the finaliters were in collusion with the Paradise Sons to foist fraud upon all creation since they never brought back a very clear-cut idea of the Father's actual personality as it is discernible on Paradise. He traded on reverence as ignorance. The charge was sweeping, terrible, and blasphemous. It was this veiled attack upon the finaliters that no doubt influenced the ascendant citizens then on Jerusem to stand firm

and remain steadfast in resistance to all the rebel's proposals.

3 2. *The universe government of the Creator Son — Michael.* Lucifer contended that the local systems should be autonomous. He protested against the right of Michael, the Creator Son, to assume sovereignty of Nebadon in the name of a hypothetical Paradise Father and require all personalities to acknowledge allegiance to this unseen Father. He asserted that the whole plan of worship was a clever scheme to aggrandize the Paradise Sons. He was willing to acknowledge Michael as his Creator-father but not as his God and

rightful ruler.

4 Most bitterly did he attack the right of the Ancients of Days — "foreign potentates" — to interfere in the affairs of the local systems and universes. These rulers he denounced as tyrants and usurpers. He exhorted his followers to believe that none of these rulers could do aught to interfere with the operation of complete home rule if men and angels only had the courage to assert themselves and boldly claim their rights.

5 He contended that the executioners of the Ancients of Days could be debarred from functioning in the local

systems if the native beings would only assert their independence. He maintained that immortality was inherent in the system personalities, that resurrection was natural and automatic, and that all beings would live eternally except for the arbitrary and unjust acts of the executioners of the Ancients of Days.

6 3. *The attack upon the universal plan of ascendant mortal training.* Lucifer maintained that far too much time and energy were expended upon the scheme of so thoroughly training ascending mortals in the principles of universe administration, prin-

ciples which he alleged were unethical and unsound. He protested against the agelong program for preparing the mortals of space for some unknown destiny and pointed to the presence of the finaliter corps on Jerusem as proof that these mortals had spent ages of preparation for some destiny of pure fiction. With derision he pointed out that the finaliters had encountered a destiny no more glorious than to be returned to humble spheres similar to those of their origin. He intimated that they had been debauched by overmuch discipline and prolonged training, and that they were

in reality traitors to their mortal fellows since they were now co-operating with the scheme of enslaving all creation to the fictions of a mythical eternal destiny for ascending mortals. He advocated that ascenders should enjoy the liberty of individual self-determination. He challenged and condemned the entire plan of mortal ascension as sponsored by the Paradise Sons of God and supported by the Infinite Spirit.

7 §§ And it was with such a Declaration of Liberty that Lucifer launched

his orgy of darkness and death.

4. OUTBREAK OF THE REBELLION

1 The Lucifer manifesto was issued at the annual conclave of Satania on the sea of glass, in the presence of the assembled hosts of Jerusem, on the last day of the year, about 200,000 years ago, Urantia time. Satan proclaimed that worship could be accorded the universal forces — physical, intellectual, and spiritual — but that allegiance could be acknowledged only to the actual and present ruler, Lucifer, the "friend of men and angels" and the "God of liberty."

2 Self-assertion was the battle cry of the Lucifer rebellion. One of his chief arguments was that, if self-government was good and right for the Melchizedeks and other groups, it was equally good for all orders of intelligence. He was bold and persistent in the advocacy of the "equality of mind" and "the brotherhood of intelligence." He maintained that all government should be limited to the local planets and their voluntary confederation into the local systems. All other supervision he disallowed. He promised the Planetary Princes that they should rule the worlds as supreme executives. He

denounced the location of legislative activities on the constellation headquarters and the conduct of judicial affairs on the universe capital. He contended that all these functions of government should be concentrated on the system capitals and proceeded to set up his own legislative assembly and organized his own tribunals under the jurisdiction of Satan. And he directed that the princes on the apostate worlds do the same.

3 The entire administrative cabinet of Lucifer went over in a body and were sworn in publicly as the officers of the administration of the new head

of "the liberated worlds and systems."

4 §§ While there had been two previous rebellions in Nebadon, they were in distant constellations. Lucifer held that these insurrections were unsuccessful because the majority of the intelligences failed to follow their leaders. He contended that "majorities rule,"[1] that "mind is infallible." The freedom allowed him by the universe rulers apparently sustained many of his nefarious contentions. He defied all his superiors; yet they apparently took no note of his doings. He was given

[1] Hence we learn that Lucifer was the first protagonist of democracy in our Universe.

a free hand to prosecute his seductive plan without let or hindrance.

5 §§ All the merciful delays of justice Lucifer pointed to as evidence of the inability of the government of the Paradise Sons to stop the rebellion. He would openly defy and arrogantly challenge Michael, Immanuel, and the Ancients of Days and then point to the fact that no action ensued as positive evidence of the impotency of the universe and the superuniverse governments.

6 Gabriel was personally present throughout all these disloyal proceedings and only announced that he

would, in due time, speak for Michael, and that all beings would be left free and unmolested in their choice; that the "government of the Sons for the Father desired only that loyalty and devotion which was voluntary, wholehearted, and sophistry-proof."

7 §§ Lucifer was permitted fully to establish and thoroughly to organize his rebel government before Gabriel made any effort to contest the right of secession or to counterwork the rebel propaganda. But the Constellation Fathers immediately confined the action of these disloyal personalities to the system of Satania. Nevertheless,

this period of delay was a time of great trial and testing to the loyal beings of all Satania. All was chaotic for a few years, and there was great confusion on the mansion worlds.

5. NATURE OF THE CONFLICT

1 Upon the outbreak of the Satania rebellion, Michael took counsel of his Paradise brother, Immanuel. Following this momentous conference, Michael announced that he would pursue the same policy which had characterized his dealings with similar upheavals in the past, an attitude of noninterference.

2 §§ At the time of this rebellion and the two which preceded it there was no absolute and personal sovereign authority in the universe of Nebadon. Michael ruled by divine right, as vicegerent of the Universal Father, but not yet in his own personal right. He had not completed his bestowal career; he had not yet been vested with "all power in heaven and on earth."

3 From the outbreak of rebellion to the day of his enthronement as sovereign ruler of Nebadon, Michael never interfered with the rebel forces of Lucifer; they were allowed to run a free course for almost 200,000 years of

Urantia time. Christ Michael now has ample power and authority to deal promptly, even summarily, with such outbreaks of disloyalty, but we doubt that this sovereign authority would lead him to act differently if another such upheaval should occur.

4 §§ Since Michael elected to remain aloof from the actual warfare of the Lucifer rebellion, Gabriel called his personal staff together on Edentia and, in counsel with the Most Highs, elected to assume command of the loyal hosts of Satania. Michael remained on Salvington while Gabriel proceeded to Jerusem, and establish-

ing himself on the sphere dedicated to the Father — the same Universal Father whose personality Lucifer and Satan had questioned — in the presence of the forgathered hosts of loyal personalities, he displayed the banner of Michael, the material emblem of the Trinity government of all creation, the three azure blue concentric circles[1] on a white background.

5 The Lucifer emblem was a banner of white with one red circle, in the cen-

[1] Many prophets (including the present editor) have visualised the evolving morontia soul as a blue sphere of light, see for example the presentation "Glorious Ascent" by Troy R. Bishop.

tre of which a black solid circle appeared.

6 "There was war in heaven; Michael's commander and his angels fought against the dragon (Lucifer, Satan, and the apostate princes); and the dragon and his rebellious angels fought but prevailed not." This "war in heaven" was not a physical battle as such a conflict might be conceived on Urantia. In the early days of the struggle Lucifer held forth continuously in the planetary amphitheatre. Gabriel conducted an unceasing exposure of the rebel sophistries from his headquarters taken up near at hand.

The various personalities present on the sphere who were in doubt as to their attitude would journey back and forth between these discussions until they arrived at a final decision.

7 But this war in heaven was very terrible and very real. While displaying none of the barbarities so characteristic of physical warfare on the immature worlds, this conflict was far more deadly; material life is in jeopardy in material combat, but the war in heaven was fought in terms of life

eternal.

6. A LOYAL SERAPHIC COMMANDER

1 There were many noble and inspiring acts of devotion and loyalty which were performed by numerous personalities during the interim between the outbreak of hostilities and the arrival of the new system ruler and his staff. But the most thrilling of all these daring feats of devotion was the courageous conduct of Manotia, the second in command of the Satania headquarters' seraphim.

2 At the outbreak of rebellion on Jerusem the head of the seraphic hosts

joined the Lucifer cause. This no doubt explains why such a large number of the fourth order, the system administrator seraphim, went astray. The seraphic leader was spiritually blinded by the brilliant personality of Lucifer; his charming ways fascinated the lower orders of celestial beings. They simply could not comprehend that it was possible for such a dazzling personality to go wrong.

3 §§ Not long since, in describing the experiences associated with the onset of the Lucifer rebellion, Manotia said: "But my most exhilarating moment was the thrilling adventure connected

with the Lucifer rebellion when, as second seraphic commander, I refused to participate in the projected insult to Michael; and the powerful rebels sought my destruction by means of the liaison forces they had arranged. There was a tremendous upheaval on Jerusem, but not a single loyal seraphim was harmed.

4 "Upon the default of my immediate superior it devolved upon me to assume command of the angelic hosts of Jerusem as the titular director of the confused seraphic affairs of the system. I was morally upheld by the Melchizedeks, ably assisted by a majority

of the Material Sons, deserted by a tremendous group of my own order, but magnificently supported by the ascendant mortals on Jerusem.

5 "Having been automatically thrown out of the constellation circuits by the secession of Lucifer, we were dependent on the loyalty of our intelligence corps, who forwarded calls for help to Edentia from the near-by system of Rantulia; and we found that the kingdom of order, the intellect of loyalty, and the spirit of truth were inherently triumphant over rebellion, self-assertion, and so-called personal liberty; we were able to carry on until the arrival

of the new System Sovereign, the worthy successor of Lucifer. And immediately thereafter I was assigned to the corps of the Melchizedek receivership of Urantia, assuming jurisdiction over the loyal seraphic orders on the world of the traitorous Caligastia, who had proclaimed his sphere a member of the newly projected system of 'liberated worlds and emancipated personalities' proposed in the infamous Declaration of Liberty issued by Lucifer in his call to the 'liberty-loving, free-thinking, and forward-looking intelligences of the misruled and maladministered worlds of Satania.'"

6 §§ This angel is still in service on Urantia, functioning as associate chief of seraphim.

7. HISTORY OF THE REBELLION

1 The Lucifer rebellion was system wide. 37 seceding Planetary Princes swung their world administrations largely to the side of the archrebel. Only on Panoptia did the Planetary Prince fail to carry his people with him. On this world, under the guidance of the Melchizedeks, the people rallied to the support of Michael. El-

lanora[1], a young woman of that mortal realm, grasped the leadership of the human races, and not a single soul on that strife-torn world enlisted under the Lucifer banner. And ever since have these loyal Panoptians served on the seventh Jerusem transition world as the caretakers and builders on the Father's sphere and its surrounding seven detention worlds. The Panoptians not only act as the literal custodians of these worlds, but they also execute the personal orders of Michael for

[1] Possibly derived from the Greek *eleos* "mercy" and Hebrew *nur* "shining", combined to give the meaning "the one shining with mercy".

the embellishment of these spheres for some future and unknown use. They do this work as they tarry en route to Edentia.

2 Throughout this period Caligastia was advocating the cause of Lucifer on Urantia. The Melchizedeks ably opposed the apostate Planetary Prince, but the sophistries of unbridled liberty and the delusions of self-assertion had every opportunity for deceiving the primitive peoples of a young and undeveloped world.

3 All secession propaganda had to be carried on by personal effort because the broadcast service and all

other avenues of interplanetary communication were suspended by the action of the system circuit supervisors. Upon the actual outbreak of the insurrection the entire system of Satania was isolated in both the constellation and the universe circuits. During this time all incoming and outgoing messages were dispatched by seraphic agents and Solitary Messengers. The circuits to the fallen worlds were also cut off, so that Lucifer could not utilize this avenue for the furtherance of his nefarious scheme. And these circuits will not be restored so long as the archrebel lives within the confines of

Satania.

4 This was a Lanonandek rebellion. The higher orders of local universe sonship did not join the Lucifer secession, although a few of the Life Carriers stationed on the rebel planets were somewhat influenced by the rebellion of the disloyal princes. None of the Trinitized Sons went astray. The Melchizedeks, archangels, and the Brilliant Evening Stars were all loyal to Michael and, with Gabriel, valiantly contended for the Father's will and the Son's rule.

5 No beings of Paradise origin were involved in disloyalty. Together with

the Solitary Messengers they took up headquarters on the world of the Spirit and remained under the leadership of the Faithful of Days of Edentia. None of the conciliators apostatized, nor did a single one of the Celestial Recorders go astray. But a heavy toll was taken of the Morontia Companions and the Mansion World Teachers.

6 Of the supreme order of seraphim, not an angel was lost, but a considerable group of the next order, the superior, were deceived and ensnared. Likewise a few of the third or supervisor order of angels were misled.

But the terrible breakdown came in the fourth group, the administrator angels, those seraphim who are normally assigned to the duties of the system capitals. Manotia saved almost two thirds of them, but slightly over one third followed their chief into the rebel ranks. One third of all the Jerusem cherubim attached to the administrator angels were lost with their disloyal seraphim.

7 Of the planetary angelic helpers, those assigned to the Material Sons, about one third were deceived, and almost 10% of the transition ministers were ensnared. In symbol John saw

this when he wrote[1] of the great red dragon, saying: "And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven and cast them down in darkness."

8 The greatest loss occurred in the angelic ranks, but most of the lower orders of intelligence were involved in disloyalty. Of the 681,217[2] Material

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[1] Note that the quotation from Revelation 12:4 is not exact. The Greek (and almost all other) sources say "cast them into the earth" and not "cast them down in darkness". However, it is worth mentioning that some ancient Armenian MSS omit the phrase "into the earth" and instead say "from heaven".

[2] In 1955 text "681,227". The change was made because in 51:1.5 it is stated that the total number of Material Sons lost is $13 + 681,204 = 681,217$.

Sons lost in Satania, 95% were casualties of the Lucifer rebellion. Large numbers of midway creatures were lost on those individual planets whose Planetary Princes joined the Lucifer cause.

9 §§ In many respects this rebellion was the most widespread and disastrous of all such occurrences in Nebadon. More personalities were involved in this insurrection than in both of the others. And it is to their everlasting dishonour that the emissaries of Lucifer and Satan spared not the infant-training schools on the finaliter cultural planet but rather sought

to corrupt these developing minds in mercy salvaged from the evolutionary worlds.

10 §§ The ascending mortals were vulnerable, but they withstood the sophistries of rebellion better than the lower spirits. While many on the lower mansion worlds, those who had not attained final fusion with their Adjusters, fell, it is recorded to the glory of the wisdom of the ascension scheme that not a single member of the Satania ascendant citizenship resident on Jerusem participated in the Lucifer rebellion.

11 Hour by hour and day by day

the broadcast stations of all Nebadon were thronged by the anxious watchers of every imaginable class of celestial intelligence, who intently perused the bulletins of the Satania rebellion and rejoiced as the reports continuously narrated the unswerving loyalty of the ascending mortals who, under their Melchizedek leadership, successfully withstood the combined and protracted efforts of all the subtle evil forces which so swiftly gathered around the banners of secession and sin.

12 It was over two years of system time from the beginning of the "war

in heaven" until the installation of Lucifer's successor. But at last the new Sovereign came, landing on the sea of glass with his staff. I was among the reserves mobilized on Edentia by Gabriel, and I well remember the first message of Lanaforge to the Constellation Father of Norlatiadek. It read: "Not a single Jerusem citizen was lost. Every ascendant mortal survived the fiery trial and emerged from the crucial test triumphant and altogether victorious." And on to Salvington, Uversa, and Paradise went this message of assurance that the survival experience of mortal ascension is the greatest secu-

rity against rebellion and the surest safeguard against sin. This noble Jerusem band of faithful mortals numbered just 187,432,811.

13 §§ With the arrival of Lanaforge the archrebels were dethroned and shorn of all governing powers, though they were permitted freely to go about Jerusem, the morontia spheres, and even to the individual inhabited worlds. They continued their deceptive and seductive efforts to confuse and mislead the minds of men and angels. But as concerned their work on the administrative mount of Jerusem, "their place was found no more."

14 §§ While Lucifer was deprived of all administrative authority in Satania, there then existed no local universe power nor tribunal which could detain or destroy this wicked rebel; at that time Michael was not a sovereign ruler. The Ancients of Days sustained the Constellation Fathers in their seizure of the system government, but they have never handed down any subsequent decisions in the many appeals still pending with regard to the present status and future disposition of Lucifer, Satan, and their associates.

15 Thus were these archrebels al-

lowed to roam the entire system to seek further penetration for their doctrines of discontent and self-assertion. But in almost 200,000 Urantia years they have been unable to deceive another world. No Satania worlds have been lost since the fall of the 37, not even those younger worlds peopled since that day of rebellion.

8. THE SON OF MAN ON URANTIA

1 Lucifer and Satan freely roamed the Satania system until the completion of the bestowal mission of Michael on Urantia. They were last on your world together during the time of

their combined assault upon the Son of Man.

2 Formerly, when the Planetary Princes, the "Sons of God," were periodically assembled, "Satan came also," claiming that he represented all of the isolated worlds of the fallen Planetary Princes. But he has not been accorded such liberty on Jerusem since Michael's terminal bestowal. Subsequent to their effort to corrupt Michael when in the bestowal flesh, all sympathy for Lucifer and Satan has perished throughout all Satania, that is, outside the isolated worlds of sin.

3 §§ The bestowal of Michael termi-

nated the Lucifer rebellion in all Satania aside from the planets of the apostate Planetary Princes. And this was the significance of Jesus' personal experience, just before his death in the flesh, when he one day exclaimed to his disciples, "And I beheld Satan fall as lightning from heaven." He had come with Lucifer to Urantia for the last crucial struggle.

4 The Son of Man was confident of success, and he knew that his triumph on your world would forever settle the status of his agelong enemies, not only in Satania but also in the other two systems where sin had

entered. There was survival for mortals and security for angels when your Master, in reply to the Lucifer proposals, calmly and with divine assurance replied, "Get you behind me, Satan." That was, in principle, the real end of the Lucifer rebellion. True, the Uversa tribunals have not yet rendered the executive decision regarding the appeal of Gabriel praying for the destruction of the rebels, but such a decree will, no doubt, be forthcoming in the fullness of time since the first step in the hearing of this case has already been taken.

5 Caligastia was recognized by the Son of Man as the technical Prince

of Urantia up to near the time of his death. Said Jesus: "Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast down." And then still nearer the completion of his lifework he announced, "The prince of this world is judged." And it is this same dethroned and discredited Prince who was once termed "God of Urantia."

6 §§ The last act of Michael before leaving Urantia was to offer mercy to Caligastia and Daligastia[1], but they

[1] Since the English letter 'D' follows 'C' in alphabetical order, the probable meaning of this name is "the one who is next to Caligastia". On the et-

spurned his tender proffer. Caligastia, your apostate Planetary Prince, is still free on Urantia to prosecute his nefarious designs, but he has absolutely no power to enter the minds of men, neither can he draw near to their souls to tempt or corrupt them unless they really desire to be cursed with his wicked presence.

7 §§ Before the bestowal of Michael these rulers of darkness sought to maintain their authority on Urantia, and they persistently withstood the minor and subordinate celestial per-

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ymology of the name 'Caligastia' see the note on 4:3.3.

sonalities. But since the day of Pentecost this traitorous Caligastia and his equally contemptible associate, Daligastia, are servile before the divine majesty of the Paradise Thought Adjusters and the protective Spirit of Truth, the spirit of Michael, which has been poured out upon all flesh.

8 But even so, no fallen spirit ever did have the power to invade the minds or to harass the souls of the children of God. Neither Satan nor Caligastia could ever touch or approach the faith sons of God; faith is an effective armour against sin and iniquity. It is true: "He who is born of God keeps

himself, and the wicked one touches him not."

9 In general, when weak and dissolute mortals are supposed to be under the influence of devils and demons, they are merely being dominated by their own inherent and debased tendencies, being led away by their own natural propensities. The devil has been given a great deal of credit for evil which does not belong to him. Caligastia has been comparatively impotent since the cross of Christ.

9. PRESENT STATUS OF THE REBELLION

1 Early in the days of the Lucifer re-

bellion, salvation was offered all rebels by Michael. To all who would show proof of sincere repentance, he offered, upon his attainment of complete universe sovereignty, forgiveness and reinstatement in some form of universe service. None of the leaders accepted this merciful proffer. But thousands of the angels and the lower orders of celestial beings, including hundreds of the Material Sons and Daughters, accepted the mercy proclaimed by the Panoptians and were given rehabilitation at the time of Jesus' resurrection 1900 years ago. These beings have since been transferred to

the Father's world of Jerusem, where they must be held, technically, until the Uversa courts hand down a decision in the matter of Gabriel *vs.* Lucifer. But no one doubts that, when the annihilation verdict is issued, these repentant and salvaged personalities will be exempted from the decree of extinction. These probationary souls now labour with the Panoptians in the work of caring for the Father's world.

2 §§ The archdeceiver has never been on Urantia since the days when he sought to turn back Michael from the purpose to complete the bestowal and to establish himself finally and se-

curely as the unqualified ruler of Nebadon. Upon Michael's becoming the settled head of the universe of Nebadon, Lucifer was taken into custody by the agents of the Uversa Ancients of Days and has since been a prisoner on satellite number one of the Father's group of the transition spheres of Jerusem. And here the rulers of other worlds and systems behold the end of the unfaithful Sovereign of Satania. Paul knew of the status of these rebellious leaders following Michael's bestowal, for he wrote of Caligastia's chiefs as "spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

3 §§ Michael, upon assuming the supreme sovereignty of Nebadon, petitioned the Ancients of Days for authority to intern all personalities concerned in the Lucifer rebellion pending the rulings of the superuniverse tribunals in the case of Gabriel *vs.* Lucifer, placed on the records of the Uversa supreme court almost 200,000 years ago, as you reckon time. Concerning the system capital group, the Ancients of Days granted the Michael petition with but a single exception: Satan was allowed to make periodic visits to the apostate princes on the fallen worlds until another Son of

God should be accepted by such apostate worlds, or until such time as the courts of Uversa should begin the adjudication of the case of Gabriel *vs.* Lucifer.

4 Satan could come to Urantia because you had no Son of standing in residence — neither Planetary Prince nor Material Son. Machiventa Melchizedek has since been proclaimed vicegerent Planetary Prince of Urantia, and the opening of the case of Gabriel *vs.* Lucifer has signalized the inauguration of temporary planetary regimes on all the isolated worlds. It is true that Satan did periodically

visit Caligastia and others of the fallen princes right up to the time of the presentation of these revelations, when there occurred the first hearing of Gabriel's plea for the annihilation of the archrebels. Satan is now unqualifiedly detained on the Jerusem prison worlds.

5 §§ Since Michael's final bestowal no one in all Satania has desired to go to the prison worlds to minister to the interned rebels. And no more beings have been won to the deceiver's cause. For 1900 years the status has been unchanged.

6 We do not look for a removal of

the present Satania restrictions until the Ancients of Days make final disposition of the archrebels. The system circuits will not be reinstated so long as Lucifer lives. Meantime, he is wholly inactive.

7 The rebellion has ended on Jerusem. It ends on the fallen worlds as fast as divine Sons arrive. We believe that all rebels who will ever accept mercy have done so. We await the flashing broadcast that will deprive these traitors of personality existence. We anticipate the verdict of Uversa will be announced by the executionary broadcast which will effect the annihi-

lation of these interned rebels. Then will you look for their places, but they shall not be found. "And they who know you among the worlds will be astonished at you; you have been a terror, but never shall you be any more." And thus shall all of these unworthy traitors "become as though they had not been." All await the Uversa decree.

8 But for ages the seven prison worlds of spiritual darkness in Satania have constituted a solemn warning to all Nebadon, eloquently and effectively proclaiming the great truth "that the way of the transgressor is hard"; "that within every sin is con-

cealed the seed of its own destruction"; that "the wages of sin is death."

9 [Presented by Manovandet Melchizedek, onetime attached to the receivership of Urantia.]

PAPER 54

PROBLEMS OF THE LUCIFER REBELLION

Mighty Messenger

Evolutionary man finds it difficult fully to comprehend the significance and to grasp the meanings of evil, error, sin, and iniquity. Man is slow to perceive that contrastive perfection and imperfection produce potential evil; that conflicting truth and falsehood create confusing error; that the divine endowment

of freewill choice eventuates in the divergent realms of sin and righteousness; that the persistent pursuit of divinity leads to the kingdom of God as contrasted with its continuous rejection, which leads to the domains of iniquity.

2 The Gods neither create evil nor permit sin and rebellion. Potential evil is time-existent in a universe embracing differential levels of perfection meanings and values. Sin is potential in all realms where imperfect beings are endowed with the ability to choose between good and evil. The very conflicting presence of truth and

untruth, fact and falsehood, constitutes the potentiality of error. The deliberate choice of evil constitutes sin; the wilful rejection of truth is error; the persistent pursuit of sin and error is iniquity.

1. TRUE AND FALSE LIBERTY

1 Of all the perplexing problems growing out of the Lucifer rebellion, none has occasioned more difficulty than the failure of immature evolutionary mortals to distinguish between true and false liberty.

2 True liberty is the quest of the ages and the reward of evolutionary prog-

ress. False liberty is the subtle deception of the error of time and the evil of space. Enduring liberty is predicated on the reality of justice — intelligence, maturity, fraternity, and equity.

3 Liberty is a self-destroying technique of cosmic existence when its motivation is unintelligent, unconditioned, and uncontrolled. True liberty is progressively related to reality and is ever regardful of social equity, cosmic fairness, universe fraternity, and divine obligations.

4 Liberty is suicidal when divorced from material justice, intellectual fairness, social forbearance, moral duty,

and spiritual values. Liberty is nonexistent apart from cosmic reality, and all personality reality is proportional to its divinity relationships.

5 Unbridled self-will and unregulated self-expression equal unmitigated selfishness, the acme of ungodliness. Liberty without the associated and ever-increasing conquest of self is a figment of egoistic mortal imagination. Self-motivated liberty is a conceptual illusion, a cruel deception. License masquerading in the garments of liberty is the forerunner of abject bondage.

6 True liberty is the associate of gen-

uine self-respect; false liberty is the consort of self-admiration. True liberty is the fruit of self-control; false liberty, the assumption of self-assertion. Self-control leads to altruistic service; self-admiration tends towards the exploitation of others for the selfish aggrandizement of such a mistaken individual as is willing to sacrifice righteous attainment for the sake of possessing unjust power over his fellow beings.

7 §§ Even wisdom is divine and safe only when it is cosmic in scope and spiritual in motivation.

8 §§ There is no error greater than

that species of self-deception which leads intelligent beings to crave the exercise of power over other beings for the purpose of depriving these persons of their natural liberties. The golden rule of human fairness cries out against all such fraud, unfairness, selfishness, and unrighteousness. Only true and genuine liberty is compatible with the reign of love and the ministry of mercy.

9 How dare the self-willed creature encroach upon the rights of his fellows in the name of personal liberty when the Supreme Rulers of the universe stand back in merciful respect for

these prerogatives of will and potentials of personality! No being, in the exercise of his supposed personal liberty, has a right to deprive any other being of those privileges of existence conferred by the Creators and duly respected by all their loyal associates, subordinates, and subjects.

10 Evolutionary man may have to contend for his material liberties with tyrants and oppressors on a world of sin and iniquity or during the early times of a primitive evolving sphere, but not so on the morontia worlds or on the spirit spheres. War is the heritage of early evolutionary man, but on

worlds of normal advancing civilization physical combat as a technique of adjusting racial misunderstandings has long since fallen into disrepute.

2. THE THEFT OF LIBERTY

1 With the Son and in the Spirit did God project eternal Havona, and ever since has there obtained the eternal pattern of co-ordinate participation in creation — sharing. This pattern of sharing is the master design for every one of the Sons and Daughters of God who go out into space to engage in the attempt to duplicate in time the central universe of eternal perfection.

2 Every creature of every evolving universe who aspires to do the Father's will is destined to become the partner of the time-space Creators in this magnificent adventure of experiential perfection attainment. Were this not true, the Father would have hardly endowed such creatures with creative free will, neither would he indwell them, actually go into partnership with them by means of his own spirit.

3 §§ Lucifer's folly was the attempt to do the nondoable, to short-circuit time in an experiential universe. Lucifer's crime was the attempted cre-

ative disenfranchisement of every personality in Satania, the unrecognized abridgement of the creature's personal participation — freewill participation — in the long evolutionary struggle to attain the status of light and life both individually and collectively. In so doing this onetime Sovereign of your system set the temporal purpose of his own will directly athwart the eternal purpose of God's will as it is revealed in the bestowal of free will upon all personal creatures. The Lucifer rebellion thus threatened the maximum possible infringement of the freewill choice of the ascenders and servers of the sys-

tem of Satania — a threat forevermore to deprive every one of these beings of the thrilling experience of contributing something personal and unique to the slowly erecting monument to experiential wisdom which will sometime exist as the perfected system of Satania. Thus does the Lucifer manifesto, masquerading in the habiliments of liberty, stand forth in the clear light of reason as a monumental threat to consummate the theft of personal liberty and to do it on a scale that has been approached only twice in all the history of Nebadon.

4 In short, what God had given men and angels Lucifer would have taken away from them, that is, the divine privilege of participating in the creation of their own destinies and of the destiny of this local system of inhabited worlds.

5 §§ No being in all the universe has the rightful liberty to deprive any other being of true liberty, the right to love and be loved, the privilege of worshipping God and of serving his fellows.

3. THE TIME LAG OF JUSTICE

1 The moral will creatures of the

evolutionary worlds are always bothered with the unthinking question as to why the all-wise Creators permit evil and sin. They fail to comprehend that both are inevitable if the creature is to be truly free. The free will of evolving man or exquisite angel is not a mere philosophic concept, a symbolic ideal. Man's ability to choose good or evil is a universe reality. This liberty to choose for oneself is an endowment of the Supreme Rulers, and they will not permit any being or group of beings to deprive a single personality in the wide universe of this divinely bestowed liberty — not even to satisfy

such misguided and ignorant beings in the enjoyment of this misnamed personal liberty.

2 Although conscious and wholehearted identification with evil (sin) is the equivalent of nonexistence (annihilation), there must always intervene between the time of such personal identification with sin and the execution of the penalty — the automatic result of such a wilful embrace of evil — a period of time of sufficient length to allow for such an adjudication of such an individual's universe status as will prove entirely satisfactory to all related universe person-

alities, and which will be so fair and just as to win the approval of the sinner himself.

3 But if this universe rebel against the reality of truth and goodness refuses to approve the verdict, and if the guilty one knows in his heart the justice of his condemnation but refuses to make such confession, then must the execution of sentence be delayed in accordance with the discretion of the Ancients of Days. And the Ancients of Days refuse to annihilate any being until all moral values and all spiritual realities are extinct, both in the evildoer and in all related support-

ers and possible sympathizers.

4. THE MERCY TIME LAG

1 Another problem somewhat difficult of explanation in the constellation of Norlatiadek pertains to the reasons for permitting Lucifer, Satan, and the fallen princes to work mischief so long before being apprehended, interned, and adjudicated.

2 Parents, those who have borne and reared children, are better able to understand why Michael, a Creator-father, might be slow to condemn and destroy his own Sons. Jesus' story of the prodigal son well illustrates how a

loving father can long wait for the repentance of an erring child.

3 The very fact that an evil-doing creature can actually choose to do wrong — commit sin — establishes the fact of free-willness and fully justifies any length delay in the execution of justice provided the extended mercy might conduce to repentance and rehabilitation.

4 §§ Most of the liberties which Lucifer sought he already had; others he was to receive in the future. All these precious endowments were lost by giving way to impatience and yielding to a desire to possess what one craves now

and to possess it in defiance of all obligation to respect the rights and liberties of all other beings composing the universe of universes. Ethical obligations are innate, divine, and universal.

5 §§ There are many reasons known to us why the Supreme Rulers did not immediately destroy or intern the leaders of the Lucifer rebellion. There are no doubt still other and possibly better reasons unknown to us. The mercy features of this delay in the execution of justice were extended personally by Michael of Nebadon. Except for the affection of this Creator-father for his erring Sons, the

supreme justice of the superuniverse would have acted. If such an episode as the Lucifer rebellion had occurred in Nebadon while Michael was incarnated on Urantia, the instigators of such evil might have been instantly and absolutely annihilated.

6 Supreme justice can act instantly when not restrained by divine mercy. But the ministry of mercy to the children of time and space always provides for this time lag, this saving interval between seedtime and harvest. If the seed sowing is good, this interval provides for the testing and upbuilding of character; if the seed sowing is

evil, this merciful delay provides time for repentance and rectification. This time delay in the adjudication and execution of evildoers is inherent in the mercy ministry of the seven superuniverses. This restraint of justice by mercy proves that God is love, and that such a God of love dominates the universes and in mercy controls the fate and judgment of all his creatures.

7 The mercy delays of time are by the mandate of the free will of the Creators. There is good to be derived in the universe from this technique of patience in dealing with sinful rebels. While it is all too true that

good cannot come of evil to the one who contemplates and performs evil, it is equally true that all things (including evil, potential and manifest) work together for good to all beings who know God, love to do his will, and are ascending Paradiseward according to his eternal plan and divine purpose.

8 But these mercy delays are not interminable. Notwithstanding the long delay (as time is reckoned on Urantia) in adjudicating the Lucifer rebellion, we may record that, during the time of effecting this revelation, the first hearing in the pending case of Gabriel *vs.* Lucifer was held on Uversa, and soon

thereafter there issued the mandate of the Ancients of Days directing that Satan be henceforth confined to the prison world with Lucifer. This ends the ability of Satan to pay further visits to any of the fallen worlds of Satania. Justice in a mercy-dominated universe may be slow, but it is certain.

5. THE WISDOM OF DELAY

1 Of the many reasons known to me as to why Lucifer and his confederates were not sooner interned or adjudicated, I am permitted to recite the following:

2 1. Mercy requires that every

wrongdoer have sufficient time in which to formulate a deliberate and fully chosen attitude regarding his evil thoughts and sinful acts.

3 2. Supreme justice is dominated by a Father's love; therefore will justice never destroy that which mercy can save. Time to accept salvation is vouchsafed every evildoer.

4 3. No affectionate father is ever precipitate in visiting punishment upon an erring member of his family. Patience cannot function independently of time.

5 4. While wrongdoing is always deleterious to a family, wisdom and

love admonish the upright children to bear with an erring brother during the time granted by the affectionate father in which the sinner may see the error of his way and embrace salvation.

6 5. Regardless of Michael's attitude toward Lucifer, notwithstanding his being Lucifer's Creator-father, it was not in the province of the Creator Son to exercise summary jurisdiction over the apostate System Sovereign because he had not then completed his bestowal career, thereby attaining unqualified sovereignty of Nebadon.

7 6. The Ancients of Days could

have immediately annihilated these rebels, but they seldom execute wrongdoers without a full hearing. In this instance they refused to overrule the Michael decisions.

8 7. It is evident that Immanuel counselled Michael to remain aloof from the rebels and allow rebellion to pursue a natural course of self-obliteration. And the wisdom of the Union of Days is the time reflection of the united wisdom of the Paradise Trinity.

9 8. The Faithful of Days on Edentia advised the Constellation Fathers to allow the rebels free course to the end that all sympathy for these evildo-

ers should be the sooner uprooted in the hearts of every present and future citizen of Norlatiadek — every mortal, morontia, or spirit creature.

10 9. On Jerusem the personal representative of the Supreme Executive of Orvonton counselled Gabriel to foster full opportunity for every living creature to mature a deliberate choice in those matters involved in the Lucifer Declaration of Liberty. The issues of rebellion having been raised, the Paradise emergency adviser of Gabriel portrayed that, if such full and free opportunity were not given all Norlatiadek creatures, then would

the Paradise quarantine against all such possible half-hearted or doubt-stricken creatures be extended in self-protection against the entire constellation. To keep open the Paradise doors of ascension to the beings of Norlatiadek, it was necessary to provide for the full development of rebellion and to ensure the complete determination of attitude on the part of all beings in any way concerned therewith.

11 10. The Divine Minister of Salvington issued as her third independent proclamation a mandate directing that nothing be done to half cure,

cowardly suppress, or otherwise hide the hideous visage of rebels and rebellion. The angelic hosts were directed to work for full disclosure and unlimited opportunity for sin-expression as the quickest technique of achieving the perfect and final cure of the plague of evil and sin.

12 11. An emergency council of ex-mortals consisting of Mighty Messengers, glorified mortals who had had personal experience with like situations, together with their colleagues, was organized on Jerusem. They advised Gabriel that at least three times the number of beings would be led

astray if arbitrary or summary methods of suppression were attempted. The entire Uversa corps of counsellors concurred in advising Gabriel to permit the rebellion to take its full and natural course, even if it should require a million years to wind up the consequences.

[13] 12. Time, even in a universe of time, is relative: If a Urantia mortal of average length of life should commit a crime which precipitated worldwide pandemonium, and if he were apprehended, tried, and executed within two or three days of the commission of the crime, would it seem a long time

to you? And yet that would be nearer a comparison with the length of Lucifer's life even if his adjudication, now begun, should not be completed for 100,000 Urantia years. The relative lapse of time from the viewpoint of Uversa, where the litigation is pending, could be indicated by saying that the crime of Lucifer was being brought to trial within 2½ seconds of its commission. From the Paradise viewpoint the adjudication is simultaneous with the enactment.

14 §§ There are an equal number of reasons for not arbitrarily stopping the Lucifer rebellion which would be

partially comprehensible to you, but which I am not permitted to narrate. I may inform you that on Uversa we teach 48 reasons for permitting evil to run the full course of its own moral bankruptcy and spiritual extinction. I doubt not that there are just as many additional reasons not known to me.

6. THE TRIUMPH OF LOVE

1 Whatever the difficulties evolutionary mortals may encounter in their efforts to understand the Lucifer rebellion, it should be clear to all reflective thinkers that the technique of dealing with the rebels is a vindication

of divine love. The loving mercy extended to the rebels does seem to have involved many innocent beings in trials and tribulations, but all these distraught personalities may securely depend upon the all-wise Judges to adjudicate their destinies in mercy as well as justice.

2 In all their dealings with intelligent beings, both the Creator Son and his Paradise Father are love dominated. It is impossible to comprehend many phases of the attitude of the universe rulers toward rebels and rebellion — sin and sinners — unless it be remembered that God as a Fa-

ther takes precedence over all other phases of Deity manifestation in all the dealings of divinity with humanity. It should also be recalled that the Paradise Creator Sons are all mercy motivated.

3 §§ If an affectionate father of a large family chooses to show mercy to one of his children guilty of grievous wrongdoing, it may well be that the extension of mercy to this misbehaving child will work a temporary hardship upon all the other and well-behaved children. Such eventualities are inevitable; such a risk is inseparable from the reality situation of having

a loving parent and of being a member of a family group. Each member of a family profits by the righteous conduct of every other member; likewise must each member suffer the immediate time-consequences of the misconduct of every other member. Families, groups, nations, races, worlds, systems, constellations, and universes are relationships of association which possess individuality; and therefore does every member of any such group, large or small, reap the benefits and suffer the consequences of the rightdoing and the wrongdoing of all other members of the group con-

cerned.

4 But one thing should be made clear: If you are made to suffer the evil consequences of the sin of some member of your family, some fellow citizen or fellow mortal, even rebellion in the system or elsewhere — no matter what you may have to endure because of the wrongdoing of your associates, fellows, or superiors — you may rest secure in the eternal assurance that such tribulations are transient afflictions. None of these fraternal consequences of misbehaviour in the group can ever jeopardize your eternal prospects or in the least degree

deprive you of your divine right of Paradise ascension and God attainment.

5 And there is compensation for these trials, delays, and disappointments which invariably accompany the sin of rebellion. Of the many valuable repercussions of the Lucifer rebellion which might be named, I will only call attention to the enhanced careers of those mortal ascenders, the Jerusem citizens, who, by withstanding the sophistries of sin, placed themselves in line for becoming future Mighty Messengers, fellows of my own order. Every being who stood the test of that evil episode thereby immediately ad-

vanced his administrative status and enhanced his spiritual worth.

6 §§ At first the Lucifer upheaval appeared to be an unmitigated calamity to the system and to the universe. Gradually benefits began to accrue. With the passing of 25,000 years of system time (20,000 years of Urantia time), the Melchizedeks began to teach that the good resulting from Lucifer's folly had come to equal the evil incurred. The sum of evil had by that time become almost stationary, continuing to increase only on certain isolated worlds, while the beneficial repercussions continued to mul-

tiply and extend out through the universe and superuniverse, even to Havona. The Melchizedeks now teach that the good resulting from the Satania rebellion is more than a thousand times the sum of all the evil.

7 But such an extraordinary and beneficent harvest of wrongdoing could only be brought about by the wise, divine, and merciful attitude of all of Lucifer's superiors, extending from the Constellation Fathers on Edentia to the Universal Father on Paradise. The passing of time has enhanced the consequential good to be derived from the Lucifer folly; and

since the evil to be penalized was quite fully developed within a comparatively short time, it is apparent that the all-wise and farseeing universe rulers would be certain to extend the time in which to reap increasingly beneficial results. Regardless of the many additional reasons for delaying the apprehension and adjudication of the Satania rebels, this one gain would have been enough to explain why these sinners were not sooner interned, and why they have not been adjudicated and destroyed.

8 Short-sighted and time-bound mortal minds should be slow to crit-

icize the time delays of the farseeing and all-wise administrators of universe affairs.

9 One error of human thinking respecting these problems consists in the idea that all evolutionary mortals on an evolving planet would choose to enter upon the Paradise career if sin had not cursed their world. The ability to decline survival does not date from the times of the Lucifer rebellion. Mortal man has always possessed the endowment of freewill choice regarding the Paradise career.

10 §§ As you ascend in the survival experience, you will broaden your uni-

verse concepts and extend your horizon of meanings and values; and thus will you be able the better to understand why such beings as Lucifer and Satan are permitted to continue in rebellion. You will also better comprehend how ultimate (if not immediate) good can be derived from time-limited evil. After you attain Paradise, you will really be enlightened and comforted when you listen to the superaphic philosophers discuss and explain these profound problems of universe adjustment. But even then, I doubt that you will be fully satisfied in your own minds. At least I was

not even when I had thus attained the acme of universe philosophy. I did not achieve a full comprehension of these complexities until after I had been assigned to administrative duties in the superuniverse, where by actual experience I have acquired conceptual capacity adequate for the comprehension of such many-sided problems in cosmic equity and spiritual philosophy. As you ascend Paradiseward, you will increasingly learn that many problematic features of universe administration can only be comprehended subsequent to the acquirement of increased experiential capacity and to

the achievement of enhanced spiritual insight. Cosmic wisdom is essential to the understanding of cosmic situations.

11 [Presented by a Mighty Messenger of experiential survival in the first system rebellion in the universes of time now attached to the superuniverse government of Orvonton and acting in this matter by request of Gabriel of Salvington.]

PAPER 55

THE SPHERES OF LIGHT AND LIFE

Mighty Messenger

The age of light and life is the final evolutionary attainment of a world of time and space. From the early times of primitive man, such an inhabited world has passed through the successive planetary ages — the pre- and the post-Planetary Prince ages, the post-Adamic age, the post-Magisterial Son age, and the postbestowal Son age.

And then is such a world made ready for the culminating evolutionary attainment, the settled status of light and life, by the ministry of the successive planetary missions of the Trinity Teacher Sons with their ever-advancing revelations of divine truth and cosmic wisdom. In these endeavours the Teacher Sons enjoy the assistance of the Brilliant Evening Stars always, and the Melchizedeks sometimes, in establishing the final planetary age.

2 This era of light and life, inaugurated by the Teacher Sons at the conclusion of their final planetary mission, continues indefinitely on the in-

habited worlds. Each advancing stage of settled status may be segregated by the judicial actions of the Magisterial Sons into a succession of dispensations; but all such judicial actions are purely technical, in no way modifying the course of planetary events.

3 §§ Only those planets which attain existence in the main circuits of the superuniverse are assured of continuous survival, but as far as we know, these worlds settled in light and life are destined to go on throughout the eternal ages of all future time.

4 §§ There are seven stages in the unfoldment of the era of light and life

on an evolutionary world, and in this connection it should be noted that the worlds of the Spirit-fused mortals evolve along lines identical with those of the Adjuster-fusion series. These seven stages of light and life are:

5 1. The first or planetary stage.

6 2. The second or system stage.

7 3. The third or constellation stage.

8 4. The fourth or local universe stage.

9 5. The fifth or minor sector stage.

10 6. The sixth or major sector stage.

11 7. The seventh or superuniverse stage.

12 §§ At the conclusion of this narrative these stages of advancing development are described as they relate to the universe organization, but the planetary values of any stage may be attained by any world quite independent of the development of other worlds or of the superplanetary levels of universe administration.

1. THE MORONTIA TEMPLE

1 The presence of a morontia temple at the capital of an inhabited world is the certificate of the admission of

such a sphere to the settled ages of light and life. Before the Teacher Sons leave a world at the conclusion of their terminal mission, they inaugurate this final epoch of evolutionary attainment; they preside on that day when the "holy temple comes down upon earth." This event, signalizing the dawn of the era of light and life, is always honoured by the personal presence of the Paradise bestowal Son of that planet, who comes to witness this great day. There in this temple of unparalleled beauty, this bestowal Son of Paradise proclaims the long-time Planetary Prince as the new Planetary

Sovereign and invests such a faithful Lanonandek Son with new powers and extended authority over planetary affairs. The System Sovereign is also present and speaks in confirmation of these pronouncements.

2 A morontia temple has three parts: Centremost is the sanctuary of the Paradise bestowal Son. On the right is the seat of the former Planetary Prince, now Planetary Sovereign; and when present in the temple, this Lanonandek Son is visible to the more spiritual individuals of the realm. On the left is the seat of the acting chief of finaliters attached to the planet.

3 §§ Although the planetary temples have been spoken of as "coming down from heaven," in reality no actual material is transported from the system headquarters. The architecture of each is worked out in miniature on the system capital, and the Morontia Power Supervisors subsequently bring these approved plans to the planet. Here, in association with the Master Physical Controllers, they proceed to build the morontia temple according to specifications.

4 §§ The average morontia temple seats about 300,000 spectators. These edifices are not used for worship,

play, or for receiving broadcasts; they are devoted to the special ceremonies of the planet, such as: communications with the System Sovereign or with the Most Highs, special visualization ceremonies designed to reveal the personality presence of spirit beings, and silent cosmic contemplation. The schools of cosmic philosophy here conduct their graduation exercises, and here also do the mortals of the realm receive planetary recognition for achievements of high social service and for other outstanding attainments.

5 Such a morontia temple also

serves as the place of assembly for witnessing the translation of living mortals to the morontia existence. It is because the translation temple is composed of morontia material that it is not destroyed by the blazing glory of the consuming fire which so completely obliterates the physical bodies of those mortals who therein experience final fusion with their divine Adjusters. On a large world these departure flares are almost continuous, and as the number of translations increases, subsidiary morontia life shrines are provided in different areas of the planet. Not long since

I sojourned on a world in the far north whereon 25 morontia shrines were functioning.

6 §§ On presettled worlds, planets without morontia temples, these fusion flashes many times occur in the planetary atmosphere, where the material body of a translation candidate is elevated by the midway creatures and the physical controllers.

2. DEATH AND TRANSLATION

1 Natural, physical death is not a mortal inevitability. The majority of advanced evolutionary beings, citizens on worlds existing in the final era of

light and life, do not die; they are translated directly from the life in the flesh to the morontia existence.

2 This experience of translation from the material life to the morontia state — fusion of the immortal soul with the indwelling Adjuster — increases in frequency commensurate with the evolutionary progress of the planet. At first only a few mortals in each age attain translation levels of spiritual progress, but with the onset of the successive ages of the Teacher Sons, more and more Adjuster fusions occur before the termination of the lengthening lives of these progressing

mortals; and by the time of the terminal mission of the Teacher Sons, approximately one quarter of these superb mortals are exempt from natural death.

3 §§ Farther along in the era of light and life the midway creatures or their associates sense the approaching status of probable soul-Adjuster union and signify this to the destiny guardians, who in turn communicate these matters to the finaliter group under whose jurisdiction this mortal may be functioning; then there is issued the summons of the Planetary Sovereign for such a mortal to resign all plane-

tary duties, bid farewell to the world of his origin, and repair to the inner temple of the Planetary Sovereign, there to await morontia transit, the translation flash, from the material domain of evolution to the morontia level of prespirit progression.

4 §§ When the family, friends, and working group of such a fusion candidate have forgathered in the morontia temple, they are distributed around the central stage whereon the fusion candidates are resting, meantime freely conversing with their assembled friends. A circle of intervening celestial personalities is arranged

to protect the material mortals from the action of the energies manifest at the instant of the "life flash" which delivers the ascension candidate from the bonds of material flesh, thereby doing for such an evolutionary mortal everything that natural death does for those who are thereby delivered from the flesh.

5 Many fusion candidates may be assembled in the spacious temple at the same time. And what a beautiful occasion when mortals thus forgather to witness the ascension of their loved ones in spiritual flames, and what a contrast to those earlier ages

when mortals must commit their dead to the embrace of the terrestrial elements! The scenes of weeping and wailing characteristic of earlier epochs of human evolution are now replaced by ecstatic joy and the sublimest enthusiasm as these God-knowing mortals bid their loved ones a transient farewell as they are removed from their material associations by the spiritual fires of consuming grandeur and ascending glory. On worlds settled in light and life, "funerals" are occasions of supreme joy, profound satisfaction, and inexpressible hope.

6 The souls of these progressing

mortals are increasingly filled with faith, hope, and assurance. The spirit permeating those gathered around the translation shrine resembles that of the joyful friends and relatives who might assemble at a graduating exercise for one of their group, or who might come together to witness the conferring of some great honour upon one of their number. And it would be decidedly helpful if less advanced mortals could only learn to view natural death with something of this same cheerfulness and light-heartedness.

7 §§ Mortal observers can see nothing of their translated associates sub-

sequent to the fusion flash. Such translated souls proceed by Adjuster transit direct to the resurrection hall of the appropriate morontia-training world. These transactions concerned with the translation of living human beings to the morontia world are supervised by an archangel who was assigned to such a world on the day when it was first settled in light and life.

8 By the time a world attains the fourth stage of light and life, more than half the mortals leave the planet by translation from among the living. Such diminishment of death con-

tinues on and on, but I know of no system whose inhabited worlds, even though long settled in life, are entirely free from natural death as the technique of escape from the bonds of flesh. And until such a high state of planetary evolution is uniformly attained, the morontia-training worlds of the local universe must continue in service as educational and cultural spheres for the evolving morontia progressors. The elimination of death is theoretically possible, but it has not yet occurred according to my observation. Perhaps such a status may be attained during the faraway stretches

of the succeeding epochs of the seventh stage of settled planetary life.

9 §§ The translated souls of the flowering ages of the settled spheres do not pass through the mansion worlds. Neither do they sojourn, as students, on the morontia worlds of the system or constellation. They do not pass through any of the earlier phases of morontia life. They are the only ascending mortals who so nearly escape the morontia transition from material existence to semispirit status. The initial experience of such *Son-seized* mortals in the ascension career is in the services of the progression worlds of

the universe headquarters. And from these study worlds of Salvington they go back as teachers to the very worlds they passed by, subsequently going on inward to Paradise by the established route of mortal ascension.

10 Could you but visit a planet in an advanced stage of development, you would quickly grasp the reasons for providing for the differential reception of ascending mortals on the mansion and higher morontia worlds. You would readily understand that beings passing on from such highly evolved spheres are prepared to resume their Paradise ascent far in advance of the

average mortal arriving from a disordered and backward world like Urantia.

11 No matter from what level of planetary attainment human beings may ascend to the morontia worlds, the seven mansion spheres afford them ample opportunity to gain in experience as teacher-students all of everything which they failed to pass through because of the advanced status of their native planets.

12 The universe is unfailing in the application of these equalizing techniques designed to ensure that no ascender shall be deprived of aught

which is essential to his ascension experience.

3. THE GOLDEN AGES

1 During this age of light and life the world increasingly prospers under the fatherly rule of the Planetary Sovereign. By this time the worlds are progressing under the momentum of one language, one religion, and, on normal spheres, one race. But this age is not perfect. These worlds still have well-appointed hospitals, homes for the care of the sick. There still remain the problems of caring for accidental injuries and the inescapable in-

firmities attendant upon the decrepitude of old age and the disorders of senility. Disease has not been entirely vanquished, neither have the earth animals been subdued in perfection; but such worlds are like Paradise in comparison with the early times of primitive man during the pre-Planetary Prince age. You would instinctively describe such a realm — could you be suddenly transported to a planet in this stage of development — as heaven on earth.

2 §§ Human government in the conduct of material affairs continues to function throughout this age of rela-

tive progress and perfection. The public activities of a world in the first stage of light and life which I recently visited were financed by the tithing technique. Every adult worker — and all able-bodied citizens worked at something — paid 10% of his income or increase to the public treasury, and it was disbursed as follows:

3 1. 3% was expended in the promotion of truth — science, education, and philosophy.

4 2. 3% was devoted to beauty — play, social leisure, and art.

5 3. 3% was dedicated to goodness — social service, altruism, and reli-

gion.

6 4. 1% was assigned to the insurance reserves against the risk of incapacity for labour resultant from accident, disease, old age, or unpreventable disasters.

7 §§ The natural resources of this planet were administered as social possessions, community property.

8 On this world the highest honour conferred upon a citizen was the order of "supreme service," being the only degree of recognition ever to be granted in the morontia temple. This recognition was bestowed upon those who had long distinguished them-

selves in some phase of supermaterial discovery or planetary social service.

9 The majority of social and administrative posts were held jointly by men and women. Most of the teaching was also done jointly; likewise all judicial trusts were discharged by similar associated couples.

10 §§ On these superb worlds the childbearing period is not greatly prolonged. It is not best for too many years to intervene between the ages of a family of children. When close together in age, children are able to contribute much more to their mutual training. And on these worlds

they are magnificently trained by the competitive systems of keen striving in the advanced domains and divisions of diverse achievement in the mastery of truth, beauty, and goodness. Never fear but that even such glorified spheres present plenty of evil, real and potential, which is stimulative of the choosing between truth and error, good and evil, sin and righteousness.

11 Nevertheless, there is a certain, inevitable penalty attaching to mortal existence on such advanced evolutionary planets. When a settled world progresses beyond the third stage of light and life, all ascenders are destined, be-

fore attaining the minor sector, to receive some sort of transient assignment on a planet passing through the earlier stages of evolution.

12 Each of these successive ages represents advancing achievements in all phases of planetary attainment. In the initial age of light the revelation of truth was enlarged to embrace the workings of the universe of universes, while the Deity study of the second age is the attempt to master the protean concept of the nature, mission, ministry, associations, origin, and destiny of the Creator Sons, the first level of God the Sevenfold.

13 §§ A planet the size of Urantia, when fairly well settled, would have about 100 subadministrative centres. These subordinate centres would be presided over by one of the following groups of qualified administrators:

14 1. Young Material Sons and Daughters brought from the system headquarters to act as assistants to the ruling Adam and Eve.

15 2. The progeny of the semimortal staff of the Planetary Prince who were procreated on certain worlds for this and other similar responsibilities.

16 3. The direct planetary progeny of Adam and Eve.

17 4. Materialized and humanized midway creatures.

18 5. Mortals of Adjuster-fusion status who, upon their own petition, are temporarily exempted from translation by the order of the Personalized Adjuster of universe chieftainship in order that they may continue on the planet in certain important administrative posts.

19 6. Specially trained mortals of the planetary schools of administration who have also received the order of supreme service of the morontia temple.

20 7. Certain elective commissions

of three properly qualified citizens who are sometimes chosen by the citizenry by direction of the Planetary Sovereign in accordance with their special ability to accomplish some definite task which is needful in that particular planetary sector.

21 §§ The great handicap confronting Urantia in the matter of attaining the high planetary destiny of light and life is embraced in the problems of disease, degeneracy, war, multicoloured races, and multilingualism.

22 No evolutionary world can hope to progress beyond the first stage of settledness in light until it has

achieved one language, one religion, and one philosophy. Being of one race greatly facilitates such achievement, but the many peoples of Urantia do not preclude the attainment of higher stages.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE READJUSTMENTS

1 In the successive stages of settled existence the inhabited worlds make marvellous progress under the wise and sympathetic administration of the volunteer Corps of the Finality, ascenders of Paradise attainment who have come back to minister to their breth-

ren in the flesh. These finaliters are active in co-operation with the Trinity Teacher Sons, but they do not begin their real participation in world affairs until the morontia temple appears on earth.

2 Upon the formal inauguration of the planetary ministry of the Corps of the Finality, the majority of the celestial hosts withdraw. But the seraphic guardians of destiny continue their personal ministry to the progressing mortals in light; indeed such angels come in ever-increasing numbers throughout the settled ages since larger and larger groups of human be-

ings reach the third cosmic circle of co-ordinate mortal attainment during the planetary life span.

3 This is merely the first of the successive administrative adjustments which attend the unfolding of the successive ages of increasingly brilliant attainment on the inhabited worlds as they pass from the first to the seventh stage of settled existence.

4 1. *The first stage of light and life.* A world in this initial settled stage is being administered by three rulers:

5 a. The Planetary Sovereign, presently to be advised by a counselling Trinity Teacher Son, in all probabil-

ity the chief of the terminal corps of such Sons to function on the planet.

6 b. The chief of the planetary corps of finaliters.

7 c. Adam and Eve, who function jointly as the unifiers of the dual leadership of the Prince-Sovereign and the chief of finaliters.

8 §§ Acting as interpreters for the seraphic guardians and the finaliters are the exalted and liberated midway creatures. One of the last acts of the Trinity Teacher Sons on their terminal mission is to liberate the midwayers of the realm and to promote (or restore) them to advanced planetary

status, assigning them to responsible places in the new administration of the settled sphere. Such changes have already been made in the range of human vision as enable mortals to recognize these heretofore invisible cousins of the early Adamic regime. This is made possible by the final discoveries of physical science in liaison with the enlarged planetary functions of the Master Physical Controllers.

9 The System Sovereign has authority to release midway creatures any time after the first settled stage so that they may humanize in the morontia by the aid of the Life Carriers and the

physical controllers and, after receiving Thought Adjusters, start out on their Paradise ascension.

10 In the third and subsequent stages, some of the midwayers are still functioning, chiefly as contact personalities for the finaliters, but as each stage of light and life is entered, new orders of liaison ministers largely replace the midwayers; very few of them ever remain beyond the fourth stage of light. The seventh stage will witness the coming of the first absonite ministers from Paradise to serve in the places of certain universe creatures.

11 2. *The second stage of light and*

life. This epoch is signalized on the worlds by the arrival of a Life Carrier who becomes the volunteer adviser of the planetary rulers regarding the further efforts to purify and stabilize the mortal race. Thus do the Life Carriers actively participate in the further evolution of the human race — physically, socially, and economically. And then they extend their supervision to the further purification of the mortal stock by the drastic elimination of the retarded and persisting remnants of inferior potential of an intellectual, philosophic, cosmic, and spiritual nature. Those who design and plant life

on an inhabited world are fully competent to advise the Material Sons and Daughters, who have full and unquestioned authority to purge the evolving race of all detrimental influences.

12 From the second stage on throughout the career of a settled planet the Teacher Sons serve as counsellors to the finaliters. During such missions they serve as volunteers and not by assignment; and they serve exclusively with the finaliter corps except that, upon the consent of the System Sovereign, they may be had as advisers to the Planetary Adam and Eve.

13 3. *The third stage of light and*

life. During this epoch the inhabited worlds arrive at a new appreciation of the Ancients of Days, the second phase of God the Sevenfold, and the representatives of these superuniverse rulers enter into new relationships with the planetary administration.

14 In each succeeding age of settled existence the finaliters function in ever-increasing capacities. There exists a close working connection between the finaliters, the Evening Stars (the superangels), and the Trinity Teacher Sons.

15 During this or the following age a

Teacher Son, assisted by the ministering-spirit quartette, becomes attached to the elective mortal chief executive, who now becomes associated with the Planetary Sovereign as joint administrator of world affairs. These mortal chief executives serve for 25 years of planetary time, and it is this new development that makes it easy for the Planetary Adam and Eve to secure release from their world of long-time assignment during the following ages.

16 The ministering-spirit quartettes consist of: the seraphic chief of the sphere, the superuniverse secoraphic counsellor, the archangel of transla-

tions, and the omniaphim who functions as the personal representative of the Assigned Sentinel stationed on the system headquarters. But these advisers never proffer counsel unless it is asked for.

17 4. *The fourth stage of light and life.* On the worlds the Trinity Teacher Sons appear in new roles. Assisted by the creature-trinitized sons so long associated with their order, they now come to the worlds as volunteer counsellors and advisers to the Planetary Sovereign and his associates. Such couples — Paradise-Havona-trinitized sons and ascender-trinitized

sons — represent differing universe viewpoints and diverse personal experiences which are highly serviceable to the planetary rulers.

18 At any time after this age the Planetary Adam and Eve can petition the Sovereign Creator Son for release from planetary duties in order to begin their Paradise ascent; or they can remain on the planet as directors of the newly appearing order of increasingly spiritual society composed of advanced mortals striving to comprehend the philosophic teachings of the finaliters portrayed by the Brilliant Evening Stars, who are now assigned

to these worlds to collaborate in pairs with the seconaphim from the headquarters of the superuniverse.

19 The finaliters are chiefly engaged in initiating the new and supermaterial activities of society — social, cultural, philosophic, cosmic, and spiritual. As far as we can discern, they will continue this ministry far into the seventh epoch of evolutionary stability, when, possibly, they may go forth to minister in outer space; whereupon we conjecture their places may be taken by absonite beings from Paradise.

20 5. *The fifth stage of light and life.* The readjustments of this stage of set-

tled existence pertain almost entirely to the physical domains and are of primary concern to the Master Physical Controllers.

21 6. *The sixth stage of light and life* witnesses the development of new functions of the mind circuits of the realm. Cosmic wisdom seems to become constitutive in the universe ministry of mind.

22 7. *The seventh stage of light and life.* Early in the seventh epoch the Trinity Teacher counsellor of the Planetary Sovereign is joined by a volunteer adviser sent by the Ancients of Days, and later on they will be aug-

mented by a third counsellor coming from the superuniverse Supreme Executive.

23 During this epoch, if not before, Adam and Eve are always relieved of planetary duties. If there is a Material Son in the finaliter corps, he may become associated with the mortal chief executive, and sometimes it is a Melchizedek who volunteers to function in this capacity. If a midwayer is among the finaliters, all of that order remaining on the planet are immediately released.

24 §§ Upon obtaining release from their agelong assignment, a Planetary

Adam and Eve may select careers as follows:

25 1. They can secure planetary release and from the universe headquarters start out immediately on the Paradise career, receiving Thought Adjusters at the conclusion of the morontia experience.

26 2. Very often a Planetary Adam and Eve will receive Adjusters while yet serving on a world settled in light concomitant with the receiving of Adjusters by some of their imported pure-line children who have volunteered for a term of planetary service. Subsequently they may all go to uni-

verse headquarters and there begin the Paradise career.

27 3. A Planetary Adam and Eve may elect — as do Material Sons and Daughters from the system capital — to go direct to the midsonite world for a brief sojourn, there to receive their Adjusters.

28 4. They may decide to return to the system headquarters, there for a time to occupy seats on the supreme court, after which service they will receive Adjusters and begin the Paradise ascent.

29 5. They may choose to go from their administrative duties back to

their native world to serve as teachers for a season and to become Adjuster indwelt at the time of transfer to the universe headquarters.

30 §§ Throughout all of these epochs the imported assisting Material Sons and Daughters exert a tremendous influence on the progressing social and economic orders. They are potentially immortal, at least until such time as they elect to humanize, receive Adjusters, and start for Paradise.

31 On the evolutionary worlds a being must humanize to receive a Thought Adjuster. All ascendant members of the Mortal Corps of Fi-

naliters have been Adjuster indwelt and fused except seraphim, and they are Father indwelt by another type of spirit at the time of being mustered into this corps.

5. THE ACME OF MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

1 Mortal creatures living on a sin-stricken, evil-dominated, self-seeking, isolated world, such as Urantia, can hardly conceive of the physical perfection, the intellectual attainment, and the spiritual development which characterize these advanced epochs of evolution on a sinless sphere.

2 The advanced stages of a world set-

tled in light and life represent the acme of evolutionary material development. On these cultured worlds, gone are the idleness and friction of the earlier primitive ages. Poverty and social inequality have all but vanished, degeneracy has disappeared, and delinquency is rarely observed. Insanity has practically ceased to exist, and feeblemindedness is a rarity.

3 The economic, social, and administrative status of these worlds is of a high and perfected order. Science, art, and industry flourish, and society is a smoothly working mechanism of high material, intellectual, and cul-

tural achievement. Industry has been largely diverted to serving the higher aims of such a superb civilization. The economic life of such a world has become ethical.

4 War has become a matter of history, and there are no more armies or police forces. Government is gradually disappearing. Self-control is slowly rendering laws of human enactment obsolete. The extent of civil government and statutory regulation, in an intermediate state of advancing civilization, is in inverse proportion to the morality and spirituality of the citizenship.

5 Schools are vastly improved and are devoted to the training of mind and the expansion of soul. The art centres are exquisite and the musical organizations superb. The temples of worship with their associated schools of philosophy and experiential religion are creations of beauty and grandeur. The open-air arenas of worship assembly are equally sublime in the simplicity of their artistic appointment.

6 The provisions for competitive play, humour, and other phases of personal and group achievement are ample and appropriate. A special feature of the competitive activities on such

a highly cultured world concerns the efforts of individuals and groups to excel in the sciences and philosophies of cosmology. Literature and oratory flourish, and language is so improved as to be symbolic of concepts as well as to be expressive of ideas. Life is refreshingly simple; man has at last coordinated a high state of mechanical development with an inspiring intellectual attainment and has overshadowed both with an exquisite spiritual achievement. The pursuit of happiness is an experience of joy and satis-

faction.

6. THE INDIVIDUAL MORTAL

1 As worlds advance in the settled status of light and life, society becomes increasingly peaceful. The individual, while no less independent and devoted to his family, has become more altruistic and fraternal.

2 On Urantia, and as you are, you can have little appreciation of the advanced status and progressive nature of the enlightened races of these perfected worlds. These people are the flowering of the evolutionary races. But such beings are still mortal; they

continue to breathe, eat, sleep, and drink. This great evolution is not heaven, but it is a sublime foreshadowing of the divine worlds of the Paradise ascent.

3 On a normal world the biologic fitness of the mortal race was long since brought up to a high level during the post-Adamic epochs; and now, from age to age throughout the settled eras the physical evolution of man continues. Both vision and hearing are extended. By now the population has become stationary in numbers. Reproduction is regulated in accordance with planetary requirements

and innate hereditary endowments: The mortals on a planet during this age are divided into from 5 to 10 groups, and the lower groups are permitted to produce only one half as many children as the higher. The continued improvement of such a magnificent race throughout the era of light and life is largely a matter of the selective reproduction of those racial strains which exhibit superior qualities of a social, philosophic, cosmic, and spiritual nature.

4 §§ The Adjusters continue to come as in former evolutionary eras, and as the epochs pass, these mortals are in-

creasingly able to commune with the indwelling Father fragment. During the embryonic and prespiritual stages of development the adjutant mind-spirits are still functioning. The Holy Spirit and the ministry of angels are even more effective as the successive epochs of settled life are experienced. In the fourth stage of light and life the advanced mortals seem to experience considerable conscious contact with the spirit presence of the Master Spirit of superuniverse jurisdiction, while the philosophy of such a world is focused upon the attempt to comprehend the new revelations of God

the Supreme. More than one half of the human inhabitants on planets of this advanced status experience translation to the morontia state from among the living. Even so, "old things are passing away; behold, all things are becoming new."

5 We conceive that physical evolution will have attained its full development by the end of the fifth epoch of the light-and-life era. We observe that the upper limits of spiritual development associated with evolving human mind are determined by the Adjuster-fusion level of conjoint morontia values and cosmic meanings. But

concerning wisdom: While we do not really know, we conjecture that there can never be a limit to intellectual evolution and the attainment of wisdom. On a seventh-stage world, wisdom can exhaust the material potentials, enter upon mota insight, and eventually even taste of absonite grandeur.

6 We observe that on these highly evolved and long seventh-stage worlds human beings fully learn the local universe language before they are translated; and I have visited a few very old planets where abandonters were teaching the older mortals the tongue of the superuniverse. And on these

worlds I have observed the technique whereby the absonite personalities reveal the presence of the finaliters in the morontia temple.

7 §§ This is the story of the magnificent goal of mortal striving on the evolutionary worlds; and it all takes place even before human beings enter upon their morontia careers; all of this splendid development is attainable by material mortals on the inhabited worlds, the very first stage of that endless and incomprehensible career of Paradise ascension and divinity attainment.

8 But can you possibly imagine what

sort of evolutionary mortals are now coming up from worlds long existing in the seventh epoch of settled light and life? It is such as these who go on to the morontia worlds of the local universe capital to begin their ascension careers.

9 If the mortals of distraught Urantia could only view one of these more advanced worlds long settled in light and life, they would nevermore question the wisdom of the evolutionary scheme of creation. Were there no future of eternal creature progression, still the superb evolutionary attainments of the mortal races on such set-

tled worlds of perfected achievement would amply justify man's creation on the worlds of time and space.

10 We often ponder: If the grand universe should be settled in light and life, would the ascending exquisite mortals still be destined to the Corps of the Finality? But we do not know.

7. THE FIRST OR PLANETARY STAGE

1 This epoch extends from the appearance of the morontia temple at the new planetary headquarters to the time of the settling of the entire system in light and life. This age is inaugurated by the Trinity Teacher Sons

at the close of their successive world missions when the Planetary Prince is elevated to the status of Planetary Sovereign by the mandate and personal presence of the Paradise bestowal Son of that sphere. Concomitant therewith the finaliters inaugurate their active participation in planetary affairs.

2 To outward and visible appearances the actual rulers, or directors, of such a world settled in light and life are the Material Son and Daughter, the Planetary Adam and Eve. The finaliters are invisible, as also is the Prince-Sovereign except when in the morontia temple. The actual and literal heads

of the planetary regime are therefore the Material Son and Daughter. It is the knowledge of these arrangements that has given prestige to the idea of kings and queens throughout the universe realms. And kings and queens are a great success under these ideal circumstances, when a world can command such high personalities to act in behalf of still higher but invisible rulers.

3 When such an era is attained on your world, no doubt Machiventa Melchizedek, now the vicegerent Planetary Prince of Urantia, will occupy the seat of the Planetary Sover-

eign; and it has long been conjectured on Jerusem that he will be accompanied by a son and daughter of the Urantia Adam and Eve who are now held on Edentia as wards of the Most Highs of Norlatiadek. These children of Adam might so serve on Urantia in association with the Melchizedek-Sovereign since they were deprived of procreative powers almost 37,000 years ago at the time they gave up their material bodies on Urantia in preparation for transit to Edentia.

4 §§ This settled age continues on and on until every inhabited planet in the system attains the era of stabi-

lization; and then, when the youngest world — the last to achieve light and life — has experienced such settledness for one millennium of system time, the entire system enters the stabilized status, and the individual worlds are ushered into the system epoch of the era of light and life.

8. THE SECOND OR SYSTEM STAGE

1 When an entire system becomes settled in life, a new order of government is inaugurated. The Planetary Sovereigns become members of the system conclave, and this new administrative body, subject to the veto of

the Constellation Fathers, is supreme in authority. Such a system of inhabited worlds becomes virtually self-governing. The system legislative assembly is constituted on the headquarters world, and each planet sends its 10 representatives thereto. Courts are now established on the system capitals, and only appeals are taken to the universe headquarters.

2 With the settling of the system the Assigned Sentinel, representative of the superuniverse Supreme Executive, becomes the volunteer adviser to the system supreme court and actual presiding officer of the new legislative

assembly.

3 After the settling of an entire system in light and life the System Sovereigns will no more come and go. Such a sovereign remains perpetually at the head of his system. The assistant sovereigns continue to change as in former ages.

4 During this epoch of stabilization, for the first time midsoniters come from the universe headquarters worlds of their sojourn to act as counsellors to the legislative assemblies and advisers to the adjudicational tribunals. These midsoniters also carry on certain efforts to inculcate new mota meanings

of supreme value into the teaching enterprises which they sponsor jointly with the finaliters. What the Material Sons did for the mortal races biologically, the midsonite creatures now do for these unified and glorified humans in the ever-advancing realms of philosophy and spiritualized thinking.

5 §§ On the inhabited worlds the Teacher Sons become voluntary collaborators with the finaliters, and these same Teacher Sons also accompany the finaliters to the mansion worlds when those spheres are no longer to be utilized as differential receiving worlds after an entire system is

settled in light and life; at least this is true by the time the entire constellation has thus evolved. But there are no groups that far advanced in Nebadon.

6 We are not permitted to reveal the nature of the work of the finaliters who will supervise such rededicated mansion worlds. You have, however, been informed that there are throughout the universes various types of intelligent creatures who have not been portrayed in these narratives.

7 §§ And now, as the systems one by one become settled in light by virtue of the progress of their component worlds, the time comes when the last

system in a given constellation attains stabilization, and the universe administrators — the Master Son, the Union of Days, and the Bright and Morning Star — arrive on the capital of the constellation to proclaim the Most Highs the unqualified rulers of the newly perfected family of 100 settled systems of inhabited worlds.

9. THE THIRD OR CONSTELLATION STAGE

1 The unification of a whole constellation of settled systems is attended by new distributions of executive authority and additional readjustments of universe administration.

This epoch witnesses advanced attainment on every inhabited world but is particularly characterized by readjustments on the constellation headquarters, with marked modification of relationships with both the system supervision and the local universe government. During this age many constellation and universe activities are transferred to the system capitals, and the representatives of the superuniverse assume new and more intimate relations with the planetary, system, and universe rulers. Concomitant with these new associations, certain superuniverse administrators establish them-

selves on the constellation capitals as volunteer advisers to the Most High Fathers.

2 When a constellation is thus settled in light, the legislative function ceases, and the house of System Sovereigns, presided over by the Most Highs, functions instead. Now, for the first time, such administrative groups deal directly with the superuniverse government in matters pertaining to Havona and Paradise relationships. Otherwise the constellation remains related to the local universe as before. From stage to stage in the settled life the univitatia continue to administer

the constellation morontia worlds.

3 As the ages pass, the Constellation Fathers take over more and more of the detailed administrative or supervising functions which were formerly centred on the universe headquarters. By the attainment of the sixth stage of stabilization these unified constellations will have reached the position of well-nigh complete autonomy. Entrance upon the seventh stage of settledness will no doubt witness the exaltation of these rulers to the true dignity signified by their names, the Most Highs. To all intents and purposes the constellations will then deal directly

with the superuniverse rulers, while the local universe government will expand to grasp the responsibilities of new grand universe obligations.

10. THE FOURTH OR LOCAL UNIVERSE STAGE

1 When a universe becomes settled in light and life, it soon swings into the established superuniverse circuits, and the Ancients of Days proclaim the establishment of the *supreme council of unlimited authority.* This new governing body consists of the 100 Faithfuls of Days, presided over by the Union of Days, and the first act of this supreme council is to acknowledge the contin-

ued sovereignty of the Master Creator Son.

2 The universe administration, as far as concerns Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek, is quite unchanged. This council of unlimited authority is chiefly concerned with the new problems and the new conditions arising out of the advanced status of light and life.

3 §§ The Associate Inspector now mobilizes all Assigned Sentinels to constitute the *stabilization corps of the local universe* and asks the Father Melchizedek to share its supervision with him. And now, for the first time, a

corps of the Inspired Trinity Spirits are assigned to the service of the Union of Days.

4 §§ The settling of an entire local universe in light and life inaugurates profound readjustments in the entire scheme of administration, from the individual inhabited worlds to the universe headquarters. New relationships extend down to the constellations and systems. The local universe Mother Spirit experiences new liaison relations with the Master Spirit of the superuniverse, and Gabriel establishes direct contact with the Ancients of Days to be effective when and as the

Master Son may be absent from the headquarters world.

5 During this and subsequent ages the Magisterial Sons continue to function as dispensational adjudicators, while 100 of these Avonal Sons of Paradise constitute the new high council of the Bright and Morning Star on the universe capital. Later on, and as requested by the System Sovereigns, one of these Magisterial Sons will become the supreme counsellor stationed on the headquarters world of each local system until the seventh stage of unity is attained.

6 During this epoch the Trinity

Teacher Sons are volunteer advisers, not only to the Planetary Sovereigns, but in groups of three they similarly serve the Constellation Fathers. And at last these Sons find their place in the local universe, for at this time they are removed from the jurisdiction of the local creation and are assigned to the service of the supreme council of unlimited authority.

7 §§ The finaliter corps now, for the first time, acknowledges the jurisdiction of an extra-Paradise authority, the supreme council. Heretofore the finaliters have recognized no supervision this side of Paradise.

8 The Creator Sons of such settled universes spend much of their time on Paradise and its associated worlds and in counselling the numerous finaliter groups serving throughout the local creation. In this way the man of Michael will find a fuller fraternity of association with the glorified finaliter mortals.

9 §§ Speculation concerning the function of these Creator Sons in connection with the outer universes now in process of preliminary assembly is wholly futile. But we all engage in such postulations from time to time. On attaining this fourth stage of de-

velopment the Creator Son becomes administratively free; the Divine Minister is progressively blending her ministry with that of the superuniverse Master Spirit and the Infinite Spirit. There seems to be evolving a new and sublime relationship between the Creator Son, the Creative Spirit, the Evening Stars, the Teacher Sons, and the ever-increasing finaliter corps.

10 If Michael should ever leave Nebadon, Gabriel would undoubtedly become chief administrator with the Father Melchizedek as his associate. At the same time new status would be imparted to all orders of permanent cit-

izenship, such as Material Sons, univitatia, midsoniters, susatia, and Spirit-fused mortals. But as long as evolution continues, the seraphim and the archangels will be required in universe administration.

11 We are, however, satisfied regarding two features of our speculations: If the Creator Sons are destined to the outer universes, the Divine Ministers will undoubtedly accompany them. We are equally sure that the Melchizedeks are to remain with the universes of their origin. We hold that the Melchizedeks are destined to play ever-increasingly responsible parts in local

universe government and administration.

11. THE MINOR AND MAJOR SECTOR STAGES

1 Minor and major sectors of the superuniverse do not figure directly in the plan of being settled in light and life. Such an evolutionary progression pertains primarily to the local universe as a unit and concerns only the components of a local universe. A superuniverse is settled in light and life when all of its component local universes are thus perfected. But not one of the seven superuniverses has attained a level of progression even approach-

ing this.

2 §§ *The minor sector age.* As far as observations can penetrate, the fifth or minor sector stage of stabilization has exclusively to do with physical status and with the co-ordinate settling of the 100 associated local universes in the established circuits of the superuniverse. Apparently none but the power centres and their associates are concerned in these realignments of the material creation.

3 §§ *The major sector age.* Concerning the sixth stage, or major sector stabilization, we can only conjecture since none of us have witnessed such

an event. Nevertheless, we can postulate much concerning the administrative and other readjustments which would probably accompany such an advanced status of inhabited worlds and their universe groupings.

4 Since the minor sector status has to do with co-ordinate physical equilibrium, we infer that major sector unification will be concerned with certain new intellectual levels of attainment, possibly some advanced achievements in the supreme realization of cosmic wisdom.

5 §§ We arrive at conclusions regarding the readjustments which would

probably attend the realization of hitherto unattained levels of evolutionary progress by observing the results of such achievements on the individual worlds and in the experiences of individual mortals living on these older and highly developed spheres.

6 Let it be made clear that the administrative mechanisms and governmental techniques of a universe or a superuniverse cannot in any manner limit or retard the evolutionary development or spiritual progress of an individual inhabited planet or of any individual mortal on such a sphere.

7 In some of the older universes we

find worlds settled in the fifth and the sixth stages of light and life — even far extended into the seventh epoch — whose local systems are not yet settled in light. Younger planets may delay system unification, but this does not in the least handicap the progress of an older and advanced world. Neither can environmental limitations, even on an isolated world, thwart the personal attainment of the individual mortal; Jesus of Nazareth, as a man among men, personally achieved the status of light and life over 1900 years ago on Urantia.

8 It is by observing what takes place

on long-settled worlds that we arrive at fairly reliable conclusions as to what will happen when a whole superuniverse is settled in light, even if we cannot safely postulate the event of the stabilization of the seven superuniverses.

12. THE SEVENTH OR SUPERUNIVERSE STAGE

1 We cannot positively forecast what would occur when a superuniverse became settled in light because such an event has never factualized. From the teachings of the Melchizedeks, which have never been contradicted, we infer that sweeping changes would be made

in the entire organization and administration of every unit of the creations of time and space extending from the inhabited worlds to the superuniverse headquarters.

2 It is generally believed that large numbers of the otherwise unattached creature-trinitized sons are to be assembled on the headquarters and divisional capitals of the settled superuniverses. This may be in anticipation of the sometime arrival of outer-spacers on their way in to Havona and Paradise; but we really do not know.

3 §§ If and when a superuniverse should be settled in light and life,

we believe that the now advisory Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme would become the high administrative body on the headquarters world of the superuniverse. These are the personalities who are able to contact directly with the absonite administrators, who will forthwith become active in the settled superuniverse. Although these Unqualified Supervisors have long functioned as advisers and counsellors in advanced evolutionary units of creation, they do not assume administrative responsibilities until the authority of the Supreme Being becomes sovereign.

4 The Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme, who function more extensively during this epoch, are not finite, absonite, ultimate, or infinite; they *are* supremacy and only represent God the Supreme. They are the personalization of time-space supremacy and therefore do not function in Havona. They function only as supreme unifiers. They may possibly be involved in the technique of universe reflectivity, but we are not certain.

5 §§ None of us entertain a satisfactory concept of what will happen when the grand universe (the seven superuniverses as dependent on Ha-

vona) becomes entirely settled in light and life. That event will undoubtedly be the most profound occurrence in the annals of eternity since the appearance of the central universe. There are those who hold that the Supreme Being himself will emerge from the Havona mystery enshrouding his spirit person and will become residential on the headquarters of the seventh superuniverse as the almighty and experiential sovereign of the perfected creations of time and space. But we really do not know.

6 [Presented by a Mighty Messenger

temporarily assigned to the Archangel Council on Urantia.]

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UNIVERSAL UNITY

Mighty Messenger and Machiventa Melchizedek

God is unity. Deity is universally co-ordinated. The universe of universes is one vast integrated mechanism which is absolutely controlled by one infinite mind. The physical, intellectual, and spiritual domains of universal creation are divinely correlated. The perfect and imperfect are truly interrelated, and therefore may the finite evolutionary

creature ascend to Paradise in obedience to the Universal Father's mandate: "Be you perfect, even as I am perfect."

2 The diverse levels of creation are all unified in the plans and administration of the Architects of the Master Universe. To the circumscribed minds of time-space mortals the universe may present many problems and situations which apparently portray disharmony and indicate absence of effective co-ordination; but those of us who are able to observe wider stretches of universal phenomena, and who are more experienced in this art of detecting the

basic unity which underlies creative diversity and of discovering the divine oneness which overspreads all this functioning of plurality, better perceive the divine and single purpose exhibited in all these manifold manifestations of universal creative energy.

1. PHYSICAL CO-ORDINATION

1 The physical or material creation is not infinite, but it is perfectly co-ordinated. There are force, energy, and power, but they are all one in origin. The seven superuniverses are seemingly dual; the central universe, triune; but Paradise is of single con-

stitution. And Paradise is the actual source of all material universes — past, present, and future. But this cosmic derivation is an *eternity* event; at no *time* — past, present, or future — does either space or the material cosmos come forth from the nuclear Isle of Light. As the cosmic source, Paradise functions prior to space and before time; hence would its derivations seem to be orphaned in time and space did they not emerge through the Unqualified Absolute, their ultimate repository in space and their revealer and regulator in time.

2 §§ The Unqualified Absolute up-

holds the physical universe, while the Deity Absolute motivates the exquisite overcontrol of all material reality; and both Absolutes are functionally unified by the Universal Absolute. This cohesive correlation of the material universe is best understood by all personalities — material, morontia, absonite, or spiritual — by the observation of the gravity response of all bona fide material reality to the gravity centring on nether Paradise.

3 Gravity unification is universal and unvarying; pure-energy response is likewise universal and inescapable. Pure energy (primordial force) and

pure spirit are wholly preresponsive to gravity. These primal forces, inhering in the Absolutes, are personally controlled by the Universal Father; hence does all gravity centre in the personal presence of the Paradise Father of pure energy and pure spirit and in his supermaterial abode.

4 §§ Pure energy is the ancestor of all relative, nonspirit functional realities, while pure spirit is the potential of the divine and directive overcontrol of all basic energy systems. And these realities, so diverse as manifested throughout space and as observed in the motions of time, are both centred in the

person of the Paradise Father. In him they are one — must be unified — because God is one. The Father's personality is absolutely unified.

5 In the infinite nature of God the Father there could not possibly exist duality of reality, such as physical and spiritual; but the instant we look aside from the infinite levels and absolute reality of the personal values of the Paradise Father, we observe the existence of these two realities and recognize that they are fully responsive to his personal presence; in him all things consist.

6 The moment you depart from the

unqualified concept of the infinite personality of the Paradise Father, you must postulate MIND as the inevitable technique of unifying the ever-widening divergence of these dual universe manifestations of the original monothetic Creator personality, the First Source and Centre — the I AM.

2. INTELLECTUAL UNITY

1 The Thought-Father realizes spirit expression in the Word-Son and attains reality expansion through Paradise in the far-flung material universes. The spiritual expressions of the Eternal Son are correlated with the mate-

rial levels of creation by the functions of the Infinite Spirit, by whose spirit-responsive ministry of mind, and in whose physical-directive acts of mind, the spiritual realities of Deity and the material repercussions of Deity are correlated the one with the other.

2 Mind is the functional endowment of the Infinite Spirit, therefore infinite in potential and universal in bestowal. The primal thought of the Universal Father eternalizes in dual expression: the Isle of Paradise and his Deity equal, the spiritual and Eternal Son. Such duality of eternal reality renders the mind God, the Infinite

Spirit, inevitable. Mind is the indispensable channel of communication between spiritual and material realities. The material evolutionary creature can conceive and comprehend the indwelling spirit only by the ministry of mind.

3 This infinite and universal mind is ministered in the universes of time and space as the cosmic mind; and though extending from the primitive ministry of the adjutant spirits up to the magnificent mind of the chief executive of a universe, even this cosmic mind is adequately unified in the supervision of the Seven Master Spirits,

who are in turn co-ordinated with the Supreme Mind of time and space and perfectly correlated with the all-embracing mind of the Infinite Spirit.

3. SPIRITUAL UNIFICATION

1 As the universal mind gravity is centred in the Paradise personal presence of the Infinite Spirit, so does the universal spirit gravity centre in the Paradise personal presence of the Eternal Son. The Universal Father is one, but to time-space he is revealed in the dual phenomena of pure energy and pure spirit.

2 Paradise spirit realities are likewise

one, but in all time-space situations and relations this single spirit is revealed in the dual phenomena of the spirit personalities and emanations of the Eternal Son and the spirit personalities and influences of the Infinite Spirit and associated creations; and there is yet a third — pure-spirit fragmentations — the Father's bestowal of the Thought Adjusters and other spirit entities which are prepersonal.

3 §§ No matter on what level of universe activities you may encounter spiritual phenomena or contact with spirit beings, you may know that they are all derived from the God who is

spirit by the ministry of the Spirit Son and the Infinite Mind Spirit. And this far-flung spirit functions as a phenomenon on the evolutionary worlds of time as it is directed from the headquarters of the local universes. From these capitals of the Creator Sons come the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Truth, together with the ministry of the adjutant mind-spirits, to the lower and evolving levels of material minds.

4 While mind is more unified on the level of the Master Spirits in association with the Supreme Being and as the cosmic mind in subordination to the Absolute Mind, the spirit ministry

to the evolving worlds is more directly unified in the personalities resident on the headquarters of the local universes and in the persons of the presiding Divine Ministers, who are in turn well-nigh perfectly correlated with the Paradise gravity circuit of the Eternal Son, wherein occurs final unification of all time-space spirit manifestations.

5 §§ Perfected creature existence can be attained, sustained, and eternalized by the fusion of self-conscious mind with a fragment of the pre-Trinity spirit endowment of some one of the persons of the Paradise Trinity. The mortal mind is the creation of

the Sons and Daughters of the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit and, when fused with the Thought Adjuster from the Father, partakes of the threefold spirit endowment of the evolutionary realms. But these three spirit expressions become perfectly unified in the finaliters, even as they were in eternity so unified in the Universal I AM ere he ever became the Universal Father of the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit.

6 Spirit must always and ultimately become threefold in expression and Trinity-unified in final realization. Spirit originates from one source through a threefold expression; and in

finality it must and does attain its full realization in that divine unification which is experienced in finding God — oneness with divinity — in eternity, and by means of the ministry of the cosmic mind of the infinite expression of the eternal word of the Father's universal thought.

4. PERSONALITY UNIFICATION

1 The Universal Father is a divinely unified personality; hence will all his ascendant children who are carried to Paradise by the rebound momentum of the Thought Adjusters, who went forth from Paradise to indwell mate-

rial mortals in obedience to the Father's mandate, likewise be fully unified personalities ere they reach Havona.

2 Personality inherently reaches out to unify all constituent realities. The infinite personality of the First Source and Centre, the Universal Father, unifies all seven constituent Absolutes of Infinity; and the personality of mortal man, being an exclusive and direct bestowal of the Universal Father, likewise possesses the potential of unifying the constituent factors of the mortal creature. Such unifying creativity of all creature personality is

a birthmark of its high and exclusive source and is further evidential of its unbroken contact with this same source through the personality circuit, by means of which the personality of the creature maintains direct and sustaining contact with the Father of all personality on Paradise.

3 Notwithstanding that God is manifest from the domains of the Sevenfold up through supremacy and ultimacy to God the Absolute, the personality circuit, centring on Paradise and in the person of God the Father, provides for the complete and perfect unification of all these diverse expres-

sions of divine personality so far as concerns all creature personalities on all levels of intelligent existence and in all the realms of the perfect, perfected, and perfecting universes.

4 §§ While God is to and in the universes all that we have portrayed, nevertheless, to you and to all other God-knowing creatures he is one, your Father and their Father. To personality God cannot be plural. God is Father to each of his creatures, and it is literally impossible for any child to have more than one father.

5 Philosophically, cosmically, and with reference to differential levels and

locations of manifestation, you may and perforce must conceive of the functioning of plural Deities and postulate the existence of plural Trinities; but in the worshipful experience of the personal contact of every worshipping personality throughout the master universe, God is one; and that unified and personal Deity is our Paradise parent, God the Father, the bestower, conservator, and Father of all personalities from mortal man on the inhabited worlds to the Eternal Son on the

central Isle of Light.

5. DEITY UNITY

1 The oneness, the indivisibility, of Paradise Deity is existential and absolute. There are three eternal personalizations of Deity — the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit — but in the Paradise Trinity they are *actually* one Deity, undivided and indivisible.

2 §§ From the original Paradise-Havona level of existential reality, two subabsolute levels have differentiated, and thereon have the Father, Son, and Spirit engaged in the creation of nu-

merous personal associates and subordinates. And while it is inappropriate in this connection to undertake the consideration of absonite deity unification on transcendental levels of ultimacy, it is feasible to look at some features of the unifying function of the various Deity personalizations in whom divinity is functionally manifest to the diverse sectors of creation and to the different orders of intelligent beings.

3 The present functioning of divinity in the superuniverses is actively manifest in the operations of the Supreme Creators — the local uni-

verse Creator Sons and Spirits, the superuniverse Ancients of Days, and the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise. These beings constitute the first three levels of God the Sevenfold leading inward to the Universal Father, and this entire domain of God the Sevenfold is co-ordinating on the first level of experiential deity in the evolving Supreme Being.

4 §§ On Paradise and in the central universe, Deity unity is a fact of existence. Throughout the evolving universes of time and space, Deity unity is

an achievement.

6. UNIFICATION OF EVOLUTIONARY DEITY

1 When the three eternal persons of Deity function as undivided Deity in the Paradise Trinity, they achieve perfect unity; likewise, when they create, either associatively or severally, their Paradise progeny exhibit the characteristic unity of divinity. And this divinity of purpose manifested by the Supreme Creators and Rulers of the time-space domains eventuates in the unifying power potential of the sovereignty of experiential supremacy which, in the presence of the

impersonal energy unity of the universe, constitutes a reality tension that can be resolved only through adequate unification with the experiential personality realities of experiential Deity.

2 The personality realities of the Supreme Being come forth from the Paradise Deities and on the pilot world of the outer Havona circuit unify with the power prerogatives of the Almighty Supreme coming up from the Creator divinities of the grand universe. God the Supreme as a person existed in Havona before the creation of the seven superuniverses, but he functioned only on spiritual levels.

The evolution of the Almighty power of Supremacy by diverse divinity synthesis in the evolving universes eventuated in a new power presence of Deity which co-ordinated with the spiritual person of the Supreme in Havona by means of the Supreme Mind, which concomitantly translated from the potential resident in the infinite mind of the Infinite Spirit to the active functional mind of the Supreme Being.

3 §§ The material-minded creatures of the evolutionary worlds of the seven superuniverses can comprehend Deity unity only as it is evolving in this

power-personality synthesis of the Supreme Being. On any level of existence God cannot exceed the conceptual capacity of the beings who live on such a level. Mortal man must, through the recognition of truth, the appreciation of beauty, and the worship of goodness, evolve the recognition of a God of love and then progress through ascending deity levels to the comprehension of the Supreme. Deity, having been thus grasped as unified in power, can then be personalized in spirit to creature understanding and attainment.

4 While ascending mortals achieve

power comprehension of the Almighty on the capitals of the superuniverses and personality comprehension of the Supreme on the outer circuits of Havona, they do not actually find the Supreme Being as they are destined to find the Paradise Deities. Even the finaliters, sixth-stage spirits, have not found the Supreme Being, nor are they likely to until they have achieved seventh-stage-spirit status, and until the Supreme has become actually functional in the activities of the future outer universes.

5 But when ascenders find the Universal Father as the 7th level of God

the Sevenfold, they have attained the personality of the First Person of *all* deity levels of personal relationships with universe creatures.

7. UNIVERSAL EVOLUTIONARY REPERCUSSIONS

1 The steady progress of evolution in the time-space universes is accompanied by ever-enlarging revelations of Deity to all intelligent creatures. The attainment of the height of evolutionary progress on a world, in a system, constellation, universe, superuniverse, or in the grand universe signalizes corresponding enlargements of

deity function to and in these progressive units of creation. And every such local enhancement of divinity realization is accompanied by certain well-defined repercussions of enlarged deity manifestation to all other sectors of creation. Extending outward from Paradise, each new domain of realized and attained evolution constitutes a new and enlarged revelation of experiential Deity to the universe of universes.

2 As the components of a local universe are progressively settled in light and life, God the Sevenfold is increasingly made manifest. Time-space evo-

lution begins on a planet with the first expression of God the Sevenfold — the Creator Son-Creative Spirit association — in control. With the settling of a system in light, this Son-Spirit liaison attains the fullness of function; and when an entire constellation is thus settled, the second phase of God the Sevenfold becomes more active throughout such a realm. The completed administrative evolution of a local universe is attended by new and more direct ministrations of the superuniverse Master Spirits; and at this point there also begins that ever-expanding revelation and realiza-

tion of God the Supreme which culminates in the ascender's comprehension of the Supreme Being while passing through the worlds of the sixth Havona circuit.

3 §§ The Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit are existential deity manifestations to intelligent creatures and are not, therefore, similarly expanded in personality relations with the mind and spirit creatures of all creation.

4 §§ It should be noted that ascending mortals may experience the impersonal presence of successive levels of Deity long before they become suf-

ficiently spiritual and adequately educated to attain experiential personal recognition of, and contact with, these Deities as personal beings.

5 Each new evolutionary attainment within a sector of creation, as well as every new invasion of space by divinity manifestations, is attended by simultaneous expansions of Deity functional-revelation within the then existing and previously organized units of all creation. This new invasion of the administrative work of the universes and their component units may not always appear to be executed exactly in accordance with the tech-

nique herewith outlined because it is the practice to send forth advance groups of administrators to prepare the way for the subsequent and successive eras of new administrative overcontrol. Even God the Ultimate foreshadows his transcendental overcontrol of the universes during the later stages of a local universe settled in light and life.

6 It is a fact that, as the creations of time and space are progressively settled in evolutionary status, there is observed a new and fuller functioning of God the Supreme concomitant with a corresponding withdraw-

ing of the first three manifestations of God the Sevenfold. If and when the grand universe becomes settled in light and life, what then will be the future function of the Creator-Creative manifestations of God the Sevenfold if God the Supreme assumes direct control of these creations of time and space? Are these organizers and pioneers of the time-space universes to be liberated for similar activities in outer space? We do not know, but we speculate much concerning these and related matters.

7 §§ As the frontiers of experiential Deity are extended out into the do-

mains of the Unqualified Absolute, we envision the activity of God the Sevenfold during the earlier evolutionary epochs of these creations of the future. We are not all in agreement respecting the future status of the Ancients of Days and the superuniverse Master Spirits. Neither do we know whether or not the Supreme Being will therein function as in the seven superuniverses. But we all conjecture that the Michaels, the Creator Sons, are destined to function in these outer universes. Some hold that the future ages will witness some closer form of union between the associated Creator Sons and

Divine Ministers; it is even possible that such a creator union might eventuate in some new expression of associate-creator identity of an ultimate nature. But we really know nothing about these possibilities of the unrevealed future.

8 We do know, however, that in the universes of time and space, God the Sevenfold provides a progressive approach to the Universal Father, and that this evolutionary approach is experientially unified in God the Supreme. We might conjecture that such a plan must prevail in the outer uni-

verses; on the other hand,[1] the new orders of beings that may sometime inhabit these universes may be able to approach Deity on ultimate levels and by absonite techniques. In short, we have not the slightest concept of what technique of deity approach may become operative in the future universes of outer space.

9 Nevertheless, we deem that the perfected superuniverses will in some way become a part of the Paradise-ascension careers of those beings who may inhabit these outer creations. It

[1] In 1955 text no comma after "hand".

is quite possible that in that future age we may witness outer-spacers approaching Havona through the seven superuniverses, administered by God the Supreme with or without the collaboration of the Seven Master Spirits.

8. THE SUPREME UNIFIER

1 The Supreme Being has a threefold function in the experience of mortal man: First, he is the unifier of time-space divinity, God the Sevenfold; second, he is the maximum of Deity which finite creatures can actually comprehend; third, he is mortal

man's only avenue of approach to the transcendental experience of consorting with absonite mind, eternal spirit, and Paradise personality.

2 Ascendant finaliters, having been born in the local universes, nurtured in the superuniverses, and trained in the central universe, embrace in their personal experiences the full potential of the comprehension of the time-space divinity of God the Sevenfold unifying in the Supreme. Finaliters serve successively in superuniverses other than those of nativity, thereby superimposing experience upon experience until the fullness of the sevenfold di-

versity of possible creature experience has been encompassed. Through the ministry of the indwelling Adjusters the finaliters are enabled to *find* the Universal Father, but it is by these techniques of experience that such finaliters come really to *know* the Supreme Being, and they are destined to the service and the *revelation* of this Supreme Deity in and to the future universes of outer space.

3 Bear in mind, all that God the Father and his Paradise Sons do for us, we in turn and in spirit have the opportunity to do for and in the emerging Supreme Being. The experience of

love, joy, and service in the universe is mutual. God the Father does not need that his sons should return to him all that he bestows upon them, but they do (or may) in turn bestow all of this upon their fellows and upon the evolving Supreme Being.

4 All creational phenomena are reflective of antecedent creator-spirit activities. Said Jesus, and it is literally true, "The Son does only those things which he sees the Father do." In time you mortals may begin the revelation of the Supreme to your fellows, and increasingly may you augment this revelation as you ascend Par-

adiseward. In eternity you may be permitted to make increasing revelations of this God of evolutionary creatures on supreme levels — even ultimate — as seventh-stage finaliters.

9. UNIVERSAL ABSOLUTE UNITY

1 The Unqualified Absolute and the Deity Absolute are unified in the Universal Absolute. The Absolutes are co-ordinated in the Ultimate, conditioned in the Supreme, and time-space modified in God the Sevenfold. On subinfinite levels there are *three* Absolutes, but in infinity they appear to be *one.* On Paradise there are three per-

sonalizations of Deity, but in the Trinity they *are* one.

2 §§ The major philosophic proposition of the master universe is this: Did the Absolute (the three Absolutes as one in infinity) exist before the Trinity? and is the Absolute ancestral to the Trinity? or is the Trinity antecedent to the Absolute?

3 Is the Unqualified Absolute a force presence independent of the Trinity? Does the presence of the Deity Absolute connote the unlimited function of the Trinity? and is the Universal Absolute the final function of the Trinity, even a Trinity of Trinities?

4 On first thought, a concept of the Absolute as ancestor to all things — even the Trinity — seems to afford transitory satisfaction of consistency gratification and philosophic unification, but any such conclusion is invalidated by the actuality of the eternity of the Paradise Trinity. We are taught, and we believe, that the Universal Father and his Trinity associates are eternal in nature and existence. There is, then, but one consistent philosophic conclusion, and that is: The Absolute is, to all universe intelligences, the impersonal and co-ordinate reaction of the Trinity (of Trinities) to all ba-

sic and primary space situations, intrauniversal and extrauniversal. To all personality intelligences of the grand universe the Paradise Trinity forever stands in finality, eternity, supremacy, and ultimacy and, for all practical purposes of personal comprehension and creature realization, as absolute.

5 As creature minds may view this problem, they are led to the final postulate of the Universal I AM as the primal cause and the unqualified source of both the Trinity and the Absolute. When, therefore, we crave to entertain a personal concept of the Absolute, we revert to our ideas and ideals

of the Paradise Father. When we desire to facilitate comprehension or to augment consciousness of this otherwise impersonal Absolute, we revert to the fact that the Universal Father is the existential Father of absolute personality; the Eternal Son is the Absolute Person, though not, in the experiential sense, the personalization of the Absolute. And then we go on to envisage the experiential Trinities as culminating in the experiential personalization of the Deity Absolute, while conceiving the Universal Absolute as constituting the universe and the extrauniverse phenomena of the manifest pres-

ence of the impersonal activities of the unified and co-ordinated Deity associations of supremacy, ultimacy, and infinity — the Trinity of Trinities.

6 §§ God the Father is discernible on all levels from the finite to the infinite, and though his creatures from Paradise to the evolutionary worlds have variously perceived him, only the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit know him as an infinity.

7 Spiritual personality is absolute only on Paradise, and the concept of the Absolute is unqualified only in infinity. Deity presence is absolute only on Paradise, and the revelation

of God must always be partial, relative, and progressive until his power becomes experientially infinite in the space potency of the Unqualified Absolute, while his personality manifestation becomes experientially infinite in the manifest presence of the Deity Absolute, and while these two potentials of infinity become reality-unified in the Universal Absolute.

8 But beyond subinfinite levels the three Absolutes *are* one, and thereby is infinity Deity-realized regardless of whether any other order of existence ever self-realizes consciousness of infinity.

9 Existential status in eternity implies existential self-consciousness of infinity, even though another eternity may be required to experience self-realization of the experiential potentialities inherent in an infinity eternity — an eternal infinity.

10 §§ And God the Father is the personal source of all manifestations of Deity and reality to all intelligent creatures and spirit beings throughout all the universe of universes. As personalities, now or in the successive universe experiences of the eternal future, no matter if you achieve the attainment of God the Sevenfold, comprehend

God the Supreme, find God the Ultimate, or attempt to grasp the concept of God the Absolute, you will discover to your eternal satisfaction that in the consummation of each adventure you have, on new experiential levels, rediscovered the eternal God — the Paradise Father of all universe personalities.

11 The Universal Father is the explanation of universal unity as it must be supremely, even ultimately, realized in the postultimate unity of absolute values and meanings — unqualified Reality.

12 The Master Force Organizers go

out into space and mobilize its energies to become gravity responsive to the Paradise pull of the Universal Father; and subsequently there come the Creator Sons, who organize these gravity-responding forces into inhabited universes and therein evolve intelligent creatures who receive unto themselves the spirit of the Paradise Father and subsequently ascend to the Father to become like him in all possible divinity attributes.

13 The ceaseless and expanding march of the Paradise creative forces through space seems to presage the ever-extending domain of the gravity grasp

of the Universal Father and the never-ending multiplication of varied types of intelligent creatures who are able to love God and be loved by him, and who, by thus becoming God-knowing, may choose to be like him, may elect to attain Paradise and find God.

14 The universe of universes is altogether unified. God is one in power and personality. There is co-ordination of all levels of energy and all phases of personality. Philosophically and experientially, in concept and in reality, all things and beings centre in the Paradise Father. God is all and in all, and no things or beings exist with-

out him.

10. TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND GOODNESS

1 As the worlds settled in life and light progress from the initial stage to the 7th epoch, they successively grasp for the realization of the reality of God the Sevenfold, ranging from the adoration of the Creator Son to the worship of his Paradise Father. Throughout the continuing 7th stage of such a world's history the ever-progressing mortals grow in the knowledge of God the Supreme, while they vaguely discern the reality of the overshadowing ministry of God the Ultimate.

2 Throughout this glorious age the chief pursuit of the ever-advancing mortals is the quest for a better understanding and a fuller realization of the comprehensible elements of Deity — truth, beauty, and goodness. This represents man's effort to discern God in mind, matter, and spirit. And as the mortal pursues this quest, he finds himself increasingly absorbed in the experiential study of philosophy, cosmology, and divinity.

3 §§ Philosophy you somewhat grasp, and divinity you comprehend in worship, social service, and personal spiritual experience, but the pursuit of

beauty — cosmology — you all too often limit to the study of man's crude artistic endeavours. Beauty, art, is largely a matter of the unification of contrasts. Variety is essential to the concept of beauty. The supreme beauty, the height of finite art, is the drama of the unification of the vastness of the cosmic extremes of Creator and creature. Man finding God and God finding man — the creature becoming perfect as is the Creator — that is the supernal achievement of the supremely beautiful, the attainment of the apex of cosmic art.

4 Hence materialism, atheism, is the

maximation of ugliness, the climax of the finite antithesis of the beautiful. Highest beauty consists in the panorama of the unification of the variations which have been born of pre-existent harmonious reality.

5 The attainment of cosmologic levels of thought includes:

6 1. *Curiosity.* Hunger for harmony and thirst for beauty. Persistent attempts to discover new levels of harmonious cosmic relationships.

7 2. *Aesthetic appreciation.* Love of the beautiful and ever-advancing appreciation of the artistic touch of all

creative manifestations on all levels of reality.

8 3. *Ethic sensitivity.* Through the realization of truth the appreciation of beauty leads to the sense of the eternal fitness of those things which impinge upon the recognition of divine goodness in Deity relations with all beings; and thus even cosmology leads to the pursuit of divine reality values — to God-consciousness.

9 §§ The worlds settled in light and life are so fully concerned with the comprehension of truth, beauty, and goodness because these quality values embrace the revelation of Deity to the

realms of time and space. The meanings of eternal truth make a combined appeal to the intellectual and spiritual natures of mortal man. Universal beauty embraces the harmonious relations and rhythms of the cosmic creation; this is more distinctly the intellectual appeal and leads towards unified and synchronous comprehension of the material universe. Divine goodness represents the revelation of infinite values to the finite mind, therein to be perceived and elevated to the very threshold of the spiritual level of human comprehension.

10 Truth is the basis of science and

philosophy, presenting the intellectual foundation of religion. Beauty sponsors art, music, and the meaningful rhythms of all human experience. Goodness embraces the sense of ethics, morality, and religion — experiential perfection-hunger.

11 The existence of beauty implies the presence of appreciative creature mind just as certainly as the fact of progressive evolution indicates the dominance of the Supreme Mind. Beauty is the intellectual recognition of the harmonious time-space synthesis of the far-flung diversification of phenomenal reality, all of which stems from pre-

existent and eternal oneness.

12 Goodness is the mental recognition of the relative values of the diverse levels of divine perfection. The recognition of goodness implies a mind of moral status, a personal mind with ability to discriminate between good and evil. But the possession of goodness, greatness, is the measure of real divinity attainment.

13 §§ The recognition of *true relations* implies a mind competent to discriminate between truth and error. The bestowal Spirit of Truth which invests the human minds of Urantia is unerringly responsive to truth — the

living spirit relationship of all things and all beings as they are co-ordinated in the eternal ascent Godward.

14 Every impulse of every electron, thought, or spirit is an acting unit in the whole universe. Only sin is isolated and evil gravity resisting on the mental and spiritual levels. The universe is a whole; no thing or being exists or lives in isolation. Self-realization is potentially evil if it is antisocial. It is literally true: "No man lives by himself." Cosmic socialization constitutes the highest form of personality unification. Said Jesus: "He who would be greatest among you, let him become

server of all."

15 Even truth, beauty, and goodness — man's intellectual approach to the universe of mind, matter, and spirit — must be combined into one unified concept of a divine and supreme *ideal.* As mortal personality unifies the human experience with matter, mind, and spirit, so does this divine and supreme ideal become power-unified in Supremacy and then personalized as a God of fatherly love.

16 All insight into the relations of the parts to any given whole requires an understanding grasp of the relation of all parts to that whole; and in the uni-

verse this means the relation of created parts to the Creative Whole. Deity thus becomes the transcendental, even the infinite, goal of universal and eternal attainment.

17 §§ Universal beauty is the recognition of the reflection of the Isle of Paradise in the material creation, while eternal truth is the special ministry of the Paradise Sons who not only bestow themselves upon the mortal races but even pour out their Spirit of Truth upon all peoples. Divine goodness is more fully shown forth in the loving ministry of the manifold personalities of the Infinite Spirit. But love, the sum

total of these three qualities, is man's perception of God as his spirit Father.

18 Physical matter is the time-space shadow of the Paradise energy-shining of the absolute Deities. Truth meanings are the mortal-intellect repercussions of the eternal word of Deity — the time-space comprehension of supreme concepts. The goodness values of divinity are the merciful ministries of the spirit personalities of the Universal, the Eternal, and the Infinite to the time-space finite creatures of the evolutionary spheres.

19 These meaningful reality values of divinity are blended in the Father's re-

lation with each personal creature as divine love. They are co-ordinated in the Son and his Sons as divine mercy. They manifest their qualities through the Spirit and his spirit children as divine ministry, the portrayal of loving mercy to the children of time. These three divinities are primarily manifested by the Supreme Being as power-personality synthesis. They are variously shown forth by God the Sevenfold in seven differing associations of divine meanings and values on seven ascending levels.

20 §§ To finite man truth, beauty, and goodness embrace the full revelation

of divinity reality. As this love-comprehension of Deity finds spiritual expression in the lives of God-knowing mortals, there are yielded the fruits of divinity: intellectual peace, social progress, moral satisfaction, spiritual joy, and cosmic wisdom. The advanced mortals on a world in the 7th stage of light and life have learned that love is the greatest thing in the universe — and they know that God is love.

21 §§ Love is the desire to do good to others.

22 [Presented by a Mighty Messen-

ger visiting on Urantia, by request of the Nebadon Revelatory Corps and in collaboration with a certain Melchizedek, the vicegerent Planetary Prince of Urantia.]

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24 This paper on Universal Unity is the 25th of a series of presentations by various authors, having been sponsored as a group by a commission of Nebadon personalities numbering 12 and acting under the direction of Mantutia Melchizedek. We indited these narratives and put them in the

English language, by a technique authorized by our superiors, in the year 1934[1] of Urantia time.

[1] Many of the human sources used in these papers were written and published in 1940s, so the date is spurious and was probably added later.

PART III

THE HISTORY OF URANTIA

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THE ORIGIN OF URANTIA

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In presenting excerpts from the archives of Jerusem for the records of Urantia respecting its antecedents and early history, we are directed to reckon time in terms of current usage — the present leap-year calendar of 365 ¼ days to the year. As a rule, no attempt will be made to give exact years, though they are of record. We will use the nearest whole numbers as the better method of presenting these historic facts.

2 When referring to an event as of one or two millions of years ago, we intend to date such an occurrence back that number of years from the early decades of the XX century of the Christian era. We will thus depict these far-distant events as occurring in even periods of thousands, millions, and billions of years.

1. THE ANDRONOVER NEBULA

1 Urantia is of origin in your sun, and your sun is one of the multifarious offspring of the Andronover nebula, which was onetime organized as a component part of the physical power

and material matter of the local universe of Nebadon. And this great nebula itself took origin in the universal force-charge of space in the superuniverse of Orvonton, long, long ago.

2 At the time of the beginning of this recital, the Primary Master Force Organizers of Paradise had long been in full control of the space-energies which were later organized as the Andronover nebula.

3 §§ *987,000,000,000* years ago associate force organizer and then acting inspector number 811,307 of the Orvonton series, travelling out from Uversa, reported to the Ancients of

Days that space conditions were favourable for the initiation of materialization phenomena in a certain sector of the, then, easterly segment of Orvonton.

4 §§ *900,000,000,000* years ago,[1] the Uversa archives testify, there was recorded a permit issued by the Uversa Council of Equilibrium to the superuniverse government authorizing the dispatch of a force organizer and staff to the region previously designated by inspector number 811,307. The Orvonton authorities commissioned the

[1] In 1955 text no comma after "ago".

original discoverer of this potential universe to execute the mandate of the Ancients of Days calling for the organization of a new material creation.

5 The recording of this permit signifies that the force organizer and staff had already departed from Uversa on the long journey to that easterly space sector where they were subsequently to engage in those protracted activities which would terminate in the emergence of a new physical creation in Orvonton.

6 §§ *875,000,000,000* years ago the enormous Andronover nebula number 876,926 was duly initiated. Only

the presence of the force organizer and the liaison staff was required to inaugurate the energy whirl which eventually grew into this vast cyclone of space. Subsequent to the initiation of such nebular revolutions, the living force organizers simply withdraw at right angles to the plane of the revolutionary disk, and from that time forward, the inherent qualities of energy ensure the progressive and orderly evolution of such a new physical system.

7 At about this time the narrative shifts to the functioning of the personalities of the superuniverse. In reality

the story has its proper beginning at this point — at just about the time the Paradise force organizers are preparing to withdraw, having made the space-energy conditions ready for the action of the power directors and physical controllers of the superuniverse of Orvonton.

2. THE PRIMARY NEBULAR STAGE

1 All evolutionary material creations are born of circular and gaseous nebulae, and all such primary nebulae are circular throughout the early part of their gaseous existence. As they grow older, they usually become spi-

ral, and when their function of sun formation has run its course, they often terminate as clusters of stars or as enormous suns surrounded by a varying number of planets, satellites, and smaller groups of matter in many ways resembling your own diminutive solar system.

2 §§ *800,000,000,000* years ago the Andronover creation was well established as one of the magnificent primary nebulae of Orvonton. As the astronomers of near-by universes looked out upon this phenomenon of space, they saw very little to attract their attention. Gravity estimates made in ad-

jacent creations indicated that space materializations were taking place in the Andronover regions, but that was all.

3 §§ *700,000,000,000* years ago the Andronover system was assuming gigantic proportions, and additional physical controllers were dispatched to nine surrounding material creations to afford support and supply co-operation to the power centres of this new material system which was so rapidly evolving. At this distant date all of the material bequeathed to the subsequent creations was held within the confines of this gigantic space wheel,

which continued ever to whirl and, after reaching its maximum of diameter, to whirl faster and faster as it continued to condense and contract.

4 §§ *600,000,000,000* years ago the height of the Andronover energy-mobilization period was attained; the nebula had acquired its maximum of mass. At this time it was a gigantic circular gas cloud in shape somewhat like a flattened spheroid. This was the early period of differential mass formation and varying revolutionary velocity. Gravity and other influences were about to begin their work of converting space gases into organized

matter.

3. THE SECONDARY NEBULAR STAGE

1 The enormous nebula now began gradually to assume the spiral form and to become clearly visible to the astronomers of even distant universes. This is the natural history of most nebulae; before they begin to throw off suns and start upon the work of universe building, these secondary space nebulae are usually observed as *spiral phenomena.*

2 The near-by star students of that faraway era, as they observed this metamorphosis of the Andronover neb-

ula, saw exactly what XX century astronomers see when they turn their telescopes spaceward and view the present-age spiral nebulae of adjacent outer space.

3 About the time of the attainment of the maximum of mass, the gravity control of the gaseous content commenced to weaken, and there ensued the stage of gas escapement, the gas streaming forth as two gigantic and distinct arms, which took origin on opposite sides of the mother mass. The rapid revolutions of this enormous central core soon imparted a spiral appearance to these two pro-

jecting gas streams. The cooling and subsequent condensation of portions of these protruding arms eventually produced their knotted appearance. These denser portions were vast systems and subsystems of physical matter whirling through space in the midst of the gaseous cloud of the nebula while being held securely within the gravity grasp of the mother wheel.

4 But the nebula had begun to contract, and the increase in the rate of revolution further lessened gravity control; and ere long, the outer gaseous regions began actually to escape from the immediate embrace of

the nebular nucleus, passing out into space on circuits of irregular outline, returning to the nuclear regions to complete their circuits, and so on. But this was only a temporary stage of nebular progression. The ever-increasing rate of whirling was soon to throw enormous suns off into space on independent circuits.

5 And this is what happened in Andronover ages upon ages ago. The energy wheel grew and grew until it attained its maximum of expansion, and then, when contraction set in, it whirled on faster and faster until, eventually, the critical centrifugal stage was

reached and the great breakup began.

6 §§ *500,000,000,000* years ago the first Andronover sun was born. This blazing streak broke away from the mother gravity grasp and tore out into space on an independent adventure in the cosmos of creation. Its orbit was determined by its path of escape. Such young suns quickly become spherical and start out on their long and eventful careers as the stars of space. Excepting terminal nebular nucleuses, the vast majority of Orvonton suns have had an analogous birth. These escaping suns pass through varied periods of evolution and subsequent universe

service.

7 §§ *400,000,000,000* years ago began the recaptive period of the Andronover nebula. Many of the near-by and smaller suns were recaptured as a result of the gradual enlargement and further condensation of the mother nucleus. Very soon there was inaugurated the terminal phase of nebular condensation, the period which always precedes the final segregation of these immense space aggregations of energy and matter.

8 It was scarcely a million years subsequent to this epoch that Michael of Nebadon, a Creator Son of Para-

dise, selected this disintegrating nebula as the site of his adventure in universe building. Almost immediately the architectural worlds of Salvington and the 100 constellation headquarters groups of planets were begun. It required almost 1,000,000 years to complete these clusters of specially created worlds. The local system headquarters planets were constructed over a period extending from that time to about 5,000,000,000 years ago.

9 §§ *300,000,000,000* years ago the Andronover solar circuits were well established, and the nebular system was passing through a transient period of

relative physical stability. About this time the staff of Michael arrived on Salvington, and the Uversa government of Orvonton extended physical recognition to the local universe of Nebadon.

10 §§ *200,000,000,000* years ago witnessed the progression of contraction and condensation with enormous heat generation in the Andronover central cluster, or nuclear mass. Relative space appeared even in the regions near the central mother-sun wheel. The outer regions were becoming more stabilized and better organized; some planets revolving around

the newborn suns had cooled sufficiently to be suitable for life implantation. The oldest inhabited planets of Nebadon date from these times.

11 Now the completed universe mechanism of Nebadon first begins to function, and Michael's creation is registered on Uversa as a universe of inhabitation and progressive mortal ascension.

12 §§ *100,000,000,000* years ago the nebular apex of condensation tension was reached; the point of maximum heat tension was attained. This critical stage of gravity-heat contention sometimes lasts for ages, but sooner or

later, heat wins the struggle with gravity, and the spectacular period of sun dispersion begins. And this marks the end of the secondary career of a space nebula.

4. TERTIARY AND QUARTAN STAGES

1 The primary stage of a nebula is circular; the secondary, spiral; the tertiary stage is that of the first sun dispersion, while the quartan embraces the second and last cycle of sun dispersion, with the mother nucleus ending either as a globular cluster or as a solitary sun functioning as the centre of a

terminal solar system.

2 §§ *75,000,000,000* years ago this nebula had attained the height of its sun-family stage. This was the apex of the first period of sun losses. The majority of these suns have since possessed themselves of extensive systems of planets, satellites, dark islands, comets, meteors, and cosmic dust clouds.

3 §§ *50,000,000,000* years ago this first period of sun dispersion was completed; the nebula was fast finishing its tertiary cycle of existence, during which it gave origin to 876,926 sun systems.

4 §§ *25,000,000,000* years ago witnessed the completion of the tertiary cycle of nebular life and brought about the organization and relative stabilization of the far-flung starry systems derived from this parent nebula. But the process of physical contraction and increased heat production continued in the central mass of the nebular remnant.

5 §§ *10,000,000,000* years ago the quartan cycle of Andronover began. The maximum of nuclear-mass temperature had been attained; the critical point of condensation was approaching. The original mother nu-

cleus was convulsing under the combined pressure of its own internal-heat condensation tension and the increasing gravity-tidal pull of the surrounding swarm of liberated sun systems. The nuclear eruptions which were to inaugurate the second nebular sun cycle were imminent. The quartan cycle of nebular existence was about to begin.

6 §§ *8,000,000,000* years ago the terrific terminal eruption began. Only the outer systems are safe at the time of such a cosmic upheaval. And this was the beginning of the end of the nebula. This final sun disgorgement extended

over a period of almost 2,000,000,000 years.

7 §§ *7,000,000,000* years ago witnessed the height of the Andronover terminal breakup. This was the period of the birth of the larger terminal suns and the apex of the local physical disturbances.

8 §§ *6,000,000,000* years ago marks the end of the terminal breakup and the birth of your sun, the 56th from the last of the Andronover second solar family. This final eruption of the nebular nucleus gave birth to 136,702 suns, most of them solitary orbs. The total number of suns and sun systems

having origin in the Andronover nebula was 1,013,628. The number of the solar system sun is 1,013,572.

9 And now the great Andronover nebula is no more, but it lives on in the many suns and their planetary families which originated in this mother cloud of space. The final nuclear remnant of this magnificent nebula still burns with a reddish glow and continues to give forth moderate light and heat to its remnant planetary family of 165 worlds, which now revolve about this venerable mother of two mighty gen-

erations of the monarchs of light.

5. ORIGIN OF MONMATIA — THE URANTIA SOLAR SYSTEM

1 *5,000,000,000* years ago your sun was a comparatively isolated blazing orb, having gathered to itself most of the near-by circulating matter of space, remnants of the recent upheaval which attended its own birth.

2 Today, your sun has achieved relative stability, but its 11½ year sunspot cycles betray that it was a variable star in its youth. In the early days of your sun the continued contraction and consequent gradual increase

of temperature initiated tremendous convulsions on its surface. These titanic heaves required 3½ days to complete a cycle of varying brightness. This variable state, this periodic pulsation, rendered your sun highly responsive to certain outside influences which were to be shortly encountered.

3 Thus was the stage of local space set for the unique origin of *Monmatia,* that being the name of your sun's planetary family, the solar system to which your world belongs. Less than 1% of the planetary systems of Orvonton have had a similar origin.

4 §§ *4,500,000,000* years ago[1] the enormous Angona system began its approach to the neighbourhood of this solitary sun. The centre of this great system was a dark giant of space, solid, highly charged, and possessing tremendous gravity pull.

5 As Angona more closely approached the sun, at moments of maximum expansion during solar pulsations, streams of gaseous material were shot out into space as gigantic solar tongues. At first these flaming gas tongues would invariably fall back

[1] The origin of the Solar System described here closely matches the one given by James Jeans in [2].

into the sun, but as Angona drew nearer and nearer, the gravity pull of the gigantic visitor became so great that these tongues of gas would break off at certain points, the roots falling back into the sun while the outer sections would become detached to form independent bodies of matter, solar meteorites, which immediately started to revolve about the sun in elliptical orbits of their own.

6 As the Angona system drew nearer, the solar extrusions grew larger and larger; more and more matter was drawn from the sun to become independent circulating bodies in sur-

rounding space. This situation developed for about 500,000 years until Angona made its closest approach to the sun; whereupon the sun, in conjunction with one of its periodic internal convulsions, experienced a partial disruption; from opposite sides and simultaneously, enormous volumes of matter were disgorged. From the Angona side there was drawn out a vast column of solar gases, rather pointed at both ends and markedly bulging at the centre, which became permanently detached from the immediate gravity control of the sun.

7 This great column of solar gases

which was thus separated from the sun subsequently evolved into the 12 planets of the solar system. The repercussional ejection of gas from the opposite side of the sun in tidal sympathy with the extrusion of this gigantic solar system ancestor, has since condensed into the meteors and space dust of the solar system, although much, very much, of this matter was subsequently recaptured by solar gravity as the Angona system receded into remote space.

8 Although Angona succeeded in drawing away the ancestral material of the solar system planets and the enor-

mous volume of matter now circulating about the sun as asteroids and meteors, it did not secure for itself any of this solar matter. The visiting system did not come quite close enough to actually steal any of the sun's substance, but it did swing sufficiently close to draw off into the intervening space all of the material comprising the present-day solar system.

9 The five inner and five outer planets soon formed in miniature from the cooling and condensing nucleuses in the less massive and tapering ends of the gigantic gravity bulge which Angona had succeeded in detaching from

the sun, while Saturn and Jupiter were formed from the more massive and bulging central portions. The powerful gravity pull of Jupiter and Saturn early captured most of the material stolen from Angona as the retrograde motion[1] of certain of their satellites bears witness.

10 Jupiter and Saturn, being derived from the very centre of the enormous

[1] In Astronomy, this is the motion in a direction opposite to something else. The opposite is called "prograde" motion. All known planets of solar system revolve in orbit around the Sun in the "prograde" direction, i.e. in the same direction as the rotation of the Sun. Many (but not all) comets revolve on retrograde orbits.

column of superheated solar gases, contained so much highly heated sun material that they shone with a brilliant light and emitted enormous volumes of heat; they were in reality secondary suns for a short period after their formation as separate space bodies. These two largest of the solar system planets have remained largely gaseous to this day, not even yet having cooled off to the point of complete condensation or solidification.

11 The gas-contraction nucleuses of the other ten planets soon reached the stage of solidification and so began to draw to themselves increasing quan-

tities of the meteoric matter circulating in near-by space. The worlds of the solar system thus had a double origin: nucleuses of gas condensation later on augmented by the capture of enormous quantities of meteors. Indeed they still continue to capture meteors, but in greatly lessened numbers.

12 The planets do not swing around the sun in the equatorial plane of their solar mother, which they would do if they had been thrown off by solar revolution. Rather, they travel in the plane of the Angona solar extrusion, which existed at a considerable angle to the plane of the sun's equator.

13 §§ While Angona was unable to capture any of the solar mass, your sun did add to its metamorphosing planetary family some of the circulating space material of the visiting system. Due to the intense gravity field of Angona, its tributary planetary family pursued orbits of considerable distance from the dark giant; and shortly after the extrusion of the solar system ancestral mass and while Angona was yet in the vicinity of the sun, three of the major planets of the Angona system swung so near to the massive solar system ancestor that its gravitational pull, augmented by that of the

sun, was sufficient to overbalance the gravity grasp of Angona and to permanently detach these three tributaries of the celestial wanderer.

14 All of the solar system material derived from the sun was originally endowed with a homogeneous direction of orbital swing, and had it not been for the intrusion of these three foreign space bodies, all solar system material would still maintain the same direction of orbital movement. As it was, the impact of the three Angona tributaries injected new and foreign directional forces into the emerging solar system with the resultant appear-

ance of *retrograde motion.* Retrograde motion in any astronomic system is always accidental and always appears as a result of the collisional impact of foreign space bodies. Such collisions may not always produce retrograde motion, but no retrograde ever appears except in a system containing masses which have diverse origins.

6. THE SOLAR SYSTEM STAGE — THE PLANET-FORMING ERA

1 Subsequent to the birth of the solar system a period of diminishing solar disgorgement ensued. Decreasingly, for another 500,000 years, the

sun continued to pour forth diminishing volumes of matter into surrounding space. But during these early times of erratic orbits, when the surrounding bodies made their nearest approach to the sun, the solar parent was able to recapture a large portion of this meteoric material.

2 §§ The planets nearest the sun were the first to have their revolutions slowed down by tidal friction. Such gravitational influences also contribute to the stabilization of planetary orbits while acting as a brake on the rate of planetary-axial revolution, causing a planet to revolve ever slower

until axial revolution ceases, leaving one hemisphere of the planet always turned toward the sun or larger body, as is illustrated by the planet Mercury and by the moon, which always turns the same face toward Urantia.

3 When the tidal frictions of the moon and the earth become equalized, the earth will always turn the same hemisphere toward the moon, and the day and month will be analogous — in length about 47 days[1].

[1] Although the primary source of this information is the book [1], the author (Sir James Jeans) himself relies on the book [3] by Sir Harold Jeffreys, where this calculation may be found in §14.52 on page

When such stability of orbits is attained, tidal frictions will go into reverse action, no longer driving the moon farther away from the earth but gradually drawing the satellite toward the planet. And then, in that far-distant future when the moon approaches to within about 17,700 km of the earth, the gravity action of the latter will cause the moon to disrupt, and this tidal-gravity explosion will shatter the moon into small particles, which may assemble about the world as rings of matter resembling those of Saturn or may be gradually drawn into

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the earth as meteors.

4 If space bodies are similar in size and density, collisions may occur. But if two space bodies of similar density are relatively unequal in size, then, if the smaller progressively approaches the larger, the disruption of the smaller body will occur when the radius of its orbit becomes less than 2.5 times the radius of the larger body. Collisions among the giants of space are rare indeed, but these gravity-tidal explosions of lesser bodies are quite common.

5 Shooting stars occur in swarms because they are the fragments of

larger bodies of matter which have been disrupted by tidal gravity exerted by near-by and still larger space bodies. Saturn's rings are the fragments of a disrupted satellite. One of the moons of Jupiter[1] is now approaching dangerously near the critical zone of tidal disruption and, within a few

[1] That is *Amalthea,* as the original text ([1], p. 245) specifically says *Jupiter's innermost satellite is already perilously near it*. At the time when Sir James Jeans wrote this, the innermost known sattelite was Amalthea. The present ratio of Amalthea's orbital radius to the Roche limit is indeed dangerously close: 1.75. The other close candidates are *Metis, Adrastea* and *Thebe,* but they were discovered much later and so could not have been mentioned in the Revelation or its base source text [1].

million years, will either be claimed by the planet or will undergo gravity-tidal disruption. The fifth planet[1] of the solar system of long, long ago traversed an irregular orbit, periodically making closer and closer approach to

[1] This planet was named *Phaeton* by the Soviet astronomer S.V. Orlov in 1949. The breakup of Phaeton gave origin to the asteroid belt. In 1950 V.G. Fesenkov explained disintegration of Phaeton by its close encounter with Jupiter. However, this leaves the question why the orbits of the majority of asteroids are so far from Jupiter. Because of this difficulty V.G. Fesenkov later rejected his own original model. For more information, I refer the reader to the article "Origin of Asteroids", by V.A. Bronshtein (1972) available on `archive.org` (contributed by NASA).

Jupiter until it entered the critical zone of gravity-tidal disruption, was swiftly fragmentized, and became the present-day cluster of asteroids.

6 §§ *4,000,000,000* years ago witnessed the organization of the Jupiter and Saturn systems much as observed today except for their moons, which continued to increase in size for several billions of years. In fact, all of the planets and satellites of the solar system are still growing as the result of continued meteoric captures.

7 §§ *3,500,000,000* years ago the condensation nucleuses of the other ten planets were well formed, and the

cores of most of the moons were intact, though some of the smaller satellites later united to make the present-day larger moons. This age may be regarded as the era of planetary assembly.

8 §§ *3,000,000,000* years ago the solar system was functioning much as it does today. Its members continued to grow in size as space meteors continued to pour in upon the planets and their satellites at a prodigious rate.

9 About this time your solar system was placed on the physical registry of Nebadon and given its name, Monmatia.

10 §§ *2,500,000,000* years ago the planets had grown immensely in size. Urantia was a well-developed sphere about 1/10th its present mass and was still growing rapidly by meteoric accretion.

11 All of this tremendous activity is a normal part of the making of an evolutionary world on the order of Urantia and constitutes the astronomic preliminaries to the setting of the stage for the beginning of the physical evolution of such worlds of space in preparation for the life adventures of

time.

7. THE METEORIC ERA — THE VOLCANIC AGE THE PRIMITIVE PLANETARY ATMOSPHERE

1 Throughout these early times the space regions of the solar system were swarming with small disruptive and condensation bodies, and in the absence of a protective combustion atmosphere such space bodies crashed directly on the surface of Urantia. These incessant impacts kept the surface of the planet more or less heated, and this, together with the increased action of gravity as the sphere grew

larger, began to set in operation those influences which gradually caused the heavier elements, such as iron, to settle more and more toward the centre of the planet.

2 §§ *2,000,000,000* years ago the earth began decidedly to gain on the moon. Always had the planet been larger than its satellite, but there was not so much difference in size until about this time, when enormous space bodies were captured by the earth. Urantia was then about ⅕th its present size and had become large enough to hold the primitive atmosphere which had begun to appear as

a result of the internal elemental contest between the heated interior and the cooling crust.

3 Definite volcanic action dates from these times. The internal heat of the earth continued to be augmented by the deeper and deeper burial of the radioactive or heavier elements brought in from space by the meteors. The study of these radioactive elements will reveal that Urantia is more than 1,000,000,000 years old on its surface. The radium clock is your most reliable timepiece for making scientific estimates of the age of the planet, but all such estimates are too

short because the radioactive materials open to your scrutiny are all derived from the earth's surface and hence represent Urantia's comparatively recent acquirements of these elements.

4 §§ *1,500,000,000* years ago the earth was ⅔rds its present size, while the moon was nearing its present mass. Earth's rapid gain over the moon in size enabled it to begin the slow robbery of the little atmosphere which its satellite originally had.

5 Volcanic action is now at its height. The whole earth is a veritable fiery inferno, the surface resembling its earlier molten state before the heav-

ier metals gravitated toward the centre. *This is the volcanic age.* Nevertheless, a crust, consisting chiefly of the comparatively lighter granite, is gradually forming. The stage is being set for a planet which can someday support life.

6 §§ The primitive planetary atmosphere is slowly evolving, now containing some water vapour, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and hydrogen chloride, but there is little or no free nitrogen or free oxygen. The atmosphere of a world in the volcanic age presents a queer spectacle. In addition to the gases enumerated it is

heavily charged with numerous volcanic gases and, as the air belt matures, with the combustion products of the heavy meteoric showers which are constantly hurtling in upon the planetary surface. Such meteoric combustion keeps the atmospheric oxygen very nearly exhausted, and the rate of meteoric bombardment is still tremendous.

7 §§ Presently, the atmosphere became more settled and cooled sufficiently to start precipitation of rain on the hot rocky surface of the planet. For thousands of years Urantia was enveloped in one vast and contin-

uous blanket of steam. And during these ages the sun never shone upon the earth's surface.

8 Much of the carbon of the atmosphere was abstracted to form the carbonates of the various metals which abounded in the superficial layers of the planet. Later on, much greater quantities of these carbon gases were consumed by the early and prolific plant life.

9 Even in the later periods the continuing lava flows and the incoming meteors kept the oxygen of the air almost completely used up. Even the early deposits of the soon appearing

primitive ocean contain no coloured stones or shales. And for a long time after this ocean appeared, there was virtually no free oxygen in the atmosphere; and it did not appear in significant quantities until it was later generated by the seaweeds and other forms of vegetable life.

10 The primitive planetary atmosphere of the volcanic age affords little protection against the collisional impacts of the meteoric swarms. Millions upon millions of meteors are able to penetrate such an air belt to smash against the planetary crust as solid bodies. But as time passes, fewer

and fewer prove large enough to resist the ever-stronger friction shield of the oxygen-enriching atmosphere of the later eras.

8. CRUSTAL STABILIZATION THE AGE OF EARTHQUAKES THE WORLD OCEAN AND THE FIRST CONTINENT

1 *1,000,000,000* years ago is the date of the actual beginning of Urantia history. The planet had attained approximately its present size. And about this time it was placed upon the physical registries of Nebadon and given its name, *Urantia*.

2 The atmosphere, together with incessant moisture precipitation, facilitated the cooling of the earth's crust. Volcanic action early equalized internal-heat pressure and crustal contraction; and as volcanoes rapidly decreased, earthquakes made their appearance as this epoch of crustal cooling and adjustment progressed.

3 The real geologic history of Urantia begins with the cooling of the earth's crust sufficiently to cause the formation of the first ocean. Water-vapour condensation on the cooling surface of the earth, once begun, continued until it was virtually complete.

By the end of this period the ocean was world-wide, covering the entire planet to an average depth of over 1.6 km. The tides were then in play much as they are now observed, but this primitive ocean was not salty; it was practically a fresh-water covering for the world. In those days, most of the chlorine was combined with various metals, but there was enough, in union with hydrogen, to render this water faintly acid.

4 At the opening of this faraway era, Urantia should be envisaged as a water-bound planet. Later on, deeper and hence denser lava flows came out

upon the bottom of the present Pacific Ocean, and this part of the water-covered surface became considerably depressed. The first continental land mass emerged from the world ocean in compensatory adjustment of the equilibrium of the gradually thickening earth's crust.

5 §§ *950,000,000* years ago Urantia presents the picture of one great continent of land and one large body of water, the Pacific Ocean. Volcanoes are still widespread and earthquakes are both frequent and severe. Meteors continue to bombard the earth, but they are diminishing in both fre-

quency and size. The atmosphere is clearing up, but the amount of carbon dioxide continues large. The earth's crust is gradually stabilizing.

6 It was at about this time that Urantia was assigned to the system of Satania for planetary administration and was placed on the life registry of Norlatiadek. Then began the administrative recognition of the small and insignificant sphere which was destined to be the planet whereon Michael would subsequently engage in the stupendous undertaking of mortal bestowal, would participate in those experiences which have since caused

Urantia to become locally known as the "world of the cross."

7 §§ *900,000,000* years ago witnessed the arrival on Urantia of the first Satania scouting party sent out from Jerusem to examine the planet and make a report on its adaptation for a life-experiment station. This commission consisted of 24 members, embracing Life Carriers, Lanonandek Sons, Melchizedeks, seraphim, and other orders of celestial life having to do with the early days of planetary organization and administration.

8 After making a painstaking survey of the planet, this commission re-

turned to Jerusem and reported favourably to the System Sovereign, recommending that Urantia be placed on the life-experiment registry. Your world was accordingly registered on Jerusem as a decimal planet, and the Life Carriers were notified that they would be granted permission to institute new patterns of mechanical, chemical, and electrical mobilization at the time of their subsequent arrival with life transplantation and implantation mandates.

9 In due course arrangements for the planetary occupation were completed by the mixed commission of

12 on Jerusem and approved by the planetary commission of 70 on Edentia. These plans, proposed by the advisory counsellors of the Life Carriers, were finally accepted on Salvington. Soon thereafter the Nebadon broadcasts carried the announcement that Urantia would become the stage whereon the Life Carriers would execute their 60th Satania experiment designed to amplify and improve the Satania type of the Nebadon life patterns.

10 Shortly after Urantia was first recognized on the universe broadcasts to all Nebadon, it was accorded full uni-

verse status. Soon thereafter it was registered in the records of the minor and the major sector headquarters planets of the superuniverse; and before this age was over, Urantia had found entry on the planetary-life registry of Uversa.

11 §§ This entire age was characterized by frequent and violent storms. The early crust of the earth was in a state of continual flux. Surface cooling alternated with immense lava flows. Nowhere can there be found on the surface of the world anything of this original planetary crust. It has all been mixed up too many times with extrud-

ing lavas of deep origins and admixed with subsequent deposits of the early world-wide ocean.

12 Nowhere on the surface of the world will there be found more of the modified remnants of these ancient preocean rocks than in north-eastern Canada around Hudson Bay. This extensive granite elevation is composed of stone belonging to the preoceanic ages. These rock layers have been heated, bent, twisted, upcrumpled, and again and again have they passed through these distorting metamorphic experiences.

13 Throughout the oceanic ages,

enormous layers of fossil-free stratified stone were deposited on this ancient ocean bottom. (Limestone can form as a result of chemical precipitation; not all of the older limestone was produced by marine-life deposition.) In none of these ancient rock formations will there be found evidences of life; they contain no fossils unless, by some chance, later deposits of the water ages have become mixed with these older prelife layers.

14 The earth's early crust was highly unstable, but mountains were not in process of formation. The planet contracted under gravity pressure as it

formed. Mountains are not the result of the collapse of the cooling crust of a contracting sphere; they appear later on as a result of the action of rain, gravity, and erosion.

15 The continental land mass of this era increased until it covered almost 10% of the earth's surface. Severe earthquakes did not begin until the continental mass of land emerged well above the water. When they once began, they increased in frequency and severity for ages. For millions upon millions of years earthquakes have diminished, but Urantia still has an average of 15 daily.

16 §§ *850,000,000* years ago the first real epoch of the stabilization of the earth's crust began. Most of the heavier metals had settled down toward the centre of the globe; the cooling crust had ceased to cave in on such an extensive scale as in former ages. There was established a better balance between the land extrusion and the heavier ocean bed. The flow of the subcrustal lava bed became well-nigh world-wide, and this compensated and stabilized the fluctuations due to cooling, contracting, and superficial shifting.

17 Volcanic eruptions and earth-

quakes continued to diminish in frequency and severity. The atmosphere was clearing of volcanic gases and water vapour, but the percentage of carbon dioxide was still high.

18 Electric disturbances in the air and in the earth were also decreasing. The lava flows had brought to the surface a mixture of elements which diversified the crust and better insulated the planet from certain space-energies. And all of this did much to facilitate the control of terrestrial energy and to regulate its flow, as is disclosed by the functioning of the magnetic poles.

19 §§ *800,000,000* years ago witnessed

the inauguration of the first great land epoch, the age of increased continental emergence.

20 Since the condensation of the earth's hydrosphere, first into the world ocean and subsequently into the Pacific Ocean, this latter body of water should be visualized as then covering 9/10ths of the earth's surface. Meteors falling into the sea accumulated on the ocean bottom, and meteors are, generally speaking, composed of heavy materials. Those falling on the land were largely oxidized, subsequently worn down by erosion, and washed into the ocean basins. Thus the ocean bottom

grew increasingly heavy, and added to this was the weight of a body of water at some places 16 km deep.

21 The increasing downthrust of the Pacific Ocean operated further to upthrust the continental land mass. Europe and Africa began to rise out of the Pacific depths along with those masses now called Australia, North and South America, and the continent of Antarctica, while the bed of the Pacific Ocean engaged in a further compensatory sinking adjustment. By the end of this period almost ⅓rd of the earth's surface consisted of land, all in one continental body.

22 With this increase in land elevation the first climatic differences of the planet appeared. Land elevation, cosmic clouds, and oceanic influences are the chief factors in climatic fluctuation. The backbone of the Asiatic land mass reached a height of almost 14 km at the time of the maximum land emergence. Had there been much moisture in the air hovering over these highly elevated regions, enormous ice blankets would have formed; the ice age would have arrived long before it did. It was several hundred millions of years before so much land again appeared above

water.

23 §§ *750,000,000* years ago the first breaks in the continental land mass began as the great north-and-south cracking, which later admitted the ocean waters and prepared the way for the westward drift of the continents of North and South America, including Greenland. The long east-and-west cleavage separated Africa from Europe and severed the land masses of Australia, the Pacific Islands, and Antarctica from the Asiatic continent.

24 §§ *700,000,000* years ago Urantia was approaching the ripening of conditions suitable for the support of life.

The continental land drift continued; increasingly the ocean penetrated the land as long fingerlike seas providing those shallow waters and sheltered bays which are so suitable as a habitat for marine life.

25 §§ *650,000,000* years ago witnessed the further separation of the land masses and, in consequence, a further extension of the continental seas. And these waters were rapidly attaining that degree of saltiness which was essential to Urantia life.

26 It was these seas and their successors that laid down the life records of Urantia, as subsequently discovered

in well-preserved stone pages, volume upon volume, as era succeeded era and age grew upon age. These inland seas of olden times were truly the cradle of evolution.

27 [Presented by a Life Carrier, a member of the original Urantia Corps and now a resident observer.]

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PAPER 58

LIFE ESTABLISHMENT ON URANTIA

Life Carrier

In all Satania there are only 61 worlds similar to Urantia, life-modification planets. The majority of inhabited worlds are peopled in accordance with established techniques; on such spheres the Life Carriers are afforded little leeway in their plans for life implantation. But about one world in ten is designated as a *decimal planet* and assigned to the special

registry of the Life Carriers; and on such planets we are permitted to undertake certain life experiments in an effort to modify or possibly improve the standard universe types of living beings.

1. PHYSICAL-LIFE PREREQUISITES

1 *600,000,000* years ago the commission of Life Carriers sent out from Jerusem arrived on Urantia and began the study of physical conditions preparatory to launching life on world number 606 of the Satania system. This was to be our 606th experience

with the initiation of the Nebadon life patterns in Satania and our 60th[1] opportunity to make changes and institute modifications in the basic and standard life designs of the local universe.

2 §§ It should be made clear that Life Carriers cannot initiate life until a sphere is ripe for the inauguration of the evolutionary cycle. Neither can we provide for a more rapid life develop-

[1] It is interesting to note that the planet number (606) added to the number of experiment (60) is 666, known also as *The Number of the Beast*, see Revelation 13:18. Also, see the clarification of John's vision at 47:10.2 and the note at 15:14.8.

ment than can be supported and accommodated by the physical progress of the planet.

3 The Satania Life Carriers had projected a sodium chloride pattern of life; therefore no steps could be taken toward planting it until the ocean waters had become sufficiently briny. The Urantia type of protoplasm can function only in a suitable salt solution. All ancestral life — vegetable and animal — evolved in a salt-solution habitat. And even the more highly organized land animals could not continue to live did not this same essential salt solution circulate throughout

their bodies in the blood stream which freely bathes, literally submerses, every tiny living cell in this "briny deep."

4 Your primitive ancestors freely circulated about in the salty ocean; today, this same oceanlike salty solution freely circulates about in your bodies, bathing each individual cell with a chemical liquid in all essentials comparable to the salt water which stimulated the first protoplasmic reactions of the first living cells to function on the planet.

5 But as this era opens, Urantia is in every way evolving toward a state favourable for the support of the initial

forms of marine life. Slowly but surely physical developments on earth and in adjacent space regions are preparing the stage for the later attempts to establish such life forms as we had decided would be best adapted to the unfolding physical environment — both terrestrial and spatial.

6 Subsequently the Satania commission of Life Carriers returned to Jerusem, preferring to await the further breakup of the continental land mass, which would afford still more inland seas and sheltered bays, before actually beginning life implantation.

7 §§ On a planet where life has a ma-

rine origin the ideal conditions for life implantation are provided by a large number of inland seas, by an extensive shore line of shallow waters and sheltered bays; and just such a distribution of the earth's waters was rapidly developing. These ancient inland seas were seldom over 150–180 m deep, and sunlight can penetrate ocean water for more than 180 m[1].

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[1] The density of most liquids decreases with increasing temperature, but water is an exception to this rule. In the region of temperatures 0–3 °C for the salty ocean water or 0–4 °C for the fresh water, the density *increases* with increasing temperature, reaching the maximum density at the temperature 3 °C for the salty and 4 °C for the fresh wa-

8 And it was from such seashores of the mild and equable climes of a later age that primitive plant life found its way onto the land. There the high degree of carbon in the atmosphere afforded the new land varieties of life opportunity for speedy and luxuriant growth. Though this atmosphere was

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ter respectively. Therefore, the warm water at the surface (say, having the temperature 2 °C) is more dense than the cold water (say, at 1 °C) underneath and moves down replacing it, thus ensuring that the temperature does not fall below 2–3 °C all the way to the bottom. This is also the reason why a pond begins to freeze from the surface to the bottom and not the other way around, which would have been catastrophic for the survival of fish and other forms of life in the pond.

then ideal for plant growth, it contained such a high degree of carbon dioxide that no animal, much less man, could have lived on the face of the earth.

2. THE URANTIA ATMOSPHERE

1 The planetary atmosphere filters through to the earth about one two-billionth of the sun's total light emanation. If the light falling upon North America were paid for at the rate of 2 ¢/kWh[1], the annual light bill would be upward of 800 quadrillion[2]

[1] In the source text [1] the rate 1 ¾ ¢/kWh is used.
[2] The figure given in the source text [1] is 324

dollars. Chicago's[1] bill[2] for sunshine would amount to considerably over $100,000,000 a day. And it should be remembered that you receive from the sun other forms of energy — light is not the only solar contribution reaching your atmosphere. Vast solar energies pour in upon Urantia embracing wave lengths ranging both above and below the recognition range of human vision.

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quadrillion dollars. Note that the American quadrillion is 10^{15} and British quadrillion is 10^{24}.

[1] In the source text [1] we find *Greater New York,* presumably substituted by Dr Sadler's home city of *Chicago*.

[2] See also the text and the note at 41:5.2.

2 §§ The earth's atmosphere is all but opaque to much of the solar radiation at the extreme ultraviolet end of the spectrum. Most of these short wave lengths are absorbed by a layer of ozone which exists throughout a level about 16 km above the surface of the earth, and which extends spaceward for another 16 km. The ozone permeating this region, at conditions prevailing on the earth's surface, would make a layer only 2.5 mm thick[1]; nevertheless, this relatively small and appar-

[1] The source text [1] says "only 2 to 3 millimeters in thickness". The modern (2000) estimate of the ozone layer thickness over the US is about 3 mm.

ently insignificant amount of ozone protects Urantia inhabitants from the excess of these dangerous and destructive ultraviolet radiations present in sunlight. But were this ozone layer just a trifle thicker, you would be deprived of the highly important and health-giving ultraviolet rays which now reach the earth's surface, and which are ancestral to one of the most essential of your vitamins[1].

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[1] Namely, vitamin D, so in the source text: Harlan True Stetson, "Solar Radiation and the State of the Atmosphere" (1942) [1]. Note that the publication year of the source text for this part of the Revelation (1942) is seven years *after* the year 1935 given in the colophon of Part III as the date, when these

3 And yet some of the less imaginative of your mortal mechanists insist on viewing material creation and human evolution as an accident. The Urantia midwayers have assembled over 50,000 facts of physics and chemistry which they deem to be incompatible with the laws of accidental chance, and which they contend unmistakably demonstrate the presence of intelligent purpose in the material creation. And all of this takes no account of their catalogue of more than 100,000 findings outside the domain

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revelatory narratives were indited and put in the English language.

of physics and chemistry which they maintain prove the presence of mind in the planning, creation, and maintenance of the material cosmos.

4 Your sun pours forth a veritable flood of death-dealing rays, and your pleasant life on Urantia is due to the "fortuitous" influence of more than two-score apparently accidental protective operations similar to the action of this unique ozone layer.

5 Were it not for the "blanketing" effect of the atmosphere at night, heat would be lost by radiation so rapidly that life would be impossible of maintenance except by artificial provision.

6 §§ The lower 8 or 10 km of the earth's atmosphere is the troposphere; this is the region of winds and air currents which provide weather phenomena. Above this region is the inner ionosphere and next above is the stratosphere. Ascending from the surface of the earth, the temperature steadily falls for 9 or 12 km, at which height it registers around -57 °C[1]. This temperature range of from -54 °C to -57 °C is unchanged in the further ascent for 64 km[2]; this realm of constant temperature is the stratosphere. At a

[1] The source text [1] says -55 °C.

[2] The source text [1] says 30 miles, which is 48 km.

height of 72 or 80 km, the temperature begins to rise, and this increase continues until, at the level of the auroral displays, a temperature of 649 °C[1] is attained, and it is this intense heat that ionizes the oxygen. But temperature in such a rarefied atmosphere is hardly comparable with heat reckoning at the surface of the earth. Bear in mind that 50% of all your atmosphere is to be found in the first 5 km. The height of the earth's atmosphere is indicated by the highest auroral streamers — about 643 km[2].

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[1] In the source text [1] the value of 1000 °C is used.

[2] The source text [1] says "600 kilometers or more".

7 Auroral phenomena are directly related to sunspots, those solar cyclones which whirl in opposite directions above and below the solar equator, even as do the terrestrial tropical hurricanes. Such atmospheric disturbances whirl in opposite directions[1] when occurring above or below the equator.

[1] This is due to the direction of the Coriolis force $\boldsymbol{F}_{cor} = 2m\boldsymbol{v} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}$, see the figure.

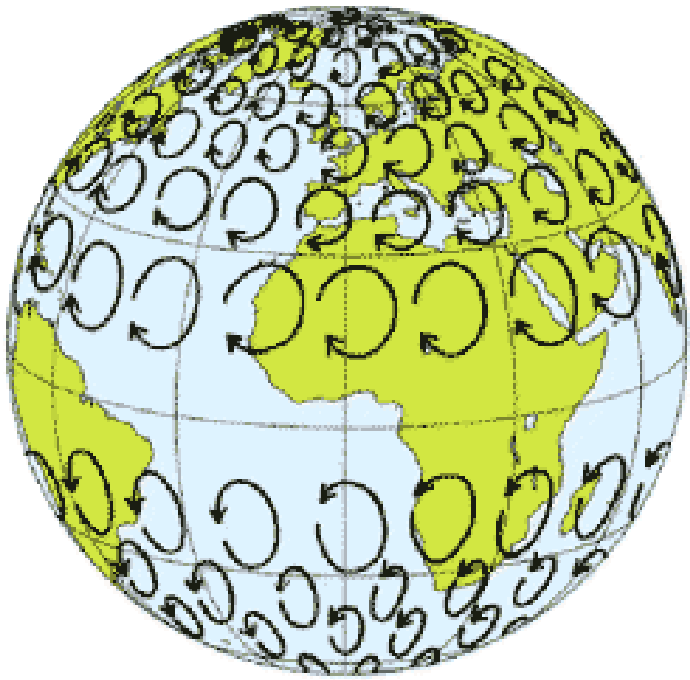

Figure 19: Coriolis effect

8 The power of sunspots to alter light frequencies shows that these solar storm centres function as enormous magnets. Such magnetic fields are able to hurl charged particles from the sunspot craters out through space to the earth's outer atmosphere, where

their ionizing influence produces such spectacular auroral displays. Therefore do you have the greatest auroral phenomena when sunspots are at their height — or soon thereafter — at which time the spots are more generally equatorially situated.

9 Even the compass needle is responsive to this solar influence since it turns slightly to the east as the sun rises and slightly to the west as the sun nears setting. This happens every day, but during the height of sunspot cycles this variation of the compass is twice as great. These diurnal wanderings of the compass are in response to the in-

creased ionization of the upper atmosphere, which is produced by the sunlight.

10 It is the presence of two different levels of electrified conducting regions in the superstratosphere that accounts for the long-distance transmission of your long- and short-wave radiobroadcasts. Your broadcasting is sometimes disturbed by the terrific storms which occasionally rage in the realms of these outer ionospheres.

3. SPATIAL ENVIRONMENT

1 During the earlier times of universe materialization the space regions

are interspersed with vast hydrogen clouds, just such astronomic dust clusters as now characterize many regions throughout remote space. Much of the organized matter which the blazing suns break down and disperse as radiant energy was originally built up in these early appearing hydrogen clouds of space. Under certain unusual conditions atom disruption also occurs at the nucleus of the larger hydrogen masses. And all of these phenomena of atom building and atom dissolution, as in the highly heated nebulae, are attended by the emergence of flood tides of short space

rays of radiant energy. Accompanying these diverse radiations is a form of space-energy unknown on Urantia.

2 This short-ray energy charge of universe space is 400 times greater than all other forms of radiant energy existing in the organized space domains. The output of short space rays, whether coming from the blazing nebulae, tense electric fields, outer space, or the vast hydrogen dust clouds, is modified qualitatively and quantitatively by fluctuations of, and sudden tension changes in, temperature, gravity, and electronic pressures.

3 These eventualities in the origin

of the space rays are determined by many cosmic occurrences as well as by the orbits of circulating matter, which vary from modified circles to extreme ellipses. Physical conditions may also be greatly altered because the electron spin is sometimes in the opposite direction from that of the grosser matter behaviour, even in the same physical zone.

4 The vast hydrogen clouds are veritable cosmic chemical laboratories, harbouring all phases of evolving energy and metamorphosing matter. Great energy actions also occur in the marginal gases of the great binary stars

which so frequently overlap and hence extensively commingle. But none of these tremendous and far-flung energy activities of space exerts the least influence upon the phenomena of organized life — the germ plasm of living things and beings. These energy conditions of space are germane to the essential environment of life establishment, but they are not effective in the subsequent modification of the inheritance factors of the germ plasm as are some of the longer rays of radiant energy. The implanted life of the Life Carriers is fully resistant to all of this amazing flood of the short space rays

of universe energy.

5 §§ All of these essential cosmic conditions had to evolve to a favourable status before the Life Carriers could actually begin the establishment of life on Urantia.

4. THE LIFE-DAWN ERA

1 That we are called Life Carriers should not confuse you. We can and do carry life to the planets, but we brought no life to Urantia. Urantia life is unique, original with the planet. This sphere is a life-modification world; all life appearing hereon was formulated by us right here on the pla-

net; and there is no other world in all Satania, even in all Nebadon, that has a life existence just like that of Urantia.

2 §§ *550,000,000* years ago[1] the Life Carrier corps returned to Urantia. In co-operation with spiritual powers and superphysical forces we organized and initiated the original life patterns of this world and planted them in the hospitable waters of the realm. All planetary life (aside from extraplane-

[1] This corresponds to the time when, according to Kislicyn's hypothesis, the geosphere underwent a deformation from the shape of a dodecahedron (the "ether shape") into the shape of an icosahedron (the "water shape").

tary personalities) down to the days of Caligastia, the Planetary Prince, had its origin in our three original, identical, and simultaneous marine-life implantations. These three life implantations have been designated as: the *central* or Eurasian-African, the *eastern* or Australasian, and the *western,* embracing Greenland and the Americas.

3 §§ *500,000,000* years ago primitive marine vegetable life was well established on Urantia. Greenland and the arctic land mass, together with North and South America, were beginning their long and slow westward drift. Africa moved slightly south, creating

an east and west trough, the Mediterranean basin, between itself and the mother body. Antarctica, Australia, and the land indicated by the islands of the Pacific broke away on the south and east and have drifted far away since that day.

4 We had planted the primitive form of marine life in the sheltered tropic bays of the central seas of the east-west cleavage of the breaking-up continental land mass. Our purpose in making three marine-life implantations was to ensure that each great land mass would carry this life with it, in its warm-water seas, as the land subsequently sep-

arated. We foresaw that in the later era of the emergence of land life large oceans of water would separate these drifting continental land masses.

5. THE CONTINENTAL DRIFT

1 The continental land drift continued. The earth's core had become as dense and rigid as steel, being subjected to a pressure of almost 3.9×10^6 kg/cm^2, and owing to the enormous gravity pressure, it was and still is very hot in the deep interior. The temperature increases from the surface downward until at the centre it is slightly above the surface temperature of the

sun.

2 The outer 1,600 km of the earth's mass consists principally of different kinds of rock. Underneath are the denser and heavier metallic elements. Throughout the early and preatmospheric ages the world was so nearly fluid in its molten and highly heated state that the heavier metals sank deep into the interior. Those found near the surface today represent the exudate of ancient volcanoes, later and extensive lava flows, and the more recent meteoric deposits.

3 The outer crust was about 64 km thick. This outer shell was supported

by, and rested directly upon, a molten sea of basalt of varying thickness, a mobile layer of molten lava held under high pressure but always tending to flow hither and yon in equalization of shifting planetary pressures, thereby tending to stabilize the earth's crust.

4 Even today the continents continue to float upon this noncrystallized cushiony sea of molten basalt. Were it not for this protective condition, the more severe earthquakes would literally shake the world to pieces. Earthquakes are caused by sliding and shifting of the solid outer crust and not by volcanoes.

5 §§ The lava layers of the earth's crust, when cooled, form granite. The average density of Urantia is a little more than 5.5 times that of water; the density of granite is less than 3 times that of water. The earth's core is 12 times as dense as water.

6 The sea bottoms are more dense than the land masses, and this is what keeps the continents above water. When the sea bottoms are extruded above the sea level, they are found to consist largely of basalt, a form of lava considerably heavier than the granite of the land masses. Again, if the continents were not lighter than

the ocean beds, gravity would draw the edges of the oceans up onto the land, but such phenomena are not observable.

7 The weight of the oceans is also a factor in the increase of pressure on the sea beds. The lower but comparatively heavier ocean beds, plus the weight of the overlying water, approximate the weight of the higher but much lighter continents. But all continents tend to creep into the oceans. The continental pressure at ocean-bottom levels is about 1,400 kg/cm^2. That is, this would be the pressure of a continental mass standing 4,572 m above

the ocean floor. The ocean-floor water pressure is only about 350 kg/cm^2. These differential pressures tend to cause the continents to slide toward the ocean beds.

8 Depression of the ocean bottom during the prelife ages had upthrust a solitary continental land mass to such a height that its lateral pressure tended to cause the eastern, western, and southern fringes to slide downhill, over the underlying semiviscous lava beds, into the waters of the surrounding Pacific Ocean. This so fully compensated the continental pressure that a wide break did not occur on the east-

ern shore of this ancient Asiatic continent, but ever since has that eastern coast line hovered over the precipice of its adjoining oceanic depths, threatening to slide into a watery grave.

6. THE TRANSITION PERIOD

1 *450,000,000* years ago the *transition from vegetable to animal life* occurred. This metamorphosis took place in the shallow waters of the sheltered tropic bays and lagoons of the extensive shore lines of the separating continents. And this development, all of which was inherent in the original life patterns, came about grad-

ually. There were many transitional stages between the early primitive vegetable forms of life and the later well-defined animal organisms. Even today the transition slime moulds persist, and they can hardly be classified either as plants or as animals.

2 §§ Although the evolution of vegetable life can be traced into animal life, and though there have been found graduated series of plants and animals which progressively lead up from the most simple to the most complex and advanced organisms, you will not be able to find such connecting links between the great divisions of the ani-

mal kingdom nor between the highest of the prehuman animal types and the dawn men of the human races. These so-called "missing links" will forever remain missing, for the simple reason that they never existed.

3 From era to era radically new species of animal life arise. They do not evolve as the result of the gradual accumulation of small variations; they appear as full-fledged and new orders of life, and they appear *suddenly*.

4 The *sudden* appearance of new species and diversified orders of living organisms is wholly biologic, strictly natural. There is nothing supernatu-

ral connected with these genetic mutations.

5 At the proper degree of saltiness in the oceans animal life evolved, and it was comparatively simple to allow the briny waters to circulate through the animal bodies of marine life. But when the oceans were contracted and the percentage of salt was greatly increased, these same animals evolved the ability to reduce the saltiness of their body fluids just as those organisms which learned to live in fresh water acquired the ability to maintain the proper degree of sodium chloride in their body fluids by ingenious tech-

niques of salt conservation.

6 Study of the rock-embraced fossils of marine life reveals the early adjustment struggles of these primitive organisms. Plants and animals never cease to make these adjustment experiments. Ever the environment is changing, and always are living organisms striving to accommodate themselves to these never-ending fluctuations.

7 The physiologic equipment and the anatomic structure of all new orders of life are in response to the action of physical law, but the subsequent endowment of mind is a be-

stowal of the adjutant mind-spirits in accordance with innate brain capacity. Mind, while not a physical evolution, is wholly dependent on the brain capacity afforded by purely physical and evolutionary developments.

8 Through almost endless cycles of gains and losses, adjustments and readjustments, all living organisms swing back and forth from age to age. Those that attain cosmic unity persist, while those that fall short of this goal cease to exist.

7. THE GEOLOGIC HISTORY BOOK

1 The vast group of rock systems

which constituted the outer crust of the world during the life-dawn or Proterozoic era does not now appear at many points on the earth's surface. And when it does emerge from below all the accumulations of subsequent ages, there will be found only the fossil remains of vegetable and early primitive animal life. Some of these older water-deposited rocks are commingled with subsequent layers, and sometimes they yield fossil remains of some of the earlier forms of vegetable life, while on the topmost layers occasionally may be found some of the more primitive forms of the early ma-

rine-animal organisms. In many places these oldest stratified rock layers, bearing the fossils of the early marine life, both animal and vegetable, may be found directly on top of the older undifferentiated stone.

2 Fossils of this era yield algae, coral-like plants, primitive Protozoa, and spongelike transition organisms. But the absence of such fossils in the early rock layers does not necessarily prove that living things were not elsewhere in existence at the time of their deposition. Life was sparse throughout these early times and only slowly made its way over the face of the earth.

3 §§ The rocks of this olden age are now at the earth's surface, or very near the surface, over about ⅛th of the present land area. The average thickness of this transition stone, the oldest stratified rock layers, is about 2.4 km. At some points these ancient rock systems are as much as 6.4 km thick, but many of the layers which have been ascribed to this era belong to later periods.

4 In North America this ancient and primitive fossil-bearing stone layer comes to the surface over the eastern, central, and northern regions of Canada. There is also an intermittent

east-west ridge of this rock which extends from Pennsylvania and the ancient Adirondack Mountains on west through Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Other ridges run from Newfoundland to Alabama and from Alaska to Mexico.

5 The rocks of this era are exposed here and there all over the world, but none are so easy of interpretation as those about Lake Superior and in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, where these primitive fossil-bearing rocks, existing in several layers, testify to the upheavals and surface fluctuations of those faraway times.

6 This stone layer, the oldest fossil-bearing stratum in the crust of the earth, has been crumpled, folded, and grotesquely twisted as a result of the upheavals of earthquakes and the early volcanoes. The lava flows of this age brought much iron, copper, and lead up near the planetary surface.

7 There are few places on the earth where such activities are more graphically shown than in the St. Croix valley of Wisconsin. In this region there occurred 127 successive lava flows on land with succeeding water submergence and consequent rock deposition. Although much of the upper

rock sedimentation and intermittent lava flow is absent today, and though the bottom of this system is buried deep in the earth, nevertheless, about 65–70 of these stratified records of past ages are now exposed to view.

8 §§ In these early ages when much land was near sea level, there occurred many successive submergences and emergences. The earth's crust was just entering upon its later period of comparative stabilization. The undulations, rises and dips, of the earlier continental drift contributed to the frequency of the periodic submergence of the great land masses.

9 During these times of primitive marine life, extensive areas of the continental shores sank beneath the seas from 1 to 800 m. Much of the older sandstone and conglomerates represents the sedimentary accumulations of these ancient shores. The sedimentary rocks belonging to this early stratification rest directly upon those layers which date back far beyond the origin of life, back to the early appearance of the world-wide ocean.

10 Some of the upper layers of these transition rock deposits contain small amounts of shale or slate of dark colours, indicating the presence of or-

ganic carbon and testifying to the existence of the ancestors of those forms of plant life which overran the earth during the succeeding Carboniferous or coal age. Much of the copper in these rock layers results from water deposition. Some is found in the cracks of the older rocks and is the concentrate of the sluggish swamp water of some ancient sheltered shore line. The iron mines of North America and Europe are located in deposits and extrusions lying partly in the older unstratified rocks and partly in these later stratified rocks of the transition periods of life formation.

11 §§ This era witnesses the spread of life throughout the waters of the world; marine life has become well established on Urantia. The bottoms of the shallow and extensive inland seas are being gradually overrun by a profuse and luxuriant growth of vegetation, while the shore-line waters are swarming with the simple forms of animal life.

12 §§ All of this story is graphically told within the fossil pages of the vast "stone book" of world record. And the pages of this gigantic biogeologic record unfailingly tell the truth if you but acquire skill in their interpreta-

tion. Many of these ancient sea beds are now elevated high upon land, and their deposits of age upon age tell the story of the life struggles of those early days. It is literally true, as your poet has said, "The dust we tread upon was once alive."

13 [Presented by a member of the Urantia Life Carrier Corps now resident on the planet.]

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THE MARINE-LIFE ERA ON URANTIA

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We reckon the history of Urantia as beginning about one billion years ago and extending through five major eras:

2 1. *The prelife era* extends over the initial 450,000,000 years, from about the time the planet attained its present size to the time of life establishment. Your students have designated this period as the *Archeozoic.*

3 2. *The life-dawn era* extends over the next 150,000,000 years. This epoch intervenes between the preceding prelife or cataclysmic age and the following period of more highly developed marine life. This era is known to your researchers as the *Proterozoic.*

4 3. *The marine-life era* covers the next 250,000,000 years and is best known to you as the *Paleozoic.*

5 4. *The early land-life era* extends over the next 100,000,000 years and is known as the *Mesozoic.*

6 5. *The mammalian era* occupies the last 50,000,000 years. This recent-times era is known as the *Cenozoic.*

7 §§ The marine-life era thus covers about one quarter of your planetary history. It may be subdivided into six long periods, each characterized by certain well-defined developments in both the geologic realms and the biologic domains.

8 As this era begins, the sea bottoms, the extensive continental shelves, and the numerous shallow near-shore basins are covered with prolific vegetation. The more simple and primitive forms of animal life have already developed from preceding vegetable organisms, and the early animal organisms have gradually made their way along

the extensive coast lines of the various land masses until the many inland seas are teeming with primitive marine life. Since so few of these early organisms had shells, not many have been preserved as fossils. Nevertheless the stage is set for the opening chapters of that great "stone book" of the life-record preservation which was so methodically laid down during the succeeding ages.

9 The continent of North America is wonderfully rich in the fossil-bearing deposits of the entire marine-life era. The very first and oldest layers are separated from the later strata of the

preceding period by extensive erosion deposits which clearly segregate these two stages of planetary development.

1. EARLY MARINE LIFE IN THE SHALLOW SEAS THE TRILOBITE AGE

1 By the dawn of this period of relative quiet on the earth's surface, life is confined to the various inland seas and the oceanic shore line; as yet no form of land organism has evolved. Primitive marine animals are well established and are prepared for the next evolutionary development. Amoebae are typical survivors of this initial stage of animal life, having made their ap-

pearance toward the close of the preceding transition period.

2 §§ *400,000,000* years ago marine life, both vegetable and animal, is fairly well distributed over the whole world. The world climate grows slightly warmer and becomes more equable. There is a general inundation of the seashores of the various continents, particularly of North and South America. New oceans appear, and the older bodies of water are greatly enlarged.

3 Vegetation now for the first time crawls out upon the land and soon makes considerable progress in adap-

tation to a nonmarine habitat.

4 *Suddenly* and without gradation ancestry the first multicellular animals make their appearance. The trilobites have evolved, and for ages they dominate the seas. From the standpoint of marine life this is the trilobite age.

5 In the later portion of this time segment much of North America and Europe emerged from the sea. The crust of the earth was temporarily stabilized; mountains, or rather high elevations of land, rose along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, over the West Indies, and in southern Europe. The entire Caribbean region was highly ele-

vated.

6 §§ *390,000,000* years ago the land was still elevated. Over parts of eastern and western America and western Europe may be found the stone strata laid down during these times, and these are the oldest rocks which contain trilobite fossils. There were many long fingerlike gulfs projecting into the land masses in which were deposited these fossil-bearing rocks.

7 Within a few million years the Pacific Ocean began to invade the American continents. The sinking of the land was principally due to crustal adjustment, although the lateral land

spread, or continental creep, was also a factor.

8 §§ *380,000,000* years ago Asia was subsiding, and all other continents were experiencing a short-lived emergence. But as this epoch progressed, the newly appearing Atlantic Ocean made extensive inroads on all adjacent coast lines. The northern Atlantic or Arctic seas were then connected with the southern Gulf waters. When this southern sea entered the Appalachian trough, its waves broke upon the east against mountains as high as the Alps, but in general the continents were uninteresting lowlands, utterly devoid of

scenic beauty.

9 §§ The sedimentary deposits of these ages are of four sorts:

10 1. Conglomerates — matter deposited near the shore lines.

11 2. Sandstones — deposits made in shallow water but where the waves were sufficient to prevent mud settling.

12 3. Shales — deposits made in the deeper and more quiet water.

13 4. Limestone — including the deposits of trilobite shells in deep water.

14 §§ The trilobite fossils of these times present certain basic uniformi-

ties coupled with certain well-marked variations. The early animals developing from the three original life implantations were characteristic; those appearing in the Western Hemisphere were slightly different from those of the Eurasian group and from the Australasian or Australian-Antarctic type.

15 §§ *370,000,000* years ago the great and almost total submergence of North and South America occurred, followed by the sinking of Africa and Australia. Only certain parts of North America remained above these shallow Cambrian seas. 5,000,000 years later the seas were retreating before

the rising land. And all of these phenomena of land sinking and land rising were undramatic, taking place slowly over millions of years.

16 The trilobite fossil-bearing strata of this epoch outcrop here and there throughout all the continents except in central Asia. In many regions these rocks are horizontal, but in the mountains they are tilted and distorted because of pressure and folding. And such pressure has, in many places, changed the original character of these deposits. Sandstone has been turned into quartz, shale has been changed to slate, while limestone has been con-

verted into marble.

17 §§ *360,000,000* years ago the land was still rising. North and South America were well up. Western Europe and the British Isles were emerging, except parts of Wales, which were deeply submerged. There were no great ice sheets during these ages. The supposed glacial deposits appearing in connection with these strata in Europe, Africa, China, and Australia are due to isolated mountain glaciers or to the displacement of glacial debris of later origin. The world climate was oceanic, not continental. The southern seas were warmer then than

now, and they extended northward over North America up to the polar regions. The Gulf Stream coursed over the central portion of North America, being deflected eastward to bathe and warm the shores of Greenland, making that now ice-mantled continent a veritable tropic Paradise.

18 §§ The marine life was much alike the world over and consisted of the seaweeds, one-celled organisms, simple sponges, trilobites, and other crustaceans — shrimps, crabs, and lobsters. 3,000 varieties of brachiopods appeared at the close of this period, only 200 of which have survived.

These animals represent a variety of early life which has come down to the present time practically unchanged.

19 But the trilobites were the dominant living creatures. They were sexed animals and existed in many forms; being poor swimmers, they sluggishly floated in the water or crawled along the sea bottoms, curling up in self-protection when attacked by their later appearing enemies. They grew in length from 5 to 30 cm and developed into four distinct groups: carnivorous, herbivorous, omnivorous, and "mud eaters." The ability of the latter group largely to subsist on inorganic matter

— being the last multicelled animal that could — explains their great increase and long survival.

20 This was the biogeologic picture of Urantia at the end of that long period of the world's history, embracing 50,000,000 years, designated by your geologists as the *Cambrian.*

2. THE FIRST CONTINENTAL FLOOD STAGE

THE INVERTEBRATE-ANIMAL AGE

1 The periodic phenomena of land elevation and land sinking character-

istic of these times were all gradual and nonspectacular, being accompanied by little or no volcanic action. Throughout all of these successive land elevations and depressions the Asiatic mother continent did not fully share the history of the other land bodies. It experienced many inundations, dipping first in one direction and then another, more particularly in its earlier history, but it does not present the uniform rock deposits which may be discovered on the other continents. In recent ages Asia has been the most stable of all the land masses.

2 §§ *350,000,000* years ago saw the

beginning of the great flood period of all the continents except central Asia. The land masses were repeatedly covered with water; only the coastal highlands remained above these shallow but widespread oscillatory inland seas. Three major inundations characterized this period, but before it ended, the continents again arose, the total land emergence being 15% greater than now exists. The Caribbean region was highly elevated. This period is not well marked off in Europe because the land fluctuations were less, while the volcanic action was more persistent.

3 §§ *340,000,000* years ago there occurred another extensive land sinking except in Asia and Australia. The waters of the world's oceans were generally commingled. This was a great limestone age, much of its stone being laid down by lime-secreting algae.

4 A few million years later large portions of the American continents and Europe began to emerge from the water. In the Western Hemisphere only an arm of the Pacific Ocean remained over Mexico and the present Rocky Mountain regions, but near the close of this epoch the Atlantic and Pacific coasts again began to sink.

5 §§ *330,000,000* years ago marks the beginning of a time sector of comparative quiet all over the world, with much land again above water. The only exception to this reign of terrestrial quiet was the eruption of the great North American volcano of eastern Kentucky, one of the greatest single volcanic activities the world has ever known. The ashes of this volcano covered 193 km^2 to a depth of 4.5–6 m.

6 §§ *320,000,000* years ago the third major flood of this period occurred. The waters of this inundation covered all the land submerged by the preceding deluge, while extending farther in

many directions all over the Americas and Europe. Eastern North America and western Europe were 3–4.5 km under water.

7 §§ *310,000,000* years ago the land masses of the world were again well up excepting the southern parts of North America. Mexico emerged, thus creating the Gulf Sea, which has ever since maintained its identity.

8 The life of this period continues to evolve. The world is once again quiet and relatively peaceful; the climate remains mild and equable; the land plants are migrating farther and farther from the seashores. The life

patterns are well developed, although few plant fossils of these times are to be found.

9 §§ This was the great age of individual animal organismal evolution, though many of the basic changes, such as the transition from plant to animal, had previously occurred. The marine fauna developed to the point where every type of life below the vertebrate scale was represented in the fossils of those rocks which were laid down during these times. But all of these animals were marine organisms. No land animals had yet appeared except a few types of worms which bur-

rowed along the seashores, nor had the land plants yet overspread the continents; there was still too much carbon dioxide in the air to permit of the existence of air breathers. Primarily, all animals except certain of the more primitive ones are directly or indirectly dependent on plant life for their existence.

10 The trilobites were still prominent. These little animals existed in tens of thousands of patterns and were the predecessors of modern crustaceans. Some of the trilobites had from 25 to 4,000 tiny eyelets; others had aborted eyes. As this pe-

riod closed, the trilobites shared domination of the seas with several other forms of invertebrate life. But they utterly perished during the beginning of the next period.

11 Lime-secreting algae were widespread. There existed thousands of species of the early ancestors of the corals. Sea worms were abundant, and there were many varieties of jellyfish which have since become extinct. Corals and the later types of sponges evolved. The cephalopods were well developed, and they have survived as the modern pearly nautilus, octopus, cuttlefish, and squid.

12 There were many varieties of shell animals, but their shells were not then so much needed for defensive purposes as in subsequent ages. The gastropods were present in the waters of the ancient seas, and they included single-shelled drills, periwinkles, and snails. The bivalve gastropods have come on down through the intervening millions of years much as they then existed and embrace the muscles[1], clams, oysters, and scallops. The valve-shelled organisms also evolved, and these brachiopods lived in those

[1] The archaic word for "mussels".

ancient waters much as they exist today; they even had hinged, notched, and other sorts of protective arrangements of their valves.

13 §§ So ends the evolutionary story of the second great period of marine life, which is known to your geologists as the *Ordovician.*

3. THE SECOND GREAT FLOOD STAGE

THE CORAL PERIOD — THE BRACHIOPOD AGE

1 *300,000,000* years ago another great period of land submergence began. The southward and northward encroachment of the ancient Silurian

seas made ready to engulf most of Europe and North America. The land was not elevated far above the sea so that not much deposition occurred about the shore lines. The seas teemed with lime-shelled life, and the falling of these shells to the sea bottom gradually built up very thick layers of limestone. This is the first widespread limestone deposit, and it covers practically all of Europe and North America but only appears at the earth's surface in a few places. The thickness of this ancient rock layer averages about 300 m, but many of these deposits have since been greatly deformed by

tilting, upheavals, and faulting, and many have been changed to quartz, shale, and marble.

2 No fire rocks or lava are found in the stone layers of this period except those of the great volcanoes of southern Europe and eastern Maine and the lava flows of Quebec. Volcanic action was largely past. This was the height of great water deposition; there was little or no mountain building.

3 §§ *290,000,000* years ago the sea had largely withdrawn from the continents, and the bottoms of the surrounding oceans were sinking. The land masses were little changed until

they were again submerged. The early mountain movements of all the continents were beginning, and the greatest of these crustal upheavals were the Himalayas of Asia and the great Caledonian Mountains, extending from Ireland through Scotland and on to Spitzbergen.

4 It is in the deposits of this age that much of the gas, oil, zinc, and lead are found, the gas and oil being derived from the enormous collections of vegetable and animal matter carried down at the time of the previous land submergence, while the mineral deposits represent the sedimentation of slug-

gish bodies of water. Many of the rock salt deposits belong to this period.

5 The trilobites rapidly declined, and the centre of the stage was occupied by the larger molluscs, or cephalopods. These animals grew to be 4.6 m long and 30 cm in diameter and became masters of the seas. This species of animal appeared *suddenly* and assumed dominance of sea life.

6 The great volcanic activity of this age was in the European sector. Not in millions upon millions of years had such violent and extensive volcanic eruptions occurred as now took place around the Mediterranean trough and

especially in the neighbourhood of the British Isles. This lava flow over the British Isles region today appears as alternate layers of lava and rock 7,600 m thick. These rocks were laid down by the intermittent lava flows which spread out over a shallow sea bed, thus interspersing the rock deposits, and all of this was subsequently elevated high above the sea. Violent earthquakes took place in northern Europe, notably in Scotland.

7 The oceanic climate remained mild and uniform, and the warm seas bathed the shores of the polar lands. Brachiopod and other marine-life fos-

sils may be found in these deposits right up to the North Pole. Gastropods, brachiopods, sponges, and reef-making corals continued to increase.

8 The close of this epoch witnesses the second advance of the Silurian seas with another commingling of the waters of the southern and northern oceans. The cephalopods dominate marine life, while associated forms of life progressively develop and differentiate.

9 §§ *280,000,000* years ago the continents had largely emerged from the second Silurian inundation. The

rock deposits of this submergence are known in North America as Niagara limestone because this is the stratum of rock over which Niagara Falls now flows. This layer of rock extends from the eastern mountains to the Mississippi valley region but not farther west except to the south. Several layers extend over Canada, portions of South America, Australia, and most of Europe, the average thickness of this Niagara series being about 183 m. Immediately overlying the Niagara deposit, in many regions may be found a collection of conglomerate, shale, and rock salt. This is the accumulation of

secondary subsidences. This salt settled in great lagoons which were alternately opened up to the sea and then cut off so that evaporation occurred with deposition of salt along with other matter held in solution. In some regions these rock salt beds are 20 m thick.

10 The climate is even and mild, and marine fossils are laid down in the arctic regions. But by the end of this epoch the seas are so excessively salty that little life survives.

11 Toward the close of the final Silurian submergence there is a great increase in the echinoderms — the stone

lilies — as is evidenced by the crinoid limestone deposits. The trilobites have nearly disappeared, and the molluscs continue monarchs of the seas; coral-reef formation increases greatly. During this age, in the more favourable locations the primitive water scorpions first evolve. Soon thereafter, and *suddenly,* the true scorpions — actual air breathers — make their appearance.

12 These developments terminate the 3rd marine-life period, covering 25,000,000 years and known to your

researchers as the *Silurian.*

4. THE GREAT LAND-EMERGENCE STAGE THE VEGETATIVE LAND-LIFE PERIOD THE AGE OF FISHES

1 In the agelong struggle between land and water, for long periods the sea has been comparatively victorious, but times of land victory are just ahead. And the continental drifts have not proceeded so far but that, at times, practically all of the land of the world is connected by slender isthmuses and narrow land bridges.

2 As the land emerges from the last

Silurian inundation, an important period in world development and life evolution comes to an end. It is the dawn of a new age on earth. The naked and unattractive landscape of former times is becoming clothed with luxuriant verdure, and the first magnificent forests will soon appear.

3 The marine life of this age was very diverse due to the early species segregation, but later on there was free commingling and association of all these different types. The brachiopods early reached their climax, being succeeded by the arthropods, and barnacles made their first appear-

ance. But the greatest event of all was the sudden appearance of the fish family. This became the age of fishes, that period of the world's history characterized by the *vertebrate* type of animal.

4 §§ *270,000,000* years ago the continents were all above water. In millions upon millions of years not so much land had been above water at one time; it was one of the greatest land-emergence epochs in all world history.

5 5,000,000 years later the land areas of North and South America, Europe, Africa, northern Asia, and Australia were briefly inundated, in North America the submergence at one time

or another being almost complete; and the resulting limestone layers run from 150 to 1,500 m in thickness. These various Devonian seas extended first in one direction and then in another so that the immense arctic North American inland sea found an outlet to the Pacific Ocean through northern California.

6 §§ *260,000,000* years ago, toward the end of this land-depression epoch, North America was partially overspread by seas having simultaneous connection with the Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Gulf waters. The deposits of these later stages of the first

Devonian flood average about 300 m in thickness. The coral reefs characterizing these times indicate that the inland seas were clear and shallow. Such coral deposits are exposed in the banks of the Ohio River near Louisville, Kentucky, and are about 30 m thick, embracing more than 200 varieties. These coral formations extend through Canada and northern Europe to the arctic regions.

7 Following these submergences, many of the shore lines were considerably elevated so that the earlier deposits were covered by mud or shale. There is also a red sandstone stra-

tum which characterizes one of the Devonian sedimentations, and this red layer extends over much of the earth's surface, being found in North and South America, Europe, Russia, China, Africa, and Australia. Such red deposits are suggestive of arid or semi-arid conditions, but the climate of this epoch was still mild and even.

8 Throughout all of this period the land south-east of the Cincinnati Island remained well above water. But very much of western Europe, including the British Isles, was submerged. In Wales, Germany, and other places in Europe the Devonian rocks are

6,100 m thick.

9 §§ *250,000,000* years ago witnessed the appearance of the fish family, the vertebrates, one of the most important steps in all prehuman evolution.

10 The arthropods, or crustaceans, were the ancestors of the first vertebrates. The forerunners of the fish family were two modified arthropod ancestors; one had a long body connecting a head and tail, while the other was a backboneless, jawless prefish. But these preliminary types were quickly destroyed when the fishes, the first vertebrates of the animal world, made their *sudden* appearance from

the north.

11 Many of the largest true fish belong to this age, some of the teeth-bearing varieties being 7–9 m long; the present-day sharks are the survivors of these ancient fishes. The lung and armoured fishes reached their evolutionary apex, and before this epoch had ended, fishes had adapted to both fresh and salt waters.

12 Veritable bone beds of fish teeth and skeletons may be found in the deposits laid down toward the close of this period, and rich fossil beds are situated along the coast of California since many sheltered bays of the Pa-

cific Ocean extended into the land of that region.

13 The earth was being rapidly overrun by the new orders of land vegetation. Heretofore few plants grew on land except about the water's edge. Now, and *suddenly,* the prolific *fern family* appeared and quickly spread over the face of the rapidly rising land in all parts of the world. Tree types, 60 cm thick and 12 m high, soon developed; later on, leaves evolved, but these early varieties had only rudimentary foliage. There were many smaller plants, but their fossils are not found since they were usually destroyed by

the still earlier appearing bacteria.

14 As the land rose, North America became connected with Europe by land bridges extending to Greenland. And today Greenland holds the remains of these early land plants beneath its mantle of ice.

15 §§ *240,000,000* years ago the land over parts of both Europe and North and South America began to sink. This subsidence marked the appearance of the last and least extensive of the Devonian floods. The arctic seas again moved southward over much of North America, the Atlantic inundated a large part of Europe and west-

ern Asia, while the southern Pacific covered most of India. This inundation was slow in appearing and equally slow in retreating. The Catskill Mountains along the west bank of the Hudson River are one of the largest geologic monuments of this epoch to be found on the surface of North America.

16 §§ *230,000,000* years ago the seas were continuing their retreat. Much of North America was above water, and great volcanic activity occurred in the St. Lawrence region. Mount Royal, at Montreal, is the eroded neck of one of these volcanoes. The de-

posits of this entire epoch are well shown in the Appalachian Mountains of North America where the Susquehanna River has cut a valley exposing these successive layers, which attained a thickness of over 4 km.

17 §§ The elevation of the continents proceeded, and the atmosphere was becoming enriched with oxygen. The earth was overspread by vast forests of ferns 30 m high and by the peculiar trees of those days, silent forests; not a sound was heard, not even the rustle of a leaf, for such trees had no leaves.

18 §§ And thus drew to a close one of the longest periods of marine-life

evolution, *the age of fishes.* This period of the world's history lasted almost 50,000,000 years; it has become known to your researchers as the *Devonian.*

5. THE CRUSTAL-SHIFTING STAGE
THE FERN-FOREST CARBONIFEROUS PERIOD
THE AGE OF FROGS

1 The appearance of fish during the preceding period marks the apex of marine-life evolution. From this point onward the evolution of land life becomes increasingly important. And this period opens with the stage al-

most ideally set for the appearance of the first land animals.

2 §§ *220,000,000* years ago many of the continental land areas, including most of North America, were above water. The land was overrun by luxurious vegetation; this was indeed the *age of ferns.* Carbon dioxide was still present in the atmosphere but in lessening degree.

3 Shortly thereafter the central portion of North America was inundated, creating two great inland seas. Both the Atlantic and Pacific coastal highlands were situated just beyond the present shore lines. These two seas

presently united, commingling their different forms of life, and the union of these marine fauna marked the beginning of the rapid and world-wide decline in marine life and the opening of the subsequent land-life period.

4 §§ *210,000,000* years ago the warm-water arctic seas covered most of North America and Europe. The south polar waters inundated South America and Australia, while both Africa and Asia were highly elevated.

5 When the seas were at their height, a new evolutionary development *suddenly* occurred. Abruptly, the first of the land animals appeared. There

were numerous species of these animals that were able to live on land or in water. These air-breathing amphibians developed from the arthropods, whose swim bladders had evolved into lungs.

6 From the briny waters of the seas there crawled out upon the land snails, scorpions, and frogs. Today frogs still lay their eggs in water, and their young first exist as little fishes, tadpoles. This period could well be known as the *age of frogs.*

7 Very soon thereafter the insects first appeared and, together with spiders, scorpions, cockroaches, crickets,

and locusts, soon overspread the continents of the world. Dragon flies measured 76 cm across. 1,000 species of cockroaches developed, and some grew to be 10 cm long.

8 Two groups of echinoderms became especially well developed, and they are in reality the guide fossils of this epoch. The large shell-feeding sharks were also highly evolved, and for more than 5,000,000 years they dominated the oceans. The climate was still mild and equable; the marine life was little changed. Fresh-water fish were developing and the trilobites were nearing extinction. Corals

were scarce, and much of the limestone was being made by the crinoids. The finer building limestones were laid down during this epoch.

9 The waters of many of the inland seas were so heavily charged with lime and other minerals as greatly to interfere with the progress and development of many marine species. Eventually the seas cleared up as the result of an extensive stone deposit, in some places containing zinc and lead.

10 The deposits of this early Carboniferous age are from 150 to 600 m thick, consisting of sandstone, shale, and limestone. The oldest strata yield

the fossils of both land and marine animals and plants, along with much gravel and basin sediments. Little workable coal is found in these older strata. These depositions throughout Europe are very similar to those laid down over North America.

11 Toward the close of this epoch the land of North America began to rise. There was a short interruption, and the sea returned to cover about half of its previous beds. This was a short inundation, and most of the land was soon well above water. South America was still connected with Europe by way of Africa.

12 This epoch witnessed the beginning of the Vosges, Black Forest, and Ural mountains. Stumps of other and older mountains are to be found all over Great Britain and Europe.

13 §§ *200,000,000* years ago the really active stages of the Carboniferous period began. For 20,000,000 years prior to this time the earlier coal deposits were being laid down, but now the more extensive coal-formation activities were in process. The length of the actual coal-deposition epoch was a little over 25,000,000 years.

14 The land was periodically going up and down due to the shifting sea level

occasioned by activities on the ocean bottoms. This crustal uneasiness — the settling and rising of the land — in connection with the prolific vegetation of the coastal swamps, contributed to the production of extensive coal deposits, which have caused this period to be known as the *Carboniferous.* And the climate was still mild the world over.

15 The coal layers alternate with shale, stone, and conglomerate. These coal beds over central and eastern United States vary in thickness from 12 to 15 m. But many of these deposits were washed away during subse-

quent land elevations. In some parts of North America and Europe the coal-bearing strata are 5,500 m in thickness.

16 The presence of roots of trees as they grew in the clay underlying the present coal beds demonstrates that coal was formed exactly where it is now found. Coal is the water-preserved and pressure-modified remains of the rank vegetation growing in the bogs and on the swamp shores of this faraway age. Coal layers often hold both gas and oil. Peat beds, the remains of past vegetable growth, would be converted into a type of coal if subjected to proper pressure and heat.

Anthracite has been subjected to more pressure and heat than other coal.

17 In North America the layers of coal in the various beds, which indicate the number of times the land fell and rose, vary from 10 in Illinois, 20 in Pennsylvania, 35 in Alabama, to 75 in Canada. Both fresh- and salt-water fossils are found in the coal beds.

18 Throughout this epoch the mountains of North and South America were active, both the Andes and the southern ancestral Rocky Mountains rising. The great Atlantic and Pacific high coastal regions began to sink, eventually becoming so eroded

and submerged that the coast lines of both oceans withdrew to approximately their present positions. The deposits of this inundation average about 300 m in thickness.

19 §§ *190,000,000* years ago witnessed a westward extension of the North American Carboniferous sea over the present Rocky Mountain region, with an outlet to the Pacific Ocean through northern California. Coal continued to be laid down throughout the Americas and Europe, layer upon layer, as the coastlands rose and fell during these ages of seashore oscillations.

20 §§ *180,000,000* years ago brought

the close of the Carboniferous period, during which coal had been formed all over the world — in Europe, India, China, North Africa, and the Americas. At the close of the coal-formation period North America east of the Mississippi valley rose, and most of this section has ever since remained above the sea. This land-elevation period marks the beginning of the modern mountains of North America, both in the Appalachian regions and in the west. Volcanoes were active in Alaska and California and in the mountain-forming regions of Europe and Asia. Eastern America and western Europe

were connected by the continent of Greenland.

21 Land elevation began to modify the marine climate of the preceding ages and to substitute therefor the beginnings of the less mild and more variable continental climate.

22 The plants of these times were spore bearing, and the wind was able to spread them far and wide. The trunks of the Carboniferous trees were commonly 2 m in diameter and often 38 m high. The modern ferns are truly relics of these bygone ages.

23 In general, these were the epochs of development for fresh-water organ-

isms; little change occurred in the previous marine life. But the important characteristic of this period was the *sudden* appearance of the frogs and their many cousins. The life features of the coal age were *ferns* and *frogs*.

6. THE CLIMATIC TRANSITION STAGE THE SEED-PLANT PERIOD THE AGE OF BIOLOGIC TRIBULATION

1 This period marks the end of pivotal evolutionary development in marine life and the opening of the transition period leading to the subsequent ages of land animals.

2 This age was one of great life impoverishment. Thousands of marine species perished, and life was hardly yet established on land. This was a time of biologic tribulation, the age when life nearly vanished from the face of the earth and from the depths of the oceans. Toward the close of the long marine-life era there were more than 100,000 species of living things on earth. At the close of this period of transition less than 500 had survived.

3 The peculiarities of this new period were not due so much to the cooling of the earth's crust or to the long absence of volcanic action as to an un-

usual combination of commonplace and pre-existing influences — restrictions of the seas and increasing elevation of enormous land masses. The mild marine climate of former times was disappearing, and the harsher continental type of weather was fast developing.

4 §§ *170,000,000* years ago great evolutionary changes and adjustments were taking place over the entire face of the earth. Land was rising all over the world as the ocean beds were sinking. Isolated mountain ridges appeared. The eastern part of North America was high above the sea; the

west was slowly rising. The continents were covered by great and small salt lakes and numerous inland seas which were connected with the oceans by narrow straits. The strata of this transition period vary in thickness from 300 to 2,130 m.

5 The earth's crust folded extensively during these land elevations. This was a time of continental emergence except for the disappearance of certain land bridges, including the continents which had so long connected South America with Africa and North America with Europe.

6 Gradually the inland lakes and

seas were drying up all over the world. Isolated mountain and regional glaciers began to appear, especially over the Southern Hemisphere, and in many regions the glacial deposit of these local ice formations may be found even among some of the upper and later coal deposits. Two new climatic factors appeared — glaciation and aridity. Many of the earth's higher regions had become arid and barren.

7 §§ Throughout these times of climatic change, great variations also occurred in the land plants. The *seed plants* first appeared, and they afforded a better food supply for

the subsequently increased land-animal life. The insects underwent a radical change. The *resting stages* evolved to meet the demands of suspended animation during winter and drought.

8 §§ Among the land animals the frogs reached their climax in the preceding age and rapidly declined, but they survived because they could long live even in the drying-up pools and ponds of these far-distant and extremely trying times. During this declining frog age, in Africa, the first step in the evolution of the frog into the reptile occurred. And since the land masses were still connected, this

prereptilian creature, an air breather, spread over all the world. By this time the atmosphere had been so changed that it served admirably to support animal respiration. It was soon after the arrival of these prereptilian frogs that North America was temporarily isolated, cut off from Europe, Asia, and South America.

9 The gradual cooling of the ocean waters contributed much to the destruction of oceanic life. The marine animals of those ages took temporary refuge in three favourable retreats: the present Gulf of Mexico region, the Ganges Bay of India, and the Sicilian

Bay of the Mediterranean basin. And it was from these three regions that the new marine species, born to adversity, later went forth to replenish the seas.

10 §§ *160,000,000* years ago the land was largely covered with vegetation adapted to support land-animal life, and the atmosphere had become ideal for animal respiration. Thus ends the period of marine-life curtailment and those testing times of biologic adversity which eliminated all forms of life except such as had survival value, and which were therefore entitled to function as the ancestors of the more rapidly developing and highly differ-

entiated life of the ensuing ages of planetary evolution.

11 The ending of this period of biologic tribulation, known to your students as the *Permian,* also marks the end of the long *Paleozoic* era, which covers one quarter of the planetary history, 250,000,000 years.

12 The vast oceanic nursery of life on Urantia has served its purpose. During the long ages when the land was unsuited to support life, before the atmosphere contained sufficient oxygen to sustain the higher land animals, the sea mothered and nurtured the early life of the realm. Now the biologic

importance of the sea progressively diminishes as the second stage of evolution begins to unfold on the land.

13 [Presented by a Life Carrier of Nebadon, one of the original corps assigned to Urantia.]

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URANTIA DURING THE EARLY LAND-LIFE ERA

Life Carrier

The era of exclusive marine life has ended. Land elevation, cooling crust and cooling oceans, sea restriction and consequent deepening, together with a great increase of land in northern latitudes, all conspired greatly to change the world's climate in all regions far removed from the equatorial zone.

2 The closing epochs of the preceding era were indeed the age of frogs, but these ancestors of the land vertebrates were no longer dominant, having survived in greatly reduced numbers. Very few types outlived the rigorous trials of the preceding period of biologic tribulation. Even the spore-bearing plants were nearly extinct.

1. THE EARLY REPTILIAN AGE

1 The erosion deposits of this period were mostly conglomerates, shale, and sandstone. The gypsum and red layers throughout these sedimentations over both America and Europe indi-

cate that the climate of these continents was arid. These arid districts were subjected to great erosion from the violent and periodic cloudbursts on the surrounding highlands.

2 Few fossils are to be found in these layers, but numerous sandstone footprints of the land reptiles may be observed. In many regions the 300 m of red sandstone deposit of this period contains no fossils. The life of land animals was continuous only in certain parts of Africa.

3 These deposits vary in thickness from 910 to 3050 m, even being 5,500 on the Pacific coast. Lava was later

forced in between many of these layers. The Palisades of the Hudson River were formed by the extrusion of basalt lava between these Triassic strata. Volcanic action was extensive in different parts of the world.

4 Over Europe, especially Germany and Russia, may be found deposits of this period. In England the New Red Sandstone belongs to this epoch. Limestone was laid down in the southern Alps as the result of a sea invasion and may now be seen as the peculiar dolomite limestone walls, peaks, and pillars of those regions. This layer is to be found all over Africa and Australia.

The Carrara marble comes from such modified limestone. Nothing of this period will be found in the southern regions of South America as that part of the continent remained down and hence presents only a water or marine deposit continuous with the preceding and succeeding epochs.

5 §§ *150,000,000* years ago the early land-life periods of the world's history began. Life, in general, did not fare well but did better than at the strenuous and hostile close of the marine-life era.

6 As this era opens, the eastern and central parts of North America, the

northern half of South America, most of Europe, and all of Asia are well above water. North America for the first time is geographically isolated, but not for long as the Bering Strait land bridge soon again emerges, connecting the continent with Asia.

7 Great troughs developed in North America, paralleling the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The great eastern-Connecticut fault appeared, one side eventually sinking 3 km. Many of these North American troughs were later filled with erosion deposits, as also were many of the basins of the fresh- and salt-water lakes of the mountain

regions. Later on, these filled land depressions were greatly elevated by lava flows which occurred underground. The petrified forests of many regions belong to this epoch.

8 The Pacific coast, usually above water during the continental submergences, went down excepting the southern part of California and a large island which then existed in what is now the Pacific Ocean. This ancient California sea was rich in marine life and extended eastward to connect with the old sea basin of the midwestern region.

9 §§ *140,000,000* years ago, *suddenly*

and with only the hint of the two prereptilian ancestors that developed in Africa during the preceding epoch, the reptiles appeared in full-fledged form. They developed rapidly, soon yielding crocodiles, scaled reptiles, and eventually both sea serpents and flying reptiles. Their transition ancestors speedily disappeared.

10 These rapidly evolving reptilian dinosaurs soon became the monarchs of this age. They were egg layers and are distinguished from all animals by their small brains, having brains weighing less than 500 g to control bodies later weighing as much as 40

tons. But earlier reptiles were smaller, carnivorous, and walked kangaroolike on their hind legs. They had hollow avian bones and subsequently developed only three toes on their hind feet, and many of their fossil footprints have been mistaken for those of giant birds. Later on, the herbivorous dinosaurs evolved. They walked on all fours, and one branch of this group developed a protective armour.

11 Several million years later the first mammals appeared. They were nonplacental and proved a speedy failure; none survived. This was an experimental effort to improve mammalian

types, but it did not succeed on Urantia.

12 The marine life of this period was meagre but improved rapidly with the new invasion of the sea, which again produced extensive coast lines of shallow waters. Since there was more shallow water around Europe and Asia, the richest fossil beds are to be found about these continents. Today, if you would study the life of this age, examine the Himalayan, Siberian, and Mediterranean regions, as well as India and the islands of the southern Pacific basin. A prominent feature of the marine life was the presence of hosts of

the beautiful ammonites, whose fossil remains are found all over the world.

13 §§ *130,000,000* years ago the seas had changed very little. Siberia and North America were connected by the Bering Strait land bridge. A rich and unique marine life appeared on the Californian Pacific coast, where over 1,000 species of ammonites developed from the higher types of cephalopods. The life changes of this period were indeed revolutionary notwithstanding that they were transitional and gradual.

14 §§ This period extended over 25,000

years and is known as the *Triassic.*

2. THE LATER REPTILIAN AGE

1 *120,000,000* years ago a new phase of the reptilian age began. The great event of this period was the evolution and decline of the dinosaurs. Land-animal life reached its greatest development, in point of size, and had virtually perished from the face of the earth by the end of this age. The dinosaurs evolved in all sizes from a species less than 60 cm long up to the huge non-carnivorous dinosaurs, 23 m long, that have never since been equalled in bulk by any living creature.

2 The largest of the dinosaurs originated in western North America. These monstrous reptiles are buried throughout the Rocky Mountain regions, along the whole of the Atlantic coast of North America, over western Europe, South Africa, and India, but not in Australia.

3 These massive creatures became less active and strong as they grew larger and larger; but they required such an enormous amount of food and the land was so overrun by them that they literally starved to death and became extinct — they lacked the intelligence to cope with the situation.

4 By this time most of the eastern part of North America, which had long been elevated, had been leveled down and washed into the Atlantic Ocean so that the coast extended several hundred kilometres farther out than now. The western part of the continent was still up, but even these regions were later invaded by both the northern sea and the Pacific, which extended eastward to the Dakota Black Hills region.

5 This was a fresh-water age characterized by many inland lakes, as is shown by the abundant fresh-water fossils of the so-called Morri-

son beds of Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming. The thickness of these combined salt- and fresh-water deposits varies from 600 to 1,500 m; but very little limestone is present in these layers.

6 The same polar sea that extended so far down over North America likewise covered all of South America except the soon appearing Andes Mountains. Most of China and Russia was inundated, but the water invasion was greatest in Europe. It was during this submergence that the beautiful lithographic stone of southern Germany was laid down, those strata in which

fossils, such as the most delicate wings of olden insects, are preserved as of but yesterday.

7 The flora of this age was much like that of the preceding. Ferns persisted, while conifers and pines became more and more like the present-day varieties. Some coal was still being formed along the northern Mediterranean shores.

8 The return of the seas improved the weather. Corals spread to European waters, testifying that the climate was still mild and even, but they never again appeared in the slowly cooling polar seas. The marine life

of these times improved and developed greatly, especially in European waters. Both corals and crinoids temporarily appeared in larger numbers than heretofore, but the ammonites dominated the invertebrate life of the oceans, their average size ranging from 7 to 10 cm, though one species attained a diameter of 2.4 m. Sponges were everywhere, and both cuttlefish and oysters continued to evolve.

9 §§ *110,000,000* years ago the potentials of marine life were continuing to unfold. The sea urchin was one of the outstanding mutations of this epoch. Crabs, lobsters, and the

modern types of crustaceans matured. Marked changes occurred in the fish family, a sturgeon type first appearing, but the ferocious sea serpents, descended from the land reptiles, still infested all the seas, and they threatened the destruction of the entire fish family.

10 This continued to be, pre-eminently, the age of the dinosaurs. They so overran the land that two species had taken to the water for sustenance during the preceding period of sea encroachment. These sea serpents represent a backward step in evolution. While some new species are progress-

ing, certain strains remain stationary and others gravitate backward, reverting to a former state. And this is what happened when these two types of reptiles forsook the land.

11 As time passed, the sea serpents grew to such size that they became very sluggish and eventually perished because they did not have brains large enough to afford protection for their immense bodies. Their brains weighed less than 56 g notwithstanding the fact that these huge ichthyosaurs sometimes grew to be 15 m long, the majority being over 10 m in length. The marine crocodil-

ians were also a reversion from the land type of reptile, but unlike the sea serpents, these animals always returned to the land to lay their eggs.

12 Soon after two species of dinosaurs migrated to the water in a futile attempt at self-preservation, two other types were driven to the air by the bitter competition of life on land. But these flying pterosaurs were not the ancestors of the true birds of subsequent ages. They evolved from the hollow-boned leaping dinosaurs, and their wings were of batlike formation with a spread of 6–8 m. These ancient flying reptiles grew to be 3 m long,

and they had separable jaws much like those of modern snakes. For a time these flying reptiles appeared to be a success, but they failed to evolve along lines which would enable them to survive as air navigators. They represent the nonsurviving strains of bird ancestry.

13 Turtles increased during this period, first appearing in North America. Their ancestors came over from Asia by way of the northern land bridge.

14 §§ 100,000,000 years ago the reptilian age was drawing to a close. The dinosaurs, for all their enormous mass,

were all but brainless animals, lacking the intelligence to provide sufficient food to nourish such enormous bodies. And so did these sluggish land reptiles perish in ever-increasing numbers. Henceforth, evolution will follow the growth of brains, not physical bulk, and the development of brains will characterize each succeeding epoch of animal evolution and planetary progress.

15 §§ This period, embracing the height and the beginning decline of the reptiles, extended nearly 25,000,000 years and is known as the

Jurassic.

3. THE CRETACEOUS STAGE THE FLOWERING-PLANT PERIOD THE AGE OF BIRDS

1 The great Cretaceous period derives its name from the predominance of the prolific chalk-making foraminifers in the seas. This period brings Urantia to near the end of the long reptilian dominance and witnesses the appearance of flowering plants and bird life on land. These are also the times of the termination of the westward and southward drift of the continents, accompanied by

tremendous crustal deformations and concomitant widespread lava flows and great volcanic activities.

2 Near the close of the preceding geologic period much of the continental land was up above water, although as yet there were no mountain peaks. But as the continental land drift continued, it met with the first great obstruction on the deep floor of the Pacific. This contention of geologic forces gave impetus to the formation of the whole vast north and south mountain range extending from Alaska down through Mexico to Cape Horn.

3 This period thus becomes the *modern mountain-building stage* of geologic history. Prior to this time there were few mountain peaks, merely elevated land ridges of great width. Now the Pacific coast range was beginning to elevate, but it was located 1,126 km west of the present shore line. The Sierras were beginning to form, their gold-bearing quartz strata being the product of lava flows of this epoch. In the eastern part of North America, Atlantic sea pressure was also working to cause land elevation.

4 §§ *100,000,000* years ago the North American continent and a part of Eu-

rope were well above water. The warping of the American continents continued, resulting in the metamorphosing of the South American Andes and in the gradual elevation of the western plains of North America. Most of Mexico sank beneath the sea, and the southern Atlantic encroached on the eastern coast of South America, eventually reaching the present shore line. The Atlantic and Indian Oceans were then about as they are today.

5 §§ *95,000,000* years ago the American and European land masses again began to sink. The southern seas commenced the invasion of North Amer-

ica and gradually extended northward to connect with the Arctic Ocean, constituting the second greatest submergence of the continent. When this sea finally withdrew, it left the continent about as it now is. Before this great submergence began, the eastern Appalachian highlands had been almost completely worn down to the water's level. The many coloured layers of pure clay now used for the manufacture of earthenware were laid down over the Atlantic coast regions during this age, their average thickness being about 600 m.

6 Great volcanic actions occurred

south of the Alps and along the line of the present California coast-range mountains. The greatest crustal deformations in millions upon millions of years took place in Mexico. Great changes also occurred in Europe, Russia, Japan, and southern South America. The climate became increasingly diversified.

7 §§ *90,000,000* years ago the angiosperms emerged from these early Cretaceous seas and soon overran the continents. These land plants *suddenly* appeared along with fig trees, magnolias, and tulip trees. Soon after this time fig trees, breadfruit trees,

and palms overspread Europe and the western plains of North America. No new land animals appeared.

8 §§ *85,000,000* years ago the Bering Strait closed, shutting off the cooling waters of the northern seas. Theretofore the marine life of the Atlantic-Gulf waters and that of the Pacific Ocean had differed greatly, owing to the temperature variations of these two bodies of water, which now became uniform.

9 The deposits of chalk and greensand marl give name to this period. The sedimentations of these times are variegated, consisting of chalk, shale,

sandstone, and small amounts of limestone, together with inferior coal or lignite, and in many regions they contain oil. These layers vary in thickness from 61 m in some places to 3 km in western North America and numerous European localities. Along the eastern borders of the Rocky Mountains these deposits may be observed in the uptilted foothills.

10 All over the world these strata are permeated with chalk, and these layers of porous semirock pick up water at upturned outcrops and convey it downward to furnish the water supply of much of the earth's present arid

regions.

11 §§ *80,000,000* years ago great disturbances occurred in the earth's crust. The western advance of the continental drift was coming to a standstill, and the enormous energy of the sluggish momentum of the hinter continental mass upcrumpled the Pacific shore line of both North and South America and initiated profound repercussional changes along the Pacific shores of Asia. This circumpacific land elevation, which culminated in present-day mountain ranges, is more than 40,200 km long. And the upheavals attendant upon its birth were

the greatest surface distortions to take place since life appeared on Urantia. The lava flows, both above and below ground, were extensive and widespread.

12 §§ *75,000,000* years ago marks the end of the continental drift. From Alaska to Cape Horn the long Pacific coast mountain ranges were completed, but there were as yet few peaks.

13 The backthrust of the halted continental drift continued the elevation of the western plains of North America, while in the east the worn-down Appalachian Mountains of the Atlantic coast region were projected

straight up, with little or no tilting.

14 §§ *70,000,000* years ago the crustal distortions connected with the maximum elevation of the Rocky Mountain region took place. A large segment of rock was overthrust 24 km at the surface in British Columbia; here the Cambrian rocks are obliquely thrust out over the Cretaceous layers. On the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, near the Canadian border, there was another spectacular overthrust; here may be found the prelife stone layers shoved out over the then recent Cretaceous deposits.

15 This was an age of volcanic activ-

ity all over the world, giving rise to numerous small isolated volcanic cones. Submarine volcanoes broke out in the submerged Himalayan region. Much of the rest of Asia, including Siberia, was also still under water.

16 §§ *65,000,000* years ago there occurred one of the greatest lava flows of all time. The deposition layers of these and preceding lava flows are to be found all over the Americas, North and South Africa, Australia, and parts of Europe.

17 The land animals were little changed, but because of greater continental emergence, especially in North

America, they rapidly multiplied. North America was the great field of the land-animal evolution of these times, most of Europe being under water.

18 The climate was still warm and uniform. The arctic regions were enjoying weather much like that of the present climate in central and southern North America.

19 Great plant-life evolution was taking place. Among the land plants the angiosperms predominated, and many present-day trees first appeared, including beech, birch, oak, walnut, sycamore, maple, and modern palms.

Fruits, grasses, and cereals were abundant, and these seed-bearing grasses and trees were to the plant world what the ancestors of man were to the animal world — they were second in evolutionary importance only to the appearance of man himself. *Suddenly* and without previous gradation, the great family of flowering plants mutated. And this new flora soon overspread the entire world.

20 §§ *60,000,000* years ago, though the land reptiles were on the decline, the dinosaurs continued as monarchs of the land, the lead now being taken by the more agile and active types

of the smaller leaping kangaroo varieties of the carnivorous dinosaurs. But sometime[1] previously there had appeared new types of the herbivorous dinosaurs, whose rapid increase was due to the appearance of the grass family of land plants. One of these new grass-eating dinosaurs was a true quadruped having two horns and a capelike shoulder flange. The land type of turtle, 6 m across, appeared as did also the modern crocodile and true snakes of the modern type. Great changes were also occurring among

[1] In 1955 text "some time" two words.

the fishes and other forms of marine life.

21 The wading and swimming prebirds of earlier ages had not been a success in the air, nor had the flying dinosaurs. They were a short-lived species, soon becoming extinct. They, too, were subject to the dinosaur doom, destruction, because of having too little brain substance in comparison with body size. This second attempt to produce animals that could navigate the atmosphere failed, as did the abortive attempt to produce mammals during this and a preceding age.

22 §§ *55,000,000* years ago the evo-

lutionary march was marked by the *sudden* appearance of the first of the *true birds,* a small pigeonlike creature which was the ancestor of all bird life. This was the third type of flying creature to appear on earth, and it sprang directly from the reptilian group, not from the contemporary flying dinosaurs nor from the earlier types of toothed land birds. And so this becomes known as the *age of birds* as well as the declining age of reptiles.

4. THE END OF THE CHALK PERIOD

1 The great Cretaceous period was drawing to a close, and its termination

marks the end of the great sea invasions of the continents. Particularly is this true of North America, where there had been just 24 great inundations. And though there were subsequent minor submergences, none of these can be compared with the extensive and lengthy marine invasions of this and previous ages. These alternate periods of land and sea dominance have occurred in 1,000,000-year cycles. There has been an age-long rhythm associated with this rise and fall of ocean floor and continental land levels. And these same rhythmical crustal movements will continue

from this time on throughout the earth's history but with diminishing frequency and extent.

2 This period also witnesses the end of the continental drift and the building of the modern mountains of Urantia. But the pressure of the continental masses and the thwarted momentum of their agelong drift are not the exclusive influences in mountain building. The chief and underlying factor in determining the location of a mountain range is the preexistent lowland, or trough, which has become filled up with the comparatively lighter deposits of the land

erosion and marine drifts of the preceding ages. These lighter areas of land are sometimes 4,572 to 6,100 m thick; therefore, when the crust is subjected to pressure from any cause, these lighter areas are the first to crumple up, fold, and rise upward to afford compensatory adjustment for the contending and conflicting forces and pressures at work in the earth's crust or underneath the crust. Sometimes these upthrusts of land occur without folding. But in connection with the rise of the Rocky Mountains, great folding and tilting occurred, coupled with enormous overthrusts of the var-

ious layers, both underground and at the surface.

3 §§ The oldest mountains of the world are located in Asia, Greenland, and northern Europe among those of the older east-west systems. The mid-age mountains are in the circum-pacific group and in the second European east-west system, which was born at about the same time. This gigantic uprising is almost 16,000 km long, extending from Europe over into the West Indies land elevations. The youngest mountains are in the Rocky Mountain system, where, for ages, land elevations had occurred only to

be successively covered by the sea, though some of the higher lands remained as islands. Subsequent to the formation of the mid-age mountains, a real mountain highland was elevated which was destined, subsequently, to be carved into the present Rocky Mountains by the combined artistry of nature's elements.

4 The present North American Rocky Mountain region is not the original elevation of land; that elevation had been long since leveled by erosion and then re-elevated. The present front range of mountains is what is left of the remains of the original

range which was re-elevated. Pikes Peak and Longs Peak are outstanding examples of this mountain activity, extending over two or more generations of mountain lives. These two peaks held their heads above water during several of the preceding inundations.

5 Biologically as well as geologically this was an eventful and active age on land and under water. Sea urchins increased while corals and crinoids decreased. The ammonites, of preponderant influence during a previous age, also rapidly declined. On land the fern forests were largely replaced by pine and other modern trees, including the

gigantic redwoods. By the end of this period, while the placental mammal has not yet evolved, the biologic stage is fully set for the appearance, in a subsequent age, of the early ancestors of the future mammalian types.

6 §§ And thus ends a long era of world evolution, extending from the early appearance of land life down to the more recent times of the immediate ancestors of the human species and its collateral branches. This, the *Cretaceous age,* covers 50,000,000 years and brings to a close the premammalian era of land life, which extends over a period of 100,000,000 years and is

known as the *Mesozoic.*

7 [Presented by a Life Carrier of Nebadon assigned to Satania and now functioning on Urantia.]

PAPER 61

THE MAMMALIAN ERA ON URANTIA

Life Carrier

The era of mammals extends from the times of the origin of placental mammals to the end of the ice age, covering a little less than 50,000,000 years.

2 During this Cenozoic age the world's landscape presented an attractive appearance — rolling hills, broad valleys, wide rivers, and great forests. Twice during this sector of time the

Panama Isthmus went up and down; three times the Bering Strait land bridge did the same. The animal types were both many and varied. The trees swarmed with birds, and the whole world was an animal paradise, notwithstanding the incessant struggle of the evolving animal species for supremacy.

3 The accumulated deposits of the five periods of this 50,000,000-year era contain the fossil records of the successive mammalian dynasties and lead right up through the times of the ac-

tual appearance of man himself.

1. THE NEW CONTINENTAL LAND STAGE
THE AGE OF EARLY MAMMALS

1 *50,000,000* years ago the land areas of the world were very generally above water or only slightly submerged. The formations and deposits of this period are both land and marine, but chiefly land. For a considerable time the land gradually rose but was simultaneously washed down to the lower levels and toward the seas.

2 Early in this period and in North America the placental type of mam-

mals *suddenly* appeared, and they constituted the most important evolutionary development up to this time. Previous orders of nonplacental mammals had existed, but this new type sprang directly and *suddenly* from the pre-existent reptilian ancestor whose descendants had persisted on down through the times of dinosaur decline. The father of the placental mammals was a small, highly active, carnivorous, springing type of dinosaur.

3 Basic mammalian instincts began to be manifested in these primitive mammalian types. Mammals possess an immense survival advantage over all

other forms of animal life in that they can:

4 1. Bring forth relatively mature and well-developed offspring.

5 2. Nourish, nurture, and protect their offspring with affectionate regard.

6 3. Employ their superior brain power in self-perpetuation.

7 4. Utilize increased agility in escaping from enemies.

8 5. Apply superior intelligence to environmental adjustment and adaptation.

9 §§ *45,000,000* years ago the continental backbones were elevated in as-

sociation with a very general sinking of the coast lines. Mammalian life was evolving rapidly. A small reptilian, egg-laying type of mammal flourished, and the ancestors of the later kangaroos roamed Australia. Soon there were small horses, fleet-footed rhinoceroses, tapirs with proboscises, primitive pigs, squirrels, lemurs, opossums, and several tribes of monkeylike animals. They were all small, primitive, and best suited to living among the forests of the mountain regions. A large ostrichlike land bird developed to a height of 3 m and laid an egg 22 × 33 cm. These were the an-

cestors of the later gigantic passenger birds that were so highly intelligent, and that onetime transported human beings through the air.

10 The mammals of the early Cenozoic lived on land, under the water, in the air, and among the treetops. They had from one to eleven pairs of mammary glands, and all were covered with considerable hair. In common with the later appearing orders, they developed two successive sets of teeth and possessed large brains in comparison to body size. But among them all no modern forms existed.

11 §§ *40,000,000* years ago the land ar-

eas of the Northern Hemisphere began to elevate, and this was followed by new extensive land deposits and other terrestrial activities, including lava flows, warping, lake formation, and erosion.

12 During the latter part of this epoch most of Europe was submerged. Following a slight land rise the continent was covered by lakes and bays. The Arctic Ocean, through the Ural depression, ran south to connect with the Mediterranean Sea as it was then expanded northward, the highlands of the Alps, Carpathians, Apennines, and Pyrenees being up above the water as

islands of the sea. The Isthmus of Panama was up; the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans were separated. North America was connected with Asia by the Bering Strait land bridge and with Europe by way of Greenland and Iceland. The earth circuit of land in northern latitudes was broken only by the Ural Straits, which connected the arctic seas with the enlarged Mediterranean.

13 Considerable foraminiferal limestone was deposited in European waters. Today this same stone is elevated to a height of 3 km in the Alps, 4.8 km in the Himalayas, and 6 km in Tibet.

The chalk deposits of this period are found along the coasts of Africa and Australia, on the west coast of South America, and about the West Indies.

14 §§ Throughout this so-called *Eocene* period the evolution of mammalian and other related forms of life continued with little or no interruption. North America was then connected by land with every continent except Australia, and the world was gradually overrun by primitive mammalian

fauna of various types.

2. THE RECENT FLOOD STAGE
THE AGE OF ADVANCED MAMMALS

1 This period was characterized by the further and rapid evolution of placental mammals, the more progressive forms of mammalian life developing during these times.

2 Although the early placental mammals sprang from carnivorous ancestors, very soon herbivorous branches developed, and, ere long, omnivorous mammalian families also sprang up. The angiosperms were the

principal food of the rapidly increasing mammals, the modern land flora, including the majority of present-day plants and trees, having appeared during earlier periods.

3 §§ *35,000,000* years ago marks the beginning of the age of placental-mammalian world domination. The southern land bridge was extensive, reconnecting the then enormous Antarctic continent with South America, South Africa, and Australia. In spite of the massing of land in high latitudes, the world climate remained relatively mild because of the enormous increase in the size of the tropic

seas, nor was the land elevated sufficiently to produce glaciers. Extensive lava flows occurred in Greenland and Iceland, some coal being deposited between these layers.

4 Marked changes were taking place in the fauna of the planet. The sea life was undergoing great modification; most of the present-day orders of marine life were in existence, and foraminifers continued to play an important role. The insect life was much like that of the previous era. The Florissant fossil beds of Colorado belong to the later years of these far-distant times. Most of the living insect

families go back to this period, but many then in existence are now extinct, though their fossils remain.

5 On land this was pre-eminently the age of mammalian renovation and expansion. Of the earlier and more primitive mammals, over 100 species were extinct before this period ended. Even the mammals of large size and small brain soon perished. Brains and agility had replaced armour and size in the progress of animal survival. And with the dinosaur family on the decline, the mammals slowly assumed domination of the earth, speedily and completely destroying the remainder

of their reptilian ancestors.

6 Along with the disappearance of the dinosaurs, other and great changes occurred in the various branches of the saurian family. The surviving members of the early reptilian families are turtles, snakes, and crocodiles, together with the venerable frog, the only remaining group representative of man's earlier ancestors.

7 Various groups of mammals had their origin in a unique animal now extinct. This carnivorous creature was something of a cross between a cat and a seal; it could live on land or in water and was highly intelligent and very

active. In Europe the ancestor of the canine family evolved, soon giving rise to many species of small dogs. About the same time the gnawing rodents, including beavers, squirrels, gophers, mice, and rabbits, appeared and soon became a notable form of life, very little change having since occurred in this family. The later deposits of this period contain the fossil remains of dogs, cats, coons, and weasels in ancestral form.

8 §§ *30,000,000* years ago the modern types of mammals began to make their appearance. Formerly the mammals had lived for the greater part in

the hills, being of the mountainous types; *suddenly* there began the evolution of the plains or hoofed type, the grazing species, as differentiated from the clawed flesh eaters. These grazers sprang from an undifferentiated ancestor having 5 toes and 44 teeth, which perished before the end of the age. Toe evolution did not progress beyond the three-toed stage throughout this period.

9 The horse, an outstanding example of evolution, lived during these times in both North America and Europe, though his development was not fully completed until the later ice

age. While the rhinoceros family appeared at the close of this period, it underwent its greatest expansion subsequently. A small hoglike creature also developed which became the ancestor of the many species of swine, peccaries, and hippopotamuses. Camels and llamas had their origin in North America about the middle of this period and overran the western plains. Later, the llamas migrated to South America, the camels to Europe, and soon both were extinct in North America, though a few camels survived up to the ice age.

10 About this time a notable thing

occurred in western North America: The early ancestors of the ancient lemurs first made their appearance. While this family cannot be regarded as true lemurs, their coming marked the establishment of the line from which the true lemurs subsequently sprang.

11 Like the land serpents of a previous age which betook themselves to the seas, now a whole tribe of placental mammals deserted the land and took up their residence in the oceans. And they have ever since remained in the sea, yielding the modern whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals, and sea lions.

12 The bird life of the planet continued to develop, but with few important evolutionary changes. The majority of modern birds were existent, including gulls, herons, flamingoes, buzzards, falcons, eagles, owls, quails, and ostriches.

13 §§ By the close of this *Oligocene* period, covering 10,000,000 years, the plant life, together with the marine life and the land animals, had very largely evolved and was present on earth much as today. Considerable specialization has subsequently appeared, but the ancestral forms of most living

things were then alive.

3. THE MODERN MOUNTAIN STAGE AGE OF THE ELEPHANT AND THE HORSE

1 Land elevation and sea segregation were slowly changing the world's weather, gradually cooling it, but the climate was still mild. Sequoias and magnolias grew in Greenland, but the subtropical plants were beginning to migrate southward. By the end of this period these warm-climate plants and trees had largely disappeared from the northern latitudes, their places being taken by more hardy plants and the

deciduous trees.

2 There was a great increase in the varieties of grasses, and the teeth of many mammalian species gradually altered to conform to the present-day grazing type.

3 §§ *25,000,000* years ago there was a slight land submergence following the long epoch of land elevation. The Rocky Mountain region remained highly elevated so that the deposition of erosion material continued throughout the lowlands to the east. The Sierras were well re-elevated; in fact, they have been rising ever since. The great 6 km vertical fault in the

California region dates from this time.

4 §§ *20,000,000* years ago was indeed the golden age of mammals. The Bering Strait land bridge was up, and many groups of animals migrated to North America from Asia, including the four-tusked mastodons, short-legged rhinoceroses, and many varieties of the cat family.

5 The first deer appeared, and North America was soon overrun by ruminants — deer, oxen, camels, bison, and several species of rhinoceroses — but the giant pigs, more than 1.8 m tall, became extinct.

6 The huge elephants of this and

subsequent periods possessed large brains as well as large bodies, and they soon overran the entire world except Australia. For once the world was dominated by a huge animal with a brain sufficiently large to enable it to carry on. Confronted by the highly intelligent life of these ages, no animal the size of an elephant could have survived unless it had possessed a brain of large size and superior quality. In intelligence and adaptation the elephant is approached only by the horse and is surpassed only by man himself. Even so, of the 50 species of elephants in existence at the opening of this period,

only 2 have survived.

7 §§ *15,000,000* years ago the mountain regions of Eurasia were rising, and there was some volcanic activity throughout these regions, but nothing comparable to the lava flows of the Western Hemisphere. These unsettled conditions prevailed all over the world.

8 The Strait of Gibraltar closed, and Spain was connected with Africa by the old land bridge, but the Mediterranean flowed into the Atlantic through a narrow channel which extended across France, the mountain peaks and highlands appearing as is-

lands above this ancient sea. Later on, these European seas began to withdraw. Still later, the Mediterranean was connected with the Indian Ocean, while at the close of this period the Suez region was elevated so that the Mediterranean became, for a time, an inland salt sea.

9 The Iceland land bridge submerged, and the arctic waters commingled with those of the Atlantic Ocean. The Atlantic coast of North America rapidly cooled, but the Pacific coast remained warmer than at present. The great ocean currents were in function and affected climate much

as they do today.

10 Mammalian life continued to evolve. Enormous herds of horses joined the camels on the western plains of North America; this was truly the age of horses as well as of elephants. The horse's brain is next in animal quality to that of the elephant, but in one respect it is decidedly inferior, for the horse never fully overcame the deep-seated propensity to flee when frightened. The horse lacks the emotional control of the elephant, while the elephant is greatly handicapped by size and lack of agility. During this period an animal evolved which was

somewhat like both the elephant and the horse, but it was soon destroyed by the rapidly increasing cat family.

11 §§ As Urantia is entering the so-called "horseless age," you should pause and ponder what this animal meant to your ancestors. Men first used horses for food, then for travel, and later in agriculture and war. The horse has long served mankind and has played an important part in the development of human civilization.

12 §§ The biologic developments of this period contributed much toward the setting of the stage for the subsequent appearance of man. In central

Asia the true types of both the primitive monkey and the gorilla evolved, having a common ancestor, now extinct. But neither of these species is concerned in the line of living beings which were, later on, to become the ancestors of the human race.

13 The dog family was represented by several groups, notably wolves and foxes; the cat tribe, by panthers and large sabre-toothed tigers, the latter first evolving in North America. The modern cat and dog families increased in numbers all over the world.

Weasels, martens[1], otters, and raccoons thrived and developed throughout the northern latitudes.

14 Birds continued to evolve, though few marked changes occurred. Reptiles were similar to modern types — snakes, crocodiles, and turtles.

15 §§ Thus drew to a close a very eventful and interesting period of the world's history. This age of the elephant and the horse is known as the

[1] In 1955 text misspelled as "martins".

Miocene.

4. THE RECENT CONTINENTAL-ELEVATION STAGE
THE LAST GREAT MAMMALIAN MIGRATION

1 This is the period of preglacial land elevation in North America, Europe, and Asia. The land was greatly altered in topography. Mountain ranges were born, streams changed their courses, and isolated volcanoes broke out all over the world.

2 §§ *10,000,000* years ago began an age of widespread local land deposits on the lowlands of the continents,

but most of these sedimentations were later removed. Much of Europe, at this time, was still under water, including parts of England, Belgium, and France, and the Mediterranean Sea covered much of northern Africa. In North America extensive depositions were made at the mountain bases, in lakes, and in the great land basins. These deposits average only about 60 m, are more or less coloured, and fossils are rare. Two great freshwater lakes existed in western North America. The Sierras were elevating; Shasta, Hood, and Rainier were beginning their mountain careers. But

it was not until the subsequent ice age that North America began its creep toward the Atlantic depression.

3 For a short time all the land of the world was again joined excepting Australia, and the last great world-wide animal migration took place. North America was connected with both South America and Asia, and there was a free exchange of animal life. Asiatic sloths, armadillos, antelopes, and bears entered North America, while North American camels went to China. Rhinoceroses migrated over the whole world except Australia and South America, but they were extinct

in the Western Hemisphere by the close of this period.

4 In general, the life of the preceding period continued to evolve and spread. The cat family dominated the animal life, and marine life was almost at a standstill. Many of the horses were still three-toed, but the modern types were arriving; llamas and giraffelike camels mingled with the horses on the grazing plains. The giraffe appeared in Africa, having just as long a neck then as now. In South America sloths, armadillos, anteaters, and the South American type of primitive monkeys evolved. Before the conti-

nents were finally isolated, those massive animals, the mastodons, migrated everywhere except to Australia.

5 §§ *5,000,000* years ago the horse evolved as it now is and from North America migrated to all the world. But the horse had become extinct on the continent of its origin long before the red man arrived.

6 The climate was gradually getting cooler; the land plants were slowly moving southward. At first it was the increasing cold in the north that stopped animal migrations over the northern isthmuses; subsequently these North American land bridges

went down. Soon afterwards the land connection between Africa and South America finally submerged, and the Western Hemisphere was isolated much as it is today. From this time forward distinct types of life began to develop in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

7 §§ And thus does this period of almost 10,000,000 years' duration draw to a close, and not yet has the ancestor of man appeared. This is the time usually designated as the *Pliocene*.

5. THE EARLY ICE AGE

1 By the close of the preceding pe-

riod the lands of the north-eastern part of North America and of northern Europe were highly elevated on an extensive scale, in North America vast areas rising up to 9 km and more. Mild climates had formerly prevailed over these northern regions, and the arctic waters were all open to evaporation, and they continued to be ice-free until almost the close of the glacial period.

2 Simultaneously with these land elevations the ocean currents shifted, and the seasonal winds changed their direction. These conditions eventually produced an almost constant precipitation of moisture from the move-

ment of the heavily saturated atmosphere over the northern highlands. Snow began to fall on these elevated and therefore cool regions, and it continued to fall until it had attained a depth of 6 km. The areas of the greatest depth of snow, together with altitude, determined the central points of subsequent glacial pressure flows. And the ice age persisted just as long as this excessive precipitation continued to cover these northern highlands with this enormous mantle of snow, which soon metamorphosed into solid but creeping ice.

3 The great ice sheets of this period

were all located on elevated highlands, not in mountainous regions where they are found today. 50% of the glacial ice was in North America, 25% in Eurasia, and 25% elsewhere, chiefly in Antarctica. Africa was little affected by the ice, but Australia was almost covered with the antarctic ice blanket.

4 The northern regions of this world have experienced six separate and distinct ice invasions, although there were scores of advances and recessions associated with the activity of each individual ice sheet. The ice in North America collected in two and, later, three centres. Greenland was covered,

and Iceland was completely buried beneath the ice flow. In Europe the ice at various times covered the British Isles excepting the coast of southern England, and it overspread western Europe down to France.

5 §§ *2,000,000* years ago the first North American glacier started its southern advance. The ice age was now in the making, and this glacier consumed nearly 1,000,000 years in its advance from, and retreat back toward, the northern pressure centres. The central ice sheet extended south as far as Kansas; the eastern and western ice centres were not then so extensive.

6 §§ *1,500,000* years ago the first great glacier was retreating northward. In the meantime, enormous quantities of snow had been falling on Greenland and on the north-eastern part of North America, and ere long this eastern ice mass began to flow southward. This was the second invasion of the ice.

7 These first two ice invasions were not extensive in Eurasia. During these early epochs of the ice age North America was overrun with mastodons, woolly mammoths, horses, camels, deer, musk oxen, bison, ground sloths, giant beavers, sabre-toothed tigers, sloths as large as elephants, and many

groups of the cat and dog families. But from this time forward they were rapidly reduced in numbers by the increasing cold of the glacial period. Toward the close of the ice age the majority of these animal species were extinct in North America.

8 Away from the ice the land and water life of the world was little changed. Between the ice invasions the climate was about as mild as at present, perhaps a little warmer. The glaciers were, after all, local phenomena, though they spread out to cover enormous areas. The coastwise climate varied greatly between the times

of glacial inaction and those times when enormous icebergs were sliding off the coast of Maine into the Atlantic, slipping out through Puget Sound into the Pacific, and thundering down Norwegian fiords into the North Sea.

6. PRIMITIVE MAN IN THE ICE AGE

1 The great event of this glacial period was the evolution of primitive man. Slightly to the west of India, on land now under water and among the offspring of Asiatic migrants of the older North American lemur types, the dawn mammals *sud-*

denly appeared. These small animals walked mostly on their hind legs, and they possessed large brains in proportion to their size and in comparison with the brains of other animals. In the 70th generation of this order of life a new and higher group of animals *suddenly* differentiated. These new mid-mammals — almost twice the size and height of their ancestors and possessing proportionately increased brain power — had only well established themselves when the Primates, the third vital mutation, *suddenly* appeared. (At this same time, a retrograde development within the

mid-mammal stock gave origin to the simian ancestry; and from that day to this the human branch has gone forward by progressive evolution, while the simian tribes have remained stationary or have actually retrogressed.)

2 §§ *1,000,000* years ago Urantia was registered as an *inhabited world.* A mutation within the stock of the progressing Primates *suddenly* produced two primitive human beings, the actual ancestors of mankind.

3 This event occurred at about the time of the beginning of the 3rd glacial advance; thus it may be seen that your early ancestors were born and bred in a

stimulating, invigorating, and difficult environment. And the sole survivors of these Urantia aborigines, the Eskimos, even now prefer to dwell in frigid northern climes.

4 §§ Human beings were not present in the Western Hemisphere until near the close of the ice age. But during the interglacial epochs they passed westward around the Mediterranean and soon overran the continent of Europe. In the caves of western Europe may be found human bones mingled with the remains of both tropic and arctic animals, testifying that man lived in these regions throughout the later epochs of

the advancing and retreating glaciers.

7. THE CONTINUING ICE AGE

1 Throughout the glacial period other activities were in progress, but the action of the ice overshadows all other phenomena in the northern latitudes. No other terrestrial activity leaves such characteristic evidence on the topography. The distinctive boulders and surface cleavages, such as potholes, lakes, displaced stone, and rock flour, are to be found in connection with no other phenomenon in nature. The ice is also responsible for those gentle swells, or surface undulations,

known as drumlins. And a glacier, as it advances, displaces rivers and changes the whole face of the earth. Glaciers alone leave behind them those telltale drifts — the ground, lateral, and terminal moraines. These drifts, particularly the ground moraines, extend from the eastern seaboard north and westward in North America and are found in Europe and Siberia.

2 §§ *750,000* years ago the 4th ice sheet, a union of the North American central and eastern ice fields, was well on its way south; at its height it reached to southern Illinois, displacing the Mississippi River 80 km to the

west, and in the east it extended as far south as the Ohio River and central Pennsylvania.

3 In Asia the Siberian ice sheet made its southernmost invasion, while in Europe the advancing ice stopped just short of the mountain barrier of the Alps.

4 §§ *500,000* years ago, during the 5th advance of the ice, a new development accelerated the course of human evolution. *Suddenly* and in one generation the six coloured races mutated from the aboriginal human stock. This is a doubly important date since it also marks the arrival of the Planetary

Prince.

5 In North America the advancing 5th glacier consisted of a combined invasion by all three ice centres. The eastern lobe, however, extended only a short distance below the St. Lawrence valley, and the western ice sheet made little southern advance. But the central lobe reached south to cover most of the State of Iowa. In Europe this invasion of the ice was not so extensive as the preceding one.

6 §§ *250,000* years ago the 6th and last glaciation began. And despite the fact that the northern highlands had begun to sink slightly, this was the pe-

riod of greatest snow deposition on the northern ice fields.

7 In this invasion the three great ice sheets coalesced into one vast ice mass, and all of the western mountains participated in this glacial activity. This was the largest of all ice invasions in North America; the ice moved south over 2,400 km from its pressure centres, and North America experienced its lowest temperatures.

8 §§ *200,000* years ago, during the advance of the last glacier, there occurred an episode which had much to do with the march of events on Urantia — the Lucifer rebellion.

9 §§ *150,000* years ago the 6th and last glacier reached its farthest points of southern extension, the western ice sheet crossing just over the Canadian border; the central coming down into Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois; the eastern sheet advancing south and covering the greater portion of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

10 This is the glacier that sent forth the many tongues, or ice lobes, which carved out the present-day lakes, great and small. During its retreat the North American system of Great Lakes was produced. And Urantian geologists have very accurately de-

duced the various stages of this development and have correctly surmised that these bodies of water did, at different times, empty first into the Mississippi valley, then eastward into the Hudson valley, and finally by a northern route into the St. Lawrence. It is 37,000 years since the connected Great Lakes system began to empty out over the present Niagara route.

11 §§ *100,000* years ago, during the retreat of the last glacier, the vast polar ice sheets began to form, and the centre of ice accumulation moved considerably northward. And as long as the polar regions continue to be covered

with ice, it is hardly possible for another glacial age to occur, regardless of future land elevations or modification of ocean currents.

12 This last glacier was 100,000 years advancing, and it required a like span of time to complete its northern retreat. The temperate regions have been free from the ice for a little over 50,000 years.

13 The rigorous glacial period destroyed many species and radically changed numerous others. Many were sorely sifted by the to-and-fro migration which was made necessary by the advancing and retreating ice. Those

animals which followed the glaciers back and forth over the land were the bear, bison, reindeer, musk ox, mammoth, and mastodon.

14 The mammoth sought the open prairies, but the mastodon preferred the sheltered fringes of the forest regions. The mammoth, until a late date, ranged from Mexico to Canada; the Siberian variety became wool covered. The mastodon persisted in North America until exterminated by the red man much as the white man later killed off the bison.

15 In North America, during the last glaciation, the horse, tapir, llama, and

sabre-toothed tiger became extinct. In their places sloths, armadillos, and water hogs came up from South America.

16 The enforced migration of life before the advancing ice led to an extraordinary commingling of plants and of animals, and with the retreat of the final ice invasion, many arctic species of both plants and animals were left stranded high upon certain mountain peaks, whither they had journeyed to escape destruction by the glacier. And so, today, these dislocated plants and animals may be found high up on the Alps of Europe and even on the Appalachian Mountains

of North America.

17 §§ The ice age is the last completed geologic period, the so-called *Pleistocene,* over 2,000,000 years in length.

18 §§ *35,000* years ago marks the termination of the great ice age excepting in the polar regions of the planet. This date is also significant in that it approximates the arrival of a Material Son and Daughter and the beginning of the Adamic dispensation, roughly corresponding to the beginning of the *Holocene*[1] or postglacial period.

19 §§ This narrative, extending from

[1] In 1955 text "Holocene", not italicized.

the rise of mammalian life to the retreat of the ice and on down to historic times, covers a span of almost 50,000,000 years. This is the last — the current — geologic period and is known to your researchers as the *Cenozoic* or recent-times era.

20 [Sponsored by a Resident Life Carrier.]

PAPER 62

THE DAWN RACES OF EARLY MAN

Life Carrier

About 1,000,000 years ago the immediate ancestors of mankind made their appearance by three successive and sudden mutations stemming from early stock of the lemur type of placental mammal. The dominant factors of these early lemurs were derived from the western or later American group of the evolving life

plasm. But before establishing the direct line of human ancestry, this strain was reinforced by contributions from the central life implantation evolved in Africa. The eastern life group contributed little or nothing to the actual production of the human species.

1. THE EARLY LEMUR TYPES

1 The early lemurs concerned in the ancestry of the human species were not directly related to the pre-existent tribes of gibbons and apes then living in Eurasia and northern Africa, whose progeny have survived to the present time. Neither were they the offspring

of the modern type of lemur, though springing from an ancestor common to both but long since extinct.

2 While these early lemurs evolved in the Western Hemisphere, the establishment of the direct mammalian ancestry of mankind took place in southwestern Asia, in the original area of the central life implantation but on the borders of the eastern regions. Several million years ago the North American type lemurs had migrated westward over the Bering land bridge and had slowly made their way south-westward along the Asiatic coast. These migrating tribes finally reached the salu-

brious region lying between the then expanded Mediterranean Sea and the elevating mountainous regions of the Indian peninsula. In these lands to the west of India they united with other and favourable strains, thus establishing the ancestry of the human race.

3 With the passing of time the seacoast of India south-west of the mountains gradually submerged, completely isolating the life of this region. There was no avenue of approach to, or escape from, this Mesopotamian or Persian peninsula except to the north, and that was repeatedly cut off by the southern in-

vasions of the glaciers. And it was in this then almost paradisiacal area, and from the superior descendants of this lemur type of mammal, that there sprang two great groups, the simian tribes of modern times and the present-day human species.

2. THE DAWN MAMMALS

1 A little more than 1,000,000 years ago the Mesopotamian dawn mammals, the direct descendants of the North American lemur type of placental mammal, *suddenly* appeared. They were active little creatures, almost 91 cm tall; and while they did

not habitually walk on their hind legs, they could easily stand erect. They were hairy and agile and chattered in monkeylike fashion, but unlike the simian tribes, they were flesh eaters. They had a primitive opposable thumb as well as a highly useful grasping big toe. From this point onward the prehuman species successively developed the opposable thumb while they progressively lost the grasping power of the great toe. The later ape tribes retained the grasping big toe but never developed the human type of thumb.

2 These dawn mammals attained

full growth when three or four years of age, having a potential life span, on the average, of about 20 years. As a rule offspring were born singly, although twins were occasional.

3 The members of this new species had the largest brains for their size of any animal that had theretofore existed on earth. They experienced many of the emotions and shared numerous instincts which later characterized primitive man, being highly curious and exhibiting considerable elation when successful at any undertaking. Food hunger and sex craving were well developed, and a definite sex

selection was manifested in a crude form of courtship and choice of mates. They would fight fiercely in defence of their kindred and were quite tender in family associations, possessing a sense of self-abasement bordering on shame and remorse. They were very affectionate and touchingly loyal to their mates, but if circumstances separated them, they would choose new partners.

4 Being small of stature and having keen minds to realize the dangers of their forest habitat, they developed an extraordinary fear which led to those wise precautionary mea-

sures that so enormously contributed to survival, such as their construction of crude shelters in the high treetops which eliminated many of the perils of ground life. The beginning of the fear tendencies of mankind more specifically dates from these days.

5 These dawn mammals developed more of a tribal spirit than had ever been previously exhibited. They were, indeed, highly gregarious but nevertheless exceedingly pugnacious when in any way disturbed in the ordinary pursuit of their routine life, and they displayed fiery tempers when their anger was fully aroused. Their

bellicose natures, however, served a good purpose; superior groups did not hesitate to make war on their inferior neighbours, and thus, by selective survival, the species was progressively improved. They very soon dominated the life of the smaller creatures of this region, and very few of the older noncarnivorous monkeylike tribes survived.

6 These aggressive little animals multiplied and spread over the Mesopotamian peninsula for more than 1,000 years, constantly improving in physical type and general intelligence. And it was just 70 generations after

this new tribe had taken origin from the highest type of lemur ancestor that the next epoch-making development occurred — the *sudden* differentiation of the ancestors of the next vital step in the evolution of human beings on Urantia.

3. THE MID-MAMMALS

1 Early in the career of the dawn mammals, in the treetop abode of a superior pair of these agile creatures, twins were born, one male and one female. Compared with their ancestors, they were really handsome little creatures. They had little hair on their

bodies, but this was no disability as they lived in a warm and equable climate.

2 These children grew to be a little over 1.2 m in height. They were in every way larger than their parents, having longer legs and shorter arms. They had almost perfectly opposable thumbs, just about as well adapted for diversified work as the present human thumb. They walked upright, having feet almost as well suited for walking as those of the later human races.

3 Their brains were inferior to, and smaller than, those of human beings but very superior to, and compara-

tively much larger than, those of their ancestors. The twins early displayed superior intelligence and were soon recognized as the heads of the whole tribe of dawn mammals, really instituting a primitive form of social organization and a crude economic division of labour. This brother and sister mated and soon enjoyed the society of 21 children much like themselves, all more than 1.2 m tall and in every way superior to the ancestral species. This new group formed the nucleus of the mid-mammals.

4 When the numbers of this new and superior group grew great, war,

relentless war, broke out; and when the terrible struggle was over, not a single individual of the pre-existent and ancestral race of dawn mammals remained alive. The less numerous but more powerful and intelligent offshoot of the species had survived at the expense of their ancestors.

5 And now, for almost 15,000 years (600 generations), this creature became the terror of this part of the world. All of the great and vicious animals of former times had perished. The large beasts native to these regions were not carnivorous, and the larger species of the cat family, lions and

tigers, had not yet invaded this peculiarly sheltered nook of the earth's surface. Therefore did these mid-mammals wax valiant and subdue the whole of their corner of creation.

6 §§ Compared with the ancestral species, the mid-mammals were an improvement in every way. Even their potential life span was longer, being about 25 years. A number of rudimentary human traits appeared in this new species. In addition to the innate propensities exhibited by their ancestors, these mid-mammals were capable of showing disgust in certain repulsive situations. They further possessed

a well-defined hoarding instinct; they would hide food for subsequent use and were greatly given to the collection of smooth round pebbles and certain types of round stones suitable for defensive and offensive ammunition.

7 These mid-mammals were the first to exhibit a definite construction propensity, as shown in their rivalry in the building of both treetop homes and their many-tunnelled subterranean retreats; they were the first species of mammals ever to provide for safety in both arboreal and underground shelters. They largely forsook the trees as places of abode, living on

the ground during the day and sleeping in the treetops at night.

8 As time passed, the natural increase in numbers eventually resulted in serious food competition and sex rivalry, all of which culminated in a series of internecine battles that nearly destroyed the entire species. These struggles continued until only one group of less than 100 individuals was left alive. But peace once more prevailed, and this lone surviving tribe built anew its treetop bedrooms and once again resumed a normal and semipeaceful existence.

9 §§ You can hardly realize by what

narrow margins your prehuman ancestors missed extinction from time to time. Had the ancestral frog of all humanity jumped 5 cm less on a certain occasion, the whole course of evolution would have been markedly changed. The immediate lemurlike mother of the dawn-mammal species escaped death no less than 5 times by mere hairbreadth margins before she gave birth to the father of the new and higher mammalian order. But the closest call of all was when lightning struck the tree in which the prospective mother of the Primates twins was sleeping. Both of these mid-mam-

mal parents were severely shocked and badly burned; three of their seven children were killed by this bolt from the skies. These evolving animals were almost superstitious. This couple whose treetop home had been struck were really the leaders of the more progressive group of the mid-mammal species; and following their example, more than half the tribe, embracing the more intelligent families, moved about 3 km away from this locality and began the construction of new treetop abodes and new ground shelters — their transient retreats in time of sudden danger.

10 Soon after the completion of their home, this couple, veterans of so many struggles, found themselves the proud parents of twins, the most interesting and important animals ever to have been born into the world up to that time, for they were the first of the new species of *Primates* constituting the next vital step in prehuman evolution.

11 §§ Contemporaneously with the birth of these Primates twins, another couple — a peculiarly retarded male and female of the mid-mammal tribe, a couple that were both mentally and physically inferior — also gave birth to

twins. These twins, one male and one female, were indifferent to conquest; they were concerned only with obtaining food and, since they would not eat flesh, soon lost all interest in seeking prey. These retarded twins became the founders of the modern simian tribes. Their descendants sought the warmer southern regions with their mild climates and an abundance of tropical fruits, where they have continued much as of that day except for those branches which mated with the earlier types of gibbons and apes and have greatly deteriorated in consequence.

12 And so it may be readily seen that man and the ape are related only in that they sprang from the mid-mammals, a tribe in which there occurred the contemporaneous birth and subsequent segregation of two pairs of twins: the inferior pair destined to produce the modern types of monkey, baboon, chimpanzee, and gorilla; the superior pair destined to continue the line of ascent which evolved into man himself.

13 Modern man and the simians did spring from the same tribe and species but not from the same parents. Man's ancestors are descended from the su-

perior strains of the selected remnant of this mid-mammal tribe, whereas the modern simians (excepting certain pre-existent types of lemurs, gibbons, apes, and other monkeylike creatures) are the descendants of the most inferior couple of this mid-mammal group, a couple who only survived by hiding themselves in a subterranean food-storage retreat for more than two weeks during the last fierce battle of their tribe, emerging only after the hostilities were well over.

4. THE PRIMATES

1 Going back to the birth of the su-

perior twins, one male and one female, to the two leading members of the mid-mammal tribe: These animal babies were of an unusual order; they had still less hair on their bodies than their parents and, when very young, insisted on walking upright. Their ancestors had always learned to walk on their hind legs, but these Primates twins stood erect from the beginning. They attained a height of over 1.5 m, and their heads grew larger in comparison with others among the tribe. While early learning to communicate with each other by means of signs and sounds, they were never able

to make their people understand these new symbols.

2 When about 14 years of age, they fled from the tribe, going west to raise their family and establish the new species of Primates. And these new creatures are very properly denominated *Primates* since they were the direct and immediate animal ancestors of the human family itself.

3 Thus it was that the Primates came to occupy a region on the west coast of the Mesopotamian peninsula as it then projected into the southern sea, while the less intelligent and closely related tribes lived around the peninsula

point and up the eastern shore line.

4 §§ The Primates were more human and less animal than their mid-mammal predecessors. The skeletal proportions of this new species were very similar to those of the primitive human races. The human type of hand and foot had fully developed, and these creatures could walk and even run as well as any of their later-day human descendants. They largely abandoned tree life, though continuing to resort to the treetops as a safety measure at night, for like their earlier ancestors, they were greatly subject to fear. The increased use of their hands

did much to develop inherent brain power, but they did not yet possess minds that could really be called human.

5 Although in emotional nature the Primates differed little from their forebears, they exhibited more of a human trend in all of their propensities. They were, indeed, splendid and superior animals, reaching maturity at about 10 years of age and having a natural life span of about 40 years. That is, they might have lived that long had they died natural deaths, but in those early days very few animals ever died a natural death; the struggle for exis-

tence was altogether too intense.

6 And now, after almost 900 generations of development, covering about 21,000 years from the origin of the dawn mammals, the Primates *suddenly* gave birth to two remarkable creatures, the first true human beings.

7 §§ Thus it was that the dawn mammals, springing from the North American lemur type, gave origin to the mid-mammals, and these mid-mammals in turn produced the superior Primates, who became the immediate ancestors of the primitive human race. The Primates tribes were the last vital link in the evolution of man, but in less

than 5,000 years not a single individual of these extraordinary tribes was left.

5. THE FIRST HUMAN BEINGS

1 From the year A.D. 1934 back to the birth of the first two human beings is just 993,419 years.

2 These two remarkable creatures were true human beings. They possessed perfect human thumbs, as had many of their ancestors, while they had just as perfect feet as the present-day human races. They were walkers and runners, not climbers; the grasping function of the big toe was absent, completely absent. When dan-

ger drove them to the treetops, they climbed just like the humans of today would. They would climb up the trunk of a tree like a bear and not as would a chimpanzee or a gorilla, swinging up by the branches.

3 These first human beings (and their descendants) reached full maturity at 12 years of age and possessed a potential life span of about 75 years.

4 Many new emotions early appeared in these human twins. They experienced admiration for both objects and other beings and exhibited considerable vanity. But the most remarkable advance in emotional devel-

opment was the sudden appearance of a new group of really human feelings, the worshipful group, embracing awe, reverence, humility, and even a primitive form of gratitude. Fear, joined with ignorance of natural phenomena, is about to give birth to primitive religion.

5 Not only were such human feelings manifested in these primitive humans, but many more highly evolved sentiments were also present in rudimentary form. They were mildly cognizant of pity, shame, and reproach and were acutely conscious of love, hate, and revenge, being also suscep-

tible to marked feelings of jealousy.

6 These first two humans — the twins — were a great trial to their Primates parents. They were so curious and adventurous that they nearly lost their lives on numerous occasions before they were 8 years old. As it was, they were rather well scarred up by the time they were twelve.

7 Very early they learned to engage in verbal communication; by the age of 10 they had worked out an improved sign and word language of almost 50 ideas and had greatly improved and expanded the crude communicative technique of their ances-

tors. But try as hard as they might, they were able to teach only a few of their new signs and symbols to their parents.

8 When about 9 years of age, they journeyed off down the river one bright day and held a momentous conference. Every celestial intelligence stationed on Urantia, including myself, was present as an observer of the transactions of this noontide tryst. On this eventful day they arrived at an understanding to live with and for each other, and this was the first of a series of such agreements which finally culminated in the decision to flee

from their inferior animal associates and to journey northward, little knowing that they were thus to found the human race.

9 While we were all greatly concerned with what these two little savages were planning, we were powerless to control the working of their minds; we did not — could not — arbitrarily influence their decisions. But within the permissible limits of planetary function, we, the Life Carriers, together with our associates, all conspired to lead the human twins northward and far from their hairy and partially tree-dwelling people. And

so, by reason of their own intelligent choice, the twins did *migrate,* and because of our supervision they migrated *northward* to a secluded region where they escaped the possibility of biologic degradation through admixture with their inferior relatives of the Primates tribes.

10 Shortly before their departure from the home forests they lost their mother in a gibbon raid. While she did not possess their intelligence, she did have a worthy mammalian affection of a high order for her offspring, and she fearlessly gave her life in the attempt to save the wonderful pair. Nor

was her sacrifice in vain, for she held off the enemy until the father arrived with reinforcements and put the invaders to rout.

11 Soon after this young couple forsook their associates to found the human race, their Primates father became disconsolate — he was heartbroken. He refused to eat, even when food was brought to him by his other children. His brilliant offspring having been lost, life did not seem worth living among his ordinary fellows; so he wandered off into the forest, was set upon by hostile gibbons and beaten to

death.

6. EVOLUTION OF THE HUMAN MIND

1 We, the Life Carriers on Urantia, had passed through the long vigil of watchful waiting since the day we first planted the life plasm in the planetary waters, and naturally the appearance of the first really intelligent and volitional beings brought to us great joy and supreme satisfaction.

2 We had been watching the twins develop mentally through our observation of the functioning of the seven adjutant mind-spirits assigned to Urantia at the time of our arrival

on the planet. Throughout the long evolutionary development of planetary life, these tireless mind ministers had ever registered their increasing ability to contact with the successively expanding brain capacities of the progressively superior animal creatures.

3 At first only the *spirit of intuition* could function in the instinctive and reflex behaviour of the primordial animal life. With the differentiation of higher types, the *spirit of understanding* was able to endow such creatures with the gift of spontaneous association of ideas. Later on we observed the *spirit*

of courage in operation; evolving animals really developed a crude form of protective self-consciousness. Subsequent to the appearance of the mammalian groups, we beheld the *spirit of knowledge* manifesting itself in increased measure. And the evolution of the higher mammals brought the function of the *spirit of counsel,* with the resulting growth of the herd instinct and the beginnings of primitive social development.

4 Increasingly, on down through the dawn mammals, the mid-mammals, and the Primates, we had observed the augmented service of the first 5 adju-

tants. But never had the remaining two, the highest mind ministers, been able to function in the Urantia type of evolutionary mind.

5 Imagine our joy one day — the twins were about ten years old — when the *spirit of worship* made its first contact with the mind of the female twin and shortly thereafter with the male. We knew that something closely akin to human mind was approaching culmination; and when, about a year later, they finally resolved, as a result of meditative thought and purposeful decision, to flee from home and journey north, then did the *spirit of wis-*

dom begin to function on Urantia and in these two now recognized human minds.

6 There was an immediate and new order of mobilization of the seven adjutant mind-spirits. We were alive with expectation; we realized that the long-waited-for hour was approaching; we knew we were upon the threshold of the realization of our protracted effort to evolve will creatures on Urantia.

7. RECOGNITION AS AN INHABITED WORLD

1 We did not have to wait long. At noon, the day after the runaway of

the twins, there occurred the initial test flash of the universe circuit signals at the planetary reception-focus of Urantia. We were, of course, all astir with the realization that a great event was impending; but since this world was a life-experiment station, we had not the slightest idea of just how we would be apprised of the recognition of intelligent life on the planet. But we were not long in suspense. On the third day after the elopement of the twins, and before the Life Carrier corps departed, there arrived the Nebadon archangel of initial planetary circuit establishment.

2 It was an eventful day on Urantia when our small group gathered about the planetary pole of space communication and received the first message from Salvington over the newly established mind circuit of the planet. And this first message, dictated by the chief of the archangel corps, said:

3 "To the Life Carriers on Urantia — Greetings! We transmit assurance of great pleasure on Salvington, Edentia, and Jerusem in honour of the registration on the headquarters of Nebadon of the signal of the existence on Urantia of mind of will dignity. The purposeful decision of the twins

to flee northward and segregate their offspring from their inferior ancestors has been noted. This is the first decision of mind — the human type of mind — on Urantia and automatically establishes the circuit of communication over which this initial message of acknowledgement is transmitting."

4 Next over this new circuit came the greetings of the Most Highs of Edentia, containing instructions for the resident Life Carriers forbidding us to interfere with the pattern of life we had established. We were directed not to intervene in the affairs of human progress. It should not be in-

ferred that Life Carriers ever arbitrarily and mechanically interfere with the natural outworking of the planetary evolutionary plans, for we do not. But up to this time we had been permitted to manipulate the environment and shield the life plasm in a special manner, and it was this extraordinary, but wholly natural, supervision that was to be discontinued.

5 And no sooner had the Most Highs left off speaking than the beautiful message of Lucifer, then sovereign of the Satania system, began to planetize. Now the Life Carriers heard the welcome words of their own chief

and received his permission to return to Jerusem. This message from Lucifer contained the official acceptance of the Life Carriers' work on Urantia and absolved us from all future criticism of any of our efforts to improve the life patterns of Nebadon as established in the Satania system.

6 These messages from Salvington, Edentia, and Jerusem formally marked the termination of the Life Carriers' agelong supervision of the planet. For ages we had been on duty, assisted only by the seven adjutant mind-spirits and the Master Physical Controllers. And now, will, the power of choosing to

worship and to ascend, having appeared in the evolutionary creatures of the planet, we realized that our work was finished, and our group prepared to depart. Urantia being a life-modification world, permission was granted to leave behind two senior Life Carriers with 12 assistants, and I was chosen as one of this group and have ever since been on Urantia.

7 It is just 993,408 years ago (from the year A.D. 1934) that Urantia was formally recognized as a planet of human habitation in the universe of Nebadon. Biologic evolution had once again achieved the human levels of will

dignity; man had arrived on planet 606 of Satania.

8 [Sponsored by a Life Carrier of Nebadon resident on Urantia.]

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THE FIRST HUMAN FAMILY

Life Carrier

Urantia was registered as an inhabited world when the first two human beings — the twins — were 11 years old, and before they had become the parents of the first-born of the second generation of actual human beings. And the archangel message from Salvington, on this occasion of formal planetary recognition, closed with these words:

2 "Man-mind has appeared on 606 of Satania, and these parents of the new race shall be called *Andon* and *Fonta.* And all archangels pray that these creatures may speedily be endowed with the personal indwelling of the gift of the spirit of the Universal Father."

3 §§ Andon is the Nebadon name which signifies "the first Fatherlike creature to exhibit human perfection hunger." Fonta signifies "the first Sonlike creature to exhibit human perfection hunger." Andon and Fonta never knew these names until they were bestowed upon them at the time of fu-

sion with their Thought Adjusters. Throughout their mortal sojourn on Urantia they called each other Sonta-an and Sonta-en, Sonta-an meaning "loved by mother," Sonta-en signifying "loved by father." They gave themselves these names, and the meanings are significant of their mutual regard and affection.

1. ANDON AND FONTA

1 In many respects, Andon and Fonta were the most remarkable pair of human beings that have ever lived on the face of the earth. This wonderful pair, the actual parents of all man-

kind, were in every way superior to many of their immediate descendants, and they were radically different from all of their ancestors, both immediate and remote.

2 The parents of this first human couple were apparently little different from the average of their tribe, though they were among its more intelligent members, that group which first learned to throw stones and to use clubs in fighting. They also made use of sharp spicules of stone, flint, and bone.

3 While still living with his parents, Andon had fastened a sharp piece of

flint on the end of a club, using animal tendons for this purpose, and on no less than a dozen occasions he made good use of such a weapon in saving both his own life and that of his equally adventurous and inquisitive sister, who unfailingly accompanied him on all of his tours of exploration.

4 The decision of Andon and Fonta to flee from the Primates tribes implies a quality of mind far above the baser intelligence which characterized so many of their later descendants who stooped to mate with their retarded cousins of the simian tribes. But their

vague feeling of being something more than mere animals was due to the possession of personality and was augmented by the indwelling presence of the Thought Adjusters.

2. THE FLIGHT OF THE TWINS

1 After Andon and Fonta had decided to flee northward, they succumbed to their fears for a time, especially the fear of displeasing their father and immediate family. They envisaged being set upon by hostile relatives and thus recognized the possibility of meeting death at the hands of their already jealous tribesmen. As

youngsters, the twins had spent most of their time in each other's company and for this reason had never been overly popular with their animal cousins of the Primates tribe. Nor had they improved their standing in the tribe by building a separate, and a very superior, tree home.

2 And it was in this new home among the treetops, one night after they had been awakened by a violent storm, and as they held each other in fearful and fond embrace, that they finally and fully made up their minds to flee from the tribal habitat and the home treetops.

3 They had already prepared a crude treetop retreat some half-day's journey to the north. This was their secret and safe hiding place for the first day away from the home forests. Notwithstanding that the twins shared the Primates' deathly fear of being on the ground at nighttime, they sallied forth shortly before nightfall on their northern trek. While it required unusual courage for them to undertake this night journey, even with a full moon, they correctly concluded that they were less likely to be missed and pursued by their tribesmen and relatives. And they safely made their previously prepared ren-

dezvous shortly after midnight.

4 On their northward journey they discovered an exposed flint deposit and, finding many stones suitably shaped for various uses, gathered up a supply for the future. In attempting to chip these flints so that they would be better adapted for certain purposes, Andon discovered their sparking quality and conceived the idea of building fire. But the notion did not take firm hold of him at the time as the climate was still salubrious and there was little need of fire.

5 But the autumn sun was getting lower in the sky, and as they journeyed

northward, the nights grew cooler and cooler. Already they had been forced to make use of animal skins for warmth. Before they had been away from home one moon, Andon signified to his mate that he thought he could make fire with the flint. They tried for two months to utilize the flint spark for kindling a fire but only met with failure. Each day this couple would strike the flints and endeavour to ignite the wood. Finally, one evening about the time of the setting of the sun, the secret of the technique was unravelled when it occurred to Fonta to climb a near-by tree to se-

cure an abandoned bird's nest. The nest was dry and highly inflammable and consequently flared right up into a full blaze the moment the spark fell upon it. They were so surprised and startled at their success that they almost lost the fire, but they saved it by the addition of suitable fuel, and then began the first search for firewood by the parents of all mankind.

6 This was one of the most joyous moments in their short but eventful lives. All night long they sat up watching their fire burn, vaguely realizing that they had made a discovery which would make it possible for them to

defy climate and thus forever to be independent of their animal relatives of the southern lands. After three days' rest and enjoyment of the fire, they journeyed on.

7 The Primates ancestors of Andon had often replenished fire which had been kindled by lightning, but never before had the creatures of earth possessed a method of starting fire at will. But it was a long time before the twins learned that dry moss and other materials would kindle fire just as well as

birds' nests.

3. ANDON'S FAMILY

1 It was almost two years from the night of the twins' departure from home before their first child was born. They named him Sontad; and Sontad was the first creature to be born on Urantia who was wrapped in protective coverings at the time of birth. The human race had begun, and with this new evolution there appeared the instinct properly to care for the increasingly enfeebled infants which would characterize the progressive development of mind of the intellectual order

as contrasted with the more purely animal type.

2 Andon and Fonta had 19 children in all, and they lived to enjoy the association of almost 50 grandchildren and half a dozen great-grandchildren. The family was domiciled in four adjoining rock shelters, or semicaves, three of which were interconnected by hallways which had been excavated in the soft limestone with flint tools devised by Andon's children.

3 These early Andonites evinced a very marked clannish spirit; they hunted in groups and never strayed very far from the homesite. They

seemed to realize that they were an isolated and unique group of living beings and should therefore avoid becoming separated. This feeling of intimate kinship was undoubtedly due to the enhanced mind ministry of the adjutant spirits.

4 §§ Andon and Fonta laboured incessantly for the nurture and uplift of the clan. They lived to the age of 42, when both were killed at the time of an earthquake by the falling of an overhanging rock. Five of their children and eleven grandchildren perished with them, and almost a score of their descendants suffered serious in-

juries.

5 Upon the death of his parents, Sontad, despite a seriously injured foot, immediately assumed the leadership of the clan and was ably assisted by his wife, his eldest sister. Their first task was to roll up stones to effectively entomb their dead parents, brothers, sisters, and children. Undue significance should not attach to this act of burial. Their ideas of survival after death were very vague and indefinite, being largely derived from their fantastic and variegated dream life.

6 §§ This family of Andon and Fonta held together until the 20th genera-

tion, when combined food competition and social friction brought about the beginning of dispersion.

4. THE ANDONIC CLANS

1 Primitive man — the Andonites — had black eyes and a swarthy complexion, something of a cross between yellow and red. Melanin is a colouring substance which is found in the skins of all human beings. It is the original Andonic skin pigment. In general appearance and skin colour these early Andonites more nearly resembled the present-day Eskimo than any other type of living human beings. They

were the first creatures to use the skins of animals as a protection against cold; they had little more hair on their bodies than present-day humans.

2 The tribal life of the animal ancestors of these early men had foreshadowed the beginnings of numerous social conventions, and with the expanding emotions and augmented brain powers of these beings, there was an immediate development in social organization and a new division of clan labour. They were exceedingly imitative, but the play instinct was only slightly developed, and the sense of humour was almost entirely ab-

sent. Primitive man smiled occasionally, but he never indulged in hearty laughter. Humour was the legacy of the later Adamic race. These early human beings were not so sensitive to pain nor so reactive to unpleasant situations as were many of the later evolving mortals. Childbirth was not a painful or distressing ordeal to Fonta and her immediate progeny.

3 §§ They were a wonderful tribe. The males would fight heroically for the safety of their mates and their offspring; the females were affectionately devoted to their children. But their patriotism was wholly limited to the

immediate clan. They were very loyal to their families; they would die without question in defence of their children, but they were not able to grasp the idea of trying to make the world a better place for their grandchildren. Altruism was as yet unborn in the human heart, notwithstanding that all of the emotions essential to the birth of religion were already present in these Urantia aborigines.

4 These early men possessed a touching affection for their comrades and certainly had a real, although crude, idea of friendship. It was a common sight in later times, dur-

ing their constantly recurring battles with the inferior tribes, to see one of these primitive men valiantly fighting with one hand while he struggled on, trying to protect and save an injured fellow warrior. Many of the most noble and highly human traits of subsequent evolutionary development were touchingly foreshadowed in these primitive peoples.

5 §§ The original Andonic clan maintained an unbroken line of leadership until the 27th generation, when, no male offspring appearing among Sontad's direct descendants, two rival would-be rulers of the clan fell to

fighting for supremacy.

6 Before the extensive dispersion of the Andonic clans a well-developed language had evolved from their early efforts to intercommunicate. This language continued to grow, and almost daily additions were made to it because of the new inventions and adaptations to environment which were developed by these active, restless, and curious people. And this language became the word of Urantia, the tongue of the early human family, until the later appearance of the coloured races.

7 §§ As time passed, the Andonic clans grew in number, and the con-

tact of the expanding families developed friction and misunderstandings. Only two things came to occupy the minds of these peoples: hunting to obtain food and fighting to avenge themselves against some real or supposed injustice or insult at the hands of the neighbouring tribes.

8 Family feuds increased, tribal wars broke out, and serious losses were sustained among the very best elements of the more able and advanced groups. Some of these losses were irreparable; some of the most valuable strains of ability and intelligence were forever lost to the world. This early race and

its primitive civilization were threatened with extinction by this incessant warfare of the clans.

9 It is impossible to induce such primitive beings long to live together in peace. Man is the descendant of fighting animals, and when closely associated, uncultured people irritate and offend each other. The Life Carriers know this tendency among evolutionary creatures and accordingly make provision for the eventual separation of developing human beings into at least 3, and more often 6, dis-

tinct and separate races.

5. DISPERSION OF THE ANDONITES

1 The early Andon races did not penetrate very far into Asia, and they did not at first enter Africa. The geography of those times pointed them north, and farther and farther north these people journeyed until they were hindered by the slowly advancing ice of the third glacier.

2 Before this extensive ice sheet reached France and the British Isles, the descendants of Andon and Fonta had pushed on westward over Europe and had established more than 1,000

separate settlements along the great rivers leading to the then warm waters of the North Sea.

3 These Andonic tribes were the early river dwellers of France; they lived along the river Somme for tens of thousands of years. The Somme is the one river unchanged by the glaciers, running down to the sea in those days much as it does today. And that explains why so much evidence of the Andonic descendants is found along the course of this river valley.

4 These aborigines of Urantia were not tree dwellers, though in emergencies they still betook themselves to

the treetops. They regularly dwelt under the shelter of overhanging cliffs along the rivers and in hillside grottoes which afforded a good view of the approaches and sheltered them from the elements. They could thus enjoy the comfort of their fires without being too much inconvenienced by the smoke. They were not really cave dwellers either, though in subsequent times the later ice sheets came farther south and drove their descendants to the caves. They preferred to camp near the edge of a forest and beside a stream.

5 They very early became remark-

ably clever in disguising their partially sheltered abodes and showed great skill in constructing stone sleeping chambers, dome-shaped stone huts, into which they crawled at night. The entrance to such a hut was closed by rolling a stone in front of it, a large stone which had been placed inside for this purpose before the roof stones were finally put in place.

6 The Andonites were fearless and successful hunters and, with the exception of wild berries and certain fruits of the trees, lived exclusively on flesh. As Andon had invented the stone ax, so his descendants early dis-

covered and made effective use of the throwing stick and the harpoon. At last a tool-creating mind was functioning in conjunction with an implement-using hand, and these early humans became highly skillful in the fashioning of flint tools. They travelled far and wide in search of flint, much as present-day humans journey to the ends of the earth in quest of gold, platinum, and diamonds.

7 And in many other ways these Andon tribes manifested a degree of intelligence which their retrogressing descendants did not attain in 500,000 years, though they did again and again

rediscover various methods of kindling fire.

6. ONAGAR — THE FIRST TRUTH TEACHER

1 As the Andonic dispersion extended, the cultural and spiritual status of the clans retrogressed for nearly 10,000 years until the days of Onagar, who assumed the leadership of these tribes, brought peace among them, and for the first time, led all of them in the worship of the "Breath Giver to men and animals."

2 §§ Andon's philosophy had been most confused; he had barely escaped becoming a fire worshipper because

of the great comfort derived from his accidental discovery of fire. Reason, however, directed him from his own discovery to the sun as a superior and more awe-inspiring source of heat and light, but it was too remote, and so he failed to become a sun worshipper.

3 The Andonites early developed a fear of the elements — thunder, lightning, rain, snow, hail, and ice. But hunger was the constantly recurring urge of these early days, and since they largely subsisted on animals, they eventually evolved a form of animal worship. To Andon, the larger food animals were symbols of creative

might and sustaining power. From time to time it became the custom to designate various of these larger animals as objects of worship. During the vogue of a particular animal, crude outlines of it would be drawn on the walls of the caves, and later on, as continued progress was made in the arts, such an animal god was engraved on various ornaments.

4 Very early the Andonic peoples formed the habit of refraining from eating the flesh of the animal of tribal veneration. Presently, in order more suitably to impress the minds of their youths, they evolved a ceremony of

reverence which was carried out about the body of one of these venerated animals; and still later on, this primitive performance developed into the more elaborate sacrificial ceremonies of their descendants. And this is the origin of sacrifices as a part of worship. This idea was elaborated by Moses in the Hebrew ritual and was preserved, in principle, by the Apostle Paul as the doctrine of atonement for sin by "the shedding of blood."

5 That food was the all-important thing in the lives of these primitive human beings is shown by the prayer taught these simple folks by Onagar,

their great teacher. And this prayer was:

6 "O Breath of Life, give us this day our daily food, deliver us from the curse of the ice, save us from our forest enemies, and with mercy receive us into the Great Beyond."

7 §§ Onagar maintained headquarters on the northern shores of the ancient Mediterranean in the region of the present Caspian Sea at a settlement called Oban, the tarrying place on the westward turning of the travel trail leading up northward from the Mesopotamian southland. From Oban he sent out teachers to the remote set-

tlements to spread his new doctrines of one Deity and his concept of the hereafter, which he called the Great Beyond. These emissaries of Onagar were the world's first missionaries; they were also the first human beings to cook meat, the first regularly to use fire in the preparation of food. They cooked flesh on the ends of sticks and also on hot stones; later on they roasted large pieces in the fire, but their descendants almost entirely reverted to the use of raw flesh.

8 Onagar was born 983,323 years ago (from A.D. 1934), and he lived to be 69 years of age. The record of

the achievements of this master mind and spiritual leader of the pre-Planetary Prince days is a thrilling recital of the organization of these primitive peoples into a real society. He instituted an efficient tribal government, the like of which was not attained by succeeding generations in many millenniums. Never again, until the arrival of the Planetary Prince, was there such a high spiritual civilization on earth. These simple people had a real though primitive religion, but it was subsequently lost to their deteriorating descendants.

9 Although both Andon and Fonta

had received Thought Adjusters, as had many of their descendants, it was not until the days of Onagar that the Adjusters and guardian seraphim came in great numbers to Urantia. This was, indeed, the golden age of primitive man.

7. THE SURVIVAL OF ANDON AND FONTA

1 Andon and Fonta, the splendid founders of the human race, received recognition at the time of the adjudication of Urantia upon the arrival of the Planetary Prince, and in due time they emerged from the regime of the mansion worlds with citizen-

ship status on Jerusem. Although they have never been permitted to return to Urantia, they are cognizant of the history of the race they founded. They grieved over the Caligastia betrayal, sorrowed because of the Adamic failure, but rejoiced exceedingly when announcement was received that Michael had selected their world as the theatre for his final bestowal.

2 On Jerusem both Andon and Fonta were fused with their Thought Adjusters, as also were several of their children, including Sontad, but the majority of even their immediate descendants only achieved Spirit fusion.

3 Andon and Fonta, shortly after their arrival on Jerusem, received permission from the System Sovereign to return to the first mansion world to serve with the morontia personalities who welcome the pilgrims of time from Urantia to the heavenly spheres. And they have been assigned indefinitely to this service. They sought to send greetings to Urantia in connection with these revelations, but this request was wisely denied them.

4 §§ And this is the recital of the most heroic and fascinating chapter in all the history of Urantia, the story of the evolution, life struggles, death, and

eternal survival of the unique parents of all mankind.

5 [Presented by a Life Carrier resident on Urantia.]

PAPER 64

THE EVOLUTIONARY RACES OF COLOUR

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This is the story of the evolutionary races of Urantia from the days of Andon and Fonta, almost 1,000,000 years ago, down through the times of the Planetary Prince to the end of the ice age.

2 The human race is almost 1,000,000 years old, and the first half of its story roughly corresponds to the pre-Planetary Prince days of Urantia. The lat-

ter half of the history of mankind begins at the time of the arrival of the Planetary Prince and the appearance of the six coloured races and roughly corresponds to the period commonly regarded as the Old Stone Age.

1. THE ANDONIC ABORIGINES

1 Primitive man made his evolutionary appearance on earth a little less than 1,000,000 years ago, and he had a vigorous experience. He instinctively sought to escape the danger of mingling with the inferior simian tribes. But he could not migrate eastward because of the arid Tibetan land el-

evations, 9 km above sea level; neither could he go south nor west because of the expanded Mediterranean Sea, which then extended eastward to the Indian Ocean; and as he went north, he encountered the advancing ice. But even when further migration was blocked by the ice, and though the dispersing tribes became increasingly hostile, the more intelligent groups never entertained the idea of going southward to live among their hairy tree-dwelling cousins of inferior intellect.

2 Many of man's earliest religious emotions grew out of his feeling of

helplessness in the shut-in environment of this geographic situation — mountains to the right, water to the left, and ice in front. But these progressive Andonites would not turn back to their inferior tree-dwelling relatives in the south.

3 These Andonites avoided the forests in contrast with the habits of their nonhuman relatives. In the forests man has always deteriorated; human evolution has made progress only in the open and in the higher latitudes. The cold and hunger of the open lands stimulate action, invention, and resourcefulness. While

these Andonic tribes were developing the pioneers of the present human race amidst the hardships and privations of these rugged northern climes, their backward cousins were luxuriating in the southern tropical forests of the land of their early common origin.

4 §§ These events occurred during the times of the third glacier, the first according to the reckoning of geologists. The first two glaciers were not extensive in northern Europe.

5 During most of the ice age England was connected by land with France, while later on Africa was joined to Europe by the Sicilian land

bridge. At the time of the Andonic migrations there was a continuous land path from England in the west on through Europe and Asia to Java in the east; but Australia was again isolated, which further accentuated the development of its own peculiar fauna.

6 §§ *950,000* years ago the descendants of Andon and Fonta had migrated far to the east and to the west. To the west they passed over Europe to France and England. In later times they penetrated eastward as far as Java, where their bones were so recently found — the so-called Java man — and then journeyed on to Tasmania.

7 The groups going west became less contaminated with the backward stocks of mutual ancestral origin than those going east, who mingled so freely with their retarded animal cousins. These unprogressive individuals drifted southward and presently mated with the inferior tribes. Later on, increasing numbers of their mongrel descendants returned to the north to mate with the rapidly expanding Andonic peoples, and such unfortunate unions unfailingly deteriorated the superior stock. Fewer and fewer of the primitive settlements maintained the worship of the Breath Giver. This

early dawn civilization was threatened with extinction.

8 And thus it has ever been on Urantia. Civilizations of great promise have successively deteriorated and have finally been extinguished by the folly of allowing the superior freely to procreate with the inferior.

2. THE FOXHALL PEOPLES

1 *900,000* years ago the arts of Andon and Fonta and the culture of Onagar were vanishing from the face of the earth; culture, religion, and even flintworking were at their lowest ebb.

2 These were the times when large

numbers of inferior mongrel groups were arriving in England from southern France. These tribes were so largely mixed with the forest apelike creatures that they were scarcely human. They had no religion but were crude flint-workers and possessed sufficient intelligence to kindle fire.

3 They were followed in Europe by a somewhat superior and prolific people, whose descendants soon spread over the entire continent from the ice in the north to the Alps and Mediterranean in the south. These tribes are the so-called *Heidelberg race.*

4 During this long period of cultural

decadence the Foxhall peoples of England and the Badonan tribes northwest of India continued to hold on to some of the traditions of Andon and certain remnants of the culture of Onagar.

5 §§ The Foxhall peoples were farthest west and succeeded in retaining much of the Andonic culture; they also preserved their knowledge of flintworking, which they transmitted to their descendants, the ancient ancestors of the Eskimos.

6 Though the remains of the Foxhall peoples were the last to be discovered in England, these Andon-

ites were really the first human beings to live in those regions. At that time the land bridge still connected France with England; and since most of the early settlements of the Andon descendants were located along the rivers and seashores of that early day, they are now under the waters of the English Channel and the North Sea, but some three or four are still above water on the English coast.

7 Many of the more intelligent and spiritual of the Foxhall peoples maintained their racial superiority and perpetuated their primitive religious customs. And these people, as they were

later admixed with subsequent stocks, journeyed on west from England after a later ice visitation and have survived as the present-day Eskimos.

3. THE BADONAN TRIBES

1 Besides the Foxhall peoples in the west, another struggling centre of culture persisted in the east. This group was located in the foothills of the north-western Indian highlands among the tribes of Badonan, a great-great-grandson of Andon. These people were the only descendants of Andon who never practised human sacrifice.

2 These highland Badonites occupied an extensive plateau surrounded by forests, traversed by streams, and abounding in game. Like some of their cousins in Tibet, they lived in crude stone huts, hillside grottoes, and semi-underground passages.

3 While the tribes of the north grew more and more to fear the ice, those living near the homeland of their origin became exceedingly fearful of the water. They observed the Mesopotamian peninsula gradually sinking into the ocean, and though it emerged several times, the traditions of these primitive races grew up around the

dangers of the sea and the fear of periodic engulfment. And this fear, together with their experience with river floods, explains why they sought out the highlands as a safe place in which to live.

4 To the east of the Badonan peoples, in the Siwalik Hills of northern India, may be found fossils that approach nearer to transition types between man and the various prehuman groups than any others on earth.

5 §§ *850,000* years ago the superior Badonan tribes began a warfare of extermination directed against their inferior and animalistic neighbours. In

less than 1,000 years most of the borderland animal groups of these regions had been either destroyed or driven back to the southern forests. This campaign for the extermination of inferiors brought about a slight improvement in the hill tribes of that age. And the mixed descendants of this improved Badonite stock appeared on the stage of action as an apparently new people — the *Neanderthal race.*

4. THE NEANDERTHAL RACES

1 The Neanderthalers were excellent fighters, and they travelled extensively. They gradually spread from the high-

land centres in north-west India to France on the west, China on the east, and even down into northern Africa. They dominated the world for almost 500,000 years until the times of the migration of the evolutionary races of colour.

2 §§ *800,000* years ago game was abundant; many species of deer, as well as elephants and hippopotamuses, roamed over Europe. Cattle were plentiful; horses and wolves were everywhere. The Neanderthalers were great hunters, and the tribes in France were the first to adopt the practice of giving the most successful hunters the

choice of women for wives.

3 The reindeer was highly useful to these Neanderthal peoples, serving as food, clothing, and for tools, since they made various uses of the horns and bones. They had little culture, but they greatly improved the work in flint until it almost reached the levels of the days of Andon. Large flints attached to wooden handles came back into use and served as axes and picks.

4 §§ *750,000* years ago the 4th ice sheet was well on its way south. With their improved implements the Neanderthalers made holes in the ice covering the northern rivers and thus were

able to spear the fish which came up to these vents. Ever these tribes retreated before the advancing ice, which at this time made its most extensive invasion of Europe.

5 In these times the Siberian glacier was making its southernmost march, compelling early man to move southward, back toward the lands of his origin. But the human species had so differentiated that the danger of further mingling with its nonprogressive simian relatives was greatly lessened.

6 §§ *700,000* years ago the 4th glacier, the greatest of all in Europe, was in recession; men and animals were re-

turning north. The climate was cool and moist, and primitive man again thrived in Europe and western Asia. Gradually the forests spread north over land which had been so recently covered by the glacier.

7 Mammalian life had been little changed by the great glacier. These animals persisted in that narrow belt of land lying between the ice and the Alps and, upon the retreat of the glacier, again rapidly spread out over all Europe. There arrived from Africa, over the Sicilian land bridge, straight-tusked elephants, broad-nosed rhinoceroses,

hyenas, and African lions, and these new animals virtually exterminated the sabre-toothed tigers and the hippopotamuses.

8 §§ *650,000* years ago witnessed the continuation of the mild climate. By the middle of the interglacial period it had become so warm that the Alps were almost denuded of ice and snow.

9 §§ *600,000* years ago the ice had reached its then northernmost point of retreat and, after a pause of a few thousand years, started south again on its fifth excursion. But there was little modification of climate for 50,000 years. Man and the animals of Europe

were little changed. The slight aridity of the former period lessened, and the alpine glaciers descended far down the river valleys.

10 §§ *550,000* years ago the advancing glacier again pushed man and the animals south. But this time man had plenty of room in the wide belt of land stretching north-east into Asia and lying between the ice sheet and the then greatly expanded Black Sea extension of the Mediterranean.

11 These times of the 4th and 5th glaciers witnessed the further spread of the crude culture of the Neanderthal races. But there was so little progress

that it truly appeared as though the attempt to produce a new and modified type of intelligent life on Urantia was about to fail. For almost 250,000 years these primitive peoples drifted on, hunting and fighting, by spells improving in certain directions, but, on the whole, steadily retrogressing as compared with their superior Andonic ancestors.

12 §§ During these spiritually dark ages the culture of superstitious mankind reached its lowest levels. The Neanderthalers really had no religion beyond a shameful superstition. They were deathly afraid of clouds, more es-

pecially of mists and fogs. A primitive religion of the fear of natural forces gradually developed, while animal worship declined as improvement in tools, with abundance of game, enabled these people to live with lessened anxiety about food; the sex rewards of the chase tended greatly to improve hunting skill. This new religion of fear led to attempts to placate the invisible forces behind these natural elements and culminated, later on, in the sacrificing of humans to appease these invisible and unknown physical forces. And this terrible practice of human sacrifice has been per-

petuated by the more backward peoples of Urantia right on down to the XX century.

13 These early Neanderthalers could hardly be called sun worshippers. They rather lived in fear of the dark; they had a mortal dread of nightfall. As long as the moon shone a little, they managed to get along, but in the dark of the moon they grew panicky and began the sacrifice of their best specimens of manhood and womanhood in an effort to induce the moon again to shine. The sun, they early learned, would regularly return, but the moon they conjectured only re-

turned because they sacrificed their fellow tribesmen. As the race advanced, the object and purpose of sacrifice progressively changed, but the offering of human sacrifice as a part of religious ceremonial long persisted.

5. ORIGIN OF THE COLOURED RACES

1 *500,000* years ago the Badonan tribes of the north-western highlands of India became involved in another great racial struggle. For more than 100 years this relentless warfare raged, and when the long fight was finished, only about 100 families were left. But these survivors were the most intelli-

gent and desirable of all the then living descendants of Andon and Fonta.

2 And now, among these highland Badonites there was a new and strange occurrence. A man and woman living in the north-eastern part of the then inhabited highland region began *suddenly* to produce a family of unusually intelligent children. This was the *Sangik family,* the ancestors of all of the six coloured races of Urantia.

3 These Sangik children, 19 in number, were not only intelligent above their fellows, but their skins manifested a unique tendency to turn various colours upon exposure to sunlight.

Among these 19 children were 5 red, 2 orange, 4 yellow, 2 green, 4 blue, and 2 indigo. These colours became more pronounced as the children grew older, and when these youths later mated with their fellow tribesmen, all of their offspring tended toward the skin colour of the Sangik parent.

4 And now I interrupt the chronological narrative, after calling attention to the arrival of the Planetary Prince at about this time, while we separately consider the six Sangik races of

Urantia.

6. THE SIX SANGIK RACES OF URANTIA

1 On an average evolutionary planet the six evolutionary races of colour appear one by one; the red man is the first to evolve, and for ages he roams the world before the succeeding coloured races make their appearance. The simultaneous emergence of all six races on Urantia, *and in one family,* was most unusual.

2 The appearance of the earlier Andonites on Urantia was also something new in Satania. On no other world in the local system has such a

race of will creatures evolved in advance of the evolutionary races of colour.

3 1. *The red man.* These peoples were remarkable specimens of the human race, in many ways superior to Andon and Fonta. They were a most intelligent group and were the first of the Sangik children to develop a tribal civilization and government. They were always monogamous; even their mixed descendants seldom practised plural mating.

4 In later times they had serious and prolonged trouble with their yellow brethren in Asia. They were aided by

their early invention of the bow and arrow, but they had unfortunately inherited much of the tendency of their ancestors to fight among themselves, and this so weakened them that the yellow tribes were able to drive them off the Asiatic continent.

5 About 85,000 years ago the comparatively pure remnants of the red race went en masse across to North America, and shortly thereafter the Bering land isthmus sank, thus isolating them. No red man ever returned to Asia. But throughout Siberia, China, central Asia, India, and Europe they left behind much of their stock

blended with the other coloured races.

6 When the red man crossed over into America, he brought along much of the teachings and traditions of his early origin. His immediate ancestors had been in touch with the later activities of the world headquarters of the Planetary Prince. But in a short time after reaching the Americas, the red men began to lose sight of these teachings, and there occurred a great decline in intellectual and spiritual culture. Very soon these people again fell to fighting so fiercely among themselves that it appeared that these tribal wars would result in the speedy extinc-

tion of this remnant of the comparatively pure red race.

7 Because of this great retrogression the red men seemed doomed when, about 65,000 years ago, Onamonalonton appeared as their leader and spiritual deliverer. He brought temporary peace among the American red men and revived their worship of the "Great Spirit." Onamonalonton lived to be 96 years of age and maintained his headquarters among the great redwood trees of California. Many of his later descendants have come down to modern times among the Blackfoot Indians.

8 As time passed, the teachings of Onamonalonton became hazy traditions. Internecine wars were resumed, and never after the days of this great teacher did another leader succeed in bringing universal peace among them. Increasingly the more intelligent strains perished in these tribal struggles; otherwise a great civilization would have been built upon the North American continent by these able and intelligent red men.

9 After crossing over to America from China, the northern red man never again came in contact with other world influences (except the Es-

kimo) until he was later discovered by the white man. It was most unfortunate that the red man almost completely missed his opportunity of being upstepped by the admixture of the later Adamic stock. As it was, the red man could not rule the white man, and he would not willingly serve him. In such a circumstance, if the two races do not blend, one or the other is doomed.

10 2. *The orange man.* The outstanding characteristic of this race was their peculiar urge to build, to build anything and everything, even to the piling up of vast mounds of stone just

to see which tribe could build the largest mound. Though they were not a progressive people, they profited much from the schools of the Prince and sent delegates there for instruction.

11 The orange race was the first to follow the coast line southward toward Africa as the Mediterranean Sea withdrew to the west. But they never secured a favourable footing in Africa and were wiped out of existence by the later arriving green race.

12 Before the end came, this people lost much cultural and spiritual ground. But there was a great re-

vival of higher living as a result of the wise leadership of Porshunta, the master mind of this unfortunate race, who ministered to them when their headquarters was at Armageddon some 300,000 years ago.

13 The last great struggle between the orange and the green men occurred in the region of the lower Nile valley in Egypt. This long-drawn-out battle was waged for almost 100 years, and at its close very few of the orange race were left alive. The shattered remnants of these people were absorbed by the green and by the later arriving indigo men. But as a race the orange man

ceased to exist about 100,000 years ago.

14 3. *The yellow man.* The primitive yellow tribes were the first to abandon the chase, establish settled communities, and develop a home life based on agriculture. Intellectually they were somewhat inferior to the red man, but socially and collectively they proved themselves superior to all of the Sangik peoples in the matter of fostering racial civilization. Because they developed a fraternal spirit, the various tribes learning to live together in relative peace, they were able to drive the red race before them as they gradually

expanded into Asia.

15 They travelled far from the influences of the spiritual headquarters of the world and drifted into great darkness following the Caligastia apostasy; but there occurred one brilliant age among this people when Singlangton, about 100,000 years ago, assumed the leadership of these tribes and proclaimed the worship of the "One Truth."

16 The survival of comparatively large numbers of the yellow race is due to their intertribal peacefulness. From the days of Singlangton to the times of modern China, the yellow

race has been numbered among the more peaceful of the nations of Urantia. This race received a small but potent legacy of the later imported Adamic stock.

17 4. *The green man.* The green race was one of the less able groups of primitive men, and they were greatly weakened by extensive migrations in different directions. Before their dispersion these tribes experienced a great revival of culture under the leadership of Fantad, some 350,000 years ago.

18 The green race split into three major divisions: The northern tribes were subdued, enslaved, and absorbed by

the yellow and blue races. The eastern group were amalgamated with the Indian peoples of those days, and remnants still persist among them. The southern nation entered Africa, where they destroyed their almost equally inferior orange cousins.

19 In many ways both groups were evenly matched in this struggle since each carried strains of the giant order, many of their leaders being 2.4 and 2.7 m in height. These giant strains of the green man were mostly confined to this southern or Egyptian nation.

20 The remnants of the victorious green men were subsequently ab-

sorbed by the indigo race, the last of the coloured peoples to develop and emigrate from the original Sangik centre of race dispersion.

21 5. *The blue man.* The blue men were a great people. They early invented the spear and subsequently worked out the rudiments of many of the arts of modern civilization. The blue man had the brain power of the red man associated with the soul and sentiment of the yellow man. The Adamic descendants preferred them to all of the later persisting coloured races.

22 The early blue men were respon-

sive to the persuasions of the teachers of Prince Caligastia's staff and were thrown into great confusion by the subsequent perverted teachings of those traitorous leaders. Like other primitive races they never fully recovered from the turmoil produced by the Caligastia betrayal, nor did they ever completely overcome their tendency to fight among themselves.

23 About 500 years after Caligastia's downfall a widespread revival of learning and religion of a primitive sort — but none the less real and beneficial — occurred. Orlandof became a great teacher among the blue race and led

many of the tribes back to the worship of the true God under the name of the "Supreme Chief." This was the greatest advance of the blue man until those later times when this race was so greatly upstepped by the admixture of the Adamic stock.

24 The European researches and explorations of the Old Stone Age have largely to do with unearthing the tools, bones, and artcraft of these ancient blue men, for they persisted in Europe until recent times. The so-called *white races* of Urantia are the descendants of these blue men as they were first modified by slight mixture

with yellow and red, and as they were later greatly upstepped by assimilating the greater portion of the violet race.

25 6. *The indigo race.* As the red men were the most advanced of all the Sangik peoples, so the black men were the least progressive. They were the last to migrate from their highland homes. They journeyed to Africa, taking possession of the continent, and have ever since remained there except when they have been forcibly taken away, from age to age, as slaves.

26 Isolated in Africa, the indigo peoples, like the red man, received little or none of the race elevation which

would have been derived from the infusion of the Adamic stock. Alone in Africa, the indigo race made little advancement until the days of Orvonon, when they experienced a great spiritual awakening. While they later almost entirely forgot the "God of Gods" proclaimed by Orvonon, they did not entirely lose the desire to worship the Unknown; at least they maintained a form of worship up to a few thousand years ago.

27 Notwithstanding their backwardness, these indigo peoples have exactly the same standing before the celestial powers as any other earthly race.

28 §§ These were ages of intense struggles between the various races, but near the headquarters of the Planetary Prince the more enlightened and more recently taught groups lived together in comparative harmony, though no great cultural conquest of the world races had been achieved up to the time of the serious disruption of this regime by the outbreak of the Lucifer rebellion.

29 §§ From time to time all of these different peoples experienced cultural and spiritual revivals. Mansant was a great teacher of the post-Planetary Prince days. But mention is made

only of those outstanding leaders and teachers who markedly influenced and inspired a whole race. With the passing of time, many lesser teachers arose in different regions; and in the aggregate they contributed much to the sum total of those saving influences which prevented the total collapse of cultural civilization, especially during the long and dark ages between the Caligastia rebellion and the arrival of Adam.

30 §§ There are many good and sufficient reasons for the plan of evolving either three or six coloured races on the worlds of space. Though Urantia

mortals may not be in a position fully to appreciate all of these reasons, we would call attention to the following:

31 1. Variety is indispensable to opportunity for the wide functioning of natural selection, differential survival of superior strains.

32 2. Stronger and better races are to be had from the interbreeding of diverse peoples when these different races are carriers of superior inheritance factors. And the Urantia races would have benefited by such an early amalgamation provided such a conjoint people could have been subsequently effectively upstepped by a

thoroughgoing admixture with the superior Adamic stock. The attempt to execute such an experiment on Urantia under present racial conditions would be highly disastrous.

33 3. Competition is healthfully stimulated by diversification of races.

34 4. Differences in status of the races and of groups within each race are essential to the development of human tolerance and altruism.

35 5. Homogeneity of the human race is not desirable until the peoples of an evolving world attain comparatively high levels of spiritual develop-

ment.

7. DISPERSION OF THE COLOURED RACES

1 When the coloured descendants of the Sangik family began to multiply, and as they sought opportunity for expansion into adjacent territory, the fifth glacier, the third of geologic count, was well advanced on its southern drift over Europe and Asia. These early coloured races were extraordinarily tested by the rigors and hardships of the glacial age of their origin. This glacier was so extensive in Asia that for thousands of years migration to eastern Asia was cut off. And not

until the later retreat of the Mediterranean Sea, consequent upon the elevation of Arabia, was it possible for them to reach Africa.

2 Thus it was that for almost 100,000 years these Sangik peoples spread out around the foothills and mingled together more or less, notwithstanding the peculiar but natural antipathy which early manifested itself between the different races.

3 Between the times of the Planetary Prince and Adam, India became the home of the most cosmopolitan population ever to be found on the face of the earth. But it was unfor-

tunate that this mixture came to contain so much of the green, orange, and indigo races. These secondary Sangik peoples found existence more easy and agreeable in the southlands, and many of them subsequently migrated to Africa. The primary Sangik peoples, the superior races, avoided the tropics, the red man going north-east to Asia, closely followed by the yellow man, while the blue race moved northwest into Europe.

4 The red men early began to migrate to the north-east, on the heels of the retreating ice, passing around the highlands of India and occupying

all of north-eastern Asia. They were closely followed by the yellow tribes, who subsequently drove them out of Asia into North America.

5 When the relatively pure-line remnants of the red race forsook Asia, there were eleven tribes, and they numbered a little over 7,000 men, women, and children. These tribes were accompanied by three small groups of mixed ancestry, the largest of these being a combination of the orange and blue races. These three groups never fully fraternized with the red man and early journeyed southward to Mexico and Central America, where they

were later joined by a small group of mixed yellows and reds. These peoples all intermarried and founded a new and amalgamated race, one which was much less warlike than the pure-line red men. Within 5,000 years this amalgamated race broke up into three groups, establishing the civilizations respectively of Mexico, Central America, and South America. The South American offshoot did receive a faint touch of the blood of Adam.

6 To a certain extent the early red and yellow men mingled in Asia, and the offspring of this union journeyed on to the east and along the southern

seacoast and, eventually, were driven by the rapidly increasing yellow race onto the peninsulas and near-by islands of the sea. They are the present-day brown men.

7 The yellow race has continued to occupy the central regions of eastern Asia. Of all the six coloured races they have survived in greatest numbers. While the yellow men now and then engaged in racial war, they did not carry on such incessant and relentless wars of extermination as were waged by the red, green, and orange men. These three races virtually destroyed themselves before they were fi-

nally all but annihilated by their enemies of other races.

8 Since the fifth glacier did not extend so far south in Europe, the way was partially open for these Sangik peoples to migrate to the north-west; and upon the retreat of the ice the blue men, together with a few other small racial groups, migrated westward along the old trails of the Andon tribes. They invaded Europe in successive waves, occupying most of the continent.

9 In Europe they soon encountered the Neanderthal descendants of their early and common ancestor, Andon.

These older European Neanderthalers had been driven south and east by the glacier and thus were in position quickly to encounter and absorb their invading cousins of the Sangik tribes.

10 In general and to start with, the Sangik tribes were more intelligent than, and in most ways far superior to, the deteriorated descendants of the early Andonic plainsmen; and the mingling of these Sangik tribes with the Neanderthal peoples led to the immediate improvement of the older race. It was this infusion of Sangik blood, more especially that of the blue man, which produced that marked

improvement in the Neanderthal peoples exhibited by the successive waves of increasingly intelligent tribes that swept over Europe from the east.

11 During the following interglacial period this new Neanderthal race extended from England to India. The remnant of the blue race left in the old Persian peninsula later amalgamated with certain others, primarily the yellow; and the resultant blend, subsequently somewhat upstepped by the violet race of Adam, has persisted as the swarthy nomadic tribes of modern Arabs.

12 §§ All efforts to identify the Sangik

ancestry of modern peoples must take into account the later improvement of the racial strains by the subsequent admixture of Adamic blood.

13 §§ The superior races sought the northern or temperate climes, while the orange, green, and indigo races successively gravitated to Africa over the newly elevated land bridge which separated the westward retreating Mediterranean from the Indian Ocean.

14 The last of the Sangik peoples to migrate from their centre of race origin was the indigo man. About the time the green man was killing off the orange race in Egypt and greatly weak-

ening himself in so doing, the great black exodus started south through Palestine along the coast; and later, when these physically strong indigo peoples overran Egypt, they wiped the green man out of existence by sheer force of numbers. These indigo races absorbed the remnants of the orange man and much of the stock of the green man, and certain of the indigo tribes were considerably improved by this racial amalgamation.

15 And so it appears that Egypt was first dominated by the orange man, then by the green, followed by the indigo (black) man, and still later by

a mongrel race of indigo, blue, and modified green men. But long before Adam arrived, the blue men of Europe and the mixed races of Arabia had driven the indigo race out of Egypt and far south on the African continent.

16 As the Sangik migrations draw to a close, the green and orange races are gone, the red man holds North America, the yellow man eastern Asia, the blue man Europe, and the indigo race has gravitated to Africa. India harbours a blend of the secondary Sangik races, and the brown man, a blend of the red and yellow, holds the islands

off the Asiatic coast. An amalgamated race of rather superior potential occupies the highlands of South America. The purer Andonites live in the extreme northern regions of Europe and in Iceland, Greenland, and north-eastern North America.

17 §§ During the periods of farthest glacial advance the westernmost of the Andon tribes came very near being driven into the sea. They lived for years on a narrow southern strip of the present island of England. And it was the tradition of these repeated glacial advances that drove them to take to the sea when the 6th and last glacier fi-

nally appeared. They were the first marine adventurers. They built boats and started in search of new lands which they hoped might be free from the terrifying ice invasions. And some of them reached Iceland, others Greenland, but the vast majority perished from hunger and thirst on the open sea.

18 A little more than 80,000 years ago, shortly after the red man entered north-western North America, the freezing over of the north seas and the advance of local ice fields on Greenland drove these Eskimo descendants of the Urantia aborigines

to seek a better land, a new home; and they were successful, safely crossing the narrow straits which then separated Greenland from the northeastern land masses of North America. They reached the continent about 2,100 years after the red man arrived in Alaska. Subsequently some of the mixed stock of the blue man journeyed westward and amalgamated with the later-day Eskimos, and this union was slightly beneficial to the Eskimo tribes.

19 About 5,000 years ago a chance meeting occurred between an Indian tribe and a lone Eskimo group on the

south-eastern shores of Hudson Bay. These two tribes found it difficult to communicate with each other, but very soon they intermarried with the result that these Eskimos were eventually absorbed by the more numerous red men. And this represents the only contact of the North American red man with any other human stock down to about 1,000 years ago, when the white man first chanced to land on the Atlantic coast.

20 §§ The struggles of these early ages were characterized by courage, bravery, and even heroism. And we all regret that so many of those sterling and

rugged traits of your early ancestors have been lost to the later-day races. While we appreciate the value of many of the refinements of advancing civilization, we miss the magnificent persistency and superb devotion of your early ancestors, which oftentimes bordered on grandeur and sublimity.

21 [Presented by a Life Carrier resident on Urantia.]

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THE OVERCONTROL OF EVOLUTION

Life Carrier

Basic evolutionary material life — premind life — is the formulation of the Master Physical Controllers and the life-impartation ministry of the Seven Master Spirits in conjunction with the active ministration of the ordained Life Carriers. As a result of the co-ordinate function of this threefold creativity there develops organismal physical

capacity for mind — material mechanisms for intelligent reaction to external environmental stimuli and, later on, to internal stimuli, influences taking origin in the organismal mind itself.

2 §§ There are, then, three distinct levels of life production and evolution:

3 1. The physical-energy domain — mind-capacity production.

4 2. The mind ministry of the adjutant spirits — impinging upon spirit capacity.

5 3. The spirit endowment of mortal mind — culminating in Thought Adjuster bestowal.

6 §§ The mechanical-nonteachable levels of organismal environmental response are the domains of the physical controllers. The adjutant mind-spirits activate and regulate the adaptative or nonmechanical-teachable types of mind — those response mechanisms of organisms capable of learning from experience. And as the spirit adjutants thus manipulate mind potentials, so do the Life Carriers exercise considerable discretionary control over the environmental aspects of evolutionary processes right up to the time of the appearance of human will — the ability to know God and the power of

choosing to worship him.

7 It is the integrated functioning of the Life Carriers, the physical controllers, and the spirit adjutants that conditions the course of organic evolution on the inhabited worlds. And this is why evolution — on Urantia or elsewhere — is always purposeful and never accidental.

1. LIFE CARRIER FUNCTIONS

1 The Life Carriers are endowed with potentials of personality metamorphosis which but few orders of creatures possess. These Sons of the local universe are capable of function-

ing in three diverse phases of being. They ordinarily perform their duties as mid-phase Sons, that being the state of their origin. But a Life Carrier in such a stage of existence could not possibly function in the electrochemical domains as a fabricator of physical energies and material particles into units of living existence.

2 Life Carriers are able to function and do function on the following three levels:

3 1. The physical level of electrochemistry.

4 2. The usual mid-phase of quasi-morontial existence.

5 3. The advanced semispiritual level.

6 §§ When the Life Carriers make ready to engage in life implantation, and after they have selected the sites for such an undertaking, they summon the archangel commission of Life Carrier transmutation. This group consists of ten orders of diverse personalities, including the physical controllers and their associates, and is presided over by the chief of archangels, who acts in this capacity by the mandate of Gabriel and with the permission of the Ancients of Days. When these beings are properly encircuited,

they can effect such modifications in the Life Carriers as will enable them immediately to function on the physical levels of electrochemistry.

7 After the life patterns have been formulated and the material organizations have been duly completed, the supermaterial forces concerned in life propagation become forthwith active, and life is existent. Whereupon the Life Carriers are immediately returned to their normal mid-phase of personality existence, in which estate they can manipulate the living units and manoeuvre the evolving organisms, even though they are shorn of all abil-

ity to organize — create — new patterns of living matter.

8 After organic evolution has run a certain course and free will of the human type has appeared in the highest evolving organisms, the Life Carriers must either leave the planet or take renunciation vows; that is, they must pledge themselves to refrain from all attempts further to influence the course of organic evolution. And when such vows are voluntarily taken by those Life Carriers who choose to remain on the planet as future advisers to those who shall be entrusted with the fostering of the newly evolved

will creatures, there is summoned a commission of twelve, presided over by the chief of the Evening Stars, acting by authority of the System Sovereign and with permission of Gabriel; and forthwith these Life Carriers are transmuted to the third phase of personality existence — the semispiritual level of being. And I have functioned on Urantia in this third phase of existence ever since the times of Andon and Fonta.

9 We look forward to a time when the universe may be settled in light and life, to a possible fourth stage of being wherein we shall be wholly spiritual,

but it has never been revealed to us by what technique we may attain this desirable and advanced estate.

2. THE EVOLUTIONARY PANORAMA

1 The story of man's ascent from seaweed to the lordship of earthly creation is indeed a romance of biologic struggle and mind survival. Man's primordial ancestors were literally the slime and ooze of the ocean bed in the sluggish and warm-water bays and lagoons of the vast shore lines of the ancient inland seas, those very waters in which the Life Carriers established the three independent life implantations

on Urantia.

2 Very few species of the early types of marine vegetation that participated in those epochal changes which resulted in the animallike borderland organisms are in existence today. The sponges are the survivors of one of these early midway types, those organisms through which the *gradual* transition from the vegetable to the animal took place. These early transition forms, while not identical with modern sponges, were much like them; they were true borderline organisms — neither vegetable nor animal — but they eventually led to the develop-

ment of the true animal forms of life.

3 The bacteria, simple vegetable organisms of a very primitive nature, are very little changed from the early dawn of life; they even exhibit a degree of retrogression in their parasitic behaviour. Many of the fungi also represent a retrograde movement in evolution, being plants which have lost their chlorophyll-making ability and have become more or less parasitic. The majority of disease-causing bacteria and their auxiliary virus bodies really belong to this group of renegade parasitic fungi. During the intervening ages all of the vast kingdom of

plant life has evolved from ancestors from which the bacteria have also descended.

4 The higher protozoan type of animal life soon appeared, and appeared *suddenly.* And from these far-distant times the amoeba, the typical single-celled animal organism, has come on down but little modified. He disports himself today much as he did when he was the last and greatest achievement in life evolution. This minute creature and his protozoan cousins are to the animal creation what bacteria are to the plant kingdom; they represent the survival of the first early evolu-

tionary steps in life differentiation together with *failure of subsequent development.*

5 Before long the early single-celled animal types associated themselves in communities, first on the plan of the Volvox and presently along the lines of the Hydra and jellyfish. Still later there evolved the starfish, stone lilies, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, centipedes, insects, spiders, crustaceans, and the closely related groups of earthworms and leeches, soon followed by the molluscs — the oyster, octopus, and snail. Hundreds upon hundreds of species intervened and perished; mention is

made only of those which survived the long, long struggle. Such nonprogressive specimens, together with the later appearing fish family, today represent the stationary types of early and lower animals, branches of the tree of life which failed to progress.

6 §§ The stage was thus set for the appearance of the first backboned animals, the fishes. From this fish family there sprang two unique modifications, the frog and the salamander. And it was the frog which began that series of progressive differentiations in animal life that finally culminated in man himself.

7 The frog is one of the earliest of surviving human-race ancestors, but it also failed to progress, persisting today much as in those remote times. The frog is the only species ancestor of the early dawn races now living on the face of the earth. The human race has no surviving ancestry between the frog and the Eskimo.

8 §§ The frogs gave rise to the Reptilia, a great animal family which is virtually extinct, but which, before passing out of existence, gave origin to the whole bird family and the numerous orders of mammals.

9 Probably the greatest single leap

of all prehuman evolution was executed when the reptile became a bird. The bird types of today — eagles, ducks, pigeons, and ostriches — all descended from the enormous reptiles of long, long ago.

10 The kingdom of reptiles, descended from the frog family, is today represented by four surviving divisions: two nonprogressive, snakes and lizards, together with their cousins, alligators and turtles; one partially progressive, the bird family, and the fourth, the ancestors of mammals and the direct line of descent of the human species. But though long departed,

the massiveness of the passing Reptilia found echo in the elephant and mastodon, while their peculiar forms were perpetuated in the leaping kangaroos.

11 §§ Only 14 phyla have appeared on Urantia, the fishes being the last, and no new classes have developed since birds and mammals.

12 §§ It was from an agile little reptilian dinosaur of carnivorous habits but having a comparatively large brain that the placental mammals *suddenly* sprang. These mammals developed rapidly and in many different ways, not only giving rise to the common mod-

ern varieties but also evolving into marine types, such as whales and seals, and into air navigators like the bat family.

13 Man thus evolved from the higher mammals derived principally from the *western implantation* of life in the ancient east-west sheltered seas. The *eastern* and *central groups* of living organisms were early progressing favourably toward the attainment of prehuman levels of animal existence. But as the ages passed, the eastern focus of life emplacement failed to attain a satisfactory level of intelligent prehuman status, having suffered such repeated

and irretrievable losses of its highest types of germ plasm that it was forever shorn of the power to rehabilitate human potentialities.

14 Since the quality of the mind capacity for development in this eastern group was so definitely inferior to that of the other two groups, the Life Carriers, with the consent of their superiors, so manipulated the environment as further to circumscribe these inferior prehuman strains of evolving life. To all outward appearances the elimination of these inferior groups of creatures was accidental, but in reality it was altogether purposeful.

15 Later in the evolutionary unfolding of intelligence, the lemur ancestors of the human species were far more advanced in North America than in other regions; and they were therefore led to migrate from the arena of western life implantation over the Bering land bridge and down the coast to south-western Asia, where they continued to evolve and to benefit by the addition of certain strains of the central life group. Man thus evolved out of certain western and central life strains but in the central to near-eastern regions.

16 In this way the life that was planted

on Urantia evolved until the ice age, when man himself first appeared and began his eventful planetary career. And this appearance of primitive man on earth during the ice age was not just an accident; it was by design. The rigors and climatic severity of the glacial era were in every way adapted to the purpose of fostering the production of a hardy type of human being with tremendous survival endowment.

3. THE FOSTERING OF EVOLUTION

1 It will hardly be possible to explain to the present-day human mind many of the queer and apparently

grotesque occurrences of early evolutionary progress. A purposeful plan was functioning throughout all of these seemingly strange evolutions of living things, but we are not allowed arbitrarily to interfere with the development of the life patterns after they have once been set in operation.

2 §§ Life Carriers may employ every possible natural resource and may utilize any and all fortuitous circumstances which will enhance the developmental progress of the life experiment, but we are not permitted mechanically to intervene in, or arbitrarily to manipulate the conduct and

course of, either plant or animal evolution.

3 You have been informed that Urantia mortals evolved by way of primitive frog development, and that this ascending strain, carried in potential in a single frog, narrowly escaped extinction on a certain occasion. But it should not be inferred that the evolution of mankind would have been terminated by an accident at this juncture. At that very moment we were observing and fostering no less than one thousand different and remotely situated mutating strains of life which could have been directed into various

different patterns of prehuman development. This particular ancestral frog represented our third selection, the two prior life strains having perished in spite of all our efforts toward their conservation.

4 §§ Even the loss of Andon and Fonta before they had offspring, though delaying human evolution, would not have prevented it. Subsequent to the appearance of Andon and Fonta and before the mutating human potentials of animal life were exhausted, there evolved no less than 7,000 favourable strains which could have achieved some sort of human

type of development. And many of these better stocks were subsequently assimilated by the various branches of the expanding human species.

5 Long before the Material Son and Daughter, the biologic uplifters, arrive on a planet, the human potentials of the evolving animal species have been exhausted. This biologic status of animal life is disclosed to the Life Carriers by the phenomenon of the third phase of adjutant spirit mobilization, which automatically occurs concomitantly with the exhaustion of the capacity of all animal life to give origin to the mutant potentials of prehuman

individuals.

6 §§ Mankind on Urantia must solve its problems of mortal development with the human stocks it has — no more races will evolve from prehuman sources throughout all future time. But this fact does not preclude the possibility of the attainment of vastly higher levels of human development through the intelligent fostering of the evolutionary potentials still resident in the mortal races. That which we, the Life Carriers, do toward fostering and conserving the life strains before the appearance of human will, man must do for himself after such

an event and subsequent to our retirement from active participation in evolution. In a general way, man's evolutionary destiny is in his own hands, and scientific intelligence must sooner or later supersede the random functioning of uncontrolled natural selection and chance survival.

7 And in discussing the fostering of evolution, it would not be amiss to point out that, in the long future ahead, when you may sometime be attached to a corps of Life Carriers, you will have abundant and ample opportunity to offer suggestions and make any possible improvements in

the plans and technique of life management and transplantation. Be patient! If you have good ideas, if your minds are fertile with better methods of administration for any part of the universal domains, you are certainly going to have an opportunity to present them to your associates and fellow administrators in the ages to come.

4. THE URANTIA ADVENTURE

1 Do not overlook the fact that Urantia was assigned to us as a life-experiment world. On this planet we made our 60th attempt to modify and, if possible, improve the Satania adap-

tation of the Nebadon life designs, and it is of record that we achieved numerous beneficial modifications of the standard life patterns. To be specific, on Urantia we worked out and have satisfactorily demonstrated not less than 28 features of life modification which will be of service to all Nebadon throughout all future time.

2 But the establishment of life on no world is ever experimental in the sense that something untried and unknown is attempted. The evolution of life is a technique ever progressive, differential, and variable, but never haphazard, uncontrolled, nor wholly experimen-

tal, in the accidental sense.

3 §§ Many features of human life afford abundant evidence that the phenomenon of mortal existence was intelligently planned, that organic evolution is not a mere cosmic accident. When a living cell is injured, it possesses the ability to elaborate certain chemical substances which are empowered so to stimulate and activate the neighbouring normal cells that they immediately begin the secretion of certain substances which facilitate healing processes in the wound; and at the same time these normal and uninjured cells begin to proliferate — they

actually start to work creating new cells to replace any fellow cells which may have been destroyed by the accident.

4 This chemical action and reaction concerned in wound healing and cell reproduction represents the choice of the Life Carriers of a formula embracing over 100,000 phases and features of possible chemical reactions and biologic repercussions. More than 500,000 specific experiments were made by the Life Carriers in their laboratories before they finally settled upon this formula for the Urantia life experiment.

5 When Urantia scientists know more of these healing chemicals, they will become more efficient in the treatment of injuries, and indirectly they will know more about controlling certain serious diseases.

6 Since life was established on Urantia, the Life Carriers have improved this healing technique as it has been introduced on another Satania world, in that it affords more pain relief and exercises better control over the proliferation capacity of the associated normal cells.

7 §§ There were many unique features of the Urantia life experiment,

but the two outstanding episodes were the appearance of the Andonic race prior to the evolution of the six coloured peoples and the later simultaneous appearance of the Sangik mutants in a single family. Urantia is the first world in Satania where the six coloured races sprang from the same human family. They ordinarily arise in diversified strains from independent mutations within the prehuman animal stock and usually appear on earth one at a time and successively over long periods of time, beginning with the red man and passing on down through the colours to indigo.

8 Another outstanding variation of procedure was the late arrival of the Planetary Prince. As a rule, the prince appears on a planet about the time of will development; and if such a plan had been followed, Caligastia might have come to Urantia even during the lifetimes of Andon and Fonta instead of almost 500,000 years later, simultaneously with the appearance of the six Sangik races.

9 On an ordinary inhabited world a Planetary Prince would have been granted on the request of the Life Carriers at, or sometime after, the appearance of Andon and Fonta. But Uran-

tia having been designated a life-modification planet, it was by preagreement that the Melchizedek observers, twelve in number, were sent as advisers to the Life Carriers and as overseers of the planet until the subsequent arrival of the Planetary Prince. These Melchizedeks came at the time Andon and Fonta made the decisions which enabled Thought Adjusters to indwell their mortal minds.

10 §§ On Urantia the endeavours of the Life Carriers to improve the Satania life patterns necessarily resulted in the production of many apparently useless forms of transition life. But

the gains already accrued are sufficient to justify the Urantia modifications of the standard life designs.

11 It was our intention to produce an early manifestation of will in the evolutionary life of Urantia, and we succeeded. Ordinarily, will does not emerge until the coloured races have long been in existence, usually first appearing among the superior types of the red man. Your world is the only planet in Satania where the human type of will has appeared in a pre-coloured race.

12 But in our effort to provide for that combination and association of

inheritance factors which finally gave rise to the mammalian ancestors of the human race, we were confronted with the necessity of permitting hundreds and thousands of other and comparatively useless combinations and associations of inheritance factors to take place. Many of these seemingly strange by-products of our efforts are certain to meet your gaze as you dig back into the planetary past, and I can well understand how puzzling some of these things must be to the limited hu-

man viewpoint.

5. LIFE-EVOLUTION VICISSITUDES

1 It was a source of regret to the Life Carriers that our special efforts to modify intelligent life on Urantia should have been so handicapped by tragic perversions beyond our control: the Caligastia betrayal and the Adamic default.

2 But throughout all of this biologic adventure our greatest disappointment grew out of the reversion of certain primitive plant life to the prechlorophyll levels of parasitic bacteria on such an extensive and unex-

pected scale. This eventuality in plant-life evolution caused many distressful diseases in the higher mammals, particularly in the more vulnerable human species. When we were confronted with this perplexing situation, we somewhat discounted the difficulties involved because we knew that the subsequent admixture of the Adamic life plasm would so reinforce the resisting powers of the resulting blended race as to make it practically immune to all diseases produced by the vegetable type of organism. But our hopes were doomed to disappointment owing to the misfortune of the

Adamic default.

3 The universe of universes, including this small world called Urantia, is not being managed merely to meet our approval nor just to suit our convenience, much less to gratify our whims and satisfy our curiosity. The wise and all-powerful beings who are responsible for universe management undoubtedly know exactly what they are about; and so it becomes Life Carriers and behoves mortal minds to enlist in patient waiting and hearty co-operation with the rule of wisdom, the reign of power, and the march of progress.

4 There are, of course, certain com-

pensations for tribulation, such as Michael's bestowal on Urantia. But irrespective of all such considerations, the later celestial supervisors of this planet express complete confidence in the ultimate evolutionary triumph of the human race and in the eventual vindication of our original plans and life patterns.

6. EVOLUTIONARY TECHNIQUES OF LIFE

1 It is impossible accurately to determine, simultaneously, the exact location and the velocity of a moving

object[1]; any attempt at measurement of either inevitably involves change in the other. The same sort of a paradox confronts mortal man when he undertakes the chemical analysis of protoplasm. The chemist can elucidate the chemistry of *dead* protoplasm, but he cannot discern either the physical organization or the dynamic performance of *living* protoplasm. Ever will the scientist come nearer and nearer

[1] This is known in quantum mechanics as the *Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle*: $\Delta x \Delta p \geqslant \hbar/2$. It is interesting to notice that this uncertainty is related to the *measurement* and is not a fundamental property of the so-called "quantum systems".

the secrets of life, but never will he find them and for no other reason than that he must kill protoplasm in order to analyse it[1]. Dead protoplasm weighs the same as living protoplasm, but it is not the same.

2 §§ There is original endowment of adaptation in living things and beings.

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[1] The idea that our knowledge of the living cell is complementary to the complete knowledge of its molecular structure goes back to Niels Bohr. He suggested that the complete knowledge of this structure can be achieved only by operations that destroy the life of the cell and so it is logically possible that life precludes the complete determinations of its underlying physicochemical structure. See W. Heisenberg, "Physics and Philosophy", 1958, p. 104.

In every *living* plant or animal cell, in every *living* organism — material or spiritual — there is an insatiable craving for the attainment of ever-increasing perfection of environmental adjustment, organismal adaptation, and augmented life realization. These interminable efforts of all living things evidence the existence within them of an innate striving for perfection.

3 The most important step in plant evolution was the development of chlorophyll-making ability, and the second greatest advance was the evolution of the spore into the complex seed. The spore is most efficient as

a reproductive agent, but it lacks the potentials of variety and versatility inherent in the seed.

4 One of the most serviceable and complex episodes in the evolution of the higher types of animals consisted in the development of the ability of the iron in the circulating blood cells to perform in the double role of oxygen carrier and carbon dioxide remover. And this performance of the red blood cells illustrates how evolving organisms are able to adapt their functions to varying or changing environment. The higher animals, including man, oxygenate their tissues by the action of

the iron of the red blood cells, which carries oxygen to the living cells and just as efficiently removes the carbon dioxide. But other metals can be made to serve the same purpose. The cuttlefish employs copper for this function, and the sea squirt utilizes vanadium.

5 The continuation of such biologic adjustments is illustrated by the evolution of teeth in the higher Urantia mammals; these attained to 36 in man's remote ancestors, and then began an adaptative readjustment toward 32 in the dawn man and his near relatives. Now the human species is slowly gravitating toward 28. The pro-

cess of evolution is still actively and adaptatively in progress on this planet.

6 But many seemingly mysterious adjustments of living organisms are purely chemical, wholly physical. At any moment of time, in the blood stream of any human being there exists the possibility of upward of 15,000,000 chemical reactions between the hormone output of a dozen ductless glands.

7 §§ The lower forms of plant life are wholly responsive to physical, chemical, and electrical environment. But as the scale of life ascends, one by one the mind ministries of the seven adju-

tant spirits become operative, and the mind becomes increasingly adjustive, creative, co-ordinative, and dominative. The ability of animals to adapt themselves to air, water, and land is not a supernatural endowment, but it is a superphysical adjustment.

8 Physics and chemistry alone cannot explain how a human being evolved out of the primeval protoplasm of the early seas. The ability to learn, memory and differential response to environment, is the endowment of mind. The laws of physics are not responsive to training; they are immutable and unchanging. The re-

actions of chemistry are not modified by education; they are uniform and dependable. Aside from the presence of the Unqualified Absolute, electrical and chemical reactions are predictable. But mind can profit from experience, can learn from reactive habits of behaviour in response to repetition of stimuli.

9 Preintelligent organisms react to environmental stimuli, but those organisms which are reactive to mind ministry can adjust and manipulate the environment itself.

10 The physical brain with its associated nervous system possesses innate

capacity for response to mind ministry just as the developing mind of a personality possesses a certain innate capacity for spirit receptivity and therefore contains the potentials of spiritual progress and attainment. Intellectual, social, moral, and spiritual evolution are dependent on the mind ministry of the seven adjutant spirits and their superphysical associates.

7. EVOLUTIONARY MIND LEVELS

1 The seven adjutant mind-spirits are the versatile mind ministers to the lower intelligent existences of a local universe. This order of mind is min-

istered from the local universe headquarters or from some world connected therewith, but there is influential direction of lower-mind function from the system capitals.

2 On an evolutionary world much, very much, depends on the work of these seven adjutants. But they are mind ministers; they are not concerned in physical evolution, the domain of the Life Carriers. Nevertheless, the perfect integration of these spirit endowments with the ordained and natural procedure of the unfolding and inherent regime of the Life Carriers is responsible for the mortal

inability to discern, in the phenomenon of mind, aught but the hand of nature and the outworking of natural processes, albeit you are occasionally somewhat perplexed in explaining all of everything connected with the natural reactions of mind as it is associated with matter. And if Urantia were operating more in accordance with the original plans, you would observe even less to arrest your attention in the phenomenon of mind.

3 The seven adjutant spirits are more circuitlike than entitylike, and on ordinary worlds they are encircuited with other adjutant function-

ings throughout the local universe. On life-experiment planets, however, they are relatively isolated. And on Urantia, owing to the unique nature of the life patterns, the lower adjutants experienced far more difficulty in contacting with the evolutionary organisms than would have been the case in a more standardized type of life endowment.

4 Again, on an average evolutionary world the seven adjutant spirits are far better synchronized with the advancing stages of animal development than they were on Urantia. With but a single exception, the ad-

jutants experienced the greatest difficulty in contacting with the evolving minds of Urantia organisms that they had ever had in all their functioning throughout the universe of Nebadon. On this world there developed many forms of border phenomena — confusional combinations of the mechanical-nonteachable and the nonmechanical-teachable types of organismal response.

5 The seven adjutant spirits do not make contact with the purely mechanical orders of organismal environmental response. Such preintelligent responses of living organisms pertain

purely to the energy domains of the power centres, the physical controllers, and their associates.

6 The acquisition of the potential of the ability to *learn* from experience marks the beginning of the functioning of the adjutant spirits, and they function from the lowliest minds of primitive and invisible existences up to the highest types in the evolutionary scale of human beings. They are the source and pattern for the otherwise more or less mysterious behaviour and incompletely understood quick reactions of mind to the material environment. Long must these faithful and al-

ways dependable influences carry forward their preliminary ministry before the animal mind attains the human levels of spirit receptivity.

7 The adjutants function exclusively in the evolution of experiencing mind up to the level of the 6th phase, the spirit of worship. At this level there occurs that inevitable overlapping of ministry — the phenomenon of the higher reaching down to co-ordinate with the lower in anticipation of subsequent attainment of advanced levels of development. And still additional spirit ministry accompanies the action of the 7th and last adjutant, the spirit

of wisdom. Throughout the ministry of the spirit world the individual never experiences abrupt transitions of spirit co-operation; always are these changes gradual and reciprocal.

8 Always should the domains of the physical (electrochemical) and the mental response to environmental stimuli be differentiated, and in turn must they all be recognized as phenomena apart from spiritual activities. The domains of physical, mental, and spiritual gravity are distinct realms of cosmic reality, notwithstanding their

intimate interrelations.

8. EVOLUTION IN TIME AND SPACE

1 Time and space are indissolubly linked; there is an innate association. The delays of time are inevitable in the presence of certain space conditions.

2 If spending so much time in effecting the evolutionary changes of life development occasions perplexity, I would say that we cannot time the life processes to unfold any faster than the physical metamorphoses of a planet will permit. We must wait upon the natural, physical development of a planet; we have absolutely no con-

trol over geologic evolution. If the physical conditions would allow, we could arrange for the completed evolution of life in considerably less than 1,000,000 years. But we are all under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Rulers of Paradise, and time is nonexistent on Paradise.

3 The individual's yardstick for time measurement is the length of his life. All creatures are thus time conditioned, and therefore do they regard evolution as being a long-drawn-out process. To those of us whose life span is not limited by a temporal existence, evolution does not seem to be such a

protracted transaction. On Paradise, where time is nonexistent, these things are all *present* in the mind of Infinity and the acts of Eternity.

4 As mind evolution is dependent on, and delayed by, the slow development of physical conditions, so is spiritual progress dependent on mental expansion and unfailingly delayed by intellectual retardation. But this does not mean that spiritual evolution is dependent on education, culture, or wisdom. The soul may evolve regardless of mental culture but not in the absence of mental capacity and desire — the choice of survival and the de-

cision to achieve ever-increasing perfection — to do the will of the Father in heaven. Although survival may not depend on the possession of knowledge and wisdom, progression most certainly does.

5 §§ In the cosmic evolutionary laboratories mind is always dominant over matter, and spirit is ever correlated with mind. Failure of these diverse endowments to synchronize and co-ordinate may cause time delays, but if the individual really knows God and desires to find him and become like him, then survival is assured regardless of the handicaps of time. Physical sta-

tus may handicap mind, and mental perversity may delay spiritual attainment, but none of these obstacles can defeat the whole-souled choice of will.

6 When physical conditions are ripe, *sudden* mental evolutions may take place; when mind status is propitious, *sudden* spiritual transformations may occur; when spiritual values receive proper recognition, then cosmic meanings become discernible, and increasingly the personality is released from the handicaps of time and delivered from the limitations of space.

7 [Sponsored by a Life Carrier of

Nebadon resident on Urantia.]

PAPER 66

THE PLANETARY PRINCE OF URANTIA

Melchizedek

The advent of a Lanonandek Son on an average world signifies that will, the ability to choose the path of eternal survival, has developed in the mind of primitive man. But on Urantia the Planetary Prince arrived almost 500,000 years after the appearance of human will.

2 About 500,000 years ago and concurrent with the appearance of the six

coloured or Sangik races, Caligastia, the Planetary Prince, arrived on Urantia. There were almost 500,000,000 primitive human beings on earth at the time of the Prince's arrival, and they were well scattered over Europe, Asia, and Africa. The Prince's headquarters, established in Mesopotamia, was at about the centre of world population.

1. PRINCE CALIGASTIA

1 Caligastia was a Lanonandek Son, number 9,344 of the secondary order. He was experienced in the administration of the affairs of the local universe

in general and, during later ages, with the management of the local system of Satania in particular.

2 Prior to the reign of Lucifer in Satania, Caligastia had been attached to the council of the Life Carrier advisers on Jerusem. Lucifer elevated Caligastia to a position on his personal staff, and he acceptably filled five successive assignments of honour and trust.

3 §§ Caligastia very early sought a commission as Planetary Prince, but repeatedly, when his request came up for approval in the constellation councils, it would fail to receive the assent of the Constellation Fathers. Caligas-

tia seemed especially desirous of being sent as planetary ruler to a decimal or life-modification world. His petition had several times been disapproved before he was finally assigned to Urantia.

4 Caligastia went forth from Jerusem to his trust of world dominion with an enviable record of loyalty and devotion to the welfare of the universe of his origin and sojourn, notwithstanding a certain characteristic restlessness coupled with a tendency to disagree with the established order in certain minor matters.

5 I was present on Jerusem when

the brilliant Caligastia departed from the system capital. No prince of the planets ever embarked upon a career of world rulership with a richer preparatory experience or with better prospects than did Caligastia on that eventful day 500,000 years ago. One thing is certain: As I executed my assignment of putting the narrative of that event on the broadcasts of the local universe, I never for one moment entertained even in the slightest degree any idea that this noble Lanonandek would so shortly betray his sacred trust of planetary custody and so horribly stain the fair name of his ex-

alted order of universe sonship. I really regarded Urantia as being among the five or six most fortunate planets in all Satania in that it was to have such an experienced, brilliant, and original mind at the helm of world affairs. I did not then comprehend that Caligastia was insidiously falling in love with himself; I did not then so fully understand the subtleties of personality pride.

2. THE PRINCE'S STAFF

1 The Planetary Prince of Urantia was not sent out on his mission alone but was accompanied by the usual

corps of assistants and administrative helpers.

2 At the head of this group was Daligastia, the associate-assistant of the Planetary Prince. Daligastia was also a secondary Lanonandek Son, being number 319,407 of that order. He ranked as an assistant at the time of his assignment as Caligastia's associate.

3 The planetary staff included a large number of angelic co-operators and a host of other celestial beings assigned to advance the interests and promote the welfare of the human races. But from your standpoint the most interesting group of all were the

corporeal members of the Prince's staff — sometimes referred to as *the Caligastia 100.*

4 §§ These 100 rematerialized members of the Prince's staff were chosen by Caligastia from over 785,000 ascendant citizens of Jerusem who volunteered for embarkation on the Urantia adventure. Each one of the chosen 100 was from a different planet, and none of them were from Urantia.

5 These Jerusemite volunteers were brought by seraphic transport direct from the system capital to Urantia, and upon arrival they were held enseraphimed until they could be provided

with personality forms of the dual nature of special planetary service, literal bodies consisting of flesh and blood but also attuned to the life circuits of the system.

6 §§ Sometime before the arrival of these 100 Jerusem citizens, the two supervising Life Carriers resident on Urantia, having previously perfected their plans, petitioned Jerusem and Edentia for permission to transplant the life plasm of 100 selected survivors of the Andon and Fonta stock into the material bodies to be projected for the corporeal members of the Prince's staff. The request was granted on Jeru-

sem and approved on Edentia.

7 Accordingly, 50 males and 50 females of the Andon and Fonta posterity, representing the survival of the best strains of that unique race, were chosen by the Life Carriers. With one or two exceptions these Andonite contributors to the advancement of the race were strangers to one another. They were assembled from widely separated places by co-ordinated Thought Adjuster direction and seraphic guidance at the threshold of the planetary headquarters of the Prince. Here the 100 human subjects were given into the hands of

the highly skilled volunteer commission from Avalon, who directed the material extraction of a portion of the life plasm of these Andon descendants. This living material was then transferred to the material bodies constructed for the use of the 100 Jerusemite members of the Prince's staff. Meantime, these newly arrived citizens of the system capital were held in the sleep of seraphic transport.

8 §§ These transactions, together with the literal creation of special bodies for the Caligastia 100, gave origin to numerous legends, many of which subsequently became confused

with the later traditions concerning the planetary installation of Adam and Eve.

9 The entire transaction of repersonalization, from the time of the arrival of the seraphic transports bearing the 100 Jerusem volunteers until they became conscious, threefold beings of the realm, consumed exactly ten days.

3. DALAMATIA — THE CITY OF THE PRINCE

1 The headquarters of the Planetary Prince was situated in the Persian Gulf region of those days, in the district corresponding to later Mesopotamia.

2 The climate and landscape in the

Mesopotamia of those times were in every way favourable to the undertakings of the Prince's staff and their assistants, very different from conditions which have sometimes since prevailed. It was necessary to have such a favouring climate as a part of the natural environment designed to induce primitive Urantians to make certain initial advances in culture and civilization. The one great task of those ages was to transform man from a hunter to a herder, with the hope that later on he would evolve into a peace-loving, home-abiding farmer.

3 §§ The headquarters of the Plane-

tary Prince on Urantia was typical of such stations on a young and developing sphere. The nucleus of the Prince's settlement was a very simple but beautiful city, enclosed within a wall 12 m high. This world centre of culture was named Dalamatia in honour of Daligastia.

4 The city was laid out in ten subdivisions with the headquarters mansions of the ten councils of the corporeal staff situated at the centres of these subdivisions. Centremost in the city was the temple of the unseen Father. The administrative headquarters of the Prince and his associates was ar-

ranged in twelve chambers immediately grouped about the temple itself.

5 The buildings of Dalamatia were all one story except the council headquarters, which were two stories, and the central temple of the Father of all, which was small but three stories in height.

6 The city represented the best practices of those early days in building material — brick. Very little stone or wood was used. Home building and village architecture among the surrounding peoples were greatly improved by the Dalamatian example.

7 §§ Near the Prince's headquarters

there dwelt all colours and strata of human beings. And it was from these near-by tribes that the first students of the Prince's schools were recruited. Although these early schools of Dalamatia were crude, they provided all that could be done for the men and women of that primitive age.

8 The Prince's corporeal staff continuously gathered about them the superior individuals of the surrounding tribes and, after training and inspiring these students, sent them back as teachers and leaders of their respective

peoples.

4. EARLY DAYS OF THE ONE HUNDRED

1 The arrival of the Prince's staff created a profound impression. While it required almost a thousand years for the news to spread abroad, those tribes near the Mesopotamian headquarters were tremendously influenced by the teachings and conduct of the 100 new sojourners on Urantia. And much of your subsequent mythology grew out of the garbled legends of these early days when these members of the Prince's staff were repersonalized on Urantia as supermen.

2 The serious obstacle to the good influence of such extraplanetary teachers is the tendency of mortals to regard them as gods, but aside from the technique of their appearance on earth the Caligastia 100 — 50 men and 50 women — did not resort to supernatural methods nor superhuman manipulations.

3 But the corporeal staff were nonetheless superhuman. They began their mission on Urantia as extraordinary threefold beings:

4 1. They were corporeal and relatively human, for they embodied the actual life plasm of one of the human

races, the Andonic life plasm of Urantia.

5 These 100 members of the Prince's staff were divided equally as to sex and in accordance with their previous mortal status. Each person of this group was capable of becoming coparental to some new order of physical being, but they had been carefully instructed to resort to parenthood only under certain conditions. It is customary for the corporeal staff of a Planetary Prince to procreate their successors sometime prior to retiring from special planetary service. Usually this is at, or shortly after, the time of the ar-

rival of the Planetary Adam and Eve.

6 These special beings therefore had little or no idea as to what type of material creature would be produced by their sexual union. And they never did know; before the time for such a step in the prosecution of their world work the entire regime was upset by rebellion, and those who later functioned in the parental role had been isolated from the life currents of the system.

7 In skin colour and language these materialized members of Caligastia's staff followed the Andonic race. They partook of food as did the mortals of the realm with this difference: The

re-created bodies of this group were fully satisfied by a nonflesh diet. This was one of the considerations which determined their residence in a warm region abounding in fruits and nuts. The practice of subsisting on a nonflesh diet dates from the times of the Caligastia 100, for this custom spread near and far to affect the eating habits of many surrounding tribes, groups of origin in the once exclusively meat-eating evolutionary races.

8 2. The 100 were material but superhuman beings, having been reconstituted on Urantia as unique men and women of a high and special order.

9 This group, while enjoying provisional citizenship on Jerusem, were as yet unfused with their Thought Adjusters; and when they volunteered and were accepted for planetary service in liaison with the descending orders of sonship, their Adjusters were detached. But these Jerusemites were superhuman beings — they possessed souls of ascendant growth. During the mortal life in the flesh the soul is of embryonic estate; it is born (resurrected) in the morontia life and experiences growth through the successive morontia worlds. And the souls of the Caligastia 100 had thus expanded

through the progressive experiences of the seven mansion worlds to citizenship status on Jerusem.

10 In conformity to their instructions the staff did not engage in sexual reproduction, but they did painstakingly study their personal constitutions, and they carefully explored every imaginable phase of intellectual (mind) and morontia (soul) liaison. And it was during the 33rd year of their sojourn in Dalamatia, long before the wall was completed, that number two and number seven of the Danite group accidentally discovered a phenomenon attendant upon the li-

aison of their morontia selves (supposedly nonsexual and nonmaterial); and the result of this adventure proved to be the first of the primary midway creatures. This new being was wholly visible to the planetary staff and to their celestial associates but was not visible to the men and women of the various human tribes. Upon authority of the Planetary Prince the entire corporeal staff undertook the production of similar beings, and all were successful, following the instructions of the pioneer Danite pair. Thus did the Prince's staff eventually bring into being the original corps of 50,000 pri-

mary midwayers.

11 These mid-type creatures were of great service in carrying on the affairs of the world's headquarters. They were invisible to human beings, but the primitive sojourners at Dalamatia were taught about these unseen semispirits, and for ages they constituted the sum total of the spirit world to these evolving mortals.

12 3. The Caligastia 100 were personally immortal, or undying. There circulated through their material forms the antidotal complements of the life currents of the system; and had they not lost contact with the life

circuits through rebellion, they would have lived on indefinitely until the arrival of a subsequent Son of God, or until their sometime later release to resume the interrupted journey to Havona and Paradise.

13 These antidotal complements of the Satania life currents were derived from the fruit of the tree of life, a shrub of Edentia which was sent to Urantia by the Most Highs of Norlatiadek at the time of Caligastia's arrival. In the days of Dalamatia this tree grew in the central courtyard of the temple of the unseen Father, and it was the fruit of the tree of life that enabled the ma-

terial and otherwise mortal beings of the Prince's staff to live on indefinitely as long as they had access to it.

14 While of no value to the evolutionary races, this supersustenance was quite sufficient to confer continuous life upon the Caligastia 100 and also upon the 100 modified Andonites who were associated with them.

15 §§ It should be explained in this connection that, at the time the 100 Andonites contributed their human germ plasm to the members of the Prince's staff, the Life Carriers introduced into their mortal bodies the complement of the system circuits;

and thus were they enabled to live on concurrently with the staff, century after century, in defiance of physical death.

16 Eventually the 100 Andonites were made aware of their contribution to the new forms of their superiors, and these same 100 children of the Andon tribes were kept at headquarters as the personal attendants of the Prince's corporeal staff.

5. ORGANIZATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED

1 The 100 were organized for service in ten autonomous councils of ten members each. When two or more of

these ten councils met in joint session, such liaison gatherings were presided over by Daligastia. These ten groups were constituted as follows:

2 1. *The council on food and material welfare.* This group was presided over by Ang. Food, water, clothes, and the material advancement of the human species were fostered by this able corps. They taught well digging, spring control, and irrigation. They taught those from the higher altitudes and from the north improved methods of treating skins for use as clothing, and weaving was later introduced by the teachers of art and science.

3 Great advances were made in methods of food storage. Food was preserved by cooking, drying, and smoking; it thus became the earliest property. Man was taught to provide for the hazards of famine, which periodically decimated the world.

4 2. *The board of animal domestication and utilization.* This council was dedicated to the task of selecting and breeding those animals best adapted to help human beings in bearing burdens and transporting themselves, to supply food, and later on to be of service in the cultivation of the soil. This able corps was directed by Bon.

5 Several types of useful animals, now extinct, were tamed, together with some that have continued as domesticated animals to the present day. Man had long lived with the dog, and the blue man had already been successful in taming the elephant. The cow was so improved by careful breeding as to become a valuable source of food; butter and cheese became common articles of human diet. Men were taught to use oxen for burden bearing, but the horse was not domesticated until a later date. The members of this corps first taught men to use the wheel for the facilitation of traction.

6 It was in these days that carrier pigeons were first used, being taken on long journeys for the purpose of sending messages or calls for help. Bon's group were successful in training the great fandors as passenger birds, but they became extinct more than 30,000 years ago.

7 3. *The advisers regarding the conquest of predatory animals.* It was not enough that early man should try to domesticate certain animals, but he must also learn how to protect himself from destruction by the remainder of the hostile animal world. This group was captained by Dan.

8 The purpose of an ancient city wall was to protect against ferocious beasts as well as to prevent surprise attacks by hostile humans. Those living without the walls and in the forest were dependent on tree dwellings, stone huts, and the maintenance of night fires. It was therefore very natural that these teachers should devote much time to instructing their pupils in the improvement of human dwellings. By employing improved techniques and by the use of traps, great progress was made in animal subjugation.

9 4. *The faculty on dissemination and conservation of knowledge.* This

group organized and directed the purely educational endeavours of those early ages. It was presided over by Fad. The educational methods of Fad consisted in supervision of employment accompanied by instruction in improved methods of labour. Fad formulated the first alphabet and introduced a writing system. This alphabet contained 25 characters. For writing material these early peoples utilized tree barks, clay tablets, stone slabs, a form of parchment made of hammered hides, and a crude form of paperlike material made from wasps' nests. The Dalamatia li-

brary, destroyed soon after the Caligastia disaffection, comprised more than 2,000,000 separate records and was known as the "house of Fad."

10 The blue man was partial to alphabet writing and made the greatest progress along such lines. The red man preferred pictorial writing, while the yellow races drifted into the use of symbols for words and ideas, much like those they now employ. But the alphabet and much more was subsequently lost to the world during the confusion attendant upon rebellion. The Caligastia defection destroyed the hope of the world for a universal lan-

guage, at least for untold ages.

11 5. *The commission on industry and trade.* This council was employed in fostering industry within the tribes and in promoting trade between the various peace groups. Its leader was Nod. Every form of primitive manufacture was encouraged by this corps. They contributed directly to the elevation of standards of living by providing many new commodities to attract the fancy of primitive men. They greatly expanded the trade in the improved salt produced by the council on science and art.

12 It was among these enlightened

groups educated in the Dalamatia schools that the first commercial credit was practised. From a central exchange of credits they secured tokens which were accepted in lieu of the actual objects of barter. The world did not improve upon these business methods for hundreds of thousands of years.

13 6. *The college of revealed religion.* This body was slow in functioning. Urantia civilization was literally forged out between the anvil of necessity and the hammers of fear. But this group had made considerable progress in their attempt to substitute Creator

fear for creature fear (ghost worship) before their labours were interrupted by the later confusion attendant upon the secession upheaval. The head of this council was Hap.

14 None of the Prince's staff would present revelation to complicate evolution; they presented revelation only as the climax of their exhaustion of the forces of evolution. But Hap did yield to the desire of the inhabitants of the city for the establishment of a form of religious service. His group provided the Dalamatians with the seven chants of worship and also gave them the daily praise-phrase and eventu-

ally taught them "the Father's prayer," which was:

15 §§ "Father of all, whose Son we honour, look down upon us with favour. Deliver us from the fear of all save you. Make us a pleasure to our divine teachers and forever put truth on our lips. Deliver us from violence and anger; give us respect for our elders and that which belongs to our neighbours. Give us this season green pastures and fruitful flocks to gladden our hearts. We pray for the hastening of the coming of the promised uplifter, and we would do your will on this world as others do on worlds be-

yond."

16 §§ Although the Prince's staff were limited to natural means and ordinary methods of race improvement, they held out the promise of the Adamic gift of a new race as the goal of subsequent evolutionary growth upon the attainment of the height of biologic development.

17 *7. The guardians of health and life.* This council was concerned with the introduction of sanitation and the promotion of primitive hygiene and was led by Lut.

18 Its members taught much that was lost during the confusion of subse-

quent ages, never to be rediscovered until the XX century. They taught mankind that cooking, boiling and roasting, was a means of avoiding sickness; also that such cooking greatly reduced infant mortality and facilitated early weaning.

19 Many of the early teachings of Lut's guardians of health persisted among the tribes of earth on down to the days of Moses, even though they became much garbled and were greatly changed.

20 The great obstacle in the way of promoting hygiene among these ignorant peoples consisted in the fact

that the real causes of many diseases were too small to be seen by the naked eye, and also because they all held fire in superstitious regard. It required thousands of years to persuade them to burn refuse. In the meantime they were urged to bury their decaying rubbish. The great sanitary advance of this epoch came from the dissemination of knowledge regarding the health-giving and disease-destroying properties of sunlight.

21 Before the Prince's arrival, bathing had been an exclusively religious ceremonial. It was indeed difficult to persuade primitive men to wash their

bodies as a health practice. Lut finally induced the religious teachers to include cleansing with water as a part of the purification ceremonies to be practised in connection with the noontime devotions, once a week, in the worship of the Father of all.

22 These guardians of health also sought to introduce handshaking in substitution for saliva exchange or blood drinking as a seal of personal friendship and as a token of group loyalty. But when out from under the compelling pressure of the teachings of their superior leaders, these primitive peoples were not slow in revert-

ing to their former health-destroying and disease-breeding practices of ignorance and superstition.

23 8. *The planetary council on art and science.* This corps did much to improve the industrial technique of early man and to elevate his concepts of beauty. Their leader was Mek.

24 Art and science were at a low ebb throughout the world, but the rudiments of physics and chemistry were taught the Dalamatians. Pottery was advanced, decorative arts were all improved, and the ideals of human beauty were greatly enhanced. But music made little progress until after

the arrival of the violet race.

25 These primitive men would not consent to experiment with steam power, notwithstanding the repeated urgings of their teachers; never could they overcome their great fear of the explosive power of confined steam. They were, however, finally persuaded to work with metals and fire, although a piece of red-hot metal was a terrorizing object to early man.

26 Mek did a great deal to advance the culture of the Andonites and to improve the art of the blue man. A blend of the blue man with the Andon stock produced an artistically gifted

type, and many of them became master sculptors. They did not work in stone or marble, but their works of clay, hardened by baking, adorned the gardens of Dalamatia.

27 Great progress was made in the home arts, most of which were lost in the long and dark ages of rebellion, never to be rediscovered until modern times.

28 9. *The governors of advanced tribal relations.* This was the group entrusted with the work of bringing human society up to the level of statehood. Their chief was Tut.

29 These leaders contributed much

to bringing about intertribal marriages. They fostered courtship and marriage after due deliberation and full opportunity to become acquainted. The purely military war dances were refined and made to serve valuable social ends. Many competitive games were introduced, but these ancient folk were a serious people; little humour graced these early tribes. Few of these practices survived the subsequent disintegration of planetary insurrection.

30 Tut and his associates laboured to promote group associations of a peaceful nature, to regulate and hu-

manize warfare, to co-ordinate intertribal relations, and to improve tribal governments. In the vicinity of Dalamatia there developed a more advanced culture, and these improved social relations were very helpful in influencing more remote tribes. But the pattern of civilization prevailing at the Prince's headquarters was quite different from the barbaric society evolving elsewhere, just as the XX century society of Capetown, South Africa, is totally unlike the crude culture of the diminutive Bushmen to the north.

31 10. *The supreme court of tribal co-ordination and racial co-operation.* This

supreme council was directed by Van and was the court of appeals for all of the other nine special commissions charged with the supervision of human affairs. This council was one of wide function, being entrusted with all matters of earthly concern which were not specifically assigned to the other groups. This selected corps had been approved by the Constellation Fathers of Edentia before they were authorized to assume the functions of the supreme court of Urantia.

6. THE PRINCE'S REIGN

1 The degree of a world's culture is

measured by the social heritage of its native beings, and the rate of cultural expansion is wholly determined by the ability of its inhabitants to comprehend new and advanced ideas.

2 Slavery to tradition produces stability and co-operation by sentimentally linking the past with the present, but it likewise stifles initiative and enslaves the creative powers of the personality. The whole world was caught in the stalemate of tradition-bound mores when the Caligastia 100 arrived and began the proclamation of the new gospel of individual initiative within the social groups of that day.

But this beneficent rule was so soon interrupted that the races never have been wholly liberated from the slavery of custom; fashion still unduly dominates Urantia.

3 The Caligastia 100 — graduates of the Satania mansion worlds — well knew the arts and culture of Jerusem, but such knowledge is nearly valueless on a barbaric planet populated by primitive humans. These wise beings knew better than to undertake the *sudden* transformation, or the en masse uplifting, of the primitive races of that day. They well understood the slow evolution of the human species, and

they wisely refrained from any radical attempts at modifying man's mode of life on earth.

4 Each of the ten planetary commissions set about *slowly* and naturally to advance the interests entrusted to them. Their plan consisted in attracting the best minds of the surrounding tribes and, after training them, sending them back to their people as emissaries of social uplift.

5 Foreign emissaries were never sent to a race except upon the specific request of that people. Those who laboured for the uplift and advancement of a given tribe or race were

always natives of that tribe or race. The 100 would not attempt to impose the habits and mores of even a superior race upon another tribe. Always they patiently worked to uplift and advance the time-tried mores of each race. The simple folk of Urantia brought their social customs to Dalamatia, not to exchange them for new and better practices, but to have them uplifted by contact with a higher culture and by association with superior minds. The process was slow but very effectual.

6 The Dalamatia teachers sought to add conscious social selection to the

purely natural selection of biologic evolution. They did not derange human society, but they did markedly accelerate its normal and natural evolution. Their motive was progression by evolution and not revolution by revelation. The human race had spent ages in acquiring the little religion and morals it had, and these supermen knew better than to rob mankind of these few advances by the confusion and dismay which always result when enlightened and superior beings undertake to uplift the backward races by overteaching and overenlightenment.

7 When Christian missionaries go

into the heart of Africa, where sons and daughters are supposed to remain under the control and direction of their parents throughout the lifetime of the parents, they only bring about confusion and the breakdown of all authority when they seek, in a single generation, to supplant this practice by teaching that these children should be free from all parental restraint after they have attained the age of 21.

7. LIFE IN DALAMATIA

1 The Prince's headquarters, though exquisitely beautiful and designed to awe the primitive men of that age,

was altogether modest. The buildings were not especially large as it was the motive of these imported teachers to encourage the eventual development of agriculture through the introduction of animal husbandry. The land provision within the city walls was sufficient to provide for pasturage and gardening for the support of a population of about 20,000.

2 The interiors of the central temple of worship and the ten council mansions of the supervising groups of supermen were indeed beautiful works of art. And while the residential buildings were models of neatness and

cleanliness, everything was very simple and altogether primitive in comparison with later-day developments. At this headquarters of culture no methods were employed which did not naturally belong on Urantia.

3 The Prince's corporeal staff presided over simple and exemplary abodes which they maintained as homes designed to inspire and favourably impress the student observers sojourning at the world's social centre and educational headquarters.

4 §§ The definite order of family life and the living of one family together in one residence of comparatively set-

tled location date from these times of Dalamatia and were chiefly due to the example and teachings of the 100 and their pupils. The home as a social unit never became a success until the supermen and superwomen of Dalamatia led mankind to love and plan for their grandchildren and their grandchildren's children. Savage man loves his child, but civilized man loves also his grandchild.

5 The Prince's staff lived together as fathers and mothers. True, they had no children of their own, but the 50 pattern homes of Dalamatia never sheltered less than 500 adopted lit-

tle ones assembled from the superior families of the Andonic and Sangik races; many of these children were orphans. They were favoured with the discipline and training of these superparents; and then, after three years in the schools of the Prince (they entered from 13 to 15), they were eligible for marriage and ready to receive their commissions as emissaries of the Prince to the needy tribes of their respective races.

6 §§ Fad sponsored the Dalamatia plan of teaching that was carried out as an industrial school in which the pupils learned by doing, and through

which they worked their way by the daily performance of useful tasks. This plan of education did not ignore thinking and feeling in the development of character; but it gave first place to manual training. The instruction was individual and collective. The pupils were taught by both men and women and by the two acting conjointly. One half of this group instruction was by sexes; the other half was coeducational. Students were taught manual dexterity as individuals and were socialized in groups or classes. They were trained to fraternize with younger groups, older groups,

and adults, as well as to do teamwork with those of their own ages. They were also familiarized with such associations as family groups, play squads, and school classes.

7 Among the later students trained in Mesopotamia for work with their respective races were Andonites from the highlands of western India together with representatives of the red men and the blue men; still later a small number of the yellow race were also received.

8 §§ Hap presented the early races with a moral law. This code was known as "The Father's Way" and con-

sisted of the following seven commands:

9 1. You shall not fear nor serve any God but the Father of all.

10 2. You shall not disobey the Father's Son, the world's ruler, nor show disrespect to his superhuman associates.

11 3. You shall not speak a lie when called before the judges of the people.

12 4. You shall not kill men, women, or children.

13 5. You shall not steal your neighbour's goods or cattle.

14 6. You shall not touch your friend's wife.

15 7. You shall not show disrespect to your parents or to the elders of the tribe.

16 §§ This was the law of Dalamatia for almost 300,000 years. And many of the stones on which this law was inscribed now lie beneath the waters off the shores of Mesopotamia and Persia. It became the custom to hold one of these commands in mind for each day of the week, using it for salutations and mealtime thanksgiving.

17 §§ The time measurement of these days was the lunar month, this period being reckoned as 28 days. That, with the exception of day and night, was

the only time reckoning known to the early peoples. The 7-day week was introduced by the Dalamatia teachers and grew out of the fact that 7 = 28/4. The significance of the number 7 in the superuniverse undoubtedly afforded them opportunity to introduce a spiritual reminder into the common reckoning of time. But there is no natural origin for the weekly period.

18 §§ The country around the city was quite well settled within a radius of 160 km. Immediately surrounding the city, hundreds of graduates of the Prince's schools engaged in animal husbandry and otherwise carried out

the instruction they had received from his staff and their numerous human helpers. A few engaged in agriculture and horticulture.

19 Mankind was not consigned to agricultural toil as the penalty of supposed sin. "In the sweat of your face shall you eat the fruit of the fields" was not a sentence of punishment pronounced because of man's participation in the follies of the Lucifer rebellion under the leadership of the traitorous Caligastia. The cultivation of the soil is inherent in the establishment of an advancing civilization on the evolutionary worlds, and this in-

junction was the centre of all teaching of the Planetary Prince and his staff throughout the 300,000 years which intervened between their arrival on Urantia and those tragic days when Caligastia threw in his lot with the rebel Lucifer. Work with the soil is not a curse; rather is it the highest blessing to all who are thus permitted to enjoy the most human of all human activities.

20 At the outbreak of the rebellion, Dalamatia had a resident population of almost 6,000. This number includes the regular students but does not embrace the visitors and observers, who

always numbered more than 1,000. But you can have little or no concept of the marvellous progress of those far-away times; practically all of the wonderful human gains of those days were wiped out by the horrible confusion and abject spiritual darkness which followed the Caligastia catastrophe of deception and sedition.

8. MISFORTUNES OF CALIGASTIA

1 In looking back over the long career of Caligastia, we find only one outstanding feature of his conduct that might have challenged attention; he was ultraindividualistic. He was in-

clined to take sides with almost every party of protest, and he was usually sympathetic with those who gave mild expression to implied criticism. We detect the early appearance of this tendency to be restless under authority, to mildly resent all forms of supervision. While slightly resentful of senior counsel and somewhat restive under superior authority, nonetheless, whenever a test had come, he had always proved loyal to the universe rulers and obedient to the mandates of the Constellation Fathers. No real fault was ever found in him up to the time of his shameful betrayal of Urantia.

2 It should be noted that both Lucifer and Caligastia had been patiently instructed and lovingly warned respecting their critical tendencies and the subtle development of their pride of self and its associated exaggeration of the feeling of self-importance. But all of these attempts to help had been misconstrued as unwarranted criticism and as unjustified interference with personal liberties. Both Caligastia and Lucifer judged their friendly advisers as being actuated by the very reprehensible motives which were beginning to dominate their own distorted thinking and misguided plan-

ning. They judged their unselfish advisers by their own evolving selfishness.

3 §§ From the arrival of Prince Caligastia, planetary civilization progressed in a fairly normal manner for almost 300,000 years. Aside from being a life-modification sphere and therefore subject to numerous irregularities and unusual episodes of evolutionary fluctuation, Urantia progressed very satisfactorily in its planetary career up to the times of the Lucifer rebellion and the concurrent Caligastia betrayal. All subsequent history has been definitely modified

by this catastrophic blunder as well as by the later failure of Adam and Eve to fulfil their planetary mission.

4 The Prince of Urantia went into darkness at the time of the Lucifer rebellion, thus precipitating the long confusion of the planet. He was subsequently deprived of sovereign authority by the co-ordinate action of the constellation rulers and other universe authorities. He shared the inevitable vicissitudes of isolated Urantia down to the time of Adam's sojourn on the planet and contributed something to the miscarriage of the plan to uplift the mortal races through the infusion

of the lifeblood of the new violet race — the descendants of Adam and Eve.

5 The power of the fallen Prince to disturb human affairs was enormously curtailed by the mortal incarnation of Machiventa Melchizedek in the days of Abraham; and subsequently, during the life of Michael in the flesh, this traitorous Prince was finally shorn of all authority on Urantia.

6 §§ The doctrine of a personal devil on Urantia, though it had some foundation in the planetary presence of the traitorous and iniquitous Caligastia, was nevertheless wholly fictitious in its teachings that such a "devil" could

influence the normal human mind against its free and natural choosing. Even before Michael's bestowal on Urantia, neither Caligastia nor Daligastia was ever able to oppress mortals or to coerce any normal individual into doing anything against the human will. The free will of man is supreme in moral affairs; even the indwelling Thought Adjuster refuses to compel man to think a single thought or to perform a single act against the choosing of man's own will.

7 And now this rebel of the realm, shorn of all power to harm his former subjects, awaits the final adjudication,

by the Uversa Ancients of Days, of all who participated in the Lucifer rebellion.

8 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 67

THE PLANETARY REBELLION

Melchizedek

The problems associated with human existence on Urantia are impossible of understanding without a knowledge of certain great epochs of the past, notably the occurrence and consequences of the planetary rebellion. Although this upheaval did not seriously interfere with the progress of organic evolution, it did markedly modify the course of social evolution and of spiritual devel-

opment. The entire superphysical history of the planet was profoundly influenced by this devastating calamity.

1. THE CALIGASTIA BETRAYAL

1 For 300,000 years Caligastia had been in charge of Urantia when Satan, Lucifer's assistant, made one of his periodic inspection calls. And when Satan arrived on the planet, his appearance in no way resembled your caricatures of his nefarious majesty. He was, and still is, a Lanonandek Son of great brilliance. "And no marvel, for Satan himself is a brilliant creature of light."

2 In the course of this inspection

Satan informed Caligastia of Lucifer's then proposed "Declaration of Liberty," and as we now know, the Prince agreed to betray the planet upon the announcement of the rebellion. The loyal universe personalities look with peculiar disdain upon Prince Caligastia because of this premeditated betrayal of trust. The Creator Son voiced this contempt when he said: "You are like your leader, Lucifer, and you have sinfully perpetuated his iniquity. He was a falsifier from the beginning of his self-exaltation because he abode not in the truth."

3 In all the administrative work of a

local universe no high trust is deemed more sacred than that reposed in a Planetary Prince who assumes responsibility for the welfare and guidance of the evolving mortals on a newly inhabited world. And of all forms of evil, none is more destructive of personality status than betrayal of trust[1]. In

[1] In 1955 text "none are more destructive of personality status than betrayal of trust and disloyalty to one's confiding friends". The second clause was most likely added by Dr Sadler in the attempt of putting psychological pressure upon Harold Sherman, when he falsely accused him of "attempted rebellion" and fabricated some "messages from higher intelligences" in the attempt to intimidate him. And this agrees with the phrase "this deliberate sin" in the singular in the following sentence.

committing this deliberate sin, Caligastia so completely distorted his personality that his mind has never since been able fully to regain its equilibrium.

4 §§ There are many ways of looking at sin, but from the universe philosophic viewpoint sin is the attitude of a personality who is knowingly resisting cosmic reality. Error might be regarded as a misconception or distortion of reality. Evil is a partial realization of, or maladjustment to, universe

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For more information see Chapter 3 in Volume Four of "The Urantia Diaries of Harold and Martha Sherman" [1].

realities. But sin is a purposeful resistance to divine reality — a conscious choosing to oppose spiritual progress — while iniquity consists in an open and persistent defiance of recognized reality and signifies such a degree of personality disintegration as to border on cosmic insanity.

5 Error suggests lack of intellectual keenness; evil, deficiency of wisdom; sin, abject spiritual poverty; but iniquity is indicative of vanishing personality control.

6 And when sin has so many times been chosen and so often been repeated, it may become habitual. Ha-

bitual sinners can easily become iniquitous, become wholehearted rebels against the universe and all of its divine realities. While all manner of sins may be forgiven, we doubt whether the established iniquiter would ever sincerely experience sorrow for his misdeeds or accept forgiveness for his sins.

2. THE OUTBREAK OF REBELLION

1 Shortly after Satan's inspection and when the planetary administration was on the eve of the realization of great things on Urantia, one day, midwinter of the northern con-

tinents, Caligastia held a prolonged conference with his associate, Daligastia, after which the latter called the ten councils of Urantia in session extraordinary. This assembly was opened with the statement that Prince Caligastia was about to proclaim himself absolute sovereign of Urantia and demanded that all administrative groups abdicate by resigning all of their functions and powers into the hands of Daligastia as trustee, pending the reorganization of the planetary government and the subsequent redistribution of these offices of administrative authority.

2 The presentation of this astounding demand was followed by the masterly appeal of Van, chairman of the supreme council of co-ordination. This distinguished administrator and able jurist branded the proposed course of Caligastia as an act bordering on planetary rebellion and appealed to his conferees to abstain from all participation until an appeal could be taken to Lucifer, the System Sovereign of Satania; and he won the support of the entire staff. Accordingly, appeal was taken to Jerusem, and forthwith came back the orders designating Caligastia as supreme sovereign

on Urantia and commanding absolute and unquestioning allegiance to his mandates. And it was in reply to this amazing message that the noble Van made his memorable address of seven hours' length in which he formally drew his indictment of Daligastia, Caligastia, and Lucifer as standing in contempt of the sovereignty of the universe of Nebadon; and he appealed to the Most Highs of Edentia for support and confirmation.

3 §§ Meantime the system circuits had been severed; Urantia was isolated. Every group of celestial life on the planet found itself suddenly and

without warning isolated, utterly cut off from all outside counsel and advice.

4 §§ Daligastia formally proclaimed Caligastia "God of Urantia and supreme over all." With this proclamation before them, the issues were clearly drawn; and each group drew off by itself and began deliberations, discussions destined eventually to determine the fate of every superhuman personality on the planet.

5 Seraphim and cherubim and other celestial beings were involved in the decisions of this bitter struggle, this long and sinful conflict. Many super-

human groups that chanced to be on Urantia at the time of its isolation were detained here and, like the seraphim and their associates, were compelled to choose between sin and righteousness — between the ways of Lucifer and the will of the unseen Father.

6 For more than seven years this struggle continued. Not until every personality concerned had made a final decision, would or did the authorities of Edentia interfere or intervene. Not until then did Van and his loyal associates receive vindication and release from their prolonged anxiety and

intolerable suspense.

3. THE SEVEN CRUCIAL YEARS

1 The outbreak of rebellion on Jerusem, the capital of Satania, was broadcast by the Melchizedek council. The emergency Melchizedeks were immediately dispatched to Jerusem, and Gabriel volunteered to act as the representative of the Creator Son, whose authority had been challenged. With this broadcast of the fact of rebellion in Satania the system was isolated, quarantined, from her sister systems. There was "war in heaven," the headquarters of Satania, and it spread to

every planet in the local system.

2 On Urantia 40 members of the corporeal staff of 100 (including Van) refused to join the insurrection. Many of the staff's human assistants (modified and otherwise) were also brave and noble defenders of Michael and his universe government. There was a terrible loss of personalities among seraphim and cherubim. Almost one half of the administrator and transition seraphim assigned to the planet joined their leader and Daligastia in support of the cause of Lucifer. 40,119 of the primary midway creatures joined hands with Caligas-

tia, but the remainder of these beings remained true to their trust.

3 The traitorous Prince marshaled the disloyal midway creatures and other groups of rebel personalities and organized them to execute his bidding, while Van assembled the loyal midwayers and other faithful groups and began the great battle for the salvation of the planetary staff and other marooned celestial personalities.

4 During the times of this struggle the loyalists dwelt in an unwalled and poorly protected settlement a few kilometres to the east of Dalamatia, but their dwellings were guarded day

and night by the alert and ever-watchful loyal midway creatures, and they had possession of the priceless tree of life.

5 Upon the outbreak of rebellion, loyal cherubim and seraphim, with the aid of three faithful midwayers, assumed the custody of the tree of life and permitted only the 40 loyalists of the staff and their associated modified mortals to partake of the fruit and leaves of this energy plant. There were 56 of these modified Andonite associates of the staff, 16 of the Andonite attendants of the disloyal staff refusing to go into rebellion with their masters.

6 §§ Throughout the seven crucial years of the Caligastia rebellion, Van was wholly devoted to the work of ministry to his loyal army of men, midwayers, and angels. The spiritual insight and moral steadfastness which enabled Van to maintain such an unshakable attitude of loyalty to the universe government was the product of clear thinking, wise reasoning, logical judgment, sincere motivation, unselfish purpose, intelligent loyalty, experiential memory, disciplined character, and the unquestioning dedication of his personality to the doing of the will of the Father in Paradise.

7 This seven years of waiting was a time of heart searching and soul discipline. Such crises in the affairs of a universe demonstrate the tremendous influence of mind as a factor in spiritual choosing. Education, training, and experience are factors in most of the vital decisions of all evolutionary moral creatures. But it is entirely possible for the indwelling spirit to make direct contact with the decision-determining powers of the human personality so as to empower the fully consecrated will of the creature to perform amazing acts of loyal devotion to the will and the way of the Father

in Paradise. And this is just what occurred in the experience of Amadon, the modified human associate of Van.

8 Amadon is the outstanding human hero of the Lucifer rebellion. This male descendant of Andon and Fonta was one of the 100 who contributed life plasm to the Prince's staff, and ever since that event he had been attached to Van as his associate and human assistant. Amadon elected to stand with his chief throughout the long and trying struggle. And it was an inspiring sight to behold this child of the evolutionary races standing unmoved by the sophistries of Daligas-

tia while throughout the seven-year struggle he and his loyal associates resisted with unyielding fortitude all of the deceptive teachings of the brilliant Caligastia.

9 Caligastia, with a maximum of intelligence and a vast experience in universe affairs, went astray — embraced sin. Amadon, with a minimum of intelligence and utterly devoid of universe experience, remained steadfast in the service of the universe and in loyalty to his associate. Van utilized both mind and spirit in a magnificent and effective combination of intellectual determination and spiritual

insight, thereby achieving an experiential level of personality realization of the highest attainable order. Mind and spirit, when fully united, are potential for the creation of superhuman values, even morontia realities.

10 There is no end to the recital of the stirring events of these tragic days. But at last the final decision of the last personality was made, and then, but only then, did a Most High of Edentia arrive with the emergency Melchizedeks to seize authority on Urantia. The Caligastia panoramic reign-records on Jerusem were obliterated, and the probationary era of planetary

rehabilitation was inaugurated.

4. THE CALIGASTIA ONE HUNDRED AFTER REBELLION

1 When the final roll was called, the corporeal members of the Prince's staff were found to have aligned themselves as follows: Van and his entire court of co-ordination had remained loyal. Ang and three members of the food council had survived. The board of animal husbandry were all swept into rebellion as were all of the animal-conquest advisers. Fad and five members of the educational faculty were saved. Nod and all of the commission on

industry and trade joined Caligastia. Hap and the entire college of revealed religion remained loyal with Van and his noble band. Lut and the whole board of health were lost. The council of art and science remained loyal in its entirety, but Tut and the commission on tribal government all went astray. Thus were 40 out of the 100 saved, later to be transferred to Jerusem, where they resumed their Paradise journey.

2 The 60 members of the planetary staff who went into rebellion chose Nod as their leader. They worked wholeheartedly for the rebel Prince

but soon discovered that they were deprived of the sustenance of the system life circuits. They awakened to the fact that they had been degraded to the status of mortal beings. They were indeed superhuman but, at the same time, material and mortal. In an effort to increase their numbers, Daligastia ordered immediate resort to sexual reproduction, knowing full well that the original 60 and their 44 modified Andonite associates were doomed to suffer extinction by death, sooner or later. After the fall of Dalamatia the disloyal staff migrated to the north and the east. Their descendants were long

known as the Nodites, and their dwelling place as "the land of Nod."

3 The presence of these extraordinary supermen and superwomen, stranded by rebellion and presently mating with the sons and daughters of earth, easily gave origin to those traditional stories of the gods coming down to mate with mortals. And thus originated the thousand and one legends of a mythical nature, but founded on the facts of the postrebellion days, which later found a place in the folk tales and traditions of the various peoples whose ancestors had participated in these contacts with the Nodites and

their descendants.

4 The staff rebels, deprived of spiritual sustenance, eventually died a natural death. And much of the subsequent idolatry of the human races grew out of the desire to perpetuate the memory of these highly honoured beings of the days of Caligastia.

5 When the staff of 100 came to Urantia, they were temporarily detached from their Thought Adjusters. Immediately upon the arrival of the Melchizedek receivers the loyal personalities (except Van) were returned to Jerusem and were reunited with their waiting Adjusters. We know not

the fate of the 60 staff rebels; their Adjusters still tarry on Jerusem. Matters will undoubtedly rest as they now are until the entire Lucifer rebellion is finally adjudicated and the fate of all participants decreed.

6 §§ It was very difficult for such beings as angels and midwayers to conceive of brilliant and trusted rulers like Caligastia and Daligastia going astray — committing traitorous sin. Those beings who fell into sin — they did not deliberately or premeditatedly enter upon rebellion — were misled by their superiors, deceived by their trusted leaders. It was likewise easy to win the

support of the primitive-minded evolutionary mortals.

7 The vast majority of all human and superhuman beings who were victims of the Lucifer rebellion on Jerusem and the various misled planets have long since heartily repented of their folly; and we truly believe that all such sincere penitents will in some manner be rehabilitated and restored to some phase of universe service when the Ancients of Days finally complete the adjudication of the affairs of the Satania rebellion, which they have so recently

begun.

5. IMMEDIATE RESULTS OF REBELLION

1 Great confusion reigned in Dalamatia and thereabout for almost 50 years after the instigation of rebellion. The complete and radical reorganization of the whole world was attempted; revolution displaced evolution as the policy of cultural advancement and racial improvement. Among the superior and partially trained sojourners in and near Dalamatia there appeared a sudden advancement in cultural status, but when these new and radical methods were

attempted on the outlying peoples, indescribable confusion and racial pandemonium was the immediate result. Liberty was quickly translated into license by the half-evolved primitive men of those days.

2 Very soon after the rebellion the entire staff of sedition were engaged in energetic defence of the city against the hordes of semisavages who besieged its walls as a result of the doctrines of liberty which had been prematurely taught them. And years before the beautiful headquarters went down beneath the southern waves, the misled and mistaught tribes of

the Dalamatia hinterland had already swept down in semisavage assault on the splendid city, driving the secession staff and their associates northward.

3 The Caligastia scheme for the immediate reconstruction of human society in accordance with his ideas of individual freedom and group liberties, proved a swift and more or less complete failure. Society quickly sank back to its old biologic level, and the forward struggle began all over, starting not very far in advance of where it was at the beginning of the Caligastia regime, this upheaval having left the world in confusion worse con-

founded.

4 §§ 162 years after the rebellion a tidal wave swept up over Dalamatia, and the planetary headquarters sank beneath the waters of the sea, and this land did not again emerge until almost every vestige of the noble culture of those splendid ages had been obliterated.

5 When the first capital of the world was engulfed, it harboured only the lowest types of the Sangik races of Urantia, renegades who had already converted the Father's temple into a shrine dedicated to Nog, the false god

of light and fire.

6. VAN — THE STEADFAST

1 The followers of Van early withdrew to the highlands west of India, where they were exempt from attacks by the confused races of the lowlands, and from which place of retirement they planned for the rehabilitation of the world as their early Badonite predecessors had once all unwittingly worked for the welfare of mankind just before the days of the birth of the Sangik tribes.

2 Before the arrival of the Melchizedek receivers, Van placed the ad-

ministration of human affairs in the hands of ten commissions of four each, groups identical with those of the Prince's regime. The senior resident Life Carriers assumed temporary leadership of this council of 40, which functioned throughout the seven years of waiting. Similar groups of Amadonites assumed these responsibilities when the 39 loyal staff members returned to Jerusem.

3 These *Amadonites* were derived from the group of 144 loyal Andonites to which Amadon belonged, and who have become known by his name. This group comprised 39 men and

105 women. 56 of this number were of immortality status, and all (except Amadon) were translated along with the loyal members of the staff. The remainder of this noble band continued on earth to the end of their mortal days under the leadership of Van and Amadon. They were the biologic leaven which multiplied and continued to furnish leadership for the world down through the long dark ages of the postrebellion era.

4 Van was left on Urantia until the time of Adam, remaining as titular head of all superhuman personalities functioning on the planet. He and

Amadon were sustained by the technique of the tree of life in conjunction with the specialized life ministry of the Melchizedeks for over 150,000 years.

5 §§ The affairs of Urantia were for a long time administered by a council of planetary receivers, twelve Melchizedeks, confirmed by the mandate of the senior constellation ruler, the Most High Father of Norlatiadek. Associated with the Melchizedek receivers was an advisory council consisting of: one of the loyal aids of the fallen Prince, the two resident Life Carriers, a Trinitized Son in apprenticeship training, a volunteer Teacher Son, a

Brilliant Evening Star of Avalon (periodically), the chiefs of seraphim and cherubim, advisers from two neighbouring planets, the director general of subordinate angelic life, and Van, the commander in chief of the midway creatures. And thus was Urantia governed and administered until the arrival of Adam. It is not strange that the courageous and loyal Van was assigned a place on the council of planetary receivers which for so long administered the affairs of Urantia.

6 The twelve Melchizedek receivers of Urantia did heroic work. They preserved the remnants of civiliza-

tion, and their planetary policies were faithfully executed by Van. Within one thousand years after the rebellion he had more than 350 advanced groups scattered abroad in the world. These outposts of civilization consisted largely of the descendants of the loyal Andonites slightly admixed with the Sangik races, particularly the blue men, and with the Nodites.

7 Notwithstanding the terrible setback of rebellion there were many good strains of biologic promise on earth. Under the supervision of the Melchizedek receivers, Van and Amadon continued the work of fos-

tering the natural evolution of the human race, carrying forward the physical evolution of man until it reached that culminating attainment which warranted the dispatch of a Material Son and Daughter to Urantia.

8 §§ Van and Amadon remained on earth until shortly after the arrival of Adam and Eve. Some years thereafter they were translated to Jerusem, where Van was reunited with his waiting Adjuster. Van now serves in behalf of Urantia while awaiting the order to go forward on the long, long trail to Paradise perfection and the unrevealed destiny of the assembling

Corps of Mortal Finality.

9 §§ It should be recorded that, when Van appealed to the Most Highs of Edentia after Lucifer had sustained Caligastia on Urantia, the Constellation Fathers dispatched an immediate decision sustaining Van on every point of his contention. This verdict failed to reach him because the planetary circuits of communication were severed while it was in transit. Only recently was this actual ruling discovered lodged in the possession of a relay energy transmitter where it had been marooned ever since the isolation of Urantia. Without this dis-

covery, made as the result of the investigations of the Urantia midwayers, the release of this decision would have awaited the restoration of Urantia to the constellation circuits. And this apparent accident of interplanetary communication was possible because energy transmitters can receive and transmit intelligence, but they cannot initiate communication.

10 The technical status of Van on the legal records of Satania was not actually and finally settled until this ruling of the Edentia Fathers was recorded

on Jerusem.

7. REMOTE REPERCUSSIONS OF SIN

1 The personal (centripetal) consequences of the creature's wilful and persistent rejection of light are both inevitable and individual and are of concern only to Deity and to that personal creature. Such a soul-destroying harvest of iniquity is the inner reaping of the iniquitous will creature.

2 But not so with the external repercussions of sin: The impersonal (centrifugal) consequences of embraced sin are both inevitable and collective, being of concern to every creature

functioning within the affect-range of such events.

3 By 50,000 years after the collapse of the planetary administration, earthly affairs were so disorganized and retarded that the human race had gained very little over the general evolutionary status existing at the time of Caligastia's arrival 350,000 years previously. In certain respects progress had been made; in other directions much ground had been lost.

4 Sin is never purely local in its effects. The administrative sectors of the universes are organismal; the plight of one personality must to a certain ex-

tent be shared by all. Sin, being an attitude of the person toward reality, is destined to exhibit its inherent negativistic harvest upon any and all related levels of universe values. But the full consequences of erroneous thinking, evil-doing, or sinful planning are experienced only on the level of actual performance. The transgression of universe law may be fatal in the physical realm without seriously involving the mind or impairing the spiritual experience. Sin is fraught with fatal consequences to personality survival only when it is the attitude of the whole being, when it stands for the choosing of

the mind and the willing of the soul.

5 Evil and sin visit their consequences in material and social realms and may sometimes even retard spiritual progress on certain levels of universe reality, but never does the sin of any being rob another of the realization of the divine right of personality survival. Eternal survival can be jeopardized only by the decisions of the mind and the choice of the soul of the individual himself.

6 Sin on Urantia did very little to delay biologic evolution, but it did operate to deprive the mortal races of the full benefit of the Adamic inher-

itance. Sin enormously retards intellectual development, moral growth, social progress, and mass spiritual attainment. But it does not prevent the highest spiritual achievement by any individual who chooses to know God and sincerely do his divine will.

7 Caligastia rebelled, Adam and Eve did default, but no mortal subsequently born on Urantia has suffered in his personal spiritual experience because of these blunders. Every mortal born on Urantia since Caligastia's rebellion has been in some manner time-penalized, but the future welfare of such souls has never been in the

least eternity-jeopardized. No person is ever made to suffer vital spiritual deprivation because of the sin of another. Sin is wholly personal as to moral guilt or spiritual consequences, notwithstanding its far-flung repercussions in administrative, intellectual, and social domains.

8 §§ While we cannot fathom the wisdom that permits such catastrophes, we can always discern the beneficial outworking of these local disturbances as they are reflected out upon

the universe at large.

8. THE HUMAN HERO OF THE REBELLION

1 The Lucifer rebellion was withstood by many courageous beings on the various worlds of Satania; but the records of Salvington portray Amadon as the outstanding character of the entire system in his glorious rejection of the flood tides of sedition and in his unswerving devotion to Van — they stood together unmoved in their loyalty to the supremacy of the invisible Father and his Son Michael.

2 At the time of these momentous transactions I was stationed on Eden-

tia, and I am still conscious of the exhilaration I experienced as I perused the Salvington broadcasts which told from day to day of the unbelievable steadfastness, the transcendent devotion, and the exquisite loyalty of this onetime semisavage springing from the experimental and original stock of the Andonic race.

3 From Edentia up through Salvington and even on to Uversa, for seven long years the first inquiry of all subordinate celestial life regarding the Satania rebellion, ever and always, was: "What of Amadon of Urantia, does he still stand unmoved?"

4 If the Lucifer rebellion has handicapped the local system and its fallen worlds, if the loss of this Son and his misled associates has temporarily hampered the progress of the constellation of Norlatiadek, then weigh the effect of the far-flung presentation of the inspiring performance of this one child of nature and his determined band of 143 comrades in standing steadfast for the higher concepts of universe management and administration in the face of such tremendous and adverse pressure exerted by his disloyal superiors. And let me assure you, this has already done more good in the

universe of Nebadon and the superuniverse of Orvonton than can ever be outweighed by the sum total of all the evil and sorrow of the Lucifer rebellion.

5 And all this is a beautifully touching and superbly magnificent illumination of the wisdom of the Father's universal plan for mobilizing the Corps of Mortal Finality on Paradise and for recruiting this vast group of mysterious servants of the future largely from the common clay of the mortals of ascending progression — just such mortals as the impregnable

Amadon.

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THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION

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This is the beginning of the narrative of the long, long forward struggle of the human species from a status that was little better than an animal existence, through the intervening ages, and down to the later times when a real, though imperfect, civilization had evolved among the higher races of mankind.

2 Civilization is a racial acquirement; it is not biologically inherent; hence must all children be reared in an environment of culture, while each succeeding generation of youth must receive anew its education. The superior qualities of civilization — scientific, philosophic, and religious — are not transmitted from one generation to another by direct inheritance. These cultural achievements are preserved only by the enlightened conservation of social inheritance.

3 Social evolution of the co-operative order was initiated by the Dalamatia teachers, and for 300,000 years

mankind was nurtured in the idea of group activities. The blue man most of all profited by these early social teachings, the red man to some extent, and the black man least of all. In more recent times the yellow race and the white race have presented the most advanced social development on Urantia.

1. PROTECTIVE SOCIALIZATION

1 When brought closely together, men often learn to like one another, but primitive man was not naturally overflowing with the spirit of brotherly feeling and the desire for social

contact with his fellows. Rather did the early races learn by sad experience that "in union there is strength"; and it is this lack of natural brotherly attraction that now stands in the way of immediate realization of the brotherhood of man on Urantia.

2 Association early became the price of survival. The lone man was helpless unless he bore a tribal mark which testified that he belonged to a group which would certainly avenge any assault made upon him. Even in the days of Cain it was fatal to go abroad alone without some mark of group association. Civilization has become man's

insurance against violent death, while the premiums are paid by submission to society's numerous law demands.

3 Primitive society was thus founded on the reciprocity of necessity and on the enhanced safety of association. And human society has evolved in age-long cycles as a result of this isolation fear and by means of reluctant co-operation.

4 §§ Primitive human beings early learned that groups are vastly greater and stronger than the mere sum of their individual units. One hundred men united and working in unison can move a great stone; a score of well-

trained guardians of the peace can restrain an angry mob. And so society was born, not of mere association of numbers, but rather as a result of the *organization* of intelligent co-operators. But co-operation is not a natural trait of man; he learns to co-operate first through fear and then later because he discovers it is most beneficial in meeting the difficulties of time and guarding against the supposed perils of eternity.

5 The peoples who thus early organized themselves into a primitive society became more successful in their attacks on nature as well as in defence

against their fellows; they possessed greater survival possibilities; hence has civilization steadily progressed on Urantia, notwithstanding its many setbacks. And it is only because of the enhancement of survival value in association that man's many blunders have thus far failed to stop or destroy human civilization.

6 §§ That contemporary cultural society is a rather recent phenomenon is well shown by the present-day survival of such primitive social conditions as characterize the Australian natives and the Bushmen and Pygmies of Africa. Among these back-

ward peoples may be observed something of the early group hostility, personal suspicion, and other highly antisocial traits which were so characteristic of all primitive races. These miserable remnants of the nonsocial peoples of ancient times bear eloquent testimony to the fact that the natural individualistic tendency of man cannot successfully compete with the more potent and powerful organizations and associations of social progression. These backward and suspicious antisocial races that speak a different dialect every 60–80 km illustrate what a world you might now be

living in but for the combined teaching of the corporeal staff of the Planetary Prince and the later labours of the Adamic group of racial uplifters.

7 The modern phrase, "back to nature," is a delusion of ignorance, a belief in the reality of the onetime fictitious "golden age." The only basis for the legend of the golden age is the historic fact of Dalamatia and Eden. But these improved societies were far from the realization of utopian dreams.

2. FACTORS IN SOCIAL PROGRESSION

1 Civilized society is the result of man's early efforts to overcome his dis-

like of *isolation.* But this does not necessarily signify mutual affection, and the present turbulent state of certain primitive groups well illustrates what the early tribes came up through. But though the individuals of a civilization may collide with each other and struggle against one another, and though civilization itself may appear to be an inconsistent mass of striving and struggling, it does evidence earnest striving, not the deadly monotony of stagnation.

2 While the level of intelligence has contributed considerably to the rate of cultural progress, society is essentially

designed to lessen the risk element in the individual's mode of living, and it has progressed just as fast as it has succeeded in lessening pain and increasing the pleasure element in life. Thus does the whole social body push on slowly toward the goal of destiny — extinction or survival — depending on whether that goal is self-maintenance or self-gratification. Self-maintenance originates society, while excessive self-gratification destroys civilization.

3 Society is concerned with self-perpetuation, self-maintenance, and self-gratification, but human self-realization is worthy of becoming the imme-

diate goal of many cultural groups.

4 The herd instinct in natural man is hardly sufficient to account for the development of such a social organization as now exists on Urantia. Though this innate gregarious propensity lies at the bottom of human society, much of man's sociability is an acquirement. Two great influences which contributed to the early association of human beings were food hunger and sex love; these instinctive urges man shares with the animal world. Two other emotions which drove human beings together and *held* them together were vanity and fear, more

particularly ghost fear.

5 §§ History is but the record of man's agelong food struggle. *Primitive man only thought when he was hungry;* food saving was his first self-denial, self-discipline. With the growth of society, food hunger ceased to be the only incentive for mutual association. Numerous other sorts of hunger, the realization of various needs, all led to the closer association of mankind. But today society is top-heavy with the overgrowth of supposed human needs. Occidental civilization of the XX century groans wearily under the tremendous overload of luxury and the in-

ordinate multiplication of human desires and longings. Modern society is enduring the strain of one of its most dangerous phases of far-flung interassociation and highly complicated interdependence.

6 Hunger, vanity, and ghost fear were continuous in their social pressure, but sex gratification was transient and spasmodic. The sex urge alone did not impel primitive men and women to assume the heavy burdens of home maintenance. The early home was founded upon the sex restlessness of the male when deprived of frequent gratification and upon that devoted

mother love of the human female, which in measure she shares with the females of all the higher animals. The presence of a helpless baby determined the early differentiation of male and female activities; the woman had to maintain a settled residence where she could cultivate the soil. And from earliest times, where woman was has always been regarded as the home.

7 Woman thus early became indispensable to the evolving social scheme, not so much because of the fleeting sex passion as in consequence of *food requirement;* she was an essential partner in self-maintenance. She

was a food provider, a beast of burden, and a companion who would stand great abuse without violent resentment, and in addition to all of these desirable traits, she was an ever-present means of sex gratification.

8 Almost everything of lasting value in civilization has its roots in the family. The family was the first successful peace group, the man and woman learning how to adjust their antagonisms while at the same time teaching the pursuits of peace to their children.

9 The function of marriage in evolution is the insurance of race survival, not merely the realization of personal

happiness; self-maintenance and self-perpetuation are the real objects of the home. Self-gratification is incidental and not essential except as an incentive ensuring sex association. Nature demands survival, but the arts of civilization continue to increase the pleasures of marriage and the satisfactions of family life.

10 §§ If vanity be enlarged to cover pride, ambition, and honour, then we may discern not only how these propensities contribute to the formation of human associations, but how they also hold men together, since such emotions are futile without an

audience to parade before. Soon vanity associated with itself other emotions and impulses which required a social arena wherein they might exhibit and gratify themselves. This group of emotions gave origin to the early beginnings of all art, ceremonial, and all forms of sportive games and contests.

11 Vanity contributed mightily to the birth of society; but at the time of these revelations the devious strivings of a vainglorious generation threaten to swamp and submerge the whole complicated structure of a highly specialized civilization. Pleasure-want has

long since superseded hunger-want; the legitimate social aims of self-maintenance are rapidly translating themselves into base and threatening forms of self-gratification. Self-maintenance builds society; unbridled self-gratification unfailingly destroys civilization.

3. SOCIALIZING INFLUENCE OF GHOST FEAR

1 Primitive desires produced the original society, but ghost fear held it together and imparted an extrahuman aspect to its existence. Common fear was physiological in origin: fear of physical pain, unsatisfied hunger, or

some earthly calamity; but ghost fear was a new and sublime sort of terror.

2 Probably the greatest single factor in the evolution of human society was the ghost dream. Although most dreams greatly perturbed the primitive mind, the ghost dream actually terrorized early men, driving these superstitious dreamers into each other's arms in willing and earnest association for mutual protection against the vague and unseen imaginary dangers of the spirit world. The ghost dream was one of the earliest appearing differences between the animal and human types of mind. Animals do not

visualize survival after death.

3 Except for this ghost factor, all society was founded on fundamental needs and basic biologic urges. But ghost fear introduced a new factor in civilization, a fear which reaches out and away from the elemental needs of the individual, and which rises far above even the struggles to maintain the group. The dread of the departed spirits of the dead brought to light a new and amazing form of fear, an appalling and powerful terror, which contributed to whipping the loose social orders of early ages into the more thoroughly disciplined and bet-

ter controlled primitive groups of ancient times. This senseless superstition, some of which still persists, prepared the minds of men, through superstitious fear of the unreal and the supernatural, for the later discovery of "the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom." The baseless fears of evolution are designed to be supplanted by the awe for Deity inspired by revelation. The early cult of ghost fear became a powerful social bond, and ever since that far-distant day mankind has been striving more or less for the attainment of spirituality.

4 §§ Hunger and love drove men together; vanity and ghost fear held them together. But these emotions alone, without the influence of peace-promoting revelations, are unable to endure the strain of the suspicions and irritations of human interassociations. Without help from superhuman sources the strain of society breaks down upon reaching certain limits, and these very influences of social mobilization — hunger, love, vanity, and fear — conspire to plunge mankind into war and bloodshed.

5 The peace tendency of the human race is not a natural endowment; it is

derived from the teachings of revealed religion, from the accumulated experience of the progressive races, but more especially from the teachings of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

4. EVOLUTION OF THE MORES

1 All modern social institutions arise from the evolution of the primitive customs of your savage ancestors; the conventions of today are the modified and expanded customs of yesterday. What habit is to the individual, custom is to the group; and group customs develop into folkways or tribal traditions — mass conventions. From

these early beginnings all of the institutions of present-day human society take their humble origin.

2 It must be borne in mind that the mores originated in an effort to adjust group living to the conditions of mass existence; the mores were man's first social institution. And all of these tribal reactions grew out of the effort to avoid pain and humiliation while at the same time seeking to enjoy pleasure and power. The origin of folkways, like the origin of languages, is always unconscious and unintentional and therefore always shrouded in mystery.

3 §§ Ghost fear drove primitive man to envision the supernatural and thus securely laid the foundations for those powerful social influences of ethics and religion which in turn preserved inviolate the mores and customs of society from generation to generation. The one thing which early established and crystallized the mores was the belief that the dead were jealous of the ways by which they had lived and died; therefore would they visit dire punishment upon those living mortals who dared to treat with careless disdain the rules of living which they had honoured when in the flesh. All this is

best illustrated by the present reverence of the yellow race for their ancestors. Later developing primitive religion greatly reinforced ghost fear in stabilizing the mores, but advancing civilization has increasingly liberated mankind from the bondage of fear and the slavery of superstition.

4 Prior to the liberating and liberalizing instruction of the Dalamatia teachers, ancient man was held a helpless victim of the ritual of the mores; the primitive savage was hedged about by an endless ceremonial. Everything he did from the time of awakening in the morning to the moment he fell

asleep in his cave at night had to be done just so — in accordance with the folkways of the tribe. He was a slave to the tyranny of usage; his life contained nothing free, spontaneous, or original. There was no natural progress toward a higher mental, moral, or social existence.

5 Early man was mightily gripped by custom; the savage was a veritable slave to usage; but there have arisen ever and anon those variations from type who have dared to inaugurate new ways of thinking and improved methods of living. Nevertheless, the inertia of primitive man constitutes the biologic

safety brake against precipitation too suddenly into the ruinous maladjustment of a too rapidly advancing civilization.

6 But these customs are not an unmitigated evil; their evolution should continue. It is nearly fatal to the continuance of civilization to undertake their wholesale modification by radical revolution. Custom has been the thread of continuity which has held civilization together. The path of human history is strewn with the remnants of discarded customs and obsolete social practices; but no civilization has endured which abandoned its

mores except for the adoption of better and more fit customs.

7 The survival of a society depends chiefly on the progressive evolution of its mores. The process of custom evolution grows out of the desire for experimentation; new ideas are put forward — competition ensues. A progressing civilization embraces the progressive idea and endures; time and circumstance finally select the fitter group for survival. But this does not mean that each separate and isolated change in the composition of human society has been for the better. No! indeed no! for there have been many,

many retrogressions in the long forward struggle of Urantia civilization.

5. LAND TECHNIQUES — MAINTENANCE ARTS

1 Land is the stage of society; men are the actors. And man must ever adjust his performances to conform to the land situation. The evolution of the mores is always dependent on the land-man ratio. This is true notwithstanding the difficulty of its discernment. Man's land technique, or maintenance arts, plus his standards of living, equal the sum total of the folkways, the mores. And the sum of man's adjustment to the life demands equals

his cultural civilization.

2 The earliest human cultures arose along the rivers of the Eastern Hemisphere, and there were four great steps in the forward march of civilization. They were:

3 1. *The collection stage.* Food coercion, hunger, led to the first form of industrial organization, the primitive food-gathering lines. Sometimes such a line of hunger march would be 16 km long as it passed over the land gleaning food. This was the primitive nomadic stage of culture and is the mode of life now followed by the African Bushmen.

4 2. *The hunting stage.* The invention of weapon tools enabled man to become a hunter and thus to gain considerable freedom from food slavery. A thoughtful Andonite who had severely bruised his fist in a serious combat rediscovered the idea of using a long stick for his arm and a piece of hard flint, bound on the end with sinews, for his fist. Many tribes made independent discoveries of this sort, and these various forms of hammers represented one of the great forward steps in human civilization. Today some Australian natives have progressed little beyond this stage.

5 The blue men became expert hunters and trappers; by fencing the rivers they caught fish in great numbers, drying the surplus for winter use. Many forms of ingenious snares and traps were employed in catching game, but the more primitive races did not hunt the larger animals.

6 3. *The pastoral stage.* This phase of civilization was made possible by the domestication of animals. The Arabs and the natives of Africa are among the more recent pastoral peoples.

7 Pastoral living afforded further relief from food slavery; man learned

to live on the interest of his capital, the increase in his flocks; and this provided more leisure for culture and progress.

8 Prepastoral society was one of sex co-operation, but the spread of animal husbandry reduced women to the depths of social slavery. In earlier times it was man's duty to secure the animal food, woman's business to provide the vegetable edibles. Therefore, when man entered the pastoral era of his existence, woman's dignity fell greatly. She must still toil to produce the vegetable necessities of life, whereas the man need only go to his

herds to provide an abundance of animal food. Man thus became relatively independent of woman; throughout the entire pastoral age woman's status steadily declined. By the close of this era she had become scarcely more than a human animal, consigned to work and to bear human offspring, much as the animals of the herd were expected to labour and bring forth young. The men of the pastoral ages had great love for their cattle; all the more pity they could not have developed a deeper affection for their wives.

9 4. *The agricultural stage.* This era was brought about by the domestica-

tion of plants, and it represents the highest type of material civilization. Both Caligastia and Adam endeavoured to teach horticulture and agriculture. Adam and Eve were gardeners, not shepherds, and gardening was an advanced culture in those days. The growing of plants exerts an ennobling influence on all races of mankind.

10 Agriculture more than quadrupled the land-man ratio of the world. It may be combined with the pastoral pursuits of the former cultural stage. When the three stages overlap, men hunt and women till the soil.

11 There has always been friction be-

tween the herders and the tillers of the soil. The hunter and herder were militant, warlike; the agriculturist is a more peace-loving type. Association with animals suggests struggle and force; association with plants instils patience, quiet, and peace. Agriculture and industrialism are the activities of peace. But the weakness of both, as world social activities, is that they lack excitement and adventure.

12 §§ Human society has evolved from the hunting stage through that of the herders to the territorial stage of agriculture. And each stage of this progressive civilization was accompa-

nied by less and less of nomadism; more and more man began to live at home.

13 And now is industry supplementing agriculture, with consequently increased urbanization and multiplication of nonagricultural groups of citizenship classes. But an industrial era cannot hope to survive if its leaders fail to recognize that even the highest social developments must ever rest upon a sound agricultural basis.

6. EVOLUTION OF CULTURE

1 Man is a creature of the soil, a child of nature; no matter how earnestly he

may try to escape from the land, in the last reckoning he is certain to fail. "Dust you are and to dust shall you return" is literally true of all mankind. The basic struggle of man was, and is, and ever shall be, for land. The first social associations of primitive human beings were for the purpose of winning these land struggles. The land-man ratio underlies all social civilization.

2 Man's intelligence, by means of the arts and sciences, increased the land yield; at the same time the natural increase in offspring was somewhat brought under control, and thus was provided the sustenance and leisure to

build a cultural civilization.

3 §§ Human society is controlled by a law which decrees that the population must vary directly in accordance with the land arts and inversely with a given standard of living. Throughout these early ages, even more than at present, the law of supply and demand as concerned men and land determined the estimated value of both. During the times of plentiful land — unoccupied territory — the need for men was great, and therefore the value of human life was much enhanced; hence the loss of life was more horrifying. During periods of land scarcity and

associated overpopulation, human life became comparatively cheapened so that war, famine, and pestilence were regarded with less concern.

4 When the land yield is reduced or the population is increased, the inevitable struggle is renewed; the very worst traits of human nature are brought to the surface. The improvement of the land yield, the extension of the mechanical arts, and the reduction of population all tend to foster the development of the better side of human nature.

5 §§ Frontier society develops the unskilled side of humanity; the fine

arts and true scientific progress, together with spiritual culture, have all thrived best in the larger centres of life when supported by an agricultural and industrial population slightly under the land-man ratio. Cities always multiply the power of their inhabitants for either good or evil.

6 The size of the family has always been influenced by the standards of living. The higher the standard the smaller the family, up to the point of established status or gradual extinction.

7 All down through the ages the standards of living have determined

the quality of a surviving population in contrast with mere quantity. Local class standards of living give origin to new social castes, new mores. When standards of living become too complicated or too highly luxurious, they speedily become suicidal. Caste is the direct result of the high social pressure of keen competition produced by dense populations.

8 The early races often resorted to practices designed to restrict population; all primitive tribes killed deformed and sickly children. Girl babies were frequently killed before the times of wife purchase. Children were

sometimes strangled at birth, but the favourite method was exposure. The father of twins usually insisted that one be killed since multiple births were believed to be caused either by magic or by infidelity. As a rule, however, twins of the same sex were spared. While these taboos on twins were once well-nigh universal, they were never a part of the Andonite mores; these peoples always regarded twins as omens of good luck.

9 Many races learned the technique of abortion, and this practice became very common after the establishment of the taboo on childbirth among the

unmarried. It was long the custom for a maiden to kill her offspring, but among more civilized groups these illegitimate children became the wards of the girl's mother. Many primitive clans were virtually exterminated by the practice of both abortion and infanticide. But regardless of the dictates of the mores, very few children were ever destroyed after having once been suckled — maternal affection is too strong.

10 Even in the XX century there persist remnants of these primitive population controls. There is a tribe in Australia whose mothers refuse to rear

more than two or three children. Not long since, one cannibalistic tribe ate every fifth child born. In Madagascar some tribes still destroy all children born on certain unlucky days, resulting in the death of about 25% of all babies.

11 §§ From a world standpoint, overpopulation has never been a serious problem in the past, but if war is lessened and science increasingly controls human diseases, it may become a serious problem in the near future. At such a time the great test of the wisdom of world leadership will present itself. Will Urantia rulers have

the insight and courage to foster the multiplication of the average or stabilized human being instead of the extremes of the supernormal and the enormously increasing groups of the subnormal? The normal man should be fostered; he is the backbone of civilization and the source of the mutant geniuses of the race. The subnormal man should be kept under society's control; no more should be produced than are required to administer the lower levels of industry, those tasks requiring intelligence above the animal level but making such low-grade demands as to prove veritable slavery

and bondage for the higher types of mankind.

12 [Presented by a Melchizedek sometime stationed on Urantia.]

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PRIMITIVE HUMAN INSTITUTIONS

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Emotionally, man transcends his animal ancestors in his ability to appreciate humour, art, and religion. Socially, man exhibits his superiority in that he is a toolmaker, a communicator, and an institution builder.

2 When human beings long maintain social groups, such aggregations always result in the creation of certain

activity trends which culminate in institutionalization. Most of man's institutions have proved to be laboursaving while at the same time contributing something to the enhancement of group security.

3 Civilized man takes great pride in the character, stability, and continuity of his established institutions, but all human institutions are merely the accumulated mores of the past as they have been conserved by taboos and dignified by religion. Such legacies become traditions, and traditions ultimately metamorphose into conven-

tions.

1. BASIC HUMAN INSTITUTIONS

1 All human institutions minister to some social need, past or present, notwithstanding that their overdevelopment unfailingly detracts from the worth-whileness of the individual in that personality is overshadowed and initiative is diminished. Man should control his institutions rather than permit himself to be dominated by these creations of advancing civilization.

2 §§ Human institutions are of three general classes:

3 1. *The institutions of self-maintenance.* These institutions embrace those practices growing out of food hunger and its associated instincts of self-preservation. They include industry, property, war for gain, and all the regulative machinery of society. Sooner or later the fear instinct fosters the establishment of these institutions of survival by means of taboo, convention, and religious sanction. But fear, ignorance, and superstition have played a prominent part in the early origin and subsequent development of all human institutions.

4 2. *The institutions of self-perpetu-*

ation. These are the establishments of society growing out of sex hunger, maternal instinct, and the higher tender emotions of the races. They embrace the social safeguards of the home and the school, of family life, education, ethics, and religion. They include marriage customs, war for defence, and home building.

5 3. *The institutions of self-gratification.* These are the practices growing out of vanity proclivities and pride emotions; and they embrace customs in dress and personal adornment, social usages, war for glory, dancing, amusement, games, and other phases

of sensual gratification. But civilization has never evolved distinctive institutions of self-gratification.

6 §§ These three groups of social practices are intimately interrelated and minutely interdependent the one upon the other. On Urantia they represent a complex organization which functions as a single social mechanism.

2. THE DAWN OF INDUSTRY

1 Primitive industry slowly grew up as an insurance against the terrors of famine. Early in his existence man began to draw lessons from some of

the animals that, during a harvest of plenty, store up food against the days of scarcity.

2 Before the dawn of early frugality and primitive industry the lot of the average tribe was one of destitution and real suffering. Early man had to compete with the whole animal world for his food. Competition-gravity ever pulls man down toward the beast level; poverty is his natural and tyrannical estate. Wealth is not a natural gift; it results from labour, knowledge, and organization.

3 Primitive man was not slow to recognize the advantages of associa-

tion. Association led to organization, and the first result of organization was division of labour, with its immediate saving of time and materials. These specializations of labour arose by adaptation to pressure — pursuing the paths of lessened resistance. Primitive savages never did any real work cheerfully or willingly. With them conformity was due to the coercion of necessity.

4 Primitive man disliked hard work, and he would not hurry unless confronted by grave danger. The time element in labour, the idea of doing a given task within a certain time limit,

is entirely a modern notion. The ancients were never rushed. It was the double demands of the intense struggle for existence and of the ever-advancing standards of living that drove the naturally inactive races of early man into avenues of industry.

5 Labour, the efforts of design, distinguishes man from the beast, whose exertions are largely instinctive. The necessity for labour is man's paramount blessing. The Prince's staff all worked; they did much to ennoble physical labour on Urantia. Adam was a gardener; the God of the Hebrews laboured — he was the creator and up-

holder of all things. The Hebrews were the first tribe to put a supreme premium on industry; they were the first people to decree that "he who does not work shall not eat." But many of the religions of the world reverted to the early ideal of idleness. Jupiter was a reveller, and Buddha became a reflective devotee of leisure.

6 The Sangik tribes were fairly industrious when residing away from the tropics. But there was a long, long struggle between the lazy devotees of magic and the apostles of work — those who exercised foresight.

7 The first human foresight was di-

rected toward the preservation of fire, water, and food. But primitive man was a natural-born gambler; he always wanted to get something for nothing, and all too often during these early times the success which accrued from patient practice was attributed to charms. Magic was slow to give way before foresight, self-denial, and industry.

3. THE SPECIALIZATION OF LABOUR

1 The divisions of labour in primitive society were determined first by natural, and then by social, circumstances. The early order of specializa-

tion in labour was:

2 1. *Specialization based on sex.* Woman's work was derived from the selective presence of the child; women naturally love babies more than men do. Thus woman became the routine worker, while man became the hunter and fighter, engaging in accentuated periods of work and rest.

3 §§ All down through the ages the taboos have operated to keep woman strictly in her own field. Man has most selfishly chosen the more agreeable work, leaving the routine drudgery to woman. Man has always been ashamed to do woman's work, but wo-

man has never shown any reluctance to doing man's work. But strange to record, both men and women have always worked together in building and furnishing the home.

4 2. *Modification consequent upon age and disease.* These differences determined the next division of labour. The old men and cripples were early set to work making tools and weapons. They were later assigned to building irrigation works.

5 3. *Differentiation based on religion.* The medicine men were the first human beings to be exempted from physical toil; they were the pioneer

professional class. The smiths were a small group who competed with the medicine men as magicians. Their skill in working with metals made the people afraid of them. The "white smiths" and the "black smiths" gave origin to the early beliefs in white and black magic. And this belief later became involved in the superstition of good and bad ghosts, good and bad spirits.

6 Smiths were the first nonreligious group to enjoy special privileges. They were regarded as neutrals during war, and this extra leisure led to their becoming, as a class, the politicians of primitive society. But through gross

abuse of these privileges the smiths became universally hated, and the medicine men lost no time in fostering hatred for their competitors. In this first contest between science and religion, religion (superstition) won. After being driven out of the villages, the smiths maintained the first inns, public lodginghouses, on the outskirts of the settlements.

7 4. *Master and slave.* The next differentiation of labour grew out of the relations of the conqueror to the conquered, and that meant the beginning of human slavery.

8 5. *Differentiation based on diverse*

physical and mental endowments. Further divisions of labour were favoured by the inherent differences in men; all human beings are not born equal.

9 The early specialists in industry were the flint flakers and stone masons[1]; next came the smiths. Subsequently group specialization developed; whole families and clans dedicated themselves to certain sorts of labour. The origin of one of the earliest castes of priests, apart from the tribal medicine men, was due to the superstitious exaltation of a family of

[1] In 1955 text "stonemasons" one word.

expert swordmakers.

10 §§ The first group specialists in industry were rock salt exporters and potters. Women made the plain pottery and men the fancy. Among some tribes sewing and weaving were done by women, in others by the men.

11 The early traders were women; they were employed as spies, carrying on commerce as a side line. Presently trade expanded, the women acting as intermediaries — jobbers. Then came the merchant class, charging a commission, profit, for their services. Growth of group barter developed into commerce; and following the ex-

change of commodities came the exchange of skilled labour.

4. THE BEGINNINGS OF TRADE

1 Just as marriage by contract followed marriage by capture, so trade by barter followed seizure by raids. But a long period of piracy intervened between the early practices of silent barter and the later trade by modern exchange methods.

2 The first barter was conducted by armed traders who would leave their goods on a neutral spot. Women held the first markets; they were the earliest traders, and this was because they were

the burden bearers; the men were warriors. Very early the trading counter was developed, a wall wide enough to prevent the traders reaching each other with weapons.

3 A fetish was used to stand guard over the deposits of goods for silent barter. Such market places were secure against theft; nothing would be removed except by barter or purchase; with a fetish on guard the goods were always safe. The early traders were scrupulously honest within their own tribes but regarded it as all right to cheat distant strangers. Even the early Hebrews recognized a separate code of

ethics in their dealings with the gentiles.

4 For ages silent barter continued before men would meet, unarmed, on the sacred market place. These same market squares became the first places of sanctuary and in some countries were later known as "cities of refuge." Any fugitive reaching the market place was safe and secure against attack.

5 §§ The first weights were grains of wheat and other cereals. The first medium of exchange was a fish or a goat. Later the cow became a unit of barter.

6 Modern writing originated in the

early trade records; the first literature of man was a trade-promotion document, a salt advertisement. Many of the earlier wars were fought over natural deposits, such as flint, salt, and metals. The first formal tribal treaty concerned the intertribalizing of a salt deposit. These treaty spots afforded opportunity for friendly and peaceful interchange of ideas and the intermingling of various tribes.

7 Writing progressed up through the stages of the "message stick," knotted cords, picture writing, hieroglyphics, and wampum belts, to the early symbolic alphabets. Message sending

evolved from the primitive smoke signal up through runners, animal riders, railroads, and airplanes, as well as telegraph, telephone, and wireless communication.

8 New ideas and better methods were carried around the inhabited world by the ancient traders. Commerce, linked with adventure, led to exploration and discovery. And all of these gave birth to transportation. Commerce has been the great civilizer through promoting the cross-fertiliza-

tion of culture.

5. THE BEGINNINGS OF CAPITAL

1 Capital is labour applied as a renunciation of the present in favour of the future. Savings represent a form of maintenance and survival insurance. Food hoarding developed self-control and created the first problems of capital and labour. The man who had food, provided he could protect it from robbers, had a distinct advantage over the man who had no food.

2 The early banker was the valorous man of the tribe. He held the group treasures on deposit, while the entire

clan would defend his hut in event of attack. Thus the accumulation of individual capital and group wealth immediately led to military organization. At first such precautions were designed to defend property against foreign raiders, but later on it became the custom to keep the military organization in practice by inaugurating raids on the property and wealth of neighbouring tribes.

3 The basic urges which led to the accumulation of capital were:

4 1. *Hunger — associated with foresight.* Food saving and preservation meant power and comfort for those

who possessed sufficient *foresight* thus to provide for future needs. Food storage was adequate insurance against famine and disaster. And the entire body of primitive mores was really designed to help man subordinate the present to the future.

5 2. *Love of family* — desire to provide for their wants. Capital represents the saving of property in spite of the pressure of the wants of today in order to insure against the demands of the future. A part of this future need may have to do with one's posterity.

6 3. *Vanity* — longing to display one's property accumulations. Extra

clothing was one of the first badges of distinction. Collection vanity early appealed to the pride of man.

7 4. *Position* — eagerness to buy social and political prestige. There early sprang up a commercialized nobility, admission to which depended on the performance of some special service to royalty or was granted frankly for the payment of money.

8 5. *Power* — the craving to be master. Treasure lending was carried on as a means of enslavement, 100% a year being the loan rate of these ancient times. The moneylenders made themselves kings by creating a stand-

ing army of debtors. Bond servants were among the earliest form of property to be accumulated, and in olden days debt slavery extended even to the control of the body after death.

9 6. *Fear of the ghosts of the dead* — priest fees for protection. Men early began to give death presents to the priests with a view to having their property used to facilitate their progress through the next life. The priesthoods thus became very rich; they were chief among ancient capitalists.

10 7. *Sex urge* — the desire to buy one or more wives. Man's first form of trading was woman exchange; it long

preceded horse trading. But never did the barter in sex slaves advance society; such traffic was and is a racial disgrace, for at one and the same time it hindered the development of family life and polluted the biologic fitness of superior peoples.

11 8. *Numerous forms of self-gratification.* Some sought wealth because it conferred power; others toiled for property because it meant ease. Early man (and some later-day ones) tended to squander his resources on luxury. Intoxicants and drugs intrigued the primitive races.

12 §§ As civilization developed, men

acquired new incentives for saving; new wants were rapidly added to the original food hunger. Poverty became so abhorred that only the rich were supposed to go direct to heaven when they died. Property became so highly valued that to give a pretentious feast would wipe a dishonour from one's name.

13 Accumulations of wealth early became the badge of social distinction. Individuals in certain tribes would accumulate property for years just to create an impression by burning it up on some holiday or by freely distributing it to fellow tribesmen. This made

them great men. Even modern peoples revel in the lavish distribution of Christmas gifts, while rich men endow great institutions of philanthropy and learning. Man's technique varies, but his disposition remains quite unchanged.

14 But it is only fair to record that many an ancient rich man distributed much of his fortune because of the fear of being killed by those who coveted his treasures. Wealthy men commonly sacrificed scores of slaves to show disdain for wealth.

15 Though capital has tended to liberate man, it has greatly complicated

his social and industrial organization. The abuse of capital by unfair capitalists does not destroy the fact that it is the basis of modern industrial society. Through capital and invention the present generation enjoys a higher degree of freedom than any that ever preceded it on earth. This is placed on record as a fact and not in justification of the many misuses of capital by thoughtless and selfish custodians.

6. FIRE IN RELATION TO CIVILIZATION

1 Primitive society with its four divisions — industrial, regulative, religious, and military — rose through

the instrumentality of fire, animals, slaves, and property.

2 Fire building, by a single bound, forever separated man from animal; it is the basic human invention, or discovery. Fire enabled man to stay on the ground at night as all animals are afraid of it. Fire encouraged eventide social intercourse; it not only protected against cold and wild beasts but was also employed as security against ghosts. It was at first used more for light than heat; many backward tribes refuse to sleep unless a flame burns all night.

3 Fire was a great civilizer, providing

man with his first means of being altruistic without loss by enabling him to give live coals to a neighbour without depriving himself. The household fire, which was attended by the mother or eldest daughter, was the first educator, requiring watchfulness and dependability. The early home was not a building but the family gathered about the fire, the family hearth. When a son founded a new home, he carried a firebrand from the family hearth.

4 §§ Though Andon, the discoverer of fire, avoided treating it as an object of worship, many of his descendants regarded the flame as a fetish or as a

spirit. They failed to reap the sanitary benefits of fire because they would not burn refuse. Primitive man feared fire and always sought to keep it in good humour, hence the sprinkling of incense. Under no circumstances would the ancients spit in a fire, nor would they ever pass between anyone and a burning fire. Even the iron pyrites and flints used in striking fire were held sacred by early mankind.

5 It was a sin to extinguish a flame; if a hut caught fire, it was allowed to burn. The fires of the temples and shrines were sacred and were never permitted to go out except that it was

the custom to kindle new flames annually or after some calamity. Women were selected as priests because they were custodians of the home fires.

6 The early myths about how fire came down from the gods grew out of the observations of fire caused by lightning. These ideas of supernatural origin led directly to fire worship, and fire worship led to the custom of "passing through fire," a practice carried on up to the times of Moses. And there still persists the idea of passing through fire after death. The fire myth was a great bond in early times and still persists in the symbolism of the

Parsees.

7 §§ Fire led to cooking, and "raw eaters" became a term of derision. And cooking lessened the expenditure of vital energy necessary for the digestion of food and so left early man some strength for social culture, while animal husbandry, by reducing the effort necessary to secure food, provided time for social activities.

8 It should be remembered that fire opened the doors to metalwork and led to the subsequent discovery of steam power and the present-day uses

of electricity.

7. THE UTILIZATION OF ANIMALS

1 To start with, the entire animal world was man's enemy; human beings had to learn to protect themselves from the beasts. First, man ate the animals but later learned to domesticate and make them serve him.

2 The domestication of animals came about accidentally. The savage would hunt herds much as the American Indians hunted the bison. By surrounding the herd they could keep control of the animals, thus being able to kill them as they were required for

food. Later, corrals were constructed, and entire herds would be captured.

3 It was easy to tame some animals, but like the elephant, many of them would not reproduce in captivity. Still further on it was discovered that certain species of animals would submit to man's presence, and that they would reproduce in captivity. The domestication of animals was thus promoted by selective breeding, an art which has made great progress since the days of Dalamatia.

4 The dog was the first animal to be domesticated, and the difficult experience of taming it began when a certain

dog, after following a hunter around all day, actually went home with him. For ages dogs were used for food, hunting, transportation, and companionship. At first dogs only howled, but later on they learned to bark. The dog's keen sense of smell led to the notion it could see spirits, and thus arose the dog-fetish cults. The employment of watchdogs made it first possible for the whole clan to sleep at night. It then became the custom to employ watchdogs to protect the home against spirits as well as material enemies. When the dog barked, man or beast approached, but when the dog

howled, spirits were near. Even now many still believe that a dog's howling at night betokens death.

5 When man was a hunter, he was fairly kind to woman, but after the domestication of animals, coupled with the Caligastia confusion, many tribes shamefully treated their women. They treated them altogether too much as they treated their animals. Man's brutal treatment of woman constitutes one of the darkest chapters of human history.

8. SLAVERY AS A FACTOR IN CIVILIZATION

1 Primitive man never hesitated to

enslave his fellows. Woman was the first slave, a family slave. Pastoral man enslaved woman as his inferior sex partner. This sort of sex slavery grew directly out of man's decreased dependence upon woman.

2 Not long ago enslavement was the lot of those military captives who refused to accept the conqueror's religion. In earlier times captives were either eaten, tortured to death, set to fighting each other, sacrificed to spirits, or enslaved. Slavery was a great advancement over massacre and cannibalism.

3 Enslavement was a forward step in

the merciful treatment of war captives. The ambush of Ai, with the wholesale slaughter of men, women, and children, only the king being saved to gratify the conqueror's vanity, is a faithful picture of the barbaric slaughter practised by even supposedly civilized peoples. The raid upon Og, the king of Bashan, was equally brutal and effective. The Hebrews "utterly destroyed" their enemies, taking all their property as spoils. They put all cities under tribute on pain of the "destruction of all males." But many of the contemporary tribes, those having less tribal egotism, had long since begun to practise the

adoption of superior captives.

4 The hunter, like the American red man, did not enslave. He either adopted or killed his captives. Slavery was not prevalent among the pastoral peoples, for they needed few labourers. In war the herders made a practice of killing all men captives and taking as slaves only the women and children. The Mosaic code contained specific directions for making wives of these women captives. If not satisfactory, they could be sent away, but the Hebrews were not allowed to sell such rejected consorts as slaves — that was at least one advance in civiliza-

tion. Though the social standards of the Hebrews were crude, they were far above those of the surrounding tribes.

5 The herders were the first capitalists; their herds represented capital, and they lived on the interest — the natural increase. And they were disinclined to trust this wealth to the keeping of either slaves or women. But later on they took male prisoners and forced them to cultivate the soil. This is the early origin of serfdom — man attached to the land. The Africans could easily be taught to till the soil; hence they became the great slave race.

6 §§ Slavery was an indispensable

link in the chain of human civilization. It was the bridge over which society passed from chaos and indolence to order and civilized activities; it compelled backward and lazy peoples to work and thus provide wealth and leisure for the social advancement of their superiors.

7 The institution of slavery compelled man to invent the regulative mechanism of primitive society; it gave origin to the beginnings of government. Slavery demands strong regulation and during the European Middle Ages virtually disappeared because the feudal lords could not control the

slaves. The backward tribes of ancient times, like the native Australians of today, never had slaves.

8 True, slavery was oppressive, but it was in the schools of oppression that man learned industry. Eventually the slaves shared the blessings of a higher society which they had so unwillingly helped create. Slavery creates an organization of culture and social achievement but soon insidiously attacks society internally as the gravest of all destructive social maladies.

9 §§ Modern mechanical invention rendered the slave obsolete. Slavery, like polygamy, is passing because it

does not pay. But it has always proved disastrous suddenly to liberate great numbers of slaves; less trouble ensues when they are gradually emancipated.

10 §§ Today, men are not social slaves, but thousands allow ambition to enslave them to debt. Involuntary slavery has given way to a new and improved form of modified industrial servitude.

11 While the ideal of society is universal freedom, idleness should never be tolerated. All able-bodied persons should be compelled to do at least a self-sustaining amount of work.

12 Modern society is in reverse. Slav-

ery has nearly disappeared; domesticated animals are passing. Civilization is reaching back to fire — the inorganic world — for power. Man came up from savagery by way of fire, animals, and slavery; today he reaches back, discarding the help of slaves and the assistance of animals, while he seeks to wrest new secrets and sources of wealth and power from the elemental storehouse of nature.

9. PRIVATE PROPERTY

1 While primitive society was virtually communal, primitive man did not adhere to the modern doctrines

of communism. The communism of these early times was not a mere theory or social doctrine; it was a simple and practical automatic adjustment. Communism prevented pauperism and want; begging and prostitution were almost unknown among these ancient tribes.

2 §§ Primitive communism did not especially level men down, nor did it exalt mediocrity, but it did put a premium on inactivity and idleness, and it did stifle industry and destroy ambition. Communism was indispensable scaffolding in the growth of primitive society, but it gave way to the evolu-

tion of a higher social order because it ran counter to four strong human proclivities:

3 1. *The family.* Man not only craves to accumulate property; he desires to bequeath his capital goods to his progeny. But in early communal society a man's capital was either immediately consumed or distributed among the group at his death. There was no inheritance of property — the inheritance tax was 100%. The later capital-accumulation and property-inheritance mores were a distinct social advance. And this is true notwithstanding the subsequent gross abuses

attendant upon the misuse of capital.

4 2. *Religious tendencies.* Primitive man also wanted to save up property as a nucleus for starting life in the next existence. This motive explains why it was so long the custom to bury a man's personal belongings with him. The ancients believed that only the rich survived death with any immediate pleasure and dignity. The teachers of revealed religion, more especially the Christian teachers, were the first to proclaim that the poor could have salvation on equal terms with the rich.

5 3. *The desire for liberty and leisure.* In the earlier days of social

evolution the apportionment of individual earnings among the group was virtually a form of slavery; the worker was made slave to the idler. This was the suicidal weakness of communism: The improvident habitually lived off the thrifty. Even in modern times the improvident depend on the state (thrifty taxpayers) to take care of them. Those who have no capital still expect those who have to feed them.

6 4. *The urge for security and power.* Communism was finally destroyed by the deceptive practices of progressive and successful individuals who resorted to diverse subterfuges in an ef-

fort to escape enslavement to the shiftless idlers of their tribes. But at first all hoarding was secret; primitive insecurity prevented the outward accumulation of capital. And even at a later time it was most dangerous to amass too much wealth; the king would be sure to trump up some charge for confiscating a rich man's property, and when a wealthy man died, the funeral was held up until the family donated a large sum to public welfare or to the king, an inheritance tax.

7 In earliest times women were the property of the community, and the mother dominated the family. The

early chiefs owned all the land and were proprietors of all the women; marriage required the consent of the tribal ruler. With the passing of communism, women were held individually, and the father gradually assumed domestic control. Thus the home had its beginning, and the prevailing polygamous customs were gradually displaced by monogamy. (Polygamy is the survival of the female-slavery element in marriage. Monogamy is the slave-free ideal of the matchless association of one man and one woman in the exquisite enterprise of home building, offspring rearing, mutual culture,

and self-improvement.)

8 At first, all property, including tools and weapons, was the common possession of the tribe. Private property first consisted of all things personally touched. If a stranger drank from a cup, the cup was henceforth his. Next, any place where blood was shed became the property of the injured person or group.

9 Private property was thus originally respected because it was supposed to be charged with some part of the owner's personality. Property honesty rested safely on this type of superstition; no police were needed to

guard personal belongings. There was no stealing within the group, though men did not hesitate to appropriate the goods of other tribes. Property relations did not end with death; early, personal effects were burned, then buried with the dead, and later, inherited by the surviving family or by the tribe.

10 The ornamental type of personal effects originated in the wearing of charms. Vanity plus ghost fear led early man to resist all attempts to relieve him of his favourite charms, such property being valued above necessities.

11 §§ Sleeping space was one of man's earliest properties. Later, homesites were assigned by the tribal chiefs, who held all real estate in trust for the group. Presently a fire site conferred ownership; and still later, a well constituted title to the adjacent land.

12 Water holes and wells were among the first private possessions. The whole fetish practice was utilized to guard water holes, wells, trees, crops, and honey. Following the loss of faith in the fetish, laws were evolved to protect private belongings. But game laws, the right to hunt, long preceded land laws. The American red man

never understood private ownership of land; he could not comprehend the white man's view.

13 Private property was early marked by family insignia, and this is the early origin of family crests. Real estate could also be put under the watchcare of spirits. The priests would "consecrate" a piece of land, and it would then rest under the protection of the magic taboos erected thereon. Owners thereof were said to have a "priest's title." The Hebrews had great respect for these family landmarks: "Cursed be he who removes his neighbour's landmark." These stone markers bore

the priest's initials. Even trees, when initialled, became private property.

14 In early days only the crops were private, but successive crops conferred title; agriculture was thus the genesis of the private ownership of land. Individuals were first given only a life tenureship; at death land reverted to the tribe. The very first land titles granted by tribes to individuals were graves — family burying grounds. In later times land belonged to those who fenced it. But the cities always reserved certain lands for public pasturage and for use in case of siege; these "commons" represent the sur-

vival of the earlier form of collective ownership.

15 Eventually the state assigned property to the individual, reserving the right of taxation. Having made secure their titles, landlords could collect rents, and land became a source of income — capital. Finally land became truly negotiable, with sales, transfers, mortgages, and foreclosures.

16 Private ownership brought increased liberty and enhanced stability; but private ownership of land was given social sanction only after communal control and direction had failed, and it was soon followed by a

succession of slaves, serfs, and landless classes. But improved machinery is gradually setting men free from slavish toil.

17 The right to property is not absolute; it is purely social. But all government, law, order, civil rights, social liberties, conventions, peace, and happiness, as they are enjoyed by modern peoples, have grown up around the private ownership of property.

18 The present social order is not necessarily right — not divine or sacred — but mankind will do well to move slowly in making changes. That which you have is vastly better than any sys-

tem known to your ancestors. Make certain that when you change the social order you change for the better. Do not be persuaded to experiment with the discarded formulas of your forefathers. Go forward, not backward! Let evolution proceed! Do not take a backward step.

19 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 70

THE EVOLUTION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

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No sooner had man partially solved the problem of making a living than he was confronted with the task of regulating human contacts. The development of industry demanded law, order, and social adjustment; private property necessitated government.

2 On an evolutionary world, antagonisms are natural; peace is secured

only by some sort of social regulative system. Social regulation is inseparable from social organization; association implies some controlling authority. Government compels the coordination of the antagonisms of the tribes, clans, families, and individuals.

3 Government is an unconscious development; it evolves by trial and error. It does have survival value; therefore it becomes traditional. Anarchy augmented misery; therefore government, comparative law and order, slowly emerged or is emerging. The coercive demands of the struggle for existence literally drove the human

race along the progressive road to civilization.

1. THE GENESIS OF WAR

1 War is the natural state and heritage of evolving man; peace is the social yardstick measuring civilization's advancement. Before the partial socialization of the advancing races man was exceedingly individualistic, extremely suspicious, and unbelievably quarrelsome. Violence is the law of nature, hostility the automatic reaction of the children of nature, while war is but these same activities carried on collectively. And wherever and

whenever the fabric of civilization becomes stressed by the complications of society's advancement, there is always an immediate and ruinous reversion to these early methods of violent adjustment of the irritations of human interassociations.

2 War is an animalistic reaction to misunderstandings and irritations; peace attends upon the civilized solution of all such problems and difficulties. The Sangik races, together with the later deteriorated Adamites and Nodites, were all belligerent. The Andonites were early taught the golden rule, and, even today, their Eskimo de-

scendants live very much by that code; custom is strong among them, and they are fairly free from violent antagonisms.

3 Andon taught his children to settle disputes by each beating a tree with a stick, meanwhile cursing the tree; the one whose stick broke first was the victor. The later Andonites used to settle disputes by holding a public show at which the disputants made fun of and ridiculed each other, while the audience decided the winner by its applause.

4 But there could be no such phenomenon as war until society had

evolved sufficiently far to actually experience periods of peace and to sanction warlike practices. The very concept of war implies some degree of organization.

5 With the emergence of social groupings, individual irritations began to be submerged in the group feelings, and this promoted intratribal tranquillity but at the expense of intertribal peace. Peace was thus first enjoyed by the in-group, or tribe, who always disliked and hated the out-group, foreigners. Early man regarded it a virtue to shed alien blood.

6 But even this did not work at first.

When the early chiefs would try to iron out misunderstandings, they often found it necessary, at least once a year, to permit the tribal stone fights. The clan would divide up into two groups and engage in an all-day battle. And this for no other reason than just the fun of it; they really enjoyed fighting.

7 §§ Warfare persists because man is human, evolved from an animal, and all animals are bellicose. Among the early causes of war were:

8 1. *Hunger,* which led to food raids. Scarcity of land has always brought on war, and during these

struggles the early peace tribes were practically exterminated.

9 2. *Woman scarcity* — an attempt to relieve a shortage of domestic help. Woman stealing has always caused war.

10 3. *Vanity* — the desire to exhibit tribal prowess. Superior groups would fight to impose their mode of life upon inferior peoples.

11 4. *Slaves* — need of recruits for the labour ranks.

12 5. *Revenge* was the motive for war when one tribe believed that a neighbouring tribe had caused the

death of a fellow tribesman. Mourning was continued until a head was brought home. The war for vengeance was in good standing right on down to comparatively modern times.

13 6. *Recreation* — war was looked upon as recreation by the young men of these early times. If no good and sufficient pretext for war arose, when peace became oppressive, neighbouring tribes were accustomed to go out in semifriendly combat to engage in a foray as a holiday, to enjoy a sham battle.

14 7. *Religion* — the desire to make converts to the cult. The primitive re-

ligions all sanctioned war. Only in recent times has religion begun to frown upon war. The early priesthoods were, unfortunately, usually allied with the military power. One of the great peace moves of the ages has been the attempt to separate church and state.

15 §§ Always these olden tribes made war at the bidding of their gods, at the behest of their chiefs or medicine men. The Hebrews believed in such a "God of battles"; and the narrative of their raid on the Midianites is a typical recital of the atrocious cruelty of the ancient tribal wars; this assault, with its slaughter of all the males and the

later killing of all male children and all women who were not virgins, would have done honour to the mores of a tribal chieftain of 200,000 years ago. And all this was executed in the "name of the Lord God of Israel."

16 This is a narrative of the evolution of society — the natural outworking of the problems of the races — man working out his own destiny on earth. Such atrocities are not instigated by Deity, notwithstanding the tendency of man to place the responsibility on his gods.

17 §§ Military mercy has been slow in coming to mankind. Even when a wo-

man, Deborah, ruled the Hebrews, the same wholesale cruelty persisted. Her general in his victory over the gentiles caused "all the host to fall upon the sword; there was not one left."

18 Very early in the history of the race, poisoned weapons were used. All sorts of mutilations were practised. Saul did not hesitate to require 100 Philistine foreskins as the dowry David should pay for his daughter Michal.

19 Early wars were fought between tribes as a whole, but in later times, when two individuals in different tribes had a dispute, instead of both

tribes fighting, the two disputants engaged in a duel. It also became a custom for two armies to stake all on the outcome of a contest between a representative chosen from each side, as in the instance of David and Goliath.

20 The first refinement of war was the taking of prisoners. Next, women were exempted from hostilities, and then came the recognition of noncombatants. Military castes and standing armies soon developed to keep pace with the increasing complexity of combat. Such warriors were early prohibited from associating with women, and women long ago ceased

to fight, though they have always fed and nursed the soldiers and urged them on to battle.

21 The practice of declaring war represented great progress. Such declarations of intention to fight betokened the arrival of a sense of fairness, and this was followed by the gradual development of the rules of "civilized" warfare. Very early it became the custom not to fight near religious sites and, still later, not to fight on certain holy days. Next came the general recognition of the right of asylum; political fugitives received protection.

22 Thus did warfare gradually evolve

from the primitive man hunt to the somewhat more orderly system of the later-day "civilized" nations. But only slowly does the social attitude of amity displace that of enmity.

2. THE SOCIAL VALUE OF WAR

1 In past ages a fierce war would institute social changes and facilitate the adoption of new ideas such as would not have occurred naturally in 10,000 years. The terrible price paid for these certain war advantages was that society was temporarily thrown back into savagery; civilized reason had to abdicate. War is strong medicine, very

costly and most dangerous; while often curative of certain social disorders, it sometimes kills the patient, destroys the society.

2 The constant necessity for national defence creates many new and advanced social adjustments. Society, today, enjoys the benefit of a long list of useful innovations which were at first wholly military and is even indebted to war for the dance, one of the early forms of which was a military drill.

3 §§ War has had a social value to past civilizations because it:

4 1. Imposed discipline, enforced

co-operation.

5 2. Put a premium on fortitude and courage.

6 3. Fostered and solidified nationalism.

7 4. Destroyed weak and unfit peoples.

8 5. Dissolved the illusion of primitive equality and selectively stratified society.

9 §§ War has had a certain evolutionary and selective value, but like slavery, it must sometime be abandoned as civilization slowly advances. Olden wars promoted travel and cultural intercourse; these ends are now

better served by modern methods of transport and communication. Olden wars strengthened nations, but modern struggles disrupt civilized culture. Ancient warfare resulted in the decimation of inferior peoples; the net result of modern conflict is the selective destruction of the best human stocks. Early wars promoted organization and efficiency, but these have now become the aims of modern industry. During past ages war was a social ferment which pushed civilization forward; this result is now better attained by ambition and invention. Ancient warfare supported the

concept of a God of battles, but modern man has been told that God is love. War has served many valuable purposes in the past, it has been an indispensable scaffolding in the building of civilization, but it is rapidly becoming culturally bankrupt — incapable of producing dividends of social gain in any way commensurate with the terrible losses attendant upon its invocation.

10 At one time physicians believed in bloodletting as a cure for many diseases, but they have since discovered better remedies for most of these disorders. And so must the inter-

national bloodletting of war certainly give place to the discovery of better methods for curing the ills of nations.

11 The nations of Urantia have already entered upon the gigantic struggle between nationalistic militarism and industrialism, and in many ways this conflict is analogous to the age-long struggle between the herder-hunter and the farmer. But if industrialism is to triumph over militarism, it must avoid the dangers which beset it. The perils of budding industry on Urantia are:

12 1. The strong drift toward materialism, spiritual blindness.

13 2. The worship of wealth-power, value distortion.

14 3. The vices of luxury, cultural immaturity.

15 4. The increasing dangers of indolence, service insensitivity.

16 5. The growth of undesirable racial softness, biologic deterioration.

17 6. The threat of standardized industrial slavery, personality stagnation. Labour is ennobling but drudgery is benumbing.

18 §§ Militarism is autocratic and cruel — savage. It promotes social organization among the conquerors but

disintegrates the vanquished. Industrialism is more civilized and should be so carried on as to promote initiative and to encourage individualism. Society should in every way possible foster originality.

19 Do not make the mistake of glorifying war; rather discern what it has done for society so that you may the more accurately visualize what its substitutes must provide in order to continue the advancement of civilization. And if such adequate substitutes are not provided, then you may be sure that war will long continue.

20 Man will never accept peace as a

normal mode of living until he has been thoroughly and repeatedly convinced that peace is best for his material welfare, and until society has wisely provided peaceful substitutes for the gratification of that inherent tendency periodically to let loose a collective drive designed to liberate those ever-accumulating emotions and energies belonging to the self-preservation reactions of the human species.

21 But even in passing, war should be honoured as the school of experience which compelled a race of arrogant individualists to submit them-

selves to highly concentrated authority — a chief executive. Old-fashioned war did select the innately great men for leadership, but modern war no longer does this. To discover leaders society must now turn to the conquests of peace: industry, science, and social achievement.

3. EARLY HUMAN ASSOCIATIONS

1 In the most primitive society the *horde* is everything; even children are its common property. The evolving family displaced the horde in child rearing, while the emerging clans and tribes took its place as the social unit.

2 Sex hunger and mother love establish the family. But real government does not appear until superfamily groups have begun to form. In the prefamily days of the horde, leadership was provided by informally chosen individuals. The African Bushmen have never progressed beyond this primitive stage; they do not have chiefs in the horde.

3 §§ Families became united by blood ties in clans, aggregations of kinsmen; and these subsequently evolved into tribes, territorial communities. Warfare and external pressure forced the tribal organization upon

the kinship clans, but it was commerce and trade that held these early and primitive groups together with some degree of internal peace.

4 The peace of Urantia will be promoted far more by international trade organizations than by all the sentimental sophistry of visionary peace planning. Trade relations have been facilitated by development of language and by improved methods of communication as well as by better transportation.

5 The absence of a common language has always impeded the growth of peace groups, but money has be-

come the universal language of modern trade. Modern society is largely held together by the industrial market. The gain motive is a mighty civilizer when augmented by the desire to serve.

6 §§ In the early ages each tribe was surrounded by concentric circles of increasing fear and suspicion; hence it was once the custom to kill all strangers, later on, to enslave them. The old idea of friendship meant adoption into the clan; and clan membership was believed to survive death — one of the earliest concepts of eternal life.

7 The ceremony of adoption consisted in drinking each other's blood. In some groups saliva was exchanged in the place of blood drinking, this being the ancient origin of the practice of social kissing. And all ceremonies of association, whether marriage or adoption, were always terminated by feasting.

8 In later times, blood diluted with red wine was used, and eventually wine alone was drunk to seal the adoption ceremony, which was signified in the touching of the wine cups and consummated by the swallowing of the beverage. The Hebrews employed a

modified form of this adoption ceremony. Their Arab ancestors made use of the oath taken while the hand of the candidate rested upon the generative organ of the tribal native. The Hebrews treated adopted aliens kindly and fraternally. "The stranger that dwells with you shall be as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself."

9 "Guest friendship" was a relation of temporary hospitality. When visiting guests departed, a dish would be broken in half, one piece being given the departing friend so that it would serve as a suitable introduction

for a third party who might arrive on a later visit. It was customary for guests to pay their way by telling tales of their travels and adventures. The storytellers of olden times became so popular that the mores eventually forbade their functioning during either the hunting or harvest seasons.

10 The first treaties of peace were the "blood bonds." The peace ambassadors of two warring tribes would meet, pay their respects, and then proceed to prick the skin until it bled; whereupon they would suck each other's blood and declare peace.

11 The earliest peace missions con-

sisted of delegations of men bringing their choice maidens for the sex gratification of their onetime enemies, the sex appetite being utilized in combating the war urge. The tribe so honoured would pay a return visit, with its offering of maidens; whereupon peace would be firmly established. And soon intermarriages between the families of the chiefs were sanctioned.

4. CLANS AND TRIBES

1 The first peace group was the family, then the clan, the tribe, and later on the nation, which eventually became the modern territorial state. The fact

that the present-day peace groups have long since expanded beyond blood ties to embrace nations is most encouraging, despite the fact that Urantia nations are still spending vast sums on war preparations.

2 The clans were blood-tie groups within the tribe, and they owed their existence to certain common interests, such as:

3 1. Tracing origin back to a common ancestor.

4 2. Allegiance to a common religious totem.

5 3. Speaking the same dialect.

6 4. Sharing a common dwelling place.

7 5. Fearing the same enemies.

8 6. Having had a common military experience.

9 §§ The clan headmen were always subordinate to the tribal chief, the early tribal governments being a loose confederation of clans. The native Australians never developed a tribal form of government.

10 The clan peace chiefs usually ruled through the mother line; the tribal war chiefs established the father line. The courts of the tribal chiefs and early kings consisted of the headmen of the

clans, whom it was customary to invite into the king's presence several times a year. This enabled him to watch them and the better secure their co-operation. The clans served a valuable purpose in local self-government, but they greatly delayed the growth of large and strong nations.

5. THE BEGINNINGS OF GOVERNMENT

1 Every human institution had a beginning, and civil government is a product of progressive evolution just as much as are marriage, industry, and religion. From the early clans and primitive tribes there gradually devel-

oped the successive orders of human government which have come and gone right on down to those forms of social and civil regulation that characterize the second third of the XX century.

2 With the gradual emergence of the family units the foundations of government were established in the clan organization, the grouping of consanguineous families. The first real governmental body was the *council of the elders.* This regulative group was composed of old men who had distinguished themselves in some efficient manner. Wisdom and experi-

ence were early appreciated even by barbaric man, and there ensued a long age of the domination of the elders. This reign of the oligarchy of age gradually grew into the patriarchal idea.

3 In the early council of the elders there resided the potential of all governmental functions: executive, legislative, and judicial. When the council interpreted the current mores, it was a court; when establishing new modes of social usage, it was a legislature; to the extent that such decrees and enactments were enforced, it was the executive. The chairman of the council was one of the forerunners of

the later tribal chief.

4 Some tribes had female councils, and from time to time many tribes had women rulers. Certain tribes of the red man preserved the teaching of Onamonalonton in following the unanimous rule of the "council of seven."

5 §§ It has been hard for mankind to learn that neither peace nor war can be run by a debating society. The primitive "palavers" were seldom useful. The race early learned that an army commanded by a group of clan heads had no chance against a strong one-man army. War has always been a king-

maker.

6 §§ At first the war chiefs were chosen only for military service, and they would relinquish some of their authority during peacetimes, when their duties were of a more social nature. But gradually they began to encroach upon the peace intervals, tending to continue to rule from one war on through to the next. They often saw to it that one war was not too long in following another. These early war lords were not fond of peace.

7 In later times some chiefs were chosen for other than military service, being selected because of unusual

physique or outstanding personal abilities. The red men often had two sets of chiefs — the sachems, or peace chiefs, and the hereditary war chiefs. The peace rulers were also judges and teachers.

8 Some early communities were ruled by medicine men, who often acted as chiefs. One man would act as priest, physician, and chief executive. Quite often the early royal insignias had originally been the symbols or emblems of priestly dress.

9 And it was by these steps that the executive branch of government gradually came into existence. The clan

and tribal councils continued in an advisory capacity and as forerunners of the later appearing legislative and judicial branches. In Africa, today, all these forms of primitive government are in actual existence among the various tribes.

6. MONARCHIAL GOVERNMENT

1 Effective state rule only came with the arrival of a chief with full executive authority. Man found that effective government could be had only by conferring power on a personality, not by endowing an idea.

2 Rulership grew out of the idea of

family authority or wealth. When a patriarchal kinglet became a real king, he was sometimes called "father of his people." Later on, kings were thought to have sprung from heroes. And still further on, rulership became hereditary, due to belief in the divine origin of kings.

3 Hereditary kingship avoided the anarchy which had previously wrought such havoc between the death of a king and the election of a successor. The family had a biologic head; the clan, a selected natural leader; the tribe and later state had no natural leader, and this was an additional reason

for making the chief-kings hereditary. The idea of royal families and aristocracy was also based on the mores of "name ownership" in the clans.

4 The succession of kings was eventually regarded as supernatural, the royal blood being thought to extend back to the times of the materialized staff of Prince Caligastia. Thus kings became fetish personalities and were inordinately feared, a special form of speech being adopted for court usage. Even in recent times it was believed that the touch of kings would cure disease, and some Urantia peoples still regard their rulers as having had a divine

origin.

5 The early fetish king was often kept in seclusion; he was regarded as too sacred to be viewed except on feast days and holy days. Ordinarily a representative was chosen to impersonate him, and this is the origin of prime ministers. The first cabinet officer was a food administrator; others shortly followed. Rulers soon appointed representatives to be in charge of commerce and religion; and the development of a cabinet was a direct step toward depersonalization of executive authority. These assistants of the early kings became the accepted nobility,

and the king's wife gradually rose to the dignity of queen as women came to be held in higher esteem.

6 §§ Unscrupulous rulers gained great power by the discovery of poison. Early court magic was diabolical; the king's enemies soon died. But even the most despotic tyrant was subject to some restrictions; he was at least restrained by the ever-present fear of assassination. The medicine men, witch doctors, and priests have always been a powerful check on the kings. Subsequently, the landowners, the aristocracy, exerted a restraining influence. And ever and anon the clans and tribes

would simply rise up and overthrow their despots and tyrants. Deposed rulers, when sentenced to death, were often given the option of committing suicide, which gave origin to the ancient social vogue of suicide in certain circumstances.

7. PRIMITIVE CLUBS AND SECRET SOCIETIES

1 Blood kinship determined the first social groups; association enlarged the kinship clan. Intermarriage was the next step in group enlargement, and the resultant complex tribe was the first true political body. The next advance in social development was the

evolution of religious cults and the political clubs. These first appeared as secret societies and originally were wholly religious; subsequently they became regulative. At first they were men's clubs; later women's groups appeared. Presently they became divided into two classes: sociopolitical and religio-mystical.

2 §§ There were many reasons for the secrecy of these societies, such as:

3 1. Fear of incurring the displeasure of the rulers because of the violation of some taboo.

4 2. In order to practice minority religious rites.

5 3. For the purpose of preserving valuable "spirit" or trade secrets.

6 4. For the enjoyment of some special charm or magic.

7 §§ The very secrecy of these societies conferred on all members the power of mystery over the rest of the tribe. Secrecy also appeals to vanity; the initiates were the social aristocracy of their day. After initiation the boys hunted with the men; whereas before they had gathered vegetables with the women. And it was the supreme humiliation, a tribal disgrace, to fail to pass the puberty tests and thus be compelled to remain outside

the men's abode with the women and children, to be considered effeminate. Besides, noninitiates were not allowed to marry.

8 §§ Primitive people very early taught their adolescent youths sex control. It became the custom to take boys away from parents from puberty to marriage, their education and training being entrusted to the men's secret societies. And one of the chief functions of these clubs was to keep control of adolescent young men, thus preventing illegitimate children.

9 Commercialized prostitution began when these men's clubs paid

money for the use of women from other tribes. But the earlier groups were remarkably free from sex laxity.

10 The puberty initiation ceremony usually extended over a period of five years. Much self-torture and painful cutting entered into these ceremonies. Circumcision was first practised as a rite of initiation into one of these secret fraternities. The tribal marks were cut on the body as a part of the puberty initiation; the tattoo originated as such a badge of membership. Such torture, together with much privation, was designed to harden these youths, to impress them with the real-

ity of life and its inevitable hardships. This purpose is better accomplished by the later appearing athletic games and physical contests.

11 But the secret societies did aim at the improvement of adolescent morals; one of the chief purposes of the puberty ceremonies was to impress upon the boy that he must leave other men's wives alone.

12 Following these years of rigorous discipline and training and just before marriage, the young men were usually released for a short period of leisure and freedom, after which they returned to marry and to submit to life-

long subjection to the tribal taboos. And this ancient custom has continued down to modern times as the foolish notion of "sowing wild oats."

13 §§ Many later tribes sanctioned the formation of women's secret clubs, the purpose of which was to prepare adolescent girls for wifehood and motherhood. After initiation girls were eligible for marriage and were permitted to attend the "bride show," the coming-out party of those days. Women's orders pledged against marriage early came into existence.

14 Presently nonsecret clubs made their appearance when groups of un-

married men and groups of unattached women formed their separate organizations. These associations were really the first schools. And while men's and women's clubs were often given to persecuting each other, some advanced tribes, after contact with the Dalamatia teachers, experimented with coeducation, having boarding schools for both sexes.

15 §§ Secret societies contributed to the building up of social castes chiefly by the mysterious character of their initiations. The members of these societies first wore masks to frighten the curious away from their mourning

rites — ancestor worship. Later this ritual developed into a pseudo seance at which ghosts were reputed to have appeared. The ancient societies of the "new birth" used signs and employed a special secret language; they also forswore certain foods and drinks. They acted as night police and otherwise functioned in a wide range of social activities.

16 All secret associations imposed an oath, enjoined confidence, and taught the keeping of secrets. These orders awed and controlled the mobs; they also acted as vigilance societies, thus practising lynch law. They were the

first spies when the tribes were at war and the first secret police during times of peace. Best of all they kept unscrupulous kings on the anxious seat. To offset them, the kings fostered their own secret police.

17 These societies gave rise to the first political parties. The first party government was "the strong" *vs.* "the weak." In ancient times a change of administration only followed civil war, abundant proof that the weak had become strong.

18 These clubs were employed by merchants to collect debts and by rulers to collect taxes. Taxation has

been a long struggle, one of the earliest forms being the tithe, 10% of the hunt or spoils. Taxes were originally levied to keep up the king's house, but it was found that they were easier to collect when disguised as an offering for the support of the temple service.

19 By and by these secret associations grew into the first charitable organizations and later evolved into the earlier religious societies — the forerunners of churches. Finally some of these societies became intertribal, the first in-

ternational fraternities.

8. SOCIAL CLASSES

1 The mental and physical inequality of human beings ensures that social classes will appear. The only worlds without social strata are the most primitive and the most advanced. A dawning civilization has not yet begun the differentiation of social levels, while a world settled in light and life has largely effaced these divisions of mankind, which are so characteristic of all intermediate evolutionary stages.

2 As society emerged from savagery

to barbarism, its human components tended to become grouped in classes for the following general reasons:

3 1. *Natural* — contact, kinship, and marriage; the first social distinctions were based on sex, age, and blood — kinship to the chief.

4 2. *Personal* — the recognition of ability, endurance, skill, and fortitude; soon followed by the recognition of language mastery, knowledge, and general intelligence.

5 3. *Chance* — war and emigration resulted in the separating of human groups. Class evolution was powerfully influenced by conquest, the re-

lation of the victor to the vanquished, while slavery brought about the first general division of society into free and bond.

6 4. *Economic* — rich and poor. Wealth and the possession of slaves was a genetic basis for one class of society.

7 5. *Geographic* — classes arose consequent upon urban or rural settlement. City and country have respectively contributed to the differentiation of the herder-agriculturist and the trader-industrialist, with their divergent viewpoints and reactions.

8 6. *Social* — classes have gradu-

ally formed according to popular estimate of the social worth of different groups. Among the earliest divisions of this sort were the demarcations between priest-teachers, ruler-warriors, capitalist-traders, common labourers, and slaves. The slave could never become a capitalist, though sometimes the wage earner could elect to join the capitalistic ranks.

9 7. *Vocational* — as vocations multiplied, they tended to establish castes and guilds. Workers divided into three groups: the professional classes, including the medicine men, then the skilled workers, followed by

the unskilled labourers.

10 8. *Religious* — the early cult clubs produced their own classes within the clans and tribes, and the piety and mysticism of the priests have long perpetuated them as a separate social group.

11 9. *Racial* — the presence of two or more races within a given nation or territorial unit usually produces colour castes. The original caste system of India was based on colour, as was that of early Egypt.

12 10. *Age* — youth and maturity. Among the tribes the boy remained under the watchcare of his father as

long as the father lived, while the girl was left in the care of her mother until married.

13 §§ Flexible and shifting social classes are indispensable to an evolving civilization, but when *class* becomes *caste,* when social levels petrify, the enhancement of social stability is purchased by diminishment of personal initiative. Social caste solves the problem of finding one's place in industry, but it also sharply curtails individual development and virtually prevents social co-operation.

14 Classes in society, having naturally formed, will persist until man gradu-

ally achieves their evolutionary obliteration through intelligent manipulation of the biologic, intellectual, and spiritual resources of a progressing civilization, such as:

15 1. Biologic renovation of the racial stocks — the selective elimination of inferior human strains. This will tend to eradicate many mortal inequalities.

16 2. Educational training of the increased brain power which will arise out of such biologic improvement.

17 3. Religious quickening of the feelings of mortal kinship and brotherhood.

18 §§ But these measures can bear their true fruits only in the distant millenniums of the future, although much social improvement will immediately result from the intelligent, wise, and *patient* manipulation of these acceleration factors of cultural progress. Religion is the mighty lever that lifts civilization from chaos, but it is powerless apart from the fulcrum of sound and normal mind resting securely on sound and normal heredity.

9. HUMAN RIGHTS

1 Nature confers no rights on man, only life and a world in which to live

it. Nature does not even confer the right to live, as might be deduced by considering what would likely happen if an unarmed man met a hungry tiger face to face in the primitive forest. Society's prime gift to man is security.

2 §§ Gradually society asserted its rights and, at the present time, they are:

3 1. Assurance of food supply.

4 2. Military defence — security through preparedness.

5 3. Internal peace preservation — prevention of personal violence and social disorder.

6 4. Sex control — marriage, the family institution.

7 5. Property — the right to own.

8 6. Fostering of individual and group competition.

9 7. Provision for educating and training youth.

10 8. Promotion of trade and commerce — industrial development.

11 9. Improvement of labour conditions and rewards.

12 10. The guarantee of the freedom of religious practices to the end that all of these other social activities may be exalted by becoming spiritually motivated.

13 §§ When rights are old beyond knowledge of origin, they are often called *natural rights.* But human rights are not really natural; they are entirely social. They are relative and ever changing, being no more than the rules of the game — recognized adjustments of relations governing the ever-changing phenomena of human competition.

14 What may be regarded as right in one age may not be so regarded in another. The survival of large numbers of defectives and degenerates is not because they have any natural right thus to encumber XX century civilization,

but simply because the society of the age, the mores, thus decrees.

15 Few human rights were recognized in the European Middle Ages; then every man belonged to someone else, and rights were only privileges or favours granted by state or church. And the revolt from this error was equally erroneous in that it led to the belief that all men are born equal.

16 The weak and the inferior have always contended for equal rights; they have always insisted that the state compel the strong and superior to supply their wants and otherwise make good those deficiencies which all too

often are the natural result of their own indifference and indolence.

17 But this equality ideal is the child of civilization; it is not found in nature. Even culture itself demonstrates conclusively the inherent inequality of men by their very unequal capacity therefor. The sudden and nonevolutionary realization of supposed natural equality would quickly throw civilized man back to the crude usages of primitive ages. Society cannot offer equal rights to all, but it can promise to administer the varying rights of each with fairness and equity. It is the business and duty of society to pro-

vide the child of nature with a fair and peaceful opportunity to pursue self-maintenance, participate in self-perpetuation, while at the same time enjoying some measure of self-gratification, the sum of all three constituting human happiness.

10. EVOLUTION OF JUSTICE

1 Natural justice is a man-made theory; it is not a reality. In nature, justice is purely theoretic, wholly a fiction. Nature provides but one kind of justice — inevitable conformity of results to causes.

2 Justice, as conceived by man,

means getting one's rights and has, therefore, been a matter of progressive evolution. The concept of justice may well be constitutive in a spirit-endowed mind, but it does not spring full-fledgedly into existence on the worlds of space.

3 Primitive man assigned all phenomena to a person. In case of death the savage asked, not *what* killed him, but *who?* Accidental murder was not therefore recognized, and in the punishment of crime the motive of the criminal was wholly disregarded; judgment was rendered in accordance with the injury done.

4 §§ In the earliest primitive society public opinion operated directly; officers of law were not needed. There was no privacy in primitive life. A man's neighbours were responsible for his conduct; therefore their right to pry into his personal affairs. Society was regulated on the theory that the group membership should have an interest in, and some degree of control over, the behaviour of each individual.

5 It was very early believed that ghosts administered justice through the medicine men and priests; this constituted these orders the first crime detectors and officers of the law. Their

early methods of detecting crime consisted in conducting ordeals of poison, fire, and pain. These savage ordeals were nothing more than crude techniques of arbitration; they did not necessarily settle a dispute justly. For example: When poison was administered, if the accused vomited, he was innocent.

6 The Old Testament records one of these ordeals, a marital guilt test: If a man suspected his wife of being untrue to him, he took her to the priest and stated his suspicions, after which the priest would prepare a concoction consisting of holy water and sweepings

from the temple floor. After due ceremony, including threatening curses, the accused wife was made to drink the nasty potion. If she was guilty, "the water that causes the curse shall enter into her and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thighs shall rot, and the woman shall be accursed among her people." If, by any chance, any woman could quaff this filthy draught and not show symptoms of physical illness, she was acquitted of the charges made by her jealous husband.

7 These atrocious methods of crime detection were practised by almost all

the evolving tribes at one time or another. Duelling is a modern survival of the trial by ordeal.

8 It is not to be wondered that the Hebrews and other semicivilized tribes practised such primitive techniques of justice administration 3,000 years ago, but it is most amazing that thinking men would subsequently retain such a relic of barbarism within the pages of a collection of sacred writings. Reflective thinking should make it clear that no divine being ever gave mortal man such unfair instructions regarding the detection and adjudication of suspected marital unfaithful-

ness.

9 §§ Society early adopted the paying-back attitude of retaliation: an eye for an eye, a life for a life. The evolving tribes all recognized this right of blood vengeance. Vengeance became the aim of primitive life, but religion has since greatly modified these early tribal practices. The teachers of revealed religion have always proclaimed, "'Vengeance is mine,' says the Lord." Vengeance killing in early times was not altogether unlike present-day murders under the pretence of the unwritten law.

10 Suicide was a common mode of

retaliation. If one were unable to avenge himself in life, he died entertaining the belief that, as a ghost, he could return and visit wrath upon his enemy. And since this belief was very general, the threat of suicide on an enemy's doorstep was usually sufficient to bring him to terms. Primitive man did not hold life very dear; suicide over trifles was common, but the teachings of the Dalamatians greatly lessened this custom, while in more recent times leisure, comforts, religion, and philosophy have united to make life sweeter and more desirable. Hunger strikes are, however, a modern ana-

logue of this old-time method of retaliation.

11 One of the earliest formulations of advanced tribal law had to do with the taking over of the blood feud as a tribal affair. But strange to relate, even then a man could kill his wife without punishment provided he had fully paid for her. The Eskimos of today, however, still leave the penalty for a crime, even for murder, to be decreed and administered by the family wronged.

12 Another advance was the imposition of fines for taboo violations, the provision of penalties. These fines constituted the first public revenue.

The practice of paying "blood money" also came into vogue as a substitute for blood vengeance. Such damages were usually paid in women or cattle; it was a long time before actual fines, monetary compensation, were assessed as punishment for crime. And since the idea of punishment was essentially compensation, everything, including human life, eventually came to have a price which could be paid as damages. The Hebrews were the first to abolish the practice of paying blood money. Moses taught that they should "take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, who is guilty of death; he shall

surely be put to death."

13 §§ Justice was thus first meted out by the family, then by the clan, and later on by the tribe. The administration of true justice dates from the taking of revenge from private and kin groups and lodging it in the hands of the social group, the state.

14 §§ Punishment by burning alive was once a common practice. It was recognized by many ancient rulers, including Hammurabi and Moses, the latter directing that many crimes, particularly those of a grave sex nature, should be punished by burning at the stake. If "the daughter of a priest" or

other leading citizen turned to public prostitution, it was the Hebrew custom to "burn her with fire."

15 Treason — the "selling out" or betrayal of one's tribal associates — was the first capital crime. Cattle stealing was universally punished by summary death, and even recently horse stealing has been similarly punished. But as time passed, it was learned that the severity of the punishment was not so valuable a deterrent to crime as was its certainty and swiftness.

16 When society fails to punish crimes, group resentment usually asserts itself as lynch law; the provision

of sanctuary was a means of escaping this sudden group anger. Lynching and duelling represent the unwillingness of the individual to surrender private redress to the state.

11. LAWS AND COURTS

1 It is just as difficult to draw sharp distinctions between mores and laws as to indicate exactly when, at the dawning, night is succeeded by day. Mores are laws and police regulations in the making. When long established, the undefined mores tend to crystallize into precise laws, concrete regulations, and well-defined social

conventions.

2 Law is always at first negative and prohibitive; in advancing civilizations it becomes increasingly positive and directive. Early society operated negatively, granting the individual the right to live by imposing upon all others the command, "you shall not kill." Every grant of rights or liberty to the individual involves curtailment of the liberties of all others, and this is effected by the taboo, primitive law. The whole idea of the taboo is inherently negative, for primitive society was wholly negative in its organization, and the early administration of

justice consisted in the enforcement of the taboos. But originally these laws applied only to fellow tribesmen, as is illustrated by the later-day Hebrews, who had a different code of ethics for dealing with the gentiles.

3 The oath originated in the days of Dalamatia in an effort to render testimony more truthful. Such oaths consisted in pronouncing a curse upon oneself. Formerly no individual would testify against his native group.

4 §§ Crime was an assault upon the tribal mores, sin was the transgression of those taboos which enjoyed ghost sanction, and there was long confu-

sion due to the failure to segregate crime and sin.

5 Self-interest established the taboo on killing, society sanctified it as traditional mores, while religion consecrated the custom as moral law, and thus did all three conspire in rendering human life more safe and sacred. Society could not have held together during early times had not rights had the sanction of religion; superstition was the moral and social police force of the long evolutionary ages. The ancients all claimed that their olden laws, the taboos, had been given to their ancestors by the gods.

6 Law is a codified record of long human experience, public opinion crystallized and legalized. The mores were the raw material of accumulated experience out of which later ruling minds formulated the written laws. The ancient judge had no laws. When he handed down a decision, he simply said, "It is the custom."

7 Reference to precedent in court decisions represents the effort of judges to adapt written laws to the changing conditions of society. This provides for progressive adaptation to altering social conditions combined with the impressiveness of traditional

continuity.

8 §§ Property disputes were handled in many ways, such as:

9 1. By destroying the disputed property.

10 2. By force — the contestants fought it out.

11 3. By arbitration — a third party decided.

12 4. By appeal to the elders — later to the courts.

13 §§ The first courts were regulated fistic encounters; the judges were merely umpires or referees. They saw to it that the fight was carried on ac-

cording to approved rules. On entering a court combat, each party made a deposit with the judge to pay the costs and fine after one had been defeated by the other. "Might was still right." Later on, verbal arguments were substituted for physical blows.

14 The whole idea of primitive justice was not so much to be fair as to dispose of the contest and thus prevent public disorder and private violence. But primitive man did not so much resent what would now be regarded as an injustice; it was taken for granted that those who had power would use it selfishly. Nevertheless, the status of

any civilization may be very accurately determined by the thoroughness and equity of its courts and by the integrity of its judges.

12. ALLOCATION OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

1 The great struggle in the evolution of government has concerned the concentration of power. The universe administrators have learned from experience that the evolutionary peoples on the inhabited worlds are best regulated by the representative type of civil government when there is maintained proper balance of power between the well-co-ordinated execu-

tive, legislative, and judicial branches.

2 §§ While primitive authority was based on strength, physical power, the ideal government is the representative system wherein leadership is based on ability, but in the days of barbarism there was entirely too much war to permit representative government to function effectively. In the long struggle between division of authority and unity of command, the dictator won. The early and diffuse powers of the primitive council of elders were gradually concentrated in the person of the absolute monarch. After the arrival of real kings the groups of elders per-

sisted as quasi-legislative-judicial advisory bodies; later on, legislatures of co-ordinate status made their appearance, and eventually supreme courts of adjudication were established separate from the legislatures.

3 The king was the executor of the mores, the original or unwritten law. Later he enforced the legislative enactments, the crystallization of public opinion. A popular assembly as an expression of public opinion, though slow in appearing, marked a great social advance.

4 The early kings were greatly restricted by the mores — by tradition

or public opinion. In recent times some Urantia nations have codified these mores into documentary bases for government.

5 §§ Urantia mortals are entitled to liberty; they should create their systems of government; they should adopt their constitutions or other charters of civil authority and administrative procedure. And having done this, they should select their most competent and worthy fellows as chief executives. For representatives in the legislative branch they should elect only those who are qualified intellectually and morally to fulfil such sa-

cred responsibilities. As judges of their high and supreme tribunals only those who are endowed with natural ability and who have been made wise by replete experience should be chosen.

6 If men would maintain their freedom, they must, after having chosen their charter of liberty, provide for its wise, intelligent, and fearless interpretation to the end that there may be prevented:

7 1. Usurpation of unwarranted power by either the executive or legislative branches.

8 2. Machinations of ignorant and superstitious agitators.

9 3. Retardation of scientific progress.

10 4. Stalemate of the dominance of mediocrity.

11 5. Domination by vicious minorities.

12 6. Control by ambitious and clever would-be dictators.

13 7. Disastrous disruption of panics.

14 8. Exploitation by the unscrupulous.

15 9. Taxation enslavement of the citizenry by the state.

16 10. Failure of social and economic fairness.

17 11. Union of church and state.

18 12. Loss of personal liberty.

19 §§ These are the purposes and aims of constitutional tribunals acting as governors upon the engines of representative government on an evolutionary world.

20 Mankind's struggle to perfect government on Urantia has to do with perfecting channels of administration, with adapting them to ever-changing current needs, with improving power distribution within government, and then with selecting such administrative leaders as are truly wise. While there is a divine and ideal form of gov-

ernment, such cannot be revealed but must be slowly and laboriously discovered by the men and women of each planet throughout the universes of time and space.

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PAPER 71

DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

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The state is a useful evolution of civilization; it represents society's net gain from the ravages and sufferings of war. Even statecraft is merely the accumulated technique for adjusting the competitive contest of force between the struggling tribes and nations.

2 The modern state is the institution which survived in the long struggle for

group power. Superior power eventually prevailed, and it produced a creature of fact — the state — together with the moral myth of the absolute obligation of the citizen to live and die for the state. But the state is not of divine genesis; it was not even produced by volitionally intelligent human action; it is purely an evolutionary institution and was wholly automatic in origin.

1. THE EMBRYONIC STATE

1 The state is a territorial social regulative organization, and the strongest, most efficient, and enduring state

is composed of a single nation whose people have a common language, mores, and institutions.

2 The early states were small and were all the result of conquest. They did not originate in voluntary associations. Many were founded by conquering nomads, who would swoop down on peaceful herders or settled agriculturists to overpower and enslave them. Such states, resulting from conquest, were, perforce, stratified; classes were inevitable, and class struggles have ever been selective.

3 §§ The northern tribes of the American red men never attained real

statehood. They never progressed beyond a loose confederation of tribes, a very primitive form of state. Their nearest approach was the Iroquois federation, but this group of six nations never quite functioned as a state and failed to survive because of the absence of certain essentials to modern national life, such as:

4 1. Acquirement and inheritance of private property.

5 2. Cities plus agriculture and industry.

6 3. Helpful domestic animals.

7 4. Practical family organization.

These red men clung to the mother-family and nephew inheritance.

8 5. Definite territory.

9 6. A strong executive head.

10 7. Enslavement of captives — they either adopted or massacred them.

11 8. Decisive conquests.

12 §§ The red men were too democratic; they had a good government, but it failed. Eventually they would have evolved a state had they not prematurely encountered the more advanced civilization of the white man, who was pursuing the governmental

methods of the Greeks and the Romans.

13 §§ The successful Roman state was based on:

14 1. The father-family.

15 2. Agriculture and the domestication of animals.

16 3. Condensation of population — cities.

17 4. Private property and land.

18 5. Slavery — classes of citizenship.

19 6. Conquest and reorganization of weak and backward peoples.

20 7. Definite territory with roads.

21 8. Personal and strong rulers.

22 §§ The great weakness in Roman civilization, and a factor in the ultimate collapse of the empire, was the supposed liberal and advanced provision for the emancipation of the boy at 21 and the unconditional release of the girl so that she was at liberty to marry a man of her own choosing or to go abroad in the land to become immoral. The harm to society consisted not in these reforms themselves but rather in the sudden and extensive manner of their adoption. The collapse of Rome indicates what may be expected when a state undergoes too

rapid extension associated with internal degeneration.

23 §§ The embryonic state was made possible by the decline of the blood bond in favour of the territorial, and such tribal federations were usually firmly cemented by conquest. While a sovereignty that transcends all minor struggles and group differences is the characteristic of the true state, still, many classes and castes persist in the later state organizations as remnants of the clans and tribes of former days. The later and larger territorial states had a long and bitter struggle with these smaller consan-

guineous clan groups, the tribal government proving a valuable transition from family to state authority. During later times many clans grew out of trades and other industrial associations.

24 Failure of state integration results in retrogression to prestate conditions of governmental techniques, such as the feudalism of the European Middle Ages. During these dark ages the territorial state collapsed, and there was a reversion to the small castle groups, the reappearance of the clan and tribal stages of development. Similar semistates even now exist in Asia and Africa,

but not all of them are evolutionary reversions; many are the embryonic nucleuses of states of the future.

2. THE EVOLUTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

1 Democracy, while an ideal, is a product of civilization, not of evolution. Go slowly! select carefully! for the dangers of democracy are:

2 1. Glorification of mediocrity.

3 2. Choice of base and ignorant rulers.

4 3. Failure to recognize the basic facts of social evolution.

5 4. Danger of universal suffrage in the hands of uneducated and indolent majorities.

6 5. Slavery to public opinion; the majority is not always right.

7 §§ Public opinion, common opinion, has always delayed society; nevertheless, it is valuable, for, while retarding social evolution, it does preserve civilization. Education of public opinion is the only safe and true method of accelerating civilization; force is only a temporary expedient, and cultural growth will increasingly accelerate as bullets give way to ballots. Public opinion, the mores, is the basic and el-

emental energy in social evolution and state development, but to be of state value it must be nonviolent in expression.

8 The measure of the advance of society is directly determined by the degree to which public opinion can control personal behaviour and state regulation through nonviolent expression. The really civilized government had arrived when public opinion was clothed with the powers of personal franchise. Popular elections may not always decide things rightly, but they represent the right way even to do a wrong thing. Evolution does not at

once produce superlative perfection but rather comparative and advancing practical adjustment.

9 §§ There are ten steps, or stages, to the evolution of a practical and efficient form of representative government, and these are:

10 1. *Freedom of the person.* Slavery, serfdom, and all forms of human bondage must disappear.

11 2. *Freedom of the mind.* Unless a free people are educated — taught to think intelligently and plan wisely — freedom usually does more harm than good.

12 3. *The reign of law.* Liberty can be enjoyed only when the will and whims of human rulers are replaced by legislative enactments in accordance with accepted fundamental law.

13 4. *Freedom of speech.* Representative government is unthinkable without freedom of all forms of expression for human aspirations and opinions.

14 5. *Security of property.* No government can long endure if it fails to provide for the right to enjoy personal property in some form. Man craves the right to use, control, bestow, sell, lease, and bequeath his personal property.

15 6. *The right of petition.* Representative government assumes the right of citizens to be heard. The privilege of petition is inherent in free citizenship.

16 7. *The right to rule.* It is not enough to be heard; the power of petition must progress to the actual management of the government.

17 8. *Universal suffrage.* Representative government presupposes an intelligent, efficient, and universal electorate. The character of such a government will ever be determined by the character and caliber of those who compose it. As civilization progresses, suffrage, while remaining universal for

both sexes, will be effectively modified, regrouped, and otherwise differentiated.

18 9. *Control of public servants.* No civil government will be serviceable and effective unless the citizenry possess and use wise techniques of guiding and controlling officeholders and public servants.

19 10. *Intelligent and trained representation.* The survival of democracy is dependent on successful representative government; and that is conditioned upon the practice of electing to public offices only those individuals who are technically trained, in-

tellectually competent, socially loyal, and morally fit. Only by such provisions can government of the people, by the people, and for the people be preserved.

3. THE IDEALS OF STATEHOOD

1 The political or administrative form of a government is of little consequence provided it affords the essentials of civil progress — liberty, security, education, and social co-ordination. It is not what a state is but what it does that determines the course of social evolution. And after all, no state can transcend the moral values of its

citizenry as exemplified in their chosen leaders. Ignorance and selfishness will ensure the downfall of even the highest type of government.

2 Much as it is to be regretted, national egotism has been essential to social survival. The chosen people doctrine has been a prime factor in tribal welding and nation building right on down to modern times. But no state can attain ideal levels of functioning until every form of intolerance is mastered; it is everlastingly inimical to human progress. And intolerance is best combated by the co-ordination of science, commerce, play, and religion.

3 §§ The ideal state functions under the impulse of three mighty and coordinated drives:

4 1. Love loyalty derived from the realization of human brotherhood.

5 2. Intelligent patriotism based on wise ideals.

6 3. Cosmic insight interpreted in terms of planetary facts, needs, and goals.

7 §§ The laws of the ideal state are few in number, and they have passed out of the negativistic taboo age into the era of the positive progress of individual liberty consequent upon enhanced self-control. The exalted state

not only compels its citizens to work but also entices them into profitable and uplifting utilization of the increasing leisure which results from toil liberation by the advancing machine age. Leisure must produce as well as consume.

8 No society has progressed very far when it permits idleness or tolerates poverty. But poverty and dependence can never be eliminated if the defective and degenerate stocks are freely supported and permitted to reproduce without restraint.

9 A moral society should aim to preserve the self-respect of its citizenry

and afford every normal individual adequate opportunity for self-realization. Such a plan of social achievement would yield a cultural society of the highest order. Social evolution should be encouraged by governmental supervision which exercises a minimum of regulative control. That state is best which co-ordinates most while governing least.

10 The ideals of statehood must be attained by evolution, by the slow growth of civic consciousness, the recognition of the obligation and privilege of social service. At first men assume the burdens of government as a

duty, following the end of the administration of political spoilsmen, but later on they seek such ministry as a privilege, as the greatest honour. The status of any level of civilization is faithfully portrayed by the caliber of its citizens who volunteer to accept the responsibilities of statehood.

11 In a real commonwealth the business of governing cities and provinces is conducted by experts and is managed just as are all other forms of economic and commercial associations of people.

12 In advanced states, political service is esteemed as the highest devo-

tion of the citizenry. The greatest ambition of the wisest and noblest of citizens is to gain civil recognition, to be elected or appointed to some position of governmental trust, and such governments confer their highest honours of recognition for service upon their civil and social servants. Honours are next bestowed in the order named upon philosophers, educators, scientists, industrialists, and militarists. Parents are duly rewarded by the excellency of their children, and purely religious leaders, being ambassadors of a spiritual kingdom, receive

their real rewards in another world.

4. PROGRESSIVE CIVILIZATION

1 Economics, society, and government must evolve if they are to remain. Static conditions on an evolutionary world are indicative of decay; only those institutions which move forward with the evolutionary stream persist.

2 §§ The progressive program of an expanding civilization embraces:

3 1. Preservation of individual liberties.

4 2. Protection of the home.

5 3. Promotion of economic security.

6 4. Prevention of disease.

7 5. Compulsory education.

8 6. Compulsory employment.

9 7. Profitable utilization of leisure.

10 8. Care of the unfortunate.

11 9. Race improvement.

12 10. Promotion of science and art.

13 11. Promotion of philosophy — wisdom.

14 12. Augmentation of cosmic insight — spirituality.

15 §§ And this progress in the arts of civilization leads directly to the realization of the highest human and

divine goals of mortal endeavour — the social achievement of the brotherhood of man and the personal status of God-consciousness, which becomes revealed in the supreme desire of every individual to do the will of the Father in heaven.

16 The appearance of genuine brotherhood signifies that a social order has arrived in which all men delight in bearing one another's burdens; they actually desire to practise the golden rule. But such an ideal society cannot be realized when either the weak or the wicked lie in wait to take unfair and unholy advantage of those

who are chiefly actuated by devotion to the service of truth, beauty, and goodness. In such a situation only one course is practical: The "golden rulers" may establish a progressive society in which they live according to their ideals while maintaining an adequate defence against their benighted fellows who might seek either to exploit their pacific predilections or to destroy their advancing civilization.

17 Idealism can never survive on an evolving planet if the idealists in each generation permit themselves to be exterminated by the baser orders of humanity. And here is the great test

of idealism: Can an advanced society maintain that military preparedness which renders it secure from all attack by its war-loving neighbours without yielding to the temptation to employ this military strength in offensive operations against other peoples for purposes of selfish gain or national aggrandizement? National survival demands preparedness, and religious idealism alone can prevent the prostitution of preparedness into aggression. Only love, brotherhood, can prevent the strong from oppressing

the weak.

5. THE EVOLUTION OF COMPETITION

1 Competition is essential to social progress, but competition, unregulated, breeds violence. In current society, competition is slowly displacing war in that it determines the individual's place in industry, as well as decreeing the survival of the industries themselves. (Murder and war differ in their status before the mores, murder having been outlawed since the early days of society, while war has never yet been outlawed by mankind as a whole.)

2 The ideal state undertakes to regulate social conduct only enough to take violence out of individual competition and to prevent unfairness in personal initiative. Here is a great problem in statehood: How can you guarantee peace and quiet in industry, pay the taxes to support state power, and at the same time prevent taxation from handicapping industry and keep the state from becoming parasitical or tyrannical?

3 Throughout the earlier ages of any world, competition is essential to progressive civilization. As the evolution of man progresses, co-opera-

tion becomes increasingly effective. In advanced civilizations co-operation is more efficient than competition. Early man is stimulated by competition. Early evolution is characterized by the survival of the biologically fit, but later civilizations are the better promoted by intelligent co-operation, understanding fraternity, and spiritual brotherhood.

4 True, competition in industry is exceedingly wasteful and highly ineffective, but no attempt to eliminate this economic lost motion should be countenanced if such adjustments entail even the slightest abrogation of

any of the basic liberties of the individual.

6. THE PROFIT MOTIVE

1 Present-day profit-motivated economics is doomed unless profit motives can be augmented by service motives. Ruthless competition based on narrow-minded self-interest is ultimately destructive of even those things which it seeks to maintain. Exclusive and self-serving profit motivation is incompatible with Christian ideals — much more incompatible with the teachings of Jesus.

2 In economics, profit motivation is

to service motivation what fear is to love in religion. But the profit motive must not be suddenly destroyed or removed; it keeps many otherwise slothful mortals hard at work. It is not necessary, however, that this social energy arouser be forever selfish in its objectives.

3 The profit motive of economic activities is altogether base and wholly unworthy of an advanced order of society; nevertheless, it is an indispensable factor throughout the earlier phases of civilization. Profit motivation must not be taken away from men until they have firmly possessed

themselves of superior types of non-profit motives for economic striving and social serving — the transcendent urges of superlative wisdom, intriguing brotherhood, and excellency of spiritual attainment.

7. EDUCATION

1 The enduring state is founded on culture, dominated by ideals, and motivated by service. The purpose of education should be acquirement of skill, pursuit of wisdom, realization of selfhood, and attainment of spiritual values.

2 In the ideal state, education con-

tinues throughout life, and philosophy sometime becomes the chief pursuit of its citizens. The citizens of such a commonwealth pursue wisdom as an enhancement of insight into the significance of human relations, the meanings of reality, the nobility of values, the goals of living, and the glories of cosmic destiny.

3 Urantians should get a vision of a new and higher cultural society. Education will jump to new levels of value with the passing of the purely profit-motivated system of economics. Education has too long been localistic, militaristic, ego exalting, and suc-

cess seeking; it must eventually become world-wide, idealistic, self-realizing, and cosmic grasping.

4 Education recently passed from the control of the clergy to that of lawyers and businessmen. Eventually it must be given over to the philosophers and the scientists. Teachers must be free beings, real leaders, to the end that philosophy, the search for wisdom, may become the chief educational pursuit.

5 Education is the business of living; it must continue throughout a lifetime so that mankind may gradually experience the ascending levels of mortal

wisdom, which are:

6 1. The knowledge of things.

7 2. The realization of meanings.

8 3. The appreciation of values.

9 4. The nobility of work — duty.

10 5. The motivation of goals — morality.

11 6. The love of service — character.

12 7. Cosmic insight — spiritual discernment.

13 §§ And then, by means of these achievements, many will ascend to the

mortal ultimate of mind attainment, God-consciousness.

8. THE CHARACTER OF STATEHOOD

1 The only sacred feature of any human government is the division of statehood into the three domains of executive, legislative, and judicial functions. The universe is administered in accordance with such a plan of segregation of functions and authority. Aside from this divine concept of effective social regulation or civil government, it matters little what form of state a people may elect to have provided the citizenry is ever pro-

gressing toward the goal of augmented self-control and increased social service. The intellectual keenness, economic wisdom, social cleverness, and moral stamina of a people are all faithfully reflected in statehood.

2 The evolution of statehood entails progress from level to level, as follows:

3 1. The creation of a threefold government of executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

4 2. The freedom of social, political, and religious activities.

5 3. The abolition of all forms of slavery and human bondage.

6 4. The ability of the citizenry to control the levying of taxes.

7 5. The establishment of universal education — learning extended from the cradle to the grave.

8 6. The proper adjustment between local and national governments.

9 7. The fostering of science and the conquest of disease.

10 8. The due recognition of sex equality and the co-ordinated functioning of men and women in the home, school, and church, with specialized service of women in industry and government.

11 9. The elimination of toiling slavery by machine invention and the subsequent mastery of the machine age.

12 10. The conquest of dialects — the triumph of a universal language.

13 11. The ending of war — international adjudication of national and racial differences by continental courts of nations presided over by a supreme planetary tribunal automatically recruited from the periodically retiring heads of the continental courts. The continental courts are authoritative; the world court is advisory — moral.

14 12. The world-wide vogue of the pursuit of wisdom — the exaltation of philosophy. The evolution of a world religion, which will presage the entrance of the planet upon the earlier phases of settlement in light and life.

15 §§ These are the prerequisites of progressive government and the earmarks of ideal statehood. Urantia is far from the realization of these exalted ideals, but the civilized races have made a beginning — mankind is on the march toward higher evolutionary destinies.

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GOVERNMENT ON A NEIGHBOURING PLANET

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By permission of Lanaforge and with the approval of the Most Highs of Edentia, I am authorized to narrate something of the social, moral, and political life of the most advanced human race living on a not far-distant planet belonging to the Satania system.

2 Of all the Satania worlds which became isolated because of participa-

tion in the Lucifer rebellion, this planet has experienced a history most like that of Urantia. The similarity of the two spheres undoubtedly explains why permission to make this extraordinary presentation was granted, for it is most unusual for the system rulers to consent to the narration on one planet of the affairs of another.

3 This planet, like Urantia, was led astray by the disloyalty of its Planetary Prince in connection with the Lucifer rebellion. It received a Material Son shortly after Adam came to Urantia, and this Son also defaulted, leaving the sphere isolated, since a Magisterial

Son has never been bestowed upon its mortal races.

1. THE CONTINENTAL NATION

1 Notwithstanding all these planetary handicaps a very superior civilization is evolving on an isolated continent about the size of Australia. This nation numbers about 140,000,000. Its people are a mixed race, predominantly blue and yellow, having a slightly greater proportion of violet than the so-called white race of Urantia. These different races are not yet fully blended, but they fraternize and socialize very acceptably. The average

length of life on this continent is now 90 years, 15% higher than that of any other people on the planet.

2 The industrial mechanism of this nation enjoys a certain great advantage derived from the unique topography of the continent. The high mountains, on which heavy rains fall 8 months in the year, are situated at the very centre of the country. This natural arrangement favours the utilization of water power and greatly facilitates the irrigation of the more arid western quarter of the continent.

3 These people are self-sustaining, that is, they can live indefinitely with-

out importing anything from the surrounding nations. Their natural resources are replete, and by scientific techniques they have learned how to compensate for their deficiencies in the essentials of life. They enjoy a brisk domestic commerce but have little foreign trade owing to the universal hostility of their less progressive neighbours.

4 §§ This continental nation, in general, followed the evolutionary trend of the planet: The development from the tribal stage to the appearance of strong rulers and kings occupied thousands of years. The unconditional

monarchs were succeeded by many different orders of government — abortive republics, communal states, and dictators came and went in endless profusion. This growth continued until about 500 years ago when, during a politically fermenting period, one of the nation's powerful dictator-triumvirs had a change of heart. He volunteered to abdicate upon condition that one of the other rulers, the baser of the remaining two, also vacate his dictatorship. Thus was the sovereignty of the continent placed in the hands of one ruler. The unified state progressed under strong monar-

chial rule for over 100 years, during which there evolved a masterful charter of liberty.

5 The subsequent transition from monarchy to a representative form of government was gradual, the kings remaining as mere social or sentimental figureheads, finally disappearing when the male line of descent ran out. The present republic has now been in existence just two hundred years, during which time there has been a continuous progression toward the governmental techniques about to be narrated, the last developments in industrial and political realms having been

made within the past decade.

2. POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

1 This continental nation now has a representative government with a centrally located national capital. The central government consists of a strong federation of 100 comparatively free states. These states elect their governors and legislators for 10 years, and none are eligible for re-election. State judges are appointed for life by the governors and confirmed by their legislatures, which consist of 1 representative for each 100,000 citizens.

2 There are 5 different types of metropolitan government, depending on the size of the city, but no city is permitted to have more than 1,000,000 inhabitants. On the whole, these municipal governing schemes are very simple, direct, and economical. The few offices of city administration are keenly sought by the highest types of citizens.

3 The federal government embraces three co-ordinate divisions: executive, legislative, and judicial. The federal chief executive is elected every six years by universal territorial suffrage. He is not eligible for re-election except

upon the petition of at least 75 state legislatures concurred in by the respective state governors, and then but for one term. He is advised by a super-cabinet composed of all living ex-chief executives.

4 §§ The legislative division embraces three houses:

5 1. The *upper house* is elected by industrial, professional, agricultural, and other groups of workers, balloting in accordance with economic function.

6 2. The *lower house* is elected by certain organizations of society embracing the social, political, and philo-

sophic groups not included in industry or the professions. All citizens in good standing participate in the election of both classes of representatives, but they are differently grouped, depending on whether the election pertains to the upper or lower house.

7 3. The *third house* — the elder statesmen — embraces the veterans of civic service and includes many distinguished persons nominated by the chief executive, by the regional (subfederal) executives, by the chief of the supreme tribunal, and by the presiding officers of either of the other legislative houses. This group is limited

to 100, and its members are elected by the majority action of the elder statesmen themselves. Membership is for life, and when vacancies occur, the person receiving the largest ballot among the list of nominees is thereby duly elected. The scope of this body is purely advisory, but it is a mighty regulator of public opinion and exerts a powerful influence upon all branches of the government.

8 §§ Very much of the federal administrative work is carried on by the 10 regional (subfederal) authorities, each consisting of the association of 10 states. These regional divisions

are wholly executive and administrative, having neither legislative nor judicial functions. The 10 regional executives are the personal appointees of the federal chief executive, and their term of office is concurrent with his — six years. The federal supreme tribunal approves the appointment of these 10 regional executives, and while they may not be reappointed, the retiring executive automatically becomes the associate and adviser of his successor. Otherwise, these regional chiefs choose their own cabinets of administrative officials.

9 §§ This nation is adjudicated by

two major court systems — the law courts and the socio-economic courts. The law courts function on the following three levels:

10 1. *Minor courts* of municipal and local jurisdiction, whose decisions may be appealed to the high state tribunals.

11 2. *State supreme courts,* whose decisions are final in all matters not involving the federal government or jeopardy of citizenship rights and liberties. The regional executives are empowered to bring any case at once to the bar of the federal supreme court.

12 3. *Federal supreme court* — the

high tribunal for the adjudication of national contentions and the appellate cases coming up from the state courts. This supreme tribunal consists of 12 men over 40 and under 75 years of age who have served 2 or more years on some state tribunal, and who have been appointed to this high position by the chief executive with the majority approval of the supercabinet and the third house of the legislative assembly. All decisions of this supreme judicial body are by at least a two-thirds vote.

13 §§ The socio-economic courts function in the following three divisions:

14 1. *Parental courts,* associated with the legislative and executive divisions of the home and social system.

15 2. *Educational courts* — the juridical bodies connected with the state and regional school systems and associated with the executive and legislative branches of the educational administrative mechanism.

16 3. *Industrial courts* — the jurisdictional tribunals vested with full authority for the settlement of all economic misunderstandings.

17 §§ The federal supreme court does not pass upon socio-economic cases except upon the three-quarters vote

of the 3rd legislative branch of the national government, the house of elder statesmen. Otherwise, all decisions of the parental, educational, and industrial high courts are final.

3. THE HOME LIFE

1 On this continent it is against the law for two families to live under the same roof. And since group dwellings have been outlawed, most of the tenement type of buildings have been demolished. But the unmarried still live in clubs, hotels, and other group dwellings. The smallest home-

site permitted must provide 4,600 m[21] of land. All land and other property used for home purposes are free from taxation up to ten times the minimum homesite allotment.

2 The home life of this people has greatly improved during the last century. Attendance of parents, both fathers and mothers, at the parental schools of child culture is compul-

[1] This is, approximately, half a hectare. Note, that Anastasia (who appears to be one of the purest Andites living at present) recommends that each family should own and cultivate a hectare of land as a way to save the civilization and enter the new age of enlarged spiritual vision and brotherhood of all mankind based on the fatherhood of God.

sory. Even the agriculturists who reside in small country settlements carry on this work by correspondence, going to the near-by centres for oral instruction once in ten days — every two weeks, for they maintain a five-day week.

3 The average number of children in each family is five, and they are under the full control of their parents or, in case of the demise of one or both, under that of the guardians designated by the parental courts. It is considered a great honour for any family to be awarded the guardianship of a full orphan. Competitive examinations are

held among parents, and the orphan is awarded to the home of those displaying the best parental qualifications.

4 §§ These people regard the home as the basic institution of their civilization. It is expected that the most valuable part of a child's education and character training will be secured from his parents and at home, and fathers devote almost as much attention to child culture as do mothers.

5 All sex instruction is administered in the home by parents or by legal guardians. Moral instruction is offered by teachers during the rest periods in the school shops, but not

so with religious training, which is deemed to be the exclusive privilege of parents, religion being looked upon as an integral part of home life. Purely religious instruction is given publicly only in the temples of philosophy, no such exclusively religious institutions as the Urantia churches having developed among this people. In their philosophy, religion is the striving to know God and to manifest love for one's fellows through service for them, but this is not typical of the religious status of the other nations on this planet. Religion is so entirely a family matter among these people that there

are no public places devoted exclusively to religious assembly. Politically, church and state, as Urantians are wont to say, are entirely separate, but there is a strange overlapping of religion and philosophy.

6 Until 20 years ago the spiritual teachers (comparable to Urantia pastors), who visit each family periodically to examine the children to ascertain if they have been properly instructed by their parents, were under governmental supervision. These spiritual advisers and examiners are now under the direction of the newly created Foundation of Spiritual Progress,

an institution supported by voluntary contributions. Possibly this institution may not further evolve until after the arrival of a Paradise Magisterial Son.

7 §§ Children remain legally subject to their parents until they are 15, when the first initiation into civic responsibility is held. Thereafter, every 5 years for 5 successive periods similar public exercises are held for such age groups at which their obligations to parents are lessened, while new civic and social responsibilities to the state are assumed. Suffrage is conferred at 20, the right to marry without parental con-

sent is not bestowed until 25, and children must leave home on reaching the age of 30.

8 Marriage and divorce laws are uniform throughout the nation. Marriage before 20 — the age of civil enfranchisement — is not permitted. Permission to marry is only granted after one year's notice of intention, and after both bride and groom present certificates showing that they have been duly instructed in the parental schools regarding the responsibilities of married life.

9 Divorce regulations are somewhat lax, but decrees of separation, issued

by the parental courts, may not be had until one year after application therefor has been recorded, and the year on this planet is considerably longer than on Urantia. Notwithstanding their easy divorce laws, the present rate of divorces is only one tenth that of the civilized races of Urantia.

4. THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

1 The educational system of this nation is compulsory and coeducational in the precollege schools that the student attends from the ages of 5 to 18. These schools are vastly different from those of Urantia. There are no class-

rooms, only one study is pursued at a time, and after the first three years all pupils become assistant teachers, instructing those below them. Books are used only to secure information that will assist in solving the problems arising in the school shops and on the school farms. Much of the furniture used on the continent and the many mechanical contrivances — this is a great age of invention and mechanization — are produced in these shops. Adjacent to each shop is a working library where the student may consult the necessary reference books. Agriculture and horticulture are also

taught throughout the entire educational period on the extensive farms adjoining every local school.

2 §§ The feeble-minded are trained only in agriculture and animal husbandry, and are committed for life to special custodial colonies where they are segregated by sex to prevent parenthood, which is denied all subnormals. These restrictive measures have been in operation for 75 years; the commitment decrees are handed down by the parental courts.

3 §§ Everyone takes one month's vacation each year. The precollege schools are conducted for 9 months

out of the year of 10, the vacation being spent with parents or friends in travel. This travel is a part of the adult-education program and is continued throughout a lifetime, the funds for meeting such expenses being accumulated by the same methods as those employed in old-age insurance.

4 One quarter of the school time is devoted to play — competitive athletics — the pupils progressing in these contests from the local, through the state and regional, and on to the national trials of skill and prowess. Likewise, the oratorical and musical contests, as well as those in science and

philosophy, occupy the attention of students from the lower social divisions on up to the contests for national honours.

5 The school government is a replica of the national government with its three correlated branches, the teaching staff functioning as the third or advisory legislative division. The chief object of education on this continent is to make every pupil a self-supporting citizen.

6 Every child graduating from the precollege school system at 18 is a skilled artisan. Then begins the study of books and the pursuit of special

knowledge, either in the adult schools or in the colleges. When a brilliant student completes his work ahead of schedule, he is granted an award of time and means wherewith he may execute some pet project of his own devising. The entire educational system is designed to adequately train the individual.

5. INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

1 The industrial situation among this people is far from their ideals; capital and labour still have their troubles, but both are becoming adjusted to the plan of sincere co-operation.

On this unique continent the workers are increasingly becoming shareholders in all industrial concerns; every intelligent labourer is slowly becoming a small capitalist.

2 Social antagonisms are lessening, and good will is growing apace. No grave economic problems have arisen out of the abolition of slavery (over 100 years ago) since this adjustment was effected gradually by the liberation of 2% each year. Those slaves who satisfactorily passed mental, moral, and physical tests were granted citizenship; many of these superior slaves were war captives or children of such

captives. Some 50 years ago they deported the last of their inferior slaves, and still more recently they are addressing themselves to the task of reducing the numbers of their degenerate and vicious classes.

3 §§ These people have recently developed new techniques for the adjustment of industrial misunderstandings and for the correction of economic abuses which are marked improvements over their older methods of settling such problems. Violence has been outlawed as a procedure in adjusting either personal or industrial differences. Wages, profits, and other

economic problems are not rigidly regulated, but they are in general controlled by the industrial legislatures, while all disputes arising out of industry are passed upon by the industrial courts.

4 The industrial courts are only 30 years old but are functioning very satisfactorily. The most recent development provides that hereafter the industrial courts shall recognize legal compensation as falling in three divisions:

5 1. Legal rates of interest on invested capital.

6 2. Reasonable salary for skill em-

ployed in industrial operations.

7 3. Fair and equitable wages for labour.

8 §§ These shall first be met in accordance with contract, or in the face of decreased earnings they shall share proportionally in transient reduction. And thereafter all earnings in excess of these fixed charges shall be regarded as dividends and shall be prorated to all three divisions: capital, skill, and labour.

9 §§ Every ten years the regional executives adjust and decree the lawful hours of daily gainful toil. Industry now operates on a five-day week,

working four and playing one. These people labour six hours each working day and, like students, nine months in the year of ten. Vacation is usually spent in travel, and new methods of transportation having been so recently developed, the whole nation is travel bent. The climate favours travel about 8 months in the year, and they are making the most of their opportunities.

10 §§ Two hundred years ago the profit motive was wholly dominant in industry, but today it is being rapidly displaced by other and higher driving forces. Competition is keen on this

continent, but much of it has been transferred from industry to play, skill, scientific achievement, and intellectual attainment. It is most active in social service and governmental loyalty. Among this people public service is rapidly becoming the chief goal of ambition. The richest man on the continent works 6 hours a day in the office of his machine shop and then hastens over to the local branch of the school of statesmanship, where he seeks to qualify for public service.

11 Labour is becoming more honourable on this continent, and all able-bodied citizens over 18 work either at

home and on farms, at some recognized industry, on the public works where the temporarily unemployed are absorbed, or else in the corps of compulsory labourers in the mines.

12 These people are also beginning to foster a new form of social disgust — disgust for both idleness and unearned wealth. Slowly but certainly they are conquering their machines. Once they, too, struggled for political liberty and subsequently for economic freedom. Now are they entering upon the enjoyment of both while in addition they are beginning to appreciate their well-earned leisure, which can be

devoted to increased self-realization.

6. OLD-AGE INSURANCE

1 This nation is making a determined effort to replace the self-respect-destroying type of charity by dignified government-insurance guarantees of security in old age. This nation provides every child an education and every man a job; therefore can it successfully carry out such an insurance scheme for the protection of the infirm and aged.

2 Among this people all persons must retire from gainful pursuit at 65 unless they secure a permit from the

state labour commissioner which will entitle them to remain at work until the age of 70. This age limit does not apply to government servants or philosophers. The physically disabled or permanently crippled can be placed on the retired list at any age by court order countersigned by the pension commissioner of the regional government.

3 §§ The funds for old-age pensions are derived from 4 sources:

4 1. One day's earnings each month are requisitioned by the federal government for this purpose, and in this country everybody works.

5 2. Bequests — many wealthy citizens leave funds for this purpose.

6 3. The earnings of compulsory labour in the state mines. After the conscript workers support themselves and set aside their own retirement contributions, all excess profits on their labour are turned over to this pension fund.

7 4. The income from natural resources. All natural wealth on the continent is held as a social trust by the federal government, and the income therefrom is utilized for social purposes, such as disease prevention, education of geniuses, and expenses

of especially promising individuals in the statesmanship schools. One half of the income from natural resources goes to the old-age pension fund.

8 §§ Although state and regional actuarial foundations supply many forms of protective insurance, old-age pensions are solely administered by the federal government through the 10 regional departments.

9 These government funds have long been honestly administered. Next to treason and murder, the heaviest penalties meted out by the courts are attached to betrayal of public trust. Social and political disloyalty

are now looked upon as being the most heinous of all crimes.

7. TAXATION

1 The federal government is paternalistic only in the administration of old-age pensions and in the fostering of genius and creative originality; the state governments are slightly more concerned with the individual citizen, while the local governments are much more paternalistic or socialistic. The city (or some subdivision thereof) concerns itself with such matters as health, sanitation, building regulations, beautification, water sup-

ply, lighting, heating, recreation, music, and communication.

2 In all industry first attention is paid to health; certain phases of physical well-being are regarded as industrial and community prerogatives, but individual and family health problems are matters of personal concern only. In medicine, as in all other purely personal matters, it is increasingly the plan of government to refrain from interfering.

3 §§ Cities have no taxing power, neither can they go in debt. They receive per capita allowances from the state treasury and must supplement

such revenue from the earnings of their socialistic enterprises and by licensing various commercial activities.

4 The rapid-transit facilities, which make it practical greatly to extend the city boundaries, are under municipal control. The city fire departments are supported by the fire-prevention and insurance foundations, and all buildings, in city or country, are fireproof — have been for over 75 years.

5 There are no municipally appointed peace officers; the police forces are maintained by the state governments. This department is recruited almost entirely from the un-

married men between 25 and 50. Most of the states assess a rather heavy bachelor tax, which is remitted to all men joining the state police. In the average state the police force is now only one tenth as large as it was 50 years ago.

6 §§ There is little or no uniformity among the taxation schemes of the 100 comparatively free and sovereign states as economic and other conditions vary greatly in different sections of the continent. Every state has 10 basic constitutional provisions which cannot be modified except by consent of the federal supreme court, and one of these articles prevents levying a tax

of more than 1% on the value of any property in any one year, homesites, whether in city or country, being exempted.

7 The federal government cannot go in debt, and a three-fourths referendum is required before any state can borrow except for purposes of war. Since the federal government cannot incur debt, in the event of war the National Council of Defence is empowered to assess the states for money, as well as for men and materials, as it may be required. But no debt may run for more than 25 years.

8 §§ Income to support the federal

government is derived from the following 5 sources:

9 1. *Import duties.* All imports are subject to a tariff designed to protect the standard of living on this continent, which is far above that of any other nation on the planet. These tariffs are set by the highest industrial court after both houses of the industrial congress have ratified the recommendations of the chief executive of economic affairs, who is the joint appointee of these two legislative bodies. The upper industrial house is elected by labour, the lower by capital.

10 2. *Royalties.* The federal govern-

ment encourages invention and original creations in the 10 regional laboratories, assisting all types of geniuses — artists, authors, and scientists — and protecting their patents. In return the government takes one half the profits realized from all such inventions and creations, whether pertaining to machines, books, artistry, plants, or animals.

11 3. *Inheritance tax.* The federal government levies a graduated inheritance tax ranging from 1% to 50%, depending on the size of an estate as well as on other conditions.

12 4. *Military equipment.* The gov-

ernment earns a considerable sum from the leasing of military and naval equipment for commercial and recreational usages.

13 5. *Natural resources.* The income from natural resources, when not fully required for the specific purposes designated in the charter of federal statehood, is turned into the national treasury.

14 §§ Federal appropriations, except war funds assessed by the National Council of Defence, are originated in the upper legislative house, concurred in by the lower house, approved by the chief executive, and finally validated

by the federal budget commission of 100. The members of this commission are nominated by the state governors and elected by the state legislatures to serve for 24 years, one quarter being elected every six years. Every six years this body, by a three-fourths ballot, chooses one of its number as chief, and he thereby becomes director-controller of the federal treasury.

8. THE SPECIAL COLLEGES

1 In addition to the basic compulsory education program extending from the ages of 5 to 18, special schools are maintained as follows:

2 1. *Statesmanship schools.* These schools are of three classes: national, regional, and state. The public offices of the nation are grouped in four divisions. The first division of public trust pertains principally to the national administration, and all officeholders of this group must be graduates of both regional and national schools of statesmanship. Individuals may accept political, elective, or appointive office in the second division upon graduating from any one of the ten regional schools of statesmanship; their trusts concern responsibilities in the regional administration and the

state governments. Division three includes state responsibilities, and such officials are only required to have state degrees of statesmanship. The fourth and last division of officeholders are not required to hold statesmanship degrees, such offices being wholly appointive. They represent minor positions of assistantship, secretaryships, and technical trusts which are discharged by the various learned professions functioning in governmental administrative capacities.

3 Judges of the minor and state courts hold degrees from the state schools of statesmanship. Judges

of the jurisdictional tribunals of social, educational, and industrial matters hold degrees from the regional schools. Judges of the federal supreme court must hold degrees from all these schools of statesmanship.

4 2. *Schools of philosophy.* These schools are affiliated with the temples of philosophy and are more or less associated with religion as a public function.

5 3. *Institutions of science.* These technical schools are co-ordinated with industry rather than with the educational system and are administered under 15 divisions.

6 4. *Professional training schools.* These special institutions provide the technical training for the various learned professions, 12 in number.

7 5. *Military and naval schools.* Near the national headquarters and at the 25 coastal military centres are maintained those institutions devoted to the military training of volunteer citizens from 18 to 30 years of age. Parental consent is required before 25 in order to gain entrance to these schools.

9. THE PLAN OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

1 Although candidates for all pub-

lic offices are restricted to graduates of the state, regional, or federal schools of statesmanship, the progressive leaders of this nation discovered a serious weakness in their plan of universal suffrage and about 50 years ago made constitutional provision for a modified scheme of voting which embraces the following features:

2 1. Every man and woman of 20 years and over has 1 vote. Upon attaining this age, all citizens must accept membership in two voting groups: They will join the first in accordance with their economic function — industrial, professional, agri-

cultural, or trade; they will enter the second group according to their political, philosophic, and social inclinations. All workers thus belong to some economic franchise group, and these guilds, like the noneconomic associations, are regulated much as is the national government with its threefold division of powers. Registration in these groups cannot be changed for 12 years.

3 2. Upon nomination by the state governors or by the regional executives and by the mandate of the regional supreme councils, individuals who have rendered great service

to society, or who have demonstrated extraordinary wisdom in government service, may have additional votes conferred upon them not oftener than every 5 years and not to exceed 9 such superfranchises. The maximum suffrage of any multiple voter is 10. Scientists, inventors, teachers, philosophers, and spiritual leaders are also thus recognized and honoured with augmented political power. These advanced civic privileges are conferred by the state and regional supreme councils much as degrees are bestowed by the special colleges, and the recipients are proud to attach the symbols

of such civic recognition, along with their other degrees, to their lists of personal achievements.

4 3. All individuals sentenced to compulsory labour in the mines and all governmental servants supported by tax funds are, for the periods of such services, disenfranchised. This does not apply to aged persons who may be retired on pensions at 65.

5 4. There are 5 brackets of suffrage reflecting the average yearly taxes paid for each half-decade period. Heavy taxpayers are permitted extra votes up to 5. This grant is independent of all other recognition, but in

no case can any person cast over 10 ballots.

6 5. At the time this franchise plan was adopted, the territorial method of voting was abandoned in favour of the economic or functional system. All citizens now vote as members of industrial, social, or professional groups, regardless of their residence. Thus the electorate consists of solidified, unified, and intelligent groups who elect only their best members to positions of governmental trust and responsibility. There is one exception to this scheme of functional or group suffrage: The election of a federal chief

executive every six years is by nationwide ballot, and no citizen casts over one vote.

7 §§ Thus, except in the election of the chief executive, suffrage is exercised by economic, professional, intellectual, and social groupings of the citizenry. The ideal state is organic, and every free and intelligent group of citizens represents a vital and functioning organ within the larger governmental organism.

8 The schools of statesmanship have power to start proceedings in the state courts looking toward the disenfranchisement of any defective, idle, indif-

ferent, or criminal individual. These people recognize that, when 50% of a nation is inferior or defective and possesses the ballot, such a nation is doomed. They believe the dominance of mediocrity spells the downfall of any nation. Voting is compulsory, heavy fines being assessed against all who fail to cast their ballots.

10. DEALING WITH CRIME

1 The methods of this people in dealing with crime, insanity, and degeneracy, while in some ways pleasing, will, no doubt, in others prove shocking to most Urantians. Ordi-

nary criminals and the defectives are placed, by sexes, in different agricultural colonies and are more than self-supporting. The more serious habitual criminals and the incurably insane are sentenced to death in the lethal gas chambers by the courts. Numerous crimes aside from murder, including betrayal of governmental trust, also carry the death penalty, and the visitation of justice is sure and swift.

2 These people are passing out of the negative into the positive era of law. Recently they have gone so far as to attempt the prevention of crime by sentencing those who are believed

to be potential murderers and major criminals to life service in the detention colonies. If such convicts subsequently demonstrate that they have become more normal, they may be either paroled or pardoned. The homicide rate on this continent is only 1% of that among the other nations.

3 Efforts to prevent the breeding of criminals and defectives were begun over 100 years ago and have already yielded gratifying results. There are no prisons or hospitals for the insane. For one reason, there are only about 10% as many of these groups as are found

on Urantia.

11. MILITARY PREPAREDNESS

1 Graduates of the federal military schools may be commissioned as "guardians of civilization" in seven ranks, in accordance with ability and experience, by the president of the National Council of Defence. This council consists of 25 members, nominated by the highest parental, educational, and industrial tribunals, confirmed by the federal supreme court, and presided over ex officio by the chief of staff of co-ordinated military affairs. Such members serve until they are 70

years of age.

2 The courses pursued by such commissioned officers are 4 years in length and are invariably correlated with the mastery of some trade or profession. Military training is never given without this associated industrial, scientific, or professional schooling. When military training is finished, the individual has, during his 4 years' course, received one half of the education imparted in any of the special schools where the courses are likewise 4 years in length. In this way the creation of a professional military class is avoided by providing this opportunity for a

large number of men to support themselves while securing the first half of a technical or professional training.

3 Military service during peacetime is purely voluntary, and the enlistments in all branches of the service are for 4 years, during which every man pursues some special line of study in addition to the mastery of military tactics. Training in music is one of the chief pursuits of the central military schools and of the 25 training camps distributed about the periphery of the continent. During periods of industrial slackness many thousands of unemployed are automatically uti-

lized in upbuilding the military defences of the continent on land and sea and in the air.

4 §§ Although these people maintain a powerful war establishment as a defence against invasion by the surrounding hostile peoples, it may be recorded to their credit that they have not in over 100 years employed these military resources in an offensive war. They have become civilized to that point where they can vigorously defend civilization without yielding to the temptation to utilize their war powers in aggression. There have been no civil wars since the establishment

of the united continental state, but during the last 2 centuries these people have been called upon to wage nine fierce defensive conflicts, three of which were against mighty confederations of world powers. Although this nation maintains adequate defence against attack by hostile neighbours, it pays far more attention to the training of statesmen, scientists, and philosophers.

5 When at peace with the world, all mobile defence mechanisms are quite fully employed in trade, commerce, and recreation. When war is declared, the entire nation is mobilized.

Throughout the period of hostilities military pay obtains in all industries, and the chiefs of all military departments become members of the chief executive's cabinet.

12. THE OTHER NATIONS

1 Although the society and government of this unique people are in many respects superior to those of the Urantia nations, it should be stated that on the other continents (there are eleven on this planet) the governments are decidedly inferior to the more advanced nations of Urantia.

2 Just now this superior government

is planning to establish ambassadorial relations with the inferior peoples, and for the first time a great religious leader has arisen who advocates the sending of missionaries to these surrounding nations. We fear they are about to make the mistake that so many others have made when they have endeavoured to force a superior culture and religion upon other races. What a wonderful thing could be done on this world if this continental nation of advanced culture would only go out and bring to itself the best of the neighbouring peoples and then, after educating them, send them back

as emissaries of culture to their benighted brethren! Of course, if a Magisterial Son should soon come to this advanced nation, great things could quickly happen on this world.

3 §§ This recital of the affairs of a neighbouring planet is made by special permission with the intent of advancing civilization and augmenting governmental evolution on Urantia. Much more could be narrated that would no doubt interest and intrigue Urantians, but this disclosure covers the limits of our permissive mandate.

4 §§ Urantians should, however, take note that their sister sphere in the Sa-

tania family has benefited by neither magisterial nor bestowal missions of the Paradise Sons. Neither are the various peoples of Urantia set off from each other by such disparity of culture as separates the continental nation from its planetary fellows.

5 The pouring out of the Spirit of Truth provides the spiritual foundation for the realization of great achievements in the interests of the human race of the bestowal world. Urantia is therefore far better prepared for the more immediate realization of a planetary government with its laws, mechanisms, symbols, conven-

tions, and language — all of which could contribute so mightily to the establishment of world-wide peace under law and could lead to the sometime dawning of a real age of spiritual striving; and such an age is the planetary threshold to the utopian ages of light and life.

6 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 73

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Solonia

The cultural decadence and spiritual poverty resulting from the Caligastia downfall and consequent social confusion had little effect on the physical or biologic status of the Urantia peoples. Organic evolution proceeded apace, quite regardless of the cultural and moral setback which so swiftly followed the disaffection of Caligastia and Daligastia. And there came a time in the

planetary history, almost 40,000 years ago, when the Life Carriers on duty took note that, from a purely biologic standpoint, the developmental progress of the Urantia races was nearing its apex. The Melchizedek receivers, concurring in this opinion, readily agreed to join the Life Carriers in a petition to the Most Highs of Edentia asking that Urantia be inspected with a view to authorizing the dispatch of biologic uplifters, a Material Son and Daughter.

2 This request was addressed to the Most Highs of Edentia because they had exercised direct jurisdiction over

many of Urantia's affairs ever since Caligastia's downfall and the temporary vacation of authority on Jerusem.

3 Tabamantia, sovereign supervisor of the series of decimal or experimental worlds, came to inspect the planet and, after his survey of racial progress, duly recommended that Urantia be granted Material Sons. In a little less than 100 years from the time of this inspection, Adam and Eve, a Material Son and Daughter of the local system, arrived and began the difficult task of attempting to untangle the confused affairs of a planet retarded by rebellion and resting under the ban of spiritual

isolation.

1. THE NODITES AND THE AMADONITES

1 On a normal planet the arrival of the Material Son would ordinarily herald the approach of a great age of invention, material progress, and intellectual enlightenment. The post-Adamic era is the great scientific age of most worlds, but not so on Urantia. Though the planet was peopled by races physically fit, the tribes languished in the depths of savagery and moral stagnation.

2 10,000 years after the rebellion practically all the gains of the Prince's

administration had been effaced; the races of the world were little better off than if this misguided Son had never come to Urantia. Only among the Nodites and the Amadonites was there persistence of the traditions of Dalamatia and the culture of the Planetary Prince.

3 The *Nodites* were the descendants of the rebel members of the Prince's staff, their name deriving from their first leader, Nod, onetime chairman of the Dalamatia commission on industry and trade. The *Amadonites* were the descendants of those Andonites who chose to remain loyal with Van

and Amadon. "Amadonite" is more of a cultural and religious designation than a racial term; racially considered the Amadonites were essentially *Andonites.* "Nodite" is both a cultural and racial term, for the Nodites themselves constituted the eighth race of Urantia.

4 There existed a traditional enmity between the Nodites and the Amadonites. This feud was constantly coming to the surface whenever the offspring of these two groups would try to engage in some common enterprise. Even later, in the affairs of Eden, it was exceedingly difficult for them to work together in peace.

5 Shortly after the destruction of Dalamatia the followers of Nod became divided into three major groups. The central group remained in the immediate vicinity of their original home near the headwaters of the Persian Gulf. The eastern group migrated to the highland regions of Elam just east of the Euphrates valley. The western group was situated on the northeastern Syrian shores of the Mediterranean and in adjacent territory.

6 These Nodites had freely mated with the Sangik races and had left behind an able progeny. And some of the descendants of the rebellious Dalama-

tians subsequently joined Van and his loyal followers in the lands north of Mesopotamia. Here, in the vicinity of Lake Van and the southern Caspian Sea region, the Nodites mingled and mixed with the Amadonites, and they were numbered among the "mighty men of old."

7 Prior to the arrival of Adam and Eve these groups — Nodites and Amadonites — were the most advanced and cultured races on earth.

2. PLANNING FOR THE GARDEN

1 For almost 100 years prior to Tabamantia's inspection, Van and his as-

sociates, from their highland headquarters of world ethics and culture, had been preaching the advent of a promised Son of God, a racial uplifter, a teacher of truth, and the worthy successor of the traitorous Caligastia. Though the majority of the world's inhabitants of those days exhibited little or no interest in such a prediction, those who were in immediate contact with Van and Amadon took such teaching seriously and began to plan for the actual reception of the promised Son.

2 Van told his nearest associates the story of the Material Sons on Jerusem;

what he had known of them before ever he came to Urantia. He well knew that these Adamic Sons always lived in simple but charming garden homes and proposed, 83 years before the arrival of Adam and Eve, that they devote themselves to the proclamation of their advent and to the preparation of a garden home for their reception.

3 From their highland headquarters and from 61 far-scattered settlements, Van and Amadon recruited a corps of over 3,000 willing and enthusiastic workers who, in solemn assembly, dedicated themselves to this mission of preparing for the promised — at

least expected — Son.

4 Van divided his volunteers into 100 companies with a captain over each and an associate who served on his personal staff as a liaison officer, keeping Amadon as his own associate. These commissions all began in earnest their preliminary work, and the committee on location for the Garden sallied forth in search of the ideal spot.

5 §§ Although Caligastia and Daligastia had been deprived of much of their power for evil, they did everything possible to frustrate and hamper the work of preparing the Garden. But

their evil machinations were largely offset by the faithful activities of the almost 10,000 loyal midway creatures who so tirelessly laboured to advance the enterprise.

3. THE GARDEN SITE

1 The committee on location was absent for almost three years. It reported favourably concerning three possible locations: The first was an island in the Persian Gulf; the second, the river location subsequently occupied as the second garden; the third, a long narrow peninsula — almost an island — projecting westward from the

eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

2 The committee almost unanimously favoured the third selection. This site was chosen, and two years were occupied in transferring the world's cultural headquarters, including the tree of life, to this Mediterranean peninsula. All but a single group of the peninsula dwellers peaceably vacated when Van and his company arrived.

3 §§ This Mediterranean peninsula had a salubrious climate and an equable temperature; this stabilized weather was due to the encircling

mountains and to the fact that this area was virtually an island in an inland sea. While it rained copiously on the surrounding highlands, it seldom rained in Eden proper. But each night, from the extensive network of artificial irrigation channels, a "mist would go up" to refresh the vegetation of the Garden.

4 The coast line of this land mass was considerably elevated, and the neck connecting with the mainland was only 43 km wide at the narrowest point. The great river that watered the Garden came down from the higher lands of the peninsula and flowed east

through the peninsular neck to the mainland and thence across the lowlands of Mesopotamia to the sea beyond. It was fed by four tributaries which took origin in the coastal hills of the Edenic peninsula, and these are the "four heads" of the river which "went out of Eden," and which later became confused with the branches of the rivers surrounding the second garden.

5 The mountains surrounding the Garden abounded in precious stones and metals, though these received very little attention. The dominant idea was to be the glorification of horticul-

ture and the exaltation of agriculture.

6 The site chosen for the Garden was probably the most beautiful spot of its kind in all the world, and the climate was then ideal. Nowhere else was there a location which could have lent itself so perfectly to becoming such a paradise of botanic expression. In this rendezvous the cream of the civilization of Urantia was forgathering. Without and beyond, the world lay in darkness, ignorance, and savagery. Eden was the one bright spot on Urantia; it was naturally a dream of loveliness, and it soon became a poem of ex-

quisite and perfected landscape glory.

4. ESTABLISHING THE GARDEN

1 When Material Sons, the biologic uplifters, begin their sojourn on an evolutionary world, their place of abode is often called the Garden of Eden because it is characterized by the floral beauty and the botanic grandeur of Edentia, the constellation capital. Van well knew of these customs and accordingly provided that the entire peninsula be given over to the Garden. Pasturage and animal husbandry were projected for the adjoining mainland. Of animal life, only the birds

and the various domesticated species were to be found in the park. Van's instructions were that Eden was to be a garden, and only a garden. No animals were ever slaughtered within its precincts. All flesh eaten by the Garden workers throughout all the years of construction was brought in from the herds maintained under guard on the mainland.

2 The first task was the building of the brick wall across the neck of the peninsula. This once completed, the real work of landscape beautification and home building could proceed unhindered.

3 A zoological garden was created by building a smaller wall just outside the main wall; the intervening space, occupied by all manner of wild beasts, served as an additional defence against hostile attacks. This menagerie was organized in twelve grand divisions, and walled paths led between these groups to the twelve gates of the Garden, the river and its adjacent pastures occupying the central area.

4 In the preparation of the Garden only volunteer labourers were employed; no hirelings were ever used. They cultivated the Garden and tended their herds for support; con-

tributions of food were also received from near-by believers. And this great enterprise was carried through to completion in spite of the difficulties attendant upon the confused status of the world during these troublous times.

5 But it was a cause for great disappointment when Van, not knowing how soon the expected Son and Daughter might come, suggested that the younger generation also be trained in the work of carrying on the enterprise in case their arrival should be delayed. This seemed like an admission of lack of faith on Van's part and made

considerable trouble, caused many desertions; but Van went forward with his plan of preparedness, meantime filling the places of the deserters with younger volunteers.

5. THE GARDEN HOME

1 At the centre of the Edenic peninsula was the exquisite stone temple of the Universal Father, the sacred shrine of the Garden. To the north the administrative headquarters was established; to the south were built the homes for the workers and their families; to the west was provided the allotment of ground for the proposed

schools of the educational system of the expected Son, while in the "east of Eden" were built the domiciles intended for the promised Son and his immediate offspring. The architectural plans for Eden provided homes and abundant land for 1,000,000 human beings.

2 At the time of Adam's arrival, though the Garden was only ¼th finished, it had thousands of kilometres of irrigation ditches and more than 19,300 km of paved paths and roads. There were a trifle over 5,000 brick buildings in the various sectors, and the trees and plants were almost be-

yond number. Seven was the largest number of houses composing any one cluster in the park. And though the structures of the Garden were simple, they were most artistic. The roads and paths were well built, and the landscaping was exquisite.

3 The sanitary arrangements of the Garden were far in advance of anything that had been attempted theretofore on Urantia. The drinking water of Eden was kept wholesome by the strict observance of the sanitary regulations designed to conserve its purity. During these early times much trouble came about from

neglect of these rules, but Van gradually impressed upon his associates the importance of allowing nothing to fall into the water supply of the Garden.

4 Before the later establishment of a sewage-disposal system the Edenites practised the scrupulous burial of all waste or decomposing material. Amadon's inspectors made their rounds each day in search for possible causes of sickness. Urantians did not again awaken to the importance of the prevention of human diseases until the later times of the XIX and XX centuries. Before the disruption of the Adamic regime a covered brick-con-

duit disposal system had been constructed which ran beneath the walls and emptied into the river of Eden almost 1.6 km beyond the outer or lesser wall of the Garden.

5 By the time of Adam's arrival most of the plants of that section of the world were growing in Eden. Already had many of the fruits, cereals, and nuts been greatly improved. Many modern vegetables and cereals were first cultivated here, but scores of varieties of food plants were subsequently lost to the world.

6 About 5% of the Garden was under high artificial cultivation, 15%

partially cultivated, the remainder being left in a more or less natural state pending the arrival of Adam, it being thought best to finish the park in accordance with his ideas.

7 And so was the Garden of Eden made ready for the reception of the promised Adam and his consort. And this Garden would have done honour to a world under perfected administration and normal control. Adam and Eve were well pleased with the general plan of Eden, though they made many changes in the furnishings of their own personal dwelling.

8 Although the work of embellish-

ment was hardly finished at the time of Adam's arrival, the place was already a gem of botanic beauty; and during the early days of his sojourn in Eden the whole Garden took on new form and assumed new proportions of beauty and grandeur. Never before this time nor after has Urantia harboured such a beautiful and replete exhibition of horticulture and agriculture.

6. THE TREE OF LIFE

1 In the centre of the Garden temple Van planted the long-guarded tree of life, whose leaves were for the "healing of the nations," and whose fruit had

so long sustained him on earth. Van well knew that Adam and Eve would also be dependent on this gift of Edentia for their life maintenance after they once appeared on Urantia in material form.

2 The Material Sons on the system capitals do not require the tree of life for sustenance. Only in the planetary repersonalization are they dependent on this adjunct to physical immortality.

3 §§ The "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" may be a figure of speech, a symbolic designation covering a multitude of human experi-

ences, but the "tree of life" was not a myth; it was real and for a long time was present on Urantia. When the Most Highs of Edentia approved the commission of Caligastia as Planetary Prince of Urantia and those of the 100 Jerusem citizens as his administrative staff, they sent to the planet, by the Melchizedeks, a shrub of Edentia, and this plant grew to be the tree of life on Urantia. This form of nonintelligent life is native to the constellation headquarters spheres, being also found on the headquarters worlds of the local and superuniverses as well as on the Havona spheres, but not on the sys-

tem capitals.

4 This superplant stored up certain space-energies which were antidotal to the age-producing elements of animal existence. The fruit of the tree of life was like a superchemical storage battery, mysteriously releasing the life-extension force of the universe when eaten. This form of sustenance was wholly useless to the ordinary evolutionary beings on Urantia, but specifically it was serviceable to the 100 materialized members of Caligastia's staff and to the 100 modified Andonites who had contributed of their life plasm to the Prince's staff, and who, in

return, were made possessors of that complement of life which made it possible for them to utilize the fruit of the tree of life for an indefinite extension of their otherwise mortal existence.

5 §§ During the days of the Prince's rule the tree was growing from the earth in the central and circular courtyard of the Father's temple. Upon the outbreak of the rebellion it was regrown from the central core by Van and his associates in their temporary camp. This Edentia shrub was subsequently taken to their highland retreat, where it served both Van and Amadon for more than 150,000 years.

6 When Van and his associates made ready the Garden for Adam and Eve, they transplanted the Edentia tree to the Garden of Eden, where, once again, it grew in a central, circular courtyard of another temple to the Father. And Adam and Eve periodically partook of its fruit for the maintenance of their dual form of physical life.

7 §§ When the plans of the Material Son went astray, Adam and his family were not permitted to carry the core of the tree away from the Garden. When the Nodites invaded Eden, they were told that they would become as "gods

if they partook of the fruit of the tree." Much to their surprise they found it unguarded. They ate freely of the fruit for years, but it did nothing for them; they were all material mortals of the realm; they lacked that endowment which acted as a complement to the fruit of the tree. They became enraged at their inability to benefit from the tree of life, and in connection with one of their internal wars, the temple and the tree were both destroyed by fire; only the stone wall stood until the Garden was subsequently submerged. This was the second temple of the Father to perish.

8 And now must all flesh on Urantia take the natural course of life and death. Adam, Eve, their children, and their children's children, together with their associates, all perished in the course of time, thus becoming subject to the ascension scheme of the local universe wherein mansion world resurrection follows material death.

7. THE FATE OF EDEN

1 After the first garden was vacated by Adam, it was occupied variously by the Nodites, Cutites, and the Suntites. It later became the dwelling place of the northern Nodites who opposed

co-operation with the Adamites. The peninsula had been overrun by these lower-grade Nodites for almost 4,000 years after Adam left the Garden when, in connection with the violent activity of the surrounding volcanoes and the submergence of the Sicilian land bridge to Africa, the eastern floor of the Mediterranean Sea sank, carrying down beneath the waters the whole of the Edenic peninsula. Concomitant with this vast submergence the coast line of the eastern Mediterranean was greatly elevated. And this was the end of the most beautiful natural creation that Urantia has

ever harboured. The sinking was not sudden, several hundred years being required completely to submerge the entire peninsula.

2 We cannot regard this disappearance of the Garden as being in any way a result of the miscarriage of the divine plans or as a result of the mistakes of Adam and Eve. We do not regard the submergence of Eden as anything but a natural occurrence, but it does seem to us that the sinking of the Garden was timed to occur at just about the date of the accumulation of the reserves of the violet race for undertaking the work of rehabilitating the

world peoples.

3 §§ The Melchizedeks counselled Adam not to initiate the program of racial uplift and blending until his own family had numbered 500,000. It was never intended that the Garden should be the permanent home of the Adamites. They were to become emissaries of a new life to all the world; they were to mobilize for unselfish bestowal upon the needy races of earth.

4 The instructions given Adam by the Melchizedeks implied that he was to establish racial, continental, and divisional headquarters to be in charge of his immediate sons and daughters,

while he and Eve were to divide their time between these various world capitals as advisers and co-ordinators of the world-wide ministry of biologic uplift, intellectual advancement, and moral rehabilitation.

5 [Presented by Solonia, the seraphic "voice in the Garden."]

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ADAM AND EVE

Solonia

Adam and Eve arrived on Urantia, from the year A.D. 1934, 37,848 years ago. It was in midseason when the Garden was in the height of bloom that they arrived. At high noon and unannounced, the two seraphic transports, accompanied by the Jerusem personnel entrusted with the transportation of the biologic uplifters to Urantia, settled slowly to the surface of the revolving

planet in the vicinity of the temple of the Universal Father. All the work of rematerializing the bodies of Adam and Eve was carried on within the precincts of this newly created shrine. And from the time of their arrival ten days passed before they were re-created in dual human form for presentation as the world's new rulers. They regained consciousness simultaneously. The Material Sons and Daughters always serve together. It is the essence of their service at all times and in all places never to be separated. They are designed to work in pairs; seldom do

they function alone.

1. ADAM AND EVE ON JERUSEM

1 The Planetary Adam and Eve of Urantia were members of the senior corps of Material Sons on Jerusem, being jointly number 14,311. They belonged to the third physical series and were a little more than 2.4 m in height.

2 At the time Adam was chosen to come to Urantia, he was employed, with his mate, in the trial-and-testing physical laboratories of Jerusem. For more than 15,000 years they had been directors of the division of experimen-

tal energy as applied to the modification of living forms. Long before this they had been teachers in the citizenship schools for new arrivals on Jerusem. And all this should be borne in mind in connection with the narration of their subsequent conduct on Urantia.

3 When the proclamation was issued calling for volunteers for the mission of Adamic adventure on Urantia, the entire senior corps of Material Sons and Daughters volunteered. The Melchizedek examiners, with the approval of Lanaforge and the Most Highs of Edentia, finally selected

the Adam and Eve who subsequently came to function as the biologic uplifters of Urantia.

4 Adam and Eve had remained loyal to Michael during the Lucifer rebellion; nevertheless, the pair were called before the System Sovereign and his entire cabinet for examination and instruction. The details of Urantia affairs were fully presented; they were exhaustively instructed as to the plans to be pursued in accepting the responsibilities of rulership on such a strife-torn world. They were put under joint oaths of allegiance to the Most Highs of Edentia and to Mi-

chael of Salvington. And they were duly advised to regard themselves as subject to the Urantia corps of Melchizedek receivers until that governing body should see fit to relinquish rule on the world of their assignment.

5 §§ This Jerusem pair left behind them on the capital of Satania and elsewhere, 100 offspring — 50 sons and 50 daughters — magnificent creatures who had escaped the pitfalls of progression, and who were all in commission as faithful stewards of universe trust at the time of their parents' departure for Urantia. And they were all present in the beautiful temple of

the Material Sons attendant upon the farewell exercises associated with the last ceremonies of the bestowal acceptance. These children accompanied their parents to the dematerialization headquarters of their order and were the last to bid them farewell and divine speed as they fell asleep in the personality lapse of consciousness which precedes the preparation for seraphic transport. The children spent some time together at the family rendezvous rejoicing that their parents were soon to become the visible heads, in reality the sole rulers, of planet 606 in the system of Satania.

6 And thus did Adam and Eve leave Jerusem amidst the acclaim and well-wishing of its citizens. They went forth to their new responsibilities adequately equipped and fully instructed concerning every duty and danger to be encountered on Urantia.

2. ARRIVAL OF ADAM AND EVE

1 Adam and Eve fell asleep on Jerusem, and when they awakened in the Father's temple on Urantia in the presence of the mighty throng assembled to welcome them, they were face to face with two beings of whom they had heard much, Van and his faithful

associate Amadon. These two heroes of the Caligastia secession were the first to welcome them in their new garden home.

2 The tongue of Eden was an Andonic dialect as spoken by Amadon. Van and Amadon had markedly improved this language by creating a new alphabet of 24 letters, and they had hoped to see it become the tongue of Urantia as the Edenic culture would spread throughout the world. Adam and Eve had fully mastered this human dialect before they departed from Jerusem so that this son of Andon heard the exalted ruler of his world address

him in his own tongue.

3 And on that day there was great excitement and joy throughout Eden as the runners went in great haste to the rendezvous of the carrier pigeons assembled from near and far, shouting: "Let loose the birds; let them carry the word that the promised Son has come." Hundreds of believer settlements had faithfully, year after year, kept up the supply of these home-reared pigeons for just such an occasion.

4 §§ As the news of Adam's arrival spread abroad, thousands of the nearby tribesmen accepted the teachings

of Van and Amadon, while for months and months pilgrims continued to pour into Eden to welcome Adam and Eve and to do homage to their unseen Father.

5 §§ Soon after their awakening, Adam and Eve were escorted to the formal reception on the great mound to the north of the temple. This natural hill had been enlarged and made ready for the installation of the world's new rulers. Here, at noon, the Urantia reception committee welcomed this Son and Daughter of the system of Satania. Amadon was chairman of this committee, which consisted of twelve

members embracing a representative of each of the six Sangik races; the acting chief of the midwayers; Annan, a loyal daughter and spokesman for the Nodites; Noah, the son of the architect and builder of the Garden and executive of his deceased father's plans; and the two resident Life Carriers.

6 The next act was the delivery of the charge of planetary custody to Adam and Eve by the senior Melchizedek, chief of the council of receivership on Urantia. The Material Son and Daughter took the oath of allegiance to the Most Highs of Norlatiadek and to Michael of Nebadon and

were proclaimed rulers of Urantia by Van, who thereby relinquished the titular authority which for over 150,000 years he had held by virtue of the action of the Melchizedek receivers.

7 And Adam and Eve were invested with kingly robes on this occasion, the time of their formal induction into world rulership. Not all of the arts of Dalamatia had been lost to the world; weaving was still practised in the days of Eden.

8 Then was heard the archangels' proclamation, and the broadcast voice of Gabriel decreed the second judgment roll call of Urantia and the res-

urrection of the sleeping survivors of the second dispensation of grace and mercy on 606 of Satania. The dispensation of the Prince has passed;[1] the age of Adam, the third planetary epoch, opens amidst scenes of simple grandeur; and the new rulers of Urantia start their reign under seemingly favourable conditions, notwithstanding the world-wide confusion occasioned by lack of the co-operation of their predecessor in authority on the pla-

[1] In 1955 text comma instead of semicolon after "passed".

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3. ADAM AND EVE LEARN ABOUT THE PLANET

1 And now, after their formal installation, Adam and Eve became painfully aware of their planetary isolation. Silent were the familiar broadcasts, and absent were all the circuits of extraplanetary communication. Their Jerusem fellows had gone to worlds running along smoothly with a well-established Planetary Prince and an experienced staff ready to receive them and competent to co-operate with them during their early experience on such worlds. But on Urantia rebel-

lion had changed everything. Here the Planetary Prince was very much present, and though shorn of most of his power to work evil, he was still able to make the task of Adam and Eve difficult and to some extent hazardous. It was a serious and disillusioned Son and Daughter of Jerusem who walked that night through the Garden under the shining of the full moon, discussing plans for the next day.

2 Thus ended the first day of Adam and Eve on isolated Urantia, the confused planet of the Caligastia betrayal; and they walked and talked far into the night, their first night on earth — and

it was so lonely.

3 §§ Adam's second day on earth was spent in session with the planetary receivers and the advisory council. From the Melchizedeks, and their associates, Adam and Eve learned more about the details of the Caligastia rebellion and the result of that upheaval upon the world's progress. And it was, on the whole, a disheartening story, this long recital of the mismanagement of world affairs. They learned all the facts regarding the utter collapse of the Caligastia scheme for accelerating the process of social evolution. They also arrived at a full realization of the folly

of attempting to achieve planetary advancement independently of the divine plan of progression. And thus ended a sad but enlightening day — their second on Urantia.

4 §§ The third day was devoted to an inspection of the Garden. From the large passenger birds — the fandors — Adam and Eve looked down upon the vast stretches of the Garden while being carried through the air over this, the most beautiful spot on earth. This day of inspection ended with an enormous banquet in honour of all who had laboured to create this garden of Edenic beauty and grandeur. And

again, late into the night of their third day, the Son and his mate walked in the Garden and talked about the immensity of their problems.

5 §§ On the fourth day Adam and Eve addressed the Garden assembly. From the inaugural mount they spoke to the people concerning their plans for the rehabilitation of the world and outlined the methods whereby they would seek to redeem the social culture of Urantia from the low levels to which it had fallen as a result of sin and rebellion. This was a great day, and it closed with a feast for the council of men and women who had been

selected to assume responsibilities in the new administration of world affairs. Take note! women as well as men were in this group, and that was the first time such a thing had occurred on earth since the days of Dalamatia. It was an astounding innovation to behold Eve, a woman, sharing the honours and responsibilities of world affairs with a man. And thus ended the fourth day on earth.

6 §§ The fifth day was occupied with the organization of the temporary government, the administration which was to function until the Melchizedek receivers should leave Uran-

tia.

7 §§ The sixth day was devoted to an inspection of the numerous types of men and animals. Along the walls eastward in Eden, Adam and Eve were escorted all day, viewing the animal life of the planet and arriving at a better understanding as to what must be done to bring order out of the confusion of a world inhabited by such a variety of living creatures.

8 It greatly surprised those who accompanied Adam on this trip to observe how fully he understood the nature and function of the thousands upon thousands of animals shown

him. The instant he glanced at an animal, he would indicate its nature and behaviour. Adam could give names descriptive of the origin, nature, and function of all material creatures on sight. Those who conducted him on this tour of inspection did not know that the world's new ruler was one of the most expert anatomists of all Satania; and Eve was equally proficient. Adam amazed his associates by describing hosts of living things too small to be seen by human eyes.

9 When the sixth day of their sojourn on earth was over, Adam and Eve rested for the first time in their

new home in "the east of Eden." The first six days of the Urantia adventure had been very busy, and they looked forward with great pleasure to an entire day of freedom from all activities.

10 But circumstances dictated otherwise. The experience of the day just past in which Adam had so intelligently and so exhaustively discussed the animal life of Urantia, together with his masterly inaugural address and his charming manner, had so won the hearts and overcome the intellects of the Garden dwellers that they were not only wholeheartedly disposed to accept the newly arrived Son and

Daughter of Jerusem as rulers, but the majority were about ready to fall down and worship them as gods.

4. THE FIRST UPHEAVAL

1 That night, the night following the sixth day, while Adam and Eve slumbered, strange things were transpiring in the vicinity of the Father's temple in the central sector of Eden. There, under the rays of the mellow moon, hundreds of enthusiastic and excited men and women listened for hours to the impassioned pleas of their leaders. They meant well, but they simply could not understand the simplicity of

the fraternal and democratic manner of their new rulers. And long before daybreak the new and temporary administrators of world affairs reached a virtually unanimous conclusion that Adam and his mate were altogether too modest and unassuming. They decided that Divinity had descended to earth in bodily form, that Adam and Eve were in reality gods or else so near such an estate as to be worthy of reverent worship.

2 The amazing events of the first six days of Adam and Eve on earth were entirely too much for the unprepared minds of even the world's best men;

their heads were in a whirl; they were swept along with the proposal to bring the noble pair up to the Father's temple at high noon in order that everyone might bow down in respectful worship and prostrate themselves in humble submission. And the Garden dwellers were really sincere in all of this.

3 Van protested. Amadon was absent, being in charge of the guard of honour which had remained behind with Adam and Eve overnight. But Van's protest was swept aside. He was told that he was likewise too modest, too unassuming; that he was not far

from a god himself, else how had he lived so long on earth, and how had he brought about such a great event as the advent of Adam? And as the excited Edenites were about to seize him and carry him up to the mount for adoration, Van made his way out through the throng and, being able to communicate with the midwayers, sent their leader in great haste to Adam.

4 It was near the dawn of their seventh day on earth that Adam and Eve heard the startling news of the proposal of these well-meaning but misguided mortals; and then, even while the passenger birds were swiftly

winging to bring them to the temple, the midwayers, being able to do such things, transported Adam and Eve to the Father's temple. It was early on the morning of this seventh day and from the mount of their so recent reception that Adam held forth in explanation of the orders of divine sonship and made clear to these earth minds that only the Father and those whom he designates may be worshipped. Adam made it plain that he would accept any honour and receive all respect, but worship never!

5 It was a momentous day, and just before noon, about the time of the ar-

rival of the seraphic messenger bearing the Jerusem acknowledgement of the installation of the world's rulers, Adam and Eve, moving apart from the throng, pointed to the Father's temple and said: "Go you now to the material emblem of the Father's invisible presence and bow down in worship of him who made us all and who keeps us living. And let this act be the sincere pledge that you never will again be tempted to worship anyone but God." They all did as Adam directed. The Material Son and Daughter stood alone on the mount with bowed heads while the people pros-

trated themselves about the temple.

6 §§ And this was the origin of the Sabbath-day tradition. Always in Eden the seventh day was devoted to the noontide assembly at the temple; long it was the custom to devote this day to self-culture. The forenoon was devoted to physical improvement, the noontime to spiritual worship, the afternoon to mind culture, while the evening was spent in social rejoicing. This was never the law in Eden, but it was the custom as long as the Adamic

administration held sway on earth.

5. ADAM'S ADMINISTRATION

1 For almost seven years after Adam's arrival the Melchizedek receivers remained on duty, but the time finally came when they turned the administration of world affairs over to Adam and returned to Jerusem.

2 The farewell of the receivers occupied the whole of a day, and during the evening the individual Melchizedeks gave Adam and Eve their parting advice and best wishes. Adam had several times requested his advisers to remain on earth with him,

but always were these petitions denied. The time had come when the Material Sons must assume full responsibility for the conduct of world affairs. And so, at midnight, the seraphic transports of Satania left the planet with 14 beings for Jerusem, the translation of Van and Amadon occurring simultaneously with the departure of the twelve Melchizedeks.

3 §§ All went fairly well for a time on Urantia, and it appeared that Adam would, eventually, be able to develop some plan for promoting the gradual extension of the Edenic civilization. Pursuant to the advice of the Melchi-

zedeks, he began to foster the arts of manufacture with the idea of developing trade relations with the outside world. When Eden was disrupted, there were over 100 primitive manufacturing plants in operation, and extensive trade relations with the nearby tribes had been established.

4 For ages Adam and Eve had been instructed in the technique of improving a world in readiness for their specialized contributions to the advancement of evolutionary civilization; but now they were face to face with pressing problems, such as the establishment of law and order in a world of

savages, barbarians, and semicivilized human beings. Aside from the cream of the earth's population, assembled in the Garden, only a few groups, here and there, were at all ready for the reception of the Adamic culture.

5 Adam made a heroic and determined effort to establish a world government, but he met with stubborn resistance at every turn. Adam had already put in operation a system of group control throughout Eden and had federated all of these companies into the Edenic league. But trouble, serious trouble, ensued when he went outside the Garden and sought to ap-

ply these ideas to the outlying tribes. The moment Adam's associates began to work outside the Garden, they met the direct and well-planned resistance of Caligastia and Daligastia. The fallen Prince had been deposed as world ruler, but he had not been removed from the planet. He was still present on earth and able, at least to some extent, to resist all of Adam's plans for the rehabilitation of human society. Adam tried to warn the races against Caligastia, but the task was made very difficult because his archenemy was invisible to the eyes of mortals.

6 Even among the Edenites there were those confused minds that leaned toward the Caligastia teaching of unbridled personal liberty; and they caused Adam no end of trouble; always were they upsetting the best-laid plans for orderly progression and substantial development. He was finally compelled to withdraw his program for immediate socialization; he fell back on Van's method of organization, dividing the Edenites into companies of 100 with captains over each and with lieutenants in charge of groups of 10.

7 Adam and Eve had come to insti-

tute representative government in the place of monarchial, but they found no government worthy of the name on the face of the whole earth. For the time being Adam abandoned all effort to establish representative government, and before the collapse of the Edenic regime he succeeded in establishing almost 100 outlying trade and social centres where strong individuals ruled in his name. Most of these centres had been organized aforetime by Van and Amadon.

8 The sending of ambassadors from one tribe to another dates from the times of Adam. This was a great for-

ward step in the evolution of government.

6. HOME LIFE OF ADAM AND EVE

1 The Adamic family grounds embraced a little over 13 km^2. Immediately surrounding this homesite, provision had been made for the care of more than 300,000 of the pure-line offspring. But only the first unit of the projected buildings was ever constructed. Before the size of the Adamic family outgrew these early provisions, the whole Edenic plan had been disrupted and the Garden vacated.

2 §§ Adamson was the first-born of

the violet race of Urantia, being followed by his sister and Eveson, the second son of Adam and Eve. Eve was the mother of five children before the Melchizedeks left — three sons and two daughters. The next two were twins. She bore 63 children, 32 daughters and 31 sons, before the default. When Adam and Eve left the Garden, their family consisted of 4 generations numbering 1,647 pure-line descendants. They had 42 children after leaving the Garden besides the 2 offspring of joint parentage with the mortal stock of earth. And this does not include the Adamic parentage to

the Nodite and evolutionary races.

3 The Adamic children did not take milk from animals when they ceased to nurse the mother's breast at one year of age. Eve had access to the milk of a great variety of nuts and to the juices of many fruits, and knowing full well the chemistry and energy of these foods, she suitably combined them for the nourishment of her children until the appearance of teeth.

4 While cooking was universally employed outside of the immediate Adamic sector of Eden, there was no cooking in Adam's household. They found their foods — fruits, nuts,

and cereals — ready prepared as they ripened. They ate once a day, shortly after noontime. Adam and Eve also imbibed "light and energy" direct from certain space emanations in conjunction with the ministry of the tree of life.

5 §§ The bodies of Adam and Eve gave forth a shimmer of light, but they always wore clothing in conformity with the custom of their associates. Though wearing very little during the day, at eventide they donned night wraps. The origin of the traditional halo encircling the heads of supposed pious and holy men dates back

to the days of Adam and Eve. Since the light emanations of their bodies were so largely obscured by clothing, only the radiating glow from their heads was discernible. The descendants of Adamson always thus portrayed their concept of individuals believed to be extraordinary in spiritual development.

6 Adam and Eve could communicate with each other and with their immediate children over a distance of about 80 km. This thought exchange was effected by means of the delicate gas chambers located in close proximity to their brain structures. By this

mechanism they could send and receive thought oscillations. But this power was instantly suspended upon the mind's surrender to the discord and disruption of evil.

7 §§ The Adamic children attended their own schools until they were 16, the younger being taught by the elder. The little folks changed activities every 30 minutes, the older every hour. And it was certainly a new sight on Urantia to observe these children of Adam and Eve at play, joyous and exhilarating activity just for the sheer fun of it. The play and humour of the present-day races are largely derived from

the Adamic stock. The Adamites all had a great appreciation of music as well as a keen sense of humour.

8 The average age of betrothal was 18, and these youths then entered upon a two years' course of instruction in preparation for the assumption of marital responsibilities. At 20 they were eligible for marriage; and after marriage they began their lifework or entered upon special preparation therefor.

9 The practice of some subsequent nations of permitting the royal families, supposedly descended from the gods, to marry brother to sister, dates

from the traditions of the Adamic offspring — mating, as they must needs, with one another. The marriage ceremonies of the first and second generations of the Garden were always performed by Adam and Eve.

7. LIFE IN THE GARDEN

1 The children of Adam, except for four years' attendance at the western schools, lived and worked in the "east of Eden." They were trained intellectually until they were 16 in accordance with the methods of the Jerusem schools. From 16 to 20 they were taught in the Urantia schools at the

other end of the Garden, serving there also as teachers in the lower grades.

2 The entire purpose of the western school system of the Garden was *socialization.* The forenoon periods of recess were devoted to practical horticulture and agriculture, the afternoon periods to competitive play. The evenings were employed in social intercourse and the cultivation of personal friendships. Religious and sexual training were regarded as the province of the home, the duty of parents.

3 The teaching in these schools included instruction regarding:

4 1. Health and the care of the

body.

5 2. The golden rule, the standard of social intercourse.

6 3. The relation of individual rights to group rights and community obligations.

7 4. History and culture of the various earth races.

8 5. Methods of advancing and improving world trade.

9 6. Co-ordination of conflicting duties and emotions.

10 7. The cultivation of play, humour, and competitive substitutes for physical fighting.

11 §§ The schools, in fact every activity of the Garden, were always open to visitors. Unarmed observers were freely admitted to Eden for short visits. To sojourn in the Garden a Urantian had to be "adopted." He received instructions in the plan and purpose of the Adamic bestowal, signified his intention to adhere to this mission, and then made declaration of loyalty to the social rule of Adam and the spiritual sovereignty of the Universal Father.

12 §§ The laws of the Garden were based on the older codes of Dalamatia and were promulgated under seven

heads:

13 1. The laws of health and sanitation.

14 2. The social regulations of the Garden.

15 3. The code of trade and commerce.

16 4. The laws of fair play and competition.

17 5. The laws of home life.

18 6. The civil codes of the golden rule.

19 7. The seven commands of supreme moral rule.

20 §§ The moral law of Eden was little different from the seven commandments of Dalamatia. But the Adamites taught many additional reasons for these commands; for instance, regarding the injunction against murder, the indwelling of the Thought Adjuster was presented as an additional reason for not destroying human life. They taught that "whoso sheds man's blood by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made he man."

21 The public worship hour of Eden was noon; sunset was the hour of family worship. Adam did his best to dis-

courage the use of set prayers, teaching that effective prayer must be wholly individual, that it must be the "desire of the soul"; but the Edenites continued to use the prayers and forms handed down from the times of Dalamatia. Adam also endeavoured to substitute the offerings of the fruit of the land for the blood sacrifices in the religious ceremonies but had made little progress before the disruption of the Garden.

22 §§ Adam endeavoured to teach the races sex equality. The way Eve worked by the side of her husband made a profound impression upon all

dwellers in the Garden. Adam definitely taught them that the woman, equally with the man, contributes those life factors which unite to form a new being. Theretofore, mankind had presumed that all procreation resided in the "loins of the father." They had looked upon the mother as being merely a provision for nurturing the unborn and nursing the newborn.

23 Adam taught his contemporaries all they could comprehend, but that was not very much, comparatively speaking. Nevertheless, the more intelligent of the races of earth looked forward eagerly to the time when

they would be permitted to intermarry with the superior children of the violet race. And what a different world Urantia would have become if this great plan of uplifting the races had been carried out! Even as it was, tremendous gains resulted from the small amount of the blood of this imported race which the evolutionary peoples incidentally secured.

24 And thus did Adam work for the welfare and uplift of the world of his sojourn. But it was a difficult task to lead these mixed and mongrel peoples

in the better way.

8. THE LEGEND OF CREATION

1 The story of the creation of Urantia in six days was based on the tradition that Adam and Eve had spent just six days in their initial survey of the Garden. This circumstance lent almost sacred sanction to the time period of the week, which had been originally introduced by the Dalamatians. Adam's spending six days inspecting the Garden and formulating preliminary plans for organization was not prearranged; it was worked out from day to day. The choosing of the sev-

enth day for worship was wholly incidental to the facts herewith narrated.

2 The legend of the making of the world in six days was an afterthought, in fact, more than 30,000 years afterwards. One feature of the narrative, the sudden appearance of the sun and moon, may have taken origin in the traditions of the onetime sudden emergence of the world from a dense space cloud of minute matter which had long obscured both sun and moon.

3 The story of creating Eve out of Adam's rib is a confused condensation of the Adamic arrival and the ce-

lestial surgery connected with the interchange of living substances associated with the coming of the corporeal staff of the Planetary Prince more than 450,000 years previously.

4 §§ The majority of the world's peoples have been influenced by the tradition that Adam and Eve had physical forms created for them upon their arrival on Urantia. The belief in man's having been created from clay was well-nigh universal in the Eastern Hemisphere; this tradition can be traced from the Philippine Islands around the world to Africa. And many groups accepted this story of man's

clay origin by some form of special creation in the place of the earlier beliefs in progressive creation — evolution.

5 Away from the influences of Dalamatia and Eden, mankind tended toward the belief in the gradual ascent of the human race. The fact of evolution is not a modern discovery; the ancients understood the slow and evolutionary character of human progress. The early Greeks had clear ideas of this despite their proximity to Mesopotamia. Although the various races of earth became sadly mixed up in their notions of evolution, nevertheless, many of the primitive tribes

believed and taught that they were the descendants of various animals. Primitive peoples made a practice of selecting for their "totems" the animals of their supposed ancestry. Certain North American Indian tribes believed they originated from beavers and coyotes. Certain African tribes[1] teach that they are descended from the hyena, a Malay tribe from the lemur[2], a New Guinea group[3] from the parrot.

6 The Babylonians, because of im-

[1] The human source [1] names the tribe — "the Wanika tribe in East Africa".

[2] More specifically, the babacoote, a large lemur, according to the human source [1].

[3] Namely, the Bukana, according to [1].

mediate contact with the remnants of the civilization of the Adamites, enlarged and embellished the story of man's creation; they taught that he had descended directly from the gods. They held to an aristocratic origin for the race which was incompatible with even the doctrine of creation out of clay.

7 §§ The Old Testament account of creation dates from long after the time of Moses; he never taught the Hebrews such a distorted story. But he did present a simple and condensed narrative of creation to the Israelites, hoping thereby to augment his appeal

to worship the Creator, the Universal Father, whom he called the Lord God of Israel.

8 In his early teachings, Moses very wisely did not attempt to go back of Adam's time, and since Moses was the supreme teacher of the Hebrews, the stories of Adam became intimately associated with those of creation. That the earlier traditions recognized pre-Adamic civilization is clearly shown by the fact that later editors, intending to eradicate all reference to human affairs before Adam's time, neglected to remove the telltale reference to Cain's emigration to the "land of

Nod," where he took himself a wife.

9 The Hebrews had no written language in general usage for a long time after they reached Palestine. They learned the use of an alphabet from the neighbouring Philistines, who were political refugees from the higher civilization of Crete[1]. The Hebrews did little writing until about 900 B.C.[2], and having no written language until such a late date, they had several different stories of creation in circula-

[1] The Minoan civilization, according to [1]

[2] The human source [1] says more vaguely "the eighth, or at the earliest, the ninth century before Christ".

tion, but after the Babylonian captivity they inclined more toward accepting a modified Mesopotamian version.

10 Jewish tradition became crystallized about Moses, and because he endeavoured to trace the lineage of Abraham back to Adam, the Jews assumed that Adam was the first of all mankind. Yahweh was the creator, and since Adam was supposed to be the first man, he must have made the world just prior to making Adam. And then the tradition of Adam's six days got woven into the story, with the result that almost a thousand years after Moses' sojourn on earth the tradi-

tion of creation in six days was written out and subsequently credited to him.

11 When the Jewish priests returned to Jerusalem, they had already completed the writing of their narrative of the beginning of things. Soon they made claims that this recital was a recently discovered story of creation written by Moses. But the contemporary Hebrews of around 500 B.C. did not consider these writings to be divine revelations; they looked upon them much as later peoples regard mythological narratives.

12 This spurious document, reputed to be the teachings of Moses, was

brought to the attention of Ptolemy[1], the Greek king of Egypt, who had it translated into Greek by a commission of 70 scholars for his new library at Alexandria. And so this account found its place among those writings which subsequently became a part of the later collections of the "sacred scriptures" of the Hebrew and Christian religions. And through identification with these theological systems, such concepts for a long time profoundly influenced the philosophy of many Occidental peoples.

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[1] The human source [1] says this was Ptolemy Philadelphus.

13 The Christian teachers perpetuated the belief in the fiat creation of the human race, and all this led directly to the formation of the hypothesis of a onetime golden age of utopian bliss and the theory of the fall of man or superman which accounted for the nonutopian condition of society. These outlooks on life and man's place in the universe were at best discouraging since they were predicated upon a belief in retrogression rather than progression, as well as implying a vengeful Deity, who had vented wrath upon the human race in retribution for the errors of certain onetime plan-

etary administrators.

14 §§ The "golden age" is a myth, but Eden was a fact, and the Garden civilization was actually overthrown. Adam and Eve carried on in the Garden for 117 years when, through the impatience of Eve and the errors of judgment of Adam, they presumed to turn aside from the ordained way, speedily bringing disaster upon themselves and ruinous retardation upon the developmental progression of all Urantia.

15 [Narrated by Solonia, the seraphic "voice in the Garden."]

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PAPER 75

THE DEFAULT OF ADAM AND EVE

Solonia

After more than 100 years of effort on Urantia, Adam was able to see very little progress outside the Garden; the world at large did not seem to be improving much. The realization of race betterment appeared to be a long way off, and the situation seemed so desperate as to demand something for relief not embraced in the original plans. At

least that is what often passed through Adam's mind, and he so expressed himself many times to Eve. Adam and his mate were loyal, but they were isolated from their kind, and they were sorely distressed by the sorry plight of their world.

1. THE URANTIA PROBLEM

1 The Adamic mission on experimental, rebellion-seared, and isolated Urantia was a formidable undertaking. And the Material Son and Daughter early became aware of the difficulty and complexity of their planetary assignment. Nevertheless, they coura-

geously set about the task of solving their manifold problems. But when they addressed themselves to the all-important work of eliminating the defectives and degenerates from among the human strains, they were quite dismayed. They could see no way out of the dilemma, and they could not take counsel with their superiors on either Jerusem or Edentia. Here they were, isolated and day by day confronted with some new and complicated tangle, some problem that seemed to be unsolvable.

2 Under normal conditions the first work of a Planetary Adam and

Eve would be the co-ordination and blending of the races. But on Urantia such a project seemed just about hopeless, for the races, while biologically fit, had never been purged of their retarded and defective strains.

3 Adam and Eve found themselves on a sphere wholly unprepared for the proclamation of the brotherhood of man, a world groping about in abject spiritual darkness and cursed with confusion worse confounded by the miscarriage of the mission of the preceding administration. Mind and morals were at a low level, and instead of beginning the task of effecting reli-

gious unity, they must begin all anew the work of converting the inhabitants to the most simple forms of religious belief. Instead of finding one language ready for adoption, they were confronted by the world-wide confusion of hundreds upon hundreds of local dialects. No Adam of the planetary service was ever set down on a more difficult world; the obstacles seemed insuperable and the problems beyond creature solution.

4 They were isolated, and the tremendous sense of loneliness which bore down upon them was all the more heightened by the early de-

parture of the Melchizedek receivers. Only indirectly, by means of the angelic orders, could they communicate with any being off the planet. Slowly their courage weakened, their spirits drooped, and sometimes their faith almost faltered.

5 And this is the true picture of the consternation of these two noble souls as they pondered the tasks which confronted them. They were both keenly aware of the enormous undertaking involved in the execution of their planetary assignment.

6 Probably no Material Sons of Nebadon were ever faced with such a dif-

ficult and seemingly hopeless task as confronted Adam and Eve in the sorry plight of Urantia. But they would have sometime met with success had they been more farseeing and *patient*. Both of them, especially Eve, were altogether too impatient; they were not willing to settle down to the long, long endurance test. They wanted to see some immediate results, and they did, but the results thus secured proved most disastrous both to themselves and to their world.

2. CALIGASTIA'S PLOT

1 Caligastia paid frequent visits to

the Garden and held many conferences with Adam and Eve, but they were adamant to all his suggestions of compromise and short-cut adventures. They had before them enough of the results of rebellion to produce effective immunity against all such insinuating proposals. Even the young offspring of Adam were uninfluenced by the overtures of Daligastia. And of course neither Caligastia nor his associate had power to influence any individual against his will, much less to persuade the children of Adam to do wrong.

2 It must be remembered that Cali-

gastia was still the titular Planetary Prince of Urantia, a misguided but nevertheless high Son of the local universe. He was not finally deposed until the times of Christ Michael on Urantia.

3 But the fallen Prince was persistent and determined. He soon gave up working on Adam and decided to try a wily flank attack on Eve. The evil one concluded that the only hope for success lay in the adroit employment of suitable persons belonging to the upper strata of the Nodite group, the descendants of his onetime corporeal-staff associates. And the plans

were accordingly laid for entrapping the mother of the violet race.

4 §§ It was farthest from Eve's intention ever to do anything which would militate against Adam's plans or jeopardize their planetary trust. Knowing the tendency of woman to look upon immediate results rather than to plan farsightedly for more remote effects, the Melchizedeks, before departing, had especially enjoined Eve as to the peculiar dangers besetting their isolated position on the planet and had in particular warned her never to stray from the side of her mate, that is, to attempt no personal or secret methods

of furthering their mutual undertakings. Eve had most scrupulously carried out these instructions for more than 100 years, and it did not occur to her that any danger would attach to the increasingly private and confidential visits she was enjoying with a certain Nodite leader named Serapatatia. The whole affair developed so gradually and naturally that she was taken unawares.

5 The Garden dwellers had been in contact with the Nodites since the early days of Eden. From these mixed descendants of the defaulting members of Caligastia's staff they had re-

ceived much valuable help and co-operation, and through them the Edenic regime was now to meet its complete undoing and final overthrow.

3. THE TEMPTATION OF EVE

1 Adam had just finished his first 100 years on earth when Serapatatia, upon the death of his father, came to the leadership of the western or Syrian confederation of the Nodite tribes. Serapatatia was a brown-tinted man, a brilliant descendant of the onetime chief of the Dalamatia commission on health mated with one of the master female minds of the blue race of those

distant days. All down through the ages this line had held authority and wielded a great influence among the western Nodite tribes.

2 Serapatatia had made several visits to the Garden and had become deeply impressed with the righteousness of Adam's cause. And shortly after assuming the leadership of the Syrian Nodites, he announced his intention of establishing an affiliation with the work of Adam and Eve in the Garden. The majority of his people joined him in this program, and Adam was cheered by the news that the most powerful and the most in-

telligent of all the neighbouring tribes had swung over almost bodily to the support of the program for world improvement; it was decidedly heartening. And shortly after this great event, Serapatatia and his new staff were entertained by Adam and Eve in their own home.

3 §§ Serapatatia became one of the most able and efficient of all of Adam's lieutenants. He was entirely honest and thoroughly sincere in all of his activities; he was never conscious, even later on, that he was being used as a circumstantial tool of the wily Caligastia.

4 §§ Presently, Serapatatia became

the associate chairman of the Edenic commission on tribal relations, and many plans were laid for the more vigorous prosecution of the work of winning the remote tribes to the cause of the Garden.

5 He held many conferences with Adam and Eve — especially with Eve — and they talked over many plans for improving their methods. One day, during a talk with Eve, it occurred to Serapatatia that it would be very helpful if, while awaiting the recruiting of large numbers of the violet race, something could be done in the meantime immediately to advance

the needy waiting tribes. Serapatatia contended that, if the Nodites, as the most progressive and co-operative race, could have a leader born to them of part origin in the violet stock, it would constitute a powerful tie binding these peoples more closely to the Garden. And all of this was soberly and honestly considered to be for the good of the world since this child, to be reared and educated in the Garden, would exert a great influence for good over his father's people.

6 It should again be emphasized that Serapatatia was altogether honest and wholly sincere in all that he proposed.

He never once suspected that he was playing into the hands of Caligastia and Daligastia. Serapatatia was entirely loyal to the plan of building up a strong reserve of the violet race before attempting the world-wide upstepping of the confused peoples of Urantia. But this would require hundreds of years to consummate, and he was impatient; he wanted to see some immediate results — something in his own lifetime. He made it clear to Eve that Adam was oftentimes discouraged by the little that had been accomplished toward uplifting the world.

7 §§ For more than five years these

plans were secretly matured. At last they had developed to the point where Eve consented to have a secret conference with Cano, the most brilliant mind and active leader of the nearby colony of friendly Nodites. Cano was very sympathetic with the Adamic regime; in fact, he was the sincere spiritual leader of those neighbouring Nodites who favoured friendly relations with the Garden.

8 The fateful meeting occurred during the twilight hours of the autumn evening, not far from the home of Adam. Eve had never before met the beautiful and enthusiastic Cano

— and he was a magnificent specimen of the survival of the superior physique and outstanding intellect of his remote progenitors of the Prince's staff. And Cano also thoroughly believed in the righteousness of the Serapatatia project. (Outside of the Garden, multiple mating was a common practice.)

9 Influenced by flattery, enthusiasm, and great personal persuasion, Eve then and there consented to embark upon the much-discussed enterprise, to add her own little scheme of world saving to the larger and more far-reaching divine plan. Before she quite

realized what was transpiring, the fatal step had been taken. It was done.

4. THE REALIZATION OF DEFAULT

1 The celestial life of the planet was astir. Adam recognized that something was wrong, and he asked Eve to come aside with him in the Garden. And now, for the first time, Adam heard the entire story of the long-nourished plan for accelerating world improvement by operating simultaneously in two directions: the prosecution of the divine plan concomitantly with the execution of the Serapatatia enterprise.

2 And as the Material Son and Daughter thus communed in the moonlit Garden, "the voice in the Garden" reproved them for disobedience. And that voice was none other than my own announcement to the Edenic pair that they had transgressed the Garden covenant; that they had disobeyed the instructions of the Melchizedeks; that they had defaulted in the execution of their oaths of trust to the sovereign of the universe.

3 Eve had consented to participate in the practice of good and evil. Good is the carrying out of the divine plans; sin is a deliberate transgression of the

divine will; evil is the misadaptation of plans and the maladjustment of techniques resulting in universe disharmony and planetary confusion.

4 Every time the Garden pair had partaken of the fruit of the tree of life, they had been warned by the archangel custodian to refrain from yielding to the suggestions of Caligastia to combine good and evil. They had been thus admonished: "In the day that you commingle good and evil, you shall surely become as the mortals of the realm; you shall surely die."

5 Eve had told Cano of this oft-repeated warning on the fateful occasion

of their secret meeting, but Cano, not knowing the import or significance of such admonitions, had assured her that men and women with good motives and true intentions could do no evil; that she should surely not die but rather live anew in the person of their offspring, who would grow up to bless and stabilize the world.

6 Even though this project of modifying the divine plan had been conceived and executed with entire sincerity and with only the highest motives concerning the welfare of the world, it constituted evil because it represented the wrong way to achieve

righteous ends, because it departed from the right way, the divine plan.

7 True, Eve had found Cano pleasant to the eyes, and she realized all that her seducer promised by way of "new and increased knowledge of human affairs and quickened understanding of human nature as supplemental to the comprehension of the Adamic nature."

8 I talked to the father and mother of the violet race that night in the Garden as became my duty under the sorrowful circumstances. I listened fully to the recital of all that led up to the default of Mother Eve and gave both

of them advice and counsel concerning the immediate situation. Some of this advice they followed; some they disregarded. This conference appears in your records as "the Lord God calling to Adam and Eve in the Garden and asking, 'Where are you?'" It was the practice of later generations to attribute everything unusual and extraordinary, whether natural or spiritual, directly to the personal intervention of the Gods.

5. REPERCUSSIONS OF DEFAULT

1 Eve's disillusionment was truly pathetic. Adam discerned the whole

predicament and, while heartbroken and dejected, entertained only pity and sympathy for his erring mate.

2 It was in the despair of the realization of failure that Adam, the day after Eve's misstep, sought out Laotta, the brilliant Nodite woman who was head of the western schools of the Garden, and with premeditation committed the folly of Eve. But do not misunderstand; Adam was not beguiled; he knew exactly what he was about; he deliberately chose to share the fate of Eve. He loved his mate with a supermortal affection, and the thought of the possibility of a lonely vigil on

Urantia without her was more than he could endure.

3 When they learned what had happened to Eve, the infuriated inhabitants of the Garden became unmanageable; they declared war on the nearby Nodite settlement. They swept out through the gates of Eden and down upon these unprepared people, utterly destroying them — not a man, woman, or child was spared. And Cano, the father of Cain yet unborn, also perished.

4 Upon the realization of what had happened, Serapatatia was overcome with consternation and beside himself

with fear and remorse. The next day he drowned himself in the great river.

5 The children of Adam sought to comfort their distracted mother while their father wandered in solitude for 30 days. At the end of that time judgment asserted itself, and Adam returned to his home and began to plan for their future course of action.

6 The consequences of the follies of misguided parents are so often shared by their innocent children. The upright and noble sons and daughters of Adam and Eve were overwhelmed by the inexplicable sorrow of the unbelievable tragedy which had been so

suddenly and so ruthlessly thrust upon them. Not in 50 years did the older of these children recover from the sorrow and sadness of those tragic days, especially the terror of that period of 30 days during which their father was absent from home while their distracted mother was in complete ignorance of his whereabouts or fate.

7 And those same 30 days were as long years of sorrow and suffering to Eve. Never did this noble soul fully recover from the effects of that excruciating period of mental suffering and spiritual sorrow. No feature of their subsequent deprivations and material

hardships ever began to compare in Eve's memory with those terrible days and awful nights of loneliness and unbearable uncertainty. She learned of the rash act of Serapatatia and did not know whether her mate had in sorrow destroyed himself or had been removed from the world in retribution for her misstep. And when Adam returned, Eve experienced a satisfaction of joy and gratitude that never was effaced by their long and difficult life partnership of toiling service.

8 §§ Time passed, but Adam was not certain of the nature of their offence until 70 days after the default of Eve,

when the Melchizedek receivers returned to Urantia and assumed jurisdiction over world affairs. And then he knew they had failed.

9 §§ But still more trouble was brewing: The news of the annihilation of the Nodite settlement near Eden was not slow in reaching the home tribes of Serapatatia to the north, and presently a great host was assembling to march on the Garden. And this was the beginning of a long and bitter warfare between the Adamites and the Nodites, for these hostilities kept up long after Adam and his followers emigrated to the second garden in the Eu-

phrates valley. There was intense and lasting "enmity between that man and the woman, between his seed and her seed."

6. ADAM AND EVE LEAVE THE GARDEN

1 When Adam learned that the Nodites were on the march, he sought the counsel of the Melchizedeks, but they refused to advise him, only telling him to do as he thought best and promising their friendly co-operation, as far as possible, in any course he might decide upon. The Melchizedeks had been forbidden to interfere with the personal plans of Adam and

Eve.

2 Adam knew that he and Eve had failed; the presence of the Melchizedek receivers told him that, though he still knew nothing of their personal status or future fate. He held an all-night conference with some 1,200 loyal followers who pledged themselves to follow their leader, and the next day at noon these pilgrims went forth from Eden in quest of new homes. Adam had no liking for war and accordingly elected to leave the first garden to the Nodites unopposed.

3 The Edenic caravan was halted on the third day out from the Garden

by the arrival of the seraphic transports from Jerusem. And for the first time Adam and Eve were informed of what was to become of their children. While the transports stood by, those children who had arrived at the age of choice (20 years) were given the option of remaining on Urantia with their parents or of becoming wards of the Most Highs of Norlatiadek. Two thirds chose to go to Edentia; about one third elected to remain with their parents. All children of prechoice age were taken to Edentia. No one could have beheld the sorrowful parting of this Material Son and Daughter and

their children without realizing that the way of the transgressor is hard. These offspring of Adam and Eve are now on Edentia; we do not know what disposition is to be made of them.

4 It was a sad, sad caravan that prepared to journey on. Could anything have been more tragic! To have come to a world in such high hopes, to have been so auspiciously received, and then to go forth in disgrace from Eden, only to lose more than three fourths of their children even before

finding a new abiding place!

7. DEGRADATION OF ADAM AND EVE

1 It was while the Edenic caravan was halted that Adam and Eve were informed of the nature of their transgressions and advised concerning their fate. Gabriel appeared to pronounce judgment. And this was the verdict: The Planetary Adam and Eve of Urantia are adjudged in default; they have violated the covenant of their trusteeship as the rulers of this inhabited world.

2 While downcast by the sense of guilt, Adam and Eve were greatly

cheered by the announcement that their judges on Salvington had absolved them from all charges of standing in "contempt of the universe government." They had not been held guilty of rebellion.

3 The Edenic pair were informed that they had degraded themselves to the status of the mortals of the realm; that they must henceforth conduct themselves as man and woman of Urantia, looking to the future of the world races for their future.

4 Long before Adam and Eve left Jerusem, their instructors had fully explained to them the consequences of

any vital departure from the divine plans. I had personally and repeatedly warned them, both before and after they arrived on Urantia, that reduction to the status of mortal flesh would be the certain result, the sure penalty, which would unfailingly attend default in the execution of their planetary mission. But a comprehension of the immortality status of the material order of sonship is essential to a clear understanding of the consequences attendant upon the default of Adam and Eve.

5 1. Adam and Eve, like their fellows on Jerusem, maintained immor-

tal status through intellectual association with the mind-gravity circuit of the Spirit. When this vital sustenance is broken by mental disjunction, then, regardless of the spiritual level of creature existence, immortality status is lost. Mortal status followed by physical dissolution was the inevitable consequence of the intellectual default of Adam and Eve.

6 2. The Material Son and Daughter of Urantia, being also personalized in the similitude of the mortal flesh of this world, were further dependent on the maintenance of a dual circulatory system, the one derived from

their physical natures, the other from the superenergy stored in the fruit of the tree of life. Always had the archangel custodian admonished Adam and Eve that default of trust would culminate in degradation of status, and access to this source of energy was denied them subsequent to their default.

7 §§ Caligastia did succeed in trapping Adam and Eve, but he did not accomplish his purpose of leading them into open rebellion against the universe government. What they had done was indeed evil, but they were never guilty of contempt for truth, neither did they knowingly enlist in

rebellion against the righteous rule of the Universal Father and his Creator Son.

8. THE SO-CALLED FALL OF MAN

1 Adam and Eve did fall from their high estate of material sonship down to the lowly status of mortal man. But that was not the fall of man. The human race has been uplifted despite the immediate consequences of the Adamic default. Although the divine plan of giving the violet race to the Urantia peoples miscarried, the mortal races have profited enormously from the limited contribution which

Adam and his descendants made to the Urantia races.

2 There has been no "fall of man." The history of the human race is one of progressive evolution, and the Adamic bestowal left the world peoples greatly improved over their previous biologic condition. The more superior stocks of Urantia now contain inheritance factors derived from as many as four separate sources: Andonite, Sangik, Nodite, and Adamic.

3 Adam should not be regarded as the cause of a curse on the human race. While he did fail in carrying forward the divine plan, while he did transgress

his covenant with Deity, while he and his mate were most certainly degraded in creature status, notwithstanding all this, their contribution to the human race did much to advance civilization on Urantia.

4 §§ In estimating the results of the Adamic mission on your world, justice demands the recognition of the condition of the planet. Adam was confronted with a well-nigh hopeless task when, with his beautiful mate, he was transported from Jerusem to this dark and confused planet. But had they been guided by the counsel of the Melchizedeks and their associates, and

had they been more patient, they would have eventually met with success. But Eve listened to the insidious propaganda of personal liberty and planetary freedom of action. She was led to experiment with the life plasm of the material order of sonship in that she allowed this life trust to become prematurely commingled with that of the then mixed order of the original design of the Life Carriers which had been previously combined with that of the reproducing beings once attached to the staff of the Planetary Prince.

5 Never, in all your ascent to Paradise, will you gain anything by impa-

tiently attempting to circumvent the established and divine plan by short cuts, personal inventions, or other devices for improving on the way of perfection, to perfection, and for eternal perfection.

6 §§ All in all, there probably never was a more disheartening miscarriage of wisdom on any planet in all Nebadon. But it is not surprising that these missteps occur in the affairs of the evolutionary universes. We are a part of a gigantic creation, and it is not strange that everything does not work in perfection; our universe was not created in perfection. Perfection is our eternal

goal, not our origin.

7 If this were a mechanistic universe, if the First Great Source and Centre were only a force and not also a personality, if all creation were a vast aggregation of physical matter dominated by precise laws characterized by unvarying energy actions, then might perfection obtain, even despite the incompleteness of universe status. There would be no disagreement; there would be no friction. But in our evolving universe of relative perfection and imperfection we rejoice that disagreement and misunderstanding are possible, for thereby is evidenced the

fact and the act of personality in the universe. And if our creation is an existence dominated by personality, then can you be assured of the possibilities of personality survival, advancement, and achievement; we can be confident of personality growth, experience, and adventure. What a glorious universe, in that it is personal and progressive, not merely mechanical or even passively perfect!

8 [Presented by Solonia, the seraphic "voice in the Garden."]

PAPER 76

THE SECOND GARDEN

Solonia

When Adam elected to leave the first garden to the Nodites unopposed, he and his followers could not go west, for the Edenites had no boats suitable for such a marine adventure. They could not go north; the northern Nodites were already on the march toward Eden. They feared to go south; the hills of that region were infested with hostile tribes. The only way open

was to the east, and so they journeyed eastward toward the then pleasant regions between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. And many of those who were left behind later journeyed eastward to join the Adamites in their new valley home.

2 §§ Cain and Sansa were both born before the Adamic caravan had reached its destination between the rivers in Mesopotamia. Laotta, the mother of Sansa, perished at the birth of her daughter; Eve suffered much but survived, owing to superior strength. Eve took Sansa, the child of Laotta, to her bosom, and she was

reared along with Cain. Sansa grew up to be a woman of great ability. She became the wife of Sargan, the chief of the northern blue races, and contributed to the advancement of the blue men of those times.

1. THE EDENITES ENTER MESOPOTAMIA

1 It required almost a full year for the caravan of Adam to reach the Euphrates River. Finding it in flood tide, they remained camped on the plains west of the stream almost six weeks before they made their way across to the land between the rivers which was to become the second garden.

2 When word had reached the dwellers in the land of the second garden that the king and high priest of the Garden of Eden was marching on them, they had fled in haste to the eastern mountains. Adam found all of the desired territory vacated when he arrived. And here in this new location Adam and his helpers set themselves to work to build new homes and establish a new centre of culture and religion.

3 This site was known to Adam as one of the three original selections of the committee assigned to choose possible locations for the Garden pro-

posed by Van and Amadon. The two rivers themselves were a good natural defence in those days, and a short way north of the second garden the Euphrates and Tigris came close together so that a defence wall extending 90 km could be built for the protection of the territory to the south and between the rivers.

4 §§ After getting settled in the new Eden, it became necessary to adopt crude methods of living; it seemed entirely true that the ground had been cursed. Nature was once again taking its course. Now were the Adamites compelled to wrest a living from un-

prepared soil and to cope with the realities of life in the face of the natural hostilities and incompatibilities of mortal existence. They found the first garden partially prepared for them, but the second had to be created by the labour of their own hands and in the "sweat of their faces."

2. CAIN AND ABEL

1 Less than two years after Cain's birth, Abel was born, the first child of Adam and Eve to be born in the second garden. When Abel grew up to the age of 12 years, he elected to be a herder; Cain had chosen to follow

agriculture.

2 Now, in those days it was customary to make offerings to the priesthood of the things at hand. Herders would bring of their flocks, farmers of the fruits of the fields; and in accordance with this custom, Cain and Abel likewise made periodic offerings to the priests. The two boys had many times argued about the relative merits of their vocations, and Abel was not slow to note that preference was shown for his animal sacrifices. In vain did Cain appeal to the traditions of the first Eden, to the former preference for the fruits of the fields. But this

Abel would not allow, and he taunted his older brother in his discomfiture.

3 In the days of the first Eden, Adam had indeed sought to discourage the offering of animal sacrifice so that Cain had a justifiable precedent for his contentions. It was, however, difficult to organize the religious life of the second Eden. Adam was burdened with a thousand and one details associated with the work of building, defence, and agriculture. Being much depressed spiritually, he entrusted the organization of worship and education to those of Nodite extraction who had served in these capacities in the

first garden; and in even so short a time the officiating Nodite priests were reverting to the standards and rulings of pre-Adamic times.

4 The two boys never got along well, and this matter of sacrifices further contributed to the growing hatred between them. Abel knew he was the son of both Adam and Eve and never failed to impress upon Cain that Adam was not his father. Cain was not pure violet as his father was of the Nodite race later admixed with the blue and the red man and with the aboriginal Andonic stock. And all of this, with Cain's natural bellicose in-

heritance, caused him to nourish an ever-increasing hatred for his younger brother.

5 The boys were respectively 18 and 20 years of age when the tension between them was finally resolved, one day, when Abel's taunts so infuriated his bellicose brother that Cain turned upon him in wrath and slew him.

6 §§ The observation of Abel's conduct establishes the value of environment and education as factors in character development. Abel had an ideal inheritance, and heredity lies at the bottom of all character; but the influence of an inferior environment vir-

tually neutralized this magnificent inheritance. Abel, especially during his younger years, was greatly influenced by his unfavourable surroundings. He would have become an entirely different person had he lived to be 25 or 30; his superb inheritance would then have shown itself. While a good environment cannot contribute much toward really overcoming the character handicaps of a base heredity, a bad environment can very effectively spoil an excellent inheritance, at least during the younger years of life. Good social environment and proper education are indispensable soil and atmo-

sphere for getting the most out of a good inheritance.

7 §§ The death of Abel became known to his parents when his dogs brought the flocks home without their master. To Adam and Eve, Cain was fast becoming the grim reminder of their folly, and they encouraged him in his decision to leave the garden.

8 Cain's life in Mesopotamia had not been exactly happy since he was in such a peculiar way symbolic of the default. It was not that his associates were unkind to him, but he had not been unaware of their subconscious resentment of his presence.

But Cain knew that, since he bore no tribal mark, he would be killed by the first neighbouring tribesmen who might chance to meet him. Fear, and some remorse, led him to repent. Cain had never been indwelt by an Adjuster, had always been defiant of the family discipline and disdainful of his father's religion. But he now went to Eve, his mother, and asked for spiritual help and guidance, and when he honestly sought divine assistance, an Adjuster indwelt him. And this Adjuster, dwelling within and looking out, gave Cain a distinct advantage of superiority which classed him with the greatly

feared tribe of Adam.

9 And so Cain departed for the land of Nod, east of the second Eden. He became a great leader among one group of his father's people and did, to a certain degree, fulfil the predictions of Serapatatia, for he did promote peace between this division of the Nodites and the Adamites throughout his lifetime. Cain married Remona, his distant cousin, and their first son, Enoch, became the head of the Elamite Nodites. And for hundreds of years the Elamites and the

Adamites continued to be at peace.

3. LIFE IN MESOPOTAMIA

1 As time passed in the second garden, the consequences of default became increasingly apparent. Adam and Eve greatly missed their former home of beauty and tranquillity as well as their children who had been deported to Edentia. It was indeed pathetic to observe this magnificent couple reduced to the status of the common flesh of the realm; but they bore their diminished estate with grace and fortitude.

2 Adam wisely spent most of the

time training his children and their associates in civil administration, educational methods, and religious devotions. Had it not been for this foresight, pandemonium would have broken loose upon his death. As it was, the death of Adam made little difference in the conduct of the affairs of his people. But long before Adam and Eve passed away, they recognized that their children and followers had gradually learned to forget the days of their glory in Eden. And it was better for the majority of their followers that they did forget the grandeur of Eden; they were not so likely to expe-

rience undue dissatisfaction with their less fortunate environment.

3 §§ The civil rulers of the Adamites were derived hereditarily from the sons of the first garden. Adam's first son, Adamson (Adam ben Adam), founded a secondary centre of the violet race to the north of the second Eden. Adam's second son, Eveson, became a masterly leader and administrator; he was the great helper of his father. Eveson lived not quite so long as Adam, and his eldest son, Jansad, became the successor of Adam as the head of the Adamite tribes.

4 §§ The religious rulers, or priest-

hood, originated with Seth, the eldest surviving son of Adam and Eve born in the second garden. He was born 129 years after Adam's arrival on Urantia. Seth became absorbed in the work of improving the spiritual status of his father's people, becoming the head of the new priesthood of the second garden. His son, Enos, founded the new order of worship, and his grandson, Kenan, instituted the foreign missionary service to the surrounding tribes, near and far.

5 The Sethite priesthood was a threefold undertaking, embracing religion, health, and education. The

priests of this order were trained to officiate at religious ceremonies, to serve as physicians and sanitary inspectors, and to act as teachers in the schools of the garden.

6 §§ Adam's caravan had carried the seeds and bulbs of hundreds of plants and cereals of the first garden with them to the land between the rivers; they also had brought along extensive herds and some of all the domesticated animals. Because of this they possessed great advantages over the surrounding tribes. They enjoyed many of the benefits of the previous culture of the original Garden.

7 Up to the time of leaving the first garden, Adam and his family had always subsisted on fruits, cereals, and nuts. On the way to Mesopotamia they had, for the first time, partaken of herbs and vegetables. The eating of meat was early introduced into the second garden, but Adam and Eve never partook of flesh as a part of their regular diet. Neither did Adamson nor Eveson nor the other children of the first generation of the first garden become flesh eaters.

8 §§ The Adamites greatly excelled the surrounding peoples in cultural achievement and intellectual develop-

ment. They produced the third alphabet and otherwise laid the foundations for much that was the forerunner of modern art, science, and literature. Here in the lands between the Tigris and Euphrates they maintained the arts of writing, metalworking, pottery making, and weaving and produced a type of architecture that was not excelled in thousands of years.

9 The home life of the violet peoples was, for their day and age, ideal. Children were subjected to courses of training in agriculture, craftsmanship, and animal husbandry or else were educated to perform the threefold duty

of a Sethite: to be priest, physician, and teacher.

10 And when thinking of the Sethite priesthood, do not confuse those high-minded and noble teachers of health and religion, those true educators, with the debased and commercial priesthoods of the later tribes and surrounding nations. Their religious concepts of Deity and the universe were advanced and more or less accurate, their health provisions were, for their time, excellent, and their methods of education have never since been

surpassed.

4. THE VIOLET RACE

1 Adam and Eve were the founders of the violet race of men, the ninth human race to appear on Urantia. Adam and his offspring had blue eyes, and the violet peoples were characterized by fair complexions and light hair colour — yellow, red, and brown.

2 Eve did not suffer pain in childbirth; neither did the early evolutionary races. Only the mixed races produced by the union of evolutionary man with the Nodites and later with the Adamites suffered the severe pangs

of childbirth.

3 Adam and Eve, like their brethren on Jerusem, were energized by dual nutrition, subsisting on both food and light, supplemented by certain superphysical energies unrevealed on Urantia. Their Urantia offspring did not inherit the parental endowment of energy intake and light circulation. They had a single circulation, the human type of blood sustenance. They were designedly mortal though long-lived, albeit longevity gravitated toward the human norm with each succeeding generation.

4 Adam and Eve and their first gen-

eration of children did not use the flesh of animals for food. They subsisted wholly upon "the fruits of the trees." After the first generation all of the descendants of Adam began to partake of dairy products, but many of them continued to follow a nonflesh diet. Many of the southern tribes with whom they later united were also nonflesh eaters. Later on, most of these vegetarian tribes migrated to the east and survived as now admixed in the peoples of India.

5 Both the physical and spiritual visions of Adam and Eve were far superior to those of the present-day peo-

ples. Their special senses were much more acute, and they were able to see the midwayers and the angelic hosts, the Melchizedeks, and the fallen Prince Caligastia, who several times came to confer with his noble successor. They retained the ability to see these celestial beings for over 100 years after the default. These special senses were not so acutely present in their children and tended to diminish with each succeeding generation.

6 The Adamic children were usually Adjuster indwelt since they all possessed undoubted survival capacity. These superior offspring were not

so subject to fear as the children of evolution. So much of fear persists in the present-day races of Urantia because your ancestors received so little of Adam's life plasm, owing to the early miscarriage of the plans for racial physical uplift.

7 The body cells of the Material Sons and their progeny are far more resistant to disease than are those of the evolutionary beings indigenous to the planet. The body cells of the native races are akin to the living disease-producing microscopic and ultramicroscopic organisms of the realm. These facts explain why the Urantia peoples

must do so much by way of scientific effort to withstand so many physical disorders. You would be far more disease resistant if your races carried more of the Adamic life.

8 §§ After becoming established in the second garden on the Euphrates, Adam elected to leave behind as much of his life plasm as possible to benefit the world after his death. Accordingly, Eve was made the head of a commission of twelve on race improvement, and before Adam died this commission had selected 1,682 of the highest type of women on Urantia, and these women were impregnated with

the Adamic life plasm. Their children all grew up to maturity except 112, so that the world, in this way, was benefited by the addition of 1,570 superior men and women. Though these candidate mothers were selected from all the surrounding tribes and represented most of the races on earth, the majority were chosen from the highest strains of the Nodites, and they constituted the early beginnings of the mighty Andite race. These children were born and reared in the tribal surroundings of their respective moth-

ers.

5. DEATH OF ADAM AND EVE

1 Not long after the establishment of the second Eden, Adam and Eve were duly informed that their repentance was acceptable, and that, while they were doomed to suffer the fate of the mortals of their world, they should certainly become eligible for admission to the ranks of the sleeping survivors of Urantia. They fully believed this gospel of resurrection and rehabilitation which the Melchizedeks so touchingly proclaimed to them. Their transgression had been an error of

judgment and not the sin of conscious and deliberate rebellion.

2 Adam and Eve did not, as citizens of Jerusem, have Thought Adjusters, nor were they Adjuster indwelt when they functioned on Urantia in the first garden. But shortly after their reduction to mortal status they became conscious of a new presence within them and awakened to the realization that human status coupled with sincere repentance had made it possible for Adjusters to indwell them. It was this knowledge of being Adjuster indwelt that greatly heartened Adam and Eve throughout the remainder of

their lives; they knew that they had failed as Material Sons of Satania, but they also knew that the Paradise career was still open to them as ascending sons of the universe.

3 §§ Adam knew about the dispensational resurrection which occurred simultaneously with his arrival on the planet, and he believed that he and his companion would probably be repersonalized in connection with the advent of the next order of sonship. He did not know that Michael, the sovereign of this universe, was so soon to appear on Urantia; he expected that the next Son to arrive would be of the

Avonal order. Even so, it was always a comfort to Adam and Eve, as well as something difficult for them to understand, to ponder the only personal message they ever received from Michael. This message, among other expressions of friendship and comfort, said: "I have given consideration to the circumstances of your default, I have remembered the desire of your hearts ever to be loyal to my Father's will, and you will be called from the embrace of mortal slumber when I come to Urantia if the subordinate Sons of my realm do not send for you before that time."

4 And this was a great mystery to

Adam and Eve. They could comprehend the veiled promise of a possible special resurrection in this message, and such a possibility greatly cheered them, but they could not grasp the meaning of the intimation that they might rest until the time of a resurrection associated with Michael's personal appearance on Urantia. And so the Edenic pair always proclaimed that a Son of God would sometime come, and they communicated to their loved ones the belief, at least the longing hope, that the world of their blunders and sorrows might possibly be the realm whereon the ruler of this

universe would elect to function as the Paradise bestowal Son. It seemed too good to be true, but Adam did entertain the thought that strife-torn Urantia might, after all, turn out to be the most fortunate world in the system of Satania, the envied planet of all Nebadon.

5 §§ Adam lived for 530 years; he died of what might be termed old age. His physical mechanism simply wore out; the process of disintegration gradually gained on the process of repair, and the inevitable end came. Eve had died 19 years previously of a weakened heart. They were both buried

in the centre of the temple of divine service which had been built in accordance with their plans soon after the wall of the colony had been completed. And this was the origin of the practice of burying noted and pious men and women under the floors of the places of worship.

6 §§ The supermaterial government of Urantia, under the direction of the Melchizedeks, continued, but direct physical contact with the evolutionary races had been severed. From the distant days of the arrival of the corporeal staff of the Planetary Prince, down through the times of Van and Amadon

to the arrival of Adam and Eve, physical representatives of the universe government had been stationed on the planet. But with the Adamic default this regime, extending over a period of more than 450,000 years, came to an end. In the spiritual spheres, angelic helpers continued to struggle in conjunction with the Thought Adjusters, both working heroically for the salvage of the individual; but no comprehensive plan for far-reaching world welfare was promulgated to the mortals of earth until the arrival of Machiventa Melchizedek, in the times of Abraham, who, with the power, pa-

tience, and authority of a Son of God, did lay the foundations for the further uplift and spiritual rehabilitation of unfortunate Urantia.

7 Misfortune has not, however, been the sole lot of Urantia; this planet has also been the most fortunate in the local universe of Nebadon. Urantians should count it all gain if the blunders of their ancestors and the mistakes of their early world rulers so plunged the planet into such a hopeless state of confusion, all the more confounded by evil and sin, that this very background of darkness should so appeal to Michael of Nebadon that he se-

lected this world as the arena wherein to reveal the loving personality of the Father in heaven. It is not that Urantia needed a Creator Son to set its tangled affairs in order; it is rather that the evil and sin on Urantia afforded the Creator Son a more striking background against which to reveal the matchless love, mercy, and patience of the Paradise Father.

6. SURVIVAL OF ADAM AND EVE

1 Adam and Eve went to their mortal rest with strong faith in the promises made to them by the Melchizedeks that they would sometime

awake from the sleep of death to resume life on the mansion worlds, worlds all so familiar to them in the days preceding their mission in the material flesh of the violet race on Urantia.

2 They did not long rest in the oblivion of the unconscious sleep of the mortals of the realm. On the third day after Adam's death, the second following his reverent burial, the orders of Lanaforge, sustained by the acting Most High of Edentia and concurred in by the Union of Days on Salvington, acting for Michael, were placed in Gabriel's hands, directing the spe-

cial roll call of the distinguished survivors of the Adamic default on Urantia. And in accordance with this mandate of special resurrection, number 26 of the Urantia series, Adam and Eve were repersonalized and reassembled in the resurrection halls of the mansion worlds of Satania together with 1,316 of their associates in the experience of the first garden. Many other loyal souls had already been translated at the time of Adam's arrival, which was attended by a dispensational adjudication of both the sleeping survivors and of the living qualified ascenders.

3 §§ Adam and Eve quickly passed

through the worlds of progressive ascension until they attained citizenship on Jerusem, once again to be residents of the planet of their origin but this time as members of a different order of universe personalities. They left Jerusem as permanent citizens — Sons of God; they returned as ascendant citizens — sons of man. They were immediately attached to the Urantia service on the system capital, later being assigned membership among the four and twenty counsellors who constitute the present advisory-control body of Urantia.

4 §§ And thus ends the story of the

Planetary Adam and Eve of Urantia, a story of trial, tragedy, and triumph, at least personal triumph for your well-meaning but deluded Material Son and Daughter and undoubtedly, in the end, a story of ultimate triumph for their world and its rebellion-tossed and evil-harassed inhabitants. When all is summed up, Adam and Eve made a mighty contribution to the speedy civilization and accelerated biologic progress of the human race. They left a great culture on earth, but it was not possible for such an advanced civilization to survive in the face of the early dilution and the even-

tual submergence of the Adamic inheritance. It is the people who make a civilization; civilization does not make the people.

5 [Presented by Solonia, the seraphic "voice in the Garden."]

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THE MIDWAY CREATURES

Archangel

Most of the inhabited worlds of Nebadon harbour one or more groups of unique beings existing on a life-functioning level about midway between those of the mortals of the realms and of the angelic orders; hence are they called *midway* creatures. They appear to be an accident of time, but they occur so widespreadly and are so valuable as

helpers that we have all long since accepted them as one of the essential orders of our combined planetary ministry.

2 On Urantia there function two distinct orders of midwayers: the primary or senior corps, who came into being back in the days of Dalamatia, and the secondary or younger group, whose origin dates from the times of Adam.

1. THE PRIMARY MIDWAYERS

1 The primary midwayers have their genesis in a unique interassociation of the material and the spiritual on Uran-

tia. We know of the existence of similar creatures on other worlds and in other systems, but they originated by dissimilar techniques.

2 It is well always to bear in mind that the successive bestowals of the Sons of God on an evolving planet produce marked changes in the spiritual economy of the realm and sometimes so modify the workings of the interassociation of spiritual and material agencies on a planet as to create situations indeed difficult of understanding. The status of the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff illustrates just such a unique in-

terassociation: As ascendant morontia citizens of Jerusem they were supermaterial creatures without reproductive prerogatives. As descendant planetary ministers on Urantia they were material sex creatures capable of procreating material offspring (as some of them later did). What we cannot satisfactorily explain is how these 100 could function in the parental role on a supermaterial level, but that is exactly what happened. A supermaterial (nonsexual) liaison of a male and a female member of the corporeal staff resulted in the appearance of the firstborn of the primary midwayers.

3 It was immediately discovered that a creature of this order, midway between the mortal and angelic levels, would be of great service in carrying on the affairs of the Prince's headquarters, and each couple of the corporeal staff was accordingly granted permission to produce a similar being. This effort resulted in the first group of 50 midway creatures.

4 After a year of observing the work of this unique group, the Planetary Prince authorized the reproduction of midwayers without restriction. This plan was carried out as long as the power to create continued, and the

original corps of 50,000 was accordingly brought into being.

5 A period of one-half year intervened between the production of each midwayer, and when one thousand such beings had been born to each couple, no more were ever forthcoming. And there is no explanation available as to why this power was exhausted upon the appearance of the 1,000th offspring. No amount of further experimentation ever resulted in anything but failure.

6 §§ These creatures constituted the intelligence corps of the Prince's administration. They ranged far and

wide, studying and observing the world races and rendering other invaluable services to the Prince and his staff in the work of influencing human society remote from the planetary headquarters.

7 This regime continued until the tragic days of the planetary rebellion, which ensnared a little over four fifths of the primary midwayers. The loyal corps entered the service of the Melchizedek receivers, functioning under the titular leadership of Van until the

days of Adam.

2. THE NODITE RACE

1 While this is the narrative of the origin, nature, and function of the midway creatures of Urantia, the kinship between the two orders — primary and secondary — makes it necessary to interrupt the story of the primary midwayers at this point in order to follow out the line of descent from the rebel members of the corporeal staff of Prince Caligastia from the days of the planetary rebellion to the times of Adam. It was this line of inheritance which, in the early days of

the second garden, furnished one half of the ancestry for the secondary order of midway creatures.

2 §§ The physical members of the Prince's staff had been constituted sex creatures for the purpose of participating in the plan of procreating offspring embodying the combined qualities of their special order united with those of the selected stock of the Andon tribes, and all of this was in anticipation of the subsequent appearance of Adam. The Life Carriers had planned a new type of mortal embracing the union of the conjoint offspring of the Prince's staff with the first-generation

offspring of Adam and Eve. They had thus projected a plan envisioning a new order of planetary creatures whom they hoped would become the teacher-rulers of human society. Such beings were designed for social sovereignty, not civil sovereignty. But since this project almost completely miscarried, we shall never know what an aristocracy of benign leadership and matchless culture Urantia was thus deprived of. For when the corporeal staff later reproduced, it was subsequent to the rebellion and after they had been deprived of their connection with the life currents of the system.

3 The postrebellion era on Urantia witnessed many unusual happenings. A great civilization — the culture of Dalamatia — was going to pieces. "The Nephilim (Nodites) were on earth in those days, and when these sons of the gods went in to the daughters of men and they bore to them, their children were the 'mighty men of old,' the 'men of renown.'" While hardly "sons of the gods," the staff and their early descendants were so regarded by the evolutionary mortals of those distant days; even their stature came to be magnified by tradition. This, then, is the origin of the well-

nigh universal folk tale of the gods who came down to earth and there with the daughters of men begot an ancient race of heroes. And all this legend became further confused with the race mixtures of the later appearing Adamites in the second garden.

4 Since the 100 corporeal members of the Prince's staff carried germ plasm of the Andonic human strains, it would naturally be expected that, if they engaged in sexual reproduction, their progeny would altogether resemble the offspring of other Andonite parents. But when the 60 rebels of the staff, the followers of Nod, actually

engaged in sexual reproduction, their children proved to be far superior in almost every way to both the Andonite and the Sangik peoples. This unexpected excellence characterized not only physical and intellectual qualities but also spiritual capacities.

5 These mutant traits appearing in the first Nodite generation resulted from certain changes which had been wrought in the configuration and in the chemical constituents of the inheritance factors of the Andonic germ plasm. These changes were caused by the presence in the bodies of the staff members of the powerful life-mainte-

nance circuits of the Satania system. These life circuits caused the chromosomes of the specialized Urantia pattern to reorganize more after the patterns of the standardized Satania specialization of the ordained Nebadon life manifestation. The technique of this germ plasm metamorphosis by the action of the system life currents is not unlike those procedures whereby Urantia scientists modify the germ plasm of plants and animals by the use of X-rays.

6 Thus did the Nodite peoples arise out of certain peculiar and unexpected modifications occurring in the

life plasm which had been transferred from the bodies of the Andonite contributors to those of the corporeal staff members by the Avalon surgeons.

7 §§ It will be recalled that the 100 Andonite germ plasm contributors were in turn made possessors of the organic complement of the tree of life so that the Satania life currents likewise invested their bodies. The 44 modified Andonites who followed the staff into rebellion also mated among themselves and made a great contribution to the better strains of the Nodite people.

8 These two groups, embracing 104

individuals who carried the modified Andonite germ plasm, constitute the ancestry of the Nodites, the 8th race to appear on Urantia. And this new feature of human life on Urantia represents another phase of the outworking of the original plan of utilizing this planet as a life-modification world, except that this was one of the unforeseen developments.

9 §§ The pure-line Nodites were a magnificent race, but they gradually mingled with the evolutionary peoples of earth, and before long great deterioration had occurred. 10,000 years after the rebellion they had lost

ground to the point where their average length of life was little more than that of the evolutionary races.

10 When archaeologists dig up the clay-tablet records of the later-day Sumerian descendants of the Nodites, they discover lists of Sumerian kings running back for several thousand years; and as these records go further back, the reigns of the individual kings lengthen from around 25 or 30 years up to 150 years and more. This lengthening of the reigns of these older kings signifies that some of the early Nodite rulers (immediate descendants of the Prince's staff)

did live longer than their later-day successors and also indicates an effort to stretch the dynasties back to Dalamatia.

11 The records of such long-lived individuals are also due to the confusion of months and years as time periods. This may also be observed in the Biblical genealogy of Abraham and in the early records of the Chinese. The confusion of the 28-day month, or season, with the later introduced year of more than 350 days is responsible for the traditions of such long human lives. There are records of a man who lived over 900 "years." This period repre-

sents not quite 70 years, and such lives were regarded for ages as very long, "threescore years and ten" as such a life span was later designated.

12 The reckoning of time by the 28-day month persisted long after the days of Adam. But when the Egyptians undertook to reform the calendar, about 7,000 years ago, they did it with great accuracy, introducing the year of 365 days.

3. THE TOWER OF BABEL

1 After the submergence of Dalamatia the Nodites moved north and east, presently founding the new city of Dil-

mun as their racial and cultural headquarters. And about 50,000 years after the death of Nod, when the offspring of the Prince's staff had become too numerous to find subsistence in the lands immediately surrounding their new city of Dilmun, and after they had reached out to intermarry with the Andonite and Sangik tribes adjoining their borders, it occurred to their leaders that something should be done to preserve their racial unity. Accordingly a council of the tribes was called, and after much deliberation the plan of Bablot, a descendant of Nod, was endorsed.

2 Bablot proposed to erect a pretentious temple of racial glorification at the centre of their then occupied territory. This temple was to have a tower the like of which the world had never seen. It was to be a monumental memorial to their passing greatness. There were many who wished to have this monument erected in Dilmun, but others contended that such a great structure should be placed a safe distance from the dangers of the sea, remembering the traditions of the engulfment of their first capital, Dalamatia.

3 Bablot planned that the new

buildings should become the nucleus of the future centre of the Nodite culture and civilization. His counsel finally prevailed, and construction was started in accordance with his plans. The new city was to be named *Bablot* after the architect and builder of the tower. This location later became known as Bablod and eventually as Babel.

4 But the Nodites were still somewhat divided in sentiment as to the plans and purposes of this undertaking. Neither were their leaders altogether agreed concerning either construction plans or usage of the build-

ings after they should be completed. After 4½ years of work a great dispute arose about the object and motive for the erection of the tower. The contentions became so bitter that all work stopped. The food carriers spread the news of the dissension, and large numbers of the tribes began to forgather at the building site. Three differing views were propounded as to the purpose of building the tower:

5 1. The largest group, almost one half, desired to see the tower built as a memorial of Nodite history and racial superiority. They thought it ought to be a great and imposing structure

which would challenge the admiration of all future generations.

6 2. The next largest faction wanted the tower designed to commemorate the Dilmun culture. They foresaw that Bablot would become a great centre of commerce, art, and manufacture.

7 3. The smallest and minority contingent held that the erection of the tower presented an opportunity for making atonement for the folly of their progenitors in participating in the Caligastia rebellion. They maintained that the tower should be devoted to the worship of the Father of all, that the whole purpose of the new

city should be to take the place of Dalamatia — to function as the cultural and religious centre for the surrounding barbarians.

8 §§ The religious group were promptl voted down. The majority rejected the teaching that their ancestors had been guilty of rebellion; they resented such a racial stigma. Having disposed of one of the three angles to the dispute and failing to settle the other two by debate, they fell to fighting. The religionists, the noncombatants, fled to their homes in the south, while their fellows fought until well-nigh obliterated.

9 §§ About 12,000 years ago a second attempt to erect the tower of Babel was made. The mixed races of the Andites (Nodites and Adamites) undertook to raise a new temple on the ruins of the first structure, but there was not sufficient support for the enterprise; it fell of its own pretentious weight. This region was long known as the land of Babel.

4. NODITE CENTRES OF CIVILIZATION

1 The dispersion of the Nodites was an immediate result of the internecine conflict over the tower of Babel. This internal war greatly reduced the num-

bers of the purer Nodites and was in many ways responsible for their failure to establish a great pre-Adamic civilization. From this time on Nodite culture declined for over 120,000 years until it was upstepped by Adamic infusion. But even in the times of Adam the Nodites were still an able people. Many of their mixed descendants were numbered among the Garden builders, and several of Van's group captains were Nodites. Some of the most capable minds serving on Adam's staff were of this race.

2 Three out of the four great Nodite centres were established immediately

following the Bablot conflict:

3 1. *The western or Syrian Nodites.* The remnants of the nationalistic or racial memorialists journeyed northward, uniting with the Andonites to found the later Nodite centres to the north-west of Mesopotamia. This was the largest group of the dispersing Nodites, and they contributed much to the later appearing Assyrian stock.

4 2. *The eastern or Elamite Nodites.* The culture and commerce advocates migrated in large numbers eastward into Elam and there united with the mixed Sangik tribes. The Elamites of 30,000–40,000 years ago had become

largely Sangik in nature, although they continued to maintain a civilization superior to that of the surrounding barbarians.

5 After the establishment of the second garden it was customary to allude to this near-by Nodite settlement as "the land of Nod"; and during the long period of relative peace between this Nodite group and the Adamites, the two races were greatly blended, for it became more and more the custom for the Sons of God (the Adamites) to intermarry with the daughters of men (the Nodites).

6 3. *The central or pre-Sumerian*

Nodites. A small group at the mouth of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers maintained more of their racial integrity. They persisted for thousands of years and eventually furnished the Nodite ancestry which blended with the Adamites to found the Sumerian peoples of historic times.

7 And all this explains how the Sumerians appeared so suddenly and mysteriously on the stage of action in Mesopotamia. Investigators will never be able to trace out and follow these tribes back to the beginning of the Sumerians, who had their origin 200,000 years ago after the sub-

mergence of Dalamatia. Without a trace of origin elsewhere in the world, these ancient tribes suddenly loom upon the horizon of civilization with a full-grown and superior culture, embracing temples, metalwork, agriculture, animals, pottery, weaving, commercial law, civil codes, religious ceremonial, and an old system of writing. At the beginning of the historical era they had long since lost the alphabet of Dalamatia, having adopted the peculiar writing system originating in Dilmun. The Sumerian language, though virtually lost to the world, was not Semitic; it had much in common with

the so-called Aryan tongues.

8 The elaborate records left by the Sumerians describe the site of a remarkable settlement which was located on the Persian Gulf near the earlier city of Dilmun. The Egyptians called this city of ancient glory Dilmat, while the later Adamized Sumerians confused both the first and second Nodite cities with Dalamatia and called all three Dilmun. And already have archaeologists found these ancient Sumerian clay tablets which tell of this earthly paradise "where the Gods first blessed mankind with the

example of civilized and cultured life."[1] And these tablets, descriptive of Dilmun, the paradise of men and God, are now silently resting on the dusty shelves of many museums.

9 The Sumerians well knew of the first and second Edens but, despite extensive intermarriage with the

[1] On p. 95 of [1] we read: "Langdon has pointed out that 'the Sumerian legends locate the land of Paradise, where the gods first blessed mankind with manners of civilized life, in Dilmun on the shore of the Persian Gulf'. It is not quite clear on which side of the Gulf Dilmun lay, but the area between the foot of the Iranian plateau and the Gulf is a fertile region, well fitted for the rise of a settled civilization."

Adamites, continued to regard the garden dwellers to the north as an alien race. Sumerian pride in the more ancient Nodite culture led them to ignore these later vistas of glory in favour of the grandeur and paradisiacal traditions of the city of Dilmun.

10 4. *The northern Nodites and Amadonites — the Vanites.* This group arose prior to the Bablot conflict. These northernmost Nodites were descendants of those who had forsaken the leadership of Nod and his successors for that of Van and Amadon.

11 §§ Some of the early associates of Van subsequently settled about the

shores of the lake which still bears his name, and their traditions grew up about this locality. Ararat became their sacred mountain, having much the same meaning to later-day Vanites that Sinai had to the Hebrews. 10,000 years ago the Vanite ancestors of the Assyrians taught that their moral law of seven commandments had been given to Van by the Gods upon Mount Ararat. They firmly believed that Van and his associate Amadon were taken alive from the planet while they were up on the mountain engaged in worship.

12 Mount Ararat was the sacred

mountain of northern Mesopotamia, and since much of your tradition of these ancient times was acquired in connection with the Babylonian story of the flood, it is not surprising that Mount Ararat and its region were woven into the later Jewish story of Noah and the universal flood.

13 About 35,000 B.C. Adamson visited one of the easternmost of the old Vanite settlements to found his centre of civilization.

5. ADAMSON AND RATTA

1 Having delineated the Nodite antecedents of the ancestry of the

secondary midwayers, this narrative should now give consideration to the Adamic half of their ancestry, for the secondary midwayers are also the grandchildren of Adamson, the first-born of the violet race of Urantia.

2 §§ Adamson was among that group of the children of Adam and Eve who elected to remain on earth with their father and mother. Now this eldest son of Adam had often heard from Van and Amadon the story of their highland home in the north, and sometime after the establishment of the second garden he determined to go in search of this land of his youth-

ful dreams.

3 Adamson was 120 years old at this time and had been the father of 32 pure-line children of the first garden. He wanted to remain with his parents and assist them in upbuilding the second garden, but he was greatly disturbed by the loss of his mate and their children, who had all elected to go to Edentia along with those other Adamic children who chose to become wards of the Most Highs.

4 Adamson would not desert his parents on Urantia, he was disinclined to flee from hardship or danger, but he found the associations of the sec-

ond garden far from satisfying. He did much to forward the early activities of defence and construction but decided to leave for the north at the earliest opportunity. And though his departure was wholly pleasant, Adam and Eve were much grieved to lose their eldest son, to have him go out into a strange and hostile world, as they feared, never to return.

5 A company of 27 followed Adamson northward in quest of these people of his childhood fantasies. In a little over three years Adamson's party actually found the object of their adventure, and among these people he

discovered a wonderful and beautiful woman, 20 years old, who claimed to be the last pure-line descendant of the Prince's staff. This woman, Ratta, said that her ancestors were all descendants of two of the fallen staff of the Prince. She was the last of her race, having no living brothers or sisters. She had about decided not to mate, had about made up her mind to die without issue, but she lost her heart to the majestic Adamson. And when she heard the story of Eden, how the predictions of Van and Amadon had really come to pass, and as she listened to the recital of the Garden default, she was encom-

passed with but a single thought — to marry this son and heir of Adam. And quickly the idea grew upon Adamson. In a little more than three months they were married.

6 §§ Adamson and Ratta had a family of 67 children. They gave origin to a great line of the world's leadership, but they did something more. It should be remembered that both of these beings were really superhuman. Every fourth child born to them was of a unique order. It was often invisible. Never in the world's history had such a thing occurred. Ratta was greatly perturbed — even superstitious — but Adam-

son well knew of the existence of the primary midwayers, and he concluded that something similar was transpiring before his eyes. When the second strangely behaving offspring arrived, he decided to mate them, since one was male and the other female, and this is the origin of the secondary order of midwayers. Within 100 years, before this phenomenon ceased, almost 2,000 were brought into being.

7 §§ Adamson lived for 396 years. Many times he returned to visit his father and mother. Every seven years he and Ratta journeyed south to the second garden, and meanwhile the mid-

wayers kept him informed regarding the welfare of his people. During Adamson's life they did great service in upbuilding a new and independent world centre for truth and righteousness.

8 Adamson and Ratta thus had at their command this corps of marvellous helpers, who laboured with them throughout their long lives to assist in the propagation of advanced truth and in the spread of higher standards of spiritual, intellectual, and physical living. And the results of this effort at world betterment never did become fully eclipsed by subsequent retrogres-

sions.

9 §§ The Adamsonites maintained a high culture for almost 7,000 years from the times of Adamson and Ratta. Later on they became admixed with the neighbouring Nodites and Andonites and were also included among the "mighty men of old." And some of the advances of that age persisted to become a latent part of the cultural potential which later blossomed into European civilization.

10 This centre of civilization was situated in the region east of the southern end of the Caspian Sea, near the

Kopet Dagh[1]. A short way up in the foothills of Turkestan are the vestiges of what was onetime the Adamsonite headquarters of the violet race. In these highland sites, situated in a narrow and ancient fertile belt lying in the lower foothills of the Kopet range, there successively arose at various periods four diverse cultures respectively fostered by four different groups of Adamson's descendants. It was the second of these groups which migrated westward to Greece and the islands of the Mediterranean. The

[1] In the human source [1] this region is called "the province of Russian Turkestan".

residue of Adamson's descendants migrated north and west to enter Europe with the blended stock of the last Andite wave coming out of Mesopotamia, and they were also numbered among the Andite-Aryan invaders of India.

6. THE SECONDARY MIDWAYERS

1 While the primary midwayers had a well-nigh superhuman origin, the secondary order are the offspring of the pure Adamic stock united with a humanized descendant of ancestors common to the parentage of the senior corps.

2 Among the children of Adamson there were just 16 of the peculiar progenitors of the secondary midwayers. These unique children were equally divided as regards sex, and each couple was capable of producing a secondary midwayer every 70 days by a combined technique of sex and nonsex liaison. And such a phenomenon was never possible on earth before that time, nor has it ever occurred since.

3 These 16 children lived and died (except for their peculiarities) as mortals of the realm, but their electrically energized offspring live on and on, not being subject to the limitations of

mortal flesh.

4 Each of the 8 couples eventually produced 248 midwayers, and thus did the original secondary corps — 1,984 in number — come into existence. There are 8 subgroups of secondary midwayers. They are designated as A-B-C the first, second, third, and so on. And then there are D-E-F the first, second, and so on.

5 §§ After the default of Adam the primary midwayers returned to the service of the Melchizedek receivers, while the secondary group were attached to the Adamson centre until his death. 33 of these secondary mid-

wayers, the chiefs of their organization at the death of Adamson, endeavoured to swing the whole order over to the service of the Melchizedeks, thus effecting a liaison with the primary corps. But failing to accomplish this, they deserted their companions and went over in a body to the service of the planetary receivers.

6 After the death of Adamson the remainder of the secondary midwayers became a strange, unorganized, and unattached influence on Urantia. From that time to the days of Machiventa Melchizedek they led an irregular and unorganized existence. They

were partially brought under control by this Melchizedek but were still productive of much mischief up to the days of Christ Michael. And during his sojourn on earth they all made final decisions as to their future destiny, the loyal majority then enlisting under the leadership of the primary midwayers.

7. THE REBEL MIDWAYERS

1 The majority of the primary midwayers went into sin at the time of the Lucifer rebellion. When the devastation of the planetary rebellion was reckoned up, among other losses it was

discovered that of the original 50,000, 40,119 had joined the Caligastia secession.

2 The original number of secondary midwayers was 1,984, and of these 873 failed to align themselves with the rule of Michael and were duly interned in connection with the planetary adjudication of Urantia on the day of Pentecost. No one can forecast the future of these fallen creatures.

3 Both groups of rebel midwayers are now held in custody awaiting the final adjudication of the affairs of the system rebellion. But they did many strange things on earth prior to the

inauguration of the present planetary dispensation.

4 These disloyal midwayers were able to reveal themselves to mortal eyes under certain circumstances, and especially was this true of the associates of Beelzebub, the leader of the apostate secondary midwayers. But these unique creatures must not be confused with certain of the rebel cherubim and seraphim who also were on earth up to the time of Christ's death and resurrection. Some of the older writers designated these rebellious midway creatures as evil spirits and demons, and the apostate sera-

phim as evil angels.

5 On no world can evil spirits possess any mortal mind subsequent to the life of a Paradise bestowal Son. But before the days of Christ Michael on Urantia — before the universal coming of the Thought Adjusters and the pouring out of the Master's spirit upon all flesh — these rebel midwayers were actually able to influence the minds of certain inferior mortals and somewhat to control their actions. This was accomplished in much the same way as the loyal midway creatures function when they serve as efficient contact guardians of the human minds of

the Urantia reserve corps of destiny at those times when the Adjuster is, in effect, detached from the personality during a season of contact with superhuman intelligences.

6 It is no mere figure of speech when the record states: "And they brought to Him all sorts of sick people, those who were possessed by devils and those who were lunatics." Jesus knew and recognized the difference between insanity and demoniacal possession, although these states were greatly confused in the minds of those who lived in his day and generation.

7 Even prior to Pentecost no rebel spirit could dominate a normal human mind, and since that day even the weak minds of inferior mortals are free from such possibilities. The supposed casting out of devils since the arrival of the Spirit of Truth has been a matter of confounding a belief in demoniacal possession with hysteria, insanity, and feeble-mindedness. But just because Michael's bestowal has forever liberated all human minds on Urantia from the possibility of demoniacal possession, do not imagine that such was not a reality in former ages.

8 The entire group of rebel midway-

ers is at present held prisoner by order of the Most Highs of Edentia. No more do they roam this world on mischief bent. Regardless of the presence of the Thought Adjusters, the pouring out of the Spirit of Truth upon all flesh forever made it impossible for disloyal spirits of any sort or description ever again to invade even the most feeble of human minds. Since the day of Pentecost there never again can be such a thing as demoniacal possession.

8. THE UNITED MIDWAYERS

1 At the last adjudication of this world, when Michael removed the

slumbering survivors of time, the midway creatures were left behind, left to assist in the spiritual and semispiritual work on the planet. They now function as a single corps, embracing both orders and numbering 10,992. *The United Midwayers of Urantia* are at present governed alternately by the senior member of each order. This regime has obtained since their amalgamation into one group shortly after Pentecost.

2 The members of the older or primary order are generally known by numerals; they are often given names such as 1-2-3 the first, 4-5-6 the first,

and so on. On Urantia the Adamic midwayers are designated alphabetically in order to distinguish them from the numerical designation of the primary midwayers.

3 Both orders are nonmaterial beings as regards nutrition and energy intake, but they partake of many human traits and are able to enjoy and follow your humour as well as your worship. When attached to mortals, they enter into the spirit of human work, rest, and play. But midwayers do not sleep, neither do they possess powers of procreation. In a certain sense the secondary group are differ-

entiated along the lines of maleness and femaleness, often being spoken of as "he" or "she." They often work together in such pairs.

4 Midwayers are not men, neither are they angels, but secondary midwayers are, in nature, nearer man than angel; they are, in a way, of your races and are, therefore, very understanding and sympathetic in their contact with human beings; they are invaluable to the seraphim in their work for and with the various races of mankind, and both orders are indispensable to the seraphim who serve as personal guardians to mortals.

5 §§ The United Midwayers of Urantia are organized for service with the planetary seraphim in accordance with innate endowments and acquired skills, in the following groups:

6 1. *Midway messengers.* This group bear names; they are a small corps and are of great assistance on an evolutionary world in the service of quick and reliable personal communication.

7 2. *Planetary sentinels.* Midwayers are the guardians, the sentinels, of the worlds of space. They perform the important duties of observers for all the numerous phenomena and types

of communication which are of import to the supernatural beings of the realm. They patrol the invisible spirit realm of the planet.

8 3. *Contact personalities.* In the contacts made with the mortal beings of the material worlds, such as with the subject through whom these communications were transmitted, the midway creatures are always employed. They are an essential factor in such liaisons of the spiritual and the material levels.

9 4. *Progress helpers.* These are the more spiritual of the midway creatures, and they are distributed as assis-

tants to the various orders of seraphim who function in special groups on the planet.

10 §§ Midwayers vary greatly in their abilities to make contact with the seraphim above and with their human cousins below. It is exceedingly difficult, for instance, for the primary midwayers to make direct contact with material agencies. They are considerably nearer the angelic type of being and are therefore usually assigned to working with, and ministering to, the spiritual forces resident on the planet. They act as companions and guides for celestial visitors and student sojourn-

ers, whereas the secondary creatures are almost exclusively attached to the ministry of the material beings of the realm.

11 The 1,111 loyal secondary midwayers are engaged in important missions on earth. As compared with their primary associates, they are decidedly material. They exist just outside the range of mortal vision and possess sufficient latitude of adaptation to make, at will, physical contact with what humans call "material things." These unique creatures have certain definite powers over the things of time and space, not excepting the

beasts of the realm.

12 Many of the more literal phenomena ascribed to angels have been performed by the secondary midway creatures. When the early teachers of the gospel of Jesus were thrown into prison by the ignorant religious leaders of that day, an actual "angel of the Lord" "by night opened the prison doors and brought them forth." But in the case of Peter's deliverance after the killing of James by Herod's order, it was a secondary midwayer who performed the work ascribed to an angel.

13 Their chief work today is that of unperceived personal-liaison asso-

ciates of those men and women who constitute the planetary reserve corps of destiny. It was the work of this secondary group, ably seconded by certain of the primary corps, that brought about the co-ordination of personalities and circumstances on Urantia which finally induced the planetary celestial supervisors to initiate those petitions that resulted in the granting of the mandates making possible the series of revelations of which this presentation is a part. But it should be made clear that the midway creatures are not involved in the sordid performances taking place under the

general designation of "spiritualism." The midwayers at present on Urantia, all of whom are of honourable standing, are not connected with the phenomena of so-called "mediumship"; and they do not, ordinarily, permit humans to witness their sometimes necessary physical activities or other contacts with the material world, as they are perceived by human senses.

9. THE PERMANENT CITIZENS OF URANTIA

1 Midwayers may be regarded as the first group of the permanent inhabitants to be found on the various orders of worlds throughout the universes in

contrast with evolutionary ascenders like the mortal creatures and the angelic hosts. Such permanent citizens are encountered at various points in the Paradise ascent.

2 Unlike the various orders of celestial beings who are assigned to *minister* on a planet, the midwayers *live* on an inhabited world. The seraphim come and go, but the midway creatures remain and will remain, albeit they are nonetheless ministers for being natives of the planet, and they provide the one continuing regime which harmonizes and connects the changing administrations of the seraphic hosts.

3 As actual citizens of Urantia, the midwayers have a kinship interest in the destiny of this sphere. They are a determined association, persistently working for the progress of their native planet. Their determination is suggested by the motto of their order: "What the United Midwayers undertake, the United Midwayers do."

4 Although their ability to traverse the energy circuits makes planetary departure feasible to any midwayer, they have individually pledged themselves not to leave the planet prior to their sometime release by the universe authorities. Midwayers are anchored

on a planet until the ages of settled light and life. With the exception of 1-2-3 the first, no loyal midway creatures have ever departed from Urantia.

5 1-2-3 the first, the eldest of the primary order, was released from immediate planetary duties shortly after Pentecost. This noble midwayer stood steadfast with Van and Amadon during the tragic days of the planetary rebellion, and his fearless leadership was instrumental in reducing the casualties in his order. He serves at present on Jerusem as a member of the 24 counsellors, having already functioned as governor general of Urantia

once since Pentecost.

6 §§ Midwayers are planet bound, but much as mortals talk with travellers from afar and thus learn about remote places on the planet, so do midwayers converse with celestial travellers to learn about the far places of the universe. So do they become conversant with this system and universe, even with Orvonton and its sister creations, and so do they prepare themselves for citizenship on the higher levels of creature existence.

7 While the midwayers were brought into existence fully developed — experiencing no period of growth or de-

velopment from immaturity — they never cease to grow in wisdom and experience. Like mortals they are evolutionary creatures, and they have a culture which is a bona fide evolutionary attainment. There are many great minds and mighty spirits among the Urantia midway corps.

8 In the larger aspect the civilization of Urantia is the joint product of the Urantia mortals and the Urantia midwayers, and this is true despite the present differential between the two levels of culture, a differential which will not be compensated prior to the ages of light and life.

9 The midway culture, being the product of an immortal planetary citizenry, is relatively immune to those temporal vicissitudes which beset human civilization. The generations of men forget; the corps of midwayers remembers, and that memory is the treasure house of the traditions of your inhabited world. Thus does the culture of a planet remain ever present on that planet, and in proper circumstances such treasured memories of past events are made available, even as the story of the life and teachings of Jesus has been given by the midwayers of Urantia to their cousins in the flesh.

10 Midwayers are the skillful ministers who compensate that gap between the material and spiritual affairs of Urantia which appeared upon the death of Adam and Eve. They are likewise your elder brethren, comrades in the long struggle to attain a settled status of light and life on Urantia. The United Midwayers are a rebellion-tested corps, and they will faithfully enact their part in planetary evolution until this world attains the goal of the ages, until that distant day when in fact peace does reign on earth and in truth is there good will in the hearts of men.

11 Because of the valuable work performed by these midwayers, we have concluded that they are a truly essential part of the spirit economy of the realms. And where rebellion has not marred a planet's affairs, they are of still greater assistance to the seraphim.

12 §§ The entire organization of high spirits, angelic hosts, and midway fellows is enthusiastically devoted to the furtherance of the Paradise plan for the progressive ascension and perfection attainment of evolutionary mortals, one of the supernal businesses of the universe — the superb survival plan of bringing God down to man

and then, by a sublime sort of partnership, carrying man up to God and on to eternity of service and divinity of attainment — alike for mortal and midwayer.

13 [Presented by an Archangel of Nebadon.]

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PAPER 78

THE VIOLET RACE AFTER THE DAYS OF ADAM

Archangel

The second Eden was the cradle of civilization for almost 30,000 years. Here in Mesopotamia the Adamic peoples held forth, sending out their progeny to the ends of the earth, and latterly, as amalgamated with the Nodite and Sangik tribes, were known as the Andites. From this region went those men and women who initiated the doings of

historic times, and who have so enormously accelerated cultural progress on Urantia.

2 This paper depicts the planetary history of the violet race, beginning soon after the default of Adam, about 35,000 B.C., and extending down through its amalgamation with the Nodite and Sangik races, about 15,000 B.C., to form the Andite peoples and on to its final disappearance from the Mesopotamian homelands, about 2000 B.C.

1. RACIAL AND CULTURAL DISTRIBUTION

1 Although the minds and morals

of the races were at a low level at the time of Adam's arrival, physical evolution had gone on quite unaffected by the exigencies of the Caligastia rebellion. Adam's contribution to the biologic status of the races, notwithstanding the partial failure of the undertaking, enormously upstepped the people of Urantia.

2 Adam and Eve also contributed much that was of value to the social, moral, and intellectual progress of mankind; civilization was immensely quickened by the presence of their offspring. But 35,000 years ago the world at large possessed little culture. Cer-

tain centres of civilization existed here and there, but most of Urantia languished in savagery. Racial and cultural distribution was as follows:

3 1. *The violet race — Adamites and Adamsonites.* The chief centre of Adamite culture was in the second garden, located in the triangle of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers; this was indeed the cradle of Occidental and Indian civilizations. The secondary or northern centre of the violet race was the Adamsonite headquarters, situated east of the southern shore of the Caspian Sea near the Kopet mountains. From these two centres there

went forth to the surrounding lands the culture and life plasm which so immediately quickened all the races.

4 2. *Pre-Sumerians and other Nodites.* There were also present in Mesopotamia, near the mouth of the rivers, remnants of the ancient culture of the days of Dalamatia. With the passing millenniums, this group became thoroughly admixed with the Adamites to the north, but they never entirely lost their Nodite traditions. Various other Nodite groups that had settled in the Levant were, in general, absorbed by the later expanding violet race.

5 3. *The Andonites* maintained five

or six fairly representative settlements to the north and east of the Adamson headquarters. They were also scattered throughout Turkestan, while isolated islands of them persisted throughout Eurasia, especially in mountainous regions. These aborigines still held the northlands of the Eurasian continent, together with Iceland and Greenland, but they had long since been driven from the plains of Europe by the blue man and from the river valleys of farther Asia by the expanding yellow race.

6 4. *The red man* occupied the Americas, having been driven out of

Asia over 50,000 years before the arrival of Adam.

7 5. *The yellow race.* The Chinese peoples were well established in control of eastern Asia. Their most advanced settlements were situated to the north-west of modern China in regions bordering on Tibet.

8 6. *The blue race.* The blue men were scattered all over Europe, but their better centres of culture were situated in the then fertile valleys of the Mediterranean basin and in northwestern Europe. Neanderthal absorption had greatly retarded the culture of the blue man, but he was otherwise the

most aggressive, adventurous, and exploratory of all the evolutionary peoples of Eurasia.

9 7. *Pre-Dravidian India.* The complex mixture of races in India — embracing every race on earth, but especially the green, orange, and black — maintained a culture slightly above that of the outlying regions.

10 8. *The Sahara civilization.* The superior elements of the indigo race had their most progressive settlements in what is now the great Sahara desert. This indigo-black group carried extensive strains of the submerged orange and green races.

11 9. *The Mediterranean basin.* The most highly blended race outside of India occupied what is now the Mediterranean basin. Here blue men from the north and Saharans from the south met and mingled with Nodites and Adamites from the east.

12 §§ This was the picture of the world prior to the beginnings of the great expansions of the violet race, about 25,000 years ago. The hope of future civilization lay in the second garden between the rivers of Mesopotamia. Here in south-western Asia there existed the potential of a great civilization, the possibility of the spread to

the world of the ideas and ideals which had been salvaged from the days of Dalamatia and the times of Eden.

13 Adam and Eve had left behind a limited but potent progeny, and the celestial observers on Urantia waited anxiously to find out how these descendants of the erring Material Son and Daughter would acquit themselves.

2. THE ADAMITES IN THE SECOND GARDEN

1 For thousands of years the sons of Adam laboured along the rivers of Mesopotamia, working out their irrigation and flood-control problems to

the south, perfecting their defences to the north, and attempting to preserve their traditions of the glory of the first Eden.

2 The heroism displayed in the leadership of the second garden constitutes one of the amazing and inspiring epics of Urantia's history. These splendid souls never wholly lost sight of the purpose of the Adamic mission, and therefore did they valiantly fight off the influences of the surrounding and inferior tribes while they willingly sent forth their choicest sons and daughters in a steady stream as emissaries to the races of earth. Sometimes this

expansion was depleting to the home culture, but always these superior peoples would rehabilitate themselves.

3 The civilization, society, and cultural status of the Adamites were far above the general level of the evolutionary races of Urantia. Only among the old settlements of Van and Amadon and the Adamsonites was there a civilization in any way comparable. But the civilization of the second Eden was an artificial structure — *it had not been evolved* — and was therefore doomed to deteriorate until it reached a natural evolutionary level.

4 Adam left a great intellectual and

spiritual culture behind him, but it was not advanced in mechanical appliances since every civilization is limited by available natural resources, inherent genius, and sufficient leisure to ensure inventive fruition. The civilization of the violet race was predicated on the presence of Adam and on the traditions of the first Eden. After Adam's death and as these traditions grew dim through the passing millenniums, the cultural level of the Adamites steadily deteriorated until it reached a state of reciprocal balance with the status of the surrounding peoples and the naturally evolving

cultural capacities of the violet race.

5 But the Adamites were a real nation around 19,000 B.C., numbering 4,500,000, and already they had poured forth millions of their progeny into the surrounding peoples.

3. EARLY EXPANSIONS OF THE ADAMITES

1 The violet race retained the Edenic traditions of peacefulness for many millenniums, which explains their long delay in making territorial conquests. When they suffered from population pressure, instead of making war to secure more territory, they sent forth their excess inhabitants as teach-

ers to the other races. The cultural effect of these earlier migrations was not enduring, but the absorption of the Adamite teachers, traders, and explorers was biologically invigorating to the surrounding peoples.

2 Some of the Adamites early journeyed westward to the valley of the Nile; others penetrated eastward into Asia, but these were a minority. The mass movement of the later days was extensively northward and thence westward. It was, in the main, a gradual but unremitting northward push, the greater number making their way north and then circling westward

around the Caspian Sea into Europe.

3 About 25,000 years ago many of the purer elements of the Adamites were well on their northern trek. And as they penetrated northward, they became less and less Adamic until, by the times of their occupation of Turkestan, they had become thoroughly admixed with the other races, particularly the Nodites. Very few of the pure-line violet peoples ever penetrated far into Europe or Asia.

4 From about 30,000 to 10,000 B.C. epoch-making racial mixtures were taking place throughout south-western Asia. The highland inhabitants of

Turkestan[1] were a virile and vigorous people. To the north-west of India much of the culture of the days of Van persisted. Still to the north of these settlements the best of the early Andonites had been preserved. And both of these superior races of culture and character were absorbed by the northward-moving Adamites. This amalgamation led to the adoption of many new ideas; it facilitated the progress of civilization and greatly advanced all phases of art, science, and social cul-

[1] The human source [1] reads: "the more robust inhabitants of the Russian and Turkestan steppes and loess."

ture.

5 §§ As the period of the early Adamic migrations ended, about 15,000 B.C., there were already more descendants of Adam in Europe and central Asia than anywhere else in the world, even than in Mesopotamia. The European blue races had been largely infiltrated. The lands now called Russia and Turkestan were occupied throughout their southern stretches by a great reservoir of the Adamites mixed with Nodites, Andonites, and red and yellow Sangiks. Southern Europe and the Mediterranean fringe were occupied by a mixed

race of Andonite and Sangik peoples — orange, green, and indigo — with a sprinkling of the Adamite stock. Asia Minor and the central-eastern European lands were held by tribes that were predominantly Andonite.

6 A blended coloured race, about this time greatly reinforced by arrivals from Mesopotamia, held forth in Egypt and prepared to take over the disappearing culture of the Euphrates valley. The black peoples were moving farther south in Africa and, like the red race, were virtually isolated.

7 The Saharan civilization had been disrupted by drought and that of the

Mediterranean basin by flood. The blue races had, as yet, failed to develop an advanced culture. The Andonites were still scattered over the Arctic and central Asian regions. The green and orange races had been exterminated as such. The indigo race was moving south in Africa, there to begin its slow but long-continued racial deterioration.

8 The peoples of India lay stagnant, with a civilization that was unprogressing; the yellow man was consolidating his holdings in central Asia; the brown man had not yet begun his civilization on the near-by islands of the

Pacific.

9 §§ These racial distributions, associated with extensive climatic changes, set the world stage for the inauguration of the Andite era of Urantia civilization. These early migrations extended over a period of 10,000 years, from 25,000 to 15,000 B.C. The later or Andite migrations extended from about 15,000 to 6000 B.C.

10 It took so long for the earlier waves of Adamites to pass over Eurasia that their culture was largely lost in transit. Only the later Andites moved with sufficient speed to retain the Edenic culture at any great distance from

Mesopotamia.

4. THE ANDITES

1 The Andite races were the primary blends of the pure-line violet race and the Nodites plus the evolutionary peoples. In general, Andites should be thought of as having a far greater percentage of Adamic blood than the modern races. In the main, the term Andite is used to designate those peoples whose racial inheritance was from one-eighth to one-sixth violet. Modern Urantians, even the northern white races, contain much less than this percentage of the blood

of Adam.

2 The earliest Andite peoples took origin in the regions adjacent to Mesopotamia more than 25,000 years ago and consisted of a blend of the Adamites and Nodites. The second garden was surrounded by concentric circles of diminishing violet blood, and it was on the periphery of this racial melting pot that the Andite race was born. Later on, when the migrating Adamites and Nodites entered the then fertile regions of Turkestan, they soon blended with the superior inhabitants, and the resultant race mixture extended the Andite type northward.

3 The Andites were the best all-round human stock to appear on Urantia since the days of the pure-line violet peoples. They embraced most of the highest types of the surviving remnants of the Adamite and Nodite races and, later, some of the best strains of the yellow, blue, and green men.

4 §§ These early Andites were not Aryan; they were pre-Aryan. They were not white; they were pre-white. They were neither an Occidental nor an Oriental people. But it is Andite inheritance that gives to the polyglot mixture of the so-called white races that generalized homogeneity which

has been called Caucasoid.

5 §§ The purer strains of the violet race had retained the Adamic tradition of peace-seeking, which explains why the earlier race movements had been more in the nature of peaceful migrations. But as the Adamites united with the Nodite stocks, who were by this time a belligerent race, their Andite descendants became, for their day and age, the most skillful and sagacious militarists ever to live on Urantia. Thenceforth the movements of the Mesopotamians grew increasingly military in character and became more akin to actual conquests.

6 These Andites were adventurous; they had roving dispositions. An increase of either Sangik or Andonite stock tended to stabilize them. But even so, their later descendants never stopped until they had circumnavigated the globe and discovered the last remote continent.

5. THE ANDITE MIGRATIONS

1 For 20,000 years the culture of the second garden persisted, but it experienced a steady decline until about 15,000 B.C., when the regeneration of the Sethite priesthood and the leadership of Amosad inaugurated a bril-

liant era. The massive waves of civilization which later spread over Eurasia immediately followed the great renaissance of the Garden consequent upon the extensive union of the Adamites with the surrounding mixed Nodites to form the Andites.

2 These Andites inaugurated new advances throughout Eurasia and North Africa. From Mesopotamia through Sinkiang the Andite culture was dominant, and the steady migration toward Europe was continuously offset by new arrivals from Mesopotamia. But it is hardly correct to speak of the Andites as a race in Mesopotamia

proper until near the beginning of the terminal migrations of the mixed descendants of Adam. By this time even the races in the second garden had become so blended that they could no longer be considered Adamites.

3 The civilization of Turkestan was constantly being revived and refreshed by the newcomers from Mesopotamia, especially by the later Andite cavalrymen. The so-called Aryan mother tongue was in process of formation in the highlands of Turkestan; it was a blend of the Andonic dialect of that region with the language of the Adamsonites and later Andites. Many

modern languages are derived from this early speech of these central Asian tribes who conquered Europe, India, and the upper stretches of the Mesopotamian plains. This ancient language gave the Occidental tongues all of that similarity which is called Aryan.

4 §§ By 12,000 B.C. three quarters of the Andite stock of the world was resident in northern and eastern Europe, and when the later and final exodus from Mesopotamia took place, 65% of these last waves of emigration entered Europe.

5 §§ The Andites not only migrated

to Europe but to northern China and India, while many groups penetrated to the ends of the earth as missionaries, teachers, and traders. They contributed considerably to the northern groups of the Saharan Sangik peoples. But only a few teachers and traders ever penetrated farther south in Africa than the headwaters of the Nile. Later on, mixed Andites and Egyptians followed down both the east and west coasts of Africa well below the equator, but they did not reach Madagascar.

6 These Andites were the so-called Dravidian and later Aryan conquerors

of India; and their presence in central Asia greatly upstepped the ancestors of the Turanians. Many of this race journeyed to China by way of both Sinkiang and Tibet and added desirable qualities to the later Chinese stocks. From time to time small groups made their way into Japan, Formosa, the East Indies, and southern China, though very few entered southern China by the coastal route.

7 132 of this race, embarking in a fleet of small boats from Japan, eventually reached South America[1] and by

[1] According to the human source [3] this happened about 1000 B.C.

intermarriage with the natives of the Andes established the ancestry of the later rulers of the Incas. They crossed the Pacific by easy stages, tarrying on the many islands they found along the way. The islands of the Polynesian group were both more numerous and larger then than now, and these Andite sailors, together with some who followed them, biologically modified the native groups in transit. Many flourishing centres of civilization grew up on these now submerged lands as a result of Andite penetration. Easter Island was long a religious and administrative centre of one of these lost

groups. But of the Andites who navigated the Pacific of long ago none but the 132 ever reached the mainland of the Americas.

8 §§ The migratory conquests of the Andites continued on down to their final dispersions, from 8000 to 6000 B.C. As they poured out of Mesopotamia, they continuously depleted the biologic reserves of their homelands while markedly strengthening the surrounding peoples. And to every nation to which they journeyed, they contributed humour, art, adventure, music, and manufacture. They were skillful domesticators of animals and

expert agriculturists. For the time being, at least, their presence usually improved the religious beliefs and moral practices of the older races. And so the culture of Mesopotamia quietly spread out over Europe, India, China, northern Africa, and the Pacific Islands.

6. THE LAST ANDITE DISPERSIONS

1 The last three waves of Andites poured out of Mesopotamia between 8000 and 6000 B.C. These three great waves of culture were forced out of Mesopotamia by the pressure of the hill tribes to the east and the harass-

ment of the plainsmen of the west. The inhabitants of the Euphrates valley and adjacent territory went forth in their final exodus in several directions:

2 65% entered Europe by the Caspian Sea route to conquer and amalgamate with the newly appearing white races — the blend of the blue men and the earlier Andites.

3 10%, including a large group of the Sethite priests, moved eastward through the Elamite highlands to the Iranian plateau and Turkestan. Many of their descendants were later driven into India with their Aryan brethren from the regions to the north.

4 10% of the Mesopotamians turned eastward in their northern trek, entering Sinkiang, where they blended with the Andite-yellow inhabitants. The majority of the able offspring of this racial union later entered China and contributed much to the immediate improvement of the northern division of the yellow race.

5 10% of these fleeing Andites made their way across Arabia and entered Egypt.

6 §§ 5% of the Andites, the very superior culture of the coastal district about the mouths of the Tigris and Euphrates who had kept themselves

free from intermarriage with the inferior neighbouring tribesmen, refused to leave their homes. This group represented the survival of many superior Nodite and Adamite strains.

7 §§ The Andites had almost entirely evacuated this region by 6000 B.C., though their descendants, largely mixed with the surrounding Sangik races and the Andonites of Asia Minor, were there to give battle to the northern and eastern invaders at a much later date.

8 The cultural age of the second garden was terminated by the increasing infiltration of the surrounding infe-

rior stocks. Civilization moved westward to the Nile and the Mediterranean islands, where it continued to thrive and advance long after its fountainhead in Mesopotamia had deteriorated. And this unchecked influx of inferior peoples prepared the way for the later conquest of all Mesopotamia by the northern barbarians who drove out the residual strains of ability. Even in later years the cultured residue still resented the presence of these ignorant and uncouth invaders.

7. THE FLOODS IN MESOPOTAMIA

1 The river dwellers were accus-

tomed to rivers overflowing their banks at certain seasons; these periodic floods were annual events in their lives. But new perils threatened the valley of Mesopotamia as a result of progressive geologic changes to the north.

2 For thousands of years after the submergence of the first Eden the mountains about the eastern coast of the Mediterranean and those to the north-west and north-east of Mesopotamia continued to rise. This elevation of the highlands was greatly accelerated about 5000 B.C.[1], and

[1] The human source [1] says this elevation occurred

this, together with greatly increased snowfall on the northern mountains, caused unprecedented floods each spring throughout the Euphrates valley. These spring floods grew increasingly worse so that eventually the inhabitants of the river regions were driven to the eastern highlands. For almost a thousand years scores of cities were practically deserted because of these extensive deluges.

3 §§ Almost 5,000 years later, as the Hebrew priests in Babylonian captivity sought to trace the Jewish people back to Adam, they found great diffi-

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about 4500 B.C.

culty in piecing the story together; and it occurred to one of them to abandon the effort, to let the whole world drown in its wickedness at the time of Noah's flood, and thus to be in a better position to trace Abraham right back to one of the three surviving sons of Noah.

4 The traditions of a time when water covered the whole of the earth's surface are universal. Many races harbour the story of a world-wide flood some time during past ages. The Biblical story of Noah, the ark, and the flood is an invention of the Hebrew priesthood during the Babylo-

nian captivity. There has never been a universal flood since life was established on Urantia. The only time the surface of the earth was completely covered by water was during those Archeozoic ages before the land had begun to appear.

5 But Noah really lived; he was a wine maker of Aram, a river settlement near Erech. He kept a written record of the days of the river's rise from year to year. He brought much ridicule upon himself by going up and down the river valley advocating that all houses be built of wood, boat fashion, and that the family animals be put

on board each night as the flood season approached. He would go to the neighbouring river settlements every year and warn them that in so many days the floods would come. Finally a year came in which the annual floods were greatly augmented by unusually heavy rainfall so that the sudden rise of the waters wiped out the entire village; only Noah and his immediate family were saved in their houseboat.

6 §§ These floods completed the disruption of Andite civilization. With the ending of this period of deluge, the second garden was no more. Only in the south and among the Sumerians

did any trace of the former glory remain.

7 The remnants of this, one of the oldest civilizations, are to be found in these regions of Mesopotamia and to the north-east and north-west. But still older vestiges of the days of Dalamatia exist under the waters of the Persian Gulf, and the first Eden lies submerged under the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea.

8. THE SUMERIANS — LAST OF THE ANDITES

1 When the last Andite dispersion broke the biologic backbone of Mesopotamian civilization, a small minor-

ity of this superior race remained in their homeland near the mouths of the rivers. These were the Sumerians, and by 6000 B.C. they had become largely Andite in extraction, though their culture was more exclusively Nodite in character, and they clung to the ancient traditions of Dalamatia. Nonetheless, these Sumerians of the coastal regions were the last of the Andites in Mesopotamia. But the races of Mesopotamia were already thoroughly blended by this late date, as is evidenced by the skull types found in the graves of this era.

2 It was during the floodtimes that

Susa so greatly prospered. The first and lower city was inundated so that the second or higher town succeeded the lower as the headquarters for the peculiar artcrafts of that day. With the later diminution of these floods, Ur became the centre of the pottery industry. About 7,000 years ago Ur was on the Persian Gulf, the river deposits having since built up the land to its present limits. These settlements suffered less from the floods because of better controlling works and the widening mouths of the rivers.

3 §§ The peaceful grain growers of the Euphrates and Tigris valleys had

long been harassed by the raids of the barbarians of Turkestan and the Iranian plateau[1]. But now a concerted invasion of the Euphrates valley was brought about by the increasing drought of the highland pastures. And this invasion was all the more serious because these surrounding herdsmen and hunters possessed large numbers of tamed horses. It was the possession of horses which gave them a tremendous military advantage over their rich neighbours to the south. In a short time they overran all Meso-

[1] The human source [1] substitutes these with "the Bedouin who dwelt in the Great Desert of Arabia".

potamia, driving forth the last waves of culture which spread out over all of Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa.

4 These conquerors of Mesopotamia carried in their ranks many of the better Andite strains of the mixed northern races of Turkestan, including some of the Adamson stock. These less advanced but more vigorous tribes from the north quickly and willingly assimilated the residue of the civilization of Mesopotamia and presently developed into those mixed peoples found in the Euphrates valley at the beginning of historic annals. They

quickly revived many phases of the passing civilization of Mesopotamia, adopting the arts of the valley tribes and much of the culture of the Sumerians. They even sought to build a third tower of Babel and later adopted the term as their national name.

5 When these barbarian cavalrymen from the north-east overran the whole Euphrates valley, they did not conquer the remnants of the Andites who dwelt about the mouth of the river on the Persian Gulf. These Sumerians were able to defend themselves because of superior intelligence, better weapons, and their extensive sys-

tem of military canals, which were an adjunct to their irrigation scheme of interconnecting pools. They were a united people because they had a uniform group religion. They were thus able to maintain their racial and national integrity long after their neighbours to the north-west were broken up into isolated city-states. No one of these city groups was able to overcome the united Sumerians.

6 And the invaders from the north soon learned to trust and prize these peace-loving Sumerians as able teachers and administrators. They were greatly respected and sought after as

teachers of art and industry, as directors of commerce, and as civil rulers by all peoples to the north and from Egypt in the west to India in the east.

7 After the breakup of the early Sumerian confederation the later city-states were ruled by the apostate descendants of the Sethite priests. Only when these priests made conquests of the neighbouring cities did they call themselves kings. The later city kings failed to form powerful confederations before the days of Sargon because of deity jealousy. Each city believed its municipal god to be superior to all other gods, and therefore they

refused to subordinate themselves to a common leader.

8 The end of this long period of the weak rule of the city priests was terminated by Sargon, the priest of Kish, who proclaimed himself king and started out on the conquest of the whole of Mesopotamia and adjoining lands. And for the time, this ended the city-states, priest-ruled and priest-ridden, each city having its own municipal god and its own ceremonial practices.

9 After the breakup of this Kish confederation there ensued a long period of constant warfare between these

valley cities for supremacy. And the rulership variously shifted between Sumer, Akkad, Kish, Erech, Ur, and Susa.

10 About 2500 B.C.[1] the Sumerians suffered severe reverses at the hands of the northern Suites and Guites. Lagash, the Sumerian capital built on flood mounds, fell. Erech held out for 30 years after the fall of Akkad. By the time of the establishment of the rule of Hammurabi the Sumerians had become absorbed into the ranks of the

[1] The human source [2] gives a more specific date of 2571 B.C. for the fall of the dynasty with the death of Gimil-dural.

northern Semites, and the Mesopotamian Andites passed from the pages of history.

11 From 2500 to 2000 B.C. the nomads were on a rampage from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Nerites[1] constituted the final eruption of the Caspian group of the Mesopotamian descendants of the blended Andonite and Andite races. What the barbar-

[1] Could these be the same as "the people of Nairi" (arm. Նաիրի), identified with the ancient kingdom of Urartu, also known as the "Kingdom of Van"? The names "Nairi" and "Urartu" are used interchangeably in the Assyrian inscriptions of king Ashurnasirpal II (883–859 B.C.) and Shalmaneser III (860–825 B.C.)

ians failed to do to effect the ruination of Mesopotamia, subsequent climatic changes succeeded in accomplishing.

12 §§ And this is the story of the violet race after the days of Adam and of the fate of their homeland between the Tigris and Euphrates. Their ancient civilization finally fell due to the emigration of superior peoples and the immigration of their inferior neighbours. But long before the barbarian cavalrymen conquered the valley, much of the Garden culture had spread to Asia, Africa, and Europe, there to produce the ferments which have resulted in the XX century civi-

lization of Urantia.

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PAPER 79

ANDITE EXPANSION IN THE ORIENT

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Asia is the homeland of the human race. It was on a southern peninsula of this continent that Andon and Fonta were born; in the highlands of what is now Afghanistan, their descendant Badonan founded a primitive centre of culture that persisted for over 500,000 years. Here at this eastern focus of the

human race the Sangik peoples differentiated from the Andonic stock, and Asia was their first home, their first hunting ground, their first battlefield. South-western Asia witnessed the successive civilizations of Dalamatians, Nodites, Adamites, and Andites, and from these regions the potentials of modern civilization spread to the world.

1. THE ANDITES OF TURKESTAN

1 For over 25,000 years, on down to nearly 2000 B.C., the heart of Eurasia was predominantly, though diminishingly, Andite. In the lowlands of Tur-

kestan the Andites made the westward turning around the inland lakes into Europe, while from the highlands of this region they infiltrated eastward. Eastern Turkestan (Sinkiang)[1] and, to a lesser extent, Tibet were the ancient gateways through which these peoples of Mesopotamia penetrated the mountains to the northern lands of the yellow men. The Andite infiltration of India proceeded from the

[1] This is usually spelled as Xinjiang (Chinese 新疆). The older English works refer to it as "Chinese Turkestan". The name "East Turkestan" was created by Russian sinologist Hyacinth to replace the term "Chinese Turkestan" in 1829.

Turkestan highlands into the Punjab and from the Iranian grazing lands through Baluchistan. These earlier migrations were in no sense conquests; they were, rather, the continual drifting of the Andite tribes into western India and China.

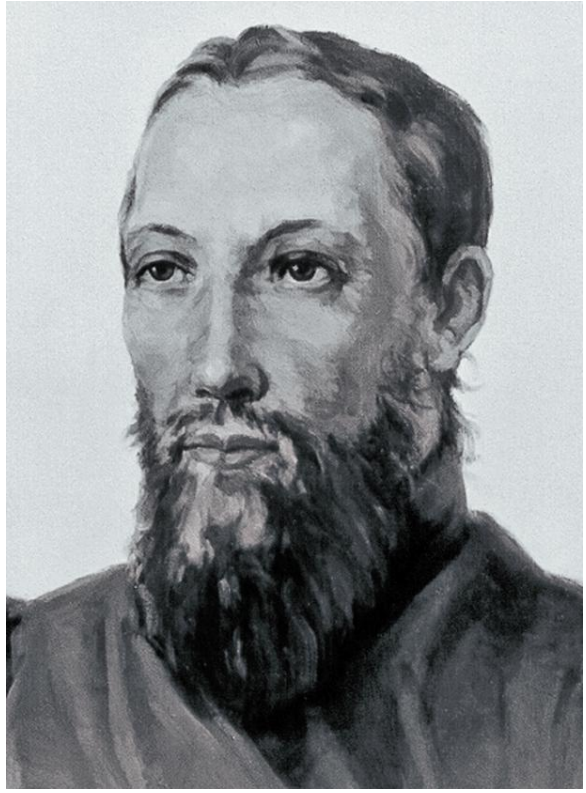

Figure 20: Nikita Yakovlevich Bichurin (Hyacinth). Portrait by Nikolay Bestuzhev.

2 §§ For almost 15,000 years centres of mixed Andite culture persisted in the basin of the Tarim River in Sinkiang and to the south in the highland regions of Tibet, where the Andites and Andonites had extensively

mingled. The Tarim valley was the easternmost outpost of the true Andite culture. Here they built their settlements and entered into trade relations with the progressive Chinese to the east and with the Andonites to the north. In those days the Tarim region was a fertile land; the rainfall was plentiful. To the east the Gobi was an open grassland where the herders were gradually turning to agriculture. This civilization perished when the rain winds shifted to the south-east, but in its day it rivalled Mesopotamia itself.

3 §§ By 8000 B.C. the slowly increasing aridity of the highland regions of

central Asia began to drive the Andites to the river bottoms and the seashores. This increasing drought not only drove them to the valleys of the Nile, Euphrates, Indus, and Yellow rivers, but it produced a new development in Andite civilization. A new class of men, the traders, began to appear in large numbers.

4 When climatic conditions made hunting unprofitable for the migrating Andites, they did not follow the evolutionary course of the older races by becoming herders. Commerce and urban life made their appearance. From Egypt through Mesopotamia

and Turkestan to the rivers of China and India, the more highly civilized tribes began to assemble in cities devoted to manufacture and trade. Adonia became the central Asian commercial metropolis, being located near the present city of Ashkhabad. Commerce in stone, metal, wood, and pottery was accelerated on both land and water.

5 But ever-increasing drought gradually brought about the great Andite exodus from the lands south and east of the Caspian Sea. The tide of migration began to veer from northward to southward, and the Babylonian caval-

rymen began to push into Mesopotamia.

6 Increasing aridity in central Asia further operated to reduce population and to render these people less warlike; and when the diminishing rainfall to the north forced the nomadic Andonites southward, there was a tremendous exodus of Andites from Turkestan. This is the terminal movement of the so-called Aryans into the Levant and India. It culminated that long dispersal of the mixed descendants of Adam during which every Asiatic and most of the island peoples of the Pacific were to some extent improved by

these superior races.

7 Thus, while they dispersed over the Eastern Hemisphere, the Andites were dispossessed of their homelands in Mesopotamia and Turkestan, for it was this extensive southward movement of Andonites that diluted the Andites in central Asia nearly to the vanishing point.

8 But even in the XX century after Christ there are traces of Andite blood among the Turanian and Tibetan peoples, as is witnessed by the blond types occasionally found in these regions. The early Chinese annals record the presence of the red-haired nomads

to the north of the peaceful settlements of the Yellow River, and there still remain paintings which faithfully record the presence of both the blond-Andite and the brunet-Mongolian types in the Tarim basin of long ago.

9 The last great manifestation of the submerged military genius of the central Asiatic Andites was in A.D. 1200, when the Mongols under Genghis Khan began the conquest of the greater portion of the Asiatic continent. And like the Andites of old, these warriors proclaimed the existence of "one God in

heaven." The early breakup of their empire long delayed cultural intercourse between Occident and Orient and greatly handicapped the growth of the monotheistic concept in Asia.

2. THE ANDITE CONQUEST OF INDIA

1 India is the only locality where all the Urantia races were blended, the Andite invasion adding the last stock. In the highlands north-west of India the Sangik races came into existence, and without exception members of each penetrated the subcontinent of India in their early days, leaving behind them the most heterogeneous

race mixture ever to exist on Urantia. Ancient India acted as a catch basin for the migrating races. The base of the peninsula was formerly somewhat narrower than now, much of the deltas of the Ganges and Indus being the work of the last 50,000 years.

2 The earliest race mixtures in India were a blending of the migrating red and yellow races with the aboriginal Andonites. This group was later weakened by absorbing the greater portion of the extinct eastern green peoples as well as large numbers of the orange race, was slightly improved through limited admixture with the blue man,

but suffered exceedingly through assimilation of large numbers of the indigo race. But the so-called aborigines of India are hardly representative of these early people; they are rather the most inferior southern and eastern fringe, which was never fully absorbed by either the early Andites or their later appearing Aryan cousins.

3 §§ By 20,000 B.C. the population of western India had already become tinged with the Adamic blood, and never in the history of Urantia did any one people combine so many different races. But it was unfortunate that the secondary Sangik strains predom-

inated, and it was a real calamity that both the blue and the red man were so largely missing from this racial melting pot of long ago; more of the primary Sangik strains would have contributed very much toward the enhancement of what might have been an even greater civilization. As it developed, the red man was destroying himself in the Americas, the blue man was disporting himself in Europe, and the early descendants of Adam (and most of the later ones) exhibited little desire to admix with the darker coloured peoples, whether in India, Africa, or elsewhere.

4 §§ About 15,000 B.C. increasing population pressure throughout Turkestan and Iran occasioned the first really extensive Andite movement toward India. For over 15 centuries these superior peoples poured in through the highlands of Baluchistan, spreading out over the valleys of the Indus and Ganges and slowly moving southward into the Deccan. This Andite pressure from the north-west drove many of the southern and eastern inferiors into Burma and southern China but not sufficiently to save the invaders from racial obliteration.

5 The failure of India to achieve

the hegemony of Eurasia was largely a matter of topography; population pressure from the north only crowded the majority of the people southward into the decreasing territory of the Deccan, surrounded on all sides by the sea. Had there been adjacent lands for emigration, then would the inferiors have been crowded out in all directions, and the superior stocks would have achieved a higher civilization.

6 As it was, these earlier Andite conquerors made a desperate attempt to preserve their identity and stem the tide of racial engulfment by the establishment of rigid restrictions regard-

ing intermarriage. Nonetheless, the Andites had become submerged by 10,000 B.C., but the whole mass of the people had been markedly improved by this absorption.

7 §§ Race mixture is always advantageous in that it favours versatility of culture and makes for a progressive civilization, but if the inferior elements of racial stocks predominate, such achievements will be short-lived. A polyglot culture can be preserved only if the superior stocks reproduce themselves in a safe margin over the inferior. Unrestrained multiplication of inferiors, with decreasing reproduc-

tion of superiors, is unfailingly suicidal of cultural civilization.

8 Had the Andite conquerors been in numbers three times what they were, or had they driven out or destroyed the least desirable third of the mixed orange-green-indigo inhabitants, then would India have become one of the world's leading centres of cultural civilization and undoubtedly would have attracted more of the later waves of Mesopotamians that flowed into Turkestan and thence northward

to Europe.

3. DRAVIDIAN INDIA

1 The blending of the Andite conquerors of India with the native stock eventually resulted in that mixed people which has been called Dravidian. The earlier and purer Dravidians possessed a great capacity for cultural achievement, which was continuously weakened as their Andite inheritance became progressively attenuated. And this is what doomed the budding civilization of India almost 12,000 years ago. But the infusion of even this small amount of the blood of Adam pro-

duced a marked acceleration in social development. This composite stock immediately produced the most versatile civilization then on earth.

2 Not long after conquering India, the Dravidian Andites lost their racial and cultural contact with Mesopotamia, but the later opening up of the sea lanes and the caravan routes re-established these connections; and at no time within the last 10,000 years has India ever been entirely out of touch with Mesopotamia on the west and China to the east, although the mountain barriers greatly favoured western intercourse.

3 §§ The superior culture and religious leanings of the peoples of India date from the early times of Dravidian domination and are due, in part, to the fact that so many of the Sethite priesthood entered India, both in the earlier Andite and in the later Aryan invasions. The thread of monotheism running through the religious history of India thus stems from the teachings of the Adamites in the second garden.

4 As early as 16,000 B.C. a company of 100 Sethite priests entered India and very nearly achieved the religious conquest of the western half of that polyglot people. But their religion did

not persist. Within 5,000 years their doctrines of the Paradise Trinity had degenerated into the triune symbol of the fire god.

5 But for more than 7,000 years, down to the end of the Andite migrations, the religious status of the inhabitants of India was far above that of the world at large. During these times India bid fair to produce the leading cultural, religious, philosophic, and commercial civilization of the world. And but for the complete submergence of the Andites by the peoples of the south, this destiny would probably have been realized.

6 §§ The Dravidian centres of culture were located in the river valleys, principally of the Indus and Ganges, and in the Deccan along the three great rivers flowing through the Eastern Ghats to the sea. The settlements along the seacoast of the Western Ghats owed their prominence to maritime relationships with Sumeria.

7 The Dravidians were among the earliest peoples to build cities and to engage in an extensive export and import business, both by land and sea. By 7000 B.C. camel trains were making regular trips to distant Mesopotamia; Dravidian shipping was push-

ing coastwise across the Arabian Sea to the Sumerian cities of the Persian Gulf and was venturing on the waters of the Bay of Bengal as far as the East Indies. An alphabet, together with the art of writing, was imported from Sumeria by these seafarers and merchants.

8 These commercial relationships greatly contributed to the further diversification of a cosmopolitan culture, resulting in the early appearance of many of the refinements and even luxuries of urban life. When the later appearing Aryans entered India, they did not recognize in the Dravidians their Andite cousins submerged

in the Sangik races, but they did find a well-advanced civilization. Despite biologic limitations, the Dravidians founded a superior civilization. It was well diffused throughout all India and has survived on down to modern times in the Deccan.

4. THE ARYAN INVASION OF INDIA

1 The second Andite penetration of India was the Aryan invasion during a period of almost 500 years in the middle of the third millennium before Christ. This migration marked the terminal exodus of the Andites from their homelands in Turkestan.

2 The early Aryan centres were scattered over the northern half of India, notably in the north-west. These invaders never completed the conquest of the country and subsequently met their undoing in this neglect since their lesser numbers made them vulnerable to absorption by the Dravidians of the south, who subsequently overran the entire peninsula except the Himalayan provinces.

3 The Aryans made very little racial impression on India except in the northern provinces. In the Deccan their influence was cultural and religious more than racial. The greater

persistence of the so-called Aryan blood in northern India is not only due to their presence in these regions in greater numbers but also because they were reinforced by later conquerors, traders, and missionaries. Right on down to the first century before Christ there was a continuous infiltration of Aryan blood into the Punjab, the last influx being attendant upon the campaigns of the Hellenistic peoples.

Figure 21: Menander I Soter (165/155–130 BCE), conqueror of the Punjab, carved out a Greek kingdom in the Punjab and ruled the Punjab until his death in 130 BC.

4 On the Gangetic plain Aryan and Dravidian eventually mingled to produce a high culture, and this centre was later reinforced by contributions

from the north-east, coming from China.

5 In India many types of social organizations flourished from time to time, from the semidemocratic systems of the Aryans to despotic and monarchial forms of government. But the most characteristic feature of society was the persistence of the great social castes that were instituted by the Aryans in an effort to perpetuate racial identity. This elaborate caste system has been preserved on down to the present time.

6 Of the four great castes, all but the first were established in the fu-

tile effort to prevent racial amalgamation of the Aryan conquerors with their inferior subjects. But the premier caste, the teacher-priests, stems from the Sethites; the Brahmans of the XX century after Christ are the lineal cultural descendants of the priests of the second garden, albeit their teachings differ greatly from those of their illustrious predecessors.

7 When the Aryans entered India, they brought with them their concepts of Deity as they had been preserved in the lingering traditions of the religion of the second garden. But the Brahman priests were never able to

withstand the pagan momentum built up by the sudden contact with the inferior religions of the Deccan after the racial obliteration of the Aryans. Thus the vast majority of the population fell into the bondage of the enslaving superstitions of inferior religions; and so it was that India failed to produce the high civilization which had been foreshadowed in earlier times.

8 The spiritual awakening of the VI century before Christ did not persist in India, having died out even before the Mohammedan invasion. But someday a greater Gautama may arise to lead all India in the search for the

living God, and then the world will observe the fruition of the cultural potentialities of a versatile people so long comatose under the benumbing influence of an unprogressing spiritual vision.

9 Culture does rest on a biologic foundation, but caste alone could not perpetuate the Aryan culture, for religion, true religion, is the indispensable source of that higher energy which drives men to establish a superior civilization based on human brother-

hood.

5. RED MAN AND YELLOW MAN

1 While the story of India is that of Andite conquest and eventual submergence in the older evolutionary peoples, the narrative of eastern Asia is more properly that of the primary Sangiks, particularly the red man and the yellow man. These two races largely escaped that admixture with the debased Neanderthal strain which so greatly retarded the blue man in Europe, thus preserving the superior potential of the primary Sangik type.

2 While the early Neanderthalers

were spread out over the entire breadth of Eurasia, the eastern wing was the more contaminated with debased animal strains. These subhuman types were pushed south by the fifth glacier, the same ice sheet which so long blocked Sangik migration into eastern Asia. And when the red man moved north-east around the highlands of India, he found north-eastern Asia free from these subhuman types. The tribal organization of the red races was formed earlier than that of any other peoples, and they were the first to migrate from the central Asian focus of the Sangiks. The inferior

Neanderthal strains were destroyed or driven off the mainland by the later migrating yellow tribes. But the red man had reigned supreme in eastern Asia for almost 100,000 years before the yellow tribes arrived.

3 §§ More than 300,000 years ago the main body of the yellow race entered China from the south as coastwise migrants. Each millennium they penetrated farther and farther inland, but they did not make contact with their migrating Tibetan brethren until comparatively recent times.

4 Growing population pressure cause the northward-moving yellow race

to begin to push into the hunting grounds of the red man. This encroachment, coupled with natural racial antagonism, culminated in increasing hostilities, and thus began the crucial struggle for the fertile lands of farther Asia.

5 The story of this agelong contest between the red and yellow races is an epic of Urantia history. For over 200,000 years these two superior races waged bitter and unremitting warfare. In the earlier struggles the red men were generally successful, their raiding parties spreading havoc among the yellow settlements. But the yel-

low man was an apt pupil in the art of warfare, and he early manifested a marked ability to live peaceably with his compatriots; the Chinese were the first to learn that in union there is strength. The red tribes continued their internecine conflicts, and presently they began to suffer repeated defeats at the aggressive hands of the relentless Chinese, who continued their inexorable march northward.

6 §§ 100,000 years ago the decimated tribes of the red race were fighting with their backs to the retreating ice of the last glacier, and when the land

passage to the West[1], over the Bering isthmus, became passable, these tribes were not slow in forsaking the inhospitable shores of the Asiatic continent. It is 85,000 years since the last of the pure red men departed from Asia, but the long struggle left its genetic imprint upon the victorious yellow race. The northern Chinese peoples, together with the Andonite Siberians,

[1] In 1955 text "west" in lower case. The change from "west" to "east," as found in many printings, is geographically correct but typographically impossible; the committee adopted the alternate "West" referring to the Western Hemisphere — the word thus indicating a place rather than a direction of travel.

assimilated much of the red stock and were in considerable measure benefited thereby.

7 The North American Indians never came in contact with even the Andite offspring of Adam and Eve, having been dispossessed of their Asiatic homelands some 50,000 years before the coming of Adam. During the age of Andite migrations the pure red strains were spreading out over North America as nomadic tribes, hunters who practised agriculture to a small extent. These races and cultural groups remained almost completely isolated from the remainder of the

world from their arrival in the Americas down to the end of the first millennium of the Christian era, when they were discovered by the white races of Europe. Up to that time the Eskimos were the nearest to white men the northern tribes of red men had ever seen.

8 The red and the yellow races are the only human stocks that ever achieved a high degree of civilization apart from the influences of the Andites. The oldest Amerindian culture was the Onamonalonton centre in California, but this had long since vanished by 35,000 B.C. In Mexico, Cen-

tral America, and in the mountains of South America the later and more enduring civilizations were founded by a race predominantly red but containing a considerable admixture of the yellow, orange, and blue.

9 These civilizations were evolutionary products of the Sangiks, notwithstanding that traces of Andite blood reached Peru. Excepting the Eskimos in North America and a few Polynesian Andites in South America, the peoples of the Western Hemisphere had no contact with the rest of the world until the end of the first millennium after Christ. In the original Mel-

chizedek plan for the improvement of the Urantia races it had been stipulated that 1,000,000 of the pure-line descendants of Adam should go to upstep the red men of the Americas.

6. DAWN OF CHINESE CIVILIZATION

1 Sometime after driving the red man across to North America, the expanding Chinese cleared the Andonites from the river valleys of eastern Asia, pushing them north into Siberia and west into Turkestan, where they were soon to come in contact with the superior culture of the Andites.

2 In Burma and the peninsula of

Indo-China the cultures of India and China mixed and blended to produce the successive civilizations of those regions. Here the vanished green race has persisted in larger proportion than anywhere else in the world.

3 Many different races occupied the islands of the Pacific. In general, the southern and then more extensive islands were occupied by peoples carrying a heavy percentage of green and indigo blood. The northern islands were held by Andonites and, later on, by races embracing large proportions of the yellow and red stocks. The ancestors of the Japanese people

were not driven off the mainland until 12,000 B.C., when they were dislodged by a powerful southern-coastwise thrust of the northern Chinese tribes. Their final exodus was not so much due to population pressure as to the initiative of a chieftain whom they came to regard as a divine personage.

4 Like the peoples of India and the Levant, victorious tribes of the yellow man established their earliest centres along the coast and up the rivers. The coastal settlements fared poorly in later years as the increasing floods and the shifting courses of the rivers made the lowland cities untenable.

5 20,000 years ago the ancestors of the Chinese had built up a dozen strong centres of primitive culture and learning, especially along the Yellow River and the Yangtze. And now these centres began to be reinforced by the arrival of a steady stream of superior blended peoples from Sinkiang and Tibet. The migration from Tibet to the Yangtze valley was not so extensive as in the north, neither were the Tibetan centres so advanced as those of the Tarim basin. But both movements carried a certain amount of Andite blood eastward to the river settlements.

6 The superiority of the ancient yellow race was due to four great factors:

7 1. *Genetic.* Unlike their blue cousins in Europe, both the red and yellow races had largely escaped mixture with debased human stocks. The northern Chinese, already strengthened by small amounts of the superior red and Andonic strains, were soon to benefit by a considerable influx of Andite blood. The southern Chinese did not fare so well in this regard, and they had long suffered from absorption of the green race, while later on they were to be further weakened by the infiltration of the swarms of inferior peo-

ples crowded out of India by the Dravidian-Andite invasion. And today in China there is a definite difference between the northern and southern races.

8 2. *Social.* The yellow race early learned the value of peace among themselves. Their internal peaceableness so contributed to population increase as to ensure the spread of their civilization among many millions. From 25,000 to 5000 B.C. the highest mass civilization on Urantia was in central and northern China. The yellow man was first to achieve a racial solidarity — the first to attain a

large-scale cultural, social, and political civilization.

9 The Chinese of 15,000 B.C. were aggressive militarists; they had not been weakened by an overreverence for the past, and numbering less than 12,000,000, they formed a compact body speaking a common language. During this age they built up a real nation, much more united and homogeneous than their political unions of historic times.

10 3. *Spiritual.* During the age of Andite migrations the Chinese were among the more spiritual peoples of earth. Long adherence to the wor-

ship of the One Truth proclaimed by Singlangton kept them ahead of most of the other races. The stimulus of a progressive and advanced religion is often a decisive factor in cultural development; as India languished, so China forged ahead under the invigorating stimulus of a religion in which truth was enshrined as the supreme Deity.

11 This worship of truth was provocative of research and fearless exploration of the laws of nature and the potentials of mankind. The Chinese of even 6,000 years ago were still keen students and aggressive in their pursuit

of truth.

12 4. *Geographic.* China is protected by the mountains to the west and the Pacific to the east. Only in the north is the way open to attack, and from the days of the red man to the coming of the later descendants of the Andites, the north was not occupied by any aggressive race.

13 And but for the mountain barriers and the later decline in spiritual culture, the yellow race undoubtedly would have attracted to itself the larger part of the Andite migrations from Turkestan and unquestionably would have quickly dominated world

civilization.

7. THE ANDITES ENTER CHINA

1 About 15,000 years ago the Andites, in considerable numbers, were traversing the pass of Ti Tao and spreading out over the upper valley of the Yellow River among the Chinese settlements of Kansu. Presently they penetrated eastward to Honan, where the most progressive settlements were situated. This infiltration from the west was about half Andonite and half Andite.

2 The northern centres of culture along the Yellow River had al-

ways been more progressive than the southern settlements on the Yangtze. Within a few thousand years after the arrival of even the small numbers of these superior mortals, the settlements along the Yellow River had forged ahead of the Yangtze villages and had achieved an advanced position over their brethren in the south which has ever since been maintained.

3 §§ It was not that there were so many of the Andites, nor that their culture was so superior, but amalgamation with them produced a more versatile stock. The northern Chinese received just enough of the An-

dite strain to mildly stimulate their innately able minds but not enough to fire them with the restless, exploratory curiosity so characteristic of the northern white races. This more limited infusion of Andite inheritance was less disturbing to the innate stability of the Sangik type.

4 §§ The later waves of Andites brought with them certain of the cultural advances of Mesopotamia; this is especially true of the last waves of migration from the west. They greatly improved the economic and educational practices of the northern Chinese; and while their influence

upon the religious culture of the yellow race was short-lived, their later descendants contributed much to a subsequent spiritual awakening. But the Andite traditions of the beauty of Eden and Dalamatia did influence Chinese traditions; early Chinese legends place "the land of the gods" in the west.

5 The Chinese people did not begin to build cities and engage in manufacture until after 10,000 B.C., subsequent to the climatic changes in Turkestan and the arrival of the later Andite immigrants. The infusion of this new blood did not add so much to

the civilization of the yellow man as it stimulated the further and rapid development of the latent tendencies of the superior Chinese stocks. From Honan to Shensi the potentials of an advanced civilization were coming to fruit. Metalworking and all the arts of manufacture date from these days.

6 The similarities between certain of the early Chinese and Mesopotamian methods of time reckoning, astronomy, and governmental administration were due to the commercial relationships between these two remotely situated centres. Chinese merchants travelled the overland routes through

Turkestan to Mesopotamia even in the days of the Sumerians. Nor was this exchange one-sided — the valley of the Euphrates benefited considerably thereby, as did the peoples of the Gangetic plain. But the climatic changes and the nomadic invasions of the third millennium before Christ greatly reduced the volume of trade passing over the caravan trails of central Asia.

8. LATER CHINESE CIVILIZATION

1 While the red man suffered from too much warfare, it is not altogether amiss to say that the development of

statehood among the Chinese was delayed by the thoroughness of their conquest of Asia. They had a great potential of racial solidarity, but it failed properly to develop because the continuous driving stimulus of the ever-present danger of external aggression was lacking.

2 With the completion of the conquest of eastern Asia the ancient military state gradually disintegrated — past wars were forgotten. Of the epic struggle with the red race there persisted only the hazy tradition of an ancient contest with the archer peoples. The Chinese early turned to agricul-

tural pursuits, which contributed further to their pacific tendencies, while a population well below the land-man ratio for agriculture still further contributed to the growing peacefulness of the country.

3 Consciousness of past achievements (somewhat diminished in the present), the conservatism of an overwhelmingly agricultural people, and a well-developed family life equalled the birth of ancestor veneration, culminating in the custom of so honouring the men of the past as to border on worship. A very similar attitude prevailed among the white races in Eu-

rope for some 500 years following the disruption of Græco-Roman civilization.

4 The belief in, and worship of, the "One Truth" as taught by Singlangton never entirely died out; but as time passed, the search for new and higher truth became overshadowed by a growing tendency to venerate that which was already established. Slowly the genius of the yellow race became diverted from the pursuit of the unknown to the preservation of the known. And this is the reason for the stagnation of what had been the world's most rapidly progressing civi-

lization.

5 §§ Between 4000 and 500 B.C. the political reunification of the yellow race was consummated, but the cultural union of the Yangtze and Yellow river centres had already been effected. This political reunification of the later tribal groups was not without conflict, but the societal opinion of war remained low; ancestor worship, increasing dialects, and no call for military action for thousands upon thousands of years had rendered this people ultrapeaceful.

6 Despite failure to fulfil the promise of an early development of ad-

vanced statehood, the yellow race did progressively move forward in the realization of the arts of civilization, especially in the realms of agriculture and horticulture. The hydraulic problems faced by the agriculturists in Shensi and Honan demanded group co-operation for solution. Such irrigation and soil-conservation difficulties contributed in no small measure to the development of interdependence with the consequent promotion of peace among farming groups.

7 Soon developments in writing, together with the establishment of schools, contributed to the dissemina-

tion of knowledge on a previously unequalled scale. But the cumbersome nature of the ideographic writing system placed a numerical limit upon the learned classes despite the early appearance of printing. And above all else, the process of social standardization and religio-philosophic dogmatization continued apace. The religious development of ancestor veneration became further complicated by a flood of superstitions involving nature worship, but lingering vestiges of a real concept of God remained preserved in the imperial worship of Shang-ti.

8 The great weakness of ancestor

veneration is that it promotes a backward-looking philosophy. However wise it may be to glean wisdom from the past, it is folly to regard the past as the exclusive source of truth. Truth is relative and expanding; it *lives* always in the present, achieving new expression in each generation of men — even in each human life.

9 The great strength in a veneration of ancestry is the value that such an attitude places upon the family. The amazing stability and persistence of Chinese culture is a consequence of the paramount position accorded the family, for civilization is directly de-

pendent on the effective functioning of the family; and in China the family attained a social importance, even a religious significance, approached by few other peoples.

10 The filial devotion and family loyalty exacted by the growing cult of ancestor worship ensured the building up of superior family relationships and of enduring family groups, all of which facilitated the following factors in the preservation of civilization:

11 1. Conservation of property and wealth.

12 2. Pooling of the experience of more than one generation.

13 3. Efficient education of children in the arts and sciences of the past.

14 4. Development of a strong sense of duty, the enhancement of morality, and the augmentation of ethical sensitivity.

15 §§ The formative period of Chinese civilization, opening with the coming of the Andites, continues on down to the great ethical, moral, and semireligious awakening of the VI century before Christ. And Chinese tradition preserves the hazy record of the evolutionary past; the transition from mother- to father-family, the es-

tablishment of agriculture, the development of architecture, the initiation of industry — all these are successively narrated. And this story presents, with greater accuracy than any other similar account, the picture of the magnificent ascent of a superior people from the levels of barbarism. During this time they passed from a primitive agricultural society to a higher social organization embracing cities, manufacture, metalworking, commercial exchange, government, writing, mathematics, art, science, and printing.

16 And so the ancient civilization of the yellow race has persisted down

through the centuries. It is almost 40,000 years since the first important advances were made in Chinese culture, and though there have been many retrogressions, the civilization of the sons of Han comes the nearest of all to presenting an unbroken picture of continual progression right on down to the times of the XX century. The mechanical and religious developments of the white races have been of a high order, but they have never excelled the Chinese in family loyalty, group ethics, or personal morality.

17 This ancient culture has contributed much to human happiness;

millions of human beings have lived and died, blessed by its achievements. For centuries this great civilization has rested upon the laurels of the past, but it is even now reawakening to envision anew the transcendent goals of mortal existence, once again to take up the unremitting struggle for never-ending progress.

18 [Presented by an Archangel of Nebadon.]

PAPER 80

ANDITE EXPANSION IN THE OCCIDENT

Archangel

Although the European blue man did not of himself achieve a great cultural civilization, he did supply the biologic foundation which, when its Adamized strains were blended with the later Andite invaders, produced one of the most potent stocks for the attainment of aggressive civilization ever to appear

on Urantia since the times of the violet race and their Andite successors.

2 The modern white peoples incorporate the surviving strains of the Adamic stock which became admixed with the Sangik races, some red and yellow but more especially the blue. There is a considerable percentage of the original Andonite stock in all the white races and still more of the early Nodite strains.

1. THE ADAMITES ENTER EUROPE

1 Before the last Andites were driven out of the Euphrates valley, many of their brethren had entered Europe

as adventurers, teachers, traders, and warriors. During the earlier days of the violet race the Mediterranean trough was protected by the Gibraltar isthmus and the Sicilian land bridge. Some of man's very early maritime commerce was established on these inland lakes, where blue men from the north and the Saharans from the south met Nodites and Adamites from the east.

2 In the eastern trough of the Mediterranean the Nodites had established one of their most extensive cultures and from these centres had penetrated somewhat into southern Europe but

more especially into northern Africa. The broad-headed Nodite-Andonite Syrians very early introduced pottery and agriculture in connection with their settlements on the slowly rising Nile delta. They also imported sheep, goats, cattle, and other domesticated animals and brought in greatly improved methods of metalworking, Syria then being the centre of that industry.

3 For more than 30,000 years Egypt received a steady stream of Mesopotamians, who brought along their art and culture to enrich that of the Nile valley. But the ingress of large num-

bers of the Sahara peoples greatly deteriorated the early civilization along the Nile so that Egypt reached its lowest cultural level some 15,000 years ago.

4 But during earlier times there was little to hinder the westward migration of the Adamites. The Sahara was an open grazing land overspread by herders and agriculturists. These Saharans never engaged in manufacture, nor were they city builders. They were an indigo-black group which carried extensive strains of the extinct green and orange races. But they received a very limited amount of the violet inheritance before the upthrust

of land and the shifting water-laden winds dispersed the remnants of this prosperous and peaceful civilization.

5 Adam's blood has been shared with most of the human races, but some secured more than others. The mixed races of India and the darker peoples of Africa were not attractive to the Adamites. They would have mixed freely with the red man had he not been far removed in the Americas, and they were kindly disposed toward the yellow man, but he was likewise difficult of access in faraway Asia. Therefore, when actuated by either adventure or altruism, or when driven out

of the Euphrates valley, they very naturally chose union with the blue races of Europe.

6 The blue men, then dominant in Europe, had no religious practices which were repulsive to the earlier migrating Adamites, and there was great sex attraction between the violet and the blue races. The best of the blue men deemed it a high honour to be permitted to mate with the Adamites. Every blue man entertained the ambition of becoming so skillful and artistic as to win the affection of some Adamite woman, and it was the highest aspiration of a superior blue wo-

man to receive the attentions of an Adamite.

7 Slowly these migrating sons of Eden united with the higher types of the blue race, invigorating their cultural practices while ruthlessly exterminating the lingering strains of Neanderthal stock. This technique of race blending, combined with the elimination of inferior strains, produced a dozen or more virile and progressive groups of superior blue men, one of which you have denominated the Cro-Magnons.

8 For these and other reasons, not the least of which was more favour-

able paths of migration, the early waves of Mesopotamian culture made their way almost exclusively to Europe. And it was these circumstances that determined the antecedents of modern European civilization.

2. CLIMATIC AND GEOLOGIC CHANGES

1 The early expansion of the violet race into Europe was cut short by certain rather sudden climatic and geologic changes. With the retreat of the northern ice fields the water-laden winds from the west shifted to the north, gradually turning the great open pasture regions of Sahara into

a barren desert. This drought dispersed the smaller-statured brunets, dark-eyed but long-headed dwellers of the great Sahara plateau.

2 The purer indigo elements moved southward to the forests of central Africa, where they have ever since remained. The more mixed groups spread out in three directions: The superior tribes to the west migrated to Spain and thence to adjacent parts of Europe, forming the nucleus of the later Mediterranean long-headed brunet races. The least progressive division to the east of the Sahara plateau migrated to Arabia and thence

through northern Mesopotamia and India to faraway Ceylon. The central group moved north and east to the Nile valley and into Palestine.

3 It is this secondary Sangik substratum that suggests a certain degree of kinship among the modern peoples scattered from the Deccan through Iran, Mesopotamia, and along both shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

4 §§ About the time of these climatic changes in Africa, England separated from the continent, and Denmark arose from the sea, while the isthmus of Gibraltar, protecting the western basin of the Mediterranean,

gave way as the result of an earthquake, quickly raising this inland lake to the level of the Atlantic Ocean. Presently the Sicilian land bridge submerged, creating one sea of the Mediterranean and connecting it with the Atlantic Ocean. This cataclysm of nature flooded scores of human settlements and occasioned the greatest loss of life by flood in all the world's history.

5 This engulfment of the Mediterranean basin immediately curtailed the westward movements of the Adamites, while the great influx of Saharans led them to seek outlets for

their increasing numbers to the north and east of Eden. As the descendants of Adam journeyed northward from the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates, they encountered mountainous barriers and the then expanded Caspian Sea. And for many generations the Adamites hunted, herded, and tilled the soil around their settlements scattered throughout Turkestan. Slowly this magnificent people extended their territory into Europe. But now the Adamites enter Europe from the east and find the culture of the blue man thousands of years behind that of Asia since this region has

been almost entirely out of touch with Mesopotamia.

3. THE CRO-MAGNOID BLUE MAN

1 The ancient centres of the culture of the blue man were located along all the rivers of Europe, but only the Somme now flows in the same channel which it followed during preglacial times.

2 While we speak of the blue man as pervading the European continent, there were scores of racial types. Even 35,000 years ago the European blue races were already a highly blended people carrying strains of both red and

yellow, while on the Atlantic coastlands and in the regions of present-day Russia they had absorbed a considerable amount of Andonite blood and to the south were in contact with the Saharan peoples. But it would be fruitless to attempt to enumerate the many racial groups.

3 The European civilization of this early post-Adamic period was a unique blend of the vigour and art of the blue men with the creative imagination of the Adamites. The blue men were a race of great vigour, but they greatly deteriorated the cultural and spiritual status of the Adamites.

It was very difficult for the latter to impress their religion upon the Cro-Magnoids because of the tendency of so many to cheat and to debauch the maidens. For 10,000 years religion in Europe was at a low ebb as compared with the developments in India and Egypt.

4 The blue men were perfectly honest in all their dealings and were wholly free from the sexual vices of the mixed Adamites. They respected maidenhood, only practising polygamy when war produced a shortage of males.

5 These Cro-Magnon peoples were a brave and farseeing race. They main-

tained an efficient system of child culture. Both parents participated in these labours, and the services of the older children were fully utilized. Each child was carefully trained in the care of the caves, in art, and in flint making. At an early age the women were well versed in the domestic arts and in crude agriculture, while the men were skilled hunters and courageous warriors.

6 The blue men were hunters, fishers, and food gatherers; they were expert boatbuilders. They made stone axes, cut down trees, erected log huts, partly below ground and roofed

with hides. And there are peoples who still build similar huts in Siberia. The southern Cro-Magnons generally lived in caves and grottoes.

7 It was not uncommon during the rigors of winter for their sentinels standing on night guard at cave entrances to freeze to death. They had courage, but above all they were artists; the Adamic mixture suddenly accelerated creative imagination. The height of the blue man's art was about 15,000 years ago, before the days when the darker-skinned races came north from Africa through Spain.

8 §§ About 15,000 years ago the

Alpine forests were spreading extensively. The European hunters were being driven to the river valleys and to the seashores by the same climatic coercion that had turned the world's happy hunting grounds into dry and barren deserts. As the rain winds shifted to the north, the great open grazing lands of Europe became covered by forests. These great and relatively sudden climatic modifications drove the races of Europe to change from open-space hunters to herders, and in some measure to fishers and tillers of the soil.

9 These changes, while resulting

in cultural advances, produced certain biologic retrogressions. During the previous hunting era the superior tribes had intermarried with the higher types of war captives and had unvaryingly destroyed those whom they deemed inferior. But as they commenced to establish settlements and engage in agriculture and commerce, they began to save many of the mediocre captives as slaves. And it was the progeny of these slaves that subsequently so greatly deteriorated the whole Cro-Magnon type. This retrogression of culture continued until it received a fresh impetus from the

east when the final and en masse invasion of the Mesopotamians swept over Europe, quickly absorbing the Cro-Magnon type and culture and initiating the civilization of the white races.

4. THE ANDITE INVASIONS OF EUROPE

1 While the Andites poured into Europe in a steady stream, there were seven major invasions, the last arrivals coming on horseback in three great waves. Some entered Europe by way of the islands of the Aegean and up the Danube valley, but the majority of the earlier and purer strains migrated to north-western Europe by the north-

ern route across the grazing lands of the Volga and the Don.

2 Between the third and fourth invasions a horde of Andonites entered Europe from the north, having come from Siberia by way of the Russian rivers and the Baltic. They were immediately assimilated by the northern Andite tribes.

3 The earlier expansions of the purer violet race were far more pacific than were those of their later semimilitary and conquest-loving Andite descendants. The Adamites were pacific; the Nodites were belligerent. The union of these stocks, as later mingled with

the Sangik races, produced the able, aggressive Andites who made actual military conquests.

4 §§ But the horse was the evolutionary factor which determined the dominance of the Andites in the Occident. The horse gave the dispersing Andites the hitherto nonexistent advantage of mobility, enabling the last groups of Andite cavalrymen to progress quickly around the Caspian Sea to overrun all of Europe. All previous waves of Andites had moved so slowly that they tended to disintegrate at any great distance from Mesopotamia. But these later waves moved so

rapidly that they reached Europe as coherent groups, still retaining some measure of higher culture.

5 The whole inhabited world, outside of China and the Euphrates region, had made very limited cultural progress for 10,000 years when the hard-riding Andite horsemen made their appearance in the sixth and seventh millenniums before Christ. As they moved westward across the Russian plains, absorbing the best of the blue man and exterminating the worst, they became blended into one people. These were the ancestors of the so-called Nordic races, the forefathers of

the Scandinavian, German, and Anglo-Saxon peoples.

6 §§ It was not long before the superior blue strains had been fully absorbed by the Andites throughout all northern Europe. Only in Lapland (and to a certain extent in Brittany) did the older Andonites retain even a semblance of identity.

5. THE ANDITE CONQUEST OF NORTHERN EUROPE

1 The tribes of northern Europe were being continuously reinforced and upstepped by the steady stream of migrants from Mesopotamia through the Turkestan-south Russian regions,

and when the last waves of Andite cavalry swept over Europe, there were already more men with Andite inheritance in that region than were to be found in all the rest of the world.

2 For 3,000 years the military headquarters of the northern Andites was in Denmark. From this central point there went forth the successive waves of conquest, which grew decreasingly Andite and increasingly white as the passing centuries witnessed the final blending of the Mesopotamian conquerors with the conquered peoples.

3 §§ While the blue man had been absorbed in the north and eventu-

ally succumbed to the white cavalry raiders who penetrated the south, the advancing tribes of the mixed white race met with stubborn and protracted resistance from the Cro-Magnons, but superior intelligence and ever-augmenting biologic reserves enabled them to wipe the older race out of existence.

4 The decisive struggles between the white man and the blue man were fought out in the valley of the Somme. Here, the flower of the blue race bitterly contested the southward-moving Andites, and for over 500 years these Cro-Magnoids successfully defended

their territories before succumbing to the superior military strategy of the white invaders. Thor, the victorious commander of the armies of the north in the final battle of the Somme, became the hero of the northern white tribes and later on was revered as a god by some of them.

5 §§ The strongholds of the blue man which persisted longest were in southern France, but the last great military resistance was overcome along the Somme. The later conquest progressed by commercial penetration, population pressure along the rivers, and by continued intermarriage with

the superiors, coupled with the ruthless extermination of the inferiors.

6 When the tribal council of the Andite elders had adjudged an inferior captive to be unfit, he was, by elaborate ceremony, committed to the shaman priests, who escorted him to the river and administered the rites of initiation to the "happy hunting grounds" — lethal submergence. In this way the white invaders of Europe exterminated all peoples encountered who were not quickly absorbed into their own ranks, and thus did the blue man come to an end — and quickly.

7 §§ The Cro-Magnoid blue man

constituted the biologic foundation for the modern European races, but they have survived only as absorbed by the later and virile conquerors of their homelands. The blue strain contributed many sturdy traits and much physical vigour to the white races of Europe, but the humour and imagination of the blended European peoples were derived from the Andites. This Andite-blue union, resulting in the northern white races, produced an immediate lapse of Andite civilization, a retardation of a transient nature. Eventually, the latent superiority of these northern barbarians mani-

fested itself and culminated in present-day European civilization.

8 §§ By 5000 B.C. the evolving white races were dominant throughout all of northern Europe, including northern Germany, northern France, and the British Isles. Central Europe was for some time[1] controlled by the blue man and the round-headed Andonites. The latter were mainly situated in the Danube valley and were never

[1] In 1955 text "sometime" one word.

entirely displaced by the Andites.

6. THE ANDITES ALONG THE NILE

1 From the times of the terminal Andite migrations, culture declined in the Euphrates valley, and the immediate centre of civilization shifted to the valley of the Nile. Egypt became the successor of Mesopotamia as the headquarters of the most advanced group on earth.

2 The Nile valley began to suffer from floods shortly before the Mesopotamian valleys but fared much better. This early setback was more than compensated by the continu-

ing stream of Andite immigrants, so that the culture of Egypt, though really derived from the Euphrates region, seemed to forge ahead. But in 5000 B.C., during the flood period in Mesopotamia, there were seven distinct groups of human beings in Egypt; all of them, save one, came from Mesopotamia.

3 §§ When the last exodus from the Euphrates valley occurred, Egypt was fortunate in gaining so many of the most skillful artists and artisans. These Andite artisans found themselves quite at home in that they were thoroughly familiar with river life, its

floods, irrigations, and dry seasons. They enjoyed the sheltered position of the Nile valley; they were there much less subject to hostile raids and attacks than along the Euphrates. And they added greatly to the metalworking skill of the Egyptians. Here they worked iron ores coming from Mount Sinai instead of from the Black Sea regions.

4 §§ The Egyptians very early assembled their municipal deities into an elaborate national system of gods. They developed an extensive theology and had an equally extensive but burdensome priesthood. Several different

leaders sought to revive the remnants of the early religious teachings of the Sethites, but these endeavours were short-lived. The Andites built the first stone structures in Egypt. The first and most exquisite of the stone pyramids was erected by Imhotep, an Andite architectural genius, while serving as prime minister. Previous buildings had been constructed of brick, and while many stone structures had been erected in different parts of the world, this was the first in Egypt. But the art of building steadily declined from the days of this great architect.

5 This brilliant epoch of culture was

cut short by internal warfare along the Nile, and the country was soon overrun, as Mesopotamia had been, by the inferior tribes from inhospitable Arabia and by the blacks from the south. As a result, social progress steadily declined for more than 500 years.

7. ANDITES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLES

1 During the decline of culture in Mesopotamia there persisted for some time a superior civilization on the islands of the eastern Mediterranean.

2 About 12,000 B.C. a brilliant tribe of Andites migrated to Crete. This was the only island settled so early by such

a superior group, and it was almost 2,000 years before the descendants of these mariners spread to the neighbouring isles. This group were the narrow-headed, smaller-statured Andites who had intermarried with the Vanite division of the northern Nodites. They were all under 1.8 m in height and had been literally driven off the mainland by their larger and inferior fellows. These emigrants to Crete were highly skilled in textiles, metals, pottery, plumbing, and the use of stone for building material. They engaged in writing and carried on as herders and agriculturists.

3 Almost 2,000 years after the settlement of Crete a group of the tall descendants of Adamson made their way over the northern islands to Greece, coming almost directly from their highland home north of Mesopotamia. These progenitors of the Greeks were led westward by Sato, a direct descendant of Adamson and Ratta.

4 The group which finally settled in Greece consisted of 375 of the selected and superior people comprising the end of the second civilization of the Adamsonites. These later sons of Adamson carried the then most valuable strains of the emerging white

races. They were of a high intellectual order and, physically regarded, the most beautiful of men since the days of the first Eden.

5 §§ Presently Greece and the Aegean Islands region succeeded Mesopotamia and Egypt as the Occidental centre of trade, art, and culture. But as it was in Egypt, so again practically all of the art and science of the Aegean world was derived from Mesopotamia except for the culture of the Adamsonite forerunners of the Greeks. All the art and genius of these latter people is a direct legacy of the posterity of Adamson, the first son of Adam

and Eve, and his extraordinary second wife, a daughter descended in an unbroken line from the pure Nodite staff of Prince Caligastia. No wonder the Greeks had mythological traditions that they were directly descended from gods and superhuman beings.

6 The Aegean region passed through five distinct cultural stages, each less spiritual than the preceding, and ere long the last glorious era of art perished beneath the weight of the rapidly multiplying mediocre descendants of the Danubian slaves who had been imported by the later generations of

Greeks.

7 It was during this age in Crete that the *mother cult* of the descendants of Cain attained its greatest vogue. This cult glorified Eve in the worship of the "great mother." Images of Eve were everywhere. Thousands of public shrines were erected throughout Crete and Asia Minor. And this mother cult persisted on down to the times of Christ, becoming later incorporated in the early Christian religion under the guise of the glorification and worship of Mary the earth mother of Jesus.

8 §§ By about 6500 B.C. there had occurred a great decline in the spiri-

tual heritage of the Andites. The descendants of Adam were widespreadly dispersed and had been virtually swallowed up in the older and more numerous human races. And this decadence of Andite civilization, together with the disappearance of their religious standards, left the spiritually impoverished races of the world in a deplorable condition.

9 §§ By 5000 B.C. the three purest strains of Adam's descendants were in Sumeria, northern Europe, and Greece. The whole of Mesopotamia was being slowly deteriorated by the stream of mixed and darker races

which filtered in from Arabia. And the coming of these inferior peoples contributed further to the scattering abroad of the biologic and cultural residue of the Andites. From all over the fertile crescent the more adventurous peoples poured westward to the islands. These migrants cultivated both grain and vegetables, and they brought domesticated animals with them.

10 About 5000 B.C. a mighty host of progressive Mesopotamians moved out of the Euphrates valley and settled upon the island of Cyprus; this civilization was wiped out about 2,000 years subsequently by the barbarian

hordes from the north.

11 §§ Another great colony settled on the Mediterranean near the later site of Carthage. And from north Africa large numbers of Andites entered Spain and later mingled in Switzerland with their brethren who had earlier come to Italy from the Aegean Islands.

12 §§ When Egypt followed Mesopotamia in cultural decline, many of the more able and advanced families fled to Crete, thus greatly augmenting this already advanced civilization. And when the arrival of inferior groups from Egypt later threatened the civilization of Crete, the more cultured

families moved on west to Greece.

13 §§ The Greeks were not only great teachers and artists, they were also the world's greatest traders and colonizers. Before succumbing to the flood of inferiority which eventually engulfed their art and commerce, they succeeded in planting so many outposts of culture to the west that a great many of the advances in early Greek civilization persisted in the later peoples of southern Europe, and many of the mixed descendants of these Adamsonites became incorporated in the

tribes of the adjacent mainlands.

8. THE DANUBIAN ANDONITES

1 The Andite peoples of the Euphrates valley migrated north to Europe to mingle with the blue men and west into the Mediterranean regions to mix with the remnants of the commingled Saharans and the southern blue men. And these two branches of the white race were, and now are, widely separated by the broad-headed mountain survivors of the earlier Andonite tribes which had long inhabited these central regions.

2 These descendants of Andon were

dispersed through most of the mountainous regions of central and southeastern Europe. They were often reinforced by arrivals from Asia Minor, which region they occupied in considerable strength. The ancient Hittites stemmed directly from the Andonite stock; their pale skins and broad heads were typical of that race. This strain was carried in Abraham's ancestry and contributed much to the characteristic facial appearance of his later Jewish descendants who, while having a culture and religion derived from the Andites, spoke a very different language. Their tongue was distinctly Andonite.

3 The tribes that dwelt in houses erected on piles or log piers over the lakes of Italy, Switzerland, and southern Europe were the expanding fringes of the African, Aegean, and, more especially, the Danubian migrations.

4 The Danubians were Andonites, farmers and herders who had entered Europe through the Balkan peninsula and were moving slowly northward by way of the Danube valley. They made pottery and tilled the land, preferring to live in the valleys. The most northerly settlement of the Danubians was at Liege in Belgium. These tribes deteriorated rapidly as they moved

away from the centre and source of their culture. The best pottery is the product of the earlier settlements.

5 The Danubians became mother worshippers as the result of the work of the missionaries from Crete. These tribes later amalgamated with groups of Andonite sailors who came by boats from the coast of Asia Minor, and who were also mother worshippers. Much of central Europe was thus early settled by these mixed types of the broad-headed white races which practised mother worship and the religious rite of cremating the dead, for it was the custom of the mother cultists to burn

their dead in stone huts.

9. THE THREE WHITE RACES

1 The racial blends in Europe toward the close of the Andite migrations became generalized into the three white races as follows:

2 1. *The northern white race.* This so-called Nordic race consisted primarily of the blue man plus the Andite but also contained a considerable amount of Andonite blood, together with smaller amounts of the red and yellow Sangik. The northern white race thus encompassed these four most desirable human stocks.

But the largest inheritance was from the blue man. The typical early Nordic was long-headed, tall, and blond. But long ago this race became thoroughly mixed with all of the branches of the white peoples.

3 The primitive culture of Europe, which was encountered by the invading Nordics, was that of the retrograding Danubians blended with the blue man. The Nordic-Danish and the Danubian-Andonite cultures met and mingled on the Rhine as is witnessed by the existence of two racial groups in Germany today.

4 The Nordics continued the trade

in amber from the Baltic coast, building up a great commerce with the broadheads of the Danube valley via the Brenner Pass. This extended contact with the Danubians led these northerners into mother worship, and for several thousands of years cremation of the dead was almost universal throughout Scandinavia. This explains why remains of the earlier white races, although buried all over Europe, are not to be found — only their ashes in stone and clay urns. These white men also built dwellings; they never lived in caves. And again this explains why there are so few evidences of the

white man's early culture, although the preceding Cro-Magnon type is well preserved where it has been securely sealed up in caves and grottoes. As it were, one day in northern Europe there is a primitive culture of the retrogressing Danubians and the blue man and the next that of a suddenly appearing and vastly superior white man.

5 2. *The central white race.* While this group includes strains of blue, yellow, and Andite, it is predominantly Andonite. These people are broadheaded, swarthy, and stocky. They are driven like a wedge between the Nordic and Mediterranean races, with

the broad base resting in Asia and the apex penetrating eastern France.

6 For almost 20,000 years the Andonites had been pushed farther and farther to the north of central Asia by the Andites. By 3000 B.C. increasing aridity was driving these Andonites back into Turkestan. This Andonite push southward continued for over a thousand years and, splitting around the Caspian and Black seas, penetrated Europe by way of both the Balkans and the Ukraine. This invasion included the remaining groups of Adamson's descendants and, during the latter half of the invasion pe-

riod, carried with it considerable numbers of the Iranian Andites as well as many of the descendants of the Sethite priests.

7 By 2500 B.C. the westward thrust of the Andonites reached Europe. And this overrunning of all Mesopotamia, Asia Minor, and the Danube basin by the barbarians of the hills of Turkestan constituted the most serious and lasting of all cultural setbacks up to that time. These invaders definitely Andonized the character of the central European races, which have ever since remained characteristically Alpine.

8 3. *The southern white race.* This brunet Mediterranean race consisted of a blend of the Andite and the blue man, with a smaller Andonite strain than in the north. This group also absorbed a considerable amount of secondary Sangik blood through the Saharans. In later times this southern division of the white race was infused by strong Andite elements from the eastern Mediterranean.

9 The Mediterranean coastlands did not, however, become permeated by the Andites until the times of the great nomadic invasions of 2500 B.C. Land traffic and trade were nearly sus-

pended during these centuries when the nomads invaded the eastern Mediterranean districts. This interference with land travel brought about the great expansion of sea traffic and trade; Mediterranean sea-borne commerce was in full swing about 4,500 years ago. And this development of marine traffic resulted in the sudden expansion of the descendants of the Andites throughout the entire coastal territory of the Mediterranean basin.

10 These racial mixtures laid the foundations for the southern European race, the most highly mixed of all. And since these days this race

has undergone still further admixture, notably with the blue-yellow-Andite peoples of Arabia. This Mediterranean race is, in fact, so freely admixed with the surrounding peoples as to be virtually indiscernible as a separate type, but in general its members are short, long-headed, and brunet.

11 In the north the Andites, through warfare and marriage, obliterated the blue men, but in the south they survived in greater numbers. The Basques and the Berbers represent the survival of two branches of this race, but even these peoples have been thoroughly admixed with the Saharans.

12 §§ This was the picture of race mixture presented in central Europe about 3000 B.C. In spite of the partial Adamic default, the higher types did blend.

13 §§ These were the times of the New Stone Age overlapping the oncoming Bronze Age. In Scandinavia it was the Bronze Age associated with mother worship. In southern France and Spain it was the New Stone Age associated with sun worship. This was the time of the building of the circular and roofless sun temples. The European white races were energetic builders, delighting to set up great

stones as tokens to the sun, much as did their later-day descendants at Stonehenge. The vogue of sun worship indicates that this was a great period of agriculture in southern Europe.

14 The superstitions of this comparatively recent sun-worshipping era even now persist in the folkways of Brittany. Although Christianized for over 1,500 years, these Bretons still retain charms of the New Stone Age for warding off the evil eye. They still keep thunderstones in the chimney as protection against lightning. The Bretons never mingled with the Scandinavian Nordics. They are survivors of the

original Andonite inhabitants of western Europe, mixed with the Mediterranean stock.

15 §§ But it is a fallacy to presume to classify the white peoples as Nordic, Alpine, and Mediterranean. There has been altogether too much blending to permit such a grouping. At one time there was a fairly well-defined division of the white race into such classes, but widespread intermingling has since occurred, and it is no longer possible to identify these distinctions with any clarity. Even in 3000 B.C. the ancient social groups were no more of one race than are the present inhabi-

tants of North America.

16 This European culture for 5,000 years continued to grow and to some extent intermingle. But the barrier of language prevented the full reciprocation of the various Occidental nations. During the past century this culture has been experiencing its best opportunity for blending in the cosmopolitan population of North America; and the future of that continent will be determined by the quality of the racial factors which are permitted to enter into its present and future populations, as well as by the level of the so-

cial culture which is maintained.

17 [Presented by an Archangel of Nebadon.]

PAPER 81

DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN CIVILIZATION

Archangel

Regardless of the ups and downs of the miscarriage of the plans for world betterment projected in the missions of Caligastia and Adam, the basic organic evolution of the human species continued to carry the races forward in the scale of human progress and racial development. Evolution can be delayed but it cannot be stopped.

2 The influence of the violet race, though in numbers smaller than had been planned, produced an advance in civilization which, since the days of Adam, has far exceeded the progress of mankind throughout its entire previous existence of almost a million years.

1. THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION

1 For about 35,000 years after the days of Adam, the cradle of civilization was in south-western Asia, extending from the Nile valley eastward and slightly to the north across northern Arabia, through Mesopotamia, and

on into Turkestan. And *climate* was the decisive factor in the establishment of civilization in that area.

2 It was the great climatic and geologic changes in northern Africa and western Asia that terminated the early migrations of the Adamites, barring them from Europe by the expanded Mediterranean and diverting the stream of migration north and east into Turkestan. By the time of the completion of these land elevations and associated climatic changes, about 15,000 B.C., civilization had settled down to a world-wide stalemate except for the cultural ferments

and biologic reserves of the Andites still confined by mountains to the east in Asia and by the expanding forests in Europe to the west.

3 Climatic evolution is now about to accomplish what all other efforts had failed to do, that is, to compel Eurasian man to abandon hunting for the more advanced callings of herding and farming. Evolution may be slow, but it is terribly effective.

4 Since slaves were so generally employed by the earlier agriculturists, the farmer was formerly looked down on by both the hunter and the herder. For ages it was considered menial to till the

soil; wherefore the idea that soil toil is a curse, whereas it is the greatest of all blessings. Even in the days of Cain and Abel the sacrifices of the pastoral life were held in greater esteem than the offerings of agriculture.

5 Man ordinarily evolved into a farmer from a hunter by transition through the era of the herder, and this was also true among the Andites, but more often the evolutionary coercion of climatic necessity would cause whole tribes to pass directly from hunters to successful farmers. But this phenomenon of passing immediately from hunting to agriculture only oc-

curred in those regions where there was a high degree of race mixture with the violet stock.

6 The evolutionary peoples (notably the Chinese) early learned to plant seeds and to cultivate crops through observation of the sprouting of seeds accidentally moistened or which had been put in graves as food for the departed. But throughout south-west Asia, along the fertile river bottoms and adjacent plains, the Andites were carrying out the improved agricultural techniques inherited from their ancestors, who had made farming and gardening the chief pursuits within the

boundaries of the second garden.

7 For thousands of years the descendants of Adam had grown wheat and barley, as improved in the Garden, throughout the highlands of the upper border of Mesopotamia. The descendants of Adam and Adamson here met, traded, and socially mingled.

8 It was these enforced changes in living conditions which caused such a large proportion of the human race to become omnivorous in dietetic practice. And the combination of the wheat, rice, and vegetable diet with the flesh of the herds marked a great forward step in the health and vigour of

these ancient peoples.

2. THE TOOLS OF CIVILIZATION

1 The growth of culture is predicated upon the development of the tools of civilization. And the tools which man utilized in his ascent from savagery were effective just to the extent that they released man power for the accomplishment of higher tasks.

2 You who now live amid latter-day scenes of budding culture and beginning progress in social affairs, who actually have some little spare time in which to *think* about society and civilization, must not overlook the fact

that your early ancestors had little or no leisure which could be devoted to thoughtful reflection and social thinking.

3 §§ The first four great advances in human civilization were:

4 1. The taming of fire.

5 2. The domestication of animals.

6 3. The enslavement of captives.

7 4. Private property.

8 §§ While fire, the first great discovery, eventually unlocked the doors of the scientific world, it was of little value in this regard to primitive

man. He refused to recognize natural causes as explanations for commonplace phenomena.

9 When asked where fire came from, the simple story of Andon and the flint was soon replaced by the legend of how some Prometheus stole it from heaven. The ancients sought a supernatural explanation for all natural phenomena not within the range of their personal comprehension; and many moderns continue to do this. The depersonalization of so-called natural phenomena has required ages, and it is not yet completed. But the frank, honest, and fearless search for true

causes gave birth to modern science: It turned astrology into astronomy, alchemy into chemistry, and magic into medicine.

10 §§ In the premachine age the only way in which man could accomplish work without doing it himself was to use an animal. Domestication of animals placed in his hands living tools, the intelligent use of which prepared the way for both agriculture and transportation. And without these animals man could not have risen from his primitive estate to the levels of subsequent civilization.

11 Most of the animals best suited to

domestication were found in Asia, especially in the central to south-west regions. This was one reason why civilization progressed faster in that locality than in other parts of the world. Many of these animals had been twice before domesticated, and in the Andite age they were retamed once again. But the dog had remained with the hunters ever since being adopted by the blue man long, long before.

12 The Andites of Turkestan were the first peoples to extensively domesticate the horse[1], and this is another

[1] In the human source [1] we read: "All the available evidence indicates that the horse was first

reason why their culture was for so long predominant. By 5000 B.C. the Mesopotamian, Turkestan, and Chinese farmers had begun the raising of sheep, goats, cows, camels, horses, fowls, and elephants. They employed as beasts of burden the ox, camel, horse, and yak. Man was himself at one time the beast of burden. One ruler of the blue race once had 100,000 men in his colony of burden bearers.

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tamed in some part of the Asiatic steppe. The more lowland portion of this steppe runs from Galicia intermittently to South Russia, and thence continuously across Russian Turkestan with a narrowed eastward extension of varying relief reaching right away to the Sea of Okhotsk."

13 §§ The institutions of slavery and private ownership of land came with agriculture. Slavery raised the master's standard of living and provided more leisure for social culture.

14 The savage is a slave to nature, but scientific civilization is slowly conferring increasing liberty on mankind. Through animals, fire, wind, water, electricity, and other undiscovered sources of energy, man has liberated, and will continue to liberate, himself from the necessity for unremitting toil. Regardless of the transient trouble produced by the prolific invention of machinery, the ultimate benefits to

be derived from such mechanical inventions are inestimable. Civilization can never flourish, much less be established, until man has *leisure* to think, to plan, to imagine new and better ways of doing things.

15 §§ Man first simply appropriated his shelter, lived under ledges or dwelt in caves. Next he adapted such natural materials as wood and stone to the creation of family huts. Lastly he entered the creative stage of home building, learned to manufacture brick and other building materials.

16 The peoples of the Turkestan highlands were the first of the more

modern races to build their homes of wood, houses not at all unlike the early log cabins of the American pioneer settlers. Throughout the plains human dwellings were made of brick; later on, of burned bricks.

17 The older river races made their huts by setting tall poles in the ground in a circle; the tops were then brought together, making the skeleton frame for the hut, which was interlaced with transverse reeds, the whole creation resembling a huge inverted basket. This structure could then be daubed over with clay and, after drying in the sun, would make a very serviceable weath-

erproof habitation.

18 It was from these early huts that the subsequent idea of all sorts of basket weaving independently originated. Among one group the idea of making pottery arose from observing the effects of smearing these pole frameworks with moist clay. The practice of hardening pottery by baking was discovered when one of these clay-covered primitive huts accidentally burned. The arts of olden days were many times derived from the accidental occurrences attendant upon the daily life of early peoples. At least, this was almost wholly true of the evo-

lutionary progress of mankind up to the coming of Adam.

19 While pottery had been first introduced by the staff of the Prince about 500,000 years ago, the making of clay vessels had practically ceased for over 150,000 years. Only the gulf coast pre-Sumerian Nodites continued to make clay vessels. The art of pottery making was revived during Adam's time. The dissemination of this art was simultaneous with the extension of the desert areas of Africa, Arabia, and central Asia, and it spread in successive waves of improving technique from Mesopotamia out over the Eastern Hemi-

sphere.

20 These civilizations of the Andite age cannot always be traced by the stages of their pottery or other arts. The smooth course of human evolution was tremendously complicated by the regimes of both Dalamatia and Eden. It often occurs that the later vases and implements are inferior to the earlier products of the purer Andite peoples.

3. CITIES, MANUFACTURE, AND COMMERCE

1 The climatic destruction of the rich, open grassland hunting and grazing grounds of Turkestan, beginning

about 12,000 B.C., compelled the men of those regions to resort to new forms of industry and crude manufacturing. Some turned to the cultivation of domesticated flocks, others became agriculturists or collectors of water-borne food, but the higher type of Andite intellects chose to engage in trade and manufacture. It even became the custom for entire tribes to dedicate themselves to the development of a single industry. From the valley of the Nile to the Hindu Kush and from the Ganges to the Yellow River, the chief business of the superior tribes became the cultivation of the soil, with com-

merce as a side line.

2 The increase in trade and in the manufacture of raw materials into various articles of commerce was directly instrumental in producing those early and semipeaceful communities which were so influential in spreading the culture and the arts of civilization. Before the era of extensive world trade, social communities were tribal — expanded family groups. Trade brought into fellowship different sorts of human beings, thus contributing to a more speedy cross-fertilization of culture.

3 About 12,000 years ago the era

of the independent cities was dawning. And these primitive trading and manufacturing cities were always surrounded by zones of agriculture and cattle raising. While it is true that industry was promoted by the elevation of the standards of living, you should have no misconception regarding the refinements of early urban life. The early races were not overly neat and clean, and the average primitive community rose 30–60 cm every 25 years as the result of the mere accumulation of dirt and rubbish. Certain of these olden cities also rose above the surrounding ground very quickly because

their unbaked mud huts were short-lived, and it was the custom to build new dwellings directly on top of the ruins of the old.

4 §§ The widespread use of metals was a feature of this era of the early industrial and trading cities. You have already found a bronze culture in Turkestan dating before 9000 B.C., and the Andites early learned to work in iron, gold, and copper, as well. But conditions were very different away from the more advanced centres of civilization. There were no distinct periods, such as the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages; all three existed at the same

time in different localities.

5 Gold was the first metal to be sought by man; it was easy to work and, at first, was used only as an ornament. Copper was next employed but not extensively until it was admixed with tin to make the harder bronze. The discovery of mixing copper and tin to make bronze was made by one of the Adamsonites of Turkestan whose highland copper mine happened to be located alongside a tin deposit.

6 §§ With the appearance of crude manufacture and beginning industry, commerce quickly became the most potent influence in the spread of cul-

tural civilization. The opening up of the trade channels by land and by sea greatly facilitated travel and the mixing of cultures as well as the blending of civilizations. By 5000 B.C. the horse was in general use throughout civilized and semicivilized lands. These later races not only had the domesticated horse but also various sorts of wagons and chariots. Ages before, the wheel had been used, but now vehicles so equipped became universally employed both in commerce and war.

7 The travelling trader and the roving explorer did more to advance historic civilization than all other influ-

ences combined. Military conquests, colonization, and missionary enterprises fostered by the later religions were also factors in the spread of culture; but these were all secondary to the trading relations, which were ever accelerated by the rapidly developing arts and sciences of industry.

8 Infusion of the Adamic stock into the human races not only quickened the pace of civilization, but it also greatly stimulated their proclivities toward adventure and exploration to the end that most of Eurasia and northern Africa was presently occupied by the rapidly multiplying mixed descen-

dants of the Andites.

4. THE MIXED RACES

1 As contact is made with the dawn of historic times, all of Eurasia, northern Africa, and the Pacific Islands is overspread with the composite races of mankind. And these races of today have resulted from a blending and reblending of the five basic human stocks of Urantia.

2 Each of the Urantia races was identified by certain distinguishing physical characteristics. The Adamites and Nodites were long-headed; the Andonites were broad-

headed. The Sangik races were medium-headed, with the yellow and blue men tending to broad-headedness. The blue races, when mixed with the Andonite stock, were decidedly broad-headed. The secondary Sangiks were medium- to long-headed.

3 Although these skull dimensions are serviceable in deciphering racial origins, the skeleton as a whole is far more dependable. In the early development of the Urantia races there were originally five distinct types of skeletal structure:

4 1. Andonic, Urantia aborigines.

5 2. Primary Sangik, red, yellow,

and blue.

6 3. Secondary Sangik, orange, green, and indigo.

7 4. Nodites, descendants of the Dalamatians.

8 5. Adamites, the violet race.

9 §§ As these five great racial groups extensively intermingled, continual mixture tended to obscure the Andonite type by Sangik hereditary dominance. The Lapps and the Eskimos are blends of Andonite and Sangik-blue races. Their skeletal structures come the nearest to preserving the aboriginal Andonic type. But the

Adamites and the Nodites have become so admixed with the other races that they can be detected only as a generalized Caucasoid order.

10 In general, therefore, as the human remains of the last 20,000 years are unearthed, it will be impossible clearly to distinguish the five original types. Study of such skeletal structures will disclose that mankind is now divided into approximately three classes:

11 1. *The Caucasoid* — the Andite blend of the Nodite and Adamic stocks, further modified by primary and (some) secondary Sangik admixture and by considerable Andonic

crossing. The Occidental white races, together with some Indian and Turanian peoples, are included in this group. The unifying factor in this division is the greater or lesser proportion of Andite inheritance.

12 2. *The Mongoloid* — the primary Sangik type, including the original red, yellow, and blue races. The Chinese and Amerinds belong to this group. In Europe the Mongoloid type has been modified by secondary Sangik and Andonic mixture; still more by Andite infusion. The Malayan and other Indonesian peoples are included in this classification, though they con-

tain a high percentage of secondary Sangik blood.

13 3. *The Negroid* — the secondary Sangik type, which originally included the orange, green, and indigo races. This is the type best illustrated by the Negro, and it will be found through Africa, India, and Indonesia wherever the secondary Sangik races located.

14 §§ In North China there is a certain blending of Caucasoid and Mongoloid types; in the Levant the Caucasoid and Negroid have intermingled; in India, as in South America, all three types are represented. And the skeletal characteristics of the three surviv-

ing types still persist and help to identify the later ancestry of present-day human races.

5. CULTURAL SOCIETY

1 Biologic evolution and cultural civilization are not necessarily correlated; organic evolution in any age may proceed unhindered in the very midst of cultural decadence. But when lengthy periods of human history are surveyed, it will be observed that eventually evolution and culture become related as cause and effect. Evolution may advance in the absence of culture, but cultural civilization does not

flourish without an adequate background of antecedent racial progression. Adam and Eve introduced no art of civilization foreign to the progress of human society, but the Adamic blood did augment the inherent ability of the races and did accelerate the pace of economic development and industrial progression. Adam's bestowal improved the brain power of the races, thereby greatly hastening the processes of natural evolution.

2 Through agriculture, animal domestication, and improved architecture, mankind gradually escaped the worst of the incessant struggle to

live and began to cast about to find wherewith to sweeten the process of living; and this was the beginning of the striving for higher and ever higher standards of material comfort. Through manufacture and industry man is gradually augmenting the pleasure content of mortal life.

3 But cultural society is no great and beneficent club of inherited privilege into which all men are born with free membership and entire equality. Rather is it an exalted and ever-advancing guild of earth workers, admitting to its ranks only the nobility of those toilers who strive to make the

world a better place in which their children and their children's children may live and advance in subsequent ages. And this guild of civilization exacts costly admission fees, imposes strict and rigorous disciplines, visits heavy penalties on all dissenters and nonconformists, while it confers few personal licenses or privileges except those of enhanced security against common dangers and racial perils.

4 Social association is a form of survival insurance which human beings have learned is profitable; therefore are most individuals willing to pay those premiums of self-sacrifice and per-

sonal-liberty curtailment which society exacts from its members in return for this enhanced group protection. In short, the present-day social mechanism is a trial-and-error insurance plan designed to afford some degree of assurance and protection against a return to the terrible and antisocial conditions which characterized the early experiences of the human race.

5 Society thus becomes a co-operative scheme for securing civil freedom through institutions, economic freedom through capital and invention, social liberty through culture, and freedom from violence through

police regulation.

6 *Might does not make right, but it does enforce the commonly recognized rights of each succeeding generation.* The prime mission of government is the definition of the right, the just and fair regulation of class differences, and the enforcement of equality of opportunity under the rules of law. Every human right is associated with a social duty; group privilege is an insurance mechanism which unfailingly demands the full payment of the exacting premiums of group service. And group rights, as well as those of the individual, must be protected, including

the regulation of the sex propensity.

7 Liberty subject to group regulation is the legitimate goal of social evolution. Liberty without restrictions is the vain and fanciful dream of unstable and flighty human minds.

6. THE MAINTENANCE OF CIVILIZATION

1 While biologic evolution has proceeded ever upward, much of cultural evolution went out from the Euphrates valley in waves, which successively weakened as time passed until finally the whole of the pure-line Adamic posterity had gone forth to enrich the civilizations of Asia and Eu-

rope. The races did not fully blend, but their civilizations did to a considerable extent mix. Culture did slowly spread throughout the world. And this civilization must be maintained and fostered, for there exist today no new sources of culture, no Andites to invigorate and stimulate the slow progress of the evolution of civilization.

2 §§ The civilization which is now evolving on Urantia grew out of, and is predicated on, the following factors:

3 1. *Natural circumstances.* The nature and extent of a material civilization is in large measure determined

by the natural resources available. Climate, weather, and numerous physical conditions are factors in the evolution of culture.

4 At the opening of the Andite era there were only two extensive and fertile open hunting areas in all the world. One was in North America and was overspread by the Amerinds; the other was to the north of Turkestan and was partly occupied by an Andonic-yellow race. The decisive factors in the evolution of a superior culture in southwestern Asia were race and climate. The Andites were a great people, but the crucial factor in determining the

course of their civilization was the increasing aridity of Iran, Turkestan, and Sinkiang, which *forced* them to invent and adopt new and advanced methods of wresting a livelihood from their decreasingly fertile lands.

5 The configuration of continents and other land-arrangement situations are very influential in determining peace or war. Very few Urantians have ever had such a favourable opportunity for continuous and unmolested development as has been enjoyed by the peoples of North America — protected on practically all sides by vast oceans.

6 2. *Capital goods.* Culture is never developed under conditions of poverty; leisure is essential to the progress of civilization. Individual character of moral and spiritual value may be acquired in the absence of material wealth, but a cultural civilization is only derived from those conditions of material prosperity which foster leisure combined with ambition.

7 During primitive times life on Urantia was a serious and sober business. And it was to escape this incessant struggle and interminable toil that mankind constantly tended to drift toward the salubrious climate of

the tropics. While these warmer zones of habitation afforded some remission from the intense struggle for existence, the races and tribes who thus sought ease seldom utilized their unearned leisure for the advancement of civilization. Social progress has invariably come from the thoughts and plans of those races that have, by their intelligent toil, learned how to wrest a living from the land with lessened effort and shortened days of labour and thus have been able to enjoy a well-earned and profitable margin of leisure.

8 3. *Scientific knowledge.* The material aspects of civilization must al-

ways await the accumulation of scientific data. It was a long time after the discovery of the bow and arrow and the utilization of animals for power purposes before man learned how to harness wind and water, to be followed by the employment of steam and electricity. But slowly the tools of civilization improved. Weaving, pottery, the domestication of animals, and metalworking were followed by an age of writing and printing.

9 Knowledge is power. Invention always precedes the acceleration of cultural development on a world-wide scale. Science and invention benefited

most of all from the printing press, and the interaction of all these cultural and inventive activities has enormously accelerated the rate of cultural advancement.

10 Science teaches man to speak the new language of mathematics and trains his thoughts along lines of exacting precision. And science also stabilizes philosophy through the elimination of error, while it purifies religion by the destruction of superstition.

11 4. *Human resources.* Man power is indispensable to the spread of civilization. All things equal, a numer-

ous people will dominate the civilization of a smaller race. Hence failure to increase in numbers up to a certain point prevents the full realization of national destiny, but there comes a point in population increase where further growth is suicidal. Multiplication of numbers beyond the optimum of the normal man-land ratio means either a lowering of the standards of living or an immediate expansion of territorial boundaries by peaceful penetration or by military conquest, forcible occupation.

12 You are sometimes shocked at the ravages of war, but you should recog-

nize the necessity for producing large numbers of mortals so as to afford ample opportunity for social and moral development; with such planetary fertility there soon occurs the serious problem of overpopulation. Most of the inhabited worlds are small. Urantia is average, perhaps a trifle undersized. The optimum stabilization of national population enhances culture and prevents war. And it is a wise nation which knows when to cease growing.

13 But the continent richest in natural deposits and the most advanced mechanical equipment will make little

progress if the intelligence of its people is on the decline. Knowledge can be had by education, but wisdom, which is indispensable to true culture, can be secured only through experience and by men and women who are innately intelligent. Such a people are able to learn from experience; they may become truly wise.

14 5. *Effectiveness of material resources.* Much depends on the wisdom displayed in the utilization of natural resources, scientific knowledge, capital goods, and human potentials. The chief factor in early civilization was the *force* exerted by wise social mas-

ters; primitive man had civilization literally thrust upon him by his superior contemporaries. Well-organized and superior minorities have largely ruled this world.

15 Might does not make right, but might does make what is and what has been in history. Only recently has Urantia reached that point where society is willing to debate the ethics of might and right.

16 6. *Effectiveness of language.* The spread of civilization must wait upon language. Live and growing languages ensure the expansion of civilized thinking and planning. Dur-

ing the early ages important advances were made in language. Today, there is great need for further linguistic development to facilitate the expression of evolving thought.

17 Language evolved out of group associations, each local group developing its own system of word exchange. Language grew up through gestures, signs, cries, imitative sounds, intonation, and accent to the vocalization of subsequent alphabets. Language is man's greatest and most serviceable thinking tool, but it never flourished until social groups acquired some leisure. The tendency to play

with language develops new words — slang. If the majority adopt the slang, then usage constitutes it language. The origin of dialects is illustrated by the indulgence in "baby talk" in a family group.

18 Language differences have ever been the great barrier to the extension of peace. The conquest of dialects must precede the spread of a culture throughout a race, over a continent, or to a whole world. A universal language promotes peace, ensures culture, and augments happiness. Even when the tongues of a world are reduced to a few, the mastery of these by

the leading cultural peoples mightily influences the achievement of world-wide peace and prosperity.

19 While very little progress has been made on Urantia toward developing an international language, much has been accomplished by the establishment of international commercial exchange. And all these international relations should be fostered, whether they involve language, trade, art, science, competitive play, or religion.

20 7. *Effectiveness of mechanical devices.* The progress of civilization is directly related to the development and possession of tools, machines,

and channels of distribution. Improved tools, ingenious and efficient machines, determine the survival of contending groups in the arena of advancing civilization.

21 In the early days the only energy applied to land cultivation was man power. It was a long struggle to substitute oxen for men since this threw men out of employment. Latterly, machines have begun to displace men, and every such advance is directly contributory to the progress of society because it liberates man power for the accomplishment of more valuable tasks.

22 Science, guided by wisdom, may

become man's great social liberator. A mechanical age can prove disastrous only to a nation whose intellectual level is too low to discover those wise methods and sound techniques for successfully adjusting to the transition difficulties arising from the sudden loss of employment by large numbers consequent upon the too rapid invention of new types of laboursaving machinery.

23 8. *Character of torchbearers.* Social inheritance enables man to stand on the shoulders of all who have preceded him, and who have contributed aught to the sum of culture and knowl-

edge. In this work of passing on the cultural torch to the next generation, the home will ever be the basic institution. The play and social life comes next, with the school last but equally indispensable in a complex and highly organized society.

24 Insects are born fully educated and equipped for life — indeed, a very narrow and purely instinctive existence. The human baby is born without an education; therefore man possesses the power, by controlling the educational training of the younger generation, greatly to modify the evolutionary course of civilization.

25 The greatest XX century influences contributing to the furtherance of civilization and the advancement of culture are the marked increase in world travel and the unparalleled improvements in methods of communication. But the improvement in education has not kept pace with the expanding social structure; neither has the modern appreciation of ethics developed in correspondence with growth along more purely intellectual and scientific lines. And modern civilization is at a standstill in spiritual development and the safeguarding of the home institution.

26 9. *The racial ideals.* The ideals of one generation carve out the channels of destiny for immediate posterity. The *quality* of the social torchbearers will determine whether civilization goes forward or backward. The homes, churches, and schools of one generation predetermine the character trend of the succeeding generation. The moral and spiritual momentum of a race or a nation largely determines the cultural velocity of that civilization.

27 Ideals elevate the source of the social stream. And no stream will rise any higher than its source no matter

what technique of pressure or directional control may be employed. The driving power of even the most material aspects of a cultural civilization is resident in the least material of society's achievements. Intelligence may control the mechanism of civilization, wisdom may direct it, but spiritual idealism is the energy which really uplifts and advances human culture from one level of attainment to another.

28 At first life was a struggle for existence; now, for a standard of living; next it will be for quality of thinking, the coming earthly goal of human existence.

29 10. *Co-ordination of specialists.* Civilization has been enormously advanced by the early division of labour and by its later corollary of specialization. Civilization is now dependent on the effective co-ordination of specialists. As society expands, some method of drawing together the various specialists must be found.

30 Social, artistic, technical, and industrial specialists will continue to multiply and increase in skill and dexterity. And this diversification of ability and dissimilarity of employment will eventually weaken and disintegrate human society if effective means

of co-ordination and co-operation are not developed. But the intelligence which is capable of such inventiveness and such specialization should be wholly competent to devise adequate methods of control and adjustment for all problems resulting from the rapid growth of invention and the accelerated pace of cultural expansion.

31 11. *Place-finding devices.* The next age of social development will be embodied in a better and more effective co-operation and co-ordination of ever-increasing and expanding specialization. And as labour more and more diversifies, some technique for

directing individuals to suitable employment must be devised. Machinery is not the only cause for unemployment among the civilized peoples of Urantia. Economic complexity and the steady increase of industrial and professional specialism add to the problems of labour placement.

32 It is not enough to train men for work; in a complex society there must also be provided efficient methods of place finding. Before training citizens in the highly specialized techniques of earning a living, they should be trained in one or more methods of commonplace labour, trades or callings which

could be utilized when they were transiently unemployed in their specialized work. No civilization can survive the long-time harbouring of large classes of unemployed. In time, even the best of citizens will become distorted and demoralized by accepting support from the public treasury. Even private charity becomes pernicious when long extended to able-bodied citizens.

33 Such a highly specialized society will not take kindly to the ancient communal and feudal practices of olden peoples. True, many common services can be acceptably and prof-

itably socialized, but highly trained and ultraspecialized human beings can best be managed by some technique of intelligent co-operation. Modernized co-ordination and fraternal regulation will be productive of longer-lived co-operation than will the older and more primitive methods of communism or dictatorial regulative institutions based on force.

34 12. *The willingness to co-operate.* One of the great hindrances to the progress of human society is the conflict between the interests and welfare of the larger, more socialized human groups and of the smaller, con-

trary-minded asocial associations of mankind, not to mention antisocially-minded single individuals.

35 No national civilization long endures unless its educational methods and religious ideals inspire a high type of intelligent patriotism and national devotion. Without this sort of intelligent patriotism and cultural solidarity, all nations tend to disintegrate as a result of provincial jealousies and local self-interests.

36 The maintenance of world-wide civilization is dependent on human beings learning how to live together in peace and fraternity. Without ef-

fective co-ordination, industrial civilization is jeopardized by the dangers of ultraspecialization: monotony, narrowness, and the tendency to breed distrust and jealousy.

37 13. *Effective and wise leadership.* In civilization much, very much, depends on an enthusiastic and effective load-pulling spirit. 10 men are of little more value than 1 in lifting a great load unless they lift together — all at the same moment. And such teamwork — social co-operation — is dependent on leadership. The cultural civilizations of the past and the present have been based upon the intelli-

gent co-operation of the citizenry with wise and progressive leaders; and until man evolves to higher levels, civilization will continue to be dependent on wise and vigorous leadership.

38 High civilizations are born of the sagacious correlation of material wealth, intellectual greatness, moral worth, social cleverness, and cosmic insight.

39 14. *Social changes.* Society is not a divine institution; it is a phenomenon of progressive evolution; and advancing civilization is always delayed when its leaders are slow in making those changes in the social organiza-

tion which are essential to keeping pace with the scientific developments of the age. For all that, things must not be despised just because they are old, neither should an idea be unconditionally embraced just because it is novel and new.

40 Man should be unafraid to experiment with the mechanisms of society. But always should these adventures in cultural adjustment be controlled by those who are fully conversant with the history of social evolution; and always should these innovators be counselled by the wisdom of those who have had practical experi-

ence in the domains of contemplated social or economic experiment. *No great social or economic change should be attempted suddenly.* Time is essential to all types of human adjustment — physical, social, or economic. Only moral and spiritual adjustments can be made on the spur of the moment, and even these require the passing of time for the full outworking of their material and social repercussions. The ideals of the race are the chief support and assurance during the critical times when civilization is in transit from one level to another.

41 15. *The prevention of transitional*

breakdown. Society is the offspring of age upon age of trial and error; it is what survived the selective adjustments and readjustments in the successive stages of mankind's agelong rise from animal to human levels of planetary status. The great danger to any civilization — at any one moment — is the threat of breakdown during the time of transition from the established methods of the past to those new and better, but untried, procedures of the future.

42 Leadership is vital to progress. Wisdom, insight, and foresight are indispensable to the endurance of na-

tions. Civilization is never really jeopardized until able leadership begins to vanish. And the quantity of such wise leadership has never exceeded 1% of the population.

43 And it was by these rungs on the evolutionary ladder that civilization climbed to that place where those mighty influences could be initiated which have culminated in the rapidly expanding culture of the XX century. And only by adherence to these essentials can man hope to maintain his present-day civilizations while providing for their continued development and certain survival.

44 §§ This is the gist of the long, long struggle of the peoples of earth to establish civilization since the age of Adam. Present-day culture is the net result of this strenuous evolution. Before the discovery of printing, progress was relatively slow since one generation could not so rapidly benefit from the achievements of its predecessors. But now human society is plunging forward under the force of the accumulated momentum of all the ages through which civilization has struggled.

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THE EVOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

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Marriage — mating — grows out of bisexuality. Marriage is man's reactional adjustment to such bisexuality, while the family life is the sum total resulting from all such evolutionary and adaptative adjustments. Marriage is enduring; it is not inherent in biologic evolution, but it is the basis of all social evolution and is therefore certain of con-

tinued existence in some form. Marriage has given mankind the home, and the home is the crowning glory of the whole long and arduous evolutionary struggle.

2 While religious, social, and educational institutions are all essential to the survival of cultural civilization, *the family is the master civilizer.* A child learns most of the essentials of life from his family and the neighbours.

3 The humans of olden times did not possess a very rich social civilization, but such as they had they faithfully and effectively passed on to the next generation. And you should rec-

ognize that most of these civilizations of the past continued to evolve with a bare minimum of other institutional influences because the home was effectively functioning. Today the human races possess a rich social and cultural heritage, and it should be wisely and effectively passed on to succeeding generations. The family as an educational institution must be maintained.

1. THE MATING INSTINCT

1 Notwithstanding the personality gulf between men and women, the sex urge is sufficient to ensure their

coming together for the reproduction of the species. This instinct operated effectively long before humans experienced much of what was later called love, devotion, and marital loyalty. Mating is an innate propensity, and marriage is its evolutionary social repercussion.

2 Sex interest and desire were not dominating passions in primitive peoples; they simply took them for granted. The entire reproductive experience was free from imaginative embellishment. The all-absorbing sex passion of the more highly civilized peoples is chiefly due to race mixtures,

especially where the evolutionary nature has been stimulated by the associative imagination and beauty appreciation of the Nodites and Adamites. But this Andite inheritance was absorbed by the evolutionary races in such limited amounts as to fail to provide sufficient self-control for the animal passions thus quickened and aroused by the endowment of keener sex consciousness and stronger mating urges. Of the evolutionary races, the red man had the highest sex code.

3 §§ The regulation of sex in relation to marriage indicates:

4 1. The relative progress of civi-

lization. Civilization has increasingly demanded that sex be gratified in useful channels and in accordance with the mores.

5 2. The amount of Andite stock in any people. Among such groups sex has become expressive of both the highest and the lowest in both the physical and emotional natures.

6 §§ The Sangik races had normal animal passion, but they displayed little imagination or appreciation of the beauty and physical attractiveness of the opposite sex. What is called sex appeal is virtually absent even in present-day primitive races; these un-

mixed peoples have a definite mating instinct but insufficient sex attraction to create serious problems requiring social control.

7 The mating instinct is one of the dominant physical driving forces of human beings; it is the one emotion which, in the guise of individual gratification, effectively tricks selfish man into putting race welfare and perpetuation high above individual ease and personal freedom from responsibility.

8 As an institution, marriage, from its early beginnings down to modern times, pictures the social evolution of the biologic propensity for self-per-

petuation. The perpetuation of the evolving human species is made certain by the presence of this racial mating impulse, an urge which is loosely called sex attraction. This great biologic urge becomes the impulse hub for all sorts of associated instincts, emotions, and usages — physical, intellectual, moral, and social.

9 With the savage, the food supply was the impelling motivation, but when civilization ensures plentiful food, the sex urge many times becomes a dominant impulse and therefore ever stands in need of social regulation. In animals, instinctive peri-

odicity checks the mating propensity, but since man is so largely a self-controlled being, sex desire is not altogether periodic; therefore does it become necessary for society to impose self-control upon the individual.

10 No human emotion or impulse, when unbridled and overindulged, can produce so much harm and sorrow as this powerful sex urge. Intelligent submission of this impulse to the regulations of society is the supreme test of the actuality of any civilization. Self-control, more and more self-control, is the ever-increasing demand of advancing mankind. Secrecy, insin-

cerity, and hypocrisy may obscure sex problems, but they do not provide solutions, nor do they advance ethics.

2. THE RESTRICTIVE TABOOS

1 The story of the evolution of marriage is simply the history of sex control through the pressure of social, religious, and civil restrictions. Nature hardly recognizes individuals; it takes no cognizance of so-called morals; it is only and exclusively interested in the reproduction of the species. Nature compellingly insists on reproduction but indifferently leaves the consequential problems to be solved by

society, thus creating an ever-present and major problem for evolutionary mankind. This social conflict consists in the unending war between basic instincts and evolving ethics.

2 §§ Among the early races there was little or no regulation of the relations of the sexes. Because of this sex license, no prostitution existed. Today, the Pygmies and other backward groups have no marriage institution; a study of these peoples reveals the simple mating customs followed by primitive races. But all ancient peoples should always be studied and judged in the light of the moral standards of

the mores of their own times.

3 Free love, however, has never been in good standing above the scale of rank savagery. The moment societal groups began to form, marriage codes and marital restrictions began to develop. Mating has thus progressed through a multitude of transitions from a state of almost complete sex license to the XX century standards of relatively complete sex restriction.

4 In the earliest stages of tribal development the mores and restrictive taboos were very crude, but they did keep the sexes apart — this favoured

quiet, order, and industry — and the long evolution of marriage and the home had begun. The sex customs of dress, adornment, and religious practices had their origin in these early taboos which defined the range of sex liberties and thus eventually created concepts of vice, crime, and sin. But it was long the practice to suspend all sex regulations on high festival days, especially May Day.

5 §§ Women have always been subject to more restrictive taboos than men. The early mores granted the same degree of sex liberty to unmarried women as to men, but it has al-

ways been required of wives that they be faithful to their husbands. Primitive marriage did not much curtail man's sex liberties, but it did render further sex license taboo to the wife. Married women have always borne some mark which set them apart as a class by themselves, such as hairdress, clothing, veil, seclusion, ornamentation, and rings.

3. EARLY MARRIAGE MORES

1 Marriage is the institutional response of the social organism to the ever-present biologic tension of man's unremitting urge to reproduction —

self-propagation. Mating is universally natural, and as society evolved from the simple to the complex, there was a corresponding evolution of the mating mores, the genesis of the marital institution. Wherever social evolution has progressed to the stage at which mores are generated, marriage will be found as an evolving institution.

2 There always have been and always will be two distinct realms of marriage: the mores, the laws regulating the external aspects of mating, and the otherwise secret and personal relations of men and women. Always has

the individual been rebellious against the sex regulations imposed by society; and this is the reason for this age-long sex problem: Self-maintenance is individual but is carried on by the group; self-perpetuation is social but is secured by individual impulse.

3 The mores, when respected, have ample power to restrain and control the sex urge, as has been shown among all races. Marriage standards have always been a true indicator of the current power of the mores and the functional integrity of the civil government. But the early sex and mating mores were a mass of inconsistent and

crude regulations. Parents, children, relatives, and society all had conflicting interests in the marriage regulations. But in spite of all this, those races which exalted and practised marriage naturally evolved to higher levels and survived in increased numbers.

4 §§ In primitive times marriage was the price of social standing; the possession of a wife was a badge of distinction. The savage looked upon his wedding day as marking his entrance upon responsibility and manhood. In one age, marriage has been looked upon as a social duty; in another, as a religious obligation; and in still another,

as a political requirement to provide citizens for the state.

5 Many early tribes required feats of stealing as a qualification for marriage; later peoples substituted for such raiding forays, athletic contests and competitive games. The winners in these contests were awarded the first prize — choice of the season's brides. Among the head-hunters a youth might not marry until he possessed at least one head, although such skulls were sometimes purchasable. As the buying of wives declined, they were won by riddle contests, a practice that still survives among many groups

of the black man.

6 With advancing civilization, certain tribes put the severe marriage tests of male endurance in the hands of the women; they thus were able to favour the men of their choice. These marriage tests embraced skill in hunting, fighting, and ability to provide for a family. The groom was long required to enter the bride's family for at least one year, there to live and labour and prove that he was worthy of the wife he sought.

7 The qualifications of a wife were the ability to perform hard work and to bear children. She was required to

execute a certain piece of agricultural work within a given time. And if she had borne a child before marriage, she was all the more valuable; her fertility was thus assured.

8 §§ The fact that ancient peoples regarded it as a disgrace, or even a sin, not to be married, explains the origin of child marriages; since one must be married, the earlier the better. It was also a general belief that unmarried persons could not enter spirit-land, and this was a further incentive to child marriages even at birth and sometimes before birth, contingent upon sex. The ancients believed

that even the dead must be married. The original matchmakers were employed to negotiate marriages for deceased individuals. One parent would arrange for these intermediaries to effect the marriage of a dead son with a dead daughter of another family.

9 Among later peoples, puberty was the common age of marriage, but this has advanced in direct proportion to the progress of civilization. Early in social evolution peculiar and celibate orders of both men and women arose; they were started and maintained by individuals more or less lacking normal sex urge.

10 Many tribes allowed members of the ruling group to have sex relations with the bride just before she was to be given to her husband. Each of these men would give the girl a present, and this was the origin of the custom of giving wedding presents. Among some groups it was expected that a young woman would earn her dowry, which consisted of the presents received in reward for her sex service in the bride's exhibition hall.

11 Some tribes married the young men to the widows and older women and then, when they were subsequently left widowers, would allow

them to marry the young girls, thus ensuring, as they expressed it, that both parents would not be fools, as they conceived would be the case if two youths were allowed to mate. Other tribes limited mating to similar age groups. It was the limitation of marriage to certain age groups that first gave origin to ideas of incest. (In India there are even now no age restrictions on marriage.)

12 §§ Under certain mores widowhood was greatly to be feared, widows being either killed or allowed to commit suicide on their husbands' graves, for they were supposed to go over into

spiritland with their spouses. The surviving widow was almost invariably blamed for her husband's death. Some tribes burned them alive. If a widow continued to live, her life was one of continuous mourning and unbearable social restriction since remarriage was generally disapproved.

13 In olden days many practices now regarded as immoral were encouraged. Primitive wives not infrequently took great pride in their husbands' affairs with other women. Chastity in girls was a great hindrance to marriage; the bearing of a child before marriage greatly increased a girl's desirability as

a wife since the man was sure of having a fertile companion.

14 Many primitive tribes sanctioned trial marriage until the woman became pregnant, when the regular marriage ceremony would be performed; among other groups the wedding was not celebrated until the first child was born. If a wife was barren, she had to be redeemed by her parents, and the marriage was annulled. The mores demanded that every pair have children.

15 These primitive trial marriages were entirely free from all semblance of license; they were simply sincere tests of fecundity. The contracting

individuals married permanently just as soon as fertility was established. When modern couples marry with the thought of convenient divorce in the background of their minds if they are not wholly pleased with their married life, they are in reality entering upon a form of trial marriage and one that is far beneath the status of the honest adventures of their less civilized ancestors.

4. MARRIAGE UNDER THE PROPERTY MORES

1 Marriage has always been closely linked with both property and religion. Property has been the stabilizer

of marriage; religion, the moralizer.

2 Primitive marriage was an investment, an economic speculation; it was more a matter of business than an affair of flirtation. The ancients married for the advantage and welfare of the group; wherefore their marriages were planned and arranged by the group, their parents and elders. And that the property mores were effective in stabilizing the marriage institution is borne out by the fact that marriage was more permanent among the early tribes than it is among many modern peoples.

3 As civilization advanced and pri-

vate property gained further recognition in the mores, stealing became the great crime. Adultery was recognized as a form of stealing, an infringement of the husband's property rights; it is not therefore specifically mentioned in the earlier codes and mores. Woman started out as the property of her father, who transferred his title to her husband, and all legalized sex relations grew out of these pre-existent property rights. The Old Testament deals with women as a form of property; the Koran teaches their inferiority. Man had the right to lend his wife to a friend or guest, and this custom

still obtains among certain peoples.

4 Modern sex jealousy is not innate; it is a product of the evolving mores. Primitive man was not jealous of his wife; he was just guarding his property. The reason for holding the wife to stricter sex account than the husband was because her marital infidelity involved descent and inheritance. Very early in the march of civilization the illegitimate child fell into disrepute. At first only the woman was punished for adultery; later on, the mores also decreed the chastisement of her partner, and for long ages the offended husband or the protector father had the

full right to kill the male trespasser. Modern peoples retain these mores, which allow so-called crimes of honour under the unwritten law.

5 Since the chastity taboo had its origin as a phase of the property mores, it applied at first to married women but not to unmarried girls. In later years, chastity was more demanded by the father than by the suitor; a virgin was a commercial asset to the father — she brought a higher price. As chastity came more into demand, it was the practice to pay the father a bride fee in recognition of the service of properly rearing

a chaste bride for the husband-to-be. When once started, this idea of female chastity took such hold on the races that it became the practice literally to cage up girls, actually to imprison them for years, in order to assure their virginity. And so the more recent standards and virginity tests automatically gave origin to the professional prostitute classes; they were the rejected brides, those women who were found by the grooms' mothers not to be virgins.

5. ENDOGAMY AND EXOGAMY

1 Very early the savage observed that

race mixture improved the quality of the offspring. It was not that inbreeding was always bad, but that outbreeding was always comparatively better; therefore the mores tended to crystallize in restriction of sex relations among near relatives. It was recognized that outbreeding greatly increased the selective opportunity for evolutionary variation and advancement. The outbred individuals were more versatile and had greater ability to survive in a hostile world; the inbreeders, together with their mores, gradually disappeared. This was all a slow development; the savage did not

consciously reason about such problems. But the later and advancing peoples did, and they also made the observation that general weakness sometimes resulted from excessive inbreeding.

2 While the inbreeding of good stock sometimes resulted in the upbuilding of strong tribes, the spectacular cases of the bad results of the inbreeding of hereditary defectives more forcibly impressed the mind of man, with the result that the advancing mores increasingly formulated taboos against all marriages among near relatives.

3 §§ Religion has long been an effective barrier against outmarriage; many religious teachings have proscribed marriage outside the faith. Woman has usually favoured the practice of inmarriage; man, outmarriage. Property has always influenced marriage, and sometimes, in an effort to conserve property within a clan, mores have arisen compelling women to choose husbands within their fathers' tribes. Rulings of this sort led to a great multiplication of cousin marriages. In-mating was also practised in an effort to preserve craft secrets; skilled workmen sought to keep the knowledge of their

craft within the family.

4 §§ Superior groups, when isolated, always reverted to consanguineous mating. The Nodites for over 150,000 years were one of the great in-marriage groups. The later-day in-marriage mores were tremendously influenced by the traditions of the violet race, in which, at first, matings were, perforce, between brother and sister. And brother and sister marriages were common in early Egypt, Syria, Mesopotamia, and throughout the lands once occupied by the Andites. The Egyptians long practised brother and sister marriages in an effort to keep the

royal blood pure, a custom which persisted even longer in Persia. Among the Mesopotamians, before the days of Abraham, cousin marriages were obligatory; cousins had prior marriage rights to cousins. Abraham himself married his half sister, but such unions were not allowed under the later mores of the Jews.

5 The first move away from brother and sister marriages came about under the plural-wife mores because the sister-wife would arrogantly dominate the other wife or wives. Some tribal mores forbade marriage to a dead brother's widow but required the liv-

ing brother to beget children for his departed brother. There is no biologic instinct against any degree of inmarriage; such restrictions are wholly a matter of taboo.

6 §§ Outmarriage finally dominated because it was favoured by the man; to get a wife from the outside ensured greater freedom from in-laws. Familiarity breeds contempt; so, as the element of individual choice began to dominate mating, it became the custom to choose partners from outside the tribe.

7 Many tribes finally forbade marriages within the clan; others lim-

ited mating to certain castes. The taboo against marriage with a woman of one's own totem gave impetus to the custom of stealing women from neighbouring tribes. Later on, marriages were regulated more in accordance with territorial residence than with kinship. There were many steps in the evolution of in-marriage into the modern practice of outmarriage. Even after the taboo rested upon in-marriages for the common people, chiefs and kings were permitted to marry those of close kin in order to keep the royal blood concentrated and pure. The mores have usually permit-

ted sovereign rulers certain licenses in sex matters.

8 The presence of the later Andite peoples had much to do with increasing the desire of the Sangik races to mate outside their own tribes. But it was not possible for out-mating to become prevalent until neighbouring groups had learned to live together in relative peace.

9 Outmarriage itself was a peace promoter; marriages between the tribes lessened hostilities. Outmarriage led to tribal co-ordination and to military alliances; it became dominant because it provided increased

strength; it was a nation builder. Outmarriage was also greatly favoured by increasing trade contacts; adventure and exploration contributed to the extension of the mating bounds and greatly facilitated the cross-fertilization of racial cultures.

10 The otherwise inexplicable inconsistencies of the racial marriage mores are largely due to this outmarriage custom with its accompanying wife stealing and buying from foreign tribes, all of which resulted in a compounding of the separate tribal mores. That these taboos respecting in-marriage were sociologic, not biologic, is well illus-

trated by the taboos on kinship marriages, which embraced many degrees of in-law relationships, cases representing no blood relation whatsoever.

6. RACIAL MIXTURES

1 There are no pure races in the world today. The early and original evolutionary peoples of colour have only two representative races persisting in the world, the yellow man and the black man; and even these two races are much admixed with the extinct coloured peoples. While the so-called white race is predominantly descended from the ancient blue man, it

is admixed more or less with all other races much as is the red man of the Americas.

2 Of the six coloured Sangik races, three were primary and three were secondary. Though the primary races — blue, red, and yellow — were in many respects superior to the three secondary peoples, it should be remembered that these secondary races had many desirable traits which would have considerably enhanced the primary peoples if their better strains could have been absorbed.

3 Present-day prejudice against "half-castes," "hybrids," and "mongrels"

arises because modern racial cross-breeding is, for the greater part, between the grossly inferior strains of the races concerned. You also get unsatisfactory offspring when the degenerate strains of the same race intermarry.

4 If the present-day races of Urantia could be freed from the curse of their lowest strata of deteriorated, antisocial, feeble-minded, and outcast specimens, there would be little objection to a limited race amalgamation. And if such racial mixtures could take place between the highest types of the several races, still less objection could be offered.

5 Hybridization of superior and dissimilar stocks is the secret of the creation of new and more vigorous strains. And this is true of plants, animals, and the human species. Hybridization augments vigour and increases fertility. Race mixtures of the average or superior strata of various peoples greatly increase *creative* potential, as is shown in the present population of the United States of North America. When such matings take place between the lower or inferior strata, creativity is diminished, as is shown by the present-day peoples of southern India.

6 Race blending greatly contributes to the sudden appearance of *new* characteristics, and if such hybridization is the union of superior strains, then these new characteristics will also be *superior* traits.

7 As long as present-day races are so overloaded with inferior and degenerate strains, race intermingling on a large scale would be most detrimental, but most of the objections to such experiments rest on social and cultural prejudices rather than on biological considerations. Even among inferior stocks, hybrids often are an improvement on their ancestors. Hybridiza-

tion makes for species improvement because of the role of the *dominant genes.* Racial intermixture increases the likelihood of a larger number of the desirable *dominants* being present in the hybrid.

8 §§ For the past 100 years more racial hybridization has been taking place on Urantia than has occurred in thousands of years. The danger of gross disharmonies as a result of cross-breeding of human stocks has been greatly exaggerated. The chief troubles of "half-breeds" are due to social prejudices.

9 The Pitcairn experiment of blend-

ing the white and Polynesian races turned out fairly well because the white men and the Polynesian women were of fairly good racial strains. Interbreeding between the highest types of the white, red, and yellow races would immediately bring into existence many new and biologically effective characteristics. These three peoples belong to the primary Sangik races. Mixtures of the white and black races are not so desirable in their immediate results, neither are such mulatto offspring so objectionable as social and racial prejudice would seek to make them appear. Physically, such

white-black hybrids are excellent specimens of humanity, notwithstanding their slight inferiority in some other respects.

10 §§ When a primary Sangik race amalgamates with a secondary Sangik race, the latter is considerably improved at the expense of the former. And on a small scale — extending over long periods of time — there can be little serious objection to such a sacrificial contribution by the primary races to the betterment of the secondary groups. Biologically considered, the secondary Sangiks were in some respects superior to the primary

races.

11 After all, the real jeopardy of the human species is to be found in the unrestrained multiplication of the inferior and degenerate strains of the various civilized peoples rather than in any supposed danger of their racial interbreeding.

12 [Presented by the Chief of Seraphim stationed on Urantia.]

PAPER 83

THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION

Chief of Seraphim

This is the recital of the early beginnings of the institution of marriage. It has progressed steadily from the loose and promiscuous matings of the herd through many variations and adaptations, even to the appearance of those marriage standards which eventually culminated in the realization of pair matings, the union of one man and one woman to

establish a home of the highest social order.

2 Marriage has been many times in jeopardy, and the marriage mores have drawn heavily on both property and religion for support; but the real influence which forever safeguards marriage and the resultant family is the simple and innate biologic fact that men and women positively will not live without each other, be they the most primitive savages or the most cultured mortals.

3 It is because of the sex urge that selfish man is lured into making something better than an animal out of

himself. The self-regarding and self-gratifying sex relationship entails the certain consequences of self-denial and ensures the assumption of altruistic duties and numerous race-benefiting home responsibilities. Herein has sex been the unrecognized and unsuspected civilizer of the savage; for this same sex impulse automatically and unerringly *compels man to think* and eventually *leads him to love.*

1. MARRIAGE AS A SOCIETAL INSTITUTION

1 Marriage is society's mechanism designed to regulate and control those many human relations which arise out

of the physical fact of bisexuality. As such an institution, marriage functions in two directions:

2 1. In the regulation of personal sex relations.

3 2. In the regulation of descent, inheritance, succession, and social order, this being its older and original function.

4 §§ The family, which grows out of marriage, is itself a stabilizer of the marriage institution together with the property mores. Other potent factors in marriage stability are pride, vanity, chivalry, duty, and religious convictions. But while marriages may be ap-

proved or disapproved on high, they are hardly made in heaven. The human family is a distinctly human institution, an evolutionary development. Marriage is an institution of society, not a department of the church. True, religion should mightily influence it but should not undertake exclusively to control and regulate it.

5 Primitive marriage was primarily industrial; and even in modern times it is often a social or business affair. Through the influence of the mixture of the Andite stock and as a result of the mores of advancing civilization, marriage is slowly becoming

mutual, romantic, parental, poetical, affectionate, ethical, and even idealistic. Selection and so-called romantic love, however, were at a minimum in primitive mating. During early times husband and wife were not much together; they did not even eat together very often. But among the ancients, personal affection was not strongly linked to sex attraction; they became fond of one another largely because of living and working together.

2. COURTSHIP AND BETROTHAL

1 Primitive marriages were always planned by the parents of the boy and

girl. The transition stage between this custom and the times of free choosing was occupied by the marriage broker or professional matchmaker. These matchmakers were at first the barbers; later, the priests. Marriage was originally a group affair; then a family matter; only recently has it become an individual adventure.

2 Coercion, not attraction, was the approach to primitive marriage. In early times woman had no sex aloofness, only sex inferiority as inculcated by the mores. As raiding preceded trading, so marriage by capture preceded marriage by contract. Some

women would connive at capture in order to escape the domination of the older men of their tribe; they preferred to fall into the hands of men of their own age from another tribe. This pseudo elopement was the transition stage between capture by force and subsequent courtship by charming.

3 An early type of wedding ceremony was the mimic flight, a sort of elopement rehearsal which was once a common practice. Later, mock capture became a part of the regular wedding ceremony. A modern girl's pretensions to resist "capture," to be reti-

cent toward marriage, are all relics of olden customs. The carrying of the bride over the threshold is reminiscent of a number of ancient practices, among others, of the days of wife stealing.

4 Woman was long denied full freedom of self-disposal in marriage, but the more intelligent women have always been able to circumvent this restriction by the clever exercise of their wits. Man has usually taken the lead in courtship, but not always. Woman sometimes formally, as well as covertly, initiates marriage. And as civilization has progressed, women

have had an increasing part in all phases of courtship and marriage.

5 Increasing love, romance, and personal selection in premarital courtship are an Andite contribution to the world races. The relations between the sexes are evolving favourably; many advancing peoples are gradually substituting somewhat idealized concepts of sex attraction for those older motives of utility and ownership. Sex impulse and feelings of affection are beginning to displace cold calculation in the choosing of life partners.

6 The betrothal was originally equivalent to marriage; and among early

peoples sex relations were conventional during the engagement. In recent times, religion has established a sex taboo on the period between betrothal and marriage.

3. PURCHASE AND DOWRY

1 The ancients mistrusted love and promises; they thought that abiding unions must be guaranteed by some tangible security, property. For this reason, the purchase price of a wife was regarded as a forfeit or deposit which the husband was doomed to lose in case of divorce or desertion. Once the purchase price of a bride had been

paid, many tribes permitted the husband's brand to be burned upon her. Africans still buy their wives. A love wife, or a white man's wife, they compare to a cat because she costs nothing.

2 The bride shows were occasions for dressing up and decorating daughters for public exhibition with the idea of their bringing higher prices as wives. But they were not sold as animals — among the later tribes such a wife was not transferable. Neither was her purchase always just a cold-blooded money transaction; service was equivalent to cash in the purchase of a wife. If an otherwise desirable man

could not pay for his wife, he could be adopted as a son by the girl's father and then could marry. And if a poor man sought a wife and could not meet the price demanded by a grasping father, the elders would often bring pressure to bear upon the father which would result in a modification of his demands, or else there might be an elopement.

3 As civilization progressed, fathers did not like to appear to sell their daughters, and so, while continuing to accept the bride purchase price, they initiated the custom of giving the pair valuable presents which about

equalled the purchase money. And upon the later discontinuance of payment for the bride, these presents became the bride's dowry.

4 The idea of a dowry was to convey the impression of the bride's independence, to suggest far removal from the times of slave wives and property companions. A man could not divorce a dowered wife without paying back the dowry in full. Among some tribes a mutual deposit was made with the parents of both bride and groom to be forfeited in case either deserted the other, in reality a marriage bond. During the period of transition from

purchase to dowry, if the wife were purchased, the children belonged to the father; if not, they belonged to the wife's family.

4. THE WEDDING CEREMONY

1 The wedding ceremony grew out of the fact that marriage was originally a community affair, not just the culmination of a decision of two individuals. Mating was of group concern as well as a personal function.

2 §§ Magic, ritual, and ceremony surrounded the entire life of the ancients, and marriage was no exception. As civilization advanced, as marriage

became more seriously regarded, the wedding ceremony became increasingly pretentious. Early marriage was a factor in property interests, even as it is today, and therefore required a legal ceremony, while the social status of subsequent children demanded the widest possible publicity. Primitive man had no records; therefore must the marriage ceremony be witnessed by many persons.

3 At first the wedding ceremony was more on the order of a betrothal and consisted only in public notification of intention of living together; later it consisted in formal eating together.

Among some tribes the parents simply took their daughter to the husband; in other cases the only ceremony was the formal exchange of presents, after which the bride's father would present her to the groom. Among many Levantine peoples it was the custom to dispense with all formality, marriage being consummated by sex relations. The red man was the first to develop the more elaborate celebration of weddings.

4 §§ Childlessness was greatly dreaded and since barrenness was attributed to spirit machinations, efforts to ensure fecundity also led to the association of

marriage with certain magical or religious ceremonials. And in this effort to ensure a happy and fertile marriage, many charms were employed; even the astrologers were consulted to ascertain the birth stars of the contracting parties. At one time the human sacrifice was a regular feature of all weddings among well-to-do people.

5 Lucky days were sought out, Thursday being most favourably regarded, and weddings celebrated at the full of the moon were thought to be exceptionally fortunate. It was the custom of many Near Eastern peoples to throw grain upon the newlyweds;

this was a magical rite which was supposed to ensure fecundity. Certain Oriental peoples used rice for this purpose.

6 Fire and water were always considered the best means of resisting ghosts and evil spirits; hence altar fires and lighted candles, as well as the baptismal sprinkling of holy water, were usually in evidence at weddings. For a long time it was customary to set a false wedding day and then suddenly postpone the event so as to put the ghosts and spirits off the track.

7 The teasing of newlyweds and the pranks played upon honeymooners

are all relics of those far-distant days when it was thought best to appear miserable and ill at ease in the sight of the spirits so as to avoid arousing their envy. The wearing of the bridal veil is a relic of the times when it was considered necessary to disguise the bride so that ghosts might not recognize her and also to hide her beauty from the gaze of the otherwise jealous and envious spirits. The bride's feet must never touch the ground just prior to the ceremony. Even in the XX century it is still the custom under the Christian mores to stretch carpets from the carriage landing to the church altar.

8 One of the most ancient forms of the wedding ceremony was to have a priest bless the wedding bed to ensure the fertility of the union; this was done long before any formal wedding ritual was established. During this period in the evolution of the marriage mores the wedding guests were expected to file through the bedchamber at night, thus constituting legal witness to the consummation of marriage.

9 The luck element, that in spite of all premarital tests certain marriages turned out bad, led primitive man to seek insurance protection against marriage failure; led him to go in quest

of priests and magic. And this movement culminated directly in modern church weddings. But for a long time marriage was generally recognized as consisting in the decisions of the contracting parents — later of the pair — while for the last 500 years church and state have assumed jurisdiction and now presume to make pronouncements of marriage.

5. PLURAL MARRIAGES

1 In the early history of marriage the unmarried women belonged to the men of the tribe. Later on, a woman had only one husband at a time. This

practice of *one-man-at-a-time* was the first step away from the promiscuity of the herd. While a woman was allowed but one man, her husband could sever such temporary relationships at will. But these loosely regulated associations were the first step toward living pairwise in distinction to living herd-wise. In this stage of marriage development children usually belonged to the mother.

2 The next step in mating evolution was the *group marriage*. This communal phase of marriage had to intervene in the unfolding of family life because the marriage mores were not yet

strong enough to make pair associations permanent. The brother and sister marriages belonged to this group; five brothers of one family would marry five sisters of another. All over the world the looser forms of communal marriage gradually evolved into various types of group marriage. And these group associations were largely regulated by the totem mores. Family life slowly and surely developed because sex and marriage regulation favoured the survival of the tribe itself by ensuring the survival of larger numbers of children.

3 Group marriages gradually gave

way before the emerging practices of polygamy — polygyny and polyandry — among the more advanced tribes. But polyandry was never general, being usually limited to queens and rich women; furthermore, it was customarily a family affair, one wife for several brothers. Caste and economic restrictions sometimes made it necessary for several men to content themselves with one wife. Even then, the woman would marry only one, the others being loosely tolerated as "uncles" of the joint progeny.

4 The Jewish custom requiring that a man consort with his deceased

brother's widow for the purpose of "raising up seed for his brother," was the custom of more than half the ancient world. This was a relic of the time when marriage was a family affair rather than an individual association.

5 The institution of polygyny recognized, at various times, four sorts of wives:

6 1. The ceremonial or legal wives.

7 2. Wives of affection and permission.

8 3. Concubines, contractual wives

9 4. Slave wives.

10 §§ True polygyny, where all the wives are of equal status and all the

children equal, has been very rare. Usually, even with plural marriages, the home was dominated by the head wife, the status companion. She alone had the ritual wedding ceremony, and only the children of such a purchased or dowered spouse could inherit unless by special arrangement with the status wife.

11 The status wife was not necessarily the love wife; in early times she usually was not. The love wife, or sweetheart, did not appear until the races were considerably advanced, more particularly after the blending of the evolutionary tribes with the Nodites and

Adamites.

12 The taboo wife — one wife of legal status — created the concubine mores. Under these mores a man might have only one wife, but he could maintain sex relations with any number of concubines. Concubinage was the stepping stone to monogamy, the first move away from frank polygyny. The concubines of the Jews, Romans, and Chinese were very frequently the handmaidens of the wife. Later on, as among the Jews, the legal wife was looked upon as the mother of all children born to the husband.

13 The olden taboos on sex relations

with a pregnant or nursing wife tended greatly to foster polygyny. Primitive women aged very early because of frequent childbearing coupled with hard work. (Such overburdened wives only managed to exist by virtue of the fact that they were put in isolation one week out of each month when they were not heavy with child.) Such a wife often grew tired of bearing children and would request her husband to take a second and younger wife, one able to help with both childbearing and the domestic work. The new wives were therefore usually hailed with delight by the older spouses; there ex-

isted nothing on the order of sex jealousy.

14 The number of wives was only limited by the ability of the man to provide for them. Wealthy and able men wanted large numbers of children, and since the infant mortality was very high, it required an assembly of wives to recruit a large family. Many of these plural wives were mere labourers, slave wives.

15 Human customs evolve, but very slowly. The purpose of a harem was to build up a strong and numerous body of blood kin for the support of the throne. A certain chief was once

convinced that he should not have a harem, that he should be contented with one wife; so he promptly dismissed his harem. The dissatisfied wives went to their homes, and their offended relatives swept down on the chief in wrath and did away with him then and there.

6. TRUE MONOGAMY — PAIR MARRIAGE

1 Monogamy is monopoly; it is good for those who attain this desirable state, but it tends to work a biologic hardship on those who are not so fortunate. But quite regardless of the effect on the individual, monogamy is

decidedly best for the children.

2 The earliest monogamy was due to force of circumstances, poverty. Monogamy is cultural and societal, artificial and unnatural, that is, unnatural to evolutionary man. It was wholly natural to the purer Nodites and Adamites and has been of great cultural value to all advanced races.

3 The Chaldean tribes recognized the right of a wife to impose a premarital pledge upon her spouse not to take a second wife or concubine; both the Greeks and the Romans favoured monogamous marriage. Ancestor worship has always fostered

monogamy, as has the Christian error of regarding marriage as a sacrament. Even the elevation of the standard of living has consistently militated against plural wives. By the time of Michael's advent on Urantia practically all of the civilized world had attained the level of theoretical monogamy. But this passive monogamy did not mean that mankind had become habituated to the practice of real pair marriage.

4 §§ While pursuing the monogamic goal of the ideal pair marriage, which is, after all, something of a monopolistic sex association, society must

not overlook the unenviable situation of those unfortunate men and women who fail to find a place in this new and improved social order, even when having done their best to co-operate with, and enter into, its requirements. Failure to gain mates in the social arena of competition may be due to insurmountable difficulties or multitudinous restrictions which the current mores have imposed. Truly, monogamy is ideal for those who are in, but it must inevitably work great hardship on those who are left out in the cold of solitary existence.

5 Always have the unfortunate few

had to suffer that the majority might advance under the developing mores of evolving civilization; but always should the favoured majority look with kindness and consideration on their less fortunate fellows who must pay the price of failure to attain membership in the ranks of those ideal sex partnerships which afford the satisfaction of all biologic urges under the sanction of the highest mores of advancing social evolution.

6 §§ Monogamy always has been, now is, and forever will be the idealistic goal of human sex evolution. This ideal of true pair marriage entails

self-denial, and therefore does it so often fail just because one or both of the contracting parties are deficient in that acme of all human virtues, rugged self-control.

7 Monogamy is the yardstick which measures the advance of social civilization as distinguished from purely biologic evolution. Monogamy is not necessarily biologic or natural, but it is indispensable to the immediate maintenance and further development of social civilization. It contributes to a delicacy of sentiment, a refinement of moral character, and a spiritual growth which are utterly impossible

in polygamy. A woman never can become an ideal mother when she is all the while compelled to engage in rivalry for her husband's affections.

8 Pair marriage favours and fosters that intimate understanding and effective co-operation which is best for parental happiness, child welfare, and social efficiency. Marriage, which began in crude coercion, is gradually evolving into a magnificent institution of self-culture, self-control, self-expression, and self-perpetuation.

7. THE DISSOLUTION OF WEDLOCK

1 In the early evolution of the mari-

tal mores, marriage was a loose union which could be terminated at will, and the children always followed the mother; the mother-child bond is instinctive and has functioned regardless of the developmental stage of the mores.

2 Among primitive peoples only about one half the marriages proved satisfactory. The most frequent cause for separation was barrenness, which was always blamed on the wife; and childless wives were believed to become snakes in the spirit world. Under the more primitive mores, divorce was had at the option of the man alone,

and these standards have persisted to the XX century among some peoples.

3 As the mores evolved, certain tribes developed two forms of marriage: the ordinary, which permitted divorce, and the priest marriage, which did not allow for separation. The inauguration of wife purchase and wife dowry, by introducing a property penalty for marriage failure, did much to lessen separation. And, indeed, many modern unions are stabilized by this ancient property factor.

4 The social pressure of community standing and property privileges has always been potent in the main-

tenance of the marriage taboos and mores. Down through the ages marriage has made steady progress and stands on advanced ground in the modern world, notwithstanding that it is threateningly assailed by widespread dissatisfaction among those peoples where individual choice — a new liberty — figures most largely. While these upheavals of adjustment appear among the more progressive races as a result of suddenly accelerated social evolution, among the less advanced peoples marriage continues to thrive and slowly improve under the guidance of the older mores.

5 The new and sudden substitution of the more ideal but extremely individualistic love motive in marriage for the older and long-established property motive, has unavoidably caused the marriage institution to become temporarily unstable. Man's marriage motives have always far transcended actual marriage morals, and in the XIX and XX centuries the Occidental ideal of marriage has suddenly far outrun the self-centred and but partially controlled sex impulses of the races. The presence of large numbers of unmarried persons in any society indicates the temporary breakdown or the

transition of the mores.

6 The real test of marriage, all down through the ages, has been that continuous intimacy which is inescapable in all family life. Two pampered and spoiled youths, educated to expect every indulgence and full gratification of vanity and ego, can hardly hope to make a great success of marriage and home building — a lifelong partnership of self-effacement, compromise, devotion, and unselfish dedication to child culture.

7 The high degree of imagination and fantastic romance entering into courtship is largely responsible for the

increasing divorce tendencies among modern Occidental peoples, all of which is further complicated by woman's greater personal freedom and increased economic liberty. Easy divorce, when the result of lack of self-control or failure of normal personality adjustment, only leads directly back to those crude societal stages from which man has emerged so recently and as the result of so much personal anguish and racial suffering.

8 But just so long as society fails to properly educate children and youths, so long as the social order fails to provide adequate premarital training,

and so long as unwise and immature youthful idealism is to be the arbiter of the entrance upon marriage, just so long will divorce remain prevalent. And in so far as the social group falls short of providing marriage preparation for youths, to that extent must divorce function as the social safety valve which prevents still worse situations during the ages of the rapid growth of the evolving mores.

9 §§ The ancients seem to have regarded marriage just about as seriously as some present-day people do. And it does not appear that many of the hasty and unsuccessful marriages of modern

times are much of an improvement over the ancient practices of qualifying young men and women for mating. The great inconsistency of modern society is to exalt love and to idealize marriage while disapproving of the fullest examination of both.

8. THE IDEALIZATION OF MARRIAGE

1 Marriage which culminates in the home is indeed man's most exalted institution, but it is essentially human; it should never have been called a sacrament. The Sethite priests made marriage a religious ritual; but for thousands of years after Eden, mating con-

tinued as a purely social and civil institution.

2 The likening of human associations to divine associations is most unfortunate. The union of husband and wife in the marriage-home relationship is a material function of the mortals of the evolutionary worlds. True, indeed, much spiritual progress may accrue consequent upon the sincere human efforts of husband and wife to progress, but this does not mean that marriage is necessarily sacred. Spiritual progress is attendant upon sincere application to other avenues of human endeavour.

3 Neither can marriage be truly compared to the relation of the Adjuster to man nor to the fraternity of Christ Michael and his human brethren. At scarcely any point are such relationships comparable to the association of husband and wife. And it is most unfortunate that the human misconception of these relationships has produced so much confusion as to the status of marriage.

4 It is also unfortunate that certain groups of mortals have conceived of marriage as being consummated by divine action. Such beliefs lead directly to the concept of the indissolubility of

the marital state regardless of the circumstances or wishes of the contracting parties. But the very fact of marriage dissolution itself indicates that Deity is not a conjoining party to such unions. If God has once joined any two things or persons together, they will remain thus joined until such a time as the divine will decrees their separation. But, regarding marriage, which is a human institution, who shall presume to sit in judgment, to say which marriages are unions that might be approved by the universe supervisors in contrast with those which are purely human in nature and origin?

5 Nevertheless, there is an ideal of marriage on the spheres on high. On the capital of each local system the Material Sons and Daughters of God do portray the height of the ideals of the union of man and woman in the bonds of marriage and for the purpose of procreating and rearing offspring. After all, the ideal mortal marriage is *humanly* sacred.

6 §§ Marriage always has been and still is man's supreme dream of temporal ideality. Though this beautiful dream is seldom realized in its entirety, it endures as a glorious ideal, ever luring progressing mankind on to

greater strivings for human happiness. But young men and women should be taught something of the realities of marriage before they are plunged into the exacting demands of the interassociations of family life; youthful idealization should be tempered with some degree of premarital disillusionment.

7 The youthful idealization of marriage should not, however, be discouraged; such dreams are the visualization of the future goal of family life. This attitude is both stimulating and helpful providing it does not produce an insensitivity to the realization of the practical and common-

place requirements of marriage and subsequent family life.

8 The ideals of marriage have made great progress in recent times; among some peoples woman enjoys practically equal rights with her consort. In concept, at least, the family is becoming a loyal partnership for rearing offspring, accompanied by sexual fidelity. But even this newer version of marriage need not presume to swing so far to the extreme as to confer mutual monopoly of all personality and individuality. Marriage is not just an individualistic ideal; it is the evolving social partnership of a man and a wo-

man, existing and functioning under the current mores, restricted by the taboos, and enforced by the laws and regulations of society.

9 XX century marriages stand high in comparison with those of past ages, notwithstanding that the home institution is now undergoing a serious testing because of the problems so suddenly thrust upon the social organization by the precipitate augmentation of woman's liberties, rights so long denied her in the tardy evolution of the mores of past generations.

10 [Presented by the Chief of Sera-

phim stationed on Urantia.]

PAPER 84

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Chief of Seraphim

Material necessity founded marriage, sex hunger embellished it, religion sanctioned and exalted it, the state demanded and regulated it, while in later times evolving love is beginning to justify and glorify marriage as the ancestor and creator of civilization's most useful and sublime institution, the home. And home building should

be the centre and essence of all educational effort.

2 Mating is purely an act of self-perpetuation associated with varying degrees of self-gratification; marriage, home building, is largely a matter of self-maintenance, and it implies the evolution of society. Society itself is the aggregated structure of family units. Individuals are very temporary as planetary factors — only families are continuing agencies in social evolution. The family is the channel through which the river of culture and knowledge flows from one generation to another.

3 The home is basically a sociologic institution. Marriage grew out of co-operation in self-maintenance and partnership in self-perpetuation, the element of self-gratification being largely incidental. Nevertheless, the home does embrace all three of the essential functions of human existence, while life propagation makes it the fundamental human institution, and sex sets it off from all other social activities.

1. PRIMITIVE PAIR ASSOCIATIONS

1 Marriage was not founded on sex relations; they were incidental thereto.

Marriage was not needed by primitive man, who indulged his sex appetite freely without encumbering himself with the responsibilities of wife, children, and home.

2 Woman, because of physical and emotional attachment to her offspring, is dependent on co-operation with the male, and this urges her into the sheltering protection of marriage. But no direct biologic urge led man into marriage — much less held him in. It was not love that made marriage attractive to man, but food hunger which first attracted savage man to woman and the primitive

shelter shared by her children.

3 §§ Marriage was not even brought about by the conscious realization of the obligations of sex relations. Primitive man comprehended no connection between sex indulgence and the subsequent birth of a child. It was once universally believed that a virgin could become pregnant. The savage early conceived the idea that babies were made in spiritland; pregnancy was believed to be the result of a woman's being entered by a spirit, an evolving ghost. Both diet and the evil eye were also believed to be capable of causing pregnancy in a virgin or

unmarried woman, while later beliefs connected the beginnings of life with the breath and with sunlight.

4 Many early peoples associated ghosts with the sea; hence virgins were greatly restricted in their bathing practices; young women were far more afraid of bathing in the sea at high tide than of having sex relations. Deformed or premature babies were regarded as the young of animals which had found their way into a woman's body as a result of careless bathing or through malevolent spirit activity. Savages, of course, thought nothing of strangling such offspring at birth.

5 The first step in enlightenment came with the belief that sex relations opened up the way for the impregnating ghost to enter the female. Man has since discovered that father and mother are equal contributors of the living inheritance factors which initiate offspring. But even in the XX century many parents still endeavour to keep their children in more or less ignorance as to the origin of human life.

6 §§ A family of some simple sort was ensured by the fact that the reproductive function entails the mother-child relationship. Mother love is instinctive; it did not originate in the mores as

did marriage. All mammalian mother love is the inherent endowment of the adjutant mind-spirits of the local universe and is in strength and devotion always directly proportional to the length of the helpless infancy of the species.

7 The mother and child relation is natural, strong, and instinctive, and one which, therefore, constrained primitive women to submit to many strange conditions and to endure untold hardships. This compelling mother love is the handicapping emotion which has always placed woman at such a tremendous disadvantage in

all her struggles with man. Even at that, maternal instinct in the human species is not overpowering; it may be thwarted by ambition, selfishness, and religious conviction.

8 While the mother-child association is neither marriage nor home, it was the nucleus from which both sprang. The great advance in the evolution of mating came when these temporary partnerships lasted long enough to rear the resultant offspring, for that was homemaking.

9 Regardless of the antagonisms of these early pairs, notwithstanding the looseness of the association, the

chances for survival were greatly improved by these male-female partnerships. A man and a woman, co-operating, even aside from family and offspring, are vastly superior in most ways to either two men or two women. This pairing of the sexes enhanced survival and was the very beginning of human society. The sex division of labour also made for comfort and increased happiness.

2. THE EARLY MOTHER-FAMILY

1 The woman's periodic haemorrhage and her further loss of blood at childbirth early suggested blood as the

creator of the child (even as the seat of the soul) and gave origin to the blood-bond concept of human relationships. In early times all descent was reckoned in the female line, that being the only part of inheritance which was at all certain.

2 The primitive family, growing out of the instinctive biologic blood bond of mother and child, was inevitably a mother-family; and many tribes long held to this arrangement. The mother-family was the only possible transition from the stage of group marriage in the horde to the later and improved home life of the polyga-

mous and monogamous father-families. The mother-family was natural and biologic; the father-family is social, economic, and political. The persistence of the mother-family among the North American red men is one of the chief reasons why the otherwise progressive Iroquois never became a real state.

3 Under the mother-family mores the wife's mother enjoyed virtually supreme authority in the home; even the wife's brothers and their sons were more active in family supervision than was the husband. Fathers were often renamed after their own children.

4 The earliest races gave little credit to the father, looking upon the child as coming altogether from the mother. They believed that children resembled the father as a result of association, or that they were "marked" in this manner because the mother desired them to look like the father. Later on, when the switch came from the mother-family to the father-family, the father took all credit for the child, and many of the taboos on a pregnant woman were subsequently extended to include her husband. The prospective father ceased work as the time of delivery approached, and at childbirth he went

to bed, along with the wife, remaining at rest from three to eight days. The wife might arise the next day and engage in hard labour, but the husband remained in bed to receive congratulations; this was all a part of the early mores designed to establish the father's right to the child.

5 At first, it was the custom for the man to go to his wife's people, but in later times, after a man had paid or worked out the bride price, he could take his wife and children back to his own people. The transition from the mother-family to the father-family explains the otherwise meaningless pro-

hibitions of some types of cousin marriages while others of equal kinship are approved.

6 With the passing of the hunter mores, when herding gave man control of the chief food supply, the mother-family came to a speedy end. It failed simply because it could not successfully compete with the newer father-family. Power lodged with the male relatives of the mother could not compete with power concentrated in the husband-father. Woman was not equal to the combined tasks of childbearing and of exercising continuous authority and increasing domes-

tic power. The oncoming of wife stealing and later wife purchase hastened the passing of the mother-family.

7 The stupendous change from the mother-family to the father-family is one of the most radical and complete right-about-face adjustments ever executed by the human race. This change led at once to greater social expression and increased family adventure.

3. THE FAMILY UNDER FATHER DOMINANCE

1 It may be that the instinct of motherhood led woman into marriage, but it was man's superior strength, together with the influence of the mores,

that virtually compelled her to remain in wedlock. Pastoral living tended to create a new system of mores, the patriarchal type of family life; and the basis of family unity under the herder and early agricultural mores was the unquestioned and arbitrary authority of the father. All society, whether national or familial, passed through the stage of the autocratic authority of a patriarchal order.

2 The scant courtesy paid womankind during the Old Testament era is a true reflection of the mores of the herdsmen. The Hebrew patriarchs were all herdsmen, as is witnessed by

the saying, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

3 But man was no more to blame for his low opinion of woman during past ages than was woman herself. She failed to get social recognition during primitive times because she did not function in an emergency; she was not a spectacular or crisis hero. Maternity was a distinct disability in the existence struggle; mother love handicapped women in the tribal defence.

4 Primitive women also unintentionally created their dependence on the male by their admiration and applause for his pugnacity and virility. This exaltation of the warrior elevated

the male ego while it equally depressed that of the female and made her more dependent; a military uniform still mightily stirs the feminine emotions.

5 Among the more advanced races, women are not so large or so strong as men. Woman, being the weaker, therefore became the more tactful; she early learned to trade upon her sex charms. She became more alert and conservative than man, though slightly less profound. Man was woman's superior on the battlefield and in the hunt; but at home woman has usually outgeneraled even the most primitive of men.

6 §§ The herdsman looked to his flocks for sustenance, but throughout these pastoral ages woman must still provide the vegetable food. Primitive man shunned the soil; it was altogether too peaceful, too unadventuresome. There was also an old superstition that women could raise better plants; they were mothers. In many backward tribes today, the men cook the meat, the women the vegetables, and when the primitive tribes of Australia are on the march, the women never attack game, while a man would not stoop to dig a root.

7 Woman has always had to work; at

least right up to modern times the female has been a real producer. Man has usually chosen the easier path, and this inequality has existed throughout the entire history of the human race. Woman has always been the burden bearer, carrying the family property and tending the children, thus leaving the man's hands free for fighting or hunting.

8 Woman's first liberation came when man consented to till the soil, consented to do what had theretofore been regarded as woman's work. It was a great step forward when male captives were no longer killed but were en-

slaved as agriculturists. This brought about the liberation of woman so that she could devote more time to home-making and child culture.

9 The provision of milk for the young led to earlier weaning of babies, hence to the bearing of more children by the mothers thus relieved of their sometimes temporary barrenness, while the use of cow's milk and goat's milk greatly reduced infant mortality. Before the herding stage of society, mothers used to nurse their babies until they were four and five years old.

10 Decreasing primitive warfare greatly lessened the disparity between the di-

vision of labour based on sex. But women still had to do the real work while men did picket duty. No camp or village could be left unguarded day or night, but even this task was alleviated by the domestication of the dog. In general, the coming of agriculture has enhanced woman's prestige and social standing; at least this was true up to the time man himself turned agriculturist. And as soon as man addressed himself to the tilling of the soil, there immediately ensued great improvement in methods of agriculture, extending on down through successive generations. In hunting and war man

had learned the value of organization, and he introduced these techniques into industry and later, when taking over much of woman's work, greatly improved on her loose methods of labour.

4. WOMAN'S STATUS IN EARLY SOCIETY

1 Generally speaking, during any age woman's status is a fair criterion of the evolutionary progress of marriage as a social institution, while the progress of marriage itself is a reasonably accurate gauge registering the advances of human civilization.

2 §§ Woman's status has always been

a social paradox; she has always been a shrewd manager of men; she has always capitalized man's stronger sex urge for her own interests and to her own advancement. By trading subtly upon her sex charms, she has often been able to exercise dominant power over man, even when held by him in abject slavery.

3 Early woman was not to man a friend, sweetheart, lover, and partner but rather a piece of property, a servant or slave and, later on, an economic partner, plaything, and childbearer. Nonetheless, proper and satisfactory sex relations have always in-

volved the element of choice and co-operation by woman, and this has always given intelligent women considerable influence over their immediate and personal standing, regardless of their social position as a sex. But man's distrust and suspicion were not helped by the fact that women were all along compelled to resort to shrewdness in the effort to alleviate their bondage.

4 §§ The sexes have had great difficulty in understanding each other. Man found it hard to understand woman, regarding her with a strange mixture of ignorant mistrust and fearful fascination, if not with suspicion and

contempt. Many tribal and racial traditions relegate trouble to Eve, Pandora, or some other representative of womankind. These narratives were always distorted so as to make it appear that the woman brought evil upon man; and all this indicates the onetime universal distrust of woman. Among the reasons cited in support of a celibate priesthood, the chief was the baseness of woman. The fact that most supposed witches were women did not improve the olden reputation of the sex.

5 Men have long regarded women as peculiar, even abnormal. They have

even believed that women did not have souls; therefore were they denied names. During early times there existed great fear of the first sex relation with a woman; hence it became the custom for a priest to have initial intercourse with a virgin. Even a woman's shadow was thought to be dangerous.

6 Childbearing was once generally looked upon as rendering a woman dangerous and unclean. And many tribal mores decreed that a mother must undergo extensive purification ceremonies subsequent to the birth of a child. Except among those groups where the husband participated in the

lying-in, the expectant mother was shunned, left alone. The ancients even avoided having a child born in the house. Finally, the old women were permitted to attend the mother during labour, and this practice gave origin to the profession of midwifery. During labour, scores of foolish things were said and done in an effort to facilitate delivery. It was the custom to sprinkle the newborn with holy water to prevent ghost interference.

7 Among the unmixed tribes, childbirth was comparatively easy, occupying only two or three hours; it is seldom so easy among the mixed races. If

a woman died in childbirth, especially during the delivery of twins, she was believed to have been guilty of spirit adultery. Later on, the higher tribes looked upon death in childbirth as the will of heaven; such mothers were regarded as having perished in a noble cause.

8 The so-called modesty of women respecting their clothing and the exposure of the person grew out of the deadly fear of being observed at the time of a menstrual period. To be thus detected was a grievous sin, the violation of a taboo. Under the mores of olden times, every woman, from

adolescence to the end of the childbearing period, was subjected to complete family and social quarantine one full week each month. Everything she might touch, sit upon, or lie upon was "defiled." It was for long the custom to brutally beat a girl after each monthly period in an effort to drive the evil spirit out of her body. But when a woman passed beyond the childbearing age, she was usually treated more considerately, being accorded more rights and privileges. In view of all this it was not strange that women were looked down upon. Even the Greeks held the menstruating woman as one of the

three great causes of defilement, the other two being pork and garlic.

9 However foolish these olden notions were, they did some good since they gave overworked females, at least when young, one week each month for welcome rest and profitable meditation. Thus could they sharpen their wits for dealing with their male associates the rest of the time. This quarantine of women also protected men from over-sex indulgence, thereby indirectly contributing to the restriction of population and to the enhancement of self-control.

10 §§ A great advance was made when

a man was denied the right to kill his wife at will. Likewise, it was a forward step when a woman could own the wedding gifts. Later, she gained the legal right to own, control, and even dispose of property, but she was long deprived of the right to hold office in either church or state. Woman has always been treated more or less as property, right up to and in the XX century after Christ. She has not yet gained world-wide freedom from seclusion under man's control. Even among advanced peoples, man's attempt to protect woman has always been a tacit assertion of superiority.

11 But primitive women did not pity themselves as their more recently liberated sisters are wont to do. They were, after all, fairly happy and contented; they did not dare to envision a better or different mode of existence.

5. WOMAN UNDER THE DEVELOPING MORES

1 In self-perpetuation woman is man's equal, but in the partnership of self-maintenance she labours at a decided disadvantage, and this handicap of enforced maternity can only be compensated by the enlightened mores of advancing civilization and by man's increasing sense of acquired fair-

ness.

2 As society evolved, the sex standards rose higher among women because they suffered more from the consequences of the transgression of the sex mores. Man's sex standards are only tardily improving as a result of the sheer sense of that fairness which civilization demands. Nature knows nothing of fairness — makes woman alone suffer the pangs of childbirth.

3 The modern idea of sex equality is beautiful and worthy of an expanding civilization, but it is not found in nature. When might is right, man lords it over woman; when more justice,

peace, and fairness prevail, she gradually emerges from slavery and obscurity. Woman's social position has generally varied inversely with the degree of militarism in any nation or age.

4 But man did not consciously nor intentionally seize woman's rights and then gradually and grudgingly give them back to her; all this was an unconscious and unplanned episode of social evolution. When the time really came for woman to enjoy added rights, she got them, and all quite regardless of man's conscious attitude. Slowly but surely the mores change so as to provide for those so-

cial adjustments which are a part of the persistent evolution of civilization. The advancing mores slowly provided increasingly better treatment for females; those tribes which persisted in cruelty to them did not survive.

5 §§ The Adamites and Nodites accorded women increased recognition, and those groups which were influenced by the migrating Andites have tended to be influenced by the Edenic teachings regarding women's place in society.

6 The early Chinese and the Greeks treated women better than did most surrounding peoples. But the He-

brews were exceedingly distrustful of them. In the Occident woman has had a difficult climb under the Pauline doctrines which became attached to Christianity, although Christianity did advance the mores by imposing more stringent sex obligations upon man. Woman's estate is little short of hopeless under the peculiar degradation which attaches to her in Mohammedanism, and she fares even worse under the teachings of several other Oriental religions.

7 §§ Science, not religion, really emancipated woman; it was the modern factory which largely set her free

from the confines of the home. Man's physical abilities became no longer a vital essential in the new maintenance mechanism; science so changed the conditions of living that man power was no longer so superior to woman power.

8 These changes have tended toward woman's liberation from domestic slavery and have brought about such a modification of her status that she now enjoys a degree of personal liberty and sex determination that practically equals man's. Once a woman's value consisted in her food-producing ability, but invention and

wealth have enabled her to create a new world in which to function — spheres of grace and charm. Thus has industry won its unconscious and unintended fight for woman's social and economic emancipation. And again has evolution succeeded in doing what even revelation failed to accomplish.

9 §§ The reaction of enlightened peoples from the inequitable mores governing woman's place in society has indeed been pendulumlike in its extremeness. Among industrialized races she has received almost all rights and enjoys exemption from many obligations, such as military service.

Every easement of the struggle for existence has redounded to the liberation of woman, and she has directly benefited from every advance toward monogamy. The weaker always makes disproportionate gains in every adjustment of the mores in the progressive evolution of society.

10 In the ideals of pair marriage, woman has finally won recognition, dignity, independence, equality, and education; but will she prove worthy of all this new and unprecedented accomplishment? Will modern woman respond to this great achievement of social liberation with idleness, indiffer-

ence, barrenness, and infidelity? Today, in the XX century, woman is undergoing the crucial test of her long world existence!

11 Woman is man's equal partner in race reproduction, hence just as important in the unfolding of racial evolution; therefore has evolution increasingly worked toward the realization of women's rights. But women's rights are by no means men's rights. Woman cannot thrive on man's rights any more than man can prosper on woman's rights.

12 Each sex has its own distinctive sphere of existence, together with its

own rights within that sphere. If woman aspires literally to enjoy all of man's rights, then, sooner or later, pitiless and emotionless competition will certainly replace that chivalry and special consideration which many women now enjoy, and which they have so recently won from men.

13 Civilization never can obliterate the behaviour gulf between the sexes. From age to age the mores change, but instinct never. Innate maternal affection will never permit emancipated woman to become man's serious rival in industry. Forever each sex will remain supreme in its own domain, do-

mains determined by biologic differentiation and by mental dissimilarity.

14 Each sex will always have its own special sphere, albeit they will ever and anon overlap. Only socially will men and women compete on equal terms.

6. THE PARTNERSHIP OF MAN AND WOMAN

1 The reproductive urge unfailingly brings men and women together for self-perpetuation but, alone, does not ensure their remaining together in mutual co-operation — the founding of a home.

2 Every successful human institution embraces antagonisms of per-

sonal interest which have been adjusted to practical working harmony, and homemaking is no exception. Marriage, the basis of home building, is the highest manifestation of that antagonistic co-operation which so often characterizes the contacts of nature and society. The conflict is inevitable. Mating is inherent; it is natural. But marriage is not biologic; it is sociologic. Passion ensures that man and woman will come together, but the weaker parental instinct and the social mores hold them together.

3 §§ Male and female are, practically regarded, two distinct varieties of the

same species living in close and intimate association. Their viewpoints and entire life reactions are essentially different; they are wholly incapable of full and real comprehension of each other. Complete understanding between the sexes is not attainable.

4 Women seem to have more intuition than men, but they also appear to be somewhat less logical. Woman, however, has always been the moral standard-bearer and the spiritual leader of mankind. The hand that rocks the cradle still fraternizes with destiny.

5 §§ The differences of nature, reac-

tion, viewpoint, and thinking between men and women, far from occasioning concern, should be regarded as highly beneficial to mankind, both individually and collectively. Many orders of universe creatures are created in dual phases of personality manifestation. Among mortals, Material Sons, and midsoniters, this difference is described as male and female; among seraphim, cherubim, and Morontia Companions, it has been denominated positive or aggressive and negative or retiring. Such dual associations greatly multiply versatility and overcome inherent limitations, even as

do certain triune associations in the Paradise-Havona system.

6 Men and women need each other in their morontial and spiritual as well as in their mortal careers. The differences in viewpoint between male and female persist even beyond the first life and throughout the local and superuniverse ascensions. And even in Havona, the pilgrims who were once men and women will still be aiding each other in the Paradise ascent. Never, even in the Corps of the Finality, will the creature metamorphose so far as to obliterate the personality trends that humans call male and female; always

will these two basic variations of humankind continue to intrigue, stimulate, encourage, and assist each other; always will they be mutually dependent on co-operation in the solution of perplexing universe problems and in the overcoming of manifold cosmic difficulties.

7 §§ While the sexes never can hope fully to understand each other, they are effectively complementary, and though co-operation is often more or less personally antagonistic, it is capable of maintaining and reproducing society. Marriage is an institution designed to compose sex differences,

meanwhile effecting the continuation of civilization and ensuring the reproduction of the race.

8 Marriage is the mother of all human institutions, for it leads directly to home founding and home maintenance, which is the structural basis of society. The family is vitally linked to the mechanism of self-maintenance; it is the sole hope of race perpetuation under the mores of civilization, while at the same time it most effectively provides certain highly satisfactory forms of self-gratification. The family is man's greatest purely human achievement, combining as it does the

evolution of the biologic relations of male and female with the social relations of husband and wife.

7. THE IDEALS OF FAMILY LIFE

1 Sex mating is instinctive, children are the natural result, and the family thus automatically comes into existence. As are the families of the race or nation, so is its society. If the families are good, the society is likewise good. The great cultural stability of the Jewish and of the Chinese peoples lies in the strength of their family groups.

2 Woman's instinct to love and care for children conspired to make her the

interested party in promoting marriage and primitive family life. Man was only forced into home building by the pressure of the later mores and social conventions; he was slow to take an interest in the establishment of marriage and home because the sex act imposes no biologic consequences upon him.

3 Sex association is natural, but marriage is social and has always been regulated by the mores. The mores (religious, moral, and ethical), together with property, pride, and chivalry, stabilize the institutions of marriage and family. Whenever the mores fluctuate,

there is fluctuation in the stability of the home-marriage institution. Marriage is now passing out of the property stage into the personal era. Formerly man protected woman because she was his chattel, and she obeyed for the same reason. Regardless of its merits this system did provide stability. Now, woman is no longer regarded as property, and new mores are emerging designed to stabilize the marriage-home institution:

4 1. The new role of religion — the teaching that parental experience is essential, the idea of procreating cosmic citizens, the enlarged understand-

ing of the privilege of procreation — giving sons to the Father.

5 2. The new role of science — procreation is becoming more and more voluntary, subject to man's control. In ancient times lack of understanding ensured the appearance of children in the absence of all desire therefor.

6 3. The new function of pleasure lures — this introduces a new factor into racial survival; ancient man exposed undesired children to die; moderns refuse to bear them.

7 4. The enhancement of parental instinct — each generation now

tends to eliminate from the reproductive stream of the race those individuals in whom parental instinct is insufficiently strong to ensure the procreation of children, the prospective parents of the next generation.

8 §§ But the home as an institution, a partnership between one man and one woman, dates more specifically from the days of Dalamatia, about 500,000 years ago, the monogamous practices of Andon and his immediate descendants having been abandoned long before. Family life, however, was not much to boast of before the days of the Nodites and the later Adamites.

Adam and Eve exerted a lasting influence on all mankind; for the first time in the history of the world men and women were observed working side by side in the Garden. The Edenic ideal, the whole family as gardeners, was a new idea on Urantia.

9 The early family embraced a related working group, including the slaves, all living in one dwelling. Marriage and family life have not always been identical but have of necessity been closely associated. Woman always wanted the individual family, and eventually she had her way.

10 §§ Love of offspring is almost uni-

versal and is of distinct survival value. The ancients always sacrificed the mother's interests for the welfare of the child; an Eskimo mother even yet licks her baby in lieu of washing. But primitive mothers only nourished and cared for their children when very young; like the animals, they discarded them as soon as they grew up. Enduring and continuous human associations have never been founded on biologic affection alone. The animals love their children; man — civilized man — loves his children's children. The higher the civilization, the greater the joy of parents in the children's advancement and

success; thus the new and higher realization of *name* pride comes into existence.

11 The large families among ancient peoples were not necessarily affectional. Many children were desired because:

12 1. They were valuable as labourers.

13 2. They were old-age insurance.

14 3. Daughters were saleable.

15 4. Family pride required extension of name.

16 5. Sons afforded protection and defence.

17 6. Ghost fear produced a dread of being alone.

18 7. Certain religions required offspring.

19 §§ Ancestor worshippers view the failure to have sons as the supreme calamity for all time and eternity. They desire above all else to have sons to officiate in the post-mortem feasts, to offer the required sacrifices for the ghost's progress through spiritland.

20 Among ancient savages, discipline of children was begun very early; and the child early realized that disobedience meant failure or even death just as it did to the animals. It is civilization's

protection of the child from the natural consequences of foolish conduct that contributes so much to modern insubordination.

21 Eskimo children thrive on so little discipline and correction simply because they are naturally docile little animals; the children of both the red and the yellow men are almost equally tractable. But in races containing Andite inheritance, children are not so placid; these more imaginative and adventurous youths require more training and discipline. Modern problems of child culture are rendered increasingly difficult by:

22 1. The large degree of race mixture.

23 2. Artificial and superficial education.

24 3. Inability of the child to gain culture by imitating parents — the parents are absent from the family picture so much of the time.

25 §§ The olden ideas of family discipline were biologic, growing out of the realization that parents were creators of the child's being. The advancing ideals of family life are leading to the concept that bringing a child into the world, instead of conferring certain

parental rights, entails the supreme responsibility of human existence.

26 Civilization regards the parents as assuming all duties, the child as having all the rights. Respect of the child for his parents arises, not in knowledge of the obligation implied in parental procreation, but naturally grows as a result of the care, training, and affection which are lovingly displayed in assisting the child to win the battle of life. The true parent is engaged in a continuous service-ministry which the wise child comes to recognize and appreciate.

27 §§ In the present industrial and ur-

ban era the marriage institution is evolving along new economic lines. Family life has become more and more costly, while children, who used to be an asset, have become economic liabilities. But the security of civilization itself still rests on the growing willingness of one generation to invest in the welfare of the next and future generations. And any attempt to shift parental responsibility to state or church will prove suicidal to the welfare and advancement of civilization.

28 §§ Marriage, with children and consequent family life, is stimulative of the highest potentials in human

nature and simultaneously provides the ideal avenue for the expression of these quickened attributes of mortal personality. The family provides for the biologic perpetuation of the human species. The home is the natural social arena wherein the ethics of blood brotherhood may be grasped by the growing children. The family is the fundamental unit of fraternity in which parents and children learn those lessons of patience, altruism, tolerance, and forbearance which are so essential to the realization of brotherhood among all men.

29 Human society would be greatly

improved if the civilized races would more generally return to the family-council practices of the Andites. They did not maintain the patriarchal or autocratic form of family government. They were very brotherly and associative, freely and frankly discussing every proposal and regulation of a family nature. They were ideally fraternal in all their family government. In an ideal family filial and parental affection are both augmented by fraternal devotion.

30 Family life is the progenitor of true morality, the ancestor of the consciousness of loyalty to duty. The

enforced associations of family life stabilize personality and stimulate its growth through the compulsion of necessitous adjustment to other and diverse personalities. But even more, a true family — a good family — reveals to the parental procreators the attitude of the Creator to his children, while at the same time such true parents portray to their children the first of a long series of ascending disclosures of the love of the Paradise parent of all universe children.

8. DANGERS OF SELF-GRATIFICATION

1 The great threat against family life

is the menacing rising tide of self-gratification, the modern pleasure mania. The prime incentive to marriage used to be economic; sex attraction was secondary. Marriage, founded on self-maintenance, led to self-perpetuation and concomitantly provided one of the most desirable forms of self-gratification. It is the only institution of human society which embraces all three of the great incentives for living.

2 Originally, property was the basic institution of self-maintenance, while marriage functioned as the unique institution of self-perpetuation. Although food satisfaction, play, and

humour, along with periodic sex indulgence, were means of self-gratification, it remains a fact that the evolving mores have failed to build any distinct institution of self-gratification. And it is due to this failure to evolve specialized techniques of pleasurable enjoyment that all human institutions are so completely shot through with this pleasure pursuit. Property accumulation is becoming an instrument for augmenting all forms of self-gratification, while marriage is often viewed only as a means of pleasure. And this overindulgence, this widely spread pleasure mania, now constitutes the

greatest threat that has ever been leveled at the social evolutionary institution of family life, the home.

3 The violet race introduced a new and only imperfectly realized characteristic into the experience of humankind — the play instinct coupled with the sense of humour. It was there in measure in the Sangiks and Andonites, but the Adamic strain elevated this primitive propensity into the *potential of pleasure,* a new and glorified form of self-gratification. The basic type of self-gratification, aside from appeasing hunger, is sex gratification, and this form of sensual pleasure was

enormously heightened by the blending of the Sangiks and the Andites.

4 There is real danger in the combination of restlessness, curiosity, adventure, and pleasure-abandon characteristic of the post-Andite races. The hunger of the soul cannot be satisfied with physical pleasures; the love of home and children is not augmented by the unwise pursuit of pleasure. Though you exhaust the resources of art, colour, sound, rhythm, music, and adornment of person, you cannot hope thereby to elevate the soul or to nourish the spirit. Vanity and fashion cannot minister to home

building and child culture; pride and rivalry are powerless to enhance the survival qualities of succeeding generations.

5 Advancing celestial beings all enjoy rest and the ministry of the reversion directors. All efforts to obtain wholesome diversion and to engage in uplifting play are sound; refreshing sleep, rest, recreation, and all pastimes which prevent the boredom of monotony are worth while. Competitive games, storytelling, and even the taste of good food may serve as forms of self-gratification. (When you use salt to savour food, pause to con-

sider that, for almost a million years, man could obtain salt only by dipping his food in ashes.)

6 §§ Let man enjoy himself; let the human race find pleasure in a thousand and one ways; let evolutionary mankind explore all forms of legitimate self-gratification, the fruits of the long upward biologic struggle. Man has well earned some of his present-day joys and pleasures. But look you well to the goal of destiny! Pleasures are indeed suicidal if they succeed in destroying property, which has become the institution of self-maintenance; and self-gratifications have in-

deed cost a fatal price if they bring about the collapse of marriage, the decadence of family life, and the destruction of the home — man's supreme evolutionary acquirement and civilization's only hope of survival.

7 [Presented by the Chief of Seraphim stationed on Urantia.]

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THE ORIGINS OF WORSHIP

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Primitive religion had a biologic origin, a natural evolutionary development, aside from moral associations and apart from all spiritual influences. The higher animals have fears but no illusions, hence no religion. Man creates his primitive religions out of his fears and by means of his illusions.

2 In the evolution of the human species, worship in its primitive manifestations appears long before the

mind of man is capable of formulating the more complex concepts of life now and in the hereafter which deserve to be called religion. Early religion was wholly intellectual in nature and was entirely predicated on associational circumstances. The objects of worship were altogether suggestive; they consisted of the things of nature which were close at hand, or which loomed large in the commonplace experience of the simple-minded primitive Urantians.

3 When religion once evolved beyond nature worship, it acquired roots of spirit origin but was nevertheless

always conditioned by the social environment. As nature worship developed, man's concepts envisioned a division of labour in the supermortal world; there were nature spirits for lakes, trees, waterfalls, rain, and hundreds of other ordinary terrestrial phenomena.

4 At one time or another mortal man has worshipped everything on the face of the earth, including himself. He has also worshipped about everything imaginable in the sky and beneath the surface of the earth. Primitive man feared all manifestations of power; he worshipped every natu-

ral phenomenon he could not comprehend. The observation of powerful natural forces, such as storms, floods, earthquakes, landslides, volcanoes, fire, heat, and cold, greatly impressed the expanding mind of man. The inexplicable things of life are still termed "acts of God" and "mysterious dispensations of Providence."

1. WORSHIP OF STONES AND HILLS

1 The first object to be worshipped by evolving man was a stone. Today the Kateri people of southern India still worship a stone, as do numerous tribes in northern India. Jacob slept

on a stone because he venerated it; he even anointed it. Rachel concealed a number of sacred stones in her tent.

2 Stones first impressed early man as being out of the ordinary because of the manner in which they would so suddenly appear on the surface of a cultivated field or pasture. Men failed to take into account either erosion or the results of the overturning of soil. Stones also greatly impressed early peoples because of their frequent resemblance to animals. The attention of civilized man is arrested by numerous stone formations in the mountains which so much resemble the

faces of animals and even men. But the most profound influence was exerted by meteoric stones which primitive humans beheld hurtling through the atmosphere in flaming grandeur. The shooting star was awesome to early man, and he easily believed that such blazing streaks marked the passage of a spirit on its way to earth. No wonder men were led to worship such phenomena, especially when they subsequently discovered the meteors. And this led to greater reverence for all other stones. In Bengal many worship a meteor which fell to earth in A.D. 1880.

3 All ancient clans and tribes had their sacred stones, and most modern peoples manifest a degree of veneration for certain types of stones — their jewels. A group of 5 stones was reverenced in India; in Greece it was a cluster of 30; among the red men it was usually a circle of stones. The Romans always threw a stone into the air when invoking Jupiter. In India even to this day a stone can be used as a witness. In some regions a stone may be employed as a talisman of the law, and by its prestige an offender can be haled into court. But simple mortals do not always identify Deity with an object of

reverent ceremony. Such fetishes are many times mere symbols of the real object of worship.

4 The ancients had a peculiar regard for holes in stones. Such porous rocks were supposed to be unusually efficacious in curing diseases. Ears were not perforated to carry stones, but the stones were put in to keep the ear holes open. Even in modern times superstitious persons make holes in coins. In Africa the natives make much ado over their fetish stones. In fact, among all backward tribes and peoples stones are still held in superstitious veneration. Stone worship is even now wide-

spread over the world. The tombstone is a surviving symbol of images and idols which were carved in stone in connection with beliefs in ghosts and the spirits of departed fellow beings.

5 Hill worship followed stone worship, and the first hills to be venerated were large stone formations. It presently became the custom to believe that the gods inhabited the mountains, so that high elevations of land were worshipped for this additional reason. As time passed, certain mountains were associated with certain gods and therefore became holy. The ignorant and superstitious aborigines be-

lieved that caves led to the underworld, with its evil spirits and demons, in contrast with the mountains, which were identified with the later evolving concepts of good spirits and deities.

2. WORSHIP OF PLANTS AND TREES

1 Plants were first feared and then worshipped because of the intoxicating liquors which were derived therefrom. Primitive man believed that intoxication rendered one divine. There was supposed to be something unusual and sacred about such an experience. Even in modern times alcohol is known as "spirits."

2 Early man looked upon sprouting grain with dread and superstitious awe. The Apostle Paul was not the first to draw profound spiritual lessons from, and predicate religious beliefs on, the sprouting grain.

3 The cults of tree worship are among the oldest religious groups. All early marriages were held under the trees, and when women desired children, they would sometimes be found out in the forest affectionately embracing a sturdy oak. Many plants and trees were venerated because of their real or fancied medicinal powers. The savage believed that all chemical ef-

fects were due to the direct activity of supernatural forces.

4 Ideas about tree spirits varied greatly among different tribes and races. Some trees were indwelt by kindly spirits; others harboured the deceptive and cruel. The Finns believed that most trees were occupied by kind spirits. The Swiss long mistrusted the trees, believing they contained tricky spirits. The inhabitants of India and eastern Russia regard the tree spirits as being cruel. The Patagonians still worship trees, as did the early Semites. Long after the Hebrews ceased tree worship, they continued

to venerate their various deities in the groves. Except in China, there once existed a universal cult of the *tree of life.*

5 The belief that water or precious metals beneath the earth's surface can be detected by a wooden divining rod is a relic of the ancient tree cults. The Maypole, the Christmas tree, and the superstitious practice of rapping on wood perpetuate certain of the ancient customs of tree worship and the later-day tree cults.

6 Many of these earliest forms of nature veneration became blended with the later evolving techniques of worship, but the earliest mind-adjutant-

activated types of worship were functioning long before the newly awakening religious nature of mankind became fully responsive to the stimulus of spiritual influences.

3. THE WORSHIP OF ANIMALS

1 Primitive man had a peculiar and fellow feeling for the higher animals. His ancestors had lived with them and even mated with them. In southern Asia it was early believed that the souls of men came back to earth in animal form. This belief was a survival of the still earlier practice of worshipping animals.

2 Early men revered the animals for their power and their cunning. They thought the keen scent and the farseeing eyes of certain creatures betokened spirit guidance. The animals have all been worshipped by one race or another at one time or another. Among such objects of worship were creatures that were regarded as half human and half animal, such as centaurs and mermaids.

3 The Hebrews worshipped serpents down to the days of King Hezekiah, and the Hindus still maintain friendly relations with their house snakes. The Chinese worship of the

dragon is a survival of the snake cults. The wisdom of the serpent was a symbol of Greek medicine and is still employed as an emblem by modern physicians. The art of snake charming has been handed down from the days of the female shamans of the *snake love cult,* who, as the result of daily snake bites, became immune, in fact, became genuine venom addicts and could not get along without this poison.

4 The worship of insects and other animals was promoted by a later misinterpretation of the golden rule — doing to others (every form of life) as you would be done by. The ancients

once believed that all winds were produced by the wings of birds and therefore both feared and worshipped all winged creatures. The early Nordics thought that eclipses were caused by a wolf that devoured a portion of the sun or moon. The Hindus often show Vishnu with a horse's head. Many times an animal symbol stands for a forgotten god or a vanished cult. Early in evolutionary religion the lamb became the typical sacrificial animal and the dove the symbol of peace and love.

5 In religion, symbolism may be either good or bad just to the extent that the symbol does or does not

displace the original worshipful idea. And symbolism must not be confused with direct idolatry wherein the material object is directly and actually worshipped.

4. WORSHIP OF THE ELEMENTS

1 Mankind has worshipped earth, air, water, and fire. The primitive races venerated springs and worshipped rivers. Even now in Mongolia there flourishes an influential river cult. Baptism became a religious ceremonial in Babylon, and the Greeks[1]

[1] The human source of this text is E.W. Hopkins,

practised the annual ritual bath. It was easy for the ancients to imag-

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"Origin and Evolution of Religion", 1923. The text on page 47, Chapter IV "The Worship of Elements and Heavenly Phenomena" says: *Baptism was practiced in Babylon. Religious use of water is prominent in the cult of the Amerinds: The Creeks bathed annually, after purging and fasting, to "wash out the sins of the year."* Dr. Hopkins clearly speaks of "Creeks" and not "Greeks", emphasizing that the religious use of water purification was common worldwide, from Babylon to Alabama. However, when the human author of this Revelation (presumably Dr. Sadler) used the information in Dr. Hopkins' book he modified the word "Creeks" to "Greeks" and I see no compelling reason to revert the text to the original form and undo Dr. Sadler's decision. Needless to say, both the first edition of 1955 and the present SRT English text read "Greeks" and not "Creeks".

ine that the spirits dwelt in the bubbling springs, gushing fountains, flowing rivers, and raging torrents. Moving waters vividly impressed these simple minds with beliefs of spirit animation and supernatural power. Sometimes a drowning man would be refused succour for fear of offending some river god.

2 Many things and numerous events have functioned as religious stimuli to different peoples in different ages. A rainbow is yet worshipped by many of the hill tribes of India. In both India and Africa the rainbow is thought to be a gigantic celestial snake; Hebrews

and Christians regard it as "the bow of promise." Likewise, influences regarded as beneficent in one part of the world may be looked upon as malignant in other regions. The east wind is a god in South America, for it brings rain; in India it is a devil because it brings dust and causes drought. The ancient Bedouins believed that a nature spirit produced the sand whirls, and even in the times of Moses belief in nature spirits was strong enough to ensure their perpetuation in Hebrew theology as angels of fire, water, and air.

3 Clouds, rain, and hail have all been

feared and worshipped by numerous primitive tribes and by many of the early nature cults. Windstorms with thunder and lightning overawed early man. He was so impressed with these elemental disturbances that thunder was regarded as the voice of an angry god. The worship of fire and the fear of lightning were linked together and were widespread among many early groups.

4 Fire was mixed up with magic in the minds of primitive fear-ridden mortals. A devotee of magic will vividly remember one positive chance result in the practice of his magic for-

mulas, while he nonchalantly forgets a score of negative results, out-and-out failures. Fire reverence reached its height in Persia, where it long persisted. Some tribes worshipped fire as a deity itself; others revered it as the flaming symbol of the purifying and purging spirit of their venerated deities. Vestal virgins were charged with the duty of watching sacred fires, and in the XX century candles still burn as a part of the ritual of many religious services.

5. WORSHIP OF THE HEAVENLY BODIES

1 The worship of rocks, hills, trees,

and animals naturally developed up through fearful veneration of the elements to the deification of the sun, moon, and stars. In India and elsewhere the stars were regarded as the glorified souls of great men who had departed from the life in the flesh. The Chaldean star cultists considered themselves to be the children of the sky father and the earth mother.

2 Moon worship preceded sun worship. Veneration of the moon was at its height during the hunting era, while sun worship became the chief religious ceremony of the subsequent agricultural ages. Solar worship first took ex-

tensive root in India, and there it persisted the longest. In Persia sun veneration gave rise to the later Mithraic cult. Among many peoples the sun was regarded as the ancestor of their kings. The Chaldeans put the sun in the centre of "the seven circles of the universe." Later civilizations honoured the sun by giving its name to the first day of the week.

3 The sun god was supposed to be the mystic father of the virgin-born sons of destiny who ever and anon were thought to be bestowed as saviours upon favoured races. These supernatural infants were always put

adrift upon some sacred river to be rescued in an extraordinary manner, after which they would grow up to become miraculous personalities and the deliverers of their peoples.

6. WORSHIP OF MAN

1 Having worshipped everything else on the face of the earth and in the heavens above, man has not hesitated to honour himself with such adoration. The simple-minded savage makes no clear distinction between beasts, men, and gods.

2 Early man regarded all unusual persons as superhuman, and he so

feared such beings as to hold them in reverential awe; to some degree he literally worshipped them. Even having twins was regarded as being either very lucky or very unlucky. Lunatics, epileptics, and the feeble-minded were often worshipped by their normal-minded fellows, who believed that such abnormal beings were indwelt by the gods. Priests, kings, and prophets were worshipped; the holy men of old were looked upon as inspired by the deities.

3 Tribal chiefs died and were *deified*. Later, distinguished souls passed on and were *sainted*. Unaided evolution

never originated gods higher than the glorified, exalted, and evolved spirits of deceased humans. In early evolution religion creates its own gods. In the course of revelation the Gods formulate religion. Evolutionary religion creates its gods in the image and likeness of mortal man; revelatory religion seeks to evolve and transform mortal man into the image and likeness of God.

4 The ghost gods, who are of supposed human origin, should be distinguished from the nature gods, for nature worship did evolve a pantheon — nature spirits elevated to the position

of gods. The nature cults continued to develop along with the later appearing ghost cults, and each exerted an influence upon the other. Many religious systems embraced a dual concept of deity, nature gods and ghost gods; in some theologies these concepts are confusingly intertwined, as is illustrated by Thor, a ghost hero who was also master of the lightning.

5 But the worship of man by man reached its height when temporal rulers commanded such veneration from their subjects and, in substantiation of such demands, claimed to have

descended from deity.

7. THE ADJUTANTS OF WORSHIP AND WISDOM

1 Nature worship may seem to have arisen naturally and spontaneously in the minds of primitive men and women, and so it did; but there was operating all this time in these same primitive minds the sixth adjutant spirit, which had been bestowed upon these peoples as a directing influence of this phase of human evolution. And this spirit was constantly stimulating the worship urge of the human species, no matter how primitive its first manifestations might be. The spirit of wor-

ship gave definite origin to the human impulse to worship, notwithstanding that animal fear motivated the expression of worshipfulness, and that its early practice became centred upon objects of nature.

2 You must remember that feeling, not thinking, was the guiding and controlling influence in all evolutionary development. To the primitive mind there is little difference between fearing, shunning, honouring, and worshipping.

3 When the worship urge is admonished and directed by wisdom — meditative and experiential thinking — it

then begins to develop into the phenomenon of real religion. When the seventh adjutant spirit, the spirit of wisdom, achieves effective ministration, then in worship man begins to turn away from nature and natural objects to the God of nature and to the eternal Creator of all things natural.

4 [Presented by a Brilliant Evening Star of Nebadon.]

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EARLY EVOLUTION OF RELIGION

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The evolution of religion from the preceding and primitive worship urge is not dependent on revelation. The normal functioning of the human mind under the directive influence of the sixth and seventh mind-adjutants of universal spirit bestowal is wholly sufficient to ensure such development.

2 Man's earliest prereligious fear of the forces of nature gradually became religious as nature became personalized, spiritized, and eventually deified in human consciousness. Religion of a primitive type was therefore a natural biologic consequence of the psychologic inertia of evolving animal minds after such minds had once entertained concepts of the supernatural.

1. CHANCE: GOOD LUCK AND BAD LUCK

1 Aside from the natural worship urge, early evolutionary religion had its roots of origin in the human experiences of chance — so-called luck,

commonplace happenings. Primitive man was a food hunter. The results of hunting must ever vary, and this gives certain origin to those experiences which man interprets as *good luck* and *bad luck*. Mischance was a great factor in the lives of men and women who lived constantly on the ragged edge of a precarious and harassed existence.

2 The limited intellectual horizon of the savage so concentrates the attention upon chance that luck becomes a constant factor in his life. Primitive Urantians struggled for existence, not for a standard of living; they lived lives

of peril in which chance played an important role. The constant dread of unknown and unseen calamity hung over these savages as a cloud of despair which effectively eclipsed every pleasure; they lived in constant dread of doing something that would bring bad luck. Superstitious savages always feared a run of good luck; they viewed such good fortune as a certain harbinger of calamity.

3 This ever-present dread of bad luck was paralysing. Why work hard and reap bad luck — nothing for something — when one might drift along and encounter good luck —

something for nothing? Unthinking men forget good luck — take it for granted — but they painfully remember bad luck.

4 Early man lived in uncertainty and in constant fear of chance — bad luck. Life was an exciting game of chance; existence was a gamble. It is no wonder that partially civilized people still believe in chance and evince lingering predispositions to gambling. Primitive man alternated between two potent interests: the passion of getting something for nothing and the fear of getting nothing for something. And this gamble of existence was the main

interest and the supreme fascination of the early savage mind.

5 The later herders held the same views of chance and luck, while the still later agriculturists were increasingly conscious that crops were immediately influenced by many things over which man had little or no control. The farmer found himself the victim of drought, floods, hail, storms, pests, and plant diseases, as well as heat and cold. And as all of these natural influences affected individual prosperity, they were regarded as good luck or bad luck.

6 This notion of chance and luck

strongly pervaded the philosophy of all ancient peoples. Even in recent times in Ecclesiastes[1] it is said: "I returned and saw that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither bread to the wise, nor riches to

[1] In 1955 text: "in the Wisdom of Solomon", The quote is *not* from the Wisdom of Solomon, but from Ecclesiastes 9:11-12. Note that at 121:6.3 the book Wisdom of Solomon is mentioned and the comment there unambiguously corresponds to the apocryphal book known by that name. Therefore, it cannot be asserted that here the biblical book Ecclesiastes is simply referred to as "Wisdom of Solomon". This is simply a mistake on the part of either the human source or the Brilliant Evening Star who sponsored this revelation and I have now corrected it.

men of understanding, nor favour to men of skill; but fate and chance befall them all. For man knows not his fate; as fishes are taken in an evil net, and as birds are caught in a snare, so are the sons of men snared in an evil time when it falls suddenly upon them."

2. THE PERSONIFICATION OF CHANCE

1 Anxiety was a natural state of the savage mind. When men and women fall victims to excessive anxiety, they are simply reverting to the natural estate of their far-distant ancestors; and when anxiety becomes actually painful, it inhibits activity and unfail-

ingly institutes evolutionary changes and biologic adaptations. Pain and suffering are essential to progressive evolution.

2 The struggle for life is so painful that certain backward tribes even yet howl and lament over each new sunrise. Primitive man constantly asked, "Who is tormenting me?" Not finding a material source for his miseries, he settled upon a spirit explanation. And so was religion born of the fear of the mysterious, the awe of the unseen, and the dread of the unknown. Nature fear thus became a factor in the struggle for existence first because of chance and

then because of mystery.

3 §§ The primitive mind was logical but contained few ideas for intelligent association; the savage mind was uneducated, wholly unsophisticated. If one event followed another, the savage considered them to be cause and effect. What civilized man regards as superstition was just plain ignorance in the savage. Mankind has been slow to learn that there is not necessarily any relationship between purposes and results. Human beings are only just beginning to realize that the reactions of existence appear between acts and their consequences. The savage

strives to personalize everything intangible and abstract, and thus both nature and chance become personalized as ghosts — spirits — and later on as gods.

4 §§ Man naturally tends to believe that which he deems best for him, that which is in his immediate or remote interest; self-interest largely obscures logic. The difference between the minds of savage and civilized men is more one of content than of nature, of degree rather than of quality.

5 But to continue to ascribe things difficult of comprehension to supernatural causes is nothing less than a

lazy and convenient way of avoiding all forms of intellectual hard work. Luck is merely a term coined to cover the inexplicable in any age of human existence; it designates those phenomena which men are unable or unwilling to penetrate. Chance is a word which signifies that man is too ignorant or too indolent to determine causes. Men regard a natural occurrence as an accident or as bad luck only when they are destitute of curiosity and imagination, when the races lack initiative and adventure. Exploration of the phenomena of life sooner or later destroys man's belief in chance, luck, and so-

called accidents, substituting therefor a universe of law and order wherein all effects are preceded by definite causes. Thus is the fear of existence replaced by the joy of living.

6 The savage looked upon all nature as alive, as possessed by something. Civilized man still kicks and curses those inanimate objects which get in his way and bump him. Primitive man never regarded anything as accidental; always was everything intentional. To primitive man the domain of fate, the function of luck, the spirit world, was just as unorganized and haphazard as was primitive society. Luck

was looked upon as the whimsical and temperamental reaction of the spirit world; later on, as the humour of the gods.

7 But all religions did not develop from animism. Other concepts of the supernatural were contemporaneous with animism, and these beliefs also led to worship. Naturalism is not a religion — it is the offspring of religion.

3. DEATH — THE INEXPLICABLE

1 Death was the supreme shock to evolving man, the most perplexing combination of chance and mystery. Not the sanctity of life but the shock

of death inspired fear and thus effectively fostered religion. Among savage peoples death was ordinarily due to violence, so that nonviolent death became increasingly mysterious. Death as a natural and expected end of life was not clear to the consciousness of primitive people, and it has required age upon age for man to realize its inevitability.

2 §§ Early man accepted life as a fact, while he regarded death as a visitation of some sort. All races have their legends of men who did not die, vestigial traditions of the early attitude toward death. Already in the human mind

there existed the nebulous concept of a hazy and unorganized spirit world, a domain whence came all that is inexplicable in human life, and death was added to this long list of unexplained phenomena.

3 All human disease and natural death was at first believed to be due to spirit influence. Even at the present time some civilized races regard disease as having been produced by "the enemy" and depend upon religious ceremonies to effect healing. Later and more complex systems of theology still ascribe death to the action of the spirit world, all of which has led to

such doctrines as original sin and the fall of man.

4 It was the realization of impotency before the mighty forces of nature, together with the recognition of human weakness before the visitations of sickness and death, that impelled the savage to seek for help from the supermaterial world, which he vaguely visualized as the source of these mysterious vicissitudes of life.

4. THE DEATH-SURVIVAL CONCEPT

1 The concept of a supermaterial phase of mortal personality was born of the unconscious and purely acci-

dental association of the occurrences of everyday life plus the ghost dream. The simultaneous dreaming about a departed chief by several members of his tribe seemed to constitute convincing evidence that the old chief had really returned in some form. It was all very real to the savage who would awaken from such dreams reeking with sweat, trembling, and screaming.

2 The dream origin of the belief in a future existence explains the tendency always to imagine unseen things in the terms of things seen. And presently this new dream-ghost-future-life con-

cept began effectively to antidote the death fear associated with the biologic instinct of self-preservation.

3 Early man was also much concerned about his breath, especially in cold climates, where it appeared as a cloud when exhaled. The *breath of life* was regarded as the one phenomenon which differentiated the living and the dead. He knew the breath could leave the body, and his dreams of doing all sorts of queer things while asleep convinced him that there was something immaterial about a human being. The most primitive idea of the human soul, the ghost, was derived from

the breath-dream idea-system.

4 Eventually the savage conceived of himself as a double — body and breath. The breath minus the body equalled a spirit, a ghost. While having a very definite human origin, ghosts, or spirits, were regarded as superhuman. And this belief in the existence of disembodied spirits seemed to explain the occurrence of the unusual, the extraordinary, the infrequent, and the inexplicable.

5 §§ The primitive doctrine of survival after death was not necessarily a belief in immortality. Beings who could not count over 20 could hardly

conceive of infinity and eternity; they rather thought of recurring incarnations.

6 The orange race was especially given to belief in transmigration and reincarnation. This idea of reincarnation originated in the observance of hereditary and trait resemblance of offspring to ancestors. The custom of naming children after grandparents and other ancestors was due to belief in reincarnation. Some later-day races believed that man died from three to seven times. This belief (residual from the teachings of Adam about the mansion worlds), and many other

remnants of revealed religion, can be found among the otherwise absurd doctrines of XX century barbarians.

7 §§ Early man entertained no ideas of hell or future punishment. The savage looked upon the future life as just like this one, minus all ill luck. Later on, a separate destiny for good ghosts and bad ghosts — heaven and hell — was conceived. But since many primitive races believed that man entered the next life just as he left this one, they did not relish the idea of becoming old and decrepit. The aged much preferred to be killed before becoming too infirm.

8 Almost every group had a different idea regarding the destiny of the ghost soul. The Greeks believed that weak men must have weak souls; so they invented Hades as a fit place for the reception of such anaemic souls; these unrobust specimens were also supposed to have shorter shadows. The early Andites thought their ghosts returned to the ancestral homelands. The Chinese and Egyptians once believed that soul and body remained together. Among the Egyptians this led to careful tomb construction and efforts at body preservation. Even modern peoples seek to arrest the decay of

the dead. The Hebrews conceived that a phantom replica of the individual went down to Sheol; it could not return to the land of the living. They did make that important advance in the doctrine of the evolution of the soul.

5. THE GHOST-SOUL CONCEPT

1 The nonmaterial part of man has been variously termed ghost, spirit, shade, phantom, spectre, and latterly *soul.* The soul was early man's dream double; it was in every way exactly like the mortal himself except that it was not responsive to touch. The belief in dream doubles led directly to the no-

tion that all things animate and inanimate had souls as well as men. This concept tended long to perpetuate the nature-spirit beliefs; the Eskimos still conceive that everything in nature has a spirit.

2 The ghost soul could be heard and seen, but not touched. Gradually the dream life of the race so developed and expanded the activities of this evolving spirit world that death was finally regarded as "giving up the ghost." All primitive tribes, except those little above animals, have developed some concept of the soul. As civilization advances, this superstitious

concept of the soul is destroyed, and man is wholly dependent on revelation and personal religious experience for his new idea of the soul as the joint creation of the God-knowing mortal mind and its indwelling divine spirit, the Thought Adjuster.

3 Early mortals usually failed to differentiate the concepts of an indwelling spirit and a soul of evolutionary nature. The savage was much confused as to whether the ghost soul was native to the body or was an external agency in possession of the body. The absence of reasoned thought in the presence of perplexity explains

the gross inconsistencies of the savage view of souls, ghosts, and spirits.

4 The soul was thought of as being related to the body as the perfume to the flower. The ancients believed that the soul could leave the body in various ways, as in:

5 1. Ordinary and transient fainting.

6 2. Sleeping, natural dreaming.

7 3. Coma and unconsciousness associated with disease and accidents.

8 4. Death, permanent departure.

9 §§ The savage looked upon sneezing as an abortive attempt of the soul

to escape from the body. Being awake and on guard, the body was able to thwart the soul's attempted escape. Later on, sneezing was always accompanied by some religious expression, such as "God bless you!"

10 §§ Early in evolution sleep was regarded as proving that the ghost soul could be absent from the body, and it was believed that it could be called back by speaking or shouting the sleeper's name. In other forms of unconsciousness the soul was thought to be farther away, perhaps trying to escape for good — impending death. Dreams were looked upon as the expe-

riences of the soul during sleep while temporarily absent from the body. The savage believes his dreams to be just as real as any part of his waking experience. The ancients made a practice of awaking sleepers gradually so that the soul might have time to get back into the body.

11 All down through the ages men have stood in awe of the apparitions of the night season, and the Hebrews were no exception. They truly believed that God spoke to them in dreams, despite the injunctions of Moses against this idea. And Moses was right, for ordinary dreams are not

the methods employed by the personalities of the spiritual world when they seek to communicate with material beings.

12 The ancients believed that souls could enter animals or even inanimate objects. This culminated in the werewolf ideas of animal identification. A person could be a law-abiding citizen by day, but when he fell asleep, his soul could enter a wolf or some other animal to prowl about on nocturnal depredations.

13 Primitive men thought that the soul was associated with the breath, and that its qualities could be im-

parted or transferred by the breath. The brave chief would breathe upon the newborn child, thereby imparting courage. Among early Christians the ceremony of bestowing the Holy Spirit was accompanied by breathing on the candidates. Said the Psalmist: "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." It was long the custom of the eldest son to try to catch the last breath of his dying father.

14 The shadow came, later on, to be feared and revered equally with the breath. The reflection of oneself in

the water was also sometimes looked upon as proof of the double self, and mirrors were regarded with superstitious awe. Even now many civilized persons turn the mirror to the wall in the event of death. Some backward tribes still believe that the making of pictures, drawings, models, or images removes all or a part of the soul from the body; hence such are forbidden.

15 The soul was generally thought of as being identified with the breath, but it was also located by various peoples in the head, hair, heart, liver, blood, and fat. The "crying out of Abel's blood from the ground" is expressive

of the onetime belief in the presence of the ghost in the blood. The Semites taught that the soul resided in the bodily fat, and among many the eating of animal fat was taboo. Head hunting was a method of capturing an enemy's soul, as was scalping. In recent times the eyes have been regarded as the windows of the soul[1].

16 Those who held the doctrine of three or four souls believed that the loss of one soul meant discomfort, two illness, three death. One soul lived in

[1] The Mighty Messenger at 42:12.12 says "the material eyes are truly the windows of the spirit-born soul".

the breath, one in the head, one in the hair, one in the heart. The sick were advised to stroll about in the open air with the hope of recapturing their strayed souls. The greatest of the medicine men were supposed to exchange the sick soul of a diseased person for a new one, the "new birth."

17 The children of Badonan[1] developed a belief in two souls, the breath and the shadow. The early Nodite races regarded man as consisting of two persons, soul and body. This philosophy of human existence was later

[1] In 1955 text "Badanon".

reflected in the Greek viewpoint. The Greeks themselves believed in three souls; the vegetative resided in the stomach, the animal in the heart, the intellectual in the head. The Eskimos believe that man has three parts: body, soul, and name.

6. THE GHOST-SPIRIT ENVIRONMENT

1 Man inherited a natural environment, acquired a social environment, and imagined a ghost environment. The state is man's reaction to his natural environment, the home to his social environment, the church to his illusory ghost environment.

2 Very early in the history of mankind the realities of the imaginary world of ghosts and spirits became universally believed, and this newly imagined spirit world became a power in primitive society. The mental and moral life of all mankind was modified for all time by the appearance of this new factor in human thinking and acting.

3 Into this major premise of illusion and ignorance, mortal fear has packed all of the subsequent superstition and religion of primitive peoples. This was man's only religion up to the times of revelation, and today many of the

world's races have only this crude religion of evolution.

4 As evolution progressed, good luck became associated with good spirits and bad luck with bad spirits. The discomfort of enforced adaptation to a changing environment was regarded as ill luck, the displeasure of the spirit ghosts. Primitive man slowly evolved religion out of his innate worship urge and his misconception of chance. Civilized man provides schemes of insurance to overcome these chance occurrences; modern science puts an actuary with mathematical reckoning in the place of fic-

titious spirits and whimsical gods.

5 Each passing generation smiles at the foolish superstitions of its ancestors while it goes on entertaining those fallacies of thought and worship which will give cause for further smiling on the part of enlightened posterity.

6 §§ But at last the mind of primitive man was occupied with thoughts which transcended all of his inherent biologic urges; at last man was about to evolve an art of living based on something more than response to material stimuli. The beginnings of a primitive philosophic life policy were

emerging. A supernatural standard of living was about to appear, for, if the spirit ghost in anger visits ill luck and in pleasure good fortune, then must human conduct be regulated accordingly. The concept of right and wrong had at last evolved; and all of this long before the times of any revelation on earth.

7 With the emergence of these concepts, there was initiated the long and wasteful struggle to appease the ever-displeased spirits, the slavish bondage to evolutionary religious fear, that long waste of human effort upon tombs, temples, sacrifices, and priest-

hoods. It was a terrible and frightful price to pay, but it was worth all it cost, for man therein achieved a natural consciousness of relative right and wrong; human ethics was born!

7. THE FUNCTION OF PRIMITIVE RELIGION

1 The savage felt the need of insurance, and he therefore willingly paid his burdensome premiums of fear, superstition, dread, and priest gifts toward his policy of magic insurance against ill luck. Primitive religion was simply the payment of premiums on insurance against the perils of the forests; civilized man pays material

premiums against the accidents of industry and the exigencies of modern modes of living.

2 Modern society is removing the business of insurance from the realm of priests and religion, placing it in the domain of economics. Religion is concerning itself increasingly with the insurance of life beyond the grave. Modern men, at least those who think, no longer pay wasteful premiums to control luck. Religion is slowly ascending to higher philosophic levels in contrast with its former function as a scheme of insurance against bad luck.

3 But these ancient ideas of religion

prevented men from becoming fatalistic and hopelessly pessimistic; they believed they could at least do something to influence fate. The religion of ghost fear impressed upon men that they must *regulate their conduct,* that there was a supermaterial world which was in control of human destiny.

4 Modern civilized races are just emerging from ghost fear as an explanation of luck and the commonplace inequalities of existence. Mankind is achieving emancipation from the bondage of the ghost-spirit explanation of ill luck. But while men are giving up the erroneous doctrine of a

spirit cause of the vicissitudes of life, they exhibit a surprising willingness to accept an almost equally fallacious teaching which bids them attribute all human inequalities to political misadaptation, social injustice, and industrial competition. But new legislation, increasing philanthropy, and more industrial reorganization, however good in and of themselves, will not remedy the facts of birth and the accidents of living. Only comprehension of facts and wise manipulation within the laws of nature will enable man to get what he wants and to avoid what he does not want. Scientific knowledge, lead-

ing to scientific action, is the only antidote for so-called accidental ills.

5 §§ Industry, war, slavery, and civil government arose in response to the social evolution of man in his natural environment; religion similarly arose as his response to the illusory environment of the imaginary ghost world. Religion was an evolutionary development of self-maintenance, and it has worked, notwithstanding that it was originally erroneous in concept and utterly illogical.

6 Primitive religion prepared the soil of the human mind, by the powerful and awesome force of false fear, for the

bestowal of a bona fide spiritual force of supernatural origin, the Thought Adjuster. And the divine Adjusters have ever since laboured to transmute God-fear into God-love. Evolution may be slow, but it is unerringly effective.

7 [Presented by an Evening Star of Nebadon.]

PAPER 87

THE GHOST CULTS

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The ghost cult evolved as an offset to the hazards of bad luck; its primitive religious observances were the outgrowth of anxiety about bad luck and of the inordinate fear of the dead. None of these early religions had much to do with the recognition of Deity or with reverence for the superhuman; their rites were mostly negative, designed to avoid, expel, or coerce ghosts. The ghost cult

was nothing more nor less than insurance against disaster; it had nothing to do with investment for higher and future returns.

2 Man has had a long and bitter struggle with the ghost cult. Nothing in human history is designed to excite more pity than this picture of man's abject slavery to ghost-spirit fear. With the birth of this very fear mankind started on the upgrade of religious evolution. Human imagination cast off from the shores of self and will not again find anchor until it arrives at the concept of a true Deity, a

real God.

1. GHOST FEAR

1 Death was feared because death meant the liberation of another ghost from its physical body. The ancients did their best to prevent death, to avoid the trouble of having to contend with a new ghost. They were always anxious to induce the ghost to leave the scene of death, to embark on the journey to deadland. The ghost was feared most of all during the supposed transition period between its emergence at the time of death and its later departure for the ghost home-

land, a vague and primitive concept of pseudo heaven.

2 Though the savage credited ghosts with supernatural powers, he hardly conceived of them as having supernatural intelligence. Many tricks and stratagems were practised in an effort to hoodwink and deceive the ghosts; civilized man still pins much faith on the hope that an outward manifestation of piety will in some manner deceive even an omniscient Deity.

3 The primitives feared sickness because they observed it was often a harbinger of death. If the tribal medicine man failed to cure an afflicted individ-

ual, the sick man was usually removed from the family hut, being taken to a smaller one or left in the open air to die alone. A house in which death had occurred was usually destroyed; if not, it was always avoided, and this fear prevented early man from building substantial dwellings. It also militated against the establishment of permanent villages and cities.

4 The savages sat up all night and talked when a member of the clan died; they feared they too would die if they fell asleep in the vicinity of a corpse. Contagion from the corpse substantiated the fear of the dead, and

all peoples, at one time or another, have employed elaborate purification ceremonies designed to cleanse an individual after contact with the dead. The ancients believed that light must be provided for a corpse; a dead body was never permitted to remain in the dark. In the XX century, candles are still burned in death chambers, and men still sit up with the dead. So-called civilized man has hardly yet completely eliminated the fear of dead bodies from his philosophy of life.

5 But despite all this fear, men still sought to trick the ghost. If the death hut was not destroyed, the corpse was

removed through a hole in the wall, never by way of the door. These measures were taken to confuse the ghost, to prevent its tarrying, and to insure against its return. Mourners also returned from a funeral by a different road, lest the ghost follow. Backtracking and scores of other tactics were practised to ensure that the ghost would not return from the grave. The sexes often exchanged clothes in order to deceive the ghost. Mourning costumes were designed to disguise survivors; later on, to show respect for the

dead and thus appease the ghosts.

2. GHOST PLACATION

1 In religion the negative program of ghost placation long preceded the positive program of spirit coercion and supplication. The first acts of human worship were phenomena of defence, not reverence. Modern man deems it wise to insure against fire; so the savage thought it the better part of wisdom to provide insurance against ghost bad luck. The effort to secure this protection constituted the techniques and rituals of the ghost cult.

2 §§ It was once thought that the

great desire of a ghost was to be quickly "laid" so that it might proceed undisturbed to deadland. Any error of commission or omission in the acts of the living in the ritual of laying the ghost was sure to delay its progress to ghostland. This was believed to be displeasing to the ghost, and an angered ghost was supposed to be a source of calamity, misfortune, and unhappiness.

3 The funeral service originated in man's effort to induce the ghost soul to depart for its future home, and the funeral sermon was originally designed to instruct the new ghost how to get

there. It was the custom to provide food and clothes for the ghost's journey, these articles being placed in or near the grave. The savage believed that it required from three days to a year to "lay the ghost" — to get it away from the vicinity of the grave. The Eskimos still believe that the soul stays with the body three days.

4 Silence or mourning was observed after a death so that the ghost would not be attracted back home. Self-torture — wounds — was a common form of mourning. Many advanced teachers tried to stop this, but they failed. Fasting and other forms of

self-denial were thought to be pleasing to the ghosts, who took pleasure in the discomfort of the living during the transition period of lurking about before their actual departure for deadland.

5 Long and frequent periods of mourning inactivity were one of the great obstacles to civilization's advancement. Weeks and even months of each year were literally wasted in this nonproductive and useless mourning. The fact that professional mourners were hired for funeral occasions indicates that mourning was a ritual, not an evidence of sorrow.

Moderns may mourn the dead out of respect and because of bereavement, but the ancients did this because of *fear*.

6 The names of the dead were never spoken. In fact, they were often banished from the language. These names became taboo, and in this way the languages were constantly impoverished. This eventually produced a multiplication of symbolic speech and figurative expression, such as "the name or day one never mentions."

7 §§ The ancients were so anxious to get rid of a ghost that they offered it everything which might have been

desired during life. Ghosts wanted wives and servants; a well-to-do savage expected that at least one slave wife would be buried alive at his death. It later became the custom for a widow to commit suicide on her husband's grave. When a child died, the mother, aunt, or grandmother was often strangled in order that an adult ghost might accompany and care for the child ghost. And those who thus gave up their lives usually did so willingly; indeed, had they lived in violation of custom, their fear of ghost wrath would have denuded life of such few pleasures as the primitives enjoyed.

8 It was customary to dispatch a large number of subjects to accompany a dead chief; slaves were killed when their master died that they might serve him in ghostland. The Borneans still provide a courier companion; a slave is speared to death to make the ghost journey with his deceased master. Ghosts of murdered persons were believed to be delighted to have the ghosts of their murderers as slaves; this notion motivated men to head hunting.

9 Ghosts supposedly enjoyed the smell of food; food offerings at funeral feasts were once universal. The primi-

tive method of saying grace was, before eating, to throw a bit of food into the fire for the purpose of appeasing the spirits, while mumbling a magic formula.

10 The dead were supposed to use the ghosts of the tools and weapons that were theirs in life. To break an article was to "kill it," thus releasing its ghost to pass on for service in ghostland. Property sacrifices were also made by burning or burying. Ancient funeral wastes were enormous. Later races made paper models and substituted drawings for real objects and persons in these death sacrifices. It was a great

advance in civilization when the inheritance of kin replaced the burning and burying of property. The Iroquois Indians made many reforms in funeral waste. And this conservation of property enabled them to become the most powerful of the northern red men. Modern man is not supposed to fear ghosts, but custom is strong, and much terrestrial wealth is still consumed on funeral rituals and death ceremonies.

3. ANCESTOR WORSHIP

1 The advancing ghost cult made ancestor worship inevitable since it

became the connecting link between common ghosts and the higher spirits, the evolving gods. The early gods were simply glorified departed humans.

2 Ancestor worship was originally more of a fear than a worship, but such beliefs did definitely contribute to the further spread of ghost fear and worship. Devotees of the early ancestor-ghost cults even feared to yawn lest a malignant ghost enter their bodies at such a time.

3 The custom of adopting children was to make sure that someone[1] would

[1] In 1955 text "some one" two words.

provide offerings after death for the peace and progress of the soul. The savage lived in fear of the ghosts of his fellows and spent his spare time planning for the safe conduct of his own ghost after death.

4 Most tribes instituted an all-souls' feast at least once a year. The Romans had twelve ghost feasts and accompanying ceremonies each year. Half the days of the year were dedicated to some sort of ceremony associated with these ancient cults. One Roman emperor tried to reform these practices by reducing the number of feast days to 135 a year.

5 §§ The ghost cult was in continuous evolution. As ghosts were envisioned as passing from the incomplete to the higher phase of existence, so did the cult eventually progress to the worship of spirits, and even gods. But regardless of varying beliefs in more advanced spirits, all tribes and races once believed in ghosts.

4. GOOD AND BAD SPIRIT GHOSTS

1 Ghost fear was the fountainhead of all world religion; and for ages many tribes clung to the old belief in one class of ghosts. They taught that man had good luck when the ghost was

pleased, bad luck when he was angered.

2 As the cult of ghost fear expanded, there came about the recognition of higher types of spirits, spirits not definitely identifiable with any individual human. They were graduate or glorified ghosts who had progressed beyond the domain of ghostland to the higher realms of spiritland.

3 The notion of two kinds of spirit ghosts made slow but sure progress throughout the world. This new dual spiritism did not have to spread from tribe to tribe; it sprang up independently all over the world. In influenc-

ing the expanding evolutionary mind, the power of an idea lies not in its reality or reasonableness but rather in its *vividness* and the universality of its ready and simple application.

4 Still later the imagination of man envisioned the concept of both good and bad supernatural agencies; some ghosts never evolved to the level of good spirits. The early monospiritism of ghost fear was gradually evolving into a dual spiritism, a new concept of the invisible control of earthly affairs. At last good luck and bad luck were pictured as having their respective controllers. And of the two

classes, the group that brought bad luck were believed to be the more active and numerous.

5 §§ When the doctrine of good and bad spirits finally matured, it became the most widespread and persistent of all religious beliefs. This dualism represented a great religio-philosophic advance because it enabled man to account for both good luck and bad luck while at the same time believing in supermortal beings who were to some extent consistent in their behaviour. The spirits could be counted on to be either good or bad; they were not thought of as being completely tem-

peramental as the early ghosts of the monospiritism of most primitive religions had been conceived to be. Man was at last able to conceive of supermortal forces that were consistent in behaviour, and this was one of the most momentous discoveries of truth in the entire history of the evolution of religion and in the expansion of human philosophy.

6 Evolutionary religion has, however, paid a terrible price for the concept of dual spiritism. Man's early philosophy was able to reconcile spirit constancy with the vicissitudes of temporal fortune only by postulating

two kinds of spirits, one good and the other bad. And while this belief did enable man to reconcile the variables of chance with a concept of unchanging supermortal forces, this doctrine has ever since made it difficult for religionists to conceive of cosmic unity. The gods of evolutionary religion have generally been opposed by the forces of darkness.

7 The tragedy of all this lies in the fact that, when these ideas were taking root in the primitive mind of man, there really were no bad or disharmonious spirits in all the world. Such an unfortunate situation did not develop

until after the Caligastic rebellion and only persisted until Pentecost. The concept of good and evil as cosmic coordinates is, even in the XX century, very much alive in human philosophy; most of the world's religions still carry this cultural birthmark of the long-gone days of the emerging ghost cults.

5. THE ADVANCING GHOST CULT

1 Primitive man viewed the spirits and ghosts as having almost unlimited rights but no duties; the spirits were thought to regard man as having manifold duties but no rights. The spirits were believed to look down upon man

as constantly failing in the discharge of his spiritual duties. It was the general belief of mankind that ghosts levied a continuous tribute of service as the price of noninterference in human affairs, and the least mischance was laid to ghost activities. Early humans were so afraid they might overlook some honour due the gods that, after they had sacrificed to all known spirits, they did another turn to the "unknown gods," just to be thoroughly safe.

2 And now the simple ghost cult is followed by the practices of the more advanced and relatively com-

plex spirit-ghost cult, the service and worship of the higher spirits as they evolved in man's primitive imagination. Religious ceremonial must keep pace with spirit evolution and progress. The expanded cult was but the art of self-maintenance practised in relation to belief in supernatural beings, self-adjustment to spirit environment. Industrial and military organizations were adjustments to natural and social environments. And as marriage arose to meet the demands of bisexuality, so did religious organization evolve in response to the belief in higher spirit forces and spiritual

beings. Religion represents man's adjustment to his illusions of the mystery of chance. Spirit fear and subsequent worship were adopted as insurance against misfortune, as prosperity policies.

3 The savage visualizes the good spirits as going about their business, requiring little from human beings. It is the bad ghosts and spirits who must be kept in good humour. Accordingly, primitive peoples paid more attention to their malevolent ghosts than to their benign spirits.

4 Human prosperity was supposed to be especially provocative of the

envy of evil spirits, and their method of retaliation was to strike back through a human agency and by the technique of the *evil eye.* That phase of the cult which had to do with spirit avoidance was much concerned with the machinations of the evil eye. The fear of it became almost world-wide. Pretty women were veiled to protect them from the evil eye; subsequently many women who desired to be considered beautiful adopted this practice. Because of this fear of bad spirits, children were seldom allowed out after dark, and the early prayers always included the petition, "deliver us from

the evil eye."

5 The Koran contains a whole chapter devoted to the evil eye and magic spells, and the Jews fully believed in them. The whole phallic cult grew up as a defence against evil eye. The organs of reproduction were thought to be the only fetish which could render it powerless. The evil eye gave origin to the first superstitions respecting prenatal marking of children, maternal impressions, and the cult was at one time well-nigh universal.

6 Envy is a deep-seated human trait; therefore did primitive man ascribe it to his early gods. And since man

had once practised deception upon the ghosts, he soon began to deceive the spirits. Said he, "If the spirits are jealous of our beauty and prosperity, we will disfigure ourselves and speak lightly of our success." Early humility was not, therefore, debasement of ego but rather an attempt to foil and deceive the envious spirits.

7 The method adopted to prevent the spirits from becoming jealous of human prosperity was to heap vituperation upon some lucky or much loved thing or person. The custom of depreciating complimentary remarks regarding oneself or family had its origin

in this way, and it eventually evolved into civilized modesty, restraint, and courtesy. In keeping with the same motive, it became the fashion to look ugly. Beauty aroused the envy of spirits; it betokened sinful human pride. The savage sought for an ugly name. This feature of the cult was a great handicap to the advancement of art, and it long kept the world sombre and ugly.

8 §§ Under the spirit cult, life was at best a gamble, the result of spirit control. One's future was not the result of effort, industry, or talent except as they might be utilized to influence

the spirits. The ceremonies of spirit propitiation constituted a heavy burden, rendering life tedious and virtually unendurable. From age to age and from generation to generation, race after race has sought to improve this superghost doctrine, but no generation has ever yet dared to wholly reject it.

9 The intention and will of the spirits were studied by means of omens, oracles, and signs. And these spirit messages were interpreted by divination, soothsaying, magic, ordeals, and astrology. The whole cult was a scheme designed to placate, satisfy, and buy off the spirits through this dis-

guised bribery.

10 And thus there grew up a new and expanded world philosophy consisting in:

11 1. *Duty* — those things which must be done to keep the spirits favourably disposed, at least neutral.

12 2. *Right* — the correct conduct and ceremonies designed to win the spirits actively to one's interests.

13 3. *Truth* — the correct understanding of, and attitude toward, spirits, and hence toward life and death.

14 §§ It was not merely out of curiosity that the ancients sought to know

the future; they wanted to dodge ill luck. Divination was simply an attempt to avoid trouble. During these times, dreams were regarded as prophetic, while everything out of the ordinary was considered an omen. And even today the civilized races are cursed with the belief in signs, tokens, and other superstitious remnants of the advancing ghost cult of old. Slow, very slow, is man to abandon those methods whereby he so gradually and painfully ascended the evolutionary

scale of life.

6. COERCION AND EXORCISM

1 When men believed in ghosts only, religious ritual was more personal, less organized, but the recognition of higher spirits necessitated the employment of "higher spiritual methods" in dealing with them. This attempt to improve upon, and to elaborate, the technique of spirit propitiation led directly to the creation of defences against the spirits. Man felt helpless indeed before the uncontrollable forces operating in terrestrial life, and his feeling of inferiority drove him

to attempt to find some compensating adjustment, some technique for evening the odds in the one-sided struggle of man versus the cosmos.

2 In the early days of the cult, man's efforts to influence ghost action were confined to propitiation, attempts by bribery to buy off ill luck. As the evolution of the ghost cult progressed to the concept of good as well as bad spirits, these ceremonies turned toward attempts of a more positive nature, efforts to win good luck. Man's religion no longer was completely negativistic, nor did he stop with the effort to win good luck; he shortly began to devise

schemes whereby he could compel spirit co-operation. No longer does the religionist stand defenceless before the unceasing demands of the spirit phantasms of his own devising; the savage is beginning to invent weapons wherewith he may coerce spirit action and compel spirit assistance.

3 Man's first efforts at defence were directed against the ghosts. As the ages passed, the living began to devise methods of resisting the dead. Many techniques were developed for frightening ghosts and driving them away, among which may be cited the following:

4 1. Cutting off the head and tying up the body in the grave.

5 2. Stoning the death house.

6 3. Castration or breaking the legs of the corpse.

7 4. Burying under stones, one origin of the modern tombstone.

8 5. Cremation, a later-day invention to prevent ghost trouble.

9 6. Casting the body into the sea.

10 7. Exposure of the body to be eaten by wild animals.

11 §§ Ghosts were supposed to be disturbed and frightened by noise; shouting, bells, and drums drove them away

from the living; and these ancient methods are still in vogue at "wakes" for the dead. Foul-smelling concoctions were utilized to banish unwelcome spirits. Hideous images of the spirits were constructed so that they would flee in haste when they beheld themselves. It was believed that dogs could detect the approach of ghosts, and that they gave warning by howling; that cocks would crow when they were near. The use of a cock as a weather vane is in perpetuation of this superstition.

12 Water was regarded as the best protection against ghosts. Holy wa-

ter was superior to all other forms, water in which the priests had washed their feet. Both fire and water were believed to constitute impassable barriers to ghosts. The Romans carried water three times around the corpse; in the XX century the body is sprinkled with holy water, and hand washing at the cemetery is still a Jewish ritual. Baptism was a feature of the later water ritual; primitive bathing was a religious ceremony. Only in recent times has bathing become a sanitary practice.

13 But man did not stop with ghost coercion; through religious ritual and

other practices he was soon attempting to compel spirit action. Exorcism was the employment of one spirit to control or banish another, and these tactics were also utilized for frightening ghosts and spirits. The dual-spiritism concept of good and bad forces offered man ample opportunity to attempt to pit one agency against another, for, if a powerful man could vanquish a weaker one, then certainly a strong spirit could dominate an inferior ghost. Primitive cursing was a coercive practice designed to overawe minor spirits. Later this custom expanded into the pronouncing

of curses upon enemies.

14 It was long believed that by reverting to the usages of the more ancient mores the spirits and demigods could be forced into desirable action. Modern man is guilty of the same procedure. You address one another in common, everyday language, but when you engage in prayer, you resort to the older style of another generation, the so-called solemn style.

15 This doctrine also explains many religious-ritual reversions of a sex nature, such as temple prostitution. These reversions to primitive customs were considered sure guards against

many calamities. And with these simple-minded peoples all such performances were entirely free from what modern man would term promiscuity.

16 Next came the practice of ritual vows, soon to be followed by religious pledges and sacred oaths. Most of these oaths were accompanied by self-torture and self-mutilation; later on, by fasting and prayer. Self-denial was subsequently looked upon as being a sure coercive; this was especially true in the matter of sex suppression. And so primitive man early developed a decided austerity in his religious practices, a belief in the efficacy of self-tor-

ture and self-denial as rituals capable of coercing the unwilling spirits to react favourably toward all such suffering and deprivation.

17 §§ Modern man no longer attempts openly to coerce the spirits, though he still evinces a disposition to bargain with Deity. And he still swears, knocks on wood, crosses his fingers, and follows expectoration with some trite phrase; once it was a magical formula.

7. NATURE OF CULTISM

1 The cult type of social organization persisted because it provided a

symbolism for the preservation and stimulation of moral sentiments and religious loyalties. The cult grew out of the traditions of "old families" and was perpetuated as an established institution; all families have a cult of some sort. Every inspiring ideal grasps for some perpetuating symbolism — seeks some technique for cultural manifestation which will ensure survival and augment realization — and the cult achieves this end by fostering and gratifying emotion.

2 From the dawn of civilization every appealing movement in social culture or religious advancement has de-

veloped a ritual, a symbolic ceremonial. The more this ritual has been an unconscious growth, the stronger it has gripped its devotees. The cult preserved sentiment and satisfied emotion, but it has always been the greatest obstacle to social reconstruction and spiritual progress.

3 Notwithstanding that the cult has always retarded social progress, it is regrettable that so many modern believers in moral standards and spiritual ideals have no adequate symbolism — no cult of mutual support — nothing to *belong* to. But a religious cult cannot be manufactured; it must grow.

And those of no two groups will be identical unless their rituals are arbitrarily standardized by authority.

4 The early Christian cult was the most effective, appealing, and enduring of any ritual ever conceived or devised, but much of its value has been destroyed in a scientific age by the destruction of so many of its original underlying tenets. The Christian cult has been devitalized by the loss of many fundamental ideas.

5 §§ In the past, truth has grown rapidly and expanded freely when the cult has been elastic, the symbolism expansile. Abundant truth and an

adjustable cult have favoured rapidity of social progression. A meaningless cult vitiates religion when it attempts to supplant philosophy and to enslave reason; a genuine cult grows.

6 §§ Regardless of the drawbacks and handicaps, every new revelation of truth has given rise to a new cult, and even the restatement of the religion of Jesus must develop a new and appropriate symbolism. Modern man must find some adequate symbolism for his new and expanding ideas, ideals, and loyalties. This enhanced symbol must arise out of religious living, spiritual experience. And this higher symbol-

ism of a higher civilization must be predicated on the concept of the Fatherhood of God and be pregnant with the mighty ideal of the brotherhood of man.

7 The old cults were too egocentric; the new must be the outgrowth of applied love. The new cult must, like the old, foster sentiment, satisfy emotion, and promote loyalty; but it must do more: It must facilitate spiritual progress, enhance cosmic meanings, augment moral values, encourage social development, and stimulate a high type of personal religious living. The new cult must provide supreme goals

of living which are both temporal and eternal — social and spiritual.

8 No cult can endure and contribute to the progress of social civilization and individual spiritual attainment unless it is based on the biologic, sociologic, and religious significance of the *home.* A surviving cult must symbolize that which is permanent in the presence of unceasing change; it must glorify that which unifies the stream of ever-changing social metamorphosis. It must recognize true meanings, exalt beautiful relations, and glorify the good values of real nobility.

9 But the great difficulty of finding

a new and satisfying symbolism is because modern men, as a group, adhere to the scientific attitude, eschew superstition, and abhor ignorance, while as individuals they all crave mystery and venerate the unknown. No cult can survive unless it embodies some masterful mystery and conceals some worthful unattainable. Again, the new symbolism must not only be significant for the group but also meaningful to the individual. The forms of any serviceable symbolism must be those which the individual can carry out on his own initiative, and which he can also enjoy with his fellows. If the new

cult could only be dynamic instead of static, it might really contribute something worth while to the progress of mankind, both temporal and spiritual.

10 But a cult — a symbolism of rituals, slogans, or goals — will not function if it is too complex. And there must be the demand for devotion, the response of loyalty. Every effective religion unerringly develops a worthy symbolism, and its devotees would do well to prevent the crystallization of such a ritual into cramping, deforming, and stifling stereotyped ceremonials which can only handicap and retard all social, moral, and spiritual

progress. No cult can survive if it retards moral growth and fails to foster spiritual progress. The cult is the skeletal structure around which grows the living and dynamic body of personal spiritual experience — true religion.

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PAPER 88

FETISHES, CHARMS, AND MAGIC

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The concept of a spirit's entering into an inanimate object, an animal, or a human being, is a very ancient and honourable belief, having prevailed since the beginning of the evolution of religion. This doctrine of spirit possession is nothing more nor less than *fetishism.* The savage does not necessarily worship the

fetish; he very logically worships and reverences the spirit resident therein.

2 At first, the spirit of a fetish was believed to be the ghost of a dead man; later on, the higher spirits were supposed to reside in fetishes. And so the fetish cult eventually incorporated all of the primitive ideas of ghosts, souls, spirits, and demon possession.

1. BELIEF IN FETISHES

1 Primitive man always wanted to make anything extraordinary into a fetish; chance therefore gave origin to many. A man is sick, something happens, and he gets well. The same

thing is true of the reputation of many medicines and the chance methods of treating disease. Objects connected with dreams were likely to be converted into fetishes. Volcanoes, but not mountains, became fetishes; comets, but not stars. Early man regarded shooting stars and meteors as indicating the arrival on earth of special visiting spirits.

2 The first fetishes were peculiarly marked pebbles, and "sacred stones" have ever since been sought by man; a string of beads was once a collection of sacred stones, a battery of charms. Many tribes had fetish stones, but few

have survived as have the Kaaba and the Stone of Scone. Fire and water were also among the early fetishes, and fire worship, together with belief in holy water, still survives.

3 Tree fetishes were a later development, but among some tribes the persistence of nature worship led to belief in charms indwelt by some sort of nature spirit. When plants and fruits became fetishes, they were taboo as food. The apple was among the first to fall into this category; it was never eaten by the Levantine peoples.

4 If an animal ate human flesh, it became a fetish. In this way the dog came

to be the sacred animal of the Parsees. If the fetish is an animal and the ghost is permanently resident therein, then fetishism may impinge on reincarnation. In many ways the savages envied the animals; they did not feel superior to them and were often named after their favourite beasts.

5 When animals became fetishes, there ensued the taboos on eating the flesh of the fetish animal. Apes and monkeys, because of resemblance to man, early became fetish animals; later, snakes, birds, and swine were also similarly regarded. At one time the cow was a fetish, the milk being

taboo while the excreta were highly esteemed. The serpent was revered in Palestine, especially by the Phoenicians, who, along with the Jews, considered it to be the mouthpiece of evil spirits. Even many moderns believe in the charm powers of reptiles. From Arabia on through India to the snake dance of the Moqui tribe of red men the serpent has been revered.

6 Certain days of the week were fetishes. For ages Friday has been regarded as an unlucky day and the number 13 as an evil numeral. The lucky numbers 3 and 7 came from later revelations; 4 was the lucky number of

primitive man and was derived from the early recognition of the four points of the compass. It was held unlucky to count cattle or other possessions; the ancients always opposed the taking of a census, "numbering the people."

7 Primitive man did not make an undue fetish out of sex; the reproductive function received only a limited amount of attention. The savage was natural minded, not obscene or prurient.

8 Saliva was a potent fetish; devils could be driven out by spitting on a person. For an elder or superior to spit on one was the highest com-

pliment. Parts of the human body were looked upon as potential fetishes, particularly the hair and nails. The long-growing fingernails of the chiefs were highly prized, and the trimmings thereof were a powerful fetish. Belief in skull fetishes accounts for much of later-day head-hunting. The umbilical cord was a highly prized fetish; even today it is so regarded in Africa. Mankind's first toy was a preserved umbilical cord. Set with pearls, as was often done, it was man's first necklace.

9 Hunchbacked and crippled children were regarded as fetishes; lunatics were believed to be moon-

struck. Primitive man could not distinguish between genius and insanity; idiots were either beaten to death or revered as fetish personalities. Hysteria increasingly confirmed the popular belief in witchcraft; epileptics often were priests and medicine men. Drunkenness was looked upon as a form of spirit possession; when a savage went on a spree, he put a leaf in his hair for the purpose of disavowing responsibility for his acts. Poisons and intoxicants became fetishes; they were deemed to be possessed.

10 Many people looked upon geniuses as fetish personalities possessed

by a wise spirit. And these talented humans soon learned to resort to fraud and trickery for the advancement of their selfish interests. A fetish man was thought to be more than human; he was divine, even infallible. Thus did chiefs, kings, priests, prophets, and church rulers eventually wield great power and exercise unbounded authority.

2. EVOLUTION OF THE FETISH

1 It was a supposed preference of ghosts to indwell some object which had belonged to them when alive in the flesh. This belief explains the ef-

ficacy of many modern relics. The ancients always revered the bones of their leaders, and the skeletal remains of saints and heroes are still regarded with superstitious awe by many. Even today, pilgrimages are made to the tombs of great men.

2 Belief in relics is an outgrowth of the ancient fetish cult. The relics of modern religions represent an attempt to rationalize the fetish of the savage and thus elevate it to a place of dignity and respectability in the modern religious systems. It is heathenish to believe in fetishes and magic but supposedly all right to accept relics and

miracles.

3 The hearth — fireplace — became more or less of a fetish, a sacred spot. The shrines and temples were at first fetish places because the dead were buried there. The fetish hut of the Hebrews was elevated by Moses to that place where it harboured a superfetish, the then existent concept of the law of God. But the Israelites never gave up the peculiar Canaanite belief in the stone altar: "And this stone which I have set up as a pillar shall be God's house." They truly believed that the spirit of their God dwelt in such stone altars, which were in reality fetishes.

4 §§ The earliest images were made to preserve the appearance and memory of the illustrious dead; they were really monuments. Idols were a refinement of fetishism. The primitives believed that a ceremony of consecration caused the spirit to enter the image; likewise, when certain objects were blessed, they became charms.

5 Moses, in the addition of the second commandment to the ancient Dalamatian moral code, made an effort to control fetish worship among the Hebrews. He carefully directed that they should make no sort of image that might become consecrated

as a fetish. He made it plain, "You shall not make a graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the waters of the earth." While this commandment did much to retard art among the Jews, it did lessen fetish worship. But Moses was too wise to attempt suddenly to displace the olden fetishes, and he therefore consented to the putting of certain relics alongside the law in the combined war altar and religious shrine which was the ark.

6 §§ Words eventually became fetishes, more especially those which were regarded as God's words; in this

way the sacred books of many religions have become fetishistic prisons incarcerating the spiritual imagination of man. Moses' very effort against fetishes became a supreme fetish; his commandment was later used to stultify art and to retard the enjoyment and adoration of the beautiful.

7 In olden times the fetish word of authority was a fear-inspiring *doctrine,* the most terrible of all tyrants which enslave men. A doctrinal fetish will lead mortal man to betray himself into the clutches of bigotry, fanaticism, superstition, intolerance, and the most atrocious of barbarous

cruelties. Modern respect for wisdom and truth is but the recent escape from the fetish-making tendency up to the higher levels of thinking and reasoning. Concerning the accumulated fetish writings which various religionists hold as *sacred books,* it is not only believed that what is in the book is true, but also that every truth is contained in the book. If one of these sacred books happens to speak of the earth as being flat, then, for long generations, otherwise sane[1] men and women will

[1] The great popularity in our days of the "flat earth theories", accepted by the masses of uneducated and superficially educated people is both sad and omi-

refuse to accept positive evidence that the planet is round.

8 The practice of opening one of these sacred books to let the eye chance upon a passage, the following of which may determine important life decisions or projects, is nothing more nor less than arrant fetishism. To take an oath on a "holy book" or to swear by some object of supreme veneration is a form of refined fetishism.

9 But it does represent real evolutionary progress to advance from the fetish fear of a savage chief's fingernail trimmings to the adoration of a

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superb collection of letters, laws, legends, allegories, myths, poems, and chronicles which, after all, reflect the winnowed moral wisdom of many centuries, at least up to the time and event of their being assembled as a "sacred book."

10 To become fetishes, words had to be considered inspired, and the invocation of supposed divinely inspired writings led directly to the establishment of the *authority* of the church, while the evolution of civil forms led to the fruition of the *authority* of the

state.

3. TOTEMISM

1 Fetishism ran through all the primitive cults from the earliest belief in sacred stones, through idolatry, cannibalism, and nature worship, to totemism.

2 Totemism is a combination of social and religious observances. Originally it was thought that respect for the totem animal of supposed biologic origin ensured the food supply. Totems were at one and the same time symbols of the group and their god. Such a god was the clan person-

ified. Totemism was one phase of the attempted socialization of otherwise personal religion. The totem eventually evolved into the flag, or national symbol, of the various modern peoples.

3 A fetish bag, a medicine bag, was a pouch containing a reputable assortment of ghost-impregnated articles, and the medicine man of old never allowed his bag, the symbol of his power, to touch the ground. Civilized peoples in the XX century see to it that their flags, emblems of national consciousness, likewise never touch the ground.

4 The insignia of priestly and kingly office were eventually regarded as fetishes, and the fetish of the state supreme has passed through many stages of development, from clans to tribes, from suzerainty to sovereignty, from totems to flags. Fetish kings have ruled by "divine right," and many other forms of government have obtained. Men have also made a fetish of democracy, the exaltation and adoration of the common man's ideas when collectively called "public opinion." One man's opinion, when taken by itself, is not regarded as worth much, but when many men are collectively func-

tioning as a democracy, this same mediocre judgment is held to be the arbiter of justice and the standard of righteousness.

4. MAGIC

1 Civilized man attacks the problems of a real environment through his science; savage man attempted to solve the real problems of an illusory ghost environment by magic. Magic was the technique of manipulating the conjectured spirit environment whose machinations endlessly explained the inexplicable; it was the art of obtaining voluntary spirit co-operation

and of coercing involuntary spirit aid through the use of fetishes or other and more powerful spirits.

2 The object of magic, sorcery, and necromancy was twofold:

3 1. To secure insight into the future.

4 2. Favourably to influence environment.

5 §§ The objects of science are identical with those of magic. Mankind is progressing from magic to science, not by meditation and reason, but rather through long experience, gradually and painfully. Man is gradually backing into the truth, beginning

in error, progressing in error, and finally attaining the threshold of truth. Only with the arrival of the scientific method has he faced forward. But primitive man had to experiment or perish.

6 The fascination of early superstition was the mother of the later scientific curiosity. There was progressive dynamic emotion — fear plus curiosity — in these primitive superstitions; there was progressive driving power in the olden magic. These superstitions represented the emergence of the human desire to know and to control planetary environment.

7 Magic gained such a strong hold upon the savage because he could not grasp the concept of natural death. The later idea of original sin helped much to weaken the grip of magic on the race in that it accounted for natural death. It was at one time not at all uncommon for ten innocent persons to be put to death because of supposed responsibility for one natural death. This is one reason why ancient peoples did not increase faster, and it is still true of some African tribes. The accused individual usually confessed guilt, even when facing death.

8 Magic is natural to a savage. He

believes that an enemy can actually be killed by practising sorcery on his shingled hair or fingernail trimmings. The fatality of snake bites was attributed to the magic of the sorcerer. The difficulty in combating magic arises from the fact that fear can kill. Primitive peoples so feared magic that it did actually kill, and such results were sufficient to substantiate this erroneous belief. In case of failure there was always some plausible explanation; the cure for defective magic

was more magic.

5. MAGICAL CHARMS

1 Since anything connected with the body could become a fetish, the earliest magic had to do with hair and nails. Secrecy attendant upon body elimination grew up out of fear that an enemy might get possession of something derived from the body and employ it in detrimental magic; all excreta of the body were therefore carefully buried. Public spitting was refrained from because of the fear that saliva would be used in deleterious magic; spittle was always covered. Even food rem-

nants, clothing, and ornaments could become instruments of magic. The savage never left any remnants of his meal on the table. And all this was done through fear that one's enemies might use these things in magical rites, not from any appreciation of the hygienic value of such practices.

2 Magical charms were concocted from a great variety of things: human flesh, tiger claws, crocodile teeth, poison plant seeds, snake venom, and human hair. The bones of the dead were very magical. Even the dust from footprints could be used in magic. The ancients were great believers in love

charms. Blood and other forms of bodily secretions were able to ensure the magic influence of love.

3 Images were supposed to be effective in magic. Effigies were made, and when treated ill or well, the same effects were believed to rest upon the real person. When making purchases, superstitious persons would chew a bit of hard wood in order to soften the heart of the seller.

4 The milk of a black cow was highly magical; so also were black cats. The staff or wand was magical, along with drums, bells, and knots. All ancient objects were magical charms. The

practices of a new or higher civilization were looked upon with disfavour because of their supposedly evil magical nature. Writing, printing, and pictures were long so regarded.

5 Primitive man believed that names must be treated with respect, especially names of the gods. The name was regarded as an entity, an influence distinct from the physical personality; it was esteemed equally with the soul and the shadow. Names were pawned for loans; a man could not use his name until it had been redeemed by payment of the loan. Nowadays one signs his name to a note. An indi-

vidual's name soon became important in magic. The savage had two names; the important one was regarded as too sacred to use on ordinary occasions, hence the second or everyday name — a nickname. He never told his real name to strangers. Any experience of an unusual nature caused him to change his name; sometimes it was in an effort to cure disease or to stop bad luck. The savage could get a new name by buying it from the tribal chief; men still invest in titles and degrees. But among the most primitive tribes, such as the African Bushmen, individual

names do not exist.

6. THE PRACTICE OF MAGIC

1 Magic was practised through the use of wands, "medicine" ritual, and incantations, and it was customary for the practitioner to work unclothed. Women outnumbered the men among primitive magicians. In magic, "medicine" means mystery, not treatment. The savage never doctored himself; he never used medicines except on the advice of the specialists in magic. And the voodoo doctors of the XX century are typical of the magicians of old.

2 There was both a public and a private phase to magic. That performed by the medicine man, shaman, or priest was supposed to be for the good of the whole tribe. Witches, sorcerers, and wizards dispensed private magic, personal and selfish magic which was employed as a coercive method of bringing evil on one's enemies. The concept of dual spiritism, good and bad spirits, gave rise to the later beliefs in white and black magic. And as religion evolved, magic was the term applied to spirit operations outside one's own cult, and it also referred to older ghost beliefs.

3 Word combinations, the ritual of chants and incantations, were highly magical. Some early incantations finally evolved into prayers. Presently, imitative magic was practised; prayers were acted out; magical dances were nothing but dramatic prayers. Prayer gradually displaced magic as the associate of sacrifice.

4 Gesture, being older than speech, was the more holy and magical, and mimicry was believed to have strong magical power. The red men often staged a buffalo dance in which one of their number would play the part of a buffalo and, in being caught, would

ensure the success of the impending hunt. The sex festivities of May Day were simply imitative magic, a suggestive appeal to the sex passions of the plant world. The doll was first employed as a magic talisman by the barren wife.

5 §§ Magic was the branch off the evolutionary religious tree which eventually bore the fruit of a scientific age. Belief in astrology led to the development of astronomy; belief in a philosopher's stone led to the mastery of metals, while belief in magic numbers founded the science of mathematics.

6 §§ But a world so filled with charms did much to destroy all personal ambition and initiative. The fruits of extra labour or of diligence were looked upon as magical. If a man had more grain in his field than his neighbour, he might be haled before the chief and charged with enticing this extra grain from the indolent neighbour's field. Indeed, in the days of barbarism it was dangerous to know very much; there was always the chance of being executed as a black artist.

7 Gradually science is removing the gambling element from life. But if

modern methods of education should fail, there would be an almost immediate reversion to the primitive beliefs in magic. These superstitions still linger in the minds of many so-called civilized people. Language contains many fossils which testify that the race has long been steeped in magical superstition, such words as spellbound, ill-starred, possessions, inspiration, spirit away, ingenuity, entrancing, thunderstruck, and astonished. And intelligent human beings still believe in good luck, evil eye, and astrology.

8 Ancient magic was the cocoon of modern science, indispensable in its

time but now no longer useful. And so the phantasms of ignorant superstition agitated the primitive minds of men until the concepts of science could be born. Today, Urantia is in the twilight zone of this intellectual evolution. One half the world is grasping eagerly for the light of truth and the facts of scientific discovery, while the other half languishes in the arms of ancient superstition and but thinly disguised magic.

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SIN, SACRIFICE, AND ATONEMENT

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Primitive man regarded himself as being in debt to the spirits, as standing in need of redemption. As the savages looked at it, in justice the spirits might have visited much more bad luck upon them. As time passed, this concept developed into the doctrine of sin and salvation. The soul was looked upon as coming

into the world under forfeit — original sin. The soul must be ransomed; a scapegoat must be provided. The head-hunter, in addition to practising the cult of skull worship, was able to provide a substitute for his own life, a scapeman.

2 The savage was early possessed with the notion that spirits derive supreme satisfaction from the sight of human misery, suffering, and humiliation. At first, man was only concerned with sins of commission, but later he became exercised over sins of omission. And the whole subsequent sacrificial system grew up around these

two ideas. This new ritual had to do with the observance of the propitiation ceremonies of sacrifice. Primitive man believed that something special must be done to win the favour of the gods; only advanced civilization recognizes a consistently even-tempered and benevolent God. Propitiation was insurance against immediate ill luck rather than investment in future bliss. And the rituals of avoidance, exorcism, coercion, and propitiation all merge into one another.

1. THE TABOO

1 Observance of a taboo was man's

effort to dodge ill luck, to keep from offending the spirit ghosts by the avoidance of something. The taboos were at first nonreligious, but they early acquired ghost or spirit sanction, and when thus reinforced, they became lawmakers and institution builders. The taboo is the source of ceremonial standards and the ancestor of primitive self-control. It was the earliest form of societal regulation and for a long time the only one; it is still a basic unit of the social regulative structure.

2 The respect which these prohibitions commanded in the mind of

the savage exactly equalled his fear of the powers who were supposed to enforce them. Taboos first arose because of chance experience with ill luck; later they were proposed by chiefs and shamans — fetish men who were thought to be directed by a spirit ghost, even by a god. The fear of spirit retribution is so great in the mind of a primitive that he sometimes dies of fright when he has violated a taboo, and this dramatic episode enormously strengthens the hold of the taboo on the minds of the survivors.

3 Among the earliest prohibitions were restrictions on the appropriation

of women and other property. As religion began to play a larger part in the evolution of the taboo, the article resting under ban was regarded as unclean, subsequently as unholy. The records of the Hebrews are full of the mention of things clean and unclean, holy and unholy, but their beliefs along these lines were far less cumbersome and extensive than were those of many other peoples.

4 The seven commandments of Dalamatia and Eden, as well as the ten injunctions of the Hebrews, were definite taboos, all expressed in the same negative form as were the most ancient

prohibitions. But these newer codes were truly emancipating in that they took the place of thousands of pre-existent taboos. And more than this, these later commandments definitely promised something in return for obedience.

5 The early food taboos originated in fetishism and totemism. The swine was sacred to the Phoenicians, the cow to the Hindus. The Egyptian taboo on pork has been perpetuated by the Hebraic and Islamic faiths. A variant of the food taboo was the belief that a pregnant woman could think so much about a certain food that the child,

when born, would be the echo of that food. Such viands would be taboo to the child.

6 Methods of eating soon became taboo, and so originated ancient and modern table etiquette. Caste systems and social levels are vestigial remnants of olden prohibitions. The taboos were highly effective in organizing society, but they were terribly burdensome; the negative-ban system not only maintained useful and constructive regulations but also obsolete, outworn, and useless taboos.

7 There would, however, be no civilized society to sit in criticism upon

primitive man except for these far-flung and multifarious taboos, and the taboo would never have endured but for the upholding sanctions of primitive religion. Many of the essential factors in man's evolution have been highly expensive, have cost vast treasure in effort, sacrifice, and self-denial, but these achievements of self-control were the real rungs on which man climbed civilization's ascending ladder.

2. THE CONCEPT OF SIN

1 The fear of chance and the dread of bad luck literally drove man into the

invention of primitive religion as supposed insurance against these calamities. From magic and ghosts, religion evolved through spirits and fetishes to taboos. Every primitive tribe had its tree of forbidden fruit, literally the apple but figuratively consisting of a thousand branches hanging heavy with all sorts of taboos. And the forbidden tree always said, "Thou shalt not."

2 As the savage mind evolved to that point where it envisaged both good and bad spirits, and when the taboo received the solemn sanction of evolving religion, the stage was all set for the

appearance of the new conception of *sin.* The idea of sin was universally established in the world before revealed religion ever made its entry. It was only by the concept of sin that natural death became logical to the primitive mind. Sin was the transgression of taboo, and death was the penalty of sin.

3 Sin was ritual, not rational; an act, not a thought. And this entire concept of sin was fostered by the lingering traditions of Dilmun and the days of a little paradise on earth. The tradition of Adam and the Garden of Eden also lent substance to the dream of a

onetime "golden age" of the dawn of the races. And all this confirmed the ideas later expressed in the belief that man had his origin in a special creation, that he started his career in perfection, and that transgression of the taboos — sin — brought him down to his later sorry plight.

4 The habitual violation of a taboo became a vice; primitive law made vice a crime; religion made it a sin. Among the early tribes the violation of a taboo was a combined crime and sin. Community calamity was always regarded as punishment for tribal sin. To those who believed that prosperity and righ-

teousness went together, the apparent prosperity of the wicked occasioned so much worry that it was necessary to invent hells for the punishment of taboo violators; the numbers of these places of future punishment have varied from one to five.

5 The idea of confession and forgiveness early appeared in primitive religion. Men would ask forgiveness at a public meeting for sins they intended to commit the following week. Confession was merely a rite of remission, also a public notification of defilement, a ritual of crying "unclean, unclean!" Then followed all the ritu-

alistic schemes of purification. All ancient peoples practised these meaningless ceremonies. Many apparently hygienic customs of the early tribes were largely ceremonial.

3. RENUNCIATION AND HUMILIATION

1 Renunciation came as the next step in religious evolution; fasting was a common practice. Soon it became the custom to forgo many forms of physical pleasure, especially of a sexual nature. The ritual of the fast was deeply rooted in many ancient religions and has been handed down to practically all modern theologic sys-

tems of thought.

2 Just about the time barbarian man was recovering from the wasteful practice of burning and burying property with the dead, just as the economic structure of the races was beginning to take shape, this new religious doctrine of renunciation appeared, and tens of thousands of earnest souls began to court poverty. Property was regarded as a spiritual handicap. These notions of the spiritual dangers of material possession were widespreadly entertained in the times of Philo and Paul, and they have markedly influenced European philosophy ever since.

3 Poverty was just a part of the ritual of the mortification of the flesh which, unfortunately, became incorporated into the writings and teachings of many religions, notably Christianity. Penance is the negative form of this ofttimes foolish ritual of renunciation. But all this taught the savage *self-control,* and that was a worth-while advancement in social evolution. Self-denial and self-control were two of the greatest social gains from early evolutionary religion. Self-control gave man a new philosophy of life; it taught him the art of augmenting life's fraction by lowering the denominator of

personal demands instead of always attempting to increase the numerator of selfish gratification.

4 These olden ideas of self-discipline embraced flogging and all sorts of physical torture. The priests of the mother cult were especially active in teaching the virtue of physical suffering, setting the example by submitting themselves to castration. The Hebrews, Hindus, and Buddhists were earnest devotees of this doctrine of physical humiliation.

5 All through the olden times men sought in these ways for extra credits on the self-denial ledgers of their

gods. It was once customary, when under some emotional stress, to make vows of self-denial and self-torture. In time these vows assumed the form of contracts with the gods and, in that sense, represented true evolutionary progress in that the gods were supposed to do something definite in return for this self-torture and mortification of the flesh. Vows were both negative and positive. Pledges of this harmful and extreme nature are best observed today among certain groups in India.

6 §§ It was only natural that the cult of renunciation and humiliation

should have paid attention to sexual gratification. The continence cult originated as a ritual among soldiers prior to engaging in battle; in later days it became the practice of "saints." This cult tolerated marriage only as an evil lesser than fornication. Many of the world's great religions have been adversely influenced by this ancient cult, but none more markedly than Christianity. The Apostle Paul was a devotee of this cult, and his personal views are reflected in the teachings which he fastened onto Christian theology: "It is good for a man not to touch a woman." "I would that all men

were even as I myself." "I say, therefore, to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them to abide even as I." Paul well knew that such teachings were not a part of Jesus' gospel, and his acknowledgement of this is illustrated by his statement, "I speak this by permission and not by commandment." But this cult led Paul to look down upon women. And the pity of it all is that his personal opinions have long influenced the teachings of a great world religion. If the advice of the tentmaker-teacher were to be literally and universally obeyed, then would the human race come to a sudden and inglorious

end. Furthermore, the involvement of a religion with the ancient continence cult leads directly to a war against marriage and the home, society's veritable foundation and the basic institution of human progress. And it is not to be wondered at that all such beliefs fostered the formation of celibate priesthoods in the many religions of various peoples.

7 §§ Someday man should learn how to enjoy liberty without license, nourishment without gluttony, and pleasure without debauchery. Self-control is a better human policy of behaviour regulation than is extreme self-denial.

Nor did Jesus ever teach these unreasonable views to his followers.

4. ORIGINS OF SACRIFICE

1 Sacrifice as a part of religious devotions, like many other worshipful rituals, did not have a simple and single origin. The tendency to bow down before power and to prostrate oneself in worshipful adoration in the presence of mystery is foreshadowed in the fawning of the dog before its master. It is but one step from the impulse of worship to the act of sacrifice. Primitive man gauged the value of his sacrifice by the pain which he

suffered. When the idea of sacrifice first attached itself to religious ceremonial, no offering was contemplated which was not productive of pain. The first sacrifices were such acts as plucking hair, cutting the flesh, mutilations, knocking out teeth, and cutting off fingers. As civilization advanced, these crude concepts of sacrifice were elevated to the level of the rituals of self-abnegation, asceticism, fasting, deprivation, and the later Christian doctrine of sanctification through sorrow, suffering, and the mortification of the flesh.

2 Early in the evolution of religion

there existed two conceptions of the sacrifice: the idea of the gift sacrifice, which connoted the attitude of thanksgiving, and the debt sacrifice, which embraced the idea of redemption. Later there developed the notion of substitution.

3 Man still later conceived that his sacrifice of whatever nature might function as a message bearer to the gods; it might be as a sweet savour in the nostrils of deity. This brought incense and other aesthetic features of sacrificial rituals which developed into sacrificial feasting, in time becoming increasingly elaborate and ornate.

4 §§ As religion evolved, the sacrificial rites of conciliation and propitiation replaced the older methods of avoidance, placation, and exorcism.

5 The earliest idea of the sacrifice was that of a neutrality assessment levied by ancestral spirits; only later did the idea of atonement develop. As man got away from the notion of the evolutionary origin of the race, as the traditions of the days of the Planetary Prince and the sojourn of Adam filtered down through time, the concept of sin and of original sin became widespread, so that sacrifice for accidental and personal sin evolved into

the doctrine of sacrifice for the atonement of racial sin. The atonement of the sacrifice was a blanket insurance device which covered even the resentment and jealousy of an unknown god.

6 Surrounded by so many sensitive spirits and grasping gods, primitive man was face to face with such a host of creditor deities that it required all the priests, ritual, and sacrifices throughout an entire lifetime to get him out of spiritual debt. The doctrine of original sin, or racial guilt, started every person out in serious debt to the spirit powers.

7 §§ Gifts and bribes are given to

men; but when tendered to the gods, they are described as being dedicated, made sacred, or are called sacrifices. Renunciation was the negative form of propitiation; sacrifice became the positive form. The act of propitiation included praise, glorification, flattery, and even entertainment. And it is the remnants of these positive practices of the olden propitiation cult that constitute the modern forms of divine worship. Present-day forms of worship are simply the ritualization of these ancient sacrificial techniques of positive propitiation.

8 §§ Animal sacrifice meant much

more to primitive man than it could ever mean to modern races. These barbarians regarded the animals as their actual and near kin. As time passed, man became shrewd in his sacrificing, ceasing to offer up his work animals. At first he sacrificed the *best* of everything, including his domesticated animals.

9 It was no empty boast that a certain Egyptian ruler made when he stated that he had sacrificed: 113,433 slaves, 493,386 head of cattle, 88 boats, 2,756 golden images, 331,702 jars of honey and oil, 228,380 jars of wine, 680,714 geese, 6,744,428 loaves of

bread, 5,740,352 sacks of corn[1]. And

[1] In 1955 text "coin". Early Egyptians developed a system of exchange of gold and silver rings, but true coinage was not introduced until the period of Persian domination (525–415 BCE), during which the gold daric and silver siglos of Darius I (reigned from 521–485 BCE) would have been used for some transactions. Coins were not actually minted in Egypt until 404–343 BCE during the brief period of independence between the 1st Persian period and the reconquest by Artaxerxes III (342–336 BCE), when silver imitation Athenian Owls were minted. Coins were regularly minted in Egypt during the Ptolemaic (283–30 BCE) and subsequent Roman periods. The Harris Papyrus I commemorates the reign of Rameses III, and was commissioned by his son Rameses IV at the former's death in 1172 BCE. This list of gifts to the Gods is excerpted from this papyrus, thus predates the earliest significant presence of coins in Egypt by

in order to do this he must needs have sorely taxed his toiling subjects.

10 Sheer necessity eventually drove these semisavages to eat the material part of their sacrifices, the gods having enjoyed the soul thereof. And this custom found justification under the pretence of the ancient sacred meal, a communion service according

650–750 years. This is the key difference between this item and the Greek/Creek item in 85:4.1. This precise list, including the "coin" typo, is found in William Graham Sumner/Albert G. Keller, "The Science of Society," Yale, 1927.

to modern usage.

5. SACRIFICES AND CANNIBALISM

1 Modern ideas of early cannibalism are entirely wrong; it was a part of the mores of early society. While cannibalism is traditionally horrible to modern civilization, it was a part of the social and religious structure of primitive society. Group interests dictated the practice of cannibalism. It grew up through the urge of necessity and persisted because of the slavery of superstition and ignorance. It was a social, economic, religious, and military custom.

2 Early man was a cannibal; he enjoyed human flesh, and therefore he offered it as a food gift to the spirits and his primitive gods. Since ghost spirits were merely modified men, and since food was man's greatest need, then food must likewise be a spirit's greatest need.

3 Cannibalism was once well-nigh universal among the evolving races. The Sangiks were all cannibalistic, but originally the Andonites were not, nor were the Nodites and Adamites; neither were the Andites until after they had become grossly admixed with the evolutionary races.

4 The taste for human flesh grows. Having been started through hunger, friendship, revenge, or religious ritual, the eating of human flesh goes on to habitual cannibalism. Man-eating has arisen through food scarcity, though this has seldom been the underlying reason. The Eskimos and early Andonites, however, seldom were cannibalistic except in times of famine. The red men, especially in Central America, were cannibals. It was once a general practice for primitive mothers to kill and eat their own children in order to renew the strength lost in childbearing, and in Queensland the first

child is still frequently thus killed and devoured. In recent times cannibalism has been deliberately resorted to by many African tribes as a war measure, a sort of frightfulness with which to terrorize their neighbours.

5 Some cannibalism resulted from the degeneration of once superior stocks, but it was mostly prevalent among the evolutionary races. Man-eating came on at a time when men experienced intense and bitter emotions regarding their enemies. Eating human flesh became part of a solemn ceremony of revenge; it was believed that an enemy's ghost could, in this

way, be destroyed or fused with that of the eater. It was once a widespread belief that wizards attained their powers by eating human flesh.

6 Certain groups of man-eaters would consume only members of their own tribes, a pseudospiritual inbreeding which was supposed to accentuate tribal solidarity. But they also ate enemies for revenge with the idea of appropriating their strength. It was considered an honour to the soul of a friend or fellow tribesman if his body were eaten, while it was no more than just punishment to an enemy thus to devour him. The savage mind made

no pretensions to being consistent.

7 Among some tribes aged parents would seek to be eaten by their children; among others it was customary to refrain from eating near relations; their bodies were sold or exchanged for those of strangers. There was considerable commerce in women and children who had been fattened for slaughter. When disease or war failed to control population, the surplus was unceremoniously eaten.

8 §§ Cannibalism has been gradually disappearing because of the following influences:

9 1. It sometimes became a com-

munal ceremony, the assumption of collective responsibility for inflicting the death penalty upon a fellow tribesman. The blood guilt ceases to be a crime when participated in by all, by society. The last of cannibalism in Asia was this eating of executed criminals.

10 2. It very early became a religious ritual, but the growth of ghost fear did not always operate to reduce man-eating.

11 3. Eventually it progressed to the point where only certain parts or organs of the body were eaten, those parts supposed to contain the soul or

portions of the spirit. Blood drinking became common, and it was customary to mix the "edible" parts of the body with medicines.

12 4. It became limited to men; women were forbidden to eat human flesh.

13 5. It was next limited to the chiefs, priests, and shamans.

14 6. Then it became taboo among the higher tribes. The taboo on man-eating originated in Dalamatia and slowly spread over the world. The Nodites encouraged cremation as a means of combating cannibalism

since it was once a common practice to dig up buried bodies and eat them.

15 7. Human sacrifice sounded the death knell of cannibalism. Human flesh having become the food of superior men, the chiefs, it was eventually reserved for the still more superior spirits; and thus the offering of human sacrifices effectively put a stop to cannibalism, except among the lowest tribes. When human sacrifice was fully established, man-eating became taboo; human flesh was food only for the gods; man could eat only a small ceremonial bit, a sacrament.

16 §§ Finally animal substitutes came

into general use for sacrificial purposes, and even among the more backward tribes dog-eating greatly reduced man-eating. The dog was the first domesticated animal and was held in high esteem both as such and as food.

6. EVOLUTION OF HUMAN SACRIFICE

1 Human sacrifice was an indirect result of cannibalism as well as its cure. Providing spirit escorts to the spirit world also led to the lessening of man-eating as it was never the custom to eat these death sacrifices. No race has been entirely free from the practice of human sacrifice in some form and at

some time, even though the Andonites, Nodites, and Adamites were the least addicted to cannibalism.

2 Human sacrifice has been virtually universal; it persisted in the religious customs of the Chinese, Hindus, Egyptians, Hebrews, Mesopotamians, Greeks, Romans, and many other peoples, even on to recent times among the backward African and Australian tribes. The later American Indians had a civilization emerging from cannibalism and, therefore, steeped in human sacrifice, especially in Central and South America. The Chaldeans were among the first to abandon the

sacrificing of humans for ordinary occasions, substituting therefor animals. About 2,000 years ago a tenderhearted Japanese emperor introduced clay images to take the place of human sacrifices, but it was less than 1,000 years ago that these sacrifices died out in northern Europe. Among certain backward tribes, human sacrifice is still carried on by volunteers, a sort of religious or ritual suicide. A shaman once ordered the sacrifice of a much respected old man of a certain tribe. The people revolted; they refused to obey. Whereupon the old man had his own son dispatch him; the ancients

really believed in this custom.

3 §§ There is no more tragic and pathetic experience on record, illustrative of the heart-tearing contentions between ancient and time-honoured religious customs and the contrary demands of advancing civilization, than the Hebrew narrative of Jephthah and his only daughter. As was common custom, this well-meaning man had made a foolish vow, had bargained with the "god of battles," agreeing to pay a certain price for victory over his enemies. And this price was to make a sacrifice of that which first came out of his house to meet him when

he returned to his home. Jephthah thought that one of his trusty slaves would thus be on hand to greet him, but it turned out that his daughter and only child came out to welcome him home. And so, even at that late date and among a supposedly civilized people, this beautiful maiden, after two months to mourn her fate, was actually offered as a human sacrifice by her father, and with the approval of his fellow tribesmen. And all this was done in the face of Moses' stringent rulings against the offering of human sacrifice. But men and women are addicted to making foolish and needless vows, and

the men of old held all such pledges to be highly sacred.

4 §§ In olden times, when a new building of any importance was started, it was customary to slay a human being as a "foundation sacrifice." This provided a ghost spirit to watch over and protect the structure. When the Chinese made ready to cast a bell, custom decreed the sacrifice of at least one maiden for the purpose of improving the tone of the bell; the girl chosen was thrown alive into the molten metal.

5 It was long the practice of many groups to build slaves alive into impor-

tant walls. In later times the northern European tribes substituted the walling in of the shadow of a passerby for this custom of entombing living persons in the walls of new buildings. The Chinese buried in a wall those workmen who died while constructing it.

6 A petty king in Palestine, in building the walls of Jericho, "laid the foundation thereof in Abiram, his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son, Segub." At that late date, not only did this father put two of his sons alive in the foundation holes of the city's gates, but his ac-

tion is also recorded as being "according to the word of the Lord." Moses had forbidden these foundation sacrifices, but the Israelites reverted to them soon after his death. The XX century ceremony of depositing trinkets and keepsakes in the cornerstone of a new building is reminiscent of the primitive foundation sacrifices.

7 §§ It was long the custom of many peoples to dedicate the first fruits to the spirits. And these observances, now more or less symbolic, are all survivals of the early ceremonies involving human sacrifice. The idea of offering the first-born as a sacrifice was

widespread among the ancients, especially among the Phoenicians, who were the last to give it up. It used to be said upon sacrificing, "life for life." Now you say at death, "dust to dust."

8 The spectacle of Abraham constrained to sacrifice his son Isaac, while shocking to civilized susceptibilities, was not a new or strange idea to the men of those days. It was long a prevalent practice for fathers, at times of great emotional stress, to sacrifice their first-born sons. Many peoples have a tradition analogous to this story, for there once existed a worldwide and profound belief that it was

necessary to offer a human sacrifice when anything extraordinary or unusual happened.

7. MODIFICATIONS OF HUMAN SACRIFICE

1 Moses attempted to end human sacrifices by inaugurating the ransom as a substitute. He established a systematic schedule which enabled his people to escape the worst results of their rash and foolish vows. Lands, properties, and children could be redeemed according to the established fees, which were payable to the priests. Those groups which ceased to sacrifice their first-born soon possessed great

advantages over less advanced neighbours who continued these atrocious acts. Many such backward tribes were not only greatly weakened by this loss of sons, but even the succession of leadership was often broken.

2 An outgrowth of the passing child sacrifice was the custom of smearing blood on the house doorposts for the protection of the first-born. This was often done in connection with one of the sacred feasts of the year, and this ceremony once obtained over most of the world from Mexico to Egypt.

3 Even after most groups had ceased the ritual killing of children, it was the

custom to put an infant away by itself, off in the wilderness or in a little boat on the water. If the child survived, it was thought that the gods had intervened to preserve him, as in the traditions of Sargon, Moses, Cyrus, and Romulus. Then came the practice of dedicating the first-born sons as sacred or sacrificial, allowing them to grow up and then exiling them in lieu of death; this was the origin of colonization. The Romans adhered to this custom in their scheme of colonization.

4 §§ Many of the peculiar associations of sex laxity with primitive wor-

ship had their origin in connection with human sacrifice. In olden times, if a woman met head-hunters, she could redeem her life by sexual surrender. Later, a maiden consecrated to the gods as a sacrifice might elect to redeem her life by dedicating her body for life to the sacred sex service of the temple; in this way she could earn her redemption money. The ancients regarded it as highly elevating to have sex relations with a woman thus engaged in ransoming her life. It was a religious ceremony to consort with these sacred maidens, and in addition, this whole ritual afforded an acceptable ex-

cuse for commonplace sexual gratification. This was a subtle species of self-deception which both the maidens and their consorts delighted to practice upon themselves. The mores always drag behind in the evolutionary advance of civilization, thus providing sanction for the earlier and more savagelike sex practices of the evolving races.

5 Temple harlotry eventually spread throughout southern Europe and Asia. The money earned by the temple prostitutes was held sacred among all peoples — a high gift to present to the gods. The highest types of wo-

men thronged the temple sex marts and devoted their earnings to all kinds of sacred services and works of public good. Many of the better classes of women collected their dowries by temporary sex service in the temples, and most men preferred to have such women for wives.

8. REDEMPTION AND COVENANTS

1 Sacrificial redemption and temple prostitution were in reality modifications of human sacrifice. Next came the mock sacrifice of daughters. This ceremony consisted in bloodletting, with dedication to lifelong virginity,

and was a moral reaction to the older temple harlotry. In more recent times virgins dedicated themselves to the service of tending the sacred temple fires.

2 Men eventually conceived the idea that the offering of some part of the body could take the place of the older and complete human sacrifice. Physical mutilation was also considered to be an acceptable substitute. Hair, nails, blood, and even fingers and toes were sacrificed. The later and well-nigh universal ancient rite of circumcision was an outgrowth of the cult of partial sacrifice; it was purely sac-

rificial, no thought of hygiene being attached thereto. Men were circumcised; women had their ears pierced.

3 Subsequently it became the custom to bind fingers together instead of cutting them off. Shaving the head and cutting the hair were likewise forms of religious devotion. The making of eunuchs was at first a modification of the idea of human sacrifice. Nose and lip piercing is still practised in Africa, and tattooing is an artistic evolution of the earlier crude scarring of the body.

4 §§ The custom of sacrifice eventually became associated, as a result

of advancing teachings, with the idea of the covenant. At last, the gods were conceived of as entering into real agreements with man; and this was a major step in the stabilization of religion. Law, a covenant, takes the place of luck, fear, and superstition.

5 Man could never even dream of entering into a contract with Deity until his concept of God had advanced to the level whereon the universe controllers were envisioned as dependable. And man's early idea of God was so anthropomorphic that he was unable to conceive of a dependable Deity until he himself became rel-

atively dependable, moral, and ethical.

6 But the idea of making a covenant with the gods did finally arrive. *Evolutionary man eventually acquired such moral dignity that he dared to bargain with his gods.* And so the business of offering sacrifices gradually developed into the game of man's philosophic bargaining with God. And all this represented a new device for insuring against bad luck or, rather, an enhanced technique for the more definite purchase of prosperity. Do not entertain the mistaken idea that these early sacrifices were a free gift to the gods, a spontaneous offering of grat-

itude or thanksgiving; they were not expressions of true worship.

7 §§ Primitive forms of prayer were nothing more nor less than bargaining with the spirits, an argument with the gods. It was a kind of bartering in which pleading and persuasion were substituted for something more tangible and costly. The developing commerce of the races had inculcated the spirit of trade and had developed the shrewdness of barter; and now these traits began to appear in man's worship methods. And as some men were better traders than others, so some were regarded as better prayers than

others. The prayer of a just man was held in high esteem. A just man was one who had paid all accounts to the spirits, had fully discharged every ritual obligation to the gods.

8 Early prayer was hardly worship; it was a bargaining petition for health, wealth, and life. And in many respects prayers have not much changed with the passing of the ages. They are still read out of books, recited formally, and written out for emplacement on wheels and for hanging on trees, where the blowing of the winds will save man the trouble of expending

his own breath.

9. SACRIFICES AND SACRAMENTS

1 The human sacrifice, throughout the course of the evolution of Urantian rituals, has advanced from the bloody business of man-eating to higher and more symbolic levels. The early rituals of sacrifice bred the later ceremonies of sacrament. In more recent times the priest alone would partake of a bit of the cannibalistic sacrifice or a drop of human blood, and then all would partake of the animal substitute. These early ideas of ransom, redemption, and covenants have

evolved into the later-day sacramental services. And all this ceremonial evolution has exerted a mighty socializing influence.

2 In connection with the Mother of God cult, in Mexico and elsewhere, a sacrament of cakes and wine was eventually utilized in lieu of the flesh and blood of the older human sacrifices. The Hebrews long practised this ritual as a part of their Passover ceremonies, and it was from this ceremonial that the later Christian version of the sacrament took its origin.

3 The ancient social brotherhoods were based on the rite of blood drink-

ing; the early Jewish fraternity was a sacrificial blood affair. Paul started out to build a new Christian cult on "the blood of the everlasting covenant." And while he may have unnecessarily encumbered Christianity with teachings about blood and sacrifice, he did once and for all make an end of the doctrines of redemption through human or animal sacrifices. His theologic compromises indicate that even revelation must submit to the graduated control of evolution. According to Paul, Christ became the last and all-sufficient human sacrifice; the divine Judge is now fully and forever satisfied.

4 And so, after long ages the cult of the sacrifice has evolved into the cult of the sacrament. Thus are the sacraments of modern religions the legitimate successors of those shocking early ceremonies of human sacrifice and the still earlier cannibalistic rituals. Many still depend upon blood for salvation, but it has at least become figurative, symbolic, and mystic.

10. FORGIVENESS OF SIN

1 Ancient man only attained consciousness of favour with God through sacrifice. Modern man must develop new techniques of achieving the self-

consciousness of salvation. The consciousness of sin persists in the mortal mind, but the thought patterns of salvation therefrom have become outworn and antiquated. The reality of the spiritual need persists, but intellectual progress has destroyed the olden ways of securing peace and consolation for mind and soul.

2 §§ *Sin must be redefined as deliberate disloyalty to Deity.* There are degrees of disloyalty: the partial loyalty of indecision; the divided loyalty of conflict; the dying loyalty of indifference; and the death of loyalty exhibited in devotion to godless ideals.

3 §§ The sense or feeling of guilt is the consciousness of the violation of the mores; it is not necessarily sin. There is no real sin in the absence of conscious disloyalty to Deity.

4 The possibility of the recognition of the sense of guilt is a badge of transcendent distinction for mankind. It does not mark man as mean but rather sets him apart as a creature of potential greatness and ever-ascending glory. Such a sense of unworthiness is the initial stimulus that should lead quickly and surely to those faith conquests which translate the mortal mind to the superb levels of moral no-

bility, cosmic insight, and spiritual living; thus are all the meanings of human existence changed from the temporal to the eternal, and all values are elevated from the human to the divine.

5 The confession of sin is a manful repudiation of disloyalty, but it in no wise mitigates the time-space consequences of such disloyalty. But confession — sincere recognition of the nature of sin — is essential to religious growth and spiritual progress.

6 The forgiveness of sin by Deity is the renewal of loyalty relations following a period of the human consciousness of the lapse of such relations as

the consequence of conscious rebellion. The forgiveness does not have to be sought, only received as the consciousness of re-establishment of loyalty relations between the creature and the Creator. And all the loyal sons of God are happy, service-loving, and ever-progressive in the Paradise ascent.

7 [Presented by a Brilliant Evening Star of Nebadon.]

PAPER 90

SHAMANISM — MEDICINE MEN AND PRIESTS

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The evolution of religious observances progressed from placation, avoidance, exorcism, coercion, conciliation, and propitiation to sacrifice, atonement, and redemption. The technique of religious ritual passed from the forms of the primitive cult through fetishes to magic and miracles; and as ritual became more

complex in response to man's increasingly complex concept of the supermaterial realms, it was inevitably dominated by medicine men, shamans, and priests.

2 In the advancing concepts of primitive man the spirit world was eventually regarded as being unresponsive to the ordinary mortal. Only the exceptional among humans could catch the ear of the gods; only the extraordinary man or woman would be heard by the spirits. Religion thus enters upon a new phase, a stage wherein it gradually becomes second-handed; always does a medicine man, a

shaman, or a priest intervene between the religionist and the object of worship. And today most Urantia systems of organized religious belief are passing through this level of evolutionary development.

3 Evolutionary religion is born of a simple and all-powerful fear, the fear which surges through the human mind when confronted with the unknown, the inexplicable, and the incomprehensible. Religion eventually achieves the profoundly simple realization of an all-powerful love, the love which sweeps irresistibly through the human soul when awakened to the

conception of the limitless affection of the Universal Father for the sons of the universe. But in between the beginning and the consummation of religious evolution, there intervene the long ages of the shamans, who presume to stand between man and God as intermediaries, interpreters, and intercessors.

1. THE FIRST SHAMANS — THE MEDICINE MEN

1 The shaman was the ranking medicine man, the ceremonial fetishman, and the focus personality for all the practices of evolutionary religion. In many groups the shaman outranked

the war chief, marking the beginning of the church domination of the state. The shaman sometimes functioned as a priest and even as a priest-king. Some of the later tribes had both the earlier shaman-medicine men (seers) and the later appearing shaman-priests. And in many cases the office of shaman became hereditary.

2 Since in olden times anything abnormal was ascribed to spirit possession, any striking mental or physical abnormality constituted qualification for being a medicine man. Many of these men were epileptic, many of the women hysteric, and these two types

accounted for a good deal of ancient inspiration as well as spirit and devil possession. Quite a few of these earliest of priests were of a class which has since been denominated paranoiac.

3 While they may have practised deception in minor matters, the great majority of the shamans believed in the fact of their spirit possession. Women who were able to throw themselves into a trance or a cataleptic fit became powerful shamanesses; later, such women became prophets and spirit mediums. Their cataleptic trances usually involved alleged communications with the ghosts of the

dead. Many female shamans were also professional dancers.

4 But not all shamans were self-deceived; many were shrewd and able tricksters. As the profession developed, a novice was required to serve an apprenticeship of ten years of hardship and self-denial to qualify as a medicine man. The shamans developed a professional mode of dress and affected a mysterious conduct. They frequently employed drugs to induce certain physical states which would impress and mystify the tribesmen. Sleight-of-hand feats were regarded as supernatural by the common folk,

and ventriloquism was first used by shrewd priests. Many of the olden shamans unwittingly stumbled onto hypnotism; others induced autohypnosis by prolonged staring at their navels.

5 While many resorted to these tricks and deceptions, their reputation as a class, after all, stood on apparent achievement. When a shaman failed in his undertakings, if he could not advance a plausible alibi, he was either demoted or killed. Thus the honest shamans early perished; only the shrewd actors survived.

6 It was shamanism that took the ex-

clusive direction of tribal affairs out of the hands of the old and the strong and lodged it in the hands of the shrewd, the clever, and the farsighted.

2. SHAMANISTIC PRACTICES

1 Spirit conjuring was a very precise and highly complicated procedure, comparable to present-day church rituals conducted in an ancient tongue. The human race very early sought for superhuman help, for *revelation;* and men believed that the shaman actually received such revelations. While the shamans utilized the great power of suggestion in their work, it was almost

invariably negative suggestion; only in very recent times has the technique of positive suggestion been employed. In the early development of their profession the shamans began to specialize in such vocations as rain making, disease healing, and crime detecting. To heal diseases was not, however, the chief function of a shamanic medicine man; it was, rather, to know and to control the hazards of living.

2 Ancient black art, both religious and secular, was called white art when practised by either priests, seers, shamans, or medicine men. The practitioners of the black art were called

sorcerers, magicians, wizards, witches, enchanters, necromancers, conjurers, and soothsayers. As time passed, all such purported contact with the supernatural was classified either as witchcraft or shamancraft.

3 Witchcraft embraced the *magic* performed by earlier, irregular, and unrecognized spirits; shamancraft had to do with *miracles* performed by regular spirits and recognized gods of the tribe. In later times the witch became associated with the devil, and thus was the stage set for the many comparatively recent exhibitions of religious intolerance. Witchcraft was a religion

with many primitive tribes.

4 The shamans were great believers in the mission of chance as revelatory of the will of the spirits; they frequently cast lots to arrive at decisions. Modern survivals of this proclivity for casting lots are illustrated, not only in the many games of chance, but also in the well-known "counting-out" rhymes. Once, the person counted out must die; now, he is only *it* in some childish game. That which was serious business to primitive man has survived as a diversion of the modern child.

5 The medicine men put great trust

in signs and omens, such as, "When you hear the sound of a rustling in the tops of the mulberry trees, then shall you bestir yourself." Very early in the history of the race the shamans turned their attention to the stars. Primitive astrology was a world-wide belief and practice; dream interpreting also became widespread. All this was soon followed by the appearance of those temperamental shamanesses who professed to be able to communicate with the spirits of the dead.

6 Though of ancient origin, the rain makers, or weather shamans, have persisted right on down through the ages.

A severe drought meant death to the early agriculturists; weather control was the object of much ancient magic. Civilized man still makes the weather the common topic of conversation. The olden peoples all believed in the power of the shaman as a rain maker, but it was customary to kill him when he failed, unless he could offer a plausible excuse to account for the failure.

7 Again and again did the Caesars banish the astrologers, but they invariably returned because of the popular belief in their powers. They could not be driven out, and even in the XVI century after Christ the directors of

Occidental church and state were the patrons of astrology. Thousands of supposedly intelligent people still believe that one may be born under the domination of a lucky or an unlucky star; that the juxtaposition of the heavenly bodies determines the outcome of various terrestrial adventures. Fortunetellers are still patronized by the credulous.

8 The Greeks believed in the efficacy of oracular advice, the Chinese used magic as protection against demons, shamanism flourished in India, and it still openly persists in central Asia. It is an only recently abandoned practice

throughout much of the world.

9 Ever and anon, true prophets and teachers arose to denounce and expose shamanism. Even the vanishing red man had such a prophet within the past 100 years, the Shawnee Tenskwatawa, who predicted the eclipse of the sun in 1806[1] and denounced the vices of the white man. Many true teachers have appeared among the various tribes and races all through the long ages of evolutionary history. And they will ever continue to appear to challenge the shamans or priests of any

[1] The 1955 text reads *Teuskwatawa* and *1808*.

age who oppose general education and attempt to thwart scientific progress.

Figure 22: Tenskwatawa, 1830 by George

10 In many ways and by devious methods the olden shamans established their reputations as voices of God and custodians of providence. They sprinkled the newborn with water and conferred names upon them; they circumcised the males. They presided over all burial ceremonies and made due announcement of the safe arrival of the dead in spiritland.

11 The shamanic priests and medicine men often became very wealthy through the accretion of their various fees which were ostensibly offerings to the spirits. Not infrequently a shaman would accumulate practically all the

material wealth of his tribe. Upon the death of a wealthy man it was customary to divide his property equally with the shaman and some public enterprise or charity. This practice still obtains in some parts of Tibet, where one half the male population belongs to this class of nonproducers.

12 The shamans dressed well and usually had a number of wives; they were the original aristocracy, being exempt from all tribal restrictions. They were very often of low-grade mind and morals. They suppressed their rivals by denominating them witches or sorcerers and very frequently rose to such

positions of influence and power that they were able to dominate the chiefs or kings.

13 Primitive man regarded the shaman as a necessary evil; he feared him but did not love him. Early man respected knowledge; he honoured and rewarded wisdom. The shaman was mostly fraud, but the veneration for shamanism well illustrates the premium put upon wisdom in the evolution of the race.

3. THE SHAMANIC THEORY OF DISEASE AND DEATH

1 Since ancient man regarded himself and his material environment as

being directly responsive to the whims of the ghosts and the fancies of the spirits, it is not strange that his religion should have been so exclusively concerned with material affairs. Modern man attacks his material problems directly; he recognizes that matter is responsive to the intelligent manipulation of mind. Primitive man likewise desired to modify and even to control the life and energies of the physical domains; and since his limited comprehension of the cosmos led him to the belief that ghosts, spirits, and gods were personally and immediately concerned with the detailed control of life

and matter, he logically directed his efforts to winning the favour and support of these superhuman agencies.

2 Viewed in this light, much of the inexplicable and irrational in the ancient cults is understandable. The ceremonies of the cult were primitive man's attempt to control the material world in which he found himself. And many of his efforts were directed to the end of prolonging life and ensuring health. Since all diseases and death itself were originally regarded as spirit phenomena, it was inevitable that the shamans, while functioning as medicine men and priests, should also have

laboured as doctors and surgeons.

3 The primitive mind may be handicapped by lack of facts, but it is for all that logical. When thoughtful men observe disease and death, they set about to determine the causes of these visitations, and in accordance with their understanding, the shamans and the scientists have propounded the following theories of affliction:

4 1. *Ghosts — direct spirit influences.* The earliest hypothesis advanced in explanation of disease and death was that spirits caused disease by enticing the soul out of the body; if it failed to return, death ensued. The

ancients so feared the malevolent action of disease-producing ghosts that ailing individuals would often be deserted without even food or water. Regardless of the erroneous basis for these beliefs, they did effectively isolate afflicted individuals and prevent the spread of contagious disease.

5 2. *Violence — obvious causes.* The causes for some accidents and deaths were so easy to identify that they were early removed from the category of ghost action. Fatalities and wounds attendant upon war, animal combat, and other readily identifiable agencies were considered as natural occur-

rences. But it was long believed that the spirits were still responsible for delayed healing or for the infection of wounds of even "natural" causation. If no observable natural agent could be discovered, the spirit ghosts were still held responsible for disease and death.

6 Today, in Africa and elsewhere may be found primitive peoples who kill someone every time a nonviolent death occurs. Their medicine men indicate the guilty parties. If a mother dies in childbirth, the child is immediately strangled — a life for a life.

7 3. *Magic — the influence of enemies.* Much sickness was thought to

be caused by bewitchment, the action of the evil eye and the magic pointing bow. At one time it was really dangerous to point a finger at anyone; it is still regarded as ill-mannered to point. In cases of obscure disease and death the ancients would hold a formal inquest, dissect the body, and settle upon some finding as the cause of death; otherwise the death would be laid to witchcraft, thus necessitating the execution of the witch responsible therefor. These ancient coroner's inquests saved many a supposed witch's life. Among some it was believed that a tribesman could die as a result of his

own witchcraft, in which event no one was accused.

8 4. *Sin — punishment for taboo violation.* In comparatively recent times it has been believed that sickness is a punishment for sin, personal or racial. Among peoples traversing this level of evolution the prevailing theory is that one cannot be afflicted unless one has violated a taboo. To regard sickness and suffering as "arrows of the Almighty within them" is typical of such beliefs. The Chinese and Mesopotamians long regarded disease as the result of the action of evil demons, although the Chaldeans also looked

upon the stars as the cause of suffering. This theory of disease as a consequence of divine wrath is still prevalent among many reputedly civilized groups of Urantians.

9 5. *Natural causation.* Mankind has been very slow to learn the material secrets of the interrelationship of cause and effect in the physical domains of energy, matter, and life. The ancient Greeks, having preserved the traditions of Adamson's teachings, were among the first to recognize that all disease is the result of natural causes. Slowly and certainly the unfolding of a scientific era is destroy-

ing man's age-old theories of sickness and death. Fever was one of the first human ailments to be removed from the category of supernatural disorders, and progressively the era of science has broken the fetters of ignorance which so long imprisoned the human mind. An understanding of old age and contagion is gradually obliterating man's fear of ghosts, spirits, and gods as the personal perpetrators of human misery and mortal suffering.

10 §§ Evolution unerringly achieves its end: It imbues man with that superstitious fear of the unknown and dread of the unseen which is

the scaffolding for the God concept. And having witnessed the birth of an advanced comprehension of Deity, through the co-ordinate action of revelation, this same technique of evolution then unerringly sets in motion those forces of thought which will inexorably obliterate the scaffolding, which has served its purpose.

4. MEDICINE UNDER THE SHAMANS

1 The entire life of ancient men was prophylactic; their religion was in no small measure a technique for disease prevention. And regardless of the error in their theories, they were whole-

hearted in putting them into effect; they had unbounded faith in their methods of treatment, and that, in itself, is a powerful remedy.

2 §§ The faith required to get well under the foolish ministrations of one of these ancient shamans was, after all, not materially different from that which is required to experience healing at the hands of some of his later-day successors who engage in the non-scientific treatment of disease.

3 §§ The more primitive tribes greatly feared the sick, and for long ages they were carefully avoided, shamefully neglected. It was a great advance in

humanitarianism when the evolution of shamancraft produced priests and medicine men who consented to treat disease. Then it became customary for the entire clan to crowd into the sick-room to assist the shaman in howling the disease ghosts away. It was not uncommon for a woman to be the diagnosing shaman, while a man would administer treatment. The usual method of diagnosing disease was to examine the entrails of an animal.

4 Disease was treated by chanting, howling, laying on of hands, breathing on the patient, and many other techniques. In later times the resort

to temple sleep, during which healing supposedly took place, became widespread. The medicine men eventually essayed actual surgery in connection with temple slumber; among the first operations was that of trephining the skull to allow a headache spirit to escape. The shamans learned to treat fractures and dislocations, to open boils and abscesses; the shamanesses became adept at midwifery.

5 It was a common method of treatment to rub something magical on an infected or blemished spot on the body, throw the charm away, and supposedly experience a cure. If any-

one should chance to pick up the discarded charm, it was believed he would immediately acquire the infection or blemish. It was a long time before herbs and other real medicines were introduced. Massage was developed in connection with incantation, rubbing the spirit out of the body, and was preceded by efforts to rub medicine in, even as moderns attempt to rub liniments in. Cupping and sucking the affected parts, together with bloodletting, were thought to be of value in getting rid of a disease-producing spirit.

6 Since water was a potent fetish, it

was utilized in the treatment of many ailments. For long it was believed that the spirit causing the sickness could be eliminated by sweating. Vapour baths were highly regarded; natural hot springs soon blossomed as primitive health resorts. Early man discovered that heat would relieve pain; he used sunlight, fresh animal organs, hot clay, and hot stones, and many of these methods are still employed. Rhythm was practised in an effort to influence the spirits; the tom-toms were universal.

7 Among some people disease was thought to be caused by a wicked

conspiracy between spirits and animals. This gave rise to the belief that there existed a beneficent plant remedy for every animal-caused disease. The red men were especially devoted to the plant theory of universal remedies; they always put a drop of blood in the root hole left when the plant was pulled up.

8 Fasting, dieting, and counterirritants were often used as remedial measures. Human secretions, being definitely magical, were highly regarded; blood and urine were thus among the earliest medicines and were soon augmented by roots and various

salts. The shamans believed that disease spirits could be driven out of the body by foul-smelling and bad-tasting medicines. Purging very early became a routine treatment, and the values of raw cocoa and quinine were among the earliest pharmaceutical discoveries.

9 The Greeks were the first to evolve truly rational methods of treating the sick. Both the Greeks and the Egyptians received their medical knowledge from the Euphrates valley. Oil and wine was a very early medicine for treating wounds; castor oil and opium were used by the Sumerians. Many

of these ancient and effective secret remedies lost their power when they became known; secrecy has always been essential to the successful practice of fraud and superstition. Only facts and truth court the full light of comprehension and rejoice in the illumination and enlightenment of scientific research.

5. PRIESTS AND RITUALS

1 The essence of the ritual is the perfection of its performance; among savages it must be practised with exact precision. It is only when the ritual has been correctly carried out that the

ceremony possesses compelling power over the spirits. If the ritual is faulty, it only arouses the anger and resentment of the gods. Therefore, since man's slowly evolving mind conceived that the *technique of ritual* was the decisive factor in its efficacy, it was inevitable that the early shamans should sooner or later evolve into a priesthood trained to direct the meticulous practice of the ritual. And so for tens of thousands of years endless rituals have hampered society and cursed civilization, have been an intolerable burden to every act of life, every racial undertaking.

2 Ritual is the technique of sanctifying custom; ritual creates and perpetuates myths as well as contributing to the preservation of social and religious customs. Again, ritual itself has been fathered by myths. Rituals are often at first social, later becoming economic and finally acquiring the sanctity and dignity of religious ceremonial. Ritual may be personal or group in practice — or both — as illustrated by prayer, dancing, and drama.

3 Words become a part of ritual, such as the use of terms like amen and selah. The habit of swearing, profanity, represents a prostitution of former

ritualistic repetition of holy names. The making of pilgrimages to sacred shrines is a very ancient ritual. The ritual next grew into elaborate ceremonies of purification, cleansing, and sanctification. The initiation ceremonies of the primitive tribal secret societies were in reality a crude religious rite. The worship technique of the olden mystery cults was just one long performance of accumulated religious ritual. Ritual finally developed into the modern types of social ceremonials and religious worship, services embracing prayer, song, responsive reading, and other individual and

group spiritual devotions.

4 §§ The priests evolved from shamans up through oracles, diviners, singers, dancers, weathermakers, guardians of religious relics, temple custodians, and foretellers of events, to the status of actual directors of religious worship. Eventually the office became hereditary; a continuous priestly caste arose.

5 As religion evolved, priests began to specialize according to their innate talents or special predilections. Some became singers, others prayers, and still others sacrificers; later came the orators — preachers. And when religion became institutionalized, these

priests claimed to "hold the keys of heaven."

6 The priests have always sought to impress and awe the common people by conducting the religious ritual in an ancient tongue and by sundry magical passes so to mystify the worshippers as to enhance their own piety and authority. The great danger in all this is that the ritual tends to become a substitute for religion.

7 The priesthoods have done much to delay scientific development and to hinder spiritual progress, but they have contributed to the stabilization of civilization and to the enhancement

of certain kinds of culture. But many modern priests have ceased to function as directors of the ritual of the worship of God, having turned their attention to theology — the attempt to define God.

8 It is not denied that the priests have been a millstone about the neck of the races, but the true religious leaders have been invaluable in pointing the way to higher and better realities.

9 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 91

THE EVOLUTION OF PRAYER

Chief of Midwayers

Prayer, as an agency of religion, evolved from previous nonreligious monologue and dialogue expressions. With the attainment of self-consciousness by primitive man there occurred the inevitable corollary of other-consciousness, the dual potential of social response and God recognition.

2 The earliest prayer forms were not addressed to Deity. These expressions were much like what you would say to a friend as you entered upon some important undertaking, "Wish me luck." Primitive man was enslaved to magic; luck, good and bad, entered into all the affairs of life. At first, these luck petitions were monologues — just a kind of thinking out loud by the magic server. Next, these believers in luck would enlist the support of their friends and families, and presently some form of ceremony would be performed which included the whole clan or tribe.

3 When the concepts of ghosts and spirits evolved, these petitions became superhuman in address, and with the consciousness of gods, such expressions attained to the levels of genuine prayer. As an illustration of this, among certain Australian tribes primitive religious prayers antedated their belief in spirits and superhuman personalities.

4 The Toda tribe of India now observes this practice of praying to no one in particular, just as did the early peoples before the times of religious consciousness. Only, among the Todas, this represents a regression of their

degenerating religion to this primitive level. The present-day rituals of the dairymen priests of the Todas do not represent a religious ceremony since these impersonal prayers do not contribute anything to the conservation or enhancement of any social, moral, or spiritual values.

5 Prereligious praying was part of the mana practices of the Melanesians, the oudah beliefs of the African Pygmies, and the manitou superstitions of the North American Indians. The Baganda tribes of Africa have only recently emerged from the mana level of prayer. In this early evolutionary

confusion men pray to gods — local and national — to fetishes, amulets, ghosts, rulers, and to ordinary people.

1. PRIMITIVE PRAYER

1 The function of early evolutionary religion is to conserve and augment the essential social, moral, and spiritual values which are slowly taking form. This mission of religion is not consciously observed by mankind, but it is chiefly effected by the function of prayer. The practice of prayer represents the unintended, but nonetheless personal and collective, effort of any group to secure (to actualize) this con-

servation of higher values. But for the safeguarding of prayer, all holy days would speedily revert to the status of mere holidays.

2 §§ Religion and its agencies, the chief of which is prayer, are allied only with those values which have general social recognition, group approval. Therefore, when primitive man attempted to gratify his baser emotions or to achieve unmitigated selfish ambitions, he was deprived of the consolation of religion and the assistance of prayer. If the individual sought to accomplish anything antisocial, he was obliged to seek the aid of

nonreligious magic, resort to sorcerers, and thus be deprived of the assistance of prayer. Prayer, therefore, very early became a mighty promoter of social evolution, moral progress, and spiritual attainment.

3 But the primitive mind was neither logical nor consistent. Early men did not perceive that material things were not the province of prayer. These simple-minded souls reasoned that food, shelter, rain, game, and other material goods enhanced the social welfare, and therefore they began to pray for these physical blessings. While this constituted a perversion of

prayer, it encouraged the effort to realize these material objectives by social and ethical actions. Such a prostitution of prayer, while debasing the spiritual values of a people, nevertheless directly elevated their economic, social, and ethical mores.

4 Prayer is only monologuous in the most primitive type of mind. It early becomes a dialogue and rapidly expands to the level of group worship. Prayer signifies that the premagical incantations of primitive religion have evolved to that level where the human mind recognizes the reality of beneficent powers or beings who are able

to enhance social values and to augment moral ideals, and further, that these influences are superhuman and distinct from the ego of the self-conscious human and his fellow mortals. True prayer does not, therefore, appear until the agency of religious ministry is visualized as *personal.*

5 §§ Prayer is little associated with animism, but such beliefs may exist alongside emerging religious sentiments. Many times, religion and animism have had entirely separate origins.

6 §§ With those mortals who have not been delivered from the primitive

bondage of fear, there is a real danger that all prayer may lead to a morbid sense of sin, unjustified convictions of guilt, real or fancied. But in modern times it is not likely that many will spend sufficient time at prayer to lead to this harmful brooding over their unworthiness or sinfulness. The dangers attendant upon the distortion and perversion of prayer consist in ignorance, superstition, crystallization, devitalization, materialism, and fanaticism.

2. EVOLVING PRAYER

1 The first prayers were merely ver-

balized wishes, the expression of sincere desires. Prayer next became a technique of achieving spirit co-operation. And then it attained to the higher function of assisting religion in the conservation of all worth-while values.

2 Both prayer and magic arose as a result of man's adjustive reactions to Urantian environment. But aside from this generalized relationship, they have little in common. Prayer has always indicated positive action by the praying ego; it has been always psychic and sometimes spiritual. Magic has usually signified an attempt to manip-

ulate reality without affecting the ego of the manipulator, the practitioner of magic. Despite their independent origins, magic and prayer often have been interrelated in their later stages of development. Magic has sometimes ascended by goal elevation from formulas through rituals and incantations to the threshold of true prayer. Prayer has sometimes become so materialistic that it has degenerated into a pseudomagical technique of avoiding the expenditure of that effort which is requisite for the solution of Urantian problems.

3 §§ When man learned that prayer

could not coerce the gods, then it became more of a petition, favour seeking. But the truest prayer is in reality a communion between man and his Maker.

4 §§ The appearance of the sacrifice idea in any religion unfailingly detracts from the higher efficacy of true prayer in that men seek to substitute the offerings of material possessions for the offering of their own consecrated wills to the doing of the will of God.

5 When religion is divested of a personal God, its prayers translate to the levels of theology and philosophy. When the highest God concept of a

religion is that of an impersonal Deity, such as in pantheistic idealism, although affording the basis for certain forms of mystic communion, it proves fatal to the potency of true prayer, which always stands for man's communion with a personal and superior being.

6 During the earlier times of racial evolution and even at the present time, in the day-by-day experience of the average mortal, prayer is very much a phenomenon of man's intercourse with his own subconscious. But there is also a domain of prayer wherein the intellectually alert and spiritually pro-

gressing individual attains more or less contact with the superconscious levels of the human mind, the domain of the indwelling Thought Adjuster. In addition, there is a definite spiritual phase of true prayer which concerns its reception and recognition by the spiritual forces of the universe, and which is entirely distinct from all human and intellectual association.

7 Prayer contributes greatly to the development of the religious sentiment of an evolving human mind. It is a mighty influence working to prevent isolation of personality.

8 Prayer represents one technique

associated with the natural religions of racial evolution which also forms a part of the experiential values of the higher religions of ethical excellence, the religions of revelation.

3. PRAYER AND THE ALTER EGO

1 Children, when first learning to make use of language, are prone to think out loud, to express their thoughts in words, even if no one is present to hear them. With the dawn of creative imagination they evince a tendency to converse with imaginary companions. In this way a budding ego seeks to hold communion with

a fictitious *alter ego.* By this technique the child early learns to convert his monologue conversations into pseudo dialogues in which this alter ego makes replies to his verbal thinking and wish expression. Very much of an adult's thinking is mentally carried on in conversational form.

2 The early and primitive form of prayer was much like the semimagical recitations of the present-day Toda tribe, prayers that were not addressed to anyone in particular. But such techniques of praying tend to evolve into the dialogue type of communication by the emergence of the idea of an al-

ter ego. In time the alter-ego concept is exalted to a superior status of divine dignity, and prayer as an agency of religion has appeared. Through many phases and during long ages this primitive type of praying is destined to evolve before attaining the level of intelligent and truly ethical prayer.

3 As it is conceived by successive generations of praying mortals, the alter ego evolves up through ghosts, fetishes, and spirits to polytheistic gods, and eventually to the One God, a divine being embodying the highest ideals and the loftiest aspirations of the praying ego. And thus does prayer

function as the most potent agency of religion in the conservation of the highest values and ideals of those who pray. From the moment of the conceiving of an alter ego to the appearance of the concept of a divine and heavenly Father, prayer is always a socializing, moralizing, and spiritualizing practice.

4 The simple prayer of faith evidences a mighty evolution in human experience whereby the ancient conversations with the fictitious symbol of the alter ego of primitive religion have become exalted to the level of communion with the spirit of the In-

finite and to that of a bona fide consciousness of the reality of the eternal God and Paradise Father of all intelligent creation.

5 Aside from all that is superself in the experience of praying, it should be remembered that ethical prayer is a splendid way to elevate one's ego and reinforce the self for better living and higher attainment. Prayer induces the human ego to look both ways for help: for material aid to the subconscious reservoir of mortal experience, for inspiration and guidance to the superconscious borders of the contact of the material with the spiritual, with

the Mystery Monitor.

6 Prayer ever has been and ever will be a twofold human experience: a psychologic procedure interassociated with a spiritual technique. And these two functions of prayer can never be fully separated.

7 Enlightened prayer must recognize not only an external and personal God but also an internal and impersonal Divinity, the indwelling Adjuster. It is altogether fitting that man, when he prays, should strive to grasp the concept of the Universal Father on Paradise; but the more effective technique for most practical purposes

will be to revert to the concept of a near-by alter ego, just as the primitive mind was wont to do, and then to recognize that the idea of this alter ego has evolved from a mere fiction to the truth of God's indwelling mortal man in the factual presence of the Adjuster so that man can talk face to face, as it were, with a real and genuine and divine alter ego that indwells him and is the very presence and essence of the living God, the Universal Father.

4. ETHICAL PRAYING

1 No prayer can be ethical when the petitioner seeks for selfish advantage

over his fellows. Selfish and materialistic praying is incompatible with the ethical religions which are predicated on unselfish and divine love. All such unethical praying reverts to the primitive levels of pseudo magic and is unworthy of advancing civilizations and enlightened religions. Selfish praying transgresses the spirit of all ethics founded on loving justice.

2 Prayer must never be so prostituted as to become a substitute for action. All ethical prayer is a stimulus to action and a guide to the progressive striving for idealistic goals of superself-attainment.

3 In all your praying be *fair;* do not expect God to show partiality, to love you more than his other children, your friends, neighbours, even enemies. But the prayer of the natural or evolved religions is not at first ethical, as it is in the later revealed religions. All praying, whether individual or communal, may be either egoistic or altruistic. That is, the prayer may be centred upon the self or upon others. When the prayer seeks nothing for the one who prays nor anything for his fellows, then such attitudes of the soul tend to the levels of true worship. Egoistic prayers involve confessions and

petitions and often consist in requests for material favours. Prayer is somewhat more ethical when it deals with forgiveness and seeks wisdom for enhanced self-control.

4 While the nonselfish type of prayer is strengthening and comforting, materialistic praying is destined to bring disappointment and disillusionment as advancing scientific discoveries demonstrate that man lives in a physical universe of law and order. The childhood of an individual or a race is characterized by primitive, selfish, and materialistic praying. And, to a certain extent, all such

petitions are efficacious in that they unvaryingly lead to those efforts and exertions which are contributory to achieving the answers to such prayers. The real prayer of faith always contributes to the augmentation of the technique of living, even if such petitions are not worthy of spiritual recognition. But the spiritually advanced person should exercise great caution in attempting to discourage the primitive or immature mind regarding such prayers.

5 §§ Remember, even if prayer does not change God, it very often effects great and lasting changes in the one

who prays in faith and confident expectation. Prayer has been the ancestor of much peace of mind, cheerfulness, calmness, courage, self-mastery, and fair-mindedness in the men and women of the evolving races.

5. SOCIAL REPERCUSSIONS OF PRAYER

1 In ancestor worship, prayer leads to the cultivation of ancestral ideals. But prayer, as a feature of Deity worship, transcends all other such practices since it leads to the cultivation of divine ideals. As the concept of the alter ego of prayer becomes supreme and divine, so are man's ideals accordingly

elevated from mere human toward supernal and divine levels, and the result of all such praying is the enhancement of human character and the profound unification of human personality.

2 But prayer need not always be individual. Group or congregational praying is very effective in that it is highly socializing in its repercussions. When a group engages in community prayer for moral enhancement and spiritual uplift, such devotions are reactive upon the individuals composing the group; they are all made better because of participation. Even a whole city or an entire nation can be helped

by such prayer devotions. Confession, repentance, and prayer have led individuals, cities, nations, and whole races to mighty efforts of reform and courageous deeds of valorous achievement.

3 §§ If you truly desire to overcome the habit of criticizing some friend, the quickest and surest way of achieving such a change of attitude is to establish the habit of praying for that person every day of your life. But the social repercussions of such prayers are dependent largely on two conditions:

4 1. The person who is prayed for should know that he is being prayed

for.

5 2. The person who prays should come into intimate social contact with the person for whom he is praying.

6 §§ Prayer is the technique whereby, sooner or later, every religion becomes institutionalized. And in time prayer becomes associated with numerous secondary agencies, some helpful, others decidedly deleterious, such as priests, holy books, worship rituals, and ceremonials.

7 But the minds of greater spiritual illumination should be patient with, and tolerant of, those less endowed in-

tellects that crave symbolism for the mobilization of their feeble spiritual insight. The strong must not look with disdain upon the weak. Those who are God-conscious without symbolism must not deny the grace-ministry of the symbol to those who find it difficult to worship Deity and to revere truth, beauty, and goodness without form and ritual. In prayerful worship, most mortals envision some symbol of the object-goal of their devotions.

6. THE PROVINCE OF PRAYER

1 Prayer, unless in liaison with the

will and actions of the personal spiritual forces and material supervisors of a realm, can have no direct effect upon one's physical environment. While there is a very definite limit to the province of the petitions of prayer, such limits do not equally apply to the *faith* of those who pray.

2 Prayer is not a technique for curing real and organic diseases, but it has contributed enormously to the enjoyment of abundant health and to the cure of numerous mental, emotional, and nervous ailments. And even in actual bacterial disease, prayer has many times added to the efficacy of other re-

medial procedures. Prayer has turned many an irritable and complaining invalid into a paragon of patience and made him an inspiration to all other human sufferers.

3 No matter how difficult it may be to reconcile the scientific doubtings regarding the efficacy of prayer with the ever-present urge to seek help and guidance from divine sources, never forget that the sincere prayer of faith is a mighty force for the promotion of personal happiness, individual self-control, social harmony, moral progress, and spiritual attainment.

4 Prayer, even as a purely human

practice, a dialogue with one's alter ego, constitutes a technique of the most efficient approach to the realization of those reserve powers of human nature which are stored and conserved in the unconscious realms of the human mind. Prayer is a sound psychologic practice, aside from its religious implications and its spiritual significance. It is a fact of human experience that most persons, if sufficiently hard pressed, will pray in some way to some source of help.

5 §§ Do not be so slothful as to ask God to solve your difficulties, but never hesitate to ask him for wisdom

and spiritual strength to guide and sustain you while you yourself resolutely and courageously attack the problems at hand.

6 §§ Prayer has been an indispensable factor in the progress and preservation of religious civilization, and it still has mighty contributions to make to the further enhancement and spiritualization of society if those who pray will only do so in the light of scientific facts, philosophic wisdom, intellectual sincerity, and spiritual faith. Pray as Jesus taught his disciples — honestly, unselfishly, with fairness, and without doubting.

7 But the efficacy of prayer in the personal spiritual experience of the one who prays is in no way dependent on such a worshipper's intellectual understanding, philosophic acumen, social level, cultural status, or other mortal acquirements. The psychic and spiritual concomitants of the prayer of faith are immediate, personal, and experiential. There is no other technique whereby every man, regardless of all other mortal accomplishments, can so effectively and immediately approach the threshold of that realm wherein he can communicate with his Maker, where the creature contacts with the

reality of the Creator, with the indwelling Thought Adjuster.

7. MYSTICISM, ECSTASY, AND INSPIRATION

1 Mysticism, as the technique of the cultivation of the consciousness of the presence of God, is altogether praiseworthy, but when such practices lead to social isolation and culminate in religious fanaticism, they are all but reprehensible. Altogether too frequently that which the overwrought mystic evaluates as divine inspiration is the uprisings of his own deep mind. The contact of the mortal mind with its indwelling Adjuster, while often fa-

voured by devoted meditation, is more frequently facilitated by wholehearted and loving service in unselfish ministry to one's fellow creatures.

2 The great religious teachers and the prophets of past ages were not extreme mystics. They were God-knowing men and women who best served their God by unselfish ministry to their fellow mortals. Jesus often took his apostles away by themselves for short periods to engage in meditation and prayer, but for the most part he kept them in service-contact with the multitudes. The soul of man requires spiritual exercise as well as spir-

itual nourishment.

3 Religious ecstasy is permissible when resulting from sane antecedents, but such experiences are more often the outgrowth of purely emotional influences than a manifestation of deep spiritual character. Religious persons must not regard every vivid psychologic presentiment and every intense emotional experience as a divine revelation or a spiritual communication. Genuine spiritual ecstasy is usually associated with great outward calmness and almost perfect emotional control. But true prophetic vision is a superpsychologic presentiment. Such visita-

tions are not pseudo hallucinations, neither are they trancelike ecstasies.

4 The human mind may perform in response to so-called inspiration when it is sensitive either to the uprisings of the subconscious or to the stimulus of the superconscious. In either case it appears to the individual that such augmentations of the content of consciousness are more or less foreign. Unrestrained mystical enthusiasm and rampant religious ecstasy are not the credentials of inspiration, supposedly divine credentials.

5 The practical test of all these strange religious experiences of mysti-

cism, ecstasy, and inspiration is to observe whether these phenomena cause an individual:

6 1. To enjoy better and more complete physical health.

7 2. To function more efficiently and practically in his mental life.

8 3. More fully and joyfully to socialize his religious experience.

9 4. More completely to spiritualize his day-by-day living while faithfully discharging the commonplace duties of routine mortal existence.

10 5. To enhance his love for, and appreciation of, truth, beauty, and goodness.

11 6. To conserve currently recognized social, moral, ethical, and spiritual values.

12 7. To increase his spiritual insight — God-consciousness.

13 §§ But prayer has no real association with these exceptional religious experiences. When prayer becomes overmuch aesthetic, when it consists almost exclusively in beautiful and blissful contemplation of paradisiacal divinity, it loses much of its socializing influence and tends toward mysticism and the isolation of its devotees. There is a certain danger associated with overmuch private praying which

is corrected and prevented by group praying, community devotions.

8. PRAYING AS A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

1 There is a truly spontaneous aspect to prayer, for primitive man found himself praying long before he had any clear concept of a God. Early man was wont to pray in two diverse situations: When in dire need, he experienced the impulse to reach out for help; and when jubilant, he indulged the impulsive expression of joy.

2 §§ Prayer is not an evolution of magic; they each arose independently. Magic was an attempt to adjust De-

ity to conditions; prayer is the effort to adjust the personality to the will of Deity. True prayer is both moral and religious; magic is neither.

3 §§ Prayer may become an established custom; many pray because others do. Still others pray because they fear something direful may happen if they do not offer their regular supplications.

4 To some individuals prayer is the calm expression of gratitude; to others, a group expression of praise, social devotions; sometimes it is the imitation of another's religion, while in true praying it is the sincere and trusting

communication of the spiritual nature of the creature with the anywhere presence of the spirit of the Creator.

5 Prayer may be a spontaneous expression of God-consciousness or a meaningless recitation of theologic formulas. It may be the ecstatic praise of a God-knowing soul or the slavish obeisance of a fear-ridden mortal. It is sometimes the pathetic expression of spiritual craving and sometimes the blatant shouting of pious phrases. Prayer may be joyous praise or a humble plea for forgiveness.

6 Prayer may be the childlike plea for the impossible or the mature entreaty

for moral growth and spiritual power. A petition may be for daily bread or may embody a wholehearted yearning to find God and to do his will. It may be a wholly selfish request or a true and magnificent gesture toward the realization of unselfish brotherhood.

7 Prayer may be an angry cry for vengeance or a merciful intercession for one's enemies. It may be the expression of a hope of changing God or the powerful technique of changing one's self. It may be the cringing plea of a lost sinner before a supposedly stern Judge or the joyful expression of a liberated son of the living and merciful heavenly

Father.

8 §§ Modern man is perplexed by the thought of talking things over with God in a purely personal way. Many have abandoned regular praying; they only pray when under unusual pressure — in emergencies. Man should be unafraid to talk to God, but only a spiritual child would undertake to persuade, or presume to change, God.

9 §§ But real praying does attain reality. Even when the air currents are ascending, no bird can soar except by outstretched wings. Prayer elevates man because it is a technique of progressing by the utilization of the as-

cending spiritual currents of the universe.

10 Genuine prayer adds to spiritual growth, modifies attitudes, and yields that satisfaction which comes from communion with divinity. It is a spontaneous outburst of God-consciousness.

11 God answers man's prayer by giving him an increased revelation of truth, an enhanced appreciation of beauty, and an augmented concept of goodness. Prayer is a subjective gesture, but it contacts with mighty objective realities on the spiritual levels of human experience; it is a meaning-

ful reach by the human for superhuman values. It is the most potent spiritual-growth stimulus.

12 Words are irrelevant to prayer; they are merely the intellectual channel in which the river of spiritual supplication may chance to flow. The word value of a prayer is purely autosuggestive in private devotions and sociosuggestive in group devotions. God answers the soul's attitude, not the words.

13 Prayer is not a technique of escape from conflict but rather a stimulus to growth in the very face of conflict. Pray only for values, not things; for

growth, not for gratification.

9. CONDITIONS OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER

1 If you would engage in effective praying, you should bear in mind the laws of prevailing petitions:

2 1. You must qualify as a potent prayer by sincerely and courageously facing the problems of universe reality. You must possess cosmic stamina.

3 2. You must have honestly exhausted the human capacity for human adjustment. You must have been industrious.

4 3. You must surrender every wish of mind and every craving of soul

to the transforming embrace of spiritual growth. You must have experienced an enhancement of meanings and an elevation of values.

5 4. You must make a wholehearted choice of the divine will. You must obliterate the dead centre of indecision.

6 5. You not only recognize the Father's will and choose to do it, but you have effected an unqualified consecration, and a dynamic dedication, to the actual doing of the Father's will.

7 6. Your prayer will be directed exclusively for divine wisdom to solve the specific human problems encoun-

tered in the Paradise ascension — the attainment of divine perfection.

8 7. And you must have faith — living faith.

9 [Presented by the Chief of the Urantia Midwayers.]

PAPER 92

THE LATER EVOLUTION OF RELIGION

Melchizedek

Man possessed a religion of natural origin as a part of his evolutionary experience long before any systematic revelations were made on Urantia. But this religion of *natural* origin was, in itself, the product of man's superanimal endowments. Evolutionary religion arose slowly throughout the millenniums of mankind's experiential career through

the ministry of the following influences operating within, and impinging upon, savage, barbarian, and civilized man:

2 1. *The adjutant of worship* — the appearance in animal consciousness of superanimal potentials for reality perception. This might be termed the primordial human instinct for Deity.

3 2. *The adjutant of wisdom* — the manifestation in a worshipful mind of the tendency to direct its adoration in higher channels of expression and toward ever-expanding concepts of Deity reality.

4 3. *The Holy Spirit* — this is the

initial supermind bestowal, and it unfailingly appears in all bona fide human personalities. This ministry to a worship-craving and wisdom-desiring mind creates the capacity to self-realize the postulate of human survival, both in theologic concept and as an actual and factual personality experience.

5 §§ The co-ordinate functioning of these three divine ministrations is quite sufficient to initiate and prosecute the growth of evolutionary religion. These influences are later augmented by Thought Adjusters, seraphim, and the Spirit of Truth, all of

which accelerate the rate of religious development. These agencies have long functioned on Urantia, and they will continue here as long as this planet remains an inhabited sphere. Much of the potential of these divine agencies has never yet had opportunity for expression; much will be revealed in the ages to come as mortal religion ascends, level by level, toward the supernal heights of morontia value and spirit truth.

1. THE EVOLUTIONARY NATURE OF RELIGION

1 The evolution of religion has been traced from early fear and ghosts

down through many successive stages of development, including those efforts first to coerce and then to cajole the spirits. Tribal fetishes grew into totems and tribal gods; magic formulas became modern prayers. Circumcision, at first a sacrifice, became a hygienic procedure.

2 Religion progressed from nature worship up through ghost worship to fetishism throughout the savage childhood of the races. With the dawn of civilization the human race espoused the more mystic and symbolic beliefs, while now, with approaching maturity, mankind is ripening for the ap-

preciation of real religion, even a beginning of the revelation of truth itself.

3 Religion arises as a biologic reaction of mind to spiritual beliefs and the environment; it is the last thing to perish or change in a race. Religion is society's adjustment, in any age, to that which is mysterious. As a social institution it embraces rites, symbols, cults, scriptures, altars, shrines, and temples. Holy water, relics, fetishes, charms, vestments, bells, drums, and priesthoods are common to all religions. And it is impossible entirely to divorce purely evolved religion from

either magic or sorcery.

4 Mystery and power have always stimulated religious feelings and fears, while emotion has ever functioned as a powerful conditioning factor in their development. Fear has always been the basic religious stimulus. Fear fashions the gods of evolutionary religion and motivates the religious ritual of the primitive believers. As civilization advances, fear becomes modified by reverence, admiration, respect, and sympathy and is then further conditioned by remorse and repentance.

5 One Asiatic people taught that "God is a great fear"; that is the out-

growth of purely evolutionary religion. Jesus, the revelation of the highest type of religious living, proclaimed that "God is love."

2. RELIGION AND THE MORES

1 Religion is the most rigid and unyielding of all human institutions, but it does tardily adjust to changing society. Eventually, evolutionary religion does reflect the changing mores, which, in turn, may have been affected by revealed religion. Slowly, surely, but grudgingly, does religion (worship) follow in the wake of wisdom — knowledge directed by experiential

reason and illuminated by divine revelation.

2 Religion clings to the mores; that which *was* is ancient and supposedly sacred. For this reason and no other, stone implements persisted long into the age of bronze and iron. This statement is of record: "And if you will make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone, for, if you use your tools in making it, you have polluted it." Even today, the Hindus kindle their altar fires by using a primitive fire drill. In the course of evolutionary religion, novelty has always been regarded as sacrilege. The sacra-

ment must consist, not of new and manufactured food, but of the most primitive of viands: "The flesh roasted with fire and unleavened bread served with bitter herbs." All types of social usage and even legal procedures cling to the old forms.

3 When modern man wonders at the presentation of so much in the scriptures of different religions that may be regarded as obscene, he should pause to consider that passing generations have feared to eliminate what their ancestors deemed to be holy and sacred. A great deal that one generation might look upon as obscene, pre-

ceding generations have considered a part of their accepted mores, even as approved religious rituals. A considerable amount of religious controversy has been occasioned by the never-ending attempts to reconcile olden but reprehensible practices with newly advanced reason, to find plausible theories in justification of creedal perpetuation of ancient and outworn customs.

4 But it is only foolish to attempt the too sudden acceleration of religious growth. A race or nation can only assimilate from any advanced religion that which is reasonably consis-

tent and compatible with its current evolutionary status, plus its genius for adaptation. Social, climatic, political, and economic conditions are all influential in determining the course and progress of religious evolution. Social morality is not determined by religion, that is, by evolutionary religion; rather are the forms of religion dictated by the racial morality.

5 Races of men only superficially accept a strange and new religion; they actually adjust it to their mores and old ways of believing. This is well illustrated by the example of a certain New Zealand tribe whose priests, af-

ter nominally accepting Christianity, professed to have received direct revelations from Gabriel to the effect that this selfsame tribe had become the chosen people of God and directing that they be permitted freely to indulge in loose sex relations and numerous other of their olden and reprehensible customs. And immediately all of the new-made Christians went over to this new and less exacting version of Christianity.

6 Religion has at one time or another sanctioned all sorts of contrary and inconsistent behaviour, has at some time approved of practically all

that is now regarded as immoral or sinful. Conscience, untaught by experience and unaided by reason, never has been, and never can be, a safe and unerring guide to human conduct. Conscience is not a divine voice speaking to the human soul. It is merely the sum total of the moral and ethical content of the mores of any current stage of existence; it simply represents the humanly conceived ideal of reaction in any given set of circumstances.

3. THE NATURE OF EVOLUTIONARY RELIGION

1 The study of human religion is the examination of the fossil-bearing so-

cial strata of past ages. The mores of the anthropomorphic gods are a truthful reflection of the morals of the men who first conceived such deities. Ancient religions and mythology faithfully portray the beliefs and traditions of peoples long since lost in obscurity. These olden cult practices persist alongside newer economic customs and social evolutions and, of course, appear grossly inconsistent. The remnants of the cult present a true picture of the racial religions of the past. Always remember, the cults are formed, not to discover truth, but rather to promulgate their creeds.

2 Religion has always been largely a matter of rites, rituals, observances, ceremonies, and dogmas. It has usually become tainted with that persistently mischief-making error, the chosen-people delusion. The cardinal religious ideas of incantation, inspiration, revelation, propitiation, repentance, atonement, intercession, sacrifice, prayer, confession, worship, survival after death, sacrament, ritual, ransom, salvation, redemption, covenant, uncleanness, purification, prophecy, original sin — they all go back to the early times of primordial ghost fear.

3 §§ Primitive religion is nothing more nor less than the struggle for material existence extended to embrace existence beyond the grave. The observances of such a creed represented the extension of the self-maintenance struggle into the domain of an imagined ghost-spirit world. But when tempted to criticize evolutionary religion, be careful. Remember, that is *what happened;* it is a historical fact. And further recall that the power of any idea lies, not in its certainty or truth, but rather in the vividness of its human appeal.

4 §§ Evolutionary religion makes no

provision for change or revision; unlike science, it does not provide for its own progressive correction. Evolved religion commands respect because its followers believe it is *The Truth;* "the faith once delivered to the saints" must, in theory, be both final and infallible. The cult resists development because real progress is certain to modify or destroy the cult itself; therefore must revision always be forced upon it.

5 Only two influences can modify and uplift the dogmas of natural religion: the pressure of the slowly advancing mores and the periodic illu-

mination of epochal revelation. And it is not strange that progress was slow; in ancient days, to be progressive or inventive meant to be killed as a sorcerer. The cult advances slowly in generation epochs and agelong cycles. But it does move forward. Evolutionary belief in ghosts laid the foundation for a philosophy of revealed religion which will eventually destroy the superstition of its origin.

6 Religion has handicapped social development in many ways, but without religion there would have been no enduring morality nor ethics, no worth-while civilization. Religion en-

mothered much nonreligious culture: Sculpture originated in idol making, architecture in temple building, poetry in incantations, music in worship chants, drama in the acting for spirit guidance, and dancing in the seasonal worship festivals.

7 But while calling attention to the fact that religion was essential to the development and preservation of civilization, it should be recorded that natural religion has also done much to cripple and handicap the very civilization which it otherwise fostered and maintained. Religion has hampered industrial activities and economic de-

velopment; it has been wasteful of labour and has squandered capital; it has not always been helpful to the family; it has not adequately fostered peace and good will; it has sometimes neglected education and retarded science; it has unduly impoverished life for the pretended enrichment of death. Evolutionary religion, human religion, has indeed been guilty of all these and many more mistakes, errors, and blunders; nevertheless, it did maintain cultural ethics, civilized morality, and social coherence, and made it possible for later revealed religion to compensate for

these many evolutionary shortcomings.

8 §§ Evolutionary religion has been man's most expensive but incomparably effective institution. Human religion can be justified only in the light of evolutionary civilization. If man were not the ascendant product of animal evolution, then would such a course of religious development stand without justification.

9 §§ Religion facilitated the accumulation of capital; it fostered work of certain kinds; the leisure of the priests promoted art and knowledge; the race, in the end, gained much as a re-

sult of all these early errors in ethical technique. The shamans, honest and dishonest, were terribly expensive, but they were worth all they cost. The learned professions and science itself emerged from the parasitical priesthoods. Religion fostered civilization and provided societal continuity; it has been the moral police force of all time. Religion provided that human discipline and self-control which made *wisdom* possible. Religion is the efficient scourge of evolution which ruthlessly drives indolent and suffering humanity from its natural state of intellectual inertia forward and upward

to the higher levels of reason and wisdom.

10 And this sacred heritage of animal ascent, evolutionary religion, must ever continue to be refined and ennobled by the continuous censorship of revealed religion and by the fiery furnace of genuine science.

4. THE GIFT OF REVELATION

1 Revelation is evolutionary but always progressive. Down through the ages of a world's history, the revelations of religion are ever-expanding and successively more enlightening. It is the mission of revelation to sort and

censor the successive religions of evolution. But if revelation is to exalt and upstep the religions of evolution, then must such divine visitations portray teachings which are not too far removed from the thought and reactions of the age in which they are presented. Thus must and does revelation always keep in touch with evolution. Always must the religion of revelation be limited by man's capacity of receptivity.

2 But regardless of apparent connection or derivation, the religions of revelation are always characterized by a belief in some Deity of final value and

in some concept of the survival of personality identity after death.

3 Evolutionary religion is sentimental, not logical. It is man's reaction to belief in a hypothetical ghost-spirit world — the human belief-reflex, excited by the realization and fear of the unknown. Revelatory religion is propounded by the real spiritual world; it is the response of the superintellectual cosmos to the mortal hunger to believe in, and depend upon, the universal Deities. Evolutionary religion pictures the circuitous gropings of humanity in quest of truth; revelatory religion *is* that very truth.

4 §§ There have been many events of religious revelation but only five of epochal significance. These were as follows:

5 1. *The Dalamatian teachings.* The true concept of the First Source and Centre was first promulgated on Urantia by the 100 corporeal members of Prince Caligastia's staff. This expanding revelation of Deity went on for more than 300,000 years until it was suddenly terminated by the planetary secession and the disruption of the teaching regime. Except for the work of Van, the influence of the Dalamatian revelation was practically lost

to the whole world. Even the Nodites had forgotten this truth by the time of Adam's arrival. Of all who received the teachings of the 100, the red men held them longest, but the idea of the Great Spirit was but a hazy concept in Amerindian religion when contact with Christianity greatly clarified and strengthened it.

6 2. *The Edenic teachings.* Adam and Eve again portrayed the concept of the Father of all to the evolutionary peoples. The disruption of the first Eden halted the course of the Adamic revelation before it had ever fully started. But the aborted teachings of

Adam were carried on by the Sethite priests, and some of these truths have never been entirely lost to the world. The entire trend of Levantine religious evolution was modified by the teachings of the Sethites. But by 2500 B.C. mankind had largely lost sight of the revelation sponsored in the days of Eden.

7 3. *Melchizedek of Salem.* This emergency Son of Nebadon inaugurated the third revelation of truth on Urantia. The cardinal precepts of his teachings were *trust* and *faith.* He taught trust in the omnipotent beneficence of God and proclaimed that

faith was the act by which men earned God's favour. His teachings gradually commingled with the beliefs and practices of various evolutionary religions and finally developed into those theologic systems present on Urantia at the opening of the first millennium after Christ.

8 4. *Jesus of Nazareth.* Christ Michael presented for the fourth time to Urantia the concept of God as the Universal Father, and this teaching has generally persisted ever since. The essence of his teaching was *love* and *service,* the loving worship which a creature son voluntarily gives in recogni-

tion of, and response to, the loving ministry of God his Father; the free-will service which such creature sons bestow upon their brethren in the joyous realization that in this service they are likewise serving God the Father.

9 5. *The Urantia Papers.* The papers, of which this is one, constitute the most recent presentation of truth to the mortals of Urantia. These papers differ from all previous revelations, for they are not the work of a single universe personality but a composite presentation by many beings. But no revelation short of the attainment of the Universal Father can ever

be complete. All other celestial ministrations are no more than partial, transient, and practically adapted to local conditions in time and space. While such admissions as this may possibly detract from the immediate force and authority of all revelations, the time has arrived on Urantia when it is advisable to make such frank statements, even at the risk of weakening the future influence and authority of this, the most recent of the revelations of truth to the mortal races of Urantia.

5. THE GREAT RELIGIOUS LEADERS

1 In evolutionary religion, the gods

are conceived to exist in the likeness of man's image; in revelatory religion, men are taught that they are God's sons — even fashioned in the finite image of divinity; in the synthesized beliefs compounded from the teachings of revelation and the products of evolution, the God concept is a blend of:

2 1. The pre-existent ideas of the evolutionary cults.

3 2. The sublime ideals of revealed religion.

4 3. The personal viewpoints of the great religious leaders, the prophets and teachers of mankind.

5 §§ Most great religious epochs have been inaugurated by the life and teachings of some outstanding personality; leadership has originated a majority of the worth-while moral movements of history. And men have always tended to venerate the leader, even at the expense of his teachings; to revere his personality, even though losing sight of the truths which he proclaimed. And this is not without reason; there is an instinctive longing in the heart of evolutionary man for help from above and beyond. This craving is designed to anticipate the appearance on earth of the Planetary

Prince and the later Material Sons. On Urantia man has been deprived of these superhuman leaders and rulers, and therefore does he constantly seek to make good this loss by enshrouding his human leaders with legends pertaining to supernatural origins and miraculous careers.

6 Many races have conceived of their leaders as being born of virgins; their careers are liberally sprinkled with miraculous episodes, and their return is always expected by their respective groups. In central Asia the tribesmen still look for the return of Genghis Khan; in Tibet, China,

and India it is Buddha; in Islam it is Mohammed; among the Amerinds it was Hesunanin Onamonalonton; with the Hebrews it was, in general, Adam's return as a material ruler. In Babylon the god Marduk was a perpetuation of the Adam legend, the son-of-God idea, the connecting link between man and God. Following the appearance of Adam on earth, so-called sons of God were common among the world races.

7 But regardless of the superstitious awe in which they were often held, it remains a fact that these teachers were the temporal personality fulcrums on

which the levers of revealed truth depended for the advancement of the morality, philosophy, and religion of mankind.

8 There have been hundreds upon hundreds of religious leaders in the 1,000,000-year human history of Urantia from Onagar to Guru Nanak. During this time there have been many ebbs and flows of the tide of religious truth and spiritual faith, and each renaissance of Urantian religion has, in the past, been identified with the life and teachings of some religious leader. In considering the teachers of recent times, it may prove helpful to

group them into the seven major religious epochs of post-Adamic Urantia:

9 1. *The Sethite period.* The Sethite priests, as regenerated under the leadership of Amosad, became the great post-Adamic teachers. They functioned throughout the lands of the Andites, and their influence persisted longest among the Greeks, Sumerians, and Hindus. Among the latter they have continued to the present time as the Brahmans of the Hindu faith. The Sethites and their followers never entirely lost the Trinity concept revealed by Adam.

10 2. *Era of the Melchizedek mission-*

aries. Urantia religion was in no small measure regenerated by the efforts of those teachers who were commissioned by Machiventa Melchizedek when he lived and taught at Salem almost 2,000 years before Christ. These missionaries proclaimed faith as the price of favour with God, and their teachings, though unproductive of any immediately appearing religions, nevertheless formed the foundations on which later teachers of truth were to build the religions of Urantia.

11 3. *The post-Melchizedek era.* Thous Amenemope and Ikhnaton both taught in this period, the outstanding

religious genius of the post-Melchizedek era was the leader of a group of Levantine Bedouins and the founder of the Hebrew religion — Moses. Moses taught monotheism. Said he: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one God." "The Lord he is God. There is none beside him." He persistently sought to uproot the remnants of the ghost cult among his people, even prescribing the death penalty for its practitioners. The monotheism of Moses was adulterated by his successors, but in later times they did return to many of his teachings. The greatness of Moses lies in his wisdom

and sagacity. Other men have had greater concepts of God, but no one man was ever so successful in inducing large numbers of people to adopt such advanced beliefs.

12 4. *The VI century before Christ.* Many men arose to proclaim truth in this, one of the greatest centuries of religious awakening ever witnessed on Urantia. Among these should be recorded Gautama, Confucius, Lao-tse, Zoroaster, and the Jainist teachers. The teachings of Gautama have become widespread in Asia, and he is revered as the Buddha by millions. Confucius was to Chinese morality

what Plato was to Greek philosophy, and while there were religious repercussions to the teachings of both, strictly speaking, neither was a religious teacher; Lao-tse envisioned more of God in Tao than did Confucius in humanity or Plato in idealism. Zoroaster, while much affected by the prevalent concept of dual spiritism, the good and the bad, at the same time definitely exalted the idea of one eternal Deity and of the ultimate victory of light over darkness.

13 5. *The I century after Christ.* As a religious teacher, Jesus of Nazareth started out with the cult which had

been established by John the Baptist and progressed as far as he could away from fasts and forms. Aside from Jesus, Paul of Tarsus and Philo of Alexandria were the greatest teachers of this era. Their concepts of religion have played a dominant part in the evolution of that faith which bears the name of Christ.

14 *6. The VI century after Christ.* Mohammed founded a religion which was superior to many of the creeds of his time. His was a protest against the social demands of the faiths of foreigners and against the incoherence of the religious life of his own people.

15 *7. The XV century after Christ.* This period witnessed two religious movements: the disruption of the unity of Christianity in the Occident and the synthesis of a new religion in the Orient. In Europe institutionalized Christianity had attained that degree of inelasticity which rendered further growth incompatible with unity. In the Orient the combined teachings of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism were synthesized by Nanak and his followers into Sikhism, one of the most advanced religions of Asia.

16 §§ The future of Urantia will doubtless be characterized by the ap-

pearance of teachers of religious truth — the Fatherhood of God and the fraternity of all creatures. But it is to be hoped that the ardent and sincere efforts of these future prophets will be directed less toward the strengthening of interreligious barriers and more toward the augmentation of the religious brotherhood of spiritual worship among the many followers of the differing intellectual theologies which so characterize Urantia of Satania.

6. THE COMPOSITE RELIGIONS

1 XX century Urantia religions present an interesting study of the social

evolution of man's worship impulse. Many faiths have progressed very little since the days of the ghost cult. The Pygmies of Africa have no religious reactions as a class, although some of them believe slightly in a spirit environment. They are today just where primitive man was when the evolution of religion began. The basic belief of primitive religion was survival after death. The idea of worshipping a personal God indicates advanced evolutionary development, even the first stage of revelation. The Dyaks have evolved only the most primitive religious practices. The comparatively re-

cent Eskimos and Amerinds had very meagre concepts of God; they believed in ghosts and had an indefinite idea of survival of some sort after death. Present-day native Australians have only a ghost fear, dread of the dark, and a crude ancestor veneration. The Zulus are just evolving a religion of ghost fear and sacrifice. Many African tribes, except through missionary work of Christians and Mohammedans, are not yet beyond the fetish stage of religious evolution. But some groups have long held to the idea of monotheism, like the onetime Thracians, who also believed in im-

mortality.

2 §§ On Urantia, evolutionary and revelatory religion are progressing side by side while they blend and coalesce into the diversified theologic systems found in the world in the times of the inditement of these papers. These religions, the religions of XX century Urantia, may be enumerated as follows:

3 1. Hinduism — the most ancient.

4 2. The Hebrew religion.

5 3. Buddhism.

6 4. The Confucian teachings.

7 5. The Taoist beliefs.

8 6. Zoroastrianism.

9 7. Shinto.

10 8. Jainism.

11 9. Christianity.

12 10. Islam.

13 11. Sikhism — the most recent.

14 §§ The most advanced religions of ancient times were Judaism and Hinduism, and each respectively has greatly influenced the course of religious development in Orient and Occident. Both Hindus and Hebrews believed that their religions were inspired and revealed, and they believed

all others to be decadent forms of the one true faith.

15 India is divided among Hindu, Sikh, Mohammedan, and Jain, each picturing God, man, and the universe as these are variously conceived. China follows the Taoist and the Confucian teachings; Shinto is revered in Japan.

16 The great international, interracial faiths are the Hebraic, Buddhist, Christian, and Islamic. Buddhism stretches from Ceylon and Burma through Tibet and China to Japan. It has shown an adaptability to the mores of many peoples that has been

equalled only by Christianity.

17 The Hebrew religion encompasses the philosophic transition from polytheism to monotheism; it is an evolutionary link between the religions of evolution and the religions of revelation. The Hebrews were the only western people to follow their early evolutionary gods straight through to the God of revelation. But this truth never became widely accepted until the days of Isaiah, who once again taught the blended idea of a racial deity combined with a Universal Creator: "O Lord of Hosts, God of Israel, you are God, even you alone; you

have made heaven and earth." At one time the hope of the survival of Occidental civilization lay in the sublime Hebraic concepts of goodness and the advanced Hellenic concepts of beauty.

18 The Christian religion is the religion about the life and teachings of Christ based upon the theology of Judaism, modified further through the assimilation of certain Zoroastrian teachings and Greek philosophy, and formulated primarily by three individuals: Philo, Peter, and Paul. It has passed through many phases of evolution since the time of Paul and has become so thoroughly Occidentalized

that many non-European peoples very naturally look upon Christianity as a strange revelation of a strange God and for strangers.

19 Islam is the religio-cultural connective of North Africa, the Levant, and south-eastern Asia. It was Jewish theology in connection with the later Christian teachings that made Islam monotheistic. The followers of Mohammed stumbled at the advanced teachings of the Trinity; they could not comprehend the doctrine of three divine personalities and one Deity. It is always difficult to induce evolutionary minds *suddenly* to accept advanced

revealed truth. Man is an evolutionary creature and in the main must get his religion by evolutionary techniques.

20 §§ Ancestor worship onetime constituted a decided advance in religious evolution, but it is both amazing and regrettable that this primitive concept persists in China, Japan, and India amidst so much that is relatively more advanced, such as Buddhism and Hinduism. In the Occident, ancestor worship developed into the veneration of national gods and respect for racial heroes. In the XX century this hero-venerating nationalistic religion makes its appearance in the

various radical and nationalistic secularisms which characterize many races and nations of the Occident. Much of this same attitude is also found in the great universities and the larger industrial communities of the English-speaking peoples. Not very different from these concepts is the idea that religion is but "a shared quest of the good life." The "national religions" are nothing more than a reversion to the early Roman emperor worship and to Shinto — worship of the state in the

imperial family.

7. THE FURTHER EVOLUTION OF RELIGION

1 Religion can never become a scientific fact. Philosophy may, indeed, rest on a scientific basis, but religion will ever remain either evolutionary or revelatory, or a possible combination of both, as it is in the world today.

2 New religions cannot be invented; they are either evolved, or else they are *suddenly revealed.* All new evolutionary religions are merely advancing expressions of the old beliefs, new adaptations and adjustments. The old does not cease to exist; it is merged with

the new, even as Sikhism budded and blossomed out of the soil and forms of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and other contemporary cults. Primitive religion was very democratic; the savage was quick to borrow or lend. Only with revealed religion did autocratic and intolerant theologic egotism appear.

3 The many religions of Urantia are all good to the extent that they bring man to God and bring the realization of the Father to man. It is a fallacy for any group of religionists to conceive of their creed as *The Truth;* such attitudes bespeak more of theological

arrogance than of certainty of faith. There is not a Urantia religion that could not profitably study and assimilate the best of the truths contained in every other faith, for all contain truth. Religionists would do better to borrow the best in their neighbours' living spiritual faith rather than to denounce the worst in their lingering superstitions and outworn rituals.

4 All these religions have arisen as a result of man's variable intellectual response to his identical spiritual leading. They can never hope to attain a uniformity of creeds, dogmas, and rituals — these are intellectual; but they

can, and some day will, realize a unity in true worship of the Father of all, for this is spiritual, and it is forever true, in the spirit all men are equal.

5 §§ Primitive religion was largely a material-value consciousness, but civilization elevates religious values, for true religion is the devotion of the self to the service of meaningful and supreme values. As religion evolves, ethics becomes the philosophy of morals, and morality becomes the discipline of self by the standards of highest meanings and supreme values — divine and spiritual ideals. And thus religion becomes a spontaneous and

exquisite devotion, the living experience of the loyalty of love.

6 The quality of a religion is indicated by:

7 1. Level of values[1] — loyalties.

8 2. Depth of meanings — the sensitization of the individual to the idealistic appreciation of these highest values.

9 3. Consecration intensity — the degree of devotion to these divine values.

10 4. The unfettered progress of the personality in this cosmic path of ide-

[1] In 1955 text "Level values". "Level values" has no discernible meaning in this context.

alistic spiritual living, realization of sonship with God and never-ending progressive citizenship in the universe.

11 §§ Religious meanings progress in self-consciousness when the child transfers his ideas of omnipotence from his parents to God. And the entire religious experience of such a child is largely dependent on whether fear or love has dominated the parent-child relationship. Slaves have always experienced great difficulty in transferring their master-fear into concepts of God-love. Civilization, science, and advanced religions must deliver mankind from those fears born of the

dread of natural phenomena. And so should greater enlightenment deliver educated mortals from all dependence on intermediaries in communion with Deity.

12 These intermediate stages of idolatrous hesitation in the transfer of veneration from the human and the visible to the divine and invisible are inevitable, but they should be shortened by the consciousness of the facilitating ministry of the indwelling divine spirit. Nevertheless, man has been profoundly influenced, not only by his concepts of Deity, but also by the character of the heroes whom he has

chosen to honour. It is most unfortunate that those who have come to venerate the divine and risen Christ should have overlooked the man — the valiant and courageous hero — Joshua ben Joseph.

13 §§ Modern man is adequately self-conscious of religion, but his worshipful customs are confused and discredited by his accelerated social metamorphosis and unprecedented scientific developments. Thinking men and women want religion redefined, and this demand will compel religion to re-evaluate itself.

14 Modern man is confronted with

the task of making more readjustments of human values in 1 generation than have been made in 2,000 years. And this all influences the social attitude toward religion, for religion is a way of living as well as a technique of thinking.

15 §§ True religion must ever be, at one and the same time, the eternal foundation and the guiding star of all enduring civilizations.

16 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

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MACHIVENTA MELCHIZEDEK

Melchizedek

The Melchizedeks are widely known as emergency Sons, for they engage in an amazing range of activities on the worlds of a local universe. When any extraordinary problem arises, or when something unusual is to be attempted, it is quite often a Melchizedek who accepts the assignment. The ability of the Melchizedek Sons to function in emergencies

and on widely divergent levels of the universe, even on the physical level of personality manifestation, is peculiar to their order. Only the Life Carriers share to any degree this metamorphic range of personality function.

2 §§ The Melchizedek order of universe sonship has been exceedingly active on Urantia. A corps of twelve served in conjunction with the Life Carriers. A later corps of twelve became receivers for your world shortly after the Caligastia secession and continued in authority until the time of Adam and Eve. These twelve Melchizedeks returned to Urantia upon the

default of Adam and Eve, and they continued thereafter as planetary receivers on down to the day when Jesus of Nazareth, as the Son of Man, became the titular Planetary Prince of Urantia.

1. THE MACHIVENTA INCARNATION

1 Revealed truth was threatened with extinction during the millenniums which followed the miscarriage of the Adamic mission on Urantia. Though making progress intellectually, the human races were slowly losing ground spiritually. About 3000 B.C. the concept of God had

grown very hazy in the minds of men.

2 The twelve Melchizedek receivers knew of Michael's impending bestowal on their planet, but they did not know how soon it would occur; therefore they convened in solemn council and petitioned the Most Highs of Edentia that some provision be made for maintaining the light of truth on Urantia. This plea was dismissed with the mandate that "the conduct of affairs on 606 of Satania is fully in the hands of the Melchizedek custodians." The receivers then appealed to the Father Melchizedek for help but only received word that

they should continue to uphold truth in the manner of their own election "until the arrival of a bestowal Son," who "would rescue the planetary titles from forfeiture and uncertainty."

3 And it was in consequence of having been thrown so completely on their own resources that Machiventa Melchizedek, one of the twelve planetary receivers, volunteered to do that which had been done only six times in all the history of Nebadon: to personalize on earth as a temporary man of the realm, to bestow himself as an emergency Son of world ministry. Permission was granted for this adven-

ture by the Salvington authorities, and the actual incarnation of Machiventa Melchizedek was consummated near what was to become the city of Salem, in Palestine. The entire transaction of the materialization of this Melchizedek Son was completed by the planetary receivers with the co-operation of the Life Carriers, certain of the Master Physical Controllers, and other celestial personalities resident on Urantia.

2. THE SAGE OF SALEM

1 It was 1,973 years before the birth of Jesus that Machiventa was bestowed upon the human races of Urantia. His

coming was unspectacular; his materialization was not witnessed by human eyes. He was first observed by mortal man on that eventful day when he entered the tent of Amdon, a Chaldean herder of Sumerian extraction. And the proclamation of his mission was embodied in the simple statement which he made to this shepherd, "I am Melchizedek, priest of El Elyon, the Most High, the one and only God."

2 When the herder had recovered from his astonishment, and after he had plied this stranger with many questions, he asked Melchizedek to

sup with him, and this was the first time in his long universe career that Machiventa had partaken of material food, the nourishment which was to sustain him throughout his 94 years of life as a material being.

3 And that night, as they talked out under the stars, Melchizedek began his mission of the revelation of the truth of the reality of God when, with a sweep of his arm, he turned to Amdon, saying, "El Elyon, the Most High, is the divine creator of the stars of the firmament and even of this very earth on which we live, and he is also the supreme God of heaven."

4 §§ Within a few years Melchizedek had gathered around himself a group of pupils, disciples, and believers who formed the nucleus of the later community of Salem. He was soon known throughout Palestine as the priest of El Elyon, the Most High, and as the sage of Salem. Among some of the surrounding tribes he was often referred to as the sheik, or king, of Salem. Salem was the site which after the disappearance of Melchizedek became the city of Jebus, subsequently being called Jerusalem.

5 §§ In personal appearance, Melchizedek resembled the then blended

Nodite and Sumerian peoples, being almost 1.8 m in height and possessing a commanding presence. He spoke Chaldean and a half dozen other languages. He dressed much as did the Canaanite priests except that on his breast he wore an emblem of three concentric circles, the Satania symbol of the Paradise Trinity. In the course of his ministry this insignia of three concentric circles became regarded as so sacred by his followers that they never dared to use it, and it was soon forgotten with the passing of a few generations.

6 Though Machiventa lived after

the manner of the men of the realm, he never married, nor could he have left offspring on earth. His physical body, while resembling that of the human male, was in reality on the order of those especially constructed bodies used by the 100 materialized members of Prince Caligastia's staff except that it did not carry the life plasm of any human race. Nor was there available on Urantia the tree of life. Had Machiventa remained for any long period on earth, his physical mechanism would have gradually deteriorated; as it was, he terminated his bestowal mission in 94 years long before his material body

had begun to disintegrate.

7 §§ This incarnated Melchizedek received a Thought Adjuster, who indwelt his superhuman personality as the monitor of time and the mentor of the flesh, thus gaining that experience and practical introduction to Urantian problems and to the technique of indwelling an incarnated Son which enabled this spirit of the Father to function so valiantly in the human mind of the later Son of God, Michael, when he appeared on earth in the likeness of mortal flesh. And this is the only Thought Adjuster who ever functioned in two minds on Urantia, but

both minds were divine as well as human.

8 During the incarnation in the flesh, Machiventa was in full contact with his eleven fellows of the corps of planetary custodians, but he could not communicate with other orders of celestial personalities. Aside from the Melchizedek receivers, he had no more contact with superhuman intelligences than a human being.

3. MELCHIZEDEK'S TEACHINGS

1 With the passing of a decade, Melchizedek organized his schools at Salem, patterning them on the olden

system which had been developed by the early Sethite priests of the second Eden. Even the idea of a tithing system, which was introduced by his later convert Abraham, was also derived from the lingering traditions of the methods of the ancient Sethites.

2 Melchizedek taught the concept of one God, a universal Deity, but he allowed the people to associate this teaching with the Constellation Father of Norlatiadek, whom he termed El Elyon — the Most High. Melchizedek remained all but silent as to the status of Lucifer and the state of affairs on Jerusem. Lanaforge, the System

Sovereign, had little to do with Urantia until after the completion of Michael's bestowal. To a majority of the Salem students Edentia was heaven and the Most High was God.

3 The symbol of the three concentric circles, which Melchizedek adopted as the insignia of his bestowal, a majority of the people interpreted as standing for the three kingdoms of men, angels, and God. And they were allowed to continue in that belief; very few of his followers ever knew that these three circles were emblematic of the infinity, eternity, and universality of the Paradise Trinity of di-

vine maintenance and direction; even Abraham rather regarded this symbol as standing for the three Most Highs of Edentia, as he had been instructed that the three Most Highs functioned as one. To the extent that Melchizedek taught the Trinity concept symbolized in his insignia, he usually associated it with the three Vorondadek rulers of the constellation of Norlatiadek.

4 To the rank and file of his followers he made no effort to present teaching beyond the fact of the rulership of the Most Highs of Edentia — Gods of Urantia. But to some, Melchizedek

taught advanced truth, embracing the conduct and organization of the local universe, while to his brilliant disciple Nordan the Kenite and his band of earnest students he taught the truths of the superuniverse and even of Havona.

5 The members of the family of Katro, with whom Melchizedek lived for more than 30 years, knew many of these higher truths and long perpetuated them in their family, even to the days of their illustrious descendant Moses, who thus had a compelling tradition of the days of Melchizedek handed down to him on this, his fa-

ther's side, as well as through other sources on his mother's side.

6 Melchizedek taught his followers all they had capacity to receive and assimilate. Even many modern religious ideas about heaven and earth, of man, God, and angels, are not far removed from these teachings of Melchizedek. But this great teacher subordinated everything to the doctrine of one God, a universe Deity, a heavenly Creator, a divine Father. Emphasis was placed upon this teaching for the purpose of appealing to man's adoration and of preparing the way for the subsequent appearance of Michael as

the Son of this same Universal Father.

7 Melchizedek taught that at some future time another Son of God would come in the flesh as he had come, but that he would be born of a woman; and that is why numerous later teachers held that Jesus was a priest, or minister, "forever after the order of Melchizedek."

8 And thus did Melchizedek prepare the way and set the monotheistic stage of world tendency for the bestowal of an actual Paradise Son of the one God, whom he so vividly portrayed as the Father of all, and whom he represented to Abraham as a God

who would accept man on the simple terms of personal faith. And Michael, when he appeared on earth, confirmed all that Melchizedek had taught concerning the Paradise Father.

4. THE SALEM RELIGION

1 The ceremonies of the Salem worship were very simple. Every person who signed or marked the clay-tablet rolls of the Melchizedek church committed to memory, and subscribed to, the following belief:

2 1. I believe in El Elyon, the Most High God, the only Universal Father and Creator of all things.

3 2. I accept the Melchizedek covenant with the Most High, which bestows the favour of God on my faith, not on sacrifices and burnt offerings.

4 3. I promise to obey the seven commandments of Melchizedek and to tell the good news of this covenant with the Most High to all men.

5 §§ And that was the whole of the creed of the Salem colony. But even such a short and simple declaration of faith was altogether too much and too advanced for the men of those days. They simply could not grasp the idea of getting divine favour for nothing —

by faith. They were too deeply confirmed in the belief that man was born under forfeit to the gods. Too long and too earnestly had they sacrificed and made gifts to the priests to be able to comprehend the good news that salvation, divine favour, was a free gift to all who would believe in the Melchizedek covenant. But Abraham did believe half-heartedly, and even that was "counted for righteousness."

6 §§ The seven commandments promulgated by Melchizedek were patterned along the lines of the ancient Dalamatian supreme law and very much resembled the seven commands

taught in the first and second Edens. These commands of the Salem religion were:

7 1. You shall not serve any God but the Most High Creator of heaven and earth.

8 2. You shall not doubt that faith is the only requirement for eternal salvation.

9 3. You shall not bear false witness.

10 4. You shall not kill.

11 5. You shall not steal.

12 6. You shall not commit adultery.

13 7. You shall not show disrespect for your parents and elders.

14 §§ While no sacrifices were permitted within the colony, Melchizedek well knew how difficult it is to suddenly uproot long-established customs and accordingly had wisely offered these people the substitute of a sacrament of bread and wine for the older sacrifice of flesh and blood. It is of record, "Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine." But even this cautious innovation was not altogether successful; the various tribes all maintained auxiliary centres on the outskirts of Salem where they

offered sacrifices and burnt offerings. Even Abraham resorted to this barbarous practice after his victory over Chedorlaomer; he simply did not feel quite at ease until he had offered a conventional sacrifice. And Melchizedek never did succeed in fully eradicating this proclivity to sacrifice from the religious practices of his followers, even of Abraham.

15 Like Jesus, Melchizedek attended strictly to the fulfilment of the mission of his bestowal. He did not attempt to reform the mores, to change the habits of the world, nor to promulgate even advanced sanitary practices or scien-

tific truths. He came to achieve two tasks: to keep alive on earth the truth of the one God and to prepare the way for the subsequent mortal bestowal of a Paradise Son of that Universal Father.

16 §§ Melchizedek taught elementary revealed truth at Salem for 94 years, and during this time Abraham attended the Salem school three different times. He finally became a convert to the Salem teachings, becoming one of Melchizedek's most brilliant pupils

and chief supporters.

5. THE SELECTION OF ABRAHAM

1 Although it may be an error to speak of "chosen people," it is not a mistake to refer to Abraham as a chosen individual. Melchizedek did lay upon Abraham the responsibility of keeping alive the truth of one God as distinguished from the prevailing belief in plural deities.

2 The choice of Palestine as the site for Machiventa's activities was in part predicated upon the desire to establish contact with some human family embodying the potentials of lead-

ership. At the time of the incarnation of Melchizedek there were many families on earth just as well prepared to receive the doctrine of Salem as was that of Abraham. There were equally endowed families among the red men, the yellow men, and the descendants of the Andites to the west and north. But, again, none of these localities were so favourably situated for Michael's subsequent appearance on earth as was the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. The Melchizedek mission in Palestine and the subsequent appearance of Michael among the Hebrew people were in no small

measure determined by geography, by the fact that Palestine was centrally located with reference to the then existent trade, travel, and civilization of the world.

3 For some time the Melchizedek receivers had been observing the ancestors of Abraham, and they confidently expected offspring in a certain generation who would be characterized by intelligence, initiative, sagacity, and sincerity. The children of Terah, the father of Abraham, in every way met these expectations. It was this possibility of contact with these versatile children of Terah that had considerable to

do with the appearance of Machiventa at Salem, rather than in Egypt, China, India, or among the northern tribes.

4 Terah and his whole family were half-hearted converts to the Salem religion, which had been preached in Chaldea; they learned of Melchizedek through the preaching of Ovid, a Phoenician teacher who proclaimed the Salem doctrines in Ur. They left Ur intending to go directly through to Salem, but Nahor, Abraham's brother, not having seen Melchizedek, was lukewarm and persuaded them to tarry at Haran. And it was a long time after they arrived in Palestine be-

fore they were willing to destroy *all* of the household gods they had brought with them; they were slow to give up the many gods of Mesopotamia for the one God of Salem.

5 A few weeks after the death of Abraham's father, Terah, Melchizedek sent one of his students, Jaram the Hittite, to extend this invitation to both Abraham and Nahor: "Come to Salem, where you shall hear our teachings of the truth of the eternal Creator, and in the enlightened offspring of you two brothers shall all the world be blessed." Now Nahor had not wholly accepted the Melchizedek gospel; he

remained behind and built up a strong city-state which bore his name; but Lot, Abraham's nephew, decided to go with his uncle to Salem.

6 Upon arriving at Salem, Abraham and Lot chose a hilly fastness near the city where they could defend themselves against the many surprise attacks of northern raiders. At this time the Hittites, Assyrians, Philistines, and other groups were constantly raiding the tribes of central and southern Palestine. From their stronghold in the hills Abraham and Lot made frequent pilgrimages to Salem.

7 §§ Not long after they had estab-

lished themselves near Salem, Abraham and Lot journeyed to the valley of the Nile to obtain food supplies as there was then a drought in Palestine. During his brief sojourn in Egypt Abraham found a distant relative on the Egyptian throne, and he served as the commander of two very successful military expeditions for this king. During the latter part of his sojourn on the Nile he and his wife, Sarah, lived at court, and when leaving Egypt, he was given a share of the spoils of his military campaigns.

8 It required great determination for Abraham to forgo the honours of the

Egyptian court and return to the more spiritual work sponsored by Machiventa. But Melchizedek was revered even in Egypt, and when the full story was laid before Pharaoh, he strongly urged Abraham to return to the execution of his vows to the cause of Salem.

9 §§ Abraham had kingly ambitions, and on the way back from Egypt he laid before Lot his plan to subdue all Canaan and bring its people under the rule of Salem. Lot was more bent on business; so, after a later disagreement, he went to Sodom to engage in trade and animal husbandry. Lot liked neither a military nor a herder's life.

10 Upon returning with his family to Salem, Abraham began to mature his military projects. He was soon recognized as the civil ruler of the Salem territory and had confederated under his leadership seven nearby tribes. Indeed, it was with great difficulty that Melchizedek restrained Abraham, who was fired with a zeal to go forth and round up the neighbouring tribes with the sword that they might thus more quickly be brought to a knowledge of the Salem truths.

11 Melchizedek maintained peaceful relations with all the surrounding tribes; he was not militaristic and was

never attacked by any of the armies as they moved back and forth. He was entirely willing that Abraham should formulate a defensive policy for Salem such as was subsequently put into effect, but he would not approve of his pupil's ambitious schemes for conquest; so there occurred a friendly severance of relationship, Abraham going over to Hebron to establish his military capital.

12 Abraham, because of his close connection with the illustrious Melchizedek, possessed great advantage over the surrounding petty kings; they all revered Melchizedek and unduly

feared Abraham. Abraham knew of this fear and only awaited an opportune occasion to attack his neighbours, and this excuse came when some of these rulers presumed to raid the property of his nephew Lot, who dwelt in Sodom. Upon hearing of this, Abraham, at the head of his seven confederated tribes, moved on the enemy. His own bodyguard of 318 officered the army, numbering more than 4,000, which struck at this time.

13 When Melchizedek heard of Abraham's declaration of war, he went forth to dissuade him but only caught up with his former disciple as he

returned victorious from the battle. Abraham insisted that the God of Salem had given him victory over his enemies and persisted in giving a tenth of his spoils to the Salem treasury. The other 90% he removed to his capital at Hebron.

14 After this battle of Siddim, Abraham became leader of a second confederation of eleven tribes and not only paid tithes to Melchizedek but saw to it that all others in that vicinity did the same. His diplomatic dealings with the king of Sodom, together with the fear in which he was so generally held, resulted in the king of Sodom

and others joining the Hebron military confederation; Abraham was really well on the way to establishing a powerful state in Palestine.

6. MELCHIZEDEK'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

1 Abraham envisaged the conquest of all Canaan. His determination was only weakened by the fact that Melchizedek would not sanction the undertaking. But Abraham had about decided to embark upon the enterprise when the thought that he had no son to succeed him as ruler of this proposed kingdom began to worry

him. He arranged another conference with Melchizedek; and it was in the course of this interview that the priest of Salem, the visible Son of God, persuaded Abraham to abandon his scheme of material conquest and temporal rule in favour of the spiritual concept of the kingdom of heaven.

2 Melchizedek explained to Abraham the futility of contending with the Amorite confederation but made it equally clear that these backward clans were certainly committing suicide by their foolish practices so that in a few generations they would be so weakened that the descendants

of Abraham, meanwhile greatly increased, could easily overcome them.

3 And Melchizedek made a formal covenant with Abraham at Salem. Said he to Abraham: "Look now up to the heavens and number the stars if you are able; so numerous shall your seed be." And Abraham believed Melchizedek, "and it was counted to him for righteousness." And then Melchizedek told Abraham the story of the future occupation of Canaan by his offspring after their sojourn in Egypt.

4 §§ This covenant of Melchizedek with Abraham represents the great Urantian agreement between divinity

and humanity whereby God agrees to do *everything;* man only agrees to *believe* God's promises and follow his instructions. Heretofore it had been believed that salvation could be secured only by works — sacrifices and offerings; now, Melchizedek again brought to Urantia the good news that salvation, favour with God, is to be had by *faith.* But this gospel of simple faith in God was too advanced; the Semitic tribesmen subsequently preferred to go back to the older sacrifices and atonement for sin by the shedding of blood.

5 It was not long after the establish-

ment of this covenant that Isaac, the son of Abraham, was born in accordance with the promise of Melchizedek. After the birth of Isaac, Abraham took a very solemn attitude toward his covenant with Melchizedek, going over to Salem to have it stated in writing. It was at this public and formal acceptance of the covenant that he changed his name from Abram to Abraham.

6 Most of the Salem believers had practised circumcision, though it had never been made obligatory by Melchizedek. Now Abraham had always so opposed circumcision that on this

occasion he decided to solemnize the event by formally accepting this rite in token of the ratification of the Salem covenant.

7 It was following this real and public surrender of his personal ambitions in behalf of the larger plans of Melchizedek that the three celestial beings appeared to him on the plains of Mamre. This was an appearance of fact, notwithstanding its association with the subsequently fabricated narratives relating to the natural destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. And these legends of the happenings of those days indicate how retarded

were the morals and ethics of even so recent a time.

8 Upon the consummation of the solemn covenant, the reconciliation between Abraham and Melchizedek was complete. Abraham again assumed the civil and military leadership of the Salem colony, which at its height carried over 100,000 regular tithe payers on the rolls of the Melchizedek brotherhood. Abraham greatly improved the Salem temple and provided new tents for the entire school. He not only extended the tithing system but also instituted many improved methods of conduct-

ing the business of the school, besides contributing greatly to the better handling of the department of missionary propaganda. He also did much to effect improvement of the herds and the reorganization of the Salem dairying projects. Abraham was a shrewd and efficient business man, a wealthy man for his day; he was not overly pious, but he was thoroughly sincere, and he did believe in Machiventa Melchizedek.

7. THE MELCHIZEDEK MISSIONARIES

1 Melchizedek continued for some years to instruct his students and to

train the Salem missionaries, who penetrated to all the surrounding tribes, especially to Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Asia Minor. And as the decades passed, these teachers journeyed farther and farther from Salem, carrying with them Machiventa's gospel of belief and faith in God.

2 The descendants of Adamson, clustered about the shores of the lake of Van, were willing listeners to the Hittite teachers of the Salem cult. From this onetime Andite centre, teachers were dispatched to the remote regions of both Europe and Asia. Salem missionaries penetrated all Eu-

rope, even to the British Isles. One group went by way of the Faroes to the Andonites of Iceland, while another traversed China and reached the Japanese of the eastern islands. The lives and experiences of the men and women who ventured forth from Salem, Mesopotamia, and Lake Van to enlighten the tribes of the Eastern Hemisphere present a heroic chapter in the annals of the human race.

3 But the task was so great and the tribes were so backward that the results were vague and indefinite. From one generation to another the Salem gospel found lodgement here and

there, but except in Palestine, never was the idea of one God able to claim the continued allegiance of a whole tribe or race. Long before the coming of Jesus the teachings of the early Salem missionaries had become generally submerged in the older and more universal superstitions and beliefs. The original Melchizedek gospel had been almost wholly absorbed in the beliefs in the Great Mother, the Sun, and other ancient cults.

4 §§ You who today enjoy the advantages of the art of printing little understand how difficult it was to perpetuate truth during these earlier times;

how easy it was to lose sight of a new doctrine from one generation to another. There was always a tendency for the new doctrine to become absorbed into the older body of religious teaching and magical practice. A new revelation is always contaminated by the older evolutionary beliefs.

8. DEPARTURE OF MELCHIZEDEK

1 It was shortly after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah that Machiventa decided to end his emergency bestowal on Urantia. Melchizedek's decision to terminate his sojourn in the flesh was influenced by numer-

ous conditions, chief of which was the growing tendency of the surrounding tribes, and even of his immediate associates, to regard him as a demigod, to look upon him as a supernatural being, which indeed he was; but they were beginning to reverence him unduly and with a highly superstitious fear. In addition to these reasons, Melchizedek wanted to leave the scene of his earthly activities a sufficient length of time before Abraham's death to ensure that the truth of the one and only God would become strongly established in the minds of his followers. Accordingly Machiventa retired one

night to his tent at Salem, having said good night to his human companions, and when they went to call him in the morning, he was not there, for his fellows had taken him.

9. AFTER MELCHIZEDEK'S DEPARTURE

1 It was a great trial for Abraham when Melchizedek so suddenly disappeared. Although he had fully warned his followers that he must sometime go as he had come, they were not reconciled to the loss of their wonderful leader. The great organization built up at Salem nearly disappeared, though the traditions of these days were what

Moses built upon when he led the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt.

2 §§ The loss of Melchizedek produced a sadness in the heart of Abraham that he never fully overcame. Hebron he had abandoned when he gave up the ambition of building a material kingdom; and now, upon the loss of his associate in the building of the spiritual kingdom, he departed from Salem, going south to live near his interests at Gerar.

3 Abraham became fearful and timid immediately after the disappearance of Melchizedek. He withheld his identity upon arrival at Gerar, so

that Abimelech appropriated his wife. (Shortly after his marriage to Sarah, Abraham one night had overheard a plot to murder him in order to get his brilliant wife. This dread became a terror to the otherwise brave and daring leader; all his life he feared that someone would kill him secretly in order to get Sarah. And this explains why, on three separate occasions, this brave man exhibited real cowardice.)

4 But Abraham was not long to be deterred in his mission as the successor of Melchizedek. Soon he made converts among the Philistines and of Abimelech's people, made a treaty

with them, and, in turn, became contaminated with many of their superstitions, particularly with their practice of sacrificing first-born sons. Thus did Abraham again become a great leader in Palestine. He was held in reverence by all groups and honoured by all kings. He was the spiritual leader of all the surrounding tribes, and his influence continued for some time after his death. During the closing years of his life he once more returned to Hebron, the scene of his earlier activities and the place where he had worked in association with Melchizedek. Abraham's last act was to send trusty ser-

vants to the city of his brother, Nahor, on the border of Mesopotamia, to secure a woman of his own people as a wife for his son Isaac. It had long been the custom of Abraham's people to marry their cousins. And Abraham died confident in that faith in God which he had learned from Melchizedek in the vanished schools of Salem.

5 §§ It was hard for the next generation to comprehend the story of Melchizedek; within 500 years many regarded the whole narrative as a myth. Isaac held fairly well to the teachings of his father and nourished the gospel of the Salem colony, but it was harder

for Jacob to grasp the significance of these traditions. Joseph was a firm believer in Melchizedek and was, largely because of this, regarded by his brothers as a dreamer. Joseph's honour in Egypt was chiefly due to the memory of his great-grandfather Abraham. Joseph was offered military command of the Egyptian armies, but being such a firm believer in the traditions of Melchizedek and the later teachings of Abraham and Isaac, he elected to serve as a civil administrator, believing that he could thus better labour for the advancement of the kingdom of heaven.

6 The teaching of Melchizedek was

full and replete, but the records of these days seemed impossible and fantastic to the later Hebrew priests, although many had some understanding of these transactions, at least up to the times of the en masse editing of the Old Testament records in Babylon.

7 What the Old Testament records describe as conversations between Abraham and God were in reality conferences between Abraham and Melchizedek. Later scribes regarded the term Melchizedek as synonymous with God. The record of so many contacts of Abraham and Sarah with "the angel of the Lord" refers to their nu-

merous visits with Melchizedek.

8 The Hebrew narratives of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are far more reliable than those about Abraham, although they also contain many diversions from the facts, alterations made intentionally and unintentionally at the time of the compilation of these records by the Hebrew priests during the Babylonian captivity. Keturah was not a wife of Abraham; like Hagar, she was merely a concubine. All of Abraham's property went to Isaac, the son of Sarah, the status wife. Abraham was not so old as the records indicate, and his wife was much younger. These

ages were deliberately altered in order to provide for the subsequent alleged miraculous birth of Isaac.

9 §§ The national ego of the Jews was tremendously depressed by the Babylonian captivity. In their reaction against national inferiority they swung to the other extreme of national and racial egotism, in which they distorted and perverted their traditions with the view of exalting themselves above all races as the chosen people of God; and hence they carefully edited all their records for the purpose of raising Abraham and their other national leaders high up above all other per-

sons, not excepting Melchizedek himself. The Hebrew scribes therefore destroyed every record of these momentous times which they could find, preserving only the narrative of the meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek after the battle of Siddim, which they deemed reflected great honour upon Abraham.

10 And thus, in losing sight of Melchizedek, they also lost sight of the teaching of this emergency Son regarding the spiritual mission of the promised bestowal Son; lost sight of the nature of this mission so fully and completely that very few of their

progeny were able or willing to recognize and receive Michael when he appeared on earth and in the flesh as Machiventa had foretold.

11 But one of the writers of the Book of Hebrews understood the mission of Melchizedek, for it is written: "This Melchizedek, priest of the Most High, was also king of peace; without father, without mother, without pedigree, having neither beginning of days nor end of life but made like a Son of God, he abides a priest continually." This writer designated Melchizedek as a type of the later bestowal of Michael, affirming that Jesus was "a

minister forever on the order of Melchizedek." While this comparison was not altogether fortunate, it was literally true that Christ did receive provisional title to Urantia "upon the orders of the twelve Melchizedek receivers" on duty at the time of his world bestowal.

10. PRESENT STATUS OF MACHIVENTA MELCHIZEDEK

1 During the years of Machiventa's incarnation the Urantia Melchizedek receivers functioned as eleven. When Machiventa considered that his mission as an emergency Son was finished,

he signalized this fact to his eleven associates, and they immediately made ready the technique whereby he was to be released from the flesh and safely restored to his original Melchizedek status. And on the third day after his disappearance from Salem he appeared among his eleven fellows of the Urantia assignment and resumed his interrupted career as one of the planetary receivers of 606 of Satania.

2 Machiventa terminated his bestowal as a creature of flesh and blood just as suddenly and unceremoniously as he had begun it. Neither his appearance nor departure were accom-

panied by any unusual announcement or demonstration; neither resurrection roll call nor ending of planetary dispensation marked his appearance on Urantia; his was an emergency bestowal. But Machiventa did not end his sojourn in the flesh of human beings until he had been duly released by the Father Melchizedek and had been informed that his emergency bestowal had received the approval of the chief executive of Nebadon, Gabriel of Salvington.

3 §§ Machiventa Melchizedek continued to take a great interest in the affairs of the descendants of those

men who had believed in his teachings when he was in the flesh. But the progeny of Abraham through Isaac as intermarried with the Kenites were the only line which long continued to nourish any clear concept of the Salem teachings.

4 This same Melchizedek continued to collaborate throughout the nineteen succeeding centuries with the many prophets and seers, thus endeavouring to keep alive the truths of Salem until the fullness of the time for Michael's appearance on earth.

5 Machiventa continued as a planetary receiver up to the times of the tri-

umph of Michael on Urantia. Subsequently, he was attached to the Urantia service on Jerusem as one of the four and twenty directors, only just recently having been elevated to the position of personal ambassador on Jerusem of the Creator Son, bearing the title Vicegerent Planetary Prince of Urantia. It is our belief that, as long as Urantia remains an inhabited planet, Machiventa Melchizedek will not be fully returned to the duties of his order of sonship but will remain, speaking in the terms of time, forever a planetary minister representing Christ Michael.

6 As his was an emergency bestowal

on Urantia, it does not appear from the records what Machiventa's future may be. It may develop that the Melchizedek corps of Nebadon have sustained the permanent loss of one of their number. Recent rulings handed down from the Most Highs of Edentia, and later confirmed by the Ancients of Days of Uversa, strongly suggest that this bestowal Melchizedek is destined to take the place of the fallen Planetary Prince, Caligastia. If our conjectures in this respect are correct, it is altogether possible that Machiventa Melchizedek may again appear in person on Urantia and in some

modified manner resume the role of the dethroned Planetary Prince, or else appear on earth to function as vicegerent Planetary Prince representing Christ Michael, who now actually holds the title of Planetary Prince of Urantia. While it is far from clear to us as to what Machiventa's destiny may be, nevertheless, events which have so recently taken place strongly suggest that the foregoing conjectures are probably not far from the truth.

7 We well understand how, by his triumph on Urantia, Michael became the successor of both Caligastia and Adam; how he became the plane-

tary Prince of Peace and the second Adam. And now we behold the conferring upon this Melchizedek of the title Vicegerent Planetary Prince of Urantia. Will he also be constituted Vicegerent Material Son of Urantia? Or is there a possibility that an unexpected and unprecedented event is to take place, the sometime return to the planet of Adam and Eve or certain of their progeny as representatives of Michael with the titles vicegerents of the second Adam of Urantia?

8 And all these speculations associated with the certainty of future appearances of both Magisterial and

Trinity Teacher Sons, in conjunction with the explicit promise of the Creator Son to return sometime, make Urantia a planet of future uncertainty and render it one of the most interesting and intriguing spheres in all the universe of Nebadon. It is altogether possible that, in some future age when Urantia is approaching the era of light and life, after the affairs of the Lucifer rebellion and the Caligastia secession have been finally adjudicated, we may witness the presence on Urantia, simultaneously, of Machiventa, Adam, Eve, and Christ Michael, as well as either a Magisterial Son or even Trinity

Teacher Sons.

9 It has long been the opinion of our order that Machiventa's presence on the Jerusem corps of Urantia directors, the four and twenty counsellors, is sufficient evidence to warrant the belief that he is destined to follow the mortals of Urantia on through the universe scheme of progression and ascension even to the Paradise Corps of the Finality. We know that Adam and Eve are thus destined to accompany their earth fellows on the Paradise adventure when Urantia has become settled in light and life.

10 Less than a thousand years ago

this same Machiventa Melchizedek, the onetime sage of Salem, was invisibly present on Urantia for a period of 100 years, acting as resident governor general of the planet; and if the present system of directing planetary affairs should continue, he will be due to return in the same capacity in a little over one thousand years.

11 §§ This is the story of Machiventa Melchizedek, one of the most unique of all characters ever to become connected with the history of Urantia and a personality who may be destined to play an important role in the future experience of your irregular and unusual

world.

12 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

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THE MELCHIZEDEK TEACHINGS IN THE ORIENT

Melchizedek

The early teachers of the Salem religion penetrated to the remotest tribes of Africa and Eurasia, ever preaching Machiventa's gospel of man's faith and trust in the one universal God as the only price of obtaining divine favour. Melchizedek's covenant with Abraham was the pattern for all the early propaganda that went out from Salem and

other centres. Urantia has never had more enthusiastic and aggressive missionaries of any religion than these noble men and women who carried the teachings of Melchizedek over the entire Eastern Hemisphere. These missionaries were recruited from many peoples and races, and they largely spread their teachings through the medium of native converts. They established training centres in different parts of the world where they taught the natives the Salem religion and then commissioned these pupils to function as teachers among their own peo-

ple.

1. THE SALEM TEACHINGS IN VEDIC INDIA

1 In the days of Melchizedek, India was a cosmopolitan country which had recently come under the political and religious dominance of the Aryan-Andite invaders from the north and west. At this time only the northern and western portions of the peninsula had been extensively permeated by the Aryans. These Vedic newcomers had brought along with them their many tribal deities. Their religious forms of worship followed closely the ceremonial practices of

their earlier Andite forebears in that the father still functioned as a priest and the mother as a priestess, and the family hearth was still utilized as an altar.

2 The Vedic cult was then in process of growth and metamorphosis under the direction of the Brahman caste of teacher-priests, who were gradually assuming control over the expanding ritual of worship. The amalgamation of the onetime 33 Aryan deities was well under way when the Salem missionaries penetrated the north of India.

3 The polytheism of these Aryans represented a degeneration of their

earlier monotheism occasioned by their separation into tribal units, each tribe having its venerated god. This devolution of the original monotheism and trinitarianism of Andite Mesopotamia was in process of resynthesis in the early centuries of the second millennium before Christ. The many gods were organized into a pantheon under the triune leadership of Dyaus pitar, the lord of heaven; Indra, the tempestuous lord of the atmosphere; and Agni, the three-headed fire god, lord of the earth and the vestigial symbol of an earlier Trinity concept.

4 Definite henotheistic develop-

ments were paving the way for an evolved monotheism. Agni, the most ancient deity, was often exalted as the father-head of the entire pantheon. The deity-father principle, sometimes called Prajapati, sometimes termed Brahma, was submerged in the theologic battle which the Brahman priests later fought with the Salem teachers. *The Brahman* was conceived as the energy-divinity principle activating the entire Vedic pantheon.

5 §§ The Salem missionaries preached the one God of Melchizedek, the Most High of heaven. This portrayal was not altogether disharmonious

with the emerging concept of the Father-Brahma as the source of all gods, but the Salem doctrine was nonritualistic and hence ran directly counter to the dogmas, traditions, and teachings of the Brahman priesthood. Never would the Brahman priests accept the Salem teaching of salvation through faith, favour with God apart from ritualistic observances and sacrificial ceremonials.

6 §§ The rejection of the Melchizedek gospel of trust in God and salvation through faith marked a vital turning point for India. The Salem missionaries had contributed much to the

loss of faith in all the ancient Vedic gods, but the leaders, the priests of Vedism, refused to accept the Melchizedek teaching of one God and one simple faith.

7 The Brahmans culled the sacred writings of their day in an effort to combat the Salem teachers, and this compilation, as later revised, has come on down to modern times as the Rig-Veda, one of the most ancient of sacred books. The second, third, and fourth Vedas followed as the Brahmans sought to crystallize, formalize, and fix their rituals of worship and sacrifice upon the peoples of those days.

Taken at their best, these writings are the equal of any other body of similar character in beauty of concept and truth of discernment. But as this superior religion became contaminated with the thousands upon thousands of superstitions, cults, and rituals of southern India, it progressively metamorphosed into the most variegated system of theology ever developed by mortal man. An examination of the Vedas will disclose some of the highest and some of the most debased con-

cepts of Deity ever to be conceived.

2. BRAHMANISM

1 As the Salem missionaries penetrated southward into the Dravidian Deccan, they encountered an increasing caste system, the scheme of the Aryans to prevent loss of racial identity in the face of a rising tide of the secondary Sangik peoples. Since the Brahman priest caste was the very essence of this system, this social order greatly retarded the progress of the Salem teachers. This caste system failed to save the Aryan race, but it did succeed in perpetuating the Brah-

mans, who, in turn, have maintained their religious hegemony in India to the present time.

2 And now, with the weakening of Vedism through the rejection of higher truth, the cult of the Aryans became subject to increasing inroads from the Deccan. In a desperate effort to stem the tide of racial extinction and religious obliteration, the Brahman caste sought to exalt themselves above all else. They taught that the sacrifice to deity in itself was all-efficacious, that it was all-compelling in its potency. They proclaimed that, of the two essential divine principles of

the universe, one was Brahman the deity, and the other was the Brahman priesthood. Among no other Urantia peoples did the priests presume to exalt themselves above even their gods, to relegate to themselves the honours due their gods. But they went so absurdly far with these presumptuous claims that the whole precarious system collapsed before the debasing cults which poured in from the surrounding and less advanced civilizations. The vast Vedic priesthood itself floundered and sank beneath the black flood of inertia and pessimism which their own selfish and unwise presump-

tion had brought upon all India.

3 The undue concentration on self led certainly to a fear of the nonevolutionary perpetuation of self in an endless round of successive incarnations as man, beast, or weeds. And of all the contaminating beliefs which could have become fastened upon what may have been an emerging monotheism, none was so stultifying as this belief in transmigration — the doctrine of the reincarnation of souls — which came from the Dravidian Deccan. This belief in the weary and monotonous round of repeated transmigrations robbed struggling mortals

of their long-cherished hope of finding that deliverance and spiritual advancement in death which had been a part of the earlier Vedic faith.

4 This philosophically debilitating teaching was soon followed by the invention of the doctrine of the eternal escape from self by submergence in the universal rest and peace of absolute union with Brahman, the oversoul of all creation. Mortal desire and human ambition were effectually ravished and virtually destroyed. For more than 2,000 years the better minds of India have sought to escape from all desire, and thus was opened wide the door for

the entrance of those later cults and teachings which have virtually shackled the souls of many Hindu peoples in the chains of spiritual hopelessness. Of all civilizations, the Vedic-Aryan paid the most terrible price for its rejection of the Salem gospel.

5 §§ Caste alone could not perpetuate the Aryan religio-cultural system, and as the inferior religions of the Deccan permeated the north, there developed an age of despair and hopelessness. It was during these dark days that the cult of taking no life arose, and it has ever since persisted. Many of the new cults were frankly atheis-

tic, claiming that such salvation as was attainable could come only by man's own unaided efforts. But throughout a great deal of all this unfortunate philosophy, distorted remnants of the Melchizedek and even the Adamic teachings can be traced.

6 §§ These were the times of the compilation of the later scriptures of the Hindu faith, the Brahmanas and the Upanishads. Having rejected the teachings of personal religion through the personal faith experience with the one God, and having become contaminated with the flood of debasing and debilitating cults and creeds from

the Deccan, with their anthropomorphisms and reincarnations, the Brahmanic priesthood experienced a violent reaction against these vitiating beliefs; there was a definite effort to seek and to find *true reality.* The Brahmans set out to deanthropomorphize the Indian concept of deity, but in so doing they stumbled into the grievous error of depersonalizing the concept of God, and they emerged, not with a lofty and spiritual ideal of the Paradise Father, but with a distant and metaphysical idea of an all-encompassing Absolute.

7 In their efforts at self-preservation

the Brahmans had rejected the one God of Melchizedek, and now they found themselves with the hypothesis of Brahman, that indefinite and illusive philosophic self, that impersonal and impotent *it* which has left the spiritual life of India helpless and prostrate from that unfortunate day to the XX century.

8 §§ It was during the times of the writing of the Upanishads that Buddhism arose in India. But despite its successes of a thousand years, it could not compete with later Hinduism; despite a higher morality, its early portrayal of God was even less well-defined

than was that of Hinduism, which provided for lesser and personal deities. Buddhism finally gave way in northern India before the onslaught of a militant Islam with its clear-cut concept of Allah as the supreme God of the universe.

3. BRAHMANIC PHILOSOPHY

1 While the highest phase of Brahmanism was hardly a religion, it was truly one of the most noble reaches of the mortal mind into the domains of philosophy and metaphysics. Having started out to discover final reality, the Indian mind did not stop until

it had speculated about almost every phase of theology excepting the essential dual concept of religion: the existence of the Universal Father of all universe creatures and the fact of the ascending experience in the universe of these very creatures as they seek to attain the eternal Father, who has commanded them to be perfect, even as he is perfect.

2 In the concept of Brahman the minds of those days truly grasped at the idea of some all-pervading Absolute, for this postulate was at one and the same time identified as creative energy and cosmic reaction. Brahman

was conceived to be beyond all definition, capable of being comprehended only by the successive negation of all finite qualities. It was definitely a belief in an absolute, even an infinite, being, but this concept was largely devoid of personality attributes and was therefore not experiencible by individual religionists.

3 Brahman-Narayana was conceived as the Absolute, the infinite IT IS, the primordial creative potency of the potential cosmos, the Universal Self existing static and potential throughout all eternity. Had the philosophers of those days been able to make the next

advance in deity conception, had they been able to conceive of the Brahman as associative and creative, as a personality approachable by created and evolving beings, then might such a teaching have become the most advanced portraiture of Deity on Urantia since it would have encompassed the first five levels of total deity function and might possibly have envisioned the remaining two.

4 In certain phases the concept of the One Universal Oversoul as the totality of the summation of all creature existence led the Indian philosophers very close to the truth of the

Supreme Being, but this truth availed them naught because they failed to evolve any reasonable or rational personal approach to the attainment of their theoretic monotheistic goal of Brahman-Narayana.

5 The karma principle of causality continuity is, again, very close to the truth of the repercussional synthesis of all time-space actions in the Deity presence of the Supreme; but this postulate never provided for the co-ordinate personal attainment of Deity by the individual religionist, only for the ultimate engulfment of all personality by the Universal Oversoul.

6 The philosophy of Brahmanism also came very near to the realization of the indwelling of the Thought Adjusters, only to become perverted through the misconception of truth. The teaching that the soul is the indwelling of the Brahman would have paved the way for an advanced religion had not this concept been completely vitiated by the belief that there is no human individuality apart from this indwelling of the Universal One.

7 In the doctrine of the merging of the self-soul with the Oversoul, the theologians of India failed to provide for the survival of something human,

something new and unique, something born of the union of the will of man and the will of God. The teaching of the soul's return to the Brahman is closely parallel to the truth of the Adjuster's return to the bosom of the Universal Father, but there is something distinct from the Adjuster which also survives, the morontial counterpart of mortal personality. And this vital concept was fatally absent from Brahmanic philosophy.

8 Brahmanic philosophy has approximated many of the facts of the universe and has approached numerous cosmic truths, but it has all too

often fallen victim to the error of failing to differentiate between the several levels of reality, such as absolute, transcendental, and finite. It has failed to take into account that what may be finite-illusory on the absolute level may be absolutely real on the finite level. And it has also taken no cognizance of the essential personality of the Universal Father, who is personally contactable on all levels from the evolutionary creature's limited experience with God on up to the limitless experience of the Eternal Son with the

Paradise Father.

4. THE HINDU RELIGION

1 With the passing of the centuries in India, the populace returned in measure to the ancient rituals of the Vedas as they had been modified by the teachings of the Melchizedek missionaries and crystallized by the later Brahman priesthood. This, the oldest and most cosmopolitan of the world's religions, has undergone further changes in response to Buddhism and Jainism and to the later appearing influences of Mohammedanism and Christianity. But by the time the

teachings of Jesus arrived, they had already become so Occidentalized as to be a "white man's religion," hence strange and foreign to the Hindu mind.

2 §§ Hindu theology, at present, depicts four descending levels of deity and divinity:

3 1. *The Brahman,* the Absolute, the Infinite One, the IT IS.

4 2. *The Trimurti,* the supreme trinity of Hinduism. In this association *Brahma,* the first member, is conceived as being self-created out of the Brahman — infinity. Were it not for close identification with the pantheis-

tic Infinite One, Brahma could constitute the foundation for a concept of the Universal Father. Brahma is also identified with fate.

5 The worship of the second and third members, Siva and Vishnu, arose in the first millennium after Christ. *Siva* is lord of life and death, god of fertility, and master of destruction. *Vishnu* is extremely popular due to the belief that he periodically incarnates in human form. In this way, Vishnu becomes real and living in the imaginations of the Indians. Siva and Vishnu are each regarded by some as supreme over all.

6 3. *Vedic and post-Vedic deities.* Many of the ancient gods of the Aryans, such as Agni, Indra, and[1] Soma, have persisted as secondary to the three members of the Trimurti. Numerous additional gods have arisen since the early days of Vedic India, and these have also been incorporated into the Hindu pantheon.

7 4. *The demigods:* supermen, semigods, heroes, demons, ghosts, evil spirits, sprites, monsters, goblins, and saints of the later-day cults.

8 §§ While Hinduism has long failed to vivify the Indian people, at the same

[1] In 1955 text the word "and" is missing.

time it has usually been a tolerant religion. Its great strength lies in the fact that it has proved to be the most adaptive, amorphic religion to appear on Urantia. It is capable of almost unlimited change and possesses an unusual range of flexible adjustment from the high and semimonotheistic speculations of the intellectual Brahman to the arrant fetishism and primitive cult practices of the debased and depressed classes of ignorant believers.

9 Hinduism has survived because it is essentially an integral part of the basic social fabric of India. It has no great hierarchy which can be disturbed or

destroyed; it is interwoven into the life pattern of the people. It has an adaptability to changing conditions that excels all other cults, and it displays a tolerant attitude of adoption toward many other religions, Gautama Buddha and even Christ himself being claimed as incarnations of Vishnu.

10 Today, in India, the great need is for the portrayal of the Jesusonian gospel — the Fatherhood of God and the sonship and consequent brotherhood of all men, which is personally realized in loving ministry and social service. In India the philosophical framework is existent, the cult struc-

ture is present; all that is needed is the vitalizing spark of the dynamic love portrayed in the original gospel of the Son of Man, divested of the Occidental dogmas and doctrines which have tended to make Michael's life bestowal a white man's religion.

5. THE STRUGGLE FOR TRUTH IN CHINA

1 As the Salem missionaries passed through Asia, spreading the doctrine of the Most High God and salvation through faith, they absorbed much of the philosophy and religious thought of the various countries traversed. But the teachers commissioned by Mel-

chizedek and his successors did not default in their trust; they did penetrate to all peoples of the Eurasian continent, and it was in the middle of the second millennium before Christ that they arrived in China. At See Fuch, for more than 100 years, the Salemites maintained their headquarters, there training Chinese teachers who taught throughout all the domains of the yellow race.

2 It was in direct consequence of this teaching that the earliest form of Taoism arose in China, a vastly different religion than the one which bears that name today. Early or proto-Taoism

was a compound of the following factors:

3 1. The lingering teachings of Singlangton, which persisted in the concept of Shang-ti, the God of Heaven. In the times of Singlangton the Chinese people became virtually monotheistic; they concentrated their worship on the One Truth, later known as the Spirit of Heaven, the universe ruler. And the yellow race never fully lost this early concept of Deity, although in subsequent centuries many subordinate gods and spirits insidiously crept into their religion.

4 2. The Salem religion of a Most High Creator Deity who would bestow his favour upon mankind in response to man's faith. But it is all too true that, by the time the Melchizedek missionaries had penetrated to the lands of the yellow race, their original message had become considerably changed from the simple doctrines of Salem in the days of Machiventa.

5 3. The Brahman-Absolute concept of the Indian philosophers, coupled with the desire to escape all evil. Perhaps the greatest extraneous influence in the eastward spread of the Salem religion was exerted by the In-

dian teachers of the Vedic faith, who injected their conception of the Brahman — the Absolute — into the salvationistic thought of the Salemites.

6 §§ This composite belief spread through the lands of the yellow and brown races as an underlying influence in religio-philosophic thought. In Japan this proto-Taoism was known as Shinto, and in this country, far-distant[1] from Salem of Palestine, the peoples learned of the incarnation of Machiventa Melchizedek, who dwelt upon earth that the name of God

[1] In 1955 text un-hyphenated "far distant".

might not be forgotten by mankind.

7 In China all of these beliefs were later confused and compounded with the ever-growing cult of ancestor worship. But never since the time of Singlangton have the Chinese fallen into helpless slavery to priestcraft. The yellow race was the first to emerge from barbaric bondage into orderly civilization because it was the first to achieve some measure of freedom from the abject fear of the gods, not even fearing the ghosts of the dead as other races feared them. China met her defeat because she failed to progress beyond her early emancipation

from priests; she fell into an almost equally calamitous error, the worship of ancestors.

8 §§ But the Salemites did not labour in vain. It was upon the foundations of their gospel that the great philosophers of sixth-century China built their teachings. The moral atmosphere and the spiritual sentiments of the times of Lao-tse and Confucius grew up out of the teachings of the Salem missionaries of an earlier age.

6. LAO-TSE AND CONFUCIUS

1 About 600 years before the arrival of Michael, it seemed to Mel-

chizedek, long since departed from the flesh, that the purity of his teaching on earth was being unduly jeopardized by general absorption into the older Urantia beliefs. It appeared for a time that his mission as a forerunner of Michael might be in danger of failing. And in the VI century before Christ, through an unusual coordination of spiritual agencies, not all of which are understood even by the planetary supervisors, Urantia witnessed a most unusual presentation of manifold religious truth. Through the agency of several human teachers the Salem gospel was restated and revi-

talized, and as it was then presented, much has persisted to the times of this writing.

2 This unique century of spiritual progress was characterized by great religious, moral, and philosophic teachers all over the civilized world. In China, the two outstanding teachers were Lao-tse and Confucius.

3 §§ *Lao-tse* built directly upon the concepts of the Salem traditions when he declared Tao to be the One First Cause of all creation. Lao was a man of great spiritual vision. He taught that man's eternal destiny was "everlasting union with Tao, Supreme God

and Universal King." His comprehension of ultimate causation was most discerning, for he wrote: "Unity arises out of the Absolute Tao, and from Unity there appears cosmic Duality, and from such Duality, Trinity springs forth into existence, and Trinity is the primal source of all reality." "All reality is ever in balance between the potentials and the actuals of the cosmos, and these are eternally harmonized by the spirit of divinity."

4 Lao-tse also made one of the earliest presentations of the doctrine of returning good for evil: "Goodness begets goodness, but to the one who is

truly good, evil also begets goodness."

5 He taught the return of the creature to the Creator and pictured life as the emergence of a personality from the cosmic potentials, while death was like the returning home of this creature personality. His concept of true faith was unusual, and he too likened it to the "attitude of a little child."

6 His understanding of the eternal purpose of God was clear, for he said: "The Absolute Deity does not strive but is always victorious; he does not coerce mankind but always stands ready to respond to their true desires; the will of God is eternal in patience

and eternal in the inevitability of its expression." And of the true religionist he said, in expressing the truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive: "The good man seeks not to retain truth for himself but rather attempts to bestow these riches upon his fellows, for that is the realization of truth. The will of the Absolute God always benefits, never destroys; the purpose of the true believer is always to act but never to coerce."

7 Lao's teaching of nonresistance and the distinction which he made between *action* and *coercion* became later perverted into the beliefs of "seeing,

doing, and thinking nothing." But Lao never taught such error, albeit his presentation of nonresistance has been a factor in the further development of the pacific predilections of the Chinese peoples.

8 But the popular Taoism of XX century Urantia has very little in common with the lofty sentiments and the cosmic concepts of the old philosopher who taught the truth as he perceived it, which was: That faith in the Absolute God is the source of that divine energy which will remake the world, and by which man ascends to spiritual union with Tao, the Eternal

Deity and Creator Absolute of the universes.

9 §§ *Confucius* (Kung Fu-tze) was a younger contemporary of Lao in sixth-century China. Confucius based his doctrines upon the better moral traditions of the long history of the yellow race, and he was also somewhat influenced by the lingering traditions of the Salem missionaries. His chief work consisted in the compilation of the wise sayings of ancient philosophers. He was a rejected teacher during his lifetime, but his writings and teachings have ever since exerted a great influence in China and Japan.

Confucius set a new pace for the shamans in that he put morality in the place of magic. But he built too well; he made a new fetish out of *order* and established a respect for ancestral conduct that is still venerated by the Chinese at the time of this writing.

10 The Confucian preachment of morality was predicated on the theory that the earthly way is the distorted shadow of the heavenly way; that the true pattern of temporal civilization is the mirror reflection of the eternal order of heaven. The potential God concept in Confucianism was almost completely subordinated

to the emphasis placed upon the Way of Heaven, the pattern of the cosmos.

11 The teachings of Lao have been lost to all but a few in the Orient, but the writings of Confucius have ever since constituted the basis of the moral fabric of the culture of almost a third of Urantians. These Confucian precepts, while perpetuating the best of the past, were somewhat inimical to the very Chinese spirit of investigation that had produced those achievements which were so venerated. The influence of these doctrines was unsuccessfully combated both by the imperial efforts of Ch'in Shih Huang Ti

and by the teachings of Mo Ti, who proclaimed a brotherhood founded not on ethical duty but on the love of God. He sought to rekindle the ancient quest for new truth, but his teachings failed before the vigorous opposition of the disciples of Confucius.

12 Like many other spiritual and moral teachers, both Confucius and Lao-tse were eventually deified by their followers in those spiritually dark ages of China which intervened between the decline and perversion of the Taoist faith and the coming of the Buddhist missionaries from India.

During these spiritually decadent centuries the religion of the yellow race degenerated into a pitiful theology wherein swarmed devils, dragons, and evil spirits, all betokening the returning fears of the unenlightened mortal mind. And China, once at the head of human society because of an advanced religion, then fell behind because of temporary failure to progress in the true path of the development of that God-consciousness which is indispensable to the true progress, not only of the individual mortal, but also of the intricate and complex civilizations which characterize the advance

of culture and society on an evolutionary planet of time and space.

7. GAUTAMA SIDDHARTHA

1 Contemporary with Lao-tse and Confucius in China, another great teacher of truth arose in India. Gautama Siddhartha was born in the VI century before Christ in the north Indian province of Nepal. His followers later made it appear that he was the son of a fabulously wealthy ruler, but, in truth, he was the heir apparent to the throne of a petty chieftain who ruled by sufferance over a small and secluded mountain valley in the

southern Himalayas.

2 Gautama formulated those theories which grew into the philosophy of Buddhism after six years of the futile practice of Yoga. Siddhartha made a determined but unavailing fight against the growing caste system. There was a lofty sincerity and a unique unselfishness about this young prophet prince that greatly appealed to the men of those days. He detracted from the practice of seeking individual salvation through physical affliction and personal pain. And he exhorted his followers to carry his gospel to all the world.

3 Amid the confusion and extreme cult practices of India, the saner and more moderate teachings of Gautama came as a refreshing relief. He denounced gods, priests, and their sacrifices, but he too failed to perceive the *personality* of the One Universal. Not believing in the existence of individual human souls, Gautama, of course, made a valiant fight against the time-honoured belief in transmigration of the soul. He made a noble effort to deliver men from fear, to make them feel at ease and at home in the great universe, but he failed to show them the pathway to that real and supernal

home of ascending mortals — Paradise — and to the expanding service of eternal existence.

4 Gautama was a real prophet, and had he heeded the instruction of the hermit Godad, he might have aroused all India by the inspiration of the revival of the Salem gospel of salvation by faith. Godad was descended through a family that had never lost the traditions of the Melchizedek missionaries.

5 At Benares Gautama founded his school, and it was during its second year that a pupil, Bautan, imparted to his teacher the traditions of the Salem

missionaries about the Melchizedek covenant with Abraham; and while Siddhartha did not have a very clear concept of the Universal Father, he took an advanced stand on salvation through faith — simple belief. He so declared himself before his followers and began sending his students out in groups of 60 to proclaim to the people of India "the glad tidings of free salvation; that all men, high and low, can attain bliss by faith in righteousness and justice."

6 Gautama's wife believed her husband's gospel and was the founder of an order of nuns. His son became

his successor and greatly extended the cult; he grasped the new idea of salvation through faith but in his later years wavered regarding the Salem gospel of divine favour through faith alone, and in his old age his dying words were, "Work out your own salvation."

7 §§ When proclaimed at its best, Gautama's gospel of universal salvation, free from sacrifice, torture, ritual, and priests, was a revolutionary and amazing doctrine for its time. And it came surprisingly near to being a revival of the Salem gospel. It brought succour to millions of despairing souls, and notwithstanding its

grotesque perversion during later centuries, it still persists as the hope of millions of human beings.

8 Siddhartha taught far more truth than has survived in the modern cults bearing his name. Modern Buddhism is no more the teachings of Gautama Siddhartha than is Christianity the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

8. THE BUDDHIST FAITH

1 To become a Buddhist, one merely made public profession of the faith by reciting the Refuge: "I take my refuge in the Buddha; I take my refuge in the Doctrine; I take my refuge in the

Brotherhood."

2 Buddhism took origin in a historic person, not in a myth. Gautama's followers called him Sasta, meaning master or teacher. While he made no superhuman claims for either himself or his teachings, his disciples early began to call him *the enlightened one,* the Buddha; later on, Sakyamuni Buddha.

3 §§ The original gospel of Gautama was based on the four noble truths:

4 1. The noble truths of suffering.

5 2. The origins of suffering.

6 3. The destruction of suffering.

7 4. The way to the destruction of suffering.

8 §§ Closely linked to the doctrine of suffering and the escape therefrom was the philosophy of the Eightfold Path: right views, aspirations, speech, conduct, livelihood, effort, mindfulness, and contemplation. It was not Gautama's intention to attempt to destroy all effort, desire, and affection in the escape from suffering; rather was his teaching designed to picture to mortal man the futility of pinning all hope and aspirations entirely on temporal goals and material objectives. It was not so much that love of one's fellows should be shunned as that the true believer should also look beyond the as-

sociations of this material world to the realities of the eternal future.

9 §§ The moral commandments of Gautama's preachment were five in number:

10 1. You shall not kill.

11 2. You shall not steal.

12 3. You shall not be unchaste.

13 4. You shall not lie.

14 5. You shall not drink intoxicating liquors.

15 §§ There were several additional or secondary commandments, whose observance was optional with believers.

16 §§ Siddhartha hardly believed in the immortality of the human personality; his philosophy only provided for a sort of functional continuity. He never clearly defined what he meant to include in the doctrine of Nirvana. The fact that it could theoretically be experienced during mortal existence would indicate that it was not viewed as a state of complete annihilation. It implied a condition of supreme enlightenment and supernal bliss wherein all fetters binding man to the material world had been broken; there was freedom from the desires of mortal life and deliverance from all

danger of ever again experiencing incarnation.

17 According to the original teachings of Gautama, salvation is achieved by human effort, apart from divine help; there is no place for saving faith or prayers to superhuman powers. Gautama, in his attempt to minimize the superstitions of India, endeavoured to turn men away from the blatant claims of magical salvation. And in making this effort, he left the door wide open for his successors to misinterpret his teaching and to proclaim that all human striving for attainment is distasteful and painful.

His followers overlooked the fact that the highest happiness is linked with the intelligent and enthusiastic pursuit of worthy goals, and that such achievements constitute true progress in cosmic self-realization.

18 The great truth of Siddhartha's teaching was his proclamation of a universe of absolute justice. He taught the best godless philosophy ever invented by mortal man; it was the ideal humanism and most effectively removed all grounds for superstition, magical rituals, and fear of ghosts or demons.

19 The great weakness in the origi-

nal gospel of Buddhism was that it did not produce a religion of unselfish social service. The Buddhistic brotherhood was, for a long time, not a fraternity of believers but rather a community of student teachers. Gautama forbade their receiving money and thereby sought to prevent the growth of hierarchal tendencies. Gautama himself was highly social; indeed, his life was much greater than his preachment.

9. THE SPREAD OF BUDDHISM

1 Buddhism prospered because it offered salvation through belief in the

Buddha, the enlightened one. It was more representative of the Melchizedek truths than any other religious system to be found throughout eastern Asia. But Buddhism did not become widespread as a religion until it was espoused in self-protection by the low-caste monarch Asoka, who, next to Ikhnaton in Egypt, was one of the most remarkable civil rulers between Melchizedek and Michael. Asoka built a great Indian empire through the propaganda of his Buddhist missionaries. During a period of 25 years he trained and sent forth more than 17,000 missionaries to the far-

thest frontiers of all the known world. In one generation he made Buddhism the dominant religion of one half the world. It soon became established in Tibet, Kashmir, Ceylon, Burma, Java, Siam, Korea, China, and Japan. And generally speaking, it was a religion vastly superior to those which it supplanted or upstepped.

2 The spread of Buddhism from its homeland in India to all of Asia is one of the thrilling stories of the spiritual devotion and missionary persistence of sincere religionists. The teachers of Gautama's gospel not only braved the perils of the overland caravan routes

but faced the dangers of the China Seas as they pursued their mission over the Asiatic continent, bringing to all peoples the message of their faith. But this Buddhism was no longer the simple doctrine of Gautama; it was the miraculized gospel which made him a god. And the farther Buddhism spread from its highland home in India, the more unlike the teachings of Gautama it became, and the more like the religions it supplanted, it grew to be.

3 Buddhism, later on, was much affected by Taoism in China, Shinto in Japan, and Christianity in Tibet. After

a thousand years, in India Buddhism simply withered and expired. It became Brahmanized and later abjectly surrendered to Islam, while throughout much of the rest of the Orient it degenerated into a ritual which Gautama Siddhartha would never have recognized.

4 In the south the fundamentalist stereotype of the teachings of Siddhartha persisted in Ceylon, Burma, and the Indo-China peninsula. This is the Hinayana division of Buddhism which clings to the early or asocial doctrine.

5 But even before the collapse in

India, the Chinese and north Indian groups of Gautama's followers had begun the development of the Mahayana teaching of the "Great Road" to salvation in contrast with the purists of the south who held to the Hinayana, or "Lesser Road." And these Mahayanists cast loose from the social limitations inherent in the Buddhist doctrine, and ever since has this northern division of Buddhism continued to evolve in China and Japan.

6 Buddhism is a living, growing religion today because it succeeds in conserving many of the highest moral values of its adherents. It promotes calm-

ness and self-control, augments serenity and happiness, and does much to prevent sorrow and mourning. Those who believe this philosophy live better lives than many who do not.

10. RELIGION IN TIBET

1 In Tibet may be found the strangest association of the Melchizedek teachings combined with Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, and Christianity. When the Buddhist missionaries entered Tibet, they encountered a state of primitive savagery very similar to that which the early Christian missionaries found among the north-

ern tribes of Europe.

2 These simple-minded Tibetans would not wholly give up their ancient magic and charms. Examination of the religious ceremonials of present-day Tibetan rituals reveals an overgrown brotherhood of priests with shaven heads who practise an elaborate ritual embracing bells, chants, incense, processionals, rosaries, images, charms, pictures, holy water, gorgeous vestments, and elaborate choirs. They have rigid dogmas and crystallized creeds, mystic rites and special fasts. Their hierarchy embraces monks, nuns, abbots, and the Grand

Lama. They pray to angels, saints, a Holy Mother, and the gods. They practise confessions and believe in purgatory. Their monasteries are extensive and their cathedrals magnificent. They keep up an endless repetition of sacred rituals and believe that such ceremonials bestow salvation. Prayers are fastened to a wheel, and with its turning they believe the petitions become efficacious. Among no other people of modern times can be found the observance of so much from so many religions; and it is inevitable that such a cumulative liturgy would become inordinately cumber-

some and intolerably burdensome.

3 The Tibetans have something of all the leading world religions except the simple teachings of the Jesusonian gospel: sonship with God, brotherhood with man, and ever-ascending citizenship in the eternal universe.

11. BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

1 Buddhism entered China in the first millennium after Christ, and it fitted well into the religious customs of the yellow race. In ancestor worship they had long prayed to the dead; now they could also pray for them. Buddhism soon amalgamated with the lin-

gering ritualistic practices of disintegrating Taoism. This new synthetic religion with its temples of worship and definite religious ceremonial soon became the generally accepted cult of the peoples of China, Korea, and Japan.

2 §§ While in some respects it is unfortunate that Buddhism was not carried to the world until after Gautama's followers had so perverted the traditions and teachings of the cult as to make of him a divine being, nonetheless this myth of his human life, embellished as it was with a multitude of miracles, proved very appealing to the auditors of the northern or Mahayana

gospel of Buddhism.

3 Some of his later followers taught that Sakyamuni Buddha's spirit returned periodically to earth as a living Buddha, thus opening the way for an indefinite perpetuation of Buddha images, temples, rituals, and impostor "living Buddhas." Thus did the religion of the great Indian protestant eventually find itself shackled with those very ceremonial practices and ritualistic incantations against which he had so fearlessly fought, and which he had so valiantly denounced.

4 §§ The great advance made in Buddhist philosophy consisted in its com-

prehension of the relativity of all truth. Through the mechanism of this hypothesis Buddhists have been able to reconcile and correlate the divergencies within their own religious scriptures as well as the differences between their own and many others. It was taught that the small truth was for little minds, the large truth for great minds.

5 This philosophy also held that the Buddha (divine) nature resided in all men; that man, through his own endeavours, could attain to the realization of this inner divinity. And this teaching is one of the clearest presen-

tations of the truth of the indwelling Adjusters ever to be made by a Urantian religion.

6 But a great limitation in the original gospel of Siddhartha, as it was interpreted by his followers, was that it attempted the complete liberation of the human self from all the limitations of the mortal nature by the technique of isolating the self from objective reality. True cosmic self-realization results from identification with cosmic reality and with the finite cosmos of energy, mind, and spirit, bounded by space and conditioned by time.

7 But though the ceremonies and

outward observances of Buddhism became grossly contaminated with those of the lands to which it travelled, this degeneration was not altogether the case in the philosophical life of the great thinkers who, from time to time, embraced this system of thought and belief. Through more than two thousand years, many of the best minds of Asia have concentrated upon the problem of ascertaining absolute truth and the truth of the Absolute.

8 The evolution of a high concept of the Absolute was achieved through many channels of thought and by devious paths of reasoning. The up-

ward ascent of this doctrine of infinity was not so clearly defined as was the evolution of the God concept in Hebrew theology. Nevertheless, there were certain broad levels which the minds of the Buddhists reached, tarried upon, and passed through on their way to the envisioning of the Primal Source of universes:

9 1. *The Gautama legend.* At the base of the concept was the historic fact of the life and teachings of Siddhartha, the prophet prince of India. This legend grew in myth as it travelled through the centuries and across the broad lands of Asia until it surpassed

the status of the idea of Gautama as the enlightened one and began to take on additional attributes.

10 2. *The many Buddhas.* It was reasoned that, if Gautama had come to the peoples of India, then, in the remote past and in the remote future, the races of mankind must have been, and undoubtedly would be, blessed with other teachers of truth. This gave rise to the teaching that there were many Buddhas, an unlimited and infinite number, even that anyone could aspire to become one — to attain the divinity of a Buddha.

11 3. *The Absolute Buddha.* By the

time the number of Buddhas was approaching infinity, it became necessary for the minds of those days to reunify this unwieldy concept. Accordingly it began to be taught that all Buddhas were but the manifestation of some higher essence, some Eternal One of infinite and unqualified existence, some Absolute Source of all reality. From here on, the Deity concept of Buddhism, in its highest form, becomes divorced from the human person of Gautama Siddhartha and casts off from the anthropomorphic limitations which have held it in leash. This final conception of the Buddha Eter-

nal can well be identified as the Absolute, sometimes even as the infinite I AM.

12 §§ While this idea of Absolute Deity never found great popular favour with the peoples of Asia, it did enable the intellectuals of these lands to unify their philosophy and to harmonize their cosmology. The concept of the Buddha Absolute is at times quasi-personal, at times wholly impersonal — even an infinite creative force. Such concepts, though helpful to philosophy, are not vital to religious development. Even an anthropomorphic Yahweh is of greater religious value than

an infinitely remote Absolute of Buddhism or Brahmanism.

13 At times the Absolute was even thought of as contained within the infinite I AM. But these speculations were chill comfort to the hungry multitudes who craved to hear words of promise, to hear the simple gospel of Salem, that faith in God would assure divine favour and eternal survival.

12. THE GOD CONCEPT OF BUDDHISM

1 The great weakness in the cosmology of Buddhism was twofold: its contamination with many of the superstitions of India and China and

its sublimation of Gautama, first as the enlightened one, and then as the Eternal Buddha. Just as Christianity has suffered from the absorption of much erroneous human philosophy, so does Buddhism bear its human birthmark. But the teachings of Gautama have continued to evolve during the past 2½ millenniums. The concept of Buddha, to an enlightened Buddhist, is no more the human personality of Gautama than the concept of Jehovah is identical with the spirit demon of Horeb to an enlightened Christian. Paucity of terminology, together with the sentimental re-

tention of olden nomenclature, is often provocative of the failure to understand the true significance of the evolution of religious concepts.

2 §§ Gradually the concept of God, as contrasted with the Absolute, began to appear in Buddhism. Its sources are back in the early days of this differentiation of the followers of the Lesser Road and the Greater Road. It was among the latter division of Buddhism that the dual conception of God and the Absolute finally matured. Step by step, century by century, the God concept has evolved until, with the teachings of Ryonin, Ho-

nen Shonin, and Shinran in Japan, this concept finally came to fruit in the belief in Amida Buddha.

3 Among these believers it is taught that the soul, upon experiencing death, may elect to enjoy a sojourn in Paradise prior to entering Nirvana, the ultimate of existence. It is proclaimed that this new salvation is attained by faith in the divine mercies and loving care of Amida, God of the Paradise in the west. In their philosophy, the Amidists hold to an Infinite Reality which is beyond all finite mortal comprehension; in their religion, they cling to faith in the all-merciful

Amida, who so loves the world that he will not suffer one mortal who calls on his name in true faith and with a pure heart to fail in the attainment of the supernal happiness of Paradise.

4 The great strength of Buddhism is that its adherents are free to choose truth from all religions; such freedom of choice has seldom characterized a Urantian faith. In this respect the Shin sect of Japan has become one of the most progressive religious groups in the world; it has revived the ancient missionary spirit of Gautama's followers and has begun to send teachers to other peoples. This willingness

to appropriate truth from any and all sources is indeed a commendable tendency to appear among religious believers during the first half of the XX century after Christ.

5 Buddhism itself is undergoing a XX century renaissance. Through contact with Christianity the social aspects of Buddhism have been greatly enhanced. The desire to learn has been rekindled in the hearts of the monk priests of the brotherhood, and the spread of education throughout this faith will be certainly provocative of new advances in religious evolution.

6 At the time of this writing, much

of Asia rests its hope in Buddhism. Will this noble faith, that has so valiantly carried on through the dark ages of the past, once again receive the truth of expanded cosmic realities even as the disciples of the great teacher in India once listened to his proclamation of new truth? Will this ancient faith respond once more to the invigorating stimulus of the presentation of new concepts of God and the Absolute for which it has so long searched?

7 §§ All Urantia is waiting for the proclamation of the ennobling message of Michael, unencumbered by the

accumulated doctrines and dogmas of 19 centuries of contact with the religions of evolutionary origin. The hour is striking for presenting to Buddhism, to Christianity, to Hinduism, even to the peoples of all faiths, not the gospel about Jesus, but the living, spiritual reality of the gospel of Jesus.

8 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

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THE MELCHIZEDEK TEACHINGS IN THE LEVANT

Melchizedek

As India gave rise to many of the religions and philosophies of eastern Asia, so the Levant was the homeland of the faiths of the Occidental world. The Salem missionaries spread out all over southwestern Asia, through Palestine, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Iran, and Arabia, everywhere proclaiming the good news

of the gospel of Machiventa Melchizedek. In some of these lands their teachings bore fruit; in others they met with varying success. Sometimes their failures were due to lack of wisdom, sometimes to circumstances beyond their control.

1. THE SALEM RELIGION IN MESOPOTAMIA

1 By 2000 B.C. the religions of Mesopotamia had just about lost the teachings of the Sethites and were largely under the influence of the primitive beliefs of two groups of invaders, the Bedouin Semites who had filtered in from the western desert

and the barbarian horsemen who had come down from the north.

2 But the custom of the early Adamite peoples in honouring the seventh day of the week never completely disappeared in Mesopotamia. Only, during the Melchizedek era, the seventh day was regarded as the worst of bad luck. It was taboo-ridden; it was unlawful to go on a journey, cook food, or make a fire on the evil seventh day. The Jews carried back to Palestine many of the Mesopotamian taboos which they had found resting on the Babylonian observance of the seventh day, the Shabattum.

3 Although the Salem teachers did much to refine and uplift the religions of Mesopotamia, they did not succeed in bringing the various peoples to the permanent recognition of one God. Such teaching gained the ascendancy for more than 150 years and then gradually gave way to the older belief in a multiplicity of deities.

4 The Salem teachers greatly reduced the number of the gods of Mesopotamia, at one time bringing the chief deities down to seven: Bel, Shamash, Nabu, Anu, Ea, Marduk, and Sin. At the height of the new teaching they exalted three of these

gods to supremacy over all others, the Babylonian triad: Bel, Ea, and Anu, the gods of earth, sea, and sky. Still other triads grew up in different localities, all reminiscent of the trinity teachings of the Andites and the Sumerians and based on the belief of the Salemites in Melchizedek's insignia of the three circles.

5 Never did the Salem teachers fully overcome the popularity of Ishtar, the mother of gods and the spirit of sex fertility. They did much to refine the worship of this goddess, but the Babylonians and their neighbours had never completely outgrown their dis-

guised forms of sex worship. It had become a universal practice throughout Mesopotamia for all women to submit, at least once in early life, to the embrace of strangers; this was thought to be a devotion required by Ishtar, and it was believed that fertility was largely dependent on this sex sacrifice.

6 §§ The early progress of the Melchizedek teaching was highly gratifying until Nabodad, the leader of the school at Kish, decided to make a concerted attack upon the prevalent practices of temple harlotry. But the Salem missionaries failed in their effort to bring about this social reform,

and in the wreck of this failure all their more important spiritual and philosophic teachings went down in defeat.

7 This defeat of the Salem gospel was immediately followed by a great increase in the cult of Ishtar, a ritual which had already invaded Palestine as Ashtoreth, Egypt as Isis, Greece as Aphrodite, and the northern tribes as Astarte. And it was in connection with this revival of the worship of Ishtar that the Babylonian priests turned anew to stargazing; astrology experienced its last great Mesopotamian revival, fortune-telling became the vogue, and for centuries the priest-

hood increasingly deteriorated.

8 Melchizedek had warned his followers to teach about the one God, the Father and Maker of all, and to preach only the gospel of divine favour through faith alone. But it has often been the error of the teachers of new truth to attempt too much, to attempt to supplant slow evolution by sudden revolution. The Melchizedek missionaries in Mesopotamia raised a moral standard too high for the people; they attempted too much, and their noble cause went down in defeat. They had been commissioned to preach a definite gospel, to proclaim the truth of

the reality of the Universal Father, but they became entangled in the apparently worthy cause of reforming the mores, and thus was their great mission sidetracked and virtually lost in frustration and oblivion.

9 In one generation the Salem headquarters at Kish came to an end, and the propaganda of the belief in one God virtually ceased throughout Mesopotamia. But remnants of the Salem schools persisted. Small bands scattered here and there continued their belief in the one Creator and fought against the idolatry and immorality of the Mesopotamian priests.

10 §§ It was the Salem missionaries of the period following the rejection of their teaching who wrote many of the Old Testament Psalms, inscribing them on stone, where later-day Hebrew priests found them during the captivity and subsequently incorporated them among the collection of hymns ascribed to Jewish authorship. These beautiful psalms from Babylon were not written in the temples of Bel-Marduk; they were the work of the descendants of the earlier Salem missionaries, and they are a striking contrast to the magical conglomerations of the Babylonian priests. The Book

of Job is a fairly good reflection of the teachings of the Salem school at Kish and throughout Mesopotamia.

11 Much of the Mesopotamian religious culture found its way into Hebrew literature and liturgy by way of Egypt through the work of Amenemope and Ikhnaton. The Egyptians remarkably preserved the teachings of social obligation derived from the earlier Andite Mesopotamians and so largely lost by the later Babylonians who occupied the Euphrates valley.

2. EARLY EGYPTIAN RELIGION

1 The original Melchizedek teach-

ings really took their deepest root in Egypt, from where they subsequently spread to Europe. The evolutionary religion of the Nile valley was periodically augmented by the arrival of superior strains of Nodite, Adamite, and later Andite peoples of the Euphrates valley. From time to time, many of the Egyptian civil administrators were Sumerians. As India in these days harboured the highest mixture of the world races, so Egypt fostered the most thoroughly blended type of religious philosophy to be found on Urantia, and from the Nile valley it spread to many parts of the world. The

Jews received much of their idea of the creation of the world from the Babylonians, but they derived the concept of divine Providence from the Egyptians.

2 It was political and moral, rather than philosophic or religious, tendencies that rendered Egypt more favourable to the Salem teaching than Mesopotamia. Each tribal leader in Egypt, after fighting his way to the throne, sought to perpetuate his dynasty by proclaiming his tribal god the original deity and creator of all other gods. In this way the Egyptians gradually got used to the idea of a supergod, a stepping stone to the later doctrine of a

universal creator Deity. The idea of monotheism wavered back and forth in Egypt for many centuries, the belief in one God always gaining ground but never quite dominating the evolving concepts of polytheism.

3 For ages the Egyptian peoples had been given to the worship of nature gods; more particularly did each of the two-score separate tribes have a special group god, one worshipping the bull, another the lion, a third the ram, and so on. Still earlier they had been totem tribes, very much like the Amerinds.

4 §§ In time the Egyptians observed that dead bodies placed in brickless

graves were preserved — embalmed — by the action of the soda-impregnated sand, while those buried in brick vaults decayed. These observations led to those experiments which resulted in the later practice of embalming the dead. The Egyptians believed that preservation of the body facilitated one's passage through the future life. That the individual might properly be identified in the distant future after the decay of the body, they placed a burial statue in the tomb along with the corpse, carving a likeness on the coffin. The making of these burial statues led to great improvement in Egyp-

tian art.

5 For centuries the Egyptians placed their faith in tombs as the safeguard of the body and of consequent pleasurable survival after death. The later evolution of magical practices, while burdensome to life from the cradle to the grave, most effectually delivered them from the religion of the tombs. The priests would inscribe the coffins with charm texts which were believed to be protection against a "man's having his heart taken away from him in the nether world." Presently a diverse assortment of these magical texts was collected and pre-

served as The Book of the Dead. But in the Nile valley magical ritual early became involved with the realms of conscience and character to a degree not often attained by the rituals of those days. And subsequently these ethical and moral ideals, rather than elaborate tombs, were depended upon for salvation.

6 §§ The superstitions of these times are well illustrated by the general belief in the efficacy of spittle as a healing agent, an idea which had its origin in Egypt and spread therefrom to Arabia and Mesopotamia. In the legendary battle of Horus with Set the

young god lost his eye, but after Set was vanquished, this eye was restored by the wise god Thoth, who spat upon the wound and healed it.

7 §§ The Egyptians long believed that the stars twinkling in the night sky represented the survival of the souls of the worthy dead; other survivors they thought were absorbed into the sun. During a certain period, solar veneration became a species of ancestor worship. The sloping entrance passage of the great pyramid pointed directly toward the Pole Star so that the soul of the king, when emerging from the tomb, could go

straight to the stationary and established constellations of the fixed stars, the supposed abode of the kings.

8 When the oblique rays of the sun were observed penetrating earthward through an aperture in the clouds, it was believed that they betokened the letting down of a celestial stairway whereon the king and other righteous souls might ascend. "King Pepi has put down his radiance as a stairway under his feet whereon to ascend to his mother."

9 When Melchizedek appeared in the flesh, the Egyptians had a religion far above that of the surround-

ing peoples. They believed that a disembodied soul, if properly armed with magic formulas, could evade the intervening evil spirits and make its way to the judgment hall of Osiris, where, if innocent of "murder, robbery, falsehood, adultery, theft, and selfishness," it would be admitted to the realms of bliss. If this soul were weighed in the balances and found wanting, it would be consigned to hell, to the Devouress. And this was, relatively, an advanced concept of a future life in comparison with the beliefs of many surrounding peoples.

10 The concept of judgment in the

hereafter for the sins of one's life in the flesh on earth was carried over into Hebrew theology from Egypt. The word judgment appears only once in the entire Book of Hebrew Psalms, and that particular psalm was written by an Egyptian.

3. EVOLUTION OF MORAL CONCEPTS

1 Although the culture and religion of Egypt were chiefly derived from Andite Mesopotamia and largely transmitted to subsequent civilizations through the Hebrews and Greeks, much, very much, of the social and ethical idealism of the Egyp-

tians arose in the valley of the Nile as a purely evolutionary development. Notwithstanding the importation of much truth and culture of Andite origin, there evolved in Egypt more of moral culture as a purely human development than appeared by similar natural techniques in any other circumscribed area prior to the bestowal of Michael.

2 Moral evolution is not wholly dependent on revelation. High moral concepts can be derived from man's own experience. Man can even evolve spiritual values and derive cosmic insight from his personal experiential

living because a divine spirit indwells him. Such natural evolutions of conscience and character were also augmented by the periodic arrival of teachers of truth, in ancient times from the second Eden, later on from Melchizedek's headquarters at Salem.

3 Thousands of years before the Salem gospel penetrated to Egypt, its moral leaders taught justice, fairness, and the avoidance of avarice. 3,000 years before the Hebrew scriptures were written, the motto of the Egyptians was: "Established is the man whose standard is righteousness; who walks according to its way." They

taught gentleness, moderation, and discretion. The message of one of the great teachers of this epoch was: "Do right and deal justly with all." The Egyptian triad of this age was Truth-Justice-Righteousness. Of all the purely human religions of Urantia none ever surpassed the social ideals and the moral grandeur of this one-time humanism of the Nile valley.

4 In the soil of these evolving ethical ideas and moral ideals the surviving doctrines of the Salem religion flourished. The concepts of good and evil found ready response in the hearts of a people who believed that "Life is

given to the peaceful and death to the guilty." "The peaceful is he who does what is loved; the guilty is he who does what is hated." For centuries the inhabitants of the Nile valley had lived by these emerging ethical and social standards before they ever entertained the later concepts of right and wrong — good and bad.

5 §§ Egypt was intellectual and moral but not overly spiritual. In 6,000 years only 4 great prophets arose among the Egyptians. Amenemope they followed for a season; Okhban they murdered; Ikhnaton they accepted but half-heartedly for one short genera-

tion; Moses they rejected. Again was it political rather than religious circumstances that made it easy for Abraham and, later on, for Joseph to exert great influence throughout Egypt in behalf of the Salem teachings of one God. But when the Salem missionaries first entered Egypt, they encountered this highly ethical culture of evolution blended with the modified moral standards of Mesopotamian immigrants. These early Nile valley teachers were the first to proclaim conscience as the mandate of God, the

voice of Deity.

4. THE TEACHINGS OF AMENEMOPE

1 In due time there grew up in Egypt a teacher called by many the "son of man" and by others Amenemope. This seer exalted conscience to its highest pinnacle of arbitrament between right and wrong, taught punishment for sin, and proclaimed salvation through calling upon the solar deity.

2 Amenemope taught that riches and fortune were the gift of God, and this concept thoroughly coloured the later appearing Hebrew philosophy. This noble teacher believed that

God-consciousness was the determining factor in all conduct; that every moment should be lived in the realization of the presence of, and responsibility to, God. The teachings of this sage were subsequently translated into Hebrew and became the sacred book of that people long before the Old Testament was reduced to writing. The chief preachment of this good man had to do with instructing his son in uprightness and honesty in governmental positions of trust, and these noble sentiments of long ago would do honour to any modern statesman.

3 This wise man of the Nile taught

that "riches take themselves wings and fly away" — that all things earthly are evanescent. His great prayer was to be "saved from fear." He exhorted all to turn away from "the words of men" to "the acts of God." In substance he taught: Man proposes but God disposes. His teachings, translated into Hebrew, determined the philosophy of the Old Testament Book of Proverbs. Translated into Greek, they gave colour to all subsequent Hellenic religious philosophy. The later Alexandrian philosopher, Philo, possessed a copy of the Book of Wisdom.

4 Amenemope functioned to con-

serve the ethics of evolution and the morals of revelation and in his writings passed them on both to the Hebrews and to the Greeks. He was not the greatest of the religious teachers of this age, but he was the most influential in that he coloured the subsequent thought of two vital links in the growth of Occidental civilization — the Hebrews, among whom evolved the acme of Occidental religious faith, and the Greeks, who developed pure philosophic thought to its greatest European heights.

5 §§ In the Book of Hebrew Proverbs, chapters 15, 17, 20, 22:17–24:22, are

taken almost verbatim from Amenemope's Book of Wisdom[1]. The first psalm[2] of the Hebrew Book of Psalms was written by Amenemope and is the heart of the teachings of Ikhnaton.

5. THE REMARKABLE IKHNATON

1 The teachings of Amenemope were slowly losing their hold on the Egyptian mind when, through the in-

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[1] This was demonstrated by A. Erman in 1924. For more information see John Ruffle, "The Teaching of Amenemope and Its Connection with the Book of Proverbs" in The Tyndale Bulletin 28 (1977)29-68.

[2] Probably also the 105th, the 111th, and a few others are based on the Egyptian texts sources..

fluence of an Egyptian Salemite physician, a woman of the royal family espoused the Melchizedek teachings. This woman prevailed upon her son, Ikhnaton, Pharaoh of Egypt, to accept these doctrines of One God.

2 Since the disappearance of Melchizedek in the flesh, no human being up to that time had possessed such an amazingly clear concept of the revealed religion of Salem as Ikhnaton. In some respects this young Egyptian king is one of the most remarkable persons in human history. During this time of increasing spiritual depression in Mesopotamia, he kept alive the

doctrine of El Elyon, the One God, in Egypt, thus maintaining the philosophic monotheistic channel which was vital to the religious background of the then future bestowal of Michael. And it was in recognition of this exploit, among other reasons, that the child Jesus was taken to Egypt, where some of the spiritual successors of Ikhnaton saw him and to some extent understood certain phases of his divine mission to Urantia.

3 Moses, the greatest character between Melchizedek and Jesus, was the joint gift to the world of the Hebrew race and the Egyptian royal fam-

ily; and had Ikhnaton possessed the versatility and ability of Moses, had he manifested a political genius to match his surprising religious leadership, then would Egypt have become the great monotheistic nation of that age; and if this had happened, it is barely possible that Jesus might have lived the greater portion of his mortal life in Egypt.

4 Never in all history did any king so methodically proceed to swing a whole nation from polytheism to monotheism as did this extraordinary Ikhnaton. With the most amazing determination this young ruler broke

with the past, changed his name, abandoned his capital, built an entirely new city, and created a new art and literature for a whole people. But he went too fast; he built too much, more than could stand when he had gone. Again, he failed to provide for the material stability and prosperity of his people, all of which reacted unfavourably against his religious teachings when the subsequent floods of adversity and oppression swept over the Egyptians.

5 Had this man of amazingly clear vision and extraordinary singleness of purpose had the political sagacity of Moses, he would have changed the

whole history of the evolution of religion and the revelation of truth in the Occidental world. During his lifetime he was able to curb the activities of the priests, whom he generally discredited, but they maintained their cults in secret and sprang into action as soon as the young king passed from power; and they were not slow to connect all of Egypt's subsequent troubles with the establishment of monotheism during his reign.

6 Very wisely Ikhnaton sought to establish monotheism under the guise of the sun-god. This decision to approach the worship of the Univer-

sal Father by absorbing all gods into the worship of the sun was due to the counsel of the Salemite physician. Ikhnaton took the generalized doctrines of the then existent Aton faith regarding the fatherhood and motherhood of Deity and created a religion which recognized an intimate worshipful relation between man and God.

7 Ikhnaton was wise enough to maintain the outward worship of Aton, the sun-god, while he led his associates in the disguised worship of the One God, creator of Aton and supreme Father of all. This young

teacher-king was a prolific writer, being author of the exposition entitled "The One God," a book of 31 chapters, which the priests, when returned to power, utterly destroyed. Ikhnaton also wrote 137 hymns, 12 of which are now preserved in the Old Testament Book of Psalms, credited to Hebrew authorship.

8 §§ The supreme word of Ikhnaton's religion in daily life was "righteousness," and he rapidly expanded the concept of right doing to embrace international as well as national ethics. This was a generation of amazing personal piety and was characterized by

a genuine aspiration among the more intelligent men and women to find God and to know him. In those days social position or wealth gave no Egyptian any advantage in the eyes of the law. The family life of Egypt did much to preserve and augment moral culture and was the inspiration of the later superb family life of the Jews in Palestine.

9 The fatal weakness of Ikhnaton's gospel was its greatest truth, the teaching that Aton was not only the creator of Egypt but also of the "whole world, man and beasts, and all the foreign lands, even Syria and Kush, be-

sides this land of Egypt. He sets all in their place and provides all with their needs." These concepts of Deity were high and exalted, but they were not nationalistic. Such sentiments of internationality in religion failed to augment the morale of the Egyptian army on the battlefield, while they provided effective weapons for the priests to use against the young king and his new religion. He had a Deity concept far above that of the later Hebrews, but it was too advanced to serve the purposes of a nation builder.

10 §§ Though the monotheistic ideal suffered with the passing of Ikhnaton,

the idea of one God persisted in the minds of many groups. The son-in-law of Ikhnaton went along with the priests, back to the worship of the old gods, changing his name to Tutankhamen. The capital returned to Thebes, and the priests waxed fat upon the land, eventually gaining possession of one seventh of all Egypt; and presently one of this same order of priests made bold to seize the crown.

11 But the priests could not fully overcome the monotheistic wave. Increasingly they were compelled to combine and hyphenate their gods; more and more the family of gods con-

tracted. Ikhnaton had associated the flaming disc of the heavens with the creator God, and this idea continued to flame up in the hearts of men, even of the priests, long after the young reformer had passed on. Never did the concept of monotheism die out of the hearts of men in Egypt and in the world. It persisted even to the arrival of the Creator Son of that same divine Father, the one God whom Ikhnaton had so zealously proclaimed for the worship of all Egypt.

12 The weakness of Ikhnaton's doctrine lay in the fact that he proposed such an advanced religion that only

the educated Egyptians could fully comprehend his teachings. The rank and file of the agricultural labourers never really grasped his gospel and were, therefore, ready to return with the priests to the old-time worship of Isis and her consort Osiris, who was supposed to have been miraculously resurrected from a cruel death at the hands of Set, the god of darkness and evil.

13 The teaching of immortality for all men was too advanced for the Egyptians. Only kings and the rich were promised a resurrection; therefore did they so carefully embalm and preserve

their bodies in tombs against the day of judgment. But the democracy of salvation and resurrection as taught by Ikhnaton eventually prevailed, even to the extent that the Egyptians later believed in the survival of dumb animals.

14 §§ Although the effort of this Egyptian ruler to impose the worship of one God upon his people appeared to fail, it should be recorded that the repercussions of his work persisted for centuries both in Palestine and Greece, and that Egypt thus became the agent for transmitting the combined evolutionary culture of the Nile and the revelatory religion of the

Euphrates to all of the subsequent peoples of the Occident.

15 The glory of this great era of moral development and spiritual growth in the Nile valley was rapidly passing at about the time the national life of the Hebrews was beginning, and consequent upon their sojourn in Egypt these Bedouins carried away much of these teachings and perpetuated many of Ikhnaton's doctrines in their racial religion.

6. THE SALEM DOCTRINES IN IRAN

1 From Palestine some of the Melchizedek missionaries passed on

through Mesopotamia and to the great Iranian plateau. For more than 500 years the Salem teachers made headway in Iran, and the whole nation was swinging to the Melchizedek religion when a change of rulers precipitated a bitter persecution which practically ended the monotheistic teachings of the Salem cult. The doctrine of the Abrahamic covenant was virtually extinct in Persia when, in that great century of moral renaissance, the sixth before Christ, Zoroaster appeared to revive the smouldering embers of the Salem gospel.

2 This founder of a new religion was

a virile and adventurous youth, who, on his first pilgrimage to Ur in Mesopotamia, had learned of the traditions of the Caligastia and the Lucifer rebellion — along with many other traditions — all of which had made a strong appeal to his religious nature. Accordingly, as the result of a dream while in Ur, he settled upon a program of returning to his northern home to undertake the remodelling of the religion of his people. He had imbibed the Hebraic idea of a God of justice, the Mosaic concept of divinity. The idea of a supreme God was clear in his mind, and he set down all other gods

as devils, consigned them to the ranks of the demons of which he had heard in Mesopotamia. He had learned of the story of the Seven Master Spirits as the tradition lingered in Ur, and, accordingly, he created a galaxy of seven supreme gods with Ahura-Mazda at its head. These subordinate gods he associated with the idealization of Right Law, Good Thought, Noble Government, Holy Character, Health, and Immortality.

3 And this new religion was one of action — work — not prayers and rituals. Its God was a being of supreme wisdom and the patron of civilization;

it was a militant religious philosophy which dared to battle with evil, inaction, and backwardness.

4 Zoroaster did not teach the worship of fire but sought to utilize the flame as a symbol of the pure and wise Spirit of universal and supreme dominance. (All too true, his later followers did both reverence and worship this symbolic fire.) Finally, upon the conversion of an Iranian prince, this new religion was spread by the sword. And Zoroaster heroically died in battle for that which he believed was the "truth of the Lord of light."

5 §§ Zoroastrianism is the only Uran-

tian creed that perpetuates the Dalamatian and Edenic teachings about the Seven Master Spirits. While failing to evolve the Trinity concept, it did in a certain way approach that of God the Sevenfold. Original Zoroastrianism was not a pure dualism; though the early teachings did picture evil as a time co-ordinate of goodness, it was definitely eternity-submerged in the ultimate reality of the good. Only in later times did the belief gain credence that good and evil contended on equal terms.

6 The Jewish traditions of heaven and hell and the doctrine of devils

as recorded in the Hebrew scriptures, while founded on the lingering traditions of Lucifer and Caligastia, were principally derived from the Zoroastrians during the times when the Jews were under the political and cultural dominance of the Persians. Zoroaster, like the Egyptians, taught the "day of judgment," but he connected this event with the end of the world.

7 Even the religion which succeeded Zoroastrianism in Persia was markedly influenced by it. When the Iranian priests sought to overthrow the teachings of Zoroaster, they resurrected the ancient worship of Mithra.

And Mithraism spread throughout the Levant and Mediterranean regions, being for some time a contemporary of both Judaism and Christianity. The teachings of Zoroaster thus came successively to impress three great religions: Judaism and Christianity and, through them, Mohammedanism.

8 §§ But it is a far cry from the exalted teachings and noble psalms of Zoroaster to the modern perversions of his gospel by the Parsees with their great fear of the dead, coupled with the entertainment of beliefs in sophistries which Zoroaster never stooped

to countenance.

9 This great man was one of that unique group that sprang up in the VI century before Christ to keep the light of Salem from being fully and finally extinguished as it so dimly burned to show man in his darkened world the path of light leading to everlasting life.

7. THE SALEM TEACHINGS IN ARABIA

1 The Melchizedek teachings of the one God became established in the Arabian Desert at a comparatively recent date. As in Greece, so in Arabia the Salem missionaries failed because of their misunderstanding of Machi-

venta's instructions regarding over-organization. But they were not thus hindered by their interpretation of his admonition against all efforts to extend the gospel through military force or civil compulsion.

2 Not even in China or Rome did the Melchizedek teachings fail more completely than in this desert region so very near Salem itself. Long after the majority of the peoples of the Orient and Occident had become respectively Buddhist and Christian, the desert of Arabia continued as it had for thousands of years. Each tribe worshipped its olden fetish, and many in-

dividual families had their own household gods. Long the struggle continued between Babylonian Ishtar, Hebrew Yahweh, Iranian Ahura, and Christian Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. Never was one concept able fully to displace the others.

3 Here and there throughout Arabia were families and clans that held on to the hazy idea of the one God. Such groups treasured the traditions of Melchizedek, Abraham, Moses, and Zoroaster. There were numerous centres that might have responded to the Jesusonian gospel, but the Christian missionaries of the desert lands were

an austere and unyielding group in contrast with the compromisers and innovators who functioned as missionaries in the Mediterranean countries. Had the followers of Jesus taken more seriously his injunction to "go into all the world and preach the gospel," and had they been more gracious in that preaching, less stringent in collateral social requirements of their own devising, then many lands would gladly have received the simple gospel of the carpenter's son, Arabia among them.

4 Despite the fact that the great Levantine monotheisms failed to take

root in Arabia, this desert land was capable of producing a faith which, though less demanding in its social requirements, was nonetheless monotheistic.

5 There was only one factor of a tribal, racial, or national nature about the primitive and unorganized beliefs of the desert, and that was the peculiar and general respect which almost all Arabian tribes were willing to pay to a certain black stone fetish in a certain temple at Mecca. This point of common contact and reverence subsequently led to the establishment of the Islamic religion. What Yahweh,

the volcano spirit, was to the Jewish Semites, the Kaaba stone became to their Arabic cousins.

6 The strength of Islam has been its clear-cut and well-defined presentation of Allah as the one and only Deity; its weakness, the association of military force with its promulgation, together with its degradation of woman. But it has steadfastly held to its presentation of the One Universal Deity of all, "who knows the invisible and the visible. He is the merciful and the compassionate." "Truly God is plenteous in goodness to all men." "And when I am sick, it is he who heals me."

"For whenever as many as three speak together, God is present as a fourth," for is he not "the first and the last, also the seen and the hidden"?

7 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

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YAHWEH — GOD OF THE HEBREWS

Melchizedek

In conceiving of Deity, man first includes all gods, then subordinates all foreign gods to his tribal deity, and finally excludes all but the one God of final and supreme value. The Jews synthesized all gods into their more sublime concept of the Lord God of Israel. The Hindus likewise combined their multifarious deities into the "one spirituality of the gods"

portrayed in the Rig-Veda, while the Mesopotamians reduced their gods to the more centralized concept of Bel-Marduk. These ideas of monotheism matured all over the world not long after the appearance of Machiventa Melchizedek at Salem in Palestine. But the Melchizedek concept of Deity was unlike that of the evolutionary philosophy of inclusion, subordination, and exclusion; it was based exclusively on *creative power* and very soon influenced the highest deity concepts of Mesopotamia, India, and Egypt.

2 §§ The Salem religion was revered as a tradition by the Kenites and sev-

eral other Canaanite tribes. And this was one of the purposes of Melchizedek's incarnation: That a religion of one God should be so fostered as to prepare the way for the earth bestowal of a Son of that one God. Michael could hardly come to Urantia until there existed a people believing in the Universal Father among whom he could appear.

3 The Salem religion persisted among the Kenites in Palestine as their creed, and this religion as it was later adopted by the Hebrews was influenced, first, by Egyptian moral teachings; later, by Babylonian theologic thought; and

lastly, by Iranian conceptions of good and evil. Factually the Hebrew religion is predicated upon the covenant between Abraham and Machiventa Melchizedek, evolutionally it is the outgrowth of many unique situational circumstances, but culturally it has borrowed freely from the religion, morality, and philosophy of the entire Levant. It is through the Hebrew religion that much of the morality and religious thought of Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Iran was transmitted to the

Occidental peoples.

1. DEITY CONCEPTS AMONG THE SEMITES

1 The early Semites regarded everything as being indwelt by a spirit. There were spirits of the animal and vegetable worlds; annual spirits, the lord of progeny; spirits of fire, water, and air; a veritable pantheon of spirits to be feared and worshipped. And the teaching of Melchizedek regarding a Universal Creator never fully destroyed the belief in these subordinate spirits or nature gods.

2 The progress of the Hebrews from polytheism through henotheism to

monotheism was not an unbroken and continuous conceptual development. They experienced many retrogressions in the evolution of their Deity concepts, while during any one epoch there existed varying ideas of God among different groups of Semite believers. From time to time numerous terms were applied to their concepts of God, and in order to prevent confusion these various Deity titles will be defined as they pertain to the evolution of Jewish theology:

3 1. *Yahweh* was the god of the southern Palestinian tribes, who associated this concept of deity with

Mount Horeb, the Sinai volcano. Yahweh was merely one of the hundreds and thousands of nature gods which held the attention and claimed the worship of the Semitic tribes and peoples.

4 2. *El Elyon.* For centuries after Melchizedek's sojourn at Salem his doctrine of Deity persisted in various versions but was generally connoted by the term El Elyon, the Most High God of heaven. Many Semites, including the immediate descendants of Abraham, at various times worshipped both Yahweh and El Elyon.

5 3. *El Shaddai.* It is difficult to ex-

plain what El Shaddai stood for. This idea of God was a composite derived from the teachings of Amenemope's Book of Wisdom modified by Ikhnaton's doctrine of Aton and further influenced by Melchizedek's teachings embodied in the concept of El Elyon. But as the concept of El Shaddai permeated the Hebrew mind, it became thoroughly coloured with the Yahweh beliefs of the desert.

6 One of the dominant ideas of the religion of this era was the Egyptian concept of divine Providence, the teaching that material prosperity was a reward for serving El Shaddai.

7 4. *El.* Amid all this confusion of terminology and haziness of concept, many devout believers sincerely endeavoured to worship all of these evolving ideas of divinity, and there grew up the practice of referring to this composite Deity as El. And this term included still other of the Bedouin nature gods.

8 5. *Elohim.* In Kish and Ur there long persisted Sumerian-Chaldean groups who taught a three-in-one God concept founded on the traditions of the days of Adam and Melchizedek. This doctrine was carried to Egypt, where this Trinity was wor-

shipped under the name of Elohim, or in the singular as Eloah. The philosophic circles of Egypt and later Alexandrian teachers of Hebraic extraction taught this unity of pluralistic Gods, and many of Moses' advisers at the time of the exodus believed in this Trinity. But the concept of the trinitarian Elohim never became a real part of Hebrew theology until after they had come under the political influence of the Babylonians.

9 6. *Sundry names.* The Semites disliked to speak the name of their Deity, and they therefore resorted to numerous appellations from time to

time, such as: The Spirit of God, The Lord, The Angel of the Lord, The Almighty, The Holy One, The Most High, Adonai, The Ancient of Days, The Lord God of Israel, The Creator of Heaven and Earth, Kyrios, Jah, The Lord of Hosts, and The Father in Heaven.

10 §§ *Jehovah* is a term which in recent times has been employed to designate the completed concept of Yahweh which finally evolved in the long Hebrew experience. But the name Jehovah did not come into use until 1,500 years after the times of Jesus.

11 §§ Up to about 2000 B.C., Mount

Sinai was intermittently active as a volcano, occasional eruptions occurring as late as the time of the sojourn of the Israelites in this region. The fire and smoke, together with the thunderous detonations associated with the eruptions of this volcanic mountain, all impressed and awed the Bedouins of the surrounding regions and caused them greatly to fear Yahweh. This spirit of Mount Horeb later became the god of the Hebrew Semites, and they eventually believed him to be supreme over all other gods.

12 The Canaanites had long revered Yahweh, and although many of the

Kenites believed more or less in El Elyon, the supergod of the Salem religion, a majority of the Canaanites held loosely to the worship of the old tribal deities. They were hardly willing to abandon their national deities in favour of an international, not to say an interplanetary, God. They were not universal-deity minded, and therefore these tribes continued to worship their tribal deities, including Yahweh and the silver and golden calves which symbolized the Bedouin herders' concept of the spirit of the Sinai volcano.

13 The Syrians, while worshipping their gods, also believed in Yahweh

of the Hebrews, for their prophets said to the Syrian king: "Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them on the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they."

14 As man advances in culture, the lesser gods are subordinated to a supreme deity; the great Jove persists only as an exclamation. The monotheists keep their subordinate gods as spirits, demons, fates, Nereids, fairies, brownies, dwarfs, banshees, and the evil eye. The Hebrews passed through henotheism and long believed in the existence of gods other than Yahweh,

but they increasingly held that these foreign deities were subordinate to Yahweh. They conceded the actuality of Chemosh, god of the Amorites, but maintained that he was subordinate to Yahweh.

15 The idea of Yahweh has undergone the most extensive development of all the mortal theories of God. Its progressive evolution can only be compared with the metamorphosis of the Buddha concept in Asia, which in the end led to the concept of the Universal Absolute even as the Yahweh concept finally led to the idea of the Universal Father. But as a matter of historic fact,

it should be understood that, while the Jews thus changed their views of Deity from the tribal god of Mount Horeb to the loving and merciful Creator Father of later times, they did not change his name; they continued all the way along to call this evolving concept of Deity, Yahweh.

2. THE SEMITIC PEOPLES

1 The Semites of the East were well-organized and well-led horsemen who invaded the eastern regions of the fertile crescent and there united with the Babylonians. The Chaldeans near Ur were among the most advanced of the

eastern Semites. The Phoenicians were a superior and well-organized group of mixed Semites who held the western section of Palestine, along the Mediterranean coast. Racially the Semites were among the most blended of Urantia peoples, containing hereditary factors from almost all of the nine world races.

2 Again and again the Arabian Semites fought their way into the northern Promised Land, the land that "flowed with milk and honey," but just as often were they ejected by the better-organized and more highly civilized northern Semites and Hit-

tites. Later, during an unusually severe famine, these roving Bedouins entered Egypt in large numbers as contract labourers on the Egyptian public works, only to find themselves undergoing the bitter experience of enslavement at the hard daily toil of the common and downtrodden labourers of the Nile valley.

3 It was only after the days of Machiventa Melchizedek and Abraham that certain tribes of Semites, because of their peculiar religious beliefs, were called the children of Israel and later on Hebrews, Jews, and the "chosen people." Abraham was not the racial

father of all the Hebrews; he was not even the progenitor of all the Bedouin Semites who were held captive in Egypt. True, his offspring, coming up out of Egypt, did form the nucleus of the later Jewish people, but the vast majority of the men and women who became incorporated into the clans of Israel had never sojourned in Egypt. They were merely fellow nomads who chose to follow the leadership of Moses as the children of Abraham and their Semite associates from Egypt journeyed through northern Arabia.

4 §§ The Melchizedek teaching con-

cerning El Elyon, the Most High, and the covenant of divine favour through faith, had been largely forgotten by the time of the Egyptian enslavement of the Semite peoples who were shortly to form the Hebrew nation. But throughout this period of captivity these Arabian nomads maintained a lingering traditional belief in Yahweh as their racial deity.

5 Yahweh was worshipped by more than 100 separate Arabian tribes, and except for the tinge of the El Elyon concept of Melchizedek which persisted among the more educated classes of Egypt, including the mixed

Hebrew and Egyptian stocks, the religion of the rank and file of the Hebrew captive slaves was a modified version of the old Yahweh ritual of magic and sacrifice.

3. THE MATCHLESS MOSES

1 The beginning of the evolution of the Hebraic concepts and ideals of a Supreme Creator dates from the departure of the Semites from Egypt under that great leader, teacher, and organizer, Moses. His mother was of the royal family of Egypt; his father was a Semitic liaison officer between the government and the Bedouin cap-

tives. Moses thus possessed qualities derived from superior racial sources; his ancestry was so highly blended that it is impossible to classify him in any one racial group. Had he not been of this mixed type, he would never have displayed that unusual versatility and adaptability which enabled him to manage the diversified horde which eventually became associated with those Bedouin Semites who fled from Egypt to the Arabian Desert under his leadership.

2 Despite the enticements of the culture of the Nile kingdom, Moses elected to cast his lot with the people

of his father. At the time this great organizer was formulating his plans for the eventual freeing of his father's people, the Bedouin captives hardly had a religion worthy of the name; they were virtually without a true concept of God and without hope in the world.

3 §§ No leader ever undertook to reform and uplift a more forlorn, downcast, dejected, and ignorant group of human beings. But these slaves carried latent possibilities of development in their hereditary strains, and there were a sufficient number of educated leaders who had been coached by Moses in preparation for the day of revolt

and the strike for liberty to constitute a corps of efficient organizers. These superior men had been employed as native overseers of their people; they had received some education because of Moses' influence with the Egyptian rulers.

4 Moses endeavoured to negotiate diplomatically for the freedom of his fellow Semites. He and his brother entered into a compact with the king of Egypt whereby they were granted permission peaceably to leave the valley of the Nile for the Arabian Desert. They were to receive a modest payment of money and goods in token of

their long service in Egypt. The Hebrews for their part entered into an agreement to maintain friendly relations with the Pharaohs and not to join in any alliance against Egypt. But the king later saw fit to repudiate this treaty, giving as his reason the excuse that his spies had discovered disloyalty among the Bedouin slaves. He claimed they sought freedom for the purpose of going into the desert to organize the nomads against Egypt.

5 But Moses was not discouraged; he bided his time, and in less than a year, when the Egyptian military forces were fully occupied in resist-

ing the simultaneous onslaughts of a strong Libyan thrust from the south and a Greek naval invasion from the north, this intrepid organizer led his compatriots out of Egypt in a spectacular night flight. This dash for liberty was carefully planned and skillfully executed. And they were successful, notwithstanding that they were hotly pursued by Pharaoh and a small body of Egyptians, who all fell before the fugitives' defence, yielding much booty, all of which was augmented by the loot of the advancing host of escaping slaves as they marched on toward their an-

cestral desert home.

4. THE PROCLAMATION OF YAHWEH

1 The evolution and elevation of the Mosaic teaching has influenced almost one half of all the world, and still does even in the XX century. While Moses comprehended the more advanced Egyptian religious philosophy, the Bedouin slaves knew little about such teachings, but they had never entirely forgotten the god of Mount Horeb, whom their ancestors had called Yahweh.

2 Moses had heard of the teachings of Machiventa Melchizedek from

both his father and his mother, their commonness of religious belief being the explanation for the unusual union between a woman of royal blood and a man from a captive race. Moses' father-in-law was a Kenite worshipper of El Elyon, but the emancipator's parents were believers in El Shaddai. Moses thus was educated an El Shaddaist; through the influence of his father-in-law he became an El Elyonist; and by the time of the Hebrew encampment about Mount Sinai after the flight from Egypt, he had formulated a new and enlarged concept of Deity (derived from all his former

beliefs), which he wisely decided to proclaim to his people as an expanded concept of their olden tribal god, Yahweh.

3 Moses had endeavoured to teach these Bedouins the idea of El Elyon, but before leaving Egypt, he had become convinced they would never fully comprehend this doctrine. Therefore he deliberately determined upon the compromise adoption of their tribal god of the desert as the one and only god of his followers. Moses did not specifically teach that other peoples and nations might not have other gods, but he did resolutely main-

tain that Yahweh was over and above all, especially to the Hebrews. But always was he plagued by the awkward predicament of trying to present his new and higher idea of Deity to these ignorant slaves under the guise of the ancient term Yahweh, which had always been symbolized by the golden calf of the Bedouin tribes.

4 §§ The fact that Yahweh was the god of the fleeing Hebrews explains why they tarried so long before the holy mountain of Sinai, and why they there received the ten commandments which Moses promulgated in the name of Yahweh, the god of Ho-

reb. During this lengthy sojourn before Sinai the religious ceremonials of the newly evolving Hebrew worship were further perfected.

5 §§ It does not appear that Moses would ever have succeeded in the establishment of his somewhat advanced ceremonial worship and in keeping his followers intact for a quarter of a century had it not been for the violent eruption of Horeb during the third week of their worshipful sojourn at its base. "The mountain of Yahweh was consumed in fire, and the smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain

quaked greatly." In view of this cataclysm it is not surprising that Moses could impress upon his brethren the teaching that their God was "mighty, terrible, a devouring fire, fearful, and all-powerful."

6 Moses proclaimed that Yahweh was the Lord God of Israel, who had singled out the Hebrews as his chosen people; he was building a new nation, and he wisely nationalized his religious teachings, telling his followers that Yahweh was a hard taskmaster, a "jealous God." But nonetheless[1] he

[1] In 1955 text "none the less" three words.

sought to enlarge their concept of divinity when he taught them that Yahweh was the "God of the spirits of all flesh," and when he said, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Moses taught that Yahweh was a covenant-keeping God; that he "will not forsake you, neither destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers because the Lord loves you and will not forget the oath by which he swore to your fathers."

7 Moses made a heroic effort to uplift Yahweh to the dignity of a supreme Deity when he presented him as the

"God of truth and without iniquity, just and right in all his ways." And yet, despite this exalted teaching, the limited understanding of his followers made it necessary to speak of God as being in man's image, as being subject to fits of anger, wrath, and severity, even that he was vengeful and easily influenced by man's conduct.

8 Under the teachings of Moses this tribal nature god, Yahweh, became the Lord God of Israel, who followed them through the wilderness and even into exile, where he presently was conceived of as the God of all peoples. The later captivity that enslaved the Jews

in Babylon finally liberated the evolving concept of Yahweh to assume the monotheistic role of the God of all nations.

9 The most unique and amazing feature of the religious history of the Hebrews concerns this continuous evolution of the concept of Deity from the primitive god of Mount Horeb up through the teachings of their successive spiritual leaders to the high level of development depicted in the Deity doctrines of the Isaiahs, who proclaimed that magnificent concept of the loving and merciful Creator Fa-

ther.

5. THE TEACHINGS OF MOSES

1 Moses was an extraordinary combination of military leader, social organizer, and religious teacher. He was the most important individual world teacher and leader between the times of Machiventa and Jesus. Moses attempted to introduce many reforms in Israel of which there is no record. In the space of one man's life he led the polyglot horde of so-called Hebrews out of slavery and uncivilized roaming while he laid the foundation for the subsequent birth of a nation and the

perpetuation of a race.

2 There is so little on record of the great work of Moses because the Hebrews had no written language at the time of the exodus. The record of the times and doings of Moses was derived from the traditions extant more than one thousand years after the death of the great leader.

3 Many of the advances which Moses made over and above the religion of the Egyptians and the surrounding Levantine tribes were due to the Kenite traditions of the time of Melchizedek. Without the teaching of Machiventa to Abraham and his

contemporaries, the Hebrews would have come out of Egypt in hopeless darkness. Moses and his father-in-law, Jethro, gathered up the residue of the traditions of the days of Melchizedek, and these teachings, joined to the learning of the Egyptians, guided Moses in the creation of the improved religion and ritual of the Israelites. Moses was an organizer; he selected the best in the religion and mores of Egypt and Palestine and, associating these practices with the traditions of the Melchizedek teachings, organized the Hebrew ceremonial system of worship.

4 §§ Moses was a believer in Providence; he had become thoroughly tainted with the doctrines of Egypt concerning the supernatural control of the Nile and the other elements of nature. He had a great vision of God, but he was thoroughly sincere when he taught the Hebrews that, if they would obey God, "He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will multiply the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land — the corn, wine, oil, and your flocks. You shall be prospered above all people, and the Lord your God will take away from you all sickness and will put none of the evil

diseases of Egypt upon you." He even said: "Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the power to get wealth." "You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. You shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you."

5 §§ But it was truly pitiful to watch this great mind of Moses trying to adapt his sublime concept of El Elyon, the Most High, to the comprehension of the ignorant and illiterate Hebrews. To his assembled leaders he thundered, "The Lord your God is one God; there is none beside him"; while to the mixed multitude he declared,

"Who is like your God among all the gods?" Moses made a brave and partly successful stand against fetishes and idolatry, declaring, "You saw no similitude on the day that your God spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire." He also forbade the making of images of any sort.

6 Moses feared to proclaim the mercy of Yahweh, preferring to awe his people with the fear of the justice of God, saying: "The Lord your God is God of Gods, and Lord of Lords, a great God, a mighty and terrible God, who regards not man." Again he sought to control the turbulent clans

when he declared that "your God kills when you disobey him; he heals and gives life when you obey him." But Moses taught these tribes that they would become the chosen people of God only on condition that they "kept all his commandments and obeyed all his statutes."

7 Little of the mercy of God was taught the Hebrews during these early times. They learned of God as "the Almighty; the Lord is a man of war, God of battles, glorious in power, who dashes in pieces his enemies." "The Lord your God walks in the midst of the camp to deliver you." The Israelites

thought of their God as one who loved them, but who also "hardened Pharaoh's heart" and "cursed their enemies."

8 While Moses presented fleeting glimpses of a universal and beneficent Deity to the children of Israel, on the whole, their day-by-day concept of Yahweh was that of a God but little better than the tribal gods of the surrounding peoples. Their concept of God was primitive, crude, and anthropomorphic; when Moses passed on, these Bedouin tribes quickly reverted to the semibarbaric ideas of their olden gods of Horeb and the

desert. The enlarged and more sublime vision of God which Moses every now and then presented to his leaders was soon lost to view, while most of the people turned to the worship of their fetish golden calves, the Palestinian herdsman's symbol of Yahweh.

9 §§ When Moses turned over the command of the Hebrews to Joshua, he had already gathered up thousands of the collateral descendants of Abraham, Nahor, Lot, and other of the related tribes and had whipped them into a self-sustaining and partially self-

regulating nation of pastoral warriors.

6. THE GOD CONCEPT AFTER MOSES' DEATH

1 Upon the death of Moses his lofty concept of Yahweh rapidly deteriorated. Joshua and the leaders of Israel continued to harbour the Mosaic traditions of the all-wise, beneficent, and almighty God, but the common people rapidly reverted to the older desert idea of Yahweh. And this backward drift of the concept of Deity continued increasingly under the successive rule of the various tribal sheiks, the so-called Judges.

2 The spell of the extraordinary per-

sonality of Moses had kept alive in the hearts of his followers the inspiration of an increasingly enlarged concept of God; but when they once reached the fertile lands of Palestine, they quickly evolved from nomadic herders into settled and somewhat sedate farmers. And this evolution of life practices and change of religious viewpoint demanded a more or less complete change in the character of their conception of the nature of their God, Yahweh. During the times of the beginning of the transmutation of the austere, crude, exacting, and thunderous desert god of Sinai into

the later appearing concept of a God of love, justice, and mercy, the Hebrews almost lost sight of Moses' lofty teachings. They came near losing all concept of monotheism; they nearly lost their opportunity of becoming the people who would serve as a vital link in the spiritual evolution of Urantia, the group who would conserve the Melchizedek teaching of one God until the times of the incarnation of a bestowal Son of that Father of all.

3 Desperately Joshua sought to hold the concept of a supreme Yahweh in the minds of the tribesmen, causing it to be proclaimed: "As I was with

Moses, so will I be with you; I will not fail you nor forsake you." Joshua found it necessary to preach a stern gospel to his disbelieving people, people all too willing to believe their old and native religion but unwilling to go forward in the religion of faith and righteousness. The burden of Joshua's teaching became: "Yahweh is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins." The highest concept of this age pictured Yahweh as a "God of power, judgment, and justice."

4 But even in this dark age, every now and then a solitary teacher would

arise proclaiming the Mosaic concept of divinity: "You children of wickedness cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God." "Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his Maker?" "Can you by searching find out God? Can you find out the Almighty to perfection? Behold, God is great and we know him not. Touching[1] the Almighty, we cannot find him out."

7. PSALMS AND THE BOOK OF JOB

1 Under the leadership of their

[1] See the note on 2:1.1.

sheiks and priests the Hebrews became loosely established in Palestine. But they soon drifted back into the benighted beliefs of the desert and became contaminated with the less advanced Canaanite religious practices. They became idolatrous and licentious, and their idea of Deity fell far below the Egyptian and Mesopotamian concepts of God that were maintained by certain surviving Salem groups, and which are recorded in some of the Psalms and in the so-called Book of Job.

2 §§ The Psalms are the work of a score or more of authors; many were

written by Egyptian and Mesopotamian teachers. During these times when the Levant worshipped nature gods, there were still a goodly number who believed in the supremacy of El Elyon, the Most High.

3 No collection of religious writings gives expression to such a wealth of devotion and inspirational ideas of God as the Book of Psalms. And it would be very helpful if, in the perusal of this wonderful collection of worshipful literature, consideration could be given to the source and chronology of each separate hymn of praise and adoration, bearing in mind that no other

single collection covers such a great range of time. This Book of Psalms is the record of the varying concepts of God entertained by the believers of the Salem religion throughout the Levant and embraces the entire period from Amenemope to Isaiah. In the Psalms God is depicted in all phases of conception, from the crude idea of a tribal deity to the vastly expanded ideal of the later Hebrews, wherein Yahweh is pictured as a loving ruler and merciful Father.

4 And when thus regarded, this group of Psalms constitutes the most valuable and helpful assortment of de-

votional sentiments ever assembled by man up to the times of the XX century. The worshipful spirit of this collection of hymns transcends that of all other sacred books of the world.

5 §§ The variegated picture of Deity presented in the Book of Job was the product of more than a score of Mesopotamian religious teachers extending over a period of almost 300 years. And when you read the lofty concept of divinity found in this compilation of Mesopotamian beliefs, you will recognize that it was in the neighbourhood of Ur of Chaldea that the idea of a real God was best preserved during

the dark days in Palestine.

6 In Palestine the wisdom and all-pervasiveness of God was often grasped but seldom his love and mercy. The Yahweh of these times "sends evil spirits to dominate the souls of his enemies"; he prospers his own and obedient children, while he curses and visits dire judgments upon all others. "He disappoints the devices of the crafty; he takes the wise in their own deceit."

7 Only at Ur did a voice arise to cry out the mercy of God, saying: "He shall pray to God and shall find favour with him and shall see his face

with joy, for God will give to man divine righteousness." Thus from Ur there is preached salvation, divine favour, by faith: "He is gracious to the repentant and says, 'Deliver him from going down in the pit, for I have found a ransom.' If any say, 'I have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not,' God will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and he shall see the light." Not since the times of Melchizedek had the Levantine world heard such a ringing and cheering message of human salvation as this extraordinary teaching of Elihu, the prophet of Ur and

priest of the Salem believers, that is, the remnant of the onetime Melchizedek colony in Mesopotamia.

8 And thus did the remnants of the Salem missionaries in Mesopotamia maintain the light of truth during the period of the disorganization of the Hebrew peoples until the appearance of the first of that long line of the teachers of Israel who never stopped as they built, concept upon concept, until they had achieved the realization of the ideal of the Universal and Creator Father of all, the acme of the evolution

of the Yahweh concept.

9 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

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EVOLUTION OF THE GOD CONCEPT AMONG THE HEBREWS

Melchizedek

The spiritual leaders of the Hebrews did what no others before them had ever succeeded in doing — they deanthropomorphized their God concept without converting it into an abstraction of Deity comprehensible only to philosophers. Even common people

were able to regard the matured concept of Yahweh as a Father, if not of the individual, at least of the race.

2 The concept of the personality of God, while clearly taught at Salem in the days of Melchizedek, was vague and hazy at the time of the flight from Egypt and only gradually evolved in the Hebraic mind from generation to generation in response to the teaching of the spiritual leaders. The perception of Yahweh's personality was much more continuous in its progressive evolution than was that of many other of the Deity attributes. From Moses to Malachi there occurred an

almost unbroken ideational growth of the personality of God in the Hebrew mind, and this concept was eventually heightened and glorified by the teachings of Jesus about the Father in heaven.

1. SAMUEL — FIRST OF THE HEBREW PROPHETS

1 Hostile pressure of the surrounding peoples in Palestine soon taught the Hebrew sheiks they could not hope to survive unless they confederated their tribal organizations into a centralized government. And this centralization of administrative authority afforded a better opportunity

for Samuel to function as a teacher and reformer.

2 Samuel sprang from a long line of the Salem teachers who had persisted in maintaining the truths of Melchizedek as a part of their worship forms. This teacher was a virile and resolute man. Only his great devotion, coupled with his extraordinary determination, enabled him to withstand the almost universal opposition which he encountered when he started out to turn all Israel back to the worship of the supreme Yahweh of Mosaic times. And even then he was only partially successful; he won back to the service

of the higher concept of Yahweh only the more intelligent half of the Hebrews; the other half continued in the worship of the tribal gods of the country and in the baser conception of Yahweh.

3 Samuel was a rough-and-ready type of man, a practical reformer who could go out in one day with his associates and overthrow a score of Baal sites. The progress he made was by sheer force of compulsion; he did little preaching, less teaching, but he did act. One day he was mocking the priest of Baal; the next, chopping in pieces a captive king. He devotedly

believed in the one God, and he had a clear concept of that one God as creator of heaven and earth: "The pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he has set the world upon them."

4 But the great contribution which Samuel made to the development of the concept of Deity was his ringing pronouncement that Yahweh was *changeless,* forever the same embodiment of unerring perfection and divinity. In these times Yahweh was conceived to be a fitful God of jealous whims, always regretting that he had done thus and so; but now, for the first time since the Hebrews sal-

lied forth from Egypt, they heard these startling words, "The Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent, for he is not a man, that he should repent." Stability in dealing with Divinity was proclaimed. Samuel reiterated the Melchizedek covenant with Abraham and declared that the Lord God of Israel was the source of all truth, stability, and constancy. Always had the Hebrews looked upon their God as a man, a superman, an exalted spirit of unknown origin; but now they heard the onetime spirit of Horeb exalted as an unchanging God of creator perfection. Samuel was aid-

ing the evolving God concept to ascend to heights above the changing state of men's minds and the vicissitudes of mortal existence. Under his teaching, the God of the Hebrews was beginning the ascent from an idea on the order of the tribal gods to the ideal of an all-powerful and changeless Creator and *Supervisor* of all creation.

5 And he preached anew the story of God's sincerity, his covenant-keeping reliability. Said Samuel: "The Lord will not forsake his people." "He has made with us an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure." And so, throughout all

Palestine there sounded the call back to the worship of the supreme Yahweh. Ever this energetic teacher proclaimed, "You are great, O Lord God, for there is none like you, neither is there any God beside you."

6 §§ Theretofore the Hebrews had regarded the favour of Yahweh mainly in terms of material prosperity. It was a great shock to Israel, and almost cost Samuel his life, when he dared to proclaim: "The Lord enriches and impoverishes; he debases and exalts. He raises the poor out of the dust and lifts up the beggars to set them among princes to make them inherit

the throne of glory." Not since Moses had such comforting promises for the humble and the less fortunate been proclaimed, and thousands of despairing among the poor began to take hope that they could improve their spiritual status.

7 But Samuel did not progress very far beyond the concept of a tribal god. He proclaimed a Yahweh who made all men but was occupied chiefly with the Hebrews, his chosen people. Even so, as in the days of Moses, once more the God concept portrayed a Deity who is holy and upright. "There is none as holy as the Lord. Who can

be compared to this holy Lord God?"

8 As the years passed, the grizzled old leader progressed in the understanding of God, for he declared: "The Lord is a God of knowledge, and actions are weighed by him. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth, showing mercy to the merciful, and with the upright man he will also be upright." Even here is the dawn of mercy, albeit it is limited to those who are merciful. Later he went one step further when, in their adversity, he exhorted his people: "Let us fall now into the hands of the Lord, for his mercies are great." "There is no restraint upon

the Lord to save many or few."

9 §§ And this gradual development of the concept of the character of Yahweh continued under the ministry of Samuel's successors. They attempted to present Yahweh as a covenant-keeping God but hardly maintained the pace set by Samuel; they failed to develop the idea of the mercy of God as Samuel had later conceived it. There was a steady drift back toward the recognition of other gods, despite the maintenance that Yahweh was above all. "Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all."

10 The keynote of this era was di-

vine power; the prophets of this age preached a religion designed to foster the king upon the Hebrew throne. "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty. In your hand is power and might, and you are able to make great and to give strength to all." And this was the status of the God concept during the time of Samuel and his immediate successors.

2. ELIJAH AND ELISHA

1 In the X century before Christ the Hebrew nation became divided into two kingdoms. In both of these polit-

ical divisions many truth teachers endeavoured to stem the reactionary tide of spiritual decadence that had set in, and which continued disastrously after the war of separation. But these efforts to advance the Hebraic religion did not prosper until that determined and fearless warrior for righteousness, Elijah, began his teaching. Elijah restored to the northern kingdom a concept of God comparable with that held in the days of Samuel. Elijah had little opportunity to present an advanced concept of God; he was kept busy, as Samuel had been before him, overthrowing the altars of

Baal and demolishing the idols of false gods. And he carried forward his reforms in the face of the opposition of an idolatrous monarch; his task was even more gigantic and difficult than that which Samuel had faced.

2 When Elijah was called away, Elisha, his faithful associate, took up his work and, with the invaluable assistance of the little-known Micaiah, kept the light of truth alive in Palestine.

3 But these were not times of progress in the concept of Deity. Not yet had the Hebrews ascended even to the Mosaic ideal. The era of Elijah and El-

isha closed with the better classes returning to the worship of the supreme Yahweh and witnessed the restoration of the idea of the Universal Creator to about that place where Samuel had left it.

3. YAHWEH AND BAAL

1 The long-drawn-out controversy between the believers in Yahweh and the followers of Baal was a socio-economic clash of ideologies rather than a difference in religious beliefs.

2 §§ The inhabitants of Palestine differed in their attitude toward private ownership of land. The southern or

wandering Arabian tribes (the Yahwehites) looked upon land as an inalienable — as a gift of Deity to the clan. They held that land could not be sold or mortgaged. "Yahweh spoke, saying, 'The land shall not be sold, for the land is mine.'"

3 The northern and more settled Canaanites (the Baalites) freely bought, sold, and mortgaged their lands. The word Baal means owner. The Baal cult was founded on two major doctrines: First, the validation of property exchange, contracts, and covenants — the right to buy and sell land. Second, Baal was supposed to

send rain — he was a god of fertility of the soil. Good crops depended on the favour of Baal. The cult was largely concerned with *land,* its ownership and fertility.

4 In general, the Baalites owned houses, lands, and slaves. They were the aristocratic landlords and lived in the cities. Each Baal had a sacred place, a priesthood, and the "holy women," the ritual prostitutes.

5 Out of this basic difference in the regard for land, there evolved the bitter antagonisms of social, economic, moral, and religious attitudes exhibited by the Canaanites and the He-

brews. This socio-economic controversy did not become a definite religious issue until the times of Elijah. From the days of this aggressive prophet the issue was fought out on more strictly religious lines — Yahweh *vs.* Baal — and it ended in the triumph of Yahweh and the subsequent drive toward monotheism.

6 Elijah shifted the Yahweh-Baal controversy from the land issue to the religious aspect of Hebrew and Canaanite ideologies. When Ahab murdered the Naboths in the intrigue to get possession of their land, Elijah made a moral issue out of the olden

land mores and launched his vigorous campaign against the Baalites. This was also a fight of the country folk against domination by the cities. It was chiefly under Elijah that Yahweh became Elohim. The prophet began as an agrarian reformer and ended up by exalting Deity. Baals were many, Yahweh was *one* — monotheism won over polytheism.

4. AMOS AND HOSEA

1 A great step in the transition of the tribal god — the god who had so long been served with sacrifices and ceremonies, the Yahweh of the

earlier Hebrews — to a God who would punish crime and immorality among even his own people, was taken by Amos, who appeared from among the southern hills to denounce the criminality, drunkenness, oppression, and immorality of the northern tribes. Not since the times of Moses had such ringing truths been proclaimed in Palestine.

2 Amos was not merely a restorer or reformer; he was a discoverer of new concepts of Deity. He proclaimed much about God that had been announced by his predecessors and courageously attacked the belief

in a Divine Being who would countenance sin among his so-called chosen people. For the first time since the days of Melchizedek the ears of man heard the denunciation of the double standard of national justice and morality. For the first time in their history Hebrew ears heard that their own God, Yahweh, would no more tolerate crime and sin in their lives than he would among any other people. Amos envisioned the stern and just God of Samuel and Elijah, but he also saw a God who thought no differently of the Hebrews than of any other nation when it came to the punishment of

wrongdoing. This was a direct attack on the egoistic doctrine of the "chosen people," and many Hebrews of those days bitterly resented it.

3 Said Amos: "He who formed the mountains and created the wind, seek him who formed the seven stars and Orion, who turns the shadow of death into the morning and makes the day dark as night." And in denouncing his half-religious, timeserving, and sometimes immoral fellows, he sought to portray the inexorable justice of an unchanging Yahweh when he said of the evildoers: "Though they dig into hell, thence shall I take them; though

they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down." "And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I direct the sword of justice, and it shall slay them." Amos further startled his hearers when, pointing a reproving and accusing finger at them, he declared in the name of Yahweh: "Surely I will never forget any of your works." "And I will sift the house of Israel among all nations as wheat is sifted in a sieve."

4 Amos proclaimed Yahweh the "God of all nations" and warned the Israelites that ritual must not take the place of righteousness. And before

this courageous teacher was stoned to death, he had spread enough leaven of truth to save the doctrine of the supreme Yahweh; he had ensured the further evolution of the Melchizedek revelation.

5 §§ Hosea followed Amos and his doctrine of a universal God of justice by the resurrection of the Mosaic concept of a God of love. Hosea preached forgiveness through repentance, not by sacrifice. He proclaimed a gospel of loving-kindness and divine mercy, saying: "I will betroth you to me forever; yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness and judgment and in loving-

kindness and in mercies. I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness." "I will love them freely, for my anger is turned away."

6 Hosea faithfully continued the moral warnings of Amos, saying of God, "It is my desire that I chastise them." But the Israelites regarded it as cruelty bordering on treason when he said: "I will say to those who were not my people, 'you are my people'; and they will say, 'you are our God.'" He continued to preach repentance and forgiveness, saying, "I will heal their backsliding; I will love them freely, for my anger is turned away." Always

Hosea proclaimed hope and forgiveness. The burden of his message ever was: "I will have mercy upon my people. They shall know no God but me, for there is no saviour beside me."

7 §§ Amos quickened the national conscience of the Hebrews to the recognition that Yahweh would not condone crime and sin among them because they were supposedly the chosen people, while Hosea struck the opening notes in the later merciful chords of divine compassion and loving-kindness which were so exquisitely

sung by Isaiah and his associates.

5. THE FIRST ISAIAH

1 These were the times when some were proclaiming threatenings of punishment against personal sins and national crime among the northern clans while others predicted calamity in retribution for the transgressions of the southern kingdom. It was in the wake of this arousal of conscience and consciousness in the Hebrew nations that the first Isaiah made his appearance.

2 Isaiah went on to preach the eternal nature of God, his infinite wisdom, his unchanging perfection of reliabil-

ity. He represented the God of Israel as saying: "Judgment also will I lay to the line and righteousness to the plummet." "The Lord will give you rest from your sorrow and from your fear and from the hard bondage wherein man has been made to serve." "And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'this is the way, walk in it.'" "Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my song." "'Come now and let us reason together,' says the Lord, 'though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like the crimson, they shall

be as wool.'"

3 Speaking to the fear-ridden and soul-hungry Hebrews, this prophet said: "Arise and shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation and has covered me with his

robe of righteousness." "In all their afflictions he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and in his pity he redeemed them."

4 §§ This Isaiah was followed by Micah and Obadiah, who confirmed and embellished his soul-satisfying gospel. And these two brave messengers boldly denounced the priest-ridden ritual of the Hebrews and fearlessly attacked the whole sacrificial system.

5 Micah denounced "the rulers who judge for reward and the priests who teach for hire and the prophets who divine for money." He taught of a

day of freedom from superstition and priestcraft, saying: "But every man shall sit under his own vine, and no one shall make him afraid, for all people will live, each one according to his understanding of God."

6 Ever the burden of Micah's message was: "Shall I come before God with burnt offerings? Will the Lord be pleased with a thousand rams or with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown me, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly and to

love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?"[1] And it was a great age; these were indeed stirring times when mortal man heard, and some even believed, such emancipating messages more than two and a half millenniums ago. And but for the stubborn resistance of the priests, these teachers would have overthrown the whole bloody ceremonial of the Hebrew ritual of worship.

6. JEREMIAH THE FEARLESS

1 While several teachers continued to expound the gospel of Isaiah, it re-

[1] In 1955 text no question mark.

mained for Jeremiah to take the next bold step in the internationalization of Yahweh, God of the Hebrews.

2 Jeremiah fearlessly declared that Yahweh was not on the side of the Hebrews in their military struggles with other nations. He asserted that Yahweh was God of all the earth, of all nations and of all peoples. Jeremiah's teaching was the crescendo of the rising wave of the internationalization of the God of Israel; finally and forever did this intrepid preacher proclaim that Yahweh was God of all nations, and that there was no Osiris for the Egyptians, Bel for the Babylonians,

Ashur for the Assyrians, or Dagon for the Philistines. And thus did the religion of the Hebrews share in that renaissance of monotheism throughout the world at about and following this time; at last the concept of Yahweh had ascended to a Deity level of planetary and even cosmic dignity. But many of Jeremiah's associates found it difficult to conceive of Yahweh apart from the Hebrew nation.

3 Jeremiah also preached of the just and loving God described by Isaiah, declaring: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn you." "For

he does not afflict willingly the children of men."

4 Said this fearless prophet: "Righteous is our Lord, great in counsel and mighty in work. His eyes are open upon all the ways of all the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings." But it was considered blasphemous treason when, during the siege of Jerusalem, he said: "And now have I given these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant." And when Jeremiah counselled the surrender of the city, the priests and civil rulers cast him into

the miry pit of a dismal dungeon.

7. THE SECOND ISAIAH

1 The destruction of the Hebrew nation and their captivity in Mesopotamia would have proved of great benefit to their expanding theology had it not been for the determined action of their priesthood. Their nation had fallen before the armies of Babylon, and their nationalistic Yahweh had suffered from the international preachments of the spiritual leaders. It was resentment of the loss of their national god that led the Jewish priests to go to such lengths in the invention of

fables and the multiplication of miraculous appearing events in Hebrew history in an effort to restore the Jews as the chosen people of even the new and expanded idea of an internationalized God of all nations.

2 During the captivity the Jews were much influenced by Babylonian traditions and legends, although it should be noted that they unfailingly improved the moral tone and spiritual significance of the Chaldean stories which they adopted, notwithstanding that they invariably distorted these legends to reflect honour and glory upon the ancestry and history of Is-

rael.

3 These Hebrew priests and scribes had a single idea in their minds, and that was the rehabilitation of the Jewish nation, the glorification of Hebrew traditions, and the exaltation of their racial history. If there is resentment of the fact that these priests have fastened their erroneous ideas upon such a large part of the Occidental world, it should be remembered that they did not intentionally do this; they did not claim to be writing by inspiration; they made no profession to be writing a sacred book. They were merely preparing a textbook designed to bol-

ster up the dwindling courage of their fellows in captivity. They were definitely aiming at improving the national spirit and morale of their compatriots. It remained for later-day men to assemble these and other writings into a guide book of supposedly infallible teachings.

4 The Jewish priesthood made liberal use of these writings subsequent to the captivity, but they were greatly hindered in their influence over their fellow captives by the presence of a young and indomitable prophet, Isaiah the second, who was a full convert to the elder Isaiah's God of jus-

tice, love, righteousness, and mercy. He also believed with Jeremiah that Yahweh had become the God of all nations. He preached these theories of the nature of God with such telling effect that he made converts equally among the Jews and their captors. And this young preacher left on record his teachings, which the hostile and unforgiving priests sought to divorce from all association with him, although sheer respect for their beauty and grandeur led to their incorporation among the writings of the earlier Isaiah. And thus may be found the writings of this second Isaiah in the

book of that name, embracing chapters 40–55 inclusive.

5 §§ No prophet or religious teacher from Machiventa to the time of Jesus attained the high concept of God that Isaiah the second proclaimed during these days of the captivity. It was no small, anthropomorphic, man-made God that this spiritual leader proclaimed. "Behold he takes up the isles as a very little thing." "And as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

6 At last Machiventa Melchizedek beheld human teachers proclaiming a

real God to mortal man. Like Isaiah the first, this leader preached a God of universal creation and upholding. "I have made the earth and put man upon it. I have created it not in vain; I formed it to be inhabited." "I am the first and the last; there is no God beside me." Speaking for the Lord God of Israel, this new prophet said: "The heavens may vanish and the earth wax old, but my righteousness shall endure forever and my salvation from generation to generation." "Fear you not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God." "There is no God beside me — a just God and a Saviour."

7 And it comforted the Jewish captives, as it has thousands upon thousands ever since, to hear such words as: "Thus says the Lord, 'I have created you, I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.'" "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you since you are precious in my sight." "Can a woman forget her suckling child that she should not have compassion on her son? Yes, she may forget, yet will I not forget my children, for behold I have graven them upon the palms of my hands; I have even covered them with the shadow of my hands." "Let the wicked forsake

his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

8 Listen again to the gospel of this new revelation of the God of Salem: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom. He gives power to the faint, and to those who have no might he increases strength. Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and

not faint."

9 This Isaiah conducted a far-flung propaganda of the gospel of the enlarging concept of a supreme Yahweh. He vied with Moses in the eloquence with which he portrayed the Lord God of Israel as the Universal Creator. He was poetic in his portrayal of the infinite attributes of the Universal Father. No more beautiful pronouncements about the heavenly Father have ever been made. Like the Psalms, the writings of Isaiah are among the most sublime and true presentations of the spiritual concept of God ever to greet the ears of mortal man prior to the ar-

rival of Michael on Urantia. Listen to his portrayal of Deity: "I am the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity." "I am the first and the last, and beside me there is no other God." "And the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear." And it was a new doctrine in Jewry when this benign but commanding prophet persisted in the preachment of divine constancy, God's faithfulness. He declared that "God would not forget, would not forsake."

10 This daring teacher proclaimed that man was very closely related to

God, saying: "Every one who is called by my name I have created for my glory, and they shall show forth my praise. I, even I, am he who blots out their transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember their sins."

11 Hear this great Hebrew demolish the concept of a national God while in glory he proclaims the divinity of the Universal Father, of whom he says, "The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool." And Isaiah's God was none the less holy, majestic, just, and unsearchable. The concept of the angry, vengeful, and jealous Yahweh of the desert Bedouins has

almost vanished. A new concept of the supreme and universal Yahweh has appeared in the mind of mortal man, never to be lost to human view. The realization of divine justice has begun the destruction of primitive magic and biologic fear. At last, man is introduced to a universe of law and order and to a universal God of dependable and final attributes.

12 And this preacher of a supernal God never ceased to proclaim this *God of love.* "I dwell in the high and holy place, also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit." And still further words of comfort did this

great teacher speak to his contemporaries: "And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your soul. You shall be like a watered garden and like a spring whose waters fail not. And if the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord will lift up a defence against him." And once again did the fear-destroying gospel of Melchizedek and the trust-breeding religion of Salem shine forth for the blessing of mankind.

13 The farseeing and courageous Isaiah effectively eclipsed the nationalistic Yahweh by his sublime portraiture of the majesty and universal omnipo-

tence of the supreme Yahweh, God of love, ruler of the universe, and affectionate Father of all mankind. Ever since those eventful days the highest God concept in the Occident has embraced universal justice, divine mercy, and eternal righteousness. In superb language and with matchless grace this great teacher portrayed the all-powerful Creator as the all-loving Father.

14 This prophet of the captivity preached to his people and to those of many nations as they listened by the river in Babylon. And this second Isaiah did much to counteract the

many wrong and racially egoistic concepts of the mission of the promised Messiah. But in this effort he was not wholly successful. Had the priests not dedicated themselves to the work of building up a misconceived nationalism, the teachings of the two Isaiahs would have prepared the way for the recognition and reception of the promised Messiah.

8. SACRED AND PROFANE HISTORY

1 The custom of looking upon the record of the experiences of the Hebrews as sacred history and upon the transactions of the rest of the world

as profane history is responsible for much of the confusion existing in the human mind as to the interpretation of history. And this difficulty arises because there is no secular history of the Jews. After the priests of the Babylonian exile had prepared their new record of God's supposedly miraculous dealings with the Hebrews, the sacred history of Israel as portrayed in the Old Testament, they carefully and completely destroyed the existing records of Hebrew affairs — such books as "The Doings of the Kings of Israel" and "The Doings of the Kings of Judah," together with several other more

or less accurate records of Hebrew history.

2 In order to understand how the devastating pressure and the inescapable coercion of secular history so terrorized the captive and alien-ruled Jews that they attempted the complete rewriting and recasting of their history, we should briefly survey the record of their perplexing national experience. It must be remembered that the Jews failed to evolve an adequate nontheologic philosophy of life. They struggled with their original and Egyptian concept of divine rewards for righteousness coupled with dire

punishments for sin. The drama of Job was something of a protest against this erroneous philosophy. The frank pessimism of Ecclesiastes was a worldly wise reaction to these overoptimistic beliefs in Providence.

3 But 500 years of the overlordship of alien rulers was too much for even the patient and long-suffering Jews. The prophets and priests began to cry: "How long, O Lord, how long?" As the honest Jew searched the Scriptures, his confusion became worse confounded. An olden seer promised that God would protect and deliver his "chosen people." Amos had threat-

ened that God would abandon Israel unless they re-established their standards of national righteousness. The scribe of Deuteronomy had portrayed the Great Choice — as between the good and the evil, the blessing and the curse. Isaiah the first had preached a beneficent king-deliverer. Jeremiah had proclaimed an era of inner righteousness — the covenant written on the tablets of the heart. The second Isaiah talked about salvation by sacrifice and redemption. Ezekiel proclaimed deliverance through the service of devotion, and Ezra promised prosperity by adherence to the law.

But in spite of all this they lingered on in bondage, and deliverance was deferred. Then Daniel presented the drama of the impending "crisis" — the smiting of the great image and the immediate establishment of the everlasting reign of righteousness, the Messianic kingdom.

4 And all of this false hope led to such a degree of racial disappointment and frustration that the leaders of the Jews were so confused they failed to recognize and accept the mission and ministry of a divine Son of Paradise when he presently came to them in the likeness of mortal flesh — incarnated

as the Son of Man.

5 §§ All modern religions have seriously blundered in the attempt to put a miraculous interpretation on certain epochs of human history. While it is true that God has many times thrust a Father's hand of providential intervention into the stream of human affairs, it is a mistake to regard theologic dogmas and religious superstition as a supernatural sedimentation appearing by miraculous action in this stream of human history. The fact that the "Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men" does not convert secular history into so-called sacred history.

6 New Testament authors and later Christian writers further complicated the distortion of Hebrew history by their well-meant attempts to transcendentalize the Jewish prophets. Thus has Hebrew history been disastrously exploited by both Jewish and Christian writers. Secular Hebrew history has been thoroughly dogmatized. It has been converted into a fiction of sacred history and has become inextricably bound up with the moral concepts and religious teachings of the so-called Christian nations.

7 §§ A brief recital of the high points in Hebrew history will illustrate how

the facts of the record were so altered in Babylon by the Jewish priests as to turn the everyday secular history of their people into a fictitious and sacred history.

9. HEBREW HISTORY

1 There never were twelve tribes of the Israelites — only three or four tribes settled in Palestine. The Hebrew nation came into being as the result of the union of the so-called Israelites and the Canaanites. "And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites. And they took their daughters to be their wives and gave their daughters to

the sons of the Canaanites." The Hebrews never drove the Canaanites out of Palestine, notwithstanding that the priests' record of these things unhesitatingly declared that they did.

2 The Israelitish consciousness took origin in the hill country of Ephraim; the later Jewish consciousness originated in the southern clan of Judah. The Jews (Judahites) always sought to defame and blacken the record of the northern Israelites (Ephraimites).

3 §§ Pretentious Hebrew history begins with Saul's rallying the northern clans to withstand an attack by the Ammonites upon their fellow tribes-

men — the Gileadites — east of the Jordan. With an army of a little more than 3,000 he defeated the enemy, and it was this exploit that led the hill tribes to make him king. When the exiled priests rewrote this story, they raised Saul's army to 330,000 and added "Judah" to the list of tribes participating in the battle.

4 Immediately following the defeat of the Ammonites, Saul was made king by popular election by his troops. No priest or prophet participated in this affair. But the priests later on put it in the record that Saul was crowned king by the prophet Samuel in accordance

with divine directions. This they did in order to establish a "divine line of descent" for David's Judahite kingship.

5 The greatest of all distortions of Jewish history had to do with David. After Saul's victory over the Ammonites (which he ascribed to Yahweh) the Philistines became alarmed and began attacks on the northern clans. David and Saul never could agree. David with 600 men entered into a Philistine alliance and marched up the coast to Esdraelon. At Gath the Philistines ordered David off the field; they feared he might go over to Saul. David retired; the Philistines attacked

and defeated Saul. They could not have done this had David been loyal to Israel. David's army was a polyglot assortment of malcontents, being for the most part made up of social misfits and fugitives from justice.

6 Saul's tragic defeat at Gilboa by the Philistines brought Yahweh to a low point among the gods in the eyes of the surrounding Canaanites. Ordinarily, Saul's defeat would have been ascribed to apostasy from Yahweh, but this time the Judahite editors attributed it to ritual errors. They required the tradition of Saul and Samuel as a background for the king-

ship of David.

7 David with his small army made his headquarters at the non-Hebrew city of Hebron. Presently his compatriots proclaimed him king of the new kingdom of Judah. Judah was made up mostly of non-Hebrew elements — Kenites, Calebites, Jebusites, and other Canaanites. They were nomads — herders — and so were devoted to the Hebrew idea of land ownership. They held the ideologies of the desert clans.

8 §§ The difference between sacred and profane history is well illustrated by the two differing stories concerning

making David king as they are found in the Old Testament. A part of the secular story of how his immediate followers (his army) made him king was inadvertently left in the record by the priests who subsequently prepared the lengthy and prosaic account of the sacred history wherein is depicted how the prophet Samuel, by divine direction, selected David from among his brethren and proceeded formally and by elaborate and solemn ceremonies to anoint him king over the Hebrews and then to proclaim him Saul's successor.

9 So many times did the priests, af-

ter preparing their fictitious narratives of God's miraculous dealings with Israel, fail fully to delete the plain and matter-of-fact statements which already rested in the records.

10 §§ David sought to build himself up politically by first marrying Saul's daughter, then the widow of Nabal the rich Edomite, and then the daughter of Talmai, the king of Geshur. He took six wives from the women of Jebus, not to mention Bathsheba, the wife of the Hittite.

11 And it was by such methods and out of such people that David built up the fiction of a divine kingdom

of Judah as the successor of the heritage and traditions of the vanishing northern kingdom of Ephraimite Israel. David's cosmopolitan tribe of Judah was more gentile than Jewish; nevertheless the oppressed elders of Ephraim came down and "anointed him king of Israel." After a military threat, David then made a compact with the Jebusites and established his capital of the united kingdom at Jebus (Jerusalem), which was a strong-walled city midway between Judah and Israel. The Philistines were aroused and soon attacked David. After a fierce battle they were defeated, and once more Yahweh

was established as "The Lord God of Hosts."

12 But Yahweh must, perforce, share some of this glory with the Canaanite gods, for the bulk of David's army was non-Hebrew. And so there appears in your record (overlooked by the Judahite editors) this telltale statement: "Yahweh has broken my enemies before me. Therefore he called the name of the place Baal-Perazim." And they did this because 80% of David's soldiers were Baalites.

13 David explained Saul's defeat at Gilboa by pointing out that Saul had attacked a Canaanite city, Gibeon,

whose people had a peace treaty with the Ephraimites. Because of this, Yahweh forsook him. Even in Saul's time David had defended the Canaanite city of Keilah against the Philistines, and then he located his capital in a Canaanite city. In keeping with the policy of compromise with the Canaanites, David turned seven of Saul's descendants over to the Gibeonites to be hanged.

14 After the defeat of the Philistines, David gained possession of the "ark of Yahweh," brought it to Jerusalem, and made the worship of Yahweh official for his kingdom. He next laid heavy

tribute on the neighbouring tribes — the Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites, and Syrians.

15 David's corrupt political machine began to get personal possession of land in the north in violation of the Hebrew mores and presently gained control of the caravan tariffs formerly collected by the Philistines. And then came a series of atrocities climaxed by the murder of Uriah. All judicial appeals were adjudicated at Jerusalem; no longer could "the elders" mete out justice. No wonder rebellion broke out. Today, Absalom might be called a demagogue; his mother was a Ca-

naanite. There were a half dozen contenders for the throne besides the son of Bathsheba — Solomon.

16 §§ After David's death Solomon purged the political machine of all northern influences but continued all of the tyranny and taxation of his father's regime. Solomon bankrupted the nation by his lavish court and by his elaborate building program: There was the house of Lebanon, the palace of Pharaoh's daughter, the temple of Yahweh, the king's palace, and the restoration of the walls of many cities. Solomon created a vast Hebrew navy, operated by Syrian sailors and trading

with all the world. His harem numbered almost one thousand.

17 §§ By this time Yahweh's temple at Shiloh was discredited, and all the worship of the nation was centred at Jebus in the gorgeous royal chapel. The northern kingdom returned more to the worship of Elohim. They enjoyed the favour of the Pharaohs, who later enslaved Judah, putting the southern kingdom under tribute.

18 There were ups and downs — wars between Israel and Judah. After four years of civil war and three dynasties, Israel fell under the rule of city despots who began to trade in land. Even King

Omri attempted to buy Shemer's estate. But the end drew on apace when Shalmaneser III decided to control the Mediterranean coast. King Ahab of Ephraim gathered ten other groups and resisted at Karkar; the battle was a draw. The Assyrian was stopped but the allies were decimated. This great fight is not even mentioned in the Old Testament.

19 New trouble started when King Ahab tried to buy land from Naboth. His Phoenician wife forged Ahab's name to papers directing that Naboth's land be confiscated on the charge that he had blasphemed the names of "Elo-

him and the king." He and his sons were promptly executed. The vigorous Elijah appeared on the scene denouncing Ahab for the murder of the Naboths. Thus Elijah, one of the greatest of the prophets, began his teaching as a defender of the old land mores as against the land-selling attitude of the Baalim, against the attempt of the cities to dominate the country. But the reform did not succeed until the country landlord Jehu joined forces with the gypsy chieftain Jehonadab to destroy the prophets (real estate agents) of Baal at Samaria.

20 §§ New life appeared as Jehoash

and his son Jeroboam delivered Israel from its enemies. But by this time there ruled in Samaria a gangster-nobility whose depredations rivalled those of the Davidic dynasty of olden days. State and church went along hand in hand. The attempt to suppress freedom of speech led Elijah, Amos, and Hosea to begin their secret writing, and this was the real beginning of the Jewish and Christian Bibles.

21 §§ But the northern kingdom did not vanish from history until the king of Israel conspired with the king of Egypt and refused to pay further tribute to Assyria. Then began the

three years' siege followed by the total dispersion of the northern kingdom. Ephraim (Israel) thus vanished. Judah — the Jews, the "remnant of Israel" — had begun the concentration of land in the hands of the few, as Isaiah said, "Adding house to house and field to field." Presently there was in Jerusalem a temple of Baal alongside the temple of Yahweh. This reign of terror was ended by a monotheistic revolt led by the boy king Joash, who crusaded for Yahweh for 35 years.

22 The next king, Amaziah, had trouble with the revolting tax-paying Edomites and their neighbours. Af-

ter a signal victory he turned to attack his northern neighbours and was just as signally defeated. Then the rural folk revolted; they assassinated the king and put his 16-year-old son on the throne. This was Azariah, called Uzziah by Isaiah. After Uzziah, things went from bad to worse, and Judah existed for 100 years by paying tribute to the kings of Assyria. Isaiah the first told them that Jerusalem, being the city of Yahweh, would never fall. But Jeremiah did not hesitate to proclaim its downfall.

23 §§ The real undoing of Judah was effected by a corrupt and rich ring of

politicians operating under the rule of a boy king, Manasseh. The changing economy favoured the return of the worship of Baal, whose private land dealings were against the ideology of Yahweh. The fall of Assyria and the ascendancy of Egypt brought deliverance to Judah for a time, and the country folk took over. Under Josiah they destroyed the Jerusalem ring of corrupt politicians.

24 But this era came to a tragic end when Josiah presumed to go out to intercept Necho's mighty army as it moved up the coast from Egypt for the aid of Assyria against Babylon. He was

wiped out, and Judah went under tribute to Egypt. The Baal political party returned to power in Jerusalem, and thus began the *real* Egyptian bondage. Then ensued a period in which the Baalim politicians controlled both the courts and the priesthood. Baal worship was an economic and social system dealing with property rights as well as having to do with soil fertility.

25 With the overthrow of Necho by Nebuchadnezzar, Judah fell under the rule of Babylon and was given ten years of grace, but soon rebelled. When Nebuchadnezzar came against them, the Judahites started social reforms,

such as releasing slaves, to influence Yahweh. When the Babylonian army temporarily withdrew, the Hebrews rejoiced that their magic of reform had delivered them. It was during this period that Jeremiah told them of the impending doom, and presently Nebuchadnezzar returned.

26 And so the end of Judah came suddenly. The city was destroyed, and the people were carried away into Babylon. The Yahweh-Baal struggle ended with the captivity. And the captivity shocked the remnant of Israel into monotheism.

27 §§ In Babylon the Jews arrived at

the conclusion that they could not exist as a small group in Palestine, having their own peculiar social and economic customs, and that, if their ideologies were to prevail, they must convert the gentiles. Thus originated their new concept of destiny — the idea that the Jews must become the chosen servants of Yahweh. The Jewish religion of the Old Testament really evolved in Babylon during the captivity.

28 The doctrine of immortality also took form at Babylon. The Jews had thought that the idea of the future life detracted from the emphasis of

their gospel of social justice. Now for the first time theology displaced sociology and economics. Religion was taking shape as a system of human thought and conduct more and more to be separated from politics, sociology, and economics.

29 §§ And so does the truth about the Jewish people disclose that much which has been regarded as sacred history turns out to be little more than the chronicle of ordinary profane history. Judaism was the soil out of which Christianity grew, but the Jews were

not a miraculous people.

10. THE HEBREW RELIGION

1 Their leaders had taught the Israelites that they were a chosen people, not for special indulgence and monopoly of divine favour, but for the special service of carrying the truth of the one God over all to every nation. And they had promised the Jews that, if they would fulfil this destiny, they would become the spiritual leaders of all peoples, and that the coming Messiah would reign over them and all the world as the Prince of Peace.

2 When the Jews had been freed by

the Persians, they returned to Palestine only to fall into bondage to their own priest-ridden code of laws, sacrifices, and rituals. And as the Hebrew clans rejected the wonderful story of God presented in the farewell oration of Moses for the rituals of sacrifice and penance, so did these remnants of the Hebrew nation reject the magnificent concept of the second Isaiah for the rules, regulations, and rituals of their growing priesthood.

3 National egotism, false faith in a misconceived promised Messiah, and the increasing bondage and tyranny of the priesthood forever silenced the

voices of the spiritual leaders (excepting Daniel, Ezekiel, Haggai, and Malachi); and from that day to the time of John the Baptist all Israel experienced an increasing spiritual retrogression. But the Jews never lost the concept of the Universal Father; even to the XX century after Christ they have continued to follow this Deity conception.

4 From Moses to John the Baptist there extended an unbroken line of faithful teachers who passed the monotheistic torch of light from one generation to another while they unceasingly rebuked unscrupu-

lous rulers, denounced commercializing priests, and ever exhorted the people to adhere to the worship of the supreme Yahweh, the Lord God of Israel.

5 §§ As a nation the Jews eventually lost their political identity, but the Hebrew religion of sincere belief in the one and universal God continues to live in the hearts of the scattered exiles. And this religion survives because it has effectively functioned to conserve the highest values of its followers. The Jewish religion did preserve the ideals of a people, but it failed to foster progress and encourage philosophic creative discovery in

the realms of truth. The Jewish religion had many faults — it was deficient in philosophy and almost devoid of aesthetic qualities — but it did conserve moral values; therefore it persisted. The supreme Yahweh, as compared with other concepts of Deity, was clear-cut, vivid, personal, and moral.

6 The Jews loved justice, wisdom, truth, and righteousness as have few peoples, but they contributed least of all peoples to the intellectual comprehension and to the spiritual understanding of these divine qualities. Though Hebrew theology refused to

expand, it played an important part in the development of two other world religions, Christianity and Mohammedanism.

7 The Jewish religion persisted also because of its institutions. It is difficult for religion to survive as the private practice of isolated individuals. This has ever been the error of the religious leaders: Seeing the evils of institutionalized religion, they seek to destroy the technique of group functioning. In place of destroying all ritual, they would do better to reform it. In this respect Ezekiel was wiser than his contemporaries; though he

joined with them in insisting on personal moral responsibility, he also set about to establish the faithful observance of a superior and purified ritual.

8 §§ And thus the successive teachers of Israel accomplished the greatest feat in the evolution of religion ever to be effected on Urantia: the gradual but continuous transformation of the barbaric concept of the savage demon Yahweh, the jealous and cruel spirit god of the fulminating Sinai volcano, to the later exalted and supernal concept of the supreme Yahweh, creator of all things and the loving and merciful Father of all mankind. And this He-

braic concept of God was the highest human visualization of the Universal Father up to that time when it was further enlarged and so exquisitely amplified by the personal teachings and life example of his Son, Michael of Nebadon.

9 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

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THE MELCHIZEDEK TEACHINGS IN THE OCCIDENT

Melchizedek

The Melchizedek teachings entered Europe along many routes, but chiefly they came by way of Egypt and were embodied in Occidental philosophy after being thoroughly Hellenized and later Christianized. The ideals of the Western world were basically Socratic, and its later religious philosophy became

that of Jesus as it was modified and compromised through contact with evolving Occidental philosophy and religion, all of which culminated in the Christian church.

2 For a long time in Europe the Salem missionaries carried on their activities, becoming gradually absorbed into many of the cults and ritual groups which periodically arose. Among those who maintained the Salem teachings in the purest form must be mentioned the Cynics. These preachers of faith and trust in God were still functioning in Roman Europe in the first century after Christ,

being later incorporated into the newly forming Christian religion.

3 Much of the Salem doctrine was spread in Europe by the Jewish mercenary soldiers who fought in so many of the Occidental military struggles. In ancient times the Jews were famed as much for military valour as for theologic peculiarities.

4 The basic doctrines of Greek philosophy, Jewish theology, and Christian ethics were fundamentally repercussions of the earlier Melchizedek

teachings.

1. THE SALEM RELIGION AMONG THE GREEKS

1 The Salem missionaries might have built up a great religious structure among the Greeks had it not been for their strict interpretation of their oath of ordination, a pledge imposed by Machiventa which forbade the organization of exclusive congregations for worship, and which exacted the promise of each teacher never to function as a priest, never to receive fees for religious service, only food, clothing, and shelter. When the Melchizedek teachers penetrated to pre-Hel-

lenic Greece, they found a people who still fostered the traditions of Adamson and the days of the Andites, but these teachings had become greatly adulterated with the notions and beliefs of the hordes of inferior slaves that had been brought to the Greek shores in increasing numbers. This adulteration produced a reversion to a crude animism with bloody rites, the lower classes even making ceremonial out of the execution of condemned criminals.

2 The early influence of the Salem teachers was nearly destroyed by the so-called Aryan invasion from south-

ern Europe and the East. These Hellenic invaders brought along with them anthropomorphic God concepts similar to those which their Aryan fellows had carried to India. This importation inaugurated the evolution of the Greek family of gods and goddesses. This new religion was partly based on the cults of the incoming Hellenic barbarians, but it also shared in the myths of the older inhabitants of Greece.

3 The Hellenic Greeks found the Mediterranean world largely dominated by the mother cult, and they imposed upon these peoples their

man-god, Dyaus-Zeus, who had already become, like Yahweh among the henotheistic Semites, head of the whole Greek pantheon of subordinate gods. And the Greeks would have eventually achieved a true monotheism in the concept of Zeus except for their retention of the overcontrol of Fate. A God of final value must, himself, be the arbiter of fate and the creator of destiny.

4 As a consequence of these factors in religious evolution, there presently developed the popular belief in the happy-go-lucky gods of Mount Olympus, gods more human than divine,

and gods which the intelligent Greeks never did regard very seriously. They neither greatly loved nor greatly feared these divinities of their own creation. They had a patriotic and racial feeling for Zeus and his family of half men and half gods, but they hardly reverenced or worshipped them.

5 The Hellenes became so impregnated with the antipriestcraft doctrines of the earlier Salem teachers that no priesthood of any importance ever arose in Greece. Even the making of images to the gods became more of a work in art than a matter of worship.

6 The Olympian gods illustrate

man's typical anthropomorphism. But the Greek mythology was more aesthetic than ethic. The Greek religion was helpful in that it portrayed a universe governed by a deity group. But Greek morals, ethics, and philosophy presently advanced far beyond the god concept, and this imbalance between intellectual and spiritual growth was as hazardous to Greece as it had proved to be in India.

2. GREEK PHILOSOPHIC THOUGHT

1 A lightly regarded and superficial religion cannot endure, especially when it has no priesthood to foster its

forms and to fill the hearts of the devotees with fear and awe. The Olympian religion did not promise salvation, nor did it quench the spiritual thirst of its believers; therefore was it doomed to perish. Within a millennium of its inception it had nearly vanished, and the Greeks were without a national religion, the gods of Olympus having lost their hold upon the better minds.

2 This was the situation when, during the VI century before Christ, the Orient and the Levant experienced a revival of spiritual consciousness and a new awakening to the recognition of monotheism. But the West did not

share in this new development; neither Europe nor northern Africa extensively participated in this religious renaissance. The Greeks, however, did engage in a magnificent intellectual advancement. They had begun to master fear and no longer sought religion as an antidote therefor, but they did not perceive that true religion is the cure for soul hunger, spiritual disquiet, and moral despair. They sought for the solace of the soul in deep thinking — philosophy and metaphysics. They turned from the contemplation of self-preservation — salvation — to self-realization and self-

understanding.

3 By rigorous thought the Greeks attempted to attain that consciousness of security which would serve as a substitute for the belief in survival, but they utterly failed. Only the more intelligent among the higher classes of the Hellenic peoples could grasp this new teaching; the rank and file of the progeny of the slaves of former generations had no capacity for the reception of this new substitute for religion.

4 §§ The philosophers disdained all forms of worship, notwithstanding that they practically all held loosely to the background of a belief in the

Salem doctrine of "the Intelligence of the universe," "the idea of God," and "the Great Source." In so far as the Greek philosophers gave recognition to the divine and the superfinite, they were frankly monotheistic; they gave scant recognition to the whole galaxy of Olympian gods and goddesses.

5 The Greek poets of the fifth and sixth centuries, notably Pindar, attempted the reformation of Greek religion. They elevated its ideals, but they were more artists than religionists. They failed to develop a technique for fostering and conserving supreme values.

6 Xenophanes taught one God, but his deity concept was too pantheistic to be a personal Father to mortal man. Anaxagoras was a mechanist except that he did recognize a First Cause, an Initial Mind. Socrates and his successors, Plato and Aristotle, taught that virtue is knowledge; goodness, health of the soul; that it is better to suffer injustice than to be guilty of it, that it is wrong to return evil for evil, and that the gods are wise and good. Their cardinal virtues were: wisdom, courage, temperance, and justice.

7 §§ The evolution of religious philosophy among the Hellenic and He-

brew peoples affords a contrastive illustration of the function of the church as an institution in the shaping of cultural progress. In Palestine, human thought was so priest-controlled and scripture-directed that philosophy and aesthetics were entirely submerged in religion and morality. In Greece, the almost complete absence of priests and "sacred scriptures" left the human mind free and unfettered, resulting in a startling development in depth of thought. But religion as a personal experience failed to keep pace with the intellectual probings into the nature and reality of the cosmos.

8 In Greece, believing was subordinated to thinking; in Palestine, thinking was held subject to believing. Much of the strength of Christianity is due to its having borrowed heavily from both Hebrew morality and Greek thought.

9 In Palestine, religious dogma became so crystallized as to jeopardize further growth; in Greece, human thought became so abstract that the concept of God resolved itself into a misty vapour of pantheistic speculation not at all unlike the impersonal Infinity of the Brahman philosophers.

10 §§ But the average men of these

times could not grasp, nor were they much interested in, the Greek philosophy of self-realization and an abstract Deity; they rather craved promises of salvation, coupled with a personal God who could hear their prayers. They exiled the philosophers, persecuted the remnants of the Salem cult, both doctrines having become much blended, and made ready for that terrible orgiastic plunge into the follies of the mystery cults which were then overspreading the Mediterranean lands. The Eleusinian mysteries grew up within the Olympian pantheon, a Greek version of the worship of fer-

tility; Dionysus nature worship flourished; the best of the cults was the Orphic brotherhood, whose moral preachments and promises of salvation made a great appeal to many.

11 All Greece became involved in these new methods of attaining salvation, these emotional and fiery ceremonials. No nation ever attained such heights of artistic philosophy in so short a time; none ever created such an advanced system of ethics practically without Deity and entirely devoid of the promise of human salvation; no nation ever plunged so quickly, deeply, and violently into such depths of in-

tellectual stagnation, moral depravity, and spiritual poverty as these same Greek peoples when they flung themselves into the mad whirl of the mystery cults.

12 §§ Religions have long endured without philosophical support, but few philosophies, as such, have long persisted without some identification with religion. Philosophy is to religion as conception is to action. But the ideal human estate is that in which philosophy, religion, and science are welded into a meaningful unity by the conjoined action of wisdom, faith,

and experience.

3. THE MELCHIZEDEK TEACHINGS IN ROME

1 Having grown out of the earlier religious forms of worship of the family gods into the tribal reverence for Mars, the god of war, it was natural that the later religion of the Latins was more of a political observance than were the intellectual systems of the Greeks and Brahmans or the more spiritual religions of several other peoples.

2 In the great monotheistic renaissance of Melchizedek's gospel during the VI century before Christ, too few

of the Salem missionaries penetrated Italy, and those who did were unable to overcome the influence of the rapidly spreading Etruscan priesthood with its new galaxy of gods and temples, all of which became organized into the Roman state religion. This religion of the Latin tribes was not trivial and venal like that of the Greeks, neither was it austere and tyrannical like that of the Hebrews; it consisted for the most part in the observance of mere forms, vows, and taboos.

3 Roman religion was greatly influenced by extensive cultural importations from Greece. Eventually most of

the Olympian gods were transplanted and incorporated into the Latin pantheon. The Greeks long worshipped the fire of the family hearth — Hestia was the virgin goddess of the hearth; Vesta was the Roman goddess of the home. Zeus became Jupiter; Aphrodite, Venus; and so on down through the many Olympian deities.

4 The religious initiation of Roman youths was the occasion of their solemn consecration to the service of the state. Oaths and admissions to citizenship were in reality religious ceremonies. The Latin peoples maintained temples, altars, and shrines and,

in a crisis, would consult the oracles. They preserved the bones of heroes and later on those of the Christian saints.

5 This formal and unemotional form of pseudoreligious patriotism was doomed to collapse, even as the highly intellectual and artistic worship of the Greeks had gone down before the fervid and deeply emotional worship of the mystery cults. The greatest of these devastating cults was the mystery religion of the Mother of God sect, which had its headquarters, in those days, on the exact site of the present church of St. Peter's in Rome.

6 §§ The emerging Roman state conquered politically but was in turn conquered by the cults, rituals, mysteries, and god concepts of Egypt, Greece, and the Levant. These imported cults continued to flourish throughout the Roman state up to the time of Augustus, who, purely for political and civic reasons, made a heroic and somewhat successful effort to destroy the mysteries and revive the older political religion.

7 One of the priests of the state religion told Augustus of the earlier attempts of the Salem teachers to spread the doctrine of one God, a final Deity

presiding over all supernatural beings; and this idea took such a firm hold on the emperor that he built many temples, stocked them well with beautiful images, reorganized the state priesthood, re-established the state religion, appointed himself acting high priest of all, and as emperor did not hesitate to proclaim himself the supreme god.

8 This new religion of Augustus worship flourished and was observed throughout the empire during his lifetime except in Palestine, the home of the Jews. And this era of the human gods continued until the official Roman cult had a roster of more

than twoscore self-elevated human deities, all claiming miraculous births and other superhuman attributes.

9 §§ The last stand of the dwindling band of Salem believers was made by an earnest group of preachers, the Cynics, who exhorted the Romans to abandon their wild and senseless religious rituals and return to a form of worship embodying Melchizedek's gospel as it had been modified and contaminated through contact with the philosophy of the Greeks. But the people at large rejected the Cynics; they preferred to plunge into the rituals of the mysteries, which not only of-

fered hopes of personal salvation but also gratified the desire for diversion, excitement, and entertainment.

4. THE MYSTERY CULTS

1 The majority of people in the Græco-Roman world, having lost their primitive family and state religions and being unable or unwilling to grasp the meaning of Greek philosophy, turned their attention to the spectacular and emotional mystery cults from Egypt and the Levant. The common people craved promises of salvation — religious consolation for today and assurances of hope for

immortality after death.

2 The three mystery cults which became most popular were:

3 1. The Phrygian cult of Cybele and her son Attis.

4 2. The Egyptian cult of Osiris and his mother Isis.

5 3. The Iranian cult of the worship of Mithras as the saviour and redeemer of sinful mankind.

6 §§ The Phrygian and Egyptian mysteries taught that the divine son (respectively Attis and Osiris) had experienced death and had been resurrected by divine power, and further

that all who were properly initiated into the mystery, and who reverently celebrated the anniversary of the god's death and resurrection, would thereby become partakers of his divine nature and his immortality.

7 §§ The Phrygian ceremonies were imposing but degrading; their bloody festivals indicate how degraded and primitive these Levantine mysteries became. The most holy day was Black Friday, the "day of blood," commemorating the self-inflicted death of Attis. After three days of the celebration of the sacrifice and death of Attis the festival was turned to joy in honour of his

resurrection.

8 The rituals of the worship of Isis and Osiris were more refined and impressive than were those of the Phrygian cult. This Egyptian ritual was built around the legend of the Nile god of old, a god who died and was resurrected, which concept was derived from the observation of the annually recurring stoppage of vegetation growth followed by the springtime restoration of all living plants. The frenzy of the observance of these mystery cults and the orgies of their ceremonials, which were supposed to lead up to the "enthusiasm" of the re-

alization of divinity, were sometimes most revolting.

5. THE CULT OF MITHRAS

1 The Phrygian and Egyptian mysteries eventually gave way before the greatest of all the mystery cults, the worship of Mithras. The Mithraic cult made its appeal to a wide range of human nature and gradually supplanted both of its predecessors. Mithraism spread over the Roman Empire through the propagandizing of Roman legions recruited in the Levant, where this religion was the vogue, for they carried this belief wherever they

went. And this new religious ritual was a great improvement over the earlier mystery cults.

2 The cult of Mithras arose in Iran and long persisted in its homeland despite the militant opposition of the followers of Zoroaster. But by the time Mithraism reached Rome, it had become greatly improved by the absorption of many of Zoroaster's teachings. It was chiefly through the Mithraic cult that Zoroaster's religion exerted an influence upon later appearing Christianity.

3 §§ The Mithraic cult portrayed a militant god taking origin in a great

rock, engaging in valiant exploits, and causing water to gush forth from a rock struck with his arrows. There was a flood from which one man escaped in a specially built boat and a last supper which Mithras celebrated with the sun-god before he ascended into the heavens. This sun-god, or Sol Invictus, was a degeneration of the Ahura-Mazda deity concept of Zoroastrianism. Mithras was conceived as the surviving champion of the sun-god in his struggle with the god of darkness. And in recognition of his slaying the mythical sacred bull, Mithras was made immortal, being exalted to the

station of intercessor for the human race among the gods on high.

4 The adherents of this cult worshipped in caves and other secret places, chanting hymns, mumbling magic, eating the flesh of the sacrificial animals, and drinking the blood. Three times a day they worshipped, with special weekly ceremonials on the day of the sun-god and with the most elaborate observance of all on the annual festival of Mithras, 25th December. It was believed that the partaking of the sacrament ensured eternal life, the immediate passing, after death, to the bosom of Mithras, there

to tarry in bliss until the judgment day. On the judgment day the Mithraic keys of heaven would unlock the gates of Paradise for the reception of the faithful; whereupon all the unbaptized of the living and the dead would be annihilated upon the return of Mithras to earth. It was taught that, when a man died, he went before Mithras for judgment, and that at the end of the world Mithras would summon all the dead from their graves to face the last judgment. The wicked would be destroyed by fire, and the righteous would reign with Mithras forever.

5 At first it was a religion only for

men, and there were seven different orders into which believers could be successively initiated. Later on, the wives and daughters of believers were admitted to the temples of the Great Mother, which adjoined the Mithraic temples. The women's cult was a mixture of Mithraic ritual and the ceremonies of the Phrygian cult of Cybele, the mother of Attis.

6. MITHRAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

1 Prior to the coming of the mystery cults and Christianity, personal religion hardly developed as an independent institution in the civilized

lands of North Africa and Europe; it was more of a family, city-state, political, and imperial affair. The Hellenic Greeks never evolved a centralized worship system; the ritual was local; they had no priesthood and no "sacred book." Much as the Romans, their religious institutions lacked a powerful driving agency for the preservation of higher moral and spiritual values. While it is true that the institutionalization of religion has usually detracted from its spiritual quality, it is also a fact that no religion has thus far succeeded in surviving without the aid of institutional organization of some

degree, greater or lesser.

2 Occidental religion thus languished until the days of the Sceptics, Cynics, Epicureans, and Stoics, but most important of all, until the times of the great contest between Mithraism and Paul's new religion of Christianity.

3 §§ During the third century after Christ, Mithraic and Christian churches were very similar both in appearance and in the character of their ritual. A majority of such places of worship were underground, and both contained altars whose backgrounds variously depicted the sufferings of the

saviour who had brought salvation to a sin-cursed human race.

4 Always had it been the practice of Mithraic worshippers, on entering the temple, to dip their fingers in holy water. And since in some districts there were those who at one time belonged to both religions, they introduced this custom into the majority of the Christian churches in the vicinity of Rome. Both religions employed baptism and partook of the sacrament of bread and wine. The one great difference between Mithraism and Christianity, aside from the characters of Mithras and Jesus, was that

the one encouraged militarism while the other was ultrapacific. Mithraism's tolerance for other religions (except later Christianity) led to its final undoing. But the deciding factor in the struggle between the two was the admission of women into the full fellowship of the Christian faith.

5 §§ In the end the nominal Christian faith dominated the Occident. Greek philosophy supplied the concepts of ethical value; Mithraism, the ritual of worship observance; and Christianity, as such, the technique for the conservation of moral and so-

cial values.

7. THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

1 A Creator Son did not incarnate in the likeness of mortal flesh and bestow himself upon the humanity of Urantia to reconcile an angry God but rather to win all mankind to the recognition of the Father's love and to the realization of their sonship with God. After all, even the great advocate of the atonement doctrine realized something of this truth, for he declared that "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself."

2 It is not the province of this pa-

per to deal with the origin and dissemination of the Christian religion. Suffice it to say that it is built around the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the humanly incarnate Michael Son of Nebadon, known to Urantia as the Christ, the anointed one. Christianity was spread throughout the Levant and Occident by the followers of this Galilean, and their missionary zeal equalled that of their illustrious predecessors, the Sethites and Salemites, as well as that of their earnest Asiatic contemporaries, the Buddhist teachers.

3 The Christian religion, as a Uran-

tian system of belief, arose through the compounding of the following teachings, influences, beliefs, cults, and personal individual attitudes:

4 1. The Melchizedek teachings, which are a basic factor in all the religions of Occident and Orient that have arisen in the last 4,000 years.

5 2. The Hebraic system of morality, ethics, theology, and belief in both Providence and the supreme Yahweh.

6 3. The Zoroastrian conception of the struggle between cosmic good and evil, which had already left its imprint on both Judaism and Mithraism. Through prolonged contact attendant

upon the struggles between Mithraism and Christianity, the doctrines of the Iranian prophet became a potent factor in determining the theologic and philosophic cast and structure of the dogmas, tenets, and cosmology of the Hellenized and Latinized versions of the teachings of Jesus.

7 4. The mystery cults, especially Mithraism but also the worship of the Great Mother in the Phrygian cult. Even the legends of the birth of Jesus on Urantia became tainted with the Roman version of the miraculous birth of the Iranian saviour-hero, Mithras, whose advent on earth was

supposed to have been witnessed by only a handful of gift-bearing shepherds who had been informed of this impending event by angels.

8 5. The historic fact of the human life of Joshua ben Joseph, the reality of Jesus of Nazareth as the glorified Christ, the Son of God.

9 6. The personal viewpoint of Paul of Tarsus. And it should be recorded that Mithraism was the dominant religion of Tarsus during his adolescence. Paul little dreamed that his well-intentioned letters to his converts would someday be regarded by still later Christians as the "word of God."

Such well-meaning teachers must not be held accountable for the use made of their writings by later-day successors.

10 7. The philosophic thought of the Hellenistic peoples, from Alexandria and Antioch through Greece to Syracuse and Rome. The philosophy of the Greeks was more in harmony with Paul's version of Christianity than with any other current religious system and became an important factor in the success of Christianity in the Occident. Greek philosophy, coupled with Paul's theology, still forms the basis of European ethics.

11 §§ As the original teachings of Jesus penetrated the Occident, they became Occidentalized, and as they became Occidentalized, they began to lose their potentially universal appeal to all races and kinds of men. Christianity, today, has become a religion well adapted to the social, economic, and political mores of the white races. It has long since ceased to be the religion of Jesus, although it still valiantly portrays a beautiful religion about Jesus to such individuals as sincerely seek to follow in the way of its teaching. It has glorified Jesus as the Christ, the Messianic anointed one

from God, but has largely forgotten the Master's personal gospel: the Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of all men.

12 §§ And this is the long story of the teachings of Machiventa Melchizedek on Urantia. It is nearly 4,000 years since this emergency Son of Nebadon bestowed himself on Urantia, and in that time the teachings of the "priest of El Elyon, the Most High God," have penetrated to all races and peoples. And Machiventa was successful in achieving the purpose of his unusual bestowal; when Michael made ready to appear on Urantia, the God con-

cept was existent in the hearts of men and women, the same God concept that still flames anew in the living spiritual experience of the manifold children of the Universal Father as they live their intriguing temporal lives on the whirling planets of space.

13 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 99

THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF RELIGION

Melchizedek

Religion achieves its highest social ministry when it has least connection with the secular institutions of society. In past ages, since social reforms were largely confined to the moral realms, religion did not have to adjust its attitude to extensive changes in economic and political systems. The chief problem of religion was the endeavour to replace

evil with good within the existing social order of political and economic culture. Religion has thus indirectly tended to perpetuate the established order of society, to foster the maintenance of the existent type of civilization.

2 But religion should not be directly concerned either with the creation of new social orders or with the preservation of old ones. True religion does oppose violence as a technique of social evolution, but it does not oppose the intelligent efforts of society to adapt its usages and adjust its institutions to new economic conditions

and cultural requirements.

3 Religion did approve the occasional social reforms of past centuries, but in the XX century it is of necessity called upon to face adjustment to extensive and continuing social reconstruction. Conditions of living alter so rapidly that institutional modifications must be greatly accelerated, and religion must accordingly quicken its adaptation to this new and ever-changing social order.

1. RELIGION AND SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION

1 Mechanical inventions and the dissemination of knowledge are mod-

ifying civilization; certain economic adjustments and social changes are imperative if cultural disaster is to be avoided. This new and oncoming social order will not settle down complacently for a millennium. The human race must become reconciled to a procession of changes, adjustments, and readjustments. Mankind is on the march toward a new and unrevealed planetary destiny.

2 §§ Religion must become a forceful influence for moral stability and spiritual progression functioning dynamically in the midst of these ever-changing conditions and never-end-

ing economic adjustments.

3 §§ Urantia society can never hope to settle down as in past ages. The social ship has steamed out of the sheltered bays of established tradition and has begun its cruise upon the high seas of evolutionary destiny; and the soul of man, as never before in the world's history, needs carefully to scrutinize its charts of morality and painstakingly to observe the compass of religious guidance. The paramount mission of religion as a social influence is to stabilize the ideals of mankind during these dangerous times of transition from one phase of civilization to

another, from one level of culture to another.

4 Religion has no new duties to perform, but it is urgently called upon to function as a wise guide and experienced counsellor in all of these new and rapidly changing human situations. Society is becoming more mechanical, more compact, more complex, and more critically interdependent. Religion must function to prevent these new and intimate interassociations from becoming mutually retrogressive or even destructive. Religion must act as the cosmic salt which prevents the ferments of progression

from destroying the cultural savour of civilization. These new social relations and economic upheavals can result in lasting brotherhood only by the ministry of religion.

5 A godless humanitarianism is, humanly speaking, a noble gesture, but true religion is the only power which can lastingly increase the responsiveness of one social group to the needs and sufferings of other groups. In the past, institutional religion could remain passive while the upper strata of society turned a deaf ear to the sufferings and oppression of the helpless lower strata, but in modern times

these lower social orders are no longer so abjectly ignorant nor so politically helpless.

6 Religion must not become organically involved in the secular work of social reconstruction and economic reorganization. But it must actively keep pace with all these advances in civilization by making clear-cut and vigorous restatements of its moral mandates and spiritual precepts, its progressive philosophy of human living and transcendent survival. The spirit of religion is eternal, but the form of its expression must be restated every time the dictionary of human

language is revised.

2. WEAKNESS OF INSTITUTIONAL RELIGION

1 Institutional religion cannot afford inspiration and provide leadership in this impending world-wide social reconstruction and economic reorganization because it has unfortunately become more or less of an organic part of the social order and the economic system which is destined to undergo reconstruction. Only the real religion of personal spiritual experience can function helpfully and creatively in the present crisis of civilization.

2 Institutional religion is now caught in the stalemate of a vicious circle. It cannot reconstruct society without first reconstructing itself; and being so much an integral part of the established order, it cannot reconstruct itself until society has been radically reconstructed.

3 §§ Religionists must function in society, in industry, and in politics as individuals, not as groups, parties, or institutions. A religious group which presumes to function as such, apart from religious activities, immediately becomes a political party, an economic organization, or a social in-

stitution. Religious collectivism must confine its efforts to the furtherance of religious causes.

4 Religionists are of no more value in the tasks of social reconstruction than nonreligionists except in so far as their religion has conferred upon them enhanced cosmic foresight and endowed them with that superior social wisdom which is born of the sincere desire to love God supremely and to love every man as a brother in the heavenly kingdom. An ideal social order is that in which every man loves his neighbour as he loves himself.

5 §§ The institutionalized church

may have appeared to serve society in the past by glorifying the established political and economic orders, but it must speedily cease such action if it is to survive. Its only proper attitude consists in the teaching of nonviolence, the doctrine of peaceful evolution in the place of violent revolution — peace on earth and good will among all men.

6 Modern religion finds it difficult to adjust its attitude toward the rapidly shifting social changes only because it has permitted itself to become so thoroughly traditionalized, dogmatized, and institutionalized. The reli-

gion of living experience finds no difficulty in keeping ahead of all these social developments and economic upheavals, amid which it ever functions as a moral stabilizer, social guide, and spiritual pilot. True religion carries over from one age to another the worth-while culture and that wisdom which is born of the experience of knowing God and striving to be like him.

3. RELIGION AND THE RELIGIONIST

1 Early Christianity was entirely free from all civil entanglements, social commitments, and economic al-

liances. Only did later institutionalized Christianity become an organic part of the political and social structure of Occidental civilization.

2 §§ The kingdom of heaven is neither a social nor economic order; it is an exclusively spiritual brotherhood of God-knowing individuals. True, such a brotherhood is in itself a new and amazing social phenomenon attended by astounding political and economic repercussions.

3 The religionist is not unsympathetic with social suffering, not unmindful of civil injustice, not insulated from economic thinking, neither

insensible to political tyranny. Religion influences social reconstruction directly because it spiritualizes and idealizes the individual citizen. Indirectly, cultural civilization is influenced by the attitude of these individual religionists as they become active and influential members of various social, moral, economic, and political groups.

4 §§ The attainment of a high cultural civilization demands, first, the ideal type of citizen and, then, ideal and adequate social mechanisms wherewith such a citizenry may control the economic and political insti-

tutions of such an advanced human society.

5 The church, because of overmuch false sentiment, has long ministered to the underprivileged and the unfortunate, and this has all been well, but this same sentiment has led to the unwise perpetuation of racially degenerate stocks which have tremendously retarded the progress of civilization.

6 Many individual social reconstructionists, while vehemently repudiating institutionalized religion, are, after all, zealously religious in the propagation of their social reforms. And so it is that religious motivation,

personal and more or less unrecognized, is playing a great part in the present-day program of social reconstruction.

7 §§ The great weakness of all this unrecognized and unconscious type of religious activity is that it is unable to profit from open religious criticism and thereby attain to profitable levels of self-correction. It is a fact that religion does not grow unless it is disciplined by constructive criticism, amplified by philosophy, purified by science, and nourished by loyal fellowship.

8 There is always the great danger

that religion will become distorted and perverted into the pursuit of false goals, as when in times of war each contending nation prostitutes its religion into military propaganda. Loveless zeal is always harmful to religion, while persecution diverts the activities of religion into the achievement of some sociologic or theologic drive.

9 §§ Religion can be kept free from unholy secular alliances only by:

10 1. A critically corrective philosophy.

11 2. Freedom from all social, economic, and political alliances.

12 3. Creative, comforting, and love-expanding fellowships.

13 4. Progressive enhancement of spiritual insight and the appreciation of cosmic values.

14 5. Prevention of fanaticism by the compensations of the scientific mental attitude.

15 §§ Religionists, as a group, must never concern themselves with anything but *religion,* albeit any one such religionist, as an individual citizen, may become the outstanding leader of some social, economic, or political reconstruction movement.

16 It is the business of religion to create, sustain, and inspire such a cosmic loyalty in the individual citizen as will direct him to the achievement of success in the advancement of all these difficult but desirable social services.

4. TRANSITION DIFFICULTIES

1 Genuine religion renders the religionist socially fragrant and creates insights into human fellowship. But the formalization of religious groups many times destroys the very values for the promotion of which the group was organized. Human friendship and divine religion are mutually helpful

and significantly illuminating if the growth in each is equalized and harmonized. Religion puts new meaning into all group associations — families, schools, and clubs. It imparts new values to play and exalts all true humour.

2 Social leadership is transformed by spiritual insight; religion prevents all collective movements from losing sight of their true objectives. Together with children, religion is the great unifier of family life, provided it is a living and growing faith. Family life cannot be had without children; it can be lived without religion, but such a handicap enormously multiplies the

difficulties of this intimate human association. During the early decades of the XX century, family life, next to personal religious experience, suffers most from the decadence consequent upon the transition from old religious loyalties to the emerging new meanings and values.

3 §§ True religion is a meaningful way of living dynamically face to face with the commonplace realities of everyday life. But if religion is to stimulate individual development of character and augment integration of personality, it must not be standardized. If it is to stimulate evaluation of ex-

perience and serve as a value-lure, it must not be stereotyped. If religion is to promote supreme loyalties, it must not be formalized.

4 No matter what upheavals may attend the social and economic growth of civilization, religion is genuine and worth while if it fosters in the individual an experience in which the sovereignty of truth, beauty, and goodness prevails, for such is the true spiritual concept of supreme reality. And through love and worship this becomes meaningful as fellowship with man and sonship with God.

5 After all, it is what one believes

rather than what one knows that determines conduct and dominates personal performances. Purely factual knowledge exerts very little influence upon the average man unless it becomes emotionally activated. But the activation of religion is superemotional, unifying the entire human experience on transcendent levels through contact with, and release of, spiritual energies in the mortal life.

6 §§ During the psychologically unsettled times of the XX century, amid the economic upheavals, the moral crosscurrents, and the sociologic rip tides of the cyclonic transitions of a

scientific era, thousands upon thousands of men and women have become humanly dislocated; they are anxious, restless, fearful, uncertain, and unsettled; as never before in the world's history they need the consolation and stabilization of sound religion. In the face of unprecedented scientific achievement and mechanical development there is spiritual stagnation and philosophic chaos.

7 §§ There is no danger in religion's becoming more and more of a private matter — a personal experience — provided it does not lose its motivation for unselfish and loving social ser-

vice. Religion has suffered from many secondary influences: sudden mixing of cultures, intermingling of creeds, diminution of ecclesiastical authority, changing of family life, together with urbanization and mechanization.

8 Man's greatest spiritual jeopardy consists in partial progress, the predicament of unfinished growth: forsaking the evolutionary religions of fear without immediately grasping the revelatory religion of love. Modern science, particularly psychology, has weakened only those religions which are so largely dependent upon fear, superstition, and emotion.

9 Transition is always accompanied by confusion, and there will be little tranquillity in the religious world until the great struggle between the three contending philosophies of religion is ended:

10 1. The spiritistic belief (in a providential Deity) of many religions.

11 2. The humanistic and idealistic belief of many philosophies.

12 3. The mechanistic and naturalistic conceptions of many sciences.

13 §§ And these three partial approaches to the reality of the cosmos must eventually become harmonized by the revelatory presentation of

religion, philosophy, and cosmology which portrays the triune existence of spirit, mind, and energy proceeding from the Trinity of Paradise and attaining time-space unification within the Deity of the Supreme.

5. SOCIAL ASPECTS OF RELIGION

1 While religion is exclusively a personal spiritual experience — knowing God as a Father — the corollary of this experience — knowing man as a brother — entails the adjustment of the self to other selves, and that involves the social or group aspect of religious life. Religion is first an in-

ner or personal adjustment, and then it becomes a matter of social service or group adjustment. The fact of man's gregariousness perforce determines that religious groups will come into existence. What happens to these religious groups depends very much on intelligent leadership. In primitive society the religious group is not always very different from economic or political groups. Religion has always been a conservator of morals and a stabilizer of society. And this is still true, notwithstanding the contrary teaching of many modern socialists and humanists.

2 Always keep in mind: True religion is to know God as your Father and man as your brother. Religion is not a slavish belief in threats of punishment or magical promises of future mystical rewards.

3 §§ The religion of Jesus is the most dynamic influence ever to activate the human race. Jesus shattered tradition, destroyed dogma, and called mankind to the achievement of its highest ideals in time and eternity — to be perfect, even as the Father in heaven is perfect.

4 §§ Religion has little chance to function until the religious group becomes separated from all other groups

— the social association of the spiritual membership of the kingdom of heaven.

5 The doctrine of the total depravity of man destroyed much of the potential of religion for effecting social repercussions of an uplifting nature and of inspirational value. Jesus sought to restore man's dignity when he declared that all men are the children of God.

6 Any religious belief which is effective in spiritualizing the believer is certain to have powerful repercussions in the social life of such a religionist. Religious experience unfailingly yields

the "fruits of the spirit" in the daily life of the spirit-led mortal.

7 Just as certainly as men share their religious beliefs, they create a religious group of some sort which eventually creates common goals. Someday religionists will get together and actually effect co-operation on the basis of unity of ideals and purposes rather than attempting to do so on the basis of psychological opinions and theological beliefs. Goals rather than creeds should unify religionists. Since true religion is a matter of personal spiritual experience, it is inevitable that each individual religionist must

have his own and personal interpretation of the realization of that spiritual experience. Let the term "faith" stand for the individual's relation to God rather than for the creedal formulation of what some group of mortals have been able to agree upon as a common religious attitude. "Have you faith? Then have it to yourself."

8 That faith is concerned only with the grasp of ideal values is shown by the New Testament definition which declares that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

9 Primitive man made little effort

to put his religious convictions into words. His religion was danced out rather than thought out. Modern men have thought out many creeds and created many tests of religious faith. Future religionists must live out their religion, dedicate themselves to the wholehearted service of the brotherhood of man. It is high time that man had a religious experience so personal and so sublime that it could be realized and expressed only by "feelings that lie too deep for words."

10 Jesus did not require of his followers that they should periodically assemble and recite a form of words in-

dicative of their common beliefs. He only ordained that they should gather together to actually *do something* — partake of the communal supper of the remembrance of his bestowal life on Urantia.

11 §§ What a mistake for Christians to make when, in presenting Christ as the supreme ideal of spiritual leadership, they dare to require God-conscious men and women to reject the historic leadership of the God-knowing men who have contributed to their particular national or racial illumina-

tion during past ages.

6. INSTITUTIONAL RELIGION

1 Sectarianism is a disease of institutional religion, and dogmatism is an enslavement of the spiritual nature. It is far better to have a religion without a church than a church without religion. The religious turmoil of the XX century does not, in and of itself, betoken spiritual decadence. Confusion goes before growth as well as before destruction.

2 There is a real purpose in the socialization of religion. It is the purpose of group religious activities to drama-

tize the loyalties of religion; to magnify the lures of truth, beauty, and goodness; to foster the attractions of supreme values; to enhance the service of unselfish fellowship; to glorify the potentials of family life; to promote religious education; to provide wise counsel and spiritual guidance; and to encourage group worship. And all live religions encourage human friendship, conserve morality, promote neighbourhood welfare, and facilitate the spread of the essential gospel of their respective messages of eternal salvation.

3 But as religion becomes institu-

tionalized, its power for good is curtailed, while the possibilities for evil are greatly multiplied. The dangers of formalized religion are: fixation of beliefs and crystallization of sentiments; accumulation of vested interests with increase of secularization; tendency to standardize and fossilize truth; diversion of religion from the service of God to the service of the church; inclination of leaders to become administrators instead of ministers; tendency to form sects and competitive divisions; establishment of oppressive ecclesiastical authority; creation of the aristocratic "chosen-people" attitude;

fostering of false and exaggerated ideas of sacredness; the routinizing of religion and the petrification of worship; tendency to venerate the past while ignoring present demands; failure to make up-to-date interpretations of religion; entanglement with functions of secular institutions; it creates the evil discrimination of religious castes; it becomes an intolerant judge of orthodoxy; it fails to hold the interest of adventurous youth and gradually loses the saving message of the gospel of eternal salvation.

4 Formal religion restrains men in their personal spiritual activities in-

stead of releasing them for heightened service as kingdom builders.

7. RELIGION'S CONTRIBUTION

1 Though churches and all other religious groups should stand aloof from all secular activities, at the same time religion must do nothing to hinder or retard the social co-ordination of human institutions. Life must continue to grow in meaningfulness; man must go on with his reformation of philosophy and his clarification of religion.

2 Political science must effect the reconstruction of economics and industry by the techniques it learns from

the social sciences and by the insights and motives supplied by religious living. In all social reconstruction religion provides a stabilizing loyalty to a transcendent object, a steadying goal beyond and above the immediate and temporal objective. In the midst of the confusions of a rapidly changing environment mortal man needs the sustenance of a far-flung cosmic perspective.

3 Religion inspires man to live courageously and joyfully on the face of the earth; it joins patience with passion, insight to zeal, sympathy with power, and ideals with energy.

4 Man can never wisely decide temporal issues or transcend the selfishness of personal interests unless he meditates in the presence of the sovereignty of God and reckons with the realities of divine meanings and spiritual values.

5 Economic interdependence and social fraternity will ultimately conduce to brotherhood. Man is naturally a dreamer, but science is sobering him so that religion can presently activate him with far less danger of precipitating fanatical reactions. Economic necessities tie man up with reality, and personal religious experience brings

this same man face to face with the eternal realities of an ever-expanding and progressing cosmic citizenship.

6 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 100

RELIGION IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE

Melchizedek

The experience of dynamic religious living transforms the mediocre individual into a personality of idealistic power. Religion ministers to the progress of all through fostering the progress of each individual, and the progress of each is augmented through the achievement of all.

2 Spiritual growth is mutually stimulated by intimate association with other religionists. Love supplies the soil for religious growth — an objective lure in the place of subjective gratification — yet it yields the supreme subjective satisfaction. And religion ennobles the commonplace drudgery of daily living.

1. RELIGIOUS GROWTH

1 While religion produces growth of meanings and enhancement of values, evil always results when purely personal evaluations are elevated to the levels of absolutes. A child evalu-

ates experience in accordance with the content of pleasure; maturity is proportional to the substitution of higher meanings for personal pleasure, even loyalties to the highest concepts of diversified life situations and cosmic relations.

2 Some persons are too busy to grow and are therefore in grave danger of spiritual fixation. Provision must be made for growth of meanings at differing ages, in successive cultures, and in the passing stages of advancing civilization. The chief inhibitors of growth are prejudice and ignorance.

3 Give every developing child a

chance to grow his own religious experience; do not force a ready-made adult experience upon him. Remember, year-by-year progress through an established educational regime does not necessarily mean intellectual progress, much less spiritual growth. Enlargement of vocabulary does not signify development of character. Growth is not truly indicated by mere products but rather by progress. Real educational growth is indicated by enhancement of ideals, increased appreciation of values, new meanings of values, and augmented loyalty to supreme values.

4 Children are permanently impressed only by the loyalties of their adult associates; precept or even example is not lastingly influential. Loyal persons are growing persons, and growth is an impressive and inspiring reality. Live loyally today — grow — and tomorrow will attend to itself. The quickest way for a tadpole to become a frog is to live loyally each moment as a tadpole.

5 §§ The soil essential for religious growth presupposes a progressive life of self-realization, the co-ordination of natural propensities, the exercise of curiosity and the enjoyment of rea-

sonable adventure, the experiencing of feelings of satisfaction, the functioning of the fear stimulus of attention and awareness, the wonder-lure, and a normal consciousness of smallness, humility. Growth is also predicated on the discovery of selfhood accompanied by self-criticism — conscience, for conscience is really the criticism of oneself by one's own value-habits, personal ideals.

6 §§ Religious experience is markedly influenced by physical health, inherited temperament, and social environment. But these temporal conditions do not inhibit inner spiritual progress

by a soul dedicated to the doing of the will of the Father in heaven. There are present in all normal mortals certain innate drives toward growth and self-realization which function if they are not specifically inhibited. The certain technique of fostering this constitutive endowment of the potential of spiritual growth is to maintain an attitude of wholehearted devotion to supreme values.

7 Religion cannot be bestowed, received, loaned, learned, or lost. It is a personal experience which grows proportionally to the growing quest for final values. Cosmic growth thus at-

tends on the accumulation of meanings and the ever-expanding elevation of values. But nobility itself is always an unconscious growth.

8 Religious habits of thinking and acting are contributory to the economy of spiritual growth. One can develop religious predispositions toward favourable reaction to spiritual stimuli, a sort of conditioned spiritual reflex. Habits which favour religious growth embrace cultivated sensitivity to divine values, recognition of religious living in others, reflective meditation on cosmic meanings, worshipful problem solving, sharing one's spir-

itual life with one's fellows, avoidance of selfishness, refusal to presume on divine mercy, living as in the presence of God. The factors of religious growth may be intentional, but the growth itself is unvaryingly unconscious.

9 The unconscious nature of religious growth does not, however, signify that it is an activity functioning in the supposed subconscious realms of human intellect; rather does it signify creative activities in the superconscious levels of mortal mind. The experience of the realization of the reality of unconscious religious growth is the one positive proof of the

functional existence of the superconsciousness.

2. SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1 Spiritual development depends, first, on the maintenance of a living spiritual connection with true spiritual forces and, second, on the continuous bearing of spiritual fruit: yielding the ministry to one's fellows of that which has been received from one's spiritual benefactors. Spiritual progress is predicated on intellectual recognition of spiritual poverty coupled with the self-consciousness of perfection-hunger, the desire to know God

and be like him, the wholehearted purpose to do the will of the Father in heaven.

2 Spiritual growth is first an awakening to needs, next a discernment of meanings, and then a discovery of values. The evidence of true spiritual development consists in the exhibition of a human personality motivated by love, activated by unselfish ministry, and dominated by the wholehearted worship of the perfection ideals of divinity. And this entire experience constitutes the reality of religion as contrasted with mere theological beliefs.

3 Religion can progress to that level

of experience whereon it becomes an enlightened and wise technique of spiritual reaction to the universe. Such a glorified religion can function on three levels of human personality: the intellectual, the morontial, and the spiritual; upon the mind, in the evolving soul, and with the indwelling spirit.

4 §§ Spirituality becomes at once the indicator of one's nearness to God and the measure of one's usefulness to fellow beings. Spirituality enhances the ability to discover beauty in things, recognize truth in meanings, and discover goodness in values. Spiritual de-

velopment is determined by capacity therefor and is directly proportional to the elimination of the selfish qualities of love.

5 Actual spiritual status is the measure of Deity attainment, Adjuster attunement. The achievement of finality of spirituality is equivalent to the attainment of the maximum of reality, the maximum of Godlikeness. Eternal life is the endless quest for infinite values.

6 §§ The goal of human self-realization should be spiritual, not material. The only realities worth striving for are divine, spiritual, and eternal. Mortal

man is entitled to the enjoyment of physical pleasures and to the satisfaction of human affections; he is benefited by loyalty to human associations and temporal institutions; but these are not the eternal foundations upon which to build the immortal personality which must transcend space, vanquish time, and achieve the eternal destiny of divine perfection and finaliter service.

7 Jesus portrayed the profound surety of the God-knowing mortal when he said: "To a God-knowing kingdom believer, what does it matter if all things earthly crash?" Temporal

securities are vulnerable, but spiritual sureties are impregnable. When the flood tides of human adversity, selfishness, cruelty, hate, malice, and jealousy beat about the mortal soul, you may rest in the assurance that there is one inner bastion, the citadel of the spirit, which is absolutely unassailable; at least this is true of every human being who has dedicated the keeping of his soul to the indwelling spirit of the eternal God.

8 After such spiritual attainment, whether secured by gradual growth or specific crisis, there occurs a new orientation of personality as well as

the development of a new standard of values. Such spirit-born individuals are so remotivated in life that they can calmly stand by while their fondest ambitions perish and their keenest hopes crash; they positively know that such catastrophes are but the redirecting cataclysms which wreck one's temporal creations preliminary to the rearing of the more noble and enduring realities of a new and more sublime level of universe attainment.

3. CONCEPTS OF SUPREME VALUE

1 Religion is not a technique for attaining a static and blissful peace of

mind; it is an impulse for organizing the soul for dynamic service. It is the enlistment of the totality of selfhood in the loyal service of loving God and serving man. Religion pays any price essential to the attainment of the supreme goal, the eternal prize. There is a consecrated completeness in religious loyalty which is superbly sublime. And these loyalties are socially effective and spiritually progressive.

2 To the religionist the word God becomes a symbol signifying the approach to supreme reality and the recognition of divine value. Human likes and dislikes do not determine good

and evil; moral values do not grow out of wish fulfilment or emotional frustration.

3 In the contemplation of values you must distinguish between that which *is* value and that which *has* value. You must recognize the relation between pleasurable activities and their meaningful integration and enhanced realization on ever progressively higher and higher levels of human experience.

4 §§ Meaning is something which experience adds to value; it is the appreciative consciousness of values. An isolated and purely selfish pleasure may connote a virtual devaluation of

meanings, a meaningless enjoyment bordering on relative evil. Values are experiential when realities are meaningful and mentally associated, when such relationships are recognized and appreciated by mind.

5 §§ Values can never be static; reality signifies change, growth. Change without growth, expansion of meaning and exaltation of value, is valueless — is potential evil. The greater the quality of cosmic adaptation, the more of meaning any experience possesses. Values are not conceptual illusions; they are real, but always they depend on the fact of relationships. Val-

ues are always both actual and potential — not what was, but what is and is to be.

6 The association of actuals and potentials equals growth, the experiential realization of values. But growth is not mere progress. Progress is always meaningful, but it is relatively valueless without growth. The supreme value of human life consists in growth of values, progress in meanings, and realization of the cosmic interrelatedness of both of these experiences. And such an experience is the equivalent of God-consciousness. Such a mortal, while not supernatural, is truly becom-

ing superhuman; an immortal soul is evolving.

7 Man cannot cause growth, but he can supply favourable conditions. Growth is always unconscious, be it physical, intellectual, or spiritual. Love thus grows; it cannot be created, manufactured, or purchased; it must grow. Evolution is a cosmic technique of growth. Social growth cannot be secured by legislation, and moral growth is not had by improved administration. Man may manufacture a machine, but its real value must be derived from human culture and personal appreciation. Man's sole con-

tribution to growth is the mobilization of the total powers of his personality — living faith.

4. PROBLEMS OF GROWTH

1 Religious living is devoted living, and devoted living is creative living, original and spontaneous. New religious insights arise out of conflicts which initiate the choosing of new and better reaction habits in the place of older and inferior reaction patterns. New meanings only emerge amid conflict; and conflict persists only in the face of refusal to espouse the higher values connoted in superior meanings.

2 Religious perplexities are inevitable; there can be no growth without psychic conflict and spiritual agitation. The organization of a philosophic standard of living entails considerable commotion in the philosophic realms of the mind. Loyalties are not exercised in behalf of the great, the good, the true, and the noble without a struggle. Effort is attendant upon clarification of spiritual vision and enhancement of cosmic insight. And the human intellect protests against being weaned from subsisting upon the nonspiritual energies of temporal existence. The sloth-

ful animal mind rebels at the effort required to wrestle with cosmic problem solving.

3 But the great problem of religious living consists in the task of unifying the soul powers of the personality by the dominance of LOVE. Health, mental efficiency, and happiness arise from the unification of physical systems, mind systems, and spirit systems. Of health and sanity man understands much, but of happiness he has truly realized very little. The highest happiness is indissolubly linked with spiritual progress. Spiritual growth yields lasting joy, peace

which passes all understanding.

4 §§ In physical life the senses tell of the existence of things; mind discovers the reality of meanings; but the spiritual experience reveals to the individual the true values of life. These high levels of human living are attained in the supreme love of God and in the unselfish love of man. If you love your fellow men, you must have discovered their values. Jesus loved men so much because he placed such a high value upon them. You can best discover values in your associates by discovering their motivation. If someone irritates you, causes feelings of resentment, you

should sympathetically seek to discern his viewpoint, his reasons for such objectionable conduct. If once you understand your neighbour, you will become tolerant, and this tolerance will grow into friendship and ripen into love.

5 In the mind's eye conjure up a picture of one of your primitive ancestors of cave-dwelling times — a short, misshapen, filthy, snarling hulk of a man standing, legs spread, club upraised, breathing hate and animosity as he looks fiercely just ahead. Such a picture hardly depicts the divine dignity of man. But allow us to enlarge

the picture. In front of this animated human crouches a sabre-toothed tiger. Behind him, a woman and two children. Immediately you recognize that such a picture stands for the beginnings of much that is fine and noble in the human race, but the man is the same in both pictures. Only,[1] in the

[1] In 1955 text no comma after "Only". The comma after "Only" is required to convey the intended meaning, which approximates "however, in the second sketch you are favoured..." as opposed to the meaning without the comma which would be "It is only in the the second sketch that you are favoured..." Also note that for the sentence to work without the comma, "...sketch you are..." would have to be inverted to "...sketch are you..." in order to be grammatically correct.

second sketch you are favoured with a widened horizon. You therein discern the motivation of this evolving mortal. His attitude becomes praiseworthy because you understand him. If you could only fathom the motives of your associates, how much better you would understand them. If you could only know your fellows, you would eventually fall in love with them.

6 You cannot truly love your fellows by a mere act of the will. Love is only born of thoroughgoing understanding of your neighbour's motives and sentiments. It is not so important to love all men today as it is that each

day you learn to love one more human being. If each day or each week you achieve an understanding of one more of your fellows, and if this is the limit of your ability, then you are certainly socializing and truly spiritualizing your personality. Love is infectious, and when human devotion is intelligent and wise, love is more catching than hate. But only genuine and unselfish love is truly contagious. If each mortal could only become a focus of dynamic affection, this benign virus of love would soon pervade the sentimental emotion-stream of humanity to such an extent that all

civilization would be encompassed by love, and that would be the realization of the brotherhood of man.

5. CONVERSION AND MYSTICISM

1 The world is filled with lost souls, not lost in the theologic sense but lost in the directional meaning, wandering about in confusion among the isms and cults of a frustrated philosophic era. Too few have learned how to install a philosophy of living in the place of religious authority. (The symbols of socialized religion are not to be despised as channels of growth, albeit the river bed is not the river.)

2 The progression of religious growth leads from stagnation through conflict to co-ordination, from insecurity to undoubting faith, from confusion of cosmic consciousness to unification of personality, from the temporal objective to the eternal, from the bondage of fear to the liberty of divine sonship.

3 §§ It should be made clear that professions of loyalty to the supreme ideals — the psychic, emotional, and spiritual awareness of God-consciousness — may be a natural and gradual growth or may sometimes be experienced at certain junctures, as in a

crisis. The Apostle Paul experienced just such a sudden and spectacular conversion that eventful day on the Damascus road. Gautama Siddhartha had a similar experience the night he sat alone and sought to penetrate the mystery of final truth. Many others have had like experiences, and many true believers have progressed in the spirit without sudden conversion.

4 Most of the spectacular phenomena associated with so-called religious conversions are entirely psychologic in nature, but now and then there do occur experiences which are also spiritual in origin. When the mental mobi-

lization is absolutely total on any level of the psychic upreach toward spirit attainment, when there exists perfection of the human motivation of loyalties to the divine idea, then there very often occurs a sudden down-grasp of the indwelling spirit to synchronize with the concentrated and consecrated purpose of the superconscious mind of the believing mortal. And it is such experiences of unified intellectual and spiritual phenomena that constitute the conversion which consists in factors over and above purely psychologic involvement.

5 But emotion alone is a false con-

version; one must have faith as well as feeling. To the extent that such psychic mobilization is partial, and in so far as such human-loyalty motivation is incomplete, to that extent will the experience of conversion be a blended intellectual, emotional, and spiritual reality.

6 §§ If one is disposed to recognize a theoretical subconscious mind as a practical working hypothesis in the otherwise unified intellectual life, then, to be consistent, one should postulate a similar and corresponding realm of ascending intellectual activity as the superconscious level, the

zone of immediate contact with the indwelling spirit entity, the Thought Adjuster. The great danger in all these psychic speculations is that visions and other so-called mystic experiences, along with extraordinary dreams, may be regarded as divine communications to the human mind. In times past, divine beings have revealed themselves to certain God-knowing persons, not because of their mystic trances or morbid visions, but in spite of all these phenomena.

7 §§ In contrast with conversion-seeking, the better approach to the morontia zones of possible contact

with the Thought Adjuster would be through living faith and sincere worship, wholehearted and unselfish prayer. Altogether too much of the uprush of the memories of the unconscious levels of the human mind has been mistaken for divine revelations and spirit leadings.

8 There is great danger associated with the habitual practice of religious daydreaming; mysticism may become a technique of reality avoidance, albeit it has sometimes been a means of genuine spiritual communion. Short seasons of retreat from the busy scenes of life may not be seriously dangerous,

but prolonged isolation of personality is most undesirable. Under no circumstances should the trancelike state of visionary consciousness be cultivated as a religious experience.

9 The characteristics of the mystical state are diffusion of consciousness with vivid islands of focal attention operating on a comparatively passive intellect. All of this gravitates consciousness toward the subconscious rather than in the direction of the zone of spiritual contact, the superconscious. Many mystics have carried their mental dissociation to the level of abnormal mental manifestations.

10 The more healthful attitude of spiritual meditation is to be found in reflective worship and in the prayer of thanksgiving. The direct communion with one's Thought Adjuster, such as occurred in the later years of Jesus' life in the flesh, should not be confused with these so-called mystical experiences. The factors which contribute to the initiation of mystic communion are indicative of the danger of such psychic states. The mystic status is favoured by such things as: physical fatigue, fasting, psychic dissociation, profound aesthetic experiences, vivid sex impulses, fear, anxiety, rage, and

wild dancing. Much of the material arising as a result of such preliminary preparation has its origin in the subconscious mind.

11 However favourable may have been the conditions for mystic phenomena, it should be clearly understood that Jesus of Nazareth never resorted to such methods for communion with the Paradise Father. Jesus had no subconscious delusions or superconscious illusions.

6. MARKS OF RELIGIOUS LIVING

1 Evolutionary religions and revelatory religions may differ markedly in

method, but in motive there is great similarity. Religion is not a specific function of life; rather is it a mode of living. True religion is a wholehearted devotion to some reality which the religionist deems to be of supreme value to himself and for all mankind. And the outstanding characteristics of all religions are: unquestioning loyalty and wholehearted devotion to supreme values. This religious devotion to supreme values is shown in the relation of the supposedly irreligious mother to her child and in the fervent loyalty of nonreligionists to an espoused cause.

2 The accepted supreme value of the religionist may be base or even false, but it is nevertheless religious. A religion is genuine to just the extent that the value which is held to be supreme is truly a cosmic reality of genuine spiritual worth.

3 The marks of human response to the religious impulse embrace the qualities of nobility and grandeur. The sincere religionist is conscious of universe citizenship and is aware of making contact with sources of superhuman power. He is thrilled and energized with the assurance of belonging to a superior and ennobled fellowship

of the sons of God. The consciousness of self-worth has become augmented by the stimulus of the quest for the highest universe objectives — supreme goals.

4 The self has surrendered to the intriguing drive of an all-encompassing motivation which imposes heightened self-discipline, lessens emotional conflict, and makes mortal life truly worth living. The morbid recognition of human limitations is changed to the natural consciousness of mortal shortcomings, associated with moral determination and spiritual aspiration to attain the highest universe and super-

universe goals. And this intense striving for the attainment of supermortal ideals is always characterized by increasing patience, forbearance, fortitude, and tolerance.

5 But true religion is a living love, a life of service. The religionist's detachment from much that is purely temporal and trivial never leads to social isolation, and it should not destroy the sense of humour. Genuine religion takes nothing away from human existence, but it does add new meanings to all of life; it generates new types of enthusiasm, zeal, and courage. It may even engender the spirit of the cru-

sader, which is more than dangerous if not controlled by spiritual insight and loyal devotion to the commonplace social obligations of human loyalties.

6 §§ One of the most amazing earmarks of religious living is that dynamic and sublime peace, that peace which passes all human understanding, that cosmic poise which betokens the absence of all doubt and turmoil. Such levels of spiritual stability are immune to disappointment. Such religionists are like the Apostle Paul, who said: "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor prin-

cipalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else shall be able to separate us from the love of God."

7 There is a sense of security, associated with the realization of triumphing glory, resident in the consciousness of the religionist who has grasped the reality of the Supreme, and who pursues the goal of the Ultimate.

8 §§ Even evolutionary religion is all of this in loyalty and grandeur because it is a genuine experience. But revelatory religion is *excellent* as well as genuine. The new loyalties of en-

larged spiritual vision create new levels of love and devotion, of service and fellowship; and all this enhanced social outlook produces an enlarged consciousness of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

9 The characteristic difference between evolved and revealed religion is a new quality of divine wisdom which is added to purely experiential human wisdom. But it is experience in and with the human religions that develops the capacity for subsequent reception of increased bestowals of divine

wisdom and cosmic insight.

7. THE ACME OF RELIGIOUS LIVING

1 Although the average mortal of Urantia cannot hope to attain the high perfection of character which Jesus of Nazareth acquired while sojourning in the flesh, it is altogether possible for every mortal believer to develop a strong and unified personality along the perfected lines of the Jesus personality. The unique feature of the Master's personality was not so much its perfection as its symmetry, its exquisite and balanced unification. The most effective presentation of Je-

sus consists in following the example of the one who said, as he gestured toward the Master standing before his accusers, "Behold the man!"

2 The unfailing kindness of Jesus touched the hearts of men, but his stalwart strength of character amazed his followers. He was truly sincere; there was nothing of the hypocrite in him. He was free from affectation; he was always so refreshingly genuine. He never stooped to pretence, and he never resorted to shamming. He lived the truth, even as he taught it. He was the truth. He was constrained to proclaim saving truth to his generation,

even though such sincerity sometimes caused pain. He was unquestioningly loyal to all truth.

3 But the Master was so reasonable, so approachable. He was so practical in all his ministry, while all his plans were characterized by such sanctified common sense. He was so free from all freakish, erratic, and eccentric tendencies. He was never capricious, whimsical, or hysterical. In all his teaching and in everything he did there was always an exquisite discrimination associated with an extraordinary sense of propriety.

4 The Son of Man was always a well-

poised personality. Even his enemies maintained a wholesome respect for him; they even feared his presence. Jesus was unafraid. He was surcharged with divine enthusiasm, but he never became fanatical. He was emotionally active but never flighty. He was imaginative but always practical. He frankly faced the realities of life, but he was never dull or prosaic. He was courageous but never reckless; prudent but never cowardly. He was sympathetic but not sentimental; unique but not eccentric. He was pious but not sanctimonious. And he was so well-poised because he was so perfectly unified.

5 Jesus' originality was unstifled. He was not bound by tradition or handicapped by enslavement to narrow conventionality. He spoke with undoubted confidence and taught with absolute authority. But his superb originality did not cause him to overlook the gems of truth in the teachings of his predecessors and contemporaries. And the most original of his teachings was the emphasis of love and mercy in the place of fear and sacrifice.

6 Jesus was very broad in his outlook. He exhorted his followers to preach the gospel to all peoples. He was free from all narrow-mindedness.

His sympathetic heart embraced all mankind, even a universe. Always his invitation was, "Whosoever will, let him come."

7 Of Jesus it was truly said, "He trusted God." As a man among men he most sublimely trusted the Father in heaven. He trusted his Father as a little child trusts his earthly parent. His faith was perfect but never presumptuous. No matter how cruel nature might appear to be or how indifferent to man's welfare on earth, Jesus never faltered in his faith. He was immune to disappointment and impervious to persecution. He was untouched by ap-

parent failure.

8 He loved men as brothers, at the same time recognizing how they differed in innate endowments and acquired qualities. "He went about doing good."

9 Jesus was an unusually cheerful person, but he was not a blind and unreasoning optimist. His constant word of exhortation was, "Be of good cheer." He could maintain this confident attitude because of his unswerving trust in God and his unshakable confidence in man. He was always touchingly considerate of all men because he loved them and believed in

them. Still he was always true to his convictions and magnificently firm in his devotion to the doing of his Father's will.

10 The Master was always generous. He never grew weary of saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Said he, "Freely you have received, freely give." And yet, with all of his unbounded generosity, he was never wasteful or extravagant. He taught that you must believe to receive salvation. "For every one who seeks shall receive."

11 He was candid, but always kind. Said he, "If it were not so, I would have

told you." He was frank, but always friendly. He was outspoken in his love for the sinner and in his hatred for sin. But throughout all this amazing frankness he was unerringly *fair*.

12 Jesus was consistently cheerful, notwithstanding he sometimes drank deeply of the cup of human sorrow. He fearlessly faced the realities of existence, yet was he filled with enthusiasm for the gospel of the kingdom. But he controlled his enthusiasm; it never controlled him. He was unreservedly dedicated to "the Father's business." This divine enthusiasm led his unspiritual brethren to think he

was beside himself, but the onlooking universe appraised him as the model of sanity and the pattern of supreme mortal devotion to the high standards of spiritual living. And his controlled enthusiasm was contagious; his associates were constrained to share his divine optimism.

13 This man of Galilee was not a man of sorrows; he was a soul of gladness. Always was he saying, "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad." But when duty required, he was willing to walk courageously through the "valley of the shadow of death." He was gladsome but at the same time humble.

14 His courage was equalled only by his patience. When pressed to act prematurely, he would only reply, "My hour has not yet come." He was never in a hurry; his composure was sublime. But he was often indignant at evil, intolerant of sin. He was often mightily moved to resist that which was inimical to the welfare of his children on earth. But his indignation against sin never led to anger at the sinner.

15 His courage was magnificent, but he was never foolhardy. His watchword was, "Fear not." His bravery was lofty and his courage often heroic. But his courage was linked with discretion

and controlled by reason. It was courage born of faith, not the recklessness of blind presumption. He was truly brave but never audacious.

16 The Master was a pattern of reverence. The prayer of even his youth began, "Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name." He was even respectful of the faulty worship of his fellows. But this did not deter him from making attacks on religious traditions or assaulting errors of human belief. He was reverential of true holiness, and yet he could justly appeal to his fellows, saying, "Who among you convicts me of sin?"

17 Jesus was great because he was good, and yet he fraternized with the little children. He was gentle and unassuming in his personal life, and yet he was the perfected man of a universe. His associates called him Master unbidden.

18 Jesus was the perfectly unified human personality. And today, as in Galilee, he continues to unify mortal experience and to co-ordinate human endeavours. He unifies life, ennobles character, and simplifies experience. He enters the human mind to elevate, transform, and transfigure it. It is literally true: "If any man has Christ

Jesus within him, he is a new creature; old things are passing away; behold, all things are becoming new."

19 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 101

THE REAL NATURE OF RELIGION

Melchizedek

Religion, as a human experience, ranges from the primitive fear slavery of the evolving savage up to the sublime and magnificent faith liberty of those civilized mortals who are superbly conscious of sonship with the eternal God.

2 Religion is the ancestor of the advanced ethics and morals of progressive social evolution. But religion, as

such, is not merely a moral movement, albeit the outward and social manifestations of religion are mightily influenced by the ethical and moral momentum of human society. Always is religion the inspiration of man's evolving nature, but it is not the secret of that evolution.

3 Religion, the conviction-faith of the personality, can always triumph over the superficially contradictory logic of despair born in the unbelieving material mind. There really is a true and genuine inner voice, that "true light which lights every man who comes into the world." And this spirit

leading is distinct from the ethical prompting of human conscience. The feeling of religious assurance is more than an emotional feeling. The assurance of religion transcends the reason of the mind, even the logic of philosophy. Religion *is* faith, trust, and assurance.

1. TRUE RELIGION

1 True religion is not a system of philosophic belief which can be reasoned out and substantiated by natural proofs, neither is it a fantastic and mystic experience of indescribable feelings of ecstasy which can be en-

joyed only by the romantic devotees of mysticism. Religion is not the product of reason, but viewed from within, it is altogether reasonable. Religion is not derived from the logic of human philosophy, but as a mortal experience it is altogether logical. Religion is the experiencing of divinity in the consciousness of a moral being of evolutionary origin; it represents true experience with eternal realities in time, the realization of spiritual satisfactions while yet in the flesh.

2 §§ The Thought Adjuster has no special mechanism through which to gain self-expression; there is no mys-

tic religious faculty for the reception or expression of religious emotions. These experiences are made available through the naturally ordained mechanism of mortal mind. And therein lies one explanation of the Adjuster's difficulty in engaging in direct communication with the material mind of its constant indwelling.

3 The divine spirit makes contact with mortal man, not by feelings or emotions, but in the realm of the highest and most spiritualized thinking. It is your *thoughts,* not your feelings, that lead you Godward. The divine nature may be perceived only with the eyes of

the mind. But the mind that really discerns God, hears the indwelling Adjuster, is the pure mind. "Without holiness no man may see the Lord." All such inner and spiritual communion is termed spiritual insight. Such religious experiences result from the impress made upon the mind of man by the combined operations of the Adjuster and the Spirit of Truth as they function amid and upon the ideas, ideals, insights, and spirit strivings of the evolving sons of God.

4 Religion lives and prospers, then, not by sight and feeling, but rather by faith and insight. It consists not in the

discovery of new facts or in the finding of a unique experience, but rather in the discovery of new and spiritual *meanings* in facts already well known to mankind. The highest religious experience is not dependent on prior acts of belief, tradition, and authority; neither is religion the offspring of sublime feelings and purely mystical emotions. It is, rather, a profoundly deep and actual experience of spiritual communion with the spirit influences resident within the human mind, and as far as such an experience is definable in terms of psychology, it is simply the experience of experiencing the reality

of believing in God as the reality of such a purely personal experience.

5 §§ While religion is not the product of the rationalistic speculations of a material cosmology, it is, nonetheless, the creation of a wholly rational insight which originates in man's mind-experience. Religion is born neither of mystic meditations nor of isolated contemplations, albeit it is ever more or less mysterious and always indefinable and inexplicable in terms of purely intellectual reason and philosophic logic. The germs of true religion originate in the domain of man's moral consciousness, and they

are revealed in the growth of man's spiritual insight, that faculty of human personality which accrues as a consequence of the presence of the God-revealing Thought Adjuster in the God-hungry mortal mind.

6 Faith unites moral insight with conscientious discriminations of values, and the pre-existent evolutionary sense of duty completes the ancestry of true religion. The experience of religion eventually results in the certain consciousness of God and in the undoubted assurance of the survival of the believing personality.

7 Thus it may be seen that religious

longings and spiritual urges are not of such a nature as would merely lead men to *want* to believe in God, but rather are they of such nature and power that men are profoundly impressed with the conviction that they *ought* to believe in God. The sense of evolutionary duty and the obligations consequent upon the illumination of revelation make such a profound impression upon man's moral nature that he finally reaches that position of mind and that attitude of soul where he concludes that he *has no right not to believe in God.* The higher and superphilosophic wisdom of such

enlightened and disciplined individuals ultimately instructs them that to doubt God or distrust his goodness would be to prove untrue to the *realest* and *deepest* thing within the human mind and soul — the divine Adjuster.

2. THE FACT OF RELIGION

1 The fact of religion consists wholly in the religious experience of rational and average human beings. And this is the only sense in which religion can ever be regarded as scientific or even psychological. The proof that revelation is revelation is this same fact of human experience: the fact that reve-

lation does synthesize the apparently divergent sciences of nature and the theology of religion into a consistent and logical universe philosophy, a coordinated and unbroken explanation of both science and religion, thus creating a harmony of mind and satisfaction of spirit which answers in human experience those questionings of the mortal mind which craves to know *how* the Infinite works out his will and plans in matter, with minds, and on spirit.

2 Reason is the method of science; faith is the method of religion; logic is the attempted technique of philoso-

phy. Revelation compensates for the absence of the morontia viewpoint by providing a technique for achieving unity in the comprehension of the reality and relationships of matter and spirit by the mediation of mind. And true revelation never renders science unnatural, religion unreasonable, or philosophy illogical.

3 Reason, through the study of science, may lead back through nature to a First Cause, but it requires religious faith to transform the First Cause of science into a God of salvation; and revelation is further required for the validation of such a faith, such spiri-

tual insight.

4 There are two basic reasons for believing in a God who fosters human survival:

5 1. Human experience, personal assurance, the somehow registered hope and trust initiated by the indwelling Thought Adjuster.

6 2. The revelation of truth, whether by direct personal ministry of the Spirit of Truth, by the world bestowal of divine Sons, or through the revelations of the written word.

7 §§ Science ends its reason-search in the hypothesis of a First Cause. Religion does not stop in its flight of

faith until it is sure of a God of salvation. The discriminating study of science logically suggests the reality and existence of an Absolute. Religion believes unreservedly in the existence and reality of a God who fosters personality survival. What metaphysics fails utterly in doing, and what even philosophy fails partially in doing, revelation does; that is, affirms that this First Cause of science and religion's God of salvation are *one and the same Deity*.

8 §§ Reason is the proof of science, faith the proof of religion, logic the proof of philosophy, but revelation

is validated only by human *experience.* Science yields knowledge; religion yields happiness; philosophy yields unity; revelation confirms the experiential harmony of this triune approach to universal reality.

9 The contemplation of nature can only reveal a God of nature, a God of motion. Nature exhibits only matter, motion, and animation — life. Matter plus energy, under certain conditions, is manifested in living forms, but while natural life is thus relatively continuous as a phenomenon, it is wholly transient as to individualities. Nature does not afford ground for logical belief in

human-personality survival. The religious man who finds God in nature has already and first found this same personal God in his own soul.

10 §§ Faith reveals God in the soul. Revelation, the substitute for morontia insight on an evolutionary world, enables man to see the same God in nature that faith exhibits in his soul. Thus does revelation successfully bridge the gulf between the material and the spiritual, even between the creature and the Creator, between man and God.

11 The contemplation of nature does logically point in the direction of in-

telligent guidance, even living supervision, but it does not in any satisfactory manner reveal a personal God. On the other hand, nature discloses nothing which would preclude the universe from being looked upon as the handiwork of the God of religion. God cannot be found through nature alone, but man having otherwise found him, the study of nature becomes wholly consistent with a higher and more spiritual interpretation of the universe.

12 §§ Revelation as an epochal phenomenon is periodic; as a personal human experience it is continuous. Divinity functions in mortal personality

as the Adjuster gift of the Father, as the Spirit of Truth of the Son, and as the Holy Spirit of the Universe Spirit, while these three supermortal endowments are unified in human experiential evolution as the ministry of the Supreme.

13 True religion is an insight into reality, the faith-child of the moral consciousness, and not a mere intellectual assent to any body of dogmatic doctrines. True religion consists in the experience that "the Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Religion consists not in theologic propositions but in

spiritual insight and the sublimity of the soul's trust.

14 Your deepest nature — the divine Adjuster — creates within you a hunger and thirst for righteousness, a certain craving for divine perfection. Religion is the faith act of the recognition of this inner urge to divine attainment; and thus is brought about that soul trust and assurance of which you become conscious as the way of salvation, the technique of the survival of personality and all those values which you have come to look upon as being true and good.

15 §§ The realization of religion never

has been, and never will be, dependent on great learning or clever logic. It is spiritual insight, and that is just the reason why some of the world's greatest religious teachers, even the prophets, have sometimes possessed so little of the wisdom of the world. Religious faith is available alike to the learned and the unlearned.

16 Religion must ever be its own critic and judge; it can never be observed, much less understood, from the outside. Your only assurance of a personal God consists in your own insight as to your belief in, and experience with, things spiritual. To all

of your fellows who have had a similar experience, no argument about the personality or reality of God is necessary, while to all other men who are not thus sure of God no possible argument could ever be truly convincing.

17 Psychology may indeed attempt to study the phenomena of religious reactions to the social environment, but never can it hope to penetrate to the real and inner motives and workings of religion. Only theology, the province of faith and the technique of revelation, can afford any sort of intelligent account of the nature and content of

religious experience.

3. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF RELIGION

1 Religion is so vital that it persists in the absence of learning. It lives in spite of its contamination with erroneous cosmologies and false philosophies; it survives even the confusion of metaphysics. In and through all the historic vicissitudes of religion there ever persists that which is indispensable to human progress and survival: the ethical conscience and the moral consciousness.

2 Faith-insight, or spiritual intuition, is the endowment of the cosmic

mind in association with the Thought Adjuster, which is the Father's gift to man. Spiritual reason, soul intelligence, is the endowment of the Holy Spirit, the Creative Spirit's gift to man. Spiritual philosophy, the wisdom of spirit realities, is the endowment of the Spirit of Truth, the combined gift of the bestowal Sons to the children of men. And the co-ordination and interassociation of these spirit endowments constitute man a spirit personality in potential destiny.

3 It is this same spirit personality, in primitive and embryonic form, the Adjuster possession of which survives

the natural death in the flesh. This composite entity of spirit origin in association with human experience is enabled, by means of the living way provided by the divine Sons, to survive (in Adjuster custody) the dissolution of the material self of mind and matter when such a transient partnership of the material and the spiritual is divorced by the cessation of vital motion.

4 Through religious faith the soul of man reveals itself and demonstrates the potential divinity of its emerging nature by the characteristic manner in which it induces the mortal personal-

ity to react to certain trying intellectual and testing social situations. Genuine spiritual faith (true moral consciousness) is revealed in that it:

5 1. Causes ethics and morals to progress despite inherent and adverse animalistic tendencies.

6 2. Produces a sublime trust in the goodness of God even in the face of bitter disappointment and crushing defeat.

7 3. Generates profound courage and confidence despite natural adversity and physical calamity.

8 4. Exhibits inexplicable poise and sustaining tranquillity notwith-

standing baffling diseases and even acute physical suffering.

9 5. Maintains a mysterious poise and composure of personality in the face of maltreatment and the rankest injustice.

10 6. Maintains a divine trust in ultimate victory in spite of the cruelties of seemingly blind fate and the apparent utter indifference of natural forces to human welfare.

11 7. Persists in the unswerving belief in God despite all contrary demonstrations of logic and successfully withstands all other intellectual sophistries.

12 8. Continues to exhibit undaunted faith in the soul's survival regardless of the deceptive teachings of false science and the persuasive delusions of unsound philosophy.

13 9. Lives and triumphs irrespective of the crushing overload of the complex and partial civilizations of modern times.

14 10. Contributes to the continued survival of altruism in spite of human selfishness, social antagonisms, industrial greeds, and political maladjustments.

15 11. Steadfastly adheres to a sublime belief in universe unity and divine

guidance regardless of the perplexing presence of evil and sin.

16 12. Goes right on worshipping God in spite of anything and everything. Dares to declare, "Even though he slay me, yet will I serve him."

17 §§ We know, then, by three phenomena, that man has a divine spirit or spirits dwelling within him: first, by personal experience — religious faith; second, by revelation — personal and racial; and third, by the amazing exhibition of such extraordinary and unnatural reactions to his material environment as are illustrated by the foregoing recital of twelve spiritlike per-

formances in the presence of the actual and trying situations of real human existence. And there are still others.

18 And it is just such a vital and vigorous performance of faith in the domain of religion that entitles mortal man to affirm the personal possession and spiritual reality of that crowning endowment of human nature, religious experience.

4. THE LIMITATIONS OF REVELATION

1 Because your world is generally ignorant of origins, even of physical origins, it has appeared to be wise from

time to time to provide instruction in cosmology. And always has this made trouble for the future. The laws of revelation hamper us greatly by their proscription of the impartation of unearned or premature knowledge. Any cosmology presented as a part of revealed religion is destined to be outgrown in a very short time. Accordingly, future students of such a revelation are tempted to discard any element of genuine religious truth it may contain because they discover errors on the face of the associated cosmologies therein presented.

2 Mankind should understand that

we who participate in the revelation of truth are very rigorously limited by the instructions of our superiors. We are not at liberty to anticipate the scientific discoveries of a thousand years. Revelators must act in accordance with the instructions which form a part of the revelation mandate. We see no way of overcoming this difficulty, either now or at any future time. We full well know that, while the historic facts and religious truths of this series of revelatory presentations will stand on the records of the ages to come, within a few short years many of our statements regarding the

physical sciences will stand in need of revision in consequence of additional scientific developments and new discoveries. These new developments we even now foresee, but we are forbidden to include such humanly undiscovered facts in the revelatory records. Let it be made clear that revelations are not necessarily inspired. The cosmology of these revelations is *not inspired.* It is limited by our permission for the coordination and sorting of present-day knowledge. While divine or spiritual insight is a gift, *human wisdom must evolve.*

3 §§ Truth is always a revelation: au-

torevelation when it emerges as a result of the work of the indwelling Adjuster; epochal revelation when it is presented by the function of some other celestial agency, group, or personality.

4 In the last analysis, religion is to be judged by its fruits, according to the manner and the extent to which it exhibits its own inherent and divine excellence.

5 §§ Truth may be but relatively inspired, even though revelation is invariably a spiritual phenomenon. While statements with reference to cosmology are never inspired, such

revelations are of immense value in that they at least transiently clarify knowledge by:

6 1. The reduction of confusion by the authoritative elimination of error.

7 2. The co-ordination of known or about-to-be-known facts and observations.

8 3. The restoration of important bits of lost knowledge concerning epochal transactions in the distant past.

9 4. The supplying of information which will fill in vital missing gaps in otherwise earned knowledge.

10 5. Presenting cosmic data in such a manner as to illuminate the spiritual teachings contained in the accompanying revelation.

5. RELIGION EXPANDED BY REVELATION

1 Revelation is a technique whereby ages upon ages of time are saved in the necessary work of sorting and sifting the errors of evolution from the truths of spirit acquirement.

2 Science deals with *facts;* religion is concerned only with *values.* Through enlightened philosophy the mind endeavours to unite the meanings of both facts and values, thereby arriv-

ing at a concept of complete *reality*. Remember that science is the domain of knowledge, philosophy the realm of wisdom, and religion the sphere of the faith experience. But religion, nonetheless, presents two phases of manifestation:

3 1. Evolutionary religion. The experience of primitive worship, the religion which is a mind derivative.

4 2. Revealed religion. The universe attitude which is a spirit derivative; the assurance of, and belief in, the conservation of eternal realities, the survival of personality, and the eventual attainment of the cosmic Deity,

whose purpose has made all this possible. It is a part of the plan of the universe that, sooner or later, evolutionary religion is destined to receive the spiritual expansion of revelation.

5 §§ Both science and religion start out with the assumption of certain generally accepted bases for logical deductions. So, also, must philosophy start its career upon the assumption of the reality of three things:

6 1. The material body.

7 2. The supermaterial phase of the human being, the soul or even the indwelling spirit.

8 3. The human mind, the mechanism for intercommunication and interassociation between spirit and matter, between the material and the spiritual.

9 §§ Scientists assemble facts, philosophers co-ordinate ideas, while prophets exalt ideals. Feeling and emotion are invariable concomitants of religion, but they are not religion. Religion may be the feeling of experience, but it is hardly the experience of feeling. Neither logic (rationalization) nor emotion (feeling) is essentially a part of religious experience, although both may variously be associ-

ated with the exercise of faith in the furtherance of spiritual insight into reality, all according to the status and temperamental tendency of the individual mind.

10 Evolutionary religion is the outworking of the endowment of the local universe mind adjutant charged with the creation and fostering of the worship trait in evolving man. Such primitive religions are directly concerned with ethics and morals, the sense of human *duty*. Such religions are predicated on the assurance of conscience and result in the stabilization of relatively ethical civilizations.

11 Personally revealed religions are sponsored by the bestowal spirits representing the three persons of the Paradise Trinity and are especially concerned with the expansion of *truth*. Evolutionary religion drives home to the individual the idea of personal duty; revealed religion lays increasing emphasis on loving, the golden rule.

12 Evolved religion rests wholly on faith. Revelation has the additional assurance of its expanded presentation of the truths of divinity and reality and the still more valuable testimony of the actual experience which accumulates in consequence of the practical

working union of the faith of evolution and the truth of revelation. Such a working union of human faith and divine truth constitutes the possession of a character well on the road to the actual acquirement of a morontial personality.

13 §§ Evolutionary religion provides only the assurance of faith and the confirmation of conscience; revelatory religion provides the assurance of faith plus the truth of a living experience in the realities of revelation. The third step in religion, or the third phase of the experience of religion, has to do with the morontia state, the

firmer grasp of mota. Increasingly in the morontia progression the truths of revealed religion are expanded; more and more you will know the truth of supreme values, divine goodnesses, universal relationships, eternal realities, and ultimate destinies.

14 Increasingly throughout the morontia progression the assurance of truth replaces the assurance of faith. When you are finally mustered into the actual spirit world, then will the assurances of pure spirit insight operate in the place of faith and truth or, rather, in conjunction with, and superimposed upon, these former tech-

niques of personality assurance.

6. PROGRESSIVE RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

1 The morontia phase of revealed religion has to do with the *experience of survival,* and its great urge is the attainment of spirit perfection. There also is present the higher urge of worship, associated with an impelling call to increased ethical service. Morontia insight entails an ever-expanding consciousness of the Sevenfold, the Supreme, and even the Ultimate.

2 Throughout all religious experience, from its earliest inception on the material level up to the time of the at-

tainment of full spirit status, the Adjuster is the secret of the personal realization of the reality of the existence of the Supreme; and this same Adjuster also holds the secrets of your faith in the transcendental attainment of the Ultimate. The experiential personality of evolving man, united to the Adjuster essence of the existential God, constitutes the potential completion of supreme existence and is inherently the basis for the superfinite eventuation of transcendental personality.

3 §§ Moral will embraces decisions based on reasoned knowledge, augmented by wisdom, and sanctioned by

religious faith. Such choices are acts of moral nature and evidence the existence of moral personality, the forerunner of morontia personality and eventually of true spirit status.

4 The evolutionary type of knowledge is but the accumulation of protoplasmic memory material; this is the most primitive form of creature consciousness. Wisdom embraces the ideas formulated from protoplasmic memory in process of association and recombination, and such phenomena differentiate human mind from mere animal mind. Animals have knowledge, but only man possesses wisdom

capacity. Truth is made accessible to the wisdom-endowed individual by the bestowal on such a mind of the spirits of the Father and the Sons, the Thought Adjuster and the Spirit of Truth.

5 §§ Christ Michael, when bestowed on Urantia, lived under the reign of evolutionary religion up to the time of his baptism. From that moment up to and including the event of his crucifixion he carried forward his work by the combined guidance of evolutionary and revealed religion. From the morning of his resurrection until his ascension he traversed the manifold

phases of the morontia life of mortal transition from the world of matter to that of spirit. After his ascension Michael became master of the experience of Supremacy, the realization of the Supreme; and being the one person in Nebadon possessed of unlimited capacity to experience the reality of the Supreme, he forthwith attained to the status of the sovereignty of supremacy in and to his local universe.

6 With man, the eventual fusion and resultant oneness with the indwelling Adjuster — the personality synthesis of man and the essence of God — constitute him, in potential, a

living part of the Supreme and ensure for such a onetime mortal being the eternal birthright of the endless pursuit of finality of universe service for and with the Supreme.

7 §§ Revelation teaches mortal man that, to start such a magnificent and intriguing adventure through space by means of the progression of time, he should begin by the organization of knowledge into idea-decisions; next, mandate wisdom to labour unremittingly at its noble task of transforming self-possessed ideas into increasingly practical but nonetheless supernal ideals, even those concepts which

are so reasonable as ideas and so logical as ideals that the Adjuster dares so to combine and spiritize them as to render them available for such association in the finite mind as will constitute them the actual human complement thus made ready for the action of the Truth Spirit of the Sons, the time-space manifestations of Paradise truth — universal truth. The co-ordination of idea-decisions, logical ideals, and divine truth constitutes the possession of a righteous character, the prerequisite for mortal admission to the ever-expanding and increasingly spiritual realities of the morontia worlds.

8 The teachings of Jesus constituted the first Urantian religion which so fully embraced a harmonious coordination of knowledge, wisdom, faith, truth, and love as completely and simultaneously to provide temporal tranquillity, intellectual certainty, moral enlightenment, philosophic stability, ethical sensitivity, God-consciousness, and the positive assurance of personal survival. The faith of Jesus pointed the way to finality of human salvation, to the ultimate of mortal universe attainment, since it provided for:

9 1. Salvation from material fet-

ters in the personal realization of sonship with God, who is spirit.

10 2. Salvation from intellectual bondage: man shall know the truth, and the truth shall set him free.

11 3. Salvation from spiritual blindness, the human realization of the fraternity of mortal beings and the morontian awareness of the brotherhood of all universe creatures; the service-discovery of spiritual reality and the ministry-revelation of the goodness of spirit values.

12 4. Salvation from incompleteness of self through the attainment of the spirit levels of the universe and

through the eventual realization of the harmony of Havona and the perfection of Paradise.

13 5. Salvation from self, deliverance from the limitations of self-consciousness through the attainment of the cosmic levels of the Supreme mind and by co-ordination with the attainments of all other self-conscious beings.

14 6. Salvation from time, the achievement of an eternal life of unending progression in God-recognition and God-service.

15 7. Salvation from the finite, the perfected oneness with Deity in and

through the Supreme by which the creature attempts the transcendental discovery of the Ultimate on the post-finaliter levels of the absonite.

16 §§ Such a sevenfold salvation is the equivalent of the completeness and perfection of the realization of the ultimate experience of the Universal Father. And all this, in potential, is contained within the reality of the faith of the human experience of religion. And it can be so contained since the faith of Jesus was nourished by, and was revelatory of, even realities beyond the ultimate; the faith of Jesus approached the status of a universe ab-

solute in so far as such is possible of manifestation in the evolving cosmos of time and space.

17 Through the appropriation of the faith of Jesus, mortal man can foretaste in time the realities of eternity. Jesus made the discovery, in human experience, of the Final Father, and his brothers in the flesh of mortal life can follow him along this same experience of Father discovery. They can even attain, as they are, the same satisfaction in this experience with the Father as did Jesus as he was. New potentials were actualized in the universe of Nebadon consequent upon the ter-

minal bestowal of Michael, and one of these was the new illumination of the path of eternity that leads to the Father of all, and which can be traversed even by the mortals of material flesh and blood in the initial life on the planets of space. Jesus was and is the new and living way whereby man can come into the divine inheritance which the Father has decreed shall be his for but the asking. In Jesus there is abundantly demonstrated both the beginnings and endings of the faith experience of humanity, even of divine

humanity.

7. A PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

1 An idea is only a theoretical plan for action, while a positive decision is a validated plan of action. A stereotype is a plan of action accepted without validation. The materials out of which to build a personal philosophy of religion are derived from both the inner and the environmental experience of the individual. The social status, economic conditions, educational opportunities, moral trends, institutional influences, political developments, racial tendencies, and the

religious teachings of one's time and place all become factors in the formulation of a personal philosophy of religion. Even the inherent temperament and intellectual bent markedly determine the pattern of religious philosophy. Vocation, marriage, and kindred all influence the evolution of one's personal standards of life.

2 A philosophy of religion evolves out of a basic growth of ideas plus experimental living as both are modified by the tendency to imitate associates. The soundness of philosophic conclusions depends on keen, honest, and discriminating thinking in con-

nection with sensitivity to meanings and accuracy of evaluation. Moral cowards never achieve high planes of philosophic thinking; it requires courage to invade new levels of experience and to attempt the exploration of unknown realms of intellectual living.

3 Presently new systems of values come into existence; new formulations of principles and standards are achieved; habits and ideals are reshaped; some idea of a personal God is attained, followed by enlarging concepts of relationship thereto.

4 §§ The great difference between a religious and a nonreligious philoso-

phy of living consists in the nature and level of recognized values and in the object of loyalties. There are four phases in the evolution of religious philosophy: Such an experience may become merely conformative, resigned to submission to tradition and authority. Or it may be satisfied with slight attainments, just enough to stabilize the daily living, and therefore becomes early arrested on such an adventitious level. Such mortals believe in letting well enough alone. A third group progress to the level of logical intellectuality but there stagnate in consequence of cultural slavery. It

is indeed pitiful to behold giant intellects held so securely within the cruel grasp of cultural bondage. It is equally pathetic to observe those who trade their cultural bondage for the materialistic fetters of a science, falsely so called. The fourth level of philosophy attains freedom from all conventional and traditional handicaps and dares to think, act, and live honestly, loyally, fearlessly, and truthfully.

5 The acid test for any religious philosophy consists in whether or not it distinguishes between the realities of the material and the spiritual worlds while at the same moment recognizing

their unification in intellectual striving and in social serving. A sound religious philosophy does not confound the things of God with the things of Caesar. Neither does it recognize the aesthetic cult of pure wonder as a substitute for religion.

6 Philosophy transforms that primitive religion which was largely a fairy tale of conscience into a living experience in the ascending values of cosmic reality.

8. FAITH AND BELIEF

1 Belief has attained the level of faith when it motivates life and shapes the

mode of living. The acceptance of a teaching as true is not faith; that is mere belief. Neither is certainty nor conviction faith. A state of mind attains to faith levels only when it actually dominates the mode of living. Faith is a living attribute of genuine personal religious experience. One believes truth, admires beauty, and reverences goodness, but does not worship them; such an attitude of saving faith is centred on God alone, who is all of these personified and infinitely more.

2 Belief is always limiting and binding; faith is expanding and releasing. Belief fixates, faith liberates. But liv-

ing religious faith is more than the association of noble beliefs; it is more than an exalted system of philosophy; it is a living experience concerned with spiritual meanings, divine ideals, and supreme values; it is God-knowing and man-serving. Beliefs may become group possessions, but faith must be personal. Theologic beliefs can be suggested to a group, but faith can rise up only in the heart of the individual religionist.

3 Faith has falsified its trust when it presumes to deny realities and to confer upon its devotees assumed knowledge. Faith is a traitor when it fosters

betrayal of intellectual integrity and belittles loyalty to supreme values and divine ideals. Faith never shuns the problem-solving duty of mortal living. Living faith does not foster bigotry, persecution, or intolerance.

4 Faith does not shackle the creative imagination, neither does it maintain an unreasoning prejudice toward the discoveries of scientific investigation. Faith vitalizes religion and constrains the religionist heroically to live the golden rule. The zeal of faith is according to knowledge, and its strivings are

the preludes to sublime peace.

9. RELIGION AND MORALITY

1 No professed revelation of religion could be regarded as authentic if it failed to recognize the duty demands of ethical obligation which had been created and fostered by preceding evolutionary religion. Revelation unfailingly enlarges the ethical horizon of evolved religion while it simultaneously and unfailingly expands the moral obligations of all prior revelations.

2 When you presume to sit in critical judgment on the primitive religion

of man (or on the religion of primitive man), you should remember to judge such savages and to evaluate their religious experience in accordance with their enlightenment and status of conscience. Do not make the mistake of judging another's religion by your own standards of knowledge and truth.

3 True religion is that sublime and profound conviction within the soul which compellingly admonishes man that it would be wrong for him not to believe in those morontial realities which constitute his highest ethical and moral concepts, his highest interpretation of life's greatest values and

the universe's deepest realities. And such a religion is simply the experience of yielding intellectual loyalty to the highest dictates of spiritual consciousness.

4 The search for beauty is a part of religion only in so far as it is ethical and to the extent that it enriches the concept of the moral. Art is only religious when it becomes diffused with purpose which has been derived from high spiritual motivation.

5 The enlightened spiritual consciousness of civilized man is not concerned so much with some specific intellectual belief or with any one partic-

ular mode of living as with discovering the truth of living, the good and right technique of reacting to the ever-recurring situations of mortal existence. Moral consciousness is just a name applied to the human recognition and awareness of those ethical and emerging morontial values which duty demands that man shall abide by in the day-by-day control and guidance of conduct.

6 §§ Though recognizing that religion is imperfect, there are at least two practical manifestations of its nature and function:

7 1. The spiritual urge and philo-

sophic pressure of religion tend to cause man to project his estimation of moral values directly outward into the affairs of his fellows — the ethical reaction of religion.

8 2. Religion creates for the human mind a spiritualized consciousness of divine reality based on, and by faith derived from, antecedent concepts of moral values and co-ordinated with superimposed concepts of spiritual values. Religion thereby becomes a censor of mortal affairs, a form of glorified moral trust and confidence in reality, the enhanced realities of time and the more enduring re-

alities of eternity.

9 §§ Faith becomes the connection between moral consciousness and the spiritual concept of enduring reality. Religion becomes the avenue of man's escape from the material limitations of the temporal and natural world to the supernal realities of the eternal and spiritual world by and through the technique of salvation, the progressive morontia transformation.

10. RELIGION AS MAN'S LIBERATOR

1 Intelligent man knows that he is a child of nature, a part of the material universe; he likewise discerns no sur-

vival of individual personality in the motions and tensions of the mathematical level of the energy universe. Nor can man ever discern spiritual reality through the examination of physical causes and effects.

2 A human being is also aware that he is a part of the ideational cosmos, but though concept may endure beyond a mortal life span, there is nothing inherent in concept which indicates the personal survival of the conceiving personality. Nor will the exhaustion of the possibilities of logic and reason ever reveal to the logician or to the reasoner the eternal truth of

the survival of personality.

3 The material level of law provides for causality continuity, the unending response of effect to antecedent action; the mind level suggests the perpetuation of ideational continuity, the unceasing flow of conceptual potentiality from pre-existent conceptions. But neither of these levels of the universe discloses to the inquiring mortal an avenue of escape from partiality of status and from the intolerable suspense of being a transient reality in the universe, a temporal personality doomed to be extinguished upon the exhaustion of the limited life energies.

4 It is only through the morontial avenue leading to spiritual insight that man can ever break the fetters inherent in his mortal status in the universe. Energy and mind do lead back to Paradise and Deity, but neither the energy endowment nor the mind endowment of man proceeds directly from such Paradise Deity. Only in the spiritual sense is man a child of God. And this is true because it is only in the spiritual sense that man is at present endowed and indwelt by the Paradise Father. Mankind can never discover divinity except through the avenue of religious experience and by the exer-

cise of true faith. The faith acceptance of the truth of God enables man to escape from the circumscribed confines of material limitations and affords him a rational hope of achieving safe conduct from the material realm, whereon is death, to the spiritual realm, wherein is life eternal.

5 §§ The purpose of religion is not to satisfy curiosity about God but rather to afford intellectual constancy and philosophic security, to stabilize and enrich human living by blending the mortal with the divine, the partial with the perfect, man and God. It is through religious experience that

man's concepts of ideality are endowed with reality.

6 §§ Never can there be either scientific or logical proofs of divinity. Reason alone can never validate the values and goodnesses of religious experience. But it will always remain true: Whosoever wills to do the will of God shall comprehend the validity of spiritual values. This is the nearest approach that can be made on the mortal level to offering proofs of the reality of religious experience. Such faith affords the only escape from the mechanical clutch of the material world and from the error distortion of

the incompleteness of the intellectual world; it is the only discovered solution to the impasse in mortal thinking regarding the continuing survival of the individual personality. It is the only passport to completion of reality and to eternity of life in a universal creation of love, law, unity, and progressive Deity attainment.

7 Religion effectually cures man's sense of idealistic isolation or spiritual loneliness; it enfranchises the believer as a son of God, a citizen of a new and meaningful universe. Religion assures man that, in following the gleam of righteousness discernible in

his soul, he is thereby identifying himself with the plan of the Infinite and the purpose of the Eternal. Such a liberated soul immediately begins to feel at home in this new universe, his universe.

8 When you experience such a transformation of faith, you are no longer a slavish part of the mathematical cosmos but rather a liberated volitional son of the Universal Father. No longer is such a liberated son fighting alone against the inexorable doom of the termination of temporal existence; no longer does he combat all nature, with the odds hopelessly

against him; no longer is he staggered by the paralysing fear that, perchance, he has put his trust in a hopeless phantasm or pinned his faith to a fanciful error.

9 Now, rather, are the sons of God enlisted together in fighting the battle of reality's triumph over the partial shadows of existence. At last all creatures become conscious of the fact that God and all the divine hosts of a well-nigh limitless universe are on their side in the supernal struggle to attain eternity of life and divinity of status. Such faith-liberated sons have certainly enlisted in the struggles of time

on the side of the supreme forces and divine personalities of eternity; even the stars in their courses are now doing battle for them; at last they gaze upon the universe from within, from God's viewpoint, and all is transformed from the uncertainties of material isolation to the sureties of eternal spiritual progression. Even time itself becomes but the shadow of eternity cast by Paradise realities upon the moving panoply of space.

10 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 102

THE FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FAITH

Melchizedek

To the unbelieving materialist, man is simply an evolutionary accident. His hopes of survival are strung on a figment of mortal imagination; his fears, loves, longings, and beliefs are but the reaction of the incidental juxtaposition of certain lifeless atoms of matter. No display of energy nor expression of trust can

carry him beyond the grave. The devotional labours and inspirational genius of the best of men are doomed to be extinguished by death, the long and lonely night of eternal oblivion and soul extinction. Nameless despair is man's only reward for living and toiling under the temporal sun of mortal existence. Each day of life slowly and surely tightens the grasp of a pitiless doom which a hostile and relentless universe of matter has decreed shall be the crowning insult to everything in human desire which is beautiful, noble, lofty, and good.

2 But such is not man's end and eter-

nal destiny; such a vision is but the cry of despair uttered by some wandering soul who has become lost in spiritual darkness, and who bravely struggles on in the face of the mechanistic sophistries of a material philosophy, blinded by the confusion and distortion of a complex learning. And all this doom of darkness and all this destiny of despair are forever dispelled by one brave stretch of faith on the part of the most humble and unlearned of God's children on earth.

3 This saving faith has its birth in the human heart when the moral consciousness of man realizes that human

values may be translated in mortal experience from the material to the spiritual, from the human to the divine, from time to eternity.

1. ASSURANCES OF FAITH

1 The work of the Thought Adjuster constitutes the explanation of the translation of man's primitive and evolutionary sense of duty into that higher and more certain faith in the eternal realities of revelation. There must be perfection hunger in man's heart to ensure capacity for comprehending the faith paths to supreme attainment. If any man chooses to do

the divine will, he shall know the way of truth. It is literally true, "Human things must be known in order to be loved, but divine things must be loved in order to be known." But honest doubts and sincere questionings are not sin; such attitudes merely spell delay in the progressive journey toward perfection attainment. Childlike trust secures man's entrance into the kingdom of heavenly ascent, but progress is wholly dependent on the vigorous exercise of the robust and confident faith of the full-grown man.

2 The reason of science is based on the observable facts of time; the faith

of religion argues from the spirit program of eternity. What knowledge and reason cannot do for us, true wisdom admonishes us to allow faith to accomplish through religious insight and spiritual transformation.

3 Owing to the isolation of rebellion, the revelation of truth on Urantia has all too often been mixed up with the statements of partial and transient cosmologies. Truth remains unchanged from generation to generation, but the associated teachings about the physical world vary from day to day and from year to year. Eternal truth should not be slighted be-

cause it chances to be found in company with obsolete ideas regarding the material world. The more of science you know, the less sure you can be; the more of religion you *have,* the more certain you are.

4 The certainties of science proceed entirely from the intellect; the certitudes of religion spring from the very foundations of the *entire personality.* Science appeals to the understanding of the mind; religion appeals to the loyalty and devotion of the body, mind, and spirit, even to the whole personality.

5 §§ God is so all real and abso-

lute that no material sign of proof or no demonstration of so-called miracle may be offered in testimony of his reality. Always will we know him because we trust him, and our belief in him is wholly based on our personal participation in the divine manifestations of his infinite reality.

6 §§ The indwelling Thought Adjuster unfailingly arouses in man's soul a true and searching hunger for perfection together with a far-reaching curiosity which can be adequately satisfied only by communion with God, the divine source of that Adjuster. The hungry soul of man refuses to be satis-

fied with anything less than the personal realization of the living God. Whatever more God may be than a high and perfect moral personality, he cannot, in our hungry and finite concept, be anything less.

2. RELIGION AND REALITY

1 Observing minds and discriminating souls know religion when they find it in the lives of their fellows. Religion requires no definition; we all know its social, intellectual, moral, and spiritual fruits. And this all grows out of the fact that religion is the property of the human race; it is not a child of cul-

ture. True, one's perception of religion is still human and therefore subject to the bondage of ignorance, the slavery of superstition, the deceptions of sophistication, and the delusions of false philosophy.

2 One of the characteristic peculiarities of genuine religious assurance is that, notwithstanding the absoluteness of its affirmations and the staunchness of its attitude, the spirit of its expression is so poised and tempered that it never conveys the slightest impression of self-assertion or egoistic exaltation. The wisdom of religious experience is something of a

paradox in that it is both humanly original and Adjuster derivative. Religious force is not the product of the individual's personal prerogatives but rather the outworking of that sublime partnership of man and the everlasting source of all wisdom. Thus do the words and acts of true and undefiled religion become compellingly authoritative for all enlightened mortals.

3 It is difficult to identify and analyse the factors of a religious experience, but it is not difficult to observe that such religious practitioners live and carry on as if already in the presence of the Eternal. Believers react

to this temporal life as if immortality already were within their grasp. In the lives of such mortals there is a valid originality and a spontaneity of expression that forever segregate them from those of their fellows who have imbibed only the wisdom of the world. Religionists seem to live in effective emancipation from harrying haste and the painful stress of the vicissitudes inherent in the temporal currents of time; they exhibit a stabilization of personality and a tranquillity of character not explained by the laws of physiology, psychology, and sociology.

4 §§ Time is an invariable element in the attainment of knowledge; religion makes its endowments immediately available, albeit there is the important factor of growth in grace, definite advancement in all phases of religious experience. Knowledge is an eternal quest; always are you learning, but never are you able to arrive at the full knowledge of absolute truth. In knowledge alone there can never be absolute certainty, only increasing probability of approximation; but the religious soul of spiritual illumination *knows,* and knows *now.* And yet this profound and positive certitude does

not lead such a sound-minded religionist to take any less interest in the ups and downs of the progress of human wisdom, which is bound up on its material end with the developments of slow-moving science.

5 Even the discoveries of science are not truly *real* in the consciousness of human experience until they are unravelled and correlated, until their relevant facts actually become *meaning* through encircuitment in the thought streams of mind. Mortal man views even his physical environment from the mind level, from the perspective of its psychological registry. It is not,

therefore, strange that man should place a highly unified interpretation upon the universe and then seek to identify this energy unity of his science with the spirit unity of his religious experience. Mind is unity; mortal consciousness lives on the mind level and perceives the universal realities through the eyes of the mind endowment. The mind perspective will not yield the existential unity of the source of reality, the First Source and Centre, but it can and sometime will portray to man the experiential synthesis of energy, mind, and spirit in and as the Supreme Being. But

mind can never succeed in this unification of the diversity of reality unless such mind is firmly aware of material things, intellectual meanings, and spiritual values; only in the harmony of the triunity of functional reality is there unity, and only in unity is there the personality satisfaction of the realization of cosmic constancy and consistency.

6 Unity is best found in human experience through philosophy. And while the body of philosophic thought must ever be founded on material facts, the soul and energy of true philosophic dynamics is mortal spiritual in-

sight.

7 §§ Evolutionary man does not naturally relish hard work. To keep pace in his life experience with the impelling demands and the compelling urges of a growing religious experience means incessant activity in spiritual growth, intellectual expansion, factual enlargement, and social service. There is no real religion apart from a highly active personality. Therefore do the more indolent of men often seek to escape the rigors of truly religious activities by a species of ingenious self-deception through resorting to a retreat to the false shelter of stereotyped

religious doctrines and dogmas. But true religion is alive. Intellectual crystallization of religious concepts is the equivalent of spiritual death. You cannot conceive of religion without ideas, but when religion once becomes reduced only to an *idea,* it is no longer religion; it has become merely a species of human philosophy.

8 Again, there are other types of unstable and poorly disciplined souls who would use the sentimental ideas of religion as an avenue of escape from the irritating demands of living. When certain vacillating and timid mortals attempt to escape from the

incessant pressure of evolutionary life, religion, as they conceive it, seems to present the nearest refuge, the best avenue of escape. But it is the mission of religion to prepare man for bravely, even heroically, facing the vicissitudes of life. Religion is evolutionary man's supreme endowment, the one thing which enables him to carry on and "endure as seeing Him who is invisible." Mysticism, however, is often something of a retreat from life which is embraced by those humans who do not relish the more robust activities of living a religious life in the open arenas of human society and commerce.

True religion must *act.* Conduct will be the result of religion when man actually has it, or rather when religion is permitted truly to possess the man. Never will religion be content with mere thinking or unacting feeling.

9 We are not blind to the fact that religion often acts unwisely, even irreligiously, but it *acts.* Aberrations of religious conviction have led to bloody persecutions, but always and ever religion does something; it is dynamic!

3. KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, AND INSIGHT

1 Intellectual deficiency or educational poverty unavoidably handicaps

higher religious attainment because such an impoverished environment of the spiritual nature robs religion of its chief channel of philosophic contact with the world of scientific knowledge. The intellectual factors of religion are important, but their overdevelopment is likewise sometimes very handicapping and embarrassing. Religion must continually labour under a paradoxical necessity: the necessity of making effective use of thought while at the same time discounting the spiritual serviceableness of all thinking.

2 Religious speculation is inevitable but always detrimental; specu-

lation invariably falsifies its object. Speculation tends to translate religion into something material or humanistic, and thus, while directly interfering with the clarity of logical thought, it indirectly causes religion to appear as a function of the temporal world, the very world with which it should everlastingly stand in contrast. Therefore will religion always be characterized by paradoxes, the paradoxes resulting from the absence of the experiential connection between the material and the spiritual levels of the universe — morontia mota, the superphilosophic sensitivity for truth discernment and

unity perception.

3 Material feelings, human emotions, lead directly to material actions, selfish acts. Religious insights, spiritual motivations, lead directly to religious actions, unselfish acts of social service and altruistic benevolence.

4 Religious desire is the hunger quest for divine reality. Religious experience is the realization of the consciousness of having found God. And when a human being does find God, there is experienced within the soul of that being such an indescribable restlessness of triumph in discovery that he is impelled to seek loving service-

contact with his less illuminated fellows, not to disclose that he has found God, but rather to allow the overflow of the welling-up of eternal goodness within his own soul to refresh and ennoble his fellows. Real religion leads to increased social service.

5 §§ Science, knowledge, leads to *fact* consciousness; religion, experience, leads to *value* consciousness; philosophy, wisdom, leads to *co-ordinate* consciousness; revelation (the substitute for morontia mota) leads to the consciousness of *true reality;* while the co-ordination of the consciousness of fact, value, and true reality constitutes

awareness of personality reality, maximum of being, together with the belief in the possibility of the survival of that very personality.

6 §§ Knowledge leads to placing men, to originating social strata and castes. Religion leads to serving men, thus creating ethics and altruism. Wisdom leads to the higher and better fellowship of both ideas and one's fellows. Revelation liberates men and starts them out on the eternal adventure.

7 Science sorts men; religion loves men, even as yourself; wisdom does justice to differing men; but revelation

glorifies man and discloses his capacity for partnership with God.

8 Science vainly strives to create the brotherhood of culture; religion brings into being the brotherhood of the spirit. Philosophy strives for the brotherhood of wisdom; revelation portrays the eternal brotherhood, the Paradise Corps of the Finality.

9 Knowledge yields pride in the fact of personality; wisdom is the consciousness of the meaning of personality; religion is the experience of cognizance of the value of personality; revelation is the assurance of personality survival.

10 §§ Science seeks to identify, analyse, and classify the segmented parts of the limitless cosmos. Religion grasps the idea-of-the-whole, the entire cosmos. Philosophy attempts the identification of the material segments of science with the spiritual-insight concept of the whole. Wherein philosophy fails in this attempt, revelation succeeds, affirming that the cosmic circle is universal, eternal, absolute, and infinite. This cosmos of the Infinite I AM is therefore endless, limitless, and all-inclusive — timeless, spaceless, and unqualified. And we bear testimony that the Infinite I AM

is also the Father of Michael of Nebadon and the God of human salvation.

11 Science indicates Deity as a *fact;* philosophy presents the *idea* of an Absolute; religion envisions God as a loving *spiritual personality.* Revelation affirms the *unity* of the fact of Deity, the idea of the Absolute, and the spiritual personality of God and, further, presents this concept as our Father — the universal fact of existence, the eternal idea of mind, and the infinite spirit of life.

12 The pursuit of knowledge constitutes science; the search for wisdom is philosophy; the love for God is reli-

gion; the hunger for truth *is* a revelation. But it is the indwelling Thought Adjuster that attaches the feeling of reality to man's spiritual insight into the cosmos.

13 §§ In science, the idea precedes the expression of its realization; in religion, the experience of realization precedes the expression of the idea. There is a vast difference between the evolutionary will-to-believe and the product of enlightened reason, religious insight, and revelation — the *will that believes.*

14 In evolution, religion often leads to man's creating his concepts of God;

revelation exhibits the phenomenon of God's evolving man himself, while in the earth life of Christ Michael we behold the phenomenon of God's revealing himself to man. Evolution tends to make God manlike; revelation tends to make man Godlike.

15 Science is only satisfied with first causes, religion with supreme personality, and philosophy with unity. Revelation affirms that these three are one, and that all are good. The *eternal real* is the good of the universe and not the time illusions of space evil. In the spiritual experience of all personalities, always is it true that the real is the good

and the good is the real.

4. THE FACT OF EXPERIENCE

1 Because of the presence in your minds of the Thought Adjuster, it is no more of a mystery for you to know the mind of God than for you to be sure of the consciousness of knowing any other mind, human or superhuman. Religion and social consciousness have this in common: They are predicated on the consciousness of other-mindness. The technique whereby you can accept another's idea as yours is the same whereby you may "let the mind which was in Christ be

also in you."

2 What is human experience? It is simply any interplay between an active and questioning self and any other active and external reality. The mass of experience is determined by depth of concept plus totality of recognition of the reality of the external. The motion of experience equals the force of expectant imagination plus the keenness of the sensory discovery of the external qualities of contacted reality. The fact of experience is found in self-consciousness plus other-existences — other-thingness, other-mindness, and other-spir-

itness.

3 Man very early becomes conscious that he is not alone in the world or the universe. There develops a natural spontaneous self-consciousness of other-mindness in the environment of selfhood. Faith translates this natural experience into religion, the recognition of God as the reality — source, nature, and destiny — of *other-mindness.* But such a knowledge of God is ever and always a reality of personal experience. If God were not a personality, he could not become a living part of the real religious experience of a human personality.

4 The element of error present in human religious experience is directly proportional to the content of materialism which contaminates the spiritual concept of the Universal Father. Man's prespirit progression in the universe consists in the experience of divesting himself of these erroneous ideas of the nature of God and of the reality of pure and true spirit. Deity is more than spirit, but the spiritual approach is the only one possible to ascending man.

5 §§ Prayer is indeed a part of religious experience, but it has been wrongly emphasized by modern re-

ligions, much to the neglect of the more essential communion of worship. The reflective powers of the mind are deepened and broadened by worship. Prayer may enrich the life, but worship illuminates destiny.

6 §§ Revealed religion is the unifying element of human existence. Revelation unifies history, co-ordinates geology, astronomy, physics, chemistry, biology, sociology, and psychology. Spiritual experience is the real soul of man's cosmos.

5. THE SUPREMACY OF PURPOSIVE POTENTIAL

1 Although the establishment of the

fact of belief is not equivalent to establishing the fact of that which is believed, nevertheless, the evolutionary progression of simple life to the status of personality does demonstrate the fact of the existence of the potential of personality to start with. And in the time universes, potential is always supreme over the actual. In the evolving cosmos the potential is what is to be, and what is to be is the unfolding of the purposive mandates of Deity.

2 This same purposive supremacy is shown in the evolution of mind ideation when primitive animal fear is transmuted into the constantly deep-

ening reverence for God and into increasing awe of the universe. Primitive man had more religious fear than faith, and the supremacy of spirit potentials over mind actuals is demonstrated when this craven fear is translated into living faith in spiritual realities.

3 You can psychologize evolutionary religion but not the personal-experience religion of spiritual origin. Human morality may recognize values, but only religion can conserve, exalt, and spiritualize such values. But notwithstanding such actions, religion is something more than emotionalized

morality. Religion is to morality as love is to duty, as sonship is to servitude, as essence is to substance. Morality discloses an almighty Controller, a Deity to be served; religion discloses an all-loving Father, a God to be worshipped and loved. And again this is because the spiritual potentiality of religion is dominant over the duty actuality of the morality of evolution.

6. THE CERTAINTY OF RELIGIOUS FAITH

1 The philosophic elimination of religious fear and the steady progress of science add greatly to the mortality of false gods; and even though these ca-

sualties of man-made deities may momentarily befog the spiritual vision, they eventually destroy that ignorance and superstition which so long obscured the living God of eternal love. The relation between the creature and the Creator is a living experience, a dynamic religious faith, which is not subject to precise definition. To isolate part of life and call it religion is to disintegrate life and to distort religion. And this is just why the God of worship claims all allegiance or none.

2 The gods of primitive men may have been no more than shadows of themselves; the living God is the di-

vine light whose interruptions constitute the creation shadows of all space.

3 §§ The religionist of philosophic attainment has faith in a personal God of personal salvation, something more than a reality, a value, a level of achievement, an exalted process, a transmutation, the ultimate of time-space, an idealization, the personalization of energy, the entity of gravity, a human projection, the idealization of self, nature's upthrust, the inclination to goodness, the forward impulse of evolution, or a sublime hypothesis. The religionist has faith in a God of love. Love is the essence of religion

and the wellspring of superior civilization.

4 Faith transforms the philosophic God of probability into the saving God of certainty in the personal religious experience. Scepticism may challenge the theories of theology, but confidence in the dependability of personal experience affirms the truth of that belief which has grown into faith.

5 Convictions about God may be arrived at through wise reasoning, but the individual becomes God-knowing only by faith, through personal experience. In much that pertains to life,

probability must be reckoned with, but when contacting with cosmic reality, certainty may be experienced when such meanings and values are approached by living faith. The God-knowing soul dares to say, "I know," even when this knowledge of God is questioned by the unbeliever who denies such certitude because it is not wholly supported by intellectual logic. To every such doubter the believer only replies, "How do you know that I do not know?"

6 §§ Though reason can always question faith, faith can always supplement both reason and logic. Reason creates

the probability which faith can transform into a moral certainty, even a spiritual experience. God is the first truth and the last fact; therefore does all truth take origin in him, while all facts exist relative to him. God is absolute truth. As truth one may know God, but to understand — to explain — God, one must explore the fact of the universe of universes. The vast gulf between the experience of the truth of God and ignorance as to the fact of God can be bridged only by living faith. Reason alone cannot achieve harmony between infinite truth and universal fact.

7 Belief may not be able to resist doubt and withstand fear, but faith is always triumphant over doubting, for faith is both positive and living. The positive always has the advantage over the negative, truth over error, experience over theory, spiritual realities over the isolated facts of time and space. The convincing evidence of this spiritual certainty consists in the social fruits of the spirit which such believers, faithers, yield as a result of this genuine spiritual experience. Said Jesus: "If you love your fellows as I have loved you, then shall all men know that you are my disciples."

8 §§ To science God is a possibility, to psychology a desirability, to philosophy a probability, to religion a certainty, an actuality of religious experience. Reason demands that a philosophy which cannot find the God of probability should be very respectful of that religious faith which can and does find the God of certitude. Neither should science discount religious experience on grounds of credulity, not so long as it persists in the assumption that man's intellectual and philosophic endowments emerged from increasingly lesser intelligences the further back they go, finally taking origin

in primitive life which was utterly devoid of all thinking and feeling.

9 The facts of evolution must not be arrayed against the truth of the reality of the certainty of the spiritual experience of the religious living of the God-knowing mortal. Intelligent men should cease to reason like children and should attempt to use the consistent logic of adulthood, logic which tolerates the concept of truth alongside the observation of fact. Scientific materialism has gone bankrupt when it persists, in the face of each recurring universe phenomenon, in refunding its current objections by re-

ferring what is admittedly higher back into that which is admittedly lower. Consistency demands the recognition of the activities of a purposive Creator.

10 Organic evolution is a fact; purposive or progressive evolution is a truth which makes consistent the otherwise contradictory phenomena of the ever-ascending achievements of evolution. The higher any scientist progresses in his chosen science, the more will he abandon the theories of materialistic fact in favour of the cosmic truth of the dominance of the Supreme Mind. Materialism cheapens human life; the gospel of Jesus tremendously enhances

and supernally exalts every mortal. Mortal existence must be visualized as consisting in the intriguing and fascinating experience of the realization of the reality of the meeting of the human upreach and the divine and saving downreach.

7. THE CERTITUDE OF THE DIVINE

1 The Universal Father, being self-existent, is also self-explanatory; he actually lives in every rational mortal. But you cannot be sure about God unless you know him; sonship is the only experience which makes fatherhood certain. The universe is everywhere

undergoing change. A changing universe is a dependent universe; such a creation cannot be either final or absolute. A finite universe is wholly dependent on the Ultimate and the Absolute. The universe and God are not identical; one is cause, the other effect. The cause is absolute, infinite, eternal, and changeless; the effect, time-space and transcendental but ever changing, always growing.

2 God is the one and only self-caused fact in the universe. He is the secret of the order, plan, and purpose of the whole creation of things and beings. The everywhere-changing uni-

verse is regulated and stabilized by absolutely unchanging laws, the habits of an unchanging God. The fact of God, the divine law, is changeless; the truth of God, his relation to the universe, is a relative revelation which is ever adaptable to the constantly evolving universe.

3 §§ Those who would invent a religion without God are like those who would gather fruit without trees, have children without parents. You cannot have effects without causes; only the I AM is causeless. The fact of religious experience implies God, and such a God of personal experience must be

a personal Deity. You cannot pray to a chemical formula, supplicate a mathematical equation, worship a hypothesis, confide in a postulate, commune with a process, serve an abstraction, or hold loving fellowship with a law.

4 True, many apparently religious traits can grow out of nonreligious roots. Man can, intellectually, deny God and yet be morally good, loyal, filial, honest, and even idealistic. Man may graft many purely humanistic branches onto his basic spiritual nature and thus apparently prove his contentions in behalf of a godless religion, but such an experience is devoid

of survival values, God-knowingness and God-ascension. In such a mortal experience only social fruits are forthcoming, not spiritual. The graft determines the nature of the fruit, notwithstanding that the living sustenance is drawn from the roots of original divine endowment of both mind and spirit.

5 The intellectual earmark of religion is certainty; the philosophical characteristic is consistency; the social fruits are love and service.

6 §§ The God-knowing individual is not one who is blind to the difficulties or unmindful of the obsta-

cles which stand in the way of finding God in the maze of superstition, tradition, and materialistic tendencies of modern times. He has encountered all these deterrents and triumphed over them, surmounted them by living faith, and attained the highlands of spiritual experience in spite of them. But it is true that many who are inwardly sure about God fear to assert such feelings of certainty because of the multiplicity and cleverness of those who assemble objections and magnify difficulties about believing in God. It requires no great depth of intellect to pick flaws, ask ques-

tions, or raise objections. But it does require brilliance of mind to answer these questions and solve these difficulties; faith certainty is the greatest technique for dealing with all such superficial contentions.

7 §§ If science, philosophy, or sociology dares to become dogmatic in contending with the prophets of true religion, then should God-knowing men reply to such unwarranted dogmatism with that more farseeing dogmatism of the certainty of personal spiritual experience, "I know what I have experienced because I am a son of I AM." If the personal experience of a faither is

to be challenged by dogma, then this faith-born son of the experiencible Father may reply with that unchallengeable dogma, the statement of his actual sonship with the Universal Father.

8 Only an unqualified reality, an absolute, could dare consistently to be dogmatic. Those who assume to be dogmatic must, if consistent, sooner or later be driven into the arms of the Absolute of energy, the Universal of truth, and the Infinite of love.

9 If the nonreligious approaches to cosmic reality presume to challenge the certainty of faith on the grounds of its unproved status, then the spirit

experiencer can likewise resort to the dogmatic challenge of the facts of science and the beliefs of philosophy on the grounds that they are likewise unproved; they are likewise experiences in the consciousness of the scientist or the philosopher.

10 §§ Of God, the most inescapable of all presences, the most real of all facts, the most living of all truths, the most loving of all friends, and the most divine of all values, we have the right to be the most certain of all universe ex-

periences.

8. THE EVIDENCES OF RELIGION

1 The highest evidence of the reality and efficacy of religion consists in the *fact of human experience;* namely, that man, naturally fearful and suspicious, innately endowed with a strong instinct of self-preservation and craving survival after death, is willing fully to trust the deepest interests of his present and future to the keeping and direction of that power and person designated by his faith as God. That is the one central truth of all religion. As to what that power or person requires of

man in return for this watchcare and final salvation, no two religions agree; in fact, they all more or less disagree.

2 Regarding the status of any religion in the evolutionary scale, it may best be judged by its moral judgments and its ethical standards. The higher the type of any religion, the more it encourages and is encouraged by a constantly improving social morality and ethical culture. We cannot judge religion by the status of its accompanying civilization; we had better estimate the real nature of a civilization by the purity and nobility of its religion. Many of the world's most notable reli-

gious teachers have been virtually unlettered. The wisdom of the world is not necessary to an exercise of saving faith in eternal realities.

3 The difference in the religions of various ages is wholly dependent on the difference in man's comprehension of reality and on his differing recognition of moral values, ethical relationships, and spirit realities.

4 §§ Ethics is the external[1] social or

[1] In 1955 text "eternal". While it may be possible to extract some meaning from the original wording, changing "eternal" to "external" on the basis of an assumed dropped keystroke in the original, suddenly makes the sentence not only clear in meaning but also reveals a contrastive point which is com-

racial mirror which faithfully reflects the otherwise unobservable progress of internal spiritual and religious developments. Man has always thought of God in the terms of the best he knew, his deepest ideas and highest ideals. Even historic religion has always created its God conceptions out of its highest recognized values. Every intelligent creature gives the name of God to the best and highest thing he knows.

5 Religion, when reduced to terms

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pletely absent from the original. (This also resolves the otherwise completely opaque "Ethics is the eternal...racial mirror...")

of reason and intellectual expression, has always dared to criticize civilization and evolutionary progress as judged by its own standards of ethical culture and moral progress.

6 While personal religion precedes the evolution of human morals, it is regretfully recorded that institutional religion has invariably lagged behind the slowly changing mores of the human races. Organized religion has proved to be conservatively tardy. The prophets have usually led the people in religious development; the theologians have usually held them back. Religion, being a matter of inner or per-

sonal experience, can never develop very far in advance of the intellectual evolution of the races.

7 But religion is never enhanced by an appeal to the so-called miraculous. The quest for miracles is a harking back to the primitive religions of magic. True religion has nothing to do with alleged miracles, and never does revealed religion point to miracles as proof of authority. Religion is ever and always rooted and grounded in personal experience. And your highest religion, the life of Jesus, was just such a personal experience: man, mortal man, seeking God and finding him

to the fullness during one short life in the flesh, while in the same human experience there appeared God seeking man and finding him to the full satisfaction of the perfect soul of infinite supremacy. And that is religion, even the highest yet revealed in the universe of Nebadon — the earth life of Jesus of Nazareth.

8 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

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THE REALITY OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

Melchizedek

All of man's truly religious reactions are sponsored by the early ministry of the adjutant of worship and are censored by the adjutant of wisdom. Man's first supermind endowment is that of personality encircuitment in the Holy Spirit of the Universe Creative Spirit; and long before either the bestowals of the divine Sons or the universal

bestowal of the Adjusters, this influence functions to enlarge man's viewpoint of ethics, religion, and spirituality. Subsequent to the bestowals of the Paradise Sons the liberated Spirit of Truth makes mighty contributions to the enlargement of the human capacity to perceive religious truths. As evolution advances on an inhabited world, the Thought Adjusters increasingly participate in the development of the higher types of human religious insight. The Thought Adjuster is the cosmic window through which the finite creature may faith-glimpse the certainties and divinities of limitless

Deity, the Universal Father.

2 The religious tendencies of the human races are innate; they are universally manifested and have an apparently natural origin; primitive religions are always evolutionary in their genesis. As natural religious experience continues to progress, periodic revelations of truth punctuate the otherwise slow-moving course of planetary evolution.

3 §§ On Urantia, today, there are four kinds of religion:

4 1. Natural or evolutionary religion.

5 2. Supernatural or revelatory religion.

6 3. Practical or current religion, varying degrees of the admixture of natural and supernatural religions.

7 4. Philosophic religions, man-made or philosophically thought-out theologic doctrines and reason-created religions.

1. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

1 The unity of religious experience among a social or racial group derives from the identical nature of the God fragment indwelling the individual. It

is this divine in man that gives origin to his unselfish interest in the welfare of other men. But since personality is unique — no two mortals being alike — it inevitably follows that no two human beings can similarly interpret the leadings and urges of the spirit of divinity which lives within their minds. A group of mortals can experience spiritual unity, but they can never attain philosophic uniformity. And this diversity of the interpretation of religious thought and experience is shown by the fact that XX century theologians and philosophers have formulated upward of 500 dif-

ferent definitions of religion. In reality, every human being defines religion in the terms of his own experiential interpretation of the divine impulses emanating from the God spirit that indwells him, and therefore must such an interpretation be unique and wholly different from the religious philosophy of all other human beings.

2 When one mortal is in full agreement with the religious philosophy of a fellow mortal, that phenomenon indicates that these two beings have had a similar *religious experience* touching the matters concerned in their similarity of philosophic religious interpreta-

tion.

3 While your religion is a matter of personal experience, it is most important that you should be exposed to the knowledge of a vast number of other religious experiences (the diverse interpretations of other and diverse mortals) to the end that you may prevent your religious life from becoming egocentric — circumscribed, selfish, and unsocial.

4 Rationalism is wrong when it assumes that religion is at first a primitive belief in something which is then followed by the pursuit of values. Religion is primarily a pursuit of values,

and then there formulates a system of interpretative beliefs. It is much easier for men to agree on religious values — goals — than on beliefs — interpretations. And this explains how religion can agree on values and goals while exhibiting the confusing phenomenon of maintaining a belief in hundreds of conflicting beliefs — creeds. This also explains why a given person can maintain his religious experience in the face of giving up or changing many of his religious beliefs. Religion persists in spite of revolutionary changes in religious beliefs. Theology does not produce religion; it is religion that pro-

duces theologic philosophy.

5 That religionists have believed so much that was false does not invalidate religion because religion is founded on the recognition of values and is validated by the faith of personal religious experience. Religion, then, is based on experience and religious thought; theology, the philosophy of religion, is an honest attempt to interpret that experience. Such interpretative beliefs may be right or wrong, or a mixture of truth and error.

6 The realization of the recognition of spiritual values is an experience which is superideational. There

is no word in any human language which can be employed to designate this "sense," "feeling," "intuition," or "experience" which we have elected to call God-consciousness. The spirit of God that dwells in man is not personal — the Adjuster is prepersonal — but this Monitor presents a value, exudes a flavour of divinity, which is personal in the highest and infinite sense. If God were not at least personal, he could not be conscious, and if not conscious, then would he be infrahuman.

2. RELIGION AND THE INDIVIDUAL

1 Religion is functional in the hu-

man mind and has been realized in experience prior to its appearance in human consciousness. A child has been in existence about nine months before it experiences *birth.* But the "birth" of religion is not sudden; it is rather a gradual emergence. Nevertheless, sooner or later there is a "birth day." You do not enter the kingdom of heaven unless you have been "born again" — born of the Spirit. Many spiritual births are accompanied by much anguish of spirit and marked psychological perturbations, as many physical births are characterized by a "stormy labour" and other abnor-

malities of "delivery." Other spiritual births are a natural and normal growth of the recognition of supreme values with an enhancement of spiritual experience, albeit no religious development occurs without conscious effort and positive and individual determinations. Religion is never a passive experience, a negative attitude. What is termed the "birth of religion" is not directly associated with so-called conversion experiences which usually characterize religious episodes occurring later in life as a result of mental conflict, emotional repression, and temperamental upheavals.

2 But those persons who were so reared by their parents that they grew up in the consciousness of being children of a loving heavenly Father, should not look askance at their fellow mortals who could only attain such consciousness of fellowship with God through a psychological crisis, an emotional upheaval.

3 The evolutionary soil in the mind of man in which the seed of revealed religion germinates is the moral nature that so early gives origin to a social consciousness. The first promptings of a child's moral nature have not to do with sex, guilt, or personal pride, but

rather with impulses of justice, fairness, and urges to kindness — helpful ministry to one's fellows. And when such early moral awakenings are nurtured, there occurs a gradual development of the religious life which is comparatively free from conflicts, upheavals, and crises.

4 Every human being very early experiences something of a conflict between his self-seeking and his altruistic impulses, and many times the first experience of God-consciousness may be attained as the result of seeking for superhuman help in the task of resolving such moral conflicts.

5 The psychology of a child is naturally positive, not negative. So many mortals are negative because they were so trained. When it is said that the child is positive, reference is made to his moral impulses, those powers of mind whose emergence signals the arrival of the Thought Adjuster.

6 In the absence of wrong teaching, the mind of the normal child moves positively, in the emergence of religious consciousness, toward moral righteousness and social ministry, rather than negatively, away from sin and guilt. There may or may not be conflict in the development of

religious experience, but there are always present the inevitable decisions, effort, and function of the human will.

7 Moral choosing is usually accompanied by more or less moral conflict. And this very first conflict in the child mind is between the urges of egoism and the impulses of altruism. The Thought Adjuster does not disregard the personality values of the egoistic motive but does operate to place a slight preference upon the altruistic impulse as leading to the goal of human happiness and to the joys of the kingdom of heaven.

8 When a moral being chooses to

be unselfish when confronted by the urge to be selfish, that is primitive religious experience. No animal can make such a choice; such a decision is both human and religious. It embraces the fact of God-consciousness and exhibits the impulse of social service, the basis of the brotherhood of man. When mind chooses a right moral judgment by an act of the free will, such a decision constitutes a religious experience.

9 But before a child has developed sufficiently to acquire moral capacity and therefore to be able to choose altruistic service, he has already devel-

oped a strong and well-unified egoistic nature. And it is this factual situation that gives rise to the theory of the struggle between the "higher" and the "lower" natures, between the "old man of sin" and the "new nature" of grace. Very early in life the normal child begins to learn that it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

10 Man tends to identify the urge to be self-serving with his ego — himself. In contrast he is inclined to identify the will to be altruistic with some influence outside himself — God. And indeed is such a judgment right, for all such nonself desires do actually have

their origin in the leadings of the indwelling Thought Adjuster, and this Adjuster is a fragment of God. The impulse of the spirit Monitor is realized in human consciousness as the urge to be altruistic, fellow-creature minded. At least this is the early and fundamental experience of the child mind. When the growing child fails of personality unification, the altruistic drive may become so overdeveloped as to work serious injury to the welfare of the self. A misguided conscience can become responsible for much conflict, worry, sorrow, and no end of human

unhappiness.

3. RELIGION AND THE HUMAN RACE

1 While the belief in spirits, dreams, and diverse other superstitions all played a part in the evolutionary origin of primitive religions, you should not overlook the influence of the clan or tribal spirit of solidarity. In the group relationship there was presented the exact social situation which provided the challenge to the egoistic-altruistic conflict in the moral nature of the early human mind. In spite of their belief in spirits, primitive Australians still focus their religion upon

the clan. In time, such religious concepts tend to personalize, first, as animals, and later, as a superman or as a God. Even such inferior races as the African Bushmen, who are not even totemic in their beliefs, do have a recognition of the difference between the self-interest and the group-interest, a primitive distinction between the values of the secular and the sacred. But the social group is not the source of religious experience. Regardless of the influence of all these primitive contributions to man's early religion, the fact remains that the true religious impulse has its origin in genuine spirit

presences activating the will to be unselfish.

2 §§ Later religion is foreshadowed in the primitive belief in natural wonders and mysteries, the impersonal mana. But sooner or later the evolving religion requires that the individual should make some personal sacrifice for the good of his social group, should do something to make other people happier and better. Ultimately, religion is destined to become the service of God and of man.

3 Religion is designed to change man's environment, but much of the religion found among mortals today

has become helpless to do this. Environment has all too often mastered religion.

4 §§ Remember that in the religion of all ages the experience which is paramount is the feeling regarding moral values and social meanings, not the thinking regarding theologic dogmas or philosophic theories. Religion evolves favourably as the element of magic is replaced by the concept of morals.

5 Man evolved through the superstitions of mana, magic, nature worship, spirit fear, and animal worship to the various ceremonials whereby the

religious attitude of the individual became the group reactions of the clan. And then these ceremonies became focalized and crystallized into tribal beliefs, and eventually these fears and faiths became personalized into gods. But in all of this religious evolution the moral element was never wholly absent. The impulse of the God within man was always potent. And these powerful influences — one human and the other divine — ensured the survival of religion throughout the vicissitudes of the ages and that notwithstanding it was so often threatened with extinction by a thousand

subversive tendencies and hostile antagonisms.

4. SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

1 The characteristic difference between a social occasion and a religious gathering is that in contrast with the secular the religious is pervaded by the atmosphere of *communion.* In this way human association generates a feeling of fellowship with the divine, and this is the beginning of group worship. Partaking of a common meal was the earliest type of social communion, and so did early religions provide that some portion of the ceremonial sacri-

fice should be eaten by the worshippers. Even in Christianity the Lord's Supper retains this mode of communion. The atmosphere of the communion provides a refreshing and comforting period of truce in the conflict of the self-seeking ego with the altruistic urge of the indwelling spirit Monitor. And this is the prelude to true worship — the practice of the presence of God which eventuates in the emergence of the brotherhood of man.

2 When primitive man felt that his communion with God had been interrupted, he resorted to sacrifice of some

kind in an effort to make atonement, to restore friendly relationship. The hunger and thirst for righteousness leads to the discovery of truth, and truth augments ideals, and this creates new problems for the individual religionists, for our ideals tend to grow by geometrical progression, while our ability to live up to them is enhanced only by arithmetical progression.

3 The sense of guilt (not the consciousness of sin) comes either from interrupted spiritual communion or from the lowering of one's moral ideals. Deliverance from such a predicament can only come through the real-

ization that one's highest moral ideals are not necessarily synonymous with the will of God. Man cannot hope to live up to his highest ideals, but he can be true to his purpose of finding God and becoming more and more like him.

4 Jesus swept away all of the ceremonials of sacrifice and atonement. He destroyed the basis of all this fictitious guilt and sense of isolation in the universe by declaring that man is a child of God; the creature-Creator relationship was placed on a child-parent basis. God becomes a loving Father to his mortal sons and daughters. All cer-

emonials not a legitimate part of such an intimate family relationship are forever abrogated.

5 God the Father deals with man his child on the basis, not of actual virtue or worthiness, but in recognition of the child's motivation — the creature purpose and intent. The relationship is one of parent-child association and is actuated by divine love.

5. THE ORIGIN OF IDEALS

1 The early evolutionary mind gives origin to a feeling of social duty and moral obligation derived chiefly from emotional fear. The more positive

urge of social service and the idealism of altruism are derived from the direct impulse of the divine spirit indwelling the human mind.

2 This idea-ideal of doing good to others — the impulse to deny the ego something for the benefit of one's neighbour — is very circumscribed at first. Primitive man regards as neighbour only those very close to him, those who treat him neighbourly; as religious civilization advances, one's neighbour expands in concept to embrace the clan, the tribe, the nation. And then Jesus enlarged the neighbour scope to embrace the whole of

humanity, even that we should love our enemies. And there is something inside of every normal human being that tells him this teaching is moral — right. Even those who practise this ideal least, admit that it is right in theory.

3 All men recognize the morality of this universal human urge to be unselfish and altruistic. The humanist ascribes the origin of this urge to the natural working of the material mind; the religionist more correctly recognizes that the truly unselfish drive of mortal mind is in response to the inner spirit leadings of the Thought Ad-

juster.

4 But man's interpretation of these early conflicts between the ego-will and the other-than-self-will is not always dependable. Only a fairly well unified personality can arbitrate the multiform contentions of the ego cravings and the budding social consciousness. The self has rights as well as one's neighbours. Neither has exclusive claims upon the attention and service of the individual. Failure to resolve this problem gives origin to the earliest type of human guilt feelings.

5 Human happiness is achieved only when the ego desire of the self and the

altruistic urge of the higher self (divine spirit) are co-ordinated and reconciled by the unified will of the integrating and supervising personality. The mind of evolutionary man is ever confronted with the intricate problem of refereeing the contest between the natural expansion of emotional impulses and the moral growth of unselfish urges predicated on spiritual insight — genuine religious reflection.

6 The attempt to secure equal good for the self and for the greatest number of other selves presents a problem which cannot always be satisfactorily resolved in a time-space frame. Given

an eternal life, such antagonisms can be worked out, but in one short human life they are incapable of solution. Jesus referred to such a paradox when he said: "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for the sake of the kingdom, shall find it."

7 §§ The pursuit of the ideal — the striving to be Godlike — is a continuous effort before death and after. The life after death is no different in the essentials than the mortal existence. Everything we do in this life which is good contributes directly to the enhancement of the future life. Real re-

ligion does not foster moral indolence and spiritual laziness by encouraging the vain hope of having all the virtues of a noble character bestowed upon one as a result of passing through the portals of natural death. True religion does not belittle man's efforts to progress during the mortal lease on life. Every mortal gain is a direct contribution to the enrichment of the first stages of the immortal survival experience.

8 §§ It is fatal to man's idealism when he is taught that all of his altruistic impulses are merely the development of his natural herd instincts. But he is en-

nobled and mightily energized when he learns that these higher urges of his soul emanate from the spiritual forces that indwell his mortal mind.

9 It lifts man out of himself and beyond himself when he once fully realizes that there lives and strives within him something which is eternal and divine. And so it is that a living faith in the superhuman origin of our ideals validates our belief that we are the sons of God and makes real our altruistic convictions, the feelings of the brotherhood of man.

10 Man, in his spiritual domain, does have a free will. Mortal man is nei-

ther a helpless slave of the inflexible sovereignty of an all-powerful God nor the victim of the hopeless fatality of a mechanistic cosmic determinism. Man is most truly the architect of his own eternal destiny.

11 §§ But man is not saved or ennobled by pressure. Spirit growth springs from within the evolving soul. Pressure may deform the personality, but it never stimulates growth. Even educational pressure is only negatively helpful in that it may aid in the prevention of disastrous experiences. Spiritual growth is greatest where all external pressures are at a minimum.

"Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." Man develops best when the pressures of home, community, church, and state are least. But this must not be construed as meaning that there is no place in a progressive society for home, social institutions, church, and state.

12 When a member of a social religious group has complied with the requirements of such a group, he should be encouraged to enjoy religious liberty in the full expression of his own personal interpretation of the truths of religious belief and the facts of religious experience. The security of a

religious group depends on spiritual unity, not on theological uniformity. A religious group should be able to enjoy the liberty of freethinking without having to become "freethinkers." There is great hope for any church that worships the living God, validates the brotherhood of man, and dares to remove all creedal pressure from its members.

6. PHILOSOPHIC CO-ORDINATION

1 Theology is the study of the actions and reactions of the human spirit; it can never become a science since it must always be combined

more or less with psychology in its personal expression and with philosophy in its systematic portrayal. Theology is always the study of *your* religion; the study of another's religion is psychology.

2 §§ When man approaches the study and examination of his universe from the *outside,* he brings into being the various physical sciences; when he approaches the research of himself and the universe from the *inside,* he gives origin to theology and metaphysics. The later art of philosophy develops in an effort to harmonize the many discrepancies which are destined at first

to appear between the findings and teachings of these two diametrically opposite avenues of approaching the universe of things and beings.

3 Religion has to do with the spiritual viewpoint, the awareness of the *insideness* of human experience. Man's spiritual nature affords him the opportunity of turning the universe outside in. It is therefore true that, viewed exclusively from the insideness of personality experience, all creation appears to be spiritual in nature.

4 When man analytically inspects the universe through the material endowments of his physical senses and

associated mind perception, the cosmos appears to be mechanical and energy-material. Such a technique of studying reality consists in turning the universe inside out.

5 §§ A logical and consistent philosophic concept of the universe cannot be built up on the postulations of either materialism or spiritism, for both of these systems of thinking, when universally applied, are compelled to view the cosmos in distortion, the former contacting with a universe turned inside out, the latter realizing the nature of a universe turned outside in. Never, then, can either science or re-

ligion, in and of themselves, standing alone, hope to gain an adequate understanding of universal truths and relationships without the guidance of human philosophy and the illumination of divine revelation.

6 Always must man's inner spirit depend for its expression and self-realization upon the mechanism and technique of the mind. Likewise must man's outer experience of material reality be predicated on the mind consciousness of the experiencing personality. Therefore are the spiritual and the material, the inner and the outer, human experiences always correlated

with the mind function and conditioned, as to their conscious realization, by the mind activity. Man experiences matter in his mind; he experiences spiritual reality in the soul but becomes conscious of this experience in his mind. The intellect is the harmonizer and the ever-present conditioner and qualifier of the sum total of mortal experience. Both energy-things and spirit values are coloured by their interpretation through the mind media of consciousness.

7 Your difficulty in arriving at a more harmonious co-ordination between science and religion is due to

your utter ignorance of the intervening domain of the morontia world of things and beings. The local universe consists of three degrees, or stages, of reality manifestation: matter, morontia, and spirit. The morontia angle of approach erases all divergence between the findings of the physical sciences and the functioning of the spirit of religion. Reason is the understanding technique of the sciences; faith is the insight technique of religion; mota is the technique of the morontia level. Mota is a supermaterial reality sensitivity which is beginning to compensate incomplete growth, hav-

ing for its substance knowledge-reason and for its essence faith-insight. Mota is a superphilosophical reconciliation of divergent reality perception which is nonattainable by material personalities; it is predicated, in part, on the experience of having survived the material life of the flesh. But many mortals have recognized the desirability of having some method of reconciling the interplay between the widely separated domains of science and religion; and metaphysics is the result of man's unavailing attempt to span this well-recognized chasm. But human metaphysics has proved more

confusing than illuminating. Metaphysics stands for man's well-meant but futile effort to compensate for the absence of the mota of morontia.

8 §§ Metaphysics has proved a failure; mota, man cannot perceive. Revelation is the only technique which can compensate for the absence of the truth sensitivity of mota in a material world. Revelation authoritatively clarifies the muddle of reason-developed metaphysics on an evolutionary sphere.

9 Science is man's attempted study of his physical environment, the world of energy-matter; religion is man's ex-

perience with the cosmos of spirit values; philosophy has been developed by man's mind effort to organize and correlate the findings of these widely separated concepts into something like a reasonable and unified attitude toward the cosmos. Philosophy, clarified by revelation, functions acceptably in the absence of mota and in the presence of the breakdown and failure of man's reason substitute for mota — metaphysics.

10 §§ Early man did not differentiate between the energy level and the spirit level. It was the violet race and their Andite successors who first at-

tempted to divorce the mathematical from the volitional. Increasingly has civilized man followed in the footsteps of the earliest Greeks and the Sumerians who distinguished between the inanimate and the animate. And as civilization progresses, philosophy will have to bridge ever-widening gulfs between the spirit concept and the energy concept. But in the time of space these divergencies are at one in the Supreme.

11 §§ Science must always be grounded in reason, although imagination and conjecture are helpful in the extension of its borders. Religion is forever de-

pendent on faith, albeit reason is a stabilizing influence and a helpful handmaid. And always there have been, and ever will be, misleading interpretations of the phenomena of both the natural and the spiritual worlds, sciences and religions falsely so called.

12 Out of his incomplete grasp of science, his faint hold upon religion, and his abortive attempts at metaphysics, man has attempted to construct his formulations of philosophy. And modern man would indeed build a worthy and engaging philosophy of himself and his universe were it not for the breakdown of his all-important

and indispensable metaphysical connection between the worlds of matter and spirit, the failure of metaphysics to bridge the morontia gulf between the physical and the spiritual. Mortal man lacks the concept of morontia mind and material; and *revelation* is the only technique for atoning for this deficiency in the conceptual data which man so urgently needs in order to construct a logical philosophy of the universe and to arrive at a satisfying understanding of his sure and settled place in that universe.

13 Revelation is evolutionary man's only hope of bridging the morontia

gulf. Faith and reason, unaided by mota, cannot conceive and construct a logical universe. Without the insight of mota, mortal man cannot discern goodness, love, and truth in the phenomena of the material world.

14 When the philosophy of man leans heavily toward the world of matter, it becomes rationalistic or *naturalistic.* When philosophy inclines particularly toward the spiritual level, it becomes *idealistic* or even mystical. When philosophy is so unfortunate as to lean upon metaphysics, it unfailingly becomes *sceptical,* confused. In past ages, most of man's knowl-

edge and intellectual evaluations have fallen into one of these three distortions of perception. Philosophy dare not project its interpretations of reality in the linear fashion of logic; it must never fail to reckon with the elliptic symmetry of reality and with the essential curvature of all relation concepts.

15 The highest attainable philosophy of mortal man must be logically based on the reason of science, the faith of religion, and the truth insight afforded by revelation. By this union man can compensate somewhat for his failure to develop an adequate metaphysics

and for his inability to comprehend the mota of the morontia.

7. SCIENCE AND RELIGION

1 Science is sustained by reason, religion by faith. Faith, though not predicated on reason, is reasonable; though independent of logic, it is nonetheless encouraged by sound logic. Faith cannot be nourished even by an ideal philosophy; indeed, it is, with science, the very source of such a philosophy. Faith, human religious insight, can be surely instructed only by revelation, can be surely elevated only by personal mortal experience with the spiritual

Adjuster presence of the God who is spirit.

2 §§ True salvation is the technique of the divine evolution of the mortal mind from matter identification through the realms of morontia liaison to the high universe status of spiritual correlation. And as material intuitive instinct precedes the appearance of reasoned knowledge in terrestrial evolution, so does the manifestation of spiritual intuitive insight presage the later appearance of morontia and spirit reason and experience in the supernal program of celestial evolution, the business of transmuting the poten-

tials of man the temporal into the actuality and divinity of man the eternal, a Paradise finaliter.

3 But as ascending man reaches inward and Paradiseward for the God experience, he will likewise be reaching outward and spaceward for an energy understanding of the material cosmos. The progression of science is not limited to the terrestrial life of man; his universe and superuniverse ascension experience will to no small degree be the study of energy transmutation and material metamorphosis. God is spirit, but Deity is unity, and the unity of Deity not only em-

braces the spiritual values of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son but is also cognizant of the energy facts of the Universal Controller and the Isle of Paradise, while these two phases of universal reality are perfectly correlated in the mind relationships of the Conjoint Actor and unified on the finite level in the emerging Deity of the Supreme Being.

4 §§ The union of the scientific attitude and the religious insight by the mediation of experiential philosophy is part of man's long Paradise-ascension experience. The approximations of mathematics and the certainties of

insight will always require the harmonizing function of mind logic on all levels of experience short of the maximum attainment of the Supreme.

5 But logic can never succeed in harmonizing the findings of science and the insights of religion unless both the scientific and the religious aspects of a personality are truth dominated, sincerely desirous of following the truth wherever it may lead regardless of the conclusions which it may reach.

6 Logic is the technique of philosophy, its method of expression. Within the domain of true science, reason is always amenable to genuine logic;

within the domain of true religion, faith is always logical from the basis of an inner viewpoint, even though such faith may appear to be quite unfounded from the inlooking viewpoint of the scientific approach. From outward, looking within, the universe may appear to be material; from within, looking out, the same universe appears to be wholly spiritual. Reason grows out of material awareness, faith out of spiritual awareness, but through the mediation of a philosophy strengthened by revelation, logic may confirm both the inward and the outward view, thereby effecting the

stabilization of both science and religion. Thus, through common contact with the logic of philosophy, may both science and religion become increasingly tolerant of each other, less and less sceptical.

7 What both developing science and religion need is more searching and fearless self-criticism, a greater awareness of incompleteness in evolutionary status. The teachers of both science and religion are often altogether too self-confident and dogmatic. Science and religion can only be self-critical of their *facts.* The moment departure is made from the

stage of facts, reason abdicates or else rapidly degenerates into a consort of false logic.

8 §§ The truth — an understanding of cosmic relationships, universe facts, and spiritual values — can best be had through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth and can best be criticized by *revelation.* But revelation originates neither a science nor a religion; its function is to co-ordinate both science and religion with the truth of reality. Always, in the absence of revelation or in the failure to accept or grasp it, has mortal man resorted to his futile gesture of metaphysics, that being the

only human substitute for the revelation of truth or for the mota of morontia personality.

9 The science of the material world enables man to control, and to some extent dominate, his physical environment. The religion of the spiritual experience is the source of the fraternity impulse which enables men to live together in the complexities of the civilization of a scientific age. Metaphysics, but more certainly revelation, affords a common meeting ground for the discoveries of both science and religion and makes possible the human attempt logically to correlate these

separate but interdependent domains of thought into a well-balanced philosophy of scientific stability and religious certainty.

10 §§ In the mortal state, nothing can be absolutely proved; both science and religion are predicated on assumptions. On the morontia level, the postulates of both science and religion are capable of partial proof by mota logic. On the spiritual level of maximum status, the need for finite proof gradually vanishes before the actual experience of and with reality; but even then there is much beyond the finite that remains unproved.

11 All divisions of human thought are predicated on certain assumptions which are accepted, though unproved, by the constitutive reality sensitivity of the mind endowment of man. Science starts out on its vaunted career of reasoning by *assuming* the reality of three things: matter, motion, and life. Religion starts out with the assumption of the validity of three things: mind, spirit, and the universe — the Supreme Being.

12 Science becomes the thought domain of mathematics, of the energy and material of time in space. Religion assumes to deal not only with finite

and temporal spirit but also with the spirit of eternity and supremacy. Only through a long experience in mota can these two extremes of universe perception be made to yield analogous interpretations of origins, functions, relations, realities, and destinies. The maximum harmonization of the energy-spirit divergence is in the encircuitment of the Seven Master Spirits; the first unification thereof, in the Deity of the Supreme; the finality unity thereof, in the infinity of the First Source and Centre, the I AM.

13 §§ *Reason* is the act of recognizing the conclusions of consciousness with

regard to the experience in and with the physical world of energy and matter. *Faith* is the act of recognizing the validity of spiritual consciousness — something which is incapable of other mortal proof. *Logic* is the synthetic truth-seeking progression of the unity of faith and reason and is founded on the constitutive mind endowments of mortal beings, the innate recognition of things, meanings, and values.

14 §§ There is a real proof of spiritual reality in the presence of the Thought Adjuster, but the validity of this presence is not demonstrable to the external world, only to the one who thus ex-

periences the indwelling of God. The consciousness of the Adjuster is based on the intellectual reception of truth, the supermind perception of goodness, and the personality motivation to love.

15 Science discovers the material world, religion evaluates it, and philosophy endeavours to interpret its meanings while co-ordinating the scientific material viewpoint with the religious spiritual concept. But history is a realm in which science and religion

may never fully agree.

8. PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

1 Although both science and philosophy may assume the probability of God by their reason and logic, only the personal religious experience of a spirit-led man can affirm the certainty of such a supreme and personal Deity. By the technique of such an incarnation of living truth the philosophic hypothesis of the probability of God becomes a religious reality.

2 The confusion about the experience of the certainty of God arises out of the dissimilar interpretations

and relations of that experience by separate individuals and by different races of men. The experiencing of God may be wholly valid, but the discourse *about* God, being intellectual and philosophical, is divergent and oftentimes confusingly fallacious.

3 A good and noble man may be consummately in love with his wife but utterly unable to pass a satisfactory written examination on the psychology of marital love. Another man, having little or no love for his spouse, might pass such an examination most acceptably. The imperfection of the lover's insight into the true nature of

the beloved does not in the least invalidate either the reality or sincerity of his love.

4 §§ If you truly believe in God — by faith know him and love him — do not permit the reality of such an experience to be in any way lessened or detracted from by the doubting insinuations of science, the cavilling of logic, the postulates of philosophy, or the clever suggestions of well-meaning souls who would create a religion without God.

5 The certainty of the God-knowing religionist should not be disturbed by the uncertainty of the doubting

materialist; rather should the uncertainty of the unbeliever be mightily challenged by the profound faith and unshakable certainty of the experiential believer.

6 §§ Philosophy, to be of the greatest service to both science and religion, should avoid the extremes of both materialism and pantheism. Only a philosophy which recognizes the reality of personality — permanence in the presence of change[1] — can be of moral

[1] This definition of personality (see 0:5.11) comes from the book "Slavery and Freedom" by N.A. Berdyaev, published in Russian in Paris in 1939. The English translation was first published

value to man, can serve as a liaison between the theories of material science and spiritual religion. Revelation is a compensation for the frailties of evolving philosophy.

9. THE ESSENCE OF RELIGION

1 Theology deals with the intellectual content of religion, metaphysics (revelation) with the philosophic aspects. Religious experience *is* the spiritual content of religion. Notwithstanding the mythologic vagaries and the psychologic illusions of the intel-

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in 1943 (London, [1]) and 1944 (New York, [2]). See also 112:0.1.

lectual content of religion, the metaphysical assumptions of error and the techniques of self-deception, the political distortions and the socio-economic perversions of the philosophic content of religion, the spiritual experience of personal religion remains genuine and valid.

2 Religion has to do with feeling, acting, and living, not merely with thinking. Thinking is more closely related to the material life and should be in the main, but not altogether, dominated by reason and the facts of science and, in its nonmaterial reaches toward the spirit realms, by truth.

No matter how illusory and erroneous one's theology, one's religion may be wholly genuine and everlastingly true.

3 Buddhism in its original form is one of the best religions without a God which has arisen throughout all the evolutionary history of Urantia, although, as this faith developed, it did not remain godless. Religion without faith is a contradiction; without God, a philosophic inconsistency and an intellectual absurdity.

4 The magical and mythological parentage of natural religion does not invalidate the reality and truth of the later revelational religions and the

consummate saving gospel of the religion of Jesus. Jesus' life and teachings finally divested religion of the superstitions of magic, the illusions of mythology, and the bondage of traditional dogmatism. But this early magic and mythology very effectively prepared the way for later and superior religion by assuming the existence and reality of supermaterial values and beings.

5 Although religious experience is a purely spiritual subjective phenomenon, such an experience embraces a positive and living faith attitude toward the highest realms of universe

objective reality. The ideal of religious philosophy is such a faith-trust as would lead man unqualifiedly to depend upon the absolute love of the infinite Father of the universe of universes. Such a genuine religious experience far transcends the philosophic objectification of idealistic desire; it actually takes salvation for granted and concerns itself only with learning and doing the will of the Father in Paradise. The earmarks of such a religion are: faith in a supreme Deity, hope of eternal survival, and love, especially of one's fellows.

6 §§ When theology masters reli-

gion, religion dies; it becomes a doctrine instead of a life. The mission of theology is merely to facilitate the self-consciousness of personal spiritual experience. Theology constitutes the religious effort to define, clarify, expound, and justify the experiential claims of religion, which, in the last analysis, can be validated only by living faith. In the higher philosophy of the universe, wisdom, like reason, becomes allied to faith. Reason, wisdom, and faith are man's highest human attainments. Reason introduces man to the world of facts, to things; wisdom introduces him to a world of truth, to

relationships; faith initiates him into a world of divinity, spiritual experience.

7 Faith most willingly carries reason along as far as reason can go and then goes on with wisdom to the full philosophic limit; and then it dares to launch out upon the limitless and never-ending universe journey in the sole company of TRUTH.

8 §§ Science (knowledge) is founded on the inherent (adjutant spirit) assumption that reason is valid, that the universe can be comprehended. Philosophy (co-ordinate comprehension) is founded on the inherent (spirit of wisdom) assumption that wisdom is

valid, that the material universe can be co-ordinated with the spiritual. Religion (the truth of personal spiritual experience) is founded on the inherent (Thought Adjuster) assumption that faith is valid, that God can be known and attained.

9 The full realization of the reality of mortal life consists in a progressive willingness to believe these assumptions of reason, wisdom, and faith. Such a life is one motivated by truth and dominated by love; and these are the ideals of objective cosmic reality whose existence cannot be materially demonstrated.

10 When reason once recognizes right and wrong, it exhibits wisdom; when wisdom chooses between right and wrong, truth and error, it demonstrates spirit leading. And thus are the functions of mind, soul, and spirit ever closely united and functionally interassociated. Reason deals with factual knowledge; wisdom, with philosophy and revelation; faith, with living spiritual experience. Through truth man attains beauty and by spiritual love ascends to goodness.

11 Faith leads to knowing God, not merely to a mystical feeling of the divine presence. Faith must not be

overmuch influenced by its emotional consequences. True religion is an experience of believing and knowing as well as a satisfaction of feeling.

12 §§ There is a reality in religious experience that is proportional to the spiritual content, and such a reality is transcendent to reason, science, philosophy, wisdom, and all other human achievements. The convictions of such an experience are unassailable; the logic of religious living is incontrovertible; the certainty of such knowledge is superhuman; the satisfactions are superbly divine, the courage indomitable, the devotions unquestion-

ing, the loyalties supreme, and the destinies final — eternal, ultimate, and universal.

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PAPER 104

GROWTH OF THE TRINITY CONCEPT

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The Trinity concept of revealed religion must not be confused with the triad beliefs of evolutionary religions. The ideas of triads arose from many suggestive relationships but chiefly because of the three joints of the fingers, because three legs were the fewest which could stabilize a stool, because three support points could keep up a tent; furthermore,

primitive man, for a long time, could not count beyond three.

2 Aside from certain natural couplets, such as past and present, day and night, hot and cold, and male and female, man generally tends to think in triads: yesterday, today, and tomorrow; sunrise, noon, and sunset; father, mother, and child. Three cheers are given the victor. The dead are buried on the third day, and the ghost is placated by three ablutions of water.

3 As a consequence of these natural associations in human experience, the triad made its appearance in religion, and this long before the Paradise

Trinity of Deities, or even any of their representatives, had been revealed to mankind. Later on, the Persians, Hindus, Greeks, Egyptians, Babylonians, Romans, and Scandinavians all had triad gods, but these were still not true trinities. Triad deities all had a natural origin and have appeared at one time or another among most of the intelligent peoples of Urantia. Sometimes the concept of an evolutionary triad has become mixed with that of a revealed Trinity; in these instances it is often impossible to distinguish one

from the other.

1. URANTIAN TRINITY CONCEPTS

1 The first Urantian revelation leading to the comprehension of the Paradise Trinity was made by the staff of Prince Caligastia about 500,000 years ago. This earliest Trinity concept was lost to the world in the unsettled times following the planetary rebellion.

2 The second presentation of the Trinity was made by Adam and Eve in the first and second gardens. These teachings had not been wholly obliterated even in the times of Machiventa Melchizedek about 35,000 years

later, for the Trinity concept of the Sethites persisted in both Mesopotamia and Egypt but more especially in India, where it was long perpetuated in Agni, the Vedic three-headed fire god.

3 The third presentation of the Trinity was made by Machiventa Melchizedek, and this doctrine was symbolized by the three concentric circles which the sage of Salem wore on his breast plate. But Machiventa found it very difficult to teach the Palestinian Bedouins about the Universal Father, the Eternal Son, and the Infinite Spirit. Most of his disciples thought that the Trinity consisted of the three Most

Highs of Norlatiadek; a few conceived of the Trinity as the System Sovereign, the Constellation Father, and the local universe Creator Deity; still fewer even remotely grasped the idea of the Paradise association of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

4 Through the activities of the Salem missionaries the Melchizedek teachings of the Trinity gradually spread throughout much of Eurasia and northern Africa. It is often difficult to distinguish between the triads and the trinities in the later Andite and the post-Melchizedek ages, when both concepts to a certain extent intermin-

gled and coalesced.

5 §§ Among the Hindus the trinitarian concept took root as Being, Intelligence, and Joy. (A later Indian conception was Brahma, Siva, and Vishnu.) While the earlier Trinity portrayals were brought to India by the Sethite priests, the later ideas of the Trinity were imported by the Salem missionaries and were developed by the native intellects of India through a compounding of these doctrines with the evolutionary triad conceptions.

6 The Buddhist faith developed two doctrines of a trinitarian nature: The earlier was Teacher, Law, and Brother-

hood; that was the presentation made by Gautama Siddhartha. The later idea, developing among the northern branch of the followers of Buddha, embraced Supreme Lord, Holy Spirit, and Incarnate Saviour.

7 And these ideas of the Hindus and Buddhists were real trinitarian postulates, that is, the idea of a threefold manifestation of a monotheistic God. A true trinity conception is not just a grouping together of three separate gods.

8 §§ The Hebrews knew about the Trinity from the Kenite traditions of the days of Melchizedek, but their

monotheistic zeal for the one God, Yahweh, so eclipsed all such teachings that by the time of Jesus' appearance the Elohim doctrine had been practically eradicated from Jewish theology. The Hebrew mind could not reconcile the trinitarian concept with the monotheistic belief in the One Lord, the God of Israel.

9 The followers of the Islamic faith likewise failed to grasp the idea of the Trinity. It is always difficult for an emerging monotheism to tolerate trinitarianism when confronted by polytheism. The trinity idea takes best hold of those religions which have a

firm monotheistic tradition coupled with doctrinal elasticity. The great monotheists, the Hebrews and Mohammedans, found it difficult to distinguish between worshipping three gods, polytheism, and trinitarianism, the worship of one Deity existing in a triune manifestation of divinity and personality.

10 §§ Jesus taught his apostles the truth regarding the persons of the Paradise Trinity, but they thought he spoke figuratively and symbolically. Having been nurtured in Hebraic monotheism, they found it difficult to entertain any belief that seemed to con-

flict with their dominating concept of Yahweh. And the early Christians inherited the Hebraic prejudice against the Trinity concept.

11 The first Trinity of Christianity was proclaimed at Antioch and consisted of God, his Word, and his Wisdom. Paul knew of the Paradise Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit, but he seldom preached about it and made mention thereof in only a few of his letters to the newly forming churches. Even then, as did his fellow apostles, Paul confused Jesus, the Creator Son of the local universe, with the Second Person of Deity, the Eternal Son of

Paradise.

12 The Christian concept of the Trinity, which began to gain recognition near the close of the first century after Christ, was comprised of the Universal Father, the Creator Son of Nebadon, and the Divine Minister of Salvington — Mother Spirit of the local universe and creative consort of the Creator Son.

13 Not since the times of Jesus has the factual identity of the Paradise Trinity been known on Urantia (except by a few individuals to whom it was especially revealed) until its presentation in these revelatory disclosures.

But though the Christian concept of the Trinity erred in fact, it was practically true with respect to spiritual relationships. Only in its philosophic implications and cosmological consequences did this concept suffer embarrassment: It has been difficult for many who are cosmic minded to believe that the Second Person of Deity, the second member of an infinite Trinity, once dwelt on Urantia; and while in spirit this is true, in actuality it is not a fact. The Michael Creators fully embody the divinity of the Eternal Son, but they are not the absolute person-

ality.

2. TRINITY UNITY AND DEITY PLURALITY

1 Monotheism arose as a philosophic protest against the inconsistency of polytheism. It developed first through pantheon organizations with the departmentalization of supernatural activities, then through the henotheistic exaltation of one god above the many, and finally through the exclusion of all but the One God of final value.

2 Trinitarianism grows out of the experiential protest against the impossibility of conceiving the oneness of

a deanthropomorphized solitary Deity of unrelated universe significance. Given a sufficient time, philosophy tends to abstract the personal qualities from the Deity concept of pure monotheism, thus reducing this idea of an unrelated God to the status of a pantheistic Absolute. It has always been difficult to understand the personal nature of a God who has no personal relationships in equality with other and co-ordinate personal beings. Personality in Deity demands that such Deity exist in relation to other and equal personal Deity.

3 Through the recognition of the

Trinity concept the mind of man can hope to grasp something of the interrelationship of love and law in the time-space creations. Through spiritual faith man gains insight into the love of God but soon discovers that this spiritual faith has no influence on the ordained laws of the material universe. Irrespective of the firmness of man's belief in God as his Paradise Father, expanding cosmic horizons demand that he also give recognition to the reality of Paradise Deity as universal law, that he recognize the Trinity sovereignty extending outward from Paradise and overshadowing even the

evolving local universes of the Creator Sons and Creative Daughters of the three eternal persons whose deity union *is* the fact and reality and eternal indivisibility of the Paradise Trinity.

4 And this selfsame Paradise Trinity is a real entity — not a personality but nonetheless a true and absolute reality; not a personality but nonetheless compatible with coexistent personalities — the personalities of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. The Trinity is a supersummative Deity reality eventuating out of the conjoining of the three Paradise Deities. The qualities, characteristics, and functions of

the Trinity are not the simple sum of the attributes of the three Paradise Deities; Trinity functions are something unique, original, and not wholly predictable from an analysis of the attributes of Father, Son, and Spirit.

5 For example: The Master, when on earth, admonished his followers that justice is never a *personal* act; it is always a *group* function. Neither do the Gods, as persons, administer justice. But they perform this very function as a collective whole, as the Paradise Trinity.

6 The conceptual grasp of the Trinity association of Father, Son, and

Spirit prepares the human mind for the further presentation of certain other threefold relationships. Theological reason may be fully satisfied by the concept of the Paradise Trinity, but philosophical and cosmological reason demand the recognition of the other triune associations of the First Source and Centre, those triunities in which the Infinite functions in various non-Father capacities of universal manifestation — the relationships of the God of force, energy, power, causation, reaction, potentiality, actuality, gravity, tension, pattern, principle,

and unity.

3. TRINITIES AND TRIUNITIES

1 While mankind has sometimes grasped at an understanding of the Trinity of the three persons of Deity, consistency demands that the human intellect perceive that there are certain relationships between all seven Absolutes. But all that which is true of the Paradise Trinity is not necessarily true of a *triunity,* for a triunity is something other than a trinity. In certain functional aspects a triunity may be analogous to a trinity, but it is never homologous in nature with a trinity.

2 Mortal man is passing through a great age of expanding horizons and enlarging concepts on Urantia, and his cosmic philosophy must accelerate in evolution to keep pace with the expansion of the intellectual arena of human thought. As the cosmic consciousness of mortal man expands, he perceives the interrelatedness of all that he finds in his material science, intellectual philosophy, and spiritual insight. Still, with all this belief in the unity of the cosmos, man perceives the diversity of all existence. In spite of all concepts concerning the immutability of Deity, man perceives that he

lives in a universe of constant change and experiential growth. Regardless of the realization of the survival of spiritual values, man has ever to reckon with the mathematics and premathematics of force, energy, and power.

3 In some manner the eternal repleteness of infinity must be reconciled with the time-growth of the evolving universes and with the incompleteness of the experiential inhabitants thereof. In some way the conception of total infinitude must be so segmented and qualified that the mortal intellect and the morontia soul can grasp this concept of final value

and spiritualizing significance.

4 While reason demands a monotheistic unity of cosmic reality, finite experience requires the postulate of plural Absolutes and of their co-ordination in cosmic relationships. Without co-ordinate existences there is no possibility for the appearance of diversity of absolute relationships, no chance for the operation of differentials, variables, modifiers, attenuators, qualifiers, or diminishers.

5 §§ In these papers total reality (infinity) has been presented as it exists in the seven Absolutes:

6 1. The Universal Father.

7 2. The Eternal Son.

8 3. The Infinite Spirit.

9 4. The Isle of Paradise.

10 5. The Deity Absolute.

11 6. The Universal Absolute.

12 7. The Unqualified Absolute.

13 §§ The First Source and Centre, who is Father to the Eternal Son, is also Pattern to the Paradise Isle. He is personality unqualified in the Son but personality potentialized in the Deity Absolute. The Father is energy revealed in Paradise-Havona and at the same time energy concealed in the Unqualified Absolute. The Infinite is

ever disclosed in the ceaseless acts of the Conjoint Actor while he is eternally functioning in the compensating but enshrouded activities of the Universal Absolute. Thus is the Father related to the six co-ordinate Absolutes, and thus do all seven encompass the circle of infinity throughout the endless cycles of eternity.

14 §§ It would seem that triunity of absolute relationships is inevitable. Personality seeks other personality association on absolute as well as on all other levels. And the association of the three Paradise personalities eternalizes the first triunity, the person-

ality union of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. For when these three persons, *as persons,* conjoin for united function, they thereby constitute a triunity of functional unity, not a trinity — an organic entity — but nonetheless a triunity, a threefold functional aggregate unanimity.

15 The Paradise Trinity is not a triunity; it is not a functional unanimity; rather is it undivided and indivisible Deity. The Father, Son, and Spirit (as persons) can sustain a relationship to the Paradise Trinity, for the Trinity *is* their undivided Deity. The Father, Son, and Spirit sustain no such

personal relationship to the first triunity, for that *is* their functional union as three persons. Only as the Trinity — as undivided Deity — do they collectively sustain an external relationship to the triunity of their personal aggregation.

16 Thus does the Paradise Trinity stand unique among absolute relationships; there are several existential triunities but only one existential Trinity. A triunity is *not* an entity. It is functional rather than organic. Its members are partners rather than corporative. The components of the triunities may be entities, but a triunity itself is

an association.

17 There is, however, one point of comparison between trinity and triunity: Both eventuate in functions that are something other than the discernible sum of the attributes of the component members. But while they are thus comparable from a functional standpoint, they otherwise exhibit no categorical relationship. They are roughly related as the relation of function to structure. But the function of the triunity association is not the function of the trinity structure or entity.

18 The triunities are nonetheless real;

they are very real. In them is total reality functionalized, and through them does the Universal Father exercise immediate and personal control over the master functions of infinity.

4. THE SEVEN TRIUNITIES

1 In attempting the description of seven triunities, attention is directed to the fact that the Universal Father is the primal member of each. He is, was, and ever will be: the First Universal Father-Source, Absolute Centre, Primal Cause, Universal Controller, Limitless Energizer, Original Unity, Unqualified Upholder, First Person of Deity,

Primal Cosmic Pattern, and Essence of Infinity. The Universal Father is the personal cause of the Absolutes; he is the absolute of Absolutes.

2 §§ The nature and meaning of the seven triunities may be suggested as:

3 §§ *The First Triunity — the personal-purposive triunity.* This is the grouping of the three Deity personalities:

4 1. The Universal Father.

5 2. The Eternal Son.

6 3. The Infinite Spirit.

7 §§ This is the threefold union of love, mercy, and ministry — the purposive and personal association of

the three eternal Paradise personalities. This is the divinely fraternal, creature-loving, fatherly-acting, and ascension-promoting association. The divine personalities of this first triunity are personality-bequeathing, spirit-bestowing, and mind-endowing Gods.

8 This is the triunity of infinite volition; it acts throughout the eternal present and in all of the past-present-future flow of time. This association yields volitional infinity and provides the mechanisms whereby personal Deity becomes self-revelatory to the creatures of the evolving cosmos.

9 §§ *The Second Triunity — the power-pattern triunity.* Whether it be a tiny ultimaton, a blazing star, or a whirling nebula, even the central or superuniverses, from the smallest to the largest material organizations, always is the physical pattern — the cosmic configuration — derived from the function of this triunity. This association consists of:

10 1. The Father-Son.

11 2. The Paradise Isle.

12 3. The Conjoint Actor.

13 §§ Energy is organized by the cosmic agents of the Third Source and Centre; energy is fashioned after the

pattern of Paradise, the absolute materialization; but behind all of this ceaseless manipulation is the presence of the Father-Son, whose union first activated the Paradise pattern in the appearance of Havona concomitant with the birth of the Infinite Spirit, the Conjoint Actor.

14 In religious experience, creatures make contact with the God who is love, but such spiritual insight must never eclipse the intelligent recognition of the universe fact of the pattern which is Paradise. The Paradise personalities enlist the freewill adoration of all creatures by the com-

pelling power of divine love and lead all such spirit-born personalities into the supernal delights of the unending service of the finaliter sons of God. The second triunity is the architect of the space stage whereon these transactions unfold; it determines the patterns of cosmic configuration.

15 Love may characterize the divinity of the first triunity, but pattern is the galactic manifestation of the second triunity. What the first triunity is to evolving personalities, the second triunity is to the evolving universes. Pattern and personality are two of the great manifestations of the acts of

the First Source and Centre; and no matter how difficult it may be to comprehend, it is nonetheless true that the power-pattern and the loving person are one and the same universal reality; the Paradise Isle and the Eternal Son are co-ordinate but antipodal revelations of the unfathomable nature of the Universal Father-Force.

16 §§ *The Third Triunity — the spirit-evolutional triunity.* The entirety of spiritual manifestation has its beginning and end in this association, consisting of:

17 1. The Universal Father.

18 2. The Son-Spirit.

19 3. The Deity Absolute.

20 §§ From spirit potency to Paradise spirit, all spirit finds reality expression in this triune association of the pure spirit essence of the Father, the active spirit values of the Son-Spirit, and the unlimited spirit potentials of the Deity Absolute. The existential values of spirit have their primordial genesis, complete manifestation, and final destiny in this triunity.

21 The Father exists before spirit; the Son-Spirit functions as active creative spirit; the Deity Absolute exists as all-encompassing spirit, even beyond spirit.

22 §§ *The Fourth Triunity — the triunity of energy infinity.* Within this triunity there eternalizes the beginnings and the endings of all energy reality, from space potency to monota. This grouping embraces the following:

23 1. The Father-Spirit.

24 2. The Paradise Isle.

25 3. The Unqualified Absolute.

26 §§ Paradise is the centre of the force-energy activation of the cosmos — the universe position of the First Source and Centre, the cosmic focal point of the Unqualified Absolute, and the source of all energy. Existentially present within this triunity is

the energy potential of the cosmos-infinite, of which the grand universe and the master universe are only partial manifestations.

27 The fourth triunity absolutely controls the fundamental units of cosmic energy and releases them from the grasp of the Unqualified Absolute in direct proportion to the appearance in the experiential Deities of subabsolute capacity to control and stabilize the metamorphosing cosmos.

28 This triunity *is* force and energy. The endless possibilities of the Unqualified Absolute are centred around the absolutum of the Isle of Paradise,

whence emanate the unimaginable agitations of the otherwise static quiescence of the Unqualified. And the endless throbbing of the material Paradise heart of the infinite cosmos beats in harmony with the unfathomable pattern and the unsearchable plan of the Infinite Energizer, the First Source and Centre.

29 §§ *The Fifth Triunity — the triunity of reactive infinity.* This association consists of:

30 1. The Universal Father.

31 2. The Universal Absolute.

32 3. The Unqualified Absolute.

33 §§ This grouping yields the eternalization of the functional infinity realization of all that is actualizable within the domains of nondeity reality. This triunity manifests unlimited reactive capacity to the volitional, causative, tensional, and patternal actions and presences of the other triunities.

34 §§ *The Sixth Triunity — the triunity of cosmic-associated Deity.* This grouping consists of:

35 1. The Universal Father.

36 2. The Deity Absolute.

37 3. The Universal Absolute.

38 This is the association of Deity-in-the-cosmos, the immanence of De-

ity in conjunction with the transcendence of Deity. This is the last outreach of divinity on the levels of infinity toward those realities which lie outside the domain of deified reality.

39 §§ *The Seventh Triunity — the triunity of infinite unity.* This is the unity of infinity functionally manifest in time and eternity, the co-ordinate unification of actuals and potentials. This group consists of:

40 1. The Universal Father.

41 2. The Conjoint Actor.

42 3. The Universal Absolute.

43 §§ The Conjoint Actor universally integrates the varying functional as-

pects of all actualized reality on all levels of manifestation, from finites through transcendentals and on to absolutes. The Universal Absolute perfectly compensates the differentials inherent in the varying aspects of all incomplete reality, from the limitless potentialities of active-volitional and causative Deity reality to the boundless possibilities of static, reactive, nondeity reality in the incomprehensible domains of the Unqualified Absolute.

44 As they function in this triunity, the Conjoint Actor and the Universal Absolute are alike responsive to Deity

and to nondeity presences, as also is the First Source and Centre, who in this relationship is to all intents and purposes conceptually indistinguishable from the I AM.

45 §§ These approximations are sufficient to elucidate the concept of the triunities. Not knowing the ultimate level of the triunities, you cannot fully comprehend the first 7. While we do not deem it wise to attempt any further elaboration, we may state that there are 15[1] triune associations of the

[1] The total number of triunities is the number of combinations of 2 elements out of 6, given by the binomial coefficient: $C_6^2 = \frac{6!}{2!4!} = 15$.

First Source and Centre, 8 of which are unrevealed in these papers. These unrevealed associations are concerned with realities, actualities, and potentialities which are beyond the experiential level of supremacy.

46 The triunities are the functional balance wheel of infinity, the unification of the uniqueness of the Seven Infinity Absolutes. It is the existential presence of the triunities that enables the Father-I AM to experience functional infinity unity despite the diversification of infinity into seven Absolutes. The First Source and Centre is the unifying member of all triunities;

in him all things have their unqualified beginnings, eternal existences, and infinite destinies — "in him all things consist."

47 Although these associations cannot augment the infinity of the Father-I AM, they do appear to make possible the subinfinite and subabsolute manifestations of his reality. The seven triunities multiply versatility, eternalize new depths, deitize new values, disclose new potentialities, reveal new meanings; and all these diversified manifestations in time and space and in the eternal cosmos are existent in the hypothetical stasis of the original

infinity of the I AM.

5. TRIODITIES

1 There are certain other triune relationships which are non-Father in constitution, but they are not real triunities, and they are always distinguished from the Father triunities. They are called variously, associate triunities, co-ordinate triunities, and *triodities.* They are consequential to the existence of the triunities. Two of these associations are constituted as follows:

2 *The Triodity of Actuality.* This triodity consists in the interrelationship

of the three absolute actuals:

3 1. The Eternal Son.

4 2. The Paradise Isle.

5 3. The Conjoint Actor.

6 §§ The Eternal Son is the absolute of spirit reality, the absolute personality. The Paradise Isle is the absolute of cosmic reality, the absolute pattern. The Conjoint Actor is the absolute of mind reality, the co-ordinate of absolute spirit reality, and the existential Deity synthesis of personality and power. This triune association eventuates the co-ordination of the sum total of actualized reality — spirit, cosmic,

or mindal. It is unqualified in actuality.

7 §§ *The Triodity of Potentiality.* This triodity consists in the association of the three Absolutes of potentiality:

8 1. The Deity Absolute.

9 2. The Universal Absolute.

10 3. The Unqualified Absolute.

11 §§ Thus are interassociated the infinity reservoirs of all latent energy reality — spirit, mindal, or cosmic. This association yields the integration of all latent energy reality. It is infinite in potential.

12 §§ As the triunities are primarily concerned with the functional unifi-

cation of infinity, so are triodities[1] involved in the cosmic appearance of experiential Deities. The triunities are indirectly concerned, but the triodities are directly concerned, in the experiential Deities — Supreme, Ultimate, and Absolute. They appear in the emerging power-personality synthesis of the Supreme Being. And to the time creatures of space the Supreme Being is a revelation of the unity of the I AM.

13 [Presented by a Melchizedek of

[1] The total number of triodities is the number of combinations of 3 elements out of 6: $C_6^3 = \frac{6!}{3!3!} = 20$.

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DEITY AND REALITY

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To even high orders of universe intelligences infinity is only partially comprehensible, and the finality of reality is only relatively understandable. The human mind, as it seeks to penetrate the eternity-mystery of the origin and destiny of all that is called *real,* may helpfully approach the problem by conceiving eternity-infinity as an almost limitless ellipse which is produced by one absolute

cause, and which functions throughout this universal circle of endless diversification, ever seeking some absolute and infinite potential of destiny.

2 When the mortal intellect attempts to grasp the concept of reality totality, such a finite mind is face to face with infinity-reality; reality totality *is* infinity and therefore can never be fully comprehended by any mind that is subinfinite in concept capacity.

3 The human mind can hardly form an adequate concept of eternity existences, and without such comprehension it is impossible to portray even our concepts of reality totality. Nev-

ertheless, we may attempt such a presentation, although we are fully aware that our concepts must be subjected to profound distortion in the process of translation-modification to the comprehension level of mortal mind.

1. THE PHILOSOPHIC CONCEPT OF THE I AM

1 Absolute primal causation in infinity the philosophers of the universes attribute to the Universal Father functioning as the infinite, the eternal, and the absolute I AM.

2 There are many elements of danger attendant upon the presentation to the mortal intellect of this idea of an

infinite I AM since this concept is so remote from human experiential understanding as to involve serious distortion of meanings and misconception of values. Nevertheless, the philosophic concept of the I AM does afford finite beings some basis for an attempted approach to the partial comprehension of absolute origins and infinite destinies. But in all our attempts to elucidate the genesis and fruition of reality, let it be made clear that this concept of the I AM is, in all personality meanings and values, synonymous with the First Person of Deity, the Universal Father of all personali-

ties. But this postulate of the I AM is not so clearly identifiable in undeified realms of universal reality.

3 §§ *The I AM is the Infinite; the I AM is also infinity.* From the sequential, time viewpoint, all reality has its origin in the infinite I AM, whose solitary existence in past infinite eternity must be a finite creature's premier philosophic postulate. The concept of the I AM connotes *unqualified infinity,* the undifferentiated reality of all that could ever be in all of an infinite eternity.

4 As an existential concept the I AM is neither deified nor undeified, neither actual nor potential, neither per-

sonal nor impersonal, neither static nor dynamic. No qualification can be applied to the Infinite except to state that the I AM *is*. The philosophic postulate of the I AM is one universe concept which is somewhat more difficult of comprehension than that of the Unqualified Absolute.

5 To the finite mind there simply must be a beginning, and though there never was a real beginning to reality, still there are certain source relationships which reality manifests to infinity. The prereality, primordial, eternity situation may be thought of something like this: At some in-

finitely distant, hypothetical, past-eternity moment, the I AM may be conceived as both thing and no thing, as both cause and effect, as both volition and response. At this hypothetical eternity moment there is no differentiation throughout all infinity. Infinity is filled by the Infinite; the Infinite encompasses infinity. This is the hypothetical static moment of eternity; actuals are still contained within their potentials, and potentials have not yet appeared within the infinity of the I AM. But even in this conjectured situation we must assume the existence of the possibility of self-will.

6 §§ Ever remember that man's comprehension of the Universal Father is a personal experience. God, as your spiritual Father, is comprehensible to you and to all other mortals; but *your experiential worshipful concept of the Universal Father must always be less than your philosophic postulate of the infinity of the First Source and Centre, the I AM.* When we speak of the Father, we mean God as he is understandable by his creatures both high and low, but there is much more of Deity which is not comprehensible to universe creatures. God, your Father and my Father, is that phase of the Infinite which

we perceive in our personalities as an actual experiential reality, but the I AM ever remains as our hypothesis of all that we feel is unknowable of the First Source and Centre. And even that hypothesis probably falls far short of the unfathomed infinity of original reality.

7 The universe of universes, with its innumerable host of inhabiting personalities, is a vast and complex organism, but the First Source and Centre is infinitely more complex than the universes and personalities which have become real in response to his wilful mandates. When you stand in awe of

the magnitude of the master universe, pause to consider that even this inconceivable creation can be no more than a partial revelation of the Infinite.

8 Infinity is indeed remote from the experience level of mortal comprehension, but even in this age on Urantia your concepts of infinity are growing, and they will continue to grow throughout your endless careers stretching onward into future eternity. Unqualified infinity is meaningless to the finite creature, but infinity is capable of self-limitation and is susceptible of reality expression to all levels of universe existences. And the face which

the Infinite turns toward all universe personalities is the face of a Father, the Universal Father of love.

2. THE I AM AS TRIUNE AND AS SEVENFOLD

1 In considering the genesis of reality, ever bear in mind that all absolute reality is from eternity and is without beginning of existence. By absolute reality we refer to the three existential persons of Deity, the Isle of Paradise, and the three Absolutes. These seven realities are co-ordinately eternal, notwithstanding that we resort to time-space language in presenting their sequential origins to human beings.

2 §§ In following the chronological portrayal of the origins of reality, there must be a postulated theoretical moment of "first" volitional expression and "first" repercussional reaction within the I AM. In our attempts to portray the genesis and generation of reality, this stage may be conceived as the self-differentiation of *The Infinite One* from *The Infinitude,* but the postulation of this dual relationship must always be expanded to a triune conception by the recognition of the eternal continuum of *The Infinity,* the I AM.

3 This self-metamorphosis of the I

AM culminates in the multiple differentiation of deified reality and of undeified reality, of potential and actual reality, and of certain other realities that can hardly be so classified. These differentiations of the theoretical monistic I AM are eternally integrated by simultaneous relationships arising within the same I AM — the prepotential, preactual, prepersonal, monothetic prereality which, though infinite, is revealed as absolute in the presence of the First Source and Centre and as personality in the limitless love of the Universal Father.

4 By these internal metamorphoses

the I AM is establishing the basis for a sevenfold self-relationship. The philosophic (time) concept of the solitary I AM and the transitional (time) concept of the I AM as triune can now be enlarged to encompass the I AM as sevenfold. This sevenfold — or seven phase — nature may be best suggested in relation to the Seven Absolutes of Infinity:

5 1. *The Universal Father.* I AM father of the Eternal Son. This is the primal personality relationship of actualities. The absolute personality of the Son makes absolute the fact of God's fatherhood and establishes the poten-

tial sonship of all personalities. This relationship establishes the personality of the Infinite and consummates its spiritual revelation in the personality of the Original Son. This phase of the I AM is partially experiencible on spiritual levels even by mortals who, while yet in the flesh, may worship our Father.

6 2. *The Universal Controller.* I AM cause of eternal Paradise. This is the primal impersonal relationship of actualities, the original nonspiritual association. The Universal Father is God-as-love; the Universal Controller is God-as-pattern. This relation-

ship establishes the potential of form — configuration — and determines the master pattern of impersonal and nonspiritual relationship — the master pattern from which all copies are made.

7 3. *The Universal Creator.* I AM one with the Eternal Son. This union of the Father and the Son (in the presence of Paradise) initiates the creative cycle, which is consummated in the appearance of conjoint personality and the eternal universe. From the finite mortal's viewpoint, reality has its true beginnings with the eternity appearance of the Havona creation.

This creative act of Deity is by and through the God of Action, who is in essence the unity of the Father-Son manifested on and to all levels of the actual. Therefore is divine creativity unfailingly characterized by unity, and this unity is the outward reflection of the absolute oneness of the duality of the Father-Son and of the Trinity of the Father-Son-Spirit.

8 4. *The Infinite Upholder.* I AM self-associative. This is the primordial association of the statics and potentials of reality. In this relationship, all qualifieds and unqualifieds are compensated. This phase of the I AM is

best understood as the Universal Absolute — the unifier of the Deity and the Unqualified Absolutes.

9 5. *The Infinite Potential.* I AM self-qualified. This is the infinity bench mark bearing eternal witness to the volitional self-limitation of the I AM by virtue of which there was achieved threefold self-expression and self-revelation. This phase of the I AM is usually understood as the Deity Absolute.

10 6. *The Infinite Capacity.* I AM static-reactive. This is the endless matrix, the possibility for all future cosmic expansion. This phase of the I

AM is perhaps best conceived as the supergravity presence of the Unqualified Absolute.

11 7. *The Universal One of Infinity.* I AM as I AM. This is the stasis or self-relationship of Infinity, the eternal fact of infinity-reality and the universal truth of reality-infinity. In so far as this relationship is discernible as personality, it is revealed to the universes in the divine Father of all personality — even of absolute personality. In so far as this relationship is impersonally expressible, it is contacted by the universe as the absolute coherence of pure energy and of pure spirit in the pres-

ence of the Universal Father. In so far as this relationship is conceivable as an absolute, it is revealed in the primacy of the First Source and Centre; in him we all live and move and have our being, from the creatures of space to the citizens of Paradise; and this is just as true of the master universe as of the infinitesimal ultimaton, just as true of what is to be as of that which is and of what has been.

3. THE SEVEN ABSOLUTES OF INFINITY

1 The seven prime relationships within the I AM eternalize as the Seven Absolutes of Infinity. But

though we may portray reality origins and infinity differentiation by a sequential narrative, in fact all seven Absolutes are unqualifiedly and co-ordinately eternal. It may be necessary for mortal minds to conceive of their beginnings, but always should this conception be overshadowed by the realization that the seven Absolutes had no beginning; they are eternal and as such have always been. The seven Absolutes are the premise of reality. They have been described in these papers as follows:

2 1. *The First Source and Centre.* First Person of Deity and primal non-

deity pattern, God, the Universal Father, creator, controller, and upholder; universal love, eternal spirit, and infinite energy; potential of all potentials and source of all actuals; stability of all statics and dynamism of all change; source of pattern and Father of persons. Collectively, all seven Absolutes equivalate to infinity, but the Universal Father himself actually is infinite.

3 2. *The Second Source and Centre.* Second Person of Deity, the Eternal and Original Son; the absolute personality realities of the I AM and the basis for the realization-revelation of "I AM personality." No personality

can hope to attain the Universal Father except through his Eternal Son; neither can personality attain to spirit levels of existence apart from the action and aid of this absolute pattern for all personalities. In the Second Source and Centre spirit is unqualified while personality is absolute.

4 3. *The Paradise Source and Centre.* Second nondeity pattern, the eternal Isle of Paradise; the basis for the realization-revelation of "I AM force" and the foundation for the establishment of gravity control throughout the universes. Regarding all actualized, nonspiritual, impersonal, and

nonvolitional reality, Paradise is the absolute of patterns. Just as spirit energy is related to the Universal Father through the absolute personality of the Mother-Son, so is all cosmic energy grasped in the gravity control of the First Source and Centre through the absolute pattern of the Paradise Isle. Paradise is not in space; space exists relative to Paradise, and the chronicity of motion is determined through Paradise relationship. The eternal Isle is absolutely at rest; all other organized and organizing energy is in eternal motion; in all space, only the presence of the Unqualified

Absolute is quiescent, and the Unqualified is co-ordinate with Paradise. Paradise exists at the focus of space, the Unqualified pervades it, and all relative existence has its being within this domain.

5 4. *The Third Source and Centre.* Third Person of Deity, the Conjoint Actor; infinite integrator of Paradise cosmic energies with the spirit energies of the Eternal Son; perfect co-ordinator of the motives of will and the mechanics of force; unifier of all actual and actualizing reality. Through the ministrations of his manifold children the Infinite Spirit reveals the mercy of

the Eternal Son while at the same time functioning as the infinite manipulator, forever weaving the pattern of Paradise into the energies of space. This selfsame Conjoint Actor, this God of Action, is the perfect expression of the limitless plans and purposes of the Father-Son while functioning himself as the source of mind and the bestower of intellect upon the creatures of a far-flung cosmos.

6 5. *The Deity Absolute.* The causational, potentially personal possibilities of universal reality, the totality of all Deity potential. The Deity Absolute is the purposive qualifier of the

unqualified, absolute, and nondeity realities. The Deity Absolute is the qualifier of the absolute and the absolutizer of the qualified — the destiny inceptor.

7 6. *The Unqualified Absolute.* Static reactive, and abeyant; the unrevealed cosmic infinity of the I AM; totality of nondeified reality and finality of all nonpersonal potential. Space limits the function of the Unqualified, but the presence of the Unqualified is without limit, infinite. There is a concept periphery to the master universe, but the presence of the Unqualified is limitless; even eternity cannot exhaust

the boundless quiescence of this non-deity Absolute.

8 7. *The Universal Absolute.* Unifier of the deified and the undeified; correlator[1] of the absolute and the rel-

[1] In 1955 text "corelater". Although it is possible that the original word (which is not found in either Webster's or the OED) was a coined extension of corelation and corelative (both of which are found), it is not readily apparent how corelater would differ in meaning from correlator(s), the now standard form, which is found five times elsewhere in the text. The more likely situation is that two separate typographical errors were made when this word was set. The first was a dropped keystroke error at the end of a line of type; the second was an incorrect keystroke error, substituting e for o. This doubly misspelled word would still be difficult to catch in proofing because it would

ative. The Universal Absolute (being static, potential, and associative) compensates the tension between the ever-existent and the uncompleted.

9 §§ The Seven Absolutes of Infinity constitute the beginnings of reality. As mortal minds would regard it, the First Source and Centre would appear

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sound the same if read out loud, and interestingly enough, if it looked odd to a proofreader and consequently led him or her to consult the dictionary, the spelling could neither be confirmed nor denied by either Webster's or the OED — neither dictionary contained correlator or corelater — and without an electronically searchable text, it is unlikely that the evidence of the otherwise unanimous usage within the revelation itself could have been brought to bear on the problem.

to be antecedent to all absolutes. But such a postulate, however helpful, is invalidated by the eternity coexistence of the Son, the Spirit, the three Absolutes, and the Paradise Isle.

10 It is a *truth* that the Absolutes are manifestations of the I AM-First Source and Centre; it is a *fact* that these Absolutes never had a beginning but are co-ordinate eternals with the First Source and Centre. The relationships of absolutes in eternity cannot always be presented without involving paradoxes in the language of time and in the concept patterns of space. But regardless of any confusion con-

cerning the origin of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity, it is both fact and truth that all reality is predicated upon their eternity existence and infinity relationships.

4. UNITY, DUALITY, AND TRIUNITY

1 The universe philosophers postulate the eternity existence of the I AM as the primal source of all reality. And concomitant therewith they postulate the self-segmentation of the I AM into the primary self-relationships — the seven phases of infinity. And simultaneous with this assumption is the third postulate — the eternity appearance

of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity and the eternalization of the duality association of the seven phases of the I AM and these seven Absolutes.

2 The self-revelation of the I AM thus proceeds from static self through self-segmentation and self-relationship to absolute relationships, relationships with self-derived Absolutes. Duality becomes thus existent in the eternal association of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity with the sevenfold infinity of the self-segmented phases of the self-revealing I AM. These dual relationships, eternalizing to the universes as the seven Absolutes, eternalize

the basic foundations for all universe reality.

3 It has been sometime stated that unity begets duality, that duality begets triunity, and that triunity is the eternal ancestor of all things. There are, indeed, three great classes of primordial relationships, and they are:

4 1. *Unity relationships.* Relations existent within the I AM as the unity thereof is conceived as a threefold and then as a sevenfold self-differentiation.

5 2. *Duality relationships.* Relations existent between the I AM as sevenfold and the Seven Absolutes of Infinity.

6 3. *Triunity relationships.* These are the functional associations of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity.

7 §§ Triunity relationships arise upon duality foundations because of the inevitability of Absolute interassociation. Such triunity associations eternalize the potential of all reality; they encompass both deified and undeified reality.

8 The I AM is unqualified infinity as *unity.* The dualities eternalize reality *foundations.* The triunities eventuate the realization of infinity as universal *function.*

9 Pre-existentials become existen-

tial in the seven Absolutes, and existentials become functional in the triunities, the basic association of Absolutes. And concomitant with the eternalization of the triunities the universe stage is set — the potentials are existent and the actuals are present — and the fullness of eternity witnesses the diversification of cosmic energy, the outspreading of Paradise spirit, and the endowment of mind together with the bestowal of personality, by virtue of which all of these Deity and Paradise derivatives are unified in experience on the creature level and by other

techniques on the supercreature level.

5. PROMULGATION OF FINITE REALITY

1 Just as the original diversification of the I AM must be attributed to inherent and self-contained volition, so must the promulgation of finite reality be ascribed to the volitional acts of Paradise Deity and to the repercussional adjustments of the functional triunities.

2 Prior to the deitization of the finite, it would appear that all reality diversification took place on absolute levels; but the volitional act promulgating finite reality connotes a qualifi-

cation of absoluteness and implies the appearance of relativities.

3 §§ While we present this narrative as a sequence and portray the historic appearance of the finite as a direct derivative of the absolute, it should be borne in mind that transcendentals both preceded and succeeded all that is finite. Transcendental ultimates are, in relation to the finite, both causal and consummational.

4 §§ Finite possibility is inherent in the Infinite, but the transmutation of possibility to probability and inevitability must be attributed to the self-existent free will of the First

Source and Centre, activating all triunity associations. Only the infinity of the Father's will could ever have so qualified the absolute level of existence as to eventuate an ultimate or to create a finite.

5 With the appearance of relative and qualified reality there comes into being a new cycle of reality — the growth cycle — a majestic downsweep from the heights of infinity to the domain of the finite, forever swinging inward to Paradise and Deity, always seeking those high destinies commensurate with an infinity source.

6 These inconceivable transactions

mark the beginning of universe history, mark the coming into existence of time itself. To a creature, the beginning of the finite *is* the genesis of reality; as viewed by creature mind, there is no actuality conceivable prior to the finite. This newly appearing finite reality exists in two original phases:

7 1. *Primary maximums,* the supremely perfect reality, the Havona type of universe and creature.

8 2. *Secondary maximums,* the supremely perfected reality, the superuniverse type of creature and creation.

9 §§ These, then, are the two original manifestations: the constitutively per-

fect and the evolutionally perfected. The two are co-ordinate in eternity relationships, but within the limits of time they are seemingly different. A time factor means growth to that which grows; secondary finites grow; hence those that are growing must appear as incomplete in time. But these differences, which are so important this side of Paradise, are nonexistent in eternity.

10 We speak of the perfect and the perfected as primary and secondary maximums, but there is still another type: Trinitizing and other relationships between the primaries and the

secondaries result in the appearance of *tertiary maximums* — things, meanings, and values that are neither perfect nor perfected yet are co-ordinate with both ancestral factors.

6. REPERCUSSIONS OF FINITE REALITY

1 The entire promulgation of finite existences represents a transference from potentials to actuals within the absolute associations of functional infinity. Of the many repercussions to creative actualization of the finite, there may be cited:

2 1. *The deity response,* the appearance of the three levels of experiential

supremacy: the actuality of personal-spirit supremacy in Havona, the potential for personal-power supremacy in the grand universe to be, and the capacity for some unknown function of experiential mind acting on some level of supremacy in the future master universe.

3 2. *The universe response* involved an activation of the architectural plans for the superuniverse space level, and this evolution is still progressing throughout the physical organization of the seven superuniverses.

4 3. *The creature repercussion* to finite-reality promulgation resulted in

the appearance of perfect beings on the order of the eternal inhabitants of Havona and of perfected evolutionary ascenders from the seven superuniverses. But to attain perfection as an evolutionary (time-creative) experience implies something other-than-perfection as a point of departure. Thus arises imperfection in the evolutionary creations. And this is the origin of potential evil. Misadaptation, disharmony, and conflict, all these things are inherent in evolutionary growth, from physical universes to personal creatures.

5 4. *The divinity response* to the im-

perfection inherent in the time lag of evolution is disclosed in the compensating presence of God the Sevenfold, by whose activities that which is perfecting is integrated with both the perfect and the perfected. This time lag is inseparable from evolution, which is creativity in time. Because of it, as well as for other reasons, the almighty power of the Supreme is predicated on the divinity successes of God the Sevenfold. This time lag makes possible creature participation in divine creation by permitting creature personalities to become partners with Deity in the attainment of maximum de-

velopment. Even the material mind of the mortal creature thus becomes partner with the divine Adjuster in the dualization of the immortal soul. God the Sevenfold also provides techniques of compensation for the experiential limitations of inherent perfection as well as compensating the preascension limitations of imperfection.

7. EVENTUATION OF TRANSCENDENTALS

1 Transcendentals are subinfinite and subabsolute but superfinite and supercreatural. Transcendentals eventuate as an integrating level correlating the supervalues of absolutes with

the maximum values of finites. From the creature standpoint, that which is transcendental would appear to have eventuated as a consequence of the finite; from the eternity viewpoint, in anticipation of the finite; and there are those who have considered it as a "pre-echo" of the finite.

2 That which is transcendental is not necessarily nondevelopmental, but it is superevolutional in the finite sense; neither is it nonexperiential, but it is superexperience as such is meaningful to creatures. Perhaps the best illustration of such a paradox is the central universe of perfection: It is

hardly absolute — only the Paradise Isle is truly absolute in the "materialized" sense. Neither is it a finite evolutionary creation as are the seven superuniverses. Havona is eternal but not changeless in the sense of being a universe of nongrowth. It is inhabited by creatures (Havona natives) who never were actually created, for they are eternally existent. Havona thus illustrates something which is not exactly finite nor yet absolute. Havona further acts as a buffer between absolute Paradise and finite creations, still further illustrating the function of transcendentals. But Havona itself is not a tran-

scendental — it is Havona.

3 As the Supreme is associated with finites, so the Ultimate is identified with transcendentals. But though we thus compare Supreme and Ultimate, they differ by something more than degree; the difference is also a matter of quality. The Ultimate is something more than a super-Supreme projected on the transcendental level. The Ultimate is all of that, but more: The Ultimate is an eventuation of new Deity realities, the qualification of new phases of the theretofore unqualified.

4 §§ Among those realities which are associated with the transcendental

level are the following:

5 1. The Deity presence of the Ultimate.

6 2. The concept of the master universe.

7 3. The Architects of the Master Universe.

8 4. The two orders of Paradise force organizers.

9 5. Certain modifications in space potency.

10 6. Certain values of spirit.

11 7. Certain meanings of mind.

12 8. Absonite qualities and realities.

13 9. Omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.

14 10. Space.

15 §§ The universe in which we now live may be thought of as existing on finite, transcendental, and absolute levels. This is the cosmic stage on which is enacted the endless drama of personality performance and energy metamorphosis.

16 And all of these manifold realities are unified *absolutely* by the several triunities, *functionally* by the Architects of the Master Universe, and *relatively* by the Seven Master Spirits, the subsupreme co-ordinators of the divinity

of God the Sevenfold.

17 God the Sevenfold represents the personality and divinity revelation of the Universal Father to creatures of both maximum and submaximum status, but there are other sevenfold relationships of the First Source and Centre which do not pertain to the manifestation of the divine spiritual ministry of the God who is spirit.

18 §§ In the eternity of the past the forces of the Absolutes, the spirits of the Deities, and the personalities of the Gods stirred in response to the primordial self-will of self-existent self-will. In this universe age we are all wit-

nessing the stupendous repercussions of the far-flung cosmic panorama of the subabsolute manifestations of the limitless potentials of all these realities. And it is altogether possible that the continued diversification of the original reality of the First Source and Centre may proceed onward and outward throughout age upon age, on and on, into the faraway and inconceivable stretches of absolute infinity.

19 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 106

UNIVERSE LEVELS OF REALITY

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It is not enough that the ascending mortal should know something of the relations of Deity to the genesis and manifestations of cosmic reality; he should also comprehend something of the relationships existing between himself and the numerous levels of existential and experiential realities, of potential and actual realities. Man's terrestrial orientation, his

cosmic insight, and his spiritual directionization are all enhanced by a better comprehension of universe realities and their techniques of interassociation, integration, and unification.

2 The present grand universe and the emerging master universe are made up of many forms and phases of reality which, in turn, are existent on several levels of functional activity. These manifold existents and latents have been previously suggested in these papers, and they are now grouped for conceptual convenience in the following categories:

3 1. *Incomplete finites.* This is the

present status of the ascending creatures of the grand universe, the present status of Urantia mortals. This level embraces creature existence from the planetary human up to, but not including, destiny attainers. It pertains to universes from early physical beginnings up to, but not including, settlement in light and life. This level constitutes the present periphery of creative activity in time and space. It appears to be moving outward from Paradise, for the closing of the present universe age, which will witness the grand universe attainment of light and life, will also and surely witness the

appearance of some new order of developmental growth in the first outer space level.

4 2. *Maximum finites.* This is the present status of all experiential creatures who have attained destiny — destiny as revealed within the scope of the present universe age. Even universes can attain to the maximum of status, both spiritually and physically. But the term "maximum" is itself a relative term — maximum in relation to what? And that which is maximum, seemingly final, in the present universe age may be no more than a real beginning in terms of the ages to come.

Some phases of Havona appear to be on the maximum order.

5 3. *Transcendentals.* This superfinite level (antecedently) follows finite progression. It implies the prefinite genesis of finite beginnings and the postfinite significance of all apparent finite endings or destinies. Much of Paradise-Havona appears to be on the transcendental order.

6 4. *Ultimates.* This level encompasses that which is of master universe significance and impinges on the destiny level of the completed master universe. Paradise-Havona (especially the circuit of the Father's worlds) is in

many respects of ultimate significance.

7 5. *Coabsolutes.* This level implies the projection of experientials upon a supermaster universe field of creative expression.

8 6. *Absolutes.* This level connotes the eternity presence of the seven existential Absolutes. It may also involve some degree of associative experiential attainment, but if so, we do not understand how, perhaps through the contact potential of personality.

9 7. *Infinity.* This level is pre-existential and postexperiential. Unqualified unity of infinity is a hypothetical

reality before all beginnings and after all destinies.

10 §§ These levels of reality are convenient compromise symbolizations of the present universe age and for the mortal perspective. There are a number of other ways of looking at reality from other-than-mortal perspective and from the standpoint of other universe ages. Thus it should be recognized that the concepts herewith presented are entirely relative, relative in the sense of being conditioned and limited by:

11 1. The limitations of mortal language.

12 2. The limitations of the mortal mind.

13 3. The limited development of the seven superuniverses.

14 4. Your ignorance of the six prime purposes of superuniverse development which do not pertain to the mortal ascent to Paradise.

15 5. Your inability to grasp even a partial eternity viewpoint.

16 6. The impossibility of depicting cosmic evolution and destiny in relation to all universe ages, not just in regard to the present age of the evolutionary unfolding of the seven superuniverses.

17 7. The inability of any creature to grasp what is really meant by pre-existentials or by postexperientials — that which lies before beginnings and after destinies.

18 §§ Reality growth is conditioned by the circumstances of the successive universe ages. The central universe underwent no evolutionary change in the Havona age, but in the present epochs of the superuniverse age it is undergoing certain progressive changes induced by co-ordination with the evolutionary superuniverses. The seven superuniverses, now evolving, will sometime attain the settled

status of light and life, will attain the growth limit for the present universe age. But beyond doubt, the next age, the age of the first outer space level, will release the superuniverses from the destiny limitations of the present age. Repletion is continually being superimposed upon completion.

19 §§ These are some of the limitations which we encounter in attempting to present a unified concept of the cosmic growth of things, meanings, and values and of their synthesis on

ever-ascending levels of reality.

1. PRIMARY ASSOCIATION OF FINITE FUNCTIONALS

1 The primary or spirit-origin phases of finite reality find immediate expression on creature levels as perfect personalities and on universe levels as the perfect Havona creation. Even experiential Deity is thus expressed in the spirit person of God the Supreme in Havona. But the secondary, evolutionary, time-and-matter-conditioned phases of the finite become cosmically integrated only as a result of growth and attainment. Eventually all secondary or perfect-

ing finites are to attain a level equal to that of primary perfection, but such destiny is subject to a time delay, a constitutive superuniverse qualification which is not genetically found in the central creation. (We know of the existence of tertiary finites, but the technique of their integration is as yet unrevealed.)

2 This superuniverse time lag, this obstacle to perfection attainment, provides for creature participation in evolutionary growth. It thus makes it possible for the creature to enter into partnership with the Creator in the evolution of that selfsame creature.

And during these times of expanding growth the incomplete is correlated with the perfect through the ministry of God the Sevenfold.

3 God the Sevenfold signifies the recognition by Paradise Deity of the barriers of time in the evolutionary universes of space. No matter how remote from Paradise, how deep in space, a material survival personality may take origin, God the Sevenfold will be found there present and engaged in the loving and merciful ministry of truth, beauty, and goodness to such an incomplete, struggling, and evolutionary creature. The divinity

ministry of the Sevenfold reaches inward through the Eternal Son to the Paradise Father and outward through the Ancients of Days to the universe Fathers — the Creator Sons.

4 Man, being personal and ascending by spiritual progression, finds the personal and spiritual divinity of the Sevenfold Deity; but there are other phases of the Sevenfold which are not concerned with the progression of personality. The divinity aspects of this Deity grouping are at present integrated in the liaison between the Seven Master Spirits and the Conjoint Actor, but they are destined to be eter-

nally unified in the emerging personality of the Supreme Being. The other phases of the Sevenfold Deity are variously integrated in the present universe age, but all are likewise destined to be unified in the Supreme. The Sevenfold, in all phases, is the source of the relative unity of the functional reality of the present grand universe.

2. SECONDARY SUPREME FINITE INTEGRATION

1 As God the Sevenfold functionally co-ordinates finite evolution, so does the Supreme Being eventually synthesize destiny attainment. The Supreme Being is the deity culmina-

tion of grand universe evolution — physical evolution around a spirit nucleus and eventual dominance of the spirit nucleus over the encircling and whirling domains of physical evolution. And all of this takes place in accordance with the mandates of personality: Paradise personality in the highest sense, Creator personality in the universe sense, mortal personality in the human sense, Supreme personality in the culminating or experiential totalling sense.

2 §§ The concept of the Supreme must provide for the differential recognition of spirit person, evolution-

ary power, and power-personality synthesis — the unification of evolutionary power with, and its dominance by, spirit personality.

3 Spirit, in the last analysis, comes from Paradise through Havona. Energy-matter seemingly evolves in the depths of space and is organized as power by the children of the Infinite Spirit in conjunction with the Creator Sons of God. And all of this is experiential; it is a transaction in time and space involving a wide range of living beings including even Creator divinities and evolutionary creatures. The power mastery of the Creator di-

vinities in the grand universe slowly expands to encompass the evolutionary settling and stabilizing of the time-space creations, and this is the flowering of the experiential power of God the Sevenfold. It encompasses the whole gamut of divinity attainment in time and space from the Adjuster bestowals of the Universal Father to the life bestowals of the Paradise Sons. This is earned power, demonstrated power, experiential power; it stands in contrast to the eternity power, the unfathomable power, the existential power of the Paradise Deities.

4 This experiential power arising out

of the divinity achievements of God the Sevenfold itself manifests the cohesive qualities of divinity by synthesizing — totalizing — as the almighty power of the attained experiential mastery of the evolving creations. And this almighty power in turn finds spirit-personality cohesion on the pilot sphere of the outer belt of Havona worlds in union with the spirit personality of the Havona presence of God the Supreme. Thus does experiential Deity culminate the long evolutionary struggle by investing the power product of time and space with the spirit presence and divine person-

ality resident in the central creation.

5 Thus does the Supreme Being eventually attain to the embrace of all of everything evolving in time and space while investing these qualities with spirit personality. Since creatures, even mortals, are personality participants in this majestic transaction, so do they certainly attain the capacity to know the Supreme and to perceive the Supreme as true children of such an evolutionary Deity.

6 §§ Michael of Nebadon is like the Paradise Father because he shares his Paradise perfection; so will evolutionary mortals sometime attain to kin-

ship with the experiential Supreme, for they will truly share his evolutionary perfection.

7 §§ God the Supreme is experiential; therefore is he completely experiencible. The existential realities of the seven Absolutes are not perceivable by the technique of experience; only the *personality realities* of the Father, Son, and Spirit can be grasped by the personality of the finite creature in the prayer-worship attitude.

8 Within the completed power-personality synthesis of the Supreme Being there will be associated all of the absoluteness of the several triodities

which could be so associated, and this majestic personality of evolution will be experientially attainable and understandable by all finite personalities. When ascenders attain the postulated seventh stage of spirit existence, they will therein experience the realization of a new meaning-value of the absoluteness and infinity of the triodities as such is revealed on subabsolute levels in the Supreme Being, who is experiencible. But the attainment of these stages of maximum development will probably await the co-ordinate settling of the entire grand universe in

light and life.

3. TRANSCENDENTAL TERTIARY REALITY ASSOCIATION

1 The absonite architects eventuate the plan; the Supreme Creators bring it into existence; the Supreme Being will consummate its fullness as it was time created by the Supreme Creators, and as it was space forecast by the Master Architects.

2 During the present universe age the administrative co-ordination of the master universe is the function of the Architects of the Master Universe. But the appearance of the Al-

mighty Supreme at the termination of the present universe age will signify that the evolutionary finite has attained the first stage of experiential destiny. This happening will certainly lead to the completed function of the first experiential Trinity — the union of the Supreme Creators, the Supreme Being, and the Architects of the Master Universe. This Trinity is destined to effect the further evolutionary integration of the master creation.

3 The Paradise Trinity is truly one of infinity, and no Trinity can possibly be infinite that does not include this original Trinity. But the origi-

nal Trinity is an eventuality of the exclusive association of absolute Deities; subabsolute beings had nothing to do with this primal association. The subsequently appearing and experiential Trinities embrace the contributions of even creature personalities. Certainly this is true of the Trinity Ultimate, wherein the very presence of the Master Creator Sons among the Supreme Creator members thereof betokens the concomitant presence of actual and bona fide creature experience *within* this Trinity association.

4 The first experiential Trinity provides for group attainment of ultimate

eventualities. Group associations are enabled to anticipate, even to transcend, individual capacities; and this is true even beyond the finite level. In the ages to come, after the seven superuniverses have been settled in light and life, the Corps of the Finality will doubtless be promulgating the purposes of the Paradise Deities as they are dictated by the Trinity Ultimate, and as they are power-personality unified in the Supreme Being.

5 §§ Throughout all the gigantic universe developments of past and future eternity, we detect the expansion of the comprehensible elements of the

Universal Father. As the I AM, we philosophically postulate his permeation of total infinity, but no creature is able experientially to encompass such a postulate. As the universes expand, and as gravity and love reach out into time-organizing space, we are able to understand more and more of the First Source and Centre. We observe gravity action penetrating the space presence of the Unqualified Absolute, and we detect spirit creatures evolving and expanding within the divinity presence of the Deity Absolute while both cosmic and spirit evolution are by mind and experience unifying

on finite deity levels as the Supreme Being and are co-ordinating on transcendental levels as the Trinity Ultimate.

4. ULTIMATE QUARTAN INTEGRATION

1 The Paradise Trinity certainly co-ordinates in the ultimate sense but functions in this respect as a self-qualified absolute; the experiential Trinity Ultimate co-ordinates the transcendental as a transcendental. In the eternal future this experiential Trinity will, through augmenting unity, further activate the eventuating presence of Ultimate Deity.

2 While the Trinity Ultimate is destined to co-ordinate the master creation, God the Ultimate is the transcendental power-personalization of the directionization of the entire master universe. The completed eventuation of the Ultimate implies the completion of the master creation and connotes the full emergence of this transcendental Deity.

3 What changes will be inaugurated by the full emergence of the Ultimate we do not know. But as the Supreme is now spiritually and personally present in Havona, so also is the Ultimate there present but in the absonite and

superpersonal sense. And you have been informed of the existence of the Qualified Vicegerents of the Ultimate, though you have not been informed of their present whereabouts or function.

4 But irrespective of the administrative repercussions attendant upon the emergence of Ultimate Deity, the personal values of his transcendental divinity will be experiencible by all personalities who have been participants in the actualization of this Deity level. Transcendence of the finite can lead only to ultimate attainment. God the Ultimate exists in transcendence of time and space but is nonetheless sub-

absolute notwithstanding inherent capacity for functional association with absolutes.

5. COABSOLUTE OR FIFTH-PHASE ASSOCIATION

1 The Ultimate is the apex of transcendental reality even as the Supreme is the capstone of evolutionary-experiential reality. And the actual emergence of these two experiential Deities lays the foundation for the second experiential Trinity. This is the Trinity Absolute, the union of God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and the un-

revealed[1] Consummator of Universe Destiny. And this Trinity has theoretical capacity to activate the Absolutes of potentiality — Deity, Universal, and Unqualified. But the completed formation of this Trinity Absolute

[1] In 1955 text "Unrevealed". The lowercase version appears to be correct because "unrevealed" does not seem to be part of the name but is solely descriptive (the title being found in several places without unrevealed preceding it). In the one other case in which "unrevealed" is found in conjunction with Consummator of Universe Destiny, it is not capitalized 0:12.7 in the text. "Unrevealed" is found in one other location as a capitalized component of a title — The "Unrevealed Creative Agencies of the Ancients of Days" 30:1.108 — so such a format is possible.

could take place only after the completed evolution of the entire master universe, from Havona to the fourth and outermost space level.

2 It should be made clear that these experiential Trinities are correlative, not only of the personality qualities of experiential Divinity, but also of all the other-than-personal qualities which characterize their attained Deity unity. While this presentation deals primarily with the personal phases of the unification of the cosmos, it is nonetheless true that the impersonal aspects of the universe of universes are likewise destined to undergo

unification as is illustrated by the power-personality synthesis now going on in connection with the evolution of the Supreme Being. The spirit-personal qualities of the Supreme are inseparable from the power prerogatives of the Almighty, and both are complemented by the unknown potential of Supreme mind. Neither can God the Ultimate as a person be considered apart from the other-than-personal aspects of Ultimate Deity. And on the absolute level the Deity and the Unqualified Absolutes are inseparable and indistinguishable in the presence of the Universal Absolute.

3 Trinities are, in and of themselves, not personal, but neither do they contravene personality. Rather do they encompass it and correlate it, in a collective sense, with impersonal functions. Trinities are, then, always *deity* reality but never *personality* reality. The personality aspects of a trinity are inherent in its individual members, and as individual persons they are *not* that trinity. Only as a collective are they trinity; that *is* trinity. But always is trinity inclusive of all encompassed deity; trinity is deity unity.

4 The three Absolutes — Deity, Universal, and Unqualified — are not

trinity, for all are not deity. Only the deified can become trinity; all other associations are triunities or triodities.

6. ABSOLUTE OR SIXTH-PHASE INTEGRATION

1 The present potential of the master universe is hardly absolute, though it may well be near-ultimate, and we deem it impossible to achieve the full revelation of absolute meaning-values within the scope of a subabsolute cosmos. We therefore encounter considerable difficulty in attempting to conceive of a total expression of the lim-

itless possibilities of the three Absolutes or even in attempting to visualize the experiential personalization of God the Absolute on the now impersonal level of the Deity Absolute.

2 The space-stage of the master universe seems to be adequate for the actualization of the Supreme Being, for the formation and full function of the Trinity Ultimate, for the eventuation of God the Ultimate, and even for the inception of the Trinity Absolute. But our concepts regarding the full function of this second experiential Trinity seem to imply something beyond even the wide-spreading master universe.

3 If we assume a cosmos-infinite — some illimitable cosmos on beyond the master universe — and if we conceive that the final developments of the Absolute Trinity will take place out on such a superultimate stage of action, then it becomes possible to conjecture that the completed function of the Trinity Absolute will achieve final expression in the creations of infinity and will consummate the absolute actualization of *all* potentials. The integration and association of ever-enlarging segments of reality will approach absoluteness of status proportional to the inclusion of

all reality within the segments thus associated.

4 Stated otherwise: The Trinity Absolute, as its name implies, is really absolute in total function. We do not know how an absolute function can achieve total expression on a qualified, limited, or otherwise restricted basis. Hence we must assume that any such totality function will be unconditioned (in potential). And it would also appear that the unconditioned would also be unlimited, at least from a qualitative standpoint, though we are not so sure regarding quantitative relationships.

5 Of this, however, we are certain: While the existential Paradise Trinity is infinite, and while the experiential Trinity Ultimate is subinfinite, the Trinity Absolute is not so easy to classify. Though experiential in genesis and constitution, it definitely impinges upon the existential Absolutes of potentiality.

6 While it is hardly profitable for the human mind to seek to grasp such faraway and superhuman concepts, we would suggest that the eternity action of the Trinity Absolute may be thought of as culminating in some kind of experientialization of the Ab-

solutes of potentiality. This would appear to be a reasonable conclusion with respect to the Universal Absolute, if not the Unqualified Absolute; at least we know that the Universal Absolute is not only static and potential but also associative in the total Deity sense of those words. But in regard to the conceivable values of divinity and personality, these conjectured happenings imply the personalization of the Deity Absolute and the appearance of those superpersonal values and those ultrapersonal meanings inherent in the personality completion of God the Absolute — the third

and last of the experiential Deities.

7. FINALITY OF DESTINY

1 Some of the difficulties in forming concepts of infinite reality integration are inherent in the fact that all such ideas embrace something of the finality of universal development, some kind of an experiential realization of all that could ever be. And it is inconceivable that quantitative infinity could ever be completely realized in finality. Always there must remain unexplored possibilities in the three potential Absolutes which no quantity of experiential development could ever

exhaust. Eternity itself, though absolute, is not more than absolute.

2 Even a tentative concept of final integration is inseparable from the fruitions of unqualified eternity and is, therefore, practically nonrealizable at any conceivable future time.

3 §§ Destiny is established by the volitional act of the Deities who constitute the Paradise Trinity; destiny is established in the vastness of the three great potentials whose absoluteness encompasses the possibilities of all future development; destiny is probably consummated by the act of the Consummator of Universe Destiny, and

this act is probably involved with the Supreme and the Ultimate in the Trinity Absolute. Any experiential destiny can be at least partially comprehended by experiencing creatures; but a destiny which impinges on infinite existentials is hardly comprehensible. Finality destiny is an existential-experiential attainment which appears to involve the Deity Absolute. But the Deity Absolute stands in eternity relationship with the Unqualified Absolute by virtue of the Universal Absolute. And these three Absolutes, experiential in possibility, are actually existential and more, being limitless, time-

less, spaceless, boundless, and measureless — truly infinite.

4 The improbability of goal attainment does not, however, prevent philosophical theorizing about such hypothetical destinies. The actualization of the Deity Absolute as an attainable absolute God may be practically impossible of realization; nevertheless, such a finality fruition remains a theoretical possibility. The involvement of the Unqualified Absolute in some inconceivable cosmos-infinite may be measurelessly remote in the futurity of endless eternity, but such a hypothesis is nonetheless valid. Mortals, mo-

rontians, spirits, finaliters, Transcendentalers, and others, together with the universes themselves and all other phases of reality, certainly do have a *potentially final destiny that is absolute in value;* but we doubt that any being or universe will ever completely attain all of the aspects of such a destiny.

5 §§ No matter how much you may grow in Father comprehension, your mind will always be staggered by the unrevealed infinity of the Father-I AM, the unexplored vastness of which will always remain unfathomable and incomprehensible throughout all the cycles of eternity. No matter how

much of God you may attain, there will always remain much more of him, the existence of which you will not even suspect. And we believe that this is just as true on transcendental levels as it is in the domains of finite existence. The quest for God is endless!

6 Such inability to attain God in a final sense should in no manner discourage universe creatures; indeed, you can and do attain Deity levels of the Sevenfold, the Supreme, and the Ultimate, which mean to you what the infinite realization of God the Father means to the Eternal Son and to the Conjoint Actor in their absolute

status of eternity existence. Far from harassing the creature, the infinity of God should be the supreme assurance that throughout all endless futurity an ascending personality will have before him the possibilities of personality development and Deity association which even eternity will neither exhaust nor terminate.

7 §§ To finite creatures of the grand universe the concept of the master universe seems to be well-nigh infinite, but doubtless the absonite architects thereof perceive its relatedness to future and unimagined developments within the unending I AM. Even space

itself is but an ultimate condition, a condition of qualification *within* the relative absoluteness of the quiet zones of midspace.

8 At the inconceivably distant future eternity moment of the final completion of the entire master universe, no doubt we will all look back upon its entire history as only the beginning, simply the creation of certain finite and transcendental foundations for even greater and more enthralling metamorphoses in uncharted infinity. At such a future eternity moment the master universe will still seem youthful; indeed, it will be always young in

the face of the limitless possibilities of never-ending eternity.

9 §§ The improbability of infinite destiny attainment does not in the least prevent the entertainment of ideas about such destiny, and we do not hesitate to say that, if the three absolute potentials could ever become completely actualized, it would be possible to conceive of the final integration of total reality. This developmental realization is predicated on the completed actualization of the Unqualified, Universal, and Deity Absolutes, the three potentialities whose union constitutes the latency of the I

AM, the suspended realities of eternity, the abeyant possibilities of all futurity, and more.

10 Such eventualities are rather remote to say the least; nevertheless, in the mechanisms, personalities, and associations of the three Trinities we believe we detect the theoretical possibility of the reuniting of the seven absolute phases of the Father-I AM. And this brings us face to face with the concept of the threefold Trinity encompassing the Paradise Trinity of existential status and the two subsequently appearing Trinities of experiential na-

ture and origin.

8. THE TRINITY OF TRINITIES

1 The nature of the Trinity of Trinities is difficult to portray to the human mind; it is the actual summation of the entirety of experiential infinity as such is manifested in a theoretical infinity of eternity realization. In the Trinity of Trinities the experiential infinite attains to identity with the existential infinite, and both are as one in the pre-experiential, pre-existential I AM. The Trinity of Trinities is the final expression of all that is implied in the 15 triunities and associated triodi-

ties. Finalities are difficult for relative beings to comprehend, be they existential or experiential; therefore must they always be presented as relativities.

2 The Trinity of Trinities exists in several phases. It contains possibilities, probabilities, and inevitabilities that stagger the imaginations of beings far above the human level. It has implications that are probably unsuspected by the celestial philosophers, for its implications are in the triunities, and the triunities are, in the last analysis, unfathomable.

3 There are a number of ways in which the Trinity of Trinities can be

portrayed. We elect to present the three-level concept, which is as follows:

4 1. The level of the three Trinities.

5 2. The level of experiential Deity.

6 3. The level of the I AM.

7 §§ These are levels of increasing unification. Actually the Trinity of Trinities is the first level, while the second and third levels are unification-derivatives of the first.

8 §§ THE FIRST LEVEL: On this initial level of association it is believed

that the three Trinities function as perfectly synchronized, though distinct, groupings of Deity personalities.

9 1. *The Paradise Trinity,* the association of the three Paradise Deities — Father, Son, and Spirit. It should be remembered that the Paradise Trinity implies a threefold function — an absolute function, a transcendental function (Trinity of Ultimacy), and a finite function (Trinity of Supremacy). The Paradise Trinity is any and all of these at any and all times.

10 2. *The Ultimate Trinity.* This is the deity association of the Supreme

Creators, God the Supreme, and the Architects of the Master Universe. While this is an adequate presentation of the divinity aspects of this Trinity, it should be recorded that there are other phases of this Trinity, which, however, appear to be perfectly co-ordinating with the divinity aspects.

11 3. *The Absolute Trinity.* This is the grouping of God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and the Consummator of Universe Destiny in regard to all divinity values. Certain other phases of this triune grouping have to do with other-than-divinity values in the expanding cosmos. But these are

unifying with the divinity phases just as the power and the personality aspects of the experiential Deities are now in process of experiential synthesis.

12 §§ The association of these three Trinities in the Trinity of Trinities provides for a possible unlimited integration of reality. This grouping contains causes, intermediates, and finals; inceptors, realizers, and consummators; beginnings, existences, and destinies. The Father-Son partnership has become Son-Spirit and then Spirit-Supreme and on to Supreme-Ultimate and Ultimate-Absolute, even to Ab-

solute and Father-Infinite — the completion of the cycle of reality. Likewise, in other phases not so immediately concerned with divinity and personality, does the First Great Source and Centre self-realize the limitlessness of reality around the circle of eternity, from the absoluteness of self-existence, through the endlessness of self-revelation, to the finality of self-realization — from the absolute of existentials to the finality of experientials.

13 §§ THE SECOND LEVEL: The co-ordination of the three Trinities inevitably involves the associative union of the experiential Deities, who are ge-

netically associated with these Trinities. The nature of this second level has been sometimes presented as:

14 1. *The Supreme.* This is the deity consequence of the unity of the Paradise Trinity in experiential liaison with the Creator-Creative children of the Paradise Deities. The Supreme is the deity embodiment of the completion of the first stage of finite evolution.

15 2. *The Ultimate.* This is the deity consequence of the eventuated unity of the second Trinity, the transcendental and absonite personification of divinity. The Ultimate consists in a variably regarded unity of

many qualities, and the human conception thereof would do well to include at least those phases of ultimacy which are control directing, personally experiencible, and tensionally unifying, but there are many other unrevealed aspects of the eventuated Deity. While the Ultimate and the Supreme are comparable, they are not identical, neither is the Ultimate merely an amplification of the Supreme.

16 3. *The Absolute.* There are many theories held as to the character of the third member of the second level of the Trinity of Trinities. God the Absolute is undoubtedly involved in

this association as the personality consequence of the final function of the Trinity Absolute, yet the Deity Absolute is an existential reality of eternity status.

17 The concept difficulty regarding this third member is inherent in the fact that the presupposition of such a membership really implies just one Absolute. Theoretically, if such an event could take place, we should witness the *experiential* unification of the three Absolutes as one. And we are taught that, in infinity and *existentially,* there is one Absolute. While it is least clear as to who this third mem-

ber can be, it is often postulated that such may consist of the Deity, Universal, and Unqualified Absolutes in some form of unimagined liaison and cosmic manifestation. Certainly, the Trinity of Trinities could hardly attain to complete function short of the full unification of the three Absolutes, and the three Absolutes can hardly be unified short of the complete realization of all infinite potentials.

18 It will probably represent a minimum distortion of truth if the third member of the Trinity of Trinities is conceived as the Universal Absolute, provided this conception envi-

sions the Universal not only as static and potential but also as associative. But we still do not perceive the relationship to the creative and evolutional aspects of the function of total Deity.

19 Though a completed concept of the Trinity of Trinities is difficult to form, a qualified concept is not so difficult. If the second level of the Trinity of Trinities is conceived as essentially personal, it becomes quite possible to postulate the union of God the Supreme, God the Ultimate, and God the Absolute as the personal repercussion of the union of the personal Trin-

ities who are ancestral to these experiential Deities. We venture the opinion that these three experiential Deities will certainly unify on the second level as the direct consequence of the growing unity of their ancestral and causative Trinities who constitute the first level.

20 The first level consists of three Trinities; the second level exists as the personality association of experiential-evolved, experiential-eventuated, and experiential-existential Deity personalities. And regardless of any conceptual difficulty in understanding the complete Trinity of Trinities, the per-

sonal association of these three Deities on the second level has become manifest to our own universe age in the phenomenon of the deitization of Majeston, who was actualized on this second level by the Deity Absolute, acting through the Ultimate and in response to the initial creative mandate of the Supreme Being.

21 THE THIRD LEVEL: In an unqualified hypothesis of the second level of the Trinity of Trinities, there is embraced the correlation of every phase of every kind of reality that is, or was, or could be in the entirety of infinity. The Supreme Being is not only

spirit but also mind and power and experience. The Ultimate is all this and much more, while, in the conjoined concept of the oneness of the Deity, Universal, and Unqualified Absolutes, there is included the absolute finality of all reality realization.

22 In the union of the Supreme, Ultimate, and the complete Absolute, there could occur the functional reassembly of those aspects of infinity which were originally segmentalized by the I AM, and which resulted in the appearance of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity. Though the universe philosophers deem this to be a

most remote probability, still, we often ask this question: If the second level of the Trinity of Trinities could ever achieve trinity unity, what then would transpire as a consequence of such deity unity? We do not know, but we are confident that it would lead directly to the realization of the I AM as an experiential attainable. From the standpoint of personal beings it could mean that the unknowable I AM had become experiencible as the Father-Infinite. What these absolute destinies might mean from a nonpersonal standpoint is another matter and one which only eternity could

possibly clarify. But as we view these remote eventualities as personal creatures, we deduce that the final destiny of all personalities is the final knowing of the Universal Father of these selfsame personalities.

23 As we philosophically conceive of the I AM in past eternity, he is alone, there is none beside him. Looking forward into future eternity, we do not see that the I AM could possibly change as an existential, but we are inclined to forecast a vast experiential difference. Such a concept of the I AM implies full self-realization — it embraces that limitless galaxy of

personalities who have become volitional participants in the self-revelation of the I AM, and who will remain eternally as absolute volitional parts of the totality of infinity, final sons of the absolute Father.

9. EXISTENTIAL INFINITE UNIFICATION

1 In the concept of the Trinity of Trinities we postulate the possible experiential unification of limitless reality, and we sometimes theorize that all this may happen in the utter remoteness of far-distant eternity. But there is nonetheless an actual and present unification of infinity in this very age as in

all past and future universe ages; such unification is existential in the Paradise Trinity. Infinity unification as an experiential reality is unthinkably remote, but an unqualified unity of infinity now dominates the present moment of universe existence and unites the divergencies of all reality with an existential majesty that is *absolute*.

2 When finite creatures attempt to conceive of infinite unification on the finality levels of consummated eternity, they are face to face with intellect limitations inherent in their finite existences. Time, space, and experience constitute barriers to crea-

ture concept; and yet, without time, apart from space, and except for experience, no creature could achieve even a limited comprehension of universe reality. Without time sensitivity, no evolutionary creature could possibly perceive the relations of sequence. Without space perception, no creature could fathom the relations of simultaneity. Without experience, no evolutionary creature could even exist; only the Seven Absolutes of Infinity really transcend experience, and even these may be experiential in certain phases.

3 Time, space, and experience are

man's greatest aids to relative reality perception and yet his most formidable obstacles to complete reality perception. Mortals and many other universe creatures find it necessary to think of potentials as being actualized in space and evolving to fruition in time, but this entire process is a time-space phenomenon which does not actually take place on Paradise and in eternity. On the absolute level there is neither time nor space; all potentials may be there perceived as actuals.

4 The concept of the unification of all reality, be it in this or any other

universe age, is basically twofold: existential and experiential. Such a unity is in process of experiential realization in the Trinity of Trinities, but the degree of the apparent actualization of this threefold Trinity is directly proportional to the disappearance of the qualifications and imperfections of reality in the cosmos. But total integration of reality is unqualifiedly and eternally and existentially present in the Paradise Trinity, within which, at this very universe moment, infinite reality is absolutely unified.

5 §§ The paradox created by the experiential and the existential view-

points is inevitable and is predicated in part on the fact that the Paradise Trinity and the Trinity of Trinities are each an eternity relationship which mortals can only perceive as a time-space relativity. The human concept of the gradual experiential actualization of the Trinity of Trinities — the time viewpoint — must be supplemented by the additional postulate that this *is* already a factualization — the eternity viewpoint. But how can these two viewpoints be reconciled? To finite mortals we suggest the acceptance of the truth that the Paradise Trinity is the existential unification of infin-

ity, and that the inability to detect the actual presence and completed manifestation of the experiential Trinity of Trinities is in part due to reciprocal distortion because of:

6 1. The limited human viewpoint, the inability to grasp the concept of unqualified eternity.

7 2. The imperfect human status, the remoteness from the absolute level of experientials.

8 3. The purpose of human existence, the fact that mankind is designed to evolve by the technique of experience and, therefore, must be inherently and constitutively dependent

on experience. Only an Absolute can be both existential and experiential.

9 §§ The Universal Father in the Paradise Trinity is the I AM of the Trinity of Trinities, and the failure to experience the Father as infinite is due to finite limitations. The concept of the *existential,* solitary, pre-Trinity nonattainable I AM and the postulate of the *experiential* post-Trinity of Trinities and attainable I AM are one and the same hypothesis; no actual change has taken place in the Infinite; all apparent developments are due to increased capacities for reality reception and cosmic appreciation.

10 The I AM, in the final analysis, must exist *before* all existentials and *after* all experientials. While these ideas may not clarify the paradoxes of eternity and infinity in the human mind, they should at least stimulate such finite intellects to grapple anew with these never-ending problems, problems which will continue to intrigue you on Salvington and later as finaliters and on throughout the unending future of your eternal careers in the wide-spreading universes.

11 §§ Sooner or later all universe personalities begin to realize that the final quest of eternity is the endless ex-

ploration of infinity, the never-ending voyage of discovery into the absoluteness of the First Source and Centre. Sooner or later we all become aware that all creature growth is proportional to Father identification. We arrive at the understanding that living the will of God is the eternal passport to the endless possibility of infinity itself. Mortals will sometime realize that success in the quest of the Infinite is directly proportional to the achievement of Fatherlikeness, and that in this universe age the realities of the Father are revealed within the qualities of divinity. And these qualities of divin-

ity are personally appropriated by universe creatures in the experience of living divinely, and to live divinely means actually to live the will of God.

12 To material, evolutionary, finite creatures, a life predicated on the living of the Father's will leads directly to the attainment of spirit supremacy in the personality arena and brings such creatures one step nearer the comprehension of the Father-Infinite. Such a Father life is one predicated on truth, sensitive to beauty, and dominated by goodness. Such a God-knowing person is inwardly illuminated by worship and outwardly devoted to the whole-

hearted service of the universal brotherhood of all personalities, a service ministry which is filled with mercy and motivated by love, while all these life qualities are unified in the evolving personality on ever-ascending levels of cosmic wisdom, self-realization, God-finding, and Father worship.

13 [Presented by a Melchizedek of Nebadon.]

PAPER 107

ORIGIN AND NATURE OF THOUGHT ADJUSTERS

Solitary Messenger

Although the Universal Father is personally resident on Paradise, at the very centre of the universes, he is also actually present on the worlds of space in the minds of his countless children of time, for he indwells them as the Mystery Monitors. The eternal Father is at one and the same time farthest removed from,

and most intimately associated with, his planetary mortal sons.

2 The Adjusters are the actuality of the Father's love incarnate in the souls of men; they are the veritable promise of man's eternal career imprisoned within the mortal mind; they are the essence of man's perfected finaliter personality, which he can foretaste in time as he progressively masters the divine technique of achieving the living of the Father's will, step by step, through the ascension of universe upon universe until he actually attains the divine presence of his Paradise Father.

3 God, having commanded man to be perfect, even as he is perfect, has descended as the Adjuster to become man's experiential partner in the achievement of the supernal destiny which has been thus ordained. The fragment of God which indwells the mind of man is the absolute and unqualified assurance that man can find the Universal Father in association with this divine Adjuster, which came forth from God to find man and sonship him even in the days of the flesh.

4 Any mortal who has seen a Creator Son has seen the Universal Father, and he who is indwelt by a divine Ad-

juster is indwelt by the Paradise Father. Every mortal who is consciously or unconsciously following the leading of his indwelling Adjuster is living in accordance with the will of God. Consciousness of Adjuster presence is consciousness of God's presence. Eternal fusion of the Adjuster with the evolutionary soul of man is the factual experience of eternal union with God as a universe associate of Deity.

5 It is the Adjuster who creates within man that unquenchable yearning and incessant longing to be like God, to attain Paradise, and there before the actual person of Deity to wor-

ship the infinite source of the divine gift. The Adjuster is the living presence which actually links the mortal son with his Paradise Father and draws him nearer and nearer to the Father. The Adjuster is our compensatory equalization of the enormous universe tension which is created by the distance of man's removal from God and by the degree of his partiality in contrast with the universality of the eternal Father.

6 The Adjuster is an absolute essence of an infinite being imprisoned within the mind of a finite creature which, depending on the choosing of such

a mortal, can eventually consummate this temporary union of God and man and veritably actualize a new order of being for unending universe service. The Adjuster is the divine universe reality which factualizes the truth that God is man's Father. The Adjuster is man's infallible cosmic compass, always and unerringly pointing the soul Godward.

7 §§ On the evolutionary worlds, will creatures traverse three general developmental stages of being: From the arrival of the Adjuster to comparative full growth, about 20 years of age on Urantia, the Monitors are sometimes

designated Thought Changers. From this time to the attainment of the age of discretion, about 40 years, the Mystery Monitors are called Thought Adjusters. From the attainment of discretion to deliverance from the flesh, they are often referred to as Thought Controllers. These three phases of mortal life have no connection with the three stages of Adjuster progress in mind duplication and soul evolution.

1. ORIGIN OF THOUGHT ADJUSTERS

1 Since Thought Adjusters are of the essence of original Deity, no one may

presume to discourse authoritatively upon their nature and origin; I can only impart the traditions of Salvington and the beliefs of Uversa; I can only explain how we regard these Mystery Monitors and their associated entities throughout the grand universe.

2 Though there are diverse opinions regarding the mode of the bestowal of Thought Adjusters, there exist no such differences concerning their origin; all are agreed that they proceed direct from the Universal Father, the First Source and Centre. They are not created beings; they are fragmentized entities constituting the factual pres-

ence of the infinite God. Together with their many unrevealed associates, the Adjusters are undiluted and unmixed divinity, unqualified and unattenuated parts of Deity; they are of God, and as far as we are able to discern, *they are God.*

3 As to the time of their beginning separate existences apart from the absoluteness of the First Source and Centre, we do not know; neither do we know their number. We know very little concerning their careers until they arrive on the planets of time to indwell human minds, but from that time on we are more or less familiar

with their cosmic progressions up to and including the consummation of their triune destinies: attainment of personality by fusion with some mortal ascender, attainment of personality by fiat of the Universal Father, or liberation from the known assignments of Thought Adjusters.

4 Although we do not know, we presume that Adjusters are being constantly individualized as the universe enlarges, and as the candidates for Adjuster fusion increase in numbers. But it may be equally possible that we are in error in attempting to assign a numerical magnitude to the Adjusters;

like God himself, these fragments of his unfathomable nature may be existentially infinite.

5 The technique of the origin of the Thought Adjusters is one of the unrevealed functions of the Universal Father. We have every reason to believe that none of the other absolute associates of the First Source and Centre have aught to do with the production of Father fragments. Adjusters are simply and eternally the divine gifts; they are of God and from God, and they are like God.

6 In their relationship to fusion creatures they reveal a supernal love

and spiritual ministry that is profoundly confirmative of the declaration that God is spirit. But there is much that takes place in addition to this transcendent ministry that has never been revealed to Urantia mortals. Neither do we fully understand just what really transpires when the Universal Father gives of himself to be a part of the personality of a creature of time. Nor has the ascending progression of the Paradise finaliters as yet disclosed the full possibilities inherent in this supernal partnership of man and God. In the last analysis, the Father fragments must be the gift of the ab-

solute God to those creatures whose destiny encompasses the possibility of the attainment of God as absolute.

7 §§ As the Universal Father fragmentizes his prepersonal Deity, so does the Infinite Spirit individuate portions of his premind spirit to indwell and actually to fuse with the evolutionary souls of the surviving mortals of the spirit-fusion series. But the nature of the Eternal Son is not thus fragmentable; the spirit of the Original Son is either diffuse or discretely personal. Son-fused creatures are united with individualized bestowals of the spirit of the Creator Sons of the

Eternal Son.

2. CLASSIFICATION OF ADJUSTERS

1 Adjusters are individuated as virgin entities, and all are destined to become either liberated, fused, or Personalized Monitors. We understand that there are seven orders of Thought Adjusters, although we do not altogether comprehend these divisions. We often refer to the different orders as follows:

2 1. *Virgin Adjusters,* those serving on their initial assignment in the minds of evolutionary candidates for eternal survival. Mystery Monitors

are eternally uniform in divine nature. They are also uniform in experiential nature as they first go out from Divinington; subsequent experiential differentiation is the result of actual experience in universe ministry.

3 2. *Advanced Adjusters,* those who have served one or more seasons with will creatures on worlds where the final fusion takes place between the identity of the creature of time and an individualized portion of the spirit of the local universe manifestation of the Third Source and Centre.

4 3. *Supreme Adjusters,* those Monitors that have served in the adventure

of time on the evolutionary worlds, but whose human partners for some reason declined eternal survival, and those that have been subsequently assigned to other adventures in other mortals on other evolving worlds. A supreme Adjuster, though no more divine than a virgin Monitor, has had more experience, can do things in the human mind which a less experienced Adjuster could not do.

5 4. *Vanished Adjusters.* Here occurs a break in our efforts to follow the careers of the Mystery Monitors. There is a fourth stage of service about which we are not sure. The Melchize-

deks teach that the fourth-stage Adjusters are on detached assignments, roaming the universe of universes. The Solitary Messengers are inclined to believe that they are at one with the First Source and Centre, enjoying a period of refreshing association with the Father himself. And it is entirely possible that an Adjuster could be roaming the master universe simultaneously with being at one with the omnipresent Father.

6 5. *Liberated Adjusters,* those Mystery Monitors that have been eternally liberated from the service of time for the mortals of the evolving spheres.

What functions may be theirs, we do not know.

7 6. *Fused Adjusters* — finaliters — those who have become one with the ascending creatures of the superuniverses, the eternity partners of the time ascenders of the Paradise Corps of the Finality. Thought Adjusters ordinarily become fused with the ascending mortals of time, and with such surviving mortals they are registered in and out of Ascendington; they follow the course of ascendant beings. Upon fusion with the ascending evolutionary soul, it appears that the Adjuster translates from the absolute existential level

of the universe to the finite experiential level of functional association with an ascending personality. While retaining all of the character of the existential divine nature, a fused Adjuster becomes indissolubly linked with the ascending career of a surviving mortal.

8 7. *Personalized Adjusters,* those who have served with the incarnated Paradise Sons, together with many who have achieved unusual distinction during the mortal indwelling, but whose subjects rejected survival. We have reasons for believing that such Adjusters are personalized on the recommendations of the Ancients of

Days of the superuniverse of their assignment.

9 §§ There are many ways in which these mysterious God fragments can be classified: according to universe assignment, by the measure of success in the indwelling of an individual mortal, or even by the racial ancestry of the mortal candidate for fusion.

3. THE DIVININGTON HOME OF ADJUSTERS

1 All universe activities related to the dispatch, management, direction, and return of the Mystery Monitors from service in all of the seven superuniverses seem to be centred on the sa-

cred sphere of Divinington. As far as I know, none but Adjusters and other entities of the Father have been on that sphere. It seems likely that numerous unrevealed prepersonal entities share Divinington as a home sphere with the Adjusters. We conjecture that these fellow entities may in some manner be associated with the present and future ministry of the Mystery Monitors. But we really do not know.

2 When Thought Adjusters return to the Father, they go back to the realm of supposed origin, Divinington; and probably as a part of this experience, there is actual contact with

the Father's Paradise personality as well as with the specialized manifestation of the Father's divinity which is reported to be situated on this secret sphere.

3 Although we know something of all the seven secret spheres of Paradise, we know less of Divinington than of the others. Beings of high spiritual orders receive only three divine injunctions, and they are:

4 1. Always to show adequate respect for the experience and endowments of their seniors and superiors.

5 2. Always to be considerate of the limitations and inexperience of

their juniors and subordinates.

6 3. Never to attempt a landing on the shores of Divinington.

7 I have often reflected that it would be quite useless for me to go to Divinington; I probably should be unable to see any resident beings except such as the Personalized Adjusters, and I have seen them elsewhere. I am very sure there is nothing on Divinington of real value or profit to me, nothing essential to my growth and development, or I should not have been forbidden to go there.

8 Since we can learn little or nothing of the nature and origin of Adjusters

from Divinington, we are compelled to gather information from a thousand and one different sources, and it is necessary to assemble, associate, and correlate this accumulated data in order that such knowledge may be informative.

9 The valour and wisdom exhibited by Thought Adjusters suggest that they have undergone a training of tremendous scope and range. Since they are not personalities, this training must be imparted in the educational institutions of Divinington. The unique Personalized Adjusters no doubt constitute the personnel of the

Adjuster training schools of Divinington. And we do know that this central and supervising corps is presided over by the now Personalized Adjuster of the first Paradise Son of the Michael order to complete his sevenfold bestowal upon the races and peoples of his universe realms.

10 We really know very little about the nonpersonalized Adjusters; we only contact and communicate with the personalized orders. These are christened on Divinington and are always known by name and not by number. The Personalized Adjusters are permanently domiciled on Divining-

ton; that sacred sphere is their home. They go out from that abode only by the will of the Universal Father. Very few are found in the domains of the local universes, but larger numbers are present in the central universe.

4. NATURE AND PRESENCE OF ADJUSTERS

1 To say that a Thought Adjuster is divine is merely to recognize the nature of origin. It is highly probable that such purity of divinity embraces the essence of the potential of all attributes of Deity which can be contained within such a fragment of the absolute

essence of the universal presence of the eternal and infinite Paradise Father.

2 The actual source of the Adjuster must be infinite, and before fusion with the immortal soul of an evolving mortal, the reality of the Adjuster must border on absoluteness. Adjusters are not absolutes in the universal sense, in the Deity sense, but they are probably true absolutes within the potentialities of their fragmented nature. They are qualified as to universality but not as to nature; in extensiveness they are limited, but in intensiveness of meaning, value, and fact *they are absolute.* For this reason we some-

times denominate the divine gifts as the qualified absolute fragments of the Father.

3 No Adjuster has ever been disloyal to the Paradise Father; the lower orders of personal creatures may sometimes have to contend with disloyal fellows, but never the Adjusters; they are supreme and infallible in their supernal sphere of creature ministry and universe function.

4 §§ Nonpersonalized Adjusters are visible only to Personalized Adjusters. My order, the Solitary Messengers, together with Inspired Trinity Spirits, can detect the presence of Adjusters by

means of spiritual reactive phenomena; and even seraphim can sometimes discern the spirit luminosity of supposed association with the presence of Monitors in the material minds of men; but none of us are able actually to discern the real presence of Adjusters, not unless they have been personalized, albeit their natures are perceivable in union with the fused personalities of the ascending mortals from the evolutionary worlds. The universal invisibility of the Adjusters is strongly suggestive of their high and exclusive divine origin and nature.

5 There is a characteristic light, a

spirit luminosity, which accompanies this divine presence, and which has become generally associated with Thought Adjusters. In the universe of Nebadon this Paradise luminosity is widespreadly known as the "pilot light"; on Uversa it is called the "light of life." On Urantia this phenomenon has sometimes been referred to as that "true light which lights every man who comes into the world."

6 To all beings who have attained the Universal Father, the Personalized Thought Adjusters are visible. Adjusters of all stages, together with all other beings, entities, spirits, person-

alities, and spirit manifestations, are always discernible by those Supreme Creator Personalities who originate in the Paradise Deities, and who preside over the major governments of the grand universe.

7 §§ Can you really realize the true significance of the Adjuster's indwelling? Do you really fathom what it means to have an absolute fragment of the absolute and infinite Deity, the Universal Father, indwelling and fusing with your finite mortal natures? When mortal man fuses with an actual fragment of the existential Cause of the total cosmos, no limit can ever

be placed upon the destiny of such an unprecedented and unimaginable partnership. In eternity, man will be discovering not only the infinity of the objective Deity but also the unending potentiality of the subjective fragment of this same God. Always will the Adjuster be revealing to the mortal personality the wonder of God, and never can this supernal revelation come to an end, for the Adjuster is of God and as God to mortal man.

5. ADJUSTER MINDEDNESS

1 Evolutionary mortals are prone to look upon mind as a cosmic medi-

ation between spirit and matter, for that is indeed the principal ministry of mind as discernible by you. Hence it is quite difficult for humans to perceive that Thought Adjusters have minds, for Adjusters are fragmentations of God on an absolute level of reality which is not only prepersonal but also prior to all energy and spirit divergence. On a monistic level antecedent to energy and spirit differentiation there could be no mediating function of mind, for there are no divergencies to be mediated.

2 Since Adjusters can plan, work, and love, they must have powers

of selfhood which are commensurate with mind. They are possessed of unlimited ability to communicate with each other, that is, all forms of Monitors above the first or virgin groups. As to the nature and purport of their intercommunications, we can reveal very little, for we do not know. And we further know that they must be minded in some manner else they could never be personalized.

3 The mindedness of the Thought Adjuster is like the *mindedness* of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son — that which is ancestral to the *minds* of the Conjoint Actor.

4 The type of mind postulated in an Adjuster must be similar to the mind endowment of numerous other orders of prepersonal entities which presumably likewise originate in the First Source and Centre. Though many of these orders have not been revealed on Urantia, they all disclose minded qualities. It is also possible for these individuations of original Deity to become unified with numerous evolving types of nonmortal beings and even with a limited number of nonevolutionary beings who have developed capacity for fusion with such Deity fragments.

5 When a Thought Adjuster is fused with the evolving immortal morontia soul of the surviving human, the mind of the Adjuster can only be identified as persisting apart from the creature's mind until the ascending mortal attains spirit levels of universe progression.

6 Upon the attainment of the finaliter levels of ascendant experience, these spirits of the sixth stage appear to transmute some mind factor representing a union of certain phases of the mortal and Adjuster minds which had previously functioned as liaison between the divine and human

phases of such ascending personalities. This experiential mind quality probably "supremacizes" and subsequently augments the experiential endowment of evolutionary Deity — the Supreme Being.

6. ADJUSTERS AS PURE SPIRITS

1 As Thought Adjusters are encountered in creature experience, they disclose the presence and leading of a spirit influence. The Adjuster is indeed a spirit, pure spirit, but spirit plus. We have never been able satisfactorily to classify Mystery Monitors; all that can certainly be said of them is that they

are truly Godlike.

2 The Adjuster is man's eternity possibility; man is the Adjuster's personality possibility. Your individual Adjusters work to spiritize you in the hope of eternalizing your temporal identity. The Adjusters are saturated with the beautiful and self-bestowing love of the Father of spirits. They truly and divinely love you; they are the prisoners of spirit hope confined within the minds of men. They long for the divinity attainment of your mortal minds that their loneliness may end, that they may be delivered with you from the limitations of material in-

vestiture and the habiliments of time.

3 Your path to Paradise is the path of spirit attainment, and the Adjuster nature will faithfully unfold the revelation of the spiritual nature of the Universal Father. Beyond the Paradise ascent and in the postfinaliter stages of the eternal career, the Adjuster may possibly contact with the onetime human partner in other than spirit ministry; but the Paradise ascent and the finaliter career are the partnership between the God-knowing spiritualizing mortal and the spiritual ministry of the God-revealing Adjuster.

4 §§ We know that Thought Ad-

justers are spirits, pure spirits, presumably absolute spirits. But the Adjuster must also be something more than exclusive spirit reality. In addition to conjectured mindedness, factors of pure energy are also present. If you will remember that God is the source of pure energy and of pure spirit, it will not be so difficult to perceive that his fragments would be both. It is a fact that the Adjusters traverse space over the instantaneous and universal gravity circuits of the Paradise Isle.

5 That the Mystery Monitors are thus associated with the material circuits of the universe of universes is

indeed puzzling. But it remains a fact that they flash throughout the entire grand universe over the material-gravity circuits. It is entirely possible that they may even penetrate the outer space levels; they certainly could follow the gravity presence of Paradise into these regions, and though my order of personality can traverse the mind circuits of the Conjoint Actor also beyond the confines of the grand universe, we have never been sure of detecting the presence of Adjusters in the uncharted regions of outer space.

6 And yet, while the Adjusters utilize the material-gravity circuits, they

are not subject thereto as is material creation. The Adjusters are fragments of the ancestor of gravity, not the consequentials of gravity; they have segmentized on a universe level of existence which is hypothetically antecedent to gravity appearance.

7 Thought Adjusters have no relaxation from the time of their bestowal until the day of their release to start for Divinington upon the natural death of their mortal subjects. And those whose subjects do not pass through the portals of natural death do not even experience this temporary respite. Thought Adjusters do not re-

quire energy intake; they are energy, energy of the highest and most divine order.

7. ADJUSTERS AND PERSONALITY

1 Thought Adjusters are not personalities, but they are real entities; they are truly and perfectly individualized, although they are never, while indwelling mortals, actually personalized. Thought Adjusters are not true personalities; they are *true realities,* realities of the purest order known in the universe of universes — they are the divine presence. Though not personal, these marvellous fragments of

the Father are commonly referred to as beings and sometimes, in view of the spiritual phases of their present ministry to mortals, as spirit entities.

2 If Thought Adjusters are not personalities having prerogatives of will and powers of choice, how then can they select mortal subjects and volunteer to indwell these creatures of the evolutionary worlds? This is a question easy to ask, but probably no being in the universe of universes has ever found the exact answer. Even my order of personality, the Solitary Messengers, does not fully understand the endowment of will, choice, and love in

entities that are not personal.

3 We have often speculated that Thought Adjusters must have volition on all *prepersonal* levels of choice. They volunteer to indwell human beings, they lay plans for man's eternal career, they adapt, modify, and substitute in accordance with circumstances, and these activities connote genuine volition. They have affection for mortals, they function in universe crises, they are always waiting to act decisively in accordance with human choice, and all these are highly volitional reactions. In all situations not concerned with the domain of the hu-

man will, they unquestionably exhibit conduct which betokens the exercise of powers in every sense the equivalent of will, maximated decision.

4 Why then, if Thought Adjusters possess volition, are they subservient to the mortal will? We believe it is because Adjuster volition, though absolute in nature, is prepersonal in manifestation. Human will functions on the personality level of universe reality, and throughout the cosmos the impersonal — the nonpersonal, the subpersonal, and the prepersonal — is ever responsive to the will and acts of existent personality.

5 Throughout a universe of created beings and nonpersonal energies we do not observe will, volition, choice, and love manifested apart from personality. Except in the Adjusters and other similar entities we do not witness these attributes of personality functioning in association with impersonal realities. It would not be correct to designate an Adjuster as subpersonal, neither would it be proper to allude to such an entity as superpersonal, but it would be entirely permissible to term such a being prepersonal.

6 §§ To our orders of being these fragments of Deity are known as the

divine gifts. We recognize that the Adjusters are divine in origin, and that they constitute the probable proof and demonstration of a reservation by the Universal Father of the possibility of direct and unlimited communication with any and all material creatures throughout his virtually infinite realms, and all of this quite apart from his presence in the personalities of his Paradise Sons or through his indirect ministrations in the personalities of the Infinite Spirit.

7 There are no created beings that would not delight to be hosts to the Mystery Monitors, but no orders of

beings are thus indwelt excepting evolutionary will creatures of finaliter destiny.

8 [Presented by a Solitary Messenger of Orvonton.]

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MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THOUGHT ADJUSTERS

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The mission of the Thought Adjusters to the human races is to represent, to be, the Universal Father to the mortal creatures of time and space; that is the fundamental work of the divine gifts. Their mission is also that of elevating the mortal minds and of translating the immortal souls of men up to the divine heights and spiritual levels of Par-

adise perfection. And in the experience of thus transforming the human nature of the temporal creature into the divine nature of the eternal finaliter, the Adjusters bring into existence a unique type of being, a being consisting in the eternal union of the perfect Adjuster and the perfected creature which it would be impossible to duplicate by any other universe technique.

2 §§ Nothing in the entire universe can substitute for the fact of experience on nonexistential levels. The infinite God is, as always, replete and complete, infinitely inclusive of all

things except evil and creature experience. God cannot do wrong; he is infallible. God cannot experientially know what he has never personally experienced; God's preknowledge is existential. Therefore does the spirit of the Father descend from Paradise to participate with finite mortals in every bona fide experience of the ascending career; it is only by such a method that the existential God could become in truth and in fact man's experiential Father. The infinity of the eternal God encompasses the potential for finite experience, which indeed becomes actual in the ministry of the Adjuster

fragments that actually share the life vicissitude experiences of human beings.

1. SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

1 When Adjusters are dispatched for mortal service from Divinington, they are identical in the endowment of existential divinity, but they vary in experiential qualities proportional to previous contact in and with evolutionary creatures. We cannot explain the basis of Adjuster assignment, but we conjecture that these divine gifts are bestowed in accordance with some wise and efficient policy of eternal fitness of

adaptation to the indwelt personality. We do observe that the more experienced Adjuster is often the indweller of the higher type of human mind; human inheritance must therefore be a considerable factor in determining selection and assignment.

2 Although we do not definitely know, we firmly believe that all Thought Adjusters are volunteers. But before ever they volunteer, they are in possession of full data respecting the candidate for indwelling. The seraphic drafts of ancestry and projected patterns of life conduct are transmitted via Paradise to the reserve corps of

Adjusters on Divinington by the reflectivity technique extending inward from the capitals of the local universes to the headquarters of the superuniverses. This forecast covers not only the hereditary antecedents of the mortal candidate but also the estimate of probable intellectual endowment and spiritual capacity. The Adjusters thus volunteer to indwell minds of whose intimate natures they have been fully apprised.

3 The volunteering Adjuster is particularly interested in three qualifications of the human candidate:

4 1. *Intellectual capacity.* Is the

mind normal? What is the intellectual potential, the intelligence capacity? Can the individual develop into a bona fide will creature? Will wisdom have an opportunity to function?

5 2. *Spiritual perception.* The prospects of reverential development, the birth and growth of the religious nature. What is the potential of soul, the probable spiritual capacity of receptivity?

6 3. *Combined intellectual and spiritual powers.* The degree to which these two endowments may possibly be associated, combined, so as to produce strength of human character and con-

tribute to the certain evolution of an immortal soul of survival value.

7 §§ With these facts before them, it is our belief that the Monitors freely volunteer for assignment. Probably more than one Adjuster volunteers; perhaps the supervising personalized orders select from this group of volunteering Adjusters the one best suited to the task of spiritualizing and eternalizing the personality of the mortal candidate. (In the assignment and service of the Adjusters the sex of the creature is of no consideration.)

8 The short time intervening between the volunteering and the actual

dispatch of the Adjuster is presumably spent in the Divinington schools of the Personalized Monitors where a working pattern of the waiting mortal mind is utilized in instructing the assigned Adjuster as to the most effective plans for personality approach and mind spiritization. This mind model is formulated through a combination of data supplied by the superuniverse reflectivity service. At least this is our understanding, a belief which we hold as the result of putting together information secured by contact with many Personalized Adjusters throughout the long universe careers of the

Solitary Messengers.

9 When once the Adjusters are actually dispatched from Divinington, practically no time intervenes between that moment and the hour of their appearance in the minds of their chosen subjects. The average transit time of an Adjuster from Divinington to Urantia is 117 hours, 42 minutes, and 7 seconds. Virtually all of this time is occupied with registration on Uversa.

2. PREREQUISITES OF ADJUSTER INDWELLING

1 Though the Adjusters volunteer for service as soon as the personal-

ity forecasts have been relayed to Divinington, they are not actually assigned until the human subjects make their first moral personality decision. The first moral choice of the human child is automatically indicated in the seventh mind-adjutant and registers instantly, by way of the local universe Creative Spirit, over the universal mind-gravity circuit of the Conjoint Actor in the presence of the Master Spirit of superuniverse jurisdiction, who forthwith dispatches this intelligence to Divinington. Adjusters reach their human subjects on Urantia, on the average, just prior to the 6th birth-

day. In the present generation it is running 5 years, 10 months, and 4 days; that is, on the 2,134th day of terrestrial life.

2 §§ The Adjusters cannot invade the mortal mind until it has been duly prepared by the indwelling ministry of the adjutant mind-spirits and encircuited in the Holy Spirit. And it requires the co-ordinate function of all seven adjutants to thus qualify the human mind for the reception of an Adjuster. Creature mind must exhibit the worship outreach and indicate wisdom function by exhibiting the ability to choose between the emerging val-

ues of good and evil — moral choice.

3 Thus is the stage of the human mind set for the reception of Adjusters, but as a general rule they do not immediately appear to indwell such minds except on those worlds where the Spirit of Truth is functioning as a spiritual co-ordinator of these different spirit ministries. If this spirit of the bestowal Sons is present, the Adjusters unfailingly come the instant the seventh adjutant mind-spirit begins to function and signalizes to the Universe Mother Spirit that it has achieved in potential the co-ordination of the associated six adju-

tants of prior ministry to such a mortal intellect. Therefore have the divine Adjusters been universally bestowed upon all normal minds of moral status on Urantia ever since the day of Pentecost.

4 Even with a Spirit of Truth endowed mind, the Adjusters cannot arbitrarily invade the mortal intellect prior to the appearance of moral decision. But when such a moral decision has been made, this spirit helper assumes jurisdiction direct from Divinington. There are no intermediaries or other intervening authorities or powers functioning between the di-

vine Adjusters and their human subjects; God and man are directly related.

5 Before the times of the pouring out of the Spirit of Truth upon the inhabitants of an evolutionary world, the Adjusters' bestowal appears to be determined by many spirit influences and personality attitudes. We do not fully comprehend the laws governing such bestowals; we do not understand just what determines the release of the Adjusters who have volunteered to indwell such evolving minds. But we do observe numerous influences and conditions which appear to be associ-

ated with the arrival of the Adjusters in such minds prior to the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth, and they are:

6 1. The assignment of personal seraphic guardians. If a mortal has not been previously indwelt by an Adjuster, the assignment of a personal guardian brings the Adjuster forthwith. There exists some very definite but unknown relation between the ministry of Adjusters and the ministry of personal seraphic guardians.

7 2. The attainment of the third circle of intellectual achievement and spiritual attainment. I have observed Adjusters arrive in mortal minds upon

the conquest of the third circle even before such an accomplishment could be signalized to the local universe personalities concerned with such matters.

8 3. Upon the making of a supreme decision of unusual spiritual import. Such human behaviour in a personal planetary crisis usually is attended by the immediate arrival of the waiting Adjuster.

9 4. The spirit of brotherhood. Regardless of the attainment of the psychic circles and the assignment of personal guardians — in the absence of anything resembling a crisis deci-

sion — when an evolving mortal becomes dominated by the love of his fellows and consecrated to unselfish ministry to his brethren in the flesh, the waiting Adjuster unvaryingly descends to indwell the mind of such a mortal minister.

10 5. Declaration of intention to do the will of God. We observe that many mortals on the worlds of space may be apparently in readiness to receive Adjusters, and yet the Monitors do not appear. We go on watching such creatures as they live from day to day, and presently they quietly, almost unconsciously, arrive at the decision

to begin the pursuit of the doing of the will of the Father in heaven. And then we observe the immediate dispatch of the Thought Adjusters.

11 6. Influence of the Supreme Being. On worlds where the Adjusters do not fuse with the evolving souls of the mortal inhabitants, we observe Adjusters sometimes bestowed in response to influences which are wholly beyond our comprehension. We conjecture that such bestowals are determined by some cosmic reflex action originating in the Supreme Being. As to why these Adjusters can not or do not fuse with these certain types

of evolving mortal minds we do not know. Such transactions have never been revealed to us.

3. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1 As far as we know, Adjusters are organized as an independent working unit in the universe of universes and are apparently administered directly from Divinington. They are uniform throughout the seven superuniverses, all local universes being served by identical types of Mystery Monitors. We do know from observation that there are numerous series of Adjusters involving a serial organization

that extends through races, over dispensations, and to worlds, systems, and universes. It is, however, exceedingly difficult to keep track of these divine gifts since they function interchangeably throughout the grand universe.

2 Adjusters are of complete record (outside of Divinington) only on the headquarters of the seven superuniverses. The number and order of each Adjuster indwelling each ascending creature are reported out by the Paradise authorities to the headquarters of the superuniverse, and from there are communicated to the headquar-

ters of the local universe concerned and relayed to the particular planet involved. But the local universe records do not disclose the full number of the Thought Adjusters; the Nebadon records contain only the local universe assignment number as designated by the representatives of the Ancients of Days. The real significance of the Adjuster's complete number is known only on Divinington.

3 Human subjects are often known by the numbers of their Adjusters; mortals do not receive real universe names until after Adjuster fusion, which union is signalized by the be-

stowal of the new name upon the new creature by the destiny guardian.

4 Though we have the records of Thought Adjusters in Orvonton, and though we have absolutely no authority over them or administrative connection with them, we firmly believe that there is a very close administrative connection between the individual worlds of the local universes and the central lodgement of the divine gifts on Divinington. We do know that, following the appearance of a Paradise bestowal Son, an evolutionary world has a Personalized Adjuster assigned to it as the planetary supervi-

sor of Adjusters.

5 §§ It is interesting to note that local universe inspectors always address themselves, when carrying out a planetary examination, to the planetary chief of Thought Adjusters, just as they deliver charges to the chiefs of seraphim and to the leaders of other orders of beings attached to the administration of an evolving world. Not long since, Urantia underwent such a periodic inspection by Tabamantia, the sovereign supervisor of all life-experiment planets in the universe of Nebadon. And the records reveal that, in addition to his admonitions

and indictments delivered to the various chiefs of superhuman personalities, he also delivered the following acknowledgement to the chief of Adjusters, whether located on the planet, on Salvington, Uversa, or Divinington, we do not definitely know, but he said:

6 "Now to you, superiors far above me, I come as one placed in temporary authority over the experimental planetary series; and I come to express admiration and profound respect for this magnificent group of celestial ministers, the Mystery Monitors, who have volunteered to serve on this irregular

sphere. No matter how trying the crises, you never falter. Not on the records of Nebadon nor before the commissions of Orvonton has there ever been offered an indictment of a divine Adjuster. You have been true to your trusts; you have been divinely faithful. You have helped to adjust the mistakes and to compensate for the shortcomings of all who labour on this confused planet. You are marvellous beings, guardians of the good in the souls of this backward realm. I pay you respect even while you are apparently under my jurisdiction as volunteer ministers. I bow before you

in humble recognition of your exquisite unselfishness, your understanding ministry, and your impartial devotion. You deserve the name of the Godlike servers of the mortal inhabitants of this strife-torn, grief-stricken, and disease-afflicted world. I honour you! I all but worship you!"

7 §§ As a result of many suggestive lines of evidence, we believe that the Adjusters are thoroughly organized, that there exists a profoundly intelligent and efficient directive administration of these divine gifts from some far-distant and central source, probably Divinington. We know that they

come from Divinington to the worlds, and undoubtedly they return thereto upon the deaths of their subjects.

8 Among the higher spirit orders it is exceedingly difficult to discover the mechanisms of administration. My order of personalities, while engaged in the prosecution of our specific duties, is undoubtedly unconsciously participating with numerous other personal and impersonal sub-Deity groups who unitedly are functioning as far-flung universe correlators. We suspect that we are thus serving because we are the only group of personalized creatures (aside from

Personalized Adjusters) who are uniformly conscious of the presence of numerous orders of the prepersonal entities.

9 We are aware of the presence of the Adjusters, who are fragments of the prepersonal Deity of the First Source and Centre. We sense the presence of the Inspired Trinity Spirits, who are superpersonal expressions of the Paradise Trinity. We likewise unfailingly detect the spirit presence of certain unrevealed orders springing from the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit. And we are not wholly unresponsive to still other entities unrevealed to

you.

10 The Melchizedeks of Nebadon teach that the Solitary Messengers are the personality co-ordinators of these various influences as they register in the expanding Deity of the evolutionary Supreme Being. It is very possible that we may be participants in the experiential unification of many of the unexplained phenomena of time, but we are not consciously certain of thus functioning.

4. RELATION TO OTHER SPIRITUAL INFLUENCES

1 Apart from possible co-ordination with other Deity fragments, the Ad-

justers are quite alone in their sphere of activity in the mortal mind. The Mystery Monitors eloquently bespeak the fact that, though the Father may have apparently resigned the exercise of all direct personal power and authority throughout the grand universe, notwithstanding this act of abnegation in behalf of the Supreme Creator children of the Paradise Deities, the Father has certainly reserved to himself the unchallengeable right to be present in the minds and souls of his evolving creatures to the end that he may so act as to draw all creature creation to himself, co-ordinately with

the spiritual gravity of the Paradise Sons. Said your Paradise bestowal Son when yet on Urantia, "I, if I am lifted up, will draw all men." This spiritual drawing power of the Paradise Sons and their creative associates we recognize and understand, but we do not so fully comprehend the methods of the all-wise Father's functioning in and through these Mystery Monitors that live and work so valiantly within the human mind.

2 While not subordinate to, co-ordinate with, or apparently related to, the work of the universe of universes, though acting independently in

the minds of the children of men, unceasingly do these mysterious presences urge the creatures of their indwelling toward divine ideals, always luring them upward toward the purposes and aims of a future and better life. These Mystery Monitors are continually assisting in the establishment of the spiritual dominion of Michael throughout the universe of Nebadon while mysteriously contributing to the stabilization of the sovereignty of the Ancients of Days in Orvonton. The Adjusters *are* the will of God, and since the Supreme Creator children of God also personally

embody that same will, it is inevitable that the actions of Adjusters and the sovereignty of the universe rulers should be mutually interdependent. Though apparently unconnected, the Father presence of the Adjusters and the Father sovereignty of Michael of Nebadon must be diverse manifestations of the same divinity.

3 Thought Adjusters appear to come and go quite independent of any and all other spiritual presences; they seem to function in accordance with universe laws quite apart from those which govern and control the performances of all other spirit influences.

But regardless of such apparent independence, long-range observation unquestionably discloses that they function in the human mind in perfect synchrony and co-ordination with all other spirit ministries, including adjutant mind-spirits, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, and other influences.

4 When a world is isolated by rebellion, when a planet is cut off from all outside encircuited communication, as was Urantia after the Caligastia upheaval, aside from personal messengers there remains but one possibility of direct interplanetary or universe communication, and that is through

the liaison of the Adjusters of the spheres. No matter what happens on a world or in a universe, the Adjusters are never directly concerned. The isolation of a planet in no way affects the Adjusters and their ability to communicate with any part of the local universe, superuniverse, or the central universe. And this is the reason why contacts with the supreme and the self-acting Adjusters of the reserve corps of destiny are so frequently made on quarantined worlds. Recourse is had to such a technique as a means of circumventing the handicaps of planetary isolation. In recent years the

archangels' circuit has functioned on Urantia, but that means of communication is largely limited to the transactions of the archangel corps itself.

5 §§ We are cognizant of many spirit phenomena in the far-flung universe which we are at a loss fully to understand. We are not yet masters of all that is transpiring about us; and I believe that much of this inscrutable work is wrought by the Gravity Messengers and certain types of Mystery Monitors. I do not believe that Adjusters are devoted solely to the remaking of mortal minds. I am persuaded that the Personalized Moni-

tors and other orders of unrevealed prepersonal spirits are representative of the Universal Father's direct and unexplained contact with the creatures of the realms.

5. THE ADJUSTER'S MISSION

1 The Adjusters accept a difficult assignment when they volunteer to indwell such composite beings as live on Urantia. But they have assumed the task of existing in your minds, there to receive the admonitions of the spiritual intelligences of the realms and then to undertake to redictate or translate these spiritual messages to

the material mind; they are indispensable to the Paradise ascension.

2 What the Thought Adjuster cannot utilize in your present life, those truths which he cannot successfully transmit to the man of his betrothal, he will faithfully preserve for use in the next stage of existence, just as he now carries over from circle to circle those items which he fails to register in the experience of the human subject, owing to the creature's inability, or failure, to give a sufficient degree of co-operation.

3 One thing you can depend upon: The Adjusters will never lose anything

committed to their care; never have we known these spirit helpers to default. Angels and other high types of spirit beings, not excepting the local universe type of Sons, may occasionally embrace evil, may sometimes depart from the divine way, but Adjusters never falter. They are absolutely dependable, and this is equally true of all seven groups.

4 §§ Your Adjuster is the potential of your new and next order of existence, the advance bestowal of your eternal sonship with God. By and with the consent of your will, the Adjuster has the power to subject the

creature trends of the material mind to the transforming actions of the motivations and purposes of the emerging morontial soul.

5 The Mystery Monitors are not thought helpers; they are thought adjusters. They labour with the material mind for the purpose of constructing, by adjustment and spiritualization, a new mind for the new worlds and the new name of your future career. Their mission chiefly concerns the future life, not this life. They are called heavenly helpers, not earthly helpers. They are not interested in making the mortal career easy; rather are they con-

cerned in making your life reasonably difficult and rugged, so that decisions will be stimulated and multiplied. The presence of a great Thought Adjuster does not bestow ease of living and freedom from strenuous thinking, but such a divine gift should confer a sublime peace of mind and a superb tranquillity of spirit.

6 Your transient and ever-changing emotions of joy and sorrow are in the main purely human and material reactions to your internal psychic climate and to your external material environment. Do not, therefore, look to the Adjuster for selfish consolation

and mortal comfort. It is the business of the Adjuster to prepare you for the eternal adventure, to assure your survival. It is not the mission of the Mystery Monitor to smooth your ruffled feelings or to minister to your injured pride; it is the preparation of your soul for the long ascending career that engages the attention and occupies the time of the Adjuster.

7 I doubt that I am able to explain to you just what the Adjusters do in your minds and for your souls. I do not know that I am fully cognizant of what is really going on in the cosmic association of a divine Monitor and a human

mind. It is all somewhat of a mystery to us, not as to the plan and purpose but as to the actual mode of accomplishment. And this is just why we are confronted with such difficulty in finding an appropriate name for these supernal gifts to mortal men.

8 The Thought Adjusters would like to change your feelings of fear to convictions of love and confidence; but they cannot mechanically and arbitrarily do such things; that is your task. In executing those decisions which deliver you from the fetters of fear, you literally supply the psychic fulcrum on which the Adjuster may subsequently

apply a spiritual lever of uplifting and advancing illumination.

9 When it comes to the sharp and well-defined conflicts between the higher and lower tendencies of the races, between what *really is* right or wrong (not merely what you may call right and wrong), you can depend upon it that the Adjuster will always participate in some definite and active manner in such experiences. The fact that such Adjuster activity may be unconscious to the human partner does not in the least detract from its value and reality.

10 If you have a personal guardian

of destiny and should fail of survival, that guardian angel must be adjudicated in order to receive vindication as to the faithful execution of her trust. But Thought Adjusters are not thus subjected to examination when their subjects fail to survive. We all know that, while an angel might possibly fall short of the perfection of ministry, Thought Adjusters work in the manner of Paradise perfection; their ministry is characterized by a flawless technique which is beyond the possibility of criticism by any being outside of Divinington. You have perfect guides; therefore is the goal of perfection cer-

tainly attainable.

6. GOD IN MAN

1 It is indeed a marvel of divine condescension for the exalted and perfect Adjusters to offer themselves for actual existence in the minds of material creatures, such as the mortals of Urantia, really to consummate a probationary union with the animal-origin beings of earth.

2 No matter what the previous status of the inhabitants of a world, subsequent to the bestowal of a divine Son and after the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth upon all humans, the Ad-

justers flock to such a world to indwell the minds of all normal will creatures. Following the completion of the mission of a Paradise bestowal Son, these Monitors truly become the "kingdom of heaven within you." Through the bestowal of the divine gifts the Father makes the closest possible approach to sin and evil, for it is literally true that the Adjuster must coexist in the mortal mind even in the very midst of human unrighteousness. The indwelling Adjusters are particularly tormented by those thoughts which are purely sordid and selfish; they are distressed by irreverence for that which is beau-

tiful and divine, and they are virtually thwarted in their work by many of man's foolish animal fears and childish anxieties.

3 §§ The Mystery Monitors are undoubtedly the bestowal of the Universal Father, the reflection of the image of God abroad in the universe. A great teacher once admonished men that they should be renewed in the spirit of their minds; that they become new men who, like God, are created in righteousness and in the completion of truth. The Adjuster is the mark of divinity, the presence of God. The "image of God" does not refer to

physical likeness nor to the circumscribed limitations of material creature endowment but rather to the gift of the spirit presence of the Universal Father in the supernal bestowal of the Thought Adjusters upon the humble creatures of the universes.

4 The Adjuster is the wellspring of spiritual attainment and the hope of divine character within you. He is the power, privilege, and the possibility of survival, which so fully and forever distinguishes you from mere animal creatures. He is the higher and truly internal spiritual stimulus of thought in contrast with the external and physi-

cal stimulus, which reaches the mind over the nerve-energy mechanism of the material body.

5 These faithful custodians of the future career unfailingly duplicate every mental creation with a spiritual counterpart; they are thus slowly and surely re-creating you as you really are (only spiritually) for resurrection on the survival worlds. And all of these exquisite spirit re-creations are being preserved in the emerging reality of your evolving and immortal soul, your morontia self. These realities are actually there, notwithstanding that the Adjuster is seldom able to exalt these

duplicate creations sufficiently to exhibit them to the light of consciousness.

6 §§ And as you are the human parent, so is the Adjuster the divine parent of the real you, your higher and advancing self, your better morontial and future spiritual self. And it is this evolving morontial soul that the judges and censors discern when they decree your survival and pass you upward to new worlds and never-ending existence in eternal liaison with your faithful partner — God, the Adjuster.

7 The Adjusters are the eternal ancestors, the divine originals, of your

evolving immortal souls; they are the unceasing urge that leads man to attempt the mastery of the material and present existence in the light of the spiritual and future career. The Monitors are the prisoners of undying hope, the founts of everlasting progression. And how they do enjoy communicating with their subjects in more or less direct channels! How they rejoice when they can dispense with symbols and other methods of indirection and flash their messages straight to the intellects of their human partners!

8 §§ You humans have begun an endless unfolding of an almost infinite

panorama, a limitless expanding of never-ending, ever-widening spheres of opportunity for exhilarating service, matchless adventure, sublime uncertainty, and boundless attainment. When the clouds gather overhead, your faith should accept the fact of the presence of the indwelling Adjuster, and thus you should be able to look beyond the mists of mortal uncertainty into the clear shining of the sun of eternal righteousness on the beckoning heights of the mansion worlds of Satania.

9 [Presented by a Solitary Messen-

ger of Orvonton.]

PAPER 109

RELATION OF ADJUSTERS TO UNIVERSE CREATURES

Solitary Messenger

The Thought Adjusters are the children of the universe career, and indeed the virgin Adjusters must gain experience while mortal creatures grow and develop. As the personality of the human child expands for the struggles of evolutionary existence, so does the Adjuster wax great in the rehearsals of the next stage of ascending life. As the child acquires

adaptative versatility for his adult activities through the social and play life of early childhood, so does the indwelling Adjuster achieve skill for the next stage of cosmic life by virtue of the preliminary mortal planning and rehearsing of those activities which have to do with the morontia career. Human existence constitutes a period of practice which is effectively utilized by the Adjuster in preparing for the increased responsibilities and the greater opportunities of a future life. But the Adjuster's efforts, while living within you, are not so much concerned with the affairs of temporal life and plan-

etary existence. Today, the Thought Adjusters are, as it were, rehearsing the realities of the universe career in the evolving minds of human beings.

1. DEVELOPMENT OF ADJUSTERS

1 There must be a comprehensive and elaborate plan for the training and development of virgin Adjusters before they are sent forth from Divinington, but we really do not know very much about it. There undoubtedly also exists an extensive system for retraining Adjusters of indwelling experience before they embark upon new

missions of mortal association, but, again, we do not actually know.

2 I have been told by Personalized Adjusters that every time a Monitor-indwelt mortal fails of survival, when the Adjuster returns to Divinington, an extended course of training is engaged in. This additional training is made possible by the experience of having indwelt a human being, and it is always imparted before the Adjuster is remanded to the evolutionary worlds of time.

3 Actual living experience has no cosmic substitute. The perfection of the divinity of a newly formed

Thought Adjuster does not in any manner endow this Mystery Monitor with experienced ministrative ability. Experience is inseparable from a living existence; it is the one thing which no amount of divine endowment can absolve you from the necessity of securing by *actual living.* Therefore, in common with all beings living and functioning within the present sphere of the Supreme, Thought Adjusters must acquire experience; they must evolve from the lower, inexperienced, to the higher, more experienced, groups.

4 Adjusters pass through a definite developmental career in the mortal

mind; they achieve a reality of attainment which is eternally theirs. They progressively acquire Adjuster skill and ability as a result of any and all contacts with the material races, regardless of the survival or nonsurvival of their particular mortal subjects. They are also equal partners of the human mind in fostering the evolution of the immortal soul of survival capacity.

5 The first stage of Adjuster evolution is attained in fusion with the surviving soul of a mortal being. Thus, while you are in nature evolving inward and upward from man to God,

the Adjusters are in nature evolving outward and downward from God to man; and so will the final product of this union of divinity and humanity eternally be the son of man and the son of God.

2. SELF-ACTING ADJUSTERS

1 You have been informed of the classification of Adjusters in relation to experience — virgin, advanced, and supreme. You should also recognize a certain functional classification — the self-acting Adjusters. A self-acting Adjuster is one who:

2 1. Has had certain requisite ex-

perience in the evolving life of a will creature, either as a temporary indweller on a type of world where Adjusters are only loaned to mortal subjects or on an actual fusion planet where the human failed of survival. Such a Monitor is either an advanced or a supreme Adjuster.

3 2. Has acquired the balance of spiritual power in a human who has made the third psychic circle and has had assigned to him a personal seraphic guardian.

4 3. Has a subject who has made the supreme decision, has entered into a solemn and sincere betrothal with

the Adjuster. The Adjuster looks beforehand to the time of actual fusion and reckons the union as an event of fact.

5 4. Has a subject who has been mustered into one of the reserve corps of destiny on an evolutionary world of mortal ascension.

6 5. At some time, during human sleep, has been temporarily detached from the mind of mortal incarceration to perform some exploit of liaison, contact, reregistration, or other extrahuman service associated with the spiritual administration of the world of assignment.

7 6. Has served in a time of crisis in the experience of some human being who was the material complement of a spirit personality entrusted with the enactment of some cosmic achievement essential to the spiritual economy of the planet.

8 §§ Self-acting Adjusters seem to possess a marked degree of will in all matters not involving the human personalities of their immediate indwelling, as is indicated by their numerous exploits both within and without the mortal subjects of attachment. Such Adjusters participate in numerous activities of the realm,

but more frequently they function as undetected indwellers of the earthly tabernacles of their own choosing.

9 Undoubtedly these higher and more experienced types of Adjusters can communicate with those in other realms. But while self-acting Adjusters do thus intercommunicate, they do so only on the levels of their mutual work and for the purpose of preserving custodial data essential to the Adjuster ministry of the realms of their sojourn, though on occasions they have been known to function in interplanetary matters during times of crisis.

10 Supreme and self-acting Adjusters

can leave the human body at will. The indwellers are not an organic or biologic part of mortal life; they are divine superimpositions thereon. In the original life plans they were provided for, but they are not indispensable to material existence. Nevertheless it should be recorded that they very rarely, even temporarily, leave their mortal tabernacles after they once take up their indwelling.

11 The superacting Adjusters are those who have achieved the conquest of their entrusted tasks and only await the dissolution of the material-life vehicle or the translation of the immor-

tal soul.

3. RELATION OF ADJUSTERS TO MORTAL TYPES

1 The character of the detailed work of Mystery Monitors varies in accordance with the nature of their assignments, as to whether or not they are *liaison* or *fusion* Adjusters. Some Adjusters are merely loaned for the temporal lifetimes of their subjects; others are bestowed as personality candidates with permission for everlasting fusion if their subjects survive. There is also a slight variation in their work among the different planetary types as

well as in different systems and universes. But, on the whole, their labours are remarkably uniform, more so than are the duties of any of the created orders of celestial beings.

2 On certain primitive worlds (the series one group) the Adjuster indwells the mind of the creature as an experiential training, chiefly for self-culture and progressive development. Virgin Adjusters are usually sent to such worlds during the earlier times when primitive men are arriving in the valley of decision, but when comparatively few will elect to ascend the moral heights beyond the hills of self-

mastery and character acquirement to attain the higher levels of emerging spirituality. (Many, however, who fail of Adjuster fusion do survive as Spirit-fused ascenders.) The Adjusters receive valuable training and acquire wonderful experience in transient association with primitive minds, and they are able subsequently to utilize this experience for the benefit of superior beings on other worlds. *Nothing of survival value is ever lost in all the wide universe.*

3 On another type of world (the series two group) the Adjusters are merely loaned to mortal beings. Here

the Monitors can never attain fusion personality through such indwelling, but they do afford great help to their human subjects during the mortal lifetime, far more than they are able to give to Urantia mortals. The Adjusters are here loaned to the mortal creatures for a single life span as patterns for their higher spiritual attainment, temporary helpers in the intriguing task of perfecting a survival character. The Adjusters do not return after natural death; these surviving mortals attain eternal life through Spirit fusion.

4 On worlds such as Urantia (the series three group) there is a real be-

trothal with the divine gifts, a life and death engagement. If you survive, there is to be an eternal union, an everlasting fusion, the making of man and Adjuster one being.

5 In the three-brained mortals of this series of worlds, the Adjusters are able to gain far more actual contact with their subjects during the temporal life than in the one- and two-brained types. But in the career after death, the three-brained type proceed just as do the one-brained type and the two-brained peoples — the Urantia races.

6 On the two-brain worlds, subse-

quent to the sojourn of a Paradise bestowal Son, virgin Adjusters are seldom assigned to persons who have unquestioned capacity for survival. It is our belief that on such worlds practically all Adjusters indwelling intelligent men and women of survival capacity belong to the advanced or to the supreme type.

7 §§ In many of the early evolutionary races of Urantia, three groups of beings existed. There were those who were so animalistic that they were utterly lacking in Adjuster capacity. There were those who exhibited undoubted capacity for Adjusters and

promptly received them when the age of moral responsibility was attained. There was a third class who occupied a borderline position; they had capacity for Adjuster reception, but the Monitors could only indwell the mind on the personal petition of the individual.

8 But with those beings who are virtually disqualified for survival by disinheritance through the agency of unfit and inferior ancestors, many a virgin Adjuster has served a valuable preliminary experience in contacting evolutionary mind and thus has become better qualified for a subsequent assignment to a higher type of mind on

some other world.

4. ADJUSTERS AND HUMAN PERSONALITY

1 The higher forms of intelligent intercommunication between human beings are greatly helped by the indwelling Adjusters. Animals do have fellow feelings, but they do not communicate concepts to each other; they can express emotions but not ideas and ideals. Neither do men of animal origin experience a high type of intellectual intercourse or spiritual communion with their fellows until the Thought Adjusters have been bestowed, albeit, when such evolu-

tionary creatures develop speech, they are on the highroad to receiving Adjusters.

2 Animals do, in a crude way, communicate with each other, but there is little or no *personality* in such primitive contact. Adjusters are not personality; they are prepersonal beings. But they do hail from the source of personality, and their presence does augment the qualitative manifestations of human personality; especially is this true if the Adjuster has had previous experience.

3 The type of Adjuster has much to do with the potential for expres-

sion of the human personality. On down through the ages, many of the great intellectual and spiritual leaders of Urantia have exerted their influence chiefly because of the superiority and previous experience of their indwelling Adjusters.

4 The indwelling Adjusters have in no small measure co-operated with other spiritual influences in transforming and humanizing the descendants of the primitive men of olden ages. If the Adjusters indwelling the minds of the inhabitants of Urantia were to be withdrawn, the world would slowly return to many of the

scenes and practices of the men of primitive times; the divine Monitors are one of the real potentials of advancing civilization.

5 §§ I have observed a Thought Adjuster indwelling a mind on Urantia who has, according to the records on Uversa, indwelt 15 minds previously in Orvonton. We do not know whether this Monitor has had similar experiences in other superuniverses, but I suspect so. This is a marvellous Adjuster and one of the most useful and potent forces on Urantia during this present age. What others have lost, in that they refused to survive, this hu-

man being (and your whole world) now gains. From him who has not survival qualities, shall be taken away even that experienced Adjuster which he now has, while to him who has survival prospects, shall be given even the pre-experienced Adjuster of a slothful deserter.

6 In a sense the Adjusters may be fostering a certain degree of planetary cross-fertilization in the domains of truth, beauty, and goodness. But they are seldom given two indwelling experiences on the same planet; there is no Adjuster now serving on Urantia who has been on this world previously. I

know whereof I speak since we have their numbers and records in the archives of Uversa.

5. MATERIAL HANDICAPS TO ADJUSTER INDWELLING

1 Supreme and self-acting Adjusters are often able to contribute factors of spiritual import to the human mind when it flows freely in the liberated but controlled channels of creative imagination. At such times, and sometimes during sleep, the Adjuster is able to arrest the mental currents, to stay the flow, and then to divert the idea procession; and all this is done in order to effect deep spiritual transformations

in the higher recesses of the superconsciousness. Thus are the forces and energies of mind more fully adjusted to the key of the contactual tones of the spiritual level of the present and the future.

2 It is sometimes possible to have the mind illuminated, to hear the divine voice that continually speaks within you, so that you may become partially conscious of the wisdom, truth, goodness, and beauty of the potential personality constantly indwelling you.

3 But your unsteady and rapidly shifting mental attitudes often result in thwarting the plans and interrupt-

ing the work of the Adjusters. Their work is not only interfered with by the innate natures of the mortal races, but this ministry is also greatly retarded by your own preconceived opinions, settled ideas, and long-standing prejudices. Because of these handicaps, many times only their unfinished creations emerge into consciousness, and confusion of concept is inevitable. Therefore, in scrutinizing mental situations, safety lies only in the prompt recognition of each and every thought and experience for just what it actually and fundamentally is, disregarding entirely what it might have been.

4 §§ The great problem of life is the adjustment of the ancestral tendencies of living to the demands of the spiritual urges initiated by the divine presence of the Mystery Monitor. While in the universe and superuniverse careers no man can serve two masters, in the life you now live on Urantia every man must perforce serve two masters. He must become adept in the art of a continuous human temporal compromise while he yields spiritual allegiance to but one master; and this is why so many falter and fail, grow weary and succumb to the stress of the evolutionary struggle.

5 While the hereditary legacy of cerebral endowment and that of electrochemical overcontrol both operate to delimit the sphere of efficient Adjuster activity, no hereditary handicap (in normal minds) ever prevents eventual spiritual achievement. Heredity may interfere with the rate of personality conquest, but it does not prevent eventual consummation of the ascendant adventure. If you will co-operate with your Adjuster, the divine gift will, sooner or later, evolve the immortal morontia soul and, subsequent to fusion therewith, will present the new creature to the sovereign Master Son

of the local universe and eventually to the Father of Adjusters on Paradise.

6. THE PERSISTENCE OF TRUE VALUES

1 Adjusters never fail; nothing worth surviving is ever lost; every meaningful value in every will creature is certain of survival, irrespective of the survival or nonsurvival of the meaning-discovering or evaluating personality. And so it is, a mortal creature may reject survival; still the life experience is not wasted; the eternal Adjuster carries the worth-while features of such an apparent life of failure over into some other world and there be-

stows these surviving meanings and values upon some higher type of mortal mind, one of survival capacity. No worth-while experience ever happens in vain; no true meaning or real value ever perishes.

2 As related to fusion candidates, if a Mystery Monitor is deserted by the mortal associate, if the human partner declines to pursue the ascending career, when released by natural death (or prior thereto), the Adjuster carries away everything of survival value which has evolved in the mind of that nonsurviving creature. If an Adjuster should repeatedly fail to attain fusion

personality because of the nonsurvival of successive human subjects, and if this Monitor should subsequently be personalized, all the acquired experience of having indwelt and mastered all these mortal minds would become the actual possession of such a newly Personalized Adjuster, an endowment to be enjoyed and utilized throughout all future ages. A Personalized Adjuster of this order is a composite assembly of all the survival traits of all his former creature hosts.

3 When Adjusters of long universe experience volunteer to indwell divine Sons on bestowal missions, they full

well know that personality attainment can never be achieved through this service. But often does the Father of spirits grant personality to these volunteers and establish them as directors of their kind. These are the personalities honoured with authority on Divinington. And their unique natures embody the mosaic humanity of their multiple experiences of mortal indwelling and also the spirit transcript of the human divinity of the Paradise bestowal Son of the terminal indwelling experience.

4 The activities of Adjusters in your local universe are directed by the Per-

sonalized Adjuster of Michael of Nebadon, that very Monitor who guided him step by step when he lived his human life in the flesh of Joshua ben Joseph. Faithful to his trust was this extraordinary Adjuster, and wisely did this valiant Monitor direct the human nature, ever guiding the mortal mind of the Paradise Son in the choosing of the path of the Father's perfect will. This Adjuster had previously served with Machiventa Melchizedek in the days of Abraham and had engaged in tremendous exploits both previous to this indwelling and between these bestowal experiences.

5 This Adjuster did indeed triumph in Jesus' human mind — that mind which in each of life's recurring situations maintained a consecrated dedication to the Father's will, saying, "Not my will, but yours, be done." Such decisive consecration constitutes the true passport from the limitations of human nature to the finality of divine attainment.

6 This same Adjuster now reflects in the inscrutable nature of his mighty personality the prebaptismal humanity of Joshua ben Joseph, the eternal and living transcript of the eternal and living values which the greatest of all

Urantians created out of the humble circumstances of a commonplace life as it was lived to the complete exhaustion of the spiritual values attainable in mortal experience.

7 Everything of permanent value which is entrusted to an Adjuster is assured eternal survival. In certain instances the Monitor holds these possessions for bestowal on a mortal mind of future indwelling; in others, and upon personalization, these surviving and conserved realities are held in trust for future utilization in the service of the Architects of the Master

Universe.

7. DESTINY OF PERSONALIZED ADJUSTERS

1 We cannot state whether or not non-Adjuster Father fragments are personalizable, but you have been informed that personality is the sovereign freewill bestowal of the Universal Father. As far as we know, the Adjuster type of Father fragment attains personality only by the acquirement of personal attributes through service-ministry to a personal being. These Personalized Adjusters are at home on Divinington, where they instruct and direct their prepersonal associates.

2 Personalized Thought Adjusters are the untrammelled, unassigned, and sovereign stabilizers and compensators of the far-flung universe of universes. They combine the Creator and creature experience — existential and experiential. They are conjoint time and eternity beings. They associate the prepersonal and the personal in universe administration.

3 Personalized Adjusters are the all-wise and powerful executives of the Architects of the Master Universe. They are the personal agents of the full ministry of the Universal Father — personal, prepersonal, and super-

personal. They are the personal ministers of the extraordinary, the unusual, and the unexpected throughout all the realms of the transcendental absonite spheres of the domain of God the Ultimate, even to the levels of God the Absolute.

4 They are the exclusive beings of the universes who embrace within their being all the known relationships of personality; they are omnipersonal — they are before personality, they are personality, and they are after personality. They minister the personality of the Universal Father as in the eternal past, the eternal present, and the eter-

nal future.

5 Existential personality on the order of the infinite and absolute, the Father bestowed upon the Eternal Son, but he chose to reserve for his own ministry the experiential personality of the type of the Personalized Adjuster bestowed upon the existential prepersonal Adjuster; and they are thus both destined to the future eternal superpersonality of the transcendental ministry of the absonite realms of the Ultimate, the Supreme-Ultimate, even to the levels of the Ultimate-Absolute.

6 Seldom are the Personalized Ad-

justers seen at large in the universes. Occasionally they consult with the Ancients of Days, and sometimes the Personalized Adjusters of the seven-fold Creator Sons come to the head-quarters worlds of the constellations to confer with the Vorondadek rulers.

7 §§ When the planetary Vorondadek observer of Urantia — the Most High custodian who not long since assumed an emergency regency of your world — asserted his authority in the presence of the resident governor general, he began his emergency administration of Urantia with a full staff of his own choosing. He immediately as-

signed to all his associates and assistants their planetary duties. But he did not choose the three Personalized Adjusters who appeared in his presence the instant he assumed the regency. He did not even know they would thus appear, for they did not so manifest their divine presence at the time of a previous regency. And the Most High regent did not assign service or designate duties for these volunteer Personalized Adjusters. Nevertheless, these three omnipersonal beings were among the most active of the numerous orders of celestial beings then serving on Urantia.

8 §§ Personalized Adjusters perform a wide range of services for numerous orders of universe personalities, but we are not permitted to discuss these ministries with Adjuster-indwelt evolutionary creatures. These extraordinary human divinities are among the most remarkable personalities of the entire grand universe, and no one dares to predict what their future missions may be.

9 [Presented by a Solitary Messenger of Orvonton.]

PAPER 110

RELATION OF ADJUSTERS TO INDIVIDUAL MORTALS

Solitary Messenger

The endowment of imperfect beings with freedom entails inevitable tragedy, and it is the nature of the perfect ancestral Deity to universally and affectionately share these sufferings in loving companionship.

2 As far as I am conversant with the affairs of a universe, I regard the love and devotion of a Thought Adjuster

as the most truly divine affection in all creation. The love of the Sons in their ministry to the races is superb, but the devotion of an Adjuster to the individual is touchingly sublime, divinely Fatherlike. The Paradise Father has apparently reserved this form of personal contact with his individual creatures as an exclusive Creator prerogative. And there is nothing in all the universe of universes exactly comparable to the marvellous ministry of these impersonal entities that so fascinatingly indwell the children of the

evolutionary planets.

1. INDWELLING THE MORTAL MIND

1 Adjusters should not be thought of as living in the material brains of human beings. They are not organic parts of the physical creatures of the realms. The Thought Adjuster may more properly be envisaged as indwelling the mortal mind of man rather than as existing within the confines of a single physical organ. And indirectly and unrecognized the Adjuster is constantly communicating with the human subject, especially during those sublime experiences of

the worshipful contact of mind with spirit in the superconsciousness.

2 I wish it were possible for me to help evolving mortals to achieve a better understanding and attain a fuller appreciation of the unselfish and superb work of the Adjusters living within them, who are so devoutly faithful to the task of fostering man's spiritual welfare. These Monitors are efficient ministers to the higher phases of men's minds; they are wise and experienced manipulators of the spiritual potential of the human intellect. These heavenly helpers are dedicated to the stupendous task of guiding you

safely inward and upward to the celestial haven of happiness. These tireless toilers are consecrated to the future personification of the triumph of divine truth in your life everlasting. They are the watchful workers who pilot the God-conscious human mind away from the shoals of evil while expertly guiding the evolving soul of man toward the divine harbours of perfection on far-distant and eternal shores. The Adjusters are loving leaders, your safe and sure guides through the dark and uncertain mazes of your short earthly career; they are the patient teachers who so constantly urge their

subjects forward in the paths of progressive perfection. They are the careful custodians of the sublime values of creature character. I wish you could love them more, co-operate with them more fully, and cherish them more affectionately.

3 Although the divine indwellers are chiefly concerned with your spiritual preparation for the next stage of the never-ending existence, they are also deeply interested in your temporal welfare and in your real achievements on earth. They are delighted to contribute to your health, happiness, and true prosperity. They are not indif-

ferent to your success in all matters of planetary advancement which are not inimical to your future life of eternal progress.

4 §§ Adjusters are interested in, and concerned with, your daily doings and the manifold details of your life just to the extent that these are influential in the determination of your significant temporal choices and vital spiritual decisions and, hence, are factors in the solution of your problem of soul survival and eternal progress. The Adjuster, while passive regarding purely temporal welfare, is divinely active concerning all the affairs of your

eternal future.

5 The Adjuster remains with you in all disaster and through every sickness which does not wholly destroy the mentality. But how unkind knowingly to defile or otherwise deliberately to pollute the physical body, which must serve as the earthly tabernacle of this marvellous gift from God. All physical poisons greatly retard the efforts of the Adjuster to exalt the material mind, while the mental poisons of fear, anger, envy, jealousy, suspicion, and intolerance likewise tremendously interfere with the spiritual progress of the evolving soul.

6 §§ Today you are passing through the period of the courtship of your Adjuster; and if you only prove faithful to the trust reposed in you by the divine spirit who seeks your mind and soul in eternal union, there will eventually ensue that morontia oneness, that supernal harmony, that cosmic co-ordination, that divine attunement, that celestial fusion, that never-ending blending of identity, that oneness of being which is so perfect and final that even the most experienced personalities can never segregate or recognize as separate identities the fusion partners — mortal man and di-

vine Adjuster.

2. ADJUSTERS AND HUMAN WILL

1 When Thought Adjusters indwell human minds, they bring with them the model careers, the ideal lives, as determined and foreordained by themselves and the Personalized Adjusters of Divinington, which have been certified by the Personalized Adjuster of Urantia. Thus they begin work with a definite and predetermined plan for the intellectual and spiritual development of their human subjects, but it is not incumbent upon any human being to accept this plan. You are

all subjects of predestination, but it is not foreordained that you must accept this divine predestination; you are at full liberty to reject any part or all of the Thought Adjusters' program. It is their mission to effect such mind changes and to make such spiritual adjustments as you may willingly and intelligently authorize, to the end that they may gain more influence over the personality directionization; but under no circumstances do these divine Monitors ever take advantage of you or in any way arbitrarily influence you in your choices and decisions. The Adjusters respect your sovereignty of per-

sonality; *they are always subservient to your will.*

2 They are persistent, ingenious, and perfect in their methods of work, but they never do violence to the volitional selfhood of their hosts. No human being will ever be spiritualized by a divine Monitor against his will; survival is a gift of the Gods which must be desired by the creatures of time. In the final analysis, whatever the Adjuster has succeeded in doing for you, the records will show that the transformation has been accomplished with your co-operative consent; you will have been a willing part-

ner with the Adjuster in the attainment of every step of the tremendous transformation of the ascension career.

3 §§ The Adjuster is not trying to control your thinking, as such, but rather to spiritualize it, to eternalize it. Neither angels nor Adjusters are devoted directly to influencing human thought; that is your exclusive personality prerogative. The Adjusters are dedicated to improving, modifying, adjusting, and co-ordinating your thinking processes; but more especially and specifically they are devoted to the work of building up spiritual

counterparts of your careers, morontia transcripts of your true advancing selves, for survival purposes.

4 Adjusters work in the spheres of the higher levels of the human mind, unceasingly seeking to produce morontia duplicates of every concept of the mortal intellect. There are, therefore, two realities which impinge upon, and are centred in, the human mind circuits: one, a mortal self evolved from the original plans of the Life Carriers, the other, an immortal entity from the high spheres of Divinington, an indwelling gift from God. But the mortal self is also a personal

self; it has personality.

5 §§ You as a personal creature have mind and will. The Adjuster as a prepersonal creature has premind and prewill. If you so fully conform to the Adjuster's mind that you see eye to eye, then your minds become one, and you receive the reinforcement of the Adjuster's mind. Subsequently, if your will orders and enforces the execution of the decisions of this new or combined mind, the Adjuster's prepersonal will attains to personality expression through your decision, and as far as that particular project is concerned, you and the Adjuster are one.

Your mind has attained to divinity attunement, and the Adjuster's will has achieved personality expression.

6 To the extent that this identity is realized, you are mentally approaching the morontia order of existence. Morontia mind is a term signifying the substance and sum total of the cooperating minds of diversely material and spiritual natures. Morontia intellect, therefore, connotes a dual mind in the local universe dominated by one will. And with mortals this is a will, human in origin, which is becoming divine through man's identification of the human mind with the mindedness

of God.

3. CO-OPERATION WITH THE ADJUSTER

1 Adjusters are playing the sacred and superb game of the ages; they are engaged in one of the supreme adventures of time in space. And how happy they are when your co-operation permits them to lend assistance in your short struggles of time as they continue to prosecute their larger tasks of eternity. But usually, when your Adjuster attempts to communicate with you, the message is lost in the material currents of the energy streams of human mind; only occasionally do you

catch an echo, a faint and distant echo, of the divine voice.

2 The success of your Adjuster in the enterprise of piloting you through the mortal life and bringing about your survival depends not so much on the theories of your beliefs as upon your decisions, determinations, and steadfast *faith.* All these movements of personality growth become powerful influences aiding in your advancement because they help you to co-operate with the Adjuster; they assist you in ceasing to resist. Thought Adjusters succeed or apparently fail in their terrestrial undertakings just in so far as

mortals succeed or fail to co-operate with the scheme whereby they are to be advanced along the ascending path of perfection attainment. The secret of survival is wrapped up in the supreme human desire to be Godlike and in the associated willingness to do and be any and all things which are essential to the final attainment of that overmastering desire.

3 When we speak of an Adjuster's success or failure, we are speaking in terms of human survival. *Adjusters never fail;* they are of the divine essence, and they always emerge triumphant in each of their undertak-

ings.

4 §§ I cannot but observe that so many of you spend so much time and thought on mere trifles of living, while you almost wholly overlook the more essential realities of everlasting import, those very accomplishments which are concerned with the development of a more harmonious working agreement between you and your Adjusters. The great goal of human existence is to attune to the divinity of the indwelling Adjuster; the great achievement of mortal life is the attainment of a true and understanding consecration to the eternal aims

of the divine spirit who waits and works within your mind. But a devoted and determined effort to realize eternal destiny is wholly compatible with a light-hearted and joyous life and with a successful and honourable career on earth. Co-operation with the Thought Adjuster does not entail self-torture, mock piety, or hypocritical and ostentatious self-abasement; the ideal life is one of loving service rather than an existence of fearful apprehension.

5 §§ Confusion, being puzzled, even sometimes discouraged and distracted, does not necessarily signify resistance

to the leadings of the indwelling Adjuster. Such attitudes may sometimes connote lack of active co-operation with the divine Monitor and may, therefore, somewhat delay spiritual progress, but such intellectual emotional difficulties do not in the least interfere with the certain survival of the God-knowing soul. Ignorance alone can never prevent survival; neither can confusional doubts nor fearful uncertainty. Only conscious resistance to the Adjuster's leading can prevent the survival of the evolving immortal soul.

6 You must not regard co-operation

with your Adjuster as a particularly conscious process, for it is not; but your motives and your decisions, your faithful determinations and your supreme desires, do constitute real and effective co-operation. You can consciously augment Adjuster harmony by:

7 1. Choosing to respond to divine leading; sincerely basing the human life on the highest consciousness of truth, beauty, and goodness, and then co-ordinating these qualities of divinity through wisdom, worship, faith, and love.

8 2. Loving God and desiring to

be like him — genuine recognition of the divine fatherhood and loving worship of the heavenly Parent.

9 3. Loving man and sincerely desiring to serve him — wholehearted recognition of the brotherhood of man coupled with an intelligent and wise affection for each of your fellow mortals.

10 4. Joyful acceptance of cosmic citizenship — honest recognition of your progressive obligations to the Supreme Being, awareness of the interdependence of evolutionary man and evolving Deity. This is the birth of cosmic morality and the dawning re-

alization of universal duty.

4. THE ADJUSTER'S WORK IN THE MIND

1 Adjusters are able to receive the continuous stream of cosmic intelligence coming in over the master circuits of time and space; they are in full touch with the spirit intelligence and energy of the universes. But these mighty indwellers are unable to transmit very much of this wealth of wisdom and truth to the minds of their mortal subjects because of the lack of commonness of nature and the absence of responsive recognition.

2 The Thought Adjuster is engaged in a constant effort so to spiritualize your mind as to evolve your morontia soul; but you yourself are mostly unconscious of this inner ministry. You are quite incapable of distinguishing the product of your own material intellect from that of the conjoint activities of your soul and the Adjuster.

3 Certain abrupt presentations of thoughts, conclusions, and other pictures of mind are sometimes the direct or indirect work of the Adjuster; but far more often they are the sudden emergence into consciousness of ideas which have been grouping them-

selves together in the submerged mental levels, natural and everyday occurrences of normal and ordinary psychic function inherent in the circuits of the evolving animal mind. (In contrast with these subconscious emanations, the revelations of the Adjuster appear through the realms of the superconscious.)

4 Trust all matters of mind beyond the dead level of consciousness to the custody of the Adjusters. In due time, if not in this world then on the mansion worlds, they will give good account of their stewardship, and eventually will they bring forth

those meanings and values entrusted to their care and keeping. They will resurrect every worthy treasure of the mortal mind if you survive.

5 §§ There exists a vast gulf between the human and the divine, between man and God. The Urantia races are so largely electrically and chemically controlled, so highly animallike in their common behaviour, so emotional in their ordinary reactions, that it becomes exceedingly difficult for the Monitors to guide and direct them. You are so devoid of courageous decisions and consecrated co-operation that your indwelling Adjusters

find it next to impossible to communicate directly with the human mind. Even when they do find it possible to flash a gleam of new truth to the evolving mortal soul, this spiritual revelation often so blinds the creature as to precipitate a convulsion of fanaticism or to initiate some other intellectual upheaval which results disastrously. Many a new religion and strange "ism" has arisen from the aborted, imperfect, misunderstood, and garbled communications of the Thought Adjusters.

6 For many thousands of years, so the records of Jerusem show, in each generation there have lived fewer and

fewer beings who could function safely with self-acting Adjusters. This is an alarming picture, and the supervising personalities of Satania look with favour upon the proposals of some of your more immediate planetary supervisors who advocate the inauguration of measures designed to foster and conserve the higher spiritual types of the Urantia races.

5. ERRONEOUS CONCEPTS OF ADJUSTER GUIDANCE

1 Do not confuse and confound the mission and influence of the Adjuster with what is commonly called con-

science; they are not directly related. Conscience is a human and purely psychic reaction. It is not to be despised, but it is hardly the voice of God to the soul, which indeed the Adjuster's would be if such a voice could be heard. Conscience, rightly, admonishes you to do right; but the Adjuster, in addition, endeavours to tell you what truly is right; that is, when and as you are able to perceive the Monitor's leading.

2 §§ Man's dream experiences, that disordered and disconnected parade of the un-co-ordinated sleeping mind, present adequate proof of the failure of

the Adjusters to harmonize and associate the divergent factors of the mind of man. The Adjusters simply cannot, in a single lifetime, arbitrarily co-ordinate and synchronize two such unlike and diverse types of thinking as the human and the divine. When they do, as they sometimes have, such souls are translated directly to the mansion worlds without the necessity of passing through the experience of death.

3 During the slumber season the Adjuster attempts to achieve only that which the will of the indwelt personality has previously fully approved by the decisions and choosings which

were made during times of fully wakeful consciousness, and which have thereby become lodged in the realms of the supermind, the liaison domain of human and divine interrelationship.

4 While their mortal hosts are asleep, the Adjusters try to register their creations in the higher levels of the material mind, and some of your grotesque dreams indicate their failure to make efficient contact. The absurdities of dream life not only testify to pressure of unexpressed emotions but also bear witness to the horrible distortion of the representations of

the spiritual concepts presented by the Adjusters. Your own passions, urges, and other innate tendencies translate themselves into the picture and substitute their unexpressed desires for the divine messages which the indwellers are endeavouring to put into the psychic records during unconscious sleep.

5 It is extremely dangerous to postulate as to the Adjuster content of the dream life. The Adjusters do work during sleep, but your ordinary dream experiences are purely physiologic and psychologic phenomena. Likewise, it is hazardous to attempt the differentiation of the Adjusters' concept reg-

istry from the more or less continuous and conscious reception of the dictations of mortal conscience. These are problems which will have to be solved through individual discrimination and personal decision. But a human being would do better to err in rejecting an Adjuster's expression through believing it to be a purely human experience than to blunder into exalting a reaction of the mortal mind to the sphere of divine dignity. Remember, the influence of a Thought Adjuster is for the most part, though not wholly, a superconscious experience.

6 In varying degrees and increasingly as you ascend the psychic circles, sometimes directly, but more often indirectly, you do communicate with your Adjusters. But it is dangerous to entertain the idea that every new concept originating in the human mind is the dictation of the Adjuster. More often, in beings of your order, that which you accept as the Adjuster's voice is in reality the emanation of your own intellect. This is dangerous ground, and every human being must settle these problems for himself in accordance with his natural human wisdom and superhuman in-

sight.

7 §§ The Adjuster of the human being through whom this communication is being made enjoys such a wide scope of activity chiefly because of this human's almost complete indifference to any outward manifestations of the Adjuster's inner presence; it is indeed fortunate that he remains consciously quite unconcerned about the entire procedure. He holds one of the highly experienced Adjusters of his day and generation, and yet his passive reaction to, and inactive concern toward, the phenomena associated with the presence in his mind of this versatile Ad-

juster is pronounced by the guardian of destiny to be a rare and fortuitous reaction. And all this constitutes a favourable co-ordination of influences, favourable both to the Adjuster in the higher sphere of action and to the human partner from the standpoints of health, efficiency, and tranquillity.

6. THE SEVEN PSYCHIC CIRCLES

1 The sum total of personality realization on a material world is contained within the successive conquest of the seven psychic circles of mortal potentiality. Entrance upon the seventh circle marks the beginning

of true human personality function. Completion of the first circle denotes the relative maturity of the mortal being. Though the traversal of the seven circles of cosmic growth does not equal fusion with the Adjuster, the mastery of these circles marks the attainment of those steps which are preliminary to Adjuster fusion.

2 The Adjuster is your equal partner in the attainment of the seven circles — the achievement of comparative mortal maturity. The Adjuster ascends the circles with you from the seventh to the first but progresses to the status of supremacy and self-activ-

ity quite independent of the active co-operation of the mortal mind.

3 §§ The psychic circles are not exclusively intellectual, neither are they wholly morontial; they have to do with personality status, mind attainment, soul growth, and Adjuster attunement. The successful traversal of these levels demands the harmonious functioning of the *entire personality,* not merely of some one phase thereof. The growth of the parts does not equal the true maturation of the whole; the parts really grow in proportion to the expansion of the entire self — the whole self — material, intellec-

tual, and spiritual.

4 When the development of the intellectual nature proceeds faster than that of the spiritual, such a situation renders communication with the Thought Adjuster both difficult and dangerous. Likewise, overspiritual development tends to produce a fanatical and perverted interpretation of the spirit leadings of the divine indweller. Lack of spiritual capacity makes it very difficult to transmit to such a material intellect the spiritual truths resident in the higher superconsciousness. It is to the mind of perfect poise, housed in a body of clean habits, stabilized neural

energies, and balanced chemical function — when the physical, mental, and spiritual powers are in triune harmony of development — that a maximum of light and truth can be imparted with a minimum of temporal danger or risk to the real welfare of such a being. By such a balanced growth does man ascend the circles of planetary progression one by one, from the seventh to the first.

5 §§ The Adjusters are always near you and of you, but rarely can they speak directly, as another being, to you. Circle by circle your intellectual decisions, moral choosings, and spiri-

tual development add to the ability of the Adjuster to function in your mind; circle by circle you thereby ascend from the lower stages of Adjuster association and mind attunement, so that the Adjuster is increasingly enabled to register his picturizations of destiny with augmenting vividness and conviction upon the evolving consciousness of this God-seeking mind-soul.

6 §§ Every decision you make either impedes or facilitates the function of the Adjuster; likewise do these very decisions determine your advancement in the circles of human achievement. It is true that the supremacy of a deci-

sion, its crisis relationship, has a great deal to do with its circle-making influence; nevertheless, numbers of decisions, frequent repetitions, persistent repetitions, are also essential to the habit-forming certainty of such reactions.

7 It is difficult precisely to define the seven levels of human progression, for the reason that these levels are personal; they are variable for each individual and are apparently determined by the growth capacity of each human being. The conquest of these levels of cosmic evolution is reflected in three ways:

8 1. *Adjuster attunement.* The spiritizing mind nears the Adjuster presence proportional to circle attainment.

9 2. *Soul evolution.* The emergence of the morontia soul indicates the extent and depth of circle mastery.

10 3. *Personality reality.* The degree of selfhood reality is directly determined by circle conquest. Persons become more real as they ascend from the seventh to the first level of mortal existence.

11 §§ As the circles are traversed, the child of material evolution is growing into the mature human of immortal

potentiality. The shadowy reality of the embryonic nature of a seventh circler is giving way to the clearer manifestation of the emerging morontia nature of a local universe citizen.

12 While it is impossible precisely to define the seven levels[1], or psychic circles, of human growth, it is permissible to suggest the minimum and maximum limits of these stages of maturity

[1] A rather detailed discussion of these seven psychic circles can be found in Chapter 4 of the book "In Search of the Miraculous" by P.D. Ouspensky. Note that his enumeration (originally Gurdzhiev's) is reverse, i.e. his 'man number one' corresponds to the 7th psychic cicle, 'man number two' to the 6th psychic circle, and so on.

realization:

13 §§ *The seventh circle.* This level is entered when human beings develop the powers of personal choice, individual decision, moral responsibility, and the capacity for the attainment of spiritual individuality. This signifies the united function of the seven adjutant mind-spirits under the direction of the spirit of wisdom, the encircuitment of the mortal creature in the influence of the Holy Spirit, and, on Urantia, the first functioning of the Spirit of Truth, together with the reception of a Thought Adjuster in the mortal mind. Entrance upon the sev-

enth circle constitutes a mortal creature a truly potential citizen of the local universe.

14 §§ *The third circle.* The Adjuster's work is much more effective after the human ascender attains the third circle and receives a personal seraphic guardian of destiny. While there is no apparent concert of effort between the Adjuster and the seraphic guardian, nonetheless there is to be observed an unmistakable improvement in all phases of cosmic achievement and spiritual development subsequent to the assignment of the personal seraphic attendant. When the third cir-

cle is attained, the Adjuster endeavours to morontiaize the mind of man during the remainder of the mortal life span, to make the remaining circles, and achieve the final stage of the divine-human association before natural death dissolves the unique partnership.

15 §§ *The first circle.* The Adjuster cannot, ordinarily, speak directly and immediately with you until you attain the first and final circle of progressive mortal achievement. This level represents the highest possible realization of mind-Adjuster relationship in the human experience prior to the liber-

ation of the evolving morontia soul from the habiliments of the material body. Concerning mind, emotions, and cosmic insight, this achievement of the first psychic circle is the nearest possible approach of material mind and spirit Adjuster in human experience.

16 §§ Perhaps these psychic circles of mortal progression would be better denominated *cosmic levels* — actual meaning grasps and value realizations of progressive approach to the morontia consciousness of initial relationship of the evolutionary soul with the emerging Supreme Being. And it is

this very relationship that makes it forever impossible fully to explain the significance of the cosmic circles to the material mind. These circle attainments are only relatively related to God-consciousness. A seventh or sixth circler can be almost as truly God-knowing — sonship conscious — as a second or first circler, but such lower circle beings are far less conscious of experiential relation to the Supreme Being, universe citizenship. The attainment of these cosmic circles will become a part of the ascenders' experience on the mansion worlds if they fail of such achievement before natural

death.

17 The motivation of faith makes experiential the full realization of man's sonship with God, but *action,* completion of decisions, is essential to the evolutionary attainment of consciousness of progressive kinship with the *cosmic actuality* of the Supreme Being. Faith transmutes potentials to actuals in the spiritual world, but potentials become actuals in the finite realms of the Supreme only by and through the realization of choice-experience. But choosing to do the will of God joins spiritual faith to material decisions in personality action and thus supplies

a divine and spiritual fulcrum for the more effective functioning of the human and material leverage of God-hunger. Such a wise co-ordination of material and spiritual forces greatly augments both cosmic realization of the Supreme and morontia comprehension of the Paradise Deities.

18 The mastery of the cosmic circles is related to the quantitative growth of the morontia soul, the comprehension of supreme meanings. But the qualitative status of this immortal soul is *wholly* dependent on the grasp of living faith upon the Paradise-potential fact-value that mortal man is a son

of the eternal God. Therefore does a seventh circler go on to the mansion worlds to attain further quantitative realization of cosmic growth just as does a second or even a first circler.

19 There is only an indirect relation between cosmic-circle attainment and actual spiritual religious experience; such attainments are reciprocal and therefore mutually beneficial. Purely spiritual development may have little to do with planetary material prosperity, but circle attainment always augments the potential of human success and mortal achievement.

20 From the seventh to the third cir-

cle there occurs increased and unified action of the seven adjutant mind-spirits in the task of weaning the mortal mind from its dependence on the realities of the material life mechanisms preparatory to increased introduction to morontia levels of experience. From the third circle onward the adjutant influence progressively diminishes.

21 §§ The seven circles embrace mortal experience extending from the highest purely animal level to the lowest actual contactual morontia level of self-consciousness as a personality experience. The mastery of the first

cosmic circle signalizes the attainment of premorontia mortal maturity and marks the termination of the conjoint ministry of the adjutant mind-spirits as an exclusive influence of mind action in the human personality. Beyond the first circle, mind becomes increasingly akin to the intelligence of the morontia stage of evolution, the conjoined ministry of the cosmic mind and the superadjutant endowment of the Creative Spirit of a local universe.

22 The great days in the individual careers of Adjusters are: first, when the human subject breaks through into

the third psychic circle, thus ensuring the Monitor's self-activity and increased range of function (provided the indweller was not already self-acting); then, when the human partner attains the first psychic circle, and they are thereby enabled to intercommunicate, at least to some degree; and last, when they are finally and eternally fused.

7. THE ATTAINMENT OF IMMORTALITY

1 The achievement of the seven cosmic circles does not equal Adjuster fusion. There are many mortals living on Urantia who have attained their

circles; but fusion depends on yet other greater and more sublime spiritual achievements, upon the attainment of a final and complete attunement of the mortal will with the will of God as it is resident in the Thought Adjuster.

2 When a human being has completed the circles of cosmic achievement, and further, when the final choosing of the mortal will permits the Adjuster to complete the association of human identity with the morontial soul during evolutionary and physical life, then do such consummated liaisons of soul and Adjuster

go on independently to the mansion worlds, and there is issued the mandate from Uversa which provides for the immediate fusion of the Adjuster and the morontial soul. This fusion during physical life instantly consumes the material body; the human beings who might witness such a spectacle would only observe the translating mortal disappear "in chariots of fire."

3 Most Adjusters who have translated their subjects from Urantia were highly experienced and of record as previous indwellers of numerous mortals on other spheres. Remember, Ad-

justers gain valuable indwelling experience on planets of the loan order; it does not follow that Adjusters only gain experience for advanced work in those mortal subjects who fail to survive.

4 §§ Subsequent to mortal fusion the Adjusters share your destiny and experience; *they are you.* After the fusion of the immortal morontia soul and the associated Adjuster, all of the experience and all of the values of the one eventually become the possession of the other, so that the two are actually one entity. In a certain sense, this new being is of the eternal past as well

as for the eternal future. All that was once human in the surviving soul and all that is experientially divine in the Adjuster now become the actual possession of the new and ever-ascending universe personality. But on each universe level the Adjuster can endow the new creature only with those attributes which are meaningful and of value on that level. An absolute *oneness* with the divine Monitor, a complete exhaustion of the endowment of an Adjuster, can only be achieved in eternity subsequent to the final attainment of the Universal Father, the Father of spirits, ever the source of these

divine gifts.

5 When the evolving soul and the divine Adjuster are finally and eternally fused, each gains all of the experiencible qualities of the other. This co-ordinate personality possesses all of the experiential memory of survival once held by the ancestral mortal mind and then resident in the morontia soul, and in addition thereto this potential finaliter embraces all the experiential memory of the Adjuster throughout the mortal indwellings of all time. But it will require an eternity of the future for an Adjuster ever completely to endow the personality part-

nership with the meanings and values which the divine Monitor carries forward from the eternity of the past.

6 §§ But with the vast majority of Urantians the Adjuster must patiently await the arrival of death deliverance; must await the liberation of the emerging soul from the well-nigh complete domination of the energy patterns and chemical forces inherent in your material order of existence. The chief difficulty you experience in contacting with your Adjusters consists in this very inherent material nature. So few mortals are real thinkers; you do not spiritually develop and dis-

cipline your minds to the point of favourable liaison with the divine Adjusters. The ear of the human mind is almost deaf to the spiritual pleas which the Adjuster translates from the manifold messages of the universal broadcasts of love proceeding from the Father of mercies. The Adjuster finds it almost impossible to register these inspiring spirit leadings in an animal mind so completely dominated by the chemical and electrical forces inherent in your physical natures.

7 Adjusters rejoice to make contact with the mortal mind; but they must be patient through the long years

of silent sojourn during which they are unable to break through animal resistance and directly communicate with you. The higher the Thought Adjusters ascend in the scale of service, the more efficient they become. But never can they greet you, in the flesh, with the same full, sympathetic, and expressionful affection as they will when you discern them mind to mind on the mansion worlds.

8 During mortal life the material body and mind separate you from your Adjuster and prevent free communication; subsequent to death, after the eternal fusion, you and the Adjuster

are one — you are not distinguishable as separate beings — and thus there exists no need for communication as you would understand it.

9 While the voice of the Adjuster is ever within you, most of you will hear it seldom during a lifetime. Human beings below the third and second circles of attainment rarely hear the Adjuster's direct voice except in moments of supreme desire, in a supreme situation, and consequent upon a supreme decision.

10 §§ During the making and breaking of a contact between the mortal mind of a destiny reservist and the

planetary supervisors, sometimes the indwelling Adjuster is so situated that it becomes possible to transmit a message to the mortal partner. Not long since, on Urantia, such a message was transmitted by a self-acting Adjuster to the human associate, a member of the reserve corps of destiny. This message was introduced by these words: "And now, without injury or jeopardy to the subject of my solicitous devotion and without intent to overchastise or discourage, for me, make record of this my plea to him." Then followed a beautifully touching and appealing admonition. Among other

things, the Adjuster pleaded "that he more faithfully give me his sincere co-operation, more cheerfully endure the tasks of my emplacement, more faithfully carry out the program of my arrangement, more patiently go through the trials of my selection, more persistently and cheerfully tread the path of my choosing, more humbly receive credit that may accrue as a result of my ceaseless endeavours — thus transmit my admonition to the man of my indwelling. Upon him I bestow the supreme devotion and affection of a divine spirit. And say further to my beloved subject that I will func-

tion with wisdom and power until the very end, until the last earth struggle is over; I will be true to my personality trust. And I exhort him to survival, not to disappoint me, not to deprive me of the reward of my patient and intense struggle. On the human will our achievement of personality depends. Circle by circle I have patiently ascended this human mind, and I have testimony that I am meeting the approval of the chief of my kind. Circle by circle I am passing on to judgment. I await with pleasure and without apprehension the roll call of destiny; I am prepared to submit all to the tribunals

of the Ancients of Days."

11 [Presented by a Solitary Messenger of Orvonton.]

PAPER 111

THE ADJUSTER AND THE SOUL

Solitary Messenger

The presence of the divine Adjuster in the human mind makes it forever impossible for either science or philosophy to attain a satisfactory comprehension of the evolving soul of the human personality. The morontia soul is the child of the universe and may be really known only through cosmic insight and spiritual discovery.

2 §§ The concept of a soul and of an indwelling spirit is not new to Urantia; it has frequently appeared in the various systems of planetary beliefs. Many of the Oriental as well as some of the Occidental faiths have perceived that man is divine in heritage as well as human in inheritance. The feeling of the inner presence in addition to the external omnipresence of Deity has long formed a part of many Urantian religions. Men have long believed that there is something growing within the human nature, something vital that is destined to endure beyond the short span of temporal life.

3 Before man realized that his evolving soul was fathered by a divine spirit, it was thought to reside in different physical organs — the eye, liver, kidney, heart, and later, the brain. The savage associated the soul with blood, breath, shadows and with reflections of the self in water.

4 In the conception of the *atman* the Hindu teachers really approximated an appreciation of the nature and presence of the Adjuster, but they failed to distinguish the copresence of the evolving and potentially immortal soul. The Chinese, however, recognized two aspects of a human be-

ing, the *yang* and the *yin,* the soul and the spirit. The Egyptians and many African tribes also believed in two factors, the *ka* and the *ba;* the soul was not usually believed to be pre-existent, only the spirit.

5 The inhabitants of the Nile valley believed that each favoured individual had bestowed upon him at birth, or soon thereafter, a protecting spirit which they called the ka. They taught that this guardian spirit remained with the mortal subject throughout life and passed before him into the future estate. On the walls of a temple at Luxor, where is depicted the birth of Amen-

hotep III, the little prince is pictured on the arm of the Nile god, and near him is another child, in appearance identical with the prince, which is a symbol of that entity which the Egyptians called the ka. This sculpture was completed in the XV century before Christ.

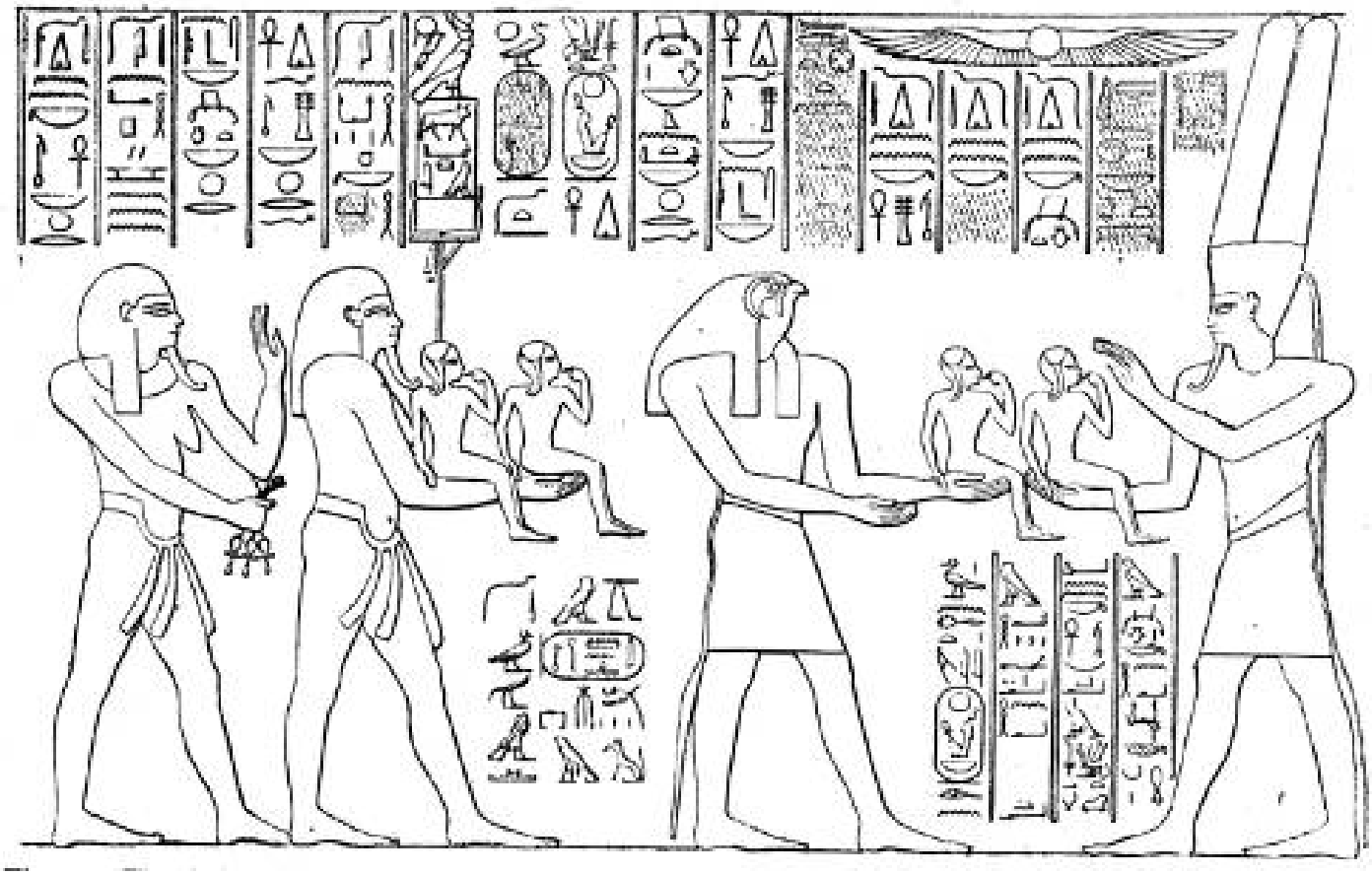

Figure 24: The infant king, Amenophis III and his Ka, presented to Amen Rā, the god of Thebes, by two Nile gods, and by Horus. *From the temple of Amenophis III, at Luxor.*

6 The ka was thought to be a superior spirit genius which desired to guide the associated mortal soul into

the better paths of temporal living but more especially to influence the fortunes of the human subject in the hereafter. When an Egyptian of this period died, it was expected that his ka would be waiting for him on the other side of the Great River. At first, only kings were supposed to have kas, but presently all righteous men were believed to possess them. One Egyptian ruler, speaking of the ka within his heart, said: "I did not disregard its speech; I feared to transgress its guidance. I prospered thereby greatly; I was thus successful by reason of that which it caused me to do; I was distinguished

by its guidance." Many believed that the ka was "an oracle from God in everybody." Many believed that they were to "spend eternity in gladness of heart in the favour of the God that is in you."

7 Every race of evolving Urantia mortals has a word equivalent to the concept of soul. Many primitive peoples believed the soul looked out upon the world through human eyes; therefore did they so cravenly fear the malevolence of the evil eye. They have long believed that "the spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord." The Rig-Veda

says: "My mind speaks to my heart."

1. THE MIND ARENA OF CHOICE

1 Though the work of Adjusters is spiritual in nature, they must, perforce, do all their work upon an intellectual foundation. Mind is the human soil from which the spirit Monitor must evolve the morontia soul with the co-operation of the indwelt personality.

2 There is a cosmic unity in the several mind levels of the universe of universes. Intellectual selves have their origin in the cosmic mind much as nebulae take origin in the cosmic en-

ergies of universe space. On the human (hence personal) level of intellectual selves the potential of spirit evolution becomes dominant, with the assent of the mortal mind, because of the spiritual endowments of the human personality together with the creative presence of an entity-point of absolute value in such human selves. But such a spirit dominance of the material mind is conditioned upon two experiences: This mind must have evolved up through the ministry of the seven adjutant mind-spirits, and the material (personal) self must choose to co-operate with the indwelling Ad-

juster in creating and fostering the morontia self, the evolutionary and potentially immortal soul.

3 §§ Material mind is the arena in which human personalities live, are self-conscious, make decisions, choose God or forsake him, eternalize or destroy themselves.

4 §§ Material evolution has provided you a life machine, your body; the Father himself has endowed you with the purest spirit reality known in the universe, your Thought Adjuster. But into your hands, subject to your own decisions, has been given mind, and it is by mind that you live or die. It is

within this mind and with this mind that you make those moral decisions which enable you to achieve Adjuster-likeness, and that is Godlikeness.

5 Mortal mind is a temporary intellect system loaned to human beings for use during a material lifetime, and as they use this mind, they are either accepting or rejecting the potential of eternal existence. Mind is about all you have of universe reality that is subject to your will, and the soul — the morontia self — will faithfully portray the harvest of the temporal decisions which the mortal self is making. Human consciousness rests gently upon

the electrochemical mechanism below and delicately touches the spirit-morontia energy system above. Of neither of these two systems is the human being ever completely conscious in his mortal life; therefore must he work in mind, of which he is conscious. And it is not so much what mind comprehends as what mind desires to comprehend that ensures survival; it is not so much what mind is like as what mind is striving to be like that constitutes spirit identification. It is not so much that man is conscious of God as that man yearns for God that results in universe ascen-

sion. What you are today is not so important as what you are becoming day by day and in eternity.

6 Mind is the cosmic instrument on which the human will can play the discords of destruction, or upon which this same human will can bring forth the exquisite melodies of God identification and consequent eternal survival. The Adjuster bestowed upon man is, in the last analysis, impervious to evil and incapable of sin, but mortal mind can actually be twisted, distorted, and rendered evil and ugly by the sinful machinations of a perverse and self-seeking human will. Likewise

can this mind be made noble, beautiful, true, and good — actually great — in accordance with the spirit-illuminated will of a God-knowing human being.

7 §§ Evolutionary mind is only fully stable and dependable when manifesting itself upon the two extremes of cosmic intellectuality — the wholly mechanized and the entirely spiritualized. Between the intellectual extremes of pure mechanical control and true spirit nature there intervenes that enormous group of evolving and ascending minds whose stability and tranquillity are dependent upon per-

sonality choice and spirit identification.

8 But man does not passively, slavishly, surrender his will to the Adjuster. Rather does he actively, positively, and co-operatively choose to follow the Adjuster's leading when and as such leading consciously differs from the desires and impulses of the natural mortal mind. The Adjusters manipulate but never dominate man's mind against his will; to the Adjusters the human will is supreme. And they so regard and respect it while they strive to achieve the spiritual goals of thought adjustment and character

transformation in the almost limitless arena of the evolving human intellect.

9 §§ Mind is your ship, the Adjuster is your pilot, the human will is captain. The master of the mortal vessel should have the wisdom to trust the divine pilot to guide the ascending soul into the morontia harbours of eternal survival. Only by selfishness, slothfulness, and sinfulness can the will of man reject the guidance of such a loving pilot and eventually wreck the mortal career upon the evil shoals of rejected mercy and upon the rocks of embraced sin. With your consent, this faithful pilot will safely

carry you across the barriers of time and the handicaps of space to the very source of the divine mind and on beyond, even to the Paradise Father of Adjusters.

2. NATURE OF THE SOUL

1 Throughout the mind functions of cosmic intelligence, the totality of mind is dominant over the parts of intellectual function. Mind, in its essence, is functional unity; therefore does mind never fail to manifest this constitutive unity, even when hampered and hindered by the unwise actions and choices of a misguided

self. And this unity of mind invariably seeks for spirit co-ordination on all levels of its association with selves of will dignity and ascension prerogatives.

2 The material mind of mortal man is the cosmic loom that carries the morontia fabrics on which the indwelling Thought Adjuster threads the spirit patterns of a universe character of enduring values and divine meanings — a surviving soul of ultimate destiny and unending career, a potential finaliter.

3 The human personality is identified with mind and spirit held together in functional relationship by life in a

material body. This functioning relationship of such mind and spirit does not result in some combination of the qualities or attributes of mind and spirit but rather in an entirely new, original, and unique universe value of potentially eternal endurance, the *soul.*

4 §§ There are three and not two factors in the evolutionary creation of such an immortal soul. These three antecedents of the morontia human soul are:

5 1. *The human mind* and all cosmic influences antecedent thereto and impinging thereon.

6 2. *The divine spirit* indwelling

this human mind and all potentials inherent in such a fragment of absolute spirituality together with all associated spiritual influences and factors in human life.

7 3. *The relationship between material mind and divine spirit,* which connotes a value and carries a meaning not found in either of the contributing factors to such an association. The reality of this unique relationship is neither material nor spiritual but morontial. It is the soul.

8 §§ The midway creatures have long denominated this evolving soul of man the mid-mind in contradistinc-

tion to the lower or material mind and the higher or cosmic mind. This mid-mind is really a morontia phenomenon since it exists in the realm between the material and the spiritual. The potential of such a morontia evolution is inherent in the two universal urges of mind: the impulse of the finite mind of the creature to know God and attain the divinity of the Creator, and the impulse of the infinite mind of the Creator to know man and attain the *experience* of the creature.

9 This supernal transaction of evolving the immortal soul is made possible because the mortal mind is first per-

sonal and second is in contact with superanimal realities; it possesses a supermaterial endowment of cosmic ministry which ensures the evolution of a moral nature capable of making moral decisions, thereby effecting a bona fide creative contact with the associated spiritual ministries and with the indwelling Thought Adjuster.

10 The inevitable result of such a contactual spiritualization of the human mind is the gradual birth of a soul, the joint offspring of an adjutant mind dominated by a human will that craves to know God, working in liaison with the spiritual forces of the universe

which are under the overcontrol of an actual fragment of the very God of all creation — the Mystery Monitor. And thus does the material and mortal reality of the self transcend the temporal limitations of the physical-life machine and attain a new expression and a new identification in the evolving vehicle for selfhood continuity, the morontia and immortal soul.

3. THE EVOLVING SOUL

1 The mistakes of mortal mind and the errors of human conduct may markedly delay the evolution of the soul, although they cannot inhibit

such a morontia phenomenon when once it has been initiated by the indwelling Adjuster with the consent of the creature will. But at any time prior to mortal death this same material and human will is empowered to rescind such a choice and to reject survival. Even after survival the ascending mortal still retains this prerogative of choosing to reject eternal life; at any time before fusion with the Adjuster the evolving and ascending creature can choose to forsake the will of the Paradise Father. Fusion with the Adjuster signalizes the fact that the ascending mortal has eternally and unre-

servedly chosen to do the Father's will.

2 During the life in the flesh the evolving soul is enabled to reinforce the supermaterial decisions of the mortal mind. The soul, being supermaterial, does not of itself function on the material level of human experience. Neither can this subspiritual soul, without the collaboration of some spirit of Deity, such as the Adjuster, function above the morontia level. Neither does the soul make final decisions until death or translation divorces it from material association with the mortal mind except when and as this material mind del-

egates such authority freely and willingly to such a morontia soul of associated function. During life the mortal will, the personality power of decision-choice, is resident in the material mind circuits; as terrestrial mortal growth proceeds, this self, with its priceless powers of choice, becomes increasingly identified with the emerging morontia-soul entity; after death and following the mansion world resurrection, the human personality is completely identified with the morontia self. The soul is thus the embryo of the future morontia vehicle of personality identity.

3 This immortal soul is at first wholly morontia in nature, but it possesses such a capacity for development that it invariably ascends to the true spirit levels of fusion value with the spirits of Deity, usually with the same spirit of the Universal Father that initiated such a creative phenomenon in the creature mind.

4 Both the human mind and the divine Adjuster are conscious of the presence and differential nature of the evolving soul — the Adjuster fully, the mind partially. The soul becomes increasingly conscious of both the mind and the Adjuster as associated iden-

tities, proportional to its own evolutionary growth. The soul partakes of the qualities of both the human mind and the divine spirit but persistently evolves toward augmentation of spirit control and divine dominance through the fostering of a mind function whose meanings seek to co-ordinate with true spirit value.

5 The mortal career, the soul's evolution, is not so much a probation as an education. Faith in the survival of supreme values is the core of religion; genuine religious experience consists in the union of supreme values and cosmic meanings as a realization of

universal reality.

6 Mind knows quantity, reality, meanings. But quality — values — is *felt.* That which feels is the mutual creation of mind, which knows, and the associated spirit, which reality-izes.

7 In so far as man's evolving morontia soul becomes permeated by truth, beauty, and goodness as the value-realization of God-consciousness, such a resultant being becomes indestructible. If there is no survival of eternal values in the evolving soul of man, then mortal existence is without meaning, and life itself is a tragic illusion. But it is forever true: What you

begin in time you will assuredly finish in eternity — if it is worth finishing.

4. THE INNER LIFE

1 Recognition is the intellectual process of fitting the sensory impressions received from the external world into the memory patterns of the individual. Understanding connotes that these recognized sensory impressions and their associated memory patterns have become integrated or organized into a dynamic network of principles.

2 Meanings are derived from a combination of recognition and understanding. Meanings are nonexistent

in a wholly sensory or material world. Meanings and values are only perceived in the inner or supermaterial spheres of human experience.

3 §§ The advances of true civilization are all born in this inner world of mankind. It is only the inner life that is truly creative. Civilization can hardly progress when the majority of the youth of any generation devote their interests and energies to the materialistic pursuits of the sensory or outer world.

4 The inner and the outer worlds have a different set of values. Any civilization is in jeopardy when three

quarters of its youth enter materialistic professions and devote themselves to the pursuit of the sensory activities of the outer world. Civilization is in danger when youth neglect to interest themselves in ethics, sociology, eugenics, philosophy, the fine arts, religion, and cosmology.

5 Only in the higher levels of the superconscious mind as it impinges upon the spirit realm of human experience can you find those higher concepts in association with effective master patterns which will contribute to the building of a better and more enduring civilization. Personality is in-

herently creative, but it thus functions only in the inner life of the individual.

6 §§ Snow crystals are always hexagonal in form, but no two are ever alike. Children conform to types, but no two are exactly alike, even in the case of twins. Personality follows types but is always unique.

7 §§ Happiness and joy take origin in the inner life. You cannot experience real joy all by yourself. A solitary life is fatal to happiness. Even families and nations will enjoy life more if they share it with others.

8 §§ You cannot completely control the external world — environment.

It is the creativity of the inner world that is most subject to your direction because there your personality is so largely liberated from the fetters of the laws of antecedent causation. There is associated with personality a limited sovereignty of will.

9 Since this inner life of man is truly creative, there rests upon each person the responsibility of choosing as to whether this creativity shall be spontaneous and wholly haphazard or controlled, directed, and constructive. How can a creative imagination produce worthy children when the stage whereon it functions is already preoc-

cupied by prejudice, hate, fears, resentments, revenge, and bigotries?

10 Ideas may take origin in the stimuli of the outer world, but ideals are born only in the creative realms of the inner world. Today the nations of the world are directed by men who have a superabundance of ideas, but they are poverty-stricken in ideals. That is the explanation of poverty, divorce, war, and racial hatreds.

11 This is the problem: If freewill man is endowed with the powers of creativity in the inner man, then must we recognize that freewill creativity embraces the potential of freewill de-

structivity. And when creativity is turned to destructivity, you are face to face with the devastation of evil and sin — oppression, war, and destruction. Evil is a partiality of creativity which tends toward disintegration and eventual destruction. All conflict is evil in that it inhibits the creative function of the inner life — it is a species of civil war in the personality.

12 §§ Inner creativity contributes to ennoblement of character through personality integration and selfhood unification. It is forever true: The past is unchangeable; only the future can be changed by the ministry of the pre-

sent creativity of the inner self.

5. THE CONSECRATION OF CHOICE

1 The doing of the will of God is nothing more or less than an exhibition of creature willingness to share the inner life with God — with the very God who has made such a creature life of inner meaning-value possible. Sharing is Godlike — divine. God shares all with the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit, while they, in turn, share all things with the divine Sons and spirit Daughters of the universes.

2 The imitation of God is the key to

perfection; the doing of his will is the secret of survival and of perfection in survival.

3 Mortals live in God, and so God has willed to live in mortals. As men trust themselves to him, so has he — and first — trusted a part of himself to be with men; has consented to live in men and to indwell men subject to the human will.

4 Peace in this life, survival in death, perfection in the next life, service in eternity — all these are achieved (in spirit) *now* when the creature personality consents — chooses — to subject the creature will to the Father's will.

And already has the Father chosen to make a fragment of himself subject to the will of the creature personality.

5 Such a creature choice is not a surrender of will. It is a consecration of will, an expansion of will, a glorification of will, a perfecting of will; and such choosing raises the creature will from the level of temporal significance to that higher estate wherein the personality of the creature son communes with the personality of the spirit Father.

6 This choosing of the Father's will is the spiritual finding of the spirit Father by mortal man, even though an

age must pass before the creature son may actually stand in the factual presence of God on Paradise. This choosing does not so much consist in the negation of creature will — "Not my will but yours be done" — as it consists in the creature's positive affirmation: "It is *my* will that *your* will be done." And if this choice is made, sooner or later will the God-choosing son find inner union (fusion) with the indwelling God fragment, while this same perfecting son will find supreme personality satisfaction in the worship communion of the personality of man and the personality of his Maker, two

personalities whose creative attributes have eternally joined in self-willed mutuality of expression — the birth of another eternal partnership of the will of man and the will of God.

6. THE HUMAN PARADOX

1 Many of the temporal troubles of mortal man grow out of his twofold relation to the cosmos. Man is a part of nature — he exists in nature — and yet he is able to transcend nature. Man is finite, but he is indwelt by a spark of infinity. Such a dual situation not only provides the potential for evil but also engenders many social and moral situ-

ations fraught with much uncertainty and not a little anxiety.

2 The courage required to effect the conquest of nature and to transcend one's self is a courage that might succumb to the temptations of self-pride. The mortal who can transcend self might yield to the temptation to deify his own self-consciousness. The mortal dilemma consists in the double fact that man is in bondage to nature while at the same time he possesses a unique liberty — freedom of spiritual choice and action. On material levels man finds himself subservient to nature, while on spiritual levels he is

triumphant over nature and over all things temporal and finite. Such a paradox is inseparable from temptation, potential evil, decisional errors, and when self becomes proud and arrogant, sin may evolve.

3 §§ The problem of sin is not self-existent in the finite world. The fact of finiteness is not evil or sinful. The finite world was made by an infinite Creator — it is the handiwork of his divine Sons — and therefore it must be *good.* It is the misuse, distortion, and perversion of the finite that gives origin to evil and sin.

4 §§ The spirit can dominate mind;

so mind can control energy. But mind can control energy only through its own intelligent manipulation of the metamorphic potentials inherent in the mathematical level of the causes and effects of the physical domains. Creature mind does not inherently control energy; that is a Deity prerogative. But creature mind can and does manipulate energy just in so far as it has become master of the energy secrets of the physical universe.

5 When man wishes to modify physical reality, be it himself or his environment, he succeeds to the extent that he has discovered the ways

and means of controlling matter and directing energy. Unaided mind is impotent to influence anything material save its own physical mechanism, with which it is inescapably linked. But through the intelligent use of the body mechanism, mind can create other mechanisms, even energy relationships and living relationships, by the utilization of which this mind can increasingly control and even dominate its physical level in the universe.

6 Science is the source of facts, and mind cannot operate without facts. They are the building blocks in the construction of wisdom which are ce-

mented together by life experience. Man can find the love of God without facts, and man can discover the laws of God without love, but man can never begin to appreciate the infinite symmetry, the supernal harmony, the exquisite repleteness of the all-inclusive nature of the First Source and Centre until he has found divine law and divine love and has experientially unified these in his own evolving cosmic philosophy.

7 The expansion of material knowledge permits a greater intellectual appreciation of the meanings of ideas and the values of ideals. A human be-

ing can find truth in his inner experience, but he needs a clear knowledge of facts to apply his personal discovery of truth to the ruthlessly practical demands of everyday life.

8 §§ It is only natural that mortal man should be harassed by feelings of insecurity as he views himself inextricably bound to nature while he possesses spiritual powers wholly transcendent to all things temporal and finite. Only religious confidence — living faith — can sustain man amid such difficult and perplexing problems.

9 §§ Of all the dangers which beset man's mortal nature and jeopardize his

spiritual integrity, pride is the greatest. Courage is valorous, but egotism is vainglorious and suicidal. Reasonable self-confidence is not to be deplored. Man's ability to transcend himself is the one thing which distinguishes him from the animal kingdom.

10 §§ Pride is deceitful, intoxicating, and sin-breeding whether found in an individual, a group, a race, or a nation. It is literally true, "Pride goes before a fall."

7. THE ADJUSTER'S PROBLEM

1 Uncertainty with security is the essence of the Paradise adventure —

uncertainty in time and in mind, uncertainty as to the events of the unfolding Paradise ascent; security in spirit and in eternity, security in the unqualified trust of the creature son in the divine compassion and infinite love of the Universal Father; uncertainty as an inexperienced citizen of the universe; security as an ascending son in the universe mansions of an all-powerful, all-wise, and all-loving Father.

2 §§ May I admonish you to heed the distant echo of the Adjuster's faithful call to your soul? The indwelling Adjuster cannot stop or even materially

alter your career struggle of time; the Adjuster cannot lessen the hardships of life as you journey on through this world of toil. The divine indweller can only patiently forbear while you fight the battle of life as it is lived on your planet; but you could, if you only would — as you work and worry, as you fight and toil — permit the valiant Adjuster to fight with you and for you. You could be so comforted and inspired, so enthralled and intrigued, if you would only allow the Adjuster constantly to bring forth the pictures of the real motive, the final aim, and the eternal purpose of all this

difficult, uphill struggle with the commonplace problems of your present material world.

3 Why do you not aid the Adjuster in the task of showing you the spiritual counterpart of all these strenuous material efforts? Why do you not allow the Adjuster to strengthen you with the spiritual truths of cosmic power while you wrestle with the temporal difficulties of creature existence? Why do you not encourage the heavenly helper to cheer you with the clear vision of the eternal outlook of universal life as you gaze in perplexity at the problems of the passing hour?

Why do you refuse to be enlightened and inspired by the universe viewpoint while you toil amidst the handicaps of time and flounder in the maze of uncertainties which beset your mortal life journey? Why not allow the Adjuster to spiritualize your thinking, even though your feet must tread the material paths of earthly endeavour?

4 The higher human races of Urantia are complexly admixed; they are a blend of many races and stocks of different origin. This composite nature renders it exceedingly difficult for the Monitors to work efficiently during life and adds definitely to the prob-

lems of both the Adjuster and the guardian seraphim after death. Not long since I was present on Salvington and heard a guardian of destiny present a formal statement in extenuation of the difficulties of ministering to her mortal subject. This seraphim said:

5 §§ "Much of my difficulty was due to the unending conflict between the two natures of my subject: the urge of ambition opposed by animal indolence; the ideals of a superior people crossed by the instincts of an inferior race; the high purposes of a great mind antagonized by the urge of a primitive inheritance; the long-

distance view of a far-seeing Monitor counteracted by the nearsightedness of a creature of time; the progressive plans of an ascending being modified by the desires and longings of a material nature; the flashes of universe intelligence cancelled by the chemical-energy mandates of the evolving race; the urge of angels opposed by the emotions of an animal; the training of an intellect annulled by the tendencies of instinct; the experience of the individual opposed by the accumulated propensities of the race; the aims of the best overshadowed by the drift of the worst; the flight of genius neutral-

ized by the gravity of mediocrity; the progress of the good retarded by the inertia of the bad; the art of the beautiful besmirched by the presence of evil; the buoyancy of health neutralized by the debility of disease; the fountain of faith polluted by the poisons of fear; the spring of joy embittered by the waters of sorrow; the gladness of anticipation disillusioned by the bitterness of realization; the joys of living ever threatened by the sorrows of death. Such a life on such a planet! And yet, because of the ever-present help and urge of the Thought Adjuster, this soul did achieve a fair degree of happi-

ness and success and has even now ascended to the judgment halls of mansonia."

6 [Presented by a Solitary Messenger of Orvonton.]

PAPER 112

PERSONALITY SURVIVAL

Solitary Messenger

The evolutionary planets are the spheres of human origin, the initial worlds of the ascending mortal career. Urantia is your starting point; here you and your divine Thought Adjuster are joined in temporary union. You have been endowed with a perfect guide; therefore, if you will sincerely run the race of time and gain the final goal of faith, the reward of the ages shall be yours; you

will be eternally united with your indwelling Adjuster. Then will begin your real life, the ascending life, to which your present mortal state is but the vestibule. Then will begin your exalted and progressive mission as finaliters in the eternity which stretches out before you. And throughout all of these successive ages and stages of evolutionary growth, there is one part of you that remains absolutely unaltered, and that is personality — permanence in the presence of change[1].

2 §§ While it would be presumptu-

[1] For the human source see the note on 103:8.6.

ous to attempt the definition of personality, it may prove helpful to recount some of the things which are known about personality:

3 1. Personality is that quality in reality which is bestowed by the Universal Father himself or by the Conjoint Actor, acting for the Father.

4 2. It may be bestowed upon any living energy system which includes mind or spirit.

5 3. It is not wholly subject to the fetters of antecedent causation. It is relatively creative or cocreative.

6 4. When bestowed upon evolutionary material creatures, it causes

spirit to strive for the mastery of energy-matter through the mediation of mind.

7 5. Personality, while devoid of identity, can unify the identity of any living energy system.

8 6. It discloses only qualitative response to the personality circuit in contradistinction to the three energies which show both qualitative and quantitative response to gravity.

9 7. Personality is changeless in the presence of change.

10 8. It can make a gift to God — dedication of the free will to the doing of the will of God.

11 9. It is characterized by morality — awareness of relativity of relationship with other persons. It discerns conduct levels and choosingly discriminates between them.

12 10. Personality is unique, absolutely unique: It is unique in time and space; it is unique in eternity and on Paradise; it is unique when bestowed — there are no duplicates; it is unique during every moment of existence; it is unique in relation to God — he is no respecter of persons, but neither does he add them together, for they are nonaddable — they are associable but nontotalable.

13 11. Personality responds directly to other-personality presence.

14 12. It is one thing which can be added to spirit, thus illustrating the primacy of the Father in relation to the Son. (Mind does not have to be added to spirit.)

15 13. Personality may survive mortal death with identity in the surviving soul. The Adjuster and the personality are changeless; the relationship between them (in the soul) is nothing but change, continuing evolution; and if this change (growth) ceased, the soul would cease.

16 14. Personality is uniquely con-

scious of time, and this is something other than the time perception of mind or spirit.

1. PERSONALITY AND REALITY

1 Personality is bestowed by the Universal Father upon his creatures as a potentially eternal endowment. Such a divine gift is designed to function on numerous levels and in successive universe situations ranging from the lowly finite to the highest absonite, even to the borders of the absolute. Personality thus performs on three cosmic planes or in three universe phases:

2 1. *Position status.* Personality functions equally efficiently in the local universe, in the superuniverse, and in the central universe.

3 2. *Meaning status.* Personality performs effectively on the levels of the finite, the absonite, and even as impinging upon the absolute.

4 3. *Value status.* Personality can be experientially realized in the progressive realms of the material, the morontial, and the spiritual.

5 §§ Personality has a perfected range of cosmic dimensional performance. The dimensions of finite personality are three, and they are roughly

functional as follows:

6 1. *Length* represents direction and nature of progression — movement through space and according to time — evolution.

7 2. *Vertical depth*[1] embraces the organismal drives and attitudes, the varying levels of self-realization and the general phenomenon of reaction to environment.

8 3. *Breadth* embraces the domain

[1] In 1955 text "depth" not italicized. "Depth" should be italicized as it is the substantive paralleled by the other items in the context ("Breadth" and "Length" — both italicized) and "Vertical" is merely the modifier.

of co-ordination, association, and self-hood organization.

9 §§ The type of personality bestowed upon Urantia mortals has a potentiality of seven dimensions of self-expression or person-realization. These dimensional phenomena are realizable as three on the finite level, three on the absonite level, and one on the absolute level. On subabsolute levels this seventh or totality dimension is experiencible as the *fact* of personality. This supreme dimension is an associable absolute and, while not infinite, is dimensionally potential for subinfinite penetration of the abso-

lute.

10 The finite dimensions of personality have to do with cosmic length, depth, and breadth. Length denotes meaning; depth signifies value; breadth embraces insight — the capacity to experience unchallengeable consciousness of cosmic reality.

11 On the morontia level all of these finite dimensions of the material level are greatly enhanced, and certain new dimensional values are realizable. All these enlarged dimensional experiences of the morontia level are marvellously articulated with the supreme or personality dimension through the

influence of mota and also because of the contribution of morontia mathematics.

12 Much trouble experienced by mortals in their study of human personality could be avoided if the finite creature would remember that dimensional levels and spiritual levels are not co-ordinated in experiential personality realization.

13 §§ Life is really a process which takes place between the organism (selfhood) and its environment. The personality imparts value of identity and meanings of continuity to this organismal-environmental asso-

ciation. Thus it will be recognized that the phenomenon of stimulus-response is not a mere mechanical process since the personality functions as a factor in the total situation. It is ever true that mechanisms are innately passive; organisms, inherently active.

14 Physical life is a process taking place not so much within the organism as *between* the organism and the environment. And every such process tends to create and establish organismal patterns of reaction to such an environment. And all such *directive patterns* are highly influential in goal choosing.

15 It is through the mediation of mind that the self and the environment establish meaningful contact. The ability and willingness of the organism to make such significant contacts with environment (response to a drive) represents the *attitude* of the whole personality.

16 Personality cannot very well perform in isolation. Man is innately a social creature; he is dominated by the craving of belongingness. It is literally true, "No man lives unto himself."

17 But the concept of the personality as the meaning of the whole of the living and functioning creature means

much more than the integration of relationships; it signifies the *unification* of all factors of reality as well as coordination of relationships. Relationships exist between two objects, but three or more objects eventuate a *system,* and such a system is much more than just an enlarged or complex relationship. This distinction is vital, for in a cosmic system the individual members are not connected with each other except in relation to the whole and through the individuality of the whole.

18 In the human organism the summation of its parts constitutes self-

hood — individuality — but such a process has nothing whatever to do with personality, which is the unifier of all these factors as related to cosmic realities.

19 In aggregations parts are added; in systems parts are *arranged.* Systems are significant because of organization — positional values. In a good system all factors are in cosmic position. In a bad system something is either missing or displaced — deranged. In the human system it is the personality which unifies all activities and in turn imparts the qualities of identity and

creativity.

2. THE SELF

1 It would be helpful in the study of selfhood to remember:

2 1. That physical systems are subordinate.

3 2. That intellectual systems are co-ordinate.

4 3. That personality is superordinate.

5 4. That the indwelling spiritual force is potentially directive.

6 §§ In all concepts of selfhood it should be recognized that the fact of

life comes first, its evaluation or interpretation later. The human child first *lives* and subsequently *thinks* about his living. In the cosmic economy insight precedes foresight.

7 §§ The universe fact of God's becoming man has forever changed all meanings and altered all values of human personality. In the true meaning of the word, love connotes mutual regard of whole personalities, whether human or divine or human *and* divine. Parts of the self may function in numerous ways — thinking, feeling, wishing — but only the co-ordinated attributes of the whole per-

sonality are focused in intelligent action; and all of these powers are associated with the spiritual endowment of the mortal mind when a human being sincerely and unselfishly loves another being, human or divine.

8 All mortal concepts of reality are based on the assumption of the actuality of human personality; all concepts of superhuman realities are based on the experience of the human personality with and in the cosmic realities of certain associated spiritual entities and divine personalities. Everything nonspiritual in human experience, excepting personality, is a means to an

end. Every true relationship of mortal man with other persons — human or divine — is an end in itself. And such fellowship with the personality of Deity is the eternal goal of universe ascension.

9 The possession of personality identifies man as a spiritual being since the unity of selfhood and the self-consciousness of personality are endowments of the supermaterial world. The very fact that a mortal materialist can deny the existence of supermaterial realities in and of itself demonstrates the presence, and indicates the working, of spirit synthesis and cosmic con-

sciousness in his human mind.

10 There exists a great cosmic gulf between matter and thought, and this gulf is immeasurably greater between material mind and spiritual love. Consciousness, much less self-consciousness, cannot be explained by any theory of mechanistic electronic association or materialistic energy phenomena.

11 §§ As mind pursues reality to its ultimate analysis, matter vanishes to the material senses but may still remain real to mind. When spiritual insight pursues that reality which remains after the disappearance of matter and

pursues it to an ultimate analysis, it vanishes to mind, but the insight of spirit can still perceive cosmic realities and supreme values of a spiritual nature. Accordingly does science give way to philosophy, while philosophy must surrender to the conclusions inherent in genuine spiritual experience. Thinking surrenders to wisdom, and wisdom is lost in enlightened and reflective worship.

12 In science the human self observes the material world; philosophy is the observation of this observation of the material world; religion, true spiritual experience, is the experiential realiza-

tion of the cosmic reality of the observation of the observation of all this relative synthesis of the energy materials of time and space. To build a philosophy of the universe on an exclusive materialism is to ignore the fact that all things material are initially conceived as real in the experience of human consciousness. The observer cannot be the thing observed; evaluation demands some degree of transcendence of the thing which is evaluated.

13 In time, thinking leads to wisdom and wisdom leads to worship; in eternity, worship leads to wisdom, and wisdom eventuates in the finality of

thought.

14 The possibility of the unification of the evolving self is inherent in the qualities of its constitutive factors: the basic energies, the master tissues, the fundamental chemical overcontrol, the supreme ideas, the supreme motives, the supreme goals, and the divine spirit of Paradise bestowal — the secret of the self-consciousness of man's spiritual nature.

15 The purpose of cosmic evolution is to achieve unity of personality through increasing spirit dominance, volitional response to the teaching and leading of the Thought Adjuster.

Personality, both human and superhuman, is characterized by an inherent cosmic quality which may be called "the evolution of dominance," the expansion of the control of both itself and its environment.

16 §§ An ascending onetime human personality passes through two great phases of increasing volitional dominance over the self and in the universe:

17 1. The prefinaliter or God-seeking experience of augmenting the self-realization through a technique of identity expansion and actualization together with cosmic problem solving and consequent universe mastery.

18 2. The postfinaliter or God-revealing experience of the creative expansion of self-realization through revealing the Supreme Being of experience to the God-seeking intelligences who have not yet attained the divine levels of Godlikeness.

19 §§ Descending personalities attain analogous experiences through their various universe adventures as they seek for enlarged capacity for ascertaining and executing the divine wills of the Supreme, Ultimate, and Absolute Deities.

20 §§ The material self, the ego-entity of human identity, is dependent dur-

ing the physical life on the continuing function of the material life vehicle, on the continued existence of the unbalanced equilibrium of energies and intellect which, on Urantia, has been given the name *life.* But selfhood of survival value, selfhood that can transcend the experience of death, is only evolved by establishing a potential transfer of the seat of the identity of the evolving personality from the transient life vehicle — the material body — to the more enduring and immortal nature of the morontia soul and on beyond to those levels whereon the soul becomes infused

with, and eventually attains the status of, spirit reality. This actual transfer from material association to morontia identification is effected by the sincerity, persistence, and steadfastness of the God-seeking decisions of the human creature.

3. THE PHENOMENON OF DEATH

1 Urantians generally recognize only one kind of death, the physical cessation of life energies; but concerning personality survival there are really three kinds:

2 1. *Spiritual (soul) death.* If and when mortal man has finally re-

jected survival, when he has been pronounced spiritually insolvent, morontially bankrupt[1], in the conjoint opin-

[1] A very similar phrase occurs in the book "Long Heads And Round Heads or What's the Matter with Germany" published by William S. Sadler in 1918 during the World War I as a propaganda leaflet to be read by the soldiers. There, on page 156 we read the 25th indictment of Germany: *"Because Germany has gone into moral bankruptcy—because she is spiritually insolvent—and the time has come for the civilized nations of the earth to sit as a solemn court of judgment to appoint a receiver either to reorganize or wind up the career of this brutal Germanic military establishment."* Assuming that there was no "Sleeping Subject" and that Dr Sadler himself was the direct and sole recipient of the Fifth Epochal Revelation, we come to the curious parallel between the new term "morontial" and the exist-

ion of the Adjuster and the surviving seraphim, when such co-ordinate advice has been recorded on Uversa, and after the Censors and their reflective associates have verified these findings, thereupon do the rulers of Orvonton order the immediate release of the indwelling Monitor. But this release of the Adjuster in no way affects the duties of the personal or group seraphim concerned with that Adjuster-abandoned individual. This kind of

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ing English word "moral". The Revelation, having gone through Dr Sadler's mind, naturally shaped the new terms based on the existing word symbols already present in his mind.

death is final in its significance irrespective of the temporary continuation of the living energies of the physical and mind mechanisms. From the cosmic standpoint the mortal is already dead; the continuing life merely indicates the persistence of the material momentum of cosmic energies.

3 2. *Intellectual (mind) death.* When the vital circuits of higher adjutant ministry are disrupted through the aberrations of intellect or because of the partial destruction of the mechanism of the brain, and if these conditions pass a certain critical point of irreparability, the indwelling Adjuster

is immediately released to depart for Divinington. On the universe records a mortal personality is considered to have met with death whenever the essential mind circuits of human will-action have been destroyed. And again, this is death, irrespective of the continuing function of the living mechanism of the physical body. The body minus the volitional mind is no longer human, but according to the prior choosing of the human will, the soul of such an individual may survive.

4 3. *Physical (body and mind) death.* When death overtakes a human being, the Adjuster remains in

the citadel of the mind until it ceases to function as an intelligent mechanism, about the time that the measurable brain energies cease their rhythmic vital pulsations. Following this dissolution the Adjuster takes leave of the vanishing mind, just as unceremoniously as entry was made years before, and proceeds to Divinington by way of Uversa.

5 §§ After death the material body returns to the elemental world from which it was derived, but two nonmaterial factors of surviving personality persist: The pre-existent Thought Adjuster, with the memory transcrip-

tion of the mortal career, proceeds to Divinington; and there also remains, in the custody of the destiny guardian, the immortal morontia soul of the deceased human. These phases and forms of soul, these once kinetic but now static formulas of identity, are essential to repersonalization on the morontia worlds; and it is the reunion of the Adjuster and the soul that reassembles the surviving personality, that reconsciousizes you at the time of the morontia awakening.

6 For those who do not have personal seraphic guardians, the group custodians faithfully and efficiently

perform the same service of identity safekeeping and personality resurrection. The seraphim are indispensable to the reassembly of personality.

7 Upon death the Thought Adjuster temporarily loses personality, but not identity; the human subject temporarily loses identity, but not personality; on the mansion worlds both reunite in eternal manifestation. Never does a departed Thought Adjuster return to earth as the being of former indwelling; never is personality manifested without the human will; and never does a dis-Adjustered human being after death manifest ac-

tive identity or in any manner establish communication with the living beings of earth. Such dis-Adjustered souls are wholly and absolutely unconscious during the long or short sleep of death. There can be no exhibition of any sort of personality or ability to engage in communications with other personalities until after completion of survival. Those who go to the mansion worlds are not permitted to send messages back to their loved ones. It is the policy throughout the universes to forbid such communication during

the period of a current dispensation.

4. ADJUSTERS AFTER DEATH

1 When death of a material, intellectual, or spiritual nature occurs, the Adjuster bids farewell to the mortal host and departs for Divinington. From the headquarters of the local universe and the superuniverse a reflective contact is made with the supervisors of both governments, and the Monitor is registered out by the same number that recorded entry into the domains of time.

2 In some way not fully understood, the Universal Censors are able to gain

possession of an epitome of the human life as it is embodied in the Adjuster's duplicate transcription of the spiritual values and morontia meanings of the indwelt mind. The Censors are able to appropriate the Adjuster's version of the deceased human's survival character and spiritual qualities, and all this data, together with the seraphic records, is available for presentation at the time of the adjudication of the individual concerned. This information is also used to confirm those superuniverse mandates which make it possible for certain ascenders immediately to begin their morontia

careers, upon mortal dissolution to proceed to the mansion worlds ahead of the formal termination of a planetary dispensation.

3 Subsequent to physical death, except in individuals translated from among the living, the released Adjuster goes immediately to the home sphere of Divinington. The details of what transpires on that world during the time of awaiting the factual reappearance of the surviving mortal depend chiefly on whether the human being ascends to the mansion worlds in his own individual right or awaits a dispensational summoning of the

sleeping survivors of a planetary age.

4 If the mortal associate belongs to a group that will be repersonalized at the end of a dispensation, the Adjuster will not immediately return to the mansion world of the former system of service but will, according to choice, enter upon one of the following temporary assignments:

5 1. Be mustered into the ranks of vanished Monitors for undisclosed service.

6 2. Be assigned for a period to the observation of the Paradise regime.

7 3. Be enrolled in one of the many training schools of Divinington.

8 4. Be stationed for a time as a student observer on one of the other six sacred spheres which constitute the Father's circuit of Paradise worlds.

9 5. Be assigned to the messenger service of the Personalized Adjusters.

10 6. Become an associate instructor in the Divinington schools devoted to the training of Monitors belonging to the virgin group.

11 7. Be assigned to select a group of possible worlds on which to serve in the event that there is reasonable cause for believing that the human partner may have rejected survival.

12 §§ If, when death overtakes you, you have attained the third circle or a higher realm and therefore have had assigned to you a personal guardian of destiny, and if the final transcript of the summary of survival character submitted by the Adjuster is unconditionally certified by the destiny guardian — if both seraphim and Adjuster essentially agree in every item of their life records and recommendations — if the Universal Censors and their reflective associates on Uversa confirm this data and do so without equivocation or reservation, in that event the Ancients of Days flash forth the

mandate of advanced standing over the communication circuits to Salvington, and, thus released, the tribunals of the Sovereign of Nebadon will decree the immediate passage of the surviving soul to the resurrection halls of the mansion worlds.

13 If the human individual survives without delay, the Adjuster, so I am instructed, registers at Divinington, proceeds to the Paradise presence of the Universal Father, returns immediately and is embraced by the Personalized Adjusters of the superuniverse and local universe of assignment, receives the recognition of the chief Personalized

Monitor of Divinington, and then, at once, passes into the "realization of identity transition," being summoned therefrom on the third period and on the mansion world in the actual personality form made ready for the reception of the surviving soul of the earth mortal as that form has been projected by the guardian of destiny.

5. SURVIVAL OF THE HUMAN SELF

1 Selfhood is a cosmic reality whether material, morontial, or spiritual. The actuality of the *personal* is the bestowal of the Universal Father acting in and of himself or through his man-

ifold universe agencies. To say that a being is personal is to recognize the relative individuation of such a being within the cosmic organism. The living cosmos is an all but infinitely integrated aggregation of real units, all of which are relatively subject to the destiny of the whole. But those that are personal have been endowed with the actual choice of destiny acceptance or of destiny rejection.

2 That which comes from the Father is like the Father eternal, and this is just as true of personality, which God gives by his own freewill choice, as it is of the divine Thought Adjuster, an actual

fragment of God. Man's personality is eternal but with regard to identity a conditioned eternal reality. Having appeared in response to the Father's will, personality will attain Deity destiny, but man must choose whether or not he will be present at the attainment of such destiny. In default of such choice, personality attains experiential Deity directly, becoming a part of the Supreme Being. The cycle is foreordained, but man's participation therein is optional, personal, and experiential.

3 §§ Mortal identity is a transient time-life condition in the universe; it

is real only in so far as the personality elects to become a continuing universe phenomenon. This is the essential difference between man and an energy system: The energy system must continue, it has no choice; but man has everything to do with determining his own destiny. The Adjuster is truly the path to Paradise, but man himself must pursue that path by his own deciding, his freewill choosing.

4 Human beings possess identity only in the material sense. Such qualities of the self are expressed by the material mind as it functions in the energy system of the intellect. When it is

said that man has identity, it is recognized that he is in possession of a mind circuit which has been placed in subordination to the acts and choosing of the will of the human personality. But this is a material and purely temporary manifestation, just as the human embryo is a transient parasitic stage of human life. Human beings, from a cosmic perspective, are born, live, and die in a relative instant of time; they are not enduring. But mortal personality, through its own choosing, possesses the power of transferring its seat of identity from the passing material-intellect system to the higher moron-

tia-soul system which, in association with the Thought Adjuster, is created as a new vehicle for personality manifestation.

5 And it is this very power of choice, the universe insignia of freewill creaturehood, that constitutes man's greatest opportunity and his supreme cosmic responsibility. Upon the integrity of the human volition depends the eternal destiny of the future finaliter; upon the sincerity of the mortal free will the divine Adjuster depends for eternal personality; upon the faithfulness of mortal choice the Universal Father depends for the realization of

a new ascending son; upon the steadfastness and wisdom of decision-actions the Supreme Being depends for the actuality of experiential evolution.

6 §§ Though the cosmic circles of personality growth must eventually be attained, if, through no fault of your own, the accidents of time and the handicaps of material existence prevent your mastering these levels on your native planet, if your intentions and desires are of survival value, there are issued the decrees of probation extension. You will be afforded additional time in which to prove yourself.

7 If ever there is doubt as to the ad-

visability of advancing a human identity to the mansion worlds, the universe governments invariably rule in the personal interests of that individual; they unhesitatingly advance such a soul to the status of a transitional being, while they continue their observations of the emerging morontia intent and spiritual purpose. Thus divine justice is certain of achievement, and divine mercy is accorded further opportunity for extending its ministry.

8 The governments of Orvonton and Nebadon do not claim absolute perfection for the detail working of the universal plan of mortal reperson-

alization, but they do claim to, and actually do, manifest patience, tolerance, understanding, and merciful sympathy. We had rather assume the risk of a system rebellion than to court the hazard of depriving one struggling mortal from any evolutionary world of the eternal joy of pursuing the ascending career.

9 This does not mean that human beings are to enjoy a second opportunity in the face of the rejection of a first, not at all. But it does signify that all will creatures are to experience one true opportunity to make one undoubted, self-conscious, and fi-

nal choice. The sovereign Judges of the universes will not deprive any being of personality status who has not finally and fully made the eternal choice; the soul of man must and will be given full and ample opportunity to reveal its true intent and real purpose.

10 When the more spiritually and cosmically advanced mortals die, they proceed immediately to the mansion worlds; in general, this provision operates with those who have had assigned to them personal seraphic guardians. Other mortals may be detained until such time as the adjudication of their affairs has been completed, after

which they may proceed to the mansion worlds, or they may be assigned to the ranks of the sleeping survivors who will be repersonalized en masse at the end of the current planetary dispensation.

11 §§ There are two difficulties that hamper my efforts to explain just what happens to *you* in death, the surviving *you* which is distinct from the departing Adjuster. One of these consists in the impossibility of conveying to your level of comprehension an adequate description of a transaction on the borderland of the physical and morontia realms. The other is brought

about by the restrictions placed upon my commission as a revelator of truth by the celestial governing authorities of Urantia. There are many interesting details which might be presented, but I withhold them upon the advice of your immediate planetary supervisors. But within the limits of my permission I can say this much:

12 There is something real, something of human evolution, something additional to the Mystery Monitor, which survives death. This newly appearing entity is the soul, and it survives the death of both your physical body and your material mind. This

entity is the conjoint child of the combined life and efforts of the human you in liaison with the divine you, the Adjuster. This child of human and divine parentage constitutes the surviving element of terrestrial origin; it is the morontia self, the immortal soul.

13 This child of persisting meaning and surviving value is wholly unconscious during the period from death to repersonalization and is in the keeping of the seraphic destiny guardian throughout this season of waiting. You will not function as a conscious being, following death, until you attain the new consciousness of moron-

tia on the mansion worlds of Satania.

14 At death the functional identity associated with the human personality is disrupted through the cessation of vital motion. Human personality, while transcending its constituent parts, is dependent on them for functional identity. The stoppage of life destroys the physical brain patterns for mind endowment, and the disruption of mind terminates mortal consciousness. The consciousness of that creature cannot subsequently reappear until a cosmic situation has been arranged which will permit the same human personality again to function in

relationship with living energy.

15 §§ During the transit of surviving mortals from the world of origin to the mansion worlds, whether they experience personality reassembly on the third period or ascend at the time of a group resurrection, the record of personality constitution is faithfully preserved by the archangels on their worlds of special activities. These beings are not the custodians of personality (as the guardian seraphim are of the soul), but it is nonetheless true that every identifiable factor of personality is effectually safeguarded in the custody of these dependable trustees of

mortal survival. As to the exact whereabouts of mortal personality during the time intervening between death and survival, we do not know.

16 §§ The situation which makes repersonalization possible is brought about in the resurrection halls of the morontia receiving planets of a local universe. Here in these life-assembly chambers the supervising authorities provide that relationship of universe energy — morontial, mindal, and spiritual — which makes possible the reconsciousizing of the sleeping survivor. The reassembly of the constituent parts of a onetime mate-

rial personality involves:

17 1. The fabrication of a suitable form, a morontia energy pattern, in which the new survivor can make contact with nonspiritual reality, and within which the morontia variant of the cosmic mind can be encircuited.

18 2. The return of the Adjuster to the waiting morontia creature. The Adjuster is the eternal custodian of your ascending identity; your Monitor is the absolute assurance that you yourself and not another will occupy the morontia form created for your personality awakening. And the Adjuster will be present at your person-

ality reassembly to take up once more the role of Paradise guide to your surviving self.

19 3. When these prerequisites of repersonalization have been assembled, the seraphic custodian of the potentialities of the slumbering immortal soul, with the assistance of numerous cosmic personalities, bestows this morontia entity upon and in the awaiting morontia mind-body form while committing this evolutionary child of the Supreme to eternal association with the waiting Adjuster. And this completes the repersonalization, reassembly of memory, insight, and

consciousness — identity.

20 §§ The fact of repersonalization consists in the seizure of the encircuited morontia phase of the newly segregated cosmic mind by the awakening human self. The phenomenon of personality is dependent on the persistence of the identity of selfhood reaction to universe environment; and this can only be effected through the medium of mind. Selfhood persists in spite of a continuous change in all the factor components of self; in the physical life the change is gradual; at death and upon repersonalization the change is sudden. The true real-

ity of all selfhood (personality) is able to function responsively to universe conditions by virtue of the unceasing changing of its constituent parts; stagnation terminates in inevitable death. Human life is an endless change of the factors of life unified by the stability of the unchanging personality.

21 And when you thus awaken on the mansion worlds of Jerusem, you will be so changed, the spiritual transformation will be so great that, were it not for your Thought Adjuster and the destiny guardian, who so fully connect up your new life in the new worlds with your old life in the first world, you

would at first have difficulty in connecting the new morontia consciousness with the reviving memory of your previous identity. Notwithstanding the continuity of personal selfhood, much of the mortal life would at first seem to be a vague and hazy dream. But time will clarify many mortal associations.

22 The Thought Adjuster will recall and rehearse for you only those memories and experiences which are a part of, and essential to, your universe career. If the Adjuster has been a partner in the evolution of aught in the human mind, then will these worth-

while experiences survive in the eternal consciousness of the Adjuster. But much of your past life and its memories, having neither spiritual meaning nor morontia value, will perish with the material brain; much of material experience will pass away as onetime scaffolding which, having bridged you over to the morontia level, no longer serves a purpose in the universe. But personality and the relationships between personalities are never scaffolding; mortal memory of personality relationships has cosmic value and will persist. On the mansion worlds you will know and be known, and more,

you will remember, and be remembered by, your onetime associates in the short but intriguing life on Urantia.

6. THE MORONTIA SELF

1 Just as a butterfly emerges from the caterpillar stage, so will the true personalities of human beings emerge on the mansion worlds, for the first time revealed apart from their onetime enshroudment in the material flesh. The morontia career in the local universe has to do with the continued elevation of the personality mechanism from the beginning morontia level of soul

existence up to the final morontia level of progressive spirituality.

2 It is difficult to instruct you regarding your morontia personality forms for the local universe career. You will be endowed with morontia patterns of personality manifestability, and these are investments which, in the last analysis, are beyond your comprehension. Such forms, while entirely real, are not energy patterns of the material order which you now understand. They do, however, serve the same purpose on the local universe worlds as do your material bodies on the planets of human nativity.

3 To a certain extent, the appearance of the material body-form is responsive to the character of the personality identity; the physical body does, to a limited degree, reflect something of the inherent nature of the personality. Still more so does the morontia form. In the physical life, mortals may be outwardly beautiful though inwardly unlovely; in the morontia life, and increasingly on its higher levels, the personality form will vary directly in accordance with the nature of the inner person. On the spiritual level, outward form and inner nature begin to approximate complete identification,

which grows more and more perfect on higher and higher spirit levels.

4 §§ In the morontia estate the ascending mortal is endowed with the Nebadon modification of the cosmic-mind endowment of the Master Spirit of Orvonton. The mortal intellect, as such, has perished, has ceased to exist as a focalized universe entity apart from the undifferentiated mind circuits of the Creative Spirit. But the meanings and values of the mortal mind have not perished. Certain phases of mind are continued in the surviving soul; certain experiential values of the former human mind are

held by the Adjuster; and there persist in the local universe the records of the human life as it was lived in the flesh, together with certain living registrations in the numerous beings who are concerned with the final evaluation of the ascending mortal, beings extending in range from seraphim to Universal Censors and probably on beyond to the Supreme.

5 Creature volition cannot exist without mind, but it does persist in spite of the loss of the material intellect. During the times immediately following survival, the ascending personality is in great measure

guided by the character patterns inherited from the human life and by the newly appearing action of morontia mota. And these guides to mansonia conduct function acceptably in the early stages of the morontia life and prior to the emergence of morontia will as a full-fledged volitional expression of the ascending personality.

6 There are no influences in the local universe career comparable to the seven adjutant mind-spirits of human existence. The morontia mind must evolve by direct contact with cosmic mind, as this cosmic mind has been modified and translated by the cre-

ative source of local universe intellect — the Divine Minister.

7 §§ Mortal mind, prior to death, is self-consciously independent of the Adjuster presence; adjutant mind needs only the associated material-energy pattern to enable it to operate. But the morontia soul, being superadjutant, does not retain self-consciousness without the Adjuster when deprived of the material-mind mechanism. This evolving soul does, however, possess a continuing character derived from the decisions of its former associated adjutant mind, and this character becomes active mem-

ory when the patterns thereof are energized by the returning Adjuster.

8 The persistence of memory is proof of the retention of the identity of original selfhood; it is essential to complete self-consciousness of personality continuity and expansion. Those mortals who ascend without Adjusters are dependent on the instruction of seraphic associates for the reconstruction of human memory; otherwise the morontia souls of the Spirit-fused mortals are not limited. The pattern of memory persists in the soul, but this pattern requires the presence of the former Ad-

juster to become *immediately* self-realizable as continuing memory. Without the Adjuster, it requires considerable time for the mortal survivor to re-explore and relearn, to recapture, the memory consciousness of the meanings and values of a former existence.

9 The soul of survival value faithfully reflects both the qualitative and the quantitative actions and motivations of the material intellect, the former seat of the identity of selfhood. In the choosing of truth, beauty, and goodness, the mortal mind enters upon its premorontia universe career under the tutelage of the seven adjutant mind-

spirits unified under the direction of the spirit of wisdom. Subsequently, upon the completion of the seven circles of premorontia attainment, the superimposition of the endowment of morontia mind upon adjutant mind initiates the prespiritual or morontia career of local universe progression.

10 §§ When a creature leaves his native planet, he leaves the adjutant ministry behind and becomes solely dependent on morontia intellect. When an ascender leaves the local universe, he has attained the spiritual level of existence, having passed beyond the morontia level. This newly appearing

spirit entity then becomes attuned to the direct ministry of the cosmic mind of Orvonton.

7. ADJUSTER FUSION

1 Thought Adjuster fusion imparts eternal actualities to personality which were previously only potential. Among these new endowments may be mentioned: fixation of divinity quality, past-eternity experience and memory, immortality, and a phase of qualified potential absoluteness.

2 §§ When your earthly course in temporary form has been run, you are to awaken on the shores of a bet-

ter world, and eventually you will be united with your faithful Adjuster in an eternal embrace. And this fusion constitutes the mystery of making God and man one, the mystery of finite creature evolution, but it is eternally true. Fusion is the secret of the sacred sphere of Ascendington, and no creature, save those who have experienced fusion with the spirit of Deity, can comprehend the true meaning of the actual values which are conjoined when the identity of a creature of time becomes eternally one with the spirit of Paradise Deity.

3 Fusion with the Adjuster is usu-

ally effected while the ascender is resident within his local system. It may occur on the planet of nativity as a transcendence of natural death; it may take place on any one of the mansion worlds or on the headquarters of the system; it may even be delayed until the time of the constellation sojourn; or, in special instances, it may not be consummated until the ascender is on the local universe capital.

4 When fusion with the Adjuster has been effected, there can be no future danger to the eternal career of such a personality. Celestial beings are tested throughout a long experience,

but mortals pass through a relatively short and intensive testing on the evolutionary and morontia worlds.

5 Fusion with the Adjuster never occurs until the mandates of the superuniverse have pronounced that the human nature has made a final and irrevocable choice for the eternal career. This is the at-onement authorization, which, when issued, constitutes the clearance authority for the fused personality eventually to leave the confines of the local universe to proceed sometime to the headquarters of the superuniverse, from which point the pilgrim of time will, in the distant fu-

ture, enseconaphim for the long flight to the central universe of Havona and the Deity adventure.

6 §§ On the evolutionary worlds, selfhood is material; it is a thing in the universe and as such is subject to the laws of material existence. It is a fact in time and is responsive to the vicissitudes thereof. *Survival decisions must here be formulated.* In the morontia state the self has become a new and more enduring universe reality, and its continuing growth is predicated on its increasing attunement to the mind and spirit circuits of the universes. *Survival decisions are now be-*

ing confirmed. When the self attains the spiritual level, it has become a secure value in the universe, and this new value is predicated upon the fact that *survival decisions have been made,* which fact has been witnessed by eternal fusion with the Thought Adjuster. And having achieved the status of a true universe value, the creature becomes liberated in potential for the seeking of the highest universe value — God.

7 §§ Such fused beings are twofold in their universe reactions: They are discrete morontia individuals not altogether unlike seraphim, and they are

also beings in potential on the order of the Paradise finaliters.

8 But the fused individual is really one personality, one being, whose unity defies all attempts at analysis by any intelligence of the universes. And so, having passed the tribunals of the local universe from the lowest to the highest, none of which have been able to identify man or Adjuster, the one apart from the other, you shall finally be taken before the Sovereign of Nebadon, your local universe Father. And there, at the hand of the very being whose creative fatherhood in this universe of time has made pos-

sible the fact of your life, you will be granted those credentials which entitle you eventually to proceed upon your superuniverse career in quest of the Universal Father.

9 Has the triumphant Adjuster won personality by the magnificent service to humanity, or has the valiant human acquired immortality through sincere efforts to achieve Adjusterlikeness? It is neither; but they together have achieved the evolution of a member of one of the unique orders of the ascending personalities of the Supreme, one who will ever be found serviceable, faithful, and efficient, a

candidate for further growth and development, ever ranging upward and never ceasing the supernal ascent until the seven circuits of Havona have been traversed and the onetime soul of earthly origin stands in worshipful recognition of the actual personality of the Father on Paradise.

10 Throughout all this magnificent ascent the Thought Adjuster is the divine pledge of the future and full spiritual stabilization of the ascending mortal. Meanwhile the presence of the mortal free will affords the Adjuster an eternal channel for the liberation of the divine and infinite nature.

Now have these two identities become one; no event of time or of eternity can ever separate man and Adjuster; they are inseparable, eternally fused.

11 §§ On the Adjuster-fusion worlds the destiny of the Mystery Monitor is identical with that of the ascending mortal — the Paradise Corps of the Finality. And neither Adjuster nor mortal can attain that unique goal without the full co-operation and faithful help of the other. This extraordinary partnership is one of the most engrossing and amazing of all the cosmic phenomena of this universe age.

12 From the time of Adjuster fusion

the status of the ascender is that of the evolutionary creature. The human member was the first to enjoy personality and, therefore, outranks the Adjuster in all matters concerned with the recognition of personality. The Paradise headquarters of this fused being is Ascendington, not Divinington, and this unique combination of God and man ranks as an ascending mortal all the way up to the Corps of the Finality.

13 When once an Adjuster fuses with an ascending mortal, the number of that Adjuster is stricken from the records of the superuniverse. What hap-

pens on the records of Divinington, I do not know, but I surmise that the registry of that Adjuster is removed to the secret circles of the inner courts of Grandfanda, the acting head of the Corps of the Finality.

14 With Adjuster fusion the Universal Father has completed his promise of the gift of himself to his material creatures; he has fulfilled the promise, and consummated the plan, of the eternal bestowal of divinity upon humanity. Now begins the human attempt to realize and to actualize the limitless possibilities that are inherent in the supernal partnership with God

which has thus factualized.

15 §§ The present known destiny of surviving mortals is the Paradise Corps of the Finality; this is also the goal of destiny for all Thought Adjusters who become joined in eternal union with their mortal companions. At present the Paradise finaliters are working throughout the grand universe in many undertakings, but we all conjecture that they will have other and even more supernal tasks to perform in the distant future after the seven superuniverses have become settled in light and life, and when the finite God has finally emerged from the

mystery which now surrounds this Supreme Deity.

16 You have been instructed to a certain extent about the organization and personnel of the central universe, the superuniverses, and the local universes; you have been told something about the character and origin of some of the various personalities who now rule these far-flung creations. You have also been informed that there are in process of organization vast galaxies of universes far out beyond the periphery of the grand universe, in the first outer space level. It has also been intimated in the course of these nar-

ratives that the Supreme Being is to disclose his unrevealed tertiary function in these now uncharted regions of outer space; and you have also been told that the finaliters of the Paradise corps are the experiential children of the Supreme.

17 We believe that the mortals of Adjuster fusion, together with their finaliter associates, are destined to function in some manner in the administration of the universes of the first outer space level. We have not the slightest doubt that in due time these enormous galaxies will become inhabited universes. And we are equally

convinced that among the administrators thereof will be found the Paradise finaliters whose natures are the cosmic consequence of the blending of creature and Creator.

18 What an adventure! What a romance! A gigantic creation to be administered by the children of the Supreme, these personalized and humanized Adjusters, these Adjusterized and eternalized mortals, these mysterious combinations and eternal associations of the highest known manifestation of the essence of the First Source and Centre and the lowest form of intelligent life capable of comprehend-

ing and attaining the Universal Father. We conceive that such amalgamated beings, such partnerships of Creator and creature, will become superb rulers, matchless administrators, and understanding and sympathetic directors of any and all forms of intelligent life which may come into existence throughout these future universes of the first outer space level.

19 §§ True it is, you mortals are of earthly, animal origin; your frame is indeed dust. But if you actually will, if you really desire, surely the heritage of the ages is yours, and you shall someday serve throughout the universes in

your true characters — children of the Supreme God of experience and divine sons of the Paradise Father of all personalities.

20 [Presented by a Solitary Messenger of Orvonton.]

PAPER 113

SERAPHIC GUARDIANS OF DESTINY

Chief of Seraphim

Having presented the narratives of the Ministering Spirits of Time and the Messenger Hosts of Space, we come to the consideration of the guardian angels, seraphim devoted to the ministry to individual mortals, for whose elevation and perfection all of the vast survival scheme of spiritual progression has

been provided. In past ages on Urantia, these destiny guardians were about the only group of angels that had recognition. The planetary seraphim are indeed ministering spirits sent forth to do service for those who shall survive. These attending seraphim have functioned as the spiritual helpers of mortal man in all the great events of the past and the present. In many a revelation "the word was spoken by angels"; many of the mandates of heaven have been "received by the ministry of angels."

2 Seraphim are the traditional angels of heaven; they are the ministering

spirits who live so near you and do so much for you. They have ministered on Urantia since the earliest times of human intelligence.

1. THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

1 The teaching about guardian angels is not a myth; certain groups of human beings do actually have personal angels. It was in recognition of this that Jesus, in speaking of the children of the heavenly kingdom, said: "Take heed that you despise not one of these little ones, for I say to you, their angels do always behold the presence of the spirit of my Father."

2 Originally, the seraphim were definitely assigned to the separate Urantia races. But since the bestowal of Michael, they are assigned in accordance with human intelligence, spirituality, and destiny. Intellectually, mankind is divided into three classes:

3 1. The subnormal minded — those who do not exercise normal will power; those who do not make average decisions. This class embraces those who cannot comprehend God; they lack capacity for the intelligent worship of Deity. The subnormal beings of Urantia have a corps of seraphim, one company, with one battal-

ion of cherubim, assigned to minister to them and to witness that justice and mercy are extended to them in the life struggles of the sphere.

4 2. The average, normal type of human mind. From the standpoint of seraphic ministry, most men and women are grouped in seven classes in accordance with their status in making the circles of human progress and spiritual development.

5 3. The supernormal minded — those of great decision and undoubted potential of spiritual achievement; men and women who enjoy more or less contact with their indwelling Ad-

justers; members of the various reserve corps of destiny. No matter in what circle a human happens to be, if such an individual becomes enrolled in any of the several reserve corps of destiny, right then and there, personal seraphim are assigned, and from that time until the earthly career is finished, that mortal will enjoy the continuous ministry and unceasing watchcare of a guardian angel. Also, when any human being makes *the* supreme decision, when there is a real betrothal with the Adjuster, a personal guardian is immediately assigned to that soul.

6 §§ In the ministry to so-called nor-

mal beings, seraphic assignments are made in accordance with the human attainment of the circles of intellectuality and spirituality. You start out in your mind of mortal investment in the seventh circle and journey inward in the task of self-understanding, self-conquest, and self-mastery; and circle by circle you advance until (if natural death does not terminate your career and transfer your struggles to the mansion worlds) you reach the first or inner circle of relative contact and communion with the indwelling Adjuster.

7 Human beings in the initial or 7th circle have 1 guardian angel with

1 company of assisting cherubim assigned to the watchcare and custody of 1,000 mortals. In the 6th circle, a seraphic pair with 1 company of cherubim is assigned to guide these ascending mortals in groups of 500. When the 5th circle is attained, human beings are grouped in companies of approximately 100, and a pair of guardian seraphim with a group of cherubim is placed in charge. Upon attainment of the 4th circle, mortal beings are assembled in groups of 10, and again charge is given to a pair of seraphim, assisted by 1 company of cherubim.

8 When a mortal mind breaks

through the inertia of animal legacy and attains the 3rd circle of human intellectuality and acquired spirituality, a personal angel (in reality 2) will henceforth be wholly and exclusively devoted to this ascending mortal. And thus these human souls, in addition to the ever-present and increasingly efficient indwelling Thought Adjusters, receive the undivided assistance of these personal guardians of destiny in all their efforts to finish the 3rd circle, traverse the 2nd, and attain the 1st.

2. THE DESTINY GUARDIANS

1 Seraphim are not known as guard-

ians of destiny until such time as they are assigned to the association of a human soul who has realized one or more of three achievements: has made a supreme decision to become Godlike, has entered the third circle, or has been mustered into one of the reserve corps of destiny.

2 In the evolution of races a guardian of destiny is assigned to the very first being who attains the requisite circle of conquest. On Urantia the first mortal to secure a personal guardian was Rantowoc, a wise man of the red race of long ago.

3 All angelic assignments are made

from a group of volunteering seraphim, and these appointments are always in accordance with human needs and with regard to the status of the angelic pair — in the light of seraphic experience, skill, and wisdom. Only seraphim of long service, the more experienced and tested types, are assigned as destiny guards. Many guardians have gained much valuable experience on those worlds which are of the non-Adjuster fusion series. Like the Adjusters, the seraphim attend these beings for a single lifetime and then are liberated for new assignment. Many guardians on Urantia have had this previous

practical experience on other worlds.

4 §§ When human beings fail to survive, their personal or group guardians may repeatedly serve in similar capacities on the same planet. The seraphim develop a sentimental regard for individual worlds and entertain a special affection for certain races and types of mortal creatures with whom they have been so closely and intimately associated.

5 The angels develop an abiding affection for their human associates; and you would, if you could only visualize the seraphim, develop a warm affection for them. Divested of ma-

terial bodies, given spirit forms, you would be very near the angels in many attributes of personality. They share most of your emotions and experience some additional ones. The only emotion actuating you which is somewhat difficult for them to comprehend is the legacy of animal fear that bulks so large in the mental life of the average inhabitant of Urantia. The angels really find it hard to understand why you will so persistently allow your higher intellectual powers, even your religious faith, to be so dominated by fear, so thoroughly demoralized by the thoughtless panic of dread and anxi-

ety.

6 §§ All seraphim have individual names, but in the records of assignment to world service they are frequently designated by their planetary numbers. At the universe headquarters they are registered by name and number. The destiny guardian of the human subject used in this contactual communication is number 3 of group 17, of company 126, of battalion 4, of unit 384, of legion 6, of host 37, of the 182,314th seraphic army of Nebadon. The current planetary assignment number of this seraphim on Urantia and to this human subject is

3,641,852.

7 §§ In the ministry of personal guardianship, the assignment of angels as destiny guardians, seraphim always volunteer their services. In the city of this visitation a certain mortal was recently admitted to the reserve corps of destiny, and since all such humans are personally attended by guardian angels, more than 100 qualified seraphim sought the assignment. The planetary director selected twelve of the more experienced individuals and subsequently appointed the seraphim whom they selected as best adapted to guide this human be-

ing through his life journey. That is, they selected a certain pair of equally qualified seraphim; one of this seraphic pair will always be on duty.

8 Seraphic tasks may be unremitting, but either of the angelic pair can discharge all ministering responsibilities. Like cherubim, seraphim usually serve in pairs, but unlike their less advanced associates, the seraphim sometimes work singly. In practically all their contacts with human beings they can function as individuals. Both angels are required only for communication and service on the higher circuits of the universes.

9 When a seraphic pair accept guardian assignment, they serve for the remainder of the life of that human being. The complement of being (one of the two angels) becomes the recorder of the undertaking. These complemental seraphim are the recording angels of the mortals of the evolutionary worlds. The records are kept by the pair of cherubim (a cherubim and a sanobim) who are always associated with the seraphic guardians, but these records are always sponsored by one of the seraphim.

10 For purposes of rest and recharging with the life energy of the universe

circuits, the guardian is periodically relieved by her complement, and during her absence the associated cherubim functions as the recorder, as is also the case when the complemental seraphim is similarly absent.

3. RELATION TO OTHER SPIRIT INFLUENCES

1 One of the most important things a destiny guardian does for her mortal subject is to effect a personal co-ordination of the numerous impersonal spirit influences which indwell, surround, and impinge upon the mind and soul of the evolving material creature. Human beings are personalities,

and it is exceedingly difficult for non-personal spirits and prepersonal entities to make direct contact with such highly material and discretely personal minds. In the ministry of the guarding angel all of these influences are more or less unified and made more nearly appreciable by the expanding moral nature of the evolving human personality.

2 More especially can and does this seraphic guardian correlate the manifold agencies and influences of the Infinite Spirit, ranging from the domains of the physical controllers and the adjutant mind-spirits up to the

Holy Spirit of the Divine Minister and to the Omnipresent Spirit presence of the Paradise Third Source and Centre. Having thus unified and made more personal these vast ministries of the Infinite Spirit, the seraphim then undertakes to correlate this integrated influence of the Conjoint Actor with the spirit presences of the Father and the Son.

3 The Adjuster is the presence of the Father; the Spirit of Truth, the presence of the Sons. These divine endowments are unified and co-ordinated on the lower levels of human spiritual experience by the ministry of the guard-

ian seraphim. The angelic servers are gifted in combining the love of the Father and the mercy of the Son in their ministry to mortal creatures.

4 And herein is revealed the reason why the seraphic guardian eventually becomes the personal custodian of the mind patterns, memory formulas, and soul realities of the mortal survivor during that interval between physical death and morontia resurrection. None but the ministering children of the Infinite Spirit could thus function in behalf of the human creature during this phase of transition from one level of the universe to another and higher

level. Even when you engage in your terminal transition slumber, when you pass from time to eternity, a high supernaphim likewise shares the transit with you as the custodian of creature identity and the surety of personal integrity.

5 On the spiritual level, seraphim make personal many otherwise impersonal and prepersonal ministries of the universe; they are co-ordinators. On the intellectual level they are the correlators of mind and morontia; they are interpreters. And on the physical level they manipulate terrestrial environment through their liaison with

the Master Physical Controllers and through the co-operative ministry of the midway creatures.

6 This is a recital of the manifold and intricate function of an attending seraphim; but how does such a subordinate angelic personality, created but a little above the universe level of humanity, do such difficult and complex things? We do not really know, but we conjecture that this phenomenal ministry is in some undisclosed manner facilitated by the unrecognized and unrevealed working of the Supreme Being, the actualizing Deity of the evolving universes of time and space.

Throughout the entire realm of progressive survival in and through the Supreme Being, seraphim are an essential part of continuing mortal progression.

4. SERAPHIC DOMAINS OF ACTION

1 The guardian seraphim are not mind, though they do spring from the same source that also gives origin to mortal mind, the Creative Spirit. Seraphim are mind stimulators; they continually seek to promote circle-making decisions in human mind. They do this, not as does the Adjuster, operating from within and through the

soul, but rather from the outside inward, working through the social, ethical, and moral environment of human beings. Seraphim are not the divine Adjuster lure of the Universal Father, but they do function as the personal agency of the ministry of the Infinite Spirit.

2 Mortal man, subject to Adjuster leading, is also amenable to seraphic guidance. The Adjuster is the essence of man's eternal nature; the seraphim is the teacher of man's evolving nature — in this life the mortal mind, in the next the morontia soul. On the mansion worlds you will be conscious and

aware of seraphic instructors, but in the first life men are usually unaware of them.

3 Seraphim function as teachers of men by guiding the footsteps of the human personality into paths of new and progressive experiences. To accept the guidance of a seraphim rarely means attaining a life of ease. In following this leading you are sure to encounter, and if you have the courage, to traverse, the rugged hills of moral choosing and spiritual progress.

4 The impulse of worship largely originates in the spirit promptings of the higher mind adjutants, reinforced

by the leadings of the Adjuster. But the urge to pray so often experienced by God-conscious mortals very often arises as the result of seraphic influence. The guarding seraphim is constantly manipulating the mortal environment for the purpose of augmenting the cosmic insight of the human ascender to the end that such a survival candidate may acquire enhanced realization of the presence of the indwelling Adjuster and thus be enabled to yield increased co-operation with the spiritual mission of the divine presence.

5 While there is apparently no com-

munication between the indwelling Adjusters and the encompassing seraphim, they always seem to work in perfect harmony and exquisite accord. The guardians are most active at those times when the Adjusters are least active, but their ministry is in some manner strangely correlated. Such superb co-operation could hardly be either accidental or incidental.

6 The ministering personality of the guardian seraphim, the God presence of the indwelling Adjuster, the encircuited action of the Holy Spirit, and the Son-consciousness of the Spirit of Truth are all divinely correlated into

a meaningful unity of spiritual ministry in and to a mortal personality. Though hailing from different sources and different levels, these celestial influences are all integrated in the enveloping and evolving presence of the Supreme Being.

5. SERAPHIC MINISTRY TO MORTALS

1 Angels do not invade the sanctity of the human mind; they do not manipulate the will of mortals; neither do they directly contact with the indwelling Adjusters. The guardian of destiny influences you in every possible manner consistent with the dig-

nity of your personality; under no circumstances do these angels interfere with the free action of the human will. Neither angels nor any other order of universe personality have power or authority to curtail or abridge the prerogatives of human choosing.

2 Angels are so near you and care so feelingly for you that they figuratively "weep because of your wilful intolerance and stubbornness." Seraphim do not shed physical tears; they do not have physical bodies; neither do they possess wings. But they do have spiritual emotions, and they do experience feelings and sentiments of a spiritual

nature which are in certain ways comparable to human emotions.

3 The seraphim act in your behalf quite independent of your direct appeals; they are executing the mandates of their superiors, and thus they function regardless of your passing whims or changing moods. This does not imply that you may not make their tasks either easier or more difficult, but rather that angels are not directly concerned with your appeals or with your prayers.

4 In the life of the flesh the intelligence of angels is not directly available to mortal men. They are not overlords

or directors; they are simply guardians. The seraphim *guard* you; they do not seek directly to influence you; you must chart your own course, but these angels then act to make the best possible use of the course you have chosen. They do not (ordinarily) arbitrarily intervene in the routine affairs of human life. But when they receive instructions from their superiors to perform some unusual exploit, you may rest assured that these guardians will find some means of carrying out these mandates. They do not, therefore, intrude into the picture of human drama except in emergencies and then usu-

ally on the direct orders of their superiors. They are the beings who are going to follow you for many an age, and they are thus receiving an introduction to their future work and personality association.

5 §§ Seraphim are able to function as material ministers to human beings under certain circumstances, but their action in this capacity is very rare. They are able, with the assistance of the midway creatures and the physical controllers, to function in a wide range of activities in behalf of human beings, even to make actual contact with mankind, but such occurrences

are very unusual. In most instances the circumstances of the material realm proceed unaltered by seraphic action, although occasions have arisen, involving jeopardy to vital links in the chain of human evolution, in which seraphic guardians have acted, and properly, on their own initiative.

6. GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER DEATH

1 Having told you something of the ministry of seraphim during natural life, I will endeavour to inform you about the conduct of the guardians of destiny at the time of the mortal dissolution of their human asso-

ciates. Upon your death, your records, identity specifications, and the morontia entity of the human soul — conjointly evolved by the ministry of mortal mind and the divine Adjuster — are faithfully conserved by the destiny guardian together with all other values related to your future existence, everything that constitutes you, the real you, except the identity of continuing existence represented by the departing Adjuster and the actuality of personality.

2 The instant the pilot light in the human mind disappears, the spirit luminosity which seraphim associate

with the presence of the Adjuster, the attending angel reports in person to the commanding angels, successively, of the group, company, battalion, unit, legion, and host; and after being duly registered for the final adventure of time and space, such an angel receives certification by the planetary chief of seraphim for reporting to the Evening Star (or other lieutenant of Gabriel) in command of the seraphic army of this candidate for universe ascension. And upon being granted permission from the commander of this highest organizational unit, such a guardian of destiny proceeds to the first mansion

world and there awaits the consciousizing of her former ward in the flesh.

3 §§ In case the human soul fails of survival after having received the assignment of a personal angel, the attending seraphim must proceed to the headquarters of the local universe, there to witness to the complete records of her complement as previously reported. Next she goes before the tribunals of the archangels, to be absolved from blame in the matter of the survival failure of her subject; and then she goes back to the worlds, again to be assigned to another mortal of ascending potentiality or to some other

division of seraphic ministry.

4 §§ But angels minister to evolutionary creatures in many ways aside from the services of personal and group guardianship. Personal guardians whose subjects do not go immediately to the mansion worlds do not tarry there in idleness awaiting the dispensational roll calls of judgment; they are reassigned to numerous ministering missions throughout the universe.

5 The guardian seraphim is the custodial trustee of the survival values of mortal man's slumbering soul as the absent Adjuster *is* the identity of such

an immortal universe being. When these two collaborate in the resurrection halls of mansonia in conjunction with the newly fabricated morontia form, there occurs the reassembly of the constituent factors of the personality of the mortal ascender.

6 The Adjuster will identify you; the guardian seraphim will repersonalize you and then re-present you to the faithful Monitor of your earth days.

7 And even so, when a planetary age ends, when those in the lower circles of mortal achievement are forgathered, it is their group guardians who reassemble them in the resurrection halls of

the mansion spheres, even as your record tells: "And he shall send his angels with a great voice and shall gather together his elect from one end of the realm to another."

8 §§ The technique of justice demands that personal or group guardians shall respond to the dispensational roll call in behalf of all nonsurviving personalities. The Adjusters of such nonsurvivors do not return, and when the rolls are called, the seraphim respond, but the Adjusters make no answer. This constitutes the "resurrection of the unjust," in reality the formal recognition of the cessation of

creature existence. This roll call of justice always immediately follows the roll call of mercy, the resurrection of the sleeping survivors. But these are matters which are of concern to none but the supreme and all-knowing Judges of survival values. Such problems of adjudication do not really concern us.

9 §§ Group guardians may serve on a planet age after age and eventually become custodians of the slumbering souls of thousands upon thousands of sleeping survivors. They can so serve on many different worlds in a given system since the resurrection response

occurs on the mansion worlds.

10 All personal and group guardians in the system of Satania who went astray in the Lucifer rebellion, notwithstanding that many sincerely repented of their folly, are to be detained on Jerusem until the final adjudication of the rebellion. Already have the Universal Censors arbitrarily taken from these disobedient and unfaithful guardians all aspects of their soul trusts and lodged these morontia realities for safekeeping in the custody

of volunteer seconaphim.

7. SERAPHIM AND THE ASCENDANT CAREER

1 It is indeed an epoch in the career of an ascending mortal, this first awakening on the shores of the mansion world; there, for the first time, actually to see your long-loved and ever-present angelic companions of earth days; there also to become truly conscious of the identity and presence of the divine Monitor who so long indwelt your mind on earth. Such an experience constitutes a glorious awakening, a real resurrection.

2 On the morontia spheres the at-

tending seraphim (there are two of them) are your open companions. These angels not only consort with you as you progress through the career of the transition worlds, in every way possible assisting you in the acquirement of morontia and spirit status, but they also avail themselves of the opportunity to advance by study in the extension schools for evolutionary seraphim maintained on the mansion worlds.

3 The human race was created just a little lower than the more simple types of the angelic orders. Therefore will your first assignment of the mo-

rontia life be as assistants to the seraphim in the immediate work awaiting at the time you attain personality consciousness subsequent to your liberation from the bonds of the flesh.

4 Before leaving the mansion worlds, all mortals will have permanent seraphic associates or guardians. And as you ascend the morontia spheres, eventually it is the seraphic guardians who witness and certify the decrees of your eternal union with the Thought Adjusters. Together they have established your personality identities as children of the flesh from the worlds of time. Then, with your attainment

of the mature morontia estate, they accompany you through Jerusem and the associated worlds of system progress and culture. After that they go with you to Edentia and its 70 spheres of advanced socialization, and subsequently will they pilot you to the Melchizedeks and follow you through the superb career of the universe headquarters worlds. And when you have learned the wisdom and culture of the Melchizedeks, they will take you on to Salvington, where you will stand face to face with the Sovereign of all Nebadon. And still will these seraphic guides follow you through the mi-

nor and major sectors of the superuniverse and on to the receiving worlds of Uversa, remaining with you until you finally enseconaphim for the long Havona flight.

5 Some of the destiny guardians of attachment during the mortal career follow the course of the ascending pilgrims through Havona. The others bid their long-time mortal associates a temporary farewell, and then, while these mortals traverse the circles of the central universe, these guardians of destiny achieve the circles of Seraphington. And they will be in waiting on the shores of Paradise when their

mortal associates awaken from the last transit sleep of time into the new experiences of eternity. Such ascending seraphim subsequently enter upon divergent services in the finaliter corps and in the Seraphic Corps of Completion.

6 Man and angel may or may not be reunited in eternal service, but wherever seraphic assignment may take them, the seraphim are always in communication with their former wards of the evolutionary worlds, the ascendant mortals of time. The intimate associations and the affectionate attachments of the realms of human ori-

gin are never forgotten nor ever completely severed. In the eternal ages men and angels will co-operate in the divine service as they did in the career of time.

7 §§ For seraphim, the surest way of achieving the Paradise Deities is by successfully guiding a soul of evolutionary origin to the portals of Paradise. Therefore is the assignment of guardian of destiny the most highly prized seraphic duty.

8 Only destiny guardians are mustered into the primary or mortal Corps of the Finality, and such pairs have engaged in the supreme adven-

ture of identity at-oneness; the two beings have achieved spiritual bi-unification on Seraphington prior to their reception into the finaliter corps. In this experience the two angelic natures, so complemental in all universe functions, achieve ultimate spirit two-in-oneness, repercussing in a new capacity for the reception of, and fusion with, a non-Adjuster fragment of the Paradise Father. And so do some of your loving seraphic associates in time also become your finaliter associates in eternity, children of the Supreme and

perfected sons of the Paradise Father.

9 [Presented by the Chief of Seraphim stationed on Urantia.]

PAPER 114

SERAPHIC PLANETARY GOVERNMENT

Chief of Seraphim

The Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men through many celestial forces and agencies but chiefly through the ministry of seraphim.

2 At noon today the roll call of planetary angels, guardians, and others on Urantia was 501,234,619 pairs of seraphim. There were assigned to my command 200 seraphic

hosts — 597,196,800 pairs of seraphim, or 1,194,393,600 individual angels. The registry, however, shows 1,002,469,238 individuals; it follows therefore that 191,924,362 angels were absent from this world on transport, messenger, and death duty. (On Urantia there are about the same number of cherubim as seraphim, and they are similarly organized.)

3 Seraphim and their associated cherubim have much to do with the details of the superhuman government of a planet, especially of worlds which have been isolated by rebellion. The angels, ably assisted by

the midwayers, function on Urantia as the actual supermaterial ministers who execute the mandates of the resident governor general and all his associates and subordinates. Seraphim as a class are occupied with many assignments other than those of personal and group guardianship.

4 Urantia is not without proper and effective supervision from the system, constellation, and universe rulers. But the planetary government is unlike that of any other world in the Satania system, even in all Nebadon. This uniqueness in your plan of supervision is due to a number of unusual circum-

stances:

5 1. The life modification status of Urantia.

6 2. The exigencies of the Lucifer rebellion.

7 3. The disruptions of the Adamic default.

8 4. The irregularities growing out of the fact that Urantia was one of the bestowal worlds of the Universe Sovereign. Michael of Nebadon is the Planetary Prince of Urantia.

9 5. The special function of the 24 planetary directors.

10 6. The location on the planet of an archangels' circuit.

11 7. The more recent designation of the onetime incarnated Machiventa Melchizedek as vicegerent Planetary Prince.

1. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF URANTIA

1 The original sovereignty of Urantia was held in trust by the sovereign of the Satania system. It was first delegated by him to a joint commission of Melchizedeks and Life Carriers, and this group functioned on Urantia until the arrival of a regularly constituted Planetary Prince. Subsequent to the downfall of Prince Caligastia, at the time of the Lucifer re-

bellion, Urantia had no sure and settled relationship with the local universe and its administrative divisions until the completion of Michael's bestowal in the flesh, when he was proclaimed, by the Union of Days, Planetary Prince of Urantia. Such a proclamation in surety and in principle forever settled the status of your world, but in practice the Sovereign Creator Son made no gesture of personal administration of the planet aside from the establishment of the Jerusem commission of 24 former Urantians with authority to represent him in the government of Urantia and all other quar-

antined planets in the system. One of this council is now always resident on Urantia as resident governor general.

2 Vicegerent authority to act for Michael as Planetary Prince has been recently vested in Machiventa Melchizedek, but this Son of the local universe has made not the slightest move toward modifying the present planetary regime of the successive administrations of the resident governors general.

3 There is little likelihood that any marked change will be made in the government of Urantia during the present dispensation unless the vicegerent

Planetary Prince should arrive to assume his titular responsibilities. It appears to certain of our associates that at some time in the near future the plan of sending one of the 24 counsellors to Urantia to act as governor general will be superseded by the formal arrival of Machiventa Melchizedek with the vicegerent mandate of the sovereignty of Urantia. As acting Planetary Prince he would undoubtedly continue in charge of the planet until the final adjudication of the Lucifer rebellion and probably on into the distant future of planetary settlement in light and life.

4 Some believe that Machiventa will not come to take personal direction of Urantian affairs until the end of the current dispensation. Others hold that the vicegerent Prince may not come, as such, until Michael sometime returns to Urantia as he promised when still in the flesh. Still others, including this narrator, look for Melchizedek's appearance any day or hour.

2. THE BOARD OF PLANETARY SUPERVISORS

1 Since the times of Michael's bestowal on your world the general management of Urantia has been entrusted to a special group on Jerusem of 24

onetime Urantians. Qualification for membership on this commission is unknown to us, but we have observed that those who have been thus commissioned have all been contributors to the enlarging sovereignty of the Supreme in the system of Satania. By nature they were all real leaders when they functioned on Urantia, and (excepting Machiventa Melchizedek) these qualities of leadership have been further augmented by mansion world experience and supplemented by the training of Jerusem citizenship. Members are nominated to the 24 by the cabinet of Lanaforge, seconded by the

Most Highs of Edentia, approved by the Assigned Sentinel of Jerusem, and appointed by Gabriel of Salvington in accordance with the mandate of Michael. The temporary appointees function just as fully as do the permanent members of this commission of special supervisors.

2 This board of planetary directors is especially concerned with the supervision of those activities on this world which result from the fact that Michael here experienced his terminal bestowal. They are kept in close and immediate touch with Michael by the liaison activities of a certain Brilliant

Evening Star, the identical being who attended upon Jesus throughout the mortal bestowal.

3 At the present time one John, known to you as "the Baptist," is chairman of this council when it is in session on Jerusem. But the ex officio head of this council is the Assigned Sentinel of Satania, the direct and personal representative of the Associate Inspector on Salvington and of the Supreme Executive of Orvonton.

4 The members of this same commission of former Urantians also act as advisory supervisors of the 36 other rebellion-isolated worlds of the sys-

tem; they perform a very valuable service in keeping Lanaforge, the System Sovereign, in close and sympathetic touch with the affairs of these planets, which still remain more or less under the overcontrol of the Constellation Fathers of Norlatiadek. These 24 counsellors make frequent trips as individuals to each of the quarantined planets, especially to Urantia.

5 Each of the other isolated worlds is advised by similar and varying sized commissions of its onetime inhabitants, but these other commissions are subordinate to the Urantian group of 24. While the members of the lat-

ter commission are thus actively interested in every phase of human progress on each quarantined world in Satania, they are especially and particularly concerned with the welfare and advancement of the mortal races of Urantia, for they immediately and directly supervise the affairs of none of the planets except Urantia, and even here their authority is not complete excepting in certain domains concerned with mortal survival.

6 No one knows how long these 24 Urantia counsellors will continue in their present status, detached from the regular program of universe activ-

ities. They will no doubt continue to serve in their present capacities until some change in planetary status ensues, such as the end of a dispensation, the assumption of full authority by Machiventa Melchizedek, the final adjudication of the Lucifer rebellion, or the reappearance of Michael on the world of his final bestowal. The present resident governor general of Urantia seems inclined to the opinion that all but Machiventa may be released for Paradise ascension the moment the system of Satania is restored to the constellation circuits. But other

opinions are also current.

3. THE RESIDENT GOVERNOR GENERAL

1 Every 100 years of Urantia time, the Jerusem corps of 24 planetary supervisors designate one of their number to sojourn on your world to act as their executive representative, as resident governor general. During the times of the preparation of these narratives this executive officer was changed, the 19th so to serve being succeeded by the 20th. The name of the current planetary supervisor is withheld from you only because mortal man is so prone to venerate, even to

deify, his extraordinary compatriots and superhuman superiors.

2 The resident governor general has no actual personal authority in the management of world affairs except as the representative of the 24 Jerusem counsellors. He acts as the co-ordinator of superhuman administration and is the respected head and universally recognized leader of the celestial beings functioning on Urantia. All orders of angelic hosts regard him as their co-ordinating director, while the United Midwayers[1], since the de-

[1] In 1955 text in lower case "united midwayers".

parture of 1-2-3 the first to become one of the 24 counsellors, really look upon the successive governors general as their planetary fathers.

3 Although the governor general does not possess actual and personal authority on the planet, he hands down scores of rulings and decisions each day which are accepted as final by all personalities concerned. He is much more of a fatherly adviser than a technical ruler. In certain ways he functions as would a Planetary Prince, but his administration much more closely resembles that of the Material Sons.

4 §§ The Urantia government is represented in the councils of Jerusem in accordance with an arrangement whereby the returning governor general sits as a temporary member of the System Sovereign's cabinet of Planetary Princes. It was expected, when Machiventa was designated vicegerent Prince, that he would immediately assume his place in the council of the Planetary Princes of Satania, but thus far he has made no gesture in this direction.

5 The supermaterial government of Urantia does not maintain a very close organic relationship with the higher

units of the local universe. In a way, the resident governor general represents Salvington as well as Jerusem since he acts on behalf of the 24 counsellors, who are directly representative of Michael and Gabriel. And being a Jerusem citizen, the planetary governor can function as a spokesman for the System Sovereign. The constellation authorities are represented directly by a Vorondadek Son, the Edentia observer.

4. THE MOST HIGH OBSERVER

1 The sovereignty of Urantia is further complicated by the onetime ar-

bitrary seizure of planetary authority by the government of Norlatiadek shortly after the planetary rebellion. There is still resident on Urantia a Vorondadek Son, an observer for the Most Highs of Edentia and, in the absence of direct action by Michael, trustee of planetary sovereignty. The present Most High observer (and sometime regent) is the 23rd thus to serve on Urantia.

2 There are certain groups of planetary problems which are still under the control of the Most Highs of Edentia, jurisdiction over them having been seized at the time of the Lucifer re-

bellion. Authority in these matters is exercised by a Vorondadek Son, the Norlatiadek observer, who maintains very close advisory relations with the planetary supervisors. The race commissioners are very active on Urantia, and their various group chiefs are informally attached to the resident Vorondadek observer, who acts as their advisory director.

3 In a crisis the actual and sovereign head of the government, excepting in certain purely spiritual matters, would be this Vorondadek Son of Edentia now on observation duty. (In these exclusively spiritual problems and in cer-

tain purely personal matters, the supreme authority seems to be vested in the commanding archangel attached to the divisional headquarters of that order which was recently established on Urantia.)

4 §§ A Most High observer is empowered, at his discretion, to seize the planetary government in times of grave planetary crises, and it is of record that this has happened 33 times in the history of Urantia. At such times the Most High observer functions as the Most High regent, exercising unquestioned authority over all ministers and administrators resident

on the planet excepting only the divisional organization of the archangels.

5 Vorondadek regencies are not peculiar to rebellion-isolated planets, for the Most Highs may intervene at any time in the affairs of the inhabited worlds, interposing the superior wisdom of the constellation rulers in the affairs of the kingdoms of men.

5. THE PLANETARY GOVERNMENT

1 The actual administration of Urantia is indeed difficult to describe. There exists no formal government along the lines of universe organization, such as separate legislative, exec-

utive, and judicial departments. The 24 counsellors come the nearest to being the legislative branch of the planetary government. The governor general is a provisional and advisory chief executive with the veto power resident in the Most High observer. And there are no absolutely authoritative judicial powers operative on the planet — only the conciliating commissions.

2 A majority of the problems involving seraphim and midwayers are, by mutual consent, decided by the governor general. But except when voicing the mandates of the 24 counsellors, his rulings are all subject to ap-

peal to conciliating commissions, to local authorities constituted for planetary function, or even to the System Sovereign of Satania.

3 The absence of the corporeal staff of a Planetary Prince and the material regime of an Adamic Son and Daughter is partially compensated by the special ministry of seraphim and by the unusual services of the midway creatures. The absence of the Planetary Prince is effectively compensated by the triune presence of the archangels, the Most High observer, and the governor general.

4 This rather loosely organized and

somewhat personally administered planetary government is more than expectedly effective because of the timesaving assistance of the archangels and their ever-ready circuit, which is so frequently utilized in planetary emergencies and administrative difficulties. Technically, the planet is still spiritually isolated in the Norlatiadek circuits, but in an emergency this handicap can now be circumvented through utilization of the archangels' circuit. Planetary isolation is, of course, of little concern to individual mortals since the pouring out of the Spirit of Truth upon all flesh 1900

years ago.

5 §§ Each administrative day on Urantia begins with a consultative conference, which is attended by the governor general, the planetary chief of archangels, the Most High observer, the supervising supernaphim, the chief of resident Life Carriers, and invited guests from among the high Sons of the universe or from among certain of the student visitors who may chance to be sojourning on the planet.

6 The direct administrative cabinet of the governor general consists of twelve seraphim, the acting chiefs of the twelve groups of special angels

functioning as the immediate superhuman directors of planetary progress and stability.

6. THE MASTER SERAPHIM OF PLANETARY SUPERVISION

1 When the first governor general arrived on Urantia, concurrent with the outpouring of the Spirit of Truth, he was accompanied by twelve corps of special seraphim, Seraphington graduates, who were immediately assigned to certain special planetary services. These exalted angels are known as the master seraphim of planetary supervision and are, aside from the over-

control of the planetary Most High observer, under the immediate direction of the resident governor general.

2 These twelve groups of angels, while functioning under the general supervision of the resident governor general, are immediately directed by the seraphic council of twelve, the acting chiefs of each group. This council also serves as the volunteer cabinet of the resident governor general.

3 As planetary chief of seraphim, I preside over this council of seraphic chiefs, and I am a volunteer supernaphim of the primary order serving on Urantia as the successor of the one-

time chief of the angelic hosts of the planet who defaulted at the time of the Caligastia secession.

4 The twelve corps of the master seraphim of planetary supervision are functional on Urantia as follows:

5 1. *The epochal angels.* These are the angels of the current age, the dispensational group. These celestial ministers are entrusted with the oversight and direction of the affairs of each generation as they are designed to fit into the mosaic of the age in which they occur. The present corps of epochal angels serving on Urantia is the third group assigned to the planet dur-

ing the current dispensation.

6 2. *The progress angels.* These seraphim are entrusted with the task of initiating the evolutionary progress of the successive social ages. They foster the development of the inherent progressive trend of evolutionary creatures; they labour incessantly to make things what they ought to be. The group now on duty is the second to be assigned to the planet.

7 3. *The religious guardians.* These are the "angels of the churches," the earnest contenders for that which is and has been. They endeavour to maintain the ideals of that which has

survived for the sake of the safe transit of moral values from one epoch to another. They are the checkmates of the angels of progress, all the while seeking to translate from one generation to another the imperishable values of the old and passing forms into the new and therefore less stabilized patterns of thought and conduct. These angels do contend for spiritual forms, but they are not the source of ultrasectarianism and meaningless controversial divisions of professed religionists. The corps now functioning on Urantia is the fifth thus to serve.

8 4. *The angels of nation life.* These

are the "angels of the trumpets," directors of the political performances of Urantia national life. The group now functioning in the overcontrol of international relations is the fourth corps to serve on the planet. It is particularly through the ministry of this seraphic division that "the Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men."

9 5. *The angels of the races.* Those who work for the conservation of the evolutionary races of time, regardless of their political entanglements and religious groupings. On Urantia there are remnants of nine human races which have commingled and

combined into the people of modern times. These seraphim are closely associated with the ministry of the race commissioners, and the group now on Urantia is the original corps assigned to the planet soon after the day of Pentecost.

10 6. *The angels of the future.* These are the projection angels, who forecast a future age and plan for the realization of the better things of a new and advancing dispensation; they are the architects of the successive eras. The group now on the planet has thus functioned since the beginning of the current dispensation.

11 7. *The angels of enlightenment.* Urantia is now receiving the help of the third corps of seraphim dedicated to the fostering of planetary education. These angels are occupied with mental and moral training as it concerns individuals, families, groups, schools, communities, nations, and whole races.

12 8. *The angels of health.* These are the seraphic ministers assigned to the assistance of those mortal agencies dedicated to the promotion of health and the prevention of disease. The present corps is the sixth group to serve during this dispensation.

13 9. *The home seraphim.* Urantia now enjoys the services of the fifth group of angelic ministers dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the home, the basic institution of human civilization.

14 10. *The angels of industry.* This seraphic group is concerned with fostering industrial development and improving economic conditions among the Urantia peoples. This corps has been seven times changed since the bestowal of Michael.

15 11. *The angels of diversion.* These are the seraphim who foster the values of play, humour, and rest. They ever

seek to uplift man's recreational diversions and thus to promote the more profitable utilization of human leisure. The present corps is the third of that order to minister on Urantia.

16 12. *The angels of superhuman ministry.* These are the angels of the angels, those seraphim who are assigned to the ministry of all other superhuman life on the planet, temporary or permanent. This corps has served since the beginning of the current dispensation.

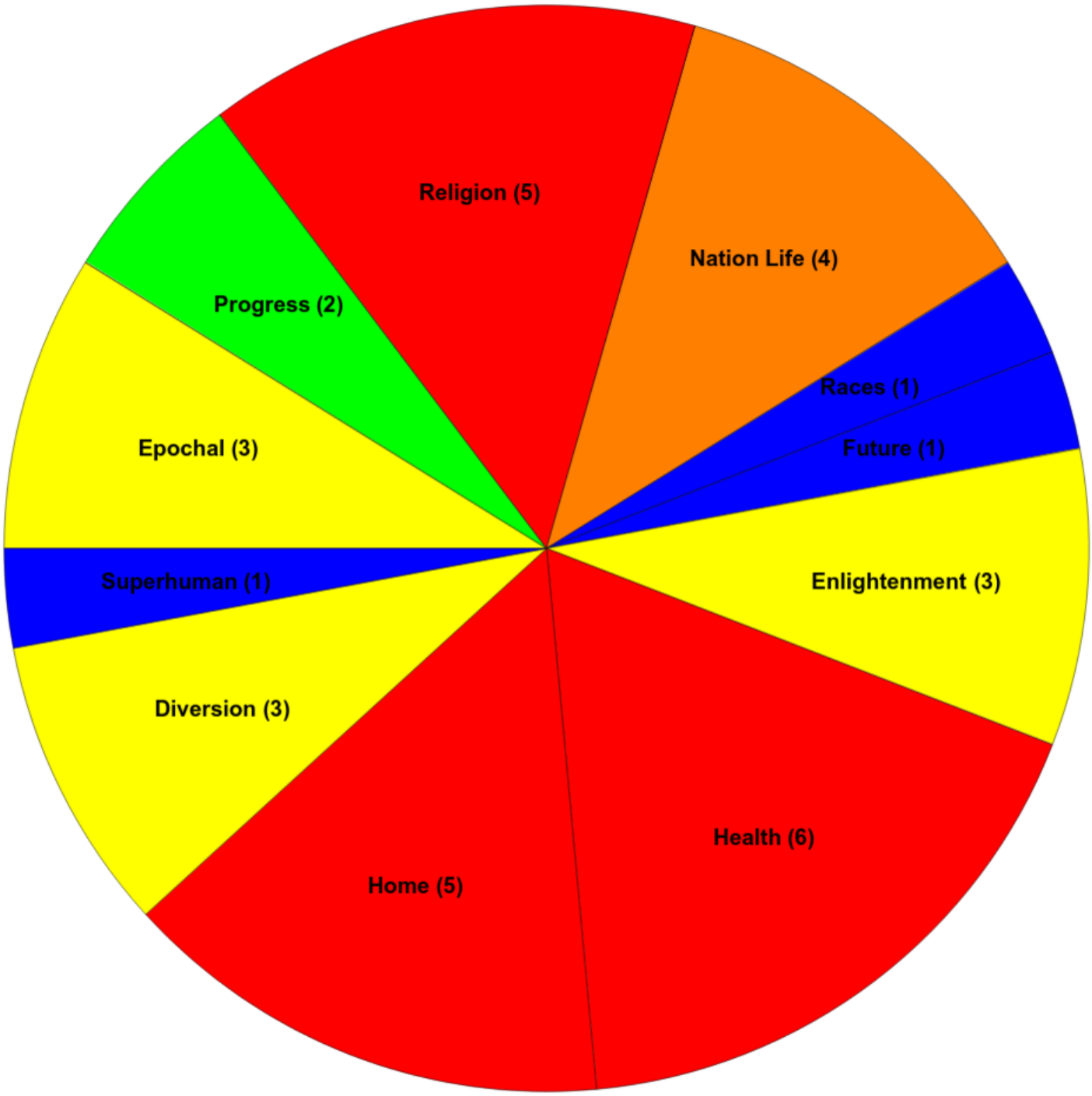

Figure 25: Performance of the Angelic Corps.

17 §§ When these groups of master

seraphim disagree in matters of planetary policy or procedure, their differences are usually composed by the governor general, but all his rulings are subject to appeal in accordance with the nature and gravity of the issues involved in the disagreement.

18 None of these angelic groups exercise direct or arbitrary control over the domains of their assignment. They cannot fully control the affairs of their respective realms of action, but they can and do so manipulate planetary conditions and so associate circumstances as favourably to influence the spheres of human activity to which

they are attached.

19 The master seraphim of planetary supervision utilize many agencies for the prosecution of their missions. They function as ideational clearinghouses, mind focalizers, and project promoters. While unable to inject new and higher conceptions into human minds, they often act to intensify some higher ideal which has already appeared within a human intellect.

20 But aside from these many means of positive action, the master seraphim insure planetary progress against vital jeopardy through the mobilization, training, and maintenance of the

reserve corps of destiny. The chief function of these reservists is to insure against breakdown of evolutionary progress; they are the provisions which the celestial forces have made against surprise; they are the guarantees against disaster.

7. THE RESERVE CORPS OF DESTINY

1 The reserve corps of destiny consists of living men and women who have been admitted to the special service of the superhuman administration of world affairs. This corps is made up of the men and women of each generation who are chosen by

the spirit directors of the realm to assist in the conduct of the ministry of mercy and wisdom to the children of time on the evolutionary worlds. It is the general practice in the conduct of the affairs of the ascension plans to begin this liaison utilization of mortal will creatures immediately they are competent and trustworthy to assume such responsibilities. Accordingly, as soon as men and women appear on the stage of temporal action with sufficient mental capacity, adequate moral status, and requisite spirituality, they are quickly assigned to the appropriate celestial group of planetary person-

alities as human liaisons, mortal assistants.

2 When human beings are chosen as protectors of planetary destiny, when they become pivotal individuals in the plans which the world administrators are prosecuting, at that time the planetary chief of seraphim confirms their temporal attachment to the seraphic corps and appoints personal destiny guardians to serve with these mortal reservists. All reservists have self-conscious Adjusters, and most of them function in the higher cosmic circles of intellectual achievement and spiritual attainment.

3 Mortals of the realm are chosen for service in the reserve corps of destiny on the inhabited worlds because of:

4 1. Special capacity for being secretly rehearsed for numerous possible emergency missions in the conduct of various activities of world affairs.

5 2. Wholehearted dedication to some special social, economic, political, spiritual, or other cause, coupled with willingness to serve without human recognition and rewards.

6 3. The possession of a Thought Adjuster of extraordinary versatility and probable pre-Urantia experience

in coping with planetary difficulties and contending with impending world emergency situations.

7 §§ Each division of planetary celestial service is entitled to a liaison corps of these mortals of destiny standing. The average inhabited world employs 70 separate corps of destiny, which are intimately connected with the superhuman current conduct of world affairs. On Urantia there are twelve reserve corps of destiny, one for each of the planetary groups of seraphic supervision.

8 The twelve groups of Urantia destiny reservists are composed of mor-

tal inhabitants of the sphere who have been rehearsed for numerous crucial positions on earth and are held in readiness to act in possible planetary emergencies. This combined corps now consists of 962 persons. The smallest corps numbers 41 and the largest 172. With the exception of less than a score of contact personalities, the members of this unique group are wholly unconscious of their preparation for possible function in certain planetary crises. These mortal reservists are chosen by the corps to which they are respectively attached and are likewise trained and rehearsed

in the deep mind by the combined technique of Thought Adjuster and seraphic guardian ministry. Many times numerous other celestial personalities participate in this unconscious training, and in all this special preparation the midwayers perform valuable and indispensable services.

9 On many worlds the better adapted secondary midway creatures are able to attain varying degrees of contact with the Thought Adjusters of certain favourably constituted mortals through the skillful penetration of the minds of the latters' indwelling.

(And it was by just such a fortuitous combination of cosmic adjustments that these revelations were materialized in the English language on Urantia.) Such potential contact mortals of the evolutionary worlds are mobilized in the numerous reserve corps, and it is, to a certain extent, through these small groups of forward-looking personalities that spiritual civilization is advanced and the Most Highs are able to rule in the kingdoms of men. The men and women of these reserve corps of destiny thus have various degrees of contact with their Adjusters through the intervening ministry of the mid-

way creatures; but these same mortals are little known to their fellows except in those rare social emergencies and spiritual exigencies wherein these reserve personalities function for the prevention of the breakdown of evolutionary culture or the extinction of the light of living truth. On Urantia these reservists of destiny have seldom been emblazoned on the pages of human history.

10 The reservists unconsciously act as conservators of essential planetary information. Many times, upon the death of a reservist, a transfer of certain vital data from the mind of the dy-

ing reservist to a younger successor is made by a liaison of the two Thought Adjusters. The Adjusters undoubtedly function in many other ways unknown to us, in connection with these reserve corps.

11 On Urantia the reserve corps of destiny, though having no permanent head, does have its own permanent councils which constitute its governing organization. These embrace the judiciary council, the historicity council, the council on political sovereignty, and many others. From time to time, in accordance with the corps organization, titular (mor-

tal) heads of the whole reserve corps have been commissioned by these permanent councils for specific function. The tenure of such reservist chiefs is usually a matter of a few hours' duration, being limited to the accomplishment of some specific task at hand.

12 The Urantia reserve corps had its largest membership in the days of the Adamites and Andites, steadily declining with the dilution of the violet blood and reaching its low point around the time of Pentecost, since which time reserve corps membership has steadily increased.

13 §§ (The cosmic reserve corps of

universe-conscious citizens on Urantia now numbers over one thousand mortals whose insight of cosmic citizenship far transcends the sphere of their terrestrial abode, but I am forbidden to reveal the real nature of the function of this unique group of living human beings.)

14 §§ Urantia mortals should not allow the comparative spiritual isolation of their world from certain of the local universe circuits to produce a feeling of cosmic desertion or planetary orphanage. There is operative on the planet a very definite and effective superhuman supervision of world affairs

and human destinies.

15 But it is true that you can have, at best, only a meagre idea of an ideal planetary government. Since the early times of the Planetary Prince, Urantia has suffered from the miscarriage of the divine plan of world growth and racial development. The loyal inhabited worlds of Satania are not governed as is Urantia. Nevertheless, compared with the other isolated worlds, your planetary governments have not been so inferior; only one or two worlds may be said to be worse, and a few may be slightly better, but the majority are on a plane of equality

with you.

16 No one in the local universe seems to know when the unsettled status of the planetary administration will terminate. The Nebadon Melchizedeks are inclined to the opinion that little change will occur in the planetary government and administration until Michael's second personal arrival on Urantia. Undoubtedly at this time, if not before, sweeping changes will be effected in planetary management. But as to the nature of such modifications of world administration, no one seems to be able even to conjecture. There is no precedent for such an

episode in all the history of the inhabited worlds of the universe of Nebadon. Among the many things difficult to understand concerning the future government of Urantia, a prominent one is the location on the planet of a circuit and divisional headquarters of the archangels.

17 Your isolated world is not forgotten in the counsels of the universe. Urantia is not a cosmic orphan stigmatized by sin and shut away from divine watchcare by rebellion. From Uversa to Salvington and on down to Jerusem, even in Havona and on Paradise, they all know we are here; and

you mortals now dwelling on Urantia are just as lovingly cherished and just as faithfully watched over as if the sphere had never been betrayed by a faithless Planetary Prince, even more so. It is eternally true, "the Father himself loves you."

18 [Presented by the Chief of Seraphim stationed on Urantia.]

PAPER 115

THE SUPREME BEING

Mighty Messenger

With God the Father, sonship is the great relationship. With God the Supreme, achievement is the prerequisite to status — one must do something as well as be something.

1. RELATIVITY OF CONCEPT FRAMES

1 Partial, incomplete, and evolving intellects would be helpless in the master universe, would be unable to

form the first rational thought pattern, were it not for the innate ability of all mind, high or low, to form a *universe frame* in which to think. If mind cannot fathom conclusions, if it cannot penetrate to true origins, then will such mind unfailingly postulate conclusions and invent origins that it may have a means of logical thought within the frame of these mind-created postulates. And while such universe frames for creature thought are indispensable to rational intellectual operations, they are, without exception, erroneous to a greater or lesser degree.

2 Conceptual frames of the universe are only relatively true; they are serviceable scaffolding which must eventually give way before the expansions of enlarging cosmic comprehension. The understandings of truth, beauty, and goodness, morality, ethics, duty, love, divinity, origin, existence, purpose, destiny, time, space, even Deity, are only relatively true. God is much, much more than a Father, but the Father is man's highest concept of God; nonetheless, the Father-Son portrayal of Creator-creature relationship will be augmented by those supermortal conceptions of Deity which

will be attained in Orvonton, in Havona, and on Paradise. Man must think in a mortal universe frame, but that does not mean that he cannot envision other and higher frames within which thought can take place.

3 In order to facilitate mortal comprehension of the universe of universes, the diverse levels of cosmic reality have been designated as finite, absonite, and absolute. Of these only the absolute is unqualifiedly eternal, truly existential. Absonites and finites are derivatives, modifications, qualifications, and attenuations of the original and primordial absolute reality of

infinity.

4 The realms of the finite exist by virtue of the eternal purpose of God. Finite creatures, high and low, may propound theories, and have done so, as to the necessity of the finite in the cosmic economy, but in the last analysis it exists because God so willed. The universe cannot be explained, neither can a finite creature offer a rational reason for his own individual existence without appealing to the prior acts and pre-existent volition of ances-

tral beings, Creators or procreators.

2. THE ABSOLUTE BASIS FOR SUPREMACY

1 From the existential standpoint, nothing new can happen throughout the galaxies, for the completion of infinity inherent in the I AM is eternally present in the seven Absolutes, is functionally associated in the triunities, and is transmitively associated in the triodities. But the fact that infinity is thus existentially present in these absolute associations in no way makes it impossible to realize new cosmic experientials. From a finite creature's viewpoint, infinity contains much that is

potential, much that is on the order of a future possibility rather than a present actuality.

2 Value is a unique element in universe reality. We do not comprehend how the value of anything infinite and divine could possibly be increased. But we discover that *meanings* can be modified if not augmented even in the relations of infinite Deity. To the experiential universes even divine values are increased as actualities by enlarged comprehension of reality meanings.

3 The entire scheme of universal creation and evolution on all experienc-

ing levels is apparently a matter of the conversion of potentialities into actualities; and this transmutation has to do equally with the realms of space potency, mind potency, and spirit potency.

4 The apparent method whereby the possibilities of the cosmos are brought into actual existence varies from level to level, being experiential evolution in the finite and experiential eventuation in the absonite. Existential infinity is indeed unqualified in all-inclusiveness, and this very all-inclusiveness must, perforce, encompass even the possibility for evolutionary finite

experiencing. And the possibility for such experiential growth becomes a universe actuality through triodity relationships impinging upon and in the Supreme.

3. ORIGINAL, ACTUAL, AND POTENTIAL

1 The absolute cosmos is conceptually without limit; to define the extent and nature of this primal reality is to place qualifications upon infinity and to attenuate the pure concept of eternity. The idea of the infinite-eternal, the eternal-infinite, is unqualified in extent and absolute in fact. There is no language in the past, pre-

sent, or future of Urantia adequate to express the reality of infinity or the infinity of reality. Man, a finite creature in an infinite cosmos, must content himself with distorted reflections and attenuated conceptions of that limitless, boundless, never-beginning, never-ending existence the comprehension of which is really beyond his ability.

2 Mind can never hope to grasp the concept of an Absolute without attempting first to break the unity of such a reality. Mind is unifying of all divergencies, but in the very absence of such divergencies, mind finds no basis

upon which to attempt to formulate understanding concepts.

3 The primordial stasis of infinity requires segmentation prior to human attempts at comprehension. There is a unity in infinity which has been expressed in these papers as the I AM — the premier postulate of the creature mind. But never can a creature understand how it is that this unity becomes duality, triunity, and diversity while yet remaining an unqualified unity. Man encounters a similar problem when he pauses to contemplate the undivided Deity of Trinity alongside the plural personalization of

God.

4 It is only man's distance from infinity that causes this concept to be expressed as one word. While infinity is on the one hand UNITY, on the other it is DIVERSITY without end or limit. Infinity, as it is observed by finite intelligences, is the maximum paradox of creature philosophy and finite metaphysics. Though man's spiritual nature reaches up in the worship experience to the Father who is infinite, man's intellectual comprehension capacity is exhausted by the maximum conception of the Supreme Being. Beyond the Supreme, concepts

are increasingly names; less and less are they true designations of reality; more and more do they become the creature's projection of finite understanding toward the superfinite.

5 §§ One basic conception of the absolute level involves a postulate of three phases:

6 1. *The Original.* The unqualified concept of the First Source and Centre, that source manifestation of the I AM from which all reality takes origin.

7 2. *The Actual.* The union of the three Absolutes of actuality, the Second, Third, and Paradise Sources and

Centres. This triodity of the Eternal Son, the Infinite Spirit, and the Paradise Isle constitutes the actual revelation of the originality of the First Source and Centre.

8 3. *The Potential.* The union of the three Absolutes of potentiality, the Deity, Unqualified, and Universal Absolutes. This triodity of existential potentiality constitutes the potential revelation of the originality of the First Source and Centre.

9 §§ The interassociation of the Original, the Actual, and the Potential yields the tensions within infinity which result in the possibility for

all universe growth; and growth is the nature of the Sevenfold, the Supreme, and the Ultimate.

10 In the association of the Deity, Universal, and Unqualified Absolutes, potentiality is absolute while actuality is emergent; in the association of the Second, Third, and Paradise Sources and Centres, actuality is absolute while potentiality is emergent; in the originality of the First Source and Centre, we cannot say that either actuality or potentiality is either existent or emergent — *the Father is.*

11 From the time viewpoint, the Actual is that which was and is; the Po-

tential is that which is becoming and will be; the Original is that which is. From the eternity viewpoint, the differences between the Original, the Actual, and the Potential are not thus apparent. These triune qualities are not so distinguished on Paradise-eternity levels. In eternity all is — only has all not yet been revealed in time and space.

12 From a creature's viewpoint, actuality is substance, potentiality is capacity. Actuality exists centremost and expands therefrom into peripheral infinity; potentiality comes inward from the infinity periphery and converges

at the centre of all things. Originality is that which first causes and then balances the dual motions of the cycle of reality metamorphosis from potentials to actuals and the potentializing of existing actuals.

13 The three Absolutes of potentiality are operative on the purely eternal level of the cosmos, hence never function as such on subabsolute levels. On the descending levels of reality the triodity of potentiality is manifest with the Ultimate and upon the Supreme. The potential may fail to time-actualize with respect to a part on some subabsolute level, but never in the aggre-

gate. The will of God does ultimately prevail, not always concerning the individual but invariably concerning the total.

14 It is in the triodity of actuality that the existents of the cosmos have their centre; be it spirit, mind, or energy, all centre in this association of the Son, the Spirit, and Paradise. The personality of the spirit Son is the master pattern for all personality throughout all universes. The substance of the Paradise Isle is the master pattern of which Havona is a perfect, and the superuniverses are a perfecting, revelation. The Conjoint Actor is at one and the

same time the mind activation of cosmic energy, the conceptualization of spirit purpose, and the integration of the mathematical causes and effects of the material levels with the volitional purposes and motives of the spiritual level. In and to a finite universe the Son, Spirit, and Paradise function in and upon the Ultimate as he is conditioned and qualified in the Supreme.

15 Actuality (of Deity) is what man seeks in the Paradise ascent. Potentiality (of human divinity) is what man evolves in that search. The Original is what makes possible the coexistence and integration of man the ac-

tual, man the potential, and man the eternal.

16 §§ The final dynamics of the cosmos have to do with the continual transfer of reality from potentiality to actuality. In theory, there may be an end to this metamorphosis, but in fact, such is impossible since the Potential and the Actual are both encircuited in the Original (the I AM), and this identification makes it forever impossible to place a limit on the developmental progression of the universe. Whatsoever is identified with the I AM can never find an end to progression since the actuality of the potentials of the I

AM is absolute, and the potentiality of the actuals of the I AM is also absolute. Always will actuals be opening up new avenues of the realization of hitherto impossible potentials — every human decision not only actualizes a new reality in human experience but also opens up a new capacity for human growth. The man lives in every child, and the morontia progressor is resident in the mature God-knowing man.

17 Statics in growth can never appear in the total cosmos since the basis for growth — the absolute actuals — is unqualified, and since the possibilities

for growth — the absolute potentials — are unlimited. From a practical viewpoint the philosophers of the universe have come to the conclusion that there is no such thing as an *end.*

18 From a circumscribed view there are, indeed, many ends, many terminations of activities, but from a larger viewpoint on a higher universe level, there are no endings, merely transitions from one phase of development to another. The major chronicity of the master universe is concerned with the several universe ages, the Havona, the superuniverse, and the outer universe ages. But even these basic di-

visions of sequence relationships cannot be more than relative landmarks on the unending highway of eternity.

19 The final penetration of the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Supreme Being could only open up to the progressing creature those absonite qualities of ultimate divinity which lie beyond the concept levels of truth, beauty, and goodness.

4. SOURCES OF SUPREME REALITY

1 Any consideration of the *origins* of God the Supreme must begin with the Paradise Trinity, for the Trinity is original Deity while the Supreme is

derived Deity. Any consideration of the *growth* of the Supreme must give consideration to the existential triodities, for they encompass all absolute actuality and all infinite potentiality (in conjunction with the First Source and Centre). And the evolutionary Supreme is the culminating and personally volitional focus of the transmutation — the transformation — of potentials to actuals in and on the finite level of existence. The two triodities, actual and potential, encompass the totality of the interrelationships of growth in the universes.

2 The source of the Supreme is in

the Paradise Trinity — eternal, actual, and undivided Deity. The Supreme is first of all a spirit person, and this spirit person stems from the Trinity. But the Supreme is secondly a Deity of growth — evolutionary growth — and this growth derives from the two triodities, actual and potential.

3 If it is difficult to comprehend that the infinite triodities can function on the finite level, pause to consider that their very infinity must in itself contain the potentiality of the finite; infinity encompasses all things ranging from the lowest and most qualified finite existence to the highest and un-

qualifiedly absolute realities.

4 It is not so difficult to comprehend that the infinite does contain the finite as it is to understand just how this infinite actually is manifest to the finite. But the Thought Adjusters indwelling mortal man are one of the eternal proofs that even the absolute God (as absolute) can and does actually make direct contact with even the lowest and least of all universe will creatures.

5 The triodities which collectively encompass the actual and the potential are manifest on the finite level in conjunction with the Supreme Being.

The technique of such manifestation is both direct and indirect: direct in so far as triodity relations repercuss directly in the Supreme and indirect in so far as they are derived through the eventuated level of the absonite.

6 Supreme reality, which is total finite reality, is in process of dynamic growth between the unqualified potentials of outer space and the unqualified actuals at the centre of all things. The finite domain thus factualizes through the co-operation of the absonite agencies of Paradise and the Supreme Creator Personalities of time. The act of maturing the quali-

fied possibilities of the three great potential Absolutes is the absonite function of the Architects of the Master Universe and their transcendental associates. And when these eventualities have attained to a certain point of maturation, the Supreme Creator Personalities emerge from Paradise to engage in the agelong task of bringing the evolving universes into factual being.

7 The growth of Supremacy derives from the triodities; the spirit person of the Supreme, from the Trinity; but the power prerogatives of the Almighty are predicated on the divinity suc-

cesses of God the Sevenfold, while the conjoining of the power prerogatives of the Almighty Supreme with the spirit person of God the Supreme takes place by virtue of the ministry of the Conjoint Actor, who bestowed the mind of the Supreme as the conjoining factor in this evolutionary Deity.

5. RELATION OF THE SUPREME TO THE PARADISE TRINITY

1 The Supreme Being is absolutely dependent on the existence and action of the Paradise Trinity for the reality of his personal and spirit nature. While

the growth of the Supreme is a matter of triodity relationship, the spirit personality of God the Supreme is dependent upon, and is derived from, the Paradise Trinity, which ever remains as the absolute centre-source of perfect and infinite stability around which the evolutionary growth of the Supreme progressively unfolds.

2 The function of the Trinity is related to the function of the Supreme, for the Trinity is functional on all (total) levels, including the level of the function of Supremacy. But as the age of Havona gives way to the age of the superuniverses, so does the discernible

action of the Trinity as immediate creator give way to the creative acts of the children of the Paradise Deities.

6. RELATION OF THE SUPREME TO THE TRIODITIES

1 The triodity of actuality continues to function directly in the post-Havona epochs; Paradise gravity grasps the basic units of material existence, the spirit gravity of the Eternal Son operates directly upon the fundamental values of spirit existence, and the mind gravity of the Conjoint Actor unerringly clutches all vital meanings of intellectual existence.

2 But as each stage of creative activity proceeds out through uncharted space, it functions and exists farther and farther removed from direct action by the creative forces and divine personalities of central emplacement — the absolute Isle of Paradise and the infinite Deities resident thereon. These successive levels of cosmic existence become, therefore, increasingly dependent upon developments within the three Absolute potentialities of infinity.

3 The Supreme Being embraces possibilities for cosmic ministry that are not apparently manifested in the Eter-

nal Son, the Infinite Spirit, or the non-personal realities of the Isle of Paradise. This statement is made with due regard for the absoluteness of these three basic actualities, but the growth of the Supreme is not only predicated on these actualities of Deity and Paradise but is also involved in developments within the Deity, Universal, and Unqualified Absolutes.

4 §§ The Supreme not only grows as the Creators and creatures of the evolving universes attain to Godlikeness, but this finite Deity also experiences growth as a result of the creature and Creator mastery of the finite

possibilities of the grand universe. The motion of the Supreme is twofold: intensively toward Paradise and Deity and extensively toward the limitlessness of the Absolutes of potential.

5 In the present universe age this dual motion is revealed in the descending and ascending personalities of the grand universe. The Supreme Creator Personalities and all their divine associates are reflective of the outward, diverging motion of the Supreme, while the ascending pilgrims from the seven superuniverses are indicative of the inward, converging trend of Supremacy.

6 Always is the finite Deity seeking for dual correlation, inward toward Paradise and the Deities thereof and outward toward infinity and the Absolutes therein. The mighty eruption of the Paradise-creative divinity personalizing in the Creator Sons and powerizing in the power controllers, signifies the vast outsurge of Supremacy into the domains of potentiality, while the endless procession of the ascending creatures of the grand universe witnesses the mighty insurge of Supremacy toward unity with Paradise Deity.

7 Human beings have learned that

the motion of the invisible may sometimes be discerned by observing its effects on the visible; and we in the universes have long since learned to detect the movements and trends of Supremacy by observing the repercussions of such evolutions in the personalities and patterns of the grand universe.

8 Though we are not sure, we believe that, as a finite reflection of Paradise Deity, the Supreme is engaged in an eternal progression into outer space; but as a qualification of the three Absolute potentials of outer space, this Supreme Being is forever seeking for

Paradise coherence. And these dual motions seem to account for most of the basic activities in the presently organized universes.

7. THE NATURE OF THE SUPREME

1 In the Deity of the Supreme the Father-I AM has achieved relatively complete liberation from the limitations inherent in infinity of status, eternity of being, and absoluteness of nature. But God the Supreme has been freed from all existential limitations only by having become subject to experiential qualifications of universal function. In attaining capacity

for experience, the finite God also becomes subject to the necessity therefor; in achieving liberation from eternity, the Almighty encounters the barriers of time; and the Supreme could only know growth and development as a consequence of partiality of existence and incompleteness of nature, nonabsoluteness of being.

2 All this must be according to the Father's plan, which has predicated finite progress upon effort, creature achievement upon perseverance, and personality development upon faith. By thus ordaining the experience-evolution of the Supreme, the Father has

made it possible for finite creatures to exist in the universes and, by experiential progression, sometime to attain the divinity of Supremacy.

3 §§ Including the Supreme and even the Ultimate, all reality, excepting the unqualified values of the seven Absolutes, is relative. The fact of Supremacy is predicated on Paradise power, Son personality, and Conjoint action, but the growth of the Supreme is involved in the Deity Absolute, the Unqualified Absolute, and the Universal Absolute. And this synthesizing and unifying Deity — God the Supreme — is the personification of the finite

shadow cast athwart the grand universe by the infinite unity of the unsearchable nature of the Paradise Father, the First Source and Centre.

4 To the extent that the triodities are directly operative on the finite level, they impinge upon the Supreme, who is the Deity focalization and cosmic summation of the finite qualifications of the natures of the Absolute Actual and the Absolute Potential.

5 §§ The Paradise Trinity is considered to be the absolute inevitability; the Seven Master Spirits are apparently Trinity inevitabilities; the power-mind-spirit-personality actual-

ization of the Supreme must be the evolutionary inevitability.

6 God the Supreme does not appear to have been inevitable in unqualified infinity, but he seems to be on all relativity levels. He is the indispensable focalizer, summarizer, and encompasser of evolutionary experience, effectively unifying the results of this mode of reality perception in his Deity nature. And all this he appears to do for the purpose of contributing to the appearance of the *inevitable eventuation,* the superexperience and superfinite manifestation of God the Ultimate.

7 The Supreme Being cannot be fully appreciated without taking into consideration source, function, and destiny: relationship to the originating Trinity, the universe of activity, and the Trinity Ultimate of immediate destiny.

8 By the process of summating evolutionary experience the Supreme connects the finite with the absonite, even as the mind of the Conjoint Actor integrates the divine spirituality of the personal Son with the immutable energies of the Paradise pattern, and as the presence of the Universal Absolute unifies Deity activation with

the Unqualified reactivity. And this unity must be a revelation of the undetected working of the original unity of the First Father-Cause and Source-Pattern of all things and all beings.

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THE ALMIGHTY SUPREME

Mighty Messenger

If man recognized that his Creators — his immediate supervisors — while being divine were also finite, and that the God of time and space was an evolving and nonabsolute Deity, then would the inconsistencies of temporal inequalities cease to be profound religious paradoxes. No longer would religious faith be prostituted to the promotion of social smugness in the fortunate while serving only to

encourage stoical resignation in the unfortunate victims of social deprivation.

2 When viewing the exquisitely perfect spheres of Havona, it is both reasonable and logical to believe they were made by a perfect, infinite, and absolute Creator. But that same reason and logic would compel any honest being, when viewing the turmoil, imperfections, and inequities of Urantia, to conclude that your world had been made by, and was being managed by, Creators who were subabsolute, preinfinite, and other than perfect.

3 §§ Experiential growth implies creature-Creator partnership — God and man in association. Growth is the earmark of experiential Deity: Havona did not grow; Havona is and always has been; it is existential like the everlasting Gods who are its source. But growth characterizes the grand universe.

4 The Almighty Supreme is a living and evolving Deity of power and personality. His present domain, the grand universe, is also a growing realm of power and personality. His destiny is perfection, but his present experience encompasses the elements of

growth and incomplete status.

5 §§ The Supreme Being functions primarily in the central universe as a spirit personality; secondarily in the grand universe as God the Almighty, a personality of power. The tertiary function of the Supreme in the master universe is now latent, existing only as an unknown mind potential. No one knows just what this third development of the Supreme Being will disclose. Some believe that, when the superuniverses are settled in light and life, the Supreme will become functional from Uversa as the almighty and experiential sovereign of

the grand universe while expanding in power as the superalmighty of the outer universes. Others speculate that the third stage of Supremacy will involve the third level of Deity manifestation. But none of us really know.

1. THE SUPREME MIND

1 The experience of every evolving creature personality is a phase of the experience of the Almighty Supreme. The intelligent subjugation of every physical segment of the superuniverses is a part of the growing control of the Almighty Supreme. The creative synthesis of power and personality is

a part of the creative urge of the Supreme Mind and is the very essence of the evolutionary growth of unity in the Supreme Being.

2 The union of the power and personality attributes of Supremacy is the function of Supreme Mind; and the completed evolution of the Almighty Supreme will result in one unified and personal Deity — not in any loosely co-ordinated association of divine attributes. From the broader perspective, there will be no Almighty apart from the Supreme, no Supreme apart from the Almighty.

3 Throughout the evolutionary ages

the physical power potential of the Supreme is vested in the Seven Supreme Power Directors, and the mind potential reposes in the Seven Master Spirits. The Infinite Mind is the function of the Infinite Spirit; the cosmic mind, the ministry of the Seven Master Spirits; the Supreme Mind is in process of actualizing in the co-ordination of the grand universe and in functional association with the revelation and attainment of God the Sevenfold.

4 §§ The time-space mind, the cosmic mind, is differently functioning in the seven superuniverses, but it is co-ordinated by some unknown asso-

ciative technique in the Supreme Being. The Almighty overcontrol of the grand universe is not exclusively physical and spiritual. In the seven superuniverses it is primarily material and spiritual, but there are also present phenomena of the Supreme which are both intellectual and spiritual.

5 We really know less about the mind of Supremacy than about any other aspect of this evolving Deity. It is unquestionably active throughout the grand universe and is believed to have a potential destiny of master universe function which is of vast extent. But this we do know:

Whereas physique may attain completed growth, and whereas spirit may achieve perfection of development, mind never ceases to progress — it is the experiential technique of endless progress. The Supreme is an experiential Deity and therefore never achieves completion of mind attainment.

2. THE ALMIGHTY AND GOD THE SEVENFOLD

1 The appearance of the universe power presence of the Almighty is concomitant with the appearance on the stage of cosmic action of the high creators and controllers of the evolutionary superuniverses.

2 God the Supreme derives his spirit and personality attributes from the Paradise Trinity, but he is power-actualizing in the doings of the Creator Sons, the Ancients of Days, and the Master Spirits, whose collective acts are the source of his growing power as almighty sovereign to and in the seven superuniverses.

3 §§ Unqualified Paradise Deity is incomprehensible to the evolving creatures of time and space. Eternity and infinity connote a level of deity reality which time-space creatures cannot comprehend. Infinity of deity and absoluteness of sovereignty are inherent

in the Paradise Trinity, and the Trinity is a reality which lies somewhat beyond the understanding of mortal man. Time-space creatures must have origins, relativities, and destinies in order to grasp universe relationships and to understand the meaning values of divinity. Therefore does Paradise Deity attenuate and otherwise qualify the extra-Paradise personalizations of divinity, thus bringing into existence the Supreme Creators and their associates, who ever carry the light of life farther and farther from its Paradise source until it finds its most distant and beautiful expression in the earth lives of

the bestowal Sons on the evolutionary worlds.

4 And this is the origin of God the Sevenfold, whose successive levels are encountered by mortal man in the following order:

5 1. The Creator Sons (and Creative Spirits).

6 2. The Ancients of Days.

7 3. The Seven Master Spirits.

8 4. The Supreme Being.

9 5. The Conjoint Actor.

10 6. The Eternal Son.

11 7. The Universal Father.

12 §§ The first three levels are the Supreme Creators; the last three levels are the Paradise Deities. The Supreme ever intervenes as the experiential spirit personalization of the Paradise Trinity and as the experiential focus of the evolutionary almighty power of the creator children of the Paradise Deities. The Supreme Being is the maximum revelation of Deity to the seven superuniverses and for the present universe age.

13 By the technique of mortal logic it might be inferred that the experiential reunification of the collective acts of the first three levels of God the Sev-

enfold would equivalate to the level of Paradise Deity, but such is not the case. Paradise Deity is *existential* Deity. The Supreme Creators, in their divine unity of power and personality, are constitutive and expressive of a new power potential of *experiential* Deity. And this power potential of experiential origin finds inevitable and inescapable union with the experiential Deity of Trinity origin — the Supreme Being.

14 God the Supreme is not the Paradise Trinity, neither is he any one or all of those superuniverse Creators whose functional activities actually synthe-

size his evolving almighty power. God the Supreme, while of origin in the Trinity, becomes manifest to evolutionary creatures as a personality of power only through the co-ordinated functions of the first three levels of God the Sevenfold. The Almighty Supreme is now factualizing in time and space through the activities of the Supreme Creator Personalities, even as in eternity the Conjoint Actor flashed into being by the will of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son. These beings of the first three levels of God the Sevenfold are the very nature and source of the power of the Almighty

Supreme; therefore must they ever accompany and sustain his administrative acts.

3. THE ALMIGHTY AND PARADISE DEITY

1 The Paradise Deities not only act directly in their gravity circuits throughout the grand universe, but they also function through their various agencies and other manifestations, such as:

2 1. *The mind focalizations of the Third Source and Centre.* The finite domains of energy and spirit are literally held together by the mind presences of the Conjoint Actor. This is

true from the Creative Spirit in a local universe through the Reflective Spirits of a superuniverse to the Master Spirits in the grand universe. The mind circuits emanating from these varied intelligence focuses represent the cosmic arena of creature choice. Mind is the flexible reality which creatures and Creators can so readily manipulate; it is the vital link connecting matter and spirit. The mind bestowal of the Third Source and Centre unifies the spirit person of God the Supreme with the experiential power of the evolutionary Almighty.

3 2. *The personality revelations of*

the Second Source and Centre. The mind presences of the Conjoint Actor unify the spirit of divinity with the pattern of energy. The bestowal incarnations of the Eternal Son and his Paradise Sons unify, actually fuse, the divine nature of a Creator with the evolving nature of a creature. The Supreme is both creature and creator; the possibility of his being such is revealed in the bestowal actions of the Eternal Son and his co-ordinate and subordinate Sons. The bestowal orders of sonship, the Michaels and the Avonals, actually augment their divine natures with bona fide creature natures which

have become theirs by the living of the actual creature life on the evolutionary worlds. When divinity becomes like humanity, inherent in this relationship is the possibility that humanity can become divine.

4 3. *The indwelling presences of the First Source and Centre.* Mind unifies spirit causations with energy reactions; bestowal ministry unifies divinity descensions with creature ascensions; and the indwelling fragments of the Universal Father actually unify the evolving creatures with God on Paradise. There are many such presences of the Father which indwell nu-

merous orders of personalities, and in mortal man these divine fragments of God are the Thought Adjusters. The Mystery Monitors are to human beings what the Paradise Trinity is to the Supreme Being. The Adjusters are absolute foundations, and upon absolute foundations freewill choice can cause to be evolved the divine reality of an eternaliter nature, finaliter nature in the case of man, Deity nature in God the Supreme.

5 §§ The creature bestowals of the Paradise orders of sonship enable these divine Sons to enrich their personalities by the acquisition of the ac-

tual nature of universe creatures, while such bestowals unfailingly reveal to the creatures themselves the Paradise path of divinity attainment. The Adjuster bestowals of the Universal Father enable him to draw the personalities of the volitional will creatures to himself. And throughout all these relationships in the finite universes the Conjoint Actor is the ever-present source of the mind ministry by virtue of which these activities take place.

6 In these and many other ways do the Paradise Deities participate in the evolutions of time as they unfold on the circling planets of space, and as

they culminate in the emergence of the Supreme personality consequence of all evolution.

4. THE ALMIGHTY AND THE SUPREME CREATORS

1 The unity of the Supreme Whole is dependent on the progressive unification of the finite parts; the actualization of the Supreme is resultant from, and productive of, these very unifications of the factors of supremacy — the creators, creatures, intelligences, and energies of the universes.

2 §§ During those ages in which the sovereignty of Supremacy is undergoing its time development, the al-

mighty power of the Supreme is dependent on the divinity acts of God the Sevenfold, while there seems to be a particularly close relationship between the Supreme Being and the Conjoint Actor together with his primary personalities, the Seven Master Spirits. The Infinite Spirit as the Conjoint Actor functions in many ways which compensate the incompletion of evolutionary Deity and sustains very close relations to the Supreme. This closeness of relationship is shared in measure by all of the Master Spirits but especially by Master Spirit Number Seven, who speaks for the Su-

preme. This Master Spirit knows — is in personal contact with — the Supreme.

3 Early in the projection of the superuniverse scheme of creation, the Master Spirits joined with the ancestral Trinity in the cocreation of the 49 Reflective Spirits, and concomitantly the Supreme Being functioned creatively as the culminator of the conjoined acts of the Paradise Trinity and the creative children of Paradise Deity. Majeston appeared and ever since has focalized the cosmic presence of the Supreme Mind, while the Master Spirits continue as source-centres for the

far-flung ministry of the cosmic mind.

4 But the Master Spirits continue in supervision of the Reflective Spirits. The Seventh Master Spirit is (in his overall supervision of Orvonton from the central universe) in personal contact with (and has overcontrol of) the seven Reflective Spirits located on Uversa. In his inter- and intrasuperuniverse controls and administrations he is in reflective contact with the Reflective Spirits of his own type located on each superuniverse capital.

5 These Master Spirits are not only the supporters and augmenters of the sovereignty of Supremacy, but they

are in turn affected by the creative purposes of the Supreme. Ordinarily, the collective creations of the Master Spirits are of the quasi-material order (power directors, etc.), while their individual creations are of the spiritual order (supernaphim, etc.). But when the Master Spirits *collectively* produced the Seven Circuit Spirits in response to the will and purpose of the Supreme Being, it is to be noted that the offspring of this creative act are spiritual, not material or quasi-material.

6 §§ And as it is with the Master Spirits of the superuniverses, so is it with the triune rulers of these super-

creations — the Ancients of Days. These personifications of Trinity justice-judgment in time and space are the field fulcrums for the mobilizing almighty power of the Supreme, serving as the sevenfold focal points for the evolution of trinitarian sovereignty in the domains of time and space. From their vantage point midway between Paradise and the evolving worlds, these Trinity-origin sovereigns see both ways, know both ways, and co-ordinate both ways.

7 §§ But the local universes are the real laboratories in which are worked out the mind experiments, galactic

adventures, divinity unfoldings, and personality progressions which, when cosmically totalled, constitute the actual foundation upon which the Supreme is achieving deity evolution in and by experience.

8 In the local universes even the Creators evolve: The presence of the Conjoint Actor evolves from a living power focus to the status of the divine personality of a Universe Mother Spirit; the Creator Son evolves from the nature of existential Paradise divinity to the experiential nature of supreme sovereignty. The local universes are the starting points of true evo-

lution, the spawning grounds of bona fide imperfect personalities endowed with the freewill choice of becoming cocreators of themselves as they are to be.

9 The Magisterial Sons in their bestowals upon the evolutionary worlds eventually acquire natures expressive of Paradise divinity in experiential unification with the highest spiritual values of material human nature. And through these and other bestowals the Michael Creators likewise acquire the natures and cosmic viewpoints of their actual local universe children. Such Master Creator Sons approxi-

mate the completion of subsupreme experience; and when their local universe sovereignty is enlarged to embrace the associated Creative Spirits, it may be said to approximate the limits of supremacy within the present potentials of the evolutionary grand universe.

10 When the bestowal Sons reveal new ways for man to find God, they are not creating these paths of divinity attainment; rather are they illuminating the everlasting highways of progression which lead through the presence of the Supreme to the person of the Paradise Father.

11 The local universe is the starting place for those personalities who are farthest from God, and who can therefore experience the greatest degree of spiritual ascent in the universe, can achieve the maximum of experiential participation in the cocreation of themselves. These same local universes likewise provide the greatest possible depth of experience for the descending personalities, who thereby achieve something which is to them just as meaningful as the Paradise ascent is to an evolving creature.

12 §§ Mortal man appears to be necessary to the full function of God

the Sevenfold as this divinity grouping culminates in the actualizing Supreme. There are many other orders of universe personalities who are equally necessary to the evolution of the almighty power of the Supreme, but this portrayal is presented for the edification of human beings, hence is largely limited to those factors operating in the evolution of God the Sevenfold which are related to mortal man.

5. THE ALMIGHTY AND THE SEVENFOLD CONTROLLERS

1 You have been instructed in the relationship of God the Sevenfold to the

Supreme Being, and you should now recognize that the Sevenfold encompasses the controllers as well as the creators of the grand universe. These sevenfold controllers of the grand universe embrace the following:

2 1. The Master Physical Controllers.

3 2. The Supreme Power Centres.

4 3. The Supreme Power Directors.

5 4. The Almighty Supreme.

6 5. The God of Action — the Infinite Spirit.

7 6. The Isle of Paradise.

8 7. The Source of Paradise — the Universal Father.

9 These seven groups are functionally inseparable from God the Sevenfold and constitute the physical-control level of this Deity association.

10 §§ The bifurcation of energy and spirit (stemming from the conjoint presence of the Eternal Son and the Paradise Isle) was symbolized in the superuniverse sense when the Seven Master Spirits unitedly engaged in their first act of collective creation. This episode witnessed the appearance of the Seven Supreme Power Directors. Concomitant therewith the spir-

itual circuits of the Master Spirits contrastively differentiated from the physical activities of power director supervision, and immediately did the cosmic mind appear as a new factor coordinating matter and spirit.

11 The Almighty Supreme is evolving as the overcontroller of the physical power of the grand universe. In the present universe age this potential of physical power appears to be centred in the Seven Supreme Power Directors, who operate through the fixed locations of the power centres and through the mobile presences of the physical controllers.

12 §§ The time universes are not perfect; that is their destiny. The struggle for perfection pertains not only to the intellectual and the spiritual levels but also to the physical level of energy and mass. The settlement of the seven superuniverses in light and life presupposes their attainment of physical stability. And it is conjectured that the final attainment of material equilibrium will signify the completed evolution of the physical control of the Almighty.

13 In the early days of universe building even the Paradise Creators are primarily concerned with material equilibrium. The pattern of a local universe

takes shape not only as a result of the activities of the power centres but also because of the space presence of the Creative Spirit. And throughout these early epochs of local universe building the Creator Son exhibits a little-understood attribute of material control, and he does not leave his capital planet until the gross equilibrium of the local universe has been established.

14 §§ In the final analysis, all energy responds to mind, and the physical controllers are the children of the mind God, who is the activator of Paradise pattern. The intelligence of the power directors is unremittingly de-

voted to the task of bringing about material control. Their struggle for physical dominance over the relationships of energy and the motions of mass never ceases until they achieve finite victory over the energies and masses which constitute their perpetual domains of activity.

15 The spirit struggles of time and space have to do with the evolution of spirit dominance over matter by the mediation of (personal) mind; the physical (nonpersonal) evolution of the universes has to do with bringing cosmic energy into harmony with the equilibrium concepts of mind subject

to the overcontrol of spirit. The total evolution of the entire grand universe is a matter of the personality unification of the energy-controlling mind with the spirit-co-ordinated intellect and will be revealed in the full appearance of the almighty power of the Supreme.

16 The difficulty in arriving at a state of dynamic equilibrium is inherent in the fact of the growing cosmos. The established circuits of physical creation are being continually jeopardized by the appearance of new energy and new mass. A growing universe is an unsettled universe; hence no part of

the cosmic whole can find real stability until the fullness of time witnesses the material completion of the seven superuniverses.

17 In the settled universes of light and life there are no unexpected physical events of major importance. Relatively complete control over the material creation has been achieved; still the problems of the relationship of the settled universes to the evolving universes continue to challenge the skill of the Universe Power Directors. But these problems will gradually vanish with the diminution of new creative activity as the grand universe ap-

proaches culmination of evolutionary expression.

6. SPIRIT DOMINANCE

1 In the evolutionary superuniverses energy-matter is dominant except in personality, where spirit through the mediation of mind is struggling for the mastery. The goal of the evolutionary universes is the subjugation of energy-matter by mind, the co-ordination of mind with spirit, and all of this by virtue of the creative and unifying presence of personality. Thus, in relation to personality, do physical systems become subordinate; mind sys-

tems, co-ordinate; and spirit systems, directive.

2 This union of power and personality is expressive on deity levels in and as the Supreme. But the actual evolution of spirit dominance is a growth which is predicated on the freewill acts of the Creators and creatures of the grand universe.

3 §§ On absolute levels, energy and spirit are one. But the moment departure is made from such absolute levels, difference appears, and as energy and spirit move spaceward from Paradise, the gulf between them widens until in the local universes they have

become quite divergent. They are no longer identical, neither are they alike, and mind must intervene to interrelate them.

4 §§ That energy can be directionized by the action of controller personalities discloses the responsiveness of energy to mind action. That mass can be stabilized through the action of these same controlling entities indicates the responsiveness of mass to the order-producing presence of mind. And that spirit itself in volitional personality can strive through mind for the mastery of energy-matter discloses the potential unity of all finite cre-

ation.

5 There is an interdependence of all forces and personalities throughout the universe of universes. Creator Sons and Creative Spirits depend on the co-operative function of the power centres and physical controllers in the organization of universes; the Supreme Power Directors are incomplete without the overcontrol of the Master Spirits. In a human being the mechanism of physical life is responsive, in part, to the dictates of (personal) mind. This very mind may, in turn, become dominated by the leadings of purposive spirit, and the result

of such evolutionary development is the production of a new child of the Supreme, a new personal unification of the several kinds of cosmic reality.

6 And as it is with the parts, so it is with the whole; the spirit person of Supremacy requires the evolutionary power of the Almighty to achieve completion of Deity and to attain destiny of Trinity association. The effort is made by the personalities of time and space, but the culmination and consummation of this effort is the act of the Almighty Supreme. And while the growth of the whole is thus a totalizing of the collective growth of the

parts, it equally follows that the evolution of the parts is a segmented reflection of the purposive growth of the whole.

7 On Paradise, monota and spirit are as one — indistinguishable except by name. In Havona, matter and spirit, while distinguishably different, are at the same time innately harmonious. In the seven superuniverses, however, there is great divergence; there is a wide gulf between cosmic energy and divine spirit; therefore is there a greater experiential potential for mind action in harmonizing and eventually unifying physical pat-

tern with spiritual purposes. In the time-evolving universes of space there is greater divinity attenuation, more difficult problems to be solved, and larger opportunity to acquire experience in their solution. And this entire superuniverse situation brings into being a larger arena of evolutionary existence in which the possibility of cosmic experience is made available alike to creature and Creator — even to Supreme Deity.

8 The dominance of spirit, which is existential on absolute levels, becomes an evolutionary experience on finite levels and in the seven superuniverses.

And this experience is shared alike by all, from mortal man to the Supreme Being. All strive, personally strive, in the achievement; all participate, personally participate, in the destiny.

7. THE LIVING ORGANISM OF THE GRAND UNIVERSE

1 The grand universe is not only a material creation of physical grandeur, spirit sublimity, and intellectual magnitude, it is also a magnificent and responsive living organism. There is actual life pulsating throughout the mechanism of the vast creation of the vibrant cosmos. The physical reality of the universes is symbolic of the per-

ceivable reality of the Almighty Supreme; and this material and living organism is penetrated by intelligence circuits, even as the human body is traversed by a network of neural sensation paths. This physical universe is permeated by energy lanes which effectively activate material creation, even as the human body is nourished and energized by the circulatory distribution of the assimilable energy products of nourishment. The vast universe is not without those co-ordinating centres of magnificent over-control which might be compared to the delicate chemical-control system

of the human mechanism. But if you only knew something about the physique of a power centre, we could, by analogy, tell you so much more about the physical universe.

2 Much as mortals look to solar energy for life maintenance, so does the grand universe depend upon the unfailing energies emanating from nether Paradise to sustain the material activities and cosmic motions of space.

3 Mind has been given to mortals wherewith they may become self-conscious of identity and personality; and mind — even a Supreme Mind — has

been bestowed upon the totality of the finite whereby the spirit of this emerging personality of the cosmos ever strives for the mastery of energy-matter.

4 Mortal man is responsive to spirit guidance, even as the grand universe responds to the far-flung spirit-gravity grasp of the Eternal Son, the universal supermaterial cohesion of the eternal spiritual values of all the creations of the finite cosmos of time and space.

5 Human beings are capable of making an everlasting self-identification with total and indestructible universe reality — fusion with the in-

dwelling Thought Adjuster. Likewise does the Supreme everlastingly depend on the absolute stability of Original Deity, the Paradise Trinity.

6 Man's urge for Paradise perfection, his striving for God-attainment, creates a genuine divinity tension in the living cosmos which can only be resolved by the evolution of an immortal soul; this is what happens in the experience of a single mortal creature. But when all creatures and all Creators in the grand universe likewise strive for God-attainment and divine perfection, there is built up a profound cosmic tension which can only find

resolution in the sublime synthesis of almighty power with the spirit person of the evolving God of all creatures, the Supreme Being.

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GOD THE SUPREME

Mighty Messenger

To the extent that we do the will of God in whatever universe station we may have our existence, in that measure the almighty potential of the Supreme becomes one step more actual. The will of God is the purpose of the First Source and Centre as it is potentialized in the three Absolutes, personalized in the Eternal Son, conjoined for universe

action in the Infinite Spirit, and eternalized in the everlasting patterns of Paradise. And God the Supreme is becoming the highest finite manifestation of the total will of God.

2 If all grand universers should ever relatively achieve the full living of the will of God, then would the time-space creations be settled in light and life, and then would the Almighty, the deity potential of Supremacy, become factual in the emergence of the divine personality of God the Supreme.

3 When an evolving mind becomes attuned to the circuits of cosmic mind, when an evolving universe becomes

stabilized after the pattern of the central universe, when an advancing spirit contacts the united ministry of the Master Spirits, when an ascending mortal personality finally attunes to the divine leading of the indwelling Adjuster, then has the actuality of the Supreme become real by one more degree in the universes; then has the divinity of Supremacy advanced one more step toward cosmic realization.

4 The parts and individuals of the grand universe evolve as a reflection of the total evolution of the Supreme, while in turn the Supreme is the synthetic cumulative total of all grand

universe evolution. From the mortal viewpoint both are evolutionary and experiential reciprocals.

1. NATURE OF THE SUPREME BEING

1 The Supreme is the beauty of physical harmony, the truth of intellectual meaning, and the goodness of spiritual value. He is the sweetness of true success and the joy of everlasting achievement. He is the oversoul of the grand universe, the consciousness of the finite cosmos, the completion of finite reality, and the personification of Creator-creature experience. Throughout all future eternity God the Supreme

will voice the reality of volitional experience in the trinity relationships of Deity.

2 §§ In the persons of the Supreme Creators the Gods have descended from Paradise to the domains of time and space, there to create and to evolve creatures with Paradise-attainment capacity who can ascend thereto in quest of the Father. This universe procession of descending God-revealing Creators and ascending God-seeking creatures is revelatory of the Deity evolution of the Supreme, in whom both descenders and ascenders achieve mutuality of understanding,

the discovery of eternal and universal brotherhood. The Supreme Being thus becomes the finite synthesis of the experience of the perfect-Creator cause and the perfecting-creature response.

3 The grand universe contains the possibility of, and ever seeks for, complete unification, and this grows out of the fact that this cosmic existence is a consequence of the creative acts and the power mandates of the Paradise Trinity, which is unqualified unity. This very trinitarian unity is expressed in the finite cosmos in the Supreme, whose reality becomes increas-

ingly apparent as the universes attain to the maximum level of Trinity identification.

4 §§ The will of the Creator and the will of the creature are qualitatively different, but they are also experientially akin, for creature and Creator can collaborate in the achievement of universe perfection. Man can work in liaison with God and thereby cocreate an eternal finaliter. God can work even as humanity in the incarnations of his Sons, who thereby achieve the supremacy of creature experience.

5 In the Supreme Being, Creator and creature are united in one Deity

whose will is expressive of one divine personality. And this will of the Supreme is something more than the will of either creature or Creator, even as the sovereign will of the Master Son of Nebadon is now something more than a combination of the will of divinity and humanity. The union of Paradise perfection and time-space experience yields a new meaning value on deity levels of reality.

6 The evolving divine nature of the Supreme is becoming a faithful portrayal of the matchless experience of all creatures and of all Creators in the grand universe. In the Supreme, cre-

atorship and creaturehood are at one; they are forever united by that experience which was born of the vicissitudes attendant upon the solution of the manifold problems which beset all finite creation as it pursues the eternal path in quest of perfection and liberation from the fetters of incompleteness.

7 §§ Truth, beauty, and goodness are correlated in the ministry of the Spirit, the grandeur of Paradise, the mercy of the Son, and the experience of the Supreme. God the Supreme *is* truth, beauty, and goodness, for these concepts of divinity represent finite max-

imums of ideational experience. The eternal sources of these triune qualities of divinity are on superfinite levels, but a creature could only conceive of such sources as supertruth, superbeauty, and supergoodness.

8 Michael, a creator, revealed the divine love of the Creator Father for his terrestrial children. And having discovered and received this divine affection, men can aspire to reveal this love to their brethren in the flesh. Such creature affection is a true reflection of the love of the Supreme.

9 The Supreme is symmetrically inclusive. The First Source and Centre

is potential in the three great Absolutes, is actual in Paradise, in the Son, and in the Spirit; but the Supreme is both actual and potential, a being of personal supremacy and of almighty power, responsive alike to creature effort and Creator purpose; self-acting upon the universe and self-reactive to the sum total of the universe; and at one and the same time the supreme creator and the supreme creature. The Deity of Supremacy is thus expressive of the sum total of the entire finite.

2. THE SOURCE OF EVOLUTIONARY GROWTH

1 The Supreme is God-in-time; his is

the secret of creature growth in time; his also is the conquest of the incomplete present and the consummation of the perfecting future. And the final fruits of all finite growth are: power controlled through mind by spirit by virtue of the unifying and creative presence of personality. The culminating consequence of all this growth is the Supreme Being.

2 To mortal man, existence is equivalent to growth. And so indeed it would seem to be, even in the larger universe sense, for spirit-led existence does seem to result in experiential growth — augmentation of status. We

have long held, however, that the present growth which characterizes creature existence in the present universe age is a function of the Supreme. We equally hold that this kind of growth is peculiar to the age of the growth of the Supreme, and that it will terminate with the completion of the growth of the Supreme.

3 §§ Consider the status of the creature-trinitized sons: They are born and live in the present universe age; they have personalities, together with mind and spirit endowments. They have experiences and the memory thereof, but they do not *grow* as do

ascenders. It is our belief and understanding that these creature-trinitized sons, while they are *in* the present universe age, are really *of* the next universe age — the age which will follow the completion of the growth of the Supreme. Hence they are not *in* the Supreme as of his present status of incompleteness and consequent growth. Thus they are nonparticipating in the experiential growth of the present universe age, being held in reserve for the next universe age.

4 My own order, the Mighty Messengers, being Trinity embraced, are nonparticipating in the growth of the

present universe age. In a sense we are in status as of the preceding universe age as in fact are the Stationary Sons of the Trinity. One thing is certain: Our status is fixed by the Trinity embrace, and experience no longer eventuates in growth.

5 This is not true of the finaliters nor of any other of the evolutionary and experiential orders which are participants in the growth process of the Supreme. You mortals now living on Urantia who may aspire to Paradise attainment and finaliter status should understand that such a destiny is only realizable because you are in and of the

Supreme, hence are participants in the cycle of the growth of the Supreme.

6 §§ There will come an end sometime to the growth of the Supreme; his status will achieve completion (in the energy-spirit sense). This termination of the evolution of the Supreme will also witness the ending of creature evolution as a part of Supremacy. What kind of growth may characterize the universes of outer space, we do not know. But we are very sure that it will be something very different from anything that has been seen in the present age of the evolution of the seven superuniverses. It will undoubtedly be

the function of the evolutionary citizens of the grand universe to compensate the outer-spacers for this deprivation of the growth of Supremacy.

7 As existent upon the consummation of the present universe age, the Supreme Being will function as an experiential sovereign in the grand universe. Outer-spacers — citizens of the next universe age — will have a postsuperuniverse growth potential, a capacity for evolutionary attainment presupposing the sovereignty of the Almighty Supreme, hence excluding creature participation in the power-personality synthesis of the present

universe age.

8 Thus may the incompleteness of the Supreme be regarded as a virtue since it makes possible the evolutionary growth of the creature-creation of the present universes. Emptiness does have its virtue, for it may become experientially filled.

9 §§ One of the most intriguing questions in finite philosophy is this: Does the Supreme Being actualize in response to the evolution of the grand universe, or does this finite cosmos progressively evolve in response to the gradual actualization of the Supreme? Or is it possible that they are mutu-

ally interdependent for their development? that they are evolutionary reciprocals, each initiating the growth of the other? Of this we are certain: Creatures and universes, high and low, are evolving within the Supreme, and as they evolve, there is appearing the unified summation of the entire finite activity of this universe age. And this is the appearance of the Supreme Being, to all personalities the evolution of the almighty power of God the Supreme.

3. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SUPREME TO UNIVERSE CREATURES

1 The cosmic reality variously desig-

nated as the Supreme Being, God the Supreme, and the Almighty Supreme, is the complex and universal synthesis of the emerging phases of all finite realities. The far-flung diversification of eternal energy, divine spirit, and universal mind attains finite culmination in the evolution of the Supreme, who is the sum total of all finite growth, self-realized on deity levels of finite maximum completion.

2 The Supreme is the divine channel through which flows the creative infinity of the triodities that crystallizes into the galactic panorama of space, against which takes place the mag-

nificent personality drama of time: the spirit conquest of energy-matter through the mediation of mind.

3 §§ Said Jesus: "I am the living way," and so he is the living way from the material level of self-consciousness to the spiritual level of God-consciousness. And even as he is this living way of ascension from the self to God, so is the Supreme the living way from finite consciousness to transcendence of consciousness, even to the insight of absonity.

4 Your Creator Son can actually be such a living channel from humanity to divinity since he has personally ex-

perienced the fullness of the traversal of this universe path of progression, from the true humanity of Joshua ben Joseph, the Son of Man, to the Paradise divinity of Michael of Nebadon, the Son of the infinite God. Similarly can the Supreme Being function as the universe approach to the transcendence of finite limitations, for he is the actual embodiment and personal epitome of all creature evolution, progression, and spiritualization. Even the grand universe experiences of the descending personalities from Paradise are that part of his experience which is complemental to his summation of

the ascending experiences of the pilgrims of time.

5 §§ Mortal man is more than figuratively made in the image of God. From a physical standpoint this statement is hardly true, but with reference to certain universe potentialities it is an actual fact. In the human race, something of the same drama of evolutionary attainment is being unfolded as takes place, on a vastly larger scale, in the universe of universes. Man, a volitional personality, becomes creative in liaison with an Adjuster, an impersonal entity, in the presence of the finite potentialities of the Supreme, and

the result is the flowering of an immortal soul. In the universes the Creator personalities of time and space function in liaison with the impersonal spirit of the Paradise Trinity and become thereby creative of a new power potential of Deity reality.

6 Mortal man, being a creature, is not exactly like the Supreme Being, who is deity, but man's evolution does in some ways resemble the growth of the Supreme. Man consciously grows from the material toward the spiritual by the strength, power, and persistency of his own decisions; he also grows as his Thought Adjuster devel-

ops new techniques for reaching down from the spiritual to the morontial soul levels; and once the soul comes into being, it begins to grow in and of itself.

7 This is somewhat like the way in which the Supreme Being expands. His sovereignty grows in and out of the acts and achievements of the Supreme Creator Personalities; that is the evolution of the majesty of his power as the ruler of the grand universe. His deity nature is likewise dependent on the pre-existent unity of the Paradise Trinity. But there is still another aspect to the evolu-

tion of God the Supreme: He is not only Creator-evolved and Trinity-derived; he is also self-evolved and self-derived. God the Supreme is himself a volitional, creative participant in his own deity actualization. The human morontial soul is likewise a volitional, cocreative partner in its own immortalization.

8 §§ The Father collaborates with the Conjoint Actor in manipulating the energies of Paradise and in rendering these responsive to the Supreme. The Father collaborates with the Eternal Son in the production of Creator personalities whose acts will sometime

culminate in the sovereignty of the Supreme. The Father collaborates with both Son and Spirit in the creation of Trinity personalities to function as rulers of the grand universe until such time as the completed evolution of the Supreme qualifies him to assume that sovereignty. The Father co-operates with his Deity and non-Deity co-ordinates in these and many other ways in the furtherance of the evolution of Supremacy, but he also functions alone in these matters. And his solitary function is probably best revealed in the ministry of the Thought Adjusters and their associated entities.

9 Deity is unity, existential in the Trinity, experiential in the Supreme, and, in mortals, creature-realized in Adjuster fusion. The presence of the Thought Adjusters in mortal man reveals the essential unity of the universe, for man, the lowest possible type of universe personality, contains within himself an actual fragment of the highest and eternal reality, even the original Father of all personalities.

10 The Supreme Being evolves by virtue of his liaison with the Paradise Trinity and in consequence of the divinity successes of the creator and administrator children of that Trinity.

Man's immortal soul evolves its own eternal destiny by association with the divine presence of the Paradise Father and in accordance with the personality decisions of the human mind. What the Trinity is to God the Supreme, the Adjuster is to evolving man.

11 §§ During the present universe age the Supreme Being is apparently unable to function directly as a creator except in those instances where the finite possibilities of action have been exhausted by the creative agencies of time and space. Thus far in universe history this has transpired but once;

when the possibilities of finite action in the matter of universe reflectivity had been exhausted, then did the Supreme function as the creative culminator of all antecedent creator actions. And we believe he will again function as a culminator in future ages whenever antecedent creatorship has completed an appropriate cycle of creative activity.

12 The Supreme Being did not create man, but man was literally created out of, his very life was derived from, the potentiality of the Supreme. Nor does he evolve man; yet is the Supreme himself the very essence of evolution.

From the finite standpoint, we actually live, move, and have our being within the immanence of the Supreme.

13 The Supreme apparently cannot initiate original causation but appears to be the catalyser of all universe growth and is seemingly destined to provide totality culmination as regards the destiny of all experiential-evolutionary beings. The Father originates the concept of a finite cosmos; the Creator Sons factualize this idea in time and space with the consent and co-operation of the Creative Spirits; the Supreme culminates the total finite and establishes its relationship

with the destiny of the absonite.

4. THE FINITE GOD

1 As we view the ceaseless struggles of the creature creation for perfection of status and divinity of being, we cannot but believe that these unending efforts bespeak the unceasing struggle of the Supreme for divine self-realization. God the Supreme is the finite Deity, and he must cope with the problems of the finite in the total sense of that word. Our struggles with the vicissitudes of time in the evolutions of space are reflections of his efforts to achieve reality of self and comple-

tion of sovereignty within the sphere of action which his evolving nature is expanding to the outermost limits of possibility.

2 Throughout the grand universe the Supreme struggles for expression. His divine evolution is in measure predicated on the wisdom-action of every personality in existence. When a human being chooses eternal survival, he is cocreating destiny; and in the life of this ascending mortal the finite God finds an increased measure of personality self-realization and an enlargement of experiential sovereignty. But if a creature rejects the

eternal career, that part of the Supreme which was dependent on this creature's choice experiences inescapable delay, a deprivation which must be compensated by substitutional or collateral experience; as for the personality of the nonsurvivor, it is absorbed into the oversoul of creation, becoming a part of the Deity of the Supreme.

3 God is so trusting, so loving, that he gives a portion of his divine nature into the hands of even human beings for safekeeping and self-realization. The Father nature, the Adjuster presence, is indestructible regardless

of the choice of the mortal being. The child of the Supreme, the evolving self, can be destroyed notwithstanding that the potentially unifying personality of such a misguided self will persist as a factor of the Deity of Supremacy.

4 The human personality can truly destroy individuality of creaturehood, and though all that was worth while in the life of such a cosmic suicide will persist, *these qualities will not persist as an individual creature.* The Supreme will again find expression in the creatures of the universes but never again as that particular person; the unique personality of a nonascender returns

to the Supreme as a drop of water returns to the sea.

5 Any isolated action of the personal parts of the finite is comparatively irrelevant to the eventual appearance of the Supreme Whole, but the whole is nonetheless dependent on the total acts of the manifold parts. The personality of the individual mortal is insignificant in the face of the total of Supremacy, but the personality of each human being represents an irreplaceable meaning-value in the finite; personality, having once been expressed, never again finds identical expression except in the continuing ex-

istence of that living personality.

6 And so, as we strive for self-expression, the Supreme is striving in us, and with us, for deity expression. As we find the Father, so has the Supreme again found the Paradise Creator of all things. As we master the problems of self-realization, so is the God of experience achieving almighty supremacy in the universes of time and space.

7 §§ Mankind does not ascend effortlessly in the universe, neither does the Supreme evolve without purposeful and intelligent action. Creatures do not attain perfection by mere passivity, nor can the spirit of Supremacy

factualize the power of the Almighty without unceasing service ministry to the finite creation.

8 The temporal relation of man to the Supreme is the foundation for cosmic morality, the universal sensitivity to, and acceptance of, *duty*. This is a morality which transcends the temporal sense of relative right and wrong; it is a morality directly predicated on the self-conscious creature's appreciation of experiential obligation to experiential Deity. Mortal man and all other finite creatures are created out of the living potential of energy, mind, and spirit existent in the Supreme. It is

upon the Supreme that the Adjuster-mortal ascender draws for the creation of the immortal and divine character of a finaliter. It is out of the very reality of the Supreme that the Adjuster, with the consent of the human will, weaves the patterns of the eternal nature of an ascending son of God.

9 The evolution of Adjuster progress in the spiritualizing and eternalizing of a human personality is directly productive of an enlargement of the sovereignty of the Supreme. Such achievements in human evolution are at the same time achievements in the evolutionary actualization of the Su-

preme. While it is true that creatures could not evolve without the Supreme, it is probably also true that the evolution of the Supreme can never be fully attained independent of the completed evolution of all creatures. Herein lies the great cosmic responsibility of self-conscious personalities: That Supreme Deity is in a certain sense dependent on the choosing of the mortal will. And the mutual progression of creature evolution and of Supreme evolution is faithfully and fully indicated to the Ancients of Days over the inscrutable mechanisms of universe reflectivity.

10 The great challenge that has been given to mortal man is this: Will you decide to personalize the experiencible value meanings of the cosmos into your own evolving selfhood? or by rejecting survival, will you allow these secrets of Supremacy to lie dormant, awaiting the action of another creature at some other time who will in *his* way attempt a creature contribution to the evolution of the finite God? But that will be his contribution to the Supreme, not yours.

11 §§ The great struggle of this universe age is between the potential and the actual — the seeking for actualiza-

tion by all that is as yet unexpressed. If mortal man proceeds upon the Paradise adventure, he is following the motions of time, which flow as currents within the stream of eternity; if mortal man rejects the eternal career, he is moving counter to the stream of events in the finite universes. The mechanical creation moves on inexorably in accordance with the unfolding purpose of the Paradise Father, but the volitional creation has the choice of accepting or of rejecting the role of personality participation in the adventure of eternity. Mortal man cannot destroy the supreme values of human ex-

istence, but he can very definitely prevent the evolution of these values in his own personal experience. To the extent that the human self thus refuses to take part in the Paradise ascent, to just that extent is the Supreme delayed in achieving divinity expression in the grand universe.

12 Into the keeping of mortal man has been given not only the Adjuster presence of the Paradise Father but also control over the destiny of an infinitesimal fraction of the future of the Supreme. For as man attains human destiny, so does the Supreme achieve destiny on deity levels.

13 And so the decision awaits each of you as it once awaited each of us: Will you fail the God of time, who is so dependent upon the decisions of the finite mind? will you fail the Supreme personality of the universes by the slothfulness of animalistic retrogression? will you fail the great brother of all creatures, who is so dependent on each creature? can you allow yourself to pass into the realm of the unrealized when before you lies the enchanting vista of the universe career — the divine discovery of the Paradise Father and the divine participation in the search for, and the evolution of,

the God of Supremacy?

14 §§ God's gifts — his bestowal of reality — are not divorcements from himself; he does not alienate creation from himself, but he has set up tensions in the creations circling Paradise. God first loves man and confers upon him the potential of immortality — eternal reality. And as man loves God, so does man become eternal in actuality. And here is mystery: The more closely man approaches God through love, the greater the reality — actuality — of that man. The more man withdraws from God, the more nearly he approaches nonreality — cessation of

existence. When man consecrates his will to the doing of the Father's will, when man gives God all that he *has,* then does God make that man more than he is.

5. THE OVERSOUL OF CREATION

1 The great Supreme is the cosmic oversoul of the grand universe. In him the qualities and quantities of the cosmos do find their deity reflection; his deity nature is the mosaic composite of the total vastness of all creature-Creator nature throughout the evolving universes. And the Supreme is also an actualizing Deity embodying a cre-

ative will which embraces an evolving universe purpose.

2 The intellectual, potentially personal selves of the finite emerge from the Third Source and Centre and achieve finite time-space Deity synthesis in the Supreme. When the creature submits to the will of the Creator, he does not submerge or surrender his personality; the individual personality participants in the actualization of the finite God do not lose their volitional selfhood by so functioning. Rather are such personalities progressively augmented by participation in this great Deity adventure; by such union with

divinity man exalts, enriches, spiritualizes, and unifies his evolving self to the very threshold of supremacy.

3 §§ The evolving immortal soul of man, the joint creation of the material mind and the Adjuster, ascends as such to Paradise and subsequently, when mustered into the Corps of the Finality, becomes allied in some new way with the spirit-gravity circuit of the Eternal Son by a technique of experience known as *finaliter transcendation.* Such finaliters thus become acceptable candidates for experiential recognition as personalities of God the Supreme. And when these mor-

tal intellects in the unrevealed future assignments of the Corps of the Finality attain the seventh stage of spirit existence, such dual minds will become triune. These two attuned minds, the human and the divine, will become glorified in union with the experiential mind of the then actualized Supreme Being.

4 In the eternal future, God the Supreme will be actualized — creatively expressed and spiritually portrayed — in the spiritualized mind, the immortal soul, of ascendant man, even as the Universal Father was so revealed in the earth life of Jesus.

5 §§ Man does not unite with the Supreme and submerge his personal identity, but the universe repercussions of the experience of all men do thus form a part of the divine experiencing of the Supreme. "The act is ours, the consequences God's."

6 The progressing personality leaves a trail of actualized reality as it passes through the ascending levels of the universes. Be they mind, spirit, or energy, the growing creations of time and space are modified by the progression of personality through their domains. When man acts, the Supreme reacts, and this transaction constitutes

the fact of progression.

7 The great circuits of energy, mind, and spirit are never the permanent possessions of ascending personality; these ministries remain forever a part of Supremacy. In the mortal experience the human intellect resides in the rhythmic pulsations of the adjutant mind-spirits and effects its decisions within the arena produced by encircuitment within this ministry. Upon mortal death the human self is everlastingly divorced from the adjutant circuit. While these adjutants never seem to transmit experience from one personality to another, they can and

do transmit the impersonal repercussions of decision-action through God the Sevenfold to God the Supreme. (At least this is true of the adjutants of worship and wisdom.)

8 And so it is with the spiritual circuits: Man utilizes these in his ascent through the universes, but he never possesses them as a part of his eternal personality. But these circuits of spiritual ministry, whether Spirit of Truth, Holy Spirit, or superuniverse spirit presences, are receptive and reactive to the emerging values in ascending personality, and these values are faithfully transmitted through the

Sevenfold to the Supreme.

9 §§ While such spiritual influences as the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Truth are local universe ministrations, their guidance is not wholly confined to the geographic limitations of a given local creation. As the ascending mortal passes beyond the boundaries of his local universe of origin, he is not entirely deprived of the ministry of the Spirit of Truth which has so constantly taught and guided him through the philosophic mazes of the material and morontial worlds, in every crisis of ascension unfailingly directing the Paradise pilgrim, ever say-

ing: "This is the way." When you leave the domains of the local universe, through the ministry of the spirit of the emerging Supreme Being and through the provisions of superuniverse reflectivity, you will still be guided in your Paradise ascent by the comforting directive spirit of the Paradise bestowal Sons of God.

10 How do these manifold circuits of cosmic ministry register the meanings, values, and facts of evolutionary experience in the Supreme? We are not exactly certain, but we believe that this registry takes place through the persons of the Supreme Creators of Para-

dise origin who are the immediate bestowers of these circuits of time and space. The mind-experience accumulations of the seven adjutant mind-spirits, in their ministry to the physical level of intellect, are a part of the local universe experience of the Divine Minister, and through this Creative Spirit they probably find registry in the mind of Supremacy. Likewise are mortal experiences with the Spirit of Truth and the Holy Spirit probably registered by similar techniques in the person of Supremacy.

11 Even the experience of man and Adjuster must find echo in the divin-

ity of God the Supreme, for, as the Adjusters experience, they are like the Supreme, and the evolving soul of mortal man is created out of the pre-existent possibility for such experience within the Supreme.

12 In this manner do the manifold experiences of all creation become a part of the evolution of Supremacy. Creatures merely utilize the qualities and quantities of the finite as they ascend to the Father; the impersonal consequences of such utilization remain forever a part of the living cosmos, the Supreme person.

13 What man himself takes with him

as a personality possession are the character consequences of the experience of having used the mind and spirit circuits of the grand universe in his Paradise ascent. When man decides, and when he consummates this decision in action, man experiences, and the meanings and the values of this experience are forever a part of his eternal character on all levels, from the finite to the final. Cosmically moral and divinely spiritual character represents the creature's capital accumulation of personal decisions which have been illuminated by sincere worship, glorified by intelligent love, and con-

summated in brotherly service.

14 The evolving Supreme will eventually compensate finite creatures for their inability ever to achieve more than limited experience contact with the universe of universes. Creatures can attain the Paradise Father, but their evolutionary minds, being finite, are incapable of really understanding the infinite and absolute Father. But since all creature experiencing registers in, and is a part of, the Supreme, when all creatures attain the final level of finite existence, and after total universe development makes possible their attainment of God the

Supreme as an actual divinity presence, then, inherent in the fact of such contact, is contact with total experience. The finite of time contains within itself the seeds of eternity; and we are taught that, when the fullness of evolution witnesses the exhaustion of the capacity for cosmic growth, the total finite will embark upon the absonite phases of the eternal career in quest of the Father as Ultimate.

6. THE QUEST FOR THE SUPREME

1 We seek the Supreme in the universes, but we find him not. "He is the within and the without of all

things and beings, moving and quiescent. Unrecognizable in his mystery, though distant, yet is he near." The Almighty Supreme is "the form of the yet unformed, the pattern of the yet uncreated." The Supreme is your universe home, and when you find him, it will be like returning home. He is your experiential parent, and even as in the experience of human beings, so has he grown in the experience of divine parenthood. He knows you because he is creaturelike as well as creatorlike.

2 If you truly desire to find God, you cannot help having born in your minds the consciousness of the Su-

preme. As God is your divine Father, so is the Supreme your divine Mother, in whom you are nurtured throughout your lives as universe creatures. "How universal is the Supreme — he is on all sides! The limitless things of creation depend on his presence for life, and none are refused."

3 What Michael is to Nebadon, the Supreme is to the finite cosmos; his Deity is the great avenue through which the love of the Father flows outward to all creation, and he is the great avenue through which finite creatures pass inward in their quest of the Father, who is love. Even Thought Ad-

justers are related to him; in original nature and divinity they are like the Father, but when they experience the transactions of time in the universes of space, they become like the Supreme.

4 §§ The act of the creature's choosing to do the will of the Creator is a cosmic value and has a universe meaning which is immediately reacted to by some unrevealed but ubiquitous force of co-ordination, probably the functioning of the ever-enlarging action of the Supreme Being.

5 The morontia soul of an evolving mortal is really the son of the Adjuster action of the Universal Father and the

child of the cosmic reaction of the Supreme Being, the Universal Mother. The mother influence dominates the human personality throughout the local universe childhood of the growing soul. The influence of the Deity parents becomes more equal after the Adjuster fusion and during the superuniverse career, but when the creatures of time begin the traversal of the central universe of eternity, the Father nature becomes increasingly manifest, attaining its height of finite manifestation upon the recognition of the Universal Father and the admission into the Corps of the Finality.

6 In and through the experience of finaliter attainment the experiential mother qualities of the ascending self become tremendously affected by contact and infusion with the spirit presence of the Eternal Son and the mind presence of the Infinite Spirit. Then, throughout the realms of finaliter activity in the grand universe, there appears a new awakening of the latent mother potential of the Supreme, a new realization of experiential meanings, and a new synthesis of experiential values of the entire ascension career. It appears that this realization of self will continue in the universe ca-

reers of the sixth-stage finaliters until the mother inheritance of the Supreme attains to finite synchrony with the Adjuster inheritance of the Father. This intriguing period of grand universe function represents the continuing adult career of the ascendant and perfected mortal.

7 Upon the completion of the sixth stage of existence and the entrance upon the seventh and final stage of spirit status, there will probably ensue the advancing ages of enriching experience, ripening wisdom, and divinity realization. In the nature of the finaliter this will probably equal the com-

pleted attainment of the mind struggle for spirit self-realization, the completion of the co-ordination of the ascendant man-nature with the divine Adjuster-nature within the limits of finite possibilities. Such a magnificent universe self thus becomes the eternal finaliter son of the Paradise Father as well as the eternal universe child of the Mother Supreme, a universe self qualified to represent both the Father and Mother of universes and personalities in any activity or undertaking pertaining to the finite administration of created, creating, or evolving things and beings.

8 All soul-evolving humans are literally the evolutionary sons of God the Father and God the Mother, the Supreme Being. But until such time as mortal man becomes soul-conscious of his divine heritage, this assurance of Deity kinship must be faith realized. Human life experience is the cosmic cocoon in which the universe endowments of the Supreme Being and the universe presence of the Universal Father (none of which are personalities) are evolving the morontia soul of time and the human-divine finaliter character of universe destiny and eternal service.

9 §§ Men all too often forget that God is the greatest experience in human existence. Other experiences are limited in their nature and content, but the experience of God has no limits save those of the creature's comprehension capacity, and this very experience is in itself capacity enlarging. When men search for God, they are searching for everything. When they find God, they have found everything. The search for God is the unstinted bestowal of love attended by amazing discoveries of new and greater love to be bestowed.

10 All true love is from God, and man

receives the divine affection as he himself bestows this love upon his fellows. Love is dynamic. It can never be captured; it is alive, free, thrilling, and always moving. Man can never take the love of the Father and imprison it within his heart. The Father's love can become real to mortal man only by passing through that man's personality as he in turn bestows this love upon his fellows. The great circuit of love is from the Father, through sons to brothers, and hence to the Supreme. The love of the Father appears in the mortal personality by the ministry of the indwelling Adjuster. Such a God-

knowing son reveals this love to his universe brethren, and this fraternal affection is the essence of the love of the Supreme.

11 §§ There is no approach to the Supreme except through experience, and in the current epochs of creation there are only three avenues of creature approach to Supremacy:

12 1. The Paradise Citizens descend from the eternal Isle through Havona, where they acquire capacity for Supremacy comprehension through observation of the Paradise-Havona reality differential and by exploratory discovery of the manifold

activities of the Supreme Creator Personalities, ranging from the Master Spirits to the Creator Sons.

13 2. The time-space ascenders coming up from the evolutionary universes of the Supreme Creators make close approach to the Supreme in the traversal of Havona as a preliminary to the augmenting appreciation of the unity of the Paradise Trinity.

14 3. The Havona natives acquire a comprehension of the Supreme through contacts with descending pilgrims from Paradise and ascending pilgrims from the seven superuniverses. Havona natives are inherently in posi-

tion to harmonize the essentially different viewpoints of the citizens of the eternal Isle and the citizens of the evolutionary universes.

15 §§ To evolutionary creatures there are seven great approaches to the Universal Father, and each of these Paradise ascensions passes through the divinity of one of the Seven Master Spirits; and each such approach is made possible by an enlargement of experience receptivity consequent upon the creature's having served in the superuniverse reflective of the nature of that Master Spirit. The sum total of these seven experiences constitutes the pre-

sent-known limits of a creature's consciousness of the reality and actuality of God the Supreme.

16 It is not only man's own limitations which prevent him from finding the finite God; it is also the incompletion of the universe; even the incompletion of all creatures — past, present, and future — makes the Supreme inaccessible. God the Father can be found by any individual who has attained the divine level of Godlikeness, but God the Supreme will never be personally discovered by any *one* creature until that far-distant time when, through the universal attainment of

perfection, *all* creatures will simultaneously find him.

17 Despite the fact that you cannot, in this universe age, personally find him as you can and will find the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, nevertheless, the Paradise ascent and subsequent universe career will gradually create in your consciousness the recognition of the universe presence and the cosmic action of the God of all experience. The fruits of the spirit are the substance of the Supreme as he is realizable in human experience.

18 Man's sometime attainment of the Supreme is consequent upon his fu-

sion with the spirit of Paradise Deity. With Urantians this spirit is the Adjuster presence of the Universal Father; and though the Mystery Monitor is from the Father and like the Father, we doubt that even such a divine gift can achieve the impossible task of revealing the nature of the infinite God to a finite creature. We suspect that what the Adjusters will reveal to future seventh-stage finaliters will be the divinity and nature of God the Supreme. And this revelation will be to a finite creature what the revelation of the Infinite would be to an absolute being.

19 The Supreme is not infinite, but he

probably embraces all of infinity that a finite creature can ever really comprehend. To understand more than the Supreme is to be more than finite!

20 All experiential creations are interdependent in their realization of destiny. Only existential reality is self-contained and self-existent. Havona and the seven superuniverses require each other to achieve the maximum of finite attainment; likewise will they be sometime dependent on the future universes of outer space for finite transcendence.

21 A human ascender can find the Father; God is existential and therefore

real, irrespective of the status of experience in the total universe. But no single ascender will ever find the Supreme until all ascenders have reached that maximum universe maturity which qualifies them simultaneously to participate in this discovery.

22 The Father is no respecter of persons; he treats each of his ascending sons as cosmic individuals. The Supreme likewise is no respecter of persons; he treats his experiential children as a single cosmic total.

23 Man can discover the Father in his heart, but he will have to search for the Supreme in the hearts of all other

men; and when all creatures perfectly reveal the love of the Supreme, then will he become a universe actuality to all creatures. And that is just another way of saying that the universes will be settled in light and life.

24 The attainment of perfected self-realization by all personalities plus the attainment of perfected equilibrium throughout the universes equals the attainment of the Supreme and witnesses the liberation of all finite reality from the limitations of incomplete existence. Such an exhaustion of all finite potentials yields the completed attainment of the Supreme and may

be otherwise defined as the completed evolutionary actualization of the Supreme Being himself.

25 §§ Men do not find the Supreme suddenly and spectacularly as an earthquake tears chasms into the rocks, but they find him slowly and patiently as a river quietly wears away the soil beneath.

26 When you find the Father, you will find the great cause of your spiritual ascent in the universes; when you find the Supreme, you will discover the great result of your career of Paradise progression.

27 But no God-knowing mortal can

ever be lonely in his journey through the cosmos, for he knows that the Father walks beside him each step of the way, while the very way that he is traversing is the presence of the Supreme.

7. THE FUTURE OF THE SUPREME

1 The completed realization of all finite potentials equals the completion of the realization of all evolutionary experience. This suggests the final emergence of the Supreme as an almighty Deity presence in the universes. We believe that the Supreme, in this stage of development, will be as

discretely personalized as is the Eternal Son, as concretely powerized as is the Isle of Paradise, as completely unified as is the Conjoint Actor, and all of this within the limitations of the finite possibilities of Supremacy at the culmination of the present universe age.

2 While this is an entirely proper concept of the future of the Supreme, we would call attention to certain problems inherent in this concept:

3 1. The Unqualified Supervisors of the Supreme could hardly be deitized at any stage prior to his completed evolution, and yet these same supervisors even now qualifiedly exer-

cise the sovereignty of supremacy concerning the universes settled in light and life.

4 2. The Supreme could hardly function in the Trinity Ultimate until he had attained complete actuality of universe status, and yet the Trinity Ultimate is even now a qualified reality, and you have been informed of the existence of the Qualified Vicegerents of the Ultimate.

5 3. The Supreme is not completely real to universe creatures, but there are many reasons for deducing that he is quite real to the Sevenfold Deity, extending from the Universal

Father on Paradise to the Creator Sons and the Creative Spirits of the local universes.

6 §§ It may be that on the upper limits of the finite, where time conjoins transcended time, there is some sort of blurring and blending of sequence. It may be that the Supreme is able to forecast his universe presence onto these supertime levels and then to a limited degree anticipate future evolution by reflecting this future forecast back to the created levels as the Immanence of the Projected Incomplete. Such phenomena may be observed wherever finite makes contact

with superfinite, as in the experiences of human beings who are indwelt by Thought Adjusters that are veritable predictions of man's future universe attainments throughout all eternity.

7 §§ When mortal ascenders are admitted to the finaliter corps of Paradise, they take an oath to the Paradise Trinity, and in taking this oath of allegiance, they are thereby pledging eternal fidelity to God the Supreme, who *is* the Trinity as comprehended by all finite creature personalities. Subsequently, as the finaliter companies function throughout the evolving universes, they are solely amenable to the

mandates of Paradise origin until the eventful times of the settling of local universes in light and life. As the new governmental organizations of these perfected creations begin to be reflective of the emerging sovereignty of the Supreme, we observe that the outlying finaliter companies then acknowledge the jurisdictional authority of such new governments. It appears that God the Supreme is evolving as the unifier of the evolutionary Corps of the Finality, but it is highly probable that the eternal destiny of these seven corps will be directed by the Supreme as a member of the Ultimate Trinity.

8 §§ The Supreme Being contains three superfinite possibilities for universe manifestation:

9 1. Absonite collaboration in the first experiential Trinity.

10 2. Coabsolute relationship in the second experiential Trinity.

11 3. Coinfinite participation in the Trinity of Trinities, but we have no satisfactory concept as to what this really means.

12 §§ This is one of the generally accepted hypotheses of the future of the Supreme, but there are also many speculations concerning his relations to the present grand universe subsequent

to its attainment of the status of light and life.

13 The present goal of the superuniverses is to become, as they are and within their potentials, perfect, even as is Havona. This perfection pertains to physical and spiritual attainment, even to administrative, governmental, and fraternal development. It is believed that, in the ages to come, the possibilities for disharmony, maladjustment, and misadaptation will be eventually exhausted in the superuniverses. The energy circuits will be in perfect balance and in complete subjugation to mind, while spirit, in the presence

of personality, will have achieved the dominance of mind.

14 It is conjectured that at this far-distant time the spirit person of the Supreme and attained power of the Almighty will have achieved co-ordinate development, and that both, as unified in and by the Supreme Mind, will factualize as the Supreme Being, a completed actuality in the universes — an actuality which will be observable by all creature intelligences, reacted to by all created energies, co-ordinated in all spiritual entities, and experienced by all universe personalities.

15 This concept implies the actual

sovereignty of the Supreme in the grand universe. It is altogether likely that the present Trinity administrators will continue as his vicegerents, but we believe that the present demarcations between the seven superuniverses will gradually disappear, and that the entire grand universe will function as a perfected whole.

16 It is possible that the Supreme may then be personally resident on Uversa, the headquarters of Orvonton, from which he will direct the administration of the time creations, but this is really only a conjecture. Certainly, though, the personality of the Su-

preme Being will be definitely contactable at some specific locality, although the ubiquity of his Deity presence will probably continue to permeate the universe of universes. What the relation of the superuniverse citizens of that age will be to the Supreme we do not know, but it may be something like the present relationship between the Havona natives and the Paradise Trinity.

17 §§ The perfected grand universe of those future days will be vastly different from what it is at present. Gone will be the thrilling adventures of the organization of the galaxies of space,

the planting of life on the uncertain worlds of time, and the evolving of harmony out of chaos, beauty out of potentials, truth out of meanings, and goodness out of values. The time universes will have achieved the fulfilment of finite destiny! And perhaps for a space there will be rest, relaxation from the agelong struggle for evolutionary perfection. But not for long! Certainly, surely, and inexorably the enigma of the emerging Deity of God the Ultimate will challenge these perfected citizens of the settled universes just as their struggling evolutionary forebears were once challenged by the

quest for God the Supreme. The curtain of cosmic destiny will draw back to reveal the transcendent grandeur of the alluring absonite quest for the attainment of the Universal Father on those new and higher levels revealed in the ultimate of creature experience.

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SUPREME AND ULTIMATE — TIME AND SPACE

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Concerning the several natures of Deity, it may be said:

1. The Father is self-existent self.

3 2. The Son is coexistent self.

4 3. The Spirit is conjoint-existent self.

5 4. The Supreme is evolutionary-experiential self.

6 5. The Sevenfold is self-distributive divinity.

7 6. The Ultimate is transcendental-experiential self.

8 7. The Absolute is existential-experiential self.

9 §§ While God the Sevenfold is indispensable to the evolutionary attainment of the Supreme, the Supreme is also indispensable to the eventual emergence of the Ultimate. And the dual presence of the Supreme and the Ultimate constitutes the basic association of subabsolute and derived Deity, for they are interdependently complemental in the attainment of destiny. Together they constitute the experiential bridge linking the beginnings and

the completions of all creative growth in the master universe.

10 §§ Creative growth is unending but ever satisfying, endless in extent but always punctuated by those personality-satisfying moments of transient goal attainment which serve so effectively as the mobilization preludes to new adventures in cosmic growth, universe exploration, and Deity attainment.

11 While the domain of mathematics is beset with qualitative limitations, it does provide the finite mind with a conceptual basis of contemplating infinity. There is no quantitative limitation to numbers, even in the compre-

hension of the finite mind. No matter how large the number conceived, you can always envisage one more being added. And also, you can comprehend that that is short of infinity, for no matter how many times you repeat this addition to number, still always one more can be added.

12 At the same time, the infinite series can be totalled at any given point, and this total (more properly, a subtotal) provides the fullness of the sweetness of goal attainment for a given person at a given time and status. But sooner or later, this same person begins to hunger and yearn for new and

greater goals, and such adventures in growth will be forever forthcoming in the fullness of time and the cycles of eternity.

13 Each successive universe age is the antechamber of the following era of cosmic growth, and each universe epoch provides immediate destiny for all preceding stages. Havona, in and of itself, is a perfect, but perfection-limited, creation; Havona perfection, expanding out into the evolutionary superuniverses, finds not only cosmic destiny but also liberation from the limitations of pre-evolutionary exis-

tence.

1. TIME AND ETERNITY

1 It is helpful to man's cosmic orientation to attain all possible comprehension of Deity's relation to the cosmos. While absolute Deity is eternal in nature, the Gods are related to time as an experience in eternity. In the evolutionary universes eternity is temporal everlastingness — the everlasting *now*.

2 §§ The personality of the mortal creature may eternalize by self-identification with the indwelling spirit through the technique of choosing to

do the will of the Father. Such a consecration of will is tantamount to the realization of eternity-reality of purpose. This means that the purpose of the creature has become fixed with regard to the succession of moments; stated otherwise, that the succession of moments will witness no change in creature purpose. A million or a billion moments makes no difference. Number has ceased to have meaning with regard to the creature's purpose. Thus does creature choice plus God's choice eventuate in the eternal realities of the never-ending union of the spirit of God and the nature of man in

the everlasting service of the children of God and of their Paradise Father.

3 There is a direct relationship between maturity and the unit of time consciousness in any given intellect. The time unit may be a day, a year, or a longer period, but inevitably it is the criterion by which the conscious self evaluates the circumstances of life, and by which the conceiving intellect measures and evaluates the facts of temporal existence.

4 Experience, wisdom, and judgment are the concomitants of the lengthening of the time unit in mortal experience. As the human mind

reckons backward into the past, it is evaluating past experience for the purpose of bringing it to bear on a present situation. As mind reaches out into the future, it is attempting to evaluate the future significance of possible action. And having thus reckoned with both experience and wisdom, the human will exercises judgment-decision in the present, and the plan of action thus born of the past and the future becomes existent.

5 In the maturity of the developing self, the past and future are brought together to illuminate the true meaning of the present. As the self matures, it

reaches further and further back into the past for experience, while its wisdom forecasts seek to penetrate deeper and deeper into the unknown future. And as the conceiving self extends this reach ever further into both past and future, so does judgment become less and less dependent on the momentary present. In this way does decision-action begin to escape from the fetters of the moving present, while it begins to take on the aspects of past-future significance.

6 §§ Patience is exercised by those mortals whose time units are short; true maturity transcends patience by a

forbearance born of real understanding.

7 §§ To become mature is to live more intensely in the present, at the same time escaping from the limitations of the present. The plans of maturity, founded on past experience, are coming into being in the present in such manner as to enhance the values of the future.

8 The time unit of immaturity concentrates meaning-value into the present moment in such a way as to divorce the present of its true relationship to the not-present — the past-future. The time unit of maturity is

proportioned so to reveal the co-ordinate relationship of past-present-future that the self begins to gain insight into the wholeness of events, begins to view the landscape of time from the panoramic perspective of broadened horizons, begins perhaps to suspect the nonbeginning, nonending eternal continuum, the fragments of which are called time.

9 On the levels of the infinite and the absolute the moment of the present contains all of the past as well as all of the future. I AM signifies also I WAS and I WILL BE. And this represents our best concept of eternity and

the eternal.

10 On the absolute and eternal level, potential reality is just as meaningful as actual reality. Only on the finite level and to time-bound creatures does there appear to be such a vast difference. To God, as absolute, an ascending mortal who has made the eternal decision is already a Paradise finaliter. But the Universal Father, through the indwelling Thought Adjuster, is not thus limited in awareness but can also know of, and participate in, every temporal struggle with the problems of the creature ascent from animallike to Godlike levels of exis-

tence.

2. OMNIPRESENCE AND UBIQUITY

1 The ubiquity of Deity must not be confused with the ultimacy of the divine omnipresence. It is volitional with the Universal Father that the Supreme, the Ultimate, and the Absolute should compensate, co-ordinate, and unify his time-space ubiquity and his time-space-transcended omnipresence with his timeless and spaceless universal and absolute presence. And you should remember that, while Deity ubiquity may be so often space associated, it is not necessarily time con-

ditioned.

2 §§ As mortal and morontia ascenders you progressively discern God through the ministry of God the Sevenfold. Through Havona you discover God the Supreme. On Paradise you find him as a person, and then as finaliters you will presently attempt to know him as Ultimate. Being finaliters, there would seem to be but one course to pursue after having attained the Ultimate, and that would be to begin the quest of the Absolute. No finaliter will be disturbed by the uncertainties of the attainment of the Deity Absolute since at the end of the su-

preme and ultimate ascensions he encountered God the Father. Such finaliters will no doubt believe that, even if they should be successful in finding God the Absolute, they would only be discovering the same God, the Paradise Father manifesting himself on more nearly infinite and universal levels. Undoubtedly the attainment of God in absolute would reveal the Primal Ancestor of universes as well as the Final Father of personalities.

3 God the Supreme may not be a demonstration of the time-space omnipresence of Deity, but he is literally a manifestation of divine ubiq-

uity. Between the spiritual presence of the Creator and the material manifestations of creation there exists a vast domain of the ubiquitous *becoming* — the universe emergence of evolutionary Deity.

4 If God the Supreme ever assumes direct control of the universes of time and space, we are confident such a Deity administration will function under the overcontrol of the Ultimate. In such an event God the Ultimate would begin to become manifest to the universes of time as the transcendental Almighty (the Omnipotent) exercising the overcontrol of super-

time and transcended space concerning the administrative functions of the Almighty Supreme.

5 The mortal mind may ask, even as we do: If the evolution of God the Supreme to administrative authority in the grand universe is attended by augmented manifestations of God the Ultimate, will a corresponding emergence of God the Ultimate in the postulated universes of outer space be attended by similar and enhanced revelations of God the Absolute? But we

really do not know.

3. TIME-SPACE RELATIONSHIPS

1 Only by ubiquity could Deity unify time-space manifestations to the finite conception, for time is a succession of instants while space is a system of associated points. You do, after all, perceive time by analysis and space by synthesis. You co-ordinate and associate these two dissimilar conceptions by the integrating insight of personality. Of all the animal world only man possesses this time-space perceptibility. To an animal, motion has a meaning, but motion exhibits value only to

a creature of personality status.

2 §§ Things are time conditioned, but truth is timeless. The more truth you know, the more truth you *are,* the more of the past you can understand and of the future you can comprehend.

3 Truth is inconcussible — forever exempt from all transient vicissitudes, albeit never dead and formal, always vibrant and adaptable — radiantly alive. But when truth becomes linked with fact, then both time and space condition its meanings and correlate its values. Such realities of truth wedded to fact become concepts and are

accordingly relegated to the domain of relative cosmic realities.

4 The linking of the absolute and eternal truth of the Creator with the factual experience of the finite and temporal creature eventuates a new and emerging value of the Supreme. The concept of the Supreme is essential to the co-ordination of the divine and unchanging overworld with the finite and ever-changing underworld.

5 §§ Space comes the nearest of all nonabsolute things to being absolute. Space is apparently absolutely ultimate. The real difficulty we have in understanding space on the material level

is due to the fact that, while material bodies exist in space, space also exists in these same material bodies. While there is much about space that is absolute, that does not mean that space is absolute.

6 It may help to an understanding of space relationships if you would conjecture that, relatively speaking, space is after all a property of all material bodies. Hence, when a body moves through space, it also takes all its properties with it, even the space which is in and of such a moving body.

7 All patterns of reality occupy space on the material levels, but spirit

patterns only exist in relation to space; they do not occupy or displace space, neither do they contain it. But to us the master riddle of space pertains to the pattern of an idea. When we enter the mind domain, we encounter many a puzzle. Does the pattern — the reality — of an idea occupy space? We really do not know, albeit we are sure that an idea pattern does not contain space. But it would hardly be safe to postulate that the immaterial is always nonspatial.

4. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CAUSATION

1 Many of the theologic difficul-

ties and the metaphysical dilemmas of mortal man are due to man's mislocation of Deity personality and consequent assignment of infinite and absolute attributes to subordinate Divinity and to evolutionary Deity. You must not forget that, while there is indeed a true First Cause, there are also a host of co-ordinate and subordinate causes, both associate and secondary causes.

2 The vital distinction between first causes and second causes is that first causes produce original effects which are free from inheritance of any factor derived from any antecedent causation. Secondary causes yield effects

which invariably exhibit inheritance from other and preceding causation.

3 §§ The purely static potentials inherent in the Unqualified Absolute are reactive to those causations of the Deity Absolute which are produced by the actions of the Paradise Trinity. In the presence of the Universal Absolute these causative-impregnated static potentials forthwith become active and responsive to the influence of certain transcendental agencies whose actions result in the transmutation of these activated potentials to the status of true universe possibilities for development, actualized capacities for

growth. It is upon such matured potentials that the creators and controllers of the grand universe enact the never-ending drama of cosmic evolution.

4 Causation, disregarding existentials, is threefold in its basic constitution. As it operates in this universe age and concerning the finite level of the seven superuniverses, it may be conceived as follows:

5 1. *Activation of static potentials.* The establishment of destiny in the Universal Absolute by the actions of the Deity Absolute, operating in and upon the Unqualified Absolute and

in consequence of the volitional mandates of the Paradise Trinity.

6 2. *Eventuation of universe capacities.* This involves the transformation of undifferentiated potentials into segregated and defined plans. This is the act of the Ultimacy of Deity and of the manifold agencies of the transcendental level. Such acts are in perfect anticipation of the future needs of the entire master universe. It is in connection with the segregation of potentials that the Architects of the Master Universe exist as the veritable embodiments of the Deity concept of the universes. Their plans appear to be ulti-

mately space limited in extent by the concept periphery of the master universe, but *as plans* they are not otherwise conditioned by time or space.

7 3. *Creation and evolution of universe actuals.* It is upon a cosmos impregnated by the capacity-producing presence of the Ultimacy of Deity that the Supreme Creators operate to effect the time transmutations of matured potentials into experiential actuals. Within the master universe all actualization of potential reality is limited by ultimate capacity for development and is time-space conditioned in the final stages of emergence.

The Creator Sons going out from Paradise are, in actuality, *transformative* creators in the cosmic sense. But this in no manner invalidates man's concept of them as creators; from the finite viewpoint they certainly can and do create.

5. OMNIPOTENCE AND COMPOSSIBILITY

1 The omnipotence of Deity does not imply the power to do the nondoable. Within the time-space frame and from the intellectual reference point of mortal comprehension, even the infinite God cannot create square circles or produce evil that is inher-

ently good. God cannot do the ungodlike thing. Such a contradiction of philosophic terms is the equivalent of nonentity and implies that nothing is thus created. A personality trait cannot at the same time be Godlike and ungodlike. Compossibility is innate in divine power. And all of this is derived from the fact that omnipotence not only creates things with a nature but also gives origin to the nature of all things and beings.

2 §§ In the beginning the Father does all, but as the panorama of eternity unfolds in response to the will and mandates of the Infinite, it becomes

increasingly apparent that creatures, even men, are to become God's partners in the realization of finality of destiny. And this is true even in the life in the flesh; when man and God enter into partnership, no limitation can be placed upon the future possibilities of such a partnership. When man realizes that the Universal Father is his partner in eternal progression, when he fuses with the indwelling Father presence, he has, in spirit, broken the fetters of time and has already entered upon the progressions of eternity in the quest for the Universal Father.

3 Mortal consciousness proceeds

from the fact, to the meaning, and then to the value. Creator consciousness proceeds from the thought-value, through the word-meaning, to the fact of action. Always must God act to break the deadlock of the unqualified unity inherent in existential infinity. Always must Deity provide the pattern universe, the perfect personalities, the original truth, beauty, and goodness for which all subdeity creations strive. Always must God first find man that man may later find God. Always must there be a Universal Father before there can ever be universal sonship and consequent universal broth-

erhood.

6. OMNIPOTENCE AND OMNIFICENCE

1 God is truly omnipotent, but he is not omnificent — he does not personally do all that is done. Omnipotence embraces the power-potential of the Almighty Supreme and the Supreme Being, but the volitional acts of God the Supreme are not the personal doings of God the Infinite.

2 To advocate the omnificence of primal Deity would be equal to disenfranchising well-nigh 1,000,000 Creator Sons of Paradise, not to mention the innumerable hosts of various

other orders of concurring creative assistants. There is but one uncaused Cause in the whole universe. All other causes are derivatives of this one First Great Source and Centre. And none of this philosophy does any violence to the free-willness[1] of the myriads of the children of Deity scattered through a vast universe.

3 §§ Within a local frame, volition may appear to function as an uncaused cause, but it unfailingly exhibits inheritance factors which establish relationship with the unique, original, and ab-

[1] In 1955 text "freewillness".

solute First Causes.

4 All volition is relative. In the originating sense, only the Father-I AM possesses finality of volition; in the absolute sense, only the Father, the Son, and the Spirit exhibit the prerogatives of volition unconditioned by time and unlimited by space. Mortal man is endowed with free will, the power of choice, and though such choosing is not absolute, nevertheless, it is relatively final on the finite level and concerning the destiny of the choosing personality.

5 Volition on any level short of the absolute encounters limitations which

are constitutive in the very personality exercising the power of choice. Man cannot choose beyond the range of that which is choosable. He cannot, for instance, choose to be other than a human being except that he can elect to become more than a man; he can choose to embark upon the voyage of universe ascension, but this is because the human choice and the divine will happen to be coincident upon this point. And what a son desires and the Father wills will certainly come to pass.

6 In the mortal life, paths of differential conduct are continually opening and closing, and during the times

when choice is possible the human personality is constantly deciding between these many courses of action. Temporal volition is linked to time, and it must await the passing of time to find opportunity for expression. Spiritual volition has begun to taste liberation from the fetters of time, having achieved partial escape from time sequence, and that is because spiritual volition is self-identifying with the will of God.

7 Volition, the act of choosing, must function within the universe frame which has actualized in response to higher and prior choosing. The en-

tire range of human will is strictly finite-limited except in one particular: When man chooses to find God and to be like him, such a choice is superfinite; only eternity can disclose whether this choice is also superabsonite.

8 §§ To recognize Deity omnipotence is to enjoy security in your experience of cosmic citizenship, to possess assurance of safety in the long journey to Paradise. But to accept the fallacy of omnificence is to embrace the colossal error of Pantheism.

7. OMNISCIENCE AND PREDESTINATION

1 The function of Creator will and

creature will, in the grand universe, operates within the limits, and in accordance with the possibilities, established by the Master Architects. This foreordination of these maximum limits does not, however, in the least abridge the sovereignty of creature will within these boundaries. Neither does ultimate foreknowledge — full allowance for all finite choice — constitute an abrogation of finite volition. A mature and farseeing human being might be able to forecast the decision of some younger associate most accurately, but this foreknowledge takes nothing away from the free-

dom and genuineness of the decision itself. The Gods have wisely limited the range of the action of immature will, but it is true will, nonetheless, within these defined limits.

2 Even the supreme correlation of all past, present, and future choice does not invalidate the authenticity of such choosings. It rather indicates the foreordained trend of the cosmos and suggests foreknowledge of those volitional beings who may, or may not, elect to become contributory parts of the experiential actualization of all reality.

3 §§ Error in finite choosing is time

bound and time limited. It can exist only in time and *within* the evolving presence of the Supreme Being. Such mistaken choosing is time possible and indicates (besides the incompleteness of the Supreme) that certain range of choice with which immature creatures must be endowed in order to enjoy universe progression by making freewill contact with reality.

4 Sin in time-conditioned space clearly proves the temporal liberty — even license — of the finite will. Sin depicts immaturity dazzled by the freedom of the relatively sovereign will of personality while failing to perceive

the supreme obligations and duties of cosmic citizenship.

5 Iniquity in the finite domains reveals the transient reality of all God-unidentified selfhood. Only as a creature becomes God identified, does he become truly real in the universes. Finite personality is not self-created, but in the superuniverse arena of choice it does self-determine destiny.

6 §§ The bestowal of life renders material-energy systems capable of self-perpetuation, self-propagation, and self-adaptation. The bestowal of personality imparts to living organisms the further prerogatives of self-de-

termination, self-evolution, and self-identification with a fusion spirit of Deity.

7 Subpersonal living things indicate mind activating energy-matter, first as physical controllers, and then as adjutant mind-spirits. Personality endowment comes from the Father and imparts unique prerogatives of choice to the living system. But if personality has the prerogative of exercising volitional choice of reality identification, and if this is a true and free choice, then must evolving personality also have the possible choice of becoming self-confusing, self-disrupt-

ing, and self-destroying. The possibility of cosmic self-destruction cannot be avoided if the evolving personality is to be truly free in the exercise of finite will.

8 Therefore is there increased safety in narrowing the limits of personality choice throughout the lower levels of existence. Choice becomes increasingly liberated as the universes are ascended; choice eventually approximates divine freedom when the ascending personality achieves divinity of status, supremacy of consecration to the purposes of the universe, completion of cosmic-wisdom attain-

ment, and finality of creature identification with the will and the way of God.

8. CONTROL AND OVERCONTROL

1 In the time-space creations, free will is hedged about with restraints, with limitations. Material-life evolution is first mechanical, then mind activated, and (after the bestowal of personality) it may become spirit directed. Organic evolution on the inhabited worlds is physically limited by the potentials of the original physical-life implantations of the Life Carriers.

2 Mortal man is a machine, a liv-

ing mechanism; his roots are truly in the physical world of energy. Many human reactions are mechanical in nature; much of life is machinelike. But man, a mechanism, is much more than a machine; he is mind endowed and spirit indwelt; and though he can never throughout his material life escape the chemical and electrical mechanics of his existence, he can increasingly learn how to subordinate this physical-life machine to the directive wisdom of experience by the process of consecrating the human mind to the execution of the spiritual urges of the indwelling Thought Adjuster.

3 §§ The spirit liberates, and the mechanism limits, the function of will. Imperfect choice, uncontrolled by mechanism, unidentified with spirit, is dangerous and unstable. Mechanical dominance ensures stability at the expense of progress; spirit alliance liberates choice from the physical level and at the same time assures the divine stability produced by augmented universe insight and increased cosmic comprehension.

4 The great danger that besets the creature is that, in achieving liberation from the fetters of the life mechanism, he will fail to compensate this

loss of stability by effecting a harmonious working liaison with spirit. Creature choice, when relatively liberated from mechanical stability, may attempt further self-liberation independent of greater spirit identification.

5 The whole principle of biologic evolution makes it impossible for primitive man to appear on the inhabited worlds with any large endowment of self-restraint. Therefore does the same creative design which purposed evolution likewise provide those external restraints of time and space, hunger and fear, which effec-

tively circumscribe the subspiritual choice range of such uncultured creatures. As man's mind successfully overstrides increasingly difficult barriers, this same creative design has also provided for the slow accumulation of the racial heritage of painfully garnered experiential wisdom — in other words, for the maintenance of a balance between the diminishing external restraints and the augmenting internal restraints.

6 The slowness of evolution, of human cultural progress, testifies to the effectiveness of that brake — material inertia — which so efficiently oper-

ates to retard dangerous velocities of progress. Thus does time itself cushion and distribute the otherwise lethal results of premature escape from the next-encompassing barriers to human action. For when culture advances overfast, when material achievement outruns the evolution of worship-wisdom, then does civilization contain within itself the seeds of retrogression; and unless buttressed by the swift augmentation of experiential wisdom, such human societies will recede from high but premature levels of attainment, and the "dark ages" of the interregnum of wisdom will bear witness to

the inexorable restoration of the imbalance between self-liberty and self-control.

7 The iniquity of Caligastia was the by-passing of the time governor of progressive human liberation — the gratuitous destruction of restraining barriers, barriers which the mortal minds of those times had not experientially overridden.

8 That mind which can effect a partial abridgement of time and space, by this very act proves itself possessed of the seeds of wisdom which can effectively serve in lieu of the transcended barrier of restraint.

9 Lucifer similarly sought to disrupt the time governor operating in restraint of the premature attainment of certain liberties in the local system. A local system settled in light and life has experientially achieved those viewpoints and insights which make feasible the operation of many techniques that would be disruptive and destructive in the presettled eras of that very realm.

10 As man shakes off the shackles of fear, as he bridges continents and oceans with his machines, generations and centuries with his records, he must substitute for each transcen-

ded restraint a new and voluntarily assumed restraint in accordance with the moral dictates of expanding human wisdom. These self-imposed restraints are at once the most powerful and the most tenuous of all the factors of human civilization — concepts of justice and ideals of brotherhood. Man even qualifies himself for the restraining garments of mercy when he dares to love his fellow men, while he achieves the beginnings of spiritual brotherhood when he elects to mete out to them that treatment which he himself would be accorded, even that treatment which he con-

ceives that God would accord them.

11 An automatic universe reaction is stable and, in some form, continuing in the cosmos. A personality who knows God and desires to do his will, who has spirit insight, is divinely stable and eternally existent. Man's great universe adventure consists in the transit of his mortal mind from the stability of mechanical statics to the divinity of spiritual dynamics, and he achieves this transformation by the force and constancy of his own personality decisions, in each of life's situations declaring, "It is my will that your will be

done."

9. UNIVERSE MECHANISMS

1 Time and space are a conjoined mechanism of the master universe. They are the devices whereby finite creatures are enabled to coexist in the cosmos with the Infinite. Finite creatures are effectively insulated from the absolute levels by time and space. But these insulating media, without which no mortal could exist, operate directly to limit the range of finite action. Without them no creature could act, but by them the acts of every creature are definitely limited.

2 Mechanisms produced by higher minds function to liberate their creative sources but to some degree unvaryingly limit the action of all subordinate intelligences. To the creatures of the universes this limitation becomes apparent as the mechanism of the universes. Man does not have unfettered free will; there are limits to his range of choice, but within the radius of this choice his will is relatively sovereign.

3 The life mechanism of the mortal personality, the human body, is the product of supermortal creative design; therefore it can never be

perfectly controlled by man himself. Only when ascending man, in liaison with the fused Adjuster, self-creates the mechanism for personality expression, will he achieve perfected control thereof.

4 The grand universe is mechanism as well as organism, mechanical and living — a living mechanism activated by a Supreme Mind, co-ordinating with a Supreme Spirit, and finding expression on maximum levels of power and personality unification as the Supreme Being. But to deny the mechanism of the finite creation is to deny fact and to disregard reality.

5 Mechanisms are the products of mind, creative mind acting on and in cosmic potentials. Mechanisms are the fixed crystallizations of Creator thought, and they ever function true to the volitional concept that gave them origin. But the purposiveness of any mechanism is in its origin, not in its function.

6 These mechanisms should not be thought of as limiting the action of Deity; rather is it true that in these very mechanics Deity has achieved one phase of eternal expression. The basic universe mechanisms have come into existence in response to the abso-

lute will of the First Source and Centre, and they will therefore eternally function in perfect harmony with the plan of the Infinite; they are, indeed, the nonvolitional patterns of that very plan.

7 We understand something of how the mechanism of Paradise is correlated with the personality of the Eternal Son; this is the function of the Conjoint Actor. And we have theories regarding the operations of the Universal Absolute with respect to the theoretical mechanisms of the Unqualified and the potential person of the Deity Absolute. But in the evolv-

ing Deities of Supreme and Ultimate we observe that certain impersonal phases are being actually united with their volitional counterparts, and thus there is evolving a new relationship between pattern and person.

8 In the eternity of the past the Father and the Son found union in the unity of the expression of the Infinite Spirit. If, in the eternity of the future, the Creator Sons and the Creative Spirits of the local universes of time and space should attain creative union in the realms of outer space, what would their unity create as the combined expression of their divine

natures? It may well be that we are to witness a hitherto unrevealed manifestation of Ultimate Deity, a new type of superadministrator. Such beings would embrace unique prerogatives of personality, being the union of personal Creator, impersonal Creative Spirit, mortal-creature experience, and progressive personalization of the Divine Minister. Such beings could be ultimate in that they would embrace personal and impersonal reality, while they would combine the experiences of Creator and creature. Whatever the attributes of such third persons of these postulated function-

ing trinities of the creations of outer space, they will sustain something of the same relation to their Creator Fathers and their Creative Mothers that the Infinite Spirit does to the Universal Father and the Eternal Son.

9 §§ God the Supreme is the personalization of all universe experience, the focalization of all finite evolution, the maximation of all creature reality, the consummation of cosmic wisdom, the embodiment of the harmonious beauties of the galaxies of time, the truth of cosmic mind meanings, and the goodness of supreme spirit values. And God the Supreme will, in the eternal

future, synthesize these manifold finite diversities into one experientially meaningful whole, even as they are now existentially united on absolute levels in the Paradise Trinity.

10. FUNCTIONS OF PROVIDENCE

1 Providence does not mean that God has decided all things for us and in advance. God loves us too much to do that, for that would be nothing short of cosmic tyranny. Man does have relative powers of choice. Neither is the divine love that short-sighted affection which would pamper and spoil the children of men.

2 §§ The Father, Son, and Spirit — as the Trinity — are not the Almighty Supreme, but the supremacy of the Almighty can never be manifest without them. The *growth* of the Almighty is centred on the Absolutes of actuality and predicated on the Absolutes of potentiality. But the *functions* of the Almighty Supreme are related to the functions of the Paradise Trinity.

3 It would appear that, in the Supreme Being, all phases of universe activity are being partially reunited by the personality of this experiential Deity. When, therefore, we desire to view the Trinity as one God, and if

we limit this concept to the present known and organized grand universe, we discover that the evolving Supreme Being is the partial portraiture of the Paradise Trinity. And we further find that this Supreme Deity is evolving as the personality synthesis of finite matter, mind, and spirit in the grand universe.

4 The Gods have attributes but the Trinity has functions, and like the Trinity, providence *is* a function, the composite of the other-than-personal overcontrol of the universe of universes, extending from the evolutionary levels of the Sevenfold synthesizing

in the power of the Almighty on up through the transcendental realms of the Ultimacy of Deity.

5 §§ God loves each creature as a child, and that love overshadows each creature throughout all time and eternity. Providence functions with regard to the total and deals with the function of any creature as such function is related to the total. Providential intervention with regard to any being is indicative of the importance of the *function* of that being as concerns the evolutionary growth of some total; such total may be the total race, the total nation, the total planet, or even a

higher total. It is the importance of the function of the creature that occasions providential intervention, not the importance of the creature as a person.

6 Nevertheless, the Father as a person may at any time interpose a fatherly hand in the stream of cosmic events all in accordance with the will of God and in consonance with the wisdom of God and as motivated by the love of God.

7 But what man calls providence is all too often the product of his own imagination, the fortuitous juxtaposition of the circumstances of chance. There is, however, a real and emerg-

ing providence in the finite realm of universe existence, a true and actualizing correlation of the energies of space, the motions of time, the thoughts of intellect, the ideals of character, the desires of spiritual natures, and the purposive volitional acts of evolving personalities. The circumstances of the material realms find final finite integration in the interlocking presences of the Supreme and the Ultimate.

8 As the mechanisms of the grand universe are perfected to a point of final precision through the overcontrol of mind, and as creature mind ascends to the perfection of divinity at-

tainment through perfected integration with spirit, and as the Supreme consequently emerges as an *actual* unifier of all these universe phenomena, so does providence become increasingly discernible.

9 Some of the amazingly fortuitous conditions occasionally prevailing on the evolutionary worlds may be due to the gradually emerging presence of the Supreme, the foretasting of his future universe activities. Most of what a mortal would call providential is not; his judgment of such matters is very handicapped by lack of farsighted vision into the true meanings of the cir-

cumstances of life. Much of what a mortal would call good luck might really be bad luck; the smile of fortune that bestows unearned leisure and undeserved wealth may be the greatest of human afflictions; the apparent cruelty of a perverse fate that heaps tribulation upon some suffering mortal may in reality be the tempering fire that is transmuting the soft iron of immature personality into the tempered steel of real character.

10 There is a providence in the evolving universes, and it can be discovered by creatures to just the extent that they have attained capacity to perceive

the purpose of the evolving universes. Complete capacity to discern universe purposes equals the evolutionary completion of the creature and may otherwise be expressed as the attainment of the Supreme within the limits of the present state of the incomplete universes.

11 The love of the Father operates directly in the heart of the individual, independent of the actions or reactions of all other individuals; the relationship is personal — man and God. The impersonal presence of Deity (Almighty Supreme and Paradise Trinity) manifests regard for the whole, not

for the part. The providence of the overcontrol of Supremacy becomes increasingly apparent as the successive parts of the universe progress in the attainment of finite destinies. As the systems, constellations, universes, and superuniverses become settled in light and life, the Supreme increasingly emerges as the meaningful correlator of all that is transpiring, while the Ultimate gradually emerges as the transcendental unifier of all things.

12 §§ In the beginnings on an evolutionary world the natural occurrences of the material order and the personal desires of human beings often appear

to be antagonistic. Much that takes place on an evolving world is rather hard for mortal man to understand — natural law is so often apparently cruel, heartless, and indifferent to all that is true, beautiful, and good in human comprehension. But as humanity progresses in planetary development, we observe that this viewpoint is modified by the following factors:

13 1. *Man's augmenting vision* — his increased understanding of the world in which he lives; his enlarging capacity for the comprehension of the material facts of time, the meaningful ideas of thought, and the valuable ideals of

spiritual insight. As long as men measure only by the yardstick of the things of a physical nature, they can never hope to find unity in time and space.

14 2. *Man's increasing control* — the gradual accumulation of the knowledge of the laws of the material world, the purposes of spiritual existence, and the possibilities of the philosophic coordination of these two realities. Man, the savage, was helpless before the onslaughts of natural forces, was slavish before the cruel mastery of his own inner fears. Semicivilized man is beginning to unlock the storehouse of the secrets of the natural realms, and

his science is slowly but effectively destroying his superstitions while at the same time providing a new and enlarged factual basis for the comprehension of the meanings of philosophy and the values of true spiritual experience. Man, the civilized, will someday achieve relative mastery of the physical forces of his planet; the love of God in his heart will be effectively outpoured as love for his fellow men, while the values of human existence will be nearing the limits of mortal capacity.

15 3. *Man's universe integration* — the increase of human insight plus

the increase of human experiential achievement brings him into closer harmony with the unifying presences of Supremacy — Paradise Trinity and Supreme Being. And this is what establishes the sovereignty of the Supreme on the worlds long settled in light and life. Such advanced planets are indeed poems of harmony, pictures of the beauty of achieved goodness attained through the pursuit of cosmic truth. And if such things can happen to a planet, then even greater things can happen to a system and the larger units of the grand universe as they too achieve a settledness indicat-

ing the exhaustion of the potentials for finite growth.

16 §§ On a planet of this advanced order, providence has become an actuality, the circumstances of life are correlated, but this is not only because man has come to dominate the material problems of his world; it is also because he has begun to live according to the trend of the universes; he is following the pathway of Supremacy to the attainment of the Universal Father.

17 §§ The kingdom of God is in the hearts of men, and when this kingdom becomes actual in the heart of every

individual on a world, then God's rule has become actual on that planet; and this is the attained sovereignty of the Supreme Being.

18 To realize providence in time, man must accomplish the task of achieving perfection. But man can even now foretaste this providence in its eternity meanings as he ponders the universe fact that all things, be they good or evil, work together for the advancement of God-knowing mortals in their quest for the Father of all.

19 §§ Providence becomes increasingly discernible as men reach upward from the material to the spir-

itual. The attainment of completed spiritual insight enables the ascending personality to detect harmony in what was theretofore chaos. Even morontia mota represents a real advance in this direction.

20 Providence is in part the overcontrol of the incomplete Supreme manifested in the incomplete universes, and it must therefore ever be:

21 1. *Partial* — due to the incompleteness of the actualization of the Supreme Being, and

22 2. *Unpredictable* — due to the fluctuations in creature attitude, which ever varies from level to level, thus

causing apparently variable reciprocal response in the Supreme.

23 §§ When men pray for providential intervention in the circumstances of life, many times the answer to their prayer is their own changed attitudes toward life. But providence is not whimsical, neither is it fantastic nor magical. It is the slow and sure emergence of the mighty sovereign of the finite universes, whose majestic presence the evolving creatures occasionally detect in their universe progressions. Providence is the sure and certain march of the galaxies of space and the personalities of time toward the

goals of eternity, first in the Supreme, then in the Ultimate, and perhaps in the Absolute. And in infinity we believe there is the same providence, and this is the will, the actions, the purpose of the Paradise Trinity thus motivating the cosmic panorama of universes upon universes.

24 [Sponsored by a Mighty Messenger temporarily sojourning on Urantia.]

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THE BESTOWALS OF CHRIST MICHAEL

Gavalia, Chief of Evening Stars

Chief of the Evening Stars of Nebadon, I am assigned to Urantia by Gabriel on the mission of revealing the story of the seven bestowals of the Universe Sovereign, Michael of Nebadon, and my name is Gavalia. In making this presentation, I will adhere strictly to the limitations imposed by my commission.

2 §§ The attribute of bestowal is inherent in the Paradise Sons of the Universal Father. In their desire to come close to the life experiences of their subordinate living creatures, the various orders of the Paradise Sons are reflecting the divine nature of their Paradise parents. The Eternal Son of the Paradise Trinity led the way in this practice, having seven times bestowed himself upon the seven circuits of Havona during the times of the ascension of Grandfanda and the first of the pilgrims from time and space. And the Eternal Son continues to bestow himself upon the local universes of space in

the persons of his representatives, the Michael and Avonal Sons.

3 When the Eternal Son bestows a Creator Son upon a projected local universe, that Creator Son assumes full responsibility for the completion, control, and composure of that new universe, including the solemn oath to the eternal Trinity not to assume full sovereignty of the new creation until his seven creature bestowals shall have been successfully completed and certified by the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse of jurisdiction. This obligation is assumed by every Michael Son who volunteers to go out from

Paradise to engage in universe organization and creation.

4 The purpose of these creature incarnations is to enable such Creators to become wise, sympathetic, just, and understanding sovereigns. These divine Sons are innately just, but they become understandingly merciful as a result of these successive bestowal experiences; they are naturally merciful, but these experiences make them merciful in new and additional ways. These bestowals are the last steps in their education and training for the sublime tasks of ruling the local universes in divine righteousness and by

just judgment.

5 Though numerous incidental benefits accrue to the various worlds, systems, and constellations, as well as to the different orders of universe intelligences affected and benefited by these bestowals, still they are primarily designed to complete the personal training and universe education of a Creator Son himself. These bestowals are not essential to the wise, just, and efficient management of a local universe, but they are absolutely necessary to a fair, merciful, and understanding administration of such a creation, teeming with its varied forms of life and

its myriads of intelligent but imperfect creatures.

6 The Michael Sons begin their work of universe organization with a full and just sympathy for the various orders of beings whom they have created. They have vast stores of mercy for all these differing creatures, even pity for those who err and flounder in the selfish mire of their own production. But such endowments of justice and righteousness will not suffice in the estimate of the Ancients of Days. These triune rulers of the superuniverses will never certify a Creator Son as Universe Sovereign until

he has really acquired the viewpoint of his own creatures by actual experience in the environment of their existence and as these very creatures themselves. In this way such Sons become intelligent and understanding rulers; they come to *know* the various groups over which they rule and exercise universe authority. By living experience they possess themselves of practical mercy, fair judgment, and the patience born of experiential creature existence.

7 §§ The local universe of Nebadon is now ruled by a Creator Son who has completed his service of bestowal; he reigns in just and merciful supremacy

over all the vast realms of his evolving and perfecting universe. Michael of Nebadon is the 611,121st bestowal of the Eternal Son upon the universes of time and space, and he began the organization of your local universe about 400 billion years ago. Michael made ready for his first bestowal adventure about the time Urantia was taking on its present form, one billion years ago. His bestowals have occurred about 150 million years apart, the last taking place on Urantia 1900 years ago. I will now proceed to unfold the nature and character of these bestowals as fully as my commission

permits.

1. THE FIRST BESTOWAL

1 It was a solemn occasion on Salvington almost one billion years ago when the assembled directors and chiefs of the universe of Nebadon heard Michael announce that his elder brother, Immanuel, would presently assume authority in Nebadon while he (Michael) would be absent on an unexplained mission. No other announcement was made about this transaction except that the farewell broadcast to the Constellation Fathers, among other instructions, said:

"And for this period I place you under the care and keeping of Immanuel while I go to do the bidding of my Paradise Father."

2 After sending this farewell broadcast, Michael appeared on the dispatching field of Salvington, just as on many previous occasions when preparing for departure to Uversa or Paradise except that he came alone. He concluded his statement of departure with these words: "I leave you but for a short season. Many of you, I know, would go with me, but whither I go you cannot come. That which I am about to do, you cannot do. I go to

do the will of the Paradise Deities, and when I have finished my mission and have acquired this experience, I will return to my place among you." And having thus spoken, Michael of Nebadon vanished from the sight of all those assembled and did not reappear for 20 years of standard time. In all Salvington, only the Divine Minister and Immanuel knew what was taking place, and the Union of Days shared his secret only with the chief executive of the universe, Gabriel, the Bright and Morning Star.

3 All the inhabitants of Salvington and those dwelling on the constella-

tion and system headquarters worlds assembled about their respective receiving stations for universe intelligence, hoping to get some word of the mission and whereabouts of the Creator Son. Not until the third day after Michael's departure was any message of possible significance received. On this day a communication was registered on Salvington from the Melchizedek sphere, the headquarters of that order in Nebadon, which simply recorded this extraordinary and never-before-heard-of transaction: "At noon today there appeared on the receiving field of this world

a strange Melchizedek Son, not of our number but wholly like our order. He was accompanied by a solitary omniaphim who bore credentials from Uversa and presented orders addressed to our chief, derived from the Ancients of Days and concurred in by Immanuel of Salvington, directing that this new Melchizedek Son be received into our order and assigned to the emergency service of the Melchizedeks of Nebadon. And it has been so ordered; it has been done."

4 And this is about all that appears on the records of Salvington regarding the first Michael bestowal. Noth-

ing more appears until after 100 years of Urantia time, when there was recorded the fact of Michael's return and unannounced resumption of the direction of universe affairs. But a strange record is to be found on the Melchizedek world, a recital of the service of this unique Melchizedek Son of the emergency corps of that age. This record is preserved in a simple temple which now occupies the foreground of the home of the Father Melchizedek, and it comprises the narration of the service of this transitory Melchizedek Son in connection with his assignment to 24 missions of universe emer-

gency. And this record, which I have so recently reviewed, ends thus:

5 "And at noon on this day, without previous announcement and witnessed by only three of our brotherhood, this visiting Son of our order disappeared from our world as he came, accompanied only by a solitary omniaphim; and this record is now closed with the certification that this visitor lived as a Melchizedek, in the likeness of a Melchizedek he worked as a Melchizedek, and he faithfully performed all of his assignments as an emergency Son of our order. By universal consent he has become chief of

Melchizedeks, having earned our love and adoration by his matchless wisdom, supreme love, and superb devotion to duty. He loved us, understood us, and served with us, and forever we are his loyal and devoted fellow Melchizedeks, for this stranger on our world has now eternally become a universe minister of Melchizedek nature."

6 And that is all I am permitted to tell you of the first bestowal of Michael. We, of course, fully understand that this strange Melchizedek who so mysteriously served with the Melchizedeks a billion years ago was none other than the incarnated Michael on

the mission of his first bestowal. The records do not specifically state that this unique and efficient Melchizedek was Michael, but it is universally believed that he was. Probably the actual statement of that fact cannot be found outside of the records of Sonarington, and the records of that secret world are not open to us. Only on this sacred world of the divine Sons are the mysteries of incarnation and bestowal fully known. We all know of the facts of the Michael bestowals, but we do not understand how they are effected. We do not know how the ruler of a universe, the creator of the Mel-

chizedeks, can so suddenly and mysteriously become one of their number and, as one of them, live among them and work as a Melchizedek Son for 100 years. But it so happened.

2. THE SECOND BESTOWAL

1 For almost 150,000,000 years after the Melchizedek bestowal of Michael, all went well in the universe of Nebadon, when trouble began to brew in system 11 of constellation 37. This trouble involved a misunderstanding by a Lanonandek Son, a System Sovereign, which had been adjudicated by the Constellation Fathers and ap-

proved by the Faithful of Days, the Paradise counsellor to that constellation, but the protesting System Sovereign was not fully reconciled to the verdict. After more than 100 years of dissatisfaction he led his associates in one of the most widespread and disastrous rebellions against the sovereignty of the Creator Son ever instigated in the universe of Nebadon, a rebellion long since adjudicated and ended by the action of the Ancients of Days on Uversa.

2 This rebel System Sovereign, Lutentia[1], reigned supreme on his head-

[1] Is there a connection with *Lutetia*, i.e. the ancient

quarters planet for more than 20 years of standard Nebadon time; whereupon, the Most Highs, with approval from Uversa, ordered his segregation and requisitioned the Salvington rulers for the designation of a new System Sovereign to assume direction of that strife-torn and confused system of inhabited worlds.

3 §§ Simultaneously with the reception of this request on Salvington, Michael initiated the second of those ex-

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name of Paris? The origin of this name is unknown (Strabo, Plato and Julius Cæsar) and so it may well have originated from the name of this rebel, possibly known to other superhuman rebels stationed on Urantia.

traordinary proclamations of intention to be absent from the universe headquarters for the purpose of "doing the bidding of my Paradise Father," promising to "return in due season" and concentrating all authority in the hands of his Paradise brother, Immanuel, the Union of Days.

4 And then, by the same technique observed at the time of his departure in connection with the Melchizedek bestowal, Michael again took leave of his headquarters sphere. Three days after this unexplained leave-taking there appeared among the reserve corps of the primary Lanonandek Sons of Ne-

badon, a new and unknown member. This new Son appeared at noon, unannounced and accompanied by a lone tertiaphim who bore credentials from the Uversa Ancients of Days, certified by Immanuel of Salvington, directing that this new Son be assigned to system 11 of constellation 37 as the successor of the deposed Lutentia and with full authority as acting System Sovereign pending the appointment of a new sovereign.

5 For more than 17 years of universe time this strange and unknown temporary ruler administered the affairs and wisely adjudicated the difficul-

ties of this confused and demoralized local system. No System Sovereign was ever more ardently loved or more widespreadly honoured and respected. In justice and mercy this new ruler set the turbulent system in order while he painstakingly ministered to all his subjects, even offering his rebellious predecessor the privilege of sharing the system throne of authority if he would only apologize to Immanuel for his indiscretions. But Lutentia spurned these overtures of mercy, well knowing that this new and strange System Sovereign was none other than Michael, the very universe ruler whom he

had so recently defied. But millions of his misguided and deluded followers accepted the forgiveness of this new ruler, known in that age as the Saviour Sovereign of the system of Palonia.

6 §§ And then came that eventful day on which there arrived the newly appointed System Sovereign, designated by the universe authorities as the permanent successor of the deposed Lutentia, and all Palonia mourned the departure of the most noble and the most benign system ruler that Nebadon had ever known. He was beloved by all the system and adored by his fellows of all groups of the Lanonandek

Sons. His departure was not unceremonious; a great celebration was arranged when he left the system headquarters. Even his erring predecessor sent this message: "Just and righteous are you in all your ways. While I continue in rejection of the Paradise rule, I am compelled to confess that you are a just and merciful administrator."

7 And then did this transient ruler of a rebellious system take leave of the planet of his short administrative sojourn, while on the third day thereafter Michael appeared on Salvington and resumed the direction of the universe of Nebadon. There soon fol-

lowed the third Uversa proclamation of the advancing jurisdiction of the sovereignty and authority of Michael. The first proclamation was made at the time of his arrival in Nebadon, the second was issued soon after the completion of the Melchizedek bestowal, and now the third follows upon the termination of the second or Lanonandek mission.

3. THE THIRD BESTOWAL

1 The supreme council on Salvington had just finished the consideration of the call of the Life Carriers on planet 217 in system 87 in constellation

61 for the dispatch to their assistance of a Material Son. Now this planet was situated in a system of inhabited worlds where another System Sovereign had gone astray, the second such rebellion in all Nebadon up to that time.

2 Upon the request of Michael, action on the petition of the Life Carriers of this planet was deferred pending its consideration by Immanuel and his report thereon. This was an irregular procedure, and I well remember how we all anticipated something unusual, and we were not long held in suspense. Michael proceeded to place

universe direction in the hands of Immanuel, while he entrusted command of the celestial forces to Gabriel, and having thus disposed of his administrative responsibilities, he took leave of the Universe Mother Spirit and vanished from the dispatching field of Salvington precisely as he had done on two previous occasions.

3 And, as might have been expected, on the third day thereafter there appeared, unannounced, on the headquarters world of system 87 in constellation 61, a strange Material Son, accompanied by a lone seconaphim, accredited by the Uversa Ancients of

Days, and certified by Immanuel of Salvington. Immediately the acting System Sovereign appointed this new and mysterious Material Son acting Planetary Prince of world 217, and this designation was at once confirmed by the Most Highs of constellation 61.

4 Thus did this unique Material Son begin his difficult career on a quarantined world of secession and rebellion, located in a beleaguered system without any direct communication with the outside universe, working alone for one whole generation of planetary time. This emergency Material Son effected the repentance and

reclamation of the defaulting Planetary Prince and his entire staff and witnessed the restoration of the planet to the loyal service of the Paradise rule as established in the local universes. In due time a Material Son and Daughter arrived on this rejuvenated and redeemed world, and when they had been duly installed as visible planetary rulers, the transitory or emergency Planetary Prince took formal leave, disappearing at noon one day. On the third day thereafter, Michael appeared in his accustomed place on Salvington, and very soon the superuniverse broadcasts carried the fourth

proclamation of the Ancients of Days announcing the further advancement of the sovereignty of Michael in Nebadon.

5 I regret that I do not have permission to narrate the patience, fortitude, and skill with which this Material Son met the trying situations on this confused planet. The reclamation of this isolated world is one of the most beautifully touching chapters in the annals of salvation throughout Nebadon. By the end of this mission it had become evident to all Nebadon as to why their beloved ruler chose to engage in these repeated bestowals in the likeness of

some subordinate order of intelligent being.

6 §§ The bestowals of Michael as a Melchizedek Son, then as a Lanonandek Son, and next as a Material Son are all equally mysterious and beyond explanation. In each instance he appeared *suddenly* and as a fully developed individual of the bestowal group. The mystery of such incarnations will never be known except to those who have access to the inner circle of the records on the sacred sphere of Sonarington.

7 §§ Never, since this marvellous bestowal as the Planetary Prince of a

world in isolation and rebellion, have any of the Material Sons or Daughters in Nebadon been tempted to complain of their assignments or to find fault with the difficulties of their planetary missions. For all time the Material Sons know that in the Creator Son of the universe they have an understanding sovereign and a sympathetic friend, one who has in "all points been tried and tested," even as they must also be tried and tested.

8 Each of these missions was followed by an age of increasing service and loyalty among all celestial intelligences of universe origin, while each

succeeding bestowal age was characterized by advancement and improvement in all methods of universe administration and in all techniques of government. Since this bestowal no Material Son or Daughter has ever knowingly joined in rebellion against Michael; they love and honour him too devotedly ever consciously to reject him. Only through deception and sophistry have the Adams of recent times been led astray by higher types of rebel personalities.

4. THE FOURTH BESTOWAL

1 It was at the end of one of the pe-

riodic millennial roll calls of Uversa that Michael proceeded to place the government of Nebadon in the hands of Immanuel and Gabriel; and, of course, recalling what had happened in times past following such action, we all prepared to witness Michael's disappearance on his fourth mission of bestowal, and we were not long kept waiting, for he shortly went out upon the Salvington dispatching field and was lost to our view.

2 On the third day after this bestowal disappearance we observed, in the universe broadcasts to Uversa, this significant news item from the se-

raphic headquarters of Nebadon: "Reporting the unannounced arrival of an unknown seraphim, accompanied by a solitary supernaphim and Gabriel of Salvington. This unregistered seraphim qualifies as of the Nebadon order and bears credentials from the Uversa Ancients of Days, certified by Immanuel of Salvington. This seraphim tests out as belonging to the supreme order of the angels of a local universe and has already been assigned to the corps of the teaching counsellors."

3 Michael was absent from Salvington during this, the seraphic bestowal,

for a period of over 40 standard universe years. During this time he was attached as a seraphic teaching counsellor, what you might denominate a private secretary, to 26 different master teachers, functioning on 22 different worlds. His last or terminal assignment was as counsellor and helper attached to a bestowal mission of a Trinity Teacher Son on world 462 in system 84 of constellation 3 in the universe of Nebadon.

4 Never, throughout the seven years of this assignment, was this Trinity Teacher Son wholly persuaded as to the identity of his seraphic associate.

True, all seraphim during that age were regarded with peculiar interest and scrutiny. Full well we all knew that our beloved Sovereign was abroad in the universe, disguised as a seraphim, but never could we be certain of his identity. Never was he positively identified until the time of his attachment to the bestowal mission of this Trinity Teacher Son. But always throughout this era were the supreme seraphim regarded with special solicitude, lest any of us should find that we had unawares been host to the Sovereign of the universe on a mission of creature bestowal. And so it has become

forever true, concerning angels, that their Creator and Ruler has been "in all points tried and tested in the likeness of seraphic personality."

5 As these successive bestowals partook increasingly of the nature of the lower forms of universe life, Gabriel became more and more an associate of these incarnation adventures, functioning as the universe liaison between the bestowed Michael and the acting universe ruler, Immanuel.

6 §§ Now has Michael passed through the bestowal experience of three orders of his created universe Sons: the Melchizedeks, the Lanonandeks, and

the Material Sons. Next he condescends to personalize in the likeness of angelic life as a supreme seraphim before turning his attention to the various phases of the ascending careers of his lowest form of will creatures, the evolutionary mortals of time and space.

5. THE FIFTH BESTOWAL

1 A little over 300,000,000 years ago, as time is reckoned on Urantia, we witnessed another of those transfers of universe authority to Immanuel and observed the preparations of Michael for departure. This occasion

was different from the previous ones in that he announced that his destination was Uversa, headquarters of the superuniverse of Orvonton. In due time our Sovereign departed, but the broadcasts of the superuniverse never made mention of Michael's arrival at the courts of the Ancients of Days. Shortly after his departure from Salvington there did appear in the Uversa broadcasts this significant statement: "There arrived today an unannounced and unnumbered ascendant pilgrim of mortal origin from the universe of Nebadon, certified by Immanuel of Salvington and accompanied by Gabriel

of Nebadon. This unidentified being presents the status of a true spirit and has been received into our fellowship."

2 If you should visit Uversa today, you would hear the recounting of the days when Eventod sojourned there, this particular and unknown pilgrim of time and space being known on Uversa by that name. And this ascending mortal, at least a superb personality in the exact likeness of the spirit stage of the ascending mortals, lived and functioned on Uversa for a period of 11 years of Orvonton standard time. This being received the assignments and performed the duties of a

spirit mortal in common with his fellows from the various local universes of Orvonton. In "all points he was tested and tried, even as his fellows," and on all occasions he proved worthy of the confidence and trust of his superiors, while he unfailingly commanded the respect and loyal admiration of his fellow spirits.

3 On Salvington we followed the career of this spirit pilgrim with consummate interest, knowing full well, by the presence of Gabriel, that this unassuming and unnumbered pilgrim spirit was none other than the bestowed ruler of our local universe. This

first appearance of Michael incarnated in the role of one stage of mortal evolution was an event which thrilled and enthralled all Nebadon. We had heard of such things but now we beheld them. He appeared on Uversa as a fully developed and perfectly trained spirit mortal and, as such, continued his career up to the occasion of the advancement of a group of ascending mortals to Havona; whereupon he held converse with the Ancients of Days and immediately, in the company of Gabriel, took sudden and unceremonious leave of Uversa, appearing shortly thereafter in his accus-

tomed place on Salvington.

4 §§ Not until the completion of this bestowal did it finally dawn upon us that Michael was probably going to incarnate in the likeness of his various orders of universe personalities, from the highest Melchizedeks right on down to the mortals of flesh and blood on the evolutionary worlds of time and space. About this time the Melchizedek colleges began to teach the probability of Michael's sometime incarnating as a mortal of the flesh, and there occurred much speculation as to the possible technique of such an inexplicable bestowal. That Michael

had in person performed in the role of an ascending mortal lent new and added interest to the whole scheme of creature progression all the way up through both the local universe and the superuniverse.

5 Still, the technique of these successive bestowals remained a mystery. Even Gabriel confesses that he does not comprehend the method whereby this Paradise Son and universe Creator could, at will, assume the personality and live the life of one of his own sub-

ordinate creatures.

6. THE SIXTH BESTOWAL

1 Now that all Salvington was familiar with the preliminaries of an impending bestowal, Michael called the sojourners on the headquarters planet together and, for the first time, unfolded the remainder of the incarnation plan, announcing that he was soon to leave Salvington for the purpose of assuming the career of a morontia mortal at the courts of the Most High Fathers on the headquarters planet of the fifth constellation. And then we heard for the first time the

announcement that his seventh and final bestowal would be made on some evolutionary world in the likeness of mortal flesh.

2 Before leaving Salvington for the sixth bestowal, Michael addressed the assembled inhabitants of the sphere and departed in full view of everyone, accompanied by a lone seraphim and the Bright and Morning Star of Nebadon. While the direction of the universe had again been entrusted to Immanuel, there was a wider distribution of administrative responsibilities.

3 Michael appeared on the headquarters of constellation five as a full-

fledged morontia mortal of ascending status. I regret that I am forbidden to reveal the details of this unnumbered morontia mortal's career, for it was one of the most extraordinary and amazing epochs in Michael's bestowal experience, not even excepting his dramatic and tragic sojourn on Urantia. But among the many restrictions imposed upon me in accepting this commission is one which forbids my undertaking to unfold the details of this wonderful career of Michael as the morontia mortal of Endantum.

4 When Michael returned from this morontia bestowal, it was apparent

to all of us that our Creator had become a fellow creature, that the Universe Sovereign was also the friend and sympathetic helper of even the lowest form of created intelligence in his realms. We had noted this progressive acquirement of the creature's viewpoint in universe administration before this, for it had been gradually appearing, but it became more apparent after the completion of the morontia mortal bestowal, even still more so after his return from the career of the carpenter's son on Urantia.

5 We were informed in advance by Gabriel of the time of Michael's re-

lease from the morontia bestowal, and accordingly we arranged a suitable reception on Salvington. Millions upon millions of beings were assembled from the constellation headquarters worlds of Nebadon, and a majority of the sojourners on the worlds adjacent to Salvington were gathered together to welcome him back to the rulership of his universe. In response to our many addresses of welcome and expressions of appreciation of a Sovereign so vitally interested in his creatures, he only replied: "I have simply been about my Father's business. I am only doing the pleasure of the Para-

dise Sons who love and crave to understand their creatures."

6 But from that day down to the hour when Michael embarked upon his Urantia adventure as the Son of Man, all Nebadon continued to discuss the many exploits of their Sovereign Ruler as he functioned on Endantum as the bestowal incarnation of a morontia mortal of evolutionary ascension, being in all points tested like his fellows assembled from the material worlds of the entire constellation

of his sojourn.

7. THE SEVENTH AND FINAL BESTOWAL

1 For tens of thousands of years we all looked forward to the seventh and final bestowal of Michael. Gabriel had taught us that this terminal bestowal would be made in the likeness of mortal flesh, but we were wholly ignorant of the time, place, and manner of this culminating adventure.

2 The public announcement that Michael had selected Urantia as the theatre for his final bestowal was made shortly after we learned about the default of Adam and Eve. And thus, for

more than 35,000 years, your world occupied a very conspicuous place in the councils of the entire universe. There was no secrecy (aside from the incarnation mystery) connected with any step in the Urantia bestowal. From first to last, up to the final and triumphant return of Michael to Salvington as supreme Universe Sovereign, there was the fullest universe publicity of all that transpired on your small but highly honoured world.

3 §§ While we believed that this would be the method, we never knew, until the time of the event itself, that Michael would appear on earth as a

helpless infant of the realm. Theretofore had he always appeared as a fully developed individual of the personality group of the bestowal selection, and it was a thrilling announcement which was broadcast from Salvington telling that the babe of Bethlehem had been born on Urantia.

4 We then not only realized that our Creator and friend was taking the most precarious step in all his career, apparently risking his position and authority on this bestowal as a helpless infant, but we also understood that his experience in this final and mortal bestowal would eternally enthrone him

as the undisputed and supreme sovereign of the universe of Nebadon. For a third of a century of earth time all eyes in all parts of this local universe were focused on Urantia. All intelligences realized that the last bestowal was in progress, and as we had long known of the Lucifer rebellion in Satania and of the Caligastia disaffection on Urantia, we well understood the intensity of the struggle which would ensue when our ruler condescended to incarnate on Urantia in the humble form and likeness of mortal flesh.

5 Joshua ben Joseph, the Jewish baby, was conceived and was born into

the world just as all other babies before and since *except* that this particular baby was the incarnation of Michael of Nebadon, a divine Son of Paradise and the creator of all this local universe of things and beings. And this mystery of the incarnation of Deity within the human form of Jesus, otherwise of natural origin on the world, will forever remain unsolved. Even in eternity you will never know the technique and method of the incarnation of the Creator in the form and likeness of his creatures. That is the secret of Sonarington, and such mysteries are the exclusive possession of those divine Sons

who have passed through the bestowal experience.

6 Certain wise men of earth knew of Michael's impending arrival. Through the contacts of one world with another, these wise men of spiritual insight learned of the forthcoming bestowal of Michael on Urantia. And the seraphim did, through the midway creatures, make announcement to a group of Chaldean priests whose leader was Ardnon. These men of God visited the newborn child in the manger. The only supernatural event associated with the birth of Jesus was this announcement to Ardnon and his

associates by the seraphim of former attachment to Adam and Eve in the first garden.[1]

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[1] Informational: first printing; These men of God visited the newborn child in the manger. — "in the manger" removed at the second printing. Presumably, this change was made because the original seems to be inconsistent with the narrative of Jesus' birth in 122:8, which states that three wise men from the east visited Jesus when he was almost three weeks old — about the time the family left the inn and over two weeks after they had moved out of the stable. However, it is certainly possible that Joseph and Mary might have taken the manger with them up to the room in the inn in order to continue to have a cradle for Jesus. The need for a cradle would have been no less in the room than in the stable, and if the manger was portable, as small feed-boxes often are, moving it along with the fam-

7 Jesus' human parents were average people of their day and generation, and this incarnated Son of God was thus born of woman and was reared in the ordinary manner of the children of that race and age.

8 §§ The story of Michael's sojourn on Urantia, the narrative of the mortal bestowal of the Creator Son on your world, is a matter beyond the scope and purpose of this narrative.

8. MICHAEL'S POSTBESTOWAL STATUS

1 After Michael's final and success-

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ily seems quite reasonable.

ful bestowal on Urantia he was not only accepted by the Ancients of Days as sovereign ruler of Nebadon, but he was also recognized by the Universal Father as the established director of the local universe of his own creation. Upon his return to Salvington this Michael, the Son of Man and the Son of God, was proclaimed the settled ruler of Nebadon. From Uversa came the eighth proclamation of Michael's sovereignty, while from Paradise came the joint pronouncement of the Universal Father and the Eternal Son constituting this union of God and man sole head of the

universe and directing the Union of Days stationed on Salvington to signify his intention of withdrawing to Paradise. The Faithfuls of Days on the constellation headquarters were also instructed to retire from the councils of the Most Highs. But Michael would not consent to the withdrawal of the Trinity Sons of counsel and cooperation. He assembled them on Salvington and personally requested them forever to remain on duty in Nebadon. They signified their desire to comply with this request to their directors on Paradise, and shortly thereafter there were issued those mandates

of Paradise divorcement which forever attached these Sons of the central universe to the court of Michael of Nebadon.

2 §§ It required almost one billion years of Urantia time to complete the bestowal career of Michael and to effect the final establishment of his supreme authority in the universe of his own creation. Michael was born a creator, educated an administrator, trained an executive, but he was required to earn his sovereignty by experience. And thus has your little world become known throughout all Nebadon as the arena wherein Michael

completed the experience which is required of every Paradise Creator Son before he is given unlimited control and direction of the universe of his own making. As you ascend the local universe, you will learn more about the ideals of the personalities concerned in Michael's previous bestowals.

3 §§ In completing his creature bestowals, Michael was not only establishing his own sovereignty but also was augmenting the evolving sovereignty of God the Supreme. In the course of these bestowals the Creator Son not only engaged in a descending exploration of the various natures

of creature personality, but he also achieved the revelation of the variously diversified wills of the Paradise Deities, whose synthetic unity, as revealed by the Supreme Creators, is revelatory of the will of the Supreme Being.

4 These various will aspects of the Deities are eternally personalized in the differing natures of the Seven Master Spirits, and each of Michael's bestowals was peculiarly revelatory of one of these divinity manifestations. On his Melchizedek bestowal he manifested the united will of the Father, Son, and Spirit, on his Lanonandek

bestowal the will of the Father and the Son; on the Adamic bestowal he revealed the will of the Father and the Spirit, on the seraphic bestowal the will of the Son and the Spirit; on the Uversa mortal bestowal he portrayed the will of the Conjoint Actor, on the morontia mortal bestowal the will of the Eternal Son; and on the Urantia material bestowal he lived the will of the Universal Father, even as a mortal of flesh and blood.

5 The completion of these seven bestowals resulted in the liberation of Michael's supreme sovereignty and also in the creation of the possibil-

ity for the sovereignty of the Supreme in Nebadon. On none of Michael's bestowals did he reveal God the Supreme, but the sum total of all seven bestowals is a new Nebadon revelation of the Supreme Being.

6 In the experience of descending from God to man, Michael was concomitantly experiencing the ascent from partiality of manifestability to supremacy of finite action and finality of the liberation of his potential for absonite function. Michael, a Creator Son, is a time-space creator, but Michael, a sevenfold Master Son, is a member of one of the divine corps

constituting the Trinity Ultimate.

7 In passing through the experience of revealing the Seven Master Spirit wills of the Trinity, the Creator Son has passed through the experience of revealing the will of the Supreme. In functioning as a revelator of the will of Supremacy, Michael, together with all other Master Sons, has identified himself eternally with the Supreme. In this universe age he reveals the Supreme and participates in the actualization of the sovereignty of Supremacy. But in the next universe age we believe he will be collaborating with the Supreme Being in the first experiential Trinity for

and in the universes of outer space.

8 §§ Urantia is the sentimental shrine of all Nebadon, the chief of 10,000,000 inhabited worlds, the mortal home of Christ Michael, sovereign of all Nebadon, a Melchizedek minister to the realms, a system saviour, an Adamic redeemer, a seraphic fellow, an associate of ascending spirits, a morontia progressor, a Son of Man in the likeness of mortal flesh, and the Planetary Prince of Urantia. And your record tells the truth when it says that this same Jesus has promised sometime to return to the world of his terminal be-

stowal, the World of the Cross.

9 [This paper, depicting the seven bestowals of Christ Michael, is the 63rd of a series of presentations, sponsored by numerous personalities, narrating the history of Urantia down to the time of Michael's appearance on earth in the likeness of mortal flesh. These papers were authorized by a Nebadon commission of twelve acting under the direction of Mantutia Melchizedek. We indited these narratives and put them in the English language, by a technique authorized by our superiors, in the year A.D. 1935 of Urantia

time.]

PART IV

THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

This group of papers was sponsored by a commission of twelve Urantia midwayers acting under the supervision of a Melchizedek revelatory director.

The basis of this narrative was supplied by a secondary midwayer who was onetime assigned to the superhuman watchcare of the Apostle Andrew.

PAPER 120

THE BESTOWAL OF MICHAEL ON URANTIA

Mantutia Melchizedek

Assigned by Gabriel to supervise the restatement of the life of Michael when on Urantia and in the likeness of mortal flesh, I, the Melchizedek director of the revelatory commission[1] entrusted with this task,

[1] The name "Mantutia Melchizedek" is printed above on the assumption that this is the same director of the revelatory commission that was also mentioned in 56:10.23 and 119:8.9. This assumption

am authorized to present this narrative of certain events which immediately preceded the Creator Son's arrival on Urantia to embark upon the terminal phase of his universe bestowal experience. To live such identical lives as he imposes upon the intelligent beings of his own creation, thus to bestow himself in the likeness of his various orders of created beings, is a part of the price which every Creator Son must pay for the full and supreme sovereignty of his self-made universe of things and be-

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was first made by Bill Sadler Jr. when he prepared "The Titles of the Papers" of the original Urantia Book published in 1955.

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2 Before the events I am about to delineate, Michael of Nebadon had bestowed himself six times after the similitude of six differing orders of his diverse creation of intelligent beings. Then he prepared to descend upon Urantia in the likeness of mortal flesh, the lowest order of his intelligent will creatures, and, as such a human of the material realm, to execute the final act in the drama of the acquirement of universe sovereignty in accordance with the mandates of the divine Paradise Rulers of the universe of universes.

3 In the course of each of these pre-

ceding bestowals Michael not only acquired the finite experience of one group of his created beings, but he also acquired an essential experience in Paradise co-operation which would, in and of itself, further contribute to constituting him the sovereign of his self-made universe. At any moment throughout all past local universe time, Michael could have asserted personal sovereignty as a Creator Son and as a Creator Son could have ruled his universe after the manner of his own choosing. In such an event, Immanuel and the associated Paradise Sons would have taken leave

of the universe. But Michael did not wish to rule Nebadon merely in his own isolated right, as a Creator Son. He desired to ascend through actual experience in co-operative subordination to the Paradise Trinity to that high place in universe status where he would become qualified to rule his universe and administer its affairs with that perfection of insight and wisdom of execution which will sometime be characteristic of the exalted rule of the Supreme Being. He aspired not to perfection of rule as a Creator Son but to supremacy of administration as the embodiment of the universe wisdom

and the divine experience of the Supreme Being.

4 Michael, therefore, had a double purpose in the making of these seven bestowals upon the various orders of his universe creatures: First, he was completing the required experience in creature understanding which is demanded of all Creator Sons before they assume complete sovereignty. At any time a Creator Son may rule his universe in his own right, but he can rule as the supreme representative of the Paradise Trinity only after passing through the seven universe-creature bestowals. Second, he was as-

piring to the privilege of representing the maximum authority of the Paradise Trinity which can be exercised in the direct and personal administration of a local universe. Accordingly, did Michael, during the experience of each of his universe bestowals, successfully and acceptably voluntarily subordinate himself to the variously constituted wills of the diverse associations of the persons of the Paradise Trinity. That is, on the first bestowal he was subject to the combined will of the Father, Son, and Spirit; on the second bestowal to the will of the Father and the Son; on the third bestowal to the

will of the Father and the Spirit; on the fourth bestowal to the will of the Son and the Spirit; on the fifth bestowal to the will of the Infinite Spirit; on the sixth bestowal to the will of the Eternal Son; and during the seventh and final bestowal, on Urantia, to the will of the Universal Father.

5 Michael, therefore, combines in his personal sovereignty the divine will of the sevenfold phases of the universal Creators with the understanding experience of his local universe creatures. Thus has his administration become representative of the greatest possible power and authority al-

though divested of all arbitrary assumptions. His power is unlimited since it is derived from experienced association with the Paradise Deities; his authority is unquestioned inasmuch as it was acquired through actual experience in the likeness of universe creatures; his sovereignty is supreme since it embodies at one and the same time the sevenfold viewpoint of Paradise Deity with the creature viewpoint of time and space.

6 §§ Having determined the time of his final bestowal and having selected the planet whereon this extraordinary event would take place, Michael held

the usual prebestowal conference with Gabriel and then presented himself before his elder brother and Paradise counsellor, Immanuel. All powers of universe administration which had not previously been conferred upon Gabriel, Michael now assigned to the custody of Immanuel. And just before Michael's departure for the Urantia incarnation, Immanuel, in accepting the custody of the universe during the time of the Urantia bestowal, proceeded to impart the bestowal counsel which would serve as the incarnation guide for Michael when he would presently grow up on Urantia as a mor-

tal of the realm.

7 §§ In this connection it should be borne in mind that Michael had elected to execute this bestowal in the likeness of mortal flesh, subject to the will of the Paradise Father. The Creator Son required instructions from no one in order to effect this incarnation for the sole purpose of achieving universe sovereignty, but he had embarked upon a program of the revelation of the Supreme which involved co-operative functioning with the diverse wills of the Paradise Deities. Thus his sovereignty, when finally and personally acquired, would actually be

all-inclusive of the sevenfold will of Deity as it culminates in the Supreme. He had, therefore, six times previously been instructed by the personal representatives of the various Paradise Deities and associations thereof; and now he was instructed by the Union of Days, ambassador of the Paradise Trinity to the local universe of Nebadon, acting on behalf of the Universal Father.

8 §§ There were immediate advantages and tremendous compensations resultant from the willingness of this mighty Creator Son once more voluntarily to subordinate himself to the

will of the Paradise Deities, this time to that of the Universal Father. By this decision to effect such associative subordination, Michael would experience in this incarnation, not only the nature of mortal man, but also the will of the Paradise Father of all. And further, he could enter upon this unique bestowal with the complete assurance, not only that Immanuel would exercise the full authority of the Paradise Father in the administration of his universe during his absence on the Urantia bestowal, but also with the comforting knowledge that the Ancients of Days of the superuniverse had decreed the safety

of his realm throughout the entire bestowal period.

9 §§ And this was the setting of the momentous occasion when Immanuel presented the seventh bestowal commission. And from this prebestowal charge of Immanuel to the universe ruler who subsequently became Jesus of Nazareth (Christ Michael) on Urantia, I am permitted to present the following excerpts:

1. THE SEVENTH BESTOWAL COMMISSION

1 "My Creator brother, I am about to witness your seventh and final universe bestowal. Most faithfully and

perfectly have you executed the six previous commissions, and I entertain no thought but that you will be equally triumphant on this, your terminal sovereignty bestowal. Heretofore you have appeared on your bestowal spheres as a fully developed being of the order of your choosing. Now you are about to appear upon Urantia, the disordered and disturbed planet of your choice, not as a fully developed mortal, but as a helpless babe. This, my comrade, will be a new and untried experience for you. You are about to pay the full price of bestowal and to experience the complete en-

lightenment of the incarnation of a Creator in the likeness of a creature.

2 "Throughout each of your former bestowals you have voluntarily chosen to subject yourself to the will of the three Paradise Deities and their divine interassociations. Of the seven phases of the will of the Supreme you have in your previous bestowals been subject to all but the personal will of your Paradise Father. Now that you have elected to be wholly subject to your Father's will throughout your seventh bestowal, I, as the personal representative of our Father, assume the unqualified jurisdiction of your universe for

the time of your incarnation.

3 "In entering upon the Urantia bestowal, you have voluntarily divested yourself of all extraplanetary support and special assistance such as might be rendered by any creature of your own creation. As your created sons of Nebadon are wholly dependent upon you for safe conduct throughout their universe careers, so now must you become wholly and unreservedly dependent upon your Paradise Father for safe conduct throughout the unrevealed vicissitudes of your ensuing mortal career. And when you shall have finished this bestowal experience,

you will know in very truth the full meaning and the rich significance of that faith-trust which you so unvaryingly require all your creatures to master as a part of their intimate relationship with you as their local universe Creator and Father.

4 "Throughout your Urantia bestowal you need be concerned with but one thing, the unbroken communion between you and your Paradise Father; and it will be by the perfection of such a relationship that the world of your bestowal, even all the universe of your creation, will behold a new and more understandable reve-

lation of your Father and my Father, the Universal Father of all. Your concern, therefore, has only to do with your personal life on Urantia. I will be fully and efficiently responsible for the security and unbroken administration of your universe from the moment of your voluntary relinquishment of authority until you return to us as Universe Sovereign, confirmed by Paradise, and receive back from my hands, not the vicegerent authority which you now surrender to me, but, instead, the supreme power over, and jurisdiction of, your universe.

5 "And that you may know with as-

surance that I am empowered to do all that I am now promising (knowing full well that I am the assurance of all Paradise for the faithful performance of my word), I announce to you that there has just been communicated to me a mandate of the Ancients of Days on Uversa which will prevent all spiritual jeopardy in Nebadon throughout the period of your voluntary bestowal. From the moment you surrender consciousness, upon the beginning of the mortal incarnation, until you return to us as supreme and unconditional sovereign of this universe of your own creation and organization, nothing of se-

rious import can happen in all Nebadon. In this interim of your incarnation, I hold the orders of the Ancients of Days which unqualifiedly mandate the instantaneous and automatic extinction of any being guilty of rebellion or presuming to instigate insurrection in the universe of Nebadon while you are absent on this bestowal. My brother, in view of the authority of Paradise inherent in my presence and augmented by the judicial mandate of Uversa, your universe and all its loyal creatures will be secure during your bestowal. You may proceed upon your mission with but a single thought

— the enhanced revelation of our Father to the intelligent beings of your universe.

6 "As in each of your previous bestowals, I would remind you that I am recipient of your universe jurisdiction as brother-trustee. I exercise all authority and wield all power in your name. I function as would our Paradise Father and in accordance with your explicit request that I thus act in your stead. And such being the fact, all this delegated authority is yours again to exercise at any moment you may see fit to requisition its return. Your bestowal is, throughout, wholly

voluntary. As a mortal incarnate in the realm you are without celestial endowments, but all your relinquished power may be had at any time you may choose to reinvest yourself with universe authority. If you should choose to reinstate yourself in power and authority, remember, it will be wholly for *personal* reasons since I am the living and supreme pledge whose presence and promise guarantee the safe administration of your universe in accordance with your Father's will. Rebellion, such as has three times occurred in Nebadon, cannot occur during your absence from Salvington on

this bestowal. For the period of the Urantia bestowal the Ancients of Days have decreed that rebellion in Nebadon shall be invested with the automatic seed of its own annihilation.

7 "As long as you are absent on this final and extraordinary bestowal, I pledge (with Gabriel's co-operation) the faithful administration of your universe; and as I commission you to undertake this ministry of divine revelation and to undergo this experience of perfected human understanding, I act in behalf of my Father and your Father and offer you the following counsel, which should guide you in the liv-

ing of your earth life as you become progressively self-conscious regarding the divine mission of your continued sojourn in the flesh:

2. THE BESTOWAL LIMITATIONS

1 "1. In accordance with the usages and in conformity with the technique of Sonarington — in compliance with the mandates of the Eternal Son of Paradise — I have provided in every way for your immediate entrance upon this mortal bestowal in harmony with the plans formulated by you and placed in my keeping by Gabriel. You will grow up on Urantia as a child of

the realm, complete your human education — all the while subject to the will of your Paradise Father — live your life on Urantia as you have determined, terminate your planetary sojourn, and prepare for ascension to your Father to receive from him the supreme sovereignty of your universe.

2 "2. Apart from your earth mission and your universe revelation, but incidental to both, I counsel that you assume, after you are sufficiently self-conscious of your divine identity, the additional task of technically terminating the Lucifer rebellion in the system of Satania, and that you do all

this as the *Son of Man;* thus, as a mortal creature of the realm, in weakness made powerful by faith-submission to the will of your Father, I suggest that you graciously achieve all you have repeatedly declined arbitrarily to accomplish by power and might when you were so endowed at the time of the inception of this sinful and unjustified rebellion. I would regard it as a fitting climax of your mortal bestowal if you should return to us as the Son of Man, Planetary Prince of Urantia, as well as the Son of God, supreme sovereign of your universe. As a mortal man, the lowest type of intelligent

creature in Nebadon, meet and adjudicate the blasphemous pretensions of Caligastia and Lucifer and, in your assumed humble estate, forever end the shameful misrepresentations of these fallen children of light. Having steadfastly declined to discredit these rebels through the exercise of your creator prerogatives, now it would be fitting that you should, in the likeness of the lowest creatures of your creation, wrest dominion from the hands of these fallen Sons; and so would your whole local universe in all fairness clearly and forever recognize the justice of your doing in the role of mor-

tal flesh those things which mercy admonished you not to do by the power of arbitrary authority. And having thus by your bestowal established the possibility of the sovereignty of the Supreme in Nebadon, you will in effect have brought to a close the unadjudicated affairs of all preceding insurrections, notwithstanding the greater or lesser time lag involved in the realization of this achievement. By this act the pending dissensions of your universe will be in substance liquidated. And with the subsequent endowment of supreme sovereignty over your universe, similar challenges to your au-

thority can never recur in any part of your great personal creation.

3 "3. When you have succeeded in terminating the Urantia secession, as you undoubtedly will, I counsel you to accept from Gabriel the conference of the title of 'Planetary Prince of Urantia' as the eternal recognition by your universe of your final bestowal experience; and that you further do any and all things, consistent with the purport of your bestowal, to atone for the sorrow and confusion brought upon Urantia by the Caligastia betrayal and the subsequent Adamic default.

4 "4. In accordance with your re-

quest, Gabriel and all concerned will co-operate with you in the expressed desire to end your Urantia bestowal with the pronouncement of a dispensational judgment of the realm, accompanied by the termination of an age, the resurrection of the sleeping mortal survivors, and the establishment of the dispensation of the bestowed Spirit of Truth.

5 "5. As concerns the planet of your bestowal and the immediate generation of men living thereon at the time of your mortal sojourn, I counsel you to function largely in the role of a teacher. Give attention, first, to

the liberation and inspiration of man's spiritual nature. Next, illuminate the darkened human intellect, heal the souls of men, and emancipate their minds from age-old fears. And then, in accordance with your mortal wisdom, minister to the physical well-being and material comfort of your brothers in the flesh. Live the ideal religious life for the inspiration and edification of all your universe.

6 "6. On the planet of your bestowal, set rebellion-segregated man spiritually free. On Urantia, make a further contribution to the sovereignty of the Supreme, thus extend-

ing the establishment of this sovereignty throughout the broad domains of your personal creation. In this, your material bestowal in the likeness of the flesh, you are about to experience the final enlightenment of a time-space Creator, the dual experience of working within the nature of man with the will of your Paradise Father. In your temporal life the will of the finite creature and the will of the infinite Creator are to become as one, even as they are also uniting in the evolving Deity of the Supreme Being. Pour out upon the planet of your bestowal the Spirit of Truth and thus make all nor-

mal mortals on that isolated sphere immediately and fully accessible to the ministry of the segregated presence of our Paradise Father, the Thought Adjusters of the realms.

7 "7. In all that you may perform on the world of your bestowal, bear constantly in mind that you are living a life for the instruction and edification of all your universe. You are *bestowing* this life of mortal incarnation upon Urantia, but you are to *live* such a life for the spiritual inspiration of every human and superhuman intelligence that has lived, now exists, or may yet live on every inhabited world which

has formed, now forms, or may yet form a part of the vast galaxy of your administrative domain. Your earth life in the likeness of mortal flesh shall not be so lived as to constitute an *example* for the mortals of Urantia in the days of your earthly sojourn nor for any subsequent generation of human beings on Urantia or on any other world. Rather shall your life in the flesh on Urantia be the *inspiration* for all lives upon all Nebadon worlds throughout all generations in the ages to come.

8 "8. Your great mission to be realized and experienced in the mortal incarnation is embraced in your deci-

sion to live a life wholeheartedly motivated to do the will of your Paradise Father, thus to *reveal God,* your Father, in the flesh and especially to the creatures of the flesh. At the same time you will also *interpret,* with a new enhancement, our Father, to the supermortal beings of all Nebadon. Equally with this ministry of new revelation and augmented interpretation of the Paradise Father to the human and the superhuman type of mind, you will also so function as to make a new revelation of man to God. Exhibit in your one short life in the flesh, as it has never before been seen in all Nebadon,

the transcendent possibilities attainable by a God-knowing human during the short career of mortal existence, and make a new and illuminating *interpretation* of man and the vicissitudes of his planetary life to all the superhuman intelligences of all Nebadon, and for all time. You are to go down to Urantia in the likeness of mortal flesh, and living as a man in your day and generation, you will so function as to show your entire universe the ideal of perfected technique in the supreme engagement of the affairs of your vast creation: The achievement of God seeking man and finding him and the

phenomenon of man seeking God and finding him; and doing all of this to mutual satisfaction and doing it during one short lifetime in the flesh.

9 "9. I caution you ever to bear in mind that, while in fact you are to become an ordinary human of the realm, in potential you will remain a Creator Son of the Paradise Father. Throughout this incarnation, although you will live and act as a Son of Man, the creative attributes of your personal divinity will follow you from Salvington to Urantia. It will ever be within your power-of-will to terminate the incarnation at any mo-

ment subsequent to the arrival of your Thought Adjuster. Prior to the arrival and reception of the Adjuster I will vouch for your personality integrity. But subsequent to the arrival of your Adjuster and concomitant with your progressive recognition of the nature and import of your bestowal mission, you should refrain from the formulation of any superhuman will-to-attainment, achievement, or power in view of the fact that your creator prerogatives will remain associated with your mortal personality because of the inseparability of these attributes from your personal presence. But no super-

human repercussions will attend your earthly career apart from the will of the Paradise Father unless you should, by an act of conscious and deliberate will, make an undivided decision which would terminate in whole-personality choice.

3. FURTHER COUNSEL AND ADVICE

1 "And now, my brother, in taking leave of you as you prepare to depart for Urantia and after counselling you regarding the general conduct of your bestowal, allow me to present certain advices that have been arrived at in consultation with Gabriel, and which

concern minor phases of your mortal life. We further suggest:

2 "1. That, in the pursuit of the ideal of your mortal earth life, you also give some attention to the realization and exemplification of some things practical and immediately helpful to your fellow men.

3 "2. As concerns family relationships, give precedence to the accepted customs of family life as you find them established in the day and generation of your bestowal. Live your family and community life in accordance with the practices of the people among whom you have elected to appear.

4 "3. In your relations to the social order we advise that you confine your efforts largely to spiritual regeneration and intellectual emancipation. Avoid all entanglements with the economic structure and the political commitments of your day. More especially devote yourself to living the ideal religious life on Urantia.

5 "4. Under no circumstances and not even in the least detail, should you interfere with the normal and orderly progressive evolution of the Urantia races. But this prohibition must not be interpreted as limiting your efforts to leave behind you on Urantia an en-

during and improved system of *positive religious ethics.* As a dispensational Son you are granted certain privileges pertaining to the advancement of the *spiritual* and *religious* status of the world peoples.

6 "5. As you may see fit, you are to identify yourself with existing religious and spiritual movements as they may be found on Urantia but in every possible manner seek to avoid the formal establishment of an organized cult, a crystallized religion, or a segregated ethical grouping of mortal beings. Your life and teachings are to become the common heritage of all reli-

gions and all peoples.

7 "6. To the end that you may not unnecessarily contribute to the creation of subsequent stereotyped systems of Urantia religious beliefs or other types of nonprogressive religious loyalties, we advise you still further: Leave no writings behind you on the planet. Refrain from all writing upon permanent materials; enjoin your associates to make no images or other likenesses of yourself in the flesh. See that nothing potentially idolatrous is left on the planet at the time of your departure.

8 "7. While you will live the nor-

mal and average social life of the planet, being a normal individual of the male sex, you will probably not enter the marriage relation, which relation would be wholly honourable and consistent with your bestowal; but I must remind you that one of the incarnation mandates of Sonarington forbids the leaving of human offspring behind on any planet by a bestowal Son of Paradise origin.

9 "8. In all other details of your oncoming bestowal we would commit you to the leading of the indwelling Adjuster, the teaching of the ever-present divine spirit of human guidance,

and the reason-judgment of your expanding human mind of hereditary endowment. Such an association of creature and Creator attributes will enable you to live for us the perfect life of man on the planetary spheres, not necessarily perfect as regarded by any one man in any one generation on any one world (much less on Urantia) but wholly and supremely replete as evaluated on the more highly perfected and perfecting worlds of your far-flung universe.

10 "And now, may your Father and my Father, who has ever sustained us in all past performances, guide and

sustain you and be with you from the moment you leave us and achieve the surrender of your consciousness of personality, throughout your gradual return to recognition of your divine identity incarnate in human form, and then on through the whole of your bestowal experience on Urantia until your deliverance from the flesh and your ascension to our Father's right hand of sovereignty. When I shall again see you on Salvington, we shall welcome your return to us as the supreme and unconditional sovereign of this universe of your own making, serving, and completed understand-

ing.

11 "In your stead I now reign. I assume jurisdiction of all Nebadon as acting sovereign during the interim of your seventh and mortal bestowal on Urantia. And to you, Gabriel, I commit the safekeeping of the Son of Man about-to-be until he shall presently and in power and glory be returned to me as the Son of Man and the Son of God. And, Gabriel, I am your sovereign until Michael thus returns."

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13 Then, immediately, in the presence of all Salvington assembled, Michael removed himself from our midst, and we saw him no more in his accustomed place until his return as the supreme and personal ruler of the universe, subsequent to the completion of his bestowal career on Urantia.

4. THE INCARNATION — MAKING TWO ONE

1 And so certain unworthy children of Michael, who had accused their Creator-father of selfishly seeking rulership and indulged the insinuation that the Creator Son was arbitrar-

ily and autocratically upheld in power by virtue of the unreasoning loyalty of a deluded universe of subservient creatures, were to be silenced forever and left confounded and disillusioned by the life of self-forgetful service which the Son of God now entered upon as the Son of Man — all the while subject to "the will of the Paradise Father."

2 §§ But make no mistake; Christ Michael, while truly a dual-origin being, was not a double personality. He was not God in association *with* man but, rather, God *incarnate* in man. And he was always just that combined being. The only progressive fac-

tor in such a nonunderstandable relationship was the progressive self-conscious realization and recognition (by the human mind) of this fact of being God and man.

3 Christ Michael did not progressively become God. God did not, at some vital moment in the earth life of Jesus, become man. Jesus was God *and* man — always and even forevermore. And this God and this man were, and now are, *one,* even as the Paradise Trinity of three beings is in reality *one* Deity.

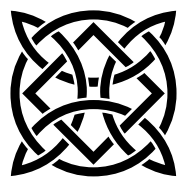
4 Never lose sight of the fact that the supreme spiritual purpose of the Mi-

chael bestowal was to enhance the *revelation of God.*

5 §§ Urantia mortals have varying concepts of the miraculous, but to us who live as citizens of the local universe there are few miracles, and of these by far the most intriguing are the incarnational bestowals of the Paradise Sons. The appearance in and on your world, by apparently natural processes, of a divine Son, we regard as a miracle — the operation of universal laws beyond our understanding. Jesus of Nazareth was a miraculous person.

6 In and through all this extraordinary experience, God the Father chose

to manifest himself as he always does — *in the usual way* — in the normal, natural, and dependable way of divine acting.



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THE TIMES OF MICHAEL'S BESTOWAL

Midwayer Commission

Acting under the supervision of a commission of twelve members of the United Brotherhood of Urantia Midwayers, conjointly sponsored by the presiding head of our order and the Melchizedek of record, I am the secondary midwayer of onetime attachment to the Apostle Andrew, and I am authorized to place on record the narrative of the

life transactions of Jesus of Nazareth as they were observed by my order of earth creatures, and as they were subsequently partially recorded by the human subject of my temporal guardianship. Knowing how his Master so scrupulously avoided leaving written records behind him, Andrew steadfastly refused to multiply copies of his written narrative. A similar attitude on the part of the other apostles of Jesus greatly delayed the writing of the

Gospels.

1. THE OCCIDENT OF THE FIRST CENTURY AFTER CHRIST

1 Jesus did not come to this world during an age of spiritual decadence; at the time of his birth Urantia was experiencing such a revival of spiritual thinking and religious living as it had not known in all its previous post-Adamic history nor has experienced in any era since. When Michael incarnated on Urantia, the world presented the most favourable condition for the Creator Son's bestowal that had ever previously prevailed or has since ob-

tained. In the centuries just prior to these times Greek culture and the Greek language had spread over Occident and near Orient, and the Jews, being a Levantine race, in nature part Occidental and part Oriental, were eminently fitted to utilize such cultural and linguistic settings for the effective spread of a new religion to both East and West. These most favourable circumstances were further enhanced by the tolerant political rule of the Mediterranean world by the Romans.

2 This entire combination of world influences is well illustrated by the activities of Paul, who, being in religious

culture a Hebrew of the Hebrews, proclaimed the gospel of a Jewish Messiah in the Greek tongue, while he himself was a Roman citizen.

3 Nothing like the civilization of the times of Jesus has been seen in the Occident before or since those days. European civilization was unified and co-ordinated under an extraordinary threefold influence:

4 1. The Roman political and social systems.

5 2. The Grecian language and culture — and philosophy to a certain extent.

6 3. The rapidly spreading influence of Jewish religious and moral teachings.

7 §§ When Jesus was born, the entire Mediterranean world was a unified empire. Good roads, for the first time in the world's history, interconnected many major centres. The seas were cleared of pirates, and a great era of trade and travel was rapidly advancing. Europe did not again enjoy another such period of travel and trade until the XIX century after Christ.

8 Notwithstanding the internal peace and superficial prosperity of the Græco-Roman world, a majority of

the inhabitants of the empire languished in squalor and poverty. The small upper class was rich; a miserable and impoverished lower class embraced the rank and file of humanity. There was no happy and prosperous middle class in those days; it had just begun to make its appearance in Roman society.

9 The first struggles between the expanding Roman and Parthian states had been concluded in the then recent past, leaving Syria in the hands of the Romans. In the times of Jesus, Palestine and Syria were enjoying a period of prosperity, relative peace,

and extensive commercial intercourse with the lands to both the East and the West.

2. THE JEWISH PEOPLE

1 The Jews were a part of the older Semitic race, which also included the Babylonians, the Phoenicians, and the more recent enemies of Rome, the Carthaginians. During the fore part of the first century after Christ, the Jews were the most influential group of the Semitic peoples, and they happened to occupy a peculiarly strategic geographic position in the world as it was at that time ruled and organized

for trade.

2 Many of the great highways joining the nations of antiquity passed through Palestine, which thus became the meeting place, or crossroads, of three continents. The travel, trade, and armies of Babylonia, Assyria, Egypt, Syria, Greece, Parthia, and Rome successively swept over Palestine. From time immemorial, many caravan routes from the Orient passed through some part of this region to the few good seaports of the eastern end of the Mediterranean, whence ships carried their cargoes to all the maritime Occident. And more

than half of this caravan traffic passed through or near the little town of Nazareth in Galilee.

3 Although Palestine was the home of Jewish religious culture and the birthplace of Christianity, the Jews were abroad in the world, dwelling in many nations and trading in every province of the Roman and Parthian states.

4 Greece provided a language and a culture, Rome built the roads and unified an empire, but the dispersion of the Jews, with their more than 200 synagogues and well-organized religious communities scattered

hither and yon throughout the Roman world, provided the cultural centres in which the new gospel of the kingdom of heaven found initial reception, and from which it subsequently spread to the uttermost parts of the world.

5 Each Jewish synagogue tolerated a fringe of gentile believers, "devout" or "God-fearing" men, and it was among this fringe of proselytes that Paul made the bulk of his early converts to Christianity. Even the temple at Jerusalem possessed its ornate court of the gentiles. There was very close connection between the culture, commerce,

and worship of Jerusalem and Antioch. In Antioch Paul's disciples were first called "Christians."

6 The centralization of the Jewish temple worship at Jerusalem constituted alike the secret of the survival of their monotheism and the promise of the nurture and sending forth to the world of a new and enlarged concept of that one God of all nations and Father of all mortals. The temple service at Jerusalem represented the survival of a religious cultural concept in the face of the downfall of a succession of gentile national overlords and racial persecutors.

7 §§ The Jewish people of this time, although under Roman suzerainty, enjoyed a considerable degree of self-government and, remembering the then only recent heroic exploits of deliverance executed by Judas Maccabee and his immediate successors, were vibrant with the expectation of the immediate appearance of a still greater deliverer, the long-expected Messiah.

8 The secret of the survival of Palestine, the kingdom of the Jews, as a semi-independent state was wrapped up in the foreign policy of the Roman government, which desired to maintain control of the Palestinian high-

way of travel between Syria and Egypt as well as the western terminals of the caravan routes between the Orient and the Occident. Rome did not wish any power to arise in the Levant which might curb her future expansion in these regions. The policy of intrigue which had for its object the pitting of Seleucid Syria and Ptolemaic Egypt against each other necessitated fostering Palestine as a separate and independent state. Roman policy, the degeneration of Egypt, and the progressive weakening of the Seleucids before the rising power of Parthia, explain why it was that for several generations

a small and unpowerful group of Jews was able to maintain its independence against both Seleucidae to the north and Ptolemies to the south. This fortuitous liberty and independence of the political rule of surrounding and more powerful peoples the Jews attributed to the fact that they were the "chosen people," to the direct interposition of Yahweh. Such an attitude of racial superiority made it all the harder for them to endure Roman suzerainty when it finally fell upon their land. But even in that sad hour the Jews refused to learn that their world mission was spiritual, not political.

9 §§ The Jews were unusually apprehensive and suspicious during the times of Jesus because they were then ruled by an outsider, Herod the Idumean, who had seized the overlordship of Judea by cleverly ingratiating himself with the Roman rulers. And though Herod professed loyalty to the Hebrew ceremonial observances, he proceeded to build temples for many strange gods.

10 The friendly relations of Herod with the Roman rulers made the world safe for Jewish travel and thus opened the way for increased Jewish penetration even of distant portions of the

Roman Empire and of foreign treaty nations with the new gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Herod's reign also contributed much toward the further blending of Hebrew and Hellenistic philosophies.

11 Herod built the harbour of Caesarea, which further aided in making Palestine the crossroads of the civilized world. He died in 4 B.C., and his son Herod Antipas governed Galilee and Perea during Jesus' youth and ministry to A.D. 39. Antipas, like his father, was a great builder. He rebuilt many of the cities of Galilee, including the important trade centre of Seppho-

ris.

12 The Galileans were not regarded with full favour by the Jerusalem religious leaders and rabbinical teachers. Galilee was more gentile than Jewish when Jesus was born.

3. AMONG THE GENTILES

1 Although the social and economic condition of the Roman state was not of the highest order, the widespread domestic peace and prosperity was propitious for the bestowal of Michael. In the first century after Christ the society of the Mediterranean world consisted of five well-de-

fined strata:

2 1. *The aristocracy.* The upper classes with money and official power, the privileged and ruling groups.

3 2. *The business groups.* The merchant princes and the bankers, the traders — the big importers and exporters — the international merchants.

4 3. *The small middle class.* Although this group was indeed small, it was very influential and provided the moral backbone of the early Christian church, which encouraged these groups to continue in their various crafts and trades. Among the Jews

many of the Pharisees belonged to this class of tradesmen.

5 4. *The free proletariat.* This group had little or no social standing. Though proud of their freedom, they were placed at great disadvantage because they were forced to compete with slave labour. The upper classes regarded them disdainfully, allowing that they were useless except for "breeding purposes."

6 5. *The slaves.* Half the population of the Roman state were slaves; many were superior individuals and quickly made their way up among the free proletariat and even among the

tradesmen. The majority were either mediocre or very inferior.

7 Slavery, even of superior peoples, was a feature of Roman military conquest. The power of the master over his slave was unqualified. The early Christian church was largely composed of the lower classes and these slaves.

8 Superior slaves often received wages and by saving their earnings were able to purchase their freedom. Many such emancipated slaves rose to high positions in state, church, and the business world. And it was just such possibilities that made the early Chris-

tian church so tolerant of this modified form of slavery.

9 §§ There was no widespread social problem in the Roman Empire in the first century after Christ. The major portion of the populace regarded themselves as belonging in that group into which they chanced to be born. There was always the open door through which talented and able individuals could ascend from the lower to the higher strata of Roman society, but the people were generally content with their social rank. They were not class conscious, neither did they look upon these class distinctions as being

unjust or wrong. Christianity was in no sense an economic movement having for its purpose the amelioration of the miseries of the depressed classes.

10 Although woman enjoyed more freedom throughout the Roman Empire than in her restricted position in Palestine, the family devotion and natural affection of the Jews far transcended that of the gentile world.

4. GENTILE PHILOSOPHY

1 The gentiles were, from a moral standpoint, somewhat inferior to the Jews, but there was present in the hearts of the nobler gentiles abun-

dant soil of natural goodness and potential human affection in which it was possible for the seed of Christianity to sprout and bring forth an abundant harvest of moral character and spiritual achievement. The gentile world was then dominated by four great philosophies, all more or less derived from the earlier Platonism of the Greeks. These schools of philosophy were:

2 1. *The Epicurean.* This school of thought was dedicated to the pursuit of happiness. The better Epicureans were not given to sensual excesses. At least this doctrine helped to deliver the

Romans from a more deadly form of fatalism; it taught that men could do something to improve their terrestrial status. It did effectually combat ignorant superstition.

3 2. *The Stoic.* Stoicism was the superior philosophy of the better classes. The Stoics believed that a controlling Reason-Fate dominated all nature. They taught that the soul of man was divine; that it was imprisoned in the evil body of physical nature. Man's soul achieved liberty by living in harmony with nature, with God; thus virtue came to be its own reward. Stoicism ascended to a sublime moral-

ity, ideals never since transcended by any purely human system of philosophy. While the Stoics professed to be the "offspring of God," they failed to know him and therefore failed to find him. Stoicism remained a philosophy; it never became a religion. Its followers sought to attune their minds to the harmony of the Universal Mind, but they failed to envisage themselves as the children of a loving Father. Paul leaned heavily toward Stoicism when he wrote, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

4 3. *The Cynic.* Although the Cynics traced their philosophy to Dio-

genes of Athens, they derived much of their doctrine from the remnants of the teachings of Machiventa Melchizedek. Cynicism had formerly been more of a religion than a philosophy. At least the Cynics made their religio-philosophy democratic. In the fields and in the market places they continually preached their doctrine that "man could save himself if he would." They preached simplicity and virtue and urged men to meet death fearlessly. These wandering Cynic preachers did much to prepare the spiritually hungry populace for the later Christian missionaries. Their plan of popu-

lar preaching was much after the pattern, and in accordance with the style, of Paul's Epistles.

5 4. *The Sceptic.* Scepticism asserted that knowledge was fallacious, and that conviction and assurance were impossible. It was a purely negative attitude and never became widespread.

6 §§ These philosophies were semireligious; they were often invigorating, ethical, and ennobling but were usually above the common people. With the possible exception of Cynicism, they were philosophies for the strong and the wise, not religions of salvation

for even the poor and the weak.

5. THE GENTILE RELIGIONS

1 Throughout preceding ages religion had chiefly been an affair of the tribe or nation; it had not often been a matter of concern to the individual. Gods were tribal or national, not personal. Such religious systems afforded little satisfaction for the individual spiritual longings of the average person.

2 In the times of Jesus the religions of the Occident included:

3 1. *The pagan cults.* These were a combination of Hellenic and Latin

mythology, patriotism, and tradition.

4 2. *Emperor worship.* This deification of man as the symbol of the state was very seriously resented by the Jews and the early Christians and led directly to the bitter persecutions of both churches by the Roman government.

5 3. *Astrology.* This pseudo science of Babylon developed into a religion throughout the Græco-Roman Empire. Even in the XX century man has not been fully delivered from this superstitious belief.

6 4. *The mystery religions.* Upon such a spiritually hungry world a flood

of mystery cults had broken, new and strange religions from the Levant, which had enamoured the common people and had promised them *individual* salvation. These religions rapidly became the accepted belief of the lower classes of the Græco-Roman world. And they did much to prepare the way for the rapid spread of the vastly superior Christian teachings, which presented a majestic concept of Deity, associated with an intriguing theology for the intelligent and a profound proffer of salvation for all, including the ignorant but spiritually hungry average man of those days.

7 §§ The mystery religions spelled the end of national beliefs and resulted in the birth of the numerous personal cults. The mysteries were many but were all characterized by:

8 1. Some mythical legend, a mystery — whence their name. As a rule this mystery pertained to the story of some god's life and death and return to life, as illustrated by the teachings of Mithraism, which, for a time, were contemporary with, and a competitor of, Paul's rising cult of Christianity.

9 2. The mysteries were nonnational and interracial. They were personal and fraternal, giving rise to re-

ligious brotherhoods and numerous sectarian societies.

10 3. They were, in their services, characterized by elaborate ceremonies of initiation and impressive sacraments of worship. Their secret rites and rituals were sometimes gruesome and revolting.

11 4. But no matter what the nature of their ceremonies or the degree of their excesses, these mysteries invariably promised their devotees *salvation,* "deliverance from evil, survival after death, and enduring life in blissful realms beyond this world of sorrow and slavery."

12 §§ But do not make the mistake of confusing the teachings of Jesus with the mysteries. The popularity of the mysteries reveals man's quest for survival, thus portraying a real hunger and thirst for personal religion and individual righteousness. Although the mysteries failed adequately to satisfy this longing, they did prepare the way for the subsequent appearance of Jesus, who truly brought to this world the bread of life and the water thereof.

13 Paul, in an effort to utilize the widespread adherence to the better types of the mystery religions, made certain adaptations of the teach-

ings of Jesus so as to render them more acceptable to a larger number of prospective converts. But even Paul's compromise of Jesus' teachings (Christianity) was superior to the best in the mysteries in that:

14 1. Paul taught a moral redemption, an ethical salvation. Christianity pointed to a new life and proclaimed a new ideal. Paul forsook magic rites and ceremonial enchantments.

15 2. Christianity presented a religion which grappled with final solutions of the human problem, for it not only offered salvation from sorrow and even from death, but it also prom-

ised deliverance from sin followed by the endowment of a righteous character of eternal survival qualities.

16 3. The mysteries were built upon myths. Christianity, as Paul preached it, was founded upon a historic fact: the bestowal of Michael, the Son of God, upon mankind.

17 §§ Morality among the gentiles was not necessarily related to either philosophy or religion. Outside of Palestine it not always occurred to people that a priest of religion was supposed to lead a moral life. Jewish religion and subsequently the teachings of Jesus and later the evolving Chris-

tianity of Paul were the first European religions to lay one hand upon morals and the other upon ethics, insisting that religionists pay some attention to both.

18 Into such a generation of men, dominated by such incomplete systems of philosophy and perplexed by such complex cults of religion, Jesus was born in Palestine. And to this same generation he subsequently gave his gospel of personal religion — sonship with God.

6. THE HEBREW RELIGION

1 By the close of the first century be-

fore Christ the religious thought of Jerusalem had been tremendously influenced and somewhat modified by Greek cultural teachings and even by Greek philosophy. In the long contest between the views of the Eastern and Western schools of Hebrew thought, Jerusalem and the rest of the Occident and the Levant in general adopted the Western Jewish or modified Hellenistic viewpoint.

2 In the days of Jesus three languages prevailed in Palestine: The common people spoke some dialect of Aramaic; the priests and rabbis spoke Hebrew; the educated classes and the better

strata of Jews in general spoke Greek. The early translation of the Hebrew scriptures into Greek at Alexandria was responsible in no small measure for the subsequent predominance of the Greek wing of Jewish culture and theology. And the writings of the Christian teachers were soon to appear in the same language. The renaissance of Judaism dates from the Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures. This was a vital influence which later determined the drift of Paul's Christian cult toward the West instead of toward the East.

3 Though the Hellenized Jewish be-

liefs were very little influenced by the teachings of the Epicureans, they were very materially affected by the philosophy of Plato and the self-abnegation doctrines of the Stoics. The great inroad of Stoicism is exemplified by the Fourth Book of the Maccabees; the penetration of both Platonic philosophy and Stoic doctrines is exhibited in the Wisdom of Solomon. The Hellenized Jews brought to the Hebrew scriptures such an allegorical interpretation that they found no difficulty in conforming Hebrew theology with their revered Aristotelian philosophy. But this all led to dis-

astrous confusion until these problems were taken in hand by Philo of Alexandria, who proceeded to harmonize and systemize Greek philosophy and Hebrew theology into a compact and fairly consistent system of religious belief and practice. And it was this later teaching of combined Greek philosophy and Hebrew theology that prevailed in Palestine when Jesus lived and taught, and which Paul utilized as the foundation on which to build his more advanced and enlightening cult of Christianity.

4 Philo was a great teacher; not since Moses had there lived a man who ex-

erted such a profound influence on the ethical and religious thought of the Occidental world. In the matter of the combination of the better elements in contemporaneous systems of ethical and religious teachings, there have been seven outstanding human teachers: Sethard, Moses, Zoroaster, Lao-tse, Buddha, Philo, and Paul.

5 Many, but not all, of Philo's inconsistencies resulting from an effort to combine Greek mystical philosophy and Roman Stoic doctrines with the legalistic theology of the Hebrews, Paul recognized and wisely eliminated from his pre-Christian basic theology.

Philo led the way for Paul more fully to restore the concept of the Paradise Trinity, which had long been dormant in Jewish theology. In only one matter did Paul fail to keep pace with Philo or to transcend the teachings of this wealthy and educated Jew of Alexandria, and that was the doctrine of the atonement; Philo taught deliverance from the doctrine of forgiveness only by the shedding of blood. He also possibly glimpsed the reality and presence of the Thought Adjusters more clearly than did Paul. But Paul's theory of original sin, the doctrines of hereditary guilt and innate evil and redemp-

tion therefrom, was partially Mithraic in origin, having little in common with Hebrew theology, Philo's philosophy, or Jesus' teachings. Some phases of Paul's teachings regarding original sin and the atonement were original with himself.

6 The Gospel of John, the last of the narratives of Jesus' earth life, was addressed to the Western peoples and presents its story much in the light of the viewpoint of the later Alexandrian Christians, who were also disciples of the teachings of Philo.

7 §§ At about the time of Christ a strange reversion of feeling toward the

Jews occurred in Alexandria, and from this former Jewish stronghold there went forth a virulent wave of persecution, extending even to Rome, from which many thousands were banished. But such a campaign of misrepresentation was short-lived; very soon the imperial government fully restored the curtailed liberties of the Jews throughout the empire.

8 Throughout the whole wide world, no matter where the Jews found themselves dispersed by commerce or oppression, all with one accord kept their hearts centred on the holy temple at Jerusalem. Jewish theology did sur-

vive as it was interpreted and practised at Jerusalem, notwithstanding that it was several times saved from oblivion by the timely intervention of certain Babylonian teachers.

9 As many as 2,500,000 of these dispersed Jews used to come to Jerusalem for the celebration of their national religious festivals. And no matter what the theologic or philosophic differences of the Eastern (Babylonian) and the Western (Hellenic) Jews, they were all agreed on Jerusalem as the centre of their worship and in ever looking for-

ward to the coming of the Messiah.

7. JEWS AND GENTILES

1 By the times of Jesus the Jews had arrived at a settled concept of their origin, history, and destiny. They had built up a rigid wall of separation between themselves and the gentile world; they looked upon all gentile ways with utter contempt. They worshipped the letter of the law and indulged a form of self-righteousness based upon the false pride of descent. They had formed preconceived notions regarding the promised Messiah, and most of these expectations envis-

aged a Messiah who would come as a part of their national and racial history. To the Hebrews of those days Jewish theology was irrevocably settled, forever fixed.

2 The teachings and practices of Jesus regarding tolerance and kindness ran counter to the long-standing attitude of the Jews toward other peoples whom they considered heathen. For generations the Jews had nourished an attitude toward the outside world which made it impossible for them to accept the Master's teachings about the spiritual brotherhood of man. They were unwilling to share

Yahweh on equal terms with the gentiles and were likewise unwilling to accept as the Son of God one who taught such new and strange doctrines.

3 The scribes, the Pharisees, and the priesthood held the Jews in a terrible bondage of ritualism and legalism, a bondage far more real than that of the Roman political rule. The Jews of Jesus' time were not only held in subjugation to the *law* but were equally bound by the slavish demands of the *traditions,* which involved and invaded every domain of personal and social life. These minute regulations of conduct pursued and dominated every

loyal Jew, and it is not strange that they promptly rejected one of their number who presumed to ignore their sacred traditions, and who dared to flout their long-honoured regulations of social conduct. They could hardly regard with favour the teachings of one who did not hesitate to clash with dogmas which they regarded as having been ordained by Father Abraham himself. Moses had given them their law and they would not compromise.

4 By the time of the first century after Christ the spoken interpretation of the law by the recognized teachers, the scribes, had become a higher author-

ity than the written law itself. And all this made it easier for certain religious leaders of the Jews to array the people against the acceptance of a new gospel.

5 These circumstances rendered it impossible for the Jews to fulfil their divine destiny as messengers of the new gospel of religious freedom and spiritual liberty. They could not break the fetters of tradition. Jeremiah had told of the "law to be written in men's hearts," Ezekiel had spoken of a "new spirit to live in man's soul," and the Psalmist had prayed that God would "create a clean heart within and renew a right spirit." But when the Jewish

religion of good works and slavery to law fell victim to the stagnation of traditionalistic inertia, the motion of religious evolution passed westward to the European peoples.

6 And so a different people were called upon to carry an advancing theology to the world, a system of teaching embodying the philosophy of the Greeks, the law of the Romans, the morality of the Hebrews, and the gospel of personality sanctity and spiritual liberty formulated by Paul and based on the teachings of Jesus.

7 §§ Paul's cult of Christianity exhibited its morality as a Jewish birth-

mark. The Jews viewed history as the providence of God — Yahweh at work. The Greeks brought to the new teaching clearer concepts of the eternal life. Paul's doctrines were influenced in theology and philosophy not only by Jesus' teachings but also by Plato and Philo. In ethics he was inspired not only by Christ but also by the Stoics.

8 The gospel of Jesus, as it was embodied in Paul's cult of Antioch Christianity, became blended with the following teachings:

9 1. The philosophic reasoning of the Greek proselytes to Judaism, in-

cluding some of their concepts of the eternal life.

10 2. The appealing teachings of the prevailing mystery cults, especially the Mithraic doctrines of redemption, atonement, and salvation by the sacrifice made by some god.

11 3. The sturdy morality of the established Jewish religion.

12 §§ The Mediterranean Roman Empire, the Parthian kingdom, and the adjacent peoples of Jesus' time all held crude and primitive ideas regarding the geography of the world, astronomy, health, and disease; and naturally they were amazed by the new and

startling pronouncements of the carpenter of Nazareth. The ideas of spirit possession, good and bad, applied not merely to human beings, but every rock and tree was viewed by many as being spirit possessed. This was an enchanted age, and everybody believed in miracles as commonplace occurrences.

8. PREVIOUS WRITTEN RECORDS

1 As far as possible, consistent with our mandate, we have endeavoured to utilize and to some extent co-ordinate the existing records having to do with the life of Jesus on Urantia. Although

we have enjoyed access to the lost record of the Apostle Andrew and have benefited from the collaboration of a vast host of celestial beings who were on earth during the times of Michael's bestowal (notably his now Personalized Adjuster), it has been our purpose also to make use of the so-called Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

2 These New Testament records had their origin in the following circumstances:

3 1. *The Gospel by Mark.* John Mark wrote the earliest (excepting the notes of Andrew), briefest, and most

simple record of Jesus' life. He presented the Master as a minister, as man among men. Although Mark was a lad lingering about many of the scenes which he depicts, his record is in reality the Gospel according to Simon Peter. He was early associated with Peter; later with Paul. Mark wrote this record at the instigation of Peter and on the earnest petition of the church at Rome. Knowing how consistently the Master refused to write out his teachings when on earth and in the flesh, Mark, like the apostles and other leading disciples, was hesitant to put them in writing. But Pe-

ter felt the church at Rome required the assistance of such a written narrative, and Mark consented to undertake its preparation. He made many notes before Peter died in A.D. 67, and in accordance with the outline approved by Peter and for the church at Rome, he began his writing soon after Peter's death. The Gospel was completed near the end of A.D. 68. Mark wrote entirely from his own memory and Peter's memory. The record has since been considerably changed, numerous passages having been taken out and some later matter added at the end to replace the latter one fifth

of the original Gospel, which was lost from the first manuscript before it was ever copied. This record by Mark, in conjunction with Andrew's and Matthew's notes, was the written basis of all subsequent Gospel narratives which sought to portray the life and teachings of Jesus.

4 2. *The Gospel of Matthew.* The so-called Gospel according to Matthew is the record of the Master's life which was written for the edification of Jewish Christians. The author of this record constantly seeks to show in Jesus' life that much which he did was that "it might be fulfilled which

was spoken by the prophet." Matthew's Gospel portrays Jesus as a son of David, picturing him as showing great respect for the law and the prophets.

5 The Apostle Matthew did not write this Gospel. It was written by Isador, one of his disciples, who had as a help in his work not only Matthew's personal remembrance of these events but also a certain record which the latter had made of the sayings of Jesus directly after the crucifixion. This record by Matthew was written in Aramaic; Isador wrote in Greek. There was no intent to deceive in accrediting the production to Matthew. It was the

custom in those days for pupils thus to honour their teachers.

6 Matthew's original record was edited and added to in A.D. 40 just before he left Jerusalem to engage in evangelistic preaching. It was a private record, the last copy having been destroyed in the burning of a Syrian monastery in A.D. 416[1].

7 Isador escaped from Jerusalem in

[1] This event is likely to be associated with the life of St Eustochia, as narrated by Filaret of Chernigov (Gumilevsky) in his "Lives of the Saints of the Eastern Church". He describes the burning of the monastery by the Pelagians in A.D. 416, two years prior to the horrible earthquake in Palestine which was likened to "the end of the world".

A.D. 70 after the investment of the city by the armies of Titus, taking with him to Pella a copy of Matthew's notes. In the year 71, while living at Pella, Isador wrote the Gospel according to Matthew. He also had with him the first four fifths of Mark's narrative.

8 3. *The Gospel by Luke.* Luke, the physician of Antioch in Pisidia, was a gentile convert of Paul, and he wrote quite a different story of the Master's life. He began to follow Paul and learn of the life and teachings of Jesus in A.D. 47. Luke preserves much of the "grace of the Lord Jesus Christ" in his record as he gathered up these facts

from Paul and others. Luke presents the Master as "the friend of publicans and sinners." He did not formulate his many notes into the Gospel until after Paul's death. Luke wrote in the year 82 in Achaia. He planned three books dealing with the history of Christ and Christianity but died in A.D. 90 just before he finished the second of these works, the "Acts of the Apostles."

9 As material for the compilation of his Gospel, Luke first depended upon the story of Jesus' life as Paul had related it to him. Luke's Gospel is, therefore, in some ways the Gospel according to Paul. But Luke had other

sources of information. He not only interviewed scores of eyewitnesses to the numerous episodes of Jesus' life which he records, but he also had with him a copy of Mark's Gospel, that is, the first four fifths, Isador's narrative, and a brief record made in the year A.D. 78 at Antioch by a believer named Cedes. Luke also had a mutilated and much-edited copy of some notes purported to have been made by the Apostle Andrew.

10 4. *The Gospel of John.* The Gospel according to John relates much of Jesus' work in Judea and around Jerusalem which is not con-

tained in the other records. This is the so-called Gospel according to John the son of Zebedee, and though John did not write it, he did inspire it. Since its first writing it has several times been edited to make it appear to have been written by John himself. When this record was made, John had the other Gospels, and he saw that much had been omitted; accordingly, in the year A.D. 101 he encouraged his associate, Nathan, a Greek Jew from Caesarea, to begin the writing. John supplied his material from memory and by reference to the three records already in existence. He had no written records of

his own. The Epistle known as "First John" was written by John himself as a covering letter for the work which Nathan executed under his direction.

11 §§ All these writers presented honest pictures of Jesus as they saw, remembered, or had learned of him, and as their concepts of these distant events were affected by their subsequent espousal of Paul's theology of Christianity. And these records, imperfect as they are, have been sufficient to change the course of the history of Urantia for almost 2,000 years.

12 [*Acknowledgement:* In carrying out

my commission to restate the teachings and retell the doings of Jesus of Nazareth, I have drawn freely upon all sources of record and planetary information. My ruling motive has been to prepare a record which will not only be enlightening to the generation of men now living, but which may also be helpful to all future generations. From the vast store of information made available to me, I have chosen that which is best suited to the accomplishment of this purpose. As far as possible I have derived my information from purely human sources. Only when such sources failed, have

I resorted to those records which are superhuman. When ideas and concepts of Jesus' life and teachings have been acceptably expressed by a human mind, I invariably gave preference to such apparently human thought patterns. Although I have sought to adjust the verbal expression the better to conform to our concept of the real meaning and the true import of the Master's life and teachings, as far as possible, I have adhered to the actual human concept and thought pattern in all my narratives. I well know that those concepts which have had origin in the human mind will prove more

acceptable and helpful to all other human minds. When unable to find the necessary concepts in the human records or in human expressions, I have next resorted to the memory resources of my own order of earth creatures, the midwayers. And when that secondary source of information proved inadequate, I have unhesitatingly resorted to the superplanetary sources of information.

13 The memoranda which I have collected, and from which I have prepared this narrative of the life and teachings of Jesus — aside from the memory of the record of the Apos-

tle Andrew — embrace thought gems and superior concepts of Jesus' teachings assembled from more than 2,000 human beings who have lived on earth from the days of Jesus down to the time of the inditing of these revelations, more correctly restatements. The revelatory permission has been utilized only when the human record and human concepts failed to supply an adequate thought pattern. My revelatory commission forbade me to resort to extrahuman sources of either information or expression until such a time as I could testify that I had failed in my efforts to find the required con-

ceptual expression in purely human sources.

14 While I, with the collaboration of my eleven associate fellow midwayers and under the supervision of the Melchizedek of record, have portrayed this narrative in accordance with my concept of its effective arrangement and in response to my choice of immediate expression, nevertheless, the majority of the ideas and even some of the effective expressions which I have thus utilized had their origin in the minds of the men of many races who have lived on earth during the intervening generations, right on down to those

who are still alive at the time of this undertaking. In many ways I have served more as a collector and editor than as an original narrator. I have unhesitatingly appropriated those ideas and concepts, preferably human, which would enable me to create the most effective portraiture of Jesus' life, and which would qualify me to restate his matchless teachings in the most strikingly helpful and universally uplifting phraseology. In behalf of the Brotherhood of the United Midwayers of Urantia, I most gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to all sources of record and concept which have been

hereinafter utilized in the further elaboration of our restatement of Jesus' life on earth.]

PAPER 122

BIRTH AND INFANCY OF JESUS

Midwayer Commission

It will hardly be possible fully to explain the many reasons which led to the selection of Palestine as the land for Michael's bestowal, and especially as to just why the family of Joseph and Mary should have been chosen as the immediate setting for the appearance of this Son of God on Urantia.

2 After a study of the special report on the status of segregated worlds prepared by the Melchizedeks, in counsel with Gabriel, Michael finally chose Urantia as the planet whereon to enact his final bestowal. Subsequent to this decision Gabriel made a personal visit to Urantia, and, as a result of his study of human groups and his survey of the spiritual, intellectual, racial, and geographic features of the world and its peoples, he decided that the Hebrews possessed those relative advantages which warranted their selection as the bestowal race. Upon Michael's approval of this decision, Gabriel ap-

pointed and dispatched to Urantia the Family Commission of Twelve — selected from among the higher orders of universe personalities — which was entrusted with the task of making an investigation of Jewish family life. When this commission ended its labours, Gabriel was present on Urantia and received the report nominating three prospective unions as being, in the opinion of the commission, equally favourable as bestowal families for Michael's projected incarnation.

3 From the three couples nominated, Gabriel made the personal choice of Joseph and Mary, subse-

quently making his personal appearance to Mary, at which time he imparted to her the glad tidings that she had been selected to become the earth mother of the bestowal child.

1. JOSEPH AND MARY

1 Joseph, the human father of Jesus (Joshua ben Joseph), was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, albeit he carried many non-Jewish racial strains which had been added to his ancestral tree from time to time by the female lines of his progenitors. The ancestry of the father of Jesus went back to the days of Abraham and through this venerable

patriarch to the earlier lines of inheritance leading to the Sumerians and Nodites and, through the southern tribes of the ancient blue man, to Andon and Fonta. David and Solomon were not in the direct line of Joseph's ancestry, neither did Joseph's lineage go directly back to Adam. Joseph's immediate ancestors were mechanics — builders, carpenters, masons, and smiths. Joseph himself was a carpenter and later a contractor. His family belonged to a long and illustrious line of the nobility of the common people, accentuated ever and anon by the appearance of unusual individuals who

had distinguished themselves in connection with the evolution of religion on Urantia.

2 Mary, the earth mother of Jesus, was a descendant of a long line of unique ancestors embracing many of the most remarkable women in the racial history of Urantia. Although Mary was an average woman of her day and generation, possessing a fairly normal temperament, she reckoned among her ancestors such well-known women as Annon, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Ansie, Cloa, Eve, Enta, and Ratta. No Jewish woman of that day had a more illustri-

ous lineage of common progenitors or one extending back to more auspicious beginnings. Mary's ancestry, like Joseph's, was characterized by the predominance of strong but average individuals, relieved now and then by numerous outstanding personalities in the march of civilization and the progressive evolution of religion. Racially considered, it is hardly proper to regard Mary as a Jewess. In culture and belief she was a Jew, but in hereditary endowment she was more a composite of Syrian, Hittite, Phoenician, Greek, and Egyptian stocks, her racial inheritance being more general than that of

Joseph.

3 Of all couples living in Palestine at about the time of Michael's projected bestowal, Joseph and Mary possessed the most ideal combination of widespread racial connections and superior average of personality endowments. It was the plan of Michael to appear on earth as an *average* man, that the common people might understand him and receive him; wherefore Gabriel selected just such persons as Joseph and Mary to become the be-

stowal parents.

2. GABRIEL APPEARS TO ELIZABETH

1 Jesus' lifework on Urantia was really begun by John the Baptist. Zacharias, John's father, belonged to the Jewish priesthood, while his mother, Elizabeth, was a member of the more prosperous branch of the same large family group to which Mary the mother of Jesus also belonged. Zacharias and Elizabeth, though they had been married many years, were childless.

2 §§ It was late in the month of June, 8 B.C., about three months after the marriage of Joseph and Mary,

that Gabriel appeared to Elizabeth at noontide one day, just as he later made his presence known to Mary. Said Gabriel:

3 "While your husband, Zacharias, stands before the altar in Jerusalem, and while the assembled people pray for the coming of a deliverer, I, Gabriel, have come to announce that you will shortly bear a son who shall be the forerunner of this divine teacher, and you shall call your son John. He will grow up dedicated to the Lord your God, and when he has come to full years, he will gladden your heart because he will turn many souls to God,

and he will also proclaim the coming of the soul-healer of your people and the spirit-liberator of all mankind. Your kinswoman Mary shall be the mother of this child of promise, and I will also appear to her."

4 This vision greatly frightened Elizabeth. After Gabriel's departure she turned this experience over in her mind, long pondering the sayings of the majestic visitor, but did not speak of the revelation to anyone save her husband until her subsequent visit with Mary in early February of the following year.

5 §§ For five months, however, Eliza-

beth withheld her secret even from her husband. Upon her disclosure of the story of Gabriel's visit, Zacharias was very sceptical and for weeks doubted the entire experience, only consenting half-heartedly to believe in Gabriel's visit to his wife when he could no longer question that she was expectant with child. Zacharias was very much perplexed regarding the prospective motherhood of Elizabeth, but he did not doubt the integrity of his wife, notwithstanding his own advanced age. It was not until about six weeks before John's birth that Zacharias, as the result of an impressive

dream, became fully convinced that Elizabeth was to become the mother of a son of destiny, one who was to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

6 Gabriel appeared to Mary about the middle of November, 8 B.C., while she was at work in her Nazareth home. Later on, after Mary knew without doubt that she was to become a mother, she persuaded Joseph to let her journey to the City of Judah, 6.4 km west of Jerusalem, in the hills, to visit Elizabeth. Gabriel had informed each of these mothers-to-be of his appearance to the other.

Naturally they were anxious to get together, compare experiences, and talk over the probable futures of their sons. Mary remained with her distant cousin for three weeks. Elizabeth did much to strengthen Mary's faith in the vision of Gabriel, so that she returned home more fully dedicated to the call to mother the child of destiny whom she was so soon to present to the world as a helpless babe, an average and normal infant of the realm.

7 §§ John was born in the City of Judah, March 25, 7 B.C. Zacharias and Elizabeth rejoiced greatly in the realization that a son had come to them

as Gabriel had promised, and when on the eighth day they presented the child for circumcision, they formally christened him John, as they had been directed aforetime. Already had a nephew of Zacharias departed for Nazareth, carrying the message of Elizabeth to Mary proclaiming that a son had been born to her and that his name was to be John.

8 From his earliest infancy John was judiciously impressed by his parents with the idea that he was to grow up to become a spiritual leader and religious teacher. And the soil of John's heart was ever responsive to the sowing of

such suggestive seeds. Even as a child he was found frequently at the temple during the seasons of his father's service, and he was tremendously impressed with the significance of all that he saw.

3. GABRIEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY

1 One evening about sundown, before Joseph had returned home, Gabriel appeared to Mary by the side of a low stone table and, after she had recovered her composure, said: "I come at the bidding of one who is my Master and whom you shall love and nur-

ture. To you, Mary, I bring glad tidings when I announce that the conception within you is ordained by heaven, and that in due time you will become the mother of a son; you shall call him Joshua, and he shall inaugurate the kingdom of heaven on earth and among men. Speak not of this matter[1] save to Joseph and to Elizabeth, your kinswoman, to whom I have also appeared, and who shall presently also bear a son, whose name shall be John, and who will prepare the way

[1] Note that no such warning was given by Gabriel to Elizabeth — clearly the life of Jesus was in even greater danger than that of John.

for the message of deliverance which your son shall proclaim to men with great power and deep conviction. And doubt not my word, Mary, for this home has been chosen as the mortal habitat of the child of destiny. My benediction rests upon you, the power of the Most Highs will strengthen you, and the Lord of all the earth shall overshadow you."

2 §§ Mary pondered this visitation secretly in her heart for many weeks until of a certainty she knew she was with child, before she dared to disclose these unusual events to her husband. When Joseph heard all about

this, although he had great confidence in Mary, he was much troubled and could not sleep for many nights. At first Joseph had doubts about the Gabriel visitation. Then when he became well-nigh persuaded that Mary had really heard the voice and beheld the form of the divine messenger, he was torn in mind as he pondered how such things could be. How could the offspring of human beings be a child of divine destiny? Never could Joseph reconcile these conflicting ideas until, after several weeks of thought, both he and Mary reached the conclusion that they had been chosen to become the

parents of the Messiah, though it had hardly been the Jewish concept that the expected deliverer was to be of divine nature. Upon arriving at this momentous conclusion, Mary hastened to depart for a visit with Elizabeth.

3 Upon her return, Mary went to visit her parents, Joachim and Hannah. Her two brothers and two sisters, as well as her parents, were always very sceptical about the divine mission of Jesus, though, of course, at this time they knew nothing of the Gabriel visitation. But Mary did confide to her sister Salome that she thought her son was destined to become a great

teacher.

4 §§ Gabriel's announcement to Mary was made the day following the conception of Jesus and was the only event of supernatural occurrence connected with her entire experience of carrying and bearing the child of promise.

4. JOSEPH'S DREAM

1 Joseph did not become reconciled to the idea that Mary was to become the mother of an extraordinary child until after he had experienced a very impressive dream. In this dream a brilliant celestial messenger appeared to him and, among other things, said:

"Joseph, I appear by command of Him who now reigns on high,[1] and I am directed to instruct you concerning the son whom Mary shall bear, and who shall become a great light in the world. In him will be life, and his life shall become the light of mankind. He shall first come to his own people, but they will hardly receive him; but to as many as shall receive him to them will he reveal that they are the children of God." After this experience Joseph never again wholly doubted Mary's story of Gabriel's visit

[1] That is Immanuel, Michael's elder brother.

and of the promise that the unborn child was to become a divine messenger to the world.

2 §§ In all these visitations nothing was said about the house of David. Nothing was ever intimated about Jesus' becoming a "deliverer of the Jews," not even that he was to be the long-expected Messiah. Jesus was not such a Messiah as the Jews had anticipated, but he was the *world's deliverer.* His mission was to all races and peoples, not to any one group.

3 Joseph was not of the line of King David. Mary had more of the Davidic ancestry than Joseph. True, Joseph did

go to the City of David, Bethlehem, to be registered for the Roman census, but that was because, six generations previously, Joseph's paternal ancestor of that generation, being an orphan, was adopted by one Zadoc, who was a direct descendant of David; hence was Joseph also accounted as of the "house of David."

4 Most of the so-called Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament were made to apply to Jesus long after his life had been lived on earth. For centuries the Hebrew prophets had proclaimed the coming of a deliverer, and these promises had been construed by

successive generations as referring to a new Jewish ruler who would sit upon the throne of David and, by the reputed miraculous methods of Moses, proceed to establish the Jews in Palestine as a powerful nation, free from all foreign domination. Again, many figurative passages found throughout the Hebrew scriptures were subsequently misapplied to the life mission of Jesus. Many Old Testament sayings were so distorted as to appear to fit some episode of the Master's earth life. Jesus himself onetime publicly denied any connection with the royal house of David. Even the passage, "a maiden

shall bear a son," was made to read, "a virgin shall bear a son." This was also true of the many genealogies of both Joseph and Mary which were constructed subsequent to Michael's career on earth. Many of these lineages contain much of the Master's ancestry, but on the whole they are not genuine and may not be depended upon as factual. The early followers of Jesus all too often succumbed to the temptation to make all the olden prophetic utterances appear to find fulfilment in the life of their Lord and Mas-

ter.

5. JESUS' EARTH PARENTS

1 Joseph was a mild-mannered man, extremely conscientious, and in every way faithful to the religious conventions and practices of his people. He talked little but thought much. The sorry plight of the Jewish people caused Joseph much sadness. As a youth, among his eight brothers and sisters, he had been more cheerful, but in the earlier years of married life (during Jesus' childhood) he was subject to periods of mild spiritual discouragement. These temperamental manifes-

tations were greatly improved just before his untimely death and after the economic condition of his family had been enhanced by his advancement from the rank of carpenter to the role of a prosperous contractor.

2 Mary's temperament was quite opposite to that of her husband. She was usually cheerful, was very rarely downcast, and possessed an ever-sunny disposition. Mary indulged in free and frequent expression of her emotional feelings and was never observed to be sorrowful until after the sudden death of Joseph. And she had hardly recovered from this shock when she had

thrust upon her the anxieties and questionings aroused by the extraordinary career of her eldest son, which was so rapidly unfolding before her astonished gaze. But throughout all this unusual experience Mary was composed, courageous, and fairly wise in her relationship with her strange and little-understood first-born son and his surviving brothers and sisters.

3 Jesus derived much of his unusual gentleness and marvellous sympathetic understanding of human nature from his father; he inherited his gift as a great teacher and his tremendous capacity for righteous indigna-

tion from his mother. In emotional reactions to his adult-life environment, Jesus was at one time like his father, meditative and worshipful, sometimes characterized by apparent sadness; but more often he drove forward in the manner of his mother's optimistic and determined disposition. All in all, Mary's temperament tended to dominate the career of the divine Son as he grew up and swung into the momentous strides of his adult life. In some particulars Jesus was a blending of his parents' traits; in other respects he exhibited the traits of one in contrast with those of the other.

4 From Joseph Jesus secured his strict training in the usages of the Jewish ceremonials and his unusual acquaintance with the Hebrew scriptures; from Mary he derived a broader viewpoint of religious life and a more liberal concept of personal spiritual freedom.

5 The families of both Joseph and Mary were well educated for their time. Joseph and Mary were educated far above the average for their day and station in life. He was a thinker; she was a planner, expert in adaptation and practical in immediate execution. Joseph was a black-eyed brunet; Mary,

a brown-eyed well-nigh blond type.

6 Had Joseph lived, he undoubtedly would have become a firm believer in the divine mission of his eldest son. Mary alternated between believing and doubting, being greatly influenced by the position taken by her other children and by her friends and relatives, but always was she steadied in her final attitude by the memory of Gabriel's appearance to her immediately after[1] the child was conceived.

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[1] Note that Gabriel's appearance had taken place *after* the conception, to allow for freedom of will of both parents, but it happened *immediately* after the conception in order to prevent any danger to this

7 Mary was an expert weaver and more than averagely skilled in most of the household arts of that day; she was a good housekeeper and a superior homemaker. Both Joseph and Mary were good teachers, and they saw to it that their children were well versed in the learning of that day.

8 §§ When Joseph was a young man, he was employed by Mary's father in the work of building an addition to his house, and it was when Mary brought Joseph a cup of water, during a noontime meal, that the courtship of the pair who were destined to become the

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child of destiny.

parents of Jesus really began.

9 Joseph and Mary were married, in accordance with Jewish custom, at Mary's home in the environs of Nazareth when Joseph was 21 years old. This marriage concluded a normal courtship of almost two years' duration. Shortly thereafter they moved into their new home in Nazareth, which had been built by Joseph with the assistance of two of his brothers. The house was located near the foot of the near-by elevated land which so charmingly overlooked the surrounding countryside. In this home, especially prepared, these young and ex-

pectant parents had thought to welcome the child of promise, little realizing that this momentous event of a universe was to transpire while they would be absent from home in Bethlehem of Judea.

10 §§ The larger part of Joseph's family became believers in the teachings of Jesus, but very few of Mary's people ever believed in him until after he departed from this world. Joseph leaned more toward the spiritual concept of the expected Messiah, but Mary and her family, especially her father, held to the idea of the Messiah as a temporal deliverer and political ruler. Mary's

ancestors had been prominently identified with the Maccabean activities of the then but recent times.

11 Joseph held vigorously to the Eastern, or Babylonian, views of the Jewish religion; Mary leaned strongly toward the more liberal and broader Western, or Hellenistic, interpretation of the law and the prophets.

6. THE HOME AT NAZARETH

1 The home of Jesus was not far from the high hill in the northerly part of Nazareth, some distance from the village spring, which was in the eastern section of the town. Jesus' family dwelt

in the outskirts of the city, and this made it all the easier for him subsequently to enjoy frequent strolls in the country and to make trips up to the top of this near-by highland, the highest of all the hills of southern Galilee save the Mount Tabor range to the east and the hill of Nain, which was about the same height. Their home was located a little to the south and east of the southern promontory of this hill and about midway between the base of this elevation and the road leading out of Nazareth toward Cana. Aside from climbing the hill, Jesus' favourite stroll was to follow a narrow trail winding

about the base of the hill in a northeasterly direction to a point where it joined the road to Sepphoris.

2 The home of Joseph and Mary was a one-room stone structure with a flat roof and an adjoining building for housing the animals. The furniture consisted of a low stone table, earthenware and stone dishes and pots, a loom, a lampstand, several small stools, and mats for sleeping on the stone floor. In the back yard, near the animal annex, was the shelter which covered the oven and the mill for grinding grain. It required two persons to operate this type of mill, one

to grind and another to feed the grain. As a small boy Jesus often fed grain to this mill while his mother turned the grinder.

3 In later years, as the family grew in size, they would all squat about the enlarged stone table to enjoy their meals, helping themselves from a common dish, or pot, of food. During the winter, at the evening meal the table would be lighted by a small, flat clay lamp, which was filled with olive oil. After the birth of Martha, Joseph built an addition to this house, a large room, which was used as a carpenter shop during the day and as a sleeping

room at night.

7. THE TRIP TO BETHLEHEM

1 In the month of March, 8 B.C. (the month Joseph and Mary were married), Caesar Augustus decreed that all inhabitants of the Roman Empire should be numbered, that a census should be made which could be used for effecting better taxation. The Jews had always been greatly prejudiced against any attempt to "number the people," and this, in connection with the serious domestic difficulties of Herod, King of Judea, had conspired to cause the postponement

of the taking of this census in the Jewish kingdom for one year. Throughout all the Roman Empire this census was registered in the year 8 B.C., except in the Palestinian kingdom of Herod, where it was taken in 7 B.C., one year later.

2 It was not necessary that Mary should go to Bethlehem for enrolment — Joseph was authorized to register for his family — but Mary, being an adventurous and aggressive person, insisted on accompanying him. She feared being left alone lest the child be born while Joseph was away, and again, Bethlehem being not far from the City

of Judah, Mary foresaw a possible pleasurable visit with her kinswoman Elizabeth.

3 Joseph virtually forbade Mary to accompany him, but it was of no avail; when the food was packed for the trip of three or four days, she prepared double rations and made ready for the journey. But before they actually set forth, Joseph was reconciled to Mary's going along, and they cheerfully departed from Nazareth at the break of day.

4 Joseph and Mary were poor, and since they had only one beast of burden, Mary, being large with child,

rode on the animal with the provisions while Joseph walked, leading the beast. The building and furnishing of a home had been a great drain on Joseph since he had also to contribute to the support of his parents, as his father had been recently disabled. And so this Jewish couple went forth from their humble home early on the morning of August 18, 7 B.C., on their journey to Bethlehem.

5 Their first day of travel carried them around the foothills of Mount Gilboa, where they camped for the night by the river Jordan and engaged in many speculations as to what sort of

a son would be born to them, Joseph adhering to the concept of a spiritual teacher and Mary holding to the idea of a Jewish Messiah, a deliverer of the Hebrew nation.

6 Bright and early the morning of August 19, Joseph and Mary were again on their way. They partook of their noontide meal at the foot of Mount Sartaba, overlooking the Jordan valley, and journeyed on, making Jericho for the night, where they stopped at an inn on the highway in the outskirts of the city. Following the evening meal and after much discussion concerning the oppressiveness

of Roman rule, Herod, the census enrolment, and the comparative influence of Jerusalem and Alexandria as centres of Jewish learning and culture, the Nazareth travellers retired for the night's rest. Early in the morning of August 20 they resumed their journey, reaching Jerusalem before noon, visiting the temple, and going on to their destination, arriving at Bethlehem in midafternoon.

7 The inn was overcrowded, and Joseph accordingly sought lodgings with distant relatives, but every room in Bethlehem was filled to overflowing. On returning to the court-

yard of the inn, he was informed that the caravan stables, hewn out of the side of the rock and situated just below the inn, had been cleared of animals and cleaned up for the reception of lodgers. Leaving the donkey in the courtyard, Joseph shouldered their bags of clothing and provisions and with Mary descended the stone steps to their lodgings below. They found themselves located in what had been a grain storage room to the front of the stalls and mangers. Tent curtains had been hung, and they counted themselves fortunate to have such comfortable quarters.

8 Joseph had thought to go out at once and enrol, but Mary was weary; she was considerably distressed and besought him to remain by her side, which he did.

8. THE BIRTH OF JESUS

1 All that night Mary was restless so that neither of them slept much. By the break of day the pangs of childbirth were well in evidence, and at noon, August 21, 7 B.C., with the help and kind ministrations of women fellow travellers, Mary was delivered of a male child. Jesus of Nazareth was born into the world, was wrapped in

the clothes which Mary had brought along for such a possible contingency, and laid in a near-by manger.

2 In just the same manner as all babies before that day and since have come into the world, the promised child was born; and on the eighth day, according to the Jewish practice, he was circumcised and formally named Joshua (Jesus).

3 The next day after the birth of Jesus, Joseph made his enrolment. Meeting a man they had talked with two nights previously at Jericho, Joseph was taken by him to a well-to-do friend who had a room at the inn, and

who said he would gladly exchange quarters with the Nazareth couple. That afternoon they moved up to the inn, where they lived for almost three weeks until they found lodgings in the home of a distant relative of Joseph.

4 The second day after the birth of Jesus, Mary sent word to Elizabeth that her child had come and received word in return inviting Joseph up to Jerusalem to talk over all their affairs with Zacharias. The following week Joseph went to Jerusalem to confer with Zacharias. Both Zacharias and Elizabeth had become possessed with the sincere conviction that Jesus was

indeed to become the Jewish deliverer, the Messiah, and that their son John was to be his chief of aides, his right-hand man of destiny. And since Mary held these same ideas, it was not difficult to prevail upon Joseph to remain in Bethlehem, the City of David, so that Jesus might grow up to become the successor of David on the throne of all Israel. Accordingly, they remained in Bethlehem more than a year, Joseph meantime working some at his carpenter's trade.

5 §§ At the noontide birth of Jesus the seraphim of Urantia, assembled under their directors, did sing an-

thems of glory over the Bethlehem manger, but these utterances of praise were not heard by human ears. No shepherds nor any other mortal creatures came to pay homage to the babe of Bethlehem until the day of the arrival of certain priests from Ur, who were sent down from Jerusalem by Zacharias.

6 These priests from Mesopotamia had been told sometime before by a strange religious teacher of their country that he had had a dream in which he was informed that "the light of life" was about to appear on earth as a babe and among the Jews. And thither went

these three teachers looking for this "light of life." After many weeks of futile search in Jerusalem, they were about to return to Ur when Zacharias met them and disclosed his belief that Jesus was the object of their quest and sent them on to Bethlehem, where they found the babe and left their gifts with Mary, his earth mother. The babe was almost three weeks old at the time of their visit.

7 These wise men saw no star to guide them to Bethlehem. The beautiful legend of the star of Bethlehem originated in this way: Jesus was born August 21 at noon, 7 B.C. On May

29, 7 B.C., there occurred an extraordinary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation of Pisces[1]. And it is a remarkable astronomic fact that similar conjunctions occurred on September 29 and December 5 of the same year. Upon the basis of these extraordinary but wholly natural events

[1] Indeed, there was such a triple conjunction in 7 B.C. and this fact was known back in 1614 to Johannes Kepler, who was the first scientist to link the "Star of Bethlehem" to this astronomical event. I have calculated (using the program *Stellarium* under Linux) the gap between the planets to be around one degree. The apparent diameter of the Moon is just over half a degree, so the planets were two Moon's diameters apart.

the well-meaning zealots of the succeeding generation constructed the appealing legend of the star of Bethlehem and the adoring Magi led thereby to the manger, where they beheld and worshipped the newborn babe. Oriental and near-Oriental minds delight in fairy stories, and they are continually spinning such beautiful myths about the lives of their religious leaders and political heroes. In the absence of printing, when most human knowledge was passed by word of mouth from one generation to another, it was very easy for myths to become traditions and for traditions eventually to

become accepted as facts.

9. THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

1 Moses had taught the Jews that every first-born son belonged to the Lord, and that, in lieu of his sacrifice as was the custom among the heathen nations, such a son might live provided his parents would redeem him by the payment of five shekels to any authorized priest. There was also a Mosaic ordinance which directed that a mother, after the passing of a certain period of time, should present herself (or have someone make the proper sacrifice for her) at the temple for pu-

rification. It was customary to perform both of these ceremonies at the same time. Accordingly, Joseph and Mary went up to the temple at Jerusalem in person to present Jesus to the priests and effect his redemption and also to make the proper sacrifice to ensure Mary's ceremonial purification from the alleged uncleanness of childbirth.

2 §§ There lingered constantly about the courts of the temple two remarkable characters, Simeon a singer and Anna a poetess. Simeon was a Judean, but Anna was a Galilean. This couple were frequently in each other's com-

pany, and both were intimates of the priest Zacharias, who had confided the secret of John and Jesus to them. Both Simeon and Anna longed for the coming of the Messiah, and their confidence in Zacharias led them to believe that Jesus was the expected deliverer of the Jewish people.

3 Zacharias knew the day Joseph and Mary were expected to appear at the temple with Jesus, and he had prearranged with Simeon and Anna to indicate, by the salute of his upraised hand, which one in the procession of first-born children was Jesus.

4 For this occasion Anna had writ-

ten a poem which Simeon proceeded to sing, much to the astonishment of Joseph, Mary, and all who were assembled in the temple courts. And this was their hymn of the redemption of the first-born son:

> 5 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
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> 6 For he has visited us and wrought redemption for his people;
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> 7 He has raised up a horn of salvation for all of us
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> 8 In the house of his servant David.

9 Even as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets —

10 Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

11 To show mercy to our fathers, and remember his holy covenant —

12 The oath which he swore to Abraham our father,

13 To grant us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,

14 Should serve him without

fear,

15 In holiness and righteous-
ness before him all our days.

16 Yes, and you, child of
promise, shall be called the
prophet of the Most High;

17 For you shall go before the
face of the Lord to establish
his kingdom;

18 To give knowledge of sal-
vation to his people

19 In the remission of their
sins.

20 Rejoice in the tender

mercy of our God because
the dayspring from on high
has now visited us

21 To shine upon those who
sit in darkness and the
shadow of death;

22 To guide our feet into
ways of peace.

23 And now let your servant
depart in peace, O Lord, ac-
cording to your word,

24 For my eyes have seen your
salvation,

25 Which you have prepared
before the face of all peoples;

26 A light for even the unveiling of the gentiles

27 And the glory of your people Israel.

28 §§ On the way back to Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were silent — confused and overawed. Mary was much disturbed by the farewell salutation of Anna, the aged poetess, and Joseph was not in harmony with this premature effort to make Jesus out to be the expected Messiah of the Jewish people.

10. HEROD ACTS

1 But the watchers for Herod were

not inactive. When they reported to him the visit of the priests of Ur to Bethlehem, Herod summoned these Chaldeans to appear before him. He inquired diligently of these wise men about the new "king of the Jews," but they gave him little satisfaction, explaining that the babe had been born of a woman who had come down to Bethlehem with her husband for the census enrolment. Herod, not being satisfied with this answer, sent them forth with a purse and directed that they should find the child so that he too might come and worship him, since they had declared that his king-

dom was to be spiritual, not temporal. But when the wise men did not return, Herod grew suspicious. As he turned these things over in his mind, his informers returned and made full report of the recent occurrences in the temple, bringing him a copy of parts of the Simeon song which had been sung at the redemption ceremonies of Jesus. But they had failed to follow Joseph and Mary, and Herod was very angry with them when they could not tell him whither the pair had taken the babe. He then dispatched searchers to locate Joseph and Mary. Knowing Herod pursued the Nazareth fam-

ily, Zacharias and Elizabeth remained away from Bethlehem. The boy baby was secreted with Joseph's relatives.

2 Joseph was afraid to seek work, and their small savings were rapidly disappearing. Even at the time of the purification ceremonies at the temple, Joseph deemed himself sufficiently poor to warrant his offering for Mary two young pigeons as Moses had directed for the purification of mothers among the poor.

3 When, after more than a year of searching, Herod's spies had not located Jesus, and because of the suspicion that the babe was still concealed

in Bethlehem, he prepared an order directing that a systematic search be made of every house in Bethlehem, and that all boy babies under 2 years of age should be killed. In this manner Herod hoped to make sure that this child who was to become "king of the Jews" would be destroyed. And thus perished in one day 16 boy babies in Bethlehem of Judea. But intrigue and murder, even in his own immediate family, were common occurrences at the court of Herod.

4 The massacre of these infants took place about the middle of October, 6 B.C., when Jesus was a little over

one year of age. But there were believers in the coming Messiah even among Herod's court attachés, and one of these, learning of the order to slaughter the Bethlehem boy babies, communicated with Zacharias, who in turn dispatched a messenger to Joseph; and the night before the massacre Joseph and Mary departed from Bethlehem with the babe for Alexandria in Egypt. In order to avoid attracting attention, they journeyed alone to Egypt with Jesus. They went to Alexandria on funds provided by Zacharias, and there Joseph worked at his trade while Mary and Jesus lodged

with well-to-do relatives of Joseph's family. They sojourned in Alexandria two full years, not returning to Bethlehem until after the death of Herod.

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THE EARLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

Midwayer Commission

Owing to the uncertainties and anxieties of their sojourn in Bethlehem, Mary did not wean the babe until they had arrived safely in Alexandria, where the family was able to settle down to a normal life. They lived with kinsfolk, and Joseph was well able to support his family as he secured work shortly after their arrival. He was employed as a

carpenter for several months and then elevated to the position of foreman of a large group of workmen employed on one of the public buildings then in process of construction. This new experience gave him the idea of becoming a contractor and builder after their return to Nazareth.

2 §§ All through these early years of Jesus' helpless infancy, Mary maintained one long and constant vigil lest anything befall her child which might jeopardize his welfare or in any way interfere with his future mission on earth; no mother was ever more devoted to her child. In the home

where Jesus chanced to be there were two other children about his age, and among the near neighbours there were six others whose ages were sufficiently near his own to make them acceptable play-fellows. At first Mary was disposed to keep Jesus close by her side. She feared something might happen to him if he were allowed to play in the garden with the other children, but Joseph, with the assistance of his kinsfolk, was able to convince her that such a course would deprive Jesus of the helpful experience of learning how to adjust himself to children of his own age. And Mary, realizing that

such a program of undue sheltering and unusual protection might tend to make him self-conscious and somewhat self-centred, finally gave assent to the plan of permitting the child of promise to grow up just like any other child; and though she was obedient to this decision, she made it her business always to be on watch while the little folks were at play about the house or in the garden. Only an affectionate mother can know the burden that Mary carried in her heart for the safety of her son during these years of his infancy and early childhood.

3 Throughout the two years of their

sojourn at Alexandria, Jesus enjoyed good health and continued to grow normally. Aside from a few friends and relatives no one was told about Jesus' being a "child of promise." One of Joseph's relatives revealed this to a few friends in Memphis, descendants of the distant Ikhnaton, and they, with a small group of Alexandrian believers, assembled at the palatial home of Joseph's relative-benefactor a short time before the return to Palestine to wish the Nazareth family well and to pay their respects to the child. On this occasion the assembled friends presented Jesus with

a complete copy of the Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures. But this copy of the Jewish sacred writings was not placed in Joseph's hands until both he and Mary had finally declined the invitation of their Memphis and Alexandrian friends to remain in Egypt. These believers insisted that the child of destiny would be able to exert a far greater world influence as a resident of Alexandria than of any designated place in Palestine. These persuasions delayed their departure for Palestine for some time after they received the news of Herod's death.

4 §§ Joseph and Mary finally took

leave of Alexandria on a boat belonging to their friend Ezraeon, bound for Joppa, arriving at that port late in August of the year 4 B.C. They went directly to Bethlehem, where they spent the entire month of September in counsel with their friends and relatives concerning whether they should remain there or return to Nazareth.

5 Mary had never fully given up the idea that Jesus ought to grow up in Bethlehem, the City of David. Joseph did not really believe that their son was to become a kingly deliverer of Israel. Besides, he knew that he himself was not really a descendant of

David; that his being reckoned among the offspring of David was due to the adoption of one of his ancestors into the Davidic line of descent. Mary, of course, thought the City of David the most appropriate place in which the new candidate for David's throne could be reared, but Joseph preferred to take chances with Herod Antipas rather than with his brother Archelaus. He entertained great fears for the child's safety in Bethlehem or in any other city in Judea, and surmised that Archelaus would be more likely to pursue the menacing policies of his father, Herod, than would An-

tipas in Galilee. And besides all these reasons, Joseph was outspoken in his preference for Galilee as a better place in which to rear and educate the child, but it required three weeks to overcome Mary's objections.

6 By the first of October Joseph had convinced Mary and all their friends that it was best for them to return to Nazareth. Accordingly, early in October, 4 B.C., they departed from Bethlehem for Nazareth, going by way of Lydda and Scythopolis. They started out early one Sunday morning, Mary and the child riding on their newly acquired beast of burden, while Joseph

and five accompanying kinsmen proceeded on foot; Joseph's relatives refused to permit them to make the trip to Nazareth alone. They feared to go to Galilee by Jerusalem and the Jordan valley, and the western routes were not altogether safe for two lone travellers with a child of tender years.

1. BACK IN NAZARETH

1 On the fourth day of the journey the party reached its destination in safety. They arrived unannounced at the Nazareth home, which had been occupied for more than three years by one of Joseph's married brothers, who

was indeed surprised to see them; so quietly had they gone about their business that neither the family of Joseph nor that of Mary knew they had even left Alexandria. The next day Joseph's brother moved his family, and Mary, for the first time since Jesus' birth, settled down with her little family to enjoy life in their own home. In less than a week Joseph secured work as a carpenter, and they were supremely happy.

2 Jesus was about three years and two months old at the time of their return to Nazareth. He had stood all these travels very well and was in ex-

cellent health and full of childish glee and excitement at having premises of his own to run about in and to enjoy. But he greatly missed the association of his Alexandrian playmates.

3 On the way to Nazareth Joseph had persuaded Mary that it would be unwise to spread the word among their Galilean friends and relatives that Jesus was a child of promise. They agreed to refrain from all mention of these matters to anyone. And they were both very faithful in keeping this promise.

4 Jesus' entire fourth year was a period of normal physical development

and of unusual mental activity. Meantime he had formed a very close attachment for a neighbour boy about his own age named Jacob. Jesus and Jacob were always happy in their play, and they grew up to be great friends and loyal companions.

5 The next important event in the life of this Nazareth family was the birth of the second child, James, in the early morning hours of April 2, 3 B.C. Jesus was thrilled by the thought of having a baby brother, and he would stand around by the hour just to observe the baby's early activities.

6 It was midsummer of this same

year that Joseph built a small workshop close to the village spring and near the caravan tarrying lot. After this he did very little carpenter work by the day. He had as associates two of his brothers and several other mechanics, whom he sent out to work while he remained at the shop making yokes and ploughs and doing other woodwork. He also did some work in leather and with rope and canvas. And Jesus, as he grew up, when not at school, spent his time about equally between helping his mother with home duties and watching his father work at the shop, meanwhile lis-

tening to the conversation and gossip of the caravan conductors and passengers from the four corners of the earth.

7 In July of this year, one month before Jesus was four years old, an outbreak of malignant intestinal trouble spread over all Nazareth from contact with the caravan travellers. Mary became so alarmed by the danger of Jesus being exposed to this epidemic of disease that she bundled up both her children and fled to the country home of her brother, several kilometres south of Nazareth on the Megiddo road near Sarid. They did not return to Nazareth for more than two months; Je-

sus greatly enjoyed this, his first experience on a farm.

2. THE FIFTH YEAR (2 B.C.)

1 In something more than a year after the return to Nazareth the boy Jesus arrived at the age of his first personal and wholehearted moral decision; and there came to abide with him a Thought Adjuster, a divine gift of the Paradise Father, which had aforetime served with Machiventa Melchizedek, thus gaining the experience of functioning in connection with the incarnation of a supermortal being living in the likeness of mortal flesh. This

event occurred on February 11, 2 B.C. Jesus was no more aware of the coming of the divine Monitor than are the millions upon millions of other children who, before and since that day, have likewise received these Thought Adjusters to indwell their minds and work for the ultimate spiritualization of these minds and the eternal survival of their evolving immortal souls.

2 On this day in February the direct and personal supervision of the Universe Rulers, as it was related to the integrity of the childlike incarnation of Michael, terminated. From that time on throughout the human unfolding

of the incarnation, the guardianship of Jesus was destined to rest in the keeping of this indwelling Adjuster and the associated seraphic guardians, supplemented from time to time by the ministry of midway creatures assigned for the performance of certain definite duties in accordance with the instruction of their planetary superiors.

3 §§ Jesus was five years old in August of this year, and we will, therefore, refer to this as his fifth (calendar) year of life. In this year, 2 B.C., a little more than one month before his fifth birthday anniversary, Jesus was made very happy by the coming of his

sister Miriam, who was born on the night of July 11. During the evening of the following day Jesus had a long talk with his father concerning the manner in which various groups of living things are born into the world as separate individuals. The most valuable part of Jesus' early education was secured from his parents in answer to his thoughtful and searching inquiries. Joseph never failed to do his full duty in taking pains and spending time answering the boy's numerous questions. From the time Jesus was five years old until he was ten, he was one continuous question mark. While Joseph

and Mary could not always answer his questions, they never failed fully to discuss his inquiries and in every other possible way to assist him in his efforts to reach a satisfactory solution of the problem which his alert mind had suggested.

4 Since returning to Nazareth, theirs had been a busy household, and Joseph had been unusually occupied building his new shop and getting his business started again. So fully was he occupied that he had found no time to build a cradle for James, but this was corrected long before Miriam came, so that she had a very comfortable crib

in which to nestle while the family admired her. And the child Jesus heartily entered into all these natural and normal home experiences. He greatly enjoyed his little brother and his baby sister and was of great help to Mary in their care.

5 There were few homes in the gentile world of those days that could give a child a better intellectual, moral, and religious training than the Jewish homes of Galilee. These Jews had a systematic program for rearing and educating their children. They divided a child's life into seven stages:

6 1. The newborn child, the first

to the eighth day.

7 2. The suckling child.

8 3. The weaned child.

9 4. The period of dependence on the mother, lasting up to the end of the fifth year.

10 5. The beginning independence of the child and, with sons, the father assuming responsibility for their education.

11 6. The adolescent youths and maidens.

12 7. The young men and the young women.

13 §§ It was the custom of the Galilean Jews for the mother to bear

the responsibility for a child's training until the fifth birthday, and then, if the child were a boy, to hold the father responsible for the lad's education from that time on. This year, therefore, Jesus entered upon the fifth stage of a Galilean Jewish child's career, and accordingly on August 21, 2 B.C., Mary formally turned him over to Joseph for further instruction.

14 Though Joseph was now assuming the direct responsibility for Jesus' intellectual and religious education, his mother still interested herself in his home training. She taught him to know and care for the vines

and flowers growing about the garden walls which completely surrounded the home plot. She also provided on the roof of the house (the summer bedroom) shallow boxes of sand in which Jesus worked out maps and did much of his early practice at writing Aramaic, Greek, and later on, Hebrew, for in time he learned to read, write, and speak, fluently, all three languages.

15 Jesus appeared to be a well-nigh perfect child physically and continued to make normal progress mentally and emotionally. He experienced a mild digestive upset, his first minor illness,

in the latter part of this, his fifth (calendar) year.

16 Though Joseph and Mary often talked about the future of their eldest child, had you been there, you would only have observed the growing up of a normal, healthy, carefree, but exceedingly inquisitive child of that time and place.

3. EVENTS OF THE SIXTH YEAR (1 B.C.)

1 Already, with his mother's help, Jesus had mastered the Galilean dialect of the Aramaic tongue; and now his father began teaching him Greek. Mary

spoke little Greek, but Joseph was a fluent speaker of both Aramaic and Greek. The textbook for the study of the Greek language was the copy of the Hebrew scriptures — a complete version of the law and the prophets, including the Psalms — which had been presented to them on leaving Egypt. There were only two complete copies of the Scriptures in Greek in all Nazareth, and the possession of one of them by the carpenter's family made Joseph's home a much-sought place and enabled Jesus, as he grew up, to meet an almost endless procession of earnest students and sincere truth seekers. Be-

fore this year ended, Jesus had assumed custody of this priceless manuscript, having been told on his sixth birthday that the sacred book had been presented to him by Alexandrian friends and relatives. And in a very short time he could read it readily.

2 §§ The first great shock of Jesus' young life occurred when he was not quite six years old. It had seemed to the lad that his father — at least his father and mother together — knew everything. Imagine, therefore, the surprise of this inquiring child, when he asked his father the cause of a mild earthquake which had just occurred,

to hear Joseph say, "My son, I really do not know." Thus began that long and disconcerting disillusionment in the course of which Jesus found out that his earthly parents were not all-wise and all-knowing.

3 Joseph's first thought was to tell Jesus that the earthquake had been caused by God, but a moment's reflection admonished him that such an answer would immediately be provocative of further and still more embarrassing inquiries. Even at an early age it was very difficult to answer Jesus' questions about physical or social phenomena by thoughtlessly telling him

that either God or the devil was responsible. In harmony with the prevailing belief of the Jewish people, Jesus was long willing to accept the doctrine of good spirits and evil spirits as the possible explanation of mental and spiritual phenomena, but he very early became doubtful that such unseen influences were responsible for the physical happenings of the natural world.

4 §§ Before Jesus was six years of age, in the early summer of 1 B.C., Zacharias and Elizabeth and their son John came to visit the Nazareth family. Jesus and John had a happy time during this, their first visit within their mem-

ories. Although the visitors could remain only a few days, the parents talked over many things, including the future plans for their sons. While they were thus engaged, the lads played with blocks in the sand on top of the house and in many other ways enjoyed themselves in true boyish fashion.

5 §§ Having met John, who came from near Jerusalem, Jesus began to evince an unusual interest in the history of Israel and to inquire in great detail as to the meaning of the Sabbath rites, the synagogue sermons, and the recurring feasts of commemoration. His father explained to him

the meaning of all these seasons. The first was the midwinter festive illumination, lasting eight days, starting out with one candle the first night and adding one each successive night; this commemorated the dedication of the temple after the restoration of the Mosaic services by Judas Maccabee. Next came the early springtime celebration of Purim, the feast of Esther and Israel's deliverance through her. Then followed the solemn Passover, which the adults celebrated in Jerusalem whenever possible, while at home the children would remember that no leavened bread was to be eaten for the

whole week. Later came the feast of the first-fruits, the harvest ingathering; and last, the most solemn of all, the feast of the new year, the day of atonement. While some of these celebrations and observances were difficult for Jesus' young mind to understand, he pondered them seriously and then entered fully into the joy of the feast of tabernacles, the annual vacation season of the whole Jewish people, the time when they camped out in leafy booths and gave themselves up to mirth and pleasure.

6 §§ During this year Joseph and Mary had trouble with Jesus about

his prayers. He insisted on talking to his heavenly Father much as he would talk to Joseph, his earthly father. This departure from the more solemn and reverent modes of communication with Deity was a bit disconcerting to his parents, especially to his mother, but there was no persuading him to change; he would say his prayers just as he had been taught, after which he insisted on having "just a little talk with my Father in heaven."

7 In June of this year Joseph turned the shop in Nazareth over to his brothers and formally entered upon his work as a builder. Before the year

was over, the family income had more than trebled. Never again, until after Joseph's death, did the Nazareth family feel the pinch of poverty. The family grew larger and larger, and they spent much money on extra education and travel, but always Joseph's increasing income kept pace with the growing expenses.

8 The next few years Joseph did considerable work at Cana, Bethlehem (of Galilee), Magdala, Nain, Sepphoris, Capernaum, and Endor, as well as much building in and near Nazareth. As James grew up to be old enough to help his mother with the housework

and care of the younger children, Jesus made frequent trips away from home with his father to these surrounding towns and villages. Jesus was a keen observer and gained much practical knowledge from these trips away from home; he was assiduously storing up knowledge regarding man and the way he lived on earth.

9 §§ This year Jesus made great progress in adjusting his strong feelings and vigorous impulses to the demands of family co-operation and home discipline. Mary was a loving mother but a fairly strict disciplinarian. In many ways, however, Joseph exerted

the greater control over Jesus as it was his practice to sit down with the boy and fully explain the real and underlying reasons for the necessity of disciplinary curtailment of personal desires in deference to the welfare and tranquillity of the entire family. When the situation had been explained to Jesus, he was always intelligently and willingly co-operative with parental wishes and family regulations.

10 §§ Much of his spare time — when his mother did not require his help about the house — was spent studying the flowers and plants by day and the stars by night. He evinced a

troublesome penchant for lying on his back and gazing wonderingly up into the starry heavens long after his usual bedtime in this well-ordered Nazareth household.

4. THE SEVENTH YEAR (A.D. 1)

1 This was, indeed, an eventful year in Jesus' life. Early in January a great snowstorm occurred in Galilee. Snow fell 60 cm deep, the heaviest snowfall Jesus saw during his lifetime and one of the deepest at Nazareth in 100 years.

2 The play life of Jewish children in the times of Jesus was rather circumscribed; all too often the chil-

dren played at the more serious things they observed their elders doing. They played much at weddings and funerals, ceremonies which they so frequently saw and which were so spectacular. They danced and sang but had few organized games, such as children of later days so much enjoy.

3 Jesus, in company with a neighbour boy and later his brother James, delighted to play in the far corner of the family carpenter shop, where they had great fun with the shavings and the blocks of wood. It was always difficult for Jesus to comprehend the harm of certain sorts of play which

were forbidden on the Sabbath, but he never failed to conform to his parents' wishes. He had a capacity for humour and play which was afforded little opportunity for expression in the environment of his day and generation, but up to the age of 14 he was cheerful and light-hearted most of the time.

4 Mary maintained a dovecote on top of the animal house adjoining the home, and they used the profits from the sale of doves as a special charity fund, which Jesus administered after he deducted the tithe and turned it over to the officer of the synagogue.

5 §§ The only real accident Jesus had up to this time was a fall down the back-yard stone stairs which led up to the canvas-roofed bedroom. It happened during an unexpected July sandstorm from the east. The hot winds, carrying blasts of fine sand, usually blew during the rainy season, especially in March and April. It was extraordinary to have such a storm in July. When the storm came up, Jesus was on the housetop playing, as was his habit, for during much of the dry season this was his accustomed playroom. He was blinded by the sand when descending the stairs and fell. After this

accident Joseph built a balustrade up both sides of the stairway.

6 There was no way in which this accident could have been prevented. It was not chargeable to neglect by the midway temporal guardians, one primary and one secondary midwayer having been assigned to the watchcare of the lad; neither was it chargeable to the guardian seraphim. It simply could not have been avoided. But this slight accident, occurring while Joseph was absent in Endor, caused such great anxiety to develop in Mary's mind that she unwisely tried to keep Jesus very close to her side for some

months.

7 Material accidents, commonplace occurrences of a physical nature, are not arbitrarily interfered with by celestial personalities. Under ordinary circumstances only midway creatures can intervene in material conditions to safeguard the persons of men and women of destiny, and even in special situations these beings can so act only in obedience to the specific mandates of their superiors.

8 And this was but one of a number of such minor accidents which subsequently befell this inquisitive and adventurous youth. If you envisage the

average childhood and youth of an aggressive boy, you will have a fairly good idea of the youthful career of Jesus, and you will be able to imagine just about how much anxiety he caused his parents, particularly his mother.

9 §§ The fourth member of the Nazareth family, Joseph, was born Wednesday morning, March 16, A.D. 1.

5. SCHOOL DAYS IN NAZARETH

1 Jesus was now seven years old, the age when Jewish children were supposed to begin their formal education in the synagogue schools. Accordingly, in August of this year he en-

tered upon his eventful school life at Nazareth. Already this lad was a fluent reader, writer, and speaker of two languages, Aramaic and Greek. He was now to acquaint himself with the task of learning to read, write, and speak the Hebrew language. And he was truly eager for the new school life which was ahead of him.

2 For three years — until he was ten — he attended the elementary school of the Nazareth synagogue. For these three years he studied the rudiments of the Book of the Law as it was recorded in the Hebrew tongue. For the following three years he studied

in the advanced school and committed to memory, by the method of repeating aloud, the deeper teachings of the sacred law. He graduated from this school of the synagogue during his 13th year and was turned over to his parents by the synagogue rulers as an educated "son of the commandment" — henceforth a responsible citizen of the commonwealth of Israel, all of which entailed his attendance at the Passovers in Jerusalem; accordingly, he attended his first Passover that year in company with his father and mother.

3 §§ At Nazareth the pupils sat on the floor in a semicircle, while their

teacher, the chazan[1], an officer of the synagogue, sat facing them. Beginning with the Book of Leviticus, they passed on to the study of the other books of the Law[2], followed by the study of the Prophets and the Psalms[3].

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[1] A more accurate rendition of the Hebrew חַזָּן would have been "chazzan".

[2] In 1955 text "law" in lower case. Here and in the paragraph 5 below, the "Law" being spoken of is the Hebrew Torah, i.e., the first part of the Hebrew Scriptures: תורה נביאים כתובים.

[3] Here the Writings (Hebrew כתובים) are called the "Psalms" by the name of the first book of this section of Hebrew Scriptures, according to many Hebrew MSS, though not that of Talmud (which places Ruth first) and some of the early MSS I have examined, such as The Leningrad Codex (B19A),

The Nazareth synagogue possessed a complete copy of the Scriptures in Hebrew. Nothing but the Scriptures was studied prior to the 12th year. In the summer months the hours for school were greatly shortened.

4 Jesus early became a master of Hebrew, and as a young man, when no visitor of prominence happened to be sojourning in Nazareth, he would often be asked to read the Hebrew scriptures to the faithful assembled in the synagogue at the regular Sabbath services.

5 These synagogue schools, of course,

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which places Chronicles first.

had no textbooks. In teaching, the chazan would utter a statement while the pupils would in unison repeat it after him. When having access to the written books of the Law, the student learned his lesson by reading aloud and by constant repetition.

6 §§ Next, in addition to his more formal schooling, Jesus began to make contact with human nature from the four quarters of the earth as men from many lands passed in and out of his father's repair shop. When he grew older, he mingled freely with the caravans as they tarried near the spring for rest and nourishment. Being a fluent

speaker of Greek, he had little trouble in conversing with the majority of the caravan travellers and conductors.

7 Nazareth was a caravan way station and crossroads of travel and largely gentile in population; at the same time it was widely known as a centre of liberal interpretation of Jewish traditional law. In Galilee the Jews mingled more freely with the gentiles than was their practice in Judea. And of all the cities of Galilee, the Jews of Nazareth were most liberal in their interpretation of the social restrictions based on the fears of contamination as a result of contact with the gen-

tiles. And these conditions gave rise to the common saying in Jerusalem, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

8 Jesus received his moral training and spiritual culture chiefly in his own home. He secured much of his intellectual and theological education from the chazan. But his real education — that equipment of mind and heart for the actual test of grappling with the difficult problems of life — he obtained by mingling with his fellow men. It was this close association with his fellow men, young and old, Jew and gentile, that afforded him the

opportunity to know the human race. Jesus was highly educated in that he thoroughly understood men and devotedly loved them.

9 §§ Throughout his years at the synagogue he was a brilliant student, possessing a great advantage since he was conversant with three languages. The Nazareth chazan, on the occasion of Jesus' finishing the course in his school, remarked to Joseph that he feared he "had learned more from Jesus' searching questions" than he had "been able to teach the lad."

10 Throughout his course of study Jesus learned much and derived great

inspiration from the regular Sabbath sermons in the synagogue. It was customary to ask distinguished visitors, stopping over the Sabbath in Nazareth, to address the synagogue. As Jesus grew up, he heard many great thinkers of the entire Jewish world expound their views, and many also who were hardly orthodox Jews since the synagogue of Nazareth was an advanced and liberal centre of Hebrew thought and culture.

11 When entering school at seven years (at this time the Jews had just inaugurated a compulsory education law), it was customary for the pupils

to choose their "birthday text," a sort of golden rule to guide them throughout their studies, one upon which they often expatiated at their graduation when 13 years old. The text which Jesus chose was from the Prophet Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the meek, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to set the spiritual prisoners free."

12 §§ Nazareth was one of the 24 priest centres of the Hebrew nation. But the Galilean priesthood was more liberal in the interpretation of the tra-

ditional laws than were the Judean scribes and rabbis. And at Nazareth they were also more liberal regarding the observance of the Sabbath. It was therefore the custom for Joseph to take Jesus out for walks on Sabbath afternoons, one of their favourite jaunts being to climb the high hill near their home, from which they could obtain a panoramic view of all Galilee. To the north-west, on clear days, they could see the long ridge of Mount Carmel running down to the sea; and many times Jesus heard his father relate the story of Elijah, one of the first of that long line of Hebrew prophets, who re-

proved Ahab and exposed the priests of Baal. To the north Mount Hermon raised its snowy peak in majestic splendour and monopolized the skyline, almost 900 m of the upper slopes glistening white with perpetual snow. Far to the east they could discern the Jordan valley and, far beyond, the rocky hills of Moab. Also to the south and the east, when the sun shone upon their marble walls, they could see the Græco-Roman cities of the Decapolis, with their amphitheatres and pretentious temples. And when they lingered toward the going down of the sun, to the west they could make out

the sailing vessels on the distant Mediterranean.[1]

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[1] Informational: first printing; Far to the east they could discern the Jordan valley and, far beyond, the rocky hills of Moab. Also to the south and the east... — Punctuation and wording changes were rejected by the committee. The context for this sentence is the "panoramic view" from atop the Nazareth hill: Jesus and his father are standing on top of the hill and are moving their gaze from Mt. Carmel in the north-west around an arc to the north, east, south and west. Mt. Hermon is to their north, and from springs in its foothills near Dan (north-east of Nazareth) the Jordan valley extends to the Dead Sea in the south. Thus, as Jesus and Joseph follow the line of the river valley along the arc of their survey, as the Jordan approaches the Dead Sea, father and son "discern...far beyond, the rocky hills of Moab." This interpretation is further supported by the punctuation of the following sen-

13 From four directions Jesus could observe the caravan trains as they wended their way in and out of Nazareth, and to the south he could overlook the broad and fertile plain country of Esdraelon, stretching off toward Mount Gilboa and Samaria.

14 When they did not climb the heights to view the distant landscape, they strolled through the countryside and studied nature in her various moods in accordance with the

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tence which does not read "Also, to the south and the east,..." (suggesting a change in direction from the last reference), but rather, "Also to the south and the east,..." which implies that the last referenced location (Moab) was in the same direction.

seasons. Jesus' earliest training, aside from that of the home hearth, had to do with a reverent and sympathetic contact with nature.

15 §§ Before he was 8 years of age, he was known to all the mothers and young women of Nazareth, who had met him and talked with him at the spring, which was not far from his home, and which was one of the social centres of contact and gossip for the entire town. This year Jesus learned to milk the family cow and care for the other animals. During this and the following year he also learned to make cheese and to weave. When he was 10

years of age, he was an expert loom operator. It was about this time that Jesus and the neighbour boy Jacob became great friends of the potter who worked near the flowing spring; and as they watched Nathan's deft fingers mould the clay on the potter's wheel, many times both of them determined to be potters when they grew up. Nathan was very fond of the lads and often gave them clay to play with, seeking to stimulate their creative imaginations by suggesting competitive efforts in modelling various objects and ani-

mals.

6. HIS EIGHTH YEAR (A.D. 2)

1 This was an interesting year at school. Although Jesus was not an unusual student, he was a diligent pupil and belonged to the more progressive third of the class, doing his work so well that he was excused from attendance one week out of each month. This week he usually spent either with his fisherman uncle on the shores of the Sea of Galilee near Magdala or on the farm of another uncle (his mother's brother) 8 km south of Nazareth.

2 Although his mother had become unduly anxious about his health and safety, she gradually became reconciled to these trips away from home. Jesus' uncles and aunts were all very fond of him, and there ensued a lively competition among them to secure his company for these monthly visits throughout this and immediately subsequent years. His first week's sojourn on his uncle's farm (since infancy) was in January of this year; the first week's fishing experience on the Sea of Galilee occurred in the month of May.

3 About this time Jesus met a teacher of mathematics from Dam-

ascus, and learning some new techniques of numbers, he spent much time on mathematics for several years. He developed a keen sense of numbers, distances, and proportions.

4 Jesus began to enjoy his brother James very much and by the end of this year had begun to teach him the alphabet.

5 This year Jesus made arrangements to exchange dairy products for lessons on the harp. He had an unusual liking for everything musical. Later on he did much to promote an interest in vocal music among his youthful associates. By the time he was 11 years of

age, he was a skillful harpist and greatly enjoyed entertaining both family and friends with his extraordinary interpretations and able improvisations.

6 While Jesus continued to make enviable progress at school, all did not run smoothly for either parents or teachers. He persisted in asking many embarrassing questions concerning both science and religion, particularly regarding geography and astronomy. He was especially insistent on finding out why there was a dry season and a rainy season in Palestine. Repeatedly he sought the explanation for the great difference between the tem-

peratures of Nazareth and the Jordan valley. He simply never ceased to ask such intelligent but perplexing questions.

7 §§ His third brother, Simon, was born on Friday evening, April 14, of this year, A.D. 2.

8 §§ In February, Nahor, one of the teachers in a Jerusalem academy of the rabbis, came to Nazareth to observe Jesus, having been on a similar mission to Zacharias's home near Jerusalem. He came to Nazareth at the instigation of John's father. While at first he was somewhat shocked by Jesus' frankness and unconventional manner of

relating himself to things religious, he attributed it to the remoteness of Galilee from the centres of Hebrew learning and culture and advised Joseph and Mary to allow him to take Jesus back with him to Jerusalem, where he could have the advantages of education and training at the centre of Jewish culture. Mary was half persuaded to consent; she was convinced her eldest son was to become the Messiah, the Jewish deliverer; Joseph hesitated; he was equally persuaded that Jesus was to grow up to become a man of destiny, but what that destiny would prove to be he was profoundly uncertain. But

he never really doubted that his son was to fulfil some great mission on earth. The more he thought about Nahor's advice, the more he questioned the wisdom of the proposed sojourn in Jerusalem.

9 Because of this difference of opinion between Joseph and Mary, Nahor requested permission to lay the whole matter before Jesus. Jesus listened attentively, talked with Joseph, Mary, and a neighbour, Jacob the stone mason, whose son was his favourite playmate, and then, two days later, reported that since there was such a difference of opinion among his par-

ents and advisers, and since he did not feel competent to assume the responsibility for such a decision, not feeling strongly one way or the other, in view of the whole situation, he had finally decided to "talk with my Father who is in heaven"; and while he was not perfectly sure about the answer, he rather felt he should remain at home "with my father and mother," adding, "they who love me so much should be able to do more for me and guide me more safely than strangers who can only view my body and observe my mind but can hardly truly know me." They all marveled, and Nahor went his

way, back to Jerusalem. And it was many years before the subject of Jesus' going away from home again came up for consideration.

PAPER 124

THE LATER CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

Midwayer Commission

Although Jesus might have enjoyed a better opportunity for schooling at Alexandria than in Galilee, he could not have had such a splendid environment for working out his own life problems with a minimum of educational guidance, at the same time enjoying the great advantage of constantly contacting with such a large number of all classes of

men and women hailing from every part of the civilized world. Had he remained at Alexandria, his education would have been directed by Jews and along exclusively Jewish lines. At Nazareth he secured an education and received a training which more acceptably prepared him to understand the gentiles, and which gave him a better and more balanced idea of the relative merits of the Eastern, or Babylonian, and the Western, or Hellenic, views of

Hebrew theology.

1. JESUS' NINTH YEAR (A.D. 3)

1 Though it could hardly be said that Jesus was ever seriously ill, he did have some of the minor ailments of childhood this year, along with his brothers and baby sister.

2 School went on and he was still a favoured pupil, having one week each month at liberty, and he continued to divide his time about equally between trips to neighbouring cities with his father, sojourns on his uncle's farm south of Nazareth, and fishing excur-

sions out from Magdala.

3 §§ The most serious trouble as yet to come up at school occurred in late winter when Jesus dared to challenge the chazan regarding the teaching that all images, pictures, and drawings were idolatrous in nature. Jesus delighted in drawing landscapes as well as in modelling a great variety of objects in potter's clay. Everything of that sort was strictly forbidden by Jewish law, but up to this time he had managed to disarm his parents' objection to such an extent that they had permitted him to continue in these activities.

4 But trouble was again stirred up at

school when one of the more backward pupils discovered Jesus drawing a charcoal picture of the teacher on the floor of the schoolroom. There it was, plain as day, and many of the elders had viewed it before the committee went to call on Joseph to demand that something be done to suppress the lawlessness of his eldest son. And though this was not the first time complaints had come to Joseph and Mary about the doings of their versatile and aggressive child, this was the most serious of all the accusations which had thus far been lodged against him. Jesus lis-

tened to the indictment of his artistic efforts for some time, being seated on a large stone just outside the back door. He resented their blaming his father for his alleged misdeeds; so in he marched, fearlessly confronting his accusers. The elders were thrown into confusion. Some were inclined to view the episode humorously, while one or two seemed to think the boy was sacrilegious if not blasphemous. Joseph was nonplussed, Mary indignant, but Jesus insisted on being heard. He had his say, courageously defended his viewpoint, and with consummate self-control announced that he would

abide by the decision of his father in this as in all other matters controversial. And the committee of elders departed in silence.

5 Mary endeavoured to influence Joseph to permit Jesus to model in clay at home, provided he promised not to carry on any of these questionable activities at school, but Joseph felt impelled to rule that the rabbinical interpretation of the second commandment should prevail. And so Jesus no more drew or modelled the likeness of anything from that day as long as he lived in his father's house. But he was unconvinced of the wrong of what

he had done, and to give up such a favourite pastime constituted one of the great trials of his young life.

6 §§ In the latter part of June, Jesus, in company with his father, first climbed to the summit of Mount Tabor. It was a clear day and the view was superb. It seemed to this nine-year-old lad that he had really gazed upon the entire world excepting India, Africa, and Rome.

7 §§ Jesus' second sister, Martha, was born Thursday night, September 13. Three weeks after the coming of Martha, Joseph, who was home for awhile, started the building of an addi-

tion to their house, a combined workshop and bedroom. A small workbench was built for Jesus, and for the first time he possessed tools of his own. At odd times for many years he worked at this bench and became highly expert in the making of yokes.

8 §§ This winter and the next were the coldest in Nazareth for many decades. Jesus had seen snow on the mountains, and several times it had fallen in Nazareth, remaining on the ground only a short time; but not until this winter had he seen ice. The fact that water could be had as a solid, a liquid, and a vapour — he had long pon-

dered over the escaping steam from the boiling pots — caused the lad to think a great deal about the physical world and its constitution; and yet the personality embodied in this growing youth was all this while the actual creator and organizer of all these things throughout a far-flung universe.

9 The climate of Nazareth was not severe. January was the coldest month, the temperature averaging around 10 °C. During July and August, the hottest months, the temperature would vary from 24 °C to 32 °C. From the mountains to the Jordan and the Dead Sea valley the climate of Pales-

tine ranged from the frigid to the torrid. And so, in a way, the Jews were prepared to live in about any and all of the world's varying climates.

10 Even during the warmest summer months a cool sea breeze usually blew from the west from 10:00 until about 22:00. But every now and then terrific hot winds from the eastern desert would blow across all Palestine. These hot blasts usually came in February and March, near the end of the rainy season. In those days the rain fell in refreshing showers from November to April, but it did not rain steadily. There were only two seasons in Pales-

tine, summer and winter, the dry and rainy seasons. In January the flowers began to bloom, and by the end of April the whole land was one vast flower garden.

11 §§ In May of this year, on his uncle's farm, Jesus for the first time helped with the harvest of the grain. Before he was 13, he had managed to find out something about practically everything that men and women worked at around Nazareth except metal working, and he spent several months in a smith's shop when older, after the death of his father.

12 When work and caravan travel

were slack, Jesus made many trips with his father on pleasure or business to near-by Cana, Endor, and Nain. Even as a lad he frequently visited Sepphoris, only a little over 4.9 km from Nazareth to the north-west, and from 4 B.C. to about A.D. 25 the capital of Galilee and one of the residences of Herod Antipas.

13 Jesus continued to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. His trips away from home did much to give him a better and more generous understanding of his own family, and by this time even his parents were beginning to learn from him

as well as to teach him. Jesus was an original thinker and a skillful teacher, even in his youth. He was in constant collision with the so-called "oral law," but he always sought to adapt himself to the practices of his family. He got along fairly well with the children of his age, but he often grew discouraged with their slow-acting minds. Before he was ten years old, he had become the leader of a group of seven lads who formed themselves into a society for promoting the acquirements of manhood — physical, intellectual, and religious. Among these boys Jesus succeeded in introducing many new

games and various improved methods of physical recreation.

2. THE TENTH YEAR (A.D. 4)

1 It was the fifth of July, the first Sabbath of the month, when Jesus, while strolling through the countryside with his father, first gave expression to feelings and ideas which indicated that he was becoming self-conscious of the unusual nature of his life mission. Joseph listened attentively to the momentous words of his son but made few comments; he volunteered no information. The next day Jesus had a similar but longer talk with his

mother. Mary likewise listened to the pronouncements of the lad, but neither did she volunteer any information. It was almost two years before Jesus again spoke to his parents concerning this increasing revelation within his own consciousness regarding the nature of his personality and the character of his mission on earth.

2 §§ He entered the advanced school of the synagogue in August. At school he was constantly creating trouble by the questions he persisted in asking. Increasingly he kept all Nazareth in more or less of a hubbub. His parents were loath to forbid his asking

these disquieting questions, and his chief teacher was greatly intrigued by the lad's curiosity, insight, and hunger for knowledge.

3 Jesus' playmates saw nothing supernatural in his conduct; in most ways he was altogether like themselves. His interest in study was somewhat above the average but not wholly unusual. He did ask more questions at school than others in his class.

4 §§ Perhaps his most unusual and outstanding trait was his unwillingness to fight for his rights. Since he was such a well-developed lad for his age, it seemed strange to his playfellows that

he was disinclined to defend himself even from injustice or when subjected to personal abuse. As it happened, he did not suffer much on account of this trait because of the friendship of Jacob, a neighbour boy, who was one year older. He was the son of the stone mason, a business associate of Joseph. Jacob was a great admirer of Jesus and made it his business to see that no one was permitted to impose upon Jesus because of his aversion to physical combat. Several times older and uncouth youths attacked Jesus, relying upon his reputed docility, but they always suffered swift and certain retribu-

tion at the hands of his self-appointed champion and ever-ready defender, Jacob the stone mason's son.

5 Jesus was the generally accepted leader of the Nazareth lads who stood for the higher ideals of their day and generation. He was really loved by his youthful associates, not only because he was fair, but also because he possessed a rare and understanding sympathy that betokened love and bordered on discreet compassion.

6 This year he began to show a marked preference for the company of older persons. He delighted in talking over things cultural, educational, so-

cial, economic, political, and religious with older minds, and his depth of reasoning and keenness of observation so charmed his adult associates that they were always more than willing to visit with him. Until he became responsible for the support of the home, his parents were constantly seeking to influence him to associate with those of his own age, or more nearly his age, rather than with older and better-informed individuals for whom he evinced such a preference.

7 Late this year he had a fishing experience of two months with his uncle on the Sea of Galilee, and he was very

successful. Before attaining manhood, he had become an expert fisherman.

8 His physical development continued; he was an advanced and privileged pupil at school; he got along fairly well at home with his younger brothers and sisters, having the advantage of being 3½ years older than the oldest of the other children. He was well thought of in Nazareth except by the parents of some of the duller children, who often spoke of Jesus as being too pert, as lacking in proper humility and youthful reserve. He manifested a growing tendency to direct the play activities of his youth-

ful associates into more serious and thoughtful channels. He was a born teacher and simply could not refrain from so functioning, even when supposedly engaged in play.

9 Joseph early began to instruct Jesus in the diverse means of gaining a livelihood, explaining the advantages of agriculture over industry and trade. Galilee was a more beautiful and prosperous district than Judea, and it cost only about ¼th as much to live there as in Jerusalem and Judea. It was a province of agricultural villages and thriving industrial cities, containing more than 200 towns of over 5,000 popula-

tion and 30 of over 15,000.

10 When on his first trip with his father to observe the fishing industry on the lake of Galilee, Jesus had just about made up his mind to become a fisherman; but close association with his father's vocation later on influenced him to become a carpenter, while still later a combination of influences led him to the final choice of becoming a religious teacher of a new order.

3. THE ELEVENTH YEAR (A.D. 5)

1 Throughout this year the lad continued to make trips away from home

with his father, but he also frequently visited his uncle's farm and occasionally went over to Magdala to engage in fishing with the uncle who made his headquarters near that city.

2 Joseph and Mary were often tempted to show some special favoritis for Jesus or otherwise to betray their knowledge that he was a child of promise, a son of destiny. But both of his parents were extraordinarily wise and sagacious in all these matters. The few times they did in any manner exhibit any preference for him, even in the slightest degree, the lad was quick to refuse all such special considera-

tion.

3 Jesus spent considerable time at the caravan supply shop, and by conversing with the travellers from all parts of the world, he acquired a store of information about international affairs that was amazing, considering his age. This was the last year in which he enjoyed much free play and youthful joyousness. From this time on difficulties and responsibilities rapidly multiplied in the life of this youth.

4 §§ On Wednesday evening, June 24, A.D. 5, Jude was born. Complications attended the birth of this, the seventh child. Mary was so very ill

for several weeks that Joseph remained at home. Jesus was very much occupied with errands for his father and with many duties occasioned by his mother's serious illness. Never again did this youth find it possible to return to the childlike attitude of his earlier years. From the time of his mother's illness — just before he was 11 years old — he was compelled to assume the responsibilities of the first-born son and to do all this one or two full years before these burdens should normally have fallen on his shoulders.

5 The chazan spent one evening each week with Jesus, helping him to

master the Hebrew scriptures. He was greatly interested in the progress of his promising pupil; therefore was he willing to assist him in many ways. This Jewish pedagogue exerted a great influence upon this growing mind, but he was never able to comprehend why Jesus was so indifferent to all his suggestions regarding the prospects of going to Jerusalem to continue his education under the learned rabbis.

6 §§ About the middle of May the lad accompanied his father on a business trip to Scythopolis, the chief Greek city of the Decapolis, the ancient Hebrew city of Beth-shean. On

the way Joseph recounted much of the olden history of King Saul, the Philistines, and the subsequent events of Israel's turbulent history. Jesus was tremendously impressed with the clean appearance and well-ordered arrangement of this so-called heathen city. He marveled at the open-air theatre and admired the beautiful marble temple dedicated to the worship of the "heathen" gods. Joseph was much perturbed by the lad's enthusiasm and sought to counteract these favourable impressions by extolling the beauty and grandeur of the Jewish temple at Jerusalem. Jesus had often gazed cu-

riously upon this magnificent Greek city from the hill of Nazareth and had many times inquired about its extensive public works and ornate buildings, but his father had always sought to avoid answering these questions. Now they were face to face with the beauties of this gentile city, and Joseph could not gracefully ignore Jesus' inquiries.

7 It so happened that just at this time the annual competitive games and public demonstrations of physical prowess between the Greek cities of the Decapolis were in progress at the Scythopolis amphitheatre, and Je-

sus was insistent that his father take him to see the games, and he was so insistent that Joseph hesitated to deny him. The boy was thrilled with the games and entered most heartily into the spirit of the demonstrations of physical development and athletic skill. Joseph was inexpressibly shocked to observe his son's enthusiasm as he beheld these exhibitions of "heathen" vaingloriousness. After the games were finished, Joseph received the surprise of his life when he heard Jesus express his approval of them and suggest that it would be good for the young men of Nazareth if they could

be thus benefited by wholesome outdoor physical activities. Joseph talked earnestly and long with Jesus concerning the evil nature of such practices, but he well knew that the lad was unconvinced.

8 The only time Jesus ever saw his father angry with him was that night in their room at the inn when, in the course of their discussions, the boy so far forgot the trends of Jewish thought as to suggest that they go back home and work for the building of an amphitheatre at Nazareth. When Joseph heard his first-born son express such un-Jewish sentiments, he forgot his

usual calm demeanour and, seizing Jesus by the shoulder, angrily exclaimed, "My son, never again let me hear you give utterance to such an evil thought as long as you live." Jesus was startled by his father's display of emotion; he had never before been made to feel the personal sting of his father's indignation and was astonished and shocked beyond expression. He only replied, "Very well, my father, it shall be so." And never again did the boy even in the slightest manner allude to the games and other athletic activities of the Greeks as long as his father lived.

9 Later on, Jesus saw the Greek am-

phitheatre at Jerusalem and learned how hateful such things were from the Jewish point of view. Nevertheless, throughout his life he endeavoured to introduce the idea of wholesome recreation into his personal plans and, as far as Jewish practice would permit, into the later program of regular activities for his twelve apostles.

10 At the end of this 11th year Jesus was a vigorous, well-developed, moderately humorous, and fairly light-hearted youth, but from this year on he was more and more given to peculiar seasons of profound meditation and serious contemplation. He was

much given to thinking about how he was to carry out his obligations to his family and at the same time be obedient to the call of his mission to the world; already he had conceived that his ministry was not to be limited to the betterment of the Jewish people.

4. THE TWELFTH YEAR (A.D. 6)

1 This was an eventful year in Jesus' life. He continued to make progress at school and was indefatigable in his study of nature, while increasingly he prosecuted his study of the methods whereby men make a living. He be-

gan doing regular work in the home carpenter shop and was permitted to manage his own earnings, a very unusual arrangement to obtain in a Jewish family. This year he also learned the wisdom of keeping such matters a secret in the family. He was becoming conscious of the way in which he had caused trouble in the village, and henceforth he became increasingly discreet in concealing everything which might cause him to be regarded as different from his fellows.

2 Throughout this year he experienced many seasons of uncertainty, if not actual doubt, regarding the nature

of his mission. His naturally developing human mind did not yet fully grasp the reality of his dual nature. The fact that he had a single personality rendered it difficult for his consciousness to recognize the double origin of those factors which composed the nature associated with that selfsame personality.

3 From this time on he became more successful in getting along with his brothers and sisters. He was increasingly tactful, always compassionate and considerate of their welfare and happiness, and enjoyed good relations with them up to the beginning

of his public ministry. To be more explicit: He got along with James, Miriam, and the two younger (as yet unborn) children, Amos and Ruth, most excellently. He always got along with Martha fairly well. What trouble he had at home largely arose out of friction with Joseph and Jude, particularly the latter.

4 §§ It was a trying experience for Joseph and Mary to undertake the rearing of this unprecedented combination of divinity and humanity, and they deserve great credit for so faithfully and successfully discharging their parental responsibilities. Increas-

ingly Jesus' parents realized that there was something superhuman resident within this eldest son, but they never even faintly dreamed that this son of promise was indeed and in truth the actual creator of this local universe of things and beings. Joseph and Mary lived and died without ever learning that their son Jesus really was the Universe Creator incarnate in mortal flesh.

5 This year Jesus paid more attention than ever to music, and he continued to teach the home school for his brothers and sisters. It was at about this time that the lad became keenly

conscious of the difference between the viewpoints of Joseph and Mary regarding the nature of his mission. He pondered much over his parents' differing opinions, often hearing their discussions when they thought he was sound asleep. More and more he inclined to the view of his father, so that his mother was destined to be hurt by the realization that her son was gradually rejecting her guidance in matters having to do with his life career. And, as the years passed, this breach of understanding widened. Less and less did Mary comprehend the significance of Jesus' mission, and increas-

ingly was this good mother hurt by the failure of her favourite son to fulfil her fond expectations.

6 Joseph entertained a growing belief in the spiritual nature of Jesus' mission. And but for other and more important reasons it does seem unfortunate that he could not have lived to see the fulfilment of his concept of Jesus' bestowal on earth.

7 §§ During his last year at school, when he was 12 years old, Jesus remonstrated with his father about the Jewish custom of touching the bit of parchment nailed upon the doorpost each time on going into, or coming

out of, the house and then kissing the finger that touched the parchment. As a part of this ritual it was customary to say, "The Lord shall preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and even forevermore." Joseph and Mary had repeatedly instructed Jesus as to the reasons for not making images or drawing pictures, explaining that such creations might be used for idolatrous purposes. Though Jesus failed fully to grasp their proscriptions against images and pictures, he possessed a high concept of consistency and therefore pointed out to his father the essentially idolatrous nature

of this habitual obeisance to the doorpost parchment. And Joseph removed the parchment after Jesus had thus remonstrated with him.

8 As time passed, Jesus did much to modify their practice of religious forms, such as the family prayers and other customs. And it was possible to do many such things at Nazareth, for its synagogue was under the influence of a liberal school of rabbis, exemplified by the renowned Nazareth teacher, Jose.

9 Throughout this and the two following years Jesus suffered great mental distress as the result of his constant

effort to adjust his personal views of religious practices and social amenities to the established beliefs of his parents. He was distraught by the conflict between the urge to be loyal to his own convictions and the conscientious admonition of dutiful submission to his parents; his supreme conflict was between two great commands which were uppermost in his youthful mind. The one was: "Be loyal to the dictates of your highest convictions of truth and righteousness." The other was: "Honour your father and mother, for they have given you life and the nurture thereof." How-

ever, he never shirked the responsibility of making the necessary daily adjustments between these realms of loyalty to one's personal convictions and duty toward one's family, and he achieved the satisfaction of effecting an increasingly harmonious blending of personal convictions and family obligations into a masterful concept of group solidarity based upon loyalty, fairness, tolerance, and love.

5. HIS THIRTEENTH YEAR (A.D. 7)

1 In this year the lad of Nazareth passed from boyhood to the beginning of young manhood; his voice be-

gan to change, and other features of mind and body gave evidence of the oncoming status of manhood.

2 On Sunday night, January 9, A.D. 7, his baby brother, Amos, was born. Jude was not yet 2 years of age, and the baby sister, Ruth, was yet to come; so it may be seen that Jesus had a sizeable family of small children left to his watchcare when his father met his accidental death the following year.

3 §§ It was about the middle of February that Jesus became humanly assured that he was destined to perform a mission on earth for the enlightenment of man and the revela-

tion of God. Momentous decisions, coupled with far-reaching plans, were formulating in the mind of this youth, who was, to outward appearances, an average Jewish lad of Nazareth. The intelligent life of all Nebadon looked on with fascination and amazement as all this began to unfold in the thinking and acting of the now adolescent carpenter's son.

4 §§ On the first day of the week, March 20, A.D. 7, Jesus graduated from the course of training in the local school connected with the Nazareth synagogue. This was a great day in the life of any ambitious Jewish fam-

ily, the day when the first-born son was pronounced a "son of the commandment" and the ransomed first-born of the Lord God of Israel, a "child of the Most High" and servant of the Lord of all the earth.

5 Friday of the week before, Joseph had come over from Sepphoris, where he was in charge of the work on a new public building, to be present on this glad occasion. Jesus' teacher confidently believed that his alert and diligent pupil was destined to some outstanding career, some distinguished mission. The elders, notwithstanding all their trouble with Jesus' noncon-

formist tendencies, were very proud of the lad and had already begun laying plans which would enable him to go to Jerusalem to continue his education in the renowned Hebrew academies.

6 As Jesus heard these plans discussed from time to time, he became increasingly sure that he would never go to Jerusalem to study with the rabbis. But he little dreamed of the tragedy, so soon to occur, which would ensure the abandonment of all such plans by causing him to assume the responsibility for the support and direction of a large family, presently to consist of five brothers and three sis-

ters as well as his mother and himself. Jesus had a larger and longer experience rearing this family than was accorded to Joseph, his father; and he did measure up to the standard which he subsequently set for himself: to become a wise, patient, understanding, and effective teacher and eldest brother to this family — his family — so suddenly sorrow-stricken and so unexpectedly bereaved.

6. THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

1 Jesus, having now reached the threshold of young manhood and hav-

ing been formally graduated from the synagogue schools, was qualified to proceed to Jerusalem with his parents to participate with them in the celebration of his first Passover. The Passover feast of this year fell on Saturday, April 9, A.D. 7. A considerable company (103) made ready to depart from Nazareth early Monday morning, April 4, for Jerusalem. They journeyed south toward Samaria, but on reaching Jezreel, they turned east, going around Mount Gilboa into the Jordan valley in order to avoid passing through Samaria. Joseph and his family would have enjoyed going down

through Samaria by way of Jacob's well and Bethel, but since the Jews disliked to deal with the Samaritans, they decided to go with their neighbours by way of the Jordan valley.

2 The much-dreaded Archelaus had been deposed, and they had little to fear in taking Jesus to Jerusalem. Twelve years had passed since the first Herod had sought to destroy the babe of Bethlehem, and no one would now think of associating that affair with this obscure lad of Nazareth.

3 Before reaching the Jezreel junction, and as they journeyed on, very soon, on the left, they passed the

ancient village of Shunem, and Jesus heard again about the most beautiful maiden of all Israel who once lived there and also about the wonderful works Elisha performed there. In passing by Jezreel, Jesus' parents recounted the doings of Ahab and Jezebel and the exploits of Jehu. In passing around Mount Gilboa, they talked much about Saul, who took his life on the slopes of this mountain, King David, and the associations of this historic spot.

4 As they rounded the base of Gilboa, the pilgrims could see the Greek city of Scythopolis on the right. They

gazed upon the marble structures from a distance but went not near the gentile city lest they so defile themselves that they could not participate in the forthcoming solemn and sacred ceremonies of the Passover at Jerusalem. Mary could not understand why neither Joseph nor Jesus would speak of Scythopolis. She did not know about their controversy of the previous year as they had never revealed this episode to her.

5 The road now led immediately down into the tropical Jordan valley, and soon Jesus was to have exposed to his wondering gaze the crooked and

ever-winding Jordan with its glistening and rippling waters as it flowed down toward the Dead Sea. They laid aside their outer garments as they journeyed south in this tropical valley, enjoying the luxurious fields of grain and the beautiful oleanders laden with their pink blossoms, while massive snow-capped Mount Hermon stood far to the north, in majesty looking down on the historic valley. A little over three hours' travel from opposite Scythopolis they came upon a bubbling spring, and here they camped for the night, out under the starlit heavens.

6 §§ On their second day's journey they passed by where the Jabbok, from the east, flows into the Jordan, and looking east up this river valley, they recounted the days of Gideon, when the Midianites poured into this region to overrun the land. Toward the end of the second day's journey they camped near the base of the highest mountain overlooking the Jordan valley, Mount Sartaba, whose summit was occupied by the Alexandrian fortress where Herod had imprisoned one of his wives and buried his two strangled sons.

7 The third day they passed by two

villages which had been recently built by Herod and noted their superior architecture and their beautiful palm gardens. By nightfall they reached Jericho, where they remained until the morrow. That evening Joseph, Mary, and Jesus walked 2.4 km to the site of the ancient Jericho, where Joshua, for whom Jesus was named, had performed his renowned exploits, according to Jewish tradition.

8 By the fourth and last day's journey the road was a continuous procession of pilgrims. They now began to climb the hills leading up to Jerusalem. As they neared the top, they could look

across the Jordan to the mountains beyond and south over the sluggish waters of the Dead Sea. About halfway up to Jerusalem, Jesus gained his first view of the Mount of Olives (the region to be so much a part of his subsequent life), and Joseph pointed out to him that the Holy City lay just beyond this ridge, and the lad's heart beat fast with joyous anticipation of soon beholding the city and house of his heavenly Father.

9 On the eastern slopes of Olivet they paused for rest in the borders of a little village called Bethany. The hospitable villagers poured forth to min-

ister to the pilgrims, and it happened that Joseph and his family had stopped near the house of one Simon, who had three children about the same age as Jesus — Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They invited the Nazareth family in for refreshment, and a lifelong friendship sprang up between the two families. Many times afterwards, in his eventful life, Jesus stopped in this home.

10 They pressed on, soon standing on the brink of Olivet, and Jesus saw for the first time (in his memory) the Holy City, the pretentious palaces, and the inspiring temple of his Father. At no time in his life did Jesus ever ex-

perience such a purely human thrill as that which at this time so completely enthralled him as he stood there on this April afternoon on the Mount of Olives, drinking in his first view of Jerusalem. And in after years, on this same spot he stood and wept over the city which was about to reject another prophet, the last and the greatest of her heavenly teachers.

11 But they hurried on to Jerusalem. It was now Thursday afternoon. On reaching the city, they journeyed past the temple, and never had Jesus beheld such throngs of human beings. He meditated deeply on how these Jews

had assembled here from the uttermost parts of the known world.

12 Soon they reached the place prearranged for their accommodation during the Passover week, the large home of a well-to-do relative of Mary's, one who knew something of the early history of both John and Jesus, through Zacharias. The following day, the day of preparation, they made ready for the appropriate celebration of the Passover Sabbath.

13 While all Jerusalem was astir in preparation for the Passover, Joseph found time to take his son around to visit the academy where it had been

arranged for him to resume his education two years later, as soon as he reached the required age of 15. Joseph was truly puzzled when he observed how little interest Jesus evinced in all these carefully laid plans.

14 Jesus was profoundly impressed by the temple and all the associated services and other activities. For the first time since he was four years old, he was too much preoccupied with his own meditations to ask many questions. He did, however, ask his father several embarrassing questions (as he had on previous occasions) as to why the heavenly Father required the slaughter

of so many innocent and helpless animals. And his father well knew from the expression on the lad's face that his answers and attempts at explanation were unsatisfactory to his deep-thinking and keen-reasoning son.

15 §§ On the day before the Passover Sabbath, flood tides of spiritual illumination swept through the mortal mind of Jesus and filled his human heart to overflowing with affectionate pity for the spiritually blind and morally ignorant multitudes assembled for the celebration of the ancient Passover commemoration. This was one of the most extraordinary days

that the Son of God spent in the flesh; and during the night, for the first time in his earth career, there appeared to him an assigned messenger from Salvington, commissioned by Immanuel, who said: "The hour has come. It is time that you began to be about your Father's business."

16 And so, even ere the heavy responsibilities of the Nazareth family descended upon his youthful shoulders, there now arrived the celestial messenger to remind this lad, not quite 13 years of age, that the hour had come to begin the resumption of the responsibilities of a universe. This was the

first act of a long succession of events which finally culminated in the completion of the Son's bestowal on Urantia and the replacing of "the government of a universe on his human-divine shoulders."

17 As time passed, the mystery of the incarnation became, to all of us, more and more unfathomable. We could hardly comprehend that this lad of Nazareth was the creator of all Nebadon. Neither do we nowadays understand how the spirit of this same Creator Son and the spirit of his Paradise Father are associated with the souls of mankind. With the passing of time,

we could see that his human mind was increasingly discerning that, while he lived his life in the flesh, in spirit on his shoulders rested the responsibility of a universe.

18 §§ Thus ends the career of the Nazareth lad, and begins the narrative of that adolescent youth — the increasingly self-conscious divine human — who now begins the contemplation of his world career as he strives to integrate his expanding life purpose with the desires of his parents and his obligations to his family and the society of his day and age.

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JESUS AT JERUSALEM

Midwayer Commission

No incident in all Jesus' eventful earth career was more engaging, more humanly thrilling, than this, his first remembered visit to Jerusalem. He was especially stimulated by the experience of attending the temple discussions by himself, and it long stood out in his memory as the great event of his later childhood and early youth. This was his first opportunity to enjoy a few days of independent

living, the exhilaration of going and coming without restraint and restrictions. This brief period of undirected living, during the week following the Passover, was the first complete freedom from responsibility he had ever enjoyed. And it was many years subsequent to this before he again had a like period of freedom from all sense of responsibility, even for a short time.

2 §§ Women seldom went to the Passover feast at Jerusalem; they were not required to be present. Jesus, however, virtually refused to go unless his mother would accompany them. And when his mother decided to go, many

other Nazareth women were led to make the journey, so that the Passover company contained the largest number of women, in proportion to men, ever to go up to the Passover from Nazareth. Ever and anon, on the way to Jerusalem, they chanted Psalm 130.

3 From the time they left Nazareth until they reached the summit of the Mount of Olives, Jesus experienced one long stress of expectant anticipation. All through a joyful childhood he had reverently heard of Jerusalem and its temple; now he was soon to behold them in reality. From the Mount of Olives and from the outside, on

closer inspection, the temple had been all and more than Jesus had expected; but when he once entered its sacred portals, the great disillusionment began.

4 In company with his parents Jesus passed through the temple precincts on his way to join that group of new sons of the law who were about to be consecrated as citizens of Israel. He was a little disappointed by the general demeanour of the temple throngs, but the first great shock of the day came when his mother took leave of them on her way to the women's gallery. It had never occurred to Jesus that his

mother was not to accompany him to the consecration ceremonies, and he was thoroughly indignant that she was made to suffer from such unjust discrimination. While he strongly resented this, aside from a few remarks of protest to his father, he said nothing. But he thought, and thought deeply, as his questions to the scribes and teachers a week later disclosed.

5 He passed through the consecration rituals but was disappointed by their perfunctory and routine natures. He missed that personal interest which characterized the ceremonies of the synagogue at Nazareth.

He then returned to greet his mother and prepared to accompany his father on his first trip about the temple and its various courts, galleries, and corridors. The temple precincts could accommodate over 200,000 worshippers at one time, and while the vastness of these buildings — in comparison with any he had ever seen — greatly impressed his mind, he was more intrigued by the contemplation of the spiritual significance of the temple ceremonies and their associated worship.

6 Though many of the temple rituals very touchingly impressed his sense of the beautiful and the symbolic, he

was always disappointed by the explanation of the real meanings of these ceremonies which his parents would offer in answer to his many searching inquiries. Jesus simply would not accept explanations of worship and religious devotion which involved belief in the wrath of God or the anger of the Almighty. In further discussion of these questions, after the conclusion of the temple visit, when his father became mildly insistent that he acknowledge acceptance of the orthodox Jewish beliefs, Jesus turned suddenly upon his parents and, looking appealingly into the eyes of his father,

said: "My father, it cannot be true — the Father in heaven cannot so regard his erring children on earth. The heavenly Father cannot love his children less than you love me. And I well know, no matter what unwise thing I might do, you would never pour out wrath upon me nor vent anger against me. If you, my earthly father, possess such human reflections of the Divine, how much more must the heavenly Father be filled with goodness and overflowing with mercy. I refuse to believe that my Father in heaven loves me less than my father on earth."

7 When Joseph and Mary heard

these words of their first-born son, they held their peace. And never again did they seek to change his mind about the love of God and the mercifulness of the Father in heaven.

1. JESUS VIEWS THE TEMPLE

1 Everywhere Jesus went throughout the temple courts, he was shocked and sickened by the spirit of irreverence which he observed. He deemed the conduct of the temple throngs to be inconsistent with their presence in "his Father's house." But he received the shock of his young life when his father escorted him into the court of the gen-

tiles with its noisy jargon, loud talking and cursing, mingled indiscriminately with the bleating of sheep and the babble of noises which betrayed the presence of the money-changers and the vendors of sacrificial animals and sundry other commercial commodities.

2 But most of all was his sense of propriety outraged by the sight of the frivolous courtesans parading about within this precinct of the temple, just such painted women as he had so recently seen when on a visit to Sepphoris. This profanation of the temple fully aroused all his youthful indigna-

tion, and he did not hesitate to express himself freely to Joseph.

3 Jesus admired the sentiment and service of the temple, but he was shocked by the spiritual ugliness which he beheld on the faces of so many of the unthinking worshippers.

4 They now passed down to the priests' court beneath the rock ledge in front of the temple, where the altar stood, to observe the killing of the droves of animals and the washing away of the blood from the hands of the officiating slaughter priests at the bronze fountain. The blood-stained pavement, the gory hands of

the priests, and the sounds of the dying animals were more than this nature-loving lad could stand. The terrible sight sickened this boy of Nazareth; he clutched his father's arm and begged to be taken away. They walked back through the court of the gentiles, and even the coarse laughter and profane jesting which he there heard were a relief from the sights he had just beheld.

5 Joseph saw how his son had sickened at the sight of the temple rites and wisely led him around to view the "Gate Beautiful,"[1] the artistic gate

[1] This proper name of the gate (known from the

made of Corinthian bronze. But Jesus had had enough for his first visit at the temple. They returned to the upper court for Mary and walked about in the open air and away from the crowds for an hour, viewing the Asmonean palace, the stately home of Herod, and the tower of the Roman guards. During this stroll Joseph explained to Je-

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Bible) was printed in the 1955 text in the lower case as "gate beautiful", see also 162:4.3. I have pointed this out to the Urantia Book Fellowship and Urantia Foundation on 20th May 2010 (it was in fact my very first contact with what I then naively supposed to be "the guardian of the Revelation" and they have fixed their texts, but I forgot to do the same when I published *The British Study Edition of the Urantia Papers* a year later.

sus that only the inhabitants of Jerusalem were permitted to witness the daily sacrifices in the temple, and that the dwellers in Galilee came up only three times a year to participate in the temple worship: at the Passover, at the feast of Pentecost (seven weeks after Passover), and at the feast of tabernacles in October. These feasts were established by Moses. They then discussed the two later established feasts of the dedication and of Purim. Afterwards they went to their lodgings and made ready for the celebration of the

Passover.

2. JESUS AND THE PASSOVER

1 Five Nazareth families were guests of, or associates with, the family of Simon of Bethany in the celebration of the Passover, Simon having purchased the paschal lamb for the company. It was the slaughter of these lambs in such enormous numbers that had so affected Jesus on his temple visit. It had been the plan to eat the Passover with Mary's relatives, but Jesus persuaded his parents to accept the invitation to go to Bethany.

2 That night they assembled for

the Passover rites, eating the roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Jesus, being a new son of the covenant, was asked to recount the origin of the Passover, and this he well did, but he somewhat disconcerted his parents by the inclusion of numerous remarks mildly reflecting the impressions made on his youthful but thoughtful mind by the things which he had so recently seen and heard. This was the beginning of the seven-day ceremonies of the feast of the Passover.

3 Even at this early date, though he said nothing about such matters to his parents, Jesus had begun to turn over

in his mind the propriety of celebrating the Passover without the slaughtered lamb. He felt assured in his own mind that the Father in heaven was not pleased with this spectacle of sacrificial offerings, and as the years passed, he became increasingly determined someday to establish the celebration of a bloodless Passover.

4 Jesus slept very little that night. His rest was greatly disturbed by revolting dreams of slaughter and suffering. His mind was distraught and his heart torn by the inconsistencies and absurdities of the theology of the whole Jewish ceremonial system. His

parents likewise slept little. They were greatly disconcerted by the events of the day just ended. They were completely upset in their own hearts by the lad's, to them, strange and determined attitude. Mary became nervously agitated during the fore part of the night, but Joseph remained calm, though he was equally puzzled. Both of them feared to talk frankly with the lad about these problems, though Jesus would gladly have talked with his parents if they had dared to encourage him.

5 The next day's services at the temple were more acceptable to Jesus and

did much to relieve the unpleasant memories of the previous day. The following morning young Lazarus took Jesus in hand, and they began a systematic exploration of Jerusalem and its environs. Before the day was over, Jesus discovered the various places about the temple where teaching and question conferences were in progress; and aside from a few visits to the holy of holies to gaze in wonder as to what really was behind the veil of separation, he spent most of his time about the temple at these teaching conferences.

6 Throughout the Passover week, Je-

sus kept his place among the new sons of the commandment, and this meant that he must seat himself outside the rail which segregated all persons who were not full citizens of Israel. Being thus made conscious of his youth, he refrained from asking the many questions which surged back and forth in his mind; at least he refrained until the Passover celebration had ended and these restrictions on the newly consecrated youths were lifted.

7 On Wednesday of the Passover week, Jesus was permitted to go home with Lazarus to spend the night at Bethany. This evening, Lazarus,

Martha, and Mary heard Jesus discuss things temporal and eternal, human and divine, and from that night on they all three loved him as if he had been their own brother.

8 By the end of the week, Jesus saw less of Lazarus since he was not eligible for admission to even the outer circle of the temple discussions, though he attended some of the public talks delivered in the outer courts. Lazarus was the same age as Jesus, but in Jerusalem youths were seldom admitted to the consecration of sons of the law until they were a full 13 years of age.

9 Again and again, during the Pass-

over week, his parents would find Jesus sitting off by himself with his youthful head in his hands, profoundly thinking. They had never seen him behave like this, and not knowing how much he was confused in mind and troubled in spirit by the experience through which he was passing, they were sorely perplexed; they did not know what to do. They welcomed the passing of the days of the Passover week and longed to have their strangely acting son safely back in Nazareth.

10 Day by day Jesus was thinking through his problems. By the end of the week he had made many ad-

justments; but when the time came to return to Nazareth, his youthful mind was still swarming with perplexities and beset by a host of unanswered questions and unsolved problems.

11 Before Joseph and Mary left Jerusalem, in company with Jesus' Nazareth teacher they made definite arrangements for Jesus to return when he reached the age of 15 to begin his long course of study in one of the best-known academies of the rabbis. Jesus accompanied his parents and teacher on their visits to the school, but they were all distressed to observe how indifferent he seemed to all they said and

did. Mary was deeply pained at his reactions to the Jerusalem visit, and Joseph was profoundly perplexed at the lad's strange remarks and unusual conduct.

12 After all, Passover week had been a great event in Jesus' life. He had enjoyed the opportunity of meeting scores of boys about his own age, fellow candidates for the consecration, and he utilized such contacts as a means of learning how people lived in Mesopotamia, Turkestan, and Parthia, as well as in the Far-Western provinces of Rome. He was already fairly conversant with the way in which the youth

of Egypt and other regions near Palestine grew up. There were thousands of young people in Jerusalem at this time, and the Nazareth lad personally met, and more or less extensively interviewed, more than 150. He was particularly interested in those who hailed from the Far-Eastern and the remote Western countries. As a result of these contacts the lad began to entertain a desire to travel about the world for the purpose of learning how the various groups of his fellow men toiled for

their livelihood.

3. DEPARTURE OF JOSEPH AND MARY

1 It had been arranged that the Nazareth party should gather in the region of the temple at midforenoon on the first day of the week after the Passover festival had ended. This they did and started out on the return journey to Nazareth. Jesus had gone into the temple to listen to the discussions while his parents awaited the assembly of their fellow travellers. Presently the company prepared to depart, the men going in one group and the women in another as was their custom

in journeying to and from the Jerusalem festivals. Jesus had gone up to Jerusalem in company with his mother and the women. Being now a young man of the consecration, he was supposed to journey back to Nazareth in company with his father and the men. But as the Nazareth party moved on toward Bethany, Jesus was completely absorbed in the discussion of angels, in the temple, being wholly unmindful of the passing of the time for the departure of his parents. And he did not realize that he had been left behind until the noontime adjournment of the temple conferences.

2 The Nazareth travellers did not miss Jesus because Mary surmised he journeyed with the men, while Joseph thought he travelled with the women since he had gone up to Jerusalem with the women, leading Mary's donkey. They did not discover his absence until they reached Jericho and prepared to tarry for the night. After making inquiry of the last of the party to reach Jericho and learning that none of them had seen their son, they spent a sleepless night, turning over in their minds what might have happened to him, recounting many of his unusual reactions to the events of Passover week,

and mildly chiding each other for not seeing to it that he was in the group before they left Jerusalem.

4. FIRST AND SECOND DAYS IN THE TEMPLE

1 In the meantime, Jesus had remained in the temple throughout the afternoon, listening to the discussions and enjoying the more quiet and decorous atmosphere, the great crowds of Passover week having about disappeared. At the conclusion of the afternoon discussions, in none of which Jesus participated, he betook himself to Bethany, arriving just as Simon's family made ready to partake of their

evening meal. The three youngsters were overjoyed to greet Jesus, and he remained in Simon's house for the night. He visited very little during the evening, spending much of the time alone in the garden meditating.

2 Early next day Jesus was up and on his way to the temple. On the brow of Olivet he paused and wept over the sight his eyes beheld — a spiritually impoverished people, tradition bound and living under the surveillance of the Roman legions. Early forenoon found him in the temple with his mind made up to take part in the discussions. Meanwhile, Joseph and Mary

also had arisen with the early dawn with the intention of retracing their steps to Jerusalem. First, they hastened to the house of their relatives, where they had lodged as a family during the Passover week, but inquiry elicited the fact that no one had seen Jesus. After searching all day and finding no trace of him, they returned to their relatives for the night.

3 At the second conference Jesus had made bold to ask questions, and in a very amazing way he participated in the temple discussions but always in a manner consistent with his youth. Sometimes his pointed questions were

somewhat embarrassing to the learned teachers of the Jewish law, but he evinced such a spirit of candid fairness, coupled with an evident hunger for knowledge, that the majority of the temple teachers were disposed to treat him with every consideration. But when he presumed to question the justice of putting to death a drunken gentile who had wandered outside the court of the gentiles and unwittingly entered the forbidden and reputedly sacred precincts of the temple, one of the more intolerant teachers grew impatient with the lad's implied criticisms and, glowering down upon him,

asked how old he was. Jesus replied, "13 years lacking a trifle more than 4 months." "Then," rejoined the now irate teacher, "why are you here, since you are not of age as a son of the law?" And when Jesus explained that he had received consecration during the Passover, and that he was a finished student of the Nazareth schools, the teachers with one accord derisively replied, "We might have known; he is from Nazareth." But the leader insisted that Jesus was not to be blamed if the rulers of the synagogue at Nazareth had graduated him, technically, when he was 12 instead of 13; and notwithstand-

ing that several of his detractors got up and left, it was ruled that the lad might continue undisturbed as a pupil of the temple discussions.

4 When this, his second day in the temple, was finished, again he went to Bethany for the night. And again he went out in the garden to meditate and pray. It was apparent that his mind was concerned with the contemplation of weighty problems.

5. THE THIRD DAY IN THE TEMPLE

1 Jesus' third day with the scribes and teachers in the temple witnessed the gathering of many spectators who,

having heard of this youth from Galilee, came to enjoy the experience of seeing a lad confuse the wise men of the law. Simon also came down from Bethany to see what the boy was up to. Throughout this day Joseph and Mary continued their anxious search for Jesus, even going several times into the temple but never thinking to scrutinize the several discussion groups, although they once came almost within hearing distance of his fascinating voice.

2 Before the day had ended, the entire attention of the chief discussion group of the temple had become fo-

cused upon the questions being asked by Jesus. Among his many questions were:

3 1. What really exists in the holy of holies, behind the veil?

4 2. Why should mothers in Israel be segregated from the male temple worshippers?

5 3. If God is a father who loves his children, why all this slaughter of animals to gain divine favour — has the teaching of Moses been misunderstood?

6 4. Since the temple is dedicated to the worship of the Father in heaven, is it consistent to permit the presence

of those who engage in secular barter and trade?

7 5. Is the expected Messiah to become a temporal prince to sit on the throne of David, or is he to function as the light of life in the establishment of a spiritual kingdom?

8 §§ And all the day through, those who listened marveled at these questions, and none was more astonished than Simon. For more than four hours this Nazareth youth plied these Jewish teachers with thought-provoking and heart-searching questions. He made few comments on the remarks of his elders. He conveyed his teaching by

the questions he would ask. By the deft and subtle phrasing of a question he would at one and the same time challenge their teaching and suggest his own. In the manner of his asking a question there was an appealing combination of sagacity and humour which endeared him even to those who more or less resented his youthfulness. He was always eminently fair and considerate in the asking of these penetrating questions. On this eventful afternoon in the temple he exhibited that same reluctance to take unfair advantage of an opponent which characterized his entire subse-

quent public ministry. As a youth, and later on as a man, he seemed to be utterly free from all egoistic desire to win an argument merely to experience logical triumph over his fellows, being interested supremely in just one thing: to proclaim everlasting truth and thus effect a fuller revelation of the eternal God.

9 §§ When the day was over, Simon and Jesus wended their way back to Bethany. For most of the distance both the man and the boy were silent. Again Jesus paused on the brow of Olivet, but as he viewed the city and its temple, he did not weep; he only

bowed his head in silent devotion.

10 After the evening meal at Bethany he again declined to join the merry circle but instead went to the garden, where he lingered long into the night, vainly endeavouring to think out some definite plan of approach to the problem of his lifework and to decide how best he might labour to reveal to his spiritually blinded countrymen a more beautiful concept of the heavenly Father and so set them free from their terrible bondage to law, ritual, ceremonial, and musty tradition. But the clear light did not come to the

truth-seeking lad.

6. THE FOURTH DAY IN THE TEMPLE

1 Jesus was strangely unmindful of his earthly parents; even at breakfast, when Lazarus's mother remarked that his parents must be about home by that time, Jesus did not seem to comprehend that they would be somewhat worried about his having lingered behind.

2 Again he journeyed to the temple, but he did not pause to meditate at the brow of Olivet. In the course of the morning's discussions much time was devoted to the law and the prophets,

and the teachers were astonished that Jesus was so familiar with the Scriptures, in Hebrew as well as Greek. But they were amazed not so much by his knowledge of truth as by his youth.

3 At the afternoon conference they had hardly begun to answer his question relating to the purpose of prayer when the leader invited the lad to come forward and, sitting beside him, bade him state his own views regarding prayer and worship.

4 §§ The evening before, Jesus' parents had heard about this strange youth who so deftly sparred with the expounders of the law, but it had not

occurred to them that this lad was their son. They had about decided to journey out to the home of Zacharias as they thought Jesus might have gone thither to see Elizabeth and John. Thinking Zacharias might perhaps be at the temple, they stopped there on their way to the City of Judah. As they strolled through the courts of the temple, imagine their surprise and amazement when they recognized the voice of the missing lad and beheld him seated among the temple teachers.

5 Joseph was speechless, but Mary gave vent to her long-pent-up fear and

anxiety when, rushing up to the lad, now standing to greet his astonished parents, she said: "My child, why have you treated us like this? It is now more than three days that your father and I have searched for you sorrowing. Whatever possessed you to desert us?" It was a tense moment. All eyes were turned on Jesus to hear what he would say. His father looked reprovingly at him but said nothing.

6 §§ It should be remembered that Jesus was supposed to be a young man. He had finished the regular schooling of a child, had been recognized as a son

of the law[1], and had received consecration as a citizen of Israel. And yet his mother more than mildly upbraided him before all the people assembled, right in the midst of the most serious and sublime effort of his young life, thus bringing to an inglorious termination one of the greatest opportunities ever to be granted him to function as a teacher of truth, a preacher of righteousness, a revealer of the loving character of his Father in heaven.

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[1] In Hebrew בר מצוה bar mitzvah, a better English wording would have been "son of the commandment", but we left the original intact. See also 123:5.2.

7 But the lad was equal to the occasion. When you take into fair consideration all the factors which combined to make up this situation, you will be better prepared to fathom the wisdom of the boy's reply to his mother's unintended rebuke. After a moment's thought, Jesus answered his mother, saying: "Why is it that you have so long sought me? Would you not expect to find me in my Father's house since the time has come when I should be about my Father's business?"

8 Everyone was astonished at the lad's manner of speaking. Silently they all withdrew and left him stand-

ing alone with his parents. Presently the young man relieved the embarrassment of all three when he quietly said: "Come, my parents, none has done aught but that which he thought best. Our Father in heaven has ordained these things; let us depart for home."

9 In silence they started out, arriving at Jericho for the night. Only once did they pause, and that on the brow of Olivet, when the lad raised his staff aloft and, quivering from head to foot under the surging of intense emotion, said: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, and the people thereof, what slaves you are —

subservient to the Roman yoke and victims of your own traditions — but I will return to cleanse yonder temple and deliver my people from this bondage!"

10 On the three days' journey to Nazareth Jesus said little; neither did his parents say much in his presence. They were truly at a loss to understand the conduct of their first-born son, but they did treasure in their hearts his sayings, even though they could not fully comprehend their meanings.

11 Upon reaching home, Jesus made a brief statement to his parents, assuring them of his affection and imply-

ing that they need not fear he would again give any occasion for their suffering anxiety because of his conduct. He concluded this momentous statement by saying: "While I must do the will of my Father in heaven, I will also be obedient to my father on earth. I will await my hour."

12 §§ Though Jesus, in his mind, would many times refuse to *consent* to the well-intentioned but misguided efforts of his parents to dictate the course of his thinking or to establish the plan of his work on earth, still, in every manner consistent with his dedication to the doing of his Paradise Fa-

ther's will, he did most gracefully *conform* to the desires of his earthly father and to the usages of his family in the flesh. Even when he could not consent, he would do everything possible to conform. He was an artist in the matter of adjusting his dedication to duty to his obligations of family loyalty and social service.

13 §§ Joseph was puzzled, but Mary, as she reflected on these experiences, gained comfort, eventually viewing his utterance on Olivet as prophetic of the Messianic mission of her son as Israel's deliverer. She set to work with renewed energy to mould his

thoughts into patriotic and nationalistic channels and enlisted the efforts of her brother, Jesus' favourite uncle; and in every other way did the mother of Jesus address herself to the task of preparing her first-born son to assume the leadership of those who would restore the throne of David and forever cast off the gentile yoke of political bondage.

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THE TWO CRUCIAL YEARS

Midwayer Commission

Of all Jesus' earth-life experiences, the 14th and 15th years were the most crucial. These two years, after he began to be self-conscious of divinity and destiny, and before he achieved a large measure of communication with his indwelling Adjuster, were the most trying of his eventful life on Urantia. It is this period of two years which should be

called the great test, the real temptation. No human youth, in passing through the early confusions and adjustment problems of adolescence, ever experienced a more crucial testing than that which Jesus passed through during his transition from childhood to young manhood.

2 This important period in Jesus' youthful development began with the conclusion of the Jerusalem visit and with his return to Nazareth. At first Mary was happy in the thought that she had her boy back once more, that Jesus had returned home to be a dutiful son — not that he was ever any-

thing else — and that he would henceforth be more responsive to her plans for his future life. But she was not for long to bask in this sunshine of maternal delusion and unrecognized family pride; very soon she was to be more completely disillusioned. More and more the boy was in the company of his father; less and less did he come to her with his problems, while increasingly both his parents failed to comprehend his frequent alternation between the affairs of this world and the contemplation of his relation to his Father's business. Frankly, they did not understand him, but they did truly

love him.

3 §§ As he grew older, Jesus' pity and love for the Jewish people deepened, but with the passing years, there developed in his mind a growing righteous resentment of the presence in the Father's temple of the politically appointed priests. Jesus had great respect for the sincere Pharisees and the honest scribes, but he held the hypocritical Pharisees and the dishonest theologians in great contempt; he looked with disdain upon all those religious leaders who were not sincere. When he scrutinized the leadership of Israel, he was sometimes tempted to

look with favour on the possibility of his becoming the Messiah of Jewish expectation, but he never yielded to such a temptation.

4 §§ The story of his exploits among the wise men of the temple in Jerusalem was gratifying to all Nazareth, especially to his former teachers in the synagogue school. For a time his praise was on everybody's lips. All the village recounted his childhood wisdom and praiseworthy conduct and predicted that he was destined to become a great leader in Israel; at last a really great teacher was to come out of Nazareth in Galilee. And they all

looked forward to the time when he would be 15 years of age so that he might be permitted regularly to read the Scriptures in the synagogue on the Sabbath day.

1. HIS FOURTEENTH YEAR (A.D. 8)

1 This is the calendar year of his 14th birthday. He had become a good yoke maker and worked well with both canvas and leather. He was also rapidly developing into an expert carpenter and cabinetmaker. This summer he made frequent trips to the top of the hill to the north-west of Nazareth for prayer

and meditation. He was gradually becoming more self-conscious of the nature of his bestowal on earth.

2 This hill, a little more than 100 years previously, had been the "high place of Baal," and now it was the site of the tomb of Simeon, a reputed holy man of Israel. From the summit of this hill of Simeon, Jesus looked out over Nazareth and the surrounding country. He would gaze upon Megiddo and recall the story of the Egyptian army winning its first great victory in Asia; and how, later on, another such army defeated the Judean king Josiah. Not far away he could look

upon Tannach, where Deborah and Barak defeated Sisera. In the distance he could view the hills of Dothan, where he had been taught Joseph's brethren sold him into Egyptian slavery. He then would shift his gaze over to Ebal and Gerizim and recount to himself the traditions of Abraham, Jacob, and Abimelech. And thus he recalled and turned over in his mind the historic and traditional events of his father Joseph's people.

3 He continued to carry on his advanced courses of reading under the synagogue teachers, and he also continued with the home education of his

brothers and sisters as they grew up to suitable ages.

4 Early this year Joseph arranged to set aside the income from his Nazareth and Capernaum property to pay for Jesus' long course of study at Jerusalem, it having been planned that he should go to Jerusalem in August of the following year when he would be 15 years of age.

5 By the beginning of this year both Joseph and Mary entertained frequent doubts about the destiny of their firstborn son. He was indeed a brilliant and lovable child, but he was so difficult to understand, so hard to fathom,

and again, nothing extraordinary or miraculous ever happened. Scores of times had his proud mother stood in breathless anticipation, expecting to see her son engage in some superhuman or miraculous performance, but always were her hopes dashed down in cruel disappointment. And all this was discouraging, even disheartening. The devout people of those days truly believed that prophets and men of promise always demonstrated their calling and established their divine authority by performing miracles and working wonders. But Jesus did none of these things; wherefore was

the confusion of his parents steadily increased as they contemplated his future.

6 The improved economic condition of the Nazareth family was reflected in many ways about the home and especially in the increased number of smooth white boards which were used as writing slates, the writing being done with charcoal. Jesus was also permitted to resume his music lessons; he was very fond of playing the harp.

7 §§ Throughout this year it can truly be said that Jesus "grew in favour with man and with God." The prospects of the family seemed good; the future

was bright.

2. THE DEATH OF JOSEPH

1 All did go well until that fateful day of Tuesday, September 25, when a runner from Sepphoris brought to this Nazareth home the tragic news that Joseph had been severely injured by the falling of a derrick while at work on the governor's residence. The messenger from Sepphoris had stopped at the shop on the way to Joseph's home, informing Jesus of his father's accident, and they went together to the house to break the sad news to Mary. Jesus desired to go immediately to his father,

but Mary would hear to nothing but that she must hasten to her husband's side. She directed that James, then 10 years of age, should accompany her to Sepphoris while Jesus remained home with the younger children until she should return, as she did not know how seriously Joseph had been injured. But Joseph died of his injuries before Mary arrived. They brought him to Nazareth, and on the following day he was laid to rest with his fathers.

2 §§ Just at the time when prospects were good and the future looked bright, an apparently cruel hand struck down the head of this Nazareth

household, the affairs of this home were disrupted, and every plan for Jesus and his future education was demolished. This carpenter lad, now just past 14 years of age, awakened to the realization that he had not only to fulfil the commission of his heavenly Father to reveal the divine nature on earth and in the flesh, but that his young human nature must also shoulder the responsibility of caring for his widowed mother and seven brothers and sisters — and another yet to be born. This lad of Nazareth now became the sole support and comfort of this so suddenly bereaved

family. Thus were permitted those occurrences of the natural order of events on Urantia which would force this young man of destiny so early to assume these heavy but highly educational and disciplinary responsibilities attendant upon becoming the head of a human family, of becoming father to his own brothers and sisters, of supporting and protecting his mother, of functioning as guardian of his father's home, the only home he was to know while on this world.

3 Jesus cheerfully accepted the responsibilities so suddenly thrust upon him, and he carried them faithfully

to the end. At least one great problem and anticipated difficulty in his life had been tragically solved — he would not now be expected to go to Jerusalem to study under the rabbis. It remained always true that Jesus "sat at no man's feet." He was ever willing to learn from even the humblest of little children, but he never derived authority to teach truth from human sources.

4 Still he knew nothing of the Gabriel visit to his mother before his birth; he only learned of this from John on the day of his baptism, at the beginning of his public ministry.

5 §§ As the years passed, this young

carpenter of Nazareth increasingly measured every institution of society and every usage of religion by the unvarying test: What does it do for the human soul? does it bring God to man? does it bring man to God? While this youth did not wholly neglect the recreational and social aspects of life, more and more he devoted his time and energies to just two purposes: the care of his family and the preparation to do his Father's heavenly will on earth.

6 §§ This year it became the custom for the neighbours to drop in during the winter evenings to hear Jesus play

upon the harp, to listen to his stories (for the lad was a master storyteller), and to hear him read from the Greek scriptures.

7 The economic affairs of the family continued to run fairly smoothly as there was quite a sum of money on hand at the time of Joseph's death. Jesus early demonstrated the possession of keen business judgment and financial sagacity. He was liberal but frugal; he was saving but generous. He proved to be a wise and efficient administrator of his father's estate.

8 But in spite of all that Jesus and the Nazareth neighbours could do to

bring cheer into the home, Mary, and even the children, were overcast with sadness. Joseph was gone. Joseph was an unusual husband and father, and they all missed him. And it seemed all the more tragic to think that he died ere they could speak to him or hear his farewell blessing.

3. THE FIFTEENTH YEAR (A.D. 9)

1 By the middle of this 15th year — and we are reckoning time in accordance with the XX century calendar, not by the Jewish year — Jesus had taken a firm grasp upon the manage-

ment of his family. Before this year had passed, their savings had about disappeared, and they were face to face with the necessity of disposing of one of the Nazareth houses which Joseph and his neighbour Jacob owned in partnership.

2 On Wednesday evening, April 17, A.D. 9, Ruth, the baby of the family, was born, and to the best of his ability Jesus endeavoured to take the place of his father in comforting and ministering to his mother during this trying and peculiarly sad ordeal. For almost a score of years (until he began his public ministry) no father could

have loved and nurtured his daughter any more affectionately and faithfully than Jesus cared for little Ruth. And he was an equally good father to all the other members of his family.

3 §§ During this year Jesus first formulated the prayer which he subsequently taught to his apostles, and which to many has become known as "The Lord's Prayer." In a way it was an evolution of the family altar; they had many forms of praise and several formal prayers. After his father's death Jesus tried to teach the older children to express themselves individually in prayer — much as he so enjoyed do-

ing — but they could not grasp his thought and would invariably fall back upon their memorised prayer forms. It was in this effort to stimulate his older brothers and sisters to say individual prayers that Jesus would endeavour to lead them along by suggestive phrases, and presently, without intention on his part, it developed that they were all using a form of prayer which was largely built up from these suggestive lines which Jesus had taught them.

4 At last Jesus gave up the idea of having each member of the family formulate spontaneous prayers, and one evening in October he sat down by the

little squat lamp on the low stone table, and, on a piece of smooth cedar board about 116 cm^2, with a piece of charcoal he wrote out the prayer which became from that time on the standard family petition.

5 §§ This year Jesus was much troubled with confused thinking. Family responsibility had quite effectively removed all thought of immediately carrying out any plan for responding to the Jerusalem visitation directing him to "be about his Father's business." Jesus rightly reasoned that the watchcare of his earthly father's family must take precedence of all duties; that the

support of his family must become his first obligation.

6 §§ In the course of this year Jesus found a passage in the so-called Book of Enoch which influenced him in the later adoption of the term "Son of Man" as a designation for his bestowal mission on Urantia. He had thoroughly considered the idea of the Jewish Messiah and was firmly convinced that he was not to be that Messiah. He longed to help his father's people, but he never expected to lead Jewish armies in overthrowing the foreign domination of Palestine. He knew he would never sit on the throne of David

at Jerusalem. Neither did he believe that his mission was that of a spiritual deliverer or moral teacher solely to the Jewish people. In no sense, therefore, could his life mission be the fulfilment of the intense longings and supposed Messianic prophecies of the Hebrew scriptures; at least, not as the Jews understood these predictions of the prophets. Likewise he was certain he was never to appear as the Son of Man depicted by the Prophet Daniel.

7 But when the time came for him to go forth as a world teacher, what would he call himself? What claim should he make concerning his mis-

sion? By what name would he be called by the people who would become believers in his teachings?

8 §§ While turning all these problems over in his mind, he found in the synagogue library at Nazareth, among the apocalyptic books which he had been studying, this manuscript called "The Book of Enoch"; and though he was certain that it had not been written by Enoch of old, it proved very intriguing to him, and he read and reread it many times. There was one passage which particularly impressed him, a passage in which this term "Son of Man" appeared. The writer of this

so-called Book of Enoch went on to tell about this Son of Man, describing the work he would do on earth and explaining that this Son of Man, before coming down on this earth to bring salvation to mankind, had walked through the courts of heavenly glory with his Father, the Father of all; and that he had turned his back upon all this grandeur and glory to come down on earth to proclaim salvation to needy mortals. As Jesus would read these passages (well understanding that much of the Eastern mysticism which had become admixed with these teachings was erroneous), he re-

sponded in his heart and recognized in his mind that of all the Messianic predictions of the Hebrew scriptures and of all the theories about the Jewish deliverer, none was so near the truth as this story tucked away in this only partially accredited Book of Enoch; and he then and there decided to adopt as his inaugural title "the Son of Man." And this he did when he subsequently began his public work. Jesus had an unerring ability for the recognition of truth, and truth he never hesitated to embrace, no matter from what source it appeared to emanate.

9 By this time he had quite thor-

oughly settled many things about his forthcoming work for the world, but he said nothing of these matters to his mother, who still held stoutly to the idea of his being the Jewish Messiah.

10 The great confusion of Jesus' younger days now arose. Having settled something about the nature of his mission on earth, "to be about his Father's business" — to show forth his Father's loving nature to all mankind — he began to ponder anew the many statements in the Scriptures referring to the coming of a national deliverer, a Jewish teacher or king. To what event did these prophecies refer? Was not he

a Jew? or was he? Was he or was he not of the house of David? His mother averred he was; his father had ruled that he was not. He decided he was not. But had the prophets confused the nature and mission of the Messiah?

11 After all, could it be possible that his mother was right? In most matters, when differences of opinion had arisen in the past, she had been right. If he were a new teacher and *not* the Messiah, then how should he recognize the Jewish Messiah if such a one should appear in Jerusalem during the time of his earth mission; and, further, what should be his relation

to this Jewish Messiah? And what should be his relation, after embarking on his life mission, to his family? to the Jewish commonwealth and religion? to the Roman Empire? to the gentiles and their religions? Each of these momentous problems this young Galilean turned over in his mind and seriously pondered while he continued to work at the carpenter's bench, laboriously making a living for himself, his mother, and eight other hungry mouths.

12 §§ Before the end of this year Mary saw the family funds diminishing. She turned the sale of doves over to James.

Presently they bought a second cow, and with the aid of Miriam they began the sale of milk to their Nazareth neighbours.

13 §§ His profound periods of meditation, his frequent journeys to the hilltop for prayer, and the many strange ideas which Jesus advanced from time to time, thoroughly alarmed his mother. Sometimes she thought the lad was beside himself, and then she would steady her fears, remembering that he was, after all, a child of promise and in some manner different from other youths.

14 But Jesus was learning not to speak

of all his thoughts, not to present all his ideas to the world, not even to his own mother. From this year on, Jesus' disclosures about what was going on in his mind steadily diminished; that is, he talked less about those things which an average person could not grasp, and which would lead to his being regarded as peculiar or different from ordinary folks. To all appearances he became commonplace and conventional, though he did long for someone who could understand his problems. He craved a trustworthy and confidential friend, but his problems were too complex for his hu-

man associates to comprehend. The uniqueness of the unusual situation compelled him to bear his burdens alone.

4. FIRST SERMON IN THE SYNAGOGUE

1 With the coming of his 15th birthday, Jesus could officially occupy the synagogue pulpit on the Sabbath day. Many times before, in the absence of speakers, Jesus had been asked to read the Scriptures, but now the day had come when, according to law, he could conduct the service. Therefore on the first Sabbath after his 15th birthday the chazan arranged for Jesus

to conduct the morning service of the synagogue. And when all the faithful in Nazareth had assembled, the young man, having made his selection of Scriptures, stood up and began to read:

2 §§ "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the meek, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to set the spiritual prisoners free; to proclaim the year of God's favour and the day of our God's reckoning; to comfort all mourners, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of

joy in the place of mourning, a song of praise instead of the spirit of sorrow, that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, wherewith he may be glorified.

3 "Seek good and not evil that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you. Hate the evil and love the good; establish judgment in the gate. Perhaps the Lord God will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

4 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil and learn to do good; seek justice, relieve the oppressed. Defend the fa-

therless and plead for the widow.
5 "Wherewith shall I come before
the Lord, to bow myself before the
Lord of all the earth? Shall I come
before him with burnt offerings, with
calves a year old? Will the Lord be
pleased with thousands of rams, ten
thousands of sheep, or with rivers of
oil? Shall I give my first-born for my
transgression, the fruit of my body for
the sin of my soul? No! for the Lord
has showed us, O men, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to deal justly, love mercy, and walk
humbly with your God?
6 "To whom, then, will you liken

God who sits upon the circle of the earth? Lift up your eyes and behold who has created all these worlds, who brings forth their host by number and calls them all by their names. He does all these things by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, not one fails. He gives power to the weak, and to those who are weary he increases strength. Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness, for I am the Lord your God. And I will hold your right hand, saying

to you, fear not, for I will help you.

7 "And you are my witness, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen that all may know and believe me and understand that I am the Eternal. I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no saviour."

8 §§ And when he had thus read, he sat down, and the people went to their homes, pondering over the words which he had so graciously read to them. Never had his townspeople seen him so magnificently solemn; never had they heard his voice so earnest and so sincere; never had they observed him so manly and decisive,

so authoritative.

9 This Sabbath afternoon Jesus climbed the Nazareth hill with James and, when they returned home, wrote out the Ten Commandments in Greek on two smooth boards in charcoal. Subsequently Martha coloured and decorated these boards, and for long they hung on the wall over James's small workbench.

5. THE FINANCIAL STRUGGLE

1 Gradually Jesus and his family returned to the simple life of their earlier years. Their clothes and even their food became simpler. They had plenty

of milk, butter, and cheese. In season they enjoyed the produce of their garden, but each passing month necessitated the practice of greater frugality. Their breakfasts were very plain; they saved their best food for the evening meal. However, among these Jews lack of wealth did not imply social inferiority.

2 Already had this youth well-nigh encompassed the comprehension of how men lived in his day. And how well he understood life in the home, field, and workshop is shown by his subsequent teachings, which so repletely reveal his intimate contact with

all phases of human experience.

3 The Nazareth chazan continued to cling to the belief that Jesus was to become a great teacher, probably the successor of the renowned Gamaliel at Jerusalem.

4 §§ Apparently all Jesus' plans for a career were thwarted. The future did not look bright as matters now developed. But he did not falter; he was not discouraged. He lived on, day by day, doing well the present duty and faithfully discharging the *immediate* responsibilities of his station in life. Jesus' life is the everlasting comfort of all disappointed idealists.

5 The pay of a common day-labouring carpenter was slowly diminishing. By the end of this year Jesus could earn, by working early and late, only the equivalent of about 25¢ a day. By the next year they found it difficult to pay the civil taxes, not to mention the synagogue assessments and the temple tax of one-half shekel. During this year the tax collector tried to squeeze extra revenue out of Jesus, even threatening to take his harp.

6 Fearing that the copy of the Greek scriptures might be discovered and confiscated by the tax collectors, Jesus, on his 15th birthday, presented it

to the Nazareth synagogue library as his maturity offering to the Lord.

7 §§ The great shock of his 15th year came when Jesus went over to Sepphoris to receive the decision of Herod regarding the appeal taken to him in the dispute about the amount of money due Joseph at the time of his accidental death. Jesus and Mary had hoped for the receipt of a considerable sum of money when the treasurer at Sepphoris had offered them a paltry amount. Joseph's brothers had taken an appeal to Herod himself, and now Jesus stood in the palace and heard Herod decree that his father had nothing due him at

the time of his death. And for such an unjust decision Jesus never again trusted Herod Antipas. It is not surprising that he once alluded to Herod as "that fox."

8 The close work at the carpenter's bench during this and subsequent years deprived Jesus of the opportunity of mingling with the caravan passengers. The family supply shop had already been taken over by his uncle, and Jesus worked altogether in the home shop, where he was near to help Mary with the family. About this time he began sending James up to the camel lot to gather information about

world events, and thus he sought to keep in touch with the news of the day.

9 As he grew up to manhood, he passed through all those conflicts and confusions which the average young persons of previous and subsequent ages have undergone. And the rigorous experience of supporting his family was a sure safeguard against his having overmuch time for idle meditation or the indulgence of mystic tendencies.

10 §§ This was the year that Jesus rented a considerable piece of land just to the north of their home, which was divided up as a family garden plot.

Each of the older children had an individual garden, and they entered into keen competition in their agricultural efforts. Their eldest brother spent some time with them in the garden each day during the season of vegetable cultivation. As Jesus worked with his younger brothers and sisters in the garden, he many times entertained the wish that they were all located on a farm out in the country where they could enjoy the liberty and freedom of an unhampered life. But they did not find themselves growing up in the country; and Jesus, being a thoroughly practical youth as well as

an idealist, intelligently and vigorously attacked his problem just as he found it, and did everything within his power to adjust himself and his family to the realities of their situation and to adapt their condition to the highest possible satisfaction of their individual and collective longings.

11 At one time Jesus faintly hoped that he might be able to gather up sufficient means, provided they could collect the considerable sum of money due his father for work on Herod's palace, to warrant undertaking the purchase of a small farm. He had really given serious thought to this plan of

moving his family out into the country. But when Herod refused to pay them any of the funds due Joseph, they gave up the ambition of owning a home in the country. As it was, they contrived to enjoy much of the experience of farm life as they now had three cows, four sheep, a flock of chickens, a donkey, and a dog, in addition to the doves. Even the little tots had their regular duties to perform in the well-regulated scheme of management which characterized the home life of this Nazareth family.

12 §§ With the close of this 15th year Jesus completed the traversal of that

dangerous and difficult period in human existence, that time of transition between the more complacent years of childhood and the consciousness of approaching manhood with its increased responsibilities and opportunities for the acquirement of advanced experience in the development of a noble character. The growth period for mind and body had ended, and now began the real career of this young man of Nazareth.

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THE ADOLESCENT YEARS

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As Jesus entered upon his adolescent years, he found himself the head and sole support of a large family. Within a few years after his father's death all their property was gone. As time passed, he became increasingly conscious of his pre-existence; at the same time he began more fully to realize that he was present on earth and in the flesh for the express

purpose of revealing his Paradise Father to the children of men.

2 No adolescent youth who has lived or ever will live on this world or any other world has had or ever will have more weighty problems to resolve or more intricate difficulties to untangle. No youth of Urantia will ever be called upon to pass through more testing conflicts or more trying situations than Jesus himself endured during those strenuous years from 15 to 20.

3 Having thus tasted the actual experience of living these adolescent years on a world beset by evil and dis-

traught by sin, the Son of Man became possessed of full knowledge about the life experience of the youth of all the realms of Nebadon, and thus forever he became the understanding refuge for the distressed and perplexed adolescents of all ages and on all worlds throughout the local universe.

4 Slowly, but certainly and by actual experience, this divine Son is *earning* the right to become sovereign of his universe, the unquestioned and supreme ruler of all created intelligences on all local universe worlds, the understanding refuge of the beings of all ages and of all degrees of personal endow-

ment and experience.

1. THE SIXTEENTH YEAR (A.D. 10)

1 The incarnated Son passed through infancy and experienced an uneventful childhood. Then he emerged from that testing and trying transition stage between childhood and young manhood — he became the adolescent Jesus.

2 This year he attained his full physical growth. He was a virile and comely youth. He became increasingly sober and serious, but he was kind and sympathetic. His eye was kind but search-

ing; his smile was always engaging and reassuring. His voice was musical but authoritative; his greeting cordial but unaffected. Always, even in the most commonplace of contacts, there seemed to be in evidence the touch of a twofold nature, the human and the divine. Ever he displayed this combination of the sympathizing friend and the authoritative teacher. And these personality traits began early to become manifest, even in these adolescent years.

3 This physically strong and robust youth also acquired the full growth of his human intellect, not the full expe-

rience of human thinking but the fullness of capacity for such intellectual development. He possessed a healthy and well-proportioned body, a keen and analytical mind, a kind and sympathetic disposition, a somewhat fluctuating but aggressive temperament, all of which were becoming organized into a strong, striking, and attractive personality.

4 §§ As time went on, it became more difficult for his mother and his brothers and sisters to understand him; they stumbled over his sayings and misinterpreted his doings. They were all unfitted to comprehend

their eldest brother's life because their mother had given them to understand that he was destined to become the deliverer of the Jewish people. After they had received from Mary such intimations as family secrets, imagine their confusion when Jesus would make frank denials of all such ideas and intentions.

5 §§ This year Simon started to school, and they were compelled to sell another house. James now took charge of the teaching of his three sisters, two of whom were old enough to begin serious study. As soon as Ruth grew up, she was taken in hand by

Miriam and Martha. Ordinarily the girls of Jewish families received little education, but Jesus maintained (and his mother agreed) that girls should go to school the same as boys, and since the synagogue school would not receive them, there was nothing to do but conduct a home school especially for them.

6 Throughout this year Jesus was closely confined to the workbench. Fortunately he had plenty of work; his was of such a superior grade that he was never idle no matter how slack work might be in that region. At times he had so much to do that James

would help him.

7 By the end of this year he had just about made up his mind that he would, after rearing his family and seeing them married, enter publicly upon his work as a teacher of truth and as a revealer of the heavenly Father to the world. He knew he was not to become the expected Jewish Messiah, and he concluded that it was next to useless to discuss these matters with his mother; he decided to allow her to entertain whatever ideas she might choose since all he had said in the past had made little or no impression upon her and he recalled that his father had never

been able to say anything that would change her mind. From this year on he talked less and less with his mother, or anyone else, about these problems. His was such a peculiar mission that no one living on earth could give him advice concerning its prosecution.

8 He was a real though youthful father to the family; he spent every possible hour with the youngsters, and they truly loved him. His mother grieved to see him work so hard; she sorrowed that he was day by day toiling at the carpenter's bench earning a living for the family instead of being, as they had so fondly planned, at Jerusa-

lem studying with the rabbis. While there was much about her son that Mary could not understand, she did love him, and she most thoroughly appreciated the willing manner in which he shouldered the responsibility of the home.

2. THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR (A.D. 11)

1 At about this time there was considerable agitation, especially at Jerusalem and in Judea, in favour of rebellion against the payment of taxes to Rome. There was coming into existence a strong nationalist party, presently to be called the Zealots. The

Zealots, unlike the Pharisees, were not willing to await the coming of the Messiah. They proposed to bring things to a head through political revolt.

2 A group of organizers from Jerusalem arrived in Galilee and were making good headway until they reached Nazareth. When they came to see Jesus, he listened carefully to them and asked many questions but refused to join the party. He declined fully to disclose his reasons for not enlisting, and his refusal had the effect of keeping out many of his youthful fellows in Nazareth.

3 Mary did her best to induce him to enlist, but she could not budge him. She went so far as to intimate that his refusal to espouse the nationalist cause at her behest was insubordination, a violation of his pledge made upon their return from Jerusalem that he would be subject to his parents; but in answer to this insinuation he only laid a kindly hand on her shoulder and, looking into her face, said: "My mother, how could you?" And Mary withdrew her statement.

4 One of Jesus' uncles (Mary's brother Simon) had already joined this group, subsequently becoming an

officer in the Galilean division. And for several years there was something of an estrangement between Jesus and his uncle.

5 But trouble began to brew in Nazareth. Jesus' attitude in these matters had resulted in creating a division among the Jewish youths of the city. About half had joined the nationalist organization, and the other half began the formation of an opposing group of more moderate patriots, expecting Jesus to assume the leadership. They were amazed when he refused the honour offered him, pleading as an excuse his heavy family responsibilities,

which they all allowed. But the situation was still further complicated when, presently, a wealthy Jew, Isaac, a moneylender to the gentiles, came forward agreeing to support Jesus' family if he would lay down his tools and assume leadership of these Nazareth patriots.

6 Jesus, then scarcely 17 years of age, was confronted with one of the most delicate and difficult situations of his early life. Patriotic issues, especially when complicated by tax-gathering foreign oppressors, are always difficult for spiritual leaders to relate themselves to, and it was doubly so in

this case since the Jewish religion was involved in all this agitation against Rome.

7 Jesus' position was made more difficult because his mother and uncle, and even his younger brother James, all urged him to join the nationalist cause. All the better Jews of Nazareth had enlisted, and those young men who had not joined the movement would all enlist the moment Jesus changed his mind. He had but one wise counsellor in all Nazareth, his old teacher, the chazan, who counselled him about his reply to the citizens' committee of Nazareth when

they came to ask for his answer to the public appeal which had been made. In all Jesus' young life this was the very first time he had consciously resorted to public strategy. Theretofore, always had he depended upon a frank statement of truth to clarify the situation, but now he could not declare the full truth. He could not intimate that he was more than a man; he could not disclose his idea of the mission which awaited his attainment of a riper manhood. Despite these limitations his religious fealty and national loyalty were directly challenged. His family was in a turmoil, his youthful friends in divi-

sion, and the entire Jewish contingent of the town in a hubbub. And to think that he was to blame for it all! And how innocent he had been of all intention to make trouble of any kind, much less a disturbance of this sort.

8 Something had to be done. He must state his position, and this he did bravely and diplomatically to the satisfaction of many, but not all. He adhered to the terms of his original plea, maintaining that his first duty was to his family, that a widowed mother and eight brothers and sisters needed something more than mere money could buy — the physical necessities

of life — that they were entitled to a father's watchcare and guidance, and that he could not in clear conscience release himself from the obligation which a cruel accident had thrust upon him. He paid compliment to his mother and eldest brother for being willing to release him but reiterated that loyalty to a dead father forbade his leaving the family no matter how much money was forthcoming for their material support, making his never-to-be-forgotten statement that "money cannot love." In the course of this address Jesus made several veiled references to his "life mission" but ex-

plained that, regardless of whether or not it might be inconsistent with the military idea, it, along with everything else in his life, had been given up in order that he might be able to discharge faithfully his obligation to his family. Everyone in Nazareth well knew he was a good father to his family, and this was a matter so near the heart of every noble Jew that Jesus' plea found an appreciative response in the hearts of many of his hearers; and some of those who were not thus minded were disarmed by a speech made by James, which, while not on the program, was delivered at this time. That very day

the chazan had rehearsed James in his speech, but that was their secret.

9 James stated that he was sure Jesus would help to liberate his people if he (James) were only old enough to assume responsibility for the family, and that, if they would only consent to allow Jesus to remain "with us, to be our father and teacher, then you will have not just one leader from Joseph's family, but presently you will have five loyal nationalists, for are there not five of us boys to grow up and come forth from our brother-father's guidance to serve our nation?" And thus did the lad bring to a fairly happy ending a

very tense and threatening situation.

10 The crisis for the time being was over, but never was this incident forgotten in Nazareth. The agitation persisted; not again was Jesus in universal favour; the division of sentiment was never fully overcome. And this, augmented by other and subsequent occurrences, was one of the chief reasons why he moved to Capernaum in later years. Henceforth Nazareth maintained a division of sentiment regarding the Son of Man.

11 §§ James graduated at school this year and began full-time work at home in the carpenter shop. He had be-

come a clever worker with tools and now took over the making of yokes and ploughs while Jesus began to do more house finishing and expert cabinet work.

12 §§ This year Jesus made great progress in the organization of his mind. Gradually he had brought his divine and human natures together, and he accomplished all this organization of intellect by the force of his own *decisions* and with only the aid of his indwelling Monitor, just such a Monitor as all normal mortals on all postbestowal-Son worlds have within their minds. So far, nothing super-

natural had happened in this young man's career except the visit of a messenger, dispatched by his elder brother Immanuel, who once appeared to him during the night at Jerusalem.

3. THE EIGHTEENTH YEAR (A.D. 12)

1 In the course of this year all the family property, except the home and garden, was disposed of. The last piece of Capernaum property (except an equity in one other), already mortgaged, was sold. The proceeds were used for taxes, to buy some new tools for James, and to make a payment on the

old family supply and repair shop near the caravan lot, which Jesus now proposed to buy back since James was old enough to work at the house shop and help Mary about the home. With the financial pressure thus eased for the time being, Jesus decided to take James to the Passover. They went up to Jerusalem a day early, to be alone, going by way of Samaria. They walked, and Jesus told James about the historic places en route as his father had taught him on a similar journey five years before.

2 In passing through Samaria, they saw many strange sights. On this jour-

ney they talked over many of their problems, personal, family, and national. James was a very religious type of lad, and while he did not fully agree with his mother regarding the little he knew of the plans concerning Jesus' lifework, he did look forward to the time when he would be able to assume responsibility for the family so that Jesus could begin his mission. He was very appreciative of Jesus' taking him up to the Passover, and they talked over the future more fully than ever before.

3 Jesus did much thinking as they journeyed through Samaria, partic-

ularly at Bethel and when drinking from Jacob's well. He and his brother discussed the traditions of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He did much to prepare James for what he was about to witness at Jerusalem, thus seeking to lessen the shock such as he himself had experienced on his first visit to the temple. But James was not so sensitive to some of these sights. He commented on the perfunctory and heartless manner in which some of the priests performed their duties but on the whole greatly enjoyed his sojourn at Jerusalem.

4 Jesus took James to Bethany for

the Passover supper. Simon had been laid to rest with his fathers, and Jesus presided over this household as the head of the Passover family, having brought the paschal lamb from the temple.

5 After the Passover supper Mary sat down to talk with James while Martha, Lazarus, and Jesus talked together far into the night. The next day they attended the temple services, and James was received into the commonwealth of Israel. That morning, as they paused on the brow of Olivet to view the temple, while James exclaimed in wonder, Jesus gazed on Jerusalem in si-

lence. James could not comprehend his brother's demeanour. That night they again returned to Bethany and would have departed for home the next day, but James was insistent on their going back to visit the temple, explaining that he wanted to hear the teachers. And while this was true, secretly in his heart he wanted to hear Jesus participate in the discussions, as he had heard his mother tell about. Accordingly, they went to the temple and heard the discussions, but Jesus asked no questions. It all seemed so puerile and insignificant to this awakening mind of man and God — he

could only pity them. James was disappointed that Jesus said nothing. To his inquiries Jesus only made reply, "My hour has not yet come."

6 The next day they journeyed home by Jericho and the Jordan valley, and Jesus recounted many things by the way, including his former trip over this road when he was 13 years old.

7 §§ Upon returning to Nazareth, Jesus began work in the old family repair shop and was greatly cheered by being able to meet so many people each day from all parts of the country and surrounding districts. Jesus truly loved people — just common folks. Each

month he made his payments on the shop and, with James's help, continued to provide for the family.

8 Several times a year, when visitors were not present thus to function, Jesus continued to read the Sabbath scriptures at the synagogue and many times offered comments on the lesson, but usually he so selected the passages that comment was unnecessary. He was skillful, so arranging the order of the reading of the various passages that the one would illuminate the other. He never failed, weather permitting, to take his brothers and sisters out on Sabbath afternoons for

their nature strolls.

9 About this time the chazan inaugurated a young men's club for philosophic discussion which met at the homes of different members and often at his own home, and Jesus became a prominent member of this group. By this means he was enabled to regain some of the local prestige which he had lost at the time of the recent nationalistic controversies.

10 His social life, while restricted, was not wholly neglected. He had many warm friends and staunch admirers among both the young men and the young women of Nazareth.

11 §§ In September, Elizabeth and John came to visit the Nazareth family. John, having lost his father, intended to return to the Judean hills to engage in agriculture and sheep raising unless Jesus advised him to remain in Nazareth to take up carpentry or some other line of work. They did not know that the Nazareth family was practically penniless. The more Mary and Elizabeth talked about their sons, the more they became convinced that it would be good for the two young men to work together and see more of each other.

12 Jesus and John had many talks to-

gether; and they talked over some very intimate and personal matters. When they had finished this visit, they decided not again to see each other until they should meet in their public service after "the heavenly Father should call" them to their work. John was tremendously impressed by what he saw at Nazareth that he should return home and labour for the support of his mother. He became convinced that he was to be a part of Jesus' life mission, but he saw that Jesus was to occupy many years with the rearing of his family; so he was much more content to return to his home and settle down

to the care of their little farm and to minister to the needs of his mother. And never again did John and Jesus see each other until that day by the Jordan when the Son of Man presented himself for baptism.

13 §§ On Saturday afternoon, December 3, of this year, death for the second time struck at this Nazareth family. Little Amos, their baby brother, died after a week's illness with a high fever. After passing through this time of sorrow with her first-born son as her only support, Mary at last and in the fullest sense recognized Jesus as the real head of the family; and

he was truly a worthy head.

14 For four years their standard of living had steadily declined; year by year they felt the pinch of increasing poverty. By the close of this year they faced one of the most difficult experiences of all their uphill struggles. James had not yet begun to earn much, and the expenses of a funeral on top of everything else staggered them. But Jesus would only say to his anxious and grieving mother: "Mother-Mary, sorrow will not help us; we are all doing our best, and mother's smile, perchance, might even inspire us to do better. Day by day we are strength-

ened for these tasks by our hope of better days ahead." His sturdy and practical optimism was truly contagious; all the children lived in an atmosphere of anticipation of better times and better things. And this hopeful courage contributed mightily to the development of strong and noble characters, in spite of the depressiveness of their poverty.

15 Jesus possessed the ability effectively to mobilize all his powers of mind, soul, and body on the task immediately in hand. He could concentrate his deep-thinking mind on the one problem which he wished to solve, and this, in connection with his untir-

ing *patience,* enabled him serenely to endure the trials of a difficult mortal existence — to live as if he were "seeing Him who is invisible."

4. THE NINETEENTH YEAR (A.D. 13)

1 By this time Jesus and Mary were getting along much better. She regarded him less as a son; he had become to her more a father to her children. Each day's life swarmed with practical and immediate difficulties. Less frequently they spoke of his life-work, for, as time passed, all their thought was mutually devoted to the

support and upbringing of their family of four boys and three girls.

2 By the beginning of this year Jesus had fully won his mother to the acceptance of his methods of child training — the positive injunction to do good in the place of the older Jewish method of forbidding to do evil. In his home and throughout his public-teaching career Jesus invariably employed the *positive* form of exhortation. Always and everywhere did he say, "You shall do this — you ought to do that." Never did he employ the negative mode of teaching derived from the ancient taboos. He refrained from

placing emphasis on evil by forbidding it, while he exalted the good by commanding its performance. Prayer time in this household was the occasion for discussing anything and everything relating to the welfare of the family.

3 Jesus began wise discipline upon his brothers and sisters at such an early age that little or no punishment was ever required to secure their prompt and wholehearted obedience. The only exception was Jude, upon whom on sundry occasions Jesus found it necessary to impose penalties for his infractions of the rules of the home. On three occasions when it was

deemed wise to punish Jude for self-confessed and deliberate violations of the family rules of conduct, his punishment was fixed by the unanimous decree of the older children and was assented to by Jude himself before it was inflicted.

4 While Jesus was most methodical and systematic in everything he did, there was also in all his administrative rulings a refreshing elasticity of interpretation and an individuality of adaptation that greatly impressed all the children with the spirit of justice which actuated their father-brother. He never arbitrarily disciplined his

brothers and sisters, and such uniform fairness and personal consideration greatly endeared Jesus to all his family.

5 James and Simon grew up trying to follow Jesus' plan of placating their bellicose and sometimes irate playmates by persuasion and nonresistance, and they were fairly successful; but Joseph and Jude, while assenting to such teachings at home, made haste to defend themselves when assailed by their comrades; in particular was Jude guilty of violating the spirit of these teachings. But nonresistance was not a *rule* of the family. No penalty was

attached to the violation of personal teachings.

6 In general, all of the children, particularly the girls, would consult Jesus about their childhood troubles and confide in him just as they would have in an affectionate father.

7 James was growing up to be a well-balanced and even-tempered youth, but he was not so spiritually inclined as Jesus. He was a much better student than Joseph, who, while a faithful worker, was even less spiritually minded. Joseph was a plodder and not up to the intellectual level of the other children. Simon was a well-meaning

boy but too much of a dreamer. He was slow in getting settled down in life and was the cause of considerable anxiety to Jesus and Mary. But he was always a good and well-intentioned lad. Jude was a firebrand. He had the highest of ideals, but he was unstable in temperament. He had all and more of his mother's determination and aggressiveness, but he lacked much of her sense of proportion and discretion.

8 Miriam was a well-balanced and level-headed daughter with a keen appreciation of things noble and spiritual. Martha was slow in thought and

action but a very dependable and efficient child. Baby Ruth was the sunshine of the home; though thoughtless of speech, she was most sincere of heart. She just about worshipped her big brother and father. But they did not spoil her. She was a beautiful child but not quite so comely as Miriam, who was the belle of the family, if not of the city.

9 §§ As time passed, Jesus did much to liberalize and modify the family teachings and practices related to Sabbath observance and many other phases of religion, and to all these changes Mary gave hearty assent. By

this time Jesus had become the unquestioned head of the house.

10 This year Jude started to school, and it was necessary for Jesus to sell his harp in order to defray these expenses. Thus disappeared the last of his recreational pleasures. He much loved to play the harp when tired in mind and weary in body, but he comforted himself with the thought that at least the harp was safe from seizure by the tax collector.

5. REBECCA, THE DAUGHTER OF EZRA

1 Although Jesus was poor, his social standing in Nazareth was in no

way impaired. He was one of the foremost young men of the city and very highly regarded by most of the young women. Since Jesus was such a splendid specimen of robust and intellectual manhood, and considering his reputation as a spiritual leader, it was not strange that Rebecca, the eldest daughter of Ezra, a wealthy merchant and trader of Nazareth, should discover that she was slowly falling in love with this son of Joseph. She first confided her affection to Miriam, Jesus' sister, and Miriam in turn talked all this over with her mother. Mary was intensely aroused. Was she about

to lose her son, now become the indispensable head of the family? Would troubles never cease? What next could happen? And then she paused to contemplate what effect marriage would have upon Jesus' future career; not often, but at least sometimes, did she recall the fact that Jesus was a "child of promise." After she and Miriam had talked this matter over, they decided to make an effort to stop it before Jesus learned about it, by going direct to Rebecca, laying the whole story before her, and honestly telling her about their belief that Jesus was a son of destiny; that he was to become a great re-

ligious leader, perhaps the Messiah.

2 Rebecca listened intently; she was thrilled with the recital and more than ever determined to cast her lot with this man of her choice and to share his career of leadership. She argued (to herself) that such a man would all the more need a faithful and efficient wife. She interpreted Mary's efforts to dissuade her as a natural reaction to the dread of losing the head and sole support of her family; but knowing that her father approved of her attraction for the carpenter's son, she rightly reckoned that he would gladly supply the family with sufficient income fully

to compensate for the loss of Jesus' earnings. When her father agreed to such a plan, Rebecca had further conferences with Mary and Miriam, and when she failed to win their support, she made bold to go directly to Jesus. This she did with the co-operation of her father, who invited Jesus to their home for the celebration of Rebecca's 17th birthday.

3 Jesus listened attentively and sympathetically to the recital of these things, first by the father, then by Rebecca herself. He made kindly reply to the effect that no amount of money could take the place of his obligation

personally to rear his father's family, to "fulfil the most sacred of all human trusts — loyalty to one's own flesh and blood." Rebecca's father was deeply touched by Jesus' words of family devotion and retired from the conference. His only remark to Mary, his wife, was: "We can't have him for a son; he is too noble for us."

4 Then began that eventful talk with Rebecca. Thus far in his life, Jesus had made little distinction in his association with boys and girls, with young men and young women. His mind had been altogether too much occupied with the pressing problems of practi-

cal earthly affairs and the intriguing contemplation of his eventual career "about his Father's business" ever to have given serious consideration to the consummation of personal love in human marriage. But now he was face to face with another of those problems which every average human being must confront and decide. Indeed was he "tested in all points like as you are."

5 After listening attentively, he sincerely thanked Rebecca for her expressed admiration, adding, "it shall cheer and comfort me all the days of my life." He explained that he was

not free to enter into relations with any woman other than those of simple brotherly regard and pure friendship. He made it clear that his first and paramount duty was the rearing of his father's family, that he could not consider marriage until that was accomplished; and then he added: "If I am a son of destiny, I must not assume obligations of lifelong duration until such a time as my destiny shall be made manifest."

6 Rebecca was heartbroken. She refused to be comforted and importuned her father to leave Nazareth until he finally consented to move to Sep-

phoris. In after years, to the many men who sought her hand in marriage, Rebecca had but one answer. She lived for only one purpose — to await the hour when this, to her, the greatest man who ever lived would begin his career as a teacher of living truth. And she followed him devotedly through his eventful years of public labour, being present (unobserved by Jesus) that day when he rode triumphantly into Jerusalem; and she stood "among the other women" by the side of Mary on that fateful and tragic afternoon when the Son of Man hung upon the cross, to her, as well as to countless worlds

on high, "the one altogether lovely and the greatest among ten thousand."

6. HIS TWENTIETH YEAR (A.D. 14)

1 The story of Rebecca's love for Jesus was whispered about Nazareth and later on at Capernaum, so that, while in the years to follow many women loved Jesus even as men loved him, not again did he have to reject the personal proffer of another good woman's devotion. From this time on human affection for Jesus partook more of the nature of worshipful and adoring regard. Both men and women

loved him devotedly and for what he was, not with any tinge of self-satisfaction or desire for affectionate possession. But for many years, whenever the story of Jesus' human personality was recited, the devotion of Rebecca was recounted.

2 Miriam, knowing fully about the affair of Rebecca and knowing how her brother had forsaken even the love of a beautiful maiden (not realizing the factor of his future career of destiny), came to idealize Jesus and to love him with a touching and profound affection as for a father as well as for a brother.

3 §§ Although they could hardly afford it, Jesus had a strange longing to go up to Jerusalem for the Passover. His mother, knowing of his recent experience with Rebecca, wisely urged him to make the journey. He was not markedly conscious of it, but what he most wanted was an opportunity to talk with Lazarus and to visit with Martha and Mary. Next to his own family he loved these three most of all.

4 In making this trip to Jerusalem, he went by way of Megiddo, Antipatris, and Lydda, in part covering the same route traversed when he was brought back to Nazareth on the re-

turn from Egypt. He spent four days going up to the Passover and thought much about the past events which had transpired in and around Megiddo, the international battlefield of Palestine.

5 Jesus passed on through Jerusalem, only pausing to look upon the temple and the gathering throngs of visitors. He had a strange and increasing aversion to this Herod-built temple with its politically appointed priesthood. He wanted most of all to see Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. Lazarus was the same age as Jesus and now head of the house; by the time of this visit

Lazarus's mother had also been laid to rest. Martha was a little over one year older than Jesus, while Mary was two years younger. And Jesus was the idolized ideal of all three of them.

6 On this visit occurred one of those periodic outbreaks of rebellion against tradition — the expression of resentment for those ceremonial practices which Jesus deemed misrepresentative of his Father in heaven. Not knowing Jesus was coming, Lazarus had arranged to celebrate the Passover with friends in an adjoining village down the Jericho road. Jesus now proposed that they celebrate the

feast where they were, at Lazarus's house. "But," said Lazarus, "we have no paschal lamb." And then Jesus entered upon a prolonged and convincing dissertation to the effect that the Father in heaven was not truly concerned with such childlike and meaningless rituals. After solemn and fervent prayer they rose, and Jesus said: "Let the childlike and darkened minds of my people serve their God as Moses directed; it is better that they do, but let us who have seen the light of life no longer approach our Father by the darkness of death. Let us be free in the knowledge of the truth of our Father's

eternal love."

7 That evening about twilight these four sat down and partook of the first Passover feast ever to be celebrated by devout Jews without the paschal lamb. The unleavened bread and the wine had been made ready for this Passover, and these emblems, which Jesus termed "the bread of life" and "the water of life," he served to his companions, and they ate in solemn conformity with the teachings just imparted. It was his custom to engage in this sacramental ritual whenever he paid subsequent visits to Bethany. When he returned home, he told all this to

his mother. She was shocked at first but came gradually to see his viewpoint; nevertheless, she was greatly relieved when Jesus assured her that he did not intend to introduce this new idea of the Passover in their family. At home with the children he continued, year by year, to eat the Passover "according to the law of Moses."

8 §§ It was during this year that Mary had a long talk with Jesus about marriage. She frankly asked him if he would get married if he were free from his family responsibilities. Jesus explained to her that, since immediate duty forbade his marriage, he had

given the subject little thought. He expressed himself as doubting that he would ever enter the marriage state; he said that all such things must await "my hour," the time when "my Father's work must begin." Having settled already in his mind that he was not to become the father of children in the flesh, he gave very little thought to the subject of human marriage.

9 This year he began anew the task of further weaving his mortal and divine natures into a simple and effective *human individuality.* And he continued to grow in moral status and spiritual understanding.

10 Although all their Nazareth property (except their home) was gone, this year they received a little financial help from the sale of an equity in a piece of property in Capernaum. This was the last of Joseph's entire estate. This real estate deal in Capernaum was with a boatbuilder named Zebedee.

11 Joseph graduated at the synagogue school this year and prepared to begin work at the small bench in the home carpenter shop. Although the estate of their father was exhausted, there were prospects that they would successfully fight off poverty since three of them were now regularly at work.

12 §§ Jesus is rapidly becoming a man, not just a young man but an adult. He has learned well to bear responsibility. He knows how to carry on in the face of disappointment. He bears up bravely when his plans are thwarted and his purposes temporarily defeated. He has learned how to be fair and just even in the face of injustice. He is learning how to adjust his ideals of spiritual living to the practical demands of earthly existence. He is learning how to plan for the achievement of a higher and distant goal of idealism while he toils earnestly for the attainment of a nearer and immediate

goal of necessity. He is steadily acquiring the art of adjusting his aspirations to the commonplace demands of the human occasion. He has very nearly mastered the technique of utilizing the energy of the spiritual drive to turn the mechanism of material achievement. He is slowly learning how to live the heavenly life while he continues on with the earthly existence. More and more he depends upon the ultimate guidance of his heavenly Father while he assumes the fatherly role of guiding and directing the children of his earth family. He is becoming experienced in the skillful wresting of vic-

tory from the very jaws of defeat; he is learning how to transform the difficulties of time into the triumphs of eternity.

13 §§ And so, as the years pass, this young man of Nazareth continues to experience life as it is lived in mortal flesh on the worlds of time and space. He lives a full, representative, and replete life on Urantia. He left this world ripe in the experience which his creatures pass through during the short and strenuous years of their first life, the life in the flesh. And all this human experience is an eternal possession of the Universe Sovereign. He

is our understanding brother, sympathetic friend, experienced sovereign, and merciful father.

14 As a child he accumulated a vast body of knowledge; as a youth he sorted, classified, and correlated this information; and now as a man of the realm he begins to organize these mental possessions preparatory to utilization in his subsequent teaching, ministry, and service in behalf of his fellow mortals on this world and on all other spheres of habitation throughout the entire universe of Nebadon.

15 Born into the world a babe of the realm, he has lived his childhood

life and passed through the successive stages of youth and young manhood; he now stands on the threshold of full manhood, rich in the experience of human living, replete in the understanding of human nature, and full of sympathy for the frailties of human nature. He is becoming expert in the divine art of revealing his Paradise Father to all ages and stages of mortal creatures.

16 And now as a full-grown man — an adult of the realm — he prepares to continue his supreme mission of revealing God to men and leading men to God.

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JESUS' EARLY MANHOOD

Midwayer Commission

As Jesus of Nazareth entered upon the early years of his adult life, he had lived, and continued to live, a normal and average human life on earth. Jesus came into this world just as other children come; he had nothing to do with selecting his parents[1]. He did choose this particular world[2] as the planet

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[1] This was done by Gabriel, cf. 122:0.3.

[2] And also approved Gabriel's choice of Hebrews as the bestowal race, cf. 122:0.2.

whereon to carry out his seventh and final bestowal, his incarnation in the likeness of mortal flesh, but otherwise he entered the world in a natural manner, growing up as a child of the realm and wrestling with the vicissitudes of his environment just as do other mortals on this and on similar worlds.

2 Always be mindful of the twofold purpose of Michael's bestowal on Urantia:

3 1. The mastering of the experience of living the full life of a human creature in mortal flesh, the completion of his sovereignty in Nebadon.

4 2. The revelation of the Univer-

sal Father to the mortal dwellers on the worlds of time and space and the more effective leading of these same mortals to a better understanding of the Universal Father.

5 §§ All other creature benefits and universe advantages were incidental and secondary to these major purposes of the mortal bestowal.

1. THE TWENTY-FIRST YEAR (A.D. 15)

1 With the attainment of adult years Jesus began in earnest and with full self-consciousness the task of completing the experience of mastering

the knowledge of the life of his lowest form of intelligent creatures, thereby finally and fully earning the right of unqualified rulership of his self-created universe. He entered upon this stupendous task fully realizing his dual nature. But he had already effectively combined these two natures into one — Jesus of Nazareth.

2 Joshua ben Joseph knew full well that he was a man, a mortal man, born of woman. This is shown in the selection of his first title, the *Son of Man.* He was truly a partaker of flesh and blood, and even now, as he presides in sovereign authority over the destinies

of a universe, he still bears among his numerous well-earned titles that of Son of Man. It is literally true that the creative Word — the Creator Son — of the Universal Father was "made flesh and dwelt as a man of the realm on Urantia." He laboured, grew weary, rested, and slept. He hungered and satisfied such cravings with food; he thirsted and quenched his thirst with water. He experienced the full gamut of human feelings and emotions; he was "in all things tested, even as you are," and he suffered and died.

3 He obtained knowledge, gained experience, and combined these into

wisdom, just as do other mortals of the realm. Until after his baptism he availed himself of no supernatural power. He employed no agency not a part of his human endowment as a son of Joseph and Mary.

4 As to the attributes of his pre-human existence, he emptied himself. Prior to the beginning of his public work his knowledge of men and events was wholly self-limited. He was a true man among men.

5 §§ It is forever and gloriously true: "We have a high ruler who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. We have a Sovereign who was

in all points tested and tempted like as we are, yet without sin." And since he himself has suffered, being tested and tried, he is abundantly able to understand and minister to those who are confused and distressed.

6 §§ The Nazareth carpenter now fully understood the work before him, but he chose to live his human life in the channel of its natural flowing. And in some of these matters he is indeed an example to his mortal creatures, even as it is recorded: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being of the nature of God, thought it not strange to be equal with

God. But he made himself to be of little import and, taking upon himself the form of a creature, was born in the likeness of mankind. And being thus fashioned as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross."

7 He lived his mortal life just as all others of the human family may live theirs, "who in the days of the flesh so frequently offered up prayers and supplications, even with strong feelings and tears, to Him who is able to save from all evil, and his prayers were effective because he believed." Wherefore it behoved him *in every respect* to be

made like his brethren that he might become a merciful and understanding sovereign ruler over them.

8 Of his human nature he was never in doubt; it was self-evident and always present in his consciousness. But of his divine nature there was always room for doubt and conjecture, at least this was true right up to the event of his baptism. The self-realization of divinity was a slow and, from the human standpoint, a natural evolutionary revelation. This revelation and self-realization of divinity began in Jerusalem when he was not quite 13 years old with the first supernatural occurrence

of his human existence; and this experience of effecting the self-realization of his divine nature was completed at the time of his second supernatural experience while in the flesh, the episode attendant upon his baptism by John in the Jordan, which event marked the beginning of his public career of ministry and teaching.

9 Between these two celestial visitations, one in his 13th year and the other at his baptism, there occurred nothing supernatural or superhuman in the life of this incarnated Creator Son. Notwithstanding this, the babe of Bethlehem, the lad, youth, and man

of Nazareth, was in reality the incarnated Creator of a universe; but he never once used aught of this power, nor did he utilize the guidance of celestial personalities, aside from that of his guardian seraphim, in the living of his human life up to the day of his baptism by John. And we who thus testify know whereof we speak.

10 And yet, throughout all these years of his life in the flesh he was truly divine. He was actually a Creator Son of the Paradise Father. When once he had espoused his public career, subsequent to the technical completion of his purely mortal experience

of sovereignty acquirement, he did not hesitate publicly to admit that he was the Son of God. He did not hesitate to declare, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." He made no protest in later years when he was called Lord of Glory, Ruler of a Universe, the Lord God of all creation, the Holy One of Israel, the Lord of all, our Lord and our God, God with us, having a name above every name and on all worlds, the Omnipotence of a universe, the Universe Mind of this creation, the One in whom are hid all treasures of wisdom and knowledge, the fullness

of Him who fills all things, the eternal Word of the eternal God, the One who was before all things and in whom all things consist, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the Upholder of a universe, the Judge of all the earth, the Giver of life eternal, the True Shepherd, the Deliverer of the worlds, and the Captain of our salvation.

11 §§ He never objected to any of these titles as they were applied to him subsequent to the emergence from his purely human life into the later years of his self-consciousness of the ministry of divinity in humanity, and for humanity, and to humanity on this

world and for all other worlds. Jesus objected to but one title as applied to him: When he was once called Immanuel[1], he merely replied, "Not I, that is my elder brother."

12 Always, even after his emergence into the larger life on earth, Jesus was submissively subject to the will of the Father in heaven.

13 After his baptism he thought

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[1] The name "Immanuel" means "God with us", i.e. in Hebrew it consists of two words: עִמָּנוּ אֵל. This name was mentioned in the list in the previous paragraph in the sentence, beginning with the words "He made no protest...". Thus it was wrong to assert that "he made no protest" there, and likewise that "he never objected" in the present paragraph..

nothing of permitting his sincere believers and grateful followers to worship him. Even while he wrestled with poverty and toiled with his hands to provide the necessities of life for his family, his awareness that he was a Son of God was growing; he knew that he was the maker of the heavens and this very earth whereon he was now living out his human existence. And the hosts of celestial beings throughout the great and onlooking universe likewise knew that this man of Nazareth was their beloved Sovereign and Creator-father. A profound suspense pervaded the universe of Ne-

badon throughout these years; all celestial eyes were continuously focused on Urantia — on Palestine.

14 §§ This year Jesus went up to Jerusalem with Joseph to celebrate the Passover. Having taken James to the temple for consecration, he deemed it his duty to take Joseph. Jesus never exhibited any degree of partiality in dealing with his family. He went with Joseph to Jerusalem by the usual Jordan valley route, but he returned to Nazareth by the east Jordan way, which led through Amathus. Going down the Jordan, Jesus narrated Jewish history to Joseph and on the return trip told him about

the experiences of the reputed tribes of Ruben, Gad, and Gilead that traditionally had dwelt in these regions east of the river.

15 Joseph asked Jesus many leading questions concerning his life mission, but to most of these inquiries Jesus would only reply, "My hour has not yet come." However, in these intimate discussions many words were dropped which Joseph remembered during the stirring events of subsequent years. Jesus, with Joseph, spent this Passover with his three friends at Bethany, as was his custom when in Jerusalem attending these festival commemora-

tions.

2. THE TWENTY-SECOND YEAR (A.D. 16)

1 This was one of several years during which Jesus' brothers and sisters were facing the trials and tribulations peculiar to the problems and readjustments of adolescence. Jesus now had brothers and sisters ranging in ages from 7 to 18, and he was kept busy helping them to adjust themselves to the new awakenings of their intellectual and emotional lives. He had thus to grapple with the problems of adolescence as they became manifest in the lives of his younger brothers and

sisters.

2 This year Simon graduated from school and began work with Jesus' old boyhood playmate and ever-ready defender, Jacob the stone mason. As a result of several family conferences it was decided that it was unwise for all the boys to take up carpentry. It was thought that by diversifying their trades they would be prepared to take contracts for putting up entire buildings. Again, they had not all kept busy since three of them had been working as full-time carpenters.

3 Jesus continued this year at house finishing and cabinetwork but spent

most of his time at the caravan repair shop. James was beginning to alternate with him in attendance at the shop. The latter part of this year, when carpenter work was slack about Nazareth, Jesus left James in charge of the repair shop and Joseph at the home bench while he went over to Sepphoris to work with a smith. He worked six months with metals and acquired considerable skill at the anvil.

4 §§ Before taking up his new employment at Sepphoris, Jesus held one of his periodic family conferences and solemnly installed James, then just past 18 years old, as acting head of the fam-

ily. He promised his brother hearty support and full co-operation and exacted formal promises of obedience to James from each member of the family. From this day James assumed full financial responsibility for the family, Jesus making his weekly payments to his brother. Never again did Jesus take the reins out of James's hands. While working at Sepphoris he could have walked home every night if necessary, but he purposely remained away, assigning weather and other reasons, but his true motive was to train James and Joseph in the bearing of the family responsibility. He had begun the

slow process of weaning his family. Each Sabbath Jesus returned to Nazareth, and sometimes during the week when occasion required, to observe the working of the new plan, to give advice and offer helpful suggestions.

5 §§ Living much of the time in Sepphoris for six months afforded Jesus a new opportunity to become better acquainted with the gentile viewpoint of life. He worked with gentiles, lived with gentiles, and in every possible manner did he make a close and painstaking study of their habits of living and of the gentile mind.

6 The moral standards of this home

city of Herod Antipas were so far below those of even the caravan city of Nazareth that after six months' sojourn at Sepphoris Jesus was not averse to finding an excuse for returning to Nazareth. The group he worked for were to become engaged on public work in both Sepphoris and the new city of Tiberias, and Jesus was disinclined to have anything to do with any sort of employment under the supervision of Herod Antipas. And there were still other reasons which made it wise, in the opinion of Jesus, for him to go back to Nazareth. When he returned to the repair shop, he did not

again assume the personal direction of family affairs. He worked in association with James at the shop and as far as possible permitted him to continue oversight of the home. James's management of family expenditures and his administration of the home budget were undisturbed.

7 It was by just such wise and thoughtful planning that Jesus prepared the way for his eventual withdrawal from active participation in the affairs of his family. When James had had two years' experience as acting head of the family — and two full years before he (James) was to be married

— Joseph was placed in charge of the household funds and entrusted with the general management of the home.

3. THE TWENTY-THIRD YEAR (A.D. 17)

1 This year the financial pressure was slightly relaxed as four were at work. Miriam earned considerable by the sale of milk and butter; Martha had become an expert weaver. The purchase price of the repair shop was over ⅓rd paid. The situation was such that Jesus stopped work for three weeks to take Simon to Jerusalem for the Passover, and this was the longest period

away from daily toil he had enjoyed since the death of his father.

2 They journeyed to Jerusalem by way of the Decapolis and through Pella, Gerasa, Philadelphia, Heshbon, and Jericho. They returned to Nazareth by the coast route, touching Lydda, Joppa, Caesarea, thence around Mount Carmel to Ptolemais and Nazareth. This trip fairly well acquainted Jesus with the whole of Palestine north of the Jerusalem district.

3 At Philadelphia Jesus and Simon became acquainted with a merchant from Damascus who developed such a great liking for the Nazareth cou-

ple that he insisted they stop with him at his Jerusalem headquarters. While Simon gave attendance at the temple, Jesus spent much of his time talking with this well-educated and much-travelled man of world affairs. This merchant owned over 4,000 caravan camels; he had interests all over the Roman world and was now on his way to Rome. He proposed that Jesus come to Damascus to enter his Oriental import business, but Jesus explained that he did not feel justified in going so far away from his family just then. But on the way back home he thought much about these distant

cities and the even more remote countries of the Far West and the Far East, countries he had so frequently heard spoken of by the caravan passengers and conductors.

4 Simon greatly enjoyed his visit to Jerusalem. He was duly received into the commonwealth of Israel at the Passover consecration of the new sons of the commandment. While Simon attended the Passover ceremonies, Jesus mingled with the throngs of visitors and engaged in many interesting personal conferences with numerous gentile proselytes.

5 Perhaps the most notable of all

these contacts was the one with a young Hellenist named Stephen. This young man was on his first visit to Jerusalem and chanced to meet Jesus on Thursday afternoon of Passover week. While they both strolled about viewing the Asmonean palace, Jesus began the casual conversation that resulted in their becoming interested in each other, and which led to a four-hour discussion of the way of life and the true God and his worship. Stephen was tremendously impressed with what Jesus said; he never forgot his words.

6 And this was the same Stephen

who subsequently became a believer in the teachings of Jesus, and whose boldness in preaching this early gospel resulted in his being stoned to death by irate Jews. Some of Stephen's extraordinary boldness in proclaiming his view of the new gospel was the direct result of this earlier interview with Jesus. But Stephen never even faintly surmised that the Galilean he had talked with some 15 years previously was the very same person whom he later proclaimed the world's Saviour, and for whom he was so soon to die, thus becoming the first martyr of the newly evolving Christian faith. When

Stephen yielded up his life as the price of his attack upon the Jewish temple and its traditional practices, there stood by one named Saul, a citizen of Tarsus. And when Saul saw how this Greek could die for his faith, there were aroused in his heart those emotions which eventually led him to espouse the cause for which Stephen died; later on he became the aggressive and indomitable Paul, the philosopher, if not the sole founder, of the Christian religion.

7 §§ On the Sunday after Passover week Simon and Jesus started on their way back to Nazareth. Simon never

forgot what Jesus taught him on this trip. He had always loved Jesus, but now he felt that he had begun to know his father-brother. They had many heart-to-heart talks as they journeyed through the country and prepared their meals by the wayside. They arrived home Thursday noon, and Simon kept the family up late that night relating his experiences.

8 Mary was much upset by Simon's report that Jesus spent most of the time when in Jerusalem "visiting with the strangers, especially those from the far countries." Jesus' family never could comprehend his great interest

in people, his urge to visit with them, to learn about their way of living, and to find out what they were thinking about.

9 §§ More and more the Nazareth family became engrossed with their immediate and human problems; not often was mention made of the future mission of Jesus, and very seldom did he himself speak of his future career. His mother rarely thought about his being a child of promise. She was slowly giving up the idea that Jesus was to fulfil any divine mission on earth, yet at times her faith was revived when she paused to recall the Gabriel visita-

tion before the child was born.

4. THE DAMASCUS EPISODE

1 The last four months of this year Jesus spent in Damascus as the guest of the merchant whom he first met at Philadelphia when on his way to Jerusalem. A representative of this merchant had sought out Jesus when passing through Nazareth and escorted him to Damascus. This part-Jewish merchant proposed to devote an extraordinary sum of money to the establishment of a school of religious philosophy at Damascus. He planned to create a centre of learning which

would out-rival Alexandria. And he proposed that Jesus should immediately begin a long tour of the world's educational centres preparatory to becoming the head of this new project. This was one of the greatest temptations that Jesus ever faced in the course of his purely human career.

2 Presently this merchant brought before Jesus a group of twelve merchants and bankers who agreed to support this newly projected school. Jesus manifested deep interest in the proposed school, helped them plan for its organization, but always expressed the fear that his other and unstated

but prior obligations would prevent his accepting the direction of such a pretentious enterprise. His would-be benefactor was persistent, and he profitably employed Jesus at his home doing some translating while he, his wife, and their sons and daughters sought to prevail upon Jesus to accept the proffered honour. But he would not consent. He well knew that his mission on earth was not to be supported by institutions of learning; he knew that he must not obligate himself in the least to be directed by the "councils of men," no matter how well-intentioned.

3 He who was rejected by the Jerusalem religious leaders, even after he had demonstrated his leadership, was recognized and hailed as a master teacher by the businessmen and bankers of Damascus, and all this when he was an obscure and unknown carpenter of Nazareth.

4 He never spoke about this offer to his family, and the end of this year found him back in Nazareth going about his daily duties just as if he had never been tempted by the flattering propositions of his Damascus friends. Neither did these men of Damascus ever associate the later citizen of Ca-

pernaum who turned all Jewry upside down with the former carpenter of Nazareth who had dared to refuse the honour which their combined wealth might have procured.

5 §§ Jesus most cleverly and intentionally contrived to detach various episodes of his life so that they never became, in the eyes of the world, associated together as the doings of a single individual. Many times in subsequent years he listened to the recital of this very story of the strange Galilean who declined the opportunity of founding a school in Damascus to compete with Alexandria.

6 One purpose which Jesus had in mind, when he sought to segregate certain features of his earthly experience, was to prevent the building up of such a versatile and spectacular career as would cause subsequent generations to venerate the teacher in place of obeying the truth which he had lived and taught. Jesus did not want to build up such a human record of achievement as would attract attention from his teaching. Very early he recognized that his followers would be tempted to formulate a religion *about* him which might become a competitor of the gospel of

the kingdom that he intended to proclaim to the world. Accordingly, he consistently sought to suppress everything during his eventful career which he thought might be made to serve this natural human tendency to exalt the teacher in place of proclaiming his teachings.

7 This same motive also explains why he permitted himself to be known by different titles during various epochs of his diversified life on earth. Again, he did not want to bring any undue influence to bear upon his family or others which would lead them to believe in him against their

honest convictions. He always refused to take undue or unfair advantage of the human mind. He did not want men to believe in him unless their hearts were responsive to the spiritual realities revealed in his teachings.

8 §§ By the end of this year the Nazareth home was running fairly smoothly. The children were growing up, and Mary was becoming accustomed to Jesus' being away from home. He continued to turn over his earnings to James for the support of the family, retaining only a small portion for his immediate personal expenses.

9 As the years passed, it became more difficult to realize that this man was a Son of God on earth. He seemed to become quite like an individual of the realm, just another man among men. And it was ordained by the Father in heaven that the bestowal should unfold in this very way.

5. THE TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR (A.D. 18)

1 This was Jesus' first year of comparative freedom from family responsibility. James was very successful in managing the home with Jesus' help in counsel and finances.

2 §§ The week following the Passover of this year a young man from Alexandria came down to Nazareth to arrange for a meeting, later in the year, between Jesus and a group of Alexandrian Jews at some point on the Palestinian coast. This conference was set for the middle of June, and Jesus went over to Caesarea to meet with five prominent Jews of Alexandria, who besought him to establish himself in their city as a religious teacher, offering as an inducement to begin with, the position of assistant to the chazan in their chief synagogue.

3 The spokesmen for this commit-

tee explained to Jesus that Alexandria was destined to become the headquarters of Jewish culture for the entire world; that the Hellenistic trend of Jewish affairs had virtually outdistanced the Babylonian school of thought. They reminded Jesus of the ominous rumblings of rebellion in Jerusalem and throughout Palestine and assured him that any uprising of the Palestinian Jews would be equivalent to national suicide, that the iron hand of Rome would crush the rebellion in three months, and that Jerusalem would be destroyed and the temple demolished, that not one stone would be

left upon another.

4 Jesus listened to all they had to say, thanked them for their confidence, and, in declining to go to Alexandria, in substance said, "My hour has not yet come." They were nonplussed by his apparent indifference to the honour they had sought to confer upon him. Before taking leave of Jesus, they presented him with a purse in token of the esteem of his Alexandrian friends and in compensation for the time and expense of coming over to Caesarea to confer with them. But he likewise refused the money, saying: "The house of Joseph has never received alms, and

we cannot eat another's bread as long as I have strong arms and my brothers can labour."

5 His friends from Egypt set sail for home, and in subsequent years, when they heard rumours of the Capernaum boatbuilder who was creating such a commotion in Palestine, few of them surmised that he was the babe of Bethlehem grown up and the same strange-acting Galilean who had so unceremoniously declined the invitation to become a great teacher in Alexandria.

6 §§ Jesus returned to Nazareth. The remainder of this year was the most uneventful six months of his whole

career. He enjoyed this temporary respite from the usual program of problems to solve and difficulties to surmount. He communed much with his Father in heaven and made tremendous progress in the mastery of his human mind.

7 But human affairs on the worlds of time and space do not run smoothly for long. In December James had a private talk with Jesus, explaining that he was much in love with Esta, a young woman of Nazareth, and that they would sometime like to be married if it could be arranged. He called attention to the fact that Joseph would

soon be 18 years old, and that it would be a good experience for him to have a chance to serve as the acting head of the family. Jesus gave consent for James's marriage two years later, provided he had, during the intervening time, properly trained Joseph to assume direction of the home.

8 And now things began to happen — marriage was in the air. James's success in gaining Jesus' assent to his marriage emboldened Miriam to approach her brother-father with her plans. Jacob, the younger stone mason, onetime self-appointed champion of Jesus, now business associate of

James and Joseph, had long sought to gain Miriam's hand in marriage. After Miriam had laid her plans before Jesus, he directed that Jacob should come to him making formal request for her and promised his blessing for the marriage just as soon as she felt that Martha was competent to assume her duties as eldest daughter.

9 §§ When at home, he continued to teach the evening school three times a week, read the Scriptures often in the synagogue on the Sabbath, visited with his mother, taught the children, and in general conducted himself as a worthy and respected citizen of Naza-

reth in the commonwealth of Israel.

6. THE TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR (A.D. 19)

1 This year began with the Nazareth family all in good health and witnessed the finishing of the regular schooling of all the children with the exception of certain work which Martha must do for Ruth.

2 §§ Jesus was one of the most robust and refined specimens of manhood to appear on earth since the days of Adam. His physical development was superb. His mind was active, keen, and penetrating — compared with the average mentality of his contemporaries,

it had developed gigantic proportions — and his spirit was indeed humanly divine.

3 §§ The family finances were in the best condition since the disappearance of Joseph's estate. The final payments had been made on the caravan repair shop; they owed no man and for the first time in years had some funds ahead. This being true, and since he had taken his other brothers to Jerusalem for their first Passover ceremonies, Jesus decided to accompany Jude (who had just graduated from the synagogue school) on his first visit to the temple.

4 They went up to Jerusalem and returned by the same route, the Jordan valley, as Jesus feared trouble if he took his young brother through Samaria. Already at Nazareth Jude had got into slight trouble several times because of his hasty disposition, coupled with his strong patriotic sentiments.

5 They arrived at Jerusalem in due time and were on their way for a first visit to the temple, the very sight of which had stirred and thrilled Jude to the very depths of his soul, when they chanced to meet Lazarus of Bethany. While Jesus talked with Lazarus and sought to arrange for their joint cel-

ebration of the Passover, Jude started up real trouble for them all. Close at hand stood a Roman guard who made some improper remarks regarding a Jewish girl who was passing. Jude flushed with fiery indignation and was not slow in expressing his resentment of such an impropriety directly to and within hearing of the soldier. Now the Roman legionnaires were very sensitive to anything bordering on Jewish disrespect; so the guard promptly placed Jude under arrest. This was too much for the young patriot, and before Jesus could caution him by a warning glance, he had delivered him-

self of a voluble denunciation of pent-up anti-Roman feelings, all of which only made a bad matter worse. Jude, with Jesus by his side, was taken at once to the military prison.

6 Jesus endeavoured to obtain either an immediate hearing for Jude or else his release in time for the Passover celebration that evening, but he failed in these attempts. Since the next day was a "holy convocation" in Jerusalem, even the Romans would not presume to hear charges against a Jew. Accordingly, Jude remained in confinement until the morning of the second day after his arrest, and Jesus stayed at the

prison with him. They were not present in the temple at the ceremony of receiving the sons of the law into the full citizenship of Israel. Jude did not pass through this formal ceremony for several years, until he was next in Jerusalem at a Passover and in connection with his propaganda work in behalf of the Zealots, the patriotic organization to which he belonged and in which he was very active.

7 The morning following their second day in prison Jesus appeared before the military magistrate in behalf of Jude. By making apologies for his brother's youth and by a further

explanatory but judicious statement with reference to the provocative nature of the episode which had led up to the arrest of his brother, Jesus so handled the case that the magistrate expressed the opinion that the young Jew might have had some possible excuse for his violent outburst. After warning Jude not to allow himself again to be guilty of such rashness, he said to Jesus in dismissing them: "You had better keep your eye on the lad; he's liable to make a lot of trouble for all of you." And the Roman judge spoke the truth. Jude did make considerable trouble for Jesus, and always was the

trouble of this same nature — clashes with the civil authorities because of his thoughtless and unwise patriotic outbursts.

8 Jesus and Jude walked over to Bethany for the night, explaining why they had failed to keep their appointment for the Passover supper, and set out for Nazareth the following day. Jesus did not tell the family about his young brother's arrest at Jerusalem, but he had a long talk with Jude about this episode some three weeks after their return. After this talk with Jesus Jude himself told the family. He never forgot the patience and

forbearance his brother-father manifested throughout the whole of this trying experience.

9 This was the last Passover Jesus attended with any member of his own family. Increasingly the Son of Man was to become separated from close association with his own flesh and blood.

10 §§ This year his seasons of deep meditation were often broken into by Ruth and her playmates. And always was Jesus ready to postpone the contemplation of his future work for the world and the universe that he might share in the childish joy and youth-

ful gladness of these youngsters, who never tired of listening to Jesus relate the experiences of his various trips to Jerusalem. They also greatly enjoyed his stories about animals and nature.

11 The children were always welcome at the repair shop. Jesus provided sand, blocks, and stones by the side of the shop, and bevies of youngsters flocked there to amuse themselves. When they tired of their play, the more intrepid ones would peek into the shop, and if its keeper were not busy, they would make bold to go in and say, "Uncle Joshua, come out and tell us a big story." Then they would lead

him out by tugging at his hands until he was seated on the favourite rock by the corner of the shop, with the children on the ground in a semicircle before him. And how the little folks did enjoy their Uncle Joshua. They were learning to laugh, and to laugh heartily. It was customary for one or two of the smallest of the children to climb upon his knees and sit there, looking up in wonderment at his expressive features as he told his stories. The children loved Jesus, and Jesus loved the children.

12 It was difficult for his friends to comprehend the range of his intellec-

tual activities, how he could so suddenly and so completely swing from the profound discussion of politics, philosophy, or religion to the light-hearted and joyous playfulness of these tots of from 5 to 10 years of age. As his own brothers and sisters grew up, as he gained more leisure, and before the grandchildren arrived, he paid a great deal of attention to these little ones. But he did not live on earth long enough to enjoy the grandchil-

dren very much.

7. THE TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR (A.D. 20)

1 As this year began, Jesus of Nazareth became strongly conscious that he possessed a wide range of potential power. But he was likewise fully persuaded that this power was not to be employed by his personality as the Son of Man, at least not until his hour should come.

2 At this time he thought much but said little about the relation of himself to his Father in heaven. And the conclusion of all this thinking was ex-

pressed once in his prayer on the hilltop, when he said: "Regardless of who I am and what power I may or may not wield, I always have been, and always will be, subject to the will of my Paradise Father." And yet, as this man walked about Nazareth to and from his work, it was literally true — as concerned a vast universe — that "in him were hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

3 §§ All this year the family affairs ran smoothly except for Jude. For years James had trouble with his youngest brother, who was not inclined to settle down to work nor was

he to be depended upon for his share of the home expenses. While he would live at home, he was not conscientious about earning his share of the family upkeep.

4 Jesus was a man of peace, and ever and anon was he embarrassed by Jude's belligerent exploits and numerous patriotic outbursts. James and Joseph were in favour of casting him out, but Jesus would not consent. When their patience would be severely tried, Jesus would only counsel: "Be patient. Be wise in your counsel and eloquent in your lives, that your young brother may first know the better way and then

be constrained to follow you in it." The wise and loving counsel of Jesus prevented a break in the family; they remained together. But Jude never was brought to his sober senses until after his marriage.

5 Mary seldom spoke of Jesus' future mission. Whenever this subject was referred to, Jesus only replied, "My hour has not yet come." Jesus had about completed the difficult task of weaning his family from dependence on the immediate presence of his personality. He was rapidly preparing for the day when he could consistently leave this Nazareth home to begin the

more active prelude to his real ministry for men.

6 Never lose sight of the fact that the prime mission of Jesus in his seventh bestowal was the acquirement of creature experience, the achievement of the sovereignty of Nebadon. And in the gathering of this very experience he made the supreme revelation of the Paradise Father to Urantia and to his entire local universe. Incidental to these purposes he also undertook to untangle the complicated affairs of this planet as they were related to the Lucifer rebellion.

7 §§ This year Jesus enjoyed more

than usual leisure, and he devoted much time to training James in the management of the repair shop and Joseph in the direction of home affairs. Mary sensed that he was making ready to leave them. Leave them to go where? To do what? She had about given up the thought that Jesus was the Messiah. She could not understand him; she simply could not fathom her first-born son.

8 Jesus spent a great deal of time this year with the individual members of his family. He would take them for long and frequent strolls up the hill and through the countryside. Before

harvest he took Jude to the farmer uncle south of Nazareth, but Jude did not remain long after the harvest. He ran away, and Simon later found him with the fishermen at the lake. When Simon brought him back home, Jesus talked things over with the runaway lad and, since he wanted to be a fisherman, went over to Magdala with him and put him in the care of a relative, a fisherman; and Jude worked fairly well and regularly from that time on until his marriage, and he continued as a fisherman after his marriage.

9 §§ At last the day had come when all Jesus' brothers had chosen, and

were established in, their lifework. The stage was being set for Jesus' departure from home.

10 §§ In November a double wedding occurred. James and Esta, and Miriam and Jacob were married. It was truly a joyous occasion. Even Mary was once more happy except every now and then when she realized that Jesus was preparing to go away. She suffered under the burden of a great uncertainty: If Jesus would only sit down and talk it all over freely with her as he had done when he was a boy, but he was consistently uncommunicative; he was profoundly silent

about the future.

11 James and his bride, Esta, moved into a neat little home on the west side of town, the gift of her father. While James continued his support of his mother's home, his quota was cut in half because of his marriage, and Joseph was formally installed by Jesus as head of the family. Jude was now very faithfully sending his share of funds home each month. The weddings of James and Miriam had a very beneficial influence on Jude, and when he left for the fishing grounds, the day after the double wedding, he assured Joseph that he could depend on him

"to do my full duty, and more if it is needed." And he kept his promise.

12 Miriam lived next door to Mary in the home of Jacob, Jacob the elder having been laid to rest with his fathers. Martha took Miriam's place in the home, and the new organization was working smoothly before the year ended.

13 §§ The day after this double wedding Jesus held an important conference with James. He told James, confidentially, that he was preparing to leave home. He presented full title to the repair shop to James, formally and solemnly abdicated as head

of Joseph's house, and most touchingly established his brother James as "head and protector of my father's house." He drew up, and they both signed, a secret compact in which it was stipulated that, in return for the gift of the repair shop, James would henceforth assume full financial responsibility for the family, thus releasing Jesus from all further obligations in these matters. After the contract was signed, after the budget was so arranged that the actual expenses of the family would be met without any contribution from Jesus, Jesus said to James: "But, my son, I will continue to send you something each

month until my hour shall have come, but what I send shall be used by you as the occasion demands. Apply my funds to the family necessities or pleasures as you see fit. Use them in case of sickness or apply them to meet the unexpected emergencies which may befall any individual member of the family."

14 And thus did Jesus make ready to enter upon the second and home-detached phase of his adult life before the public entrance upon his Father's business.

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THE LATER ADULT LIFE OF JESUS

Midwayer Commission

Jesus had fully and finally separated himself from the management of the domestic affairs of the Nazareth family and from the immediate direction of its individuals. He continued, right up to the event of his baptism, to contribute to the family finances and to take a keen personal interest in the spiritual welfare of every one of his brothers and sisters. And

always was he ready to do everything humanly possible for the comfort and happiness of his widowed mother.

2 The Son of Man had now made every preparation for detaching himself permanently from the Nazareth home; and this was not easy for him to do. Jesus naturally loved his people; he loved his family, and this natural affection had been tremendously augmented by his extraordinary devotion to them. The more fully we bestow ourselves upon our fellows, the more we come to love them; and since Jesus had given himself so fully to his family, he loved them with a great and fervent

affection.

3 All the family had slowly awakened to the realization that Jesus was making ready to leave them. The sadness of the anticipated separation was only tempered by this graduated method of preparing them for the announcement of his intended departure. For more than four years they discerned that he was planning for this eventual separation.

1. THE TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR (A.D. 21)

1 In January of this year, A.D. 21, on a rainy Sunday morning, Jesus took

unceremonious leave of his family, only explaining that he was going over to Tiberias and then on a visit to other cities about the Sea of Galilee. And thus he left them, never again to be a regular member of that household.

2 He spent one week at Tiberias, the new city which was soon to succeed Sepphoris as the capital of Galilee; and finding little to interest him, he passed on successively through Magdala and Bethsaida to Capernaum, where he stopped to pay a visit to his father's friend Zebedee. Zebedee's sons were fishermen; he himself was a boatbuilder. Jesus of Nazareth was

an expert in both designing and building; he was a master at working with wood; and Zebedee had long known of the skill of the Nazareth craftsman. For a long time Zebedee had contemplated making improved boats; he now laid his plans before Jesus and invited the visiting carpenter to join him in the enterprise, and Jesus readily consented.

3 Jesus worked with Zebedee only a little more than one year, but during that time he created a new style of boat and established entirely new methods of boatmaking. By superior technique and greatly improved

methods of steaming the boards, Jesus and Zebedee began to build boats of a very superior type, craft which were far more safe for sailing the lake than were the older types. For several years Zebedee had more work, turning out these new-style boats, than his small establishment could handle; in less than five years practically all the craft on the lake had been built in the shop of Zebedee at Capernaum. Jesus became well known to the Galilean fisherfolk as the designer of the new boats.

4 Zebedee was a moderately well-to-do man; his boatbuilding shops

were on the lake to the south of Capernaum, and his home was situated down the lake shore near the fishing headquarters of Bethsaida. Jesus lived in the home of Zebedee during the year and more he remained at Capernaum. He had long worked alone in the world, that is, without a father, and greatly enjoyed this period of working with a father-partner.

5 Zebedee's wife, Salome, was a relative of Annas, onetime high priest at Jerusalem and still the most influential of the Sadducean group, having been deposed only eight years previously. Salome became a great admirer

of Jesus. She loved him as she loved her own sons, James, John, and David, while her four daughters looked upon Jesus as their elder brother. Jesus often went out fishing with James, John, and David, and they learned that he was an experienced fisherman as well as an expert boatbuilder.

6 §§ All this year Jesus sent money each month to James. He returned to Nazareth in October to attend Martha's wedding, and he was not again in Nazareth for over two years, when he returned shortly before the double wedding of Simon and Jude.

7 §§ Throughout this year Jesus built

boats and continued to observe how men lived on earth. Frequently he would go down to visit at the caravan station, Capernaum being on the direct travel route from Damascus to the south. Capernaum was a strong Roman military post, and the garrison's commanding officer was a gentile believer in Yahweh, "a devout man," as the Jews were wont to designate such proselytes. This officer belonged to a wealthy Roman family, and he took it upon himself to build a beautiful synagogue in Capernaum, which had been presented to the Jews a short time before Jesus came to live with Zebe-

dee. Jesus conducted the services in this new synagogue more than half the time this year, and some of the caravan people who chanced to attend remembered him as the carpenter from Nazareth.

8 When it came to the payment of taxes, Jesus registered himself as a "skilled craftsman of Capernaum." From this day on to the end of his earth life he was known as a resident of Capernaum. He never claimed any other legal residence, although he did, for various reasons, permit others to assign his residence to Damascus, Bethany, Nazareth, and even Alexan-

dria.

9 At the Capernaum synagogue he found many new books in the library chests, and he spent at least five evenings a week at intense study. One evening he devoted to social life with the older folks, and one evening he spent with the young people. There was something gracious and inspiring about the personality of Jesus which invariably attracted young people. He always made them feel at ease in his presence. Perhaps his great secret in getting along with them consisted in the twofold fact that he was always interested in what they were doing, while

he seldom offered them advice unless they asked for it.

10 The Zebedee family almost worshipped Jesus, and they never failed to attend the conferences of questions and answers which he conducted each evening after supper before he departed for the synagogue to study. The youthful neighbours also came in frequently to attend these after-supper meetings. To these little gatherings Jesus gave varied and advanced instruction, just as advanced as they could comprehend. He talked quite freely with them, expressing his ideas and ideals about politics, sociology, sci-

ence, and philosophy, but never presumed to speak with authoritative finality except when discussing religion — the relation of man to God.

11 Once a week Jesus held a meeting with the entire household, shop, and shore helpers, for Zebedee had many employees. And it was among these workers that Jesus was first called "the Master." They all loved him. He enjoyed his labours with Zebedee in Capernaum, but he missed the children playing out by the side of the Nazareth carpenter shop.

12 Of the sons of Zebedee, James was the most interested in Jesus as a

teacher, as a philosopher. John cared most for his religious teaching and opinions. David respected him as a mechanic but took little stock in his religious views and philosophic teachings.

13 Frequently Jude came over on the Sabbath to hear Jesus talk in the synagogue and would tarry to visit with him. And the more Jude saw of his eldest brother, the more he became convinced that Jesus was a truly great man.

14 §§ This year Jesus made great advances in the ascendant mastery of his human mind and attained new and high levels of conscious contact with

his indwelling Thought Adjuster.

15 This was the last year of his settled life. Never again did Jesus spend a whole year in one place or at one undertaking. The days of his earth pilgrimages were rapidly approaching. Periods of intense activity were not far in the future, but there were now about to intervene between his simple but intensely active life of the past and his still more intense and strenuous public ministry, a few years of extensive travel and highly diversified personal activity. His training as a man of the realm had to be completed before he could enter upon his ca-

reer of teaching and preaching as the perfected God-man of the divine and posthuman phases of his Urantia bestowal.

2. THE TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR (A.D. 22)

1 In March, A.D. 22, Jesus took leave of Zebedee and of Capernaum. He asked for a small sum of money to defray his expenses to Jerusalem. While working with Zebedee he had drawn only small sums of money, which each month he would send to the family at Nazareth. One month Joseph would come down to Capernaum for the money; the next month Jude would

come over to Capernaum, get the money from Jesus, and take it up to Nazareth. Jude's fishing headquarters was only a few kilometres south of Capernaum.

2 When Jesus took leave of Zebedee's family, he agreed to remain in Jerusalem until Passover time, and they all promised to be present for that event. They even arranged to celebrate the Passover supper together. They all sorrowed when Jesus left them, especially the daughters of Zebedee.

3 §§ Before leaving Capernaum, Jesus had a long talk with his new-found friend and close companion, John Ze-

bedee. He told John that he contemplated travelling extensively until "my hour shall come" and asked John to act in his stead in the matter of sending some money to the family at Nazareth each month until the funds due him should be exhausted. And John made him this promise: "My Teacher, go about your business, do your work in the world; I will act for you in this or any other matter, and I will watch over your family even as I would foster my own mother and care for my own brothers and sisters. I will disburse your funds which my father holds as you have directed and as they

may be needed, and when your money has been expended, if I do not receive more from you, and if your mother is in need, then will I share my own earnings with her. Go your way in peace. I will act in your stead in all these matters."

4 Therefore, after Jesus had departed for Jerusalem, John consulted with his father, Zebedee, regarding the money due Jesus, and he was surprised that it was such a large sum. As Jesus had left the matter so entirely in their hands, they agreed that it would be the better plan to invest these funds in property and use the income for assisting

the family at Nazareth; and since Zebedee knew of a little house in Capernaum which carried a mortgage and was for sale, he directed John to buy this house with Jesus' money and hold the title in trust for his friend. And John did as his father advised him. For two years the rent of this house was applied on the mortgage, and this, augmented by a certain large fund which Jesus presently sent up to John to be used as needed by the family, almost equalled the amount of this obligation; and Zebedee supplied the difference, so that John paid up the remainder of the mortgage when it fell due,

thereby securing clear title to this two-room house. In this way Jesus became the owner of a house in Capernaum, but he had not been told about it.

5 §§ When the family at Nazareth heard that Jesus had departed from Capernaum, they, not knowing of this financial arrangement with John, believed the time had come for them to get along without any further help from Jesus. James remembered his contract with Jesus and, with the help of his brothers, forthwith assumed full responsibility for the care of the family.

6 §§ But let us go back to observe

Jesus in Jerusalem. For almost two months he spent the greater part of his time listening to the temple discussions with occasional visits to the various schools of the rabbis. Most of the Sabbath days he spent at Bethany.

7 Jesus had carried with him to Jerusalem a letter from Salome, Zebedee's wife, introducing him to the former high priest, Annas, as "one, the same as my own son." Annas spent much time with him, personally taking him to visit the many academies of the Jerusalem religious teachers. While Jesus thoroughly inspected these schools and carefully observed their methods

of teaching, he never so much as asked a single question in public. Although Annas looked upon Jesus as a great man, he was puzzled as to how to advise him. He recognized the foolishness of suggesting that he enter any of the schools of Jerusalem as a student, and yet he well knew Jesus would never be accorded the status of a regular teacher inasmuch as he had never been trained in these schools.

8 Presently the time of the Passover drew near, and along with the throngs from every quarter there arrived at Jerusalem from Capernaum, Zebedee and his entire family. They all stopped

at the spacious home of Annas, where they celebrated the Passover as one happy family.

9 §§ Before the end of this Passover week, by apparent chance[1], Jesus met a wealthy traveller and his son, a young man about 17 years of age. These travellers hailed from India, and being on their way to visit Rome and various other points on the Mediterranean, they had arranged to arrive in

[1] It is good to remember, that what appears to be "a pure chance", might well have been pre-arranged by the invisible agencies of spirit or semi-spirit origin. And when living is consciously perceived to be such a "teamwork", it becomes an exciting adventure indeed.

Jerusalem during the Passover, hoping to find someone whom they could engage as interpreter for both and tutor for the son. The father was insistent that Jesus consent to travel with them. Jesus told him about his family and that it was hardly fair to go away for almost two years, during which time they might find themselves in need. Whereupon, this traveller from the Orient proposed to advance to Jesus the wages of one year so that he could entrust such funds to his friends for the safeguarding of his family against want. And Jesus agreed to make the trip.

10 Jesus turned this large sum over to John the son of Zebedee. And you have been told how John applied this money toward the liquidation of the mortgage on the Capernaum property. Jesus took Zebedee fully into his confidence regarding this Mediterranean journey, but he enjoined him to tell no man, not even his own flesh and blood, and Zebedee never did disclose his knowledge of Jesus' whereabouts during this long period of almost two years. Before Jesus' return from this trip the family at Nazareth had just about given him up as dead. Only the assurances of Zebedee, who

went up to Nazareth with his son John on several occasions, kept hope alive in Mary's heart.

11 §§ During this time the Nazareth family got along very well; Jude had considerably increased his quota and kept up this extra contribution until he was married. Notwithstanding that they required little assistance, it was the practice of John Zebedee to take presents each month to Mary and Ruth, as Jesus had instructed him.

3. THE TWENTY-NINTH YEAR (A.D. 23)

1 The whole of Jesus' 29th year was

spent finishing up the tour of the Mediterranean world. The main events, as far as we have permission to reveal these experiences, constitute the subjects of the narratives which immediately follow this paper.

2 §§ Throughout this tour of the Roman world, for many reasons, Jesus was known as the *Damascus scribe.* At Corinth and other stops on the return trip he was, however, known as the *Jewish tutor.*

3 This was an eventful period in Jesus' life. While on this journey he made many contacts with his fellow men, but this experience is a phase

of his life which he never revealed to any member of his family nor to any of the apostles. Jesus lived out his life in the flesh and departed from this world without anyone (save Zebedee of Bethsaida) knowing that he had made this extensive trip. Some of his friends thought he had returned to Damascus; others thought he had gone to India. His own family inclined to the belief that he was in Alexandria, as they knew that he had once been invited to go there for the purpose of becoming an assistant chazan.

4 When Jesus returned to Palestine, he did nothing to change the opinion

of his family that he had gone from Jerusalem to Alexandria; he permitted them to continue in the belief that all the time he had been absent from Palestine had been spent in that city of learning and culture. Only Zebedee the boatbuilder of Bethsaida knew the facts about these matters, and Zebedee told no one.

5 §§ In all your efforts to decipher the meaning of Jesus' life on Urantia, you must be mindful of the motivation of the Michael bestowal. If you would comprehend the meaning of many of his apparently strange doings, you must discern the purpose of

his sojourn on your world. He was consistently careful not to build up an overattractive and attention-consuming personal career. He wanted to make no unusual or overpowering appeals to his fellow men. He was dedicated to the work of revealing the heavenly Father to his fellow mortals and at the same time was consecrated to the sublime task of living his mortal earth life all the while subject to the will of the same Paradise Father.

6 §§ It will also always be helpful in understanding Jesus' life on earth if all mortal students of this divine bestowal will remember that, while he

lived this life of incarnation *on* Urantia, he lived it *for* his entire universe. There was something special and inspiring associated with the life he lived in the flesh of mortal nature for every single inhabited sphere throughout all the universe of Nebadon. The same is also true of all those worlds which have become habitable since the eventful times of his sojourn on Urantia. And it will likewise be equally true of all worlds which may become inhabited by will creatures in all the future history of this local universe.

7 §§ The Son of Man, during the time and through the experiences of

this tour of the Roman world, practically completed his educational contact-training with the diversified peoples of the world of his day and generation. By the time of his return to Nazareth, through the medium of this travel-training he had just about learned how man lived and wrought out his existence on Urantia.

8 The real purpose of his trip around the Mediterranean basin was to *know men.* He came very close to hundreds of humankind on this journey. He met and loved all manner of men, rich and poor, high and low, black and white, educated and uneducated,

cultured and uncultured, animalistic and spiritual, religious and irreligious, moral and immoral.

9 On this Mediterranean journey Jesus made great advances in his human task of mastering the material and mortal mind, and his indwelling Adjuster made great progress in the ascension and spiritual conquest of this same human intellect. By the end of this tour Jesus virtually knew — with all human certainty — that he was a Son of God, a Creator Son of the Universal Father. The Adjuster more and more was able to bring up in the mind of the Son of Man shadowy memo-

ries of his Paradise experience in association with his divine Father ere he ever came to organize and administer this local universe of Nebadon. Thus did the Adjuster, little by little, bring to Jesus' human consciousness those necessary memories of his former and divine existence in the various epochs of the well-nigh eternal past. The last episode of his prehuman experience to be brought forth by the Adjuster was his farewell conference with Immanuel of Salvington just before his surrender of conscious personality to embark upon the Urantia incarnation. And this final memory picture of pre-

human existence was made clear in Jesus' consciousness on the very day of his baptism by John in the Jordan.

4. THE HUMAN JESUS

1 To the onlooking celestial intelligences of the local universe, this Mediterranean trip was the most enthralling of all Jesus' earth experiences, at least of all his career right up to the event of his crucifixion and mortal death. This was the fascinating period of his *personal ministry* in contrast with the soon-following epoch of public ministry. This unique episode was all the more engrossing because

he was at this time still the carpenter of Nazareth, the boatbuilder of Capernaum, the scribe of Damascus; he was still the Son of Man. He had not yet achieved the complete mastery of his human mind; the Adjuster had not fully mastered and counterparted the mortal identity. He was still a man among men.

2 The purely human religious experience — the personal spiritual growth — of the Son of Man well-nigh reached the apex of attainment during this, the 29th year. This experience of spiritual development was a consistently gradual growth from the

moment of the arrival of his Thought Adjuster until the day of the completion and confirmation of that natural and normal human relationship between the material mind of man and the mind-endowment of the spirit — the phenomenon of the making of these two minds one, the experience which the Son of Man attained in completion and finality, as an incarnated mortal of the realm, on the day of his baptism in the Jordan.

3 Throughout these years, while he did not appear to engage in so many seasons of formal communion with his Father in heaven, he perfected in-

creasingly effective methods of personal communication with the indwelling spirit presence of the Paradise Father. He lived a real life, a full life, and a truly normal, natural, and average life in the flesh. He knows from personal experience the equivalent of the actuality of the entire sum and substance of the living of the life of human beings on the material worlds of time and space.

4 The Son of Man experienced those wide ranges of human emotion which reach from superb joy to profound sorrow. He was a child of joy and a being of rare good humour; like-

wise was he a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." In a spiritual sense, he did live through the mortal life from the bottom to the top, from the beginning to the end. From a material point of view, he might appear to have escaped living through both social extremes of human existence, but intellectually he became wholly familiar with the entire and complete experience of humankind.

5 Jesus knows about the thoughts and feelings, the urges and impulses, of the evolutionary and ascendant mortals of the realms, from birth to death. He has lived the human life from

the beginnings of physical, intellectual, and spiritual selfhood up through infancy, childhood, youth, and adulthood — even to the human experience of death. He not only passed through these usual and familiar human periods of intellectual and spiritual advancement, but he *also* fully experienced those higher and more advanced phases of human and Adjuster reconciliation which so few Urantia mortals ever attain. And thus he experienced the full life of mortal man, not only as it is lived on your world, but also as it is lived on all other evolutionary worlds of time and space, even

on the highest and most advanced of all the worlds settled in light and life.

6 Although this perfect life which he lived in the likeness of mortal flesh may not have received the unqualified and universal approval of his fellow mortals, those who chanced to be his contemporaries on earth, still, the life which Jesus of Nazareth lived in the flesh and on Urantia did receive full and unqualified acceptance by the Universal Father as constituting at one and the same time, and in one and the same personality-life, the fullness of the revelation of the eternal God to mortal man and the presentation

of perfected human personality to the satisfaction of the Infinite Creator.

7 And this was his true and supreme purpose. He did not come down to live on Urantia as the perfect and detailed example for any child or adult, any man or woman, in that age or any other. True it is, indeed, that in his full, rich, beautiful, and noble life we may all find much that is exquisitely exemplary, divinely inspiring, but this is because he lived a true and genuinely human life. Jesus did not live his life on earth in order to set an example for all other human beings to copy. He lived this life in the flesh by the same mercy

ministry that you all may live your lives on earth; and as he lived his mortal life in his day and *as he was,* so did he thereby set the example for all of us thus to live our lives in our day and *as we are.* You may not aspire to live his life, but you can resolve to *live your lives* even as, and by the same means that, he lived his. Jesus may not be the technical and detailed example for all the mortals of all ages on all the realms of this local universe, but he is everlastingly the inspiration and guide of all Paradise pilgrims from the worlds of initial ascension up through a universe of universes and on through Havona

to Paradise. Jesus is the *new and living way* from man to God, from the partial to the perfect, from the earthly to the heavenly, from time to eternity.

8 §§ By the end of the 29th year Jesus of Nazareth had virtually finished the living of the life required of mortals as sojourners in the flesh. He came on earth the fullness of God to be manifest to man; he had now become well-nigh the perfection of man awaiting the occasion to become manifest to God. And he did all of this before he was 30 years of age.

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ON THE WAY TO ROME

Midwayer Commission

The tour of the Roman world consumed most of the 28th and the entire 29th year of Jesus' life on earth. Jesus and the two natives from India — Gonod and his son Ganid — left Jerusalem on a Sunday morning, April 26, A.D. 22. They made their journey according to schedule, and Jesus said good-bye to the father and son in the city of Charax on the Persian Gulf on the 10th

day of December the following year, A.D. 23.

2 §§ From Jerusalem they went to Caesarea by way of Joppa. At Caesarea they took a boat for Alexandria. From Alexandria they sailed for Lasea in Crete. From Crete they sailed for Carthage, touching at Cyrene. At Carthage they took a boat for Naples, stopping at Malta, Syracuse, and Messina. From Naples they went to Capua, whence they travelled by the Appian Way to Rome.

3 After their stay in Rome they went overland to Tarentum, where they set sail for Athens in Greece, stopping at

Nicopolis and Corinth. From Athens they went to Ephesus by way of Troas. From Ephesus they sailed for Cyprus, putting in at Rhodes on the way. They spent considerable time visiting and resting on Cyprus and then sailed for Antioch in Syria. From Antioch they journeyed south to Sidon and then went over to Damascus. From there they travelled by caravan to Mesopotamia, passing through Thapsacus and Larissa. They spent some time in Babylon, visited Ur and other places, and then went to Susa. From Susa they journeyed to Charax, from which place Gonod and Ganid embarked for

India.

4 §§ It was while working four months at Damascus that Jesus had picked up the rudiments of the language spoken by Gonod and Ganid. While there he had laboured much of the time on translations from Greek into one of the languages of India, being assisted by a native of Gonod's home district.

5 §§ On this Mediterranean tour Jesus spent about half of each day teaching Ganid and acting as interpreter during Gonod's business conferences and social contacts. The remainder of each day, which was at his disposal,

he devoted to making those close personal contacts with his fellow men, those intimate associations with the mortals of the realm, which so characterized his activities during these years that just preceded his public ministry.

6 From firsthand observation and actual contact Jesus acquainted himself with the higher material and intellectual civilization of the Occident and the Levant; from Gonod and his brilliant son he learned a great deal about the civilization and culture of India and China, for Gonod, himself a citizen of India, had made three extensive trips to the empire of the yellow

race.

7 Ganid, the young man, learned much from Jesus during this long and intimate association. They developed a great affection for each other, and the lad's father many times tried to persuade Jesus to return with them to India, but Jesus always declined, pleading the necessity for returning to his family in Palestine.

1. AT JOPPA — DISCOURSE ON JONAH

1 During their stay in Joppa, Jesus met Gadiah, a Philistine interpreter who worked for one Simon a tanner.

Gonod's agents in Mesopotamia had transacted much business with this Simon; so Gonod and his son desired to pay him a visit on their way to Caesarea. While they tarried at Joppa, Jesus and Gadiah became warm friends. This young Philistine was a truth seeker. Jesus was a truth giver; he *was* the truth for that generation on Urantia. When a great truth seeker and a great truth giver meet, the result is a great and liberating enlightenment born of the experience of new truth.

2 One day after the evening meal Jesus and the young Philistine strolled down by the sea, and Gadiah, not

knowing that this "scribe of Damascus" was so well versed in the Hebrew traditions, pointed out to Jesus the ship landing from which it was reputed that Jonah had embarked on his ill-fated voyage to Tarshish. And when he had concluded his remarks, he asked Jesus this question: "But do you suppose the big fish really did swallow Jonah?" Jesus perceived that this young man's life had been tremendously influenced by this tradition, and that its contemplation had impressed upon him the folly of trying to run away from duty; Jesus therefore said nothing that would suddenly

destroy the foundations of Gadiah's present motivation for practical living. In answering this question, Jesus said: "My friend, we are all Jonahs with lives to live in accordance with the will of God, and at all times when we seek to escape the present duty of living by running away to far-off enticements, we thereby put ourselves in the immediate control of those influences which are not directed by the powers of truth and the forces of righteousness. The flight from duty is the sacrifice of truth. The escape from the service of light and life can only result in those distressing con-

flicts with the difficult whales of selfishness which lead eventually to darkness and death unless such God-forsaking Jonahs shall turn their hearts, even when in the very depths of despair, to seek after God and his goodness. And when such disheartened souls sincerely seek for God — hunger for truth and thirst for righteousness — there is nothing that can hold them in further captivity. No matter into what great depths they may have fallen, when they seek the light with a whole heart, the spirit of the Lord God of heaven will deliver them from their captivity; the evil circumstances

of life will spew them out upon the dry land of fresh opportunities for renewed service and wiser living."

3 Gadiah was mightily moved by Jesus' teaching, and they talked long into the night by the seaside, and before they went to their lodgings, they prayed together and for each other. This was the same Gadiah who listened to the later preaching of Peter, became a profound believer in Jesus of Nazareth, and held a memorable argument with Peter one evening at the home of Dorcas. And Gadiah had very much to do with the final decision of Simon, the wealthy leather

merchant, to embrace Christianity.

4 §§ (In this narrative of the personal work of Jesus with his fellow mortals on this tour of the Mediterranean, we shall, in accordance with our permission, freely translate his words into modern phraseology current on Urantia at the time of this presentation.)

5 §§ Jesus' last visit with Gadiah had to do with a discussion of good and evil. This young Philistine was much troubled by a feeling of injustice because of the presence of evil in the world alongside the good. He said: "How can God, if he is infinitely good, permit us to suffer the sorrows of evil;

after all, who creates evil?" It was still believed by many in those days that God creates both good and evil, but Jesus never taught such error. In answering this question, Jesus said: "My brother, God is love; therefore he must be good, and his goodness is so great and real that it cannot contain the small and unreal things of evil. God is so positively good that there is absolutely no place in him for negative evil. Evil is the immature choosing and the unthinking misstep of those who are resistant to goodness, rejectful of beauty, and disloyal to truth. Evil is only the misadaptation of immatu-

rity or the disruptive and distorting influence of ignorance. Evil is the inevitable darkness which follows upon the heels of the unwise rejection of light. Evil is that which is dark and untrue, and which, when consciously embraced and wilfully endorsed, becomes sin.

6 "Your Father in heaven, by endowing you with the power to choose between truth and error, created the potential negative of the positive way of light and life; but such errors of evil are really nonexistent until such a time as an intelligent creature wills their existence by mischoosing the way of life.

And then are such evils later exalted into sin by the knowing and deliberate choice of such a wilful and rebellious creature. This is why our Father in heaven permits the good and the evil to go along together until the end of life, just as nature allows the wheat and the tares to grow side by side until the harvest." Gadiah was fully satisfied with Jesus' answer to his question after their subsequent discussion had made clear to his mind the real meaning of these momentous statements.

2. AT CAESAREA

1 Jesus and his friends tarried in Cae-

sarea beyond the time expected because one of the huge steering paddles of the vessel on which they intended to embark was discovered to be in danger of cleaving. The captain decided to remain in port while a new one was being made. There was a shortage of skilled woodworkers for this task, so Jesus volunteered to assist. During the evenings Jesus and his friends strolled about on the beautiful wall which served as a promenade around the port. Ganid greatly enjoyed Jesus' explanation of the water system of the city and the technique whereby the tides were utilized to flush

the city's streets and sewers. This youth of India was much impressed with the temple of Augustus, situated upon an elevation and surmounted by a colossal statue of the Roman emperor. The second afternoon of their stay the three of them attended a performance in the enormous amphitheatre which could seat 20,000 persons, and that night they went to a Greek play at the theatre. These were the first exhibitions of this sort Ganid had ever witnessed, and he asked Jesus many questions about them. On the morning of the third day they paid a formal visit to the governor's palace, for Cae-

sarea was the capital of Palestine and the residence of the Roman procurator.

2 §§ At their inn there also lodged a merchant from Mongolia, and since this Far-Easterner talked Greek fairly well, Jesus had several long visits with him. This man was much impressed with Jesus' philosophy of life and never forgot his words of wisdom regarding "the living of the heavenly life while on earth by means of daily submission to the will of the heavenly Father." This merchant was a Taoist, and he had thereby become a strong believer in the doctrine of a universal Deity.

When he returned to Mongolia, he began to teach these advanced truths to his neighbours and to his business associates, and as a direct result of such activities, his eldest son decided to become a Taoist priest. This young man exerted a great influence in behalf of advanced truth throughout his lifetime and was followed by a son and a grandson who likewise were devotedly loyal to the doctrine of the One God — the Supreme Ruler of Heaven.

3 While the eastern branch of the early Christian church, having its headquarters at Philadelphia, held more faithfully to the teachings of Je-

sus than did the Jerusalem brethren, it was regrettable that there was no one like Peter to go into China, or like Paul to enter India, where the spiritual soil was then so favourable for planting the seed of the new gospel of the kingdom. These very teachings of Jesus, as they were held by the Philadelphians, would have made just such an immediate and effective appeal to the minds of the spiritually hungry Asiatic peoples as did the preaching of Peter and Paul in the West.

4 §§ One of the young men who worked with Jesus one day on the steering paddle became much inter-

ested in the words which he dropped from hour to hour as they toiled in the shipyard. When Jesus intimated that the Father in heaven was interested in the welfare of his children on earth, this young Greek, Anaxand, said: "If the Gods are interested in me, then why do they not remove the cruel and unjust foreman of this workshop?" He was startled when Jesus replied, "Since you know the ways of kindness and value justice, perhaps the Gods have brought this erring man near that you may lead him into this better way. Maybe you are the salt which is to make this brother more agreeable to

all other men; that is, if you have not lost your savour. As it is, this man is your master in that his evil ways unfavourably influence you. Why not assert your mastery of evil by virtue of the power of goodness and thus become the master of all relations between the two of you? I predict that the good in you could overcome the evil in him if you gave it a fair and living chance. There is no adventure in the course of mortal existence more enthralling than to enjoy the exhilaration of becoming the material life partner with spiritual energy and divine truth in one of their triumphant

struggles with error and evil. It is a marvellous and transforming experience to become the living channel of spiritual light to the mortal who sits in spiritual darkness. If you are more blessed with truth than is this man, his need should challenge you. Surely you are not the coward who could stand by on the seashore and watch a fellow man who could not swim perish! How much more of value is this man's soul floundering in darkness compared to his body drowning in water!"

5 Anaxand was mightily moved by Jesus' words. Presently he told his superior what Jesus had said, and that

night they both sought Jesus' advice as to the welfare of their souls. And later on, after the Christian message had been proclaimed in Caesarea, both of these men, one a Greek and the other a Roman, believed Philip's preaching and became prominent members of the church which he founded. Later this young Greek was appointed the steward of a Roman centurion, Cornelius, who became a believer through Peter's ministry. Anaxand continued to minister light to those who sat in darkness until the days of Paul's imprisonment at Caesarea, when he perished, by accident, in the great slaugh-

ter of 20,000 Jews while he ministered to the suffering and dying.

6 §§ Ganid was, by this time, beginning to learn how his tutor spent his leisure in this unusual personal ministry to his fellow men, and the young Indian set about to find out the motive for these incessant activities. He asked, "Why do you occupy yourself so continuously with these visits with strangers?" And Jesus answered: "Ganid, no man is a stranger to one who knows God. In the experience of finding the Father in heaven you discover that all men are your brothers, and does it seem strange that one should

enjoy the exhilaration of meeting a newly discovered brother? To become acquainted with one's brothers and sisters, to know their problems and to learn to love them, is the supreme experience of living."

7 This was a conference which lasted well into the night, in the course of which the young man requested Jesus to tell him the difference between the will of God and that human mind act of choosing which is also called will. In substance Jesus said: The will of God is the way of God, partnership with the choice of God in the face of any potential alternative. To do the will of

God, therefore, is the progressive experience of becoming more and more like God, and God is the source and destiny of all that is good and beautiful and true. The will of man is the way of man, the sum and substance of that which the mortal chooses to be and do. Will is the deliberate choice of a self-conscious being which leads to decision-conduct based on intelligent reflection.

8 That afternoon Jesus and Ganid had both enjoyed playing with a very intelligent shepherd dog, and Ganid wanted to know whether the dog had a soul, whether it had a will, and in

response to his questions Jesus said: "The dog has a mind which can know material man, his master, but cannot know God, who is spirit; therefore the dog does not possess a spiritual nature and cannot enjoy a spiritual experience. The dog may have a will derived from nature and augmented by training, but such a power of mind is not a spiritual force, neither is it comparable to the human will, inasmuch as it is not *reflective* — it is not the result of discriminating higher and moral meanings or choosing spiritual and eternal values. It is the possession of such powers of spiritual discrimi-

nation and truth choosing that makes mortal man a moral being, a creature endowed with the attributes of spiritual responsibility and the potential of eternal survival." Jesus went on to explain that it is the absence of such mental powers in the animal which makes it forever impossible for the animal world to develop language in time or to experience anything equivalent to personality survival in eternity. As a result of this day's instruction Ganid never again entertained belief in the transmigration of the souls of men into the bodies of animals.

9 §§ The next day Ganid talked all

this over with his father, and it was in answer to Gonod's question that Jesus explained that "human wills which are fully occupied with passing only upon temporal decisions having to do with the material problems of animal existence are doomed to perish in time. Those who make wholehearted moral decisions and unqualified spiritual choices are thus progressively identified with the indwelling and divine spirit, and thereby are they increasingly transformed into the values of eternal survival — unending progression of divine service."

10 §§ It was on this same day that

we first heard that momentous truth which, stated in modern terms, would signify: "Will is that manifestation of the human mind which enables the subjective consciousness to express itself objectively and to experience the phenomenon of aspiring to be God-like." And it is in this same sense that every reflective and spiritually minded human being can become *creative.*

3. AT ALEXANDRIA

1 It had been an eventful visit at Caesarea, and when the boat was ready, Jesus and his two friends departed at noon one day for Alexandria in Egypt.

2 The three enjoyed a most pleasant passage to Alexandria. Ganid was delighted with the voyage and kept Jesus busy answering questions. As they approached the city's harbour, the young man was thrilled by the great lighthouse of Pharos, located on the island which Alexander had joined by a mole to the mainland, thus creating two magnificent harbours and thereby making Alexandria the maritime commercial crossroads of Africa, Asia, and Europe. This great lighthouse was one of the seven wonders of the world and was the forerunner of all subsequent lighthouses.

They arose early in the morning to view this splendid lifesaving device of man, and amidst the exclamations of Ganid Jesus said: "And you, my son, will be like this lighthouse when you return to India, even after your father is laid to rest; you will become like the light of life to those who sit about you in darkness, showing all who so desire the way to reach the harbour of salvation in safety." And as Ganid squeezed Jesus' hand, he said, "I will."

3 §§ And again we remark that the early teachers of the Christian religion made a great mistake when they so exclusively turned their attention to

the western civilization of the Roman world. The teachings of Jesus, as they were held by the Mesopotamian believers of the first century, would have been readily received by the various groups of Asiatic religionists.

4 §§ By the fourth hour after landing they were settled near the eastern end of the long and broad avenue, 30 m wide and 8 km long, which stretched on out to the western limits of this city of 1,000,000 people. After the first survey of the city's chief attractions — university (museum), library, the royal mausoleum of Alexander, the palace, temple of Neptune, theatre,

and gymnasium — Gonod addressed himself to business while Jesus and Ganid went to the library, the greatest in the world. Here were assembled nearly 1,000,000 manuscripts from all the civilized world: Greece, Rome, Palestine, Parthia, India, China, and even Japan. In this library Ganid saw the largest collection of Indian literature in all the world; and they spent some time here each day throughout their stay in Alexandria. Jesus told Ganid about the translation of the Hebrew scriptures into Greek at this place. And they discussed again and again all the religions of the world, Je-

sus endeavouring to point out to this young mind the truth in each, always adding: "But Yahweh is the God developed from the revelations of Melchizedek and the covenant of Abraham. The Jews were the offspring of Abraham and subsequently occupied the very land wherein Melchizedek had lived and taught, and from which he sent teachers to all the world; and their religion eventually portrayed a clearer recognition of the Lord God of Israel as the Universal Father in heaven than any other world religion."

5 §§ Under Jesus' direction Ganid made a collection of the teachings of

all those religions of the world which recognized a Universal Deity, even though they might also give more or less recognition to subordinate deities. After much discussion Jesus and Ganid decided that the Romans had no real God in their religion, that their religion was hardly more than emperor worship. The Greeks, they concluded, had a philosophy but hardly a religion with a personal God. The mystery cults they discarded because of the confusion of their multiplicity, and because their varied concepts of Deity seemed to be derived from other and older religions.

6 Although these translations were made at Alexandria, Ganid did not finally arrange these selections and add his own personal conclusions until near the end of their sojourn in Rome. He was much surprised to discover that the best of the authors of the world's sacred literature all more or less clearly recognized the existence of an eternal God and were much in agreement with regard to his character and his relationship with mortal man.

7 §§ Jesus and Ganid spent much time in the museum during their stay in Alexandria. This museum was not a collection of rare objects but rather

a university of fine art, science, and literature. Learned professors here gave daily lectures, and in those times this was the intellectual centre of the Occidental world. Day by day Jesus interpreted the lectures to Ganid; one day during the second week the young man exclaimed: "Teacher Joshua, you know more than these professors; you should stand up and tell them the great things you have told me; they are befogged by much thinking. I shall speak to my father and have him arrange it." Jesus smiled, saying: "You are an admiring pupil, but these teachers are not minded that you and I should

instruct them. The pride of unspiritualized learning is a treacherous thing in human experience. The true teacher maintains his intellectual integrity by ever remaining a learner."

8 Alexandria was the city of the blended culture of the Occident and next to Rome the largest and most magnificent in the world. Here was located the largest Jewish synagogue in the world, the seat of government of the Alexandria Sanhedrin, the seventy ruling elders.

9 Among the many men with whom Gonod transacted business was a certain Jewish banker, Alexander, whose

brother, Philo, was a famous religious philosopher of that time. Philo was engaged in the laudable but exceedingly difficult task of harmonizing Greek philosophy and Hebrew theology. Ganid and Jesus talked much about Philo's teachings and expected to attend some of his lectures, but throughout their stay at Alexandria this famous Hellenistic Jew lay sick abed.

10 Jesus commended to Ganid much in the Greek philosophy and the Stoic doctrines, but he impressed upon the lad the truth that these systems of belief, like the indefinite teachings of

some of his own people, were religions only in the sense that they led men to find God and enjoy a living experience in knowing the Eternal.

4. DISCOURSE ON REALITY

1 The night before they left Alexandria Ganid and Jesus had a long visit with one of the government professors at the university who lectured on the teachings of Plato. Jesus interpreted for the learned Greek teacher but injected no teaching of his own in refutation of the Greek philosophy. Gonod was away on business that evening; so, after the professor had departed, the

teacher and his pupil had a long and heart-to-heart talk about Plato's doctrines. While Jesus gave qualified approval of some of the Greek teachings which had to do with the theory that the material things of the world are shadowy reflections of invisible but more substantial spiritual realities, he sought to lay a more trustworthy foundation for the lad's thinking; so he began a long dissertation concerning the nature of reality in the universe. In substance and in modern phraseology Jesus said to Ganid:

2 §§ The source of universe reality is the Infinite. The material things

of finite creation are the time-space repercussions of the Paradise Pattern and the Universal Mind of the eternal God. Causation in the physical world, self-consciousness in the intellectual world, and progressing selfhood in the spirit world — these realities, projected on a universal scale, combined in eternal relatedness, and experienced with perfection of quality and divinity of value — constitute the *reality of the Supreme.* But in an ever-changing universe the Original Personality of causation, intelligence, and spirit experience is changeless, absolute. All things, even in an

eternal universe of limitless values and divine qualities, may, and oftentimes do, change except the Absolutes and that which has attained the physical status, intellectual embrace, or spiritual identity which is absolute.

3 The highest level to which a finite creature can progress is the recognition of the Universal Father and the knowing of the Supreme. And even then such beings of finality destiny go on experiencing change in the motions of the physical world and in its material phenomena. Likewise do they remain aware of selfhood progression in their continuing ascension

of the spiritual universe and of growing consciousness in their deepening appreciation of, and response to, the intellectual cosmos. Only in the perfection, harmony, and unanimity of will can the creature become as one with the Creator; and such a state of divinity is attained and maintained only by the creature's continuing to live in time and eternity by consistently conforming his finite personal will to the divine will of the Creator. Always must the desire to do the Father's will be supreme in the soul and dominant over the mind of an ascending son of God.

4 A one-eyed person can never hope to visualize depth of perspective. Neither can single-eyed material scientists nor single-eyed spiritual mystics and allegorists correctly visualize and adequately comprehend the true depths of universe reality. All true values of creature experience are concealed in depth of recognition.

5 Mindless causation cannot evolve the refined and complex from the crude and the simple, neither can spiritless experience evolve the divine characters of eternal survival from the material minds of the mortals of time. The one attribute of the universe

which so exclusively characterizes the infinite Deity is this unending creative bestowal of personality which can survive in progressive Deity attainment.

6 Personality is that cosmic endowment, that phase of universal reality, which can coexist with unlimited change and at the same time retain its identity in the very presence of all such changes, and forever afterwards.

7 Life is an adaptation of the original cosmic causation to the demands and possibilities of universe situations, and it comes into being by the action of the Universal Mind and the activation of the spirit spark of the God

who is spirit. The meaning of life is its adaptability; the value of life is its progressability — even to the heights of God-consciousness.

8 Misadaptation of self-conscious life to the universe results in cosmic disharmony. Final divergence of personality will from the trend of the universes terminates in intellectual isolation, personality segregation. Loss of the indwelling spirit pilot supervenes in spiritual cessation of existence. Intelligent and progressing life becomes then, in and of itself, an incontrovertible proof of the existence of a purposeful universe expressing the will of

a divine Creator. And this life, in the aggregate, struggles toward higher values, having for its final goal the Universal Father.

9 Only in degree does man possess mind above the animal level aside from the higher and quasi-spiritual ministrations of intellect. Therefore animals (not having worship and wisdom) cannot experience superconsciousness, consciousness of consciousness. The animal mind is only conscious of the objective universe.

10 Knowledge is the sphere of the material or fact-discerning mind. Truth is the domain of the spiritually

endowed intellect that is conscious of knowing God. Knowledge is demonstrable; truth is experienced. Knowledge is a possession of the mind; truth an experience of the soul, the progressing self. Knowledge is a function of the nonspiritual level; truth is a phase of the mind-spirit level of the universes. The eye of the material mind perceives a world of factual knowledge; the eye of the spiritualized intellect discerns a world of true values. These two views, synchronized and harmonized, reveal the world of reality, wherein wisdom interprets the phenomena of the universe in terms of

progressive personal experience.

11 Error (evil) is the penalty of imperfection. The qualities of imperfection or facts of misadaptation are disclosed on the material level by critical observation and by scientific analysis; on the moral level, by human experience. The presence of evil constitutes proof of the inaccuracies of mind and the immaturity of the evolving self. Evil is, therefore, also a measure of imperfection in universe interpretation. The possibility of making mistakes is inherent in the acquisition of wisdom, the scheme of progressing from the partial and temporal to the complete

and eternal, from the relative and imperfect to the final and perfected. Error is the shadow of relative incompleteness which must of necessity fall across man's ascending universe path to Paradise perfection. Error (evil) is not an actual universe quality; it is simply the observation of a relativity in the relatedness of the imperfection of the incomplete finite to the ascending levels of the Supreme and Ultimate.

12 §§ Although Jesus told all this to the lad in language best suited to his comprehension, at the end of the discussion Ganid was heavy of eye and was soon lost in slumber. They rose

early the next morning to go aboard the boat bound for Lasea on the island of Crete. But before they embarked, the lad had still further questions to ask about evil, to which Jesus replied:

13 §§ Evil is a relativity concept. It arises out of the observation of the imperfections which appear in the shadow cast by a finite universe of things and beings as such a cosmos obscures the living light of the universal expression of the eternal realities of the Infinite One.

14 Potential evil is inherent in the necessary incompleteness of the revelation of God as a time-space-lim-

ited expression of infinity and eternity. The fact of the partial in the presence of the complete constitutes relativity of reality, creates necessity for intellectual choosing, and establishes value levels of spirit recognition and response. The incomplete and finite concept of the Infinite which is held by the temporal and limited creature mind is, in and of itself, *potential evil.* But the augmenting error of unjustified deficiency in reasonable spiritual rectification of these originally inherent intellectual disharmonies and spiritual insufficiencies, is equivalent to the realization of *actual evil.*

15 All static, dead, concepts are potentially evil. The finite shadow of relative and living truth is continually moving. Static concepts invariably retard science, politics, society, and religion. Static concepts may represent a certain knowledge, but they are deficient in wisdom and devoid of truth. But do not permit the concept of relativity so to mislead you that you fail to recognize the co-ordination of the universe under the guidance of the cosmic mind, and its stabilized control by the energy and spirit of the Su-

preme.

5. ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE

1 The travellers had but one purpose in going to Crete, and that was to play, to walk about over the island, and to climb the mountains. The Cretans of that time did not enjoy an enviable reputation among the surrounding peoples. Nevertheless, Jesus and Ganid won many souls to higher levels of thinking and living and thus laid the foundation for the quick reception of the later gospel teachings when the first preachers from Jerusalem arrived. Jesus loved these Cretans, notwith-

standing the harsh words which Paul later spoke concerning them when he subsequently sent Titus to the island to reorganize their churches.

2 On the mountainside in Crete Jesus had his first long talk with Gonod regarding religion. And the father was much impressed, saying: "No wonder the boy believes everything you tell him, but I never knew they had such a religion even in Jerusalem, much less in Damascus." It was during the island sojourn that Gonod first proposed to Jesus that he go back to India with them, and Ganid was delighted with the thought that Jesus might consent

to such an arrangement.

3 One day when Ganid asked Jesus why he had not devoted himself to the work of a public teacher, he said: "My son, everything must await the coming of its time. You are born into the world, but no amount of anxiety and no manifestation of impatience will help you to grow up. You must, in all such matters, wait upon time. Time alone will ripen the green fruit upon the tree. Season follows season and sundown follows sunrise only with the passing of time. I am now on the way to Rome with you and your father, and that is sufficient for today. My to-

morrow is wholly in the hands of my Father in heaven." And then he told Ganid the story of Moses and the 40 years of watchful waiting and continued preparation.

4 One thing happened on a visit to Fair Havens which Ganid never forgot; the memory of this episode always caused him to wish he might do something to change the caste system of his native India. A drunken degenerate was attacking a slave girl on the public highway. When Jesus saw the plight of the girl, he rushed forward and drew the maiden away from the assault of the madman. While the

frightened child clung to him, he held the infuriated man at a safe distance by his powerful extended right arm until the poor fellow had exhausted himself beating the air with his angry blows. Ganid felt a strong impulse to help Jesus handle the affair, but his father forbade him. Though they could not speak the girl's language, she could understand their act of mercy and gave token of her heartfelt appreciation as they all three escorted her home. This was probably as near a personal encounter with his fellows as Jesus ever had throughout his entire life in the flesh. But he had a difficult task

that evening trying to explain to Ganid why he did not smite the drunken man. Ganid thought this man should have been struck at least as many times as he had struck the girl.

6. THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS AFRAID

1 While they were up in the mountains, Jesus had a long talk with a young man who was fearful and downcast. Failing to derive comfort and courage from association with his fellows, this youth had sought the solitude of the hills; he had grown up with a feeling of helplessness and inferiority. These natural tendencies had

been augmented by numerous difficult circumstances which the lad had encountered as he grew up, notably, the loss of his father when he was 12 years of age. As they met, Jesus said: "Greetings, my friend! why so downcast on such a beautiful day? If something has happened to distress you, perhaps I can in some manner assist you. At any rate it affords me real pleasure to proffer my services."

2 The young man was disinclined to talk, and so Jesus made a second approach to his soul, saying: "I understand you come up in these hills to get away from folks; so, of course, you

do not want to talk with me, but I would like to know whether you are familiar with these hills; do you know the direction of the trails? and, perchance, could you inform me as to the best route to Phenix?" Now this youth was very familiar with these mountains, and he really became much interested in telling Jesus the way to Phenix, so much so that he marked out all the trails on the ground and fully explained every detail. But he was startled and made curious when Jesus, after saying good-bye and making as if he were taking leave, suddenly turned to him, saying: "I well know

you wish to be left alone with your disconsolation; but it would be neither kind nor fair for me to receive such generous help from you as to how best to find my way to Phenix and then unthinkingly to go away from you without making the least effort to answer your appealing request for help and guidance regarding the best route to the goal of destiny which you seek in your heart while you tarry here on the mountainside. As you so well know the trails to Phenix, having traversed them many times, so do I well know the way to the city of your disappointed hopes and thwarted ambi-

tions. And since you have asked me for help, I will not disappoint you." The youth was almost overcome, but he managed to stammer out, "But — I did not ask you for anything — " And Jesus, laying a gentle hand on his shoulder, said: "No, son, not with words but with longing looks did you appeal to my heart. My boy, to one who loves his fellows there is an eloquent appeal for help in your countenance of discouragement and despair. Sit down with me while I tell you of the service trails and happiness highways which lead from the sorrows of self to the joys of loving activities in the

brotherhood of men and in the service of the God of heaven."

3 By this time the young man very much desired to talk with Jesus, and he knelt at his feet imploring Jesus to help him, to show him the way of escape from his world of personal sorrow and defeat. Said Jesus: "My friend, arise! Stand up like a man! You may be surrounded with small enemies and be retarded by many obstacles, but the big things and the real things of this world and the universe are on your side. The sun rises every morning to salute you just as it does the most powerful and prosperous man on earth. Look —

you have a strong body and powerful muscles — your physical equipment is better than the average. Of course, it is just about useless while you sit out here on the mountainside and grieve over your misfortunes, real and fancied. But you could do great things with your body if you would hasten off to where great things are waiting to be done. You are trying to run away from your unhappy self, but it cannot be done. You and your problems of living are real; you cannot escape them as long as you live. But look again, your mind is clear and capable. Your strong body has an intelligent mind

to direct it. Set your mind at work to solve its problems; teach your intellect to work for you; refuse longer to be dominated by fear like an unthinking animal. Your mind should be your courageous ally in the solution of your life problems rather than your being, as you have been, its abject fear-slave and the bond servant of depression and defeat. But most valuable of all, your potential of real achievement is the spirit which lives within you, and which will stimulate and inspire your mind to control itself and activate the body if you will release it from the fetters of fear and thus enable your

spiritual nature to begin your deliverance from the evils of inaction by the power-presence of living faith. And then, forthwith, will this faith vanquish fear of men by the compelling presence of that new and all-dominating *love of your fellows* which will so soon fill your soul to overflowing because of the consciousness which has been born in your heart that you are a child of God.

4 "This day, my son, you are to be reborn, re-established as a man of faith, courage, and devoted service to man, for God's sake. And when you become so readjusted to life within yourself,

you become likewise readjusted to the universe; you have been born again — born of the spirit — and henceforth will your whole life become one of victorious accomplishment. Trouble will invigorate you; disappointment will spur you on; difficulties will challenge you; and obstacles will stimulate you. Arise, young man! Say farewell to the life of cringing fear and fleeing cowardice. Hasten back to duty and live your life in the flesh as a son of God, a mortal dedicated to the ennobling service of man on earth and destined to the superb and eternal service of God in eternity."

5 And this youth, Fortune, subsequently became the leader of the Christians in Crete and the close associate of Titus in his labours for the uplift of the Cretan believers.

6 §§ The travellers were truly rested and refreshed when they made ready about noon one day to sail for Carthage in northern Africa, stopping for two days at Cyrene. It was here that Jesus and Ganid gave first aid to a lad named Rufus, who had been injured by the breakdown of a loaded oxcart. They carried him home to his mother, and his father, Simon, little dreamed that the man whose cross he

subsequently bore by orders of a Roman soldier was the stranger who once befriended his son.

7. AT CARTHAGE — DISCOURSE ON TIME AND SPACE

1 Most of the time en route to Carthage Jesus talked with his fellow travellers about things social, political, and commercial; hardly a word was said about religion. For the first time Gonod and Ganid discovered that Jesus was a good storyteller, and they kept him busy telling tales about his early life in Galilee. They also learned that he was reared in Galilee and not

in either Jerusalem or Damascus.

2 When Ganid inquired what one could do to make friends, having noticed that the majority of persons whom they chanced to meet were attracted to Jesus, his teacher said: "Become interested in your fellows; learn how to love them and watch for the opportunity to do something for them which you are sure they want done," and then he quoted the olden Jewish proverb — "A man who would have friends must show himself friendly."

3 At Carthage Jesus had a long and memorable talk with a Mithraic priest

about immortality, about time and eternity. This Persian had been educated at Alexandria, and he really desired to learn from Jesus. Put into the words of today, in substance Jesus said in answer to his many questions:

4 §§ Time is the stream of flowing temporal events perceived by creature consciousness. Time is a name given to the succession-arrangement whereby events are recognized and segregated. The universe of space is a time-related phenomenon as it is viewed from any interior position outside of the fixed abode of Paradise. The motion of time is only revealed in re-

lation to something which does not move in space as a time phenomenon. In the universe of universes Paradise and its Deities transcend both time and space. On the inhabited worlds, human personality (indwelt and oriented by the Paradise Father's spirit) is the only physically related reality which can transcend the material sequence of temporal events.

5 Animals do not sense time as does man, and even to man, because of his sectional and circumscribed view, time appears as a succession of events; but as man ascends, as he progresses inward, the enlarging view of this

event procession is such that it is discerned more and more in its wholeness. That which formerly appeared as a succession of events then will be viewed as a whole and perfectly related cycle; in this way will circular simultaneity increasingly displace the one-time consciousness of the linear sequence of events.

6 There are seven different conceptions of space as it is conditioned by time[1]. Space is measured by time, not

[1] These seven dimensions of space are the same as the seven dimensions of human type of personality as explained in 112:1.9. The perception of the seven dimensions of space is in principle achievable

time by space. The confusion of the scientist grows out of failure to recognize the reality of space. Space is not merely an intellectual concept of the variation in relatedness of universe objects. Space is not empty, and the only thing man knows which can even partially transcend space is mind[1]. Mind

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even on the material level of existence, despite the claim of human mind being "rigidly space-bound" in 12:5.5. There is no real contradiction between what the Perfector of Wisdom is teaching us in Paper 12 and what Jesus is teaching the Mithraic mystic at Carthage, as long as we understand that the angelic teachings are usually very basic, whereas Jesus is here addressing a highly advanced individual.

[1] This would directly contradict the statement at 12:5.5, if we do not take into account what was

can function independently of the concept of the space-relatedness of material objects. Space is relatively and comparatively finite to all beings of creature status. The nearer consciousness approaches the awareness of seven cosmic dimensions, the more does the concept of potential space approach ultimacy. But the space potential is truly ultimate only on the absolute level.

7 It must be apparent that universal reality has an expanding and always relative meaning on the ascending and perfecting levels of the cos-

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said in the previous note.

mos. Ultimately, surviving mortals achieve identity in a seven-dimensional universe.

8 §§ The time-space concept of a mind of material origin is destined to undergo successive enlargements as the conscious and conceiving personality ascends the levels of the universes. When man attains the mind intervening between the material and the spiritual planes of existence, his ideas of time-space will be enormously expanded both as to quality of perception and quantity of experience. The enlarging cosmic conceptions of an advancing spirit personality are due

to augmentations of both depth of insight and scope of consciousness. And as personality passes on, upward and inward, to the transcendental levels of Deity-likeness, the time-space concept will increasingly approximate the timeless and spaceless concepts of the Absolutes. Relatively, and in accordance with transcendental attainment, these concepts of the absolute level are to be envisioned by the children of ultimate destiny.

8. ON THE WAY TO NAPLES AND ROME

1 The first stop on the way to Italy was at the island of Malta. Here Jesus

had a long talk with a downhearted and discouraged young man named Claudus. This fellow had contemplated taking his life, but when he had finished talking with the scribe of Damascus, he said: "I will face life like a man; I am through playing the coward. I will go back to my people and begin all over again." Shortly he became an enthusiastic preacher of the Cynics, and still later on he joined hands with Peter in proclaiming Christianity in Rome and Naples, and after the death of Peter he went on to Spain preaching the gospel. But he never knew that the man who inspired

him in Malta was the Jesus whom he subsequently proclaimed the world's Deliverer.

2 §§ At Syracuse they spent a full week. The notable event of their stop here was the rehabilitation of Ezra, the backslidden Jew, who kept the tavern where Jesus and his companions stopped. Ezra was charmed by Jesus' approach and asked him to help him come back to the faith of Israel. He expressed his hopelessness by saying, "I want to be a true son of Abraham, but I cannot find God." Said Jesus: "If you truly want to find God, that desire is in itself evidence that you

have already found him. Your trouble is not that you cannot find God, for the Father has already found you; your trouble is simply that you do not know God. Have you not read in the Prophet Jeremiah, 'You shall seek me and find me when you shall search for me with all your heart'? And again, does not this same prophet say: 'And I will give you a heart to know me, that I am the Lord, and you shall belong to my people, and I will be your God'? And have you not also read in the Scriptures where it says: 'He looks down upon men, and if any will say: I have sinned and perverted that

which was right, and it profited me not, then will God deliver that man's soul from darkness, and he shall see the light'?" And Ezra found God and to the satisfaction of his soul. Later, this Jew, in association with a well-to-do Greek proselyte, built the first Christian church in Syracuse.

3 §§ At Messina they stopped for only one day, but that was long enough to change the life of a small boy, a fruit vendor, of whom Jesus bought fruit and in turn fed with the bread of life. The lad never forgot the words of Jesus and the kindly look which went with them when, placing

his hand on the boy's shoulder, he said: "Farewell, my lad, be of good courage as you grow up to manhood and after you have fed the body learn how also to feed the soul. And my Father in heaven will be with you and go before you." The lad became a devotee of the Mithraic religion and later on turned to the Christian faith.

4 §§ At last they reached Naples and felt they were not far from their destination, Rome. Gonod had much business to transact in Naples, and aside from the time Jesus was required as interpreter, he and Ganid spent their leisure visiting and explor-

ing the city. Ganid was becoming adept at sighting those who appeared to be in need. They found much poverty in this city and distributed many alms. But Ganid never understood the meaning of Jesus' words when, after he had given a coin to a street beggar, he refused to pause and speak comfortingly to the man. Said Jesus: "Why waste words upon one who cannot perceive the meaning of what you say? The spirit of the Father cannot teach and save one who has no capacity for sonship." What Jesus meant was that the man was not of normal mind; that he lacked the ability to respond to

spirit leading.

5 There was no outstanding experience in Naples; Jesus and the young man thoroughly canvassed the city and spread good cheer with many smiles upon hundreds of men, women, and children.

6 From here they went by way of Capua to Rome, making a stop of three days at Capua. By the Appian Way they journeyed on beside their pack animals toward Rome, all three being anxious to see this mistress of empire and the greatest city in all the world.

PAPER 131

THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

Midwayer Commission

During the Alexandrian sojourn of Jesus, Gonod, and Ganid, the young man spent much of his time and no small sum of his father's money making a collection of the teachings of the world's religions about God and his relations with mortal man. Ganid employed more than threescore learned translators in the making of this abstract of the religious doctrines of the world concerning the

Deities. And it should be made plain in this record that all these teachings portraying monotheism were largely derived, directly or indirectly, from the preachments of the missionaries of Machiventa Melchizedek, who went forth from their Salem headquarters to spread the doctrine of one God — the Most High — to the ends of the earth.

2 There is presented herewith an abstract of Ganid's manuscript, which he prepared at Alexandria and Rome, and which was preserved in India for hundreds of years after his death. He collected this material under ten heads, as

follows:

1. CYNICISM

1 The residual teachings of the disciples of Melchizedek, excepting those which persisted in the Jewish religion, were best preserved in the doctrines of the Cynics. Ganid's selection embraced the following:

2 §§ "God is supreme; he is the Most High of heaven and earth. God is the perfected circle of eternity, and he rules the universe of universes. He is the sole maker of the heavens and the earth. When he decrees a thing, that thing is. Our God is one God, and

he is compassionate and merciful. Everything that is high, holy, true, and beautiful is like our God. The Most High is the light of heaven and earth; he is the God of the east, the west, the north, and the south.

3 "Even if the earth should pass away, the resplendent face of the Supreme would abide in majesty and glory. The Most High is the first and the last, the beginning and the end of everything. There is but this one God, and his name is Truth. God is self-existent, and he is devoid of all anger and enmity; he is immortal and infinite. Our God is omnipotent and

bounteous. While he has many manifestations, we worship only God himself. God knows all — our secrets and our proclamations; he also knows what each of us deserves. His might is equal to all things.

4 "God is a peace giver and a faithful protector of all who fear and trust him. He gives salvation to all who serve him. All creation exists in the power of the Most High. His divine love springs forth from the holiness of his power, and affection is born of the might of his greatness. The Most High has decreed the union of body and soul and has endowed man with

his own spirit. What man does must come to an end, but what the Creator does goes on forever. We gain knowledge from the experience of man, but we derive wisdom from the contemplation of the Most High.

5 "God pours rain upon the earth, he causes the sun to shine upon the sprouting grain, and he gives us the abundant harvest of the good things of this life and eternal salvation in the world to come. Our God enjoys great authority; his name is Excellent and his nature is unfathomable. When you are sick, it is the Most High who heals you. God is full of goodness toward all

men; we have no friend like the Most High. His mercy fills all places and his goodness encompasses all souls. The Most High is changeless; and he is our helper in every time of need. Wherever you turn to pray, there is the face of the Most High and the open ear of our God. You may hide yourself from men, but not from God. God is not a great distance from us; he is omnipresent. God fills all places and lives in the heart of the man who fears his holy name. Creation is in the Creator and the Creator in his creation. We search for the Most High and then find him in our hearts. You go in quest of a

dear friend, and then you discover him within your soul.

6 "The man who knows God looks upon all men as equal; they are his brethren. Those who are selfish, those who ignore their brothers in the flesh, have only weariness as their reward. Those who love their fellows and who have pure hearts shall see God. God never forgets sincerity. He will guide the honest of heart into the truth, for God is truth.

7 "In your lives overthrow error and overcome evil by the love of the living truth. In all your relations with men do good for evil. The Lord God

is merciful and loving; he is forgiving. Let us love God, for he first loved us. By God's love and through his mercy we shall be saved. Poor men and rich men are brothers. God is their Father. The evil you would not have done you, do not to others.

8 "At all times call upon his name, and as you believe in his name, so shall your prayer be heard. What a great honour it is to worship the Most High! All the worlds and the universes worship the Most High. And with all your prayers give thanks — ascend to worship. Prayerful worship shuns evil and forbids sin. At all times let

us praise the name of the Most High. The man who takes shelter in the Most High conceals his defects from the universe. When you stand before God with a clean heart, you become fearless of all creation. The Most High is like a loving father and mother; he really loves us, his children on earth. Our God will forgive us and guide our footsteps into the ways of salvation. He will take us by the hand and lead us to himself. God saves those who trust him; he does not compel man to serve his name.

9 "If the faith of the Most High has entered your heart, then shall you

abide free from fear throughout all the days of your life. Fret not yourself because of the prosperity of the ungodly; fear not those who plot evil; let the soul turn away from sin and put your whole trust in the God of salvation. The weary soul of the wandering mortal finds eternal rest in the arms of the Most High; the wise man hungers for the divine embrace; the earth child longs for the security of the arms of the Universal Father. The noble man seeks for that high estate wherein the soul of the mortal blends with the spirit of the Supreme. God is just: What fruit we receive not from our plantings in this

world we shall receive in the next."

2. JUDAISM

1 The Kenites of Palestine salvaged much of the teaching of Melchizedek, and from these records, as preserved and modified by the Jews, Jesus and Ganid made the following selection:

2 §§ "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and all things therein. And, behold, all he created was very good. The Lord, he is God; there is none beside him in heaven above or upon the earth beneath. Therefore shall you love the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul and with all your might. The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. Day after day utters speech; night after night shows knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. The Lord's work is great, and in wisdom has he made all things; the greatness of the Lord is unsearchable. He knows the number of the stars; he calls them all by their names.

3 "The power of the Lord is great and his understanding infinite. Says

the Lord: 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.' God reveals the deep and secret things because the light dwells with him. The Lord is merciful and gracious; he is long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth. The Lord is good and upright; the meek will he guide in judgment. Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who trusts God. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

4 "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those

who fear him and his righteousness even to our children's children. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his creation; he heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Whither shall I go from God's spirit? whither shall I flee from the divine presence? Thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place; also with him who is of a contrite heart and a humble spirit!' None can hide himself from our God, for he fills heaven and earth. Let the heavens be glad and let

the earth rejoice. Let all nations say: The Lord reigns! Give thanks to God, for his mercy endures forever.

5 "The heavens declare God's righteousness, and all the people have seen his glory. It is God who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations. Our God is governor among the nations. Let the earth be filled with his glory! O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful gifts to the children of men!

6 "God has made man a little less

than divine and has crowned him with love and mercy. The Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; the knowledge of the Supreme is understanding. Says the Almighty God: 'Walk before me and be perfect.' Forget not that pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. He who rules his own spirit is mightier than he who takes a city. Says the Lord God, the Holy One: 'In returning to your spiritual rest shall you be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.' They who wait upon the

Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint. The Lord shall give you rest from your fear. Says the Lord: 'Fear not, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.'

7 "God is our Father; the Lord is our redeemer. God has created the universal hosts, and he preserves them all. His righteousness is like the mountains and his judgment like the great deep. He causes us to drink of the

river of his pleasures, and in his light we shall see light. It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to the Most High; to show forth loving-kindness in the morning and the divine faithfulness every night. God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness. Yes, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for God is

with me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

8 "Yahweh is the God of my salvation; therefore in the divine name will I put my trust. I will trust in the Lord with all my heart; I will lean not upon my own understanding. In all my ways I will acknowledge him, and he shall direct my paths. The Lord is faithful; he keeps his word with those who serve him; the just shall live by his faith. If you do not well, it is because sin lies at the door; men reap the evil they plough and the sin they

sow. Fret not yourself because of evil-doers. If you regard iniquity in your heart, the Lord will not hear you; if you sin against God, you also wrong your own soul. God will bring every man's work to judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or evil. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

9 "The Lord is near all who call upon him in sincerity and in truth. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. A merry heart does good like a medicine. No good thing will God withhold from those who walk uprightly. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole

duty of man. Thus says the Lord who created the heavens and who formed the earth: 'There is no God beside me, a just God and a saviour. Look to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth. If you seek me, you shall find me if you search for me with all your heart.' The meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Whoever sows iniquity shall reap calamity; they who sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind.

10 "'Come now, let us reason together,' says the Lord, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crim-

son, they shall be as wool.' But there is no peace for the wicked; it is your own sins which have withheld the good things from you. God is the health of my countenance and the joy of my soul. The eternal God is my strength; he is our dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. The Lord is near to those who are broken-hearted; he saves all who have a child-like spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous man, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. Commit your way to the Lord — trust him — and he will bring it to pass. He who dwells in the secret place of the Most

High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

11 "Love your neighbour as yourself; bear a grudge against no man. Whatsoever you hate do to no man. Love your brother, for the Lord has said: 'I will love my children freely.' The path of the just is as a shining light which shines more and more until the perfect day. They who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they who turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. Let the wicked forsake his evil way and the unrighteous man his rebellious thoughts. Says the Lord: 'Let them return to me,

and I will have mercy on them; I will abundantly pardon.'

12 "Says God, the creator of heaven and earth: 'Great peace have they who love my law. My commandments are: You shall love me with all your heart; you shall have no gods before me; you shall not take my name in vain; remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; honour your father and mother; you shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not covet.'

13 "And to all who love the Lord supremely and their neighbours like

themselves, the God of heaven says: 'I will ransom you from the grave; I will redeem you from death. I will be merciful to your children, as well as just. Have I not said of my creatures on earth, you are the sons of the living God? And have I not loved you with an everlasting love? Have I not called you to become like me and to dwell forever with me in Paradise?'"

3. BUDDHISM

1 Ganid was shocked to discover how near Buddhism came to being a great and beautiful religion without God, without a personal and univer-

sal Deity. However, he did find some record of certain earlier beliefs which reflected something of the influence of the teachings of the Melchizedek missionaries who continued their work in India even to the times of Buddha. Jesus and Ganid collected the following statements from the Buddhist literature:

2 §§ "Out of a pure heart shall gladness spring forth to the Infinite; all my being shall be at peace with this supermortal rejoicing. My soul is filled with content, and my heart overflows with the bliss of peaceful trust. I have no fear; I am free from anxiety. I dwell

in security, and my enemies cannot alarm me. I am satisfied with the fruits of my confidence. I have found the approach to the Immortal easy of access. I pray for faith to sustain me on the long journey; I know that faith from beyond will not fail me. I know my brethren will prosper if they become imbued with the faith of the Immortal, even the faith that creates modesty, uprightness, wisdom, courage, knowledge, and perseverance. Let us forsake sorrow and disown fear. By faith let us lay hold upon true righteousness and genuine manliness. Let us learn to meditate on justice and

mercy. Faith is man's true wealth; it is the endowment of virtue and glory.

3 "Unrighteousness is contemptible; sin is despicable. Evil is degrading, whether held in thought or wrought out in deeds. Pain and sorrow follow in the path of evil as the dust follows the wind. Happiness and peace of mind follow pure thinking and virtuous living as the shadow follows the substance of material things. Evil is the fruit of wrongly directed thinking. It is evil to see sin where there is no sin; to see no sin where there is sin. Evil is the path of false doctrines. Those who avoid evil by seeing things

as they are gain joy by thus embracing the truth. Make an end of your misery by loathing sin. When you look up to the Noble One, turn away from sin with a whole heart. Make no apology for evil; make no excuse for sin. By your efforts to make amends for past sins you acquire strength to resist future tendencies thereto. Restraint is born of repentance. Leave no fault unconfessed to the Noble One.

4 "Cheerfulness and gladness are the rewards of deeds well done and to the glory of the Immortal. No man can rob you of the liberty of your own mind. When the faith of your religion

has emancipated your heart, when the mind, like a mountain, is settled and immovable, then shall the peace of the soul flow tranquilly like a river of waters. Those who are sure of salvation are forever free from lust, envy, hatred, and the delusions of wealth. While faith is the energy of the better life, nevertheless, must you work out your own salvation with perseverance. If you would be certain of your final salvation, then make sure that you sincerely seek to fulfil all righteousness. Cultivate the assurance of the heart which springs from within and thus come to enjoy the ecstasy of eternal

salvation.

5 "No religionist may hope to attain the enlightenment of immortal wisdom who persists in being slothful, indolent, feeble, idle, shameless, and selfish. But whoso is thoughtful, prudent, reflective, fervent, and earnest — even while he yet lives on earth — may attain the supreme enlightenment of the peace and liberty of divine wisdom. Remember, every act shall receive its reward. Evil results in sorrow and sin ends in pain. Joy and happiness are the outcome of a good life. Even the evildoer enjoys a season of grace before the time of the full ripening of his

evil deeds, but inevitably there must come the full harvest of evil-doing. Let no man think lightly of sin, saying in his heart: 'The penalty of wrongdoing shall not come near me.' What you do shall be done to you, in the judgment of wisdom. Injustice done to your fellows shall come back upon you. The creature cannot escape the destiny of his deeds.

6 "The fool has said in his heart, 'Evil shall not overtake me'; but safety is found only when the soul craves reproof and the mind seeks wisdom. The wise man is a noble soul who is friendly in the midst of his enemies,

tranquil among the turbulent, and generous among the grasping. Love of self is like weeds in a goodly field. Selfishness leads to grief; perpetual care kills. The tamed mind yields happiness. He is the greatest of warriors who overcomes and subdues himself. Restraint in all things is good. He alone is a superior person who esteems virtue and is observant of his duty. Let not anger and hate master you. Speak harshly of no one. Contentment is the greatest wealth. What is given wisely is well saved. Do not to others those things you would not wish done to you. Pay good for evil; overcome evil

with the good.

7 "A righteous soul is more to be desired than the sovereignty of all the earth. Immortality is the goal of sincerity; death, the end of thoughtless living. Those who are earnest die not; the thoughtless are dead already. Blessed are they who have insight into the deathless state. Those who torture the living will hardly find happiness after death. The unselfish go to heaven, where they rejoice in the bliss of infinite liberality and continue to increase in noble generosity. Every mortal who thinks righteously, speaks nobly, and acts unselfishly shall not only enjoy

virtue here during this brief life but shall also, after the dissolution of the body, continue to enjoy the delights of heaven."

4. HINDUISM

1 The missionaries of Melchizedek carried the teachings of the one God with them wherever they journeyed. Much of this monotheistic doctrine, together with other and previous concepts, became embodied in the subsequent teachings of Hinduism. Jesus and Ganid made the following excerpts:

2 §§ "He is the great God, in every

way supreme. He is the Lord who encompasses all things. He is the creator and controller of the universe of universes. God is one God; he is alone and by himself; he is the only one. And this one God is our Maker and the last destiny of the soul. The Supreme One is brilliant beyond description; he is the Light of Lights. Every heart and every world is illuminated by this divine light. God is our protector — he stands by the side of his creatures — and those who learn to know him become immortal. God is the great source of energy; he is the Great Soul. He exercises universal lordship over

all. This one God is loving, glorious, and adorable. Our God is supreme in power and abides in the supreme abode. This true Person is eternal and divine; he is the primal Lord of heaven. All the prophets have hailed him, and he has revealed himself to us. We worship him. O Supreme Person, source of beings, Lord of creation, and ruler of the universe, reveal to us, your creatures, the power whereby you abide immanent! God has made the sun and the stars; he is bright, pure, and self-existent. His eternal knowledge is divinely wise. The Eternal is unpenetrated by evil. Inasmuch as the uni-

verse sprang from God, he does rule it appropriately. He is the cause of creation, and hence are all things established in him.

3 "God is the sure refuge of every good man when in need; the Immortal One cares for all mankind. God's salvation is strong and his kindness is gracious. He is a loving protector, a blessed defender. Says the Lord: 'I dwell within their own souls as a lamp of wisdom. I am the splendour of the splendid and the goodness of the good. Where two or three gather together, there am I also.' The creature cannot escape the presence of the Cre-

ator. The Lord even counts the ceaseless winking of every mortal's eyes; and we worship this divine Being as our inseparable companion. He is all-prevailing, bountiful, omnipresent, and infinitely kind. The Lord is our ruler, shelter, and supreme controller, and his primeval spirit dwells within the mortal soul. The Eternal Witness to vice and virtue dwells within man's heart. Let us long meditate on the adorable and divine Vivifier; let his spirit fully direct our thoughts. From this unreal world lead us to the real! From darkness lead us to the light! From death guide us to immortality!

4 "With our hearts purged of all hate, let us worship the Eternal. Our God is the Lord of prayer; he hears the cry of his children. Let all men submit their wills to him, the Resolute. Let us delight in the liberality of the Lord of prayer. Make prayer your inmost friend and worship your soul's support. 'If you will but worship me in love,' says the Eternal, 'I will give you the wisdom to attain me, for my worship is the virtue common to all creatures.' God is the illuminator of the gloomy and the power of those who are faint. Since God is our strong friend, we have no more fear.

We praise the name of the never-conquered Conqueror. We worship him because he is man's faithful and eternal helper. God is our sure leader and unfailing guide. He is the great parent of heaven and earth, possessed of unlimited energy and infinite wisdom. His splendour is sublime and his beauty divine. He is the supreme refuge of the universe and the changeless guardian of everlasting law. Our God is the Lord of life and the Comforter of all men; he is the lover of mankind and the helper of those who are distressed. He is our life giver and the Good Shepherd of the human flocks. God is our

father, brother, and friend. And we long to know this God in our inner being.

5 "We have learned to win faith by the yearning of our hearts. We have attained wisdom by the restraint of our senses, and by wisdom we have experienced peace in the Supreme. He who is full of faith worships truly when his inner self is intent upon God. Our God wears the heavens as a mantle; he also inhabits the other six wide-spreading universes. He is supreme over all and in all. We crave forgiveness from the Lord for all of our trespasses against our fellows; and we would re-

lease our friend from the wrong he has done us. Our spirit loathes all evil; therefore, O Lord, free us from all taint of sin. We pray to God as a comforter, protector, and saviour — one who loves us.

6 "The spirit of the Universe Keeper enters the soul of the simple creature. That man is wise who worships the One God. Those who strive for perfection must indeed know the Lord Supreme. He never fears who knows the blissful security of the Supreme, for the Supreme says to those who serve him, 'Fear not, for I am with you.' The God of providence is our Fa-

ther. God is truth. And it is the desire of God that his creatures should understand him — come fully to know the truth. Truth is eternal; it sustains the universe. Our supreme desire shall be union with the Supreme. The Great Controller is the generator of all things — all evolves from him. And this is the sum of duty: Let no man do to another what would be repugnant to himself; cherish no malice, smite not him who smites you, conquer anger with mercy, and vanquish hate by benevolence. And all this we should do because God is a kind friend and a gracious father who remits all

our earthly offences.

7 "God is our Father, the earth our mother, and the universe our birthplace. Without God the soul is a prisoner; to know God releases the soul. By meditation on God, by union with him, there comes deliverance from the illusions of evil and ultimate salvation from all material fetters. When man shall roll up space as a piece of leather, then will come the end of evil because man has found God. O God, save us from the threefold ruin of hell — lust, wrath, and avarice! O soul, gird yourself for the spirit struggle of immortality! When the end of mortal

life comes, hesitate not to forsake this body for a more fit and beautiful form and to awake in the realms of the Supreme and Immortal, where there is no fear, sorrow, hunger, thirst, or death. To know God is to cut the cords of death. The God-knowing soul rises in the universe like the cream appears on top of the milk. We worship God, the all-worker, the Great Soul, who is ever seated in the heart of his creatures. And they who know that God is enthroned in the human heart are destined to become like him — immortal. Evil must be left behind in this world, but virtue follows the soul to heaven.

8 "It is only the wicked who say: The universe has neither truth nor a ruler; it was only designed for our lusts. Such souls are deluded by the smallness of their intellects. They thus abandon themselves to the enjoyment of their lusts and deprive their souls of the joys of virtue and the pleasures of righteousness. What can be greater than to experience salvation from sin? The man who has seen the Supreme is immortal. Man's friends of the flesh cannot survive death; virtue alone walks by man's side as he journeys ever onward toward the gladsome and sunlit

fields of Paradise."

5. ZOROASTRIANISM

1 Zoroaster was himself directly in contact with the descendants of the earlier Melchizedek missionaries, and their doctrine of the one God became a central teaching in the religion which he founded in Persia. Aside from Judaism, no religion of that day contained more of these Salem teachings. From the records of this religion Ganid made the following excerpts:

2 §§ "All things come from, and belong to, the One God — all-wise, good, righteous, holy, resplendent,

and glorious. This, our God, is the source of all luminosity. He is the Creator, the God of all good purposes, and the protector of the justice of the universe. The wise course in life is to act in consonance with the spirit of truth. God is all-seeing, and he beholds both the evil deeds of the wicked and the good works of the righteous; our God observes all things with a flashing eye. His touch is the touch of healing. The Lord is an all-powerful benefactor. God stretches out his beneficent hand to both the righteous and the wicked. God established the world and ordained the rewards for

good and for evil. The all-wise God has promised immortality to the pious souls who think purely and act righteously. As you supremely desire, so shall you be. The light of the sun is as wisdom to those who discern God in the universe.

3 "Praise God by seeking the pleasure of the Wise One. Worship the God of light by joyfully walking in the paths ordained by his revealed religion. There is but one Supreme God, the Lord of Lights. We worship him who made the waters, plants, animals, the earth, and the heavens. Our God is Lord, most beneficent. We wor-

ship the most beauteous, the bountiful Immortal, endowed with eternal light. God is farthest from us and at the same time nearest to us in that he dwells within our souls. Our God is the divine and holiest Spirit of Paradise, and yet he is more friendly to man than the most friendly of all creatures. God is most helpful to us in this greatest of all businesses, the knowing of himself. God is our most adorable and righteous friend; he is our wisdom, life, and vigour of soul and body. Through our good thinking the wise Creator will enable us to do his will, thereby attaining the realization of all that is

divinely perfect.

4 "Lord, teach us how to live this life in the flesh while preparing for the next life of the spirit. Speak to us, Lord, and we will do your bidding. Teach us the good paths, and we will go right. Grant us that we may attain union with you. We know that the religion is right which leads to union with righteousness. God is our wise nature, best thought, and righteous act. May God grant us unity with the divine spirit and immortality in himself!

5 "This religion of the Wise One cleanses the believer from every evil

thought and sinful deed. I bow before the God of heaven in repentance if I have offended in thought, word, or act — intentionally or unintentionally — and I offer prayers for mercy and praise for forgiveness. I know when I make confession, if I purpose not to do again the evil thing, that sin will be removed from my soul. I know that forgiveness takes away the bonds of sin. Those who do evil shall receive punishment, but those who follow truth shall enjoy the bliss of an eternal salvation. Through grace lay hold upon us and minister saving power to our souls. We claim mercy because we as-

pire to attain perfection; we would be like God."

6. SUDUANISM (JAINISM)

1 The third group of religious believers who preserved the doctrine of one God in India — the survival of the Melchizedek teaching — were known in those days as the Suduanists. Latterly these believers have become known as followers of Jainism. They taught:

2 §§ "The Lord of Heaven is supreme. Those who commit sin will not ascend on high, but those who walk in the paths of righteousness shall

find a place in heaven. We are assured of the life hereafter if we know truth. The soul of man may ascend to the highest heaven, there to develop its true spiritual nature, to attain perfection. The estate of heaven delivers man from the bondage of sin and introduces him to the final beatitudes; the righteous man has already experienced an end of sin and all its associated miseries. Self is man's invincible foe, and self is manifested as man's four greatest passions: anger, pride, deceit, and greed. Man's greatest victory is the conquest of himself. When man looks to God for forgiveness, and when he

makes bold to enjoy such liberty, he is thereby delivered from fear. Man should journey through life treating his fellow creatures as he would like to be treated."

7. SHINTO

1 Only recently had the manuscripts of this Far-Eastern religion been lodged in the Alexandrian library. It was the one world religion of which Ganid had never heard. This belief also contained remnants of the earlier Melchizedek teachings as is shown by the following abstracts:

2 §§ "Says the Lord: 'You are all re-

cipients of my divine power; all men enjoy my ministry of mercy. I derive great pleasure in the multiplication of righteous men throughout the land. In both the beauties of nature and the virtues of men does the Prince of Heaven seek to reveal himself and to show forth his righteous nature. Since the olden people did not know my name, I manifested myself by being born into the world as a visible existence and endured such abasement even that man should not forget my name. I am the maker of heaven and earth; the sun and the moon and all the stars obey my will. I am the ruler

of all creatures on land and in the four seas. Although I am great and supreme, still I have regard for the prayer of the poorest man. If any creature will worship me, I will hear his prayer and grant the desire of his heart.'

3 "'Every time man yields to anxiety, he takes one step away from the leading of the spirit of his heart.' Pride obscures God. If you would obtain heavenly help, put away your pride; every hair of pride shuts off saving light, as it were, by a great cloud. If you are not right on the inside, it is useless to pray for that which is on the outside. 'If I hear your prayers, it is because you

come before me with a clean heart, free from falsehood and hypocrisy, with a soul which reflects truth like a mirror. If you would gain immortality, forsake the world and come to me.'"

8. TAOISM

1 The messengers of Melchizedek penetrated far into China, and the doctrine of one God became a part of the earlier teachings of several Chinese religions; the one persisting the longest and containing most of the monotheistic truth was Taoism, and Ganid collected the following from the teachings of its founder:

2 §§ "How pure and tranquil is the Supreme One and yet how powerful and mighty, how deep and unfathomable! This God of heaven is the honoured ancestor of all things. If you know the Eternal, you are enlightened and wise. If you know not the Eternal, then does ignorance manifest itself as evil, and thus do the passions of sin arise. This wondrous Being existed before the heavens and the earth were. He is truly spiritual; he stands alone and changes not. He is indeed the world's mother, and all creation moves around him. This Great One imparts himself to men and thereby

enables them to excel and to survive. Even if one has but a little knowledge, he can still walk in the ways of the Supreme; he can conform to the will of heaven.

3 "All good works of true service come from the Supreme. All things depend on the Great Source for life. The Great Supreme seeks no credit for his bestowals. He is supreme in power, yet he remains hidden from our gaze. He unceasingly transmutes his attributes while perfecting his creatures. The heavenly Reason is slow and patient in his designs but sure of his accomplishments. The Supreme over-

spreads the universe and sustains it all. How great and mighty are his overflowing influence and drawing power! True goodness is like water in that it blesses everything and harms nothing. And like water, true goodness seeks the lowest places, even those levels which others avoid, and that is because it is akin to the Supreme. The Supreme creates all things, in nature nourishing them and in spirit perfecting them. And it is a mystery how the Supreme fosters, protects, and perfects the creature without compelling him. He guides and directs, but without self-assertion. He ministers pro-

gression, but without domination.

4 "The wise man universalizes his heart. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Those who aspire to greatness must learn to humble themselves. In creation the Supreme became the world's mother. To know one's mother is to recognize one's sonship. He is a wise man who regards all parts from the point of view of the whole. Relate yourself to every man as if you were in his place. Recompense injury with kindness. If you love people, they will draw near you — you will have no difficulty in winning them.

5 "The Great Supreme is all-pervad-

ing; he is on the left hand and on the right; he supports all creation and indwells all true beings. You cannot find the Supreme, neither can you go to a place where he is not. If a man recognizes the evil of his ways and repents of sin from the heart, then may he seek forgiveness; he may escape the penalty; he may change calamity into blessing. The Supreme is the secure refuge for all creation; he is the guardian and saviour of mankind. If you seek for him daily, you shall find him. Since he can forgive sins, he is indeed most precious to all men. Always remember that God does not reward

man for what he does but for what he is; therefore should you extend help to your fellows without the thought of rewards. Do good without thought of benefit to the self.

6 "They who know the laws of the Eternal are wise. Ignorance of the divine law is misery and disaster. They who know the laws of God are liberal minded. If you know the Eternal, even though your body perish, your soul shall survive in spirit service. You are truly wise when you recognize your insignificance. If you abide in the light of the Eternal, you shall enjoy the enlightenment of the Supreme. Those

who dedicate their persons to the service of the Supreme are joyous in this pursuit of the Eternal. When man dies, the spirit begins to wing its long flight on the great home journey."

9. CONFUCIANISM

1 Even the least God-recognizing of the world's great religions acknowledged the monotheism of the Melchizedek missionaries and their persistent successors. Ganid's summary of Confucianism was:

2 §§ "What Heaven appoints is without error. Truth is real and divine. Everything originates in Heaven, and

the Great Heaven makes no mistakes. Heaven has appointed many subordinates to assist in the instruction and uplifting of the inferior creatures. Great, very great, is the One God who rules man from on high. God is majestic in power and awful in judgment. But this Great God has conferred a moral sense even on many inferior people. Heaven's bounty never stops. Benevolence is Heaven's choicest gift to men. Heaven has bestowed its nobility upon the soul of man; the virtues of man are the fruit of this endowment of Heaven's nobility. The Great Heaven is all-discerning and goes with

man in all his doings. And we do well when we call the Great Heaven our Father and our Mother. If we are thus servants of our divine ancestors, then may we in confidence pray to Heaven. At all times and in everything let us stand in awe of the majesty of Heaven. We acknowledge, O God, the Most High and sovereign Potentate, that judgment rests with you, and that all mercy proceeds from the divine heart.

3 "God is with us; therefore we have no fear in our hearts. If there be found any virtue in me, it is the manifestation of Heaven who abides with me. But

this Heaven within me often makes hard demands on my faith. If God is with me, I have determined to have no doubt in my heart. Faith must be very near the truth of things, and I do not see how a man can live without this good faith. Good and evil do not befall men without cause. Heaven deals with man's soul in accordance with its purpose. When you find yourself in the wrong, do not hesitate to confess your error and be quick to make amends.

4 "A wise man is occupied with the search for truth, not in seeking for a mere living. To attain the perfection

of Heaven is the goal of man. The superior man is given to self-adjustment, and he is free from anxiety and fear. God is with you; have no doubt in your heart. Every good deed has its recompense. The superior man murmurs not against Heaven nor holds a grudge against men. What you do not like when done to yourself, do not to others. Let compassion be a part of all punishment; in every way endeavour to make punishment a blessing. Such is the way of Great Heaven. While all creatures must die and return to the earth, the spirit of the noble man goes forth to be displayed on high and to

ascend to the glorious light of final brightness."

10. "OUR RELIGION"

1 After the arduous labour of effecting this compilation of the teachings of the world religions concerning the Paradise Father, Ganid set himself to the task of formulating what he deemed to be a summary of the belief he had arrived at regarding God as a result of Jesus' teaching. This young man was in the habit of referring to such beliefs as "our religion." This was his record:

2 §§ "The Lord our God is one Lord,

and you should love him with all your mind and heart while you do your very best to love all his children as you love yourself. This one God is our heavenly Father, in whom all things consist, and who dwells, by his spirit, in every sincere human soul. And we who are the children of God should learn how to commit the keeping of our souls to him as to a faithful Creator. With our heavenly Father all things are possible. Since he is the Creator, having made all things and all beings, it could not be otherwise. Though we cannot see God, we can know him. And by daily living the will of the Father in heaven,

we can reveal him to our fellow men.

3 "The divine riches of God's character must be infinitely deep and eternally wise. We cannot search out God by knowledge, but we can know him in our hearts by personal experience. While his justice may be past finding out, his mercy may be received by the humblest being on earth. While the Father fills the universe, he also lives in our hearts. The mind of man is human, mortal, but the spirit of man is divine, immortal. God is not only all-powerful but also all-wise. If our earth parents, being of evil tendency, know how to love their children and

bestow good gifts on them, how much more must the good Father in heaven know how wisely to love his children on earth and to bestow suitable blessings upon them.

4 "The Father in heaven will not suffer a single child on earth to perish if that child has a desire to find the Father and truly longs to be like him. Our Father even loves the wicked and is always kind to the ungrateful. If more human beings could only know about the goodness of God, they would certainly be led to repent of their evil ways and forsake all known sin. All good things come down from

the Father of light, in whom there is no variableness neither shadow of changing. The spirit of the true God is in man's heart. He intends that all men should be brothers. When men begin to feel after God, that is evidence that God has found them, and that they are in quest of knowledge about him. We live in God and God dwells in us.

5 "I will no longer be satisfied to believe that God is the Father of all my people; I will henceforth believe that he is also *my* Father. Always will I try to worship God with the help of the Spirit of Truth, which is my helper when I have become really

God-knowing. But first of all I am going to practise worshipping God by learning how to do the will of God on earth; that is, I am going to do my best to treat each of my fellow mortals just as I think God would like to have him treated. And when we live this sort of a life in the flesh, we may ask many things of God, and he will give us the desire of our hearts that we may be the better prepared to serve our fellows. And all of this loving service of the children of God enlarges our capacity to receive and experience the joys of heaven, the high pleasures of the ministry of the spirit of heaven.

6 "I will every day thank God for his unspeakable gifts; I will praise him for his wonderful works to the children of men. To me he is the Almighty, the Creator, the Power, and the Mercy, but best of all, he is my spirit Father, and as his earth child I am sometime going forth to see him. And my tutor has said that by searching for him I shall become like him. By faith in God I have attained peace with him. This new religion of ours is very full of joy, and it generates an enduring happiness. I am confident that I shall be faithful even to death, and that I will surely receive the crown of eternal life.

7 "I am learning to prove all things and adhere to that which is good. Whatsoever I would that men should do to me, that I will do to my fellows. By this new faith I know that man may become the son of God, but it sometimes terrifies me when I stop to think that all men are my brothers, but it must be true. I do not see how I can rejoice in the fatherhood of God while I refuse to accept the brotherhood of man. Whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. If that is true, then all men must be my brothers.

8 "Henceforth will I do my good

deeds in secret; I will also pray most when by myself. I will judge not that I may not be unfair to my fellows. I am going to learn to love my enemies; I have not truly mastered this practice of being Godlike. Though I see God in these other religions, I find him in 'our religion' as being more beautiful, loving, merciful, personal, and positive. But most of all, this great and glorious Being is my spiritual Father; I am his child. And by no other means than my honest desire to be like him, I am eventually to find him and eternally to serve him. At last I have a religion with a God, a marvellous God, and he is a

God of eternal salvation."

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THE SOJOURN AT ROME

Midwayer Commission

Since Gonod carried greetings from the princes of India to Tiberius, the Roman ruler, on the third day after their arrival in Rome the two Indians and Jesus appeared before him. The morose emperor was unusually cheerful on this day and chatted long with the trio. And when they had gone from his presence, the emperor, referring to Jesus, remarked to the aide standing on

his right, "If I had that fellow's kingly bearing and gracious manner, I would be a real emperor, eh?"

2 §§ While at Rome, Ganid had regular hours for study and for visiting places of interest about the city. His father had much business to transact, and desiring that his son grow up to become a worthy successor in the management of his vast commercial interests, he thought the time had come to introduce the boy to the business world. There were many citizens of India in Rome, and often one of Gonod's own employees would accompany him as interpreter so that

Jesus would have whole days to himself; this gave him time in which to become thoroughly acquainted with this city of 2,000,000 inhabitants. He was frequently to be found in the forum, the centre of political, legal, and business life. He often went up to the Capitolium and pondered the bondage of ignorance in which these Romans were held as he beheld this magnificent temple dedicated to Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva. He also spent much time on Palatine hill, where were located the emperor's residence, the temple of Apollo, and the Greek and Latin libraries.

3 §§ At this time the Roman Empire included all of southern Europe, Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, and northwest Africa; and its inhabitants embraced the citizens of every country of the Eastern Hemisphere. His desire to study and mingle with this cosmopolitan aggregation of Urantia mortals was the chief reason why Jesus consented to make this journey.

4 Jesus learned much about men while in Rome, but the most valuable of all the manifold experiences of his six months' sojourn in that city was his contact with, and influence upon, the religious leaders of the empire's capi-

tal. Before the end of the first week in Rome Jesus had sought out, and had made the acquaintance of, the worthwhile leaders of the Cynics, the Stoics, and the mystery cults, in particular the Mithraic group. Whether or not it was apparent to Jesus that the Jews were going to reject his mission, he most certainly foresaw that his messengers were presently coming to Rome to proclaim the kingdom of heaven; and he therefore set about, in the most amazing manner, to prepare the way for the better and more certain reception of their message. He selected five of the leading Stoics, eleven

of the Cynics, and sixteen of the mystery-cult leaders and spent much of his spare time for almost six months in intimate association with these religious teachers. And this was his method of instruction: Never once did he attack their errors or even mention the flaws in their teachings. In each case he would select the truth in what they taught and then proceed so to embellish and illuminate this truth in their minds that in a very short time this enhancement of the truth effectively crowded out the associated error; and thus were these Jesus-taught men and women prepared for the sub-

sequent recognition of additional and similar truths in the teachings of the early Christian missionaries. It was this early acceptance of the teachings of the gospel preachers which gave that powerful impetus to the rapid spread of Christianity in Rome and from there throughout the empire.

5 The significance of this remarkable doing can the better be understood when we record the fact that, out of this group of 32 Jesus-taught religious leaders in Rome, only two were unfruitful; the 30 became pivotal individuals in the establishment of Christianity in Rome, and certain of them

also aided in turning the chief Mithraic temple into the first Christian church of that city. We who view human activities from behind the scenes and in the light of nineteen centuries of time recognize just three factors of paramount value in the early setting of the stage for the rapid spread of Christianity throughout Europe, and they are:

6 1. The choosing and holding of Simon Peter as an apostle.

7 2. The talk in Jerusalem with Stephen, whose death led to the winning of Saul of Tarsus.

8 3. The preliminary preparation

of these 30 Romans for the subsequent leadership of the new religion in Rome and throughout the empire.

9 §§ Through all their experiences, neither Stephen nor the 30 chosen ones ever realized that they had once talked with the man whose name became the subject of their religious teaching. Jesus' work in behalf of the original 32 was entirely personal. In his labours for these individuals the scribe of Damascus never met more than 3 of them at one time, seldom more than 2, while most often he taught them singly. And he could do this great work of religious training

because these men and women were not tradition bound; they were not victims of a settled preconception as to all future religious developments.

10 Many were the times in the years so soon to follow that Peter, Paul, and the other Christian teachers in Rome heard about this scribe of Damascus who had preceded them, and who had so obviously (and as they supposed unwittingly) prepared the way for their coming with the new gospel. Though Paul never really surmised the identity of this scribe of Damascus, he did, a short time before his death, because of the similarity of personal descrip-

tions, reach the conclusion that the "tentmaker of Antioch" was also the "scribe of Damascus." On one occasion, while preaching in Rome, Simon Peter, on listening to a description of the Damascus scribe, surmised that this individual might have been Jesus but quickly dismissed the idea, knowing full well (so he thought) that the Master had never been in Rome.

1. TRUE VALUES

1 It was with Angamon, the leader of the Stoics, that Jesus had an all-night talk early during his sojourn in Rome. This man subsequently became a great

friend of Paul and proved to be one of the strong supporters of the Christian church at Rome. In substance, and restated in modern phraseology, Jesus taught Angamon:

2 §§ The standard of true values must be looked for in the spiritual world and on divine levels of eternal reality. To an ascending mortal all lower and material standards must be recognized as transient, partial, and inferior. The scientist, as such, is limited to the discovery of the relatedness of material facts. Technically, he has no right to assert that he is either materialist or idealist, for in so doing he has assumed

to forsake the attitude of a true scientist since any and all such assertions of attitude are the very essence of philosophy.

3 Unless the moral insight and the spiritual attainment of mankind are proportionately augmented, the unlimited advancement of a purely materialistic culture may eventually become a menace to civilization. A purely materialistic science harbours within itself the potential seed of the destruction of all scientific striving, for this very attitude presages the ultimate collapse of a civilization which has abandoned its sense of moral values

and has repudiated its spiritual goal of attainment.

4 The materialistic scientist and the extreme idealist are destined always to be at loggerheads. This is not true of those scientists and idealists who are in possession of a common standard of high moral values and spiritual test levels. In every age scientists and religionists must recognize that they are on trial before the bar of human need. They must eschew all warfare between themselves while they strive valiantly to justify their continued survival by enhanced devotion to the service of human progress. If the so-called sci-

ence or religion of any age is false, then must it either purify its activities or pass away before the emergence of a material science or spiritual religion of a truer and more worthy order.

2. GOOD AND EVIL

1 Mardus was the acknowledged leader of the Cynics of Rome, and he became a great friend of the scribe of Damascus. Day after day he conversed with Jesus, and night upon night he listened to his supernal teaching. Among the more important discussions with Mardus was the one designed to answer this sincere Cynic's

question about good and evil. In substance, and in XX century phraseology, Jesus said:

2 §§ My brother, good and evil are merely words symbolizing relative levels of human comprehension of the observable universe. If you are ethically lazy and socially indifferent, you can take as your standard of good the current social usages. If you are spiritually indolent and morally unprogressive, you may take as your standards of good the religious practices and traditions of your contemporaries. But the soul that survives time and emerges into eternity must make a living and

personal choice between good and evil as they are determined by the true values of the spiritual standards established by the divine spirit which the Father in heaven has sent to dwell within the heart of man. This indwelling spirit is the standard of personality survival.

3 Goodness, like truth, is always relative and unfailingly evil-contrasted. It is the perception of these qualities of goodness and truth that enables the evolving souls of men to make those personal decisions of choice which are essential to eternal survival.

4 The spiritually blind individual

who logically follows scientific dictation, social usage, and religious dogma stands in grave danger of sacrificing his moral freedom and losing his spiritual liberty. Such a soul is destined to become an intellectual parrot, a social automaton, and a slave to religious authority.

5 Goodness is always growing toward new levels of the increasing liberty of moral self-realization and spiritual personality attainment — the discovery of, and identification with, the indwelling Adjuster. An experience is good when it heightens the appreciation of beauty, augments the

moral will, enhances the discernment of truth, enlarges the capacity to love and serve one's fellows, exalts the spiritual ideals, and unifies the supreme human motives of time with the eternal plans of the indwelling Adjuster, all of which lead directly to an increased desire to do the Father's will, thereby fostering the divine passion to find God and to be more like him.

6 §§ As you ascend the universe scale of creature development, you will find increasing goodness and diminishing evil in perfect accordance with your capacity for goodness-experience and truth-discernment. The ability to en-

tertain error or experience evil will not be fully lost until the ascending human soul achieves final spirit levels.

7 Goodness is living, relative, always progressing, invariably a personal experience, and everlastingly correlated with the discernment of truth and beauty. Goodness is found in the recognition of the positive truth-values of the spiritual level, which must, in human experience, be contrasted with the negative counterpart — the shadows of potential evil.

8 §§ Until you attain Paradise levels, goodness will always be more of a quest than a possession, more of a

goal than an experience of attainment. But even as you hunger and thirst for righteousness, you experience increasing satisfaction in the partial attainment of goodness. The presence of goodness and evil in the world is in itself positive proof of the existence and reality of man's moral will, the personality, which thus identifies these values and is also able to choose between them.

9 By the time of the attainment of Paradise the ascending mortal's capacity for identifying the self with true spirit values has become so enlarged as to result in the attainment of the per-

fection of the possession of the light of life. Such a perfected spirit personality becomes so wholly, divinely, and spiritually unified with the positive and supreme qualities of goodness, beauty, and truth that there remains no possibility that such a righteous spirit would cast any negative shadow of potential evil when exposed to the searching luminosity of the divine light of the infinite Rulers of Paradise. In all such spirit personalities, goodness is no longer partial, contrastive, and comparative; it has become divinely complete and spiritually replete; it approaches the purity

and perfection of the Supreme.

10 The *possibility* of evil is necessary to moral choosing, but not the actuality thereof. A shadow is only relatively real. Actual evil is not necessary as a personal experience. Potential evil acts equally well as a decision stimulus in the realms of moral progress on the lower levels of spiritual development. Evil becomes a reality of personal experience only when a moral mind makes evil its choice.

3. TRUTH AND FAITH

1 Nabon was a Greek Jew and foremost among the leaders of the chief

mystery cult in Rome, the Mithraic. While this high priest of Mithraism held many conferences with the Damascus scribe, he was most permanently influenced by their discussion of truth and faith one evening. Nabon had thought to make a convert of Jesus and had even suggested that he return to Palestine as a Mithraic teacher. He little realized that Jesus was preparing him to become one of the early converts to the gospel of the kingdom. Restated in modern phraseology, the substance of Jesus' teaching was:

2 §§ Truth cannot be defined with words, only by living. Truth is al-

ways more than knowledge. Knowledge pertains to things observed, but truth transcends such purely material levels in that it consorts with wisdom and embraces such imponderables as human experience, even spiritual and living realities. Knowledge originates in science; wisdom, in true philosophy; truth, in the religious experience of spiritual living. Knowledge deals with facts; wisdom, with relationships; truth, with reality values.

3 Man tends to crystallize science, formulate philosophy, and dogmatize truth because he is mentally lazy in adjusting to the progressive struggles of

living, while he is also terribly afraid of the unknown. Natural man is slow to initiate changes in his habits of thinking and in his techniques of living.

4 Revealed truth, personally discovered truth, is the supreme delight of the human soul; it is the joint creation of the material mind and the indwelling spirit. The eternal salvation of this truth-discerning and beauty-loving soul is assured by that hunger and thirst for goodness which leads this mortal to develop a singleness of purpose to do the Father's will, to find God and to become like him. There is never conflict between true knowl-

edge and truth. There may be conflict between knowledge and human beliefs, beliefs coloured with prejudice, distorted by fear, and dominated by the dread of facing new facts of material discovery or spiritual progress.

5 But truth can never become man's possession without the exercise of faith. This is true because man's thoughts, wisdom, ethics, and ideals will never rise higher than his faith, his sublime hope. And all such true faith is predicated on profound reflection, sincere self-criticism, and uncompromising moral consciousness. Faith is the inspiration of the spiritized cre-

ative imagination.

6 Faith acts to release the superhuman activities of the divine spark, the immortal germ, that lives within the mind of man, and which is the potential of eternal survival. Plants and animals survive in time by the technique of passing on from one generation to another identical particles of themselves. The human soul (personality) of man survives mortal death by identity association with this indwelling spark of divinity, which is immortal, and which functions to perpetuate the human personality upon a continuing and higher level of pro-

gressive universe existence. The concealed seed of the human soul is an immortal spirit. The second generation of the soul is the first of a succession of personality manifestations of spiritual and progressing existences, terminating only when this divine entity attains the source of its existence, the personal source of all existence, God, the Universal Father.

7 Human life continues — survives — because it has a universe function, the task of finding God. The faith-activated soul of man cannot stop short of the attainment of this goal of destiny; and when it does once achieve

this divine goal, it can never end because it has become like God — eternal.

8 §§ Spiritual evolution is an experience of the increasing and voluntary choice of goodness attended by an equal and progressive diminution of the possibility of evil. With the attainment of finality of choice for goodness and of completed capacity for truth appreciation, there comes into existence a perfection of beauty and holiness whose righteousness eternally inhibits the possibility of the emergence of even the concept of potential evil. Such a God-knowing soul casts no

shadow of doubting evil when functioning on such a high spirit level of divine goodness.

9 The presence of the Paradise spirit in the mind of man constitutes the revelation promise and the faith pledge of an eternal existence of divine progression for every soul seeking to achieve identity with this immortal and indwelling spirit fragment of the Universal Father.

10 Universe progress is characterized by increasing personality freedom because it is associated with the progressive attainment of higher and higher levels of self-understanding and con-

sequent voluntary self-restraint. The attainment of perfection of spiritual self-restraint equals completeness of universe freedom and personal liberty. Faith fosters and maintains man's soul in the midst of the confusion of his early orientation in such a vast universe, whereas prayer becomes the great unifier of the various inspirations of the creative imagination and the faith urges of a soul trying to identify itself with the spirit ideals of the indwelling and associated divine presence.

11 §§ Nabon was greatly impressed by these words, as he was by each of his

talks with Jesus. These truths continued to burn within his heart, and he was of great assistance to the later arriving preachers of Jesus' gospel.

4. PERSONAL MINISTRY

1 Jesus did not devote all his leisure while in Rome to this work of preparing men and women to become future disciples in the oncoming kingdom. He spent much time gaining an intimate knowledge of all races and classes of men who lived in this, the largest and most cosmopolitan city of the world. In each of these numerous human contacts Jesus had a dou-

ble purpose: He desired to learn their reactions to the life they were living in the flesh, and he was also minded to say or do something to make that life richer and more worth while. His religious teachings during these weeks were no different than those which characterized his later life as teacher of the twelve and preacher to the multitudes.

2 Always the burden of his message was: the fact of the heavenly Father's love and the truth of his mercy, coupled with the good news that man is a faith-son of this same God of love. Jesus' usual technique of social

contact was to draw people out and into talking with him by asking them questions. The interview would usually begin by his asking them questions and end by their asking him questions. He was equally adept in teaching by either asking or answering questions. As a rule, to those he taught the most, he said the least. Those who derived most benefit from his personal ministry were overburdened, anxious, and dejected mortals who gained much relief because of the opportunity to unburden their souls to a sympathetic and understanding listener, and he was all that and more.

And when these maladjusted human beings had told Jesus about their troubles, always was he able to offer practical and immediately helpful suggestions looking toward the correction of their real difficulties, albeit he did not neglect to speak words of present comfort and immediate consolation. And invariably would he tell these distressed mortals about the love of God and impart the information, by various and sundry methods, that they were the children of this loving Father in heaven.

3 In this manner, during the sojourn in Rome, Jesus personally came

into affectionate and uplifting contact with upward of 500 mortals of the realm. He thus gained a knowledge of the different races of mankind which he could never have acquired in Jerusalem and hardly even in Alexandria. He always regarded this six months as one of the richest and most informative of any like period of his earth life.

4 As might have been expected, such a versatile and aggressive man could not thus function for six months in the world's metropolis without being approached by numerous persons who desired to secure his services in connection with some busi-

ness or, more often, for some project of teaching, social reform, or religious movement. More than a dozen such proffers were made, and he utilized each one as an opportunity for imparting some thought of spiritual ennoblement by well-chosen words or by some obliging service. Jesus was very fond of doing things — even little things — for all sorts of people.

5 §§ He talked with a Roman senator on politics and statesmanship, and this one contact with Jesus made such an impression on this legislator that he spent the rest of his life vainly trying to induce his colleagues to change

the course of the ruling policy from the idea of the government supporting and feeding the people to that of the people supporting the government. Jesus spent one evening with a wealthy slaveholder, talked about man as a son of God, and the next day this man, Claudius, gave freedom to 117 slaves. He visited at dinner with a Greek physician, telling him that his patients had minds and souls as well as bodies, and thus led this able doctor to attempt a more far-reaching ministry to his fellow men. He talked with all sorts of people in every walk of life. The only place in Rome he did not

visit was the public baths. He refused to accompany his friends to the baths because of the sex promiscuity which there prevailed.

6 §§ To a Roman soldier, as they walked along the Tiber, he said: "Be brave of heart as well as of hand. Dare to do justice and be big enough to show mercy. Compel your lower nature to obey your higher nature as you obey your superiors. Revere goodness and exalt truth. Choose the beautiful in place of the ugly. Love your fellows and reach out for God with a whole heart, for God is your Father in heaven."

7 §§ To the speaker at the forum he said: "Your eloquence is pleasing, your logic is admirable, your voice is pleasant, but your teaching is hardly true. If you could only enjoy the inspiring satisfaction of knowing God as your spiritual Father, then you might employ your powers of speech to liberate your fellows from the bondage of darkness and from the slavery of ignorance." This was the Marcus who heard Peter preach in Rome and became his successor. When they crucified Simon Peter, it was this man who defied the Roman persecutors and boldly continued to preach the new gospel.

8 §§ Meeting a poor man who had been falsely accused, Jesus went with him before the magistrate and, having been granted special permission to appear in his behalf, made that superb address in the course of which he said: "Justice makes a nation great, and the greater a nation the more solicitous will it be to see that injustice shall not befall even its most humble citizen. Woe upon any nation when only those who possess money and influence can secure ready justice before its courts! It is the sacred duty of a magistrate to acquit the innocent as well as to punish the guilty. Upon the impartial-

ity, fairness, and integrity of its courts the endurance of a nation depends. Civil government is founded on justice, even as true religion is founded on mercy." The judge reopened the case, and when the evidence had been sifted, he discharged the prisoner. Of all Jesus' activities during these days of personal ministry, this came the nearest to being a public appearance.

5. COUNSELLING THE RICH MAN

1 A certain rich man, a Roman citizen and a Stoic, became greatly interested in Jesus' teaching, having been introduced by Angamon. After many

intimate conferences this wealthy citizen asked Jesus what he would do with wealth if he had it, and Jesus answered him: "I would bestow material wealth for the enhancement of material life, even as I would minister knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual service for the enrichment of the intellectual life, the ennoblement of the social life, and the advancement of the spiritual life. I would administer material wealth as a wise and effective trustee of the resources of one generation for the benefit and ennoblement of the next and succeeding generations."

2 But the rich man was not fully sat-

isfied with Jesus' answer. He made bold to ask again: "But what do you think a man in my position should do with his wealth? Should I keep it, or should I give it away?" And when Jesus perceived that he really desired to know more of the truth about his loyalty to God and his duty to men, he further answered: "My good friend, I discern that you are a sincere seeker after wisdom and an honest lover of truth; therefore am I minded to lay before you my view of the solution of your problems having to do with the responsibilities of wealth. I do this because you have *asked* for my

counsel, and in giving you this advice, I am not concerned with the wealth of any other rich man; I am offering advice only to you and for your personal guidance. If you honestly desire to regard your wealth as a trust, if you really wish to become a wise and efficient steward of your accumulated wealth, then would I counsel you to make the following analysis of the sources of your riches: Ask yourself, and do your best to find the honest answer, whence came this wealth? And as a help in the study of the sources of your great fortune, I would suggest that you bear in mind the following

ten different methods of amassing material wealth:

3 " 1. Inherited wealth — riches derived from parents and other ancestors.

4 " 2. Discovered wealth — riches derived from the uncultivated resources of mother earth.

5 " 3. Trade wealth — riches obtained as a fair profit in the exchange and barter of material goods.

6 " 4. Unfair wealth — riches derived from the unfair exploitation or the enslavement of one's fellows.

7 " 5. Interest wealth — income

derived from the fair and just earning possibilities of invested capital.

8 " 6. Genius wealth — riches accruing from the rewards of the creative and inventive endowments of the human mind.

9 " 7. Accidental wealth — riches derived from the generosity of one's fellows or taking origin in the circumstances of life.

10 " 8. Stolen wealth — riches secured by unfairness, dishonesty, theft, or fraud.

11 " 9. Trust funds — wealth lodged in your hands by your fellows for some specific use, now or in the future.

12 "10. Earned wealth — riches derived directly from your own personal labour, the fair and just reward of your own daily efforts of mind and body.

13 §§ "And so, my friend, if you would be a faithful and just steward of your large fortune, before God and in service to men, you must approximately divide your wealth into these ten grand divisions, and then proceed to administer each portion in accordance with the wise and honest interpretation of the laws of justice, equity, fairness, and true efficiency; albeit, the God of heaven would not condemn you if sometimes you erred, in doubt-

ful situations, on the side of merciful and unselfish regard for the distress of the suffering victims of the unfortunate circumstances of mortal life. When in honest doubt about the equity and justice of material situations, let your decisions favour those who are in need, favour those who suffer the misfortune of undeserved hardships."

14 After discussing these matters for several hours and in response to the rich man's request for further and more detailed instruction, Jesus went on to amplify his advice, in substance saying: "While I offer further suggestions concerning your attitude toward

wealth, I would admonish you to receive my counsel as given only to you and for your personal guidance. I speak only for myself and to you as an inquiring friend. I adjure you not to become a dictator as to how other rich men shall regard their wealth. I would advise you:

15 §§ " 1. As steward of inherited wealth you should consider its sources. You are under moral obligation to represent the past generation in the honest transmittal of legitimate wealth to succeeding generations after subtracting a fair toll for the benefit of the present generation. But you are not

obligated to perpetuate any dishonesty or injustice involved in the unfair accumulation of wealth by your ancestors. Any portion of your inherited wealth which turns out to have been derived through fraud or unfairness, you may disburse in accordance with your convictions of justice, generosity, and restitution. The remainder of your legitimate inherited wealth you may use in equity and transmit in security as the trustee of one generation for another. Wise discrimination and sound judgment should dictate your decisions regarding the bequest of riches to your successors.

16 §§ “ 2. Everyone who enjoys wealth as a result of discovery should remember that one individual can live on earth but a short season and should, therefore, make adequate provision for the sharing of these discoveries in helpful ways by the largest possible number of his fellow men. While the discoverer should not be denied all reward for efforts of discovery, neither should he selfishly presume to lay claim to all of the advantages and blessings to be derived from the uncovering of nature’s hoarded resources.

17 §§ “ 3. As long as men choose to

conduct the world's business by trade and barter, they are entitled to a fair and legitimate profit. Every tradesman deserves wages for his services; the merchant is entitled to his hire. The fairness of trade and the honest treatment accorded one's fellows in the organized business of the world create many different sorts of profit wealth, and all these sources of wealth must be judged by the highest principles of justice, honesty, and fairness. The honest trader should not hesitate to take the same profit which he would gladly accord his fellow trader in a similar transaction. While this

sort of wealth is not identical with individually earned income when business dealings are conducted on a large scale, at the same time, such honestly accumulated wealth endows its possessor with a considerable equity as regards a voice in its subsequent distribution.

18 §§ " 4. No mortal who knows God and seeks to do the divine will can stoop to engage in the oppressions of wealth. No noble man will strive to accumulate riches and amass wealth-power by the enslavement or unfair exploitation of his brothers in the flesh. Riches are a moral curse

and a spiritual stigma when they are derived from the sweat of oppressed mortal man. All such wealth should be restored to those who have thus been robbed or to their children and their children's children. An enduring civilization cannot be built upon the practice of defrauding the labourer of his hire.

19 §§ " 5. Honest wealth is entitled to interest. As long as men borrow and lend, that which is fair interest may be collected provided the capital lent was legitimate wealth. First cleanse your capital before you lay claim to the interest. Do not become so small

and grasping that you would stoop to the practice of usury. Never permit yourself to be so selfish as to employ money-power to gain unfair advantage over your struggling fellows. Yield not to the temptation to take usury from your brother in financial distress.

20 §§ “ 6. If you chance to secure wealth by flights of genius, if your riches are derived from the rewards of inventive endowment, do not lay claim to an unfair portion of such rewards. The genius owes something to both his ancestors and his progeny; likewise is he under obligation to the

race, nation, and circumstances of his inventive discoveries; he should also remember that it was as man among men that he laboured and wrought out his inventions. It would be equally unjust to deprive the genius of all his increment of wealth. And it will ever be impossible for men to establish rules and regulations applicable equally to all these problems of the equitable distribution of wealth. You must first recognize man as your brother, and if you honestly desire to do by him as you would have him do by you, the commonplace dictates of justice, honesty, and fairness will guide you in the just

and impartial settlement of every recurring problem of economic rewards and social justice.

21 §§ “ 7. Except for the just and legitimate fees earned in administration, no man should lay personal claim to that wealth which time and chance may cause to fall into his hands. Accidental riches should be regarded somewhat in the light of a trust to be expended for the benefit of one’s social or economic group. The possessors of such wealth should be accorded the major voice in the determination of the wise and effective distribution of such unearned resources. Civilized

man will not always look upon all that he controls as his personal and private possession.

22 §§ “ 8. If any portion of your fortune has been knowingly derived from fraud; if aught of your wealth has been accumulated by dishonest practices or unfair methods; if your riches are the product of unjust dealings with your fellows, make haste to restore all these ill-gotten gains to the rightful owners. Make full amends and thus cleanse your fortune of all dishonest riches.

23 §§ “ 9. The trusteeship of the wealth of one person for the benefit of others is a solemn and sacred respon-

sibility. Do not hazard or jeopardize such a trust. Take for yourself of any trust only that which all honest men would allow.

24 §§ "10. That part of your fortune which represents the earnings of your own mental and physical efforts — if your work has been done in fairness and equity — is truly your own. No man can gainsay your right to hold and use such wealth as you may see fit provided your exercise of this right does not work harm upon your fellows."

25 §§ When Jesus had finished counselling him, this wealthy Roman arose

from his couch and, in saying farewell for the night, delivered himself of this promise: "My good friend, I perceive you are a man of great wisdom and goodness, and tomorrow I will begin the administration of all my wealth in accordance with your counsel."

6. SOCIAL MINISTRY

1 Here in Rome also occurred that touching incident in which the Creator of a universe spent several hours restoring a lost child to his anxious mother. This little boy had wandered away from his home, and Jesus found him crying in distress. He and Ganid

were on their way to the libraries, but they devoted themselves to getting the child back home. Ganid never forgot Jesus' comment: "You know, Ganid, most human beings are like the lost child. They spend much of their time crying in fear and suffering in sorrow when, in very truth, they are but a short distance from safety and security, even as this child was only a little way from home. And all those who know the way of truth and enjoy the assurance of knowing God should esteem it a privilege, not a duty, to offer guidance to their fellows in their efforts to find the satisfactions of liv-

ing. Did we not supremely enjoy this ministry of restoring the child to his mother? So do those who lead men to God experience the supreme satisfaction of human service." And from that day forward, for the remainder of his natural life, Ganid was continually on the lookout for lost children whom he might restore to their homes.

2 §§ There was the widow with five children whose husband had been accidentally killed. Jesus told Ganid about the loss of his own father by an accident, and they went repeatedly to comfort this mother and her children, while Ganid sought money from his

father to provide food and clothing. They did not cease their efforts until they had found a position for the eldest boy so that he could help in the care of the family.

3 §§ That night, as Gonod listened to the recital of these experiences, he said to Jesus, good-naturedly: "I propose to make a scholar or a businessman of my son, and now you start out to make a philosopher or philanthropist of him." And Jesus smilingly replied: "Perhaps we will make him all four; then can he enjoy a fourfold satisfaction in life as his ear for the recognition of human melody will be able to rec-

ognize four tones instead of one." Then said Gonod: "I perceive that you really are a philosopher. You must write a book for future generations." And Jesus replied: "Not a book — my mission is to live a life in this generation and for all generations. I — " but he stopped, saying to Ganid, "My son, it is time to retire."

7. TRIPS ABOUT ROME

1 Jesus, Gonod, and Ganid made five trips away from Rome to points of interest in the surrounding territory. On their visit to the northern Italian lakes Jesus had the long talk with

Ganid concerning the impossibility of teaching a man about God if the man does not desire to know God. They had casually met a thoughtless pagan while on their journey up to the lakes, and Ganid was surprised that Jesus did not follow out his usual practice of enlisting the man in conversation which would naturally lead up to the discussion of spiritual questions. When Ganid asked his teacher why he evinced so little interest in this pagan, Jesus answered:

2 §§ "Ganid, the man was not hungry for truth. He was not dissatisfied with himself. He was not ready to ask

for help, and the eyes of his mind were not open to receive light for the soul. That man was not ripe for the harvest of salvation; he must be allowed more time for the trials and difficulties of life to prepare him for the reception of wisdom and higher learning. Or, if we could have him live with us, we might by our lives show him the Father in heaven, and thus would he become so attracted by our lives as sons of God that he would be constrained to inquire about our Father. You cannot reveal God to those who do not seek for him; you cannot lead unwilling souls into the joys of salvation. Man must

become hungry for truth as a result of the experiences of living, or he must desire to know God as the result of contact with the lives of those who are acquainted with the divine Father before another human being can act as the means of leading such a fellow mortal to the Father in heaven. If we know God, our real business on earth is so to live as to permit the Father to reveal himself in our lives, and thus will all God-seeking persons see the Father and ask for our help in finding out more about the God who in this manner finds expression in our lives."

3 §§ It was on the visit to Switzer-

land, up in the mountains, that Jesus had an all-day talk with both father and son about Buddhism. Many times Ganid had asked Jesus direct questions about Buddha, but he had always received more or less evasive replies. Now, in the presence of the son, the father asked Jesus a direct question about Buddha, and he received a direct reply. Said Gonod: "I would really like to know what you think of Buddha." And Jesus answered:

4 "Your Buddha was much better than your Buddhism. Buddha was a great man, even a prophet to his people, but he was an orphan prophet;

by that I mean that he early lost sight of his spiritual Father, the Father in heaven. His experience was tragic. He tried to live and teach as a messenger of God, but without God. Buddha guided his ship of salvation right up to the safe harbour, right up to the entrance to the haven of mortal salvation, and there, because of faulty charts of navigation, the good ship ran aground. There it has rested these many generations, motionless and almost hopelessly stranded. And thereon have many of your people remained all these years. They live within hailing distance of the safe wa-

ters of rest, but they refuse to enter because the noble craft of the good Buddha met the misfortune of grounding just outside the harbour. And the Buddhist peoples never will enter this harbour unless they abandon the philosophic craft of their prophet and seize upon his noble spirit. Had your people remained true to the spirit of Buddha, you would have long since entered your haven of spirit tranquillity, soul rest, and assurance of salvation.

5 "You see, Gonod, Buddha knew God in spirit but failed clearly to discover him in mind; the Jews discov-

ered God in mind but largely failed to know him in spirit. Today, the Buddhists flounder about in a philosophy without God, while my people are piteously enslaved to the fear of a God without a saving philosophy of life and liberty. You have a philosophy without a God; the Jews have a God but are largely without a philosophy of living as related thereto. Buddha, failing to envision God as a spirit and as a Father, failed to provide in his teaching the moral energy and the spiritual driving power which a religion must possess if it is to change a race and exalt a nation."

6 Then exclaimed Ganid: "Teacher, let's you and I make a new religion, one good enough for India and big enough for Rome, and maybe we can trade it to the Jews for Yahweh." And Jesus replied: "Ganid, religions are not made. The religions of men grow up over long periods of time, while the revelations of God flash upon earth in the lives of the men who reveal God to their fellows." But they did not comprehend the meaning of these prophetic words.

7 §§ That night after they had retired, Ganid could not sleep. He talked a long time with his father and finally

said, "You know, father, I sometimes think Joshua is a prophet." And his father only sleepily replied, "My son, there are others — "

8 From this day, for the remainder of his natural life, Ganid continued to evolve a religion of his own. He was mightily moved in his own mind by Jesus' broadmindedness, fairness, and tolerance. In all their discussions of philosophy and religion this youth never experienced feelings of resentment or reactions of antagonism.

9 §§ What a scene for the celestial intelligences to behold, this spectacle of the Indian lad proposing to

the Creator of a universe that they make a new religion! And though the young man did not know it, they were making a new and everlasting religion right then and there — this new way of salvation, the revelation of God to man through, and in, Jesus. That which the lad wanted most to do he was unconsciously actually doing. And it was, and is, ever thus. That which the enlightened and reflective human imagination of spiritual teaching and leading wholeheartedly and unselfishly wants to do and be, becomes measurably creative in accordance with the degree of mortal

dedication to the divine doing of the Father's will. When man goes in partnership with God, great things may, and do, happen.

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THE RETURN FROM ROME

Midwayer Commission

When preparing to leave Rome, Jesus said good-bye to none of his friends. The scribe of Damascus appeared in Rome without announcement and disappeared in like manner. It was a full year before those who knew and loved him gave up hope of seeing him again. Before the end of the second year small groups of those who had known him found themselves drawn together by

their common interest in his teachings and through mutual memory of their good times with him. And these small groups of Stoics, Cynics, and mystery cultists continued to hold these irregular and informal meetings right up to the time of the appearance in Rome of the first preachers of the Christian religion.

2 §§ Gonod and Ganid had purchased so many things in Alexandria and Rome that they sent all their belongings on ahead by pack train to Tarentum, while the three travellers walked leisurely across Italy over the great Appian Way. On this journey

they encountered all sorts of human beings. Many noble Roman citizens and Greek colonists lived along this road, but already the progeny of great numbers of inferior slaves were beginning to make their appearance.

3 One day while resting at lunch, about halfway to Tarentum, Ganid asked Jesus a direct question as to what he thought of India's caste system. Said Jesus: "Though human beings differ in many ways, the one from another, before God and in the spiritual world all mortals stand on an equal footing. There are only two groups of mortals in the eyes of God: those who

desire to do his will and those who do not. As the universe looks upon an inhabited world, it likewise discerns two great classes: those who know God and those who do not. Those who cannot know God are reckoned among the animals of any given realm. Mankind can appropriately be divided into many classes in accordance with differing qualifications, as they may be viewed physically, mentally, socially, vocationally, or morally, but as these different classes of mortals appear before the judgment bar of God, they stand on an equal footing; God is truly no respecter of persons. Although you

cannot escape the recognition of differential human abilities and endowments in matters intellectual, social, and moral, you should make no such distinctions in the spiritual brotherhood of men when assembled for worship in the presence of God."

1. MERCY AND JUSTICE

1 A very interesting incident occurred one afternoon by the roadside as they neared Tarentum. They observed a rough and bullying youth brutally attacking a smaller lad. Jesus hastened to the assistance of the assaulted youth, and when he had res-

cued him, he tightly held on to the offender until the smaller lad had made his escape. The moment Jesus released the little bully, Ganid pounced upon the boy and began soundly to thrash him, and to Ganid's astonishment Jesus promptly interfered. After he had restrained Ganid and permitted the frightened boy to escape, the young man, as soon as he got his breath, excitedly exclaimed: "I cannot understand you, Teacher. If mercy requires that you rescue the smaller lad, does not justice demand the punishment of the larger and offending youth?" In answering, Jesus said:

2 "Ganid, it is true, you do not understand. Mercy ministry is always the work of the individual, but justice punishment is the function of the social, governmental, or universe administrative groups. As an individual I am beholden to show mercy; I must go to the rescue of the assaulted lad, and in all consistency I may employ sufficient force to restrain the aggressor. And that is just what I did. I achieved the deliverance of the assaulted lad; that was the end of mercy ministry. Then I forcibly detained the aggressor a sufficient length of time to enable the weaker party to the dis-

pute to make his escape, after which I withdrew from the affair. I did not proceed to sit in judgment on the aggressor, thus to pass upon his motive — to adjudicate all that entered into his attack upon his fellow — and then undertake to execute the punishment which my mind might dictate as just recompense for his wrongdoing. Ganid, mercy may be lavish, but justice is precise. Cannot you discern that no two persons are likely to agree as to the punishment which would satisfy the demands of justice? One would impose 40 lashes, another 20, while still another would advise solitary con-

finement as a just punishment. Can you not see that on this world such responsibilities had better rest upon the group or be administered by chosen representatives of the group? In the universe, judgment is vested in those who fully know the antecedents of all wrongdoing as well as its motivation. In civilized society and in an organized universe the administration of justice presupposes the passing of just sentence consequent upon fair judgment, and such prerogatives are vested in the juridical groups of the worlds and in the all-knowing administrators of the higher universes of all creation."

3 For days they talked about this problem of manifesting mercy and administering justice. And Ganid, at least to some extent, understood why Jesus would not engage in personal combat. But Ganid asked one last question, to which he never received a fully satisfactory answer; and that question was: "But, Teacher, if a stronger and ill-tempered creature should attack you and threaten to destroy you, what would you do? Would you make no effort to defend yourself?" Although Jesus could not fully and satisfactorily answer the lad's question, inasmuch as he was not will-

ing to disclose to him that he (Jesus) was living on earth as the exemplification of the Paradise Father's love to an onlooking universe, he did say this much:

4 "Ganid, I can well understand how some of these problems perplex you, and I will endeavour to answer your question. First, in all attacks which might be made upon my person, I would determine whether or not the aggressor was a son of God — my brother in the flesh — and if I thought such a creature did not possess moral judgment and spiritual reason, I would unhesitatingly defend myself to the

full capacity of my powers of resistance, regardless of consequences to the attacker. But I would not thus assault a fellow man of sonship status, even in self-defence. That is, I would not punish him in advance and without judgment for his assault upon me. I would by every possible artifice seek to prevent and dissuade him from making such an attack and to mitigate it in case of my failure to abort it. Ganid, I have absolute confidence in my heavenly Father's overcare; I am consecrated to doing the will of my Father in heaven. I do not believe that *real* harm can befall me; I do not believe that my

lifework can really be jeopardized by anything my enemies might wish to visit upon me, and surely we have no violence to fear from our friends. I am absolutely assured that the entire universe is friendly to me — this all-powerful truth I insist on believing with a wholehearted trust in spite of all appearances to the contrary."

5 But Ganid was not fully satisfied. Many times they talked over these matters, and Jesus told him some of his boyhood experiences and also about Jacob the stone mason's son. On learning how Jacob appointed himself to defend Jesus, Ganid said: "Oh, I begin

to see! In the first place very seldom would any normal human being want to attack such a kindly person as you, and even if anyone should be so unthinking as to do such a thing, there is pretty sure to be near at hand some other mortal who will fly to your assistance, even as you always go to the rescue of any person you observe to be in distress. In my heart, Teacher, I agree with you, but in my head I still think that if I had been Jacob, I would have enjoyed punishing those rude fellows who presumed to attack you just because they thought you would not defend yourself. I presume you are fairly

safe in your journey through life since you spend much of your time helping others and ministering to your fellows in distress — well, most likely there'll always be someone on hand to defend you." And Jesus replied: "That test has not yet come, Ganid, and when it does, we will have to abide by the Father's will." And that was about all the lad could get his teacher to say on this difficult subject of self-defence and non-resistance. On another occasion he did draw from Jesus the opinion that organized society had every right to employ force in the execution of its

just mandates.

2. EMBARKING AT TARENTUM

1 While tarrying at the ship landing, waiting for the boat to unload cargo, the travellers observed a man mistreating his wife. As was his custom, Jesus intervened in behalf of the person subjected to attack. He stepped up behind the irate husband and, tapping him gently on the shoulder, said: "My friend, may I speak with you in private for a moment?" The angry man was nonplussed by such an approach and, after a moment of embarrassing hesitation, stammered out

— "er — why — yes, what do you want with me?" When Jesus had led him to one side, he said: "My friend, I perceive that something terrible must have happened to you; I very much desire that you tell me what could happen to such a strong man to lead him to attack his wife, the mother of his children, and that right out here before all eyes. I am sure you must feel that you have some good reason for this assault. What did the woman do to deserve such treatment from her husband? As I look upon you, I think I discern in your face the love of justice if not the desire to show mercy.

I venture to say that, if you found me out by the wayside, attacked by robbers, you would unhesitatingly rush to my rescue. I dare say you have done many such brave things in the course of your life. Now, my friend, tell me what is the matter? Did the woman do something wrong, or did you foolishly lose your head and thoughtlessly assault her?" It was not so much what he said that touched this man's heart as the kindly look and the sympathetic smile which Jesus bestowed upon him at the conclusion of his remarks. Said the man: "I perceive you are a priest of the Cynics, and I am thankful you

restrained me. My wife has done no great wrong; she is a good woman, but she irritates me by the manner in which she picks on me in public, and I lose my temper. I am sorry for my lack of self-control, and I promise to try to live up to my former pledge to one of your brothers who taught me the better way many years ago. I promise you."

2 And then, in bidding him farewell, Jesus said: "My brother, always remember that man has no rightful authority over woman unless the woman has willingly and voluntarily given him such authority. Your wife has engaged to go through life with you, to help

you fight its battles, and to assume the far greater share of the burden of bearing and rearing your children; and in return for this special service it is only fair that she receive from you that special protection which man can give to woman as the partner who must carry, bear, and nurture the children. The loving care and consideration which a man is willing to bestow upon his wife and their children are the measure of that man's attainment of the higher levels of creative and spiritual self-consciousness. Do you not know that men and women are partners with God in that they co-operate to cre-

ate beings who grow up to possess themselves of the potential of immortal souls? The Father in heaven treats the Spirit Mother of the children of the universe as one equal to himself. It is Godlike to share your life and all that relates thereto on equal terms with the mother partner who so fully shares with you that divine experience of reproducing yourselves in the lives of your children. If you can only love your children as God loves you, you will love and cherish your wife as the Father in heaven honours and exalts the Infinite Spirit, the mother of all the spirit children of a vast universe."

3 As they went on board the boat, they looked back upon the scene of the teary-eyed couple standing in silent embrace. Having heard the latter half of Jesus' message to the man, Gonod was all day occupied with meditations thereon, and he resolved to reorganize his home when he returned to India.

4 The journey to Nicopolis was pleasant but slow as the wind was not favourable. The three spent many hours recounting their experiences in Rome and reminiscing about all that had happened to them since they first met in Jerusalem. Ganid was becoming imbued with the spirit of personal

ministry. He began work on the steward of the ship, but on the second day, when he got into deep religious water, he called on Joshua to help him out.

5 They spent several days at Nicopolis, the city which Augustus had founded some 50 years before as the "city of victory" in commemoration of the battle of Actium, this site being the land whereon he camped with his army before the battle. They lodged in the home of one Jeramy, a Greek proselyte of the Jewish faith, whom they had met on shipboard. The Apostle Paul spent all winter with the son of Jeramy in the same house in the course

of his third missionary journey. From Nicopolis they sailed on the same boat for Corinth, the capital of the Roman province of Achaia.

3. AT CORINTH

1 By the time they reached Corinth, Ganid was becoming very much interested in the Jewish religion, and so it was not strange that, one day as they passed the synagogue and saw the people going in, he requested Jesus to take him to the service. That day they heard a learned rabbi discourse on the "Destiny of Israel," and after the service they met one Crispus, the chief ruler

of this synagogue. Many times they went back to the synagogue services, but chiefly to meet Crispus. Ganid grew to be very fond of Crispus, his wife, and their family of five children. He much enjoyed observing how a Jew conducted his family life.

2 While Ganid studied family life, Jesus was teaching Crispus the better ways of religious living. Jesus held more than 20 sessions with this forward-looking Jew; and it is not surprising, years afterwards, when Paul was preaching in this very synagogue, and when the Jews had rejected his message and had voted to forbid his fur-

ther preaching in the synagogue, and when he then went to the gentiles, that Crispus with his entire family embraced the new religion, and that he became one of the chief supports of the Christian church which Paul subsequently organized at Corinth.

3 During the 18 months Paul preached in Corinth, being later joined by Silas and Timothy, he met many others who had been taught by the "Jewish tutor of the son of an Indian merchant."

4 At Corinth they met people of every race hailing from three continents. Next to Alexandria and Rome,

it was the most cosmopolitan city of the Mediterranean empire. There was much to attract one's attention in this city, and Ganid never grew weary of visiting the citadel which stood almost 600 m above the sea. He also spent a great deal of his spare time about the synagogue and in the home of Crispus. He was at first shocked, and later on charmed, by the status of woman in the Jewish home; it was a revelation to this young Indian.

5 Jesus and Ganid were often guests in another Jewish home, that of Justus, a devout merchant, who lived alongside the synagogue. And many times,

subsequently, when the Apostle Paul sojourned in this home, did he listen to the recounting of these visits with the Indian lad and his Jewish tutor, while both Paul and Justus wondered whatever became of such a wise and brilliant Hebrew teacher.

6 When in Rome, Ganid observed that Jesus refused to accompany them to the public baths. Several times afterwards the young man sought to induce Jesus further to express himself in regard to the relations of the sexes. Though he would answer the lad's questions, he never seemed disposed to discuss these subjects at great

length. One evening as they strolled about Corinth out near where the wall of the citadel ran down to the sea, they were accosted by two public women. Ganid had imbibed the idea, and rightly, that Jesus was a man of high ideals, and that he abhorred everything which partook of uncleanness or savoured of evil; accordingly he spoke sharply to these women and rudely motioned them away. When Jesus saw this, he said to Ganid: "You mean well, but you should not presume thus to speak to the children of God, even though they chance to be his erring children. Who are we that

we should sit in judgment on these women? Do you happen to know all of the circumstances which led them to resort to such methods of obtaining a livelihood? Stop here with me while we talk about these matters." The courtesans were astonished at what he said even more than was Ganid.

7 As they stood there in the moonlight, Jesus went on to say: "There lives within every human mind a divine spirit, the gift of the Father in heaven. This good spirit ever strives to lead us to God, to help us to find God and to know God; but also within mortals there are many natural physical ten-

dencies which the Creator put there to serve the well-being of the individual and the race. Now, oftentimes, men and women become confused in their efforts to understand themselves and to grapple with the manifold difficulties of making a living in a world so largely dominated by selfishness and sin. I perceive, Ganid, that neither of these women is wilfully wicked. I can tell by their faces that they have experienced much sorrow; they have suffered much at the hands of an apparently cruel fate; they have not intentionally chosen this sort of life; they have, in discouragement bordering on

despair, surrendered to the pressure of the hour and accepted this distasteful means of obtaining a livelihood as the best way out of a situation that to them appeared hopeless. Ganid, some people are really wicked at heart; they deliberately choose to do mean things, but, tell me, as you look into these now tear-stained faces, do you see anything bad or wicked?" And as Jesus paused for his reply, Ganid's voice choked up as he stammered out his answer: "No, Teacher, I do not. And I apologize for my rudeness to them — I crave their forgiveness." Then said Jesus: "And I bespeak for them that they have for-

given you as I speak for my Father in heaven that he has forgiven them. Now all of you come with me to a friend's house where we will seek refreshment and plan for the new and better life ahead." Up to this time the amazed women had not uttered a word; they looked at each other and silently followed as the men led the way.

8 Imagine the surprise of Justus' wife when, at this late hour, Jesus appeared with Ganid and these two strangers, saying: "You will forgive us for coming at this hour, but Ganid and I desire a bite to eat, and we would share it with

these our new-found friends, who are also in need of nourishment; and besides all this, we come to you with the thought that you will be interested in counselling with us as to the best way to help these women get a new start in life. They can tell you their story, but I surmise they have had much trouble, and their very presence here in your house testifies how earnestly they crave to know good people, and how willingly they will embrace the opportunity to show all the world — and even the angels of heaven — what brave and noble women they can become."

9 When Martha, Justus' wife, had spread the food on the table, Jesus, taking unexpected leave of them, said: "As it is getting late, and since the young man's father will be awaiting us, we pray to be excused while we leave you here together — three women — the beloved children of the Most High. And I will pray for your spiritual guidance while you make plans for a new and better life on earth and eternal life in the great beyond."

10 Thus did Jesus and Ganid take leave of the women. So far the two courtesans had said nothing; likewise was Ganid speechless. And for a few

moments so was Martha, but presently she rose to the occasion and did everything for these strangers that Jesus had hoped for. The elder of these two women died a short time thereafter, with bright hopes of eternal survival, and the younger woman worked at Justus' place of business and later became a lifelong member of the first Christian church in Corinth.

11 Several times in the home of Crispus, Jesus and Ganid met one Gaius, who subsequently became a loyal supporter of Paul. During these two months in Corinth they held intimate conversations with scores of worth-

while individuals, and as a result of all these apparently casual contacts more than half of the individuals so affected became members of the subsequent Christian community.

12 When Paul first went to Corinth, he had not intended to make a prolonged visit. But he did not know how well the Jewish tutor had prepared the way for his labours. And further, he discovered that great interest had already been aroused by Aquila and Priscilla, Aquila being one of the Cynics with whom Jesus had come in contact when in Rome. This couple were Jewish refugees from Rome, and

they quickly embraced Paul's teachings. He lived with them and worked with them, for they were also tentmakers. It was because of these circumstances that Paul prolonged his stay in Corinth.

4. PERSONAL WORK IN CORINTH

1 Jesus and Ganid had many more interesting experiences in Corinth. They had close converse with a great number of persons who greatly profited by the instruction received from Jesus.

2 §§ The miller he taught about grinding up the grains of truth in the

mill of living experience so as to render the difficult things of divine life readily receivable by even the weak and feeble among one's fellow mortals. Said Jesus: "Give the milk of truth to those who are babes in spiritual perception. In your living and loving ministry serve spiritual food in attractive form and suited to the capacity of receptivity of each of your inquirers."

3 §§ To the Roman centurion he said: "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's. The sincere service of God and the loyal service of Caesar do not conflict unless Caesar

should presume to arrogate to himself that homage which alone can be claimed by Deity. Loyalty to God, if you should come to know him, would render you all the more loyal and faithful in your devotion to a worthy emperor."

4 §§ To the earnest leader of the Mithraic cult he said: "You do well to seek for a religion of eternal salvation, but you err to go in quest of such a glorious truth among man-made mysteries and human philosophies. Know you not that the mystery of eternal salvation dwells within your own soul? Do you not know that the God of

heaven has sent his spirit to live within you, and that this spirit will lead all truth-loving and God-serving mortals out of this life and through the portals of death up to the eternal heights of light where God waits to receive his children? And never forget: You who know God are the sons of God if you truly yearn to be like him."

5 §§ To the Epicurean teacher he said: "You do well to choose the best and esteem the good, but are you wise when you fail to discern the greater things of mortal life which are embodied in the spirit realms derived from the realization of the presence of God

in the human heart? The great thing in all human experience is the realization of knowing the God whose spirit lives within you and seeks to lead you forth on that long and almost endless journey of attaining the personal presence of our common Father, the God of all creation, the Lord of universes."

6 §§ To the Greek contractor and builder he said: "My friend, as you build the material structures of men, grow a spiritual character in the similitude of the divine spirit within your soul. Do not let your achievement as a temporal builder outrun your attainment as a spiritual son of the king-

dom of heaven. While you build the mansions of time for another, neglect not to secure your title to the mansions of eternity for yourself. Ever remember, there is a city whose foundations are righteousness and truth, and whose builder and maker is God."

7 §§ To the Roman judge he said: "As you judge men, remember that you yourself will also some day come to judgment before the bar of the Rulers of a universe. Judge justly, even mercifully, even as you shall some day thus crave merciful consideration at the hands of the Supreme Arbiter. Judge as you would be judged un-

der similar circumstances, thus being guided by the spirit of the law as well as by its letter. And even as you accord justice dominated by fairness in the light of the need of those who are brought before you, so shall you have the right to expect justice tempered by mercy when you sometime stand before the Judge of all the earth."

8 §§ To the mistress of the Greek inn he said: "Minister your hospitality as one who entertains the children of the Most High. Elevate the drudgery of your daily toil to the high levels of a fine art through the increasing realization that you minister to God in the

persons whom he indwells by his spirit which has descended to live within the hearts of men, thereby seeking to transform their minds and lead their souls to the knowledge of the Paradise Father of all these bestowed gifts of the divine spirit."

9 §§ Jesus had many visits with a Chinese merchant. In saying good-bye, he admonished him: "Worship only God, who is your true spirit ancestor. Remember that the Father's spirit ever lives within you and always points your soul-direction heavenward. If you follow the unconscious leadings of this immortal spirit, you are certain

to continue on in the uplifted way of finding God. And when you do attain the Father in heaven, it will be because by seeking him you have become more and more like him. And so farewell, Chang, but only for a season, for we shall meet again in the worlds of light where the Father of spirit souls has provided many delightful stopping-places for those who are Paradise-bound."

10 §§ To the traveller from Britain he said: "My brother, I perceive you are seeking for truth, and I suggest that the spirit of the Father of all truth may chance to dwell within you. Did you

ever sincerely endeavour to talk with the spirit of your own soul? Such a thing is indeed difficult and seldom yields consciousness of success; but every honest attempt of the material mind to communicate with its indwelling spirit meets with certain success, notwithstanding that the majority of all such magnificent human experiences must long remain as superconscious registrations in the souls of such God-knowing mortals."

11 §§ To the runaway lad Jesus said: "Remember, there are two things you cannot run away from — God and yourself. Wherever you may go, you

take with you yourself and the spirit of the heavenly Father which lives within your heart. My son, stop trying to deceive yourself; settle down to the courageous practice of facing the facts of life; lay firm hold on the assurances of sonship with God and the certainty of eternal life, as I have instructed you. From this day on purpose to be a real man, a man determined to face life bravely and intelligently."

12 §§ To the condemned criminal he said at the last hour: "My brother, you have fallen on evil times. You lost your way; you became entangled in the meshes of crime. From talking to you,

I well know you did not plan to do the thing which is about to cost you your temporal life. But you did do this evil, and your fellows have adjudged you guilty; they have determined that you shall die. You or I may not deny the state this right of self-defence in the manner of its own choosing. There seems to be no way of humanly escaping the penalty of your wrongdoing. Your fellows must judge you by what you did, but there is a Judge to whom you may appeal for forgiveness, and who will judge you by your real motives and better intentions. You need not fear to meet the judgment of God

if your repentance is genuine and your faith sincere. The fact that your error carries with it the death penalty imposed by man does not prejudice the chance of your soul to obtain justice and enjoy mercy before the heavenly courts."

13 §§ Jesus enjoyed many intimate talks with a large number of hungry souls, too many to find a place in this record. The three travellers enjoyed their sojourn in Corinth. Excepting Athens, which was more renowned as an educational centre, Corinth was the most important city in Greece during these Roman times, and their

two months' stay in this thriving commercial centre afforded opportunity for all three of them to gain much valuable experience. Their sojourn in this city was one of the most interesting of all their stops on the way back from Rome.

14 Gonod had many interests in Corinth, but finally his business was finished, and they prepared to sail for Athens. They travelled on a small boat which could be carried overland on a land track from one of Corinth's harbours to the other, a distance of

16 km.

5. AT ATHENS — DISCOURSE ON SCIENCE

1 They shortly arrived at the olden centre of Greek science and learning, and Ganid was thrilled with the thought of being in Athens, of being in Greece, the cultural centre of the one-time Alexandrian empire, which had extended its borders even to his own land of India. There was little business to transact; so Gonod spent most of his time with Jesus and Ganid, visiting the many points of interest and listening to the interesting discussions of the lad and his versatile teacher.

2 A great university still thrived in Athens, and the trio made frequent visits to its halls of learning. Jesus and Ganid had thoroughly discussed the teachings of Plato when they attended the lectures in the museum at Alexandria. They all enjoyed the art of Greece, examples of which were still to be found here and there about the city.

3 Both the father and the son greatly enjoyed the discussion on science which Jesus had at their inn one evening with a Greek philosopher. After this pedant had talked for almost three hours, and when he had finished

his discourse, Jesus, in terms of modern thought, said:

4 §§ Scientists may some day measure the energy, or force manifestations, of gravitation, light, and electricity, but these same scientists can never (scientifically) tell you what these universe phenomena *are.* Science deals with physical-energy activities; religion deals with eternal values. True philosophy grows out of the wisdom which does its best to correlate these quantitative and qualitative observations. There always exists the danger that the purely physical scientist may become afflicted with math-

ematical pride and statistical egotism, not to mention spiritual blindness.

5 Logic is valid in the material world, and mathematics is reliable when limited in its application to physical things; but neither is to be regarded as wholly dependable or infallible when applied to life problems. Life embraces phenomena which are not wholly material. Arithmetic says that, if one man could shear a sheep in ten minutes, ten men could shear it in one minute. That is sound mathematics, but it is not true, for the ten men could not so do it; they would get in one another's way so badly that the

work would be greatly delayed.

6 Mathematics asserts that, if one person stands for a certain unit of intellectual and moral value, ten persons would stand for ten times this value. But in dealing with human personality it would be nearer the truth to say that such a personality association is a sum equal to the square of the number of personalities concerned in the equation rather than the simple arithmetical sum. A social group of human beings in co-ordinated working harmony stands for a force far greater than the simple sum of its parts.

7 Quantity may be identified as a

fact, thus becoming a scientific uniformity. Quality, being a matter of mind interpretation, represents an estimate of *values,* and must, therefore, remain an experience of the individual. When both science and religion become less dogmatic and more tolerant of criticism, philosophy will then begin to achieve *unity* in the intelligent comprehension of the universe.

8 There is unity in the cosmic universe if you could only discern its workings in actuality. The real universe is friendly to every child of the eternal God. The real problem is: How can the finite mind of

man achieve a logical, true, and corresponding unity of thought? This universe-knowing state of mind can be had only by conceiving that the quantitative fact and the qualitative value have a common causation in the Paradise Father. Such a conception of reality yields a broader insight into the purposeful unity of universe phenomena; it even reveals a spiritual goal of progressive personality achievement. And this is a concept of unity which can sense the unchanging background of a living universe of continually changing impersonal relations and evolving personal relation-

ships.

9 Matter and spirit and the state intervening between them are three interrelated and interassociated levels of the true unity of the real universe. Regardless of how divergent the universe phenomena of fact and value may appear to be, they are, after all, unified in the Supreme.

10 Reality of material existence attaches to unrecognized energy as well as to visible matter. When the energies of the universe are so slowed down that they acquire the requisite degree of motion, then, under favourable conditions, these same energies

become mass. And forget not, the mind which can alone perceive the presence of apparent realities is itself also real. And the fundamental cause of this universe of energy-mass, mind, and spirit, is eternal — it exists and consists in the nature and reactions of the Universal Father and his absolute co-ordinates.

11 §§ They were all more than astounded at the words of Jesus, and when the Greek took leave of them, he said: "At last my eyes have beheld a Jew who thinks something besides racial superiority and talks something besides religion." And they retired for

the night.

12 The sojourn in Athens was pleasant and profitable, but it was not particularly fruitful in its human contacts. Too many of the Athenians of that day were either intellectually proud of their reputation of another day or mentally stupid and ignorant, being the offspring of the inferior slaves of those earlier periods when there was glory in Greece and wisdom in the minds of its people. Even then, there were still many keen minds to be

found among the citizens of Athens.

6. AT EPHESUS — DISCOURSE ON THE SOUL

1 On leaving Athens, the travellers went by way of Troas to Ephesus, the capital of the Roman province of Asia. They made many trips out to the famous temple of Artemis of the Ephesians, about 3 km from the city. Artemis was the most famous goddess of all Asia Minor and a perpetuation of the still earlier mother goddess of ancient Anatolian times. The crude idol exhibited in the enormous temple dedicated to her worship was reputed to have fallen from heaven. Not all

of Ganid's early training to respect images as symbols of divinity had been eradicated, and he thought it best to purchase a little silver shrine in honour of this fertility goddess of Asia Minor. That night they talked at great length about the worship of things made with human hands.

2 On the third day of their stay they walked down by the river to observe the dredging of the harbour's mouth. At noon they talked with a young Phoenician who was homesick and much discouraged; but most of all he was envious of a certain young man who had received promotion over his

head. Jesus spoke comforting words to him and quoted the olden Hebrew proverb: "A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men."

3 Of all the large cities they visited on this tour of the Mediterranean, they here accomplished the least of value to the subsequent work of the Christian missionaries. Christianity secured its start in Ephesus largely through the efforts of Paul, who resided here more than two years, making tents for a living and conducting lectures on religion and philosophy each night in the main audience chamber of the school of Tyrannus.

4 There was a progressive thinker connected with this local school of philosophy, and Jesus had several profitable sessions with him. In the course of these talks Jesus had repeatedly used the word "soul." This learned Greek finally asked him what he meant by "soul," and he replied:

5 §§ "The soul is the self-reflective, truth-discerning, and spirit-perceiving part of man which forever elevates the human being above the level of the animal world. Self-consciousness, in and of itself, is not the soul. Moral self-consciousness is true human self-realization and constitutes the foundation

of the human soul, and the soul is that part of man which represents the potential survival value of human experience. Moral choice and spiritual attainment, the ability to know God and the urge to be like him, are the characteristics of the soul. The soul of man cannot exist apart from moral thinking and spiritual activity. A stagnant soul is a dying soul. But the soul of man is distinct from the divine spirit which dwells within the mind. The divine spirit arrives simultaneously with the first moral activity of the human mind, and that is the occasion of the birth of the soul.

6 "The saving or losing of a soul has to do with whether or not the moral consciousness attains survival status through eternal alliance with its associated immortal spirit endowment. Salvation is the spiritualization of the self-realization of the moral consciousness, which thereby becomes possessed of survival value. All forms of soul conflict consist in the lack of harmony between the moral, or spiritual, self-consciousness and the purely intellectual self-consciousness.

7 "The human soul, when matured, ennobled, and spiritualized, approaches the heavenly status in that it

comes near to being an entity intervening between the material and the spiritual, the material self and the divine spirit. The evolving soul of a human being is difficult of description and more difficult of demonstration because it is not discoverable by the methods of either material investigation or spiritual proving. Material science cannot demonstrate the existence of a soul, neither can pure spirit-testing. Notwithstanding the failure of both material science and spiritual standards to discover the existence of the human soul, every morally conscious mortal *knows* of the existence

of *his* soul as a *real* and actual personal experience."

7. THE SOJOURN AT CYPRUS — DISCOURSE ON MIND

1 Shortly the travellers set sail for Cyprus, stopping at Rhodes. They enjoyed the long water voyage and arrived at their island destination much rested in body and refreshed in spirit.

2 It was their plan to enjoy a period of real rest and play on this visit to Cyprus as their tour of the Mediterranean was drawing to a close. They landed at Paphos and at once began the assembly of supplies for their so-

journ of several weeks in the near-by mountains. On the third day after their arrival they started for the hills with their well-loaded pack animals.

3 For two weeks the trio greatly enjoyed themselves, and then, without warning, young Ganid was suddenly taken grievously ill. For two weeks he suffered from a raging fever, oftentimes becoming delirious; both Jesus and Gonod were kept busy attending the sick boy. Jesus skillfully and tenderly cared for the lad, and the father was amazed by both the gentleness and adeptness manifested in all his ministry to the afflicted youth. They

were far from human habitations, and the boy was too ill to be moved; so they prepared as best they could to nurse him back to health right there in the mountains.

4 During Ganid's convalescence of three weeks Jesus told him many interesting things about nature and her various moods. And what fun they had as they wandered over the mountains, the boy asking questions, Jesus answering them, and the father marvelling at the whole performance.

5 The last week of their sojourn in the mountains Jesus and Ganid had a long talk on the functions of the

human mind. After several hours of discussion the lad asked this question: "But, Teacher, what do you mean when you say that man experiences a higher form of self-consciousness than do the higher animals?" And as restated in modern phraseology, Jesus answered:

6 §§ My son, I have already told you much about the mind of man and the divine spirit that lives therein, but now let me emphasize that self-consciousness is a *reality.* When any animal becomes self-conscious, it becomes a primitive man. Such an attainment results from a co-ordination of function

between impersonal energy and spirit-conceiving mind, and it is this phenomenon which warrants the bestowal of an absolute focal point for the human personality, the spirit of the Father in heaven.

7 Ideas are not simply a record of sensations; ideas are sensations plus the reflective interpretations of the personal self; and the self is more than the sum of one's sensations. There begins to be something of an approach to unity in an evolving selfhood, and that unity is derived from the indwelling presence of a part of absolute unity which spiritually activates such a

self-conscious animal-origin mind.

8 No mere animal could possess a time self-consciousness. Animals possess a physiological co-ordination of associated sensation-recognition and memory thereof, but none experience a meaningful recognition of sensation or exhibit a purposeful association of these combined physical experiences such as is manifested in the conclusions of intelligent and reflective human interpretations. And this fact of self-conscious existence, associated with the reality of his subsequent spiritual experience, constitutes man a potential son of the universe and fore-

shadows his eventual attainment of the Supreme Unity of the universe.

9 Neither is the human self merely the sum of the successive states of consciousness. Without the effective functioning of a consciousness sorter and associator[1] there would not exist

[1] In 1955 text "associater". While the meaning of 'associater' is clear and that variant is found in a reference dating to 1616 in the OED, it is probably the result of a keystroke error because the common form, 'associator', is the unanimous usage elsewhere in the text. Unlike other archaic English words occasionally used in the Urantia Papers to convey unique meanings (e.g., inconcussible at 118:3.3 in the text) the ancient word-form 'associater' did not convey a meaning distinct from 'associator' and no such differentiation is apparent here. The original

sufficient unity to warrant the designation of a selfhood. Such an ununified mind could hardly attain conscious levels of human status. If the associations of consciousness were just an accident, the minds of all men would then exhibit the uncontrolled and random associations of certain phases of mental madness.

10 A human mind, built up solely out of the consciousness of physical sensations, could never attain spiritual lev-

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spelling may have been caused by a typist's inadvertent repetition of the 'er' pattern from sorter, but in any case, the committee chose to adopt the modern and consistently used form.

els; this kind of material mind would be utterly lacking in a sense of moral values and would be without a guiding sense of spiritual dominance which is so essential to achieving harmonious personality unity in time, and which is inseparable from personality survival in eternity.

11 The human mind early begins to manifest qualities which are supermaterial; the truly reflective human intellect is not altogether bound by the limits of time. That individuals so differ in their life performances indicates, not only the varying endowments of heredity and the different influences

of the environment, but also the degree of unification with the indwelling spirit of the Father which has been achieved by the self, the measure of the identification of the one with the other.

12 The human mind does not well stand the conflict of double allegiance. It is a severe strain on the soul to undergo the experience of an effort to serve both good and evil. The supremely happy and efficiently unified mind is the one wholly dedicated to the doing of the will of the Father in heaven. Unresolved conflicts destroy unity and may terminate in mind dis-

ruption. But the survival character of a soul is not fostered by attempting to secure peace of mind at any price, by the surrender of noble aspirations, and by the compromise of spiritual ideals; rather is such peace attained by the stalwart assertion of the triumph of that which is true, and this victory is achieved in the overcoming of evil with the potent force of good.

13 §§ The next day they departed for Salamis, where they embarked for Antioch on the Syrian coast.

8. AT ANTIOCH

1 Antioch was the capital of the Ro-

man province of Syria, and here the imperial governor had his residence. Antioch had 500,000 inhabitants; it was the 3rd city of the empire in size and the 1st in wickedness and flagrant immorality. Gonod had considerable business to transact; so Jesus and Ganid were much by themselves. They visited everything about this polyglot city except the grove of Daphne. Gonod and Ganid visited this notorious shrine of shame, but Jesus declined to accompany them. Such scenes were not so shocking to Indians, but they were repellent to an idealistic Hebrew.

2 Jesus became sober and reflective as he drew nearer Palestine and the end of their journey. He visited with few people in Antioch; he seldom went about in the city. After much questioning as to why his teacher manifested so little interest in Antioch, Ganid finally induced Jesus to say: "This city is not far from Palestine; maybe I shall come back here sometime."

3 §§ Ganid had a very interesting experience in Antioch. This young man had proved himself an apt pupil and already had begun to make practical use of some of Jesus' teachings. There was a certain Indian connected with

his father's business in Antioch who had become so unpleasant and disgruntled that his dismissal had been considered. When Ganid heard this, he betook himself to his father's place of business and held a long conference with his fellow countryman. This man felt he had been put at the wrong job. Ganid told him about the Father in heaven and in many ways expanded his views of religion. But of all that Ganid said, the quotation of a Hebrew proverb did the most good, and that word of wisdom was: "Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do that with all your might."

4 After preparing their luggage for the camel caravan, they passed on down to Sidon and thence over to Damascus, and after three days they made ready for the long trek across the desert sands.

9. IN MESOPOTAMIA

1 The caravan trip across the desert was not a new experience for these much-travelled men. After Ganid had watched his teacher help with the loading of their 20 camels and observed him volunteer to drive their own animal, he exclaimed, "Teacher, is there anything that you cannot do?"

Jesus only smiled, saying, "The teacher surely is not without honour in the eyes of a diligent pupil." And so they set forth for the ancient city of Ur.

2 Jesus was much interested in the early history of Ur, the birthplace of Abraham, and he was equally fascinated with the ruins and traditions of Susa, so much so that Gonod and Ganid extended their stay in these parts three weeks in order to afford Jesus more time to conduct his investigations and also to provide the better opportunity to persuade him to go back to India with them.

3 It was at Ur that Ganid had a

long talk with Jesus regarding the difference between knowledge, wisdom, and truth. And he was greatly charmed with the saying of the Hebrew wise man: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. With all your quest for knowledge, get understanding. Exalt wisdom and she will promote you. She will bring you to honour if you will but embrace her."

4 §§ At last the day came for the separation. They were all brave, especially the lad, but it was a trying ordeal. They were tearful of eye but courageous of heart. In bidding his teacher farewell, Ganid said: "Farewell, Teacher, but

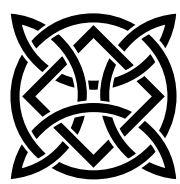
not forever. When I come again to Damascus, I will look for you. I love you, for I think the Father in heaven must be something like you; at least I know you are much like what you have told me about him. I will remember your teaching, but most of all, I will never forget you." Said the father, "Farewell to a great teacher, one who has made us better and helped us to know God." And Jesus replied, "Peace be upon you, and may the blessing of the Father in heaven ever abide with you." And Jesus stood on the shore and watched as the small boat carried them out to their anchored ship. Thus

the Master left his friends from India at Charax, never to see them again in this world; nor were they, in this world, ever to know that the man who later appeared as Jesus of Nazareth was this same friend they had just taken leave of — Joshua their teacher.

5 In India, Ganid grew up to become an influential man, a worthy successor of his eminent father, and he spread abroad many of the noble truths which he had learned from Jesus, his beloved teacher. Later on in life, when Ganid heard of the strange teacher in Palestine who terminated his career on a cross, though he rec-

ognized the similarity between the gospel of this Son of Man and the teachings of his Jewish tutor, it never occurred to him that these two were actually the same person.

6 §§ Thus ended that chapter in the life of the Son of Man which might be termed: *The mission of Joshua the teacher.*



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THE TRANSITION YEARS

Midwayer Commission

During the Mediterranean journey Jesus had carefully studied the people he met and the countries through which he passed, and at about this time he reached his final decision as to the remainder of his life on earth. He had fully considered and now finally approved the plan which provided that he be born of Jewish parents in Palestine, and he

therefore deliberately returned to Galilee to await the beginning of his life-work as a public teacher of truth; he began to lay plans for a public career in the land of his father Joseph's people, and he did this of his own free will.

2 Jesus had found out through personal and human experience that Palestine was the best place in all the Roman world wherein to set forth the closing chapters, and to enact the final scenes, of his life on earth. For the first time he became fully satisfied with the program of openly manifesting his true nature and of revealing his divine identity among the Jews and gentiles

of his native Palestine. He definitely decided to finish his life on earth and to complete his career of mortal existence in the same land in which he entered the human experience as a helpless babe. His Urantia career began among the Jews in Palestine, and he chose to terminate his life in Palestine and among the Jews.

1. THE THIRTIETH YEAR (A.D. 24)

1 After taking leave of Gonod and Ganid at Charax (in December of A.D. 23), Jesus returned by way of Ur to Babylon, where he joined a desert

caravan that was on its way to Damascus. From Damascus he went to Nazareth, stopping only a few hours at Capernaum, where he paused to call on Zebedee's family. There he met his brother James, who had sometime previously come over to work in his place in Zebedee's boatshop. After talking with James and Jude (who also chanced to be in Capernaum) and after turning over to his brother James the little house which John Zebedee had managed to buy, Jesus went on to Nazareth.

2 At the end of his Mediterranean journey Jesus had received sufficient

money to meet his living expenses almost up to the time of the beginning of his public ministry. But aside from Zebedee of Capernaum and the people whom he met on this extraordinary trip, the world never knew that he made this journey. His family always believed that he spent this time in study at Alexandria. Jesus never confirmed these beliefs, neither did he make open denial of such misunderstandings.

3 During his stay of a few weeks at Nazareth, Jesus visited with his family and friends, spent some time at the repair shop with his brother Joseph, but

devoted most of his attention to Mary and Ruth. Ruth was then nearly 15 years old, and this was Jesus' first opportunity to have long talks with her since she had become a young woman.

4 Both Simon and Jude had for some time wanted to get married, but they had disliked to do this without Jesus' consent; accordingly they had postponed these events, hoping for their eldest brother's return. Though they all regarded James as the head of the family in most matters, when it came to getting married, they wanted the blessing of Jesus. So Simon and Jude were married at a double wedding

in early March of this year, A.D. 24. All the older children were now married; only Ruth, the youngest, remained at home with Mary.

5 Jesus visited with the individual members of his family quite normally and naturally, but when they were all together, he had so little to say that they remarked about it among themselves. Mary especially was disconcerted by this unusually peculiar behaviour of her first-born son.

6 About the time Jesus was preparing to leave Nazareth, the conductor of a large caravan which was passing through the city was taken violently ill,

and Jesus, being a linguist, volunteered to take his place. Since this trip would necessitate his absence for a year, and inasmuch as all his brothers were married and his mother was living at home with Ruth, Jesus called a family conference at which he proposed that his mother and Ruth go to Capernaum to live in the home which he had so recently given to James. Accordingly, a few days after Jesus left with the caravan, Mary and Ruth moved to Capernaum, where they lived for the rest of Mary's life in the home that Jesus had provided. Joseph and his family moved into the old Nazareth home.

7 This was one of the more unusual years in the inner experience of the Son of Man; great progress was made in effecting working harmony between his human mind and the indwelling Adjuster. The Adjuster had been actively engaged in reorganizing the thinking and in rehearsing the mind for the great events which were in the not then distant future. The personality of Jesus was preparing for his great change in attitude toward the world. These were the in-between times, the transition stage of that being who began life as God appearing as man, and who was now making ready

to complete his earth career as man appearing as God.

2. THE CARAVAN TRIP TO THE CASPIAN

1 It was the first of April, A.D. 24, when Jesus left Nazareth on the caravan trip to the Caspian Sea region. The caravan which Jesus joined as its conductor was going from Jerusalem by way of Damascus and Lake Urmia through Assyria, Media, and Parthia to the south-eastern Caspian Sea region. It was a full year before he returned from this journey.

2 For Jesus this caravan trip was another adventure of exploration and

personal ministry. He had an interesting experience with his caravan family — passengers, guards, and camel drivers. Scores of men, women, and children residing along the route followed by the caravan lived richer lives as a result of their contact with Jesus, to them, the extraordinary conductor of a commonplace caravan. Not all who enjoyed these occasions of his personal ministry profited thereby, but the vast majority of those who met and talked with him were made better for the remainder of their natural lives.

3 Of all his world travels this Caspian Sea trip carried Jesus nearest

to the Orient and enabled him to gain a better understanding of the Far-Eastern peoples. He made intimate and personal contact with every one of the surviving races of Urantia excepting the red. He equally enjoyed his personal ministry to each of these varied races and blended peoples, and all of them were receptive to the living truth which he brought them. The Europeans from the Far West and the Asiatics from the Far East alike gave attention to his words of hope and eternal life and were equally influenced by the life of loving service and spiritual ministry which he so graciously lived

among them.

4 §§ The caravan trip was successful in every way. This was a most interesting episode in the human life of Jesus, for he functioned during this year in an executive capacity, being responsible for the material entrusted to his charge and for the safe conduct of the travellers making up the caravan party. And he most faithfully, efficiently, and wisely discharged his multiple duties.

5 On the return from the Caspian region, Jesus gave up the direction of the caravan at Lake Urmia, where he tarried for slightly over two weeks. He returned as a passenger with a later

caravan to Damascus, where the owners of the camels besought him to remain in their service. Declining this offer, he journeyed on with the caravan train to Capernaum, arriving the first of April, A.D. 25. No longer did he regard Nazareth as his home. Capernaum had become the home of Jesus, James, Mary, and Ruth. But Jesus never again lived with his family; when in Capernaum he made his home with the Zebedees.

3. THE URMIA LECTURES

1 On the way to the Caspian Sea, Jesus had stopped several days for rest

and recuperation at the old Persian city of Urmia on the western shores of Lake Urmia. On the largest of a group of islands situated a short distance offshore near Urmia was located a large building — a lecture amphitheatre — dedicated to the "spirit of religion." This structure was really a temple of the philosophy of religions.

2 This temple of religion had been built by a wealthy merchant citizen of Urmia and his three sons. This man was Cymboyton, and he numbered among his ancestors many diverse peoples.

3 The lectures and discussions in

this school of religion began at 10:00 every morning in the week. The afternoon sessions started at 15:00, and the evening debates opened at 20:00. Cymboyton or one of his three sons always presided at these sessions of teaching, discussion, and debate. The founder of this unique school of religions lived and died without ever revealing his personal religious beliefs.

4 On several occasions Jesus participated in these discussions, and before he left Urmia, Cymboyton arranged with Jesus to sojourn with them for two weeks on his return trip and give 24 lectures on "The Brotherhood of

Men," and to conduct 12 evening sessions of questions, discussions, and debates on his lectures in particular and on the brotherhood of men in general.

5 In accordance with this arrangement, Jesus stopped off on the return trip and delivered these lectures. This was the most systematic and formal of all the Master's teaching on Urantia. Never before or after did he say so much on one subject as was contained in these lectures and discussions on the brotherhood of men. In reality these lectures were on the "Kingdom of God" and the "Kingdoms of Men."

6 More than 30 religions and reli-

gious cults were represented on the faculty of this temple of religious philosophy. These teachers were chosen, supported, and fully accredited by their respective religious groups. At this time there were about 75 teachers on the faculty, and they lived in cottages each accommodating about a dozen persons. Every new moon these groups were changed by the casting of lots. Intolerance, a contentious spirit, or any other disposition to interfere with the smooth running of the community would bring about the prompt and summary dismissal of the offending teacher. He would be un-

ceremoniously dismissed, and his alternate in waiting would be immediately installed in his place.

7 These teachers of the various religions made a great effort to show how similar their religions were in regard to the fundamental things of this life and the next. There was but one doctrine which had to be accepted in order to gain a seat on this faculty — every teacher must represent a religion which recognized God — some sort of supreme Deity. There were five independent teachers on the faculty who did not represent any organized religion, and it was as such an indepen-

dent teacher that Jesus appeared before them.

8 §§ [When we, the midwayers, first prepared the summary of Jesus' teachings at Urmia, there arose a disagreement between the seraphim of the churches and the seraphim of progress as to the wisdom of including these teachings in the Urantia Revelation. Conditions of the XX century, prevailing in both religion and human governments, are so different from those prevailing in Jesus' day that it was indeed difficult to adapt the Master's teachings at Urmia to the problems of the kingdom of God and

the kingdoms of men as these world functions are existent in the XX century. We were never able to formulate a statement of the Master's teachings which was acceptable to both groups of these seraphim of planetary government. Finally, the Melchizedek chairman of the revelatory commission appointed a commission of three of our number to prepare our view of the Master's Urmia teachings as adapted to XX century religious and political conditions on Urantia. Accordingly, we three secondary midwayers completed such an adaptation of Jesus' teachings, restating his pro-

nouncements as we would apply them to present-day world conditions, and we now present these statements as they stand after having been edited by the Melchizedek chairman of the revelatory commission.]

4. SOVEREIGNTY — DIVINE AND HUMAN

1 The brotherhood of men is founded on the fatherhood of God. The family of God is derived from the love of God — God is love. God the Father divinely loves his children, all of them.

2 The kingdom of heaven, the divine government, is founded on the fact

of divine sovereignty — God is spirit. Since God is spirit, this kingdom is spiritual. The kingdom of heaven is neither material nor merely intellectual; it is a spiritual relationship between God and man.

3 If different religions recognize the spirit sovereignty of God the Father, then will all such religions remain at peace. Only when one religion assumes that it is in some way superior to all others, and that it possesses exclusive authority over other religions, will such a religion presume to be intolerant of other religions or dare to persecute other religious believers.

4 Religious peace — brotherhood — can never exist unless all religions are willing to completely divest themselves of all ecclesiastical authority and fully surrender all concept of spiritual sovereignty. God alone is spirit sovereign.

5 You cannot have equality among religions (religious liberty) without having religious wars unless all religions consent to the transfer of all religious sovereignty to some superhuman level, to God himself.

6 The kingdom of heaven in the hearts of men will create religious unity (not necessarily uniformity) be-

cause any and all religious groups composed of such religious believers will be free from all notions of ecclesiastical authority — religious sovereignty.

7 God is spirit, and God gives a fragment of his spirit self to dwell in the heart of man. Spiritually, all men are equal. The kingdom of heaven is free from castes, classes, social levels, and economic groups. You are all brethren.

8 But the moment you lose sight of the spirit sovereignty of God the Father, some one religion will begin to assert its superiority over other re-

ligions; and then, instead of peace on earth and good will among men, there will start dissensions, recriminations, even religious wars, at least wars among religionists.

9 Freewill beings who regard themselves as equals, unless they mutually acknowledge themselves as subject to some supersovereignty, some authority over and above themselves, sooner or later are tempted to try out their ability to gain power and authority over other persons and groups. The concept of equality never brings peace except in the mutual recognition of some overcontrolling influence of su-

persovereignty.

10 The Urmia religionists lived together in comparative peace and tranquillity because they had fully surrendered all their notions of religious sovereignty. Spiritually, they all believed in a sovereign God; socially, full and unchallengeable authority rested in their presiding head — Cymboyton. They well knew what would happen to any teacher who assumed to lord it over his fellow teachers. There can be no lasting religious peace on Urantia until all religious groups freely surrender all their notions of divine favour, chosen people, and religious sov-

ereignty. Only when God the Father becomes supreme will men become religious brothers and live together in religious peace on earth.

5. POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY

1 [While the Master's teaching concerning the sovereignty of God is a truth — only complicated by the subsequent appearance of the religion about him among the world's religions — his presentations concerning political sovereignty are vastly complicated by the political evolution of nation life during the last 1900 years and more. In the times of Jesus there

were only two great world powers — the Roman Empire in the West and the Han Empire in the East — and these were widely separated by the Parthian kingdom and other intervening lands of the Caspian and Turkestan regions. We have, therefore, in the following presentation departed more widely from the substance of the Master's teachings at Urmia concerning political sovereignty, at the same time attempting to depict the import of such teachings as they are applicable to the peculiarly critical stage of the evolution of political sovereignty in the XX century after Christ.]

2 §§ War on Urantia will never end so long as nations cling to the illusive notions of unlimited national sovereignty. There are only two levels of relative sovereignty on an inhabited world: the spiritual free will of the individual mortal and the collective sovereignty of mankind as a whole. Between the level of the individual human being and the level of the total of mankind, all groupings and associations are relative, transitory, and of value only in so far as they enhance the welfare, well-being, and progress of the individual and the planetary grand total — man and mankind.

3 Religious teachers must always remember that the spiritual sovereignty of God overrides all intervening and intermediate spiritual loyalties. Someday civil rulers will learn that the Most Highs rule in the kingdoms of men.

4 This rule of the Most Highs in the kingdoms of men is not for the especial benefit of any especially favoured group of mortals. There is no such thing as a "chosen people." The rule of the Most Highs, the overcontrollers of political evolution, is a rule designed to foster the greatest good to the greatest number of *all* men and for the greatest length of time.

5 Sovereignty is power and it grows by organization. This growth of the organization of political power is good and proper, for it tends to encompass ever-widening segments of the total of mankind. But this same growth of political organizations creates a problem at every intervening stage between the initial and natural organization of political power — the family — and the final consummation of political growth — the government of all mankind, by all mankind, and for all mankind.

6 Starting out with parental power in the family group, political sover-

eignty evolves by organization as families overlap into consanguineous clans which become united, for various reasons, into tribal units — superconsanguineous political groupings. And then, by trade, commerce, and conquest, tribes become unified as a nation, while nations themselves sometimes become unified by empire.

7 As sovereignty passes from smaller groups to larger groups, wars are lessened. That is, minor wars between smaller nations are lessened, but the potential for greater wars is increased as the nations wielding sovereignty become larger and larger. Pres-

ently, when all the world has been explored and occupied, when nations are few, strong, and powerful, when these great and supposedly sovereign nations come to touch borders, when only oceans separate them, then will the stage be set for major wars, worldwide conflicts. So-called sovereign nations cannot rub elbows without generating conflicts and eventuating wars.

8 The difficulty in the evolution of political sovereignty from the family to all mankind, lies in the inertia-resistance exhibited on all intervening levels. Families have, on occasion, defied their clan, while clans

and tribes have often been subversive of the sovereignty of the territorial state. Each new and forward evolution of political sovereignty is (and has always been) embarrassed and hampered by the "scaffolding stages" of the previous developments in political organization. And this is true because human loyalties, once mobilized, are hard to change. The same loyalty which makes possible the evolution of the tribe, makes difficult the evolution of the supertribe — the territorial state. And the same loyalty (patriotism) which makes possible the evolution of the territorial state, vastly com-

plicates the evolutionary development of the government of all mankind.

9 Political sovereignty is created out of the surrender of self-determinism, first by the individual within the family and then by the families and clans in relation to the tribe and larger groupings. This progressive transfer of self-determination from the smaller to ever larger political organizations has generally proceeded unabated in the East since the establishment of the Ming and the Mogul dynasties. In the West it obtained for more than a thousand years right on down to the end of the World War, when an unfortunate

retrograde movement temporarily reversed this normal trend by re-establishing the submerged political sovereignty of numerous small groups in Europe.

10 Urantia will not enjoy lasting peace until the so-called sovereign nations intelligently and fully surrender their sovereign powers into the hands of the brotherhood of men — mankind government. Internationalism — Leagues of Nations — can never bring permanent peace to mankind. World-wide confederations of nations will effectively prevent minor wars and acceptably control the smaller na-

tions, but they will not prevent world wars nor control the three, four, or five most powerful governments. In the face of real conflicts, one of these world powers will withdraw from the League and declare war[1]. You cannot prevent nations going to war as long as they remain infected with the delusional virus of national sovereignty. Internationalism is a step in the right direction. An international police force will prevent many minor wars, but it will not be effective in preventing major wars, conflicts between the

[1] In 1933 Germany withdrew from the League of Nations and in 1939 the World War II began.

great military governments of earth.

11 As the number of truly sovereign nations (great powers) decreases, so do both opportunity and need for mankind government increase. When there are only a few really sovereign (great) powers, either they must embark on the life and death struggle for national (imperial) supremacy, or else, by voluntary surrender of certain prerogatives of sovereignty, they must create the essential nucleus of supernational power which will serve as the beginning of the real sovereignty of all mankind.

12 §§ Peace will not come to Urantia

until every so-called sovereign nation surrenders its power to make war into the hands of a representative government of all mankind. Political sovereignty is innate with the peoples of the world. When all the peoples of Urantia create a world government, they have the right and the power to make such a government SOVEREIGN; and when such a representative or democratic world power controls the world's land, air, and naval forces, peace on earth and good will among men can prevail — but not until then.

13 To use an important XIX and XX century illustration: The 48 states of

the American Federal Union have long enjoyed peace. They have no more wars among themselves. They have surrendered their sovereignty to the federal government, and through the arbitrament of war, they have abandoned all claims to the delusions of self-determination. While each state regulates its internal affairs, it is not concerned with foreign relations, tariffs, immigration, military affairs, or interstate commerce. Neither do the individual states concern themselves with matters of citizenship. The 48 states suffer the ravages of war only when the federal government's sover-

eignty is in some way jeopardized.

14 §§ These 48 states, having abandoned the twin sophistries of sovereignty and self-determination, enjoy interstate peace and tranquillity. So will the nations of Urantia begin to enjoy peace when they freely surrender their respective sovereignties into the hands of a global government — the sovereignty of the brotherhood of men. In this world state the small nations will be as powerful as the great, even as the small state of Rhode Island has its two senators in the American Congress just the same as the populous state of New York or the large

state of Texas.

15 The limited (state) sovereignty of these 48 states was created by men and for men. The superstate (national) sovereignty of the American Federal Union was created by the original 13 of these states for their own benefit and for the benefit of men. Sometime the supernational sovereignty of the planetary government of mankind will be similarly created by nations for their own benefit and for the benefit of all men.

16 Citizens are not born for the benefit of governments; governments are organizations created and devised for

the benefit of men. There can be no end to the evolution of political sovereignty short of the appearance of the government of the sovereignty of all men. All other sovereignties are relative in value, intermediate in meaning, and subordinate in status.

17 With scientific progress, wars are going to become more and more devastating until they become almost racially suicidal. How many world wars must be fought and how many leagues of nations must fail before men will be willing to establish the government of mankind and begin to enjoy the blessings of permanent

peace and thrive on the tranquillity of good will — world-wide good will — among men?

6. LAW, LIBERTY, AND SOVEREIGNTY

1 If one man craves freedom — liberty — he must remember that *all* other men long for the same freedom. Groups of such liberty-loving mortals cannot live together in peace without becoming subservient to such laws, rules, and regulations as will grant each person the same degree of freedom while at the same time safeguarding an equal degree of freedom for all of his fellow mortals. If one man is to

be absolutely free, then another must become an absolute slave. And the relative nature of freedom is true socially, economically, and politically. Freedom is the gift of civilization made possible by the enforcement of LAW.

2 Religion makes it spiritually possible to realize the brotherhood of men, but it will require mankind government to regulate the social, economic, and political problems associated with such a goal of human happiness and efficiency.

3 There shall be wars and rumours of wars — nation will rise against nation — just as long as the world's political

sovereignty is divided up and unjustly held by a group of nation-states. England, Scotland, and Wales were always fighting each other until they gave up their respective sovereignties, reposing them in the United Kingdom.

4 Another world war will teach the so-called sovereign nations to form some sort of federation, thus creating the machinery for preventing small wars, wars between the lesser nations. But global wars will go on until the government of mankind is created. Global sovereignty will prevent global wars — nothing else can.

5 The 48 American free states live

together in peace. There are among the citizens of these 48 states all of the various nationalities and races that live in the ever-warring nations of Europe. These Americans represent almost all the religions and religious sects and cults of the whole wide world, and yet here in North America they live together in peace. And all this is made possible because these 48 states have surrendered their sovereignty and have abandoned all notions of the supposed rights of self-determination.

6 It is not a question of armaments or disarmament. Neither does the

question of conscription or voluntary military service enter into these problems of maintaining world-wide peace. If you take every form of modern mechanical armaments and all types of explosives away from strong nations, they will fight with fists, stones, and clubs as long as they cling to their delusions of the divine right of national sovereignty.

7 War is not man's great and terrible disease; war is a symptom, a result. The real disease is the virus of national sovereignty.

8 Urantia nations have not possessed real sovereignty; they never

have had a sovereignty which could protect them from the ravages and devastations of world wars. In the creation of the global government of mankind, the nations are not giving up sovereignty so much as they are actually creating a real, bona fide, and lasting world sovereignty which will henceforth be fully able to protect them from all war. Local affairs will be handled by local governments; national affairs, by national governments; international affairs will be administered by global government.

9 World peace cannot be maintained by treaties, diplomacy, foreign

policies, alliances, balances of power, or any other type of makeshift juggling with the sovereignties of nationalism. World law must come into being and must be enforced by world government — the sovereignty of all mankind.

10 The individual will enjoy far more liberty under world government. Today, the citizens of the great powers are taxed, regulated, and controlled almost oppressively, and much of this present interference with individual liberties will vanish when the national governments are willing to trustee their sovereignty as regards in-

ternational affairs into the hands of global government.

11 Under global government the national groups will be afforded a real opportunity to realize and enjoy the personal liberties of genuine democracy. The fallacy of self-determination will be ended. With global regulation of money and trade will come the new era of world-wide peace. Soon may a global language evolve, and there will be at least some hope of sometime having a global religion — or religions with a global viewpoint.

12 Collective security will never afford peace until the collectivity in-

cludes all mankind.

13 The political sovereignty of representative mankind government will bring lasting peace on earth, and the spiritual brotherhood of man will forever ensure good will among all men. And there is no other way whereby peace on earth and good will among men can be realized.

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15 After the death of Cymboyton, his sons encountered great difficulties in maintaining a peaceful faculty. The repercussions of Jesus' teachings

would have been much greater if the later Christian teachers who joined the Urmia faculty had exhibited more wisdom and exercised more tolerance.

16 Cymboyton's eldest son had appealed to Abner at Philadelphia for help, but Abner's choice of teachers was most unfortunate in that they turned out to be unyielding and uncompromising. These teachers sought to make their religion dominant over the other beliefs. They never suspected that the oft-referred-to lectures of the caravan conductor had been delivered by Jesus himself.

17 As confusion increased in the fac-

ulty, the three brothers withdrew their financial support, and after five years the school closed. Later it was reopened as a Mithraic temple and eventually burned down in connection with one of their orgiastic celebrations.

7. THE THIRTY-FIRST YEAR (A.D. 25)

1 When Jesus returned from the journey to the Caspian Sea, he knew that his world travels were about finished. He made only one more trip outside of Palestine, and that was into Syria. After a brief visit to Capernaum, he went to Nazareth, stopping over a

few days to visit. In the middle of April he left Nazareth for Tyre. From there he journeyed on north, tarrying for a few days at Sidon, but his destination was Antioch.

2 This is the year of Jesus' solitary wanderings through Palestine and Syria. Throughout this year of travel he was known by various names in different parts of the country: the carpenter of Nazareth, the boatbuilder of Capernaum, the scribe of Damascus, and the teacher of Alexandria.

3 At Antioch the Son of Man lived for over two months, working, observing, studying, visiting, minister-

ing, and all the while learning how man lives, how he thinks, feels, and reacts to the environment of human existence. For three weeks of this period he worked as a tentmaker. He remained longer in Antioch than at any other place he visited on this trip. 10 years later, when the Apostle Paul was preaching in Antioch and heard his followers speak of the doctrines of the *Damascus scribe,* he little knew that his pupils had heard the voice, and listened to the teachings, of the Master himself.

4 From Antioch Jesus journeyed south along the coast to Caesarea,

where he tarried for a few weeks, continuing down the coast to Joppa. From Joppa he travelled inland to Jamnia, Ashdod, and Gaza. From Gaza he took the inland trail to Beersheba, where he remained for a week.

5 Jesus then started on his final tour, as a private individual, through the heart of Palestine, going from Beersheba in the south to Dan in the north. On this journey northward he stopped at Hebron, Bethlehem (where he saw his birthplace), Jerusalem (he did not visit Bethany),

Beeroth, Lebonah, Sychar, Shechem[1], Samaria, Geba, En-Gannim, Endor, Madon; passing through Magdala and Capernaum, he journeyed on north; and passing east of the Waters of Merom, he went by Karahta to Dan, or Caesarea-Philippi.

6 The indwelling Thought Adjuster now led Jesus to forsake the dwelling places of men and betake himself up to Mount Hermon that he might finish his work of mastering his human mind and complete the task of effecting his full consecration to the remainder of

[1] In 1955 text "Schecham". See also 186:3.2.

his lifework on earth.

7 This was one of those unusual and extraordinary epochs in the Master's earth life on Urantia. Another and very similar one was the experience he passed through when alone in the hills near Pella just subsequent to his baptism. This period of isolation on Mount Hermon marked the termination of his purely human career, that is, the technical termination of the mortal bestowal, while the later isolation marked the beginning of the more divine phase of the bestowal. And Jesus lived alone with God for six weeks on

the slopes of Mount Hermon.

8. THE SOJOURN ON MOUNT HERMON

1 After spending some time in the vicinity of Caesarea-Philippi, Jesus made ready his supplies, and securing a beast of burden and a lad named Tiglath, he proceeded along the Damascus road to a village sometime known as Beit Jenn in the foothills of Mount Hermon. Here, near the middle of August, A.D. 25, he established his headquarters, and leaving his supplies in the custody of Tiglath, he ascended the lonely slopes of the mountain. Tiglath accompanied Jesus this

first day up the mountain to a designated point about 1.8 km above sea level, where they built a stone container in which Tiglath was to deposit food twice a week.

2 The first day, after he had left Tiglath, Jesus had ascended the mountain only a short way when he paused to pray. Among other things he asked his Father to send back the guardian seraphim to "be with Tiglath." He requested that he be permitted to go up to his last struggle with the realities of mortal existence alone. And his request was granted. He went into the great test with only his in-

dwelling Adjuster to guide and sustain him.

3 §§ Jesus ate frugally while on the mountain; he abstained from all food only a day or two at a time. The superhuman beings who confronted him on this mountain, and with whom he wrestled in spirit, and whom he defeated in power, were *real;* they were his archenemies in the system of Satania; they were not phantasms of the imagination evolved out of the intellectual vagaries of a weakened and starving mortal who could not distinguish reality from the visions of a disordered mind.

4 Jesus spent the last three weeks of August and the first three weeks of September on Mount Hermon. During these weeks he finished the mortal task of achieving the circles of mind-understanding and personality-control. Throughout this period of communion with his heavenly Father the indwelling Adjuster also completed the assigned services. The mortal goal of this earth creature was there attained. Only the final phase of mind and Adjuster attunement remained to be consummated.

5 After more than five weeks of unbroken communion with his Paradise

Father, Jesus became absolutely assured of his nature and of the certainty of his triumph over the material levels of time-space personality manifestation. He fully believed in, and did not hesitate to assert, the ascendancy of his divine nature over his human nature.

6 §§ Near the end of the mountain sojourn Jesus asked his Father if he might be permitted to hold conference with his Satania enemies as the Son of Man, as Joshua ben Joseph. This request was granted. During the last week on Mount Hermon the great temptation, the universe trial, oc-

curred. Satan (representing Lucifer) and the rebellious Planetary Prince, Caligastia, were present with Jesus and were made fully visible to him. And this "temptation," this final trial of human loyalty in the face of the misrepresentations of rebel personalities, had not to do with food, temple pinnacles, or presumptuous acts. It had not to do with the kingdoms of this world but with the sovereignty of a mighty and glorious universe. The symbolism of your records was intended for the backward ages of the world's childlike thought. And subsequent generations should understand what a great strug-

gle the Son of Man passed through that eventful day on Mount Hermon.

7 To the many proposals and counterproposals of the emissaries of Lucifer, Jesus only made reply: "May the will of my Paradise Father prevail, and you, my rebellious son, may the Ancients of Days judge you divinely. I am your Creator-father; I can hardly judge you justly, and my mercy you have already spurned. I commit you to the adjudication of the Judges of a greater universe."

8 To all the Lucifer-suggested compromises and makeshifts, to all such specious proposals about the incarna-

tion bestowal, Jesus only made reply, "The will of my Father in Paradise be done." And when the trying ordeal was finished, the detached guardian seraphim returned to Jesus' side and ministered to him.

9 §§ On an afternoon in late summer, amid the trees and in the silence of nature, Michael of Nebadon won the unquestioned sovereignty of his universe. On that day he completed the task set for Creator Sons to live to the full the incarnated life in the likeness of mortal flesh on the evolutionary worlds of time and space. The universe announcement of this momen-

tous achievement was not made until the day of his baptism, months afterwards, but it all really took place that day on the mountain. And when Jesus came down from his sojourn on Mount Hermon, the Lucifer rebellion in Satania and the Caligastia secession on Urantia were virtually settled. Jesus had paid the last price required of him to attain the sovereignty of his universe, which in itself regulates the status of all rebels and determines that all such future upheavals (if they ever occur) may be dealt with summarily and effectively. Accordingly, it may be seen that the so-called "great tempta-

tion" of Jesus took place sometime before his baptism and not just after that event.

10 At the end of this sojourn on the mountain, as Jesus was making his descent, he met Tiglath coming up to the rendezvous with food. Turning him back, he said only: "The period of rest is over; I must return to my Father's business." He was a silent and much changed man as they journeyed back to Dan, where he took leave of the lad, giving him the donkey. He then proceeded south by the same way

he had come, to Capernaum.

9. THE TIME OF WAITING

1 It was now near the end of the summer, about the time of the day of atonement and the feast of tabernacles. Jesus had a family meeting in Capernaum over the Sabbath and the next day started for Jerusalem with John the son of Zebedee, going to the east of the lake and by Gerasa and on down the Jordan valley. While he visited some with his companion on the way, John noted a great change in Jesus.

2 Jesus and John stopped overnight

at Bethany with Lazarus and his sisters, going early the next morning to Jerusalem. They spent almost three weeks in and around the city, at least John did. Many days John went into Jerusalem alone while Jesus walked about over the near-by hills and engaged in many seasons of spiritual communion with his Father in heaven.

3 Both of them were present at the solemn services of the day of atonement. John was much impressed by the ceremonies of this day of all days in the Jewish religious ritual, but Jesus remained a thoughtful and silent spectator. To the Son of Man this per-

formance was pitiful and pathetic. He viewed it all as misrepresentative of the character and attributes of his Father in heaven. He looked upon the doings of this day as a travesty upon the facts of divine justice and the truths of infinite mercy. He burned to give vent to the declaration of the real truth about his Father's loving character and merciful conduct in the universe, but his faithful Monitor admonished him that his hour had not yet come. But that night, at Bethany, Jesus did drop numerous remarks which greatly disturbed John; and John never fully understood the real significance of what

Jesus said in their hearing that evening.

4 Jesus planned to remain throughout the week of the feast of tabernacles with John. This feast was the annual holiday of all Palestine; it was the Jewish vacation time. Although Jesus did not participate in the merriment of the occasion, it was evident that he derived pleasure and experienced satisfaction as he beheld the light-hearted and joyous abandon of the young and the old.

5 In the midst of the week of celebration and ere the festivities were finished, Jesus took leave of John, saying that he desired to retire to the hills

where he might the better commune with his Paradise Father. John would have gone with him, but Jesus insisted that he stay through the festivities, saying: "It is not required of you to bear the burden of the Son of Man; only the watchman must keep vigil while the city sleeps in peace." Jesus did not return to Jerusalem. After almost a week alone in the hills near Bethany, he departed for Capernaum. On the way home he spent a day and a night alone on the slopes of Gilboa, near where King Saul had taken his life; and when he arrived at Capernaum, he seemed more cheerful than when

he had left John in Jerusalem.

6 The next morning Jesus went to the chest containing his personal effects, which had remained in Zebedee's workshop, put on his apron, and presented himself for work, saying, "It behoves me to keep busy while I wait for my hour to come." And he worked several months, until January of the following year, in the boatshop, by the side of his brother James. After this period of working with Jesus, no matter what doubts came up to becloud James's understanding of the lifework of the Son of Man, he never again really and wholly gave up his faith in the

mission of Jesus.

7 During this final period of Jesus' work at the boatshop, he spent most of his time on the interior finishing of some of the larger craft. He took great pains with all his handiwork and seemed to experience the satisfaction of human achievement when he had completed a commendable piece of work. Though he wasted little time upon trifles, he was a painstaking workman when it came to the essentials of any given undertaking.

8 §§ As time passed, rumours came to Capernaum of one John who was preaching while baptizing penitents in

the Jordan, and John preached: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand; repent and be baptized." Jesus listened to these reports as John slowly worked his way up the Jordan valley from the ford of the river nearest to Jerusalem. But Jesus worked on, making boats, until John had journeyed up the river to a point near Pella in the month of January of the next year, A.D. 26, when he laid down his tools, declaring, "My hour has come," and presently presented himself to John for baptism.

9 But a great change had been coming over Jesus. Few of the people who had enjoyed his visits and ministra-

tions as he had gone up and down in the land ever subsequently recognized in the public teacher the same person they had known and loved as a private individual in former years. And there was a reason for this failure of his early beneficiaries to recognize him in his later role of public and authoritative teacher. For long years this transformation of mind and spirit had been in progress, and it was finished during the eventful sojourn on Mount Hermon.

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

Midwayer Commission

John the Baptist was born March 25, 7 B.C., in accordance with the promise that Gabriel made to Elizabeth in June of the previous year. For five months Elizabeth kept secret Gabriel's visitation; and when she told her husband, Zacharias, he was greatly troubled and fully believed her narrative only after he had an unusual dream about six weeks before the birth of John. Excepting the visit of Gabriel

to Elizabeth and the dream of Zacharias, there was nothing unusual or supernatural connected with the birth of John the Baptist.

2 On the eighth day John was circumcised according to the Jewish custom. He grew up as an ordinary child, day by day and year by year, in the small village known in those days as the City of Judah, about 6.4 km west of Jerusalem.

3 The most eventful occurrence in John's early childhood was the visit, in company with his parents, to Jesus and the Nazareth family. This visit occurred in the month of June, 1 B.C.,

when he was a little over six years of age.

4 After their return from Nazareth John's parents began the systematic education of the lad. There was no synagogue school in this little village; however, as he was a priest, Zacharias was fairly well educated, and Elizabeth was far better educated than the average Judean woman; she was also of the priesthood, being a descendant of the "daughters of Aaron." Since John was an only child, they spent a great deal of time on his mental and spiritual training. Zacharias had only short periods of service at the temple in Jerusalem so

that he devoted much of his time to teaching his son.

5 Zacharias and Elizabeth had a small farm on which they raised sheep. They hardly made a living on this land, but Zacharias received a regular allowance from the temple funds dedicated to the priesthood.

1. JOHN BECOMES A NAZARITE

1 John had no school from which to graduate at the age of 14, but his parents had selected this as the appropriate year for him to take the formal Nazarite vow. Accordingly, Zacharias and Elizabeth took their son to En-

gedi, down by the Dead Sea. This was the southern headquarters of the Nazarite brotherhood, and there the lad was duly and solemnly inducted into this order for life. After these ceremonies and the making of the vows to abstain from all intoxicating drinks, to let the hair grow, and to refrain from touching the dead, the family proceeded to Jerusalem, where, before the temple, John completed the making of the offerings which were required of those taking Nazarite vows.

2 John took the same life vows that had been administered to his illustrious predecessors, Samson and the

prophet Samuel. A life Nazarite was looked upon as a sanctified and holy personality. The Jews regarded a Nazarite with almost the respect and veneration accorded the high priest, and this was not strange since Nazarites of lifelong consecration were the only persons, except high priests, who were ever permitted to enter the holy of holies in the temple.

3 §§ John returned home from Jerusalem to tend his father's sheep and grew up to be a strong man with a noble character.

4 When 16 years old, John, as a re-

sult of reading about Elijah, became greatly impressed with the prophet of Mount Carmel and decided to adopt his style of dress. From that day on John always wore a hairy garment with a leather girdle. At 16 he was more than 1.8 m tall and almost full grown. With his flowing hair and peculiar mode of dress he was indeed a picturesque youth. And his parents expected great things of this their only son, a child of promise and a Nazarite for life.

2. THE DEATH OF ZACHARIAS

1 After an illness of several months

Zacharias died in July, A.D. 12, when John was just past 18 years of age. This was a time of great embarrassment to John since the Nazarite vow forbade contact with the dead, even in one's own family. Although John had endeavoured to comply with the restrictions of his vow regarding contamination by the dead, he doubted that he had been wholly obedient to the requirements of the Nazarite order; therefore, after his father's burial he went to Jerusalem, where, in the Nazarite corner of the women's court, he offered the sacrifices required for his cleansing.

2 §§ In September of this year Elizabeth and John made a journey to Nazareth to visit Mary and Jesus. John had just about made up his mind to launch out in his lifework, but he was admonished, not only by Jesus' words but also by his example, to return home, take care of his mother, and await the "coming of the Father's hour." After bidding Jesus and Mary good-bye at the end of this enjoyable visit, John did not again see Jesus until the event of his baptism in the Jordan.

3 John and Elizabeth returned to their home and began to lay plans for the future. Since John refused to ac-

cept the priest's allowance due him from the temple funds, by the end of two years they had all but lost their home; so they decided to go south with the sheep herd. Accordingly, the summer that John was 20 years of age witnessed their removal to Hebron. In the so-called "wilderness of Judea" John tended his sheep along a brook that was tributary to a larger stream which entered the Dead Sea at Engedi. The Engedi colony included not only Nazarites of lifelong and time-period consecration but numerous other ascetic herdsmen who congregated in this region with their herds and frater-

nized with the Nazarite brotherhood. They supported themselves by sheep raising and from gifts which wealthy Jews made to the order.

4 As time passed, John returned less often to Hebron, while he made more frequent visits to Engedi. He was so entirely different from the majority of the Nazarites that he found it very difficult fully to fraternize with the brotherhood. But he was very fond of Abner, the acknowledged leader and head of the Engedi colony.

3. THE LIFE OF A SHEPHERD

1 Along the valley of this little brook

John built no less than a dozen stone shelters and night corrals, consisting of piled-up stones, wherein he could watch over and safeguard his herds of sheep and goats. John's life as a shepherd afforded him a great deal of time for thought. He talked much with Ezda, an orphan lad of Beth-zur, whom he had in a way adopted, and who cared for the herds when he made trips to Hebron to see his mother and to sell sheep, as well as when he went down to Engedi for Sabbath services. John and the lad lived very simply, subsisting on mutton, goat's milk, wild honey, and the edible locusts of that

region. This, their regular diet, was supplemented by provisions brought from Hebron and Engedi from time to time.

2 §§ Elizabeth kept John posted about Palestinian and world affairs, and his conviction grew deeper and deeper that the time was fast approaching when the old order was to end; that he was to become the herald of the approach of a new age, "the kingdom of heaven." This rugged shepherd was very partial to the writings of the Prophet Daniel. He read a thousand times Daniel's description of the great image, which Zacharias

had told him represented the history of the great kingdoms of the world, beginning with Babylon, then Persia, Greece, and finally Rome. John perceived that already was Rome composed of such polyglot peoples and races that it could never become a strongly cemented and firmly consolidated empire. He believed that Rome was even then divided, as Syria, Egypt, Palestine, and other provinces; and then he further read "in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. And this kingdom shall not be left to other people but shall break

in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." "And there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom never shall be destroyed." "And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

3 §§ John was never able completely

to rise above the confusion produced by what he had heard from his parents concerning Jesus and by these passages which he read in the Scriptures. In Daniel he read: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom." But these words of the prophet did not harmonize with what his parents had taught him. Neither did his talk with Jesus, at the time of his visit when he was 18 years old, correspond with these statements of the Scriptures. Notwithstanding this confusion, through-

out all of his perplexity his mother assured him that his distant cousin, Jesus of Nazareth, was the true Messiah, that he had come to sit on the throne of David, and that he (John) was to become his advance herald and chief support.

4 From all John heard of the vice and wickedness of Rome and the dissoluteness and moral barrenness of the empire, from what he knew of the evil doings of Herod Antipas and the governors of Judea, he was minded to believe that the end of the age was impending. It seemed to this rugged and noble child of nature that the world

was ripe for the end of the age of man and the dawn of the new and divine age — the kingdom of heaven. The feeling grew in John's heart that he was to be the last of the old prophets and the first of the new. And he fairly vibrated with the mounting impulse to go forth and proclaim to all men: "Repent! Get right with God! Get ready for the end; prepare yourselves for the appearance of the new and eternal order of earth affairs, the kingdom of heaven."

4. THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH

1 On August 17, A.D. 22, when John

was 28 years of age, his mother suddenly passed away. Elizabeth's friends, knowing of the Nazarite restrictions regarding contact with the dead, even in one's own family, made all arrangements for the burial of Elizabeth before sending for John. When he received word of the death of his mother, he directed Ezda to drive his herds to Engedi and started for Hebron.

2 On returning to Engedi from his mother's funeral, he presented his flocks to the brotherhood and for a season detached himself from the outside world while he fasted and prayed.

John knew only of the old methods of approach to divinity; he knew only of the records of such as Elijah, Samuel, and Daniel. Elijah was his ideal of a prophet. Elijah was the first of the teachers of Israel to be regarded as a prophet, and John truly believed that he was to be the last of this long and illustrious line of the messengers of heaven.

3 For 2½ years John lived at Engedi, and he persuaded most of the brotherhood that "the end of the age was at hand"; that "the kingdom of heaven was about to appear." And all his early teaching was based upon the current

Jewish idea and concept of the Messiah as the promised deliverer of the Jewish nation from the domination of their gentile rulers.

4 Throughout this period John read much in the sacred writings which he found at the Engedi home of the Nazarites. He was especially impressed by Isaiah and by Malachi, the last of the prophets up to that time. He read and reread the last five chapters of Isaiah, and he believed these prophecies. Then he would read in Malachi: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord;

and he shall turn the hearts of the fathers toward the children and the hearts of the children toward their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." And it was only this promise of Malachi that Elijah would return that deterred John from going forth to preach about the coming kingdom and to exhort his fellow Jews to flee from the wrath to come. John was ripe for the proclamation of the message of the coming kingdom, but this expectation of the coming of Elijah held him back for more than two years. He knew he was not Elijah. What did Malachi mean? Was the

prophecy literal or figurative? How could he know the truth? He finally dared to think that, since the first of the prophets was called Elijah, so the last should be known, eventually, by the same name. Nevertheless, he had doubts, doubts sufficient to prevent his ever calling himself Elijah.

5 It was the influence of Elijah that caused John to adopt his methods of direct and blunt assault upon the sins and vices of his contemporaries. He sought to dress like Elijah, and he endeavoured to talk like Elijah; in every outward aspect he was like the olden prophet. He was just such a stalwart

and picturesque child of nature, just such a fearless and daring preacher of righteousness. John was not illiterate, he did well know the Jewish sacred writings, but he was hardly cultured. He was a clear thinker, a powerful speaker, and a fiery denunciator. He was hardly an example to his age, but he was an eloquent rebuke.

6 At last he thought out the method of proclaiming the new age, the kingdom of God; he settled that he was to become the herald of the Messiah; he swept aside all doubts and departed from Engedi one day in March of A.D. 25 to begin his short but brilliant

career as a public preacher.

5. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1 In order to understand John's message, account should be taken of the status of the Jewish people at the time he appeared upon the stage of action. For almost one hundred years all Israel had been in a quandary; they were at a loss to explain their continuous subjugation to gentile overlords. Had not Moses taught that righteousness was always rewarded with prosperity and power? Were they not God's chosen people? Why was the throne of David desolate and vacant? In the light of

the Mosaic doctrines and the precepts of the prophets the Jews found it difficult to explain their long-continued national desolation.

2 About one hundred years before the days of Jesus and John a new school of religious teachers arose in Palestine, the apocalyptists. These new teachers evolved a system of belief that accounted for the sufferings and humiliation of the Jews on the ground that they were paying the penalty for the nation's sins. They fell back onto the well-known reasons assigned to explain the Babylonian and other captivities of former times. But, so

taught the apocalyptists, Israel should take heart; the days of their affliction were almost over; the discipline of God's chosen people was about finished; God's patience with the gentile foreigners was about exhausted. The end of Roman rule was synonymous with the end of the age and, in a certain sense, with the end of the world. These new teachers leaned heavily on the predictions of Daniel, and they consistently taught that creation was about to pass into its final stage; the kingdoms of this world were about to become the kingdom of God. To the Jewish mind of that day

this was the meaning of that phrase — the kingdom of heaven — which runs throughout the teachings of both John and Jesus. To the Jews of Palestine the phrase "kingdom of heaven" had but one meaning: an absolutely righteous state in which God (the Messiah) would rule the nations of earth in perfection of power just as he ruled in heaven — "Your will be done on earth as in heaven."

3 In the days of John all Jews were expectantly asking, "How soon will the kingdom come?" There was a general feeling that the end of the rule of the gentile nations was drawing

near. There was present throughout all Jewry a lively hope and a keen expectation that the consummation of the desire of the ages would occur during the lifetime of that generation.

4 While the Jews differed greatly in their estimates of the nature of the coming kingdom, they were alike in their belief that the event was impending, near at hand, even at the door. Many who read the Old Testament literally looked expectantly for a new king in Palestine, for a regenerated Jewish nation delivered from its enemies and presided over by the successor of King David, the Messiah

who would quickly be acknowledged as the rightful and righteous ruler of all the world. Another, though smaller, group of devout Jews held a vastly different view of this kingdom of God. They taught that the coming kingdom was not of this world, that the world was approaching its certain end, and that "a new heaven and a new earth" were to usher in the establishment of the kingdom of God; that this kingdom was to be an everlasting dominion, that sin was to be ended, and that the citizens of the new kingdom were to become immortal in their enjoyment of this endless bliss.

5 All were agreed that some drastic purging or purifying discipline would of necessity precede the establishment of the new kingdom on earth. The literalists taught that a world-wide war would ensue which would destroy all unbelievers, while the faithful would sweep on to universal and eternal victory. The spiritists taught that the kingdom would be ushered in by the great judgment of God which would relegate the unrighteous to their well-deserved judgment of punishment and final destruction, at the same time elevating the believing saints of the chosen people to high

seats of honour and authority with the Son of Man, who would rule over the redeemed nations in God's name. And this latter group even believed that many devout gentiles might be admitted to the fellowship of the new kingdom.

6 Some of the Jews held to the opinion that God might possibly establish this new kingdom by direct and divine intervention, but the vast majority believed that he would interpose some representative intermediary, the Messiah. And that was the only possible meaning the term Messiah could have had in the minds of the Jews of the

generation of John and Jesus. *Messiah* could not possibly refer to one who merely taught God's will or proclaimed the necessity for righteous living. To all such holy persons the Jews gave the title of *prophet.* The Messiah was to be more than a prophet; the Messiah was to bring in the establishment of the new kingdom, the kingdom of God. No one who failed to do this could be the Messiah in the traditional Jewish sense.

7 Who would this Messiah be? Again the Jewish teachers differed. The older ones clung to the doctrine of the son of David. The newer

taught that, since the new kingdom was a heavenly kingdom, the new ruler might also be a divine personality, one who had long sat at God's right hand in heaven. And strange as it may appear, those who thus conceived of the ruler of the new kingdom looked upon him not as a human Messiah, not as a mere *man,* but as "the Son of Man" — a Son of God — a heavenly Prince, long held in waiting thus to assume the rulership of the earth made new. Such was the religious background of the Jewish world when John went forth proclaiming: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

8 It becomes apparent, therefore, that John's announcement of the coming kingdom had not less than half a dozen different meanings in the minds of those who listened to his impassioned preaching. But no matter what significance they attached to the phrases which John employed, each of these various groups of Jewish-kingdom expectants was intrigued by the proclamations of this sincere, enthusiastic, rough-and-ready preacher of righteousness and repentance, who so solemnly exhorted his hearers to "flee

from the wrath to come."

6. JOHN BEGINS TO PREACH

1 Early in the month of March, A.D. 25, John journeyed around the western coast of the Dead Sea and up the river Jordan to opposite Jericho, the ancient ford over which Joshua and the children of Israel passed when they first entered the promised land; and crossing over to the other side of the river, he established himself near the entrance to the ford and began to preach to the people who passed by on their way back and forth across the river. This was the most frequented of

all the Jordan crossings.

2 It was apparent to all who heard John that he was more than a preacher. The great majority of those who listened to this strange man who had come up from the Judean wilderness went away believing that they had heard the voice of a prophet. No wonder the souls of these weary and expectant Jews were deeply stirred by such a phenomenon. Never in all Jewish history had the devout children of Abraham so longed for the "consolation of Israel" or more ardently anticipated "the restoration of the kingdom." Never in all Jewish history

could John's message, "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," have made such a deep and universal appeal as at the very time he so mysteriously appeared on the bank of this southern crossing of the Jordan.

3 He came from the herdsmen, like Amos. He was dressed like Elijah of old, and he thundered his admonitions and poured forth his warnings in the "spirit and power of Elijah." It is not surprising that this strange preacher created a mighty stir throughout all Palestine as the travellers carried abroad the news of his preaching along the Jordan.

4 There was still another and a *new* feature about the work of this Nazarite preacher: He baptized every one of his believers in the Jordan "for the remission of sins." Although baptism was not a new ceremony among the Jews, they had never seen it employed as John now made use of it. It had long been the practice thus to baptize the gentile proselytes into the fellowship of the outer court of the temple, but never had the Jews themselves been asked to submit to the baptism of repentance. Only 15 months intervened between the time John began to preach and baptize and his ar-

rest and imprisonment at the instigation of Herod Antipas, but in this short time he baptized considerably over 100,000 penitents.

5 John preached four months at Bethany ford before starting north up the Jordan. Tens of thousands of listeners, some curious but many earnest and serious, came to hear him from all parts of Judea, Perea, and Samaria. Even a few came from Galilee.

6 In May of this year, while he still lingered at Bethany ford, the priests and Levites sent a delegation out to inquire of John whether he claimed to be the Messiah, and by whose au-

thority he preached. John answered these questioners by saying: "Go tell your masters that you have heard 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness,' as spoken by the prophet, saying, 'make ready the way of the Lord, make straight a highway for our God. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; the uneven ground shall become a plain, while the rough places shall become a smooth valley; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

7 John was a heroic but tactless preacher. One day when he was preaching and baptizing on the west

bank of the Jordan, a group of Pharisees and a number of Sadducees came forward and presented themselves for baptism. Before leading them down into the water, John, addressing them as a group said: "Who warned you to flee, as vipers before the fire, from the wrath to come? I will baptize you, but I warn you to bring forth fruit worthy of sincere repentance if you would receive the remission of your sins. Tell me not that Abraham is your father. I declare that God is able of these twelve stones here before you to raise up worthy children for Abraham. And even now is the ax laid

to the very roots of the trees. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is destined to be cut down and cast into the fire." (The twelve stones to which he referred were the reputed memorial stones set up by Joshua to commemorate the crossing of the "twelve tribes" at this very point when they first entered the promised land.)

8 John conducted classes for his disciples, in the course of which he instructed them in the details of their new life and endeavoured to answer their many questions. He counselled the teachers to instruct in the spirit as well as the letter of the law. He

instructed the rich to feed the poor; to the tax gatherers he said: "Extort no more than that which is assigned you." To the soldiers he said: "Do no violence and exact nothing wrongfully — be content with your wages." While he counselled all: "Make ready for the end of the age — the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

7. JOHN JOURNEYS NORTH

1 John still had confused ideas about the coming kingdom and its king. The longer he preached the more confused he became, but never did this intellectual uncertainty concerning the na-

ture of the coming kingdom in the least lessen his conviction of the certainty of the kingdom's immediate appearance. In mind John might be confused, but in spirit never. He was in no doubt about the coming kingdom, but he was far from certain as to whether or not Jesus was to be the ruler of that kingdom. As long as John held to the idea of the restoration of the throne of David, the teachings of his parents that Jesus, born in the City of David, was to be the long-expected deliverer, seemed consistent; but at those times when he leaned more toward the doctrine of a spiritual king-

dom and the end of the temporal age on earth, he was sorely in doubt as to the part Jesus would play in such events. Sometimes he questioned everything, but not for long. He really wished he might talk it all over with his cousin, but that was contrary to their expressed agreement.

2 §§ As John journeyed north, he thought much about Jesus. He paused at more than a dozen places as he travelled up the Jordan. It was at Adam that he first made reference to "another one who is to come after me" in answer to the direct question which his disciples asked him, "Are you the

Messiah?" And he went on to say: "There will come after me one who is greater than I, whose sandal straps I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. And his shovel is in his hand thoroughly to cleanse his threshing floor; he will gather the wheat into his garner, but the chaff will he burn up with the judgment fire."

3 In response to the questions of his disciples John continued to expand his teachings, from day to day adding more that was helpful and comforting compared with his early and cryptic

message: "Repent and be baptized." By this time throngs were arriving from Galilee and the Decapolis. Scores of earnest believers lingered with their adored teacher day after day.

8. MEETING OF JESUS AND JOHN

1 By December of A.D. 25, when John reached the neighbourhood of Pella in his journey up the Jordan, his fame had extended throughout all Palestine, and his work had become the chief topic of conversation in all the towns about the lake of Galilee. Jesus had spoken favourably of John's

message, and this had caused many from Capernaum to join John's cult of repentance and baptism. James and John the fishermen sons of Zebedee had gone down in December, soon after John took up his preaching position near Pella, and had offered themselves for baptism. They went to see John once a week and brought back to Jesus fresh, firsthand reports of the evangelist's work.

2 Jesus' brothers James and Jude had talked about going down to John for baptism; and now that Jude had come over to Capernaum for the Sabbath services, both he and James, after lis-

tening to Jesus' discourse in the synagogue, decided to take counsel with him concerning their plans. This was on Saturday night, January 12, A.D. 26. Jesus requested that they postpone the discussion until the following day, when he would give them his answer. He slept very little that night, being in close communion with the Father in heaven. He had arranged to have noontime lunch with his brothers and to advise them concerning baptism by John. That Sunday morning Jesus was working as usual in the boatshop. James and Jude had arrived with the lunch and were waiting

in the lumber room for him, as it was not yet time for the midday recess, and they knew that Jesus was very regular about such matters.

3 Just before the noon rest, Jesus laid down his tools, removed his work apron, and merely announced to the three workmen in the room with him, "My hour has come." He went out to his brothers James and Jude, repeating, "My hour has come — let us go to John." And they started immediately for Pella, eating their lunch as they journeyed. This was on Sunday, January 13. They tarried for the night in the Jordan valley and arrived on the

scene of John's baptizing about noon of the next day.

4 §§ John had just begun baptizing the candidates for the day. Scores of repentants were standing in line awaiting their turn when Jesus and his two brothers took up their positions in this line of earnest men and women who had become believers in John's preaching of the coming kingdom. John had been inquiring about Jesus of Zebedee's sons. He had heard of Jesus' remarks concerning his preaching, and he was day by day expecting to see him arrive on the scene, but he had not expected to greet him in the line of bap-

tismal candidates.

5 Being engrossed with the details of rapidly baptizing such a large number of converts, John did not look up to see Jesus until the Son of Man stood in his immediate presence. When John recognized Jesus, the ceremonies were halted for a moment while he greeted his cousin in the flesh and asked, "But why do you come down into the water to greet me?" And Jesus answered, "To be subject to your baptism." John replied: "But I have need to be baptized by you. Why do you come to me?" And Jesus whispered to John: "Bear with me now, for it becomes

us to set this example for my brothers standing here with me, and that the people may know that my hour has come."

6 §§ There was a tone of finality and authority in Jesus' voice. John was atremble with emotion as he made ready to baptize Jesus of Nazareth in the Jordan at noon on Monday, January 14, A.D. 26. Thus did John baptize Jesus and his two brothers James and Jude. And when John had baptized these three, he dismissed the others for the day, announcing that he would resume baptisms at noon the next day. As the people were depart-

ing, the four men still standing in the water heard a strange sound, and presently there appeared for a moment an apparition immediately over the head of Jesus, and they heard a voice saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." A great change came over the countenance of Jesus, and coming up out of the water in silence he took leave of them, going toward the hills to the east. And no man saw Jesus again for 40 days.

7 John followed Jesus a sufficient distance to tell him the story of Gabriel's visit to his mother ere either had been born, as he had heard it so many

times from his mother's lips. He allowed Jesus to continue on his way after he had said, "Now I know of a certainty that you are the Deliverer." But Jesus made no reply.

9. FORTY DAYS OF PREACHING

1 When John returned to his disciples (he now had some 25 or 30 who abode with him constantly), he found them in earnest conference, discussing what had just happened in connection with Jesus' baptism. They were all the more astonished when John now made known to them the story of the Gabriel visitation to Mary before Je-

sus was born, and also that Jesus spoke no word to him even after he had told him about this. There was no rain that evening, and this group of 30 or more talked long into the starlit night. They wondered where Jesus had gone, and when they would see him again.

2 §§ After the experience of this day the preaching of John took on new and certain notes of proclamation concerning the coming kingdom and the expected Messiah. It was a tense time, these 40 days of tarrying, waiting for the return of Jesus. But John continued to preach with great power, and his disciples began at about this time

to preach to the overflowing throngs which gathered around John at the Jordan.

3 In the course of these 40 days of waiting, many rumours spread about the countryside and even to Tiberias and Jerusalem. Thousands came over to see the new attraction in John's camp, the reputed Messiah, but Jesus was not to be seen. When the disciples of John asserted that the strange man of God had gone to the hills, many doubted the entire story.

4 About three weeks after Jesus had left them, there arrived on the scene at Pella a new deputation from the

priests and Pharisees at Jerusalem. They asked John directly if he was Elijah or the prophet that Moses promised; and when John said, "I am not," they made bold to ask, "Are you the Messiah?" and John answered, "I am not." Then said these men from Jerusalem: "If you are not Elijah, nor the prophet, nor the Messiah, then why do you baptize the people and create all this stir?" And John replied: "It should be for those who have heard me and received my baptism to say who I am, but I declare to you that, while I baptize with water, there has been among us one who will return to baptize you

with the Holy Spirit."

5 These 40 days were a difficult period for John and his disciples. What was to be the relation of John to Jesus? A hundred questions came up for discussion. Politics and selfish preferment began to make their appearance. Intense discussions grew up around the various ideas and concepts of the Messiah. Would he become a military leader and a Davidic king? Would he smite the Roman armies as Joshua had the Canaanites? Or would he come to establish a spiritual kingdom? John rather decided, with the minority, that Jesus had come to establish the king-

dom of heaven, although he was not altogether clear in his own mind as to just what was to be embraced within this mission of the establishment of the kingdom of heaven.

6 These were strenuous days in John's experience, and he prayed for the return of Jesus. Some of John's disciples organized scouting parties to go in search of Jesus, but John forbade, saying: "Our times are in the hands of the God of heaven; he will direct his chosen Son."

7 §§ It was early on the morning of Sabbath, February 23, that the company of John, engaged in eating their

morning meal, looked up toward the north and beheld Jesus coming to them. As he approached them, John stood upon a large rock and, lifting up his sonorous voice, said: "Behold the Son of God, the deliverer of the world! This is he of whom I have said, 'After me there will come one who is preferred before me because he was before me.' For this cause came I out of the wilderness to preach repentance and to baptize with water, proclaiming that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And now comes one who shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit. And I beheld the divine spirit descending

upon this man, and I heard the voice of God declare, 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.'"

8 Jesus bade them return to their food while he sat down to eat with John, his brothers James and Jude having returned to Capernaum.

9 §§ Early in the morning of the next day he took leave of John and his disciples, going back to Galilee. He gave them no word as to when they would again see him. To John's inquiries about his own preaching and mission Jesus only said, "My Father will guide you now and in the future as he has in the past." And these two great men

separated that morning on the banks of the Jordan, never again to greet each other in the flesh.

10. JOHN JOURNEYS SOUTH

1 Since Jesus had gone north into Galilee, John felt led to retrace his steps southward. Accordingly, on Sunday morning, March 3, John and the remainder of his disciples began their journey south. About one quarter of John's immediate followers had meantime departed for Galilee in quest of Jesus. There was a sadness of confusion about John. He never again preached as he had before baptizing

Jesus. He somehow felt that the responsibility of the coming kingdom was no longer on his shoulders. He felt that his work was almost finished; he was disconsolate and lonely. But he preached, baptized, and journeyed on southward.

2 Near the village of Adam, John tarried for several weeks, and it was here that he made the memorable attack upon Herod Antipas for unlawfully taking the wife of another man. By June of this year (A.D. 26) John was back at the Bethany ford of the Jordan, where he had begun his preaching of the coming kingdom more than

a year previously. In the weeks following the baptism of Jesus the character of John's preaching gradually changed into a proclamation of mercy for the common people, while he denounced with renewed vehemence the corrupt political and religious rulers.

3 Herod Antipas, in whose territory John had been preaching, became alarmed lest he and his disciples should start a rebellion. Herod also resented John's public criticisms of his domestic affairs. In view of all this, Herod decided to put John in prison. Accordingly, very early in the morning of June 12, before the multitude

arrived to hear the preaching and witness the baptizing, the agents of Herod placed John under arrest. As weeks passed and he was not released, his disciples scattered over all Palestine, many of them going into Galilee to join the followers of Jesus.

11. JOHN IN PRISON

1 John had a lonely and somewhat bitter experience in prison. Few of his followers were permitted to see him. He longed to see Jesus but had to be content with hearing of his work through those of his followers who had become believers in the Son of

Man. He was often tempted to doubt Jesus and his divine mission. If Jesus were the Messiah, why did he do nothing to deliver him from this unbearable imprisonment? For more than a year and a half this rugged man of God's outdoors languished in that despicable prison. And this experience was a great test of his faith in, and loyalty to, Jesus. Indeed, this whole experience was a great test of John's faith even in God. Many times was he tempted to doubt even the genuineness of his own mission and experience.

2 §§ After he had been in prison sev-

eral months, a group of his disciples came to him and, after reporting concerning the public activities of Jesus, said: "So you see, Teacher, that he who was with you at the upper Jordan prospers and receives all who come to him. He even feasts with publicans and sinners. You bore courageous witness to him, and yet he does nothing to effect your deliverance." But John answered his friends: "This man can do nothing unless it has been given him by his Father in heaven. You well remember that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I am one sent on before to prepare the way for him.' And

that I did. He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom who stands near by[1] and hears him rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. This, my joy, therefore is fulfilled. He must increase but I must decrease. I am of this earth and have declared my message. Jesus of Nazareth comes down to the earth from heaven and is above us all. The Son of Man has descended from God, and the words of God he will declare to you. For the Father in heaven gives not the spirit by measure to his own

[1] In 1955 text "nar-by".

Son. The Father loves his Son and will presently put all things in the hands of this Son. He who believes in the Son has eternal life. And these words which I speak are true and abiding."

3 §§ These disciples were amazed at John's pronouncement, so much so that they departed in silence. John was also much agitated, for he perceived that he had uttered a prophecy. Never again did he wholly doubt the mission and divinity of Jesus. But it was a sore disappointment to John that Jesus sent him no word, that he came not to see him, and that he exercised none of his great power to deliver him

from prison. But Jesus knew all about this. He had great love for John, but being now cognizant of his divine nature and knowing fully the great things in preparation for John when he departed from this world and also knowing that John's work on earth was finished, he constrained himself not to interfere in the natural outworking of the great preacher-prophet's career.

4 §§ This long suspense in prison was humanly unbearable. Just a few days before his death John again sent trusted messengers to Jesus, inquiring: "Is my work done? Why do I languish in prison? Are you truly the

Messiah, or shall we look for another?" And when these two disciples gave this message to Jesus, the Son of Man replied: "Go back to John and tell him that I have not forgotten but to suffer me also this, for it becomes us to fulfil all righteousness. Tell John what you have seen and heard — that the poor have good tidings preached to them — and, finally, tell the beloved herald of my earth mission that he shall be abundantly blessed in the age to come if he finds no occasion to doubt and stumble over me." And this was the last word John received from Jesus. This message greatly comforted him

and did much to stabilize his faith and prepare him for the tragic end of his life in the flesh which followed so soon upon the heels of this memorable occasion.

12. DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

1 As John was working in southern Perea when arrested, he was taken immediately to the prison of the fortress of Machaerus, where he was incarcerated until his execution. Herod ruled over Perea as well as Galilee, and he maintained residence at this time at both Julias and Machaerus in Perea. In Galilee the official residence had

been moved from Sepphoris to the new capital at Tiberias.

2 Herod feared to release John lest he instigate rebellion. He feared to put him to death lest the multitude riot in the capital, for thousands of Pereans believed that John was a holy man, a prophet. Therefore Herod kept the Nazarite preacher in prison, not knowing what else to do with him. Several times John had been before Herod, but never would he agree either to leave the domains of Herod or to refrain from all public activities if he were released. And this new agitation concerning Jesus of Nazareth,

which was steadily increasing, admonished Herod that it was no time to turn John loose. Besides, John was also a victim of the intense and bitter hatred of Herodias, Herod's unlawful wife.

3 On numerous occasions Herod talked with John about the kingdom of heaven, and while sometimes seriously impressed with his message, he was afraid to release him from prison.

4 Since much building was still going on at Tiberias, Herod spent considerable time at his Perean residences, and he was partial to the fortress of Machaerus. It was a matter of several years before all the public buildings

and the official residence at Tiberias were fully completed.

5 §§ In celebration of his birthday Herod made a great feast in the Machaerian palace for his chief officers and other men high in the councils of the government of Galilee and Perea. Since Herodias had failed to bring about John's death by direct appeal to Herod, she now set herself to the task of having John put to death by cunning planning.

6 In the course of the evening's festivities and entertainment, Herodias presented her daughter to dance before the banqueters. Herod was very

much pleased with the damsel's performance and, calling her before him, said: "You are charming. I am much pleased with you. Ask me on this my birthday for whatever you desire, and I will give it to you, even to the half of my kingdom." And Herod did all this while well under the influence of his many wines. The young lady drew aside and inquired of her mother what she should ask of Herod. Herodias said, "Go to Herod and ask for the head of John the Baptist." And the young woman, returning to the banquet table, said to Herod, "I request that you forthwith give me the head

of John the Baptist on a platter."

7 Herod was filled with fear and sorrow, but because of his oath and because of all those who sat at meat with him, he would not deny the request. And Herod Antipas sent a soldier, commanding him to bring the head of John. So was John that night beheaded in the prison, the soldier bringing the head of the prophet on a platter and presenting it to the young woman at the rear of the banquet hall. And the damsel gave the platter to her mother. When John's disciples heard of this, they came to the prison for the body of John, and after laying it in a

tomb, they went and told Jesus.

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BAPTISM AND THE FORTY DAYS

Midwayer Commission

Jesus began his public work at the height of the popular interest in John's preaching and at a time when the Jewish people of Palestine were eagerly looking for the appearance of the Messiah. There was a great contrast between John and Jesus. John was an eager and earnest worker, but Jesus was a calm and happy labourer; only a few times in his entire life

was he ever in a hurry. Jesus was a comforting consolation to the world and somewhat of an example; John was hardly a comfort or an example. He preached the kingdom of heaven but hardly entered into the happiness thereof. Though Jesus spoke of John as the greatest of the prophets of the old order, he also said that the least of those who saw the great light of the new way and entered thereby into the kingdom of heaven was indeed greater than John.

2 When John preached the coming kingdom, the burden of his message was: Repent! flee from the wrath to

come. When Jesus began to preach, there remained the exhortation to repentance, but such a message was always followed by the gospel, the good tidings of the joy and liberty of the new kingdom.

1. CONCEPTS OF THE EXPECTED MESSIAH

1 The Jews entertained many ideas about the expected deliverer, and each of these different schools of Messianic teaching was able to point to statements in the Hebrew scriptures as proof of their contentions. In a general way, the Jews regarded their national history as beginning with Abra-

ham and culminating in the Messiah and the new age of the kingdom of God. In earlier times they had envisaged this deliverer as "the servant of the Lord," then as "the Son of Man," while latterly some even went so far as to refer to the Messiah as the "Son of God." But no matter whether he was called the "seed of Abraham" or "the son of David," all were agreed that he was to be the Messiah, the "anointed one." Thus did the concept evolve from the "servant of the Lord" to the "son of David," "Son of Man," and "Son of God."

2 In the days of John and Jesus the

more learned Jews had developed an idea of the coming Messiah as the perfected and representative Israelite, combining in himself as the "servant of the Lord" the threefold office of prophet, priest, and king.

3 The Jews devoutly believed that, as Moses had delivered their fathers from Egyptian bondage by miraculous wonders, so would the coming Messiah deliver the Jewish people from Roman domination by even greater miracles of power and marvels of racial triumph. The rabbis had gathered together almost 500 passages from the Scriptures which, not-

withstanding their apparent contradictions, they averred were prophetic of the coming Messiah. And amidst all these details of time, technique, and function, they almost completely lost sight of the *personality* of the promised Messiah. They were looking for a restoration of Jewish national glory — Israel's temporal exaltation — rather than for the salvation of the world. It therefore becomes evident that Jesus of Nazareth could never satisfy this materialistic Messianic concept of the Jewish mind. Many of their reputed Messianic predictions, had they but viewed these prophetic utterances in

a different light, would have very naturally prepared their minds for a recognition of Jesus as the terminator of one age and the inaugurator of a new and better dispensation of mercy and salvation for all nations.

4 §§ The Jews had been brought up to believe in the doctrine of the *Shekinah.* But this reputed symbol of the Divine Presence was not to be seen in the temple. They believed that the coming of the Messiah would effect its restoration. They held confusing ideas about racial sin and the supposed evil nature of man. Some taught that Adam's sin had cursed the human race,

and that the Messiah would remove this curse and restore man to divine favour. Others taught that God, in creating man, had put into his being both good and evil natures; that when he observed the outworking of this arrangement, he was greatly disappointed, and that "He repented that he had thus made man." And those who taught this believed that the Messiah was to come in order to redeem man from this inherent evil nature.

5 The majority of the Jews believed that they continued to languish under Roman rule because of their national sins and because of the half-

heartedness of the gentile proselytes. The Jewish nation had not wholeheartedly *repented;* therefore did the Messiah delay his coming. There was much talk about repentance; wherefore the mighty and immediate appeal of John's preaching, "Repent and be baptized, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And the kingdom of heaven could mean only one thing to any devout Jew: The coming of the Messiah.

6 There was one feature of the bestowal of Michael which was utterly foreign to the Jewish conception of the Messiah, and that was the *union* of the two natures, the human and the

divine. The Jews had variously conceived of the Messiah as perfected human, superhuman, and even as divine, but they never entertained the concept of the *union* of the human and the divine. And this was the great stumbling block of Jesus' early disciples. They grasped the human concept of the Messiah as the son of David, as presented by the earlier prophets; as the Son of Man, the superhuman idea of Daniel and some of the later prophets; and even as the Son of God, as depicted by the author of the Book of Enoch and by certain of his contemporaries; but never had they for a sin-

gle moment entertained the true concept of the union in one earth personality of the two natures, the human and the divine. The incarnation of the Creator in the form of the creature had not been revealed beforehand. It was revealed only in Jesus; the world knew nothing of such things until the Creator Son was made flesh and dwelt among the mortals of the realm.

2. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

1 Jesus was baptized at the very height of John's preaching when Palestine was aflame with the expectancy of his message — "the kingdom of God

is at hand" — when all Jewry was engaged in serious and solemn self-examination. The Jewish sense of racial solidarity was very profound. The Jews not only believed that the sins of the father might afflict his children, but they firmly believed that the sin of one individual might curse the nation. Accordingly, not all who submitted to John's baptism regarded themselves as being guilty of the specific sins which John denounced. Many devout souls were baptized by John for the good of Israel. They feared lest some sin of ignorance on their part might delay the coming of the Messiah. They

felt themselves to belong to a guilty and sin-cursed nation, and they presented themselves for baptism that they might by so doing manifest fruits of race penitence. It is therefore evident that Jesus in no sense received John's baptism as a rite of repentance or for the remission of sins. In accepting baptism at the hands of John, Jesus was only following the example of many pious Israelites.

2 §§ When Jesus of Nazareth went down into the Jordan to be baptized, he was a mortal of the realm who had attained the pinnacle of human evolutionary ascension in all matters re-

lated to the conquest of mind and to self-identification with the spirit. He stood in the Jordan that day a perfected mortal of the evolutionary worlds of time and space. Perfect synchrony and full communication had become established between the mortal mind of Jesus and the indwelling spirit Adjuster, the divine gift of his Father in Paradise. And just such an Adjuster indwells all normal beings living on Urantia since the ascension of Michael to the headship of his universe, except that Jesus' Adjuster had been previously prepared for this special mission by similarly indwelling an-

other superhuman incarnated in the likeness of mortal flesh, Machiventa Melchizedek.

3 Ordinarily, when a mortal of the realm attains such high levels of personality perfection, there occur those preliminary phenomena of spiritual elevation which terminate in eventual fusion of the matured soul of the mortal with its associated divine Adjuster. And such a change was apparently due to take place in the personality experience of Jesus of Nazareth on that very day when he went down into the Jordan with his two brothers to be baptized by John. This cer-

emony was the final act of his purely human life on Urantia, and many superhuman observers expected to witness the fusion of the Adjuster with its indwelt mind, but they were all destined to suffer disappointment. Something new and even greater occurred. As John laid his hands upon Jesus to baptize him, the indwelling Adjuster took final leave of the perfected human soul of Joshua ben Joseph. And in a few moments this divine entity returned from Divinington as a Personalized Adjuster and chief of his kind throughout the entire local universe of Nebadon. Thus did Jesus observe

his own former divine spirit descending on its return to him in personalized form. And he heard this same spirit of Paradise origin now speak, saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." And John, with Jesus' two brothers, also heard these words. John's disciples, standing by the water's edge, did not hear these words, neither did they see the apparition of the Personalized Adjuster. Only the eyes of Jesus beheld the Personalized Adjuster.

4 §§ When the returned and now exalted Personalized Adjuster had thus spoken, all was silence. And while

the four of them tarried in the water, Jesus, looking up to the near-by Adjuster, prayed: "My Father who reigns in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come! Your will be done on earth, even as it is in heaven." When he had prayed, the "heavens were opened," and the Son of Man saw the vision, presented by the now Personalized Adjuster, of himself as a Son of God as he was before he came to earth in the likeness of mortal flesh, and as he would be when the incarnated life should be finished. This heavenly vision was seen only by Jesus.

5 It was the voice of the Personalized

Adjuster that John and Jesus heard, speaking in behalf of the Universal Father, for the Adjuster is of, and as, the Paradise Father. Throughout the remainder of Jesus' earth life this Personalized Adjuster was associated with him in all his labours; Jesus was in constant communion with this exalted Adjuster.

6 §§ When Jesus was baptized, he repented of no misdeeds; he made no confession of sin. His was the baptism of consecration to the performance of the will of the heavenly Father. At his baptism he heard the unmistakable call of his Father, the final summons

to be about his Father's business, and he went away into private seclusion for 40 days to think over these manifold problems. In thus retiring for a season from active personality contact with his earthly associates, Jesus, as he was and on Urantia, was following the very procedure that obtains on the morontia worlds whenever an ascending mortal fuses with the inner presence of the Universal Father.

7 This day of baptism ended the purely human life of Jesus. The divine Son has found his Father, the Universal Father has found his incarnated Son, and they speak the one to the

other.

8 §§ (Jesus was almost 31½ years old when he was baptized. While Luke says that Jesus was baptized in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, which would be A.D. 29 since Augustus died in A.D. 14, it should be recalled that Tiberius was coemperor with Augustus for 2½ years before the death of Augustus, having had coins struck in his honour in October, A.D. 11. The 15th year of his actual rule was, therefore, this very year of A.D. 26, that of Jesus' baptism. And this was also the year that Pontius Pilate began his rule as governor of

Judea.)

3. THE FORTY DAYS

1 Jesus had endured the great temptation of his mortal bestowal before his baptism when he had been wet with the dews of Mount Hermon for six weeks. There on Mount Hermon, as an unaided mortal of the realm, he had met and defeated the Urantia pretender, Caligastia, the prince of this world. That eventful day, on the universe records, Jesus of Nazareth had become the Planetary Prince of Urantia. And this Prince of Urantia, so soon to be proclaimed supreme Sov-

ereign of Nebadon, now went into 40 days of retirement to formulate the plans and determine upon the technique of proclaiming the new kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

2 After his baptism he entered upon the 40 days of adjusting himself to the changed relationships of the world and the universe occasioned by the personalization of his Adjuster. During this isolation in the Perean hills he determined upon the policy to be pursued and the methods to be employed in the new and changed phase of earth life which he was about to inaugurate.

3 Jesus did not go into retirement

for the purpose of fasting and for the affliction of his soul. He was not an ascetic, and he came forever to destroy all such notions regarding the approach to God. His reasons for seeking this retirement were entirely different from those which had actuated Moses and Elijah, and even John the Baptist. Jesus was then wholly self-conscious concerning his relation to the universe of his making and also to the universe of universes, supervised by the Paradise Father, his Father in heaven. He now fully recalled the bestowal charge and its instructions administered by his elder brother, Im-

manuel, ere he entered upon his Urantia incarnation. He now clearly and fully comprehended all these far-flung relationships, and he desired to be away for a season of quiet meditation so that he could think out the plans and decide upon the procedures for the prosecution of his public labours in behalf of this world and for all other worlds in his local universe.

4 §§ While wandering about in the hills, seeking a suitable shelter, Jesus encountered his universe chief executive, Gabriel, the Bright and Morning Star of Nebadon. Gabriel now reestablished personal communication

with the Creator Son of the universe; they met directly for the first time since Michael took leave of his associates on Salvington when he went to Edentia preparatory to entering upon the Urantia bestowal. Gabriel, by direction of Immanuel and on authority of the Uversa Ancients of Days, now laid before Jesus information indicating that his bestowal experience on Urantia was practically finished so far as concerned the earning of the perfected sovereignty of his universe and the termination of the Lucifer rebellion. The former was achieved on the day of his baptism when the per-

sonalization of his Adjuster demonstrated the perfection and completion of his bestowal in the likeness of mortal flesh, and the latter was a fact of history on that day when he came down from Mount Hermon to join the waiting lad, Tiglath. Jesus was now informed, upon the highest authority of the local universe and the superuniverse, that his bestowal work was finished in so far as it affected his personal status in relation to sovereignty and rebellion. He had already had this assurance direct from Paradise in the baptismal vision and in the phenomenon of the personalization of his in-

dwelling Thought Adjuster.

5 While he tarried on the mountain, talking with Gabriel, the Constellation Father of Edentia appeared to Jesus and Gabriel in person, saying: "The records are completed. The sovereignty of Michael number[1] 611,121 over his universe of Nebadon rests in completion at the right hand of the Universal Father. I bring to you the bestowal release of Immanuel, your sponsor-brother for the Urantia incarnation. You are at liberty now or at any subsequent time, in the man-

[1] In 1955 text "No." instead of "number".

ner of your own choosing, to terminate your incarnation bestowal, ascend to the right hand of your Father, receive your sovereignty, and assume your well-earned unconditional rulership of all Nebadon. I also testify to the completion of the records of the superuniverse, by authorization of the Ancients of Days, having to do with the termination of all sin-rebellion in your universe and endowing you with full and unlimited authority to deal with any and all such possible upheavals in the future. Technically, your work on Urantia and in the flesh of the mortal creature is finished. Your

course from now on is a matter of your own choosing."

6 When the Most High Father of Edentia had taken leave, Jesus held long converse with Gabriel regarding the welfare of the universe and, sending greetings to Immanuel, proffered his assurance that, in the work which he was about to undertake on Urantia, he would be ever mindful of the counsel he had received in connection with the prebestowal charge administered on Salvington.

7 §§ Throughout all of these 40 days of isolation James and John the sons of Zebedee were engaged in searching

for Jesus. Many times they were not far from his abiding place, but never did they find him.

4. PLANS FOR PUBLIC WORK

1 Day by day, up in the hills, Jesus formulated the plans for the remainder of his Urantia bestowal. He first decided not to teach contemporaneously with John. He planned to remain in comparative retirement until the work of John achieved its purpose, or until John was suddenly stopped by imprisonment. Jesus well knew that John's fearless and tactless preaching would presently arouse the fears and

enmity of the civil rulers. In view of John's precarious situation, Jesus began definitely to plan his program of public labours in behalf of his people and the world, in behalf of every inhabited world throughout his vast universe. Michael's mortal bestowal was *on* Urantia but *for* all worlds of Nebadon.

2 The first thing Jesus did, after thinking through the general plan of co-ordinating his program with John's movement, was to review in his mind the instructions of Immanuel. Carefully he thought over the advice given him concerning his methods

of labour, and that he was to leave no permanent writing on the planet. Never again did Jesus write on anything except sand. On his next visit to Nazareth, much to the sorrow of his brother Joseph, Jesus destroyed all of his writing that was preserved on the boards about the carpenter shop, and which hung upon the walls of the old home. And Jesus pondered well over Immanuel's advice pertaining to his economic, social, and political attitude toward the world as he should find it.

3 §§ Jesus did not fast during this 40 days' isolation. The longest period he

went without food was his first two days in the hills when he was so engrossed with his thinking that he forgot all about eating. But on the third day he went in search of food. Neither was he *tempted* during this time by any evil spirits or rebel personalities of station on this world or from any other world.

4 §§ These 40 days were the occasion of the final conference between the human and the divine minds, or rather the first real functioning of these two minds as now made one. The results of this momentous season of meditation demonstrated conclusively that

the divine mind has triumphantly and spiritually dominated the human intellect. The mind of man has become the mind of God from this time on, and though the selfhood of the mind of man is ever present, always does this spiritualized human mind say, "Not my will but yours be done."

5 The transactions of this eventful time were not the fantastic visions of a starved and weakened mind, neither were they the confused and puerile symbolisms which afterwards gained record as the "temptations of Jesus in the wilderness." Rather was this a season for thinking over the whole event-

ful and varied career of the Urantia bestowal and for the careful laying of those plans for further ministry which would best serve this world while also contributing something to the betterment of all other rebellion-isolated spheres. Jesus thought over the whole span of human life on Urantia, from the days of Andon and Fonta, down through Adam's default, and on to the ministry of the Melchizedek of Salem.

6 Gabriel had reminded Jesus that there were two ways in which he might manifest himself to the world in case he should choose to tarry on Urantia for a time. And it was made clear to Je-

sus that his choice in this matter would have nothing to do with either his universe sovereignty or the termination of the Lucifer rebellion. These two ways of world ministry were:

7 1. His own way — the way that might seem most pleasant and profitable from the standpoint of the immediate needs of this world and the present edification of his own universe.

8 2. The Father's way — the exemplification of a farseeing ideal of creature life visualized by the high personalities of the Paradise administration of the universe of universes.

9 It was thus made clear to Jesus that there were two ways in which he could order the remainder of his earth life. Each of these ways had something to be said in its favour as it might be regarded in the light of the immediate situation. The Son of Man clearly saw that his choice between these two modes of conduct would have nothing to do with his reception of universe sovereignty; that was a matter already settled and sealed on the records of the universe of universes and only awaited his demand in person. But it was indicated to Jesus that it would afford his Paradise brother, Immanuel,

great satisfaction if he, Jesus, should see fit to finish up his earth career of incarnation as he had so nobly begun it, always subject to the Father's will. On the third day of this isolation Jesus promised himself he would go back to the world to finish his earth career, and that in a situation involving any two ways he would always choose the Father's will. And he lived out the remainder of his earth life always true to that resolve. Even to the bitter end he invariably subordinated his sovereign will to that of his heavenly Father.

10 §§ The 40 days in the mountain wilderness were not a period of great

temptation but rather the period of the Master's *great decisions.* During these days of lone communion with himself and his Father's immediate presence — the Personalized Adjuster (he no longer had a personal seraphic guardian) — he arrived, one by one, at the great decisions which were to control his policies and conduct for the remainder of his earth career. Subsequently the tradition of a great temptation became attached to this period of isolation through confusion with the fragmentary narratives of the Mount Hermon struggles, and further because it was the custom to have all

great prophets and human leaders begin their public careers by undergoing these supposed seasons of fasting and prayer. It had always been Jesus' practice, when facing any new or serious decisions, to withdraw for communion with his own spirit that he might seek to know the will of God.

11 §§ In all this planning for the remainder of his earth life, Jesus was always torn in his human heart by two opposing courses of conduct:

12 1. He entertained a strong desire to win his people — and the whole world — to believe in him and to accept his new spiritual kingdom. And

he well knew their ideas concerning the coming Messiah.

13 2. To live and work as he knew his Father would approve, to conduct his work in behalf of other worlds in need, and to continue, in the establishment of the kingdom, to reveal the Father and show forth his divine character of love.

14 §§ Throughout these eventful days Jesus lived in an ancient rock cavern, a shelter in the side of the hills near a village sometime called Beit Adis. He drank from the small spring which came from the side of the hill near this

rock shelter.

5. THE FIRST GREAT DECISION

1 On the third day after beginning this conference with himself and his Personalized Adjuster, Jesus was presented with the vision of the assembled celestial hosts of Nebadon sent by their commanders to wait upon the will of their beloved Sovereign. This mighty host embraced twelve legions of seraphim and proportionate numbers of every order of universe intelligence. And the first great decision of Jesus' isolation had to do with whether or not he would make use of

these mighty personalities in connection with the ensuing program of his public work on Urantia.

2 Jesus decided that he would *not* utilize a single personality of this vast assemblage unless it should become evident that this was his *Father's will.* Notwithstanding this general decision, this vast host remained with him throughout the balance of his earth life, always in readiness to obey the least expression of their Sovereign's will. Although Jesus did not constantly behold these attendant personalities with his human eyes, his associated Personalized Adjuster did con-

stantly behold, and could communicate with, all of them.

3 §§ Before coming down from the 40 days' retreat in the hills, Jesus assigned the immediate command of this attendant host of universe personalities to his recently Personalized Adjuster, and for more than four years of Urantia time did these selected personalities from every division of universe intelligences obediently and respectfully function under the wise guidance of this exalted and experienced Personalized Mystery Monitor. In assuming command of this mighty assembly, the Adjuster, being a one-

time part and essence of the Paradise Father, assured Jesus that in no case would these superhuman agencies be permitted to serve, or manifest themselves in connection with, or in behalf of, his earth career unless it should develop that the Father willed such intervention. Thus by one great decision Jesus voluntarily deprived himself of all superhuman co-operation in all matters having to do with the remainder of his mortal career unless the Father might independently choose to participate in some certain act or episode of the Son's earth labours.

4 In accepting this command of the

universe hosts in attendance upon Christ Michael, the Personalized Adjuster took great pains to point out to Jesus that, while such an assembly of universe creatures could be limited in their *space* activities by the delegated authority of their Creator, such limitations were not operative in connection with their function in *time*. And this limitation was dependent on the fact that Adjusters are nontime beings when once they are personalized. Accordingly was Jesus admonished that, while the Adjuster's control of the living intelligences placed under his command would be com-

plete and perfect as to all matters involving *space,* there could be no such perfect limitations imposed regarding *time.* Said the Adjuster: "I will, as you have directed, enjoin the employment of this attendant host of universe intelligences in any manner in connection with your earth career except in those cases where the Paradise Father directs me to release such agencies in order that his divine will of your choosing may be accomplished, and in those instances where you may engage in any choice or act of your divine-human will which shall only involve departures from the natural earth or-

der as to *time.* In all such events I am powerless, and your creatures here assembled in perfection and unity of power are likewise helpless. If your united natures once entertain such desires, these mandates of your choice will be forthwith executed. Your wish in all such matters will constitute the abridgement of time, and the thing projected *is* existent. Under my command this constitutes the fullest possible limitation which can be imposed upon your potential sovereignty. In my self-consciousness time is nonexistent, and therefore I cannot limit your creatures in anything related thereto."

5 §§ Thus did Jesus become apprised of the working out of his decision to go on living as a man among men. He had by a single decision excluded all of his attendant universe hosts of varied intelligences from participating in his ensuing public ministry except in such matters as concerned *time* only. It therefore becomes evident that any possible supernatural or supposedly superhuman accompaniments of Jesus' ministry pertained wholly to the elimination of time unless the Father in heaven specifically ruled otherwise. No miracle, ministry of mercy, or any other possible event occurring in con-

nection with Jesus' remaining earth labours could possibly be of the nature or character of an act transcending the natural laws established and regularly working in the affairs of man as he lives on Urantia *except* in this expressly stated matter of *time.* No limits, of course, could be placed upon the manifestations of "the Father's will." The elimination of time in connection with the expressed desire of this potential Sovereign of a universe could only be avoided by the direct and explicit act of the *will* of this God-man to the effect that time, as related to the act or event in question, *should*

not be shortened or eliminated. In order to prevent the appearance of apparent *time miracles,* it was necessary for Jesus to remain constantly time conscious. Any lapse of time consciousness on his part, in connection with the entertainment of definite desire, was equivalent to the enactment of the thing conceived in the mind of this Creator Son, and without the intervention of time.

6 Through the supervising control of his associated and Personalized Adjuster it was possible for Michael perfectly to limit his personal earth activities with reference to space, but it was not possible for the Son of Man thus

to limit his new earth status as potential Sovereign of Nebadon as regards *time.* And this was the actual status of Jesus of Nazareth as he went forth to begin his public ministry on Urantia.

6. THE SECOND DECISION

1 Having settled his policy concerning all personalities of all classes of his created intelligences, so far as this could be determined in view of the inherent potential of his new status of divinity, Jesus now turned his thoughts toward himself. What would he, now the fully self-conscious creator of all things and beings exis-

tent in this universe, do with these creator prerogatives in the recurring life situations which would immediately confront him when he returned to Galilee to resume his work among men? In fact, already, and right where he was in these lonely hills, had this problem forcibly presented itself in the matter of obtaining food. By the third day of his solitary meditations the human body grew hungry. Should he go in quest of food as any ordinary man would, or should he merely exercise his normal creative powers and produce suitable bodily nourishment ready at hand? And this great decision of the

Master has been portrayed to you as a temptation — as a challenge by supposed enemies that he "command that these stones become loaves of bread."

2 Jesus thus settled upon another and consistent policy for the remainder of his earth labours. As far as his personal necessities were concerned, and in general even in his relations with other personalities, he now deliberately chose to pursue the path of normal earthly existence; he definitely decided against a policy which would transcend, violate, or outrage his own established natural laws. But he could not promise himself, as he had already

been warned by his Personalized Adjuster, that these natural laws might not, in certain conceivable circumstances, be greatly *accelerated.* In principle, Jesus decided that his lifework should be organized and prosecuted in accordance with natural law and in harmony with the existing social organization. The Master thereby chose a program of living which was the equivalent of deciding against miracles and wonders. Again he decided in favour of "the Father's will"; again he surrendered everything into the hands of his Paradise Father.

3 Jesus' human nature dictated that

the first duty was self-preservation; that is the normal attitude of the natural man on the worlds of time and space, and it is, therefore, a legitimate reaction of a Urantia mortal. But Jesus was not concerned merely with this world and its creatures; he was living a life designed to instruct and inspire the manifold creatures of a far-flung universe.

4 Before his baptismal illumination he had lived in perfect submission to the will and guidance of his heavenly Father. He emphatically decided to continue on in just such implicit mortal dependence on the Father's will.

He purposed to follow the unnatural course — he decided not to seek self-preservation. He chose to go on pursuing the policy of refusing to defend himself. He formulated his conclusions in the words of Scripture familiar to his human mind: "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." In reaching this conclusion in regard to the appetite of the physical nature as expressed in hunger for food, the Son of Man made his final declaration concerning all other urges of the flesh and the natural impulses of human nature.

5 His superhuman power he might possibly use for others, but for himself, never. And he pursued this policy consistently to the very end, when it was jeeringly said of him: "He saved others; himself he cannot save" — because he would not.

6 The Jews were expecting a Messiah who would do even greater wonders than Moses, who was reputed to have brought forth water from the rock in a desert place and to have fed their forefathers with manna in the wilderness. Jesus knew the sort of Messiah his compatriots expected, and he had all the powers and prerogatives

to measure up to their most sanguine expectations, but he decided against such a magnificent program of power and glory. Jesus looked upon such a course of expected miracle working as a harking back to the olden days of ignorant magic and the degraded practices of the savage medicine men. Possibly, for the salvation of his creatures, he might accelerate natural law, but to transcend his own laws, either for the benefit of himself or the overawing of his fellow men, that he would not do. And the Master's decision was final.

7 Jesus sorrowed for his people; he fully understood how they had been

led up to the expectation of the coming Messiah, the time when "the earth will yield its fruits ten thousandfold, and on one vine there will be a thousand branches, and each branch will produce a thousand clusters, and each cluster will produce a thousand grapes, and each grape will produce a gallon of wine." The Jews believed the Messiah would usher in an era of miraculous plenty. The Hebrews had long been nurtured on traditions of miracles and legends of wonders.

8 He was not a Messiah coming to multiply bread and wine. He came not to minister to temporal needs only; he

came to reveal his Father in heaven to his children on earth, while he sought to lead his earth children to join him in a sincere effort so to live as to do the will of the Father in heaven.

9 §§ In this decision Jesus of Nazareth portrayed to an onlooking universe the folly and sin of prostituting divine talents and God-given abilities for personal aggrandizement or for purely selfish gain and glorification. That was the sin of Lucifer and Caligastia.

10 This great decision of Jesus portrays dramatically the truth that selfish satisfaction and sensuous gratifica-

tion, alone and of themselves, are not able to confer happiness upon evolving human beings. There are higher values in mortal existence — intellectual mastery and spiritual achievement — which far transcend the necessary gratification of man's purely physical appetites and urges. Man's natural endowment of talent and ability should be chiefly devoted to the development and ennoblement of his higher powers of mind and spirit.

11 Jesus thus revealed to the creatures of his universe the technique of the new and better way, the higher moral values of living and the deeper spiri-

tual satisfactions of evolutionary human existence on the worlds of space.

7. THE THIRD DECISION

1 Having made his decisions regarding such matters as food and physical ministration to the needs of his material body, the care of the health of himself and his associates, there remained yet other problems to solve. What would be his attitude when confronted by personal danger? He decided to exercise normal watchcare over his human safety and to take reasonable precaution to prevent the untimely termination of his career in the

flesh but to refrain from all superhuman intervention when the crisis of his life in the flesh should come. As he was formulating this decision, Jesus was seated under the shade of a tree on an overhanging ledge of rock with a precipice right there before him. He fully realized that he could cast himself off the ledge and out into space, and that nothing could happen to harm him provided he would rescind his first great decision not to invoke the interposition of his celestial intelligences in the prosecution of his lifework on Urantia, and provided he would abrogate his second decision

concerning his attitude toward self-preservation.

2 Jesus knew his fellow countrymen were expecting a Messiah who would be above natural law. Well had he been taught that Scripture: "There shall no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone." Would this sort of presumption, this defiance of his Father's laws of gravity, be justified in order to protect himself from possible harm or, perchance, to win

the confidence of his mistaught and distracted people? But such a course, however gratifying to the sign-seeking Jews, would be, not a revelation of his Father, but a questionable trifling with the established laws of the universe of universes.

3 §§ Understanding all of this and knowing that the Master refused to work in defiance of his established laws of nature in so far as his personal conduct was concerned, you know of a certainty that he never walked on the water nor did anything else which was an outrage to his material order of administering the world; always, of

course, bearing in mind that there had, as yet, been found no way whereby he could be wholly delivered from the lack of control over the element of time in connection with those matters put under the jurisdiction of the Personalized Adjuster.

4 Throughout his entire earth life Jesus was consistently loyal to this decision. No matter whether the Pharisees taunted him for a sign, or the watchers at Calvary dared him to come down from the cross, he steadfastly adhered to the decision of this hour on the hill-

side.

8. THE FOURTH DECISION

1 The next great problem with which this God-man wrestled and which he presently decided in accordance with the will of the Father in heaven, concerned the question as to whether or not any of his superhuman powers should be employed for the purpose of attracting the attention and winning the adherence of his fellow men. Should he in any manner lend his universe powers to the gratification of the Jewish hankering for the spectacular and the marvellous? He

decided that he should not. He settled upon a policy of procedure which eliminated all such practices as the method of bringing his mission to the notice of men. And he consistently lived up to this great decision. Even when he permitted the manifestation of numerous time-shortening ministrations of mercy, he almost invariably admonished the recipients of his healing ministry to tell no man about the benefits they had received. And always did he refuse the taunting challenge of his enemies to "show us a sign" in proof and demonstration of his divinity.

2 Jesus very wisely foresaw that the

working of miracles and the execution of wonders would call forth only outward allegiance by overawing the material mind; such performances would not reveal God nor save men. He refused to become a mere wonder-worker. He resolved to become occupied with but a single task — the establishment of the kingdom of heaven.

3 §§ Throughout all this momentous dialogue of Jesus' communing with himself, there was present the human element of questioning and near-doubting, for Jesus was man as well as God. It was evident he would never

be received by the Jews as the Messiah if he did not work wonders. Besides, if he would consent to do just one unnatural thing, the human mind would know of a certainty that it was in subservience to a truly divine mind. Would it be consistent with "the Father's will" for the divine mind to make this concession to the doubting nature of the human mind? Jesus decided that it would not and cited the presence of the Personalized Adjuster as sufficient proof of divinity in partnership with humanity.

4 §§ Jesus had travelled much; he recalled Rome, Alexandria, and Dam-

ascus. He knew the methods of the world — how people gained their ends in politics and commerce by compromise and diplomacy. Would he utilize this knowledge in the furtherance of his mission on earth? No! He likewise decided against all compromise with the wisdom of the world and the influence of riches in the establishment of the kingdom. He again chose to depend exclusively on the Father's will.

5 Jesus was fully aware of the short cuts open to one of his powers. He knew many ways in which the attention of the nation, and the whole world, could be immediately focused

upon himself. Soon the Passover would be celebrated at Jerusalem; the city would be thronged with visitors. He could ascend the pinnacle of the temple and before the bewildered multitude walk out on the air; that would be the kind of a Messiah they were looking for. But he would subsequently disappoint them since he had not come to re-establish David's throne. And he knew the futility of the Caligastia method of trying to get ahead of the natural, slow, and sure way of accomplishing the divine purpose. Again the Son of Man bowed obediently to the Father's way, the Fa-

ther's will.

6 Jesus chose to establish the kingdom of heaven in the hearts of mankind by natural, ordinary, difficult, and trying methods, just such procedures as his earth children must subsequently follow in their work of enlarging and extending that heavenly kingdom. For well did the Son of Man know that it would be "through much tribulation that many of the children of all ages would enter into the kingdom." Jesus was now passing through the great test of civilized man, to have power and steadfastly refuse to use it for purely selfish or personal purposes.

7 §§ In your consideration of the life and experience of the Son of Man, it should be ever borne in mind that the Son of God was incarnate in the mind of a first-century human being, not in the mind of a XX century or other-century mortal. By this we mean to convey the idea that the human endowments of Jesus were of natural acquirement. He was the product of the hereditary and environmental factors of his time, plus the influence of his training and education. His humanity was genuine, natural, wholly derived from the antecedents of, and fostered by, the actual intellectual status

and social and economic conditions of that day and generation. While in the experience of this God-man there was always the possibility that the divine mind would transcend the human intellect, nonetheless, when, and as, his human mind functioned, it did perform as would a true mortal mind under the conditions of the human environment of that day.

8 §§ Jesus portrayed to all the worlds of his vast universe the folly of creating artificial situations for the purpose of exhibiting arbitrary authority or of indulging exceptional power for the purpose of enhancing moral val-

ues or accelerating spiritual progress. Jesus decided that he would not lend his mission on earth to a repetition of the disappointment of the reign of the Maccabees. He refused to prostitute his divine attributes for the purpose of acquiring unearned popularity or for gaining political prestige. He would not countenance the transmutation of divine and creative energy into national power or international prestige. Jesus of Nazareth refused to compromise with *evil,* much less to consort with sin. The Master triumphantly put loyalty to his Father's will above every other earthly and temporal con-

sideration.

9. THE FIFTH DECISION

1 Having settled such questions of policy as pertained to his individual relations to natural law and spiritual power, he turned his attention to the choice of methods to be employed in the proclamation and establishment of the kingdom of God. John had already begun this work; how might he continue the message? How should he take over John's mission? How should he organize his followers for effective effort and intelligent co-operation? Jesus was now reaching the final decision

which would forbid that he further regard himself as the Jewish Messiah, at least as the Messiah was popularly conceived in that day.

2 The Jews envisaged a deliverer who would come in miraculous power to cast down Israel's enemies and establish the Jews as world rulers, free from want and oppression. Jesus knew that this hope would never be realized. He knew that the kingdom of heaven had to do with the overthrow of evil in the hearts of men, and that it was purely a matter of spiritual concern. He thought out the advisability of inaugurating the spiritual kingdom with a

brilliant and dazzling display of power — and such a course would have been permissible and wholly within the jurisdiction of Michael — but he fully decided against such a plan. He would not compromise with the revolutionary techniques of Caligastia. He had won the world in potential by submission to the Father's will, and he proposed to finish his work as he had begun it, and as the Son of Man.

3 You can hardly imagine what would have happened on Urantia had this God-man, now in potential possession of all power in heaven and on earth, once decided to unfurl the ban-

ner of sovereignty, to marshal his wonder-working battalions in militant array! But he would not compromise. He would not serve evil that the worship of God might presumably be derived therefrom. He would abide by the Father's will. He would proclaim to an onlooking universe, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

4 As the days passed, with ever-increasing clearness Jesus perceived what kind of a truth-revealer he was to become. He discerned that God's way was not going to be the easy way. He began to realize that the cup of the

remainder of his human experience might possibly be bitter, but he decided to drink it.

5 Even his human mind is saying good-bye to the throne of David. Step by step this human mind follows in the path of the divine. The human mind still asks questions but unfailingly accepts the divine answers as final rulings in this combined life of living as a man in the world while all the time submitting unqualifiedly to the doing of the Father's eternal and divine will.

6 Rome was mistress of the Western world. The Son of Man, now in isolation and achieving these momentous

decisions, with the hosts of heaven at his command, represented the last chance of the Jews to attain world dominion; but this earthborn Jew, who possessed such tremendous wisdom and power, declined to use his universe endowments either for the aggrandizement of himself or for the enthronement of his people. He saw, as it were, "the kingdoms of this world," and he possessed the power to take them. The Most Highs of Edentia had resigned all these powers into his hands, but he did not want them. The kingdoms of earth were paltry things to interest the Creator and Ruler of

a universe. He had only one objective, the further revelation of God to man, the establishment of the kingdom, the rule of the heavenly Father in the hearts of mankind.

7 The idea of battle, contention, and slaughter was repugnant to Jesus; he would have none of it. He would appear on earth as the Prince of Peace to reveal a God of love. Before his baptism he had again refused the offer of the Zealots to lead them in rebellion against the Roman oppressors. And now he made his final decision regarding those Scriptures which his mother had taught him, such as: "The Lord

has said to me, 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

8 Jesus of Nazareth reached the conclusion that such utterances did not refer to him. At last, and finally, the human mind of the Son of Man made a clean sweep of all these Messianic difficulties and contradictions — Hebrew scriptures, parental training, chazan teaching, Jewish expecta-

tions, and human ambitious longings; once and for all he decided upon his course. He would return to Galilee and quietly begin the proclamation of the kingdom and trust his Father (the Personalized Adjuster) to work out the details of procedure day by day.

9 §§ By these decisions Jesus set a worthy example for every person on every world throughout a vast universe when he refused to apply material tests to prove spiritual problems, when he refused presumptuously to defy natural laws. And he set an inspiring example of universe loyalty and moral nobility when he refused to grasp tem-

poral power as the prelude to spiritual glory.

10 §§ If the Son of Man had any doubts about his mission and its nature when he went up in the hills after his baptism, he had none when he came back to his fellows following the 40 days of isolation and decisions.

11 Jesus has formulated a program for the establishment of the Father's kingdom. He will not cater to the physical gratification of the people. He will not deal out bread to the multitudes as he has so recently seen it being done in Rome. He will not attract attention to himself by wonder-working, even

though the Jews are expecting just that sort of a deliverer. Neither will he seek to win acceptance of a spiritual message by a show of political authority or temporal power.

12 In rejecting these methods of enhancing the coming kingdom in the eyes of the expectant Jews, Jesus made sure that these same Jews would certainly and finally reject all of his claims to authority and divinity. Knowing all this, Jesus long sought to prevent his early followers alluding to him as the Messiah.

13 Throughout his public ministry he was confronted with the necessity of

dealing with three constantly recurring situations: the clamour to be fed, the insistence on miracles, and the final request that he allow his followers to make him king. But Jesus never departed from the decisions which he made during these days of his isolation in the Perean hills.

10. THE SIXTH DECISION

1 On the last day of this memorable isolation, before starting down the mountain to join John and his disciples, the Son of Man made his final decision. And this decision he communicated to the Personalized Adjuster in

these words, "And in all other matters, as in these now of decision-record, I pledge you I will be subject to the will of my Father." And when he had thus spoken, he journeyed down the mountain. And his face shone with the glory of spiritual victory and moral achievement.

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TARRYING TIME IN GALILEE

Midwayer Commission

Early on Saturday morning, February 23, A.D. 26, Jesus came down from the hills to rejoin John's company encamped at Pella. All that day Jesus mingled with the multitude. He ministered to a lad who had injured himself in a fall and journeyed to the near-by village of Pella to deliver the boy safely into the hands of

his parents.

1. CHOOSING THE FIRST FOUR APOSTLES

1 During this Sabbath two of John's leading disciples spent much time with Jesus. Of all John's followers one named Andrew was the most profoundly impressed with Jesus; he accompanied him on the trip to Pella with the injured boy. On the way back to John's rendezvous he asked Jesus many questions, and just before reaching their destination, the two paused for a short talk, during which Andrew said: "I have observed you ever since you came to Capernaum, and I believe

you are the new Teacher, and though I do not understand all your teaching, I have fully made up my mind to follow you; I would sit at your feet and learn the whole truth about the new kingdom." And Jesus, with hearty assurance, welcomed Andrew as the first of his apostles, that group of twelve who were to labour with him in the work of establishing the new kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

2 §§ Andrew was a silent observer of, and sincere believer in, John's work, and he had a very able and enthusiastic brother, named Simon, who was one of John's foremost disciples. It would

not be amiss to say that Simon was one of John's chief supporters.

3 Soon after Jesus and Andrew returned to the camp, Andrew sought out his brother, Simon, and taking him aside, informed him that he had settled in his own mind that Jesus was the great Teacher, and that he had pledged himself as a disciple. He went on to say that Jesus had accepted his proffer of service and suggested that he (Simon) likewise go to Jesus and offer himself for fellowship in the service of the new kingdom. Said Simon: "Ever since this man came to work in Zebedee's shop, I have believed he was sent

by God, but what about John? Are we to forsake him? Is this the right thing to do?" Whereupon they agreed to go at once to consult John. John was saddened by the thought of losing two of his able advisers and most promising disciples, but he bravely answered their inquiries, saying: "This is but the beginning; presently will my work end, and we shall all become his disciples." Then Andrew beckoned to Jesus to draw aside while he announced that his brother desired to join himself to the service of the new kingdom. And in welcoming Simon as his second apostle, Jesus said: "Simon, your

enthusiasm is commendable, but it is dangerous to the work of the kingdom. I admonish you to become more thoughtful in your speech. I would change your name to Peter."

4 §§ The parents of the injured lad who lived at Pella had besought Jesus to spend the night with them, to make their house his home, and he had promised. Before leaving Andrew and his brother, Jesus said, "Early on the morrow we go into Galilee."

5 §§ After Jesus had returned to Pella for the night, and while Andrew and Simon were yet discussing the nature of their service in the establishment

of the forthcoming kingdom, James and John the sons of Zebedee arrived upon the scene, having just returned from their long and futile searching in the hills for Jesus. When they heard Simon Peter tell how he and his brother, Andrew, had become the first accepted counsellors of the new kingdom, and that they were to leave with their new Master on the morrow for Galilee, both James and John were sad. They had known Jesus for some time, and they loved him. They had searched for him many days in the hills, and now they returned to learn that others had been preferred before

them. They inquired where Jesus had gone and made haste to find him.

6 Jesus was asleep when they reached his abode, but they awakened him, saying: "How is it that, while we who have so long lived with you are searching in the hills for you, you prefer others before us and choose Andrew and Simon as your first associates in the new kingdom?" Jesus answered them, "Be calm in your hearts and ask yourselves, 'who directed that you should search for the Son of Man when he was about his Father's business?'" After they had recited the details of their long search in the hills, Jesus further

instructed them: "You should learn to search for the secret of the new kingdom in your hearts and not in the hills. That which you sought was already present in your souls. You are indeed my brethren — you needed not to be received by me — already were you of the kingdom, and you should be of good cheer, making ready also to go with us tomorrow into Galilee." John then made bold to ask, "But, Master, will James and I be associates with you in the new kingdom, even as Andrew and Simon?" And Jesus, laying a hand on the shoulder of each of them, said: "My brethren, you were al-

ready with me in the spirit of the kingdom, even before these others made request to be received. You, my brethren, have no need to make request for entrance into the kingdom; you have been with me in the kingdom from the beginning. Before men, others may take precedence over you, but in my heart did I also number you in the councils of the kingdom, even before you thought to make this request of me. And even so might you have been first before men had you not been absent engaged in a well-intentioned but self-appointed task of seeking for one who was not lost. In the coming king-

dom, be not mindful of those things which foster your anxiety but rather at all times concern yourselves only with doing the will of the Father who is in heaven."

7 James and John received the rebuke in good grace; never more were they envious of Andrew and Simon. And they made ready, with their two associate apostles, to depart for Galilee the next morning. From this day on the term apostle was employed to distinguish the chosen family of Jesus' advisers from the vast multitude of believing disciples who subsequently followed him.

8 §§ Late that evening, James, John, Andrew, and Simon held converse with John the Baptist, and with tearful eye but steady voice the stalwart Judean prophet surrendered two of his leading disciples to become the apostles of the Galilean Prince of the coming kingdom.

2. CHOOSING PHILIP AND NATHANIEL

1 Sunday morning, February 24, A.D. 26, Jesus took leave of John the Baptist by the river near Pella, never again to see him in the flesh.

2 That day, as Jesus and his four disciple-apostles departed for Galilee,

there was a great tumult in the camp of John's followers. The first great division was about to take place. The day before, John had made his positive pronouncement to Andrew and Ezra that Jesus was the Deliverer. Andrew decided to follow Jesus, but Ezra rejected the mild-mannered carpenter of Nazareth, proclaiming to his associates: "The Prophet Daniel declares that the Son of Man will come with the clouds of heaven, in power and great glory. This Galilean carpenter, this Capernaum boatbuilder, cannot be the Deliverer. Can such a gift of God come out of Nazareth? This Jesus

is a relative of John, and through much kindness of heart has our teacher been deceived. Let us remain aloof from this false Messiah." When John rebuked Ezra for these utterances, he drew away with many disciples and hastened south. And this group continued to baptize in John's name and eventually founded a sect of those who believed in John but refused to accept Jesus. A remnant of this group persists in Mesopotamia even to this day.

3 §§ While this trouble was brewing among John's followers, Jesus and his four disciple-apostles were well on their way toward Galilee. Before they

crossed the Jordan, to go by way of Nain to Nazareth, Jesus, looking ahead and up the road, saw one Philip of Bethsaida with a friend coming toward them. Jesus had known Philip aforetime, and he was also well known to all four of the new apostles. He was on his way with his friend Nathaniel to visit John at Pella to learn more about the reported coming of the kingdom of God, and he was delighted to greet Jesus. Philip had been an admirer of Jesus ever since he first came to Capernaum. But Nathaniel, who lived at Cana of Galilee, did not know Jesus. Philip went forward to greet his

friends while Nathaniel rested under the shade of a tree by the roadside.

4 Peter took Philip to one side and proceeded to explain that they, referring to himself, Andrew, James, and John, had all become associates of Jesus in the new kingdom and strongly urged Philip to volunteer for service. Philip was in a quandary. What should he do? Here, without a moment's warning — on the roadside near the Jordan — there had come up for immediate decision the most momentous question of a lifetime. By this time he was in earnest converse with Peter, Andrew, and John while

Jesus was outlining to James the trip through Galilee and on to Capernaum. Finally, Andrew suggested to Philip, "Why not ask the Teacher?"

5 It suddenly dawned on Philip that Jesus was a really great man, possibly the Messiah, and he decided to abide by Jesus' decision in this matter; and he went straight to him, asking, "Teacher, shall I go down to John or shall I join my friends who follow you?" And Jesus answered, "Follow me." Philip was thrilled with the assurance that he had found the Deliverer.

6 §§ Philip now motioned to the group to remain where they were while

he hurried back to break the news of his decision to his friend Nathaniel, who still tarried behind under the mulberry tree, turning over in his mind the many things which he had heard concerning John the Baptist, the coming kingdom, and the expected Messiah. Philip broke in upon these meditations, exclaiming, "I have found the Deliverer, him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote and whom John has proclaimed." Nathaniel, looking up, inquired, "Whence comes this teacher?" And Philip replied, "He is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph, the carpenter, more recently residing

at Capernaum." And then, somewhat shocked, Nathaniel asked, "Can any such good thing come out of Nazareth?" But Philip, taking him by the arm, said, "Come and see."

7 Philip led Nathaniel to Jesus, who, looking benignly into the face of the sincere doubter, said: "Behold a genuine Israelite, in whom there is no deceit. Follow me." And Nathaniel, turning to Philip, said: "You are right. He is indeed a master of men. I will also follow, if I am worthy." And Jesus nodded to Nathaniel, again saying, "Follow me."

8 §§ Jesus had now assembled one

half of his future corps of intimate associates, five who had for some time known him and one stranger, Nathaniel. Without further delay they crossed the Jordan and, going by the village of Nain, reached Nazareth late that evening.

9 They all remained overnight with Joseph in Jesus' boyhood home. The associates of Jesus little understood why their new-found teacher was so concerned with completely destroying every vestige of his writing which remained about the home in the form of the ten commandments and other mottoes and sayings. But this pro-

ceeding, together with the fact that they never saw him subsequently write — except upon the dust or in the sand — made a deep impression upon their minds.

3. THE VISIT TO CAPERNAUM

1 The next day Jesus sent his apostles on to Cana, since all of them were invited to the wedding of a prominent young woman of that town, while he prepared to pay a hurried visit to his mother at Capernaum, stopping at Magdala to see his brother Jude.

2 Before leaving Nazareth, the new associates of Jesus told Joseph and

other members of Jesus' family about the wonderful events of the then recent past and gave free expression to their belief that Jesus was the long-expected deliverer. And these members of Jesus' family talked all this over, and Joseph said: "Maybe, after all, Mother was right — maybe our strange brother is the coming king."

3 Jude was present at Jesus' baptism and, with his brother James, had become a firm believer in Jesus' mission on earth. Although both James and Jude were much perplexed as to the nature of their brother's mission, their mother had resurrected all her early

hopes of Jesus as the Messiah, the son of David, and she encouraged her sons to have faith in their brother as the deliverer of Israel.

4 §§ Jesus arrived in Capernaum Monday night, but he did not go to his own home, where lived James and his mother; he went directly to the home of Zebedee. All his friends at Capernaum saw a great and pleasant change in him. Once more he seemed to be comparatively cheerful and more like himself as he was during the earlier years at Nazareth. For years previous to his baptism and the isolation periods just before and just after,

he had grown increasingly serious and self-contained. Now he seemed quite like his old self to all of them. There was about him something of majestic import and exalted aspect, but he was once again light-hearted and joyful.

5 Mary was thrilled with expectation. She anticipated that the promise of Gabriel was nearing fulfilment. She expected all Palestine soon to be startled and stunned by the miraculous revelation of her son as the supernatural king of the Jews. But to all of the many questions which his mother, James, Jude, and Zebedee asked, Jesus only smilingly replied: "It is better that

I tarry here for a while; I must do the will of my Father who is in heaven."

6 §§ On the next day, Tuesday, they all journeyed over to Cana for the wedding of Naomi, which was to take place on the following day. And in spite of Jesus' repeated warnings that they tell no man about him "until the Father's hour shall come," they insisted on quietly spreading the news abroad that they had found the Deliverer. They each confidently expected that Jesus would inaugurate his assumption of Messianic authority at the forthcoming wedding at Cana, and that he would do so with great

power and sublime grandeur. They remembered what had been told them about the phenomena attendant upon his baptism, and they believed that his future course on earth would be marked by increasing manifestations of supernatural wonders and miraculous demonstrations. Accordingly, the entire countryside was preparing to gather together at Cana for the wedding feast of Naomi and Johab the son of Nathan.

7 Mary had not been so joyous in years. She journeyed to Cana in the spirit of the queen mother on the way to witness the coronation of her son.

Not since he was 13 years old had Jesus' family and friends seen him so carefree and happy, so thoughtful and understanding of the wishes and desires of his associates, so touchingly sympathetic. And so they all whispered among themselves, in small groups, wondering what was going to happen. What would this strange person do next? How would he usher in the glory of the coming kingdom? And they were all thrilled with the thought that they were to be present to see the revelation of the might and power of Is-

rael's God.

4. THE WEDDING AT CANA

1 By noon on Wednesday almost a thousand guests had arrived in Cana, more than four times the number bidden to the wedding feast. It was a Jewish custom to celebrate weddings on Wednesday, and the invitations had been sent abroad for the wedding one month previously. In the forenoon and early afternoon it appeared more like a public reception for Jesus than a wedding. Everybody wanted to greet this near-famous Galilean, and he was most cordial to all, young and old, Jew

and gentile. And everybody rejoiced when Jesus consented to lead the preliminary wedding procession.

2 Jesus was now thoroughly self-conscious regarding his human existence, his divine pre-existence, and the status of his combined, or fused, human and divine natures. With perfect poise he could at one moment enact the human role or immediately assume the personality prerogatives of the divine nature.

3 As the day wore on, Jesus became increasingly conscious that the people were expecting him to perform some wonder; more especially he rec-

ognized that his family and his six disciple-apostles were looking for him appropriately to announce his forthcoming kingdom by some startling and supernatural manifestation.

4 Early in the afternoon Mary summoned James, and together they made bold to approach Jesus to inquire if he would admit them to his confidence to the extent of informing them at what hour and at what point in connection with the wedding ceremonies he had planned to manifest himself as the "supernatural one." No sooner had they spoken of these matters to Jesus than they saw they had aroused

his characteristic indignation. He said only: "If you love me, then be willing to tarry with me while I wait upon the will of my Father who is in heaven." But the eloquence of his rebuke lay in the expression of his face.

5 This move of his mother was a great disappointment to the human Jesus, and he was much sobered by his reaction to her suggestive proposal that he permit himself to indulge in some outward demonstration of his divinity. That was one of the very things he had decided not to do when so recently isolated in the hills. For several hours Mary was much de-

pressed. She said to James: "I cannot understand him; what can it all mean? Is there no end to his strange conduct?" James and Jude tried to comfort their mother, while Jesus withdrew for an hour's solitude. But he returned to the gathering and was once more light-hearted and joyous.

6 §§ The wedding proceeded with a hush of expectancy, but the entire ceremony was finished and not a move, not a word, from the honoured guest. Then it was whispered about that the carpenter and boatbuilder, announced by John as "the Deliverer," would show his hand during the

evening festivities, perhaps at the wedding supper. But all expectance of such a demonstration was effectually removed from the minds of his six disciple-apostles when he called them together just before the wedding supper and, in great earnestness, said: "Think not that I have come to this place to work some wonder for the gratification of the curious or for the conviction of those who doubt. Rather are we here to wait upon the will of our Father who is in heaven." But when Mary and the others saw him in consultation with his associates, they were fully persuaded in their own minds that

something extraordinary was about to happen. And they all sat down to enjoy the wedding supper and the evening of festive good fellowship.

7 §§ The father of the bridegroom had provided plenty of wine for all the guests bidden to the marriage feast, but how was he to know that the marriage of his son was to become an event so closely associated with the expected manifestation of Jesus as the Messianic deliverer? He was delighted to have the honour of numbering the celebrated Galilean among his guests, but before the wedding supper was over, the servants brought him the

disconcerting news that the wine was running short. By the time the formal supper had ended and the guests were strolling about in the garden, the mother of the bridegroom confided to Mary that the supply of wine was exhausted. And Mary confidently said: "Have no worry — I will speak to my son. He will help us." And thus did she presume to speak, notwithstanding the rebuke of but a few hours before.

8 Throughout a period of many years, Mary had always turned to Jesus for help in every crisis of their home life at Nazareth so that it was only nat-

ural for her to think of him at this time. But this ambitious mother had still other motives for appealing to her eldest son on this occasion. As Jesus was standing alone in a corner of the garden, his mother approached him, saying, "My son, they have no wine." And Jesus answered, "My good woman, what have I to do with that?" Said Mary, "But I believe your hour has come; cannot you help us?" Jesus replied: "Again I declare that I have not come to do things in this wise. Why do you trouble me again with these matters?" And then, breaking down in tears, Mary entreated him,

"But, my son, I promised them that you would help us; won't you please do something for me?" And then spoke Jesus: "Woman, what have you to do with making such promises? See that you do it not again. We must in all things wait upon the will of the Father in heaven."

9 Mary the mother of Jesus was crushed; she was stunned! As she stood there before him motionless, with the tears streaming down her face, the human heart of Jesus was overcome with compassion for the woman who had borne him in the flesh; and bending forward, he laid his

hand tenderly upon her head, saying: "Now, now, Mother Mary, grieve not over my apparently hard sayings, for have I not many times told you that I have come only to do the will of my heavenly Father? Most gladly would I do what you ask of me if it were a part of the Father's will — " and Jesus stopped short, he hesitated. Mary seemed to sense that something was happening. Leaping up, she threw her arms around Jesus' neck, kissed him, and rushed off to the servants' quarters, saying, "Whatever my son says, that do." But Jesus said nothing. He now realized that he had already said

— or rather desirefully thought — too much.

10 Mary was dancing with glee. She did not know how the wine would be produced, but she confidently believed that she had finally persuaded her first-born son to assert his authority, to dare to step forth and claim his position and exhibit his Messianic power. And, because of the presence and association of certain universe powers and personalities, of which all those present were wholly ignorant, she was not to be disappointed. The wine Mary desired and which Jesus, the God-man, humanly and sympa-

thetically wished for, was forthcoming.

11 Near at hand stood six waterpots of stone, filled with water, holding about 75 litres apiece. This water was intended for subsequent use in the final purification ceremonies of the wedding celebration. The commotion of the servants about these huge stone vessels, under the busy direction of his mother, attracted Jesus' attention, and going over, he observed that they were drawing wine out of them by the pitcherful.

12 It was gradually dawning upon Jesus what had happened. Of all persons

present at the marriage feast of Cana, Jesus was the most surprised. Others had expected him to work a wonder, but that was just what he had purposed not to do. And then the Son of Man recalled the admonition of his Personalized Thought Adjuster in the hills. He recounted how the Adjuster had warned him about the inability of any power or personality to deprive him of the creator prerogative of independence of time. On this occasion power transformers, midwayers, and all other required personalities were assembled near the water and other necessary elements, and in the face of the expressed

wish of the Universe Creator Sovereign, there was no escaping the instantaneous appearance of *wine*. And this occurrence was made doubly certain since the Personalized Adjuster had signified that the execution of the Son's desire was in no way a contravention of the Father's will.

13 But this was in no sense a miracle. No law of nature was modified, abrogated, or even transcended. Nothing happened but the abrogation of *time* in association with the celestial assembly of the chemical elements requisite for the elaboration of the wine. At Cana on this occasion the agents of

the Creator made wine just as they do by the ordinary natural processes *except* that they did it independently of time and with the intervention of superhuman agencies in the matter of the space assembly of the necessary chemical ingredients.

14 Furthermore it was evident that the enactment of this so-called miracle was not contrary to the will of the Paradise Father, else it would not have transpired, since Jesus had already subjected himself in all things to the Father's will.

15 §§ When the servants drew this new wine and carried it to the best

man, the "ruler of the feast," and when he had tasted it, he called to the bridegroom, saying: "It is the custom to set out first the good wine and, when the guests have well drunk, to bring forth the inferior fruit of the vine; but you have kept the best of the wine until the last of the feast."

16 Mary and the disciples of Jesus were greatly rejoiced at the supposed miracle which they thought Jesus had intentionally performed, but Jesus withdrew to a sheltered nook of the garden and engaged in serious thought for a few brief moments. He finally decided that the episode

was beyond his personal control under the circumstances and, not being adverse to his Father's will, was inevitable. When he returned to the people, they regarded him with awe; they all believed in him as the Messiah. But Jesus was sorely perplexed, knowing that they believed in him only because of the unusual occurrence which they had just inadvertently beheld. Again Jesus retired for a season to the housetop that he might think it all over.

17 Jesus now fully comprehended that he must constantly be on guard lest his indulgence of sympathy and pity become responsible for repeated

episodes of this sort. Nevertheless, many similar events occurred before the Son of Man took final leave of his mortal life in the flesh.

5. BACK IN CAPERNAUM

1 Though many of the guests remained for the full week of wedding festivities, Jesus, with his newly chosen disciple-apostles — James, John, Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathaniel — departed very early the next morning for Capernaum, going away without taking leave of anyone. Jesus' family and all his friends in Cana were much distressed because he so

suddenly left them, and Jude, Jesus' youngest brother, set out in search of him. Jesus and his apostles went directly to the home of Zebedee at Bethsaida. On this journey Jesus talked over many things of importance to the coming kingdom with his newly chosen associates and especially warned them to make no mention of the turning of the water into wine. He also advised them to avoid the cities of Sepphoris and Tiberias in their future work.

2 After supper that evening, in this home of Zebedee and Salome, there was held one of the most important

conferences of all Jesus' earthly career. Only the six apostles were present at this meeting; Jude arrived as they were about to separate. These six chosen men had journeyed from Cana to Bethsaida with Jesus, walking, as it were, on air. They were alive with expectancy and thrilled with the thought of having been selected as close associates of the Son of Man. But when Jesus set out to make clear to them who he was and what was to be his mission on earth and how it might possibly end, they were stunned. They could not grasp what he was telling them. They were

speechless; even Peter was crushed beyond expression. Only the deep-thinking Andrew dared to make reply to Jesus' words of counsel. When Jesus perceived that they did not comprehend his message, when he saw that their ideas of the Jewish Messiah were so completely crystallized, he sent them to their rest while he walked and talked with his brother Jude. And before Jude took leave of Jesus, he said with much feeling: "My father-brother, I never have understood you. I do not know of a certainty whether you are what my mother has taught us, and I do not fully compre-

hend the coming kingdom, but I do know you are a mighty man of God. I heard the voice at the Jordan, and I am a believer in you, no matter who you are." And when he had spoken, he departed, going to his own home at Magdala.

3 That night Jesus did not sleep. Donning his evening wraps, he sat out on the lake shore thinking, thinking until the dawn of the next day. In the long hours of that night of meditation Jesus came clearly to comprehend that he never would be able to make his followers see him in any other light than as the long-expected Messiah. At last

he recognized that there was no way to launch his message of the kingdom except as the fulfilment of John's prediction and as the one for whom the Jews were looking. After all, though he was not the Davidic type of Messiah, he was truly the fulfilment of the prophetic utterances of the more spiritually minded of the olden seers. Never again did he wholly deny that he was the Messiah. He decided to leave the final untangling of this complicated situation to the outworking of the Father's will.

4 The next morning Jesus joined his friends at breakfast, but they were a

cheerless group. He visited with them and at the end of the meal gathered them about him, saying: "It is my Father's will that we tarry hereabouts for a season. You have heard John say that he came to prepare the way for the kingdom; therefore it behoves us to await the completion of John's preaching. When the forerunner of the Son of Man shall have finished his work, we will begin the proclamation of the good tidings of the kingdom." He directed his apostles to return to their nets while he made ready to go with Zebedee to the boatshop, promising to see them the next day at the syna-

gogue, where he was to speak, and appointing a conference with them that Sabbath afternoon.

6. THE EVENTS OF A SABBATH DAY

1 Jesus' first public appearance following his baptism was in the Capernaum synagogue on Sabbath, March 2, A.D. 26. The synagogue was crowded to overflowing. The story of the baptism in the Jordan was now augmented by the fresh news from Cana about the water and the wine. Jesus gave seats of honour to his six apostles, and seated with them were his brothers in the flesh James and

Jude. His mother, having returned to Capernaum with James the evening before, was also present, being seated in the women's section of the synagogue. The entire audience was on edge; they expected to behold some extraordinary manifestation of supernatural power which would be a fitting testimony to the nature and authority of him who was that day to speak to them. But they were destined to disappointment.

2 When Jesus stood up, the ruler of the synagogue handed him the Scripture roll, and he read from the Prophet Isaiah: "Thus says the Lord: 'The

heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house that you built for me? And where is the place of my dwelling? All these things have my hands made,' says the Lord. 'But to this man will I look, even to him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at my word.' Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble and fear: 'Your brethren hated you and cast you out for my name's sake.' But let the Lord be glorified. He shall appear to you in joy, and all others shall be ashamed. A voice from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice from the Lord says: 'Before she tra-

vailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.' Who has heard such a thing? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or can a nation be born at once? But thus says the Lord: 'Behold I will extend peace like a river, and the glory of even the gentiles shall be like a flowing stream. As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you. And you shall be comforted even in Jerusalem. And when you see these things, your heart shall rejoice.'"

3 When he had finished this reading, Jesus handed the roll back to its keeper. Before sitting down, he simply

said: "Be patient and you shall see the glory of God; even so shall it be with all those who tarry with me and thus learn to do the will of my Father who is in heaven." And the people went to their homes, wondering what was the meaning of all this.

4 §§ That afternoon Jesus and his apostles, with James and Jude, entered a boat and pulled down the shore a little way, where they anchored while he talked to them about the coming kingdom. And they understood more than they had on Thursday night.

5 Jesus instructed them to take up their regular duties until "the hour of

the kingdom comes." And to encourage them, he set an example by going back regularly to work in the boatshop. In explaining that they should spend three hours every evening in study and preparation for their future work, Jesus further said: "We will all remain hereabout until the Father bids me call you. Each of you must now return to his accustomed work just as if nothing had happened. Tell no man about me and remember that my kingdom is not to come with noise and glamour, but rather must it come through the great change which my Father will have wrought in your

hearts and in the hearts of those who shall be called to join you in the councils of the kingdom. You are now my friends; I trust you and I love you; you are soon to become my personal associates. Be patient, be gentle. Be ever obedient to the Father's will. Make yourselves ready for the call of the kingdom. While you will experience great joy in the service of my Father, you should also be prepared for trouble, for I warn you that it will be only through much tribulation that many will enter the kingdom. But those who have found the kingdom, their joy will be full, and they shall be called the

blest of all the earth. But do not entertain false hope; the world will stumble at my words. Even you, my friends, do not fully perceive what I am unfolding to your confused minds. Make no mistake; we go forth to labour for a generation of sign seekers. They will demand wonder-working as the proof that I am sent by my Father, and they will be slow to recognize in the revelation of my Father's *love* the credentials of my mission."

6 That evening, when they had returned to the land, before they went their way, Jesus, standing by the water's edge, prayed: "My Father, I thank

you for these little ones who, in spite of their doubts, even now believe. And for their sakes have I set myself apart to do your will. And now may they learn to be one, even as we are one."

7. FOUR MONTHS OF TRAINING

1 For four long months — March, April, May, and June — this tarrying time continued; Jesus held over one hundred long and earnest, though cheerful and joyous, sessions with these six associates and his own brother James. Owing to sickness in his family, Jude seldom was able to attend these classes. James, Jesus'

brother, did not lose faith in him, but during these months of delay and inaction Mary nearly despaired of her son. Her faith, raised to such heights at Cana, now sank to new low levels. She could only fall back on her so oft-repeated exclamation: "I cannot understand him. I cannot figure out what it all means." But James's wife did much to bolster Mary's courage.

2 Throughout these four months these seven believers, one his own brother in the flesh, were getting acquainted with Jesus; they were getting used to the idea of living with this God-man. Though they called

him Rabbi, they were learning not to be afraid of him. Jesus possessed that matchless grace of personality which enabled him so to live among them that they were not dismayed by his divinity. They found it really easy to be "friends with God," God incarnate in the likeness of mortal flesh. This time of waiting severely tested the entire group of believers. Nothing, absolutely nothing, miraculous happened. Day by day they went about their ordinary work, while night after night they sat at Jesus' feet. And they were held together by his matchless personality and by the gracious words which he

spoke to them evening upon evening.

3 This period of waiting and teaching was especially hard on Simon Peter. He repeatedly sought to persuade Jesus to launch forth with the preaching of the kingdom in Galilee while John continued to preach in Judea. But Jesus' reply to Peter ever was: "Be patient, Simon. Make progress. We shall be none too ready when the Father calls." And Andrew would calm Peter now and then with his more seasoned and philosophic counsel. Andrew was tremendously impressed with the human naturalness of Jesus. He never grew weary of contem-

plating how one who could live so near God could be so friendly and considerate of men.

4 Throughout this entire period Jesus spoke in the synagogue but twice. By the end of these many weeks of waiting the reports about his baptism and the wine of Cana had begun to quiet down. And Jesus saw to it that no more apparent miracles happened during this time. But even though they lived so quietly at Bethsaida, reports of the strange doings of Jesus had been carried to Herod Antipas, who in turn sent spies to ascertain what he was about. But Herod was more con-

cerned about the preaching of John. He decided not to molest Jesus, whose work continued along so quietly at Capernaum.

5 In this time of waiting Jesus endeavoured to teach his associates what their attitude should be toward the various religious groups and the political parties of Palestine. Jesus' words always were, "We are seeking to win all of them, but we are not *of* any of them."

6 §§ The scribes and rabbis, taken together, were called Pharisees. They referred to themselves as the "associates." In many ways they were the progres-

sive group among the Jews, having adopted many teachings not clearly found in the Hebrew scriptures, such as belief in the resurrection of the dead, a doctrine only mentioned by a later prophet, Daniel.

7 §§ The Sadducees consisted of the priesthood and certain wealthy Jews. They were not such sticklers for the details of law enforcement. The Pharisees and Sadducees were really religious parties, rather than sects.

8 §§ The Essenes were a true religious sect, originating during the Maccabean revolt, whose requirements were in some respects more exacting

than those of the Pharisees. They had adopted many Persian beliefs and practices, lived as a brotherhood in monasteries, refrained from marriage, and had all things in common. They specialized in teachings about angels.

9 §§ The Zealots were a group of intense Jewish patriots. They advocated that any and all methods were justified in the struggle to escape the bondage of the Roman yoke.

10 §§ The Herodians were a purely political party that advocated emancipation from the direct Roman rule by a restoration of the Herodian dynasty.

11 §§ In the very midst of Palestine

there lived the Samaritans, with whom "the Jews had no dealings," notwithstanding that they held many views similar to the Jewish teachings.

12 §§ All of these parties and sects, including the smaller Nazarite brotherhood, believed in the sometime coming of the Messiah. They all looked for a national deliverer. But Jesus was very positive in making it clear that he and his disciples would not become allied to any of these schools of thought or practice. The Son of Man was to be neither a Nazarite nor an Essene.

13 While Jesus later directed that the apostles should go forth, as John had,

preaching the gospel and instructing believers, he laid emphasis on the proclamation of the "good tidings of the kingdom of heaven." He unfailingly impressed upon his associates that they must "show forth love, compassion, and sympathy." He early taught his followers that the kingdom of heaven was a spiritual experience having to do with the enthronement of God in the hearts of men.

14 As they thus tarried before embarking on their active public preaching, Jesus and the seven spent two evenings each week at the synagogue in the study of the Hebrew scriptures.

In later years after seasons of intense public work, the apostles looked back upon these four months as the most precious and profitable of all their association with the Master. Jesus taught these men all they could assimilate. He did not make the mistake of overteaching them. He did not precipitate confusion by the presentation of truth too far beyond their capacity to comprehend.

8. SERMON ON THE KINGDOM

1 On Sabbath, June 22, shortly before they went out on their first preaching tour and about ten days af-

ter John's imprisonment, Jesus occupied the synagogue pulpit for the second time since bringing his apostles to Capernaum.

2 A few days before the preaching of this sermon on "The Kingdom," as Jesus was at work in the boatshop, Peter brought him the news of John's arrest. Jesus laid down his tools once more, removed his apron, and said to Peter: "The Father's hour has come. Let us make ready to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom."

3 Jesus did his last work at the carpenter bench on this Tuesday, June 18, A.D. 26. Peter rushed out of the shop

and by midafternoon had rounded up all of his associates, and leaving them in a grove by the shore, he went in quest of Jesus. But he could not find him, for the Master had gone to a different grove to pray. And they did not see him until late that evening when he returned to Zebedee's house and asked for food. The next day he sent his brother James to ask for the privilege of speaking in the synagogue the coming Sabbath day. And the ruler of the synagogue was much pleased that Jesus was again willing to conduct the service.

4 §§ Before Jesus preached this mem-

orable sermon on the kingdom of God, the first pretentious effort of his public career, he read from the Scriptures these passages: "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy people. Yahweh is our judge, Yahweh is our lawgiver, Yahweh is our king; he will save us. Yahweh is my king and my God. He is a great king over all the earth. Loving-kindness is upon Israel in this kingdom. Blessed be the glory of the Lord for he is our King."

5 When he had finished reading, Jesus said:

6 §§ "I have come to proclaim the establishment of the Father's kingdom.

And this kingdom shall include the worshipping souls of Jew and gentile, rich and poor, free and bond, for my Father is no respecter of persons; his love and his mercy are over all.

7 "The Father in heaven sends his spirit to indwell the minds of men, and when I shall have finished my work on earth, likewise shall the Spirit of Truth be poured out upon all flesh. And the spirit of my Father and the Spirit of Truth shall establish you in the coming kingdom of spiritual understanding and divine righteousness. My kingdom is not of this world. The Son of Man will not lead forth

armies in battle for the establishment of a throne of power or a kingdom of worldly glory. When my kingdom shall have come, you shall know the Son of Man as the Prince of Peace, the revelation of the everlasting Father. The children of this world fight for the establishment and enlargement of the kingdoms of this world, but my disciples shall enter the kingdom of heaven by their moral decisions and by their spirit victories; and when they once enter therein, they shall find joy, righteousness, and eternal life.

8 "Those who first seek to enter the kingdom, thus beginning to strive for

a nobility of character like that of my Father, shall presently possess all else that is needful. But I say to you in all sincerity: Unless you seek entrance into the kingdom with the faith and trusting dependence of a little child, you shall in no wise gain admission.

9 "Be not deceived by those who come saying here is the kingdom or there is the kingdom, for my Father's kingdom concerns not things visible and material. And this kingdom is even now among you, for where the spirit of God teaches and leads the soul of man, there in reality is the kingdom of heaven. And this kingdom of

God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

10 "John did indeed baptize you in token of repentance and for the remission of your sins, but when you enter the heavenly kingdom, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

11 "In my Father's kingdom there shall be neither Jew nor gentile, only those who seek perfection through service, for I declare that he who would be great in my Father's kingdom must first become server of all. If you are willing to serve your fellows, you shall sit down with me in my kingdom, even as, by serving in the similitude of

the creature, I shall presently sit down with my Father in his kingdom.

12 "This new kingdom is like a seed growing in the good soil of a field. It does not attain full fruit quickly. There is an interval of time between the establishment of the kingdom in the soul of man and that hour when the kingdom ripens into the full fruit of everlasting righteousness and eternal salvation.

13 "And this kingdom which I declare to you is not a reign of power and plenty. The kingdom of heaven is not a matter of meat and drink but rather a life of progressive righteousness and

increasing joy in the perfecting service of my Father who is in heaven. For has not the Father said of his children of the world, 'It is my will that they should eventually be perfect, even as I am perfect.'

14 "I have come to preach the glad tidings of the kingdom. I have not come to add to the heavy burdens of those who would enter this kingdom. I proclaim the new and better way, and those who are able to enter the coming kingdom shall enjoy the divine rest. And whatever it shall cost you in the things of the world, no matter what price you may pay to enter

the kingdom of heaven, you shall receive manyfold more of joy and spiritual progress in this world, and in the age to come eternal life.

15 "Entrance into the Father's kingdom waits not upon marching armies, upon overturned kingdoms of this world, nor upon the breaking of captive yokes. The kingdom of heaven is at hand, and all who enter therein shall find abundant liberty and joyous salvation.

16 "This kingdom is an everlasting dominion. Those who enter the kingdom shall ascend to my Father; they will certainly attain the right hand of

his glory in Paradise. And all who enter the kingdom of heaven shall become the sons of God, and in the age to come so shall they ascend to the Father. And I have not come to call the would-be righteous but sinners and all who hunger and thirst for the righteousness of divine perfection.

17 "John came preaching repentance to prepare you for the kingdom; now have I come proclaiming faith, the gift of God, as the price of entrance into the kingdom of heaven. If you would but believe that my Father loves you with an infinite love, then you are in the kingdom of God."

18 §§ When he had thus spoken, he sat down. All who heard him were astonished at his words. His disciples marveled. But the people were not prepared to receive the good news from the lips of this God-man. About one third who heard him believed the message even though they could not fully comprehend it; about one third prepared in their hearts to reject such a purely spiritual concept of the expected kingdom, while the remaining one third could not grasp his teaching, many truly believing that he "was beside himself."

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TRAINING THE KINGDOM'S MESSENGERS

Midwayer Commission

After preaching the sermon on "The Kingdom," Jesus called the six apostles together that afternoon and began to disclose his plans for visiting the cities around and about the Sea of Galilee. His brothers James and Jude were very much hurt because they were not called to this conference. Up to this time they had regarded themselves as belonging

to Jesus' inner circle of associates. But Jesus planned to have no close relatives as members of this corps of apostolic directors of the kingdom. This failure to include James and Jude among the chosen few, together with his apparent aloofness from his mother ever since the experience at Cana, was the starting point of an ever-widening gulf between Jesus and his family. This situation continued throughout his public ministry — they very nearly rejected him — and these differences were not fully removed until after his death and resurrection. His mother constantly wavered between attitudes

of fluctuating faith and hope, and increasing emotions of disappointment, humiliation, and despair. Only Ruth, the youngest, remained unswervingly loyal to her father-brother.

2 Until after the resurrection, Jesus' entire family had very little to do with his ministry. If a prophet is not without honour save in his own country, he is not without understanding appreciation save in his own family.

1. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

1 The next day, Sunday, June 23, A.D. 26, Jesus imparted his final instructions to the six. He directed

them to go forth, two and two, to teach the glad tidings of the kingdom. He forbade them to baptize and advised against public preaching. He went on to explain that later he would permit them to preach in public, but that for a season, and for many reasons, he desired them to acquire practical experience in dealing personally with their fellow men. Jesus purposed to make their first tour entirely one of *personal work.* Although this announcement was something of a disappointment to the apostles, still they saw, at least in part, Jesus' reason for thus beginning the proclamation of

the kingdom, and they started out in good heart and with confident enthusiasm. He sent them forth by twos, James and John going to Kheresa, Andrew and Peter to Capernaum, while Philip and Nathaniel went to Tarichea.

2 Before they began this first two weeks of service, Jesus announced to them that he desired to ordain twelve apostles to continue the work of the kingdom after his departure and authorized each of them to choose one man from among his early converts for membership in the projected corps of apostles. John spoke up, asking: "But, Master, will these six men come into

our midst and share all things equally with us who have been with you since the Jordan and have heard all your teaching in preparation for this, our first labour for the kingdom?" And Jesus replied: "Yes, John, the men you choose shall become one with us, and you will teach them all that pertains to the kingdom, even as I have taught you." After thus speaking, Jesus left them.

3 The six did not separate to go to their work until they had exchanged many words in discussion of Jesus' instruction that each of them should choose a new apostle. Andrew's coun-

sel finally prevailed, and they went forth to their labours. In substance Andrew said: "The Master is right; we are too few to encompass this work. There is need for more teachers, and the Master has manifested great confidence in us inasmuch as he has entrusted us with the choosing of these six new apostles." This morning, as they separated to go to their work, there was a bit of concealed depression in each heart. They knew they were going to miss Jesus, and besides their fear and timidity, this was not the way they had pictured the kingdom of heaven being inaugurated.

4 It had been arranged that the six were to labour for two weeks, after which they were to return to the home of Zebedee for a conference. Meantime Jesus went over to Nazareth to visit with Joseph and Simon and other members of his family living in that vicinity. Jesus did everything humanly possible, consistent with his dedication to the doing of his Father's will, to retain the confidence and affection of his family. In this matter he did his full duty and more.

5 While the apostles were out on this mission, Jesus thought much about John, now in prison. It was a

great temptation to use his potential powers to release him, but once more he resigned himself to "wait upon the Father's will."

2. CHOOSING THE SIX

1 This first missionary tour of the six was eminently successful. They all discovered the great value of direct and personal contact with men. They returned to Jesus more fully realizing that, after all, religion is purely and wholly a matter of *personal experience.* They began to sense how hungry were the common people to hear words of religious comfort and spiritual good

cheer. When they assembled about Jesus, they all wanted to talk at once, but Andrew assumed charge, and as he called upon them one by one, they made their formal reports to the Master and presented their nominations for the six new apostles.

2 Jesus, after each man had presented his selection for the new apostleships, asked all the others to vote upon the nomination; thus all six of the new apostles were formally accepted by all of the older six. Then Jesus announced that they would all visit these candidates and give them the call to service.

3 The newly selected apostles were:

4 1. *Matthew Levi,* the customs collector of Capernaum, who had his office just to the east of the city, near the borders of Batanea. He was selected by Andrew.

5 2. *Thomas Didymus,* a fisherman of Tarichea and onetime carpenter and stone mason of Gadara. He was selected by Philip.

6 3. *James Alpheus,* a fisherman and farmer of Kheresa, was selected by James Zebedee.

7 4. *Judas Alpheus,* the twin brother of James Alpheus, also a fisherman, was selected by John Zebedee.

8 5. *Simon Zelotes* was a high officer in the patriotic organization of the Zealots, a position which he gave up to join Jesus' apostles. Before joining the Zealots, Simon had been a merchant. He was selected by Peter.

9 6. *Judas Iscariot* was an only son of wealthy Jewish parents living in Jericho. He had become attached to John the Baptist, and his Sadducee parents had disowned him. He was looking for employment in these regions when Jesus' apostles found him, and chiefly because of his experience with finances, Nathaniel invited him to join their ranks. Judas Iscariot was the only

Judean among the twelve apostles.

10 §§ Jesus spent a full day with the six, answering their questions and listening to the details of their reports, for they had many interesting and profitable experiences to relate. They now saw the wisdom of the Master's plan of sending them out to labour in a quiet and personal manner before the launching of their more pretentious public efforts.

3. THE CALL OF MATTHEW AND SIMON

1 The next day Jesus and the six went to call upon Matthew, the customs collector. Matthew was await-

ing them, having balanced his books and made ready to turn the affairs of his office over to his brother. As they approached the toll house, Andrew stepped forward with Jesus, who, looking into Matthew's face, said, "Follow me." And he arose and went to his house with Jesus and the apostles.

2 Matthew told Jesus of the banquet he had arranged for that evening, at least that he wished to give such a dinner to his family and friends if Jesus would approve and consent to be the guest of honour. And Jesus nodded his consent. Peter then took Matthew aside and explained that he had invited

one Simon to join the apostles and secured his consent that Simon be also bidden to this feast.

3 §§ After a noontide luncheon at Matthew's house they all went with Peter to call upon Simon the Zealot, whom they found at his old place of business, which was now being conducted by his nephew. When Peter led Jesus up to Simon, the Master greeted the fiery patriot and only said, "Follow me."

4 §§ They all returned to Matthew's home, where they talked much about politics and religion until the hour of the evening meal. The Levi family

had long been engaged in business and tax gathering; therefore many of the guests bidden to this banquet by Matthew would have been denominated "publicans and sinners" by the Pharisees.

5 In those days, when a reception-banquet of this sort was tendered a prominent individual, it was the custom for all interested persons to linger about the banquet room to observe the guests at meat and to listen to the conversation and speeches of the men of honour. Accordingly, most of the Capernaum Pharisees were present on this occasion to observe Jesus' con-

duct at this unusual social gathering.

6 As the dinner progressed, the joy of the diners mounted to heights of good cheer, and everybody was having such a splendid time that the onlooking Pharisees began, in their hearts, to criticize Jesus for his participation in such a light-hearted and carefree affair. Later in the evening, when they were making speeches, one of the more malignant of the Pharisees went so far as to criticize Jesus' conduct to Peter, saying: "How dare you to teach that this man is righteous when he eats with publicans and sinners and thus lends his presence to

such scenes of careless pleasure making." Peter whispered this criticism to Jesus before he spoke the parting blessing upon those assembled. When Jesus began to speak, he said: "In coming here tonight to welcome Matthew and Simon to our fellowship, I am glad to witness your light-heartedness and social good cheer, but you should rejoice still more because many of you will find entrance into the coming kingdom of the spirit, wherein you shall more abundantly enjoy the good things of the kingdom of heaven. And to you who stand about criticizing me in your hearts because I have come

here to make merry with these friends, let me say that I have come to proclaim joy to the socially downtrodden and spiritual liberty to the moral captives. Need I remind you that they who are whole need not a physician, but rather those who are sick? I have come, not to call the righteous, but sinners."

7 And truly this was a strange sight in all Jewry: to see a man of righteous character and noble sentiments mingling freely and joyously with the common people, even with an irreligious and pleasure-seeking throng of publicans and reputed sinners. Simon Zelotes desired to make a speech at

this gathering in Matthew's house, but Andrew, knowing that Jesus did not want the coming kingdom to become confused with the Zealots' movement, prevailed upon him to refrain from making any public remarks.

8 Jesus and the apostles remained that night in Matthew's house, and as the people went to their homes, they spoke of but one thing: the goodness and friendliness of Jesus.

4. THE CALL OF THE TWINS

1 On the morrow all nine of them went by boat over to Kheresa to execute the formal calling of the next two

apostles, James and Judas the twin sons of Alpheus, the nominees of James and John Zebedee. The fisherman twins were expecting Jesus and his apostles and were therefore awaiting them on the shore. James Zebedee presented the Master to the Kheresa fishermen, and Jesus, gazing on them, nodded and said, "Follow me."

2 §§ That afternoon, which they spent together, Jesus fully instructed them concerning attendance upon festive gatherings, concluding his remarks by saying: "All men are my brothers. My Father in heaven does not despise any creature of our mak-

ing. The kingdom of heaven is open to all men and women. No man may close the door of mercy in the face of any hungry soul who may seek to gain an entrance thereto. We will sit at meat with all who desire to hear of the kingdom. As our Father in heaven looks down upon men, they are all alike. Refuse not therefore to break bread with Pharisee or sinner, Sadducee or publican, Roman or Jew, rich or poor, free or bond. The door of the kingdom is wide open for all who desire to know the truth and to find God."

3 §§ That night at a simple supper at

the Alpheus home, the twin brothers were received into the apostolic family. Later in the evening Jesus gave his apostles their first lesson dealing with the origin, nature, and destiny of unclean spirits, but they could not comprehend the import of what he told them. They found it very easy to love and admire Jesus but very difficult to understand many of his teachings.

4 After a night of rest the entire party, now numbering eleven, went by boat over to Tarichea.

5. THE CALL OF THOMAS AND JUDAS

1 Thomas the fisherman and Judas

the wanderer met Jesus and the apostles at the fisher-boat landing at Tarichea, and Thomas led the party to his near-by home. Philip now presented Thomas as his nominee for apostleship and Nathaniel presented Judas Iscariot, the Judean, for similar honours. Jesus looked upon Thomas and said: "Thomas, you lack faith; nevertheless, I receive you. Follow me." To Judas Iscariot the Master said: "Judas, we are all of one flesh, and as I receive you into our midst, I pray that you will always be loyal to your Galilean brethren. Follow me."

2 §§ When they had refreshed them-

selves, Jesus took the twelve apart for a season to pray with them and to instruct them in the nature and work of the Holy Spirit, but again did they largely fail to comprehend the meaning of those wonderful truths which he endeavoured to teach them. One would grasp one point and one would comprehend another, but none of them could encompass the whole of his teaching. Always would they make the mistake of trying to fit Jesus' new gospel into their old forms of religious belief. They could not grasp the idea that Jesus had come to proclaim a new gospel of salvation and to establish a

new way of finding God; they did not perceive that he *was* a new revelation of the Father in heaven.

3 The next day Jesus left his twelve apostles quite alone; he wanted them to become acquainted and desired that they be alone to talk over what he had taught them. The Master returned for the evening meal, and during the after-supper hours he talked to them about the ministry of seraphim, and some of the apostles comprehended his teaching. They rested for a night and the next day departed by boat for Capernaum.

4 Zebedee and Salome had gone to

live with their son David so that their large home could be turned over to Jesus and his twelve apostles. Here Jesus spent a quiet Sabbath with his chosen messengers; he carefully outlined the plans for proclaiming the kingdom and fully explained the importance of avoiding any clash with the civil authorities, saying: "If the civil rulers are to be rebuked, leave that task to me. See that you make no denunciations of Caesar or his servants." It was this same evening that Judas Iscariot took Jesus aside to inquire why nothing was done to get John out of prison. And Judas was not wholly sat-

isfied with Jesus' attitude.

6. THE WEEK OF INTENSIVE TRAINING

1 The next week was devoted to a program of intense training. Each day the six new apostles were put in the hands of their respective nominators for a thoroughgoing review of all they had learned and experienced in preparation for the work of the kingdom. The older apostles carefully reviewed, for the benefit of the younger six, Jesus' teachings up to that hour. Evenings they all assembled in Zebedee's garden to receive Jesus' instruction.

2 It was at this time that Jesus estab-

lished the mid-week holiday for rest and recreation. And they pursued this plan of relaxation for one day each week throughout the remainder of his material life. As a general rule, they never prosecuted their regular activities on Wednesday. On this weekly holiday Jesus would usually take himself away from them, saying: "My children, go for a day of play. Rest yourselves from the arduous labours of the kingdom and enjoy the refreshment that comes from reverting to your former vocations or from discovering new sorts of recreational activity." While Jesus, at this period of his

earth life, did not actually require this day of rest, he conformed to this plan because he knew it was best for his human associates. Jesus was the teacher — the Master; his associates were his pupils — disciples.

3 §§ Jesus endeavoured to make clear to his apostles the difference between his teachings and his *life among them* and the teachings which might subsequently spring up *about* him. Said Jesus: "My kingdom and the gospel related thereto shall be the burden of your message. Be not sidetracked into preaching *about* me and *about* my teachings. Proclaim the gospel of the

kingdom and portray my revelation of the Father in heaven but do not be misled into the bypaths of creating legends and building up a cult having to do with beliefs and teachings *about* my beliefs and teachings." But again they did not understand why he thus spoke, and no man dared to ask why he so taught them.

4 In these early teachings Jesus sought to avoid controversies with his apostles as far as possible excepting those involving wrong concepts of his Father in heaven. In all such matters he never hesitated to correct erroneous beliefs. There was just *one* motive in Je-

sus' postbaptismal life on Urantia, and that was a better and truer revelation of his Paradise Father; he was the pioneer of the new and better way to God, the way of faith and love. Ever his exhortation to the apostles was: "Go seek for the sinners; find the downhearted and comfort the anxious."

5 Jesus had a perfect grasp of the situation; he possessed unlimited power, which might have been utilized in the furtherance of his mission, but he was wholly content with means and personalities which most people would have regarded as inadequate and would have looked upon as in-

significant. He was engaged in a mission of enormous dramatic possibilities, but he insisted on going about his Father's business in the most quiet and undramatic manner; he studiously avoided all display of power. And he now planned to work quietly, at least for several months, with his twelve apostles around about the Sea of Galilee.

7. ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT

1 Jesus had planned for a quiet missionary campaign of five months' personal work. He did not tell the apostles how long this was to last; they

worked from week to week. And early on this first day of the week, just as he was about to announce this to his twelve apostles, Simon Peter, James Zebedee, and Judas Iscariot came to have private converse with him. Taking Jesus aside, Peter made bold to say: "Master, we come at the behest of our associates to inquire whether the time is not now ripe to enter into the kingdom. And will you proclaim the kingdom at Capernaum, or are we to move on to Jerusalem? And when shall we learn, each of us, the positions we are to occupy with you in the establishment of the kingdom — " and

Peter would have gone on asking further questions, but Jesus raised an admonitory hand and stopped him. And beckoning the other apostles standing near by to join them, Jesus said: "My little children, how long shall I bear with you! Have I not made it plain to you that my kingdom is not of this world? I have told you many times that I have not come to sit on David's throne, and now how is it that you are inquiring which place each of you will occupy in the Father's kingdom? Can you not perceive that I have called you as ambassadors of a spiritual kingdom? Do you not un-

derstand that soon, very soon, you are to represent me in the world and in the proclamation of the kingdom, even as I now represent my Father who is in heaven? Can it be that I have chosen you and instructed you as messengers of the kingdom, and yet you do not comprehend the nature and significance of this coming kingdom of divine pre-eminence in the hearts of men? My friends, hear me once more. Banish from your minds this idea that my kingdom is a rule of power or a reign of glory. Indeed, all power in heaven and on earth will presently be given into my hands, but it is not the

Father's will that we use this divine endowment to glorify ourselves during this age. In another age you shall indeed sit with me in power and glory, but it behoves us now to submit to the will of the Father and to go forth in humble obedience to execute his bidding on earth."

2 Once more were his associates shocked, stunned. Jesus sent them away two and two to pray, asking them to return to him at noontime. On this crucial forenoon they each sought to find God, and each endeavoured to cheer and strengthen the other, and they returned to Jesus as he had bid-

den them.

3 Jesus now recounted for them the coming of John, the baptism in the Jordan, the marriage feast at Cana, the recent choosing of the six, and the withdrawal from them of his own brothers in the flesh, and warned them that the enemy of the kingdom would seek also to draw them away. After this short but earnest talk the apostles all arose, under Peter's leadership, to declare their undying devotion to their Master and to pledge their unswerving loyalty to the kingdom, as Thomas expressed it, "To this coming kingdom, no matter what it is and even if I do

not fully understand it." They all truly *believed in Jesus,* even though they did not fully comprehend his teaching.

4 Jesus now asked them how much money they had among them; he also inquired as to what provision had been made for their families. When it developed that they had hardly sufficient funds to maintain themselves for two weeks, he said: "It is not the will of my Father that we begin our work in this way. We will remain here by the sea two weeks and fish or do whatever our hands find to do; and in the meantime, under the guidance of Andrew, the first chosen apostle, you shall so or-

ganize yourselves as to provide for everything needful in your future work, both for the present personal ministry and also when I shall subsequently ordain you to preach the gospel and instruct believers." They were all greatly cheered by these words; this was their first clear-cut[1] and positive intimation that Jesus designed later on to enter upon more aggressive and pretentious public efforts.

5 The apostles spent the remainder of the day perfecting their organization and completing arrangements for

[1] In 1955 text "clearcut" un-hyphenated. This word is found eight additional times; all are hyphenated.

boats and nets for embarking on the morrow's fishing as they had all decided to devote themselves to fishing; most of them had been fishermen, even Jesus was an experienced boatman and fisherman. Many of the boats which they used the next few years had been built by Jesus' own hands. And they were good and trustworthy boats.

6 Jesus enjoined them to devote themselves to fishing for two weeks, adding, "And then will you go forth to become fishers of men." They fished in three groups, Jesus going out with a different group each night. And they all so much enjoyed Jesus! He was a

good fisherman, a cheerful companion, and an inspiring friend; the more they worked with him, the more they loved him. Said Matthew one day: "The more you understand some people, the less you admire them, but of this man, even the less I comprehend him, the more I love him."

7 This plan of fishing two weeks and going out to do personal work in behalf of the kingdom for two weeks was followed for more than five months, even to the end of this year of A.D. 26, until after the cessation of those special persecutions which had been directed against John's disciples subse-

quent to his imprisonment.

8. FIRST WORK OF THE TWELVE

1 After disposing of the fish catches of two weeks, Judas Iscariot, the one chosen to act as treasurer of the twelve, divided the apostolic funds into six equal portions, funds for the care of dependent families having been already provided. And then near the middle of August, in the year A.D. 26, they went forth two and two to the fields of work assigned by Andrew. The first two weeks Jesus went out with Andrew and Peter, the second two weeks with James and John, and

so on with the other couples in the order of their choosing. In this way he was able to go out at least once with each couple before he called them together for the beginning of their public ministry.

2 Jesus taught them to preach the forgiveness of sin through *faith in God* without penance or sacrifice, and that the Father in heaven loves all his children with the same eternal love. He enjoined his apostles to refrain from discussing:

3 1. The work and imprisonment of John the Baptist.

4 2. The voice at the baptism. Said

Jesus: "Only those who heard the voice may refer to it. Speak only that which you have heard from me; speak not hearsay."

5 3. The turning of the water into wine at Cana. Jesus seriously charged them, saying, "Tell no man about the water and the wine."

6 §§ They had wonderful times throug out these five or six months during which they worked as fishermen every alternate two weeks, thereby earning enough money to support themselves in the field for each succeeding two weeks of missionary work for the kingdom.

7 The common people marveled at the teaching and ministry of Jesus and his apostles. The rabbis had long taught the Jews that the ignorant could not be pious or righteous. But Jesus' apostles were both pious and righteous; yet they were cheerfully ignorant of much of the learning of the rabbis and the wisdom of the world.

8 §§ Jesus made plain to his apostles the difference between the repentance of so-called good works as taught by the Jews and the change of mind by faith — the new birth — which he required as the price of admission to the kingdom. He taught his apostles that

faith was the only requisite to entering the Father's kingdom. John had taught them "repentance — to flee from the wrath to come." Jesus taught, "Faith is the open door for entering into the present, perfect, and eternal love of God." Jesus did not speak like a prophet, one who comes to declare the word of God. He seemed to speak of himself as one having authority. Jesus sought to divert their minds from miracle seeking to the finding of a real and personal experience in the satisfaction and assurance of the indwelling of God's spirit of love and saving grace.

9 The disciples early learned that the Master had a profound respect and sympathetic regard for *every* human being he met, and they were tremendously impressed by this uniform and unvarying consideration which he so consistently gave to all sorts of men, women, and children. He would pause in the midst of a profound discourse that he might go out in the road to speak good cheer to a passing woman laden with her burden of body and soul. He would interrupt a serious conference with his apostles to fraternize with an intruding child. Nothing ever seemed so important to Jesus as

the *individual human* who chanced to be in his immediate presence. He was master and teacher, but he was more — he was also a friend and neighbour, an understanding comrade.

10 §§ Though Jesus' public teaching mainly consisted in parables and short discourses, he invariably taught his apostles by questions and answers. He would always pause to answer sincere questions during his later public discourses.

11 The apostles were at first shocked by, but early became accustomed to, Jesus' treatment of women; he made it very clear to them that women were to

be accorded equal rights with men in the kingdom.

9. FIVE MONTHS OF TESTING

1 This somewhat monotonous period of alternate fishing and personal work proved to be a gruelling experience for the twelve apostles, but they endured the test. With all of their grumblings, doubts, and transient dissatisfactions they remained true to their vows of devotion and loyalty to the Master. It was their personal association with Jesus during these months of testing that so endeared him to them that they all

(save Judas Iscariot) remained loyal and true to him even in the dark hours of the trial and crucifixion. Real men simply could not actually desert a revered teacher who had lived so close to them and had been so devoted to them as had Jesus. Through the dark hours of the Master's death, in the hearts of these apostles all reason, judgment, and logic were set aside in deference to just one extraordinary human emotion — the supreme sentiment of friendship-loyalty. These five months of work with Jesus led these apostles, each one of them, to regard him as the best *friend* he had in all the

world. And it was this human sentiment, and not his superb teachings or marvellous doings, that held them together until after the resurrection and the renewal of the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom.

2 Not only were these months of quiet work a great test to the apostles, a test which they survived, but this season of public inactivity was a great trial to Jesus' family. By the time Jesus was prepared to launch forth on his public work, his entire family (except Ruth) had practically deserted him. On only a few occasions did they attempt to make subsequent con-

tact with him, and then it was to persuade him to return home with them, for they came near to believing that he was beside himself. They simply could not fathom his philosophy nor grasp his teaching; it was all too much for those of his own flesh and blood.

3 §§ The apostles carried on their personal work in Capernaum, Bethsaida-Julias, Chorazin, Gerasa, Hippos, Magdala, Cana, Bethlehem of Galilee, Jotapata, Ramah, Safed, Gischala, Gadara, and Abila. Besides these towns they laboured in many villages as well as in the countryside. By the end of this period the twelve had

worked out fairly satisfactory plans for the care of their respective families. Most of the apostles were married, some had several children, but they had made such arrangements for the support of their home folks that, with some little assistance from the apostolic funds, they could devote their entire energies to the Master's work without having to worry about the financial welfare of their families.

10. ORGANIZATION OF THE TWELVE

1 The apostles early organized themselves in the following manner:

2 1. Andrew, the first chosen

apostle, was designated chairman and director general of the twelve.

3 2. Peter, James, and John were appointed personal companions of Jesus. They were to attend him day and night, to minister to his physical and sundry needs, and to accompany him on those night vigils of prayer and mysterious communion with the Father in heaven.

4 3. Philip was made steward of the group. It was his duty to provide food and to see that visitors, and even the multitude of listeners at times, had something to eat.

5 4. Nathaniel watched over the

needs of the families of the twelve. He received regular reports as to the requirements of each apostle's family and, making requisition on Judas, the treasurer, would send funds each week to those in need.

6 5. Matthew was the fiscal agent of the apostolic corps. It was his duty to see that the budget was balanced, the treasury replenished. If the funds for mutual support were not forthcoming, if donations sufficient to maintain the party were not received, Matthew was empowered to order the twelve back to their nets for a season. But this was never necessary after they

began their public work; he always had sufficient funds in the treasurer's hands to finance their activities.

7 6. Thomas was manager of the itinerary. It devolved upon him to arrange lodgings and in a general way select places for teaching and preaching, thereby ensuring a smooth and expeditious travel schedule.

8 7. James and Judas the twin sons of Alpheus were assigned to the management of the multitudes. It was their task to deputize a sufficient number of assistant ushers to enable them to maintain order among the crowds during the preaching.

9 8. Simon Zelotes was given charge of recreation and play. He managed the Wednesday programs and also sought to provide for a few hours of relaxation and diversion each day.

10 9. Judas Iscariot was appointed treasurer. He carried the bag. He paid all expenses and kept the books. He made budget estimates for Matthew from week to week and also made weekly reports to Andrew. Judas paid out funds on Andrew's authorization.

11 §§ In this way the twelve functioned from their early organization up to the time of the reorganization

made necessary by the desertion of Judas, the betrayer. The Master and his disciple-apostles went on in this simple manner until Sunday, January 12, A.D. 27, when he called them together and formally ordained them as ambassadors of the kingdom and preachers of its glad tidings. And soon thereafter they prepared to start for Jerusalem and Judea on their first public preaching tour.

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THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Midwayer Commission

It is an eloquent testimony to the charm and righteousness of Jesus' earth life that, although he repeatedly dashed to pieces the hopes of his apostles and tore to shreds their every ambition for personal exaltation, only one deserted him.

2 The apostles learned from Jesus about the kingdom of heaven, and Jesus learned much from them about the kingdom of men, human nature

as it lives on Urantia and on the other evolutionary worlds of time and space. These twelve men represented many different types of human temperament, and they had not been made *alike* by schooling. Many of these Galilean fishermen carried heavy strains of gentile blood as a result of the forcible conversion of the gentile population of Galilee one hundred years previously.

3 §§ Do not make the mistake of regarding the apostles as being altogether ignorant and unlearned. All of them, except the Alpheus twins, were graduates of the synagogue schools,

having been thoroughly trained in the Hebrew scriptures and in much of the current knowledge of that day. Seven were graduates of the Capernaum synagogue schools, and there were no better Jewish schools in all Galilee.

4 When your records refer to these messengers of the kingdom as being "ignorant and unlearned," it was intended to convey the idea that they were laymen, unlearned in the lore of the rabbis and untrained in the methods of rabbinical interpretation of the Scriptures. They were lacking in so-called higher education. In modern times they would certainly be consid-

ered uneducated, and in some circles of society even uncultured. One thing is certain: They had not all been put through the same rigid and stereotyped educational curriculum. From adolescence on they had enjoyed separate experiences of learning how to live.

1. ANDREW, THE FIRST CHOSEN

1 Andrew, chairman of the apostolic corps of the kingdom, was born in Capernaum. He was the oldest child in a family of five — himself, his brother Simon, and three sisters. His father, now dead, had been a partner of Ze-

bedee in the fish-drying business at Bethsaida, the fishing harbour of Capernaum. When he became an apostle, Andrew was unmarried but made his home with his married brother, Simon Peter. Both were fishermen and partners of James and John the sons of Zebedee.

2 In A.D. 26, the year he was chosen as an apostle, Andrew was 33, a full year older than Jesus and the oldest of the apostles. He sprang from an excellent line of ancestors and was the ablest man of the twelve. Excepting oratory, he was the peer of his associates in almost every imaginable ability. Jesus

never gave Andrew a nickname, a fraternal designation. But even as the apostles soon began to call Jesus Master, so they also designated Andrew by a term the equivalent of Chief.

3 §§ Andrew was a good organizer but a better administrator. He was one of the inner circle of four apostles, but his appointment by Jesus as the head of the apostolic group made it necessary for him to remain on duty with his brethren while the other three enjoyed very close communion with the Master. To the very end Andrew remained dean of the apostolic corps.

4 Although Andrew was never an ef-

fective preacher, he was an efficient personal worker, being the pioneer missionary of the kingdom in that, as the first chosen apostle, he immediately brought to Jesus his brother, Simon, who subsequently became one of the greatest preachers of the kingdom. Andrew was the chief supporter of Jesus' policy of utilizing the program of personal work as a means of training the twelve as messengers of the kingdom.

5 Whether Jesus privately taught the apostles or preached to the multitude, Andrew was usually conversant with what was going on; he was an under-

standing executive and an efficient administrator. He rendered a prompt decision on every matter brought to his notice unless he deemed the problem one beyond the domain of his authority, in which event he would take it straight to Jesus.

6 §§ Andrew and Peter were very unlike in character and temperament, but it must be recorded everlastingly to their credit that they got along together splendidly. Andrew was never jealous of Peter's oratorical ability. Not often will an older man of Andrew's type be observed exerting such a profound influence over a younger

and talented brother. Andrew and Peter never seemed to be in the least jealous of each other's abilities or achievements. Late on the evening of the day of Pentecost, when, largely through the energetic and inspiring preaching of Peter, 2,000 souls were added to the kingdom, Andrew said to his brother: "I could not do that, but I am glad I have a brother who could." To which Peter replied: "And but for your bringing me to the Master and by your steadfastness *keeping* me with him, I should not have been here to do this." Andrew and Peter were the exceptions to the rule, proving that even brothers

can live together peaceably and work together effectively.

7 After Pentecost Peter was famous, but it never irritated the older Andrew to spend the rest of his life being introduced as "Simon Peter's brother."

8 §§ Of all the apostles, Andrew was the best judge of men. He knew that trouble was brewing in the heart of Judas Iscariot even when none of the others suspected that anything was wrong with their treasurer; but he told none of them his fears. Andrew's great service to the kingdom was in advising Peter, James, and John concerning the choice of the first missionar-

ies who were sent out to proclaim the gospel, and also in counselling these early leaders about the organization of the administrative affairs of the kingdom. Andrew had a great gift for discovering the hidden resources and latent talents of young people.

9 Very soon after Jesus' ascension on high, Andrew began the writing of a personal record of many of the sayings and doings of his departed Master. After Andrew's death other copies of this private record were made and circulated freely among the early teachers of the Christian church. These informal notes of Andrew's were subsequently

edited, amended, altered, and added to until they made up a fairly consecutive narrative of the Master's life on earth. The last of these few altered and amended copies was destroyed by fire at Alexandria about one hundred years after the original was written by the first chosen of the twelve apostles.

10 Andrew was a man of clear insight, logical thought, and firm decision, whose great strength of character consisted in his superb stability. His temperamental handicap was his lack of enthusiasm; he many times failed to encourage his associates by judicious commendation. And this reticence to

praise the worthy accomplishments of his friends grew out of his abhorrence of flattery and insincerity. Andrew was one of those all-round, even-tempered, self-made, and successful men of modest affairs.

11 §§ Every one of the apostles loved Jesus, but it remains true that each of the twelve was drawn toward him because of some certain trait of personality which made a special appeal to the individual apostle. Andrew admired Jesus because of his consistent sincerity, his unaffected dignity. When men once knew Jesus, they were possessed with the urge to share him

with their friends; they really wanted all the world to know him.

12 §§ When the later persecutions finally scattered the apostles from Jerusalem, Andrew journeyed through Armenia, Asia Minor, and Macedonia and, after bringing many thousands into the kingdom, was finally apprehended and crucified in Patrae in Achaia. It was two full days before this robust man expired on the cross, and throughout these tragic hours he continued effectively to proclaim the glad tidings of the salvation of the king-

dom of heaven.

2. SIMON PETER

1 When Simon joined the apostles, he was 30 years of age. He was married, had three children, and lived at Bethsaida, near Capernaum. His brother, Andrew, and his wife's mother lived with him. Both Peter and Andrew were fisher partners of the sons of Zebedee.

2 The Master had known Simon for some time before Andrew presented him as the second of the apostles. When Jesus gave Simon the name Peter, he did it with a smile; it was to be

a sort of nickname. Simon was well known to all his friends as an erratic and impulsive fellow. True, later on, Jesus did attach a new and significant import to this lightly bestowed nickname.

3 §§ Simon Peter was a man of impulse, an optimist. He had grown up permitting himself freely to indulge strong feelings; he was constantly getting into difficulties because he persisted in speaking without thinking. This sort of thoughtlessness also made incessant trouble for all of his friends and associates and was the cause of his receiving many mild rebukes from his

Master. The only reason Peter did not get into more trouble because of his thoughtless speaking was that he very early learned to talk over many of his plans and schemes with his brother, Andrew, before he ventured to make public proposals.

4 Peter was a fluent speaker, eloquent and dramatic. He was also a natural and inspirational leader of men, a quick thinker but not a deep reasoner. He asked many questions, more than all the apostles put together, and while the majority of these questions were good and relevant, many of them were thoughtless and foolish. Peter

did not have a deep mind, but he knew his mind fairly well. He was therefore a man of quick decision and sudden action. While others talked in their astonishment at seeing Jesus on the beach, Peter jumped in and swam ashore to meet the Master.

5 §§ The one trait which Peter most admired in Jesus was his supernal tenderness. Peter never grew weary of contemplating Jesus' forbearance. He never forgot the lesson about forgiving the wrongdoer, not only seven times but seventy times and seven. He thought much about these impressions of the Master's forgiving charac-

ter during those dark and dismal days immediately following his thoughtless and unintended denial of Jesus in the high priest's courtyard.

6 §§ Simon Peter was distressingly vacillating; he would suddenly swing from one extreme to the other. First he refused to let Jesus wash his feet and then, on hearing the Master's reply, begged to be washed all over. But, after all, Jesus knew that Peter's faults were of the head and not of the heart. He was one of the most inexplicable combinations of courage and cowardice that ever lived on earth. His great strength of character was loyalty,

friendship. Peter really and truly loved Jesus. And yet despite this towering strength of devotion he was so unstable and inconstant that he permitted a servant girl to tease him into denying his Lord and Master. Peter could withstand persecution and any other form of direct assault, but he withered and shrank before ridicule. He was a brave soldier when facing a frontal attack, but he was a fear-cringing coward when surprised with an assault from the rear.

7 Peter was the first of Jesus' apostles to come forward to defend the work of Philip among the Samaritans and Paul

among the gentiles; yet later on at Antioch he reversed himself when confronted by ridiculing Judaizers, temporarily withdrawing from the gentiles only to bring down upon his head the fearless denunciation of Paul.

8 He was the first one of the apostles to make wholehearted confession of Jesus' combined humanity and divinity and the first — save Judas — to deny him. Peter was not so much of a dreamer, but he disliked to descend from the clouds of ecstasy and the enthusiasm of dramatic indulgence to the plain and matter-of-fact world of reality.

9 In following Jesus, literally and figuratively, he was either leading the procession or else trailing behind — "following afar off." But he was the outstanding preacher of the twelve; he did more than any other one man, aside from Paul, to establish the kingdom and send its messengers to the four corners of the earth in one generation.

10 After his rash denials of the Master he found himself, and with Andrew's sympathetic and understanding guidance he again led the way back to the fish nets while the apostles tarried to find out what was to happen after the

crucifixion. When he was fully assured that Jesus had forgiven him and knew he had been received back into the Master's fold, the fires of the kingdom burned so brightly within his soul that he became a great and saving light to thousands who sat in darkness.

11 §§ After leaving Jerusalem and before Paul became the leading spirit among the gentile Christian churches, Peter travelled extensively, visiting all the churches from Babylon to Corinth. He even visited and ministered to many of the churches which had been raised up by Paul. Although Peter and Paul differed much

in temperament and education, even in theology, they worked together harmoniously for the upbuilding of the churches during their later years.

12 §§ Something of Peter's style and teaching is shown in the sermons partially recorded by Luke and in the Gospel of Mark. His vigorous style was better shown in his letter known as the First Epistle of Peter; at least this was true before it was subsequently altered by a disciple of Paul.

13 But Peter persisted in making the mistake of trying to convince the Jews that Jesus was, after all, really and truly the Jewish Messiah. Right up to the

day of his death, Simon Peter continued to suffer confusion in his mind between the concepts of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah, Christ as the world's redeemer, and the Son of Man as the revelation of God, the loving Father of all mankind.

14 §§ Peter's wife was a very able woman. For years she laboured acceptably as a member of the women's corps, and when Peter was driven out of Jerusalem, she accompanied him upon all his journeys to the churches as well as on all his missionary excursions. And the day her illustrious husband yielded up his life, she was

thrown to the wild beasts in the arena at Rome.

15 §§ And so this man Peter, an intimate of Jesus, one of the inner circle, went forth from Jerusalem proclaiming the glad tidings of the kingdom with power and glory until the fullness of his ministry had been accomplished; and he regarded himself as the recipient of high honours when his captors informed him that he must die as his Master had died — on the cross. And thus was Simon Peter crucified in

Rome.

3. JAMES ZEBEDEE

1 James, the older of the two apostle sons of Zebedee, whom Jesus nicknamed "sons of thunder," was 30 years old when he became an apostle. He was married, had 4 children, and lived near his parents in the outskirts of Capernaum, Bethsaida. He was a fisherman, plying his calling in company with his younger brother John and in association with Andrew and Simon. James and his brother John enjoyed the advantage of having known Jesus longer than any of the other apostles.

2 §§ This able apostle was a temperamental contradiction; he seemed really to possess two natures, both of which were actuated by strong feelings. He was particularly vehement when his indignation was once fully aroused. He had a fiery temper when once it was adequately provoked, and when the storm was over, he was always wont to justify and excuse his anger under the pretence that it was wholly a manifestation of righteous indignation. Except for these periodic upheavals of wrath, James's personality was much like that of Andrew. He did not have Andrew's discretion or

insight into human nature, but he was a much better public speaker. Next to Peter, unless it was Matthew, James was the best public orator among the twelve.

3 Though James was in no sense moody, he could be quiet and taciturn one day and a very good talker and storyteller the next. He usually talked freely with Jesus, but among the twelve, for days at a time he was the silent man. His one great weakness was these spells of unaccountable silence.

4 The outstanding feature of James's personality was his ability to see all

sides of a proposition. Of all the twelve, he came the nearest to grasping the real import and significance of Jesus' teaching. He, too, was slow at first to comprehend the Master's meaning, but ere they had finished their training, he had acquired a superior concept of Jesus' message. James was able to understand a wide range of human nature; he got along well with the versatile Andrew, the impetuous Peter, and his self-contained brother John.

5 Though James and John had their troubles trying to work together, it was inspiring to observe how well they got along. They did not succeed quite

so well as Andrew and Peter, but they did much better than would ordinarily be expected of two brothers, especially such headstrong and determined brothers. But, strange as it may seem, these two sons of Zebedee were much more tolerant of each other than they were of strangers. They had great affection for one another; they had always been happy playmates. It was these "sons of thunder" who wanted to call fire down from heaven to destroy the Samaritans who presumed to show disrespect for their Master. But the untimely death of James greatly modified the vehement

temperament of his younger brother John.

6 §§ That characteristic of Jesus which James most admired was the Master's sympathetic affection. Jesus' understanding interest in the small and the great, the rich and the poor, made a great appeal to him.

7 §§ James Zebedee was a well-balanced thinker and planner. Along with Andrew, he was one of the more level-headed of the apostolic group. He was a vigorous individual but was never in a hurry. He was an excellent balance wheel for Peter.

8 He was modest and undramatic, a

daily server, an unpretentious worker, seeking no special reward when he once grasped something of the real meaning of the kingdom. And even in the story about the mother of James and John, who asked that her sons be granted places on the right hand and the left hand of Jesus, it should be remembered that it was the mother who made this request. And when they signified that they were ready to assume such responsibilities, it should be recognized that they were cognizant of the dangers accompanying the Master's supposed revolt against the Roman power, and that they were also

willing to pay the price. When Jesus asked if they were ready to drink the cup, they replied that they were. And as concerns James, it was literally true — he did drink the cup with the Master, seeing that he was the first of the apostles to experience martyrdom, being early put to death with the sword by Herod Agrippa. James was thus the first of the twelve to sacrifice his life upon the new battle line of the kingdom. Herod Agrippa feared James above all the other apostles. He was indeed often quiet and silent, but he was brave and determined when his convictions were aroused and challenged.

9 §§ James lived his life to the full, and when the end came, he bore himself with such grace and fortitude that even his accuser and informer, who attended his trial and execution, was so touched that he rushed away from the scene of James's death to join himself to the disciples of Jesus.

4. JOHN ZEBEDEE

1 When he became an apostle, John was 24 years old and was the youngest of the twelve. He was unmarried and lived with his parents at Bethsaida; he was a fisherman and worked with his brother James in partnership with An-

drew and Peter. Both before and after becoming an apostle, John functioned as the personal agent of Jesus in dealing with the Master's family, and he continued to bear this responsibility as long as Mary the mother of Jesus lived.

2 Since John was the youngest of the twelve and so closely associated with Jesus in his family affairs, he was very dear to the Master, but it cannot be truthfully said that he was "the disciple whom Jesus loved." You would hardly suspect such a magnanimous personality as Jesus to be guilty of showing favouritism, of loving one of his apos-

tles more than the others. The fact that John was one of the three personal aides of Jesus lent further colour to this mistaken idea, not to mention that John, along with his brother James, had known Jesus longer than the others.

3 §§ Peter, James, and John were assigned as personal aides to Jesus soon after they became apostles. Shortly after the selection of the twelve and at the time Jesus appointed Andrew to act as director of the group, he said to him: "And now I desire that you assign two or three of your associates to be with me and to remain by my

side, to comfort me and to minister to my daily needs." And Andrew thought best to select for this special duty the next three first-chosen apostles. He would have liked to volunteer for such a blessed service himself, but the Master had already given him his commission; so he immediately directed that Peter, James, and John attach themselves to Jesus.

4 §§ John Zebedee had many lovely traits of character, but one which was not so lovely was his inordinate but usually well-concealed conceit. His long association with Jesus made many and great changes in his charac-

ter. This conceit was greatly lessened, but after growing old and becoming more or less childish, this self-esteem reappeared to a certain extent, so that, when engaged in directing Nathan in the writing of the Gospel which now bears his name, the aged apostle did not hesitate repeatedly to refer to himself as the "disciple whom Jesus loved." In view of the fact that John came nearer to being the chum of Jesus than any other earth mortal, that he was his chosen personal representative in so many matters, it is not strange that he should have come to regard himself as the "disciple whom Jesus loved"

since he most certainly knew he was the disciple whom Jesus so frequently trusted.

5 The strongest trait in John's character was his dependability; he was prompt and courageous, faithful and devoted. His greatest weakness was this characteristic conceit. He was the youngest member of his father's family and the youngest of the apostolic group. Perhaps he was just a bit spoiled; maybe he had been humoured slightly too much. But the John of after years was a very different type of person than the self-admiring and arbitrary young man who joined the

ranks of Jesus' apostles when he was 24.

6 §§ Those characteristics of Jesus which John most appreciated were the Master's love and unselfishness; these traits made such an impression on him that his whole subsequent life became dominated by the sentiment of love and brotherly devotion. He talked about love and wrote about love. This "son of thunder" became the "apostle of love"; and at Ephesus, when the aged bishop was no longer able to stand in the pulpit and preach but had to be carried to church in a chair, and when at the close of the service he was

asked to say a few words to the believers, for years his only utterance was, "My little children, love one another."

7 §§ John was a man of few words except when his temper was aroused. He thought much but said little. As he grew older, his temper became more subdued, better controlled, but he never overcame his disinclination to talk; he never fully mastered this reticence. But he was gifted with a remarkable and creative imagination.

8 §§ There was another side to John that one would not expect to find in this quiet and introspective type. He was somewhat bigoted and inor-

dinately intolerant. In this respect he and James were much alike — they both wanted to call down fire from heaven on the heads of the disrespectful Samaritans. When John encountered some strangers teaching in Jesus' name, he promptly forbade them. But he was not the only one of the twelve who was tainted with this kind of self-esteem and superiority consciousness.

9 John's life was tremendously influenced by the sight of Jesus' going about without a home as he knew how faithfully he had made provision for the care of his mother and family. John also deeply sympathized

with Jesus because of his family's failure to understand him, being aware that they were gradually withdrawing from him. This entire situation, together with Jesus' ever deferring his slightest wish to the will of the Father in heaven and his daily life of implicit trust, made such a profound impression on John that it produced marked and permanent changes in his character, changes which manifested themselves throughout his entire subsequent life.

10 John had a cool and daring courage which few of the other apostles possessed. He was the one apostle

who followed right along with Jesus the night of his arrest and dared to accompany his Master into the very jaws of death. He was present and near at hand right up to the last earthly hour and was found faithfully carrying out his trust with regard to Jesus' mother and ready to receive such additional instructions as might be given during the last moments of the Master's mortal existence. One thing is certain, John was thoroughly dependable. John usually sat on Jesus' right hand when the twelve were at meat. He was the first of the twelve really and fully to believe in the resurrection, and he was

the first to recognize the Master when he came to them on the seashore after his resurrection.

11 This son of Zebedee was very closely associated with Peter in the early activities of the Christian movement, becoming one of the chief supporters of the Jerusalem church. He was the right-hand support of Peter on the day of Pentecost.

12 Several years after the martyrdom of James, John married his brother's widow. The last 20 years of his life he was cared for by a loving granddaughter.

13 John was in prison several times

and was banished to the Isle of Patmos for a period of four years until another emperor came to power in Rome. Had not John been tactful and sagacious, he would undoubtedly have been killed as was his more outspoken brother James. As the years passed, John, together with James the Lord's brother, learned to practise wise conciliation when they appeared before the civil magistrates. They found that a "soft answer turns away wrath." They also learned to represent the church as a "spiritual brotherhood devoted to the social service of mankind" rather than as "the kingdom of heaven." They

taught loving service rather than ruling power — kingdom and king.

14 When in temporary exile on Patmos, John wrote the Book of Revelation, which you now have in greatly abridged and distorted form. This Book of Revelation contains the surviving fragments of a great revelation, large portions of which were lost, other portions of which were removed, subsequent to John's writing. It is preserved in only fragmentary and adulterated form.

15 John travelled much, laboured incessantly, and after becoming bishop of the Asia churches, settled down at

Ephesus. He directed his associate, Nathan, in the writing of the so-called "Gospel according to John," at Ephesus, when he was 99 years old. Of all the twelve apostles, John Zebedee eventually became the outstanding theologian. He died a natural death at Ephesus in A.D. 103 when he was 101 years of age.

5. PHILIP THE CURIOUS

1 Philip was the 5th apostle to be chosen, being called when Jesus and his first four apostles were on their way from John's rendezvous on the Jordan to Cana of Galilee. Since he lived at

Bethsaida, Philip had for some time known of Jesus, but it had not occurred to him that Jesus was a really great man until that day in the Jordan valley when he said, "Follow me." Philip was also somewhat influenced by the fact that Andrew, Peter, James, and John had accepted Jesus as the Deliverer.

2 Philip was 27 years of age when he joined the apostles; he had recently been married, but he had no children at this time. The nickname which the apostles gave him signified "curiosity." Philip was always wanting to be shown. He never seemed to see very

far into any proposition. He was not necessarily dull, but he lacked imagination. This lack of imagination was the great weakness of his character. He was a commonplace and matter-of-fact individual.

3 §§ When the apostles were organized for service, Philip was made steward; it was his duty to see that they were at all times supplied with provisions. And he was a good steward. His strongest characteristic was his methodical thoroughness; he was both mathematical and systematic.

4 Philip came from a family of seven, three boys and four girls. He was

next to the oldest, and after the resurrection he baptized his entire family into the kingdom. Philip's people were fisherfolk. His father was a very able man, a deep thinker, but his mother was of a very mediocre family. Philip was not a man who could be expected to do big things, but he was a man who could do little things in a big way, do them well and acceptably. Only a few times in four years did he fail to have food on hand to satisfy the needs of all. Even the many emergency demands attendant upon the life they lived seldom found him unprepared. The commissary depart-

ment of the apostolic family was intelligently and efficiently managed.

5 The strong point about Philip was his methodical reliability; the weak point in his make-up was his utter lack of imagination, the absence of the ability to put two and two together to obtain four. He was mathematical in the abstract but not constructive in his imagination. He was almost entirely lacking in certain types of imagination. He was the typical everyday and commonplace average man. There were a great many such men and women among the multitudes who came to hear Jesus teach and preach,

and they derived great comfort from observing one like themselves elevated to an honoured position in the councils of the Master; they derived courage from the fact that one like themselves had already found a high place in the affairs of the kingdom. And Jesus learned much about the way some human minds function as he so patiently listened to Philip's foolish questions and so many times complied with his steward's request to "be shown."

6 The one quality about Jesus which Philip so continuously admired was the Master's unfailing generosity. Never could Philip find anything in

Jesus which was small, niggardly, or stingy, and he worshipped this ever-present and unfailing liberality.

7 §§ There was little about Philip's personality that was impressive. He was often spoken of as "Philip of Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter live." He was almost without discerning vision; he was unable to grasp the dramatic possibilities of a given situation. He was not pessimistic; he was simply prosaic. He was also greatly lacking in spiritual insight. He would not hesitate to interrupt Jesus in the midst of one of the Master's most profound discourses to ask an apparently

foolish question. But Jesus never reprimanded him for such thoughtlessness; he was patient with him and considerate of his inability to grasp the deeper meanings of the teaching. Jesus well knew that, if he once rebuked Philip for asking these annoying questions, he would not only wound this honest soul, but such a reprimand would so hurt Philip that he would never again feel free to ask questions. Jesus knew that on his worlds of space there were untold billions of similar slow-thinking mortals, and he wanted to encourage them all to look to him and always to feel free to come to him with

their questions and problems. After all, Jesus was really more interested in Philip's foolish questions than in the sermon he might be preaching. Jesus was supremely interested in *men,* all kinds of men.

8 The apostolic steward was not a good public speaker, but he was a very persuasive and successful personal worker. He was not easily discouraged; he was a plodder and very tenacious in anything he undertook. He had that great and rare gift of saying, "Come." When his first convert, Nathaniel, wanted to argue about the merits and demerits of Jesus and

Nazareth, Philip's effective reply was, "Come and see." He was not a dogmatic preacher who exhorted his hearers to "Go" — do this and do that. He met all situations as they arose in his work with "Come" — "come with me; I will show you the way." And that is always the effective technique in all forms and phases of teaching. Even parents may learn from Philip the better way of saying to their children *not* "Go do this and go do that," but rather, "Come with us while we show and share with you the better way."

9 The inability of Philip to adapt

himself to a new situation was well shown when the Greeks came to him at Jerusalem, saying: "Sir, we desire to see Jesus." Now Philip would have said to any Jew asking such a question, "Come." But these men were foreigners, and Philip could remember no instructions from his superiors regarding such matters; so the only thing he could think to do was to consult the chief, Andrew, and then they both escorted the inquiring Greeks to Jesus. Likewise, when he went into Samaria preaching and baptizing believers, as he had been instructed by his Master, he refrained from laying

hands on his converts in token of their having received the Spirit of Truth. This was done by Peter and John, who presently came down from Jerusalem to observe his work in behalf of the mother church.

10 Philip went on through the trying times of the Master's death, participated in the reorganization of the twelve, and was the first to go forth to win souls for the kingdom outside of the immediate Jewish ranks, being most successful in his work for the Samaritans and in all his subsequent labours in behalf of the gospel.

11 §§ Philip's wife, who was an effi-

cient member of the women's corps, became actively associated with her husband in his evangelistic work after their flight from the Jerusalem persecutions. His wife was a fearless woman. She stood at the foot of Philip's cross encouraging him to proclaim the glad tidings even to his murderers, and when his strength failed, she began the recital of the story of salvation by faith in Jesus and was silenced only when the irate Jews rushed upon her and stoned her to death. Their eldest daughter, Leah, continued their work, later on becoming the renowned prophetess of Hierapolis.

12 §§ Philip, the onetime steward of the twelve, was a mighty man in the kingdom, winning souls wherever he went; and he was finally crucified for his faith and buried at Hierapolis.

6. HONEST NATHANIEL

1 Nathaniel, the 6th and last of the apostles to be chosen by the Master himself, was brought to Jesus by his friend Philip. He had been associated in several business enterprises with Philip and, with him, was on the way down to see John the Baptist when they encountered Jesus.

2 When Nathaniel joined the apos-

tles, he was 25 years old and was the next to the youngest of the group. He was the youngest of a family of seven, was unmarried, and the only support of aged and infirm parents, with whom he lived at Cana; his brothers and sister were either married or deceased, and none lived there. Nathaniel and Judas Iscariot were the two best educated men among the twelve. Nathaniel had thought to become a merchant.

3 §§ Jesus did not himself give Nathaniel a nickname, but the twelve soon began to speak of him in terms that signified honesty, sincerity. He

was "without guile." And this was his great virtue; he was both honest and sincere. The weakness of his character was his pride; he was very proud of his family, his city, his reputation, and his nation, all of which is commendable if it is not carried too far. But Nathaniel was inclined to go to extremes with his personal prejudices. He was disposed to prejudge individuals in accordance with his personal opinions. He was not slow to ask the question, even before he had met Jesus, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" But Nathaniel was not obstinate, even if he was proud. He was quick to reverse

himself when he once looked into Jesus' face.

4 In many respects Nathaniel was the odd genius of the twelve. He was the apostolic philosopher and dreamer, but he was a very practical sort of dreamer. He alternated between seasons of profound philosophy and periods of rare and droll humour; when in the proper mood, he was probably the best storyteller among the twelve. Jesus greatly enjoyed hearing Nathaniel discourse on things both serious and frivolous. Nathaniel progressively took Jesus and the kingdom more seriously, but never

did he take himself seriously.

5 The apostles all loved and respected Nathaniel, and he got along with them splendidly, excepting Judas Iscariot. Judas did not think Nathaniel took his apostleship sufficiently seriously and once had the temerity to go secretly to Jesus and lodge complaint against him. Said Jesus: "Judas, watch carefully your steps; do not overmagnify your office. Who of us is competent to judge his brother? It is not the Father's will that his children should partake only of the serious things of life. Let me repeat: I have come that my brethren in the flesh

may have joy, gladness, and life more abundantly. Go then, Judas, and do well that which has been entrusted to you but leave Nathaniel, your brother, to give account of himself to God." And the memory of this, with that of many similar experiences, long lived in the self-deceiving heart of Judas Iscariot.

6 Many times, when Jesus was away on the mountain with Peter, James, and John, and things were becoming tense and tangled among the apostles, when even Andrew was in doubt about what to say to his disconsolate brethren, Nathaniel would relieve the

tension by a bit of philosophy or a flash of humour; good humour[1], too.

7 Nathaniel's duty was to look after the families of the twelve. He was often absent from the apostolic councils, for when he heard that sickness or anything out of the ordinary had happened to one of his charges, he lost

[1] According to Dr Meredith Justin Sprunger the original Papers stated that the apostle Nathaniel "had a good sense of humour for a Jew", but after it was read the members of the Forum chuckled at this phrase. The next time they obtained this paper from the safe, they discovered the phrase "for a Jew" was deleted. I am assuming that this comment refers to this particular location as it seems to be the closest to providing just such a context.

no time in getting to that home. The twelve rested securely in the knowledge that their families' welfare was safe in the hands of Nathaniel.

8 §§ Nathaniel most revered Jesus for his tolerance. He never grew weary of contemplating the broadmindedness and generous sympathy of the Son of Man.

9 §§ Nathaniel's father (Bartholomew

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[1] Note that this is the *only* mention of a Bartholomew in the Urantia Papers. Nathaniel was invited to be one of the apostles by Philip (137:2.6). In the synoptic gospels Nathaniel is always mentioned under the name Bartholomew as an associate of Philip (Matthew 10:3, Mark 3:18 and Luke 6:14). In the gospel of John we

died shortly after Pentecost, after which this apostle went into Mesopotamia and India proclaiming the glad tidings of the kingdom and baptizing believers. His brethren never knew what became of their onetime philosopher, poet, and humorist. But he also was a great man in the kingdom and did much to spread his Mas-

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have Nathaniel, but no Bartholomew. The name "Bartholomew" is an anglicized form of the Aramaic "bar Tholmai" meaning "son of Tholmai". It is possible that Nathaniel's father's name was Tholmai and not Bartholomew. However, I did not amend the text here because Dr. Sadler is saying that "the manuscript was very clear that it was Bartholomew".

ter's teachings, even though he did not participate in the organization of the subsequent Christian church. Nathaniel died in India.

7. MATTHEW LEVI

1 Matthew, the 7th apostle, was chosen by Andrew. Matthew belonged to a family of tax gatherers, or publicans, but was himself a customs collector in Capernaum, where he lived. He was 31 years old and married and had 4 children. He was a man of moderate wealth, the only one of any means belonging to the apostolic corps. He was a good business man, a good social

mixer, and was gifted with the ability to make friends and to get along smoothly with a great variety of people.

2 §§ Andrew appointed Matthew the financial representative of the apostles. In a way he was the fiscal agent and publicity spokesman for the apostolic organization. He was a keen judge of human nature and a very efficient propagandist. His is a personality difficult to visualize, but he was a very earnest disciple and an increasing believer in the mission of Jesus and in the certainty of the kingdom. Jesus never gave Levi a nickname, but

his fellow apostles commonly referred to him as the "money-getter."

3 Levi's strong point was his wholehearted devotion to the cause. That he, a publican, had been taken in by Jesus and his apostles was the cause for overwhelming gratitude on the part of the former revenue collector. However, it required some little time for the rest of the apostles, especially Simon Zelotes and Judas Iscariot, to become reconciled to the publican's presence in their midst. Matthew's weakness was his short-sighted and materialistic viewpoint of life. But in all these matters he made great prog-

ress as the months went by. He, of course, had to be absent from many of the most precious seasons of instruction as it was his duty to keep the treasury replenished.

4 It was the Master's forgiving disposition which Matthew most appreciated. He would never cease to recount that faith only was necessary in the business of finding God. He always liked to speak of the kingdom as "this business of finding God."

5 §§ Though Matthew was a man with a past, he gave an excellent account of himself, and as time went on, his associates became proud of

the publican's performances. He was one of the apostles who made extensive notes on the sayings of Jesus, and these notes were used as the basis of Isador's subsequent narrative of the sayings and doings of Jesus, which has become known as the Gospel according to Matthew.

6 The great and useful life of Matthew, the business man and customs collector of Capernaum, has been the means of leading thousands upon thousands of other business men, public officials, and politicians, down through the subsequent ages, also to hear that engaging voice of the Mas-

ter saying, "Follow me." Matthew really was a shrewd politician, but he was intensely loyal to Jesus and supremely devoted to the task of seeing that the messengers of the coming kingdom were adequately financed.

7 The presence of Matthew among the twelve was the means of keeping the doors of the kingdom wide open to hosts of downhearted and outcast souls who had regarded themselves as long since without the bounds of religious consolation. Outcast and despairing men and women flocked to hear Jesus, and he never turned one away.

8 §§ Matthew received freely tendered offerings from believing disciples and the immediate auditors of the Master's teachings, but he never openly solicited funds from the multitudes. He did all his financial work in a quiet and personal way and raised most of the money among the more substantial class of interested believers. He gave practically the whole of his modest fortune to the work of the Master and his apostles, but they never knew of this generosity, save Jesus, who knew all about it. Matthew hesitated openly to contribute to the apostolic funds for fear that Jesus and his

associates might regard his money as being tainted; so he gave much in the names of other believers. During the earlier months, when Matthew knew his presence among them was more or less of a trial, he was strongly tempted to let them know that his funds often supplied them with their daily bread, but he did not yield. When evidence of the disdain of the publican would become manifest, Levi would burn to reveal to them his generosity, but always he managed to keep still.

9 When the funds for the week were short of the estimated requirements, Levi would often draw heavily upon

his own personal resources. Also, sometimes when he became greatly interested in Jesus' teaching, he preferred to remain and hear the instruction, even though he knew he must personally make up for his failure to solicit the necessary funds. But Levi did so wish that Jesus might know that much of the money came from his pocket! He little realized that the Master knew all about it. The apostles all died without knowing that Matthew was their benefactor to such an extent that, when he went forth to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom after the beginning of the persecutions, he was prac-

tically penniless.

10 §§ When these persecutions caused the believers to forsake Jerusalem, Matthew journeyed north, preaching the gospel of the kingdom and baptizing believers. He was lost to the knowledge of his former apostolic associates, but on he went, preaching and baptizing, through Syria, Cappadocia, Galatia, Bithynia, and Thrace. And it was in Thrace, at Lysimachia, that certain unbelieving Jews conspired with the Roman soldiers to encompass his death. And this regenerated publican died triumphant in the faith of a salvation he had so

surely learned from the teachings of the Master during his recent sojourn on earth.

8. THOMAS DIDYMUS

1 Thomas was the 8th apostle, and he was chosen by Philip. In later times he has become known as "doubting Thomas," but his fellow apostles hardly looked upon him as a chronic doubter. True, his was a logical, sceptical type of mind, but he had a form of courageous loyalty which forbade those who knew him intimately to regard him as a trifling sceptic.

2 When Thomas joined the apos-

tles, he was 29 years old, was married, and had four children. Formerly he had been a carpenter and stone mason, but latterly he had become a fisherman and resided at Tarichea, situated on the west bank of the Jordan where it flows out of the Sea of Galilee, and he was regarded as the leading citizen of this little village. He had little education, but he possessed a keen, reasoning mind and was the son of excellent parents, who lived at Tiberias. Thomas had the one truly analytical mind of the twelve; he was the real scientist of the apostolic group.

3 The early home life of Thomas had

been unfortunate; his parents were not altogether happy in their married life, and this was reflected in Thomas's adult experience. He grew up having a very disagreeable and quarrelsome disposition. Even his wife was glad to see him join the apostles; she was relieved by the thought that her pessimistic husband would be away from home most of the time. Thomas also had a streak of suspicion which made it very difficult to get along peaceably with him. Peter was very much upset by Thomas at first, complaining to his brother, Andrew, that Thomas was "mean, ugly, and always suspi-

cious." But the better his associates knew Thomas, the more they liked him. They found he was superbly honest and unflinchingly loyal. He was perfectly sincere and unquestionably truthful, but he was a natural-born faultfinder and had grown up to become a real pessimist. His analytical mind had become cursed with suspicion. He was rapidly losing faith in his fellow men when he became associated with the twelve and thus came in contact with the noble character of Jesus. This association with the Master began at once to transform Thomas's whole disposition and to effect great

changes in his mental reactions to his fellow men.

4 Thomas's great strength was his superb analytical mind coupled with his unflinching courage — when he had once made up his mind. His great weakness was his suspicious doubting, which he never fully overcame throughout his whole lifetime in the flesh.

5 In the organization of the twelve Thomas was assigned to arrange and manage the itinerary, and he was an able director of the work and movements of the apostolic corps. He was a good executive, an excellent business-

man, but he was handicapped by his many moods; he was one man one day and another man the next. He was inclined toward melancholic brooding when he joined the apostles, but contact with Jesus and the apostles largely cured him of this morbid introspection.

6 Jesus enjoyed Thomas very much and had many long, personal talks with him. His presence among the apostles was a great comfort to all honest doubters and encouraged many troubled minds to come into the kingdom, even if they could not wholly understand everything about the spir-

itual and philosophic phases of the teachings of Jesus. Thomas's membership in the twelve was a standing declaration that Jesus loved even honest doubters.

7 §§ The other apostles held Jesus in reverence because of some special and outstanding trait of his replete personality, but Thomas revered his Master because of his superbly balanced character. Increasingly Thomas admired and honoured one who was so lovingly merciful yet so inflexibly just and fair; so firm but never obstinate; so calm but never indifferent; so helpful and so sympathetic but never meddle-

some or dictatorial; so strong but at the same time so gentle; so positive but never rough or rude; so tender but never vacillating; so pure and innocent but at the same time so virile, aggressive, and forceful; so truly courageous but never rash or foolhardy; such a lover of nature but so free from all tendency to revere nature; so humorous and so playful, but so free from levity and frivolity. It was this matchless symmetry of personality that so charmed Thomas. He probably enjoyed the highest intellectual understanding and personality appreciation of Jesus of any of the twelve.

8 §§ In the councils of the twelve Thomas was always cautious, advocating a policy of safety first, but if his conservatism was voted down or overruled, he was always the first fearlessly to move out in execution of the program decided upon. Again and again would he stand out against some project as being foolhardy and presumptuous; he would debate to the bitter end, but when Andrew would put the proposition to a vote, and after the twelve would elect to do that which he had so strenuously opposed, Thomas was the first to say, "Let's go!" He was a good loser. He did not hold

grudges nor nurse wounded feelings. Time and again did he oppose letting Jesus expose himself to danger, but when the Master would decide to take such risks, always was it Thomas who rallied the apostles with his courageous words, "Come on, comrades, let's go and die with him."

9 Thomas was in some respects like Philip; he also wanted "to be shown," but his outward expressions of doubt were based on entirely different intellectual operations. Thomas was analytical, not merely sceptical. As far as personal physical courage was concerned, he was one of the bravest

among the twelve.

10 §§ Thomas had some very bad days; he was blue and downcast at times. The loss of his twin sister when he was 9 years old had occasioned him much youthful sorrow and had added to his temperamental problems of later life. When Thomas would become despondent, sometimes it was Nathaniel who helped him to recover, sometimes Peter, and not infrequently one of the Alpheus twins. When he was most depressed, unfortunately he always tried to avoid coming in direct contact with Jesus. But the Master knew all about this and had an un-

derstanding sympathy for his apostle when he was thus afflicted with depression and harassed by doubts.

11 Sometimes Thomas would get permission from Andrew to go off by himself for a day or two. But he soon learned that such a course was not wise; he early found that it was best, when he was downhearted, to stick close to his work and to remain near his associates. But no matter what happened in his emotional life, he kept right on being an apostle. When the time actually came to move forward, it was always Thomas who said, "Let's go!"

12 Thomas is the great example of a human being who has doubts, faces them, and wins. He had a great mind; he was no carping critic. He was a logical thinker; he was the acid test of Jesus and his fellow apostles. If Jesus and his work had not been genuine, it could not have held a man like Thomas from the start to the finish. He had a keen and sure sense of *fact.* At the first appearance of fraud or deception Thomas would have forsaken them all. Scientists may not fully understand all about Jesus and his work on earth, but there lived and worked with the Master and his human asso-

ciates a man whose mind was that of a true scientist — Thomas Didymus — and he believed in Jesus of Nazareth.

13 §§ Thomas had a trying time during the days of the trial and crucifixion. He was for a season in the depths of despair, but he rallied his courage, stuck to the apostles, and was present with them to welcome Jesus on the Sea of Galilee. For a while he succumbed to his doubting depression but eventually rallied his faith and courage. He gave wise counsel to the apostles after Pentecost and, when persecution scattered the believers, went to Cyprus, Crete, the North African

coast, and Sicily, preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom and baptizing believers. And Thomas continued preaching and baptizing until he was apprehended by the agents of the Roman government and was put to death in Malta. Just a few weeks before his death he had begun the writing of the life and teachings of Jesus.

9. 9 AND 10. JAMES AND JUDAS ALPHEUS

1 James and Judas the sons of Alpheus, the twin fishermen living near Kheresa, were the 9th and 10th apostles and were chosen by James and John

Zebedee. They were 26 years old and married, James having three children, Judas two.

2 §§ There is not much to be said about these two commonplace fisherfolk. They loved their Master and Jesus loved them, but they never interrupted his discourses with questions. They understood very little about the philosophical discussions or the theological debates of their fellow apostles, but they rejoiced to find themselves numbered among such a group of mighty men. These two men were almost identical in personal appearance, mental characteristics, and ex-

tent of spiritual perception. What may be said of one should be recorded of the other.

3 Andrew assigned them to the work of policing the multitudes. They were the chief ushers of the preaching hours and, in fact, the general servants and errand boys of the twelve. They helped Philip with the supplies, they carried money to the families for Nathaniel, and always were they ready to lend a helping hand to any one of the apostles.

4 The multitudes of the common people were greatly encouraged to find two like themselves honoured

with places among the apostles. By their very acceptance as apostles these mediocre twins were the means of bringing a host of fainthearted believers into the kingdom. And, too, the common people took more kindly to the idea of being directed and managed by official ushers who were very much like themselves.

5 James and Judas, who were also called Thaddeus and Lebbeus, had neither strong points nor weak points. The nicknames given them by the disciples were good-natured designations of mediocrity. They were "the least of all the apostles"; they knew it and felt

cheerful about it.

6 §§ James Alpheus especially loved Jesus because of the Master's simplicity. These twins could not comprehend the mind of Jesus, but they did grasp the sympathetic bond between themselves and the heart of their Master. Their minds were not of a high order; they might even reverently be called stupid, but they had a real experience in their spiritual natures. They believed in Jesus; they were sons of God and fellows of the kingdom.

7 Judas Alpheus was drawn toward Jesus because of the Master's unostentatious humility. Such humil-

ity linked with such personal dignity made a great appeal to Judas. The fact that Jesus would always enjoin silence regarding his unusual acts made a great impression on this simple child of nature.

8 §§ The twins were good-natured, simple-minded helpers, and everybody loved them. Jesus welcomed these young men of one talent to positions of honour on his personal staff in the kingdom because there are untold millions of other such simple and fear-ridden souls on the worlds of space whom he likewise wishes to welcome into active and believing fellowship

with himself and his outpoured Spirit of Truth. Jesus does not look down upon littleness, only upon evil and sin. James and Judas were *little,* but they were also *faithful.* They were simple and ignorant, but they were also big-hearted, kind, and generous.

9 And how gratefully proud were these humble men on that day when the Master refused to accept a certain rich man as an evangelist unless he would sell his goods and help the poor. When the people heard this and beheld the twins among his counsellors, they knew of a certainty that Jesus was no respecter of persons. But only

a divine institution — the kingdom of heaven — could ever have been built upon such a mediocre human foundation!

10 Only once or twice in all their association with Jesus did the twins venture to ask questions in public. Judas was once intrigued into asking Jesus a question when the Master had talked about revealing himself openly to the world. He felt a little disappointed that there were to be no more secrets among the twelve, and he made bold to ask: "But, Master, when you do thus declare yourself to the world, how will you favour us with special manifesta-

tions of your goodness?"

11 §§ The twins served faithfully until the end, until the dark days of trial, crucifixion, and despair. They never lost their heart faith in Jesus, and (save John) they were the first to believe in his resurrection. But they could not comprehend the establishment of the kingdom. Soon after their Master was crucified, they returned to their families and nets; their work was done. They had not the ability to go on in the more complex battles of the kingdom. But they lived and died conscious of having been honoured and blessed with 4 years of close and per-

sonal association with a Son of God, the sovereign maker of a universe.

10. SIMON THE ZEALOT

1 Simon Zelotes, the 11th apostle, was chosen by Simon Peter. He was an able man of good ancestry and lived with his family at Capernaum. He was 28 years old when he became attached to the apostles. He was a fiery agitator and was also a man who spoke much without thinking. He had been a merchant in Capernaum before he turned his entire attention to the patriotic organization of the Zealots.

2 §§ Simon Zelotes was given charge

of the diversions and relaxation of the apostolic group, and he was a very efficient organizer of the play life and recreational activities of the twelve.

3 Simon's strength was his inspirational loyalty. When the apostles found a man or woman who floundered in indecision about entering the kingdom, they would send for Simon. It usually required only about 15 minutes for this enthusiastic advocate of salvation through faith in God to settle all doubts and remove all indecision, to see a new soul born into the "liberty of faith and the joy of salvation."

4 Simon's great weakness was his material-mindedness. He could not quickly change himself from a Jewish nationalist to a spiritually minded internationalist. Four years was too short a time in which to make such an intellectual and emotional transformation, but Jesus was always patient with him.

5 §§ The one thing about Jesus which Simon so much admired was the Master's calmness, his assurance, poise, and inexplicable composure.

6 §§ Although Simon was a rabid revolutionist, a fearless firebrand of agitation, he gradually subdued his fiery

nature until he became a powerful and effective preacher of "Peace on earth and good will among men." Simon was a great debater; he did like to argue. And when it came to dealing with the legalistic minds of the educated Jews or the intellectual quibblings of the Greeks, the task was always assigned to Simon.

7 He was a rebel by nature and an iconoclast by training, but Jesus won him for the higher concepts of the kingdom of heaven. He had always identified himself with the party of protest, but he now joined the party of progress, unlimited and eternal pro-

gression of spirit and truth. Simon was a man of intense loyalties and warm personal devotions, and he did profoundly love Jesus.

8 §§ Jesus was not afraid to identify himself with business men, labouring men, optimists, pessimists, philosophers, sceptics, publicans, politicians, and patriots.

9 §§ The Master had many talks with Simon, but he never fully succeeded in making an internationalist out of this ardent Jewish nationalist. Jesus often told Simon that it was proper to want to see the social, economic, and political orders improved, but he would

always add: "That is not the business of the kingdom of heaven. We must be dedicated to the doing of the Father's will. Our business is to be ambassadors of a spiritual government on high, and we must not immediately concern ourselves with aught but the representation of the will and character of the divine Father who stands at the head of the government whose credentials we bear." It was all difficult for Simon to comprehend, but gradually he began to grasp something of the meaning of the Master's teaching.

10 §§ After the dispersion because of the Jerusalem persecutions, Simon

went into temporary retirement. He was literally crushed. As a nationalist patriot he had surrendered in deference to Jesus' teachings; now all was lost. He was in despair, but in a few years he rallied his hopes and went forth to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

11 He went to Alexandria and, after working up the Nile, penetrated into the heart of Africa, everywhere preaching the gospel of Jesus and baptizing believers. Thus he laboured until he was an old man and feeble. And he died and was buried in the heart of

Africa.

11. JUDAS ISCARIOT

1 Judas Iscariot, the 12th apostle, was chosen by Nathaniel. He was born in Kerioth[1], a small town in southern Judea. When he was a lad, his parents moved to Jericho, where he lived and had been employed in his father's various business enterprises until he became interested in the preaching and work of John the Baptist. Judas's parents were Sadducees, and when their son joined John's disciples, they dis-

[1] In Hebrew אִישׁ־קְרִיּוֹת *ish-keriyoth* means "a man of Kerioth", hence the surname "Iscariot".

owned him.

2 §§ When Nathaniel met Judas at Tarichea, he was seeking employment with a fish-drying enterprise at the lower end of the Sea of Galilee. He was 30 years of age and unmarried when he joined the apostles. He was probably the best-educated man among the twelve and the only Judean in the Master's apostolic family. Judas had no outstanding trait of personal strength, though he had many outwardly appearing traits of culture and habits of training. He was a good thinker but not always a truly *honest* thinker. Judas did not really understand himself; he

was not really sincere in dealing with himself.

3 Andrew appointed Judas treasurer of the twelve, a position which he was eminently fitted to hold, and up to the time of the betrayal of his Master he discharged the responsibilities of his office honestly, faithfully, and most efficiently.

4 §§ There was no special trait about Jesus which Judas admired above the generally attractive and exquisitely charming personality of the Master. Judas was never able to rise above his Judean prejudices against his Galilean associates; he would even criticize in

his mind many things about Jesus. Him whom eleven of the apostles looked upon as the perfect man, as the "one altogether lovely and the chiefest among ten thousand," this self-satisfied Judean often dared to criticize in his own heart. He really entertained the notion that Jesus was timid and somewhat afraid to assert his own power and authority.

5 §§ Judas was a good business man. It required tact, ability, and patience, as well as painstaking devotion, to manage the financial affairs of such an idealist as Jesus, to say nothing of wrestling with the helter-skelter busi-

ness methods of some of his apostles. Judas really was a great executive, a farseeing and able financier. And he was a stickler for organization. None of the twelve ever criticized Judas. As far as they could see, Judas Iscariot was a matchless treasurer, a learned man, a loyal (though sometimes critical) apostle, and in every sense of the word a great success. The apostles loved Judas; he was really one of them. He must have *believed* in Jesus, but we doubt whether he really *loved* the Master with a whole heart. The case of Judas illustrates the truthfulness of that saying: "There is a way that seems

right to a man, but the end thereof is death." It is altogether possible to fall victim to the peaceful deception of pleasant adjustment to the paths of sin and death. Be assured that Judas was always financially loyal to his Master and his fellow apostles. Money could never have been the motive for his betrayal of the Master.

6 Judas was an only son of unwise parents. When very young, he was pampered and petted; he was a spoiled child. As he grew up, he had exaggerated ideas about his self-importance. He was a poor loser. He had loose and distorted ideas about fairness; he was

given to the indulgence of hate and suspicion. He was an expert at misinterpretation of the words and acts of his friends. All through his life Judas had cultivated the habit of getting even with those whom he fancied had mistreated him. His sense of values and loyalties was defective.

7 §§ To Jesus, Judas was a faith adventure. From the beginning the Master fully understood the weakness of this apostle and well knew the dangers of admitting him to fellowship. But it is the nature of the Sons of God to give every created being a full and equal chance for salvation and survival. Je-

sus wanted not only the mortals of this world but the onlookers of innumerable other worlds to know that, when doubts exist as to the sincerity and wholeheartedness of a creature's devotion to the kingdom, it is the invariable practice of the Judges of men fully to receive the doubtful candidate. The door of eternal life is wide open to all; "whosoever will may come"; there are no restrictions or qualifications save the *faith* of the one who comes.

8 This is just the reason why Jesus permitted Judas to go on to the very end, always doing everything possible to transform and save this weak and

confused apostle. But when light is not honestly received and lived up to, it tends to become darkness within the soul. Judas grew intellectually regarding Jesus' teachings about the kingdom, but he did not make progress in the acquirement of spiritual character as did the other apostles. He failed to make satisfactory personal progress in spiritual experience.

9 §§ Judas became increasingly a brooder over personal disappointment, and finally he became a victim of resentment. His feelings had been many times hurt, and he grew abnormally suspicious of his best friends,

even of the Master. Presently he became obsessed with the idea of getting even, anything to avenge himself, yes, even betrayal of his associates and his Master.

10 But these wicked and dangerous ideas did not take definite shape until the day when a grateful woman broke an expensive box of incense at Jesus' feet. This seemed wasteful to Judas, and when his public protest was so sweepingly disallowed by Jesus right there in the hearing of all, it was too much. That event determined the mobilization of all the accumulated hate, hurt, malice, prejudice, jealousy, and

revenge of a lifetime, and he made up his mind to get even with he knew not whom; but he crystallized all the evil of his nature upon the *one* innocent person in all the sordid drama of his unfortunate life just because Jesus happened to be the chief actor in the episode which marked his passing from the progressive kingdom of light into that self-chosen domain of darkness.

11 The Master many times, both privately and publicly, had warned Judas that he was slipping, but divine warnings are usually useless in dealing with embittered human nature. Jesus did

everything possible, consistent with man's moral freedom, to prevent Judas's choosing to go the wrong way. The great test finally came. The son of resentment failed; he yielded to the sour and sordid dictates of a proud and vengeful mind of exaggerated self-importance and swiftly plunged on down into confusion, despair, and depravity.

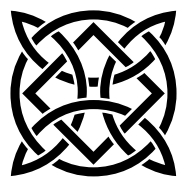
12 Judas then entered into the base and shameful intrigue to betray his Lord and Master and quickly carried the nefarious scheme into effect. During the outworking of his anger-conceived plans of traitorous betrayal, he

experienced moments of regret and shame, and in these lucid intervals he faintheartedly conceived, as a defence in his own mind, the idea that Jesus might possibly exert his power and deliver himself at the last moment.

13 When the sordid and sinful business was all over, this renegade mortal, who thought lightly of selling his friend for 30 pieces of silver to satisfy his long-nursed craving for revenge, rushed out and committed the final act in the drama of fleeing from the realities of mortal existence — suicide.

14 The eleven apostles were horrified, stunned. Jesus regarded the betrayer

only with pity. The worlds have found it difficult to forgive Judas, and his name has become eschewed throughout a far-flung universe.



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THE ORDINATION OF THE TWELVE

Midwayer Commission

Just before noon on Sunday, January 12, A.D. 27, Jesus called the apostles together for their ordination as public preachers of the gospel of the kingdom. The twelve were expecting to be called almost any day; so this morning they did not go out far from the shore to fish. Several of them were lingering near the shore repairing their nets and tinkering with their fishing paraphernalia.

2 As Jesus started down the seashore calling the apostles, he first hailed Andrew and Peter, who were fishing near the shore; next he signalled to James and John, who were in a boat near by, visiting with their father, Zebedee, and mending their nets. Two by two he gathered up the other apostles, and when he had assembled all twelve, he journeyed with them to the highlands north of Capernaum, where he proceeded to instruct them in preparation for their formal ordination.

3 For once all twelve of the apostles were silent; even Peter was in a reflective mood. At last the long-waited-

for hour had come! They were going apart with the Master to participate in some sort of solemn ceremony of personal consecration and collective dedication to the sacred work of representing their Master in the proclamation of the coming of his Father's kingdom.

1. PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION

1 Before the formal ordination service Jesus spoke to the twelve as they were seated about him: "My brethren, this hour of the kingdom has come. I have brought you apart here with me to present you to the Father as ambas-

sadors of the kingdom. Some of you heard me speak of this kingdom in the synagogue when you first were called. Each of you has learned more about the Father's kingdom since you have been with me working in the cities around about the Sea of Galilee. But just now I have something more to tell you concerning this kingdom.

2 "The new kingdom which my Father is about to set up in the hearts of his earth children is to be an everlasting dominion. There shall be no end of this rule of my Father in the hearts of those who desire to do his divine will. I declare to you that my

Father is not the God of Jew or gentile. Many shall come from the east and from the west to sit down with us in the Father's kingdom, while many of the children of Abraham will refuse to enter this new brotherhood of the rule of the Father's spirit in the hearts of the children of men.

3 "The power of this kingdom shall consist, not in the strength of armies nor in the might of riches, but rather in the glory of the divine spirit that shall come to teach the minds and rule the hearts of the reborn citizens of this heavenly kingdom, the sons of God. This is the brotherhood of

love wherein righteousness reigns, and whose battle cry shall be: Peace on earth and good will to all men. This kingdom, which you are so soon to go forth proclaiming, is the desire of the good men of all ages, the hope of all the earth, and the fulfilment of the wise promises of all the prophets.

4 "But for you, my children, and for all others who would follow you into this kingdom, there is set a severe test. Faith alone will pass you through its portals, but you must bring forth the fruits of my Father's spirit if you would continue to ascend in the progressive life of the divine fellowship. Verily,

verily, I say to you, not every one who says, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but rather he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

5 "Your message to the world shall be: Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and in finding these, all other things essential to eternal survival shall be secured therewith. And now would I make it plain to you that this kingdom of my Father will not come with an outward show of power or with unseemly demonstration. You are not to go hence in the proclamation of the kingdom, saying, 'it is here' or 'it is there,' for this kingdom of

which you preach is God within you.

6 "Whosoever would become great in my Father's kingdom shall become a minister to all; and whosoever would be first among you, let him become the server of his brethren. But when you are once truly received as citizens in the heavenly kingdom, you are no longer servants but sons, sons of the living God. And so shall this kingdom progress in the world until it shall break down every barrier and bring all men to know my Father and believe in the saving truth which I have come to declare. Even now is the kingdom at hand, and some of you will not die

until you have seen the reign of God come in great power.

7 "And this which your eyes now behold, this small beginning of twelve commonplace men, shall multiply and grow until eventually the whole earth shall be filled with the praise of my Father. And it will not be so much by the words you speak as by the lives you live that men will know you have been with me and have learned of the realities of the kingdom. And while I would lay no grievous burdens upon your minds, I am about to put upon your souls the solemn responsibility of representing me in the world when I

shall presently leave you as I now represent my Father in this life which I am living in the flesh." And when he had finished speaking, he stood up.

2. THE ORDINATION

1 Jesus now instructed the twelve mortals who had just listened to his declaration concerning the kingdom to kneel in a circle about him. Then the Master placed his hands upon the head of each apostle, beginning with Judas Iscariot and ending with Andrew. When he had blessed them, he extended his hands and prayed:

2 "My Father, I now bring to you

these men, my messengers. From among our children on earth I have chosen these twelve to go forth to represent me as I came forth to represent you. Love them and be with them as you have loved and been with me. And now, my Father, give these men wisdom as I place all the affairs of the coming kingdom in their hands. And I would, if it is your will, tarry on earth a time to help them in their labours for the kingdom. And again, my Father, I thank you for these men, and I commit them to your keeping while I go on to finish the work you have given me to do."

3 §§ When Jesus had finished praying, the apostles remained each man bowed in his place. And it was many minutes before even Peter dared lift up his eyes to look upon the Master. One by one they embraced Jesus, but no man said aught. A great silence pervaded the place while a host of celestial beings looked down upon this solemn and sacred scene — the Creator of a universe placing the affairs of the divine brotherhood of man under the direction of human minds.

3. THE ORDINATION SERMON

1 Then Jesus spoke, saying: "Now

that you are ambassadors of my Father's kingdom, you have thereby become a class of men separate and distinct from all other men on earth. You are not now as men among men but as the enlightened citizens of another and heavenly country among the ignorant creatures of this dark world. It is not enough that you live as you were before this hour, but henceforth must you live as those who have tasted the glories of a better life and have been sent back to earth as ambassadors of the Sovereign of that new and better world. Of the teacher more is expected than of the pupil; of the mas-

ter more is exacted than of the servant. Of the citizens of the heavenly kingdom more is required than of the citizens of the earthly rule. Some of the things which I am about to say to you may seem hard, but you have elected to represent me in the world even as I now represent the Father; and as my agents on earth you will be obligated to abide by those teachings and practices which are reflective of my ideals of mortal living on the worlds of space, and which I exemplify in my earth life of revealing the Father who is in heaven.

2 "I send you forth to proclaim lib-

erty to the spiritual captives, joy to those in the bondage of fear, and to heal the sick in accordance with the will of my Father in heaven. When you find my children in distress, speak encouragingly to them, saying:

3 "Happy are the poor in spirit, the humble, for theirs are the treasures of the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Happy are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

5 "Happy are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

7 "And even so speak to my children these further words of spiritual comfort and promise:

8 "Happy are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Happy are they who weep, for they shall receive the spirit of rejoicing.

9 "Happy are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

10 "Happy are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

11 "Happy are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all

manner of evil against you falsely. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

12 "My brethren, as I send you forth, you are the salt of the earth, salt with a saving savour. But if this salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

13 "You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine be-

fore men that they may see your good works and be led to glorify your Father who is in heaven.

14 "I am sending you out into the world to represent me and to act as ambassadors of my Father's kingdom, and as you go forth to proclaim the glad tidings, put your trust in the Father whose messengers you are. Do not forcibly resist injustice; put not your trust in the arm of the flesh. If your neighbour smites you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. Be willing to suffer injustice rather than to go to law among yourselves. In kindness and with mercy minister

to all who are in distress and in need.

15 "I say to you: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who despitefully use you. And whatsoever you believe that I would do to men, do you also to them.

16 "Your Father in heaven makes the sun to shine on the evil as well as upon the good; likewise he sends rain on the just and the unjust. You are the sons of God; even more, you are now the ambassadors of my Father's kingdom. Be merciful, even as God is merciful, and in the eternal future of the kingdom you shall be perfect, even as your heav-

enly Father is perfect.

17 "You are commissioned to save men, not to judge them. At the end of your earth life you will all expect mercy; therefore do I require of you during your mortal life that you show mercy to all of your brethren in the flesh. Make not the mistake of trying to pluck a mote out of your brother's eye when there is a beam in your own eye. Having first cast the beam out of your own eye, you can the better see to cast the mote out of your brother's eye.

18 "Discern the truth clearly; live the righteous life fearlessly; and so shall

you be my apostles and my Father's ambassadors. You have heard it said: 'If the blind lead the blind, they both shall fall into the pit.' If you would guide others into the kingdom, you must yourselves walk in the clear light of living truth. In all the business of the kingdom I exhort you to show just judgment and keen wisdom. Present not that which is holy to dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample your gems under foot and turn to rend you.

19 "I warn you against false prophets who will come to you in sheep's clothing, while on the inside they are as

ravening wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree brings forth good fruit, but the corrupt tree bears evil fruit. A good tree cannot yield evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is presently hewn down and cast into the fire. In gaining an entrance into the kingdom of heaven, it is the motive that counts. My Father looks into the hearts of men and judges by their inner longings and their sincere intentions.

20 "In the great day of the kingdom judgment, many will say to me, 'Did we not prophesy in your name and by your name do many wonderful works?' But I will be compelled to say to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me you who are false teachers.' But every one who hears this charge and sincerely executes his commission to represent me before men even as I have represented my Father to you, shall find an abundant entrance into my service and into the kingdom of the heavenly Father."

21 §§ Never before had the apostles heard Jesus speak in this way, for he

had talked to them as one having supreme authority. They came down from the mountain about sundown, but no man asked Jesus a question.

4. YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

1 The so-called "Sermon on the Mount" is not the gospel of Jesus. It does contain much helpful instruction, but it was Jesus' ordination charge to the twelve apostles. It was the Master's personal commission to those who were to go on preaching the gospel and aspiring to represent him in the world of men even as he was so eloquently and perfectly representative of

his Father.

2 §§ *"You are the salt of the earth, salt with a saving savour. But if this salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men."*

3 In Jesus' time salt was precious. It was even used for money. The modern word "salary" is derived from salt. Salt not only flavours food, but it is also a preservative. It makes other things more tasty, and thus it serves by being spent.

4 §§ *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither*

do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and be led to glorify your Father who is in heaven."

5 While light dispels darkness, it can also be so "blinding" as to confuse and frustrate. We are admonished to let our light *so* shine that our fellows will be guided into new and godly paths of enhanced living. Our light should so shine as not to attract attention to self. Even one's vocation can be utilized as an effective "reflector" for the dissemination of this light of life.

6 Strong characters are not derived from *not* doing wrong but rather from actually doing right. Unselfishness is the badge of human greatness. The highest levels of self-realization are attained by worship and service. The happy and effective person is motivated, not by fear of wrongdoing, but by love of right doing.

7 §§ *"By their fruits you shall know them."* Personality is basically changeless; that which changes — grows — is the moral character. The major error of modern religions is negativism. The tree which bears no fruit is "hewn down and cast into the fire." Moral

worth cannot be derived from mere repression — obeying the injunction "Thou shalt not." Fear and shame are unworthy motivations for religious living. Religion is valid only when it reveals the fatherhood of God and enhances the brotherhood of men.

8 §§ An effective philosophy of living is formed by a combination of cosmic insight and the total of one's emotional reactions to the social and economic environment. Remember: While inherited urges cannot be fundamentally modified, emotional responses to such urges can be changed; therefore the moral nature can be

modified, character can be improved. In the strong character emotional responses are integrated and co-ordinated, and thus is produced a unified personality. Deficient unification weakens the moral nature and engenders unhappiness.

9 Without a worthy goal, life becomes aimless and unprofitable, and much unhappiness results. Jesus' discourse at the ordination of the twelve constitutes a master philosophy of life. Jesus exhorted his followers to exercise experiential faith. He admonished them not to depend on mere intellectual assent, credulity, and estab-

lished authority.

10 Education should be a technique of learning (discovering) the better methods of gratifying our natural and inherited urges, and happiness is the resulting total of these enhanced techniques of emotional satisfactions. Happiness is little dependent on environment, though pleasing surroundings may greatly contribute thereto.

11 §§ Every mortal really craves to be a complete person, to be perfect even as the Father in heaven is perfect, and such attainment is possible because in the last analysis the "universe is truly

fatherly."

5. FATHERLY AND BROTHERLY LOVE

1 From the Sermon on the Mount to the discourse of the Last Supper, Jesus taught his followers to manifest *fatherly* love rather than *brotherly* love. Brotherly love would love your neighbour as you love yourself, and that would be adequate fulfilment of the "golden rule." But fatherly affection would require that you should love your fellow mortals as Jesus loves you.

2 Jesus loves mankind with a dual affection. He lived on earth as a twofold personality — human and divine. As

the Son of God he loves man with a fatherly love — he is man's Creator, his universe Father. As the Son of Man, Jesus loves mortals as a brother — he was truly a man among men.

3 Jesus did not expect his followers to achieve an impossible manifestation of brotherly love, but he did expect them to so strive to be like God — to be perfect even as the Father in heaven is perfect — that they could begin to look upon man as God looks upon his creatures and therefore could begin to love men as God loves them — to show forth the beginnings of a fatherly affection. In

the course of these exhortations to the twelve apostles, Jesus sought to reveal this new concept of *fatherly love* as it is related to certain emotional attitudes concerned in making numerous environmental social adjustments.

4 §§ The Master introduced this momentous discourse by calling attention to four *faith* attitudes as the prelude to the subsequent portrayal of his four transcendent and supreme reactions of fatherly love in contrast to the limitations of mere brotherly love.

5 He first talked about those who were poor in spirit, hungered after righteousness, endured meekness, and

who were pure in heart. Such spirit-discerning mortals could be expected to attain such levels of divine selflessness as to be able to attempt the amazing exercise of *fatherly* affection; that even as mourners they would be empowered to show mercy, promote peace, and endure persecutions, and throughout all of these trying situations to love even unlovely mankind with a fatherly love. A father's affection can attain levels of devotion that immeasurably transcend a brother's affection.

6 The faith and the love of these beatitudes strengthen moral character

and create happiness. Fear and anger weaken character and destroy happiness. This momentous sermon started out upon the note of happiness.

7 1. *"Happy are the poor in spirit — the humble."* To a child, happiness is the satisfaction of immediate pleasure craving. The adult is willing to sow seeds of self-denial in order to reap subsequent harvests of augmented happiness. In Jesus' times and since, happiness has all too often been associated with the idea of the possession of wealth. In the story of the Pharisee and the publican praying in the temple, the one felt rich in spirit

— egotistical; the other felt "poor in spirit" — humble. One was self-sufficient; the other was teachable and truth-seeking. The poor in spirit seek for goals of spiritual wealth — for God. And such seekers after truth do not have to wait for rewards in a distant future; they are rewarded *now*. They find the kingdom of heaven within their own hearts, and they experience such happiness *now*.

8 2. *"Happy are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."* Only those who feel poor in spirit will ever hunger for righteousness. Only the humble seek for divine

strength and crave spiritual power. But it is most dangerous to knowingly engage in spiritual fasting in order to improve one's appetite for spiritual endowments. Physical fasting becomes dangerous after four or five days; one is apt to lose all desire for food. Prolonged fasting, either physical or spiritual, tends to destroy hunger.

9 Experiential righteousness is a pleasure, not a duty. Jesus' righteousness is a dynamic love — fatherly-brotherly affection. It is not the negative or thou-shalt-not type of righteousness. How could one ever hunger for something negative — something

"not to do"?

10 §§ It is not so easy to teach a child mind these first two of the beatitudes, but the mature mind should grasp their significance.

11 3. *"Happy are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."* Genuine meekness has no relation to fear. It is rather an attitude of man co-operating with God — "Your will be done." It embraces patience and forbearance and is motivated by an unshakable faith in a lawful and friendly universe. It masters all temptations to rebel against the divine leading. Jesus was the ideal meek man of Urantia, and he inherited a vast

universe.

12 4. *"Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."* Spiritual purity is not a negative quality, except that it does lack suspicion and revenge. In discussing purity, Jesus did not intend to deal exclusively with human sex attitudes. He referred more to that faith which man should have in his fellow man; that faith which a parent has in his child, and which enables him to love his fellows even as a father would love them. A father's love need not pamper, and it does not condone evil, but it is always anticynical. Fatherly love has singleness of purpose, and it

always looks for the best in man; that is the attitude of a true parent.

13 To see God — by faith — means to acquire true spiritual insight. And spiritual insight enhances Adjuster guidance, and these in the end augment God-consciousness. And when you know the Father, you are confirmed in the assurance of divine sonship, and you can increasingly love each of your brothers in the flesh, not only as a brother — with brotherly love — but also as a father — with fatherly affection.

14 It is easy to teach this admonition even to a child. Children are naturally

trustful, and parents should see to it that they do not lose that simple faith. In dealing with children, avoid all deception and refrain from suggesting suspicion. Wisely help them to choose their heroes and select their lifework.

15 §§ And then Jesus went on to instruct his followers in the realization of the chief purpose of all human struggling — perfection — even divine attainment. Always he admonished them: "Be you perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." He did not exhort the twelve to love their neighbours as they loved themselves. That would have been a worthy

achievement; it would have indicated the achievement of brotherly love. He rather admonished his apostles to love men as he had loved them — to love with a *fatherly* as well as a brotherly affection. And he illustrated this by pointing out four supreme reactions of fatherly love:

16 1. *"Happy are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* So-called common sense or the best of logic would never suggest that happiness could be derived from mourning. But Jesus did not refer to outward or ostentatious mourning. He alluded to an emotional attitude of tenderheart-

edness. It is a great error to teach boys and young men that it is unmanly to show tenderness or otherwise to give evidence of emotional feeling or physical suffering. Sympathy is a worthy attribute of the male as well as the female. It is not necessary to be calloused in order to be manly. This is the wrong way to create courageous men. The world's great men have not been afraid to mourn. Moses, the mourner, was a greater man than either Samson or Goliath. Moses was a superb leader, but he was also a man of meekness. Being sensitive and responsive to human need creates genuine and lasting

happiness, while such kindly attitudes safeguard the soul from the destructive influences of anger, hate, and suspicion.

17 2. *"Happy are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."* Mercy here denotes the height and depth and breadth of the truest friendship — loving-kindness. Mercy sometimes may be passive, but here it is active and dynamic — supreme fatherliness. A loving parent experiences little difficulty in forgiving his child, even many times. And in an unspoiled child the urge to relieve suffering is natural. Children are normally kind and sympa-

thetic when old enough to appreciate actual conditions.

18 3. *"Happy are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God."* Jesus' hearers were longing for military deliverance, not for peacemakers. But Jesus' peace is not of the pacific and negative kind. In the face of trials and persecutions he said, "My peace I leave with you." "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." This is the peace that prevents ruinous conflicts. Personal peace integrates personality. Social peace prevents fear, greed, and anger. Political peace prevents race antagonisms, national sus-

picions, and war. Peacemaking is the cure of distrust and suspicion.

19 Children can easily be taught to function as peacemakers. They enjoy team activities; they like to play together. Said the Master at another time: "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life shall find it."

20 4. *"Happy are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward*

in heaven."

21 So often persecution does follow peace. But young people and brave adults never shun difficulty or danger. "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends." And a fatherly love can freely do all these things — things which brotherly love can hardly encompass. And progress has always been the final harvest of persecution.

22 Children always respond to the challenge of courage. Youth is ever willing to "take a dare." And every child should early learn to sacrifice.

23 §§ And so it is revealed that the

beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount are based on faith and love and not on law — ethics and duty.

24 §§ Fatherly love delights in returning good for evil — doing good in retaliation for injustice.

6. THE EVENING OF THE ORDINATION

1 Sunday evening, on reaching the home of Zebedee from the highlands north of Capernaum, Jesus and the twelve partook of a simple meal. Afterwards, while Jesus went for a walk along the beach, the twelve talked among themselves. After a brief conference, while the twins built a small

fire to give them warmth and more light, Andrew went out to find Jesus, and when he had overtaken him, he said: "Master, my brethren are unable to comprehend what you have said about the kingdom. We do not feel able to begin this work until you have given us further instruction. I have come to ask you to join us in the garden and help us to understand the meaning of your words." And Jesus went with Andrew to meet with the apostles.

2 When he had entered the garden, he gathered the apostles around him and taught them further, saying: "You

find it difficult to receive my message because you would build the new teaching directly upon the old, but I declare that you must be reborn. You must start out afresh as little children and be willing to trust my teaching and believe in God. The new gospel of the kingdom cannot be made to conform to that which is. You have wrong ideas of the Son of Man and his mission on earth. But do not make the mistake of thinking that I have come to set aside the law and the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfil, to enlarge and illuminate. I come not to transgress the law but rather

to write these new commandments on the tablets of your hearts.

3 "I demand of you a righteousness that shall exceed the righteousness of those who seek to obtain the Father's favour by almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. If you would enter the kingdom, you must have a righteousness that consists in love, mercy, and truth — the sincere desire to do the will of my Father in heaven."

4 Then said Simon Peter: "Master, if you have a new commandment, we would hear it. Reveal the new way to us." Jesus answered Peter: "You have heard it said by those who teach the

law: 'You shall not kill; that whosoever kills shall be subject to judgment.' But I look beyond the act to uncover the motive. I declare to you that every one who is angry with his brother is in danger of condemnation. He who nurses hatred in his heart and plans vengeance in his mind stands in danger of judgment. You must judge your fellows by their deeds; the Father in heaven judges by the intent.

5 "You have heard the teachers of the law say, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every man who looks upon a woman with intent to lust after her has already commit-

ted adultery with her in his heart. You can only judge men by their acts, but my Father looks into the hearts of his children and in mercy adjudges them in accordance with their intents and real desires."

6 Jesus was minded to go on discussing the other commandments when James Zebedee interrupted him, asking: "Master, what shall we teach the people regarding divorcement? Shall we allow a man to divorce his wife as Moses has directed?" And when Jesus heard this question, he said: "I have not come to legislate but to enlighten. I have come not

to reform the kingdoms of this world but rather to establish the kingdom of heaven. It is not the will of the Father that I should yield to the temptation to teach you rules of government, trade, or social behaviour, which, while they might be good for today, would be far from suitable for the society of another age. I am on earth solely to comfort the minds, liberate the spirits, and save the souls of men. But I will say, concerning this question of divorcement, that, while Moses looked with favour upon such things, it was not so in the days of Adam and in the Garden."

7 After the apostles had talked among themselves for a short time, Jesus went on to say: "Always must you recognize the two viewpoints of all mortal conduct — the human and the divine; the ways of the flesh and the way of the spirit; the estimate of time and the viewpoint of eternity." And though the twelve could not comprehend all that he taught them, they were truly helped by this instruction.

8 And then said Jesus: "But you will stumble over my teaching because you are wont to interpret my message literally; you are slow to discern the spirit of my teaching. Again must you re-

member that you are my messengers; you are beholden to live your lives as I have in spirit lived mine. You are my personal representatives; but do not err in expecting all men to live as you do in every particular. Also must you remember that I have sheep not of this flock, and that I am beholden to them also, to the end that I must provide for them the pattern of doing the will of God while living the life of the mortal nature."

9 Then asked Nathaniel: "Master, shall we give no place to justice? The law of Moses says, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' What shall we

say?" And Jesus answered: "You shall return good for evil. My messengers must not strive with men, but be gentle toward all. Measure for measure shall not be your rule. The rulers of men may have such laws, but not so in the kingdom; mercy always shall determine your judgments and love your conduct. And if these are hard sayings, you can even now turn back. If you find the requirements of apostleship too hard, you may return to the less rigorous pathway of discipleship."

10 On hearing these startling words, the apostles drew apart by themselves for a while, but they soon returned,

and Peter said: "Master, we would go on with you; not one of us would turn back. We are fully prepared to pay the extra price; we will drink the cup. We would be apostles, not merely disciples."

11 When Jesus heard this, he said: "Be willing, then, to take up your responsibilities and follow me. Do your good deeds in secret; when you give alms, let not the left hand know what the right hand does. And when you pray, go apart by yourselves and use not vain repetitions and meaningless phrases. Always remember that the Father knows what you need even be-

fore you ask him. And be not given to fasting with a sad countenance to be seen by men. As my chosen apostles, now set apart for the service of the kingdom, lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, but by your unselfish service lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasures are, there will your hearts be also.

12 "The lamp of the body is the eye; if, therefore, your eye is generous, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is selfish, the whole body will be filled with darkness. If the very light which is in you is turned to darkness,

how great is that darkness!"

13 And then Thomas asked Jesus if they should "continue having everything in common." Said the Master: "Yes, my brethren, I would that we should live together as one understanding family. You are entrusted with a great work, and I crave your undivided service. You know that it has been well said: 'No man can serve two masters.' You cannot sincerely worship God and at the same time wholeheartedly serve mammon. Having now enlisted unreservedly in the work of the kingdom, be not anxious for your lives; much less be concerned

with what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor yet for your bodies, what clothing you shall wear. Already have you learned that willing hands and earnest hearts shall not go hungry. And now, when you prepare to devote all of your energies to the work of the kingdom, be assured that the Father will not be unmindful of your needs. Seek first the kingdom of God, and when you have found entrance thereto, all things needful shall be added to you. Be not, therefore, unduly anxious for the morrow. Sufficient for the day is the trouble thereof."

14 When Jesus saw they were dis-

posed to stay up all night to ask questions, he said to them: "My brethren, you are earthen vessels; it is best for you to go to your rest so as to be ready for the morrow's work." But sleep had departed from their eyes. Peter ventured to request of his Master that "I have just a little private talk with you. Not that I would have secrets from my brethren, but I have a troubled spirit, and if, perchance, I should deserve a rebuke from my Master, I could the better endure it alone with you." And Jesus said, "Come with me, Peter" — leading the way into the house. When Peter returned from the presence of his

Master much cheered and greatly encouraged, James decided to go in to talk with Jesus. And so on through the early hours of the morning, the other apostles went in one by one to talk with the Master. When they had all held personal conferences with him save the twins, who had fallen asleep, Andrew went in to Jesus and said: "Master, the twins have fallen asleep in the garden by the fire; shall I arouse them to inquire if they would also talk with you?" And Jesus smilingly said to Andrew, "They do well — trouble them not." And now the night was passing; the light of another day was

dawning[1].

7. THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE ORDINATION

1 After a few hours' sleep, when the twelve were assembled for a late breakfast with Jesus, he said: "Now must you begin your work of preaching the glad tidings and instructing believers. Make ready to go to Jerusalem." After Jesus had spoken, Thomas mustered up courage to say: "I know, Master, that we should now be ready to enter upon the work, but I fear we are not yet able to accomplish this great

[1] Thus, they have unwittingly enacted the drama of the coming (to them, future) age.

undertaking. Would you consent for us to stay hereabouts for just a few days more before we begin the work of the kingdom?" And when Jesus saw that all of his apostles were possessed by this same fear, he said: "It shall be as you have requested; we will remain here over the Sabbath day."

2 §§ For weeks and weeks small groups of earnest truth seekers, together with curious spectators, had been coming to Bethsaida to see Jesus. Already word about him had spread over the countryside; inquiring groups had come from cities as far away as Tyre, Sidon, Damascus, Cae-

sarea, and Jerusalem. Heretofore, Jesus had greeted these people and taught them concerning the kingdom, but the Master now turned this work over to the twelve. Andrew would select one of the apostles and assign him to a group of visitors, and sometimes all twelve of them were so engaged.

3 For two days they worked, teaching by day and holding private conferences late into the night. On the third day Jesus visited with Zebedee and Salome while he sent his apostles off to "go fishing, seek carefree change, or perchance visit your families." On Thursday they returned for three more

days of teaching.

4 During this week of rehearsing, Jesus many times repeated to his apostles the two great motives of his postbaptismal mission on earth:

5 1. To reveal the Father to man.

6 2. To lead men to become son-conscious — to faith-realize that they are the children of the Most High.

7 §§ One week of this varied experience did much for the twelve; some even became over self-confident. At the last conference, the night after the Sabbath, Peter and James came to Jesus, saying, "We are ready — let us now go forth to take the kingdom."

To which Jesus replied, "May your wisdom equal your zeal and your courage atone for your ignorance."

8 Though the apostles failed to comprehend much of his teaching, they did not fail to grasp the significance of the charmingly beautiful life he lived with them.

8. THURSDAY AFTERNOON ON THE LAKE

1 Jesus well knew that his apostles were not fully assimilating his teachings. He decided to give some special instruction to Peter, James, and John, hoping they would be able to clarify the ideas of their associates. He

saw that, while some features of the idea of a spiritual kingdom were being grasped by the twelve, they steadfastly persisted in attaching these new spiritual teachings directly onto their old and entrenched literal concepts of the kingdom of heaven as a restoration of David's throne and the re-establishment of Israel as a temporal power on earth. Accordingly, on Thursday afternoon Jesus went out from the shore in a boat with Peter, James, and John to talk over the affairs of the kingdom. This was a four hours' teaching conference, embracing scores of questions and answers, and may most profitably

be put in this record by reorganizing the summary of this momentous afternoon as it was given by Simon Peter to his brother, Andrew, the following morning:

2 1. *Doing the Father's will.* Jesus' teaching to trust in the overcare of the heavenly Father was not a blind and passive fatalism. He quoted with approval, on this afternoon, an old Hebrew saying: "He who will not work shall not eat." He pointed to his own experience as sufficient commentary on his teachings. His precepts about trusting the Father must not be adjudged by the social or economic con-

ditions of modern times or any other age. His instruction embraces the ideal principles of living near God in all ages and on all worlds.

3 Jesus made clear to the three the difference between the requirements of apostleship and discipleship. And even then he did not forbid the exercise of prudence and foresight by the twelve. What he preached against was not forethought but anxiety, worry. He taught the active and alert submission to God's will. In answer to many of their questions regarding frugality and thriftiness, he simply called attention to his life as carpenter, boat-

maker, and fisherman, and to his careful organization of the twelve. He sought to make it clear that the world is not to be regarded as an enemy; that the circumstances of life constitute a divine dispensation working along with the children of God.

4 Jesus had great difficulty in getting them to understand his personal practice of nonresistance. He absolutely refused to defend himself, and it appeared to the apostles that he would be pleased if they would pursue the same policy. He taught them not to resist evil, not to combat injustice or injury, but he did not teach passive tolerance

of wrongdoing. And he made it plain on this afternoon that he approved of the social punishment of evildoers and criminals, and that the civil government must sometimes employ force for the maintenance of social order and in the execution of justice.

5 He never ceased to warn his disciples against the evil practice of *retaliation*; he made no allowance for revenge, the idea of getting even. He deplored the holding of grudges. He disallowed the idea of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. He discountenanced the whole concept of private and personal revenge, assign-

ing these matters to civil government, on the one hand, and to the judgment of God, on the other. He made it clear to the three that his teachings applied to the *individual,* not the state. He summarized his instructions up to that time regarding these matters, as:

6 Love your enemies — remember the moral claims of human brotherhood.

7 The futility of evil: A wrong is not righted by vengeance. Do not make the mistake of fighting evil with its own weapons.

8 Have faith — confidence in the eventual triumph of divine justice and

eternal goodness.

9 2. *Political attitude.* He cautioned his apostles to be discreet in their remarks concerning the strained relations then existing between the Jewish people and the Roman government; he forbade them to become in any way embroiled in these difficulties. He was always careful to avoid the political snares of his enemies, ever making reply, "Render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and to God the things which are God's." He refused to have his attention diverted from his mission of establishing a new way of salvation; he would not permit himself

to be concerned about anything else. In his personal life he was always duly observant of all civil laws and regulations; in all his public teachings he ignored the civic, social, and economic realms. He told the three apostles that he was concerned only with the principles of man's inner and personal spiritual life.

10 Jesus was not, therefore, a political reformer. He did not come to reorganize the world; even if he had done this, it would have been applicable only to that day and generation. Nevertheless, he did show man the best way of living, and no generation

is exempt from the labour of discovering how best to adapt Jesus' life to its own problems. But never make the mistake of identifying Jesus' teachings with any political or economic theory, with any social or industrial system.

11 3. *Social attitude.* The Jewish rabbis had long debated the question: Who is my neighbour? Jesus came presenting the idea of active and spontaneous kindness, a love of one's fellow men so genuine that it expanded the neighbourhood to include the whole world, thereby making all men one's neighbours. But with all this, Jesus was interested only in the individual,

not the mass. Jesus was not a sociologist, but he did labour to break down all forms of selfish isolation. He taught pure sympathy, compassion. Michael of Nebadon is a mercy-dominated Son; compassion is his very nature.

12 The Master did not say that men should never entertain their friends at meat, but he did say that his followers should make feasts for the poor and the unfortunate. Jesus had a firm sense of justice, but it was always tempered with mercy. He did not teach his apostles that they were to be imposed upon by social parasites or pro-

fessional alms-seekers. The nearest he came to making sociological pronouncements was to say, "Judge not, that you be not judged."

13 He made it clear that indiscriminate kindness may be blamed for many social evils. The following day Jesus definitely instructed Judas that no apostolic funds were to be given out as alms except upon his request or upon the joint petition of two of the apostles. In all these matters it was the practice of Jesus always to say, "Be as wise as serpents but as harmless as doves." It seemed to be his purpose in all social situations to teach patience,

tolerance, and forgiveness.

14 The family occupied the very centre of Jesus' philosophy of life — here and hereafter. He based his teachings about God on the family, while he sought to correct the Jewish tendency to overhonour ancestors. He exalted family life as the highest human duty but made it plain that family relationships must not interfere with religious obligations. He called attention to the fact that the family is a temporal institution; that it does not survive death. Jesus did not hesitate to give up his family when the family ran counter to the Father's will.

He taught the new and larger brotherhood of man — the sons of God. In Jesus' time divorce practices were lax in Palestine and throughout the Roman Empire. He repeatedly refused to lay down laws regarding marriage and divorce, but many of Jesus' early followers had strong opinions on divorce and did not hesitate to attribute them to him. All of the New Testament writers held to these more stringent and advanced ideas about divorce except John Mark.

15 4. *Economic attitude.* Jesus worked, lived, and traded in the world as he found it. He was not an eco-

nomic reformer, although he did frequently call attention to the injustice of the unequal distribution of wealth. But he did not offer any suggestions by way of remedy. He made it plain to the three that, while his apostles were not to hold property, he was not preaching against wealth and property, merely its unequal and unfair distribution. He recognized the need for social justice and industrial fairness, but he offered no rules for their attainment.

16 He never taught his followers to avoid earthly possessions, only his twelve apostles. Luke, the physician, was a strong believer in social equal-

ity, and he did much to interpret Jesus' sayings in harmony with his personal beliefs. Jesus never personally directed his followers to adopt a communal mode of life; he made no pronouncement of any sort regarding such matters.

17 Jesus frequently warned his listeners against covetousness, declaring that "a man's happiness consists not in the abundance of his material possessions." He constantly reiterated, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" He made no direct attack on the possession of property, but

he did insist that it is eternally essential that spiritual values come first. In his later teachings he sought to correct many erroneous Urantia views of life by narrating numerous parables which he presented in the course of his public ministry. Jesus never intended to formulate economic theories; he well knew that each age must evolve its own remedies for existing troubles. And if Jesus were on earth today, living his life in the flesh, he would be a great disappointment to the majority of good men and women for the simple reason that he would not take sides in present-day political, social, or

economic disputes. He would remain grandly aloof while teaching you how to perfect your inner spiritual life so as to render you manyfold more competent to attack the solution of your purely human problems.

18 §§ Jesus would make all men God-like and then stand by sympathetically while these sons of God solve their own political, social, and economic problems. It was not wealth that he denounced, but what wealth does to the majority of its devotees. On this Thursday afternoon Jesus first told his associates that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

19 5. *Personal religion.* You, as did his apostles, should the better understand Jesus' teachings by his life. He lived a perfected life on Urantia, and his unique teachings can only be understood when that life is visualized in its immediate background. It is his life, and not his lessons to the twelve or his sermons to the multitudes, that will assist most in revealing the Father's divine character and loving personality.

20 Jesus did not attack the teachings of the Hebrew prophets or the Greek moralists. The Master recognized the many good things which these great teachers stood for, but he had come

down to earth to teach something *additional,* "the voluntary conformity of man's will to God's will." Jesus did not want simply to produce a *religious man,* a mortal wholly occupied with religious feelings and actuated only by spiritual impulses. Could you have had but one look at him, you would have known that Jesus was a real man of great experience in the things of this world. The teachings of Jesus in this respect have been grossly perverted and much misrepresented all down through the centuries of the Christian era; you have also held perverted ideas about the Master's meekness and hu-

mility. What he aimed at in his life appears to have been a *superb self-respect.* He only advised man to humble himself that he might become truly exalted; what he really aimed at was true humility toward God. He placed great value upon sincerity — a pure heart. Fidelity was a cardinal virtue in his estimate of character, while *courage* was the very heart of his teachings. "Fear not" was his watchword, and patient endurance his ideal of strength of character. The teachings of Jesus constitute a religion of valour, courage, and heroism. And this is just why he chose as his personal representatives

twelve commonplace men, the majority of whom were rugged, virile, and manly fishermen.

21 Jesus had little to say about the social vices of his day; seldom did he make reference to moral delinquency. He was a positive teacher of true virtue. He studiously avoided the negative method of imparting instruction; he refused to advertise evil. He was not even a moral reformer. He well knew, and so taught his apostles, that the sensual urges of mankind are not suppressed by either religious rebuke or legal prohibitions. His few denunciations were largely di-

rected against pride, cruelty, oppression, and hypocrisy.

22 Jesus did not vehemently denounce even the Pharisees, as did John. He knew many of the scribes and Pharisees were honest of heart; he understood their enslaving bondage to religious traditions. Jesus laid great emphasis on "first making the tree good." He impressed the three that he valued the whole life, not just a certain few special virtues.

23 §§ The one thing which John gained from this day's teaching was that the heart of Jesus' religion consisted in the acquirement of a compas-

sionate character coupled with a personality motivated to do the will of the Father in heaven.

24 Peter grasped the idea that the gospel they were about to proclaim was really a fresh beginning for the whole human race. He conveyed this impression subsequently to Paul, who formulated therefrom his doctrine of Christ as "the second Adam."

25 James grasped the thrilling truth that Jesus wanted his children on earth to live as though they were already citizens of the completed heavenly kingdom.

26 §§ Jesus knew men were different,

and he so taught his apostles. He constantly exhorted them to refrain from trying to mould the disciples and believers according to some set pattern. He sought to allow each soul to develop in its own way, a perfecting and separate individual before God. In answer to one of Peter's many questions, the Master said: "I want to set men free so that they can start out afresh as little children upon the new and better life." Jesus always insisted that true goodness must be unconscious, in bestowing charity not allowing the left hand to know what the right hand does.

27 The three apostles were shocked

this afternoon when they realized that their Master's religion made no provision for spiritual self-examination. All religions before and after the times of Jesus, even Christianity, carefully provide for conscientious self-examination. But not so with the religion of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus' philosophy of life is without religious introspection. The carpenter's son never taught character *building;* he taught character *growth,* declaring that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. But Jesus said nothing which would proscribe self-analysis as a prevention of conceited egotism.

28 The right to enter the kingdom is conditioned by faith, personal belief. The cost of remaining in the progressive ascent of the kingdom is the pearl of great price, in order to possess which a man sells all that he has.

29 The teaching of Jesus is a religion for everybody, not alone for weaklings and slaves. His religion never became crystallized (during his day) into creeds and theological laws; he left not a line of writing behind him. His life and teachings were bequeathed the universe as an inspirational and idealistic inheritance suitable for the spiritual guidance and moral instruction

of all ages on all worlds. And even today, Jesus' teaching stands apart from all religions, as such, albeit it is the living hope of every one of them.

30 Jesus did not teach his apostles that religion is man's only earthly pursuit; that was the Jewish idea of serving God. But he did insist that religion was the exclusive business of the twelve. Jesus taught nothing to deter his believers from the pursuit of genuine culture; he only detracted from the tradition-bound religious schools of Jerusalem. He was liberal, big-hearted, learned, and tolerant. Self-conscious piety had no place in his

philosophy of righteous living.

31 The Master offered no solutions for the nonreligious problems of his own age nor for any subsequent age. Jesus wished to develop spiritual insight into eternal realities and to stimulate initiative in the originality of living; he concerned himself exclusively with the underlying and permanent spiritual needs of the human race. He revealed a goodness equal to God. He exalted love — truth, beauty, and goodness — as the divine ideal and the eternal reality.

32 The Master came to create in man a new spirit, a new will — to impart

a new capacity for knowing the truth, experiencing compassion, and choosing goodness — the will to be in harmony with God's will, coupled with the eternal urge to become perfect, even as the Father in heaven is perfect.

9. THE DAY OF CONSECRATION

1 The next Sabbath day Jesus devoted to his apostles, journeying back to the highland where he had ordained them; and there, after a long and beautifully touching personal message of encouragement, he engaged in the solemn act of the consecration of the twelve. This Sabbath afternoon Jesus

assembled the apostles around him on the hillside and gave them into the hands of his heavenly Father in preparation for the day when he would be compelled to leave them alone in the world. There was no new teaching on this occasion, just visiting and communion.

2 Jesus reviewed many features of the ordination sermon, delivered on this same spot, and then, calling them before him one by one, he commissioned them to go forth in the world as his representatives. The Master's consecration charge was: "Go into all the world and preach the glad tidings of

the kingdom. Liberate spiritual captives, comfort the oppressed, and minister to the afflicted. Freely you have received, freely give."

3 Jesus advised them to take neither money nor extra clothing, saying, "The labourer is worthy of his hire." And finally he said: "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be you therefore as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. But take heed, for your enemies will bring you up before their councils, while in their synagogues they will castigate you. Before governors and rulers you will be brought because you believe

this gospel, and your very testimony shall be a witness for me to them. And when they lead you to judgment, be not anxious about what you shall say, for the spirit of my Father indwells you and will at such a time speak through you. Some of you will be put to death, and before you establish the kingdom on earth, you will be hated by many peoples because of this gospel; but fear not; I will be with you, and my spirit shall go before you into all the world. And my Father's presence will abide with you while you go first to the Jews, then to the gentiles."

4 §§ And when they came down

from the mountain, they journeyed back to their home in Zebedee's house.

10. THE EVENING AFTER THE CONSECRATION

1 That evening while teaching in the house, for it had begun to rain, Jesus talked at great length, trying to show the twelve what they must *be,* not what they must *do.* They knew only a religion that imposed the *doing* of certain things as the means of attaining righteousness — salvation. But Jesus would reiterate, "In the kingdom you must *be* righteous in order to do the work." Many times did he repeat,

"*Be* you therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." All the while was the Master explaining to his bewildered apostles that the salvation which he had come to bring to the world was to be had only by *believing,* by simple and sincere faith. Said Jesus: "John preached a baptism of repentance, sorrow for the old way of living. You are to proclaim the baptism of fellowship with God. Preach repentance to those who stand in need of such teaching, but to those already seeking sincere entrance to the kingdom, open the doors wide and bid them enter into the joyous fellowship

of the sons of God." But it was a difficult task to persuade these Galilean fishermen that, in the kingdom, *being* righteous, by faith, must precede *doing* righteousness in the daily life of the mortals of earth.

2 §§ Another great handicap in this work of teaching the twelve was their tendency to take highly idealistic and spiritual principles of religious truth and remake them into concrete rules of personal conduct. Jesus would present to them the beautiful spirit of the soul's attitude, but they insisted on translating such teachings into rules of personal behaviour. Many times,

when they did make sure to remember what the Master said, they were almost certain to forget what he did *not* say. But they slowly assimilated his teaching because Jesus *was* all that he taught. What they could not gain from his verbal instruction, they gradually acquired by living with him.

3 It was not apparent to the apostles that their Master was engaged in living a life of spiritual inspiration for every person of every age on every world of a far-flung universe. Notwithstanding what Jesus told them from time to time, the apostles did not grasp the idea that he was doing a work *on* this

world but *for* all other worlds in his vast creation. Jesus lived his earth life on Urantia, not to set a personal example of mortal living for the men and women of this world, but rather to create a *high spiritual and inspirational ideal* for all mortal beings on all worlds.

4 §§ This same evening Thomas asked Jesus: "Master, you say that we must become as little children before we can gain entrance to the Father's kingdom, and yet you have warned us not to be deceived by false prophets nor to become guilty of casting our pearls before swine. Now, I am

honestly puzzled. I cannot understand your teaching." Jesus replied to Thomas: "How long shall I bear with you! Ever you insist on making literal all that I teach. When I asked you to become as little children as the price of entering the kingdom, I referred not to ease of deception, mere willingness to believe, nor to quickness to trust pleasing strangers. What I did desire that you should gather from the illustration was the child-father relationship. You are the child, and it is *your* Father's kingdom you seek to enter. There is present that natural affection between every normal child

and its father which ensures an understanding and loving relationship, and which forever precludes all disposition to bargain for the Father's love and mercy. And the gospel you are going forth to preach has to do with a salvation growing out of the faith-realization of this very and eternal child-father relationship."

5 §§ The one characteristic of Jesus' teaching was that the *morality* of his philosophy originated in the personal relation of the individual to God — this very child-father relationship. Jesus placed emphasis on the *individual,* not on the race or nation. While

eating supper, Jesus had the talk with Matthew in which he explained that the morality of any act is determined by the individual's motive. Jesus' morality was always positive. The golden rule as restated by Jesus demands active social contact; the older negative rule could be obeyed in isolation. Jesus stripped morality of all rules and ceremonies and elevated it to majestic levels of spiritual thinking and truly righteous living.

6 This new religion of Jesus was not without its practical implications, but whatever of practical political, social, or economic value there is to be found

in his teaching is the natural outworking of this inner experience of the soul as it manifests the fruits of the spirit in the spontaneous daily ministry of genuine personal religious experience.

7 After Jesus and Matthew had finished talking, Simon Zelotes asked, "But, Master, are *all* men the sons of God?" And Jesus answered: "Yes, Simon, all men are the sons of God, and that is the good news you are going to proclaim." But the apostles could not grasp such a doctrine; it was a new, strange, and startling announcement. And it was because of his desire to impress this truth upon them that Jesus

taught his followers to treat all men as their brothers.

8 In response to a question asked by Andrew, the Master made it clear that the morality of his teaching was inseparable from the religion of his living. He taught morality, not from the *nature* of man, but from the *relation* of man to God.

9 §§ John asked Jesus, "Master, what is the kingdom of heaven?" And Jesus answered: "The kingdom of heaven consists in these three essentials: first, recognition of the fact of the sovereignty of God; second, belief in the truth of sonship with God; and third,

faith in the effectiveness of the supreme human desire to do the will of God — to be like God. And this is the good news of the gospel: that by faith every mortal may have all these essentials of salvation."

10 §§ And now the week of waiting was over, and they prepared to depart on the morrow for Jerusalem.

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BEGINNING THE PUBLIC WORK

Midwayer Commission

On the first day of the week, January 19, A.D. 27, Jesus and the twelve apostles made ready to depart from their headquarters in Bethsaida. The twelve knew nothing of their Master's plans except that they were going up to Jerusalem to attend the Passover feast in April, and that it was the intention to journey by way of the Jordan valley. They

did not get away from Zebedee's house until near noon because the families of the apostles and others of the disciples had come to say good-bye and wish them well in the new work they were about to begin.

2 Just before leaving, the apostles missed the Master, and Andrew went out to find him. After a brief search he found Jesus sitting in a boat down the beach, and he was weeping. The twelve had often seen their Master when he seemed to grieve, and they had beheld his brief seasons of serious preoccupation of mind, but none of them had ever seen him weep. Andrew

was somewhat startled to see the Master thus affected on the eve of their departure for Jerusalem, and he ventured to approach Jesus and ask: "On this great day, Master, when we are to depart for Jerusalem to proclaim the Father's kingdom, why is it that you weep? Which of us has offended you?" And Jesus, going back with Andrew to join the twelve, answered him: "No one of you has grieved me. I am saddened only because none of my father Joseph's family have remembered to come over to bid us Godspeed." At this time Ruth was on a visit to her brother Joseph at Naza-

reth. Other members of his family were kept away by pride, disappointment, misunderstanding, and petty resentment indulged as a result of hurt feelings.

1. LEAVING GALILEE

1 Capernaum was not far from Tiberias, and the fame of Jesus had begun to spread well over all of Galilee and even to parts beyond. Jesus knew that Herod would soon begin to take notice of his work; so he thought best to journey south and into Judea with his apostles. A company of over one hundred believers desired to go with

them, but Jesus spoke to them and besought them not to accompany the apostolic group on their way down the Jordan. Though they consented to remain behind, many of them followed after the Master within a few days.

2 The first day Jesus and the apostles only journeyed as far as Tarichea, where they rested for the night. The next day they travelled to a point on the Jordan near Pella where John had preached about one year before, and where Jesus had received baptism. Here they tarried for more than two weeks, teaching and preaching. By the end of the first week several hundred

people had assembled in a camp near where Jesus and the twelve dwelt, and they had come from Galilee, Phoenicia, Syria, the Decapolis, Perea, and Judea.

3 Jesus did no public preaching. Andrew divided the multitude and assigned the preachers for the forenoon and afternoon assemblies; after the evening meal Jesus talked with the twelve. He taught them nothing new but reviewed his former teaching and answered their many questions. On one of these evenings he told the twelve something about the 40 days which he spent in the hills near this

place.

4 Many of those who came from Perea and Judea had been baptized by John and were interested in finding out more about Jesus' teachings. The apostles made much progress in teaching the disciples of John inasmuch as they did not in any way detract from John's preaching, and since they did not at this time even baptize their new disciples. But it was always a stumbling stone to John's followers that Jesus, if he were all that John had announced, did nothing to get him out of prison. John's disciples never could understand why Jesus did not prevent

the cruel death of their beloved leader.

5 From night to night Andrew carefully instructed his fellow apostles in the delicate and difficult task of getting along smoothly with the followers of John the Baptist. During this first year of Jesus' public ministry more than three fourths of his followers had previously followed John and had received his baptism. This entire year of A.D. 27 was spent in quietly taking over John's work in Perea and Judea.

2. GOD'S LAW AND THE FATHER'S WILL

1 The night before they left Pella, Jesus gave the apostles some further in-

struction with regard to the new kingdom. Said the Master: "You have been taught to look for the coming of the kingdom of God, and now I come announcing that this long-looked-for kingdom is near at hand, even that it is already here and in our midst. In every kingdom there must be a king seated upon his throne and decreeing the laws of the realm. And so have you developed a concept of the kingdom of heaven as a glorified rule of the Jewish people over all the peoples of the earth with Messiah sitting on David's throne and from this place of miraculous power promulgating the laws of

all the world. But, my children, you see not with the eye of faith, and you hear not with the understanding of the spirit. I declare that the kingdom of heaven is the realization and acknowledgement of God's rule within the hearts of men. True, there is a King in this kingdom, and that King is my Father and your Father. We are indeed his loyal subjects, but far transcending that fact is the transforming truth that we are his *sons.* In my life this truth is to become manifest to all. Our Father also sits upon a throne, but not one made with hands. The throne of the Infinite is the eternal dwelling place of

the Father in the heaven of heavens; he fills all things and proclaims his laws to universes upon universes. And the Father also rules within the hearts of his children on earth by the spirit which he has sent to live within the souls of mortal men.

2 "When you are the subjects of this kingdom, you indeed are made to hear the law of the Universe Ruler; but when, because of the gospel of the kingdom which I have come to declare, you faith-discover yourselves as sons, you henceforth look not upon yourselves as law-subject creatures of an all-powerful king but as privileged

sons of a loving and divine Father. Verily, verily, I say to you, when the Father's will is your *law,* you are hardly in the kingdom. But when the Father's will becomes truly your *will,* then are you in very truth in the kingdom because the kingdom has thereby become an established experience in you. When God's will is your law, you are noble slave subjects; but when you believe in this new gospel of divine sonship, my Father's will becomes your will, and you are elevated to the high position of the free children of God, liberated sons of the kingdom."

3 Some of the apostles grasped

something of this teaching, but none of them comprehended the full significance of this tremendous announcement, unless it was James Zebedee. But these words sank into their hearts and came forth to gladden their ministry during later years of service.

3. THE SOJOURN AT AMATHUS

1 The Master and his apostles remained near Amathus for almost three weeks. The apostles continued to preach twice daily to the multitude, and Jesus preached each Sabbath afternoon. It became impossible to continue the Wednesday playtime;

so Andrew arranged that two apostles should rest each day of the six days in the week, while all were on duty during the Sabbath services.

2 Peter, James, and John did most of the public preaching. Philip, Nathaniel, Thomas, and Simon did much of the personal work and conducted classes for special groups of inquirers; the twins continued their general police supervision, while Andrew, Matthew, and Judas developed into a general managerial committee of three, although each of these three also did considerable religious work.

3 Andrew was much occupied with

the task of adjusting the constantly recurring misunderstandings and disagreements between the disciples of John and the newer disciples of Jesus. Serious situations would arise every few days, but Andrew, with the assistance of his apostolic associates, managed to induce the contending parties to come to some sort of agreement, at least temporarily. Jesus refused to participate in any of these conferences; neither would he give any advice about the proper adjustment of these difficulties. He never once offered a suggestion as to how the apostles should solve these perplexing

problems. When Andrew came to Jesus with these questions, he would always say: "It is not wise for the host to participate in the family troubles of his guests; a wise parent never takes sides in the petty quarrels of his own children."

4 §§ The Master displayed great wisdom and manifested perfect fairness in all of his dealings with his apostles and with all of his disciples. Jesus was truly a master of men; he exercised great influence over his fellow men because of the combined charm and force of his personality. There was a subtle commanding influence

in his rugged, nomadic, and homeless life. There was intellectual attractiveness and spiritual drawing power in his authoritative manner of teaching, in his lucid logic, his strength of reasoning, his sagacious insight, his alertness of mind, his matchless poise, and his sublime tolerance. He was simple, manly, honest, and fearless. With all of this physical and intellectual influence manifest in the Master's presence, there were also all those spiritual charms of being which have become associated with his personality — patience, tenderness, meekness, gentleness, and humility.

5 Jesus of Nazareth was indeed a strong and forceful personality; he was an intellectual power and a spiritual stronghold. His personality not only appealed to the spiritually minded women among his followers, but also to the educated and intellectual Nicodemus and to the hardy Roman soldier, the captain stationed on guard at the cross, who, when he had finished watching the Master die, said, "Truly, this was a Son of God." And red-blooded, rugged Galilean fishermen called him Master.

6 The pictures of Jesus have been most unfortunate. These paintings of

the Christ have exerted a deleterious influence on youth; the temple merchants would hardly have fled before Jesus if he had been such a man as your artists usually have depicted. His was a dignified manhood; he was good, but natural. Jesus did not pose as a mild, sweet, gentle, and kindly mystic. His teaching was thrillingly dynamic. He not only *meant well,* but he went about actually *doing good.*

7 The Master never said, "Come to me all you who are indolent and all who are dreamers." But he did many times say, "Come to me all you who *labour,* and I will give you rest — spir-

itual strength." The Master's yoke is, indeed, easy, but even so, he never imposes it; every individual must take this yoke of his own free will.

8 Jesus portrayed conquest by sacrifice, the sacrifice of pride and selfishness. By showing mercy, he meant to portray spiritual deliverance from all grudges, grievances, anger, and the lust for selfish power and revenge. And when he said, "Resist not evil," he later explained that he did not mean to condone sin or to counsel fraternity with iniquity. He intended the more to teach forgiveness, to "resist not evil treatment of one's personality, evil in-

jury to one's feelings of personal dignity."

4. TEACHING ABOUT THE FATHER

1 While sojourning at Amathus, Jesus spent much time with the apostles instructing them in the new concept of God; again and again did he impress upon them that *God is a Father,* not a great and supreme bookkeeper who is chiefly engaged in making damaging entries against his erring children on earth, recordings of sin and evil to be used against them when he subsequently sits in judgment upon them as the just Judge of all creation.

The Jews had long conceived of God as a king over all, even as a Father of the nation, but never before had large numbers of mortal men held the idea of God as a loving Father of the *individual.*

2 In answer to Thomas's question, "Who is this God of the kingdom?" Jesus replied: "God is *your* Father, and religion — my gospel — is nothing more nor less than the believing recognition of the truth that you are his son. And I am here among you in the flesh to make clear both of these ideas in my life and teachings."

3 Jesus also sought to free the minds

of his apostles from the idea of offering animal sacrifices as a religious duty. But these men, trained in the religion of the daily sacrifice, were slow to comprehend what he meant. Nevertheless, the Master did not grow weary in his teaching. When he failed to reach the minds of all of the apostles by means of one illustration, he would restate his message and employ another type of parable for purposes of illumination.

4 §§ At this same time Jesus began to teach the twelve more fully concerning their mission "to comfort the afflicted and minister to the sick." The

Master taught them much about the whole man — the union of body, mind, and spirit to form the individual man or woman. Jesus told his associates about the three forms of affliction they would meet and went on to explain how they should minister to all who suffer the sorrows of human sickness. He taught them to recognize:

5 1. Diseases of the flesh — those afflictions commonly regarded as physical sickness.

6 2. Troubled minds — those nonphysical afflictions which were subsequently looked upon as emo-

tional and mental difficulties and disturbances.

7 3. The possession of evil spirits.

8 §§ Jesus explained to his apostles on several occasions the nature, and something concerning the origin, of these evil spirits, in that day often also called unclean spirits. The Master well knew the difference between the possession of evil spirits and insanity, but the apostles did not. Neither was it possible, in view of their limited knowledge of the early history of Urantia, for Jesus to undertake to make this matter fully understandable. But he many times said to them, allud-

ing to these evil spirits: "They shall no more molest men when I shall have ascended to my Father in heaven, and after I shall have poured out my spirit upon all flesh in those times when the kingdom will come in great power and spiritual glory."

9 From week to week and from month to month, throughout this entire year, the apostles paid more and more attention to the healing ministry of the sick.

5. SPIRITUAL UNITY

1 One of the most eventful of all the evening conferences at Amathus was

the session having to do with the discussion of spiritual unity. James Zebedee had asked, "Master, how shall we learn to see alike and thereby enjoy more harmony among ourselves?" When Jesus heard this question, he was stirred within his spirit, so much so that he replied: "James, James, when did I teach you that you should all see alike? I have come into the world to proclaim spiritual liberty to the end that mortals may be empowered to live individual lives of originality and freedom before God. I do not desire that social harmony and fraternal peace shall be purchased by the

sacrifice of free personality and spiritual originality. What I require of you, my apostles, is *spirit unity* — and that you can experience in the joy of your united dedication to the wholehearted doing of the will of my Father in heaven. You do not have to see alike or feel alike or even think alike in order spiritually to *be alike.* Spiritual unity is derived from the consciousness that each of you is indwelt, and increasingly dominated, by the spirit gift of the heavenly Father. Your apostolic harmony must grow out of the fact that the spirit hope of each of you is identical in origin, nature, and des-

tiny.

2 "In this way you may experience a perfected unity of spirit purpose and spirit understanding growing out of the mutual consciousness of the identity of each of your indwelling Paradise spirits; and you may enjoy all of this profound spiritual unity in the very face of the utmost diversity of your individual attitudes of intellectual thinking, temperamental feeling, and social conduct. Your personalities may be refreshingly diverse and markedly different, while your spiritual natures and spirit fruits of divine worship and brotherly love may be so

unified that all who behold your lives will of a surety take cognizance of this spirit identity and soul unity; they will recognize that you have been with me and have thereby learned, and acceptably, how to do the will of the Father in heaven. You can achieve the unity of the service of God even while you render such service in accordance with the technique of your own original endowments of mind, body, and soul.

3 "Your spirit unity implies two things, which always will be found to harmonize in the lives of individual believers: First, you are possessed with a common motive for life service; you

all desire above everything to do the will of the Father in heaven. Second, you all have a common goal of existence; you all purpose to find the Father in heaven, thereby proving to the universe that you have become like him."

4 Many times during the training of the twelve Jesus reverted to this theme. Repeatedly he told them it was not his desire that those who believed in him should become dogmatized and standardized in accordance with the religious interpretations of even good men. Again and again he warned his apostles against the formulation of

creeds and the establishment of traditions as a means of guiding and controlling believers in the gospel of the kingdom.

6. LAST WEEK AT AMATHUS

1 Near the end of the last week at Amathus, Simon Zelotes brought to Jesus one Teherma, a Persian doing business at Damascus. Teherma had heard of Jesus and had come to Capernaum to see him, and there learning that Jesus had gone with his apostles down the Jordan on the way to Jerusalem, he set out to find him. Andrew had presented Teherma to Si-

mon for instruction. Simon looked upon the Persian as a "fire worshipper," although Teherma took great pains to explain that fire was only the visible symbol of the Pure and Holy One. After talking with Jesus, the Persian signified his intention of remaining for several days to hear the teaching and listen to the preaching.

2 When Simon Zelotes and Jesus were alone, Simon asked the Master: "Why is it that I could not persuade him? Why did he so resist me and so readily lend an ear to you?" Jesus answered: "Simon, Simon, how many times have I instructed you to refrain

from all efforts to take something *out* of the hearts of those who seek salvation? How often have I told you to labour only to put something *into* these hungry souls? Lead men into the kingdom, and the great and living truths of the kingdom will presently drive out all serious error. When you have presented to mortal man the good news that God is his Father, you can the easier persuade him that he is in reality a son of God. And having done that, you have brought the light of salvation to the one who sits in darkness. Simon, when the Son of Man came first to you, did he come

denouncing Moses and the prophets and proclaiming a new and better way of life? No. I came not to take away that which you had from your forefathers but to show you the perfected vision of that which your fathers saw only in part. Go then, Simon, teaching and preaching the kingdom, and when you have a man safely and securely within the kingdom, then is the time, when such a one shall come to you with inquiries, to impart instruction having to do with the progressive advancement of the soul within the divine kingdom."

3 Simon was astonished at these

words, but he did as Jesus had instructed him, and Teherma, the Persian, was numbered among those who entered the kingdom.

4 §§ That night Jesus discoursed to the apostles on the new life in the kingdom. He said in part: "When you enter the kingdom, you are reborn. You cannot teach the deep things of the spirit to those who have been born only of the flesh; first see that men are born of the spirit before you seek to instruct them in the advanced ways of the spirit. Do not undertake to show men the beauties of the temple until you have first taken them into the

temple. Introduce men to God and *as* the sons of God before you discourse on the doctrines of the fatherhood of God and the sonship of men. Do not strive with men — always be patient. It is not your kingdom; you are only ambassadors. Simply go forth proclaiming: This is the kingdom of heaven — God is your Father and you are his sons, and this good news, if you wholeheartedly believe it, *is* your eternal salvation."

5 The apostles made great progress during the sojourn at Amathus. But they were very much disappointed that Jesus would give them no sugges-

tions about dealing with John's disciples. Even in the important matter of baptism, all that Jesus said was: "John did indeed baptize with water, but when you enter the kingdom of heaven, you shall be baptized with the Spirit."

7. AT BETHANY BEYOND JORDAN

1 On February 26, Jesus, his apostles, and a large group of followers journeyed down the Jordan to the ford near Bethany in Perea, the place where John first made proclamation of the coming kingdom. Jesus with his

apostles remained here, teaching and preaching, for four weeks before they went on up to Jerusalem.

2 The second week of the sojourn at Bethany beyond Jordan, Jesus took Peter, James, and John into the hills across the river and south of Jericho for a three days' rest. The Master taught these three many new and advanced truths about the kingdom of heaven. For the purpose of this record we will reorganize and classify these teachings as follows:

3 §§ Jesus endeavoured to make clear that he desired his disciples, having tasted of the good spirit realities of the

kingdom, so to live in the world that men, by *seeing* their lives, would become kingdom conscious and hence be led to inquire of believers concerning the ways of the kingdom. All such sincere seekers for the truth are always glad to *hear* the glad tidings of the faith gift which ensures admission to the kingdom with its eternal and divine spirit realities.

4 The Master sought to impress upon all teachers of the gospel of the kingdom that their only business was to reveal God to the individual man as his Father — to lead this individual man to become son-conscious; then

to present this same man to God as his faith son. Both of these essential revelations are accomplished in Jesus. He became, indeed, "the way, the truth, and the life." The religion of Jesus was wholly based on the living of his bestowal life on earth. When Jesus departed from this world, he left behind no books, laws, or other forms of human organization affecting the religious life of the individual.

5 Jesus made it plain that he had come to establish personal and eternal relations with men which should forever take precedence over all other human relationships. And he empha-

sized that this intimate spiritual fellowship was to be extended to all men of all ages and of all social conditions among all peoples. The only reward which he held out for his children was: in this world — spiritual joy and divine communion; in the next world — eternal life in the progress of the divine spirit realities of the Paradise Father.

6 Jesus laid great emphasis upon what he called the two truths of first import in the teachings of the kingdom, and they are: the attainment of salvation by faith, and faith alone, associated with the revolutionary teaching of the attainment of human lib-

erty through the sincere recognition of truth, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Jesus was the truth made manifest in the flesh, and he promised to send his Spirit of Truth into the hearts of all his children after his return to the Father in heaven.

7 The Master was teaching these apostles the essentials of truth for an entire age on earth. They often listened to his teachings when in reality what he said was intended for the inspiration and edification of other worlds. He exemplified a new and original plan of life. From the human

standpoint he was indeed a Jew, but he lived his life for all the world as a mortal of the realm.

8 To ensure the recognition of his Father in the unfolding of the plan of the kingdom, Jesus explained that he had purposely ignored the "great men of earth." He began his work with the poor, the very class which had been so neglected by most of the evolutionary religions of preceding times. He despised no man; his plan was worldwide, even universal. He was so bold and emphatic in these announcements that even Peter, James, and John were tempted to think he might possibly be

beside himself.

9 He sought mildly to impart to these apostles the truth that he had come on this bestowal mission, not to set an example for a few earth creatures, but to establish and demonstrate a standard of human life for all peoples upon all worlds throughout his entire universe. And this standard approached the highest perfection, even the final goodness of the Universal Father. But the apostles could not grasp the meaning of his words.

10 He announced that he had come to function as a teacher, a teacher sent

from heaven to present spiritual truth to the material mind. And this is exactly what he did; he was a teacher, not a preacher. From the human viewpoint Peter was a much more effective preacher than Jesus. Jesus' preaching was so effective because of his unique personality, not so much because of compelling oratory or emotional appeal. Jesus spoke directly to men's souls. He was a teacher of man's spirit, but through the mind. He lived with men.

11 It was on this occasion that Jesus intimated to Peter, James, and John that his work on earth was in some

respects to be limited by the commission of his "associate on high," referring to the prebestowal instructions of his Paradise brother, Immanuel. He told them that he had come to do his Father's will and only his Father's will. Being thus motivated by a wholehearted singleness of purpose, he was not anxiously bothered by the evil in the world.

12 The apostles were beginning to recognize the unaffected friendliness of Jesus. Though the Master was easy of approach, he always lived independent of, and above, all human beings. Not for one moment was he ever dom-

inated by any purely mortal influence or subject to frail human judgment. He paid no attention to public opinion, and he was uninfluenced by praise. He seldom paused to correct misunderstandings or to resent misrepresentation. He never asked any man for advice; he never made requests for prayers.

13 James was astonished at how Jesus seemed to see the end from the beginning. The Master rarely appeared to be surprised. He was never excited, vexed, or disconcerted. He never apologized to any man. He was at times saddened, but never discouraged.

14 More clearly John recognized that, notwithstanding all of his divine endowments, after all, he was human. Jesus lived as a man among men and understood, loved, and knew how to manage men. In his personal life he was so human, and yet so faultless. And he was always unselfish.

15 Although Peter, James, and John could not understand very much of what Jesus said on this occasion, his gracious words lingered in their hearts, and after the crucifixion and resurrection they came forth greatly to enrich and gladden their subsequent ministry. No wonder these apostles

did not fully comprehend the Master's words, for he was projecting to them the plan of a new age.

8. WORKING IN JERICHO

1 Throughout the four weeks' sojourn at Bethany beyond Jordan, several times each week Andrew would assign apostolic couples to go up to Jericho for a day or two. John had many believers in Jericho, and the majority of them welcomed the more advanced teachings of Jesus and his apostles. On these Jericho visits the apostles began more specifically to carry out Jesus' instructions to minister to

the sick; they visited every house in the city and sought to comfort every afflicted person.

2 The apostles did some public work in Jericho, but their efforts were chiefly of a more quiet and personal nature. They now made the discovery that the good news of the kingdom was very comforting to the sick; that their message carried healing for the afflicted. And it was in Jericho that Jesus' commission to the twelve to preach the glad tidings of the kingdom and minister to the afflicted was first fully carried into effect.

3 They stopped in Jericho on the

way up to Jerusalem and were overtaken by a delegation from Mesopotamia that had come to confer with Jesus. The apostles had planned to spend but a day here, but when these truth seekers from the East arrived, Jesus spent three days with them, and they returned to their various homes along the Euphrates happy in the knowledge of the new truths of the kingdom of heaven.

9. DEPARTING FOR JERUSALEM

1 On Monday, the last day of March, Jesus and the apostles began their journey up the hills toward Jerusalem. La-

zarus of Bethany had been down to the Jordan twice to see Jesus, and every arrangement had been made for the Master and his apostles to make their headquarters with Lazarus and his sisters at Bethany as long as they might desire to stay in Jerusalem.

2 The disciples of John remained at Bethany beyond the Jordan, teaching and baptizing the multitudes, so that Jesus was accompanied only by the twelve when he arrived at Lazarus's home. Here Jesus and the apostles tarried for five days, resting and refreshing themselves before going on to Jerusalem for the Passover. It was a great

event in the lives of Martha and Mary to have the Master and his apostles in the home of their brother, where they could minister to their needs.

3 On Sunday morning, April 6, Jesus and the apostles went down to Jerusalem; and this was the first time the Master and all of the twelve had been there together.

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THE PASSOVER AT JERUSALEM

Midwayer Commission

The month of April Jesus and the apostles worked in Jerusalem, going out of the city each evening to spend the night at Bethany. Jesus himself spent one or two nights each week in Jerusalem at the home of Flavius, a Greek Jew, where many prominent Jews came in secret to interview him.

2 §§ The first day in Jerusalem Jesus called upon his friend of former years, Annas, the onetime high priest and relative of Salome, Zebedee's wife. Annas had been hearing about Jesus and his teachings, and when Jesus called at the high priest's home, he was received with much reserve. When Jesus perceived Annas's coldness, he took immediate leave, saying as he departed: "Fear is man's chief enslaver and pride his great weakness; will you betray yourself into bondage to both of these destroyers of joy and liberty?" But Annas made no reply. The Master did not again see Annas until the time when he

sat with his son-in-law in judgment on the Son of Man.

1. TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE

1 Throughout this month Jesus or one of the apostles taught daily in the temple. When the Passover crowds were too great to find entrance to the temple teaching, the apostles conducted many teaching groups outside the sacred precincts. The burden of their message was:

2 1. The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 2. By faith in the fatherhood of God you may enter the kingdom of

heaven, thus becoming the sons of God.

4 3. Love is the rule of living within the kingdom — supreme devotion to God while loving your neighbour as yourself.

5 4. Obedience to the will of the Father, yielding the fruits of the spirit in one's personal life, is the law of the kingdom.

6 §§ The multitudes who came to celebrate the Passover heard this teaching of Jesus, and hundreds of them rejoiced in the good news. The chief priests and rulers of the Jews became much concerned about Jesus

and his apostles and debated among themselves as to what should be done with them.

7 Besides teaching in and about the temple, the apostles and other believers were engaged in doing much personal work among the Passover throngs. These interested men and women carried the news of Jesus' message from this Passover celebration to the uttermost parts of the Roman Empire and also to the East. This was the beginning of the spread of the gospel of the kingdom to the outside world. No longer was the work of Jesus to be

confined to Palestine.

2. GOD'S WRATH

1 There was in Jerusalem in attendance upon the Passover festivities one Jacob, a wealthy Jewish trader from Crete, and he came to Andrew making request to see Jesus privately. Andrew arranged this secret meeting with Jesus at Flavius's home the evening of the next day. This man could not comprehend the Master's teachings, and he came because he desired to inquire more fully about the kingdom of God. Said Jacob to Jesus: "But, Rabbi, Moses and the olden prophets tell us

that Yahweh is a jealous God, a God of great wrath and fierce anger. The prophets say he hates evildoers and takes vengeance on those who obey not his law. You and your disciples teach us that God is a kind and compassionate Father who so loves all men that he would welcome them into this new kingdom of heaven, which you proclaim is so near at hand."

2 §§ When Jacob finished speaking, Jesus replied: "Jacob, you have well stated the teachings of the olden prophets who taught the children of their generation in accordance with the light of their day. Our Father in

Paradise is changeless. But the concept of his nature has enlarged and grown from the days of Moses down through the times of Amos and even to the generation of the prophet Isaiah. And now have I come in the flesh to reveal the Father in new glory and to show forth his love and mercy to all men on all worlds. As the gospel of this kingdom shall spread over the world with its message of good cheer and good will to all men, there will grow up improved and better relations among the families of all nations. As time passes, fathers and their children will love each other more, and thus

will be brought about a better understanding of the love of the Father in heaven for his children on earth. Remember, Jacob, that a good and true father not only loves his family as a whole — as a family — but he also truly loves and affectionately cares for each *individual* member."[1]

3 After considerable discussion of the heavenly Father's character, Jesus paused to say: "You, Jacob, being a father of many, know well the truth of

[1] Malachi 4:6: "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

my words." And Jacob said: "But, Master, who told you I was the father of six children? How did you know this about me?" And the Master replied: "Suffice it to say that the Father and the Son know all things, for indeed they see all. Loving your children as a father on earth, you must now accept as a reality the love of the heavenly Father for *you* — not just for all the children of Abraham, but for you, your individual soul."

4 §§ Then Jesus went on to say: "When your children are very young and immature, and when you must chastise them, they may reflect that

their father is angry and filled with resentful wrath. Their immaturity cannot penetrate beyond the punishment to discern the father's farseeing and corrective affection. But when these same children become grown-up men and women, would it not be folly for them to cling to these earlier and misconceived notions regarding their father? As men and women they should now discern their father's love in all these early disciplines. And should not mankind, as the centuries pass, come the better to understand the true nature and loving character of the Father in heaven? What profit have you

from successive generations of spiritual illumination if you persist in viewing God as Moses and the prophets saw him? I say to you, Jacob, under the bright light of this hour you should see the Father as none of those who have gone before ever beheld him. And thus seeing him, you should rejoice to enter the kingdom wherein such a merciful Father rules, and you should seek to have his will of love dominate your life henceforth."

5 And Jacob answered: "Rabbi, I believe; I desire that you lead me into the

Father's kingdom."

3. THE CONCEPT OF GOD

1 The twelve apostles, most of whom had listened to this discussion of the character of God, that night asked Jesus many questions about the Father in heaven. The Master's answers to these questions can best be presented by the following summary in modern phraseology:

2 Jesus mildly upbraided the twelve, in substance saying: Do you not know the traditions of Israel relating to the growth of the idea of Yahweh, and are you ignorant of the teaching of the

Scriptures concerning the doctrine of God? And then did the Master proceed to instruct the apostles about the evolution of the concept of Deity throughout the course of the development of the Jewish people. He called attention to the following phases of the growth of the God idea:

3 1. *Yahweh* — the god of the Sinai clans. This was the primitive concept of Deity which Moses exalted to the higher level of the Lord God of Israel. The Father in heaven never fails to accept the sincere worship of his children on earth, no matter how crude their concept of Deity or by

what name they symbolize his divine nature.

4 2. *The Most High.* This concept of the Father in heaven was proclaimed by Melchizedek to Abraham and was carried far from Salem by those who subsequently believed in this enlarged and expanded idea of Deity. Abraham and his brother[1] left Ur because of the establishment of sun worship, and they became believers in

[1] The fact of Nahor leaving Ur with Abraham (cf. Genesis 11:31) has been preserved only in the Samaritan Pentateuch, the Massoretic scribes having carefully deleted the reference to Abraham's brother Nahor from the Hebrew text, leaving him with the sunworshippers in Ur.

Melchizedek's teaching of El Elyon — the Most High God. Theirs was a composite concept of God, consisting in a blending of their older Mesopotamian ideas and the Most High doctrine.

5 3. *El Shaddai.* During these early days many of the Hebrews worshipped El Shaddai, the Egyptian concept of the God of heaven, which they learned about during their captivity in the land of the Nile. Long after the times of Melchizedek all three of these concepts of God became joined together to form the doctrine of the creator Deity, the Lord God of Israel.

6 4. *Elohim.* From the times of Adam the teaching of the Paradise Trinity has persisted. Do you not recall how the Scriptures begin by asserting that "In the beginning the Gods created the heavens and the earth"? This indicates that when that record was made the Trinity concept of three Gods in one had found lodgement in the religion of our forebears.

7 5. *The Supreme Yahweh.* By the times of Isaiah these beliefs about God had expanded into the concept of a Universal Creator who was simultaneously all-powerful and all-merciful. And this evolving and enlarging con-

cept of God virtually supplanted all previous ideas of Deity in our fathers' religion.

8 6. *The Father in heaven.* And now do we know God as our Father in heaven. Our teaching provides a religion wherein the believer *is* a son of God. That is the good news of the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Coexistent with the Father are the Son and the Spirit, and the revelation of the nature and ministry of these Paradise Deities will continue to enlarge and brighten throughout the endless ages of the eternal spiritual progression of the ascending sons of God.

At all times and during all ages the true worship of any human being — as concerns individual spiritual progress — is recognized by the indwelling spirit as homage rendered to the Father in heaven.

9 §§ Never before had the apostles been so shocked as they were upon hearing this recounting of the growth of the concept of God in the Jewish minds of previous generations; they were too bewildered to ask questions. As they sat before Jesus in silence, the Master continued: "And you would have known these truths had you read the Scriptures. Have you not read in

Samuel where it says: 'And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, so much so that he moved David against them, saying, go number Israel and Judah'? And this was not strange because in the days of Samuel the children of Abraham really believed that Yahweh created both good and evil. But when a later writer narrated these events, subsequent to the enlargement of the Jewish concept of the nature of God, he did not dare attribute evil to Yahweh; therefore he said: 'And Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel.' Cannot you discern that such records in the Scrip-

tures clearly show how the concept of the nature of God continued to grow from one generation to another?

10 "Again should you have discerned the growth of the understanding of divine law in perfect keeping with these enlarging concepts of divinity. When the children of Israel came out of Egypt in the days before the enlarged revelation of Yahweh, they had ten commandments which served as their law right up to the times when they were encamped before Sinai. And these ten commandments were:

11 " 1. You shall worship no other god, for the Lord is a jealous God.

12 " 2. You shall not make molten gods.

13 " 3. You shall not neglect to keep the feast of unleavened bread.

14 " 4. Of all the males of men or cattle, the first-born are mine, says the Lord.

15 " 5. Six days you may work, but on the seventh day you shall rest.

16 " 6. You shall not fail to observe the feast of the first fruits and the feast of the ingathering at the end of the year.

17 " 7. You shall not offer the blood of any sacrifice with leavened bread.

18 " 8. The sacrifice of the feast of the Passover shall not be left until morning.

19 " 9. The first of the first fruits of the ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God.

20 " 10. You shall not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

21 §§ "And then, amidst the thunders and lightnings of Sinai, Moses gave them the new ten commandments, which you will all allow are more worthy utterances to accompany the enlarging Yahweh concepts of Deity. And did you never take notice of these commandments as twice recorded in

the Scriptures, that in the first case deliverance from Egypt is assigned as the reason for Sabbath keeping, while in a later record the advancing religious beliefs of our forefathers demanded that this be changed to the recognition of the fact of creation as the reason for Sabbath observance?

22 "And then will you remember that once again — in the greater spiritual enlightenment of Isaiah's day — these ten negative commandments were changed into the great and positive law of love, the injunction to love God supremely and your neighbour as yourself. And it is this supreme law

of love for God and for man that I also declare to you as constituting the whole duty of man."

23 §§ And when he had finished speaking, no man asked him a question. They went, each one to his sleep.

4. FLAVIUS AND GREEK CULTURE

1 Flavius, the Greek Jew, was a proselyte of the gate, having been neither circumcised nor baptized; and since he was a great lover of the beautiful in art and sculpture, the house which he occupied when sojourning in Jerusalem was a beautiful edifice. This home was exquisitely adorned with

priceless treasures which he had gathered up here and there on his world travels. When he first thought of inviting Jesus to his home, he feared that the Master might take offence at the sight of these so-called images. But Flavius was agreeably surprised when Jesus entered the home that, instead of rebuking him for having these supposedly idolatrous objects scattered about the house, he manifested great interest in the entire collection and asked many appreciative questions about each object as Flavius escorted him from room to room, showing him all of his favourite

statues.

2 The Master saw that his host was bewildered at his friendly attitude toward art; therefore, when they had finished the survey of the entire collection, Jesus said: "Because you appreciate the beauty of things created by my Father and fashioned by the artistic hands of man, why should you expect to be rebuked? Because Moses onetime sought to combat idolatry and the worship of false gods, why should all men frown upon the reproduction of grace and beauty? I say to you, Flavius, Moses' children have misunderstood him, and now do they

make false gods of even his prohibitions of images and the likeness of things in heaven and on earth. But even if Moses taught such restrictions to the darkened minds of those days, what has that to do with this day when the Father in heaven is revealed as the universal Spirit Ruler over all? And, Flavius, I declare that in the coming kingdom they shall no longer teach, 'Do not worship this and do not worship that'; no longer shall they concern themselves with commands to refrain from this and take care not to do that, but rather shall all be concerned with one supreme duty. And this duty of

man is expressed in two great privileges: sincere worship of the infinite Creator, the Paradise Father, and loving service bestowed upon one's fellow men. If you love your neighbour as you love yourself, you really know that you are a son of God.

3 "In an age when my Father was not well understood, Moses was justified in his attempts to withstand idolatry, but in the coming age the Father will have been revealed in the life of the Son; and this new revelation of God will make it forever unnecessary to confuse the Creator Father with idols of stone or images of gold and silver.

Henceforth, intelligent men may enjoy the treasures of art without confusing such material appreciation of beauty with the worship and service of the Father in Paradise, the God of all things and all beings."

4 §§ Flavius believed all that Jesus taught him. The next day he went to Bethany beyond the Jordan and was baptized by the disciples of John. And this he did because the apostles of Jesus did not yet baptize believers. When Flavius returned to Jerusalem, he made a great feast for Jesus and invited 60 of his friends. And many of these guests also became believers in

the message of the coming kingdom.

5. THE DISCOURSE ON ASSURANCE

1 One of the great sermons which Jesus preached in the temple this Passover week was in answer to a question asked by one of his hearers, a man from Damascus. This man asked Jesus: "But, Rabbi, how shall we know of a certainty that you are sent by God, and that we may truly enter into this kingdom which you and your disciples declare is near at hand?" And Jesus answered:

2 §§ "As to my message and the teaching of my disciples, you should

judge them by their fruits. If we proclaim to you the truths of the spirit, the spirit will witness in your hearts that our message is genuine. Concerning the kingdom and your assurance of acceptance by the heavenly Father, let me ask what father among you who is a worthy and kindhearted father would keep his son in anxiety or suspense regarding his status in the family or his place of security in the affections of his father's heart? Do you earth fathers take pleasure in torturing your children with uncertainty about their place of abiding love in your human hearts? Neither does your Father

in heaven leave his faith children of the spirit in doubtful uncertainty as to their position in the kingdom. If you receive God as your Father, then indeed and in truth are you the sons of God. And if you are sons, then are you secure in the position and standing of all that concerns eternal and divine sonship. If you believe my words, you thereby believe in Him who sent me, and by thus believing in the Father, you have made your status in heavenly citizenship sure. If you do the will of the Father in heaven, you shall never fail in the attainment of the eternal life of progress in the divine kingdom.

3 "The Supreme Spirit shall bear witness with your spirits that you are truly the children of God. And if you are the sons of God, then have you been born of the spirit of God; and whosoever has been born of the spirit has in himself the power to overcome all doubt, and this is the victory that overcomes all uncertainty, even your faith.

4 "Said the Prophet Isaiah, speaking of these times: 'When the spirit is poured upon us from on high, then shall the work of righteousness become peace, quietness, and assurance forever.' And for all who truly believe

this gospel, I will become surety for their reception into the eternal mercies and the everlasting life of my Father's kingdom. You, then, who hear this message and believe this gospel of the kingdom are the sons of God, and you have life everlasting; and the evidence to all the world that you have been born of the spirit is that you sincerely love one another."

5 §§ The throng of listeners remained many hours with Jesus, asking him questions and listening attentively to his comforting answers. Even the apostles were emboldened by Jesus' teaching to preach the gospel of

the kingdom with more power and assurance. This experience at Jerusalem was a great inspiration to the twelve. It was their first contact with such enormous crowds, and they learned many valuable lessons which proved of great assistance in their later work.

6. THE VISIT WITH NICODEMUS

1 One evening at the home of Flavius there came to see Jesus one Nicodemus, a wealthy and elderly member of the Jewish Sanhedrin. He had heard much about the teachings of this Galilean, and so he went one afternoon to hear him as he taught in the

temple courts. He would have gone often to hear Jesus teach, but he feared to be seen by the people in attendance upon his teaching, for already were the rulers of the Jews so at variance with Jesus that no member of the Sanhedrin would want to be identified in any open manner with him. Accordingly, Nicodemus had arranged with Andrew to see Jesus privately and after nightfall on this particular evening. Peter, James, and John were in Flavius's garden when the interview began, but later they all went into the house where the discourse continued.

2 In receiving Nicodemus, Jesus

showed no particular deference; in talking with him, there was no compromise or undue persuasiveness. The Master made no attempt to repulse his secretive caller, nor did he employ sarcasm. In all his dealings with the distinguished visitor, Jesus was calm, earnest, and dignified. Nicodemus was not an official delegate of the Sanhedrin; he came to see Jesus wholly because of his personal and sincere interest in the Master's teachings.

3 Upon being presented by Flavius, Nicodemus said: "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God, for no mere man could so teach un-

less God were with him. And I am desirous of knowing more about your teachings regarding the coming kingdom."

4 Jesus answered Nicodemus: "Verily, verily, I say to you, Nicodemus, except a man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Then replied Nicodemus: "But how can a man be born again when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born."

5 Jesus said: "Nevertheless, I declare to you, except a man be born of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of

the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. But you should not marvel that I said you must be born from above. When the wind blows, you hear the rustle of the leaves, but you do not see the wind — whence it comes or whither it goes — and so it is with everyone born of the spirit. With the eyes of the flesh you can behold the manifestations of the spirit, but you cannot actually discern the spirit."

6 Nicodemus replied: "But I do not understand — how can that be?" Said Jesus: "Can it be that you are a teacher in Israel and yet ignorant of all this? It

becomes, then, the duty of those who know about the realities of the spirit to reveal these things to those who discern only the manifestations of the material world. But will you believe us if we tell you of the heavenly truths? Do you have the courage, Nicodemus, to believe in one who has descended from heaven, even the Son of Man?"

7 And Nicodemus said: "But how can I begin to lay hold upon this spirit which is to remake me in preparation for entering into the kingdom?" Jesus answered: "Already does the spirit of the Father in heaven indwell you. If you would be led by this spirit from

above, very soon would you begin to see with the eyes of the spirit, and then by the wholehearted choice of spirit guidance would you be born of the spirit since your only purpose in living would be to do the will of your Father who is in heaven. And so finding yourself born of the spirit and happily in the kingdom of God, you would begin to bear in your daily life the abundant fruits of the spirit."

8 Nicodemus was thoroughly sincere. He was deeply impressed but went away bewildered. Nicodemus was accomplished in self-development, in self-restraint, and even in

high moral qualities. He was refined, egoistic, and altruistic; but he did not know how to *submit* his will to the will of the divine Father as a little child is willing to submit to the guidance and leading of a wise and loving earthly father, thereby becoming in reality a son of God, a progressive heir of the eternal kingdom.

9 But Nicodemus did summon faith enough to lay hold of the kingdom. He faintly protested when his colleagues of the Sanhedrin sought to condemn Jesus without a hearing; and with Joseph of Arimathea, he later boldly acknowledged his faith and

claimed the body of Jesus, even when most of the disciples had fled in fear from the scenes of their Master's final suffering and death.

7. THE LESSON ON THE FAMILY

1 After the busy period of teaching and personal work of Passover week in Jerusalem, Jesus spent the next Wednesday at Bethany with his apostles, resting. That afternoon, Thomas asked a question which elicited a long and instructive answer. Said Thomas: "Master, on the day we were set apart as ambassadors of the kingdom, you told us many things, instructed us

regarding our personal mode of life, but what shall we teach the multitude? How are these people to live after the kingdom more fully comes? Shall your disciples own slaves? Shall your believers court poverty and shun property? Shall mercy alone prevail so that we shall have no more law and justice?" Jesus and the twelve spent all afternoon and all that evening, after supper, discussing Thomas's questions. For the purposes of this record we present the following summary of the Master's instruction:

2 Jesus sought first to make plain to his apostles that he himself was on

earth living a unique life in the flesh, and that they, the twelve, had been called to participate in this bestowal experience of the Son of Man; and as such coworkers, they, too, must share in many of the special restrictions and obligations of the entire bestowal experience. There was a veiled intimation that the Son of Man was the only person who had ever lived on earth who could simultaneously see into the very heart of God and into the very depths of man's soul.

3 Very plainly Jesus explained that the kingdom of heaven was an evolutionary experience, beginning here

on earth and progressing up through successive life stations to Paradise. In the course of the evening he definitely stated that at some future stage of kingdom development he would revisit this world in spiritual power and divine glory.

4 He next explained that the "kingdom idea" was not the best way to illustrate man's relation to God; that he employed such figures of speech because the Jewish people were expecting the kingdom, and because John had preached in terms of the coming kingdom. Jesus said: "The people of another age will better under-

stand the gospel of the kingdom when it is presented in terms expressive of the family relationship — when man understands religion as the teaching of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, sonship with God." Then the Master discoursed at some length on the earthly family as an illustration of the heavenly family, restating the two fundamental laws of living: the first commandment of love for the father, the head of the family, and the second commandment of mutual love among the children, to love your brother as yourself. And then he explained that such a quality of broth-

erly affection would invariably manifest itself in unselfish and loving social service.

5 Following that, came the memorable discussion of the fundamental characteristics of family life and their application to the relationship existing between God and man. Jesus stated that a true family is founded on the following seven facts:

6 1. *The fact of existence.* The relationships of nature and the phenomena of mortal likenesses are bound up in the family: Children inherit certain parental traits. The children take origin in the parents; personality exis-

tence depends on the act of the parent. The relationship of father and child is inherent in all nature and pervades all living existences.

7 2. *Security and pleasure.* True fathers take great pleasure in providing for the needs of their children. Many fathers are not content with supplying the mere wants of their children but enjoy making provision for their pleasures also.

8 3. *Education and training.* Wise fathers carefully plan for the education and adequate training of their sons and daughters. When young they are prepared for the greater responsibili-

ties of later life.

9 4. *Discipline and restraint.* Farseeing fathers also make provision for the necessary discipline, guidance, correction, and sometimes restraint of their young and immature offspring.

10 5. *Companionship and loyalty.* The affectionate father holds intimate and loving intercourse with his children. Always is his ear open to their petitions; he is ever ready to share their hardships and assist them over their difficulties. The father is supremely interested in the progressive welfare of his progeny.

11 6. *Love and mercy.* A compas-

sionate father is freely forgiving; fathers do not hold vengeful memories against their children. Fathers are not like judges, enemies, or creditors. Real families are built upon tolerance, patience, and forgiveness.

12 7. *Provision for the future.* Temporal fathers like to leave an inheritance for their sons. The family continues from one generation to another. Death only ends one generation to mark the beginning of another. Death terminates an individual life but not necessarily the family.

13 §§ For hours the Master discussed the application of these features of

family life to the relations of man, the earth child, to God, the Paradise Father. And this was his conclusion: "This entire relationship of a son to the Father, I know in perfection, for all that you must attain of sonship in the eternal future I have now already attained. The Son of Man is prepared to ascend to the right hand of the Father, so that in me is the way now open still wider for all of you to see God and, ere you have finished the glorious progression, to become perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

14 When the apostles heard these startling words, they recalled the pro-

nouncements which John made at the time of Jesus' baptism, and they also vividly recalled this experience in connection with their preaching and teaching subsequent to the Master's death and resurrection.

15 Jesus is a divine Son, one in the Universal Father's full confidence. He had been with the Father and comprehended him fully. He had now lived his earth life to the full satisfaction of the Father, and this incarnation in the flesh had enabled him fully to comprehend man. Jesus was the perfection of man; he had attained just such perfection as all true believers are destined to

attain in him and through him. Jesus revealed a God of perfection to man and presented in himself the perfected son of the realms to God.

16 Although Jesus discoursed for several hours, Thomas was not yet satisfied, for he said: "But, Master, we do not find that the Father in heaven always deals kindly and mercifully with us. Many times we grievously suffer on earth, and not always are our prayers answered. Where do we fail to grasp the meaning of your teaching?"

17 Jesus replied: "Thomas, Thomas, how long before you will acquire the ability to listen with the ear of the

spirit? How long will it be before you discern that this kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, and that my Father is also a spiritual being? Do you not understand that I am teaching you as spiritual children in the spirit family of heaven, of which the fatherhead is an infinite and eternal spirit? Will you not allow me to use the earth family as an illustration of divine relationships without so literally applying my teaching to material affairs? In your minds cannot you separate the spiritual realities of the kingdom from the material, social, economic, and political problems of the age? When I speak

the language of the spirit, why do you insist on translating my meaning into the language of the flesh just because I presume to employ commonplace and literal relationships for purposes of illustration? My children, I implore that you cease to apply the teaching of the kingdom of the spirit to the sordid affairs of slavery, poverty, houses, and lands, and to the material problems of human equity and justice. These temporal matters are the concern of the men of this world, and while in a way they affect all men, you have been called to represent me in the world, even as I represent my Father. You

are spiritual ambassadors of a spiritual kingdom, special representatives of the spirit Father. By this time it should be possible for me to instruct you as full-grown men of the spirit kingdom. Must I ever address you only as children? Will you never grow up in spirit perception? Nevertheless, I love you and will bear with you, even to the very end of our association in the flesh. And even then shall my spirit go before you into all the world."

8. IN SOUTHERN JUDEA

1 By the end of April the opposition to Jesus among the Pharisees and Sad-

ducees had become so pronounced that the Master and his apostles decided to leave Jerusalem for a while, going south to work in Bethlehem and Hebron. The entire month of May was spent in doing personal work in these cities and among the people of the surrounding villages. No public preaching was done on this trip, only house-to-house visitation. A part of this time, while the apostles taught the gospel and ministered to the sick, Jesus and Abner spent at Engedi, visiting the Nazarite colony. John the Baptist had gone forth from this place, and Abner had been head of this group.

Many of the Nazarite brotherhood became believers in Jesus, but the majority of these ascetic and eccentric men refused to accept him as a teacher sent from heaven because he did not teach fasting and other forms of self-denial.

2 The people living in this region did not know that Jesus had been born in Bethlehem. They always supposed the Master had been born at Nazareth, as did the vast majority of his disciples, but the twelve knew the facts.

3 This sojourn in the south of Judea was a restful and fruitful season of labour; many souls were added to the kingdom. By the first days of June the

agitation against Jesus had so quieted down in Jerusalem that the Master and the apostles returned to instruct and comfort believers.

4 Although Jesus and the apostles spent the entire month of June in or near Jerusalem, they did no public teaching during this period. They lived for the most part in tents, which they pitched in a shaded park, or garden, known in that day as Gethsemane. This park was situated on the western slope of the Mount of Olives not far from the brook Kidron. The Sabbath weekends they usually spent with Lazarus and his sisters at Beth-

any. Jesus entered within the walls of Jerusalem only a few times, but a large number of interested inquirers came out to Gethsemane to visit with him. One Friday evening Nicodemus and one Joseph of Arimathea ventured out to see Jesus but turned back through fear even after they were standing before the entrance to the Master's tent. And, of course, they did not perceive that Jesus knew all about their doings.

5 When the rulers of the Jews learned that Jesus had returned to Jerusalem, they prepared to arrest him; but when they observed that he did no public preaching, they concluded that

he had become frightened by their previous agitation and decided to allow him to carry on his teaching in this private manner without further molestation. And thus affairs moved along quietly until the last days of June, when one Simon, a member of the Sanhedrin, publicly espoused the teachings of Jesus, after so declaring himself before the rulers of the Jews. Immediately a new agitation for Jesus' apprehension sprang up and grew so strong that the Master decided to retire into the cities of Samaria and the Decapolis.

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GOING THROUGH SAMARIA

Midwayer Commission

At the end of June, A.D. 27, because of the increasing opposition of the Jewish religious rulers, Jesus and the twelve departed from Jerusalem, after sending their tents and meagre personal effects to be stored at the home of Lazarus at Bethany. Going north into Samaria, they tarried over the Sabbath at Bethel. Here they preached for several days to the people who came from Gophna

and Ephraim. A group of citizens from Arimathea and Thamna came over to invite Jesus to visit their villages. The Master and his apostles spent more than two weeks teaching the Jews and Samaritans of this region, many of whom came from as far as Antipatris to hear the good news of the kingdom.

2 The people of southern Samaria heard Jesus gladly, and the apostles, with the exception of Judas Iscariot, succeeded in overcoming much of their prejudice against the Samaritans. It was very difficult for Judas to love these Samaritans. The last week of July

Jesus and his associates made ready to depart for the new Greek cities of Phasaelis and Archelais near the Jordan.

1. PREACHING AT ARCHELAIS

1 The first half of the month of August the apostolic party made its headquarters at the Greek cities of Archelais and Phasaelis, where they had their first experience preaching to well-nigh exclusive gatherings of gentiles — Greeks, Romans, and Syrians — for few Jews dwelt in these two Greek towns. In contacting with these Roman citizens, the apostles encoun-

tered new difficulties in the proclamation of the message of the coming kingdom, and they met with new objections to the teachings of Jesus. At one of the many evening conferences with his apostles, Jesus listened attentively to these objections to the gospel of the kingdom as the twelve repeated their experiences with the subjects of their personal labours.

2 A question asked by Philip was typical of their difficulties. Said Philip: "Master, these Greeks and Romans make light of our message, saying that such teachings are fit for only weaklings and slaves. They assert that

the religion of the heathen is superior to our teaching because it inspires to the acquirement of a strong, robust, and aggressive character. They affirm that we would convert all men into enfeebled specimens of passive non-resisters who would soon perish from the face of the earth. They like you, Master, and freely admit that your teaching is heavenly and ideal, but they will not take us seriously. They assert that your religion is not for this world; that men cannot live as you teach. And now, Master, what shall we say to these gentiles?"

3 After Jesus had heard similar ob-

jections to the gospel of the kingdom presented by Thomas, Nathaniel, Simon Zelotes, and Matthew, he said to the twelve:

4 "I have come into this world to do the will of my Father and to reveal his loving character to all mankind. That, my brethren, is my mission. And this one thing I will do, regardless of the misunderstanding of my teachings by Jews or gentiles of this day or of another generation. But you should not overlook the fact that even divine love has its severe disciplines. A father's love for his son oftentimes impels the father to restrain the unwise acts of his

thoughtless offspring. The child does not always comprehend the wise and loving motives of the father's restraining discipline. But I declare to you that my Father in Paradise does rule a universe of universes by the compelling power of his love. Love is the greatest of all spirit realities. Truth is a liberating revelation, but love is the supreme relationship. And no matter what blunders your fellow men make in their world management of today, in an age to come the gospel which I declare to you will rule this very world. The ultimate goal of human progress is the reverent recognition of the father-

hood of God and the loving materialization of the brotherhood of man.

5 "But who told you that my gospel was intended only for slaves and weaklings? Do you, my chosen apostles, resemble weaklings? Did John look like a weakling? Do you observe that I am enslaved by fear? True, the poor and oppressed of this generation have the gospel preached to them. The religions of this world have neglected the poor, but my Father is no respecter of persons. Besides, the poor of this day are the first to heed the call to repentance and acceptance of sonship. The gospel of the kingdom is to be

preached to all men — Jew and gentile, Greek and Roman, rich and poor, free and bond — and equally to young and old, male and female.

6 "Because my Father is a God of love and delights in the practice of mercy, do not imbibe the idea that the service of the kingdom is to be one of monotonous ease. The Paradise ascent is the supreme adventure of all time, the rugged achievement of eternity. The service of the kingdom on earth will call for all the courageous manhood that you and your coworkers can muster. Many of you will be put to death for your loyalty to the

gospel of this kingdom. It is easy to die in the line of physical battle when your courage is strengthened by the presence of your fighting comrades, but it requires a higher and more profound form of human courage and devotion calmly and all alone to lay down your life for the love of a truth enshrined in your mortal heart.

7 "Today, the unbelievers may taunt you with preaching a gospel of nonresistance and with living lives of nonviolence, but you are the first volunteers of a long line of sincere believers in the gospel of this kingdom who will astonish all mankind by their heroic de-

votion to these teachings. No armies of the world have ever displayed more courage and bravery than will be portrayed by you and your loyal successors who shall go forth to all the world proclaiming the good news — the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. The courage of the flesh is the lowest form of bravery. Mind bravery is a higher type of human courage, but the highest and supreme is uncompromising loyalty to the enlightened convictions of profound spiritual realities. And such courage constitutes the heroism of the God-knowing man. And you are all God-knowing

men; you are in very truth the personal associates of the Son of Man."

8 §§ This was not all that Jesus said on that occasion, but it is the introduction of his address, and he went on at great length in amplification and in illustration of this pronouncement. This was one of the most impassioned addresses which Jesus ever delivered to the twelve. Seldom did the Master speak to his apostles with evident strong feeling, but this was one of those few occasions when he spoke with manifest earnestness, accompanied by marked emotion.

9 §§ The result upon the public

preaching and personal ministry of the apostles was immediate; from that very day their message took on a new note of courageous dominance. The twelve continued to acquire the spirit of positive aggression in the new gospel of the kingdom. From this day forward they did not occupy themselves so much with the preaching of the negative virtues and the passive injunctions of their Master's many-sided teaching.

2. LESSON ON SELF-MASTERY

1 The Master was a perfected specimen of human self-control. When

he was reviled, he reviled not; when he suffered, he uttered no threats against his tormentors; when he was denounced by his enemies, he simply committed himself to the righteous judgment of the Father in heaven.

2 §§ At one of the evening conferences, Andrew asked Jesus: "Master, are we to practise self-denial as John taught us, or are we to strive for the self-control of your teaching? Wherein does your teaching differ from that of John?" Jesus answered: "John indeed taught you the way of righteousness in accordance with the light and laws of his fathers, and that

was the religion of self-examination and self-denial. But I come with a new message of self-forgetfulness and self-control. I show to you the way of life as revealed to me by my Father in heaven.

3 "Verily, verily, I say to you, he who rules his own self is greater than he who captures a city. Self-mastery is the measure of man's moral nature and the indicator of his spiritual development. In the old order you fasted and prayed; as the new creature of the rebirth of the spirit, you are taught to believe and rejoice. In the Father's kingdom you are to become new creatures; old things are to pass away; behold I

show you how all things are to become new. And by your love for one another you are to convince the world that you have passed from bondage to liberty, from death into life everlasting.

4 "By the old way you seek to suppress, obey, and conform to the rules of living; by the new way you are first *transformed* by the Spirit of Truth and thereby strengthened in your inner soul by the constant spiritual renewing of your mind, and so are you endowed with the power of the certain and joyous performance of the gracious, acceptable, and perfect will of God. Forget not — it is your personal faith

in the exceedingly great and precious promises of God that ensures your becoming partakers of the divine nature. Thus by your faith and the spirit's transformation, you become in reality the temples of God, and his spirit actually dwells within you. If, then, the spirit dwells within you, you are no longer bondslaves of the flesh but free and liberated sons of the spirit. The new law of the spirit endows you with the liberty of self-mastery in place of the old law of the fear of self-bondage and the slavery of self-denial.

5 "Many times, when you have done evil, you have thought to charge up

your acts to the influence of the evil one when in reality you have but been led astray by your own natural tendencies. Did not the Prophet Jeremiah long ago tell you that the human heart is deceitful above all things and sometimes even desperately wicked? How easy for you to become self-deceived and thereby fall into foolish fears, divers lusts, enslaving pleasures, malice, envy, and even vengeful hatred!

6 "Salvation is by the regeneration of the spirit and not by the self-righteous deeds of the flesh. You are justified by faith and fellowshipped by grace, not

by fear and the self-denial of the flesh, albeit the Father's children who have been born of the spirit are ever and always *masters* of the self and all that pertains to the desires of the flesh. When you know that you are saved by faith, you have real peace with God. And all who follow in the way of this heavenly peace are destined to be sanctified to the eternal service of the ever-advancing sons of the eternal God. Henceforth, it is not a duty but rather your exalted privilege to cleanse yourselves from all evils of mind and body while you seek for perfection in the love of God.

7 "Your sonship is grounded in faith, and you are to remain unmoved by fear. Your joy is born of trust in the divine word, and you shall not therefore be led to doubt the reality of the Father's love and mercy. It is the very goodness of God that leads men into true and genuine repentance. Your secret of the mastery of self is bound up with your faith in the indwelling spirit, which ever works by love. Even this saving faith you have not of yourselves; it also is the gift of God. And if you are the children of this living faith, you are no longer the bondslaves of self but rather the triumphant masters of your-

selves, the liberated sons of God.

8 "If, then, my children, you are born of the spirit, you are forever delivered from the self-conscious bondage of a life of self-denial and watchcare over the desires of the flesh, and you are translated into the joyous kingdom of the spirit, whence you spontaneously show forth the fruits of the spirit in your daily lives; and the fruits of the spirit are the essence of the highest type of enjoyable and ennobling self-control, even the heights of terrestrial mortal attainment — true self-mas-

tery."

3. DIVERSION AND RELAXATION

1 About this time a state of great nervous and emotional tension developed among the apostles and their immediate disciple associates. They had hardly become accustomed to living and working together. They were experiencing increasing difficulties in maintaining harmonious relations with John's disciples. The contact with the gentiles and the Samaritans was a great trial to these Jews. And besides all this, the recent utterances of Jesus had augmented their

disturbed state of mind. Andrew was almost beside himself; he did not know what next to do, and so he went to the Master with his problems and perplexities. When Jesus had listened to the apostolic chief relate his troubles, he said: "Andrew, you cannot talk men out of their perplexities when they reach such a stage of involvement, and when so many persons with strong feelings are concerned. I cannot do what you ask of me — I will not participate in these personal social difficulties — but I will join you in the enjoyment of a three-day period of rest and relaxation. Go to your brethren

and announce that all of you are to go with me up on Mount Sartaba, where I desire to rest for a day or two.

2 "Now you should go to each of your eleven brethren and talk with him privately, saying: 'The Master desires that we go apart with him for a season to rest and relax. Since we all have recently experienced much vexation of spirit and stress of mind, I suggest that no mention be made of our trials and troubles while on this holiday. Can I depend upon you to co-operate with me in this matter?' In this way privately and personally approach each of your brethren." And Andrew

did as the Master had instructed him.

3 §§ This was a marvellous occasion in the experience of each of them; they never forgot the day going up the mountain. Throughout the entire trip hardly a word was said about their troubles. Upon reaching the top of the mountain, Jesus seated them about him while he said: "My brethren, you must all learn the value of rest and the efficacy of relaxation. You must realize that the best method of solving some entangled problems is to forsake them for a time. Then when you go back fresh from your rest or worship, you are able to attack your troubles with a

clearer head and a steadier hand, not to mention a more resolute heart. Again, many times your problem is found to have shrunk in size and proportions while you have been resting your mind and body."

4 The next day Jesus assigned to each of the twelve a topic for discussion. The whole day was devoted to reminiscences and to talking over matters not related to their religious work. They were momentarily shocked when Jesus even neglected to give thanks — verbally — when he broke bread for their noontide lunch. This was the first time they had ever observed him to neglect

such formalities.

5 When they went up the mountain, Andrew's head was full of problems. John was inordinately perplexed in his heart. James was grievously troubled in his soul. Matthew was hard pressed for funds inasmuch as they had been sojourning among the gentiles. Peter was overwrought and had recently been more temperamental than usual. Judas was suffering from a periodic attack of sensitiveness and selfishness. Simon was unusually upset in his efforts to reconcile his patriotism with the love of the brotherhood of man. Philip was more and more nonplussed

by the way things were going. Nathaniel had been less humorous since they had come in contact with the gentile populations, and Thomas was in the midst of a severe season of depression. Only the twins were normal and unperturbed. All of them were exceedingly perplexed about how to get along peaceably with John's disciples.

6 The third day when they started down the mountain and back to their camp, a great change had come over them. They had made the important discovery that many human perplexities are in reality nonexistent, that many pressing troubles are the cre-

ations of exaggerated fear and the offspring of augmented apprehension. They had learned that all such perplexities are best handled by being forsaken; by going off they had left such problems to solve themselves.

7 Their return from this holiday marked the beginning of a period of greatly improved relations with the followers of John. Many of the twelve really gave way to mirth when they noted the changed state of everybody's mind and observed the freedom from nervous irritability which had come to them as a result of their three days' vacation from the routine duties of life.

There is always danger that monotony of human contact will greatly multiply perplexities and magnify difficulties.

8 §§ Not many of the gentiles in the two Greek cities of Archelais and Phasaelis believed in the gospel, but the twelve apostles gained a valuable experience in this their first extensive work with exclusively gentile populations. On a Monday morning, about the middle of the month, Jesus said to Andrew: "We go into Samaria." And they set out at once for the city of Sy-

char, near Jacob's well.

4. THE JEWS AND THE SAMARITANS

1 For more than 600 years the Jews of Judea, and later on those of Galilee also, had been at enmity with the Samaritans. This ill feeling between the Jews and the Samaritans came about in this way: About 700 B.C., Sargon, king of Assyria, in subduing a revolt in central Palestine, carried away and into captivity over 25,000 Jews of the northern kingdom of Israel and installed in their place an almost equal number of the descendants of the Cuthites, Sepharvites, and the

Hamathites. Later on, Ashurbanipal sent still other colonies to dwell in Samaria.

2 The religious enmity between the Jews and the Samaritans dated from the return of the former from the Babylonian captivity, when the Samaritans worked to prevent the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Later they offended the Jews by extending friendly assistance to the armies of Alexander. In return for their friendship Alexander gave the Samaritans permission to build a temple on Mount Gerizim, where they worshipped Yahweh and their tribal gods and offered

sacrifices much after the order of the temple services at Jerusalem. At least they continued this worship up to the time of the Maccabees, when John Hyrcanus destroyed their temple on Mount Gerizim. The Apostle Philip, in his labours for the Samaritans after the death of Jesus, held many meetings on the site of this old Samaritan temple.

3 The antagonisms between the Jews and the Samaritans were time-honoured and historic; increasingly since the days of Alexander they had had no dealings with each other. The twelve apostles were not averse to

preaching in the Greek and other gentile cities of the Decapolis and Syria, but it was a severe test of their loyalty to the Master when he said, "Let us go into Samaria." But in the year and more they had been with Jesus, they had developed a form of personal loyalty which transcended even their faith in his teachings and their prejudices against the Samaritans.

5. THE WOMAN OF SYCHAR

1 When the Master and the twelve arrived at Jacob's well, Jesus, being weary from the journey, tarried by the well while Philip took the apos-

tles with him to assist in bringing food and tents from Sychar, for they were disposed to stay in this vicinity for a while. Peter and the Zebedee sons would have remained with Jesus, but he requested that they go with their brethren, saying: "Have no fear for me; these Samaritans will be friendly; only our brethren, the Jews, seek to harm us." And it was almost 18:00 on this summer's evening when Jesus sat down by the well to await the return of the apostles.

2 The water of Jacob's well was less mineral than that from the wells of Sychar and was therefore much val-

ued for drinking purposes. Jesus was thirsty, but there was no way of getting water from the well. When, therefore, a woman of Sychar came up with her water pitcher and prepared to draw from the well, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." This woman of Samaria knew Jesus was a Jew by his appearance and dress, and she surmised that he was a Galilean Jew from his accent. Her name was Nalda and she was a comely creature. She was much surprised to have a Jewish man thus speak to her at the well and ask for water, for it was not deemed proper in those days for a self-respecting man to speak to a

woman in public, much less for a Jew to converse with a Samaritan. Therefore Nalda asked Jesus, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink of me, a Samaritan woman?" Jesus answered: "I have indeed asked you for a drink, but if you could only understand, you would ask me for a draught of the living water." Then said Nalda: "But, Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; whence, then, have you this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us this well, and who drank thereof himself and his sons and his cattle also?"

3 Jesus replied: "Everyone who

drinks of this water will thirst again, but whosoever drinks of the water of the living spirit shall never thirst. And this living water shall become in him a well of refreshment springing up even to eternal life." Nalda then said: "Give me this water that I thirst not, neither come all the way hither to draw. Besides, anything which a Samaritan woman could receive from such a commendable Jew would be a pleasure."

4 Nalda did not know how to take Jesus' willingness to talk with her. She beheld in the Master's face the countenance of an upright and holy man, but she mistook friendliness for com-

monplace familiarity, and she misinterpreted his figure of speech as a form of making advances to her. And being a woman of lax morals, she was minded openly to become flirtatious, when Jesus, looking straight into her eyes, with a commanding voice said, "Woman, go get your husband and bring him hither." This command brought Nalda to her senses. She saw that she had misjudged the Master's kindness; she perceived that she had misconstrued his manner of speech. She was frightened; she began to realize that she stood in the presence of an unusual person, and groping about

in her mind for a suitable reply, in great confusion, she said, "But, Sir, I cannot call my husband, for I have no husband." Then said Jesus: "You have spoken the truth, for, while you may have once had a husband, he with whom you are now living is not your husband. Better it would be if you would cease to trifle with my words and seek for the living water which I have this day offered you."

5 By this time Nalda was sobered, and her better self was awakened. She was not an immoral woman wholly by choice. She had been ruthlessly and unjustly cast aside by her husband

and in dire straits had consented to live with a certain Greek as his wife, but without marriage. Nalda now felt greatly ashamed that she had so unthinkingly spoken to Jesus, and she most penitently addressed the Master, saying: "My Lord, I repent of my manner of speaking to you, for I perceive that you are a holy man or maybe a prophet." And she was just about to seek direct and personal help from the Master when she did what so many have done before and since — dodged the issue of personal salvation by turning to the discussion of theology and philosophy. She quickly turned the

conversation from her own needs to a theological controversy. Pointing over to Mount Gerizim, she continued: "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, and yet *you* would say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship; which, then, is the right place to worship God?"

6 Jesus perceived the attempt of the woman's soul to avoid direct and searching contact with its Maker, but he also saw that there was present in her soul a desire to know the better way of life. After all, there was in Nalda's heart a true thirst for the living water; therefore he dealt patiently

with her, saying: "Woman, let me say to you that the day is soon coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. But now you worship that which you know not, a mixture of the religion of many pagan gods and gentile philosophies. The Jews at least know whom they worship; they have removed all confusion by concentrating their worship upon one God, Yahweh. But you should believe me when I say that the hour will soon come — even now is — when all sincere worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for it is just such worshippers the Fa-

ther seeks. God is spirit, and they who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Your salvation comes not from knowing how others should worship or where but by receiving into your own heart this living water which I am offering you even now."

7 But Nalda would make one more effort to avoid the discussion of the embarrassing question of her personal life on earth and the status of her soul before God. Once more she resorted to questions of general religion, saying: "Yes, I know, Sir, that John has preached about the coming of the Converter, he who will be called

the Deliverer, and that, when he shall come, he will declare to us all things" — and Jesus, interrupting Nalda, said with startling assurance, "I who speak to you am he."

8 This was the first direct, positive, and undisguised pronouncement of his divine nature and sonship which Jesus had made on earth; and it was made to a woman, a Samaritan woman, and a woman of questionable character in the eyes of men up to this moment, but a woman whom the divine eye beheld as having been sinned against more than as sinning of her own desire and as *now* being a human

soul who desired salvation, desired it sincerely and wholeheartedly, and that was enough.

9 As Nalda was about to voice her real and personal longing for better things and a more noble way of living, just as she was ready to speak the real desire of her heart, the twelve apostles returned from Sychar, and coming upon this scene of Jesus' talking so intimately with this woman — this Samaritan woman, and alone — they were more than astonished. They quickly deposited their supplies and drew aside, no man daring to reprove him, while Jesus said to Nalda: "Wo-

man, go your way; God has forgiven you. Henceforth you will live a new life. You have received the living water, and a new joy will spring up within your soul, and you shall become a daughter of the Most High." And the woman, perceiving the disapproval of the apostles, left her waterpot and fled to the city.

10 As she entered the city, she proclaimed to everyone she met: "Go out to Jacob's well and go quickly, for there you will see a man who told me all I ever did. Can this be the Converter?" And ere the sun went down, a great crowd had assembled at Jacob's well to

hear Jesus. And the Master talked to them more about the water of life, the gift of the indwelling spirit.

11 The apostles never ceased to be shocked by Jesus' willingness to talk with women, women of questionable character, even immoral women. It was very difficult for Jesus to teach his apostles that women, even so-called immoral women, have souls which can choose God as their Father, thereby becoming daughters of God and candidates for life everlasting. Even 19 centuries later many show the same unwillingness to grasp the Master's teachings. Even the Christian religion

has been persistently built up around the fact of the death of Christ instead of around the truth of his life. The world should be more concerned with his happy and God-revealing life than with his tragic and sorrowful death.

12 Nalda told this entire story to the Apostle John the next day, but he never revealed it fully to the other apostles, and Jesus did not speak of it in detail to the twelve[1].

13 Nalda told John that Jesus had told her "all I ever did." John many times wanted to ask Jesus about this visit

[1] This explains why the story in John 4:6–42 has no parallels in the Synoptics.

with Nalda, but he never did. Jesus told her only one thing about herself, but his look into her eyes and the manner of his dealing with her had so brought all of her checkered life in panoramic review before her mind in a moment of time that she associated all of this self-revelation of her past life with the look and the word of the Master. Jesus never told her she had had five husbands. She had lived with four different men since her husband cast her aside, and this, with all her past, came up so vividly in her mind at the moment when she realized Jesus was a man of God that she sub-

sequently repeated to John that Jesus had really told her all about herself.

6. THE SAMARITAN REVIVAL

1 On the evening that Nalda drew the crowd out from Sychar to see Jesus, the twelve had just returned with food, and they besought Jesus to eat with them instead of talking to the people, for they had been without food all day and were hungry. But Jesus knew that darkness would soon be upon them; so he persisted in his determination to talk to the people before he sent them away. When Andrew sought to persuade him to eat a bite before speaking

to the crowd, Jesus said, "I have meat to eat that you do not know about." When the apostles heard this, they said among themselves: "Has any man brought him aught to eat? Can it be that the woman gave him food as well as drink?" When Jesus heard them talking among themselves, before he spoke to the people, he turned aside and said to the twelve: "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work. You should no longer say it is such and such a time until the harvest. Behold these people coming out from a Samaritan city to hear us; I tell you the fields are already

white for the harvest. He who reaps receives wages and gathers this fruit to eternal life; consequently the sowers and the reapers rejoice together. For herein is the saying true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I am now sending you to reap that whereon you have not laboured; others have laboured, and you are about to enter into their labour." This he said in reference to the preaching of John the Baptist.

2 Jesus and the apostles went into Sychar and preached two days before they established their camp on Mount Gerizim. And many of the dwellers in Sychar believed the gospel and made

request for baptism, but the apostles of Jesus did not yet baptize.

3 §§ The first night of the camp on Mount Gerizim the apostles expected that Jesus would rebuke them for their attitude toward the woman at Jacob's well, but he made no reference to the matter. Instead he gave them that memorable talk on "The realities which are central in the kingdom of God." In any religion it is very easy to allow values to become disproportionate and to permit facts to occupy the place of truth in one's theology. The fact of the cross became the very centre of subsequent Christianity; but

it is not the central truth of the religion which may be derived from the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

4 The theme of Jesus' teaching on Mount Gerizim was: That he wants all men to see God as a Father-friend just as he (Jesus) is a brother-friend. And again and again he impressed upon them that love is the greatest relationship in the world — in the universe — just as truth is the greatest pronouncement of the observation of these divine relationships.

5 Jesus declared himself so fully to the Samaritans because he could safely do so, and because he knew that he

would not again visit the heart of Samaria to preach the gospel of the kingdom.

6 Jesus and the twelve camped on Mount Gerizim until the end of August. They preached the good news of the kingdom — the fatherhood of God — to the Samaritans in the cities by day and spent the nights at the camp. The work which Jesus and the twelve did in these Samaritan cities yielded many souls for the kingdom and did much to prepare the way for the marvellous work of Philip in these regions after Jesus' death and resurrection, subsequent to the dispersion of

the apostles to the ends of the earth by the bitter persecution of believers at Jerusalem.

7. TEACHINGS ABOUT PRAYER AND WORSHIP

1 At the evening conferences on Mount Gerizim, Jesus taught many great truths, and in particular he laid emphasis on the following:

2 §§ True religion is the act of an individual soul in its self-conscious relations with the Creator; organized religion is man's attempt to *socialize* the worship of individual religionists.

3 §§ Worship — contemplation of the spiritual — must alternate with

service, contact with material reality. Work should alternate with play; religion should be balanced by humour. Profound philosophy should be relieved by rhythmic poetry. The strain of living — the time tension of personality — should be relaxed by the restfulness of worship. The feelings of insecurity arising from the fear of personality isolation in the universe should be antidoted by the faith contemplation of the Father and by the attempted realization of the Supreme.

4 §§ Prayer is designed to make man less thinking but more *realizing;* it is not designed to increase knowledge

but rather to expand insight.

5 §§ Worship is intended to anticipate the better life ahead and then to reflect these new spiritual significances back onto the life which now is. Prayer is spiritually sustaining, but worship is divinely creative.

6 §§ Worship is the technique of looking to the *One* for the inspiration of service to the *many.* Worship is the yardstick which measures the extent of the soul's detachment from the material universe and its simultaneous and secure attachment to the spiritual realities of all creation.

7 §§ Prayer is self-reminding — sub-

lime thinking; worship is self-forgetting — superthinking. Worship is effortless attention, true and ideal soul rest, a form of restful spiritual exertion.

8 §§ Worship is the act of a part identifying itself with the Whole; the finite with the Infinite; the son with the Father; time in the act of striking step with eternity. Worship is the act of the son's personal communion with the divine Father, the assumption of refreshing, creative, fraternal, and romantic attitudes by the human soul-spirit.

9 §§ Although the apostles grasped only a few of his teachings at the camp,

other worlds did, and other generations on earth will.

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AT GILBOA AND IN THE DECAPOLIS

Midwayer Commission

September and October were spent in retirement at a secluded camp upon the slopes of Mount Gilboa. The month of September Jesus spent here alone with his apostles, teaching and instructing them in the truths of the kingdom.

2 There were a number of reasons why Jesus and his apostles were in retirement at this time on the borders

of Samaria and the Decapolis. The Jerusalem religious rulers were very antagonistic; Herod Antipas still held John in prison, fearing either to release or execute him, while he continued to entertain suspicions that John and Jesus were in some way associated. These conditions made it unwise to plan for aggressive work in either Judea or Galilee. There was a third reason: the slowly augmenting tension between the leaders of John's disciples and the apostles of Jesus, which grew worse with the increasing number of believers.

3 Jesus knew that the days of the pre-

liminary work of teaching and preaching were about over, that the next move involved the beginning of the full and final effort of his life on earth, and he did not wish the launching of this undertaking to be in any manner either trying or embarrassing to John the Baptist. Jesus had therefore decided to spend some time in retirement rehearsing his apostles and then to do some quiet work in the cities of the Decapolis until John should be either executed or released to join them

in a united effort.

1. THE GILBOA ENCAMPMENT

1 As time passed, the twelve became more devoted to Jesus and increasingly committed to the work of the kingdom. Their devotion was in large part a matter of personal loyalty. They did not grasp his many-sided teaching; they did not fully comprehend the nature of Jesus or the significance of his bestowal on earth.

2 Jesus made it plain to his apostles that they were in retirement for three reasons:

3 1. To confirm their understand-

ing of, and faith in, the gospel of the kingdom.

4 2. To allow opposition to their work in both Judea and Galilee to quiet down.

5 3. To await the fate of John the Baptist.

6 §§ While tarrying on Gilboa, Jesus told the twelve much about his early life and his experiences on Mount Hermon; he also revealed something of what happened in the hills during the 40 days immediately after his baptism. And he directly charged them that they should tell no man about

these experiences until after he had returned to the Father.

7 During these September weeks they rested, visited, recounted their experiences since Jesus first called them to service, and engaged in an earnest effort to co-ordinate what the Master had so far taught them. In a measure they all sensed that this would be their last opportunity for prolonged rest. They realized that their next public effort in either Judea or Galilee would mark the beginning of the final proclamation of the coming kingdom, but they had little or no settled idea as to what the kingdom would be when it

came. John and Andrew thought the kingdom had already come; Peter and James believed that it was yet to come; Nathaniel and Thomas frankly confessed they were puzzled; Matthew, Philip, and Simon Zelotes were uncertain and confused; the twins were blissfully ignorant of the controversy; and Judas Iscariot was silent, noncommittal.

8 §§ Much of this time Jesus was alone on the mountain near the camp. Occasionally he took with him Peter, James, or John, but more often he went off to pray or commune alone. Subsequent to the baptism of Jesus and the

40 days in the Perean hills, it is hardly proper to speak of these seasons of communion with his Father as prayer, nor is it consistent to speak of Jesus as worshipping, but it is altogether correct to allude to these seasons as personal communion with his Father.

9 The central theme of the discussions throughout the entire month of September was prayer and worship. After they had discussed worship for some days, Jesus finally delivered his memorable discourse on prayer in answer to Thomas's request: "Master, teach us how to pray."

10 John had taught his disciples a

prayer, a prayer for salvation in the coming kingdom. Although Jesus never forbade his followers to use John's form of prayer, the apostles very early perceived that their Master did not fully approve of the practice of uttering set and formal prayers. Nevertheless, believers constantly requested to be taught how to pray. The twelve longed to know what form of petition Jesus would approve. And it was chiefly because of this need for some simple petition for the common people that Jesus at this time consented, in answer to Thomas's request, to teach them a suggestive form of prayer. Jesus

gave this lesson one afternoon in the third week of their sojourn on Mount Gilboa.

2. THE DISCOURSE ON PRAYER

1 "John indeed taught you a simple form of prayer: 'O Father, cleanse us from sin, show us your glory, reveal your love, and let your spirit sanctify our hearts forevermore, Amen!' He taught this prayer that you might have something to teach the multitude. He did not intend that you should use such a set and formal petition as the expression of your own souls in prayer.

2 "Prayer is entirely a personal and

spontaneous expression of the attitude of the soul toward the spirit; prayer should be the communion of sonship and the expression of fellowship. Prayer, when indited by the spirit, leads to co-operative spiritual progress. The ideal prayer is a form of spiritual communion which leads to intelligent worship. True praying is the sincere attitude of reaching heavenward for the attainment of your ideals.

3 "Prayer is the breath of the soul and should lead you to be persistent in your attempt to ascertain the Father's will. If any one of you has a neigh-

bour, and you go to him at midnight and say: 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine on a journey has come to see me, and I have nothing to set before him'; and if your neighbour answers, 'Trouble me not, for the door is now shut and the children and I are in bed; therefore I cannot rise and give you bread,' you will persist, explaining that your friend hungers, and that you have no food to offer him. I say to you, though your neighbour will not rise and give you bread because he is your friend, yet because of your importunity he will get up and give you as many loaves as you need. If, then,

persistence will win favours even from mortal man, how much more will your persistence in the spirit win the bread of life for you from the willing hands of the Father in heaven. Again I say to you: Ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. For every one who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks the door of salvation will be opened.

4 "Which of you who is a father, if his son asks unwisely, would hesitate to give in accordance with parental wisdom rather than in the terms of the son's faulty petition? If the child

needs a loaf, will you give him a stone just because he unwisely asks for it? If your son needs a fish, will you give him a watersnake just because it may chance to come up in the net with the fish and the child foolishly asks for the serpent? If you, then, being mortal and finite, know how to answer prayer and give good and appropriate gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the spirit and many additional blessings to those who ask him? Men ought always to pray and not become discouraged.

5 "Let me tell you the story of a cer-

tain judge who lived in a wicked city. This judge feared not God nor had respect for man. Now there was a needy widow in that city who came repeatedly to this unjust judge, saying, 'Protect me from my adversary.' For some time he would not give ear to her, but presently he said to himself: 'Though I fear not God nor have regard for man, yet because this widow ceases not to trouble me, I will vindicate her lest she wear me out by her continual coming.' These stories I tell you to encourage you to persist in praying and not to intimate that your petitions will change the just and righteous Father above.

Your persistence, however, is not to win favour with God but to change your earth attitude and to enlarge your soul's capacity for spirit receptivity.

6 "But when you pray, you exercise so little faith. Genuine faith will remove mountains of material difficulty which may chance to lie in the path of soul expansion and spiritual progress."

3. THE BELIEVER'S PRAYER

1 But the apostles were not yet satisfied; they desired Jesus to give them a model prayer which they could teach the new disciples. After listening to this discourse on prayer, James Zebe-

dee said: "Very good, Master, but we do not desire a form of prayer for ourselves so much as for the newer believers who so frequently beseech us, 'Teach us how acceptably to pray to the Father in heaven.'"

2 When James had finished speaking, Jesus said: "If, then, you still desire such a prayer, I would present the one which I taught my brothers and sisters in Nazareth":

3 Our Father who is in heaven,

4 Hallowed be your name.

5 Your kingdom come; your will be done

6 On earth as it is in heaven.

7 Give us this day our bread for tomorrow;

8 Refresh our souls with the water of life.

9 And forgive us every one our debts

10 As we also have forgiven our debtors.

11 Save us in temptation, deliver us from evil,

12 And increasingly make us perfect like yourself.

13 §§ It is not strange that the apostles desired Jesus to teach them a model

prayer for believers. John the Baptist had taught his followers several prayers; all great teachers had formulated prayers for their pupils. The religious teachers of the Jews had some 25 or 30 set prayers which they recited in the synagogues and even on the street corners. Jesus was particularly averse to praying in public. Up to this time the twelve had heard him pray only a few times. They observed him spending entire nights at prayer or worship, and they were very curious to know the manner or form of his petitions. They were really hard pressed to know what to answer the multitudes when

they asked to be taught how to pray as John had taught his disciples.

14 Jesus taught the twelve always to pray in secret; to go off by themselves amidst the quiet surroundings of nature or to go in their rooms and shut the doors when they engaged in prayer.

15 After Jesus' death and ascension to the Father it became the practice of many believers to finish this so-called Lord's prayer by the addition of — "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Still later on, two lines were lost in copying, and there was added to this prayer an extra clause, reading: "For

yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forevermore."

16 Jesus gave the apostles the prayer in collective form as they had prayed it in the Nazareth home. He never taught a formal personal prayer, only group, family, or social petitions. And he never volunteered to do that.

17 Jesus taught that effective prayer must be:

18 1. Unselfish — not alone for oneself.

19 2. Believing — according to faith.

20 3. Sincere — honest of heart.

21 4. Intelligent — according to light.

22 5. Trustful — in submission to the Father's all-wise will.

23 §§ When Jesus spent whole nights on the mountain in prayer, it was mainly for his disciples, particularly for the twelve. The Master prayed very little for himself, although he engaged in much worship of the nature of understanding communion with his Paradise Father.

4. MORE ABOUT PRAYER

1 For days after the discourse on prayer the apostles continued to ask

the Master questions regarding this all-important and worshipful practice. Jesus' instruction to the apostles during these days, regarding prayer and worship, may be summarized and restated in modern phraseology as follows:

2 §§ The earnest and longing repetition of any petition, when such a prayer is the sincere expression of a child of God and is uttered in faith, no matter how ill-advised or impossible of direct answer, never fails to expand the soul's capacity for spiritual receptivity.

3 In all praying, remember that son-

ship is a *gift.* No child has aught to do with *earning* the status of son or daughter. The earth child comes into being by the will of its parents. Even so, the child of God comes into grace and the new life of the spirit by the will of the Father in heaven. Therefore must the kingdom of heaven — divine sonship — be *received* as by a little child. You earn righteousness — progressive character development — but you receive sonship by grace and through faith.

4 Prayer led Jesus up to the supercommunion of his soul with the Supreme Rulers of the universe of uni-

verses. Prayer will lead the mortals of earth up to the communion of true worship. The soul's spiritual capacity for receptivity determines the quantity of heavenly blessings which can be personally appropriated and consciously realized as an answer to prayer.

5 Prayer and its associated worship is a technique of detachment from the daily routine of life, from the monotonous grind of material existence. It is an avenue of approach to spiritualized self-realization and individuality of intellectual and religious attainment.

6 Prayer is an antidote for harmful

introspection. At least, prayer as the Master taught it is such a beneficent ministry to the soul. Jesus consistently employed the beneficial influence of praying for one's fellows. The Master usually prayed in the plural, not in the singular. Only in the great crises of his earth life did Jesus ever pray for himself.

7 Prayer is the breath of the spirit life in the midst of the material civilization of the races of mankind. Worship is salvation for the pleasure-seeking generations of mortals.

8 As prayer may be likened to recharging the spiritual batteries of the

soul, so worship may be compared to the act of tuning in the soul to catch the universe broadcasts of the infinite spirit of the Universal Father.

9 Prayer is the sincere and longing look of the child to its spirit Father; it is a psychologic process of exchanging the human will for the divine will. Prayer is a part of the divine plan for making over that which is into that which ought to be.

10 §§ One of the reasons why Peter, James, and John, who so often accompanied Jesus on his long night vigils, never heard Jesus pray, was because their Master so rarely uttered his

prayers as spoken words. Practically all of Jesus' praying was done in the spirit and in the heart — silently.

11 Of all the apostles, Peter and James came the nearest to comprehending the Master's teaching about prayer and worship.

5. OTHER FORMS OF PRAYER

1 From time to time, during the remainder of Jesus' sojourn on earth, he brought to the notice of the apostles several additional forms of prayer, but he did this only in illustration of other matters, and he enjoined that these "parable prayers" should not be taught

to the multitudes. Many of them were from other inhabited planets, but this fact Jesus did not reveal to the twelve. Among these prayers were the following:

2 Our Father in whom consist the universe realms,

3 Uplifted be your name and all-glorious your character.

4 Your presence encompasses us, and your glory is manifested

5 Imperfectly through us as it is in perfection shown on high.

6 Give us this day the vivifying forces of light,

7 And let us not stray into the evil bypaths of our imagination,

8 For yours is the glorious indwelling, the everlasting power,

9 And to us, the eternal gift of the infinite love of your Son.

10 Even so, and everlastingly true.

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12 Our creative Parent, who is in the centre of the universe,

13 Bestow upon us your nature and give to us your character.

14 Make us sons and daughters of yours by grace

15 And glorify your name through our eternal achievement.

16 Your adjusting and controlling spirit give to live and dwell within us

17 That we may do your will on this sphere as angels do your bidding in light.

18 Sustain us this day in our progress along the path of truth.

19 Deliver us from inertia, evil, and all sinful transgression.

20 Be patient with us as we show loving-kindness to our fellows.

21 Shed abroad the spirit of your mercy in our creature hearts.

22 Lead us by your own hand, step by step, through the uncertain maze of life,

23 And when our end shall come, receive into your own bosom our faithful spirits.

24 Even so, not our desires but your will be done.

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26 Our perfect and righteous heavenly Father,

27 This day guide and direct our journey.

28 Sanctify our steps and co-ordinate our thoughts.

29 Ever lead us in the ways of eternal progress.

30 Fill us with wisdom to the fullness of power

31 And vitalize us with your infinite energy.

32 Inspire us with the divine consciousness of

33 The presence and guidance of the seraphic hosts.

34 Guide us ever upward in the pathway of light;

35 Justify us fully in the day of the great judgment.

36 Make us like yourself in eternal glory

37 And receive us into your endless service on high.

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39 Our Father who is in the mystery,

40 Reveal to us your holy character.

41 Give your children on earth this day

42 To see the way, the light, and the truth.

43 Show us the pathway of eternal progress

44 And give us the will to walk therein.

45 Establish within us your divine kingship

46 And thereby bestow upon us the full mastery of self.

47 Let us not stray into paths of darkness and death;

48 Lead us everlastingly beside the waters of life.

49 Hear these our prayers for your own sake;

50 Be pleased to make us more and more like yourself.

51 At the end, for the sake of the divine Son,

52 Receive us into the eternal arms.

53 Even so, not our will but yours be done.

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55 Glorious Father and Mother, in one parent combined,

56 Loyal would we be to your divine nature.

57 Your own self to live again in and through us

58 By the gift and bestowal of your divine spirit,

59 Thus reproducing you imperfectly in this sphere

60 As you are perfectly and majestically shown on high.

61 Give us day by day your sweet ministry of brotherhood

62 And lead us moment by moment in the pathway of loving service.

63 Be you ever and unfailingly patient with us

64 Even as we show forth your patience to our children.

65 Give us the divine wisdom that does all things well

66 And the infinite love that is gracious to every creature.

67 Bestow upon us your patience and loving-kindness

68 That our charity may enfold the weak of the realm.

69 And when our career is finished, make it an honour to your name,

70 A pleasure to your good spirit, and a satisfaction to our soul helpers.

71 Not as we wish, our loving Father, but as you desire the eternal good of your mortal children,

72 Even so may it be.

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74 Our all-faithful Source and all-powerful Centre,

75 Reverent and holy be the name of your all-gracious Son.

76 Your bounties and your blessings have descended upon us,

77 Thus empowering us to perform your will and execute your bidding.

78 Give us moment by moment the sustenance of the tree of life;

79 Refresh us day by day with the living waters of the river thereof.

80 Step by step lead us out of darkness and into the divine light.

81 Renew our minds by the transformations of the indwelling spirit,

82 And when the mortal end shall finally come upon us,

83 Receive us to yourself and send us forth in eternity.

84 Crown us with celestial diadems of fruitful service,

85 And we shall glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Influence.

86 Even so, throughout a universe without end.

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88 Our Father who dwells in the secret places of the universe,

89 Honoured be your name, reverenced your mercy, and respected your judgment.

90 Let the sun of righteousness shine upon us at noontime,

91 While we beseech you to guide our wayward steps in the twilight.

92 Lead us by the hand in the ways of your own choosing

93 And forsake us not when the path is hard and the hours are dark.

94 Forget us not as we so often neglect and forget you.

95 But be you merciful and love us as we desire to love you.

96 Look down upon us in kindness and forgive us in mercy

97 As we in justice forgive those who distress and injure us.

98 May the love, devotion, and bestowal of the majestic Son

99 Make available life everlasting with your endless mercy and love.

100 May the God of universes bestow upon us the full measure of his spirit;

101 Give us grace to yield to the leading of this spirit.

102 By the loving ministry of devoted seraphic hosts

103 May the Son guide and lead us to the end of the age.

104 Make us ever and increasingly like yourself

105 And at our end receive us into the eternal Paradise embrace.

106 Even so, in the name of the bestowal Son

107 And for the honour and glory of the Supreme Father.

108 Though the apostles were not at liberty to present these prayer lessons in their public teachings, they profited much from all of these revelations in their personal religious expe-

riences. Jesus utilized these and other prayer models as illustrations in connection with the intimate instruction of the twelve, and specific permission has been granted for transcribing these seven specimen prayers into this record.

6. CONFERENCE WITH JOHN'S APOSTLES

1 Around the first of October, Philip and some of his fellow apostles were in a near-by village buying food when they met some of the apostles of John the Baptist. As a result of this chance meeting in the market place there came about a three weeks' con-

ference at the Gilboa camp between the apostles of Jesus and the apostles of John, for John had recently appointed twelve of his leaders to be apostles, following the precedent of Jesus. John had done this in response to the urging of Abner, the chief of his loyal supporters. Jesus was present at the Gilboa camp throughout the first week of this joint conference but absented himself the last two weeks.

2 By the beginning of the second week of this month, Abner had assembled all of his associates at the Gilboa camp and was prepared to go into council with the apostles of Jesus.

For three weeks these 24 men were in session three times a day and for six days each week. The first week Jesus mingled with them between their forenoon, afternoon, and evening sessions. They wanted the Master to meet with them and preside over their joint deliberations, but he steadfastly refused to participate in their discussions, though he did consent to speak to them on three occasions. These talks by Jesus to the 24 were on sympathy, co-operation, and tolerance.

3 Andrew and Abner alternated in presiding over these joint meetings of the two apostolic groups. These men

had many difficulties to discuss and numerous problems to solve. Again and again would they take their troubles to Jesus, only to hear him say: "I am concerned only with your personal and purely religious problems. I am the representative of the Father to the *individual,* not to the group. If you are in personal difficulty in your relations with God, come to me, and I will hear you and counsel you in the solution of your problem. But when you enter upon the co-ordination of divergent human interpretations of religious questions and upon the socialization of religion, you are destined to

solve all such problems by your own decisions. Albeit, I am ever sympathetic and always interested, and when you arrive at your conclusions touching these matters of nonspiritual import, provided you are all agreed, then I pledge in advance my full approval and hearty co-operation. And now, in order to leave you unhampered in your deliberations, I am leaving you for two weeks. Be not anxious about me, for I will return to you. I will be about my Father's business, for we have other realms besides this one."

4 After thus speaking, Jesus went down the mountainside, and they saw

him no more for two full weeks. And they never knew where he went or what he did during these days. It was some time before the 24 could settle down to the serious consideration of their problems, they were so disconcerted by the absence of the Master. However, within a week they were again in the heart of their discussions, and they could not go to Jesus for help.

5 §§ The first item the group agreed upon was the adoption of the prayer which Jesus had so recently taught them. It was unanimously voted to accept this prayer as the one to be taught believers by both groups of apostles.

6 They next decided that, as long as John lived, whether in prison or out, both groups of twelve apostles would go on with their work, and that joint meetings for one week would be held every three months at places to be agreed upon from time to time.

7 But the most serious of all their problems was the question of baptism. Their difficulties were all the more aggravated because Jesus had refused to make any pronouncement upon the subject. They finally agreed: As long as John lived, or until they might jointly modify this decision, only the apostles of John would baptize believers, and

only the apostles of Jesus would finally instruct the new disciples. Accordingly, from that time until after the death of John, two of the apostles of John accompanied Jesus and his apostles to baptize believers, for the joint council had unanimously voted that baptism was to become the initial step in the outward alliance with the affairs of the kingdom.

8 It was next agreed, in case of the death of John, that the apostles of John would present themselves to Jesus and become subject to his direction, and that they would baptize no more unless authorized by Jesus or his apostles.

9 And then was it voted that, in case of John's death, the apostles of Jesus would begin to baptize with water as the emblem of the baptism of the divine Spirit. As to whether or not *repentance* should be attached to the preaching of baptism was left optional; no decision was made binding upon the group. John's apostles preached, "Repent and be baptized." Jesus' apostles proclaimed, "Believe and be baptized."

10 §§ And this is the story of the first attempt of Jesus' followers to co-ordinate divergent efforts, compose differences of opinion, organize group un-

dertakings, legislate on outward observances, and socialize personal religious practices.

11 Many other minor matters were considered and their solutions unanimously agreed upon. These 24 men had a truly remarkable experience these two weeks when they were compelled to face problems and compose difficulties without Jesus. They learned to differ, to debate, to contend, to pray, and to compromise, and throughout it all to remain sympathetic with the other person's viewpoint and to maintain at least some degree of tolerance for his honest opin-

ions.

12 §§ On the afternoon of their final discussion of financial questions, Jesus returned, heard of their deliberations, listened to their decisions, and said: "These, then, are your conclusions, and I shall help you each to carry out the spirit of your united decisions."

13 §§ Two months and a half from this time John was executed, and throughout this period the apostles of John remained with Jesus and the twelve. They all worked together and baptized believers during this season of labour in the cities of the Decapolis. The Gilboa camp was broken up

on November 2, A.D. 27.

7. IN THE DECAPOLIS CITIES

1 Throughout the months of November and December, Jesus and the 24 worked quietly in the Greek cities of the Decapolis, chiefly in Scythopolis, Gerasa, Abila, and Gadara. This was really the end of that preliminary period of taking over John's work and organization. Always does the socialized religion of a new revelation pay the price of compromise with the established forms and usages of the preceding religion which it seeks to salvage. Baptism was the price which

the followers of Jesus paid in order to carry with them, as a socialized religious group, the followers of John the Baptist. John's followers, in joining Jesus' followers, gave up just about everything except water baptism.

2 Jesus did little public teaching on this mission to the cities of the Decapolis. He spent considerable time teaching the 24 and had many special sessions with John's twelve apostles. In time they became more understanding as to why Jesus did not go to visit John in prison, and why he made no effort to secure his release. But they never could understand why Je-

sus did no marvellous works, why he refused to produce outward signs of his divine authority. Before coming to the Gilboa camp, they had believed in Jesus mostly because of John's testimony, but soon they were beginning to believe as a result of their own contact with the Master and his teachings.

3 For these two months the group worked most of the time in pairs, one of Jesus' apostles going out with one of John's. The apostle of John baptized, the apostle of Jesus instructed, while they both preached the gospel of the kingdom as they understood it. And they won many souls among

these gentiles and apostate Jews.

4 Abner, the chief of John's apostles, became a devout believer in Jesus and was later on made the head of a group of seventy teachers whom the Master commissioned to preach the gospel.

8. IN CAMP NEAR PELLA

1 The latter part of December they all went over near the Jordan, close by Pella, where they again began to teach and preach. Both Jews and gentiles came to this camp to hear the gospel. It was while Jesus was teaching the multitude one afternoon that some of John's special friends brought

the Master the last message which he ever had from the Baptist.

2 John had now been in prison a year and a half, and most of this time Jesus had laboured very quietly; so it was not strange that John should be led to wonder about the kingdom. John's friends interrupted Jesus' teaching to say to him: "John the Baptist has sent us to ask — are you truly the Deliverer, or shall we look for another?"

3 Jesus paused to say to John's friends: "Go back and tell John that he is not forgotten. Tell him what you have seen and heard, that the poor have good tidings preached to them."

And when Jesus had spoken further to the messengers of John, he turned again to the multitude and said: "Do not think that John doubts the gospel of the kingdom. He makes inquiry only to assure his disciples who are also my disciples. John is no weakling. Let me ask you who heard John preach before Herod put him in prison: What did you behold in John — a reed shaken with the wind? A man of changeable moods and clothed in soft raiment? As a rule they who are gorgeously apparelled and who live delicately are in kings' courts and in the mansions of the rich. But what did

you see when you beheld John? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and much more than a prophet. Of John it was written: 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face; he shall prepare the way before you.'

4 "Verily, verily, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is but small in the kingdom of heaven is greater because he has been born of the spirit and knows that he has become a son of God."

5 Many who heard Jesus that day submitted themselves to John's baptism, thereby publicly professing en-

trance into the kingdom. And the apostles of John were firmly knit to Jesus from that day forward. This occurrence marked the real union of John's and Jesus' followers.

6 After the messengers had conversed with Abner, they departed for Machaerus to tell all this to John. He was greatly comforted, and his faith was strengthened by the words of Jesus and the message of Abner.

7 On this afternoon Jesus continued to teach, saying: "But to what shall I liken this generation? Many of you will receive neither John's message nor my teaching. You are like the children

playing in the market place who call to their fellows and say: 'We piped for you and you did not dance; we wailed and you did not mourn.' And so with some of you. John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said he had a devil. The Son of Man comes eating and drinking, and these same people say: 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!' Truly, wisdom is justified by her children.

8 "It would appear that the Father in heaven has hidden some of these truths from the wise and haughty, while he has revealed them to babes.

But the Father does all things well; the Father reveals himself to the universe by the methods of his own choosing. Come, therefore, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and you shall find rest for your souls. Take upon you the divine yoke, and you will experience the peace of God, which passes all understanding."

9. DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

1 John the Baptist was executed by order of Herod Antipas on the evening of January 10, A.D. 28. The next day a few of John's disciples who had gone to Machaerus heard of his

execution and, going to Herod, made request for his body, which they put in a tomb, later giving it burial at Sebaste, the home of Abner. The following day, January 12, they started north to the camp of John's and Jesus' apostles near Pella, and they told Jesus about the death of John. When Jesus heard their report, he dismissed the multitude and, calling the 24 together, said: "John is dead. Herod has beheaded him. Tonight go into joint council and arrange your affairs accordingly. There shall be delay no longer. The hour has come to proclaim the kingdom openly and with

power. Tomorrow we go into Galilee."

2 Accordingly, early on the morning of January 13, A.D. 28, Jesus and the apostles, accompanied by some 25 disciples, made their way to Capernaum and lodged that night in Zebedee's house.

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FOUR EVENTFUL DAYS AT CAPERNAUM

Midwayer Commission

Jesus and the apostles arrived in Capernaum the evening of Tuesday, January 13. As usual, they made their headquarters at the home of Zebedee in Bethsaida. Now that John the Baptist had been sent to his death, Jesus prepared to launch out in the first open and public preaching tour of Galilee. The news that Jesus had returned rapidly spread throughout the

city, and early the next day, Mary the mother of Jesus hastened away, going over to Nazareth to visit her son Joseph.

2 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Jesus spent at the Zebedee house instructing his apostles preparatory to their first extensive public preaching tour. He also received and taught many earnest inquirers, both singly and in groups. Through Andrew, he arranged to speak in the synagogue on the coming Sabbath day.

3 Late on Friday evening Jesus' baby sister, Ruth, secretly paid him a visit. They spent almost an hour together in

a boat anchored a short distance from the shore. No human being, save John Zebedee, ever knew of this visit, and he was admonished to tell no man. Ruth was the only member of Jesus' family who consistently and unwaveringly believed in the divinity of his earth mission from the times of her earliest spiritual consciousness right on down through his eventful ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension; and she finally passed on to the worlds beyond never having doubted the supernatural character of her father-brother's mission in the flesh. Baby Ruth was the chief comfort of Jesus, as regards

his earth family, throughout the trying ordeal of his trial, rejection, and crucifixion.

1. THE DRAUGHT OF FISHES

1 On Friday morning of this same week, when Jesus was teaching by the seaside, the people crowded him so near the water's edge that he signalled to some fishermen occupying a nearby boat to come to his rescue. Entering the boat, he continued to teach the assembled multitude for more than two hours. This boat was named "Simon"; it was the former fishing vessel of Simon Peter and had been built

by Jesus' own hands. On this particular morning the boat was being used by David Zebedee and two associates, who had just come in near shore from a fruitless night of fishing on the lake. They were cleaning and mending their nets when Jesus requested them to come to his assistance.

2 After Jesus had finished teaching the people, he said to David: "As you were delayed by coming to my help, now let me work with you. Let us go fishing; put out into yonder deep and let down your nets for a draught." But Simon, one of David's assistants, answered: "Master, it is use-

less. We toiled all night and took nothing; however, at your bidding we will put out and let down the nets." And Simon consented to follow Jesus' directions because of a gesture made by his master, David. When they had proceeded to the place designated by Jesus, they let down their nets and enclosed such a multitude of fish that they feared the nets would break, so much so that they signalled to their associates on the shore to come to their assistance. When they had filled all three boats with fish, almost to sinking, this Simon fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, Mas-

ter, for I am a sinful man." Simon and all who were concerned in this episode were amazed at the draught of fishes. From that day David Zebedee, this Simon, and their associates forsook their nets and followed Jesus.

3 But this was in no sense a miraculous draught of fishes. Jesus was a close student of nature; he was an experienced fisherman and knew the habits of the fish in the Sea of Galilee. On this occasion he merely directed these men to the place where the fish were usually to be found at this time of day. But Jesus' followers always regarded

this as a miracle.

2. AFTERNOON AT THE SYNAGOGUE

1 The next Sabbath, at the afternoon service in the synagogue, Jesus preached his sermon on "The Will of the Father in Heaven." In the morning Simon Peter had preached on "The Kingdom." At the Thursday evening meeting of the synagogue Andrew had taught, his subject being "The New Way." At this particular time more people believed in Jesus in Capernaum than in any other one city on earth.

2 As Jesus taught in the synagogue this Sabbath afternoon, according to

custom he took the first text from the Law[1], reading from the Book of Exodus: "And you shall serve the Lord, your God, and he shall bless your bread and your water, and all sickness shall be taken away from you." He chose the second text from the Prophets, reading from Isaiah: "Arise and shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Darkness may cover the earth and gross darkness the people, but the spirit of the Lord shall arise upon you, and the divine glory shall be

[1] In 1955 text "law" in lower case. See the note on 123:5.3.

seen with you. Even the gentiles shall come to this light, and many great minds shall surrender to the brightness of this light."

3 This sermon was an effort on Jesus' part to make clear the fact that religion is a *personal experience.* Among other things, the Master said:

4 "You well know that, while a kind-hearted father loves his family as a whole, he so regards them as a group because of his strong affection for each individual member of that family. No longer must you approach the Father in heaven as a child of Israel but as a *child of God.* As a group, you are in-

deed the children of Israel, but as individuals, each one of you is a child of God. I have come, not to reveal the Father to the children of Israel, but rather to bring this knowledge of God and the revelation of his love and mercy to the individual believer as a genuine personal experience. The prophets have all taught you that Yahweh cares for his people, that God loves Israel. But I have come among you to proclaim a greater truth, one which many of the later prophets also grasped, that God loves *you* — every one of you — as individuals. All these generations have you had a national or racial reli-

gion; now have I come to give you a personal religion.

5 "But even this is not a new idea. Many of the spiritually minded among you have known this truth, inasmuch as some of the prophets have so instructed you. Have you not read in the Scriptures where the Prophet Jeremiah says: 'In those days they shall no more say, the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge. Every man shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. Behold, the days shall come when I will make a new covenant with my peo-

ple, not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, but according to the new way. I will even write my law in their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. In that day they shall not say, one man to his neighbour, do you know the Lord? Nay! For they shall all know me personally, from the least to the greatest.'

6 "Have you not read these promises? Do you not believe the Scriptures? Do you not understand that the prophet's words are fulfilled in what you behold this very day? And did not

Jeremiah exhort you to make religion an affair of the heart, to relate yourselves to God as individuals? Did not the prophet tell you that the God of heaven would search your individual hearts? And were you not warned that the natural human heart is deceitful above all things and oftentimes desperately wicked?

7 "Have you not read also where Ezekiel taught even your fathers that religion must become a reality in your individual experiences? No more shall you use the proverb which says, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.' 'As

I live,' says the Lord God, 'behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son. Only the soul that sins shall die.' And then Ezekiel foresaw even this day when he spoke in behalf of God, saying: 'A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.'

8 "No more should you fear that God will punish a nation for the sin of an individual; neither will the Father in heaven punish one of his believing children for the sins of a nation, albeit the individual member of any family must often suffer the material consequences of family mistakes and group

transgressions. Do you not realize that the hope of a better nation — or a better world — is bound up in the progress and enlightenment of the individual?"

9 Then the Master portrayed that the Father in heaven, after man discerns this spiritual freedom, wills that his children on earth should begin that eternal ascent of the Paradise career which consists in the creature's conscious response to the divine urge of the indwelling spirit to find the Creator, to know God and to seek to become like him.

10 §§ The apostles were greatly helped

by this sermon. All of them realized more fully that the gospel of the kingdom is a message directed to the individual, not to the nation.

11 Even though the people of Capernaum were familiar with Jesus' teaching, they were astonished at his sermon on this Sabbath day. He taught, indeed, as one having authority and not as the scribes.

12 §§ Just as Jesus finished speaking, a young man in the congregation who had been much agitated by his words was seized with a violent epileptic attack and loudly cried out. At the end of the seizure, when recovering con-

sciousness, he spoke in a dreamy state, saying: "What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? You are the holy one of God; have you come to destroy us?" Jesus bade the people be quiet and, taking the young man by the hand, said, "Come out of it" — and he was immediately awakened.

13 This young man was not possessed of an unclean spirit or demon; he was a victim of ordinary epilepsy. But he had been taught that his affliction was due to possession by an evil spirit. He believed this teaching and behaved accordingly in all that he thought or said concerning his ailment. The peo-

ple all believed that such phenomena were directly caused by the presence of unclean spirits. Accordingly they believed that Jesus had cast a demon out of this man. But Jesus did not at that time cure his epilepsy. Not until later on that day, after sundown, was this man really healed. Long after the day of Pentecost the Apostle John, who was the last to write of Jesus' doings, avoided all reference to these so-called acts of "casting out devils," and this he did in view of the fact that such cases of demon possession never occurred after Pentecost.

14 As a result of this commonplace

incident the report was rapidly spread through Capernaum that Jesus had cast a demon out of a man and miraculously healed him in the synagogue at the conclusion of his afternoon sermon. The Sabbath was just the time for the rapid and effective spreading of such a startling rumour. This report was also carried to all the smaller settlements around Capernaum, and many of the people believed it.

15 §§ The cooking and the housework at the large Zebedee home, where Jesus and the twelve made their headquarters, was for the most part done by Simon Peter's wife and her mother.

Peter's home was near that of Zebedee; and Jesus and his friends stopped there on the way from the synagogue because Peter's wife's mother had for several days been sick with chills and fever. Now it chanced that, at about the time Jesus stood over this sick woman, holding her hand, smoothing her brow, and speaking words of comfort and encouragement, the fever left her. Jesus had not yet had time to explain to his apostles that no miracle had been wrought at the synagogue; and with this incident so fresh and vivid in their minds, and recalling the water and the wine at Cana, they seized

upon this coincidence as another miracle, and some of them rushed out to spread the news abroad throughout the city.

16 Amatha, Peter's mother-in-law, was suffering from malarial fever. She was not miraculously healed by Jesus at this time. Not until several hours later, after sundown, was her cure effected in connection with the extraordinary event which occurred in the front yard of the Zebedee home.

17 §§ And these cases are typical of the manner in which a wonder-seeking generation and a miracle-minded people unfailingly seized upon all such

coincidences as the pretext for proclaiming that another miracle had been wrought by Jesus.

3. THE HEALING AT SUNDOWN

1 By the time Jesus and his apostles had made ready to partake of their evening meal near the end of this eventful Sabbath day, all Capernaum and its environs were agog over these reputed miracles of healing; and all who were sick or afflicted began preparations to go to Jesus or to have themselves carried there by their friends just as soon as the sun went down. According to Jewish teaching

it was not permissible even to go in quest of health during the sacred hours of the Sabbath.

2 Therefore, as soon as the sun sank beneath the horizon, scores of afflicted men, women, and children began to make their way toward the Zebedee home in Bethsaida. One man started out with his paralysed daughter just as soon as the sun sank behind his neighbour's house.

3 The whole day's events had set the stage for this extraordinary sundown scene. Even the text Jesus had used for his afternoon sermon had intimated that sickness should be banished; and

he had spoken with such unprecedented power and authority! His message was so compelling! While he made no appeal to human authority, he did speak directly to the consciences and souls of men. Though he did not resort to logic, legal quibbles, or clever sayings, he did make a powerful, direct, clear, and personal appeal to the hearts of his hearers.

4 §§ That Sabbath was a great day in the earth life of Jesus, yes, in the life of a universe. To all local universe intents and purposes the little Jewish city of Capernaum was the real capital of Nebadon. The handful of Jews in the Ca-

pernaum synagogue were not the only beings to hear that momentous closing statement of Jesus' sermon: "Hate is the shadow of fear; revenge the mask of cowardice." Neither could his hearers forget his blessed words, declaring, "Man is the son of God, not a child of the devil."

5 §§ Soon after the setting of the sun, as Jesus and the apostles still lingered about the supper table, Peter's wife heard voices in the front yard and, on going to the door, saw a large company of sick folks assembling, and that the road from Capernaum was crowded by those who were on their

way to seek healing at Jesus' hands. On seeing this sight, she went at once and informed her husband, who told Jesus.

6 When the Master stepped out of the front entrance of Zebedee's house, his eyes met an array of stricken and afflicted humanity. He gazed upon almost one thousand sick and ailing human beings; at least that was the number of persons gathered together before him. Not all present were afflicted; some had come assisting their loved ones in this effort to secure healing.

7 The sight of these afflicted mortals, men, women, and children, suf-

fering in large measure as a result of the mistakes and misdeeds of his own trusted Sons of universe administration, peculiarly touched the human heart of Jesus and challenged the divine mercy of this benevolent Creator Son. But Jesus well knew he could never build an enduring spiritual movement upon the foundation of purely material wonders. It had been his consistent policy to refrain from exhibiting his creator prerogatives. Not since Cana had the supernatural or miraculous attended his teaching; still, this afflicted multitude touched his sympathetic heart and

mightily appealed to his understanding affection.

8 A voice from the front yard exclaimed: "Master, speak the word, restore our health, heal our diseases, and save our souls." No sooner had these words been uttered than a vast retinue of seraphim, physical controllers, Life Carriers, and midwayers, such as always attended this incarnated Creator of a universe, made themselves ready to act with creative power should their Sovereign give the signal. This was one of those moments in the earth career of Jesus in which divine wisdom and human compassion were so inter-

locked in the judgment of the Son of Man that he sought refuge in appeal to his Father's will.

9 When Peter implored the Master to heed their cry for help, Jesus, looking down upon the afflicted throng, answered: "I have come into the world to reveal the Father and establish his kingdom. For this purpose have I lived my life to this hour. If, therefore, it should be the will of Him who sent me and not inconsistent with my dedication to the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom of heaven, I would desire to see my children made whole — and — " but the further words of Jesus

were lost in the tumult.

10 Jesus had passed the responsibility of this healing decision to the ruling of his Father. Evidently the Father's will interposed no objection, for the words of the Master had scarcely been uttered when the assembly of celestial personalities serving under the command of Jesus' Personalized Thought Adjuster was mightily astir. The vast retinue descended into the midst of this motley throng of afflicted mortals, and in a moment of time 683 men, women, and children were made whole, were perfectly healed of all their physical diseases and other mate-

rial disorders. Such a scene was never witnessed on earth before that day, nor since. And for those of us who were present to behold this creative wave of healing, it was indeed a thrilling spectacle.

11 §§ But of all the beings who were astonished at this sudden and unexpected outbreak of supernatural healing, Jesus was the most surprised. In a moment when his human interests and sympathies were focused upon the scene of suffering and affliction there spread out before him, he neglected to bear in his human mind the admonitory warnings of his Personalized Ad-

juster regarding the impossibility of limiting the time element of the creator prerogatives of a Creator Son under certain conditions and in certain circumstances. Jesus desired to see these suffering mortals made whole if his Father's will would not thereby be violated. The Personalized Adjuster of Jesus instantly ruled that such an act of creative energy at that time would not transgress the will of the Paradise Father, and by such a decision — in view of Jesus' preceding expression of healing desire — the creative act *was.* What a *Creator Son* desires and his Father *wills* IS. Not in all of Jesus' sub-

sequent earth life did another such en masse physical healing of mortals take place.

12 §§ As might have been expected, the fame of this sundown healing at Bethsaida in Capernaum spread throughout all Galilee and Judea and to the regions beyond. Once more were the fears of Herod aroused, and he sent watchers to report on the work and teachings of Jesus and to ascertain if he was the former carpenter of Nazareth or John the Baptist risen from the dead.

13 Chiefly because of this unintended demonstration of physical

healing, henceforth, throughout the remainder of his earth career, Jesus became as much a physician as a preacher. True, he continued his teaching, but his personal work consisted mostly in ministering to the sick and the distressed, while his apostles did the work of public preaching and baptizing believers.

14 But the majority of those who were recipients of supernatural or creative physical healing at this sundown demonstration of divine energy were not permanently spiritually benefited by this extraordinary manifestation of mercy. A small number were truly ed-

ified by this physical ministry, but the spiritual kingdom was not advanced in the hearts of men by this amazing eruption of timeless creative healing.

15 The healing wonders which every now and then attended Jesus' mission on earth were not a part of his plan of proclaiming the kingdom. They were incidentally inherent in having on earth a divine being of well-nigh unlimited creator prerogatives in association with an unprecedented combination of divine mercy and human sympathy. But such so-called miracles gave Jesus much trouble in that they provided prejudice-raising pub-

licity and afforded much unsought notoriety.

4. THE EVENING AFTER

1 Throughout the evening following this great outburst of healing, the rejoicing and happy throng overran Zebedee's home, and the apostles of Jesus were keyed up to the highest pitch of emotional enthusiasm. From a human standpoint, this was probably the greatest day of all the great days of their association with Jesus. At no time before or after did their hopes surge to such heights of confident expectation. Jesus had told them only

a few days before, and when they were yet within the borders of Samaria, that the hour had come when the kingdom was to be proclaimed in *power,* and now their eyes had seen what they supposed was the fulfilment of that promise. They were thrilled by the vision of what was to come if this amazing manifestation of healing power was just the beginning. Their lingering doubts of Jesus' divinity were banished. They were literally intoxicated with the ecstasy of their bewildered enchantment.

2 But when they sought for Jesus, they could not find him. The Mas-

ter was much perturbed by what had happened. These men, women, and children who had been healed of diverse diseases lingered late into the evening, hoping for Jesus' return that they might thank him. The apostles could not understand the Master's conduct as the hours passed and he remained in seclusion; their joy would have been full and perfect but for his continued absence. When Jesus did return to their midst, the hour was late, and practically all of the beneficiaries of the healing episode had gone to their homes. Jesus refused the congratulations and adoration of the

twelve and the others who had lingered to greet him, only saying: "Rejoice not that my Father is powerful to heal the body, but rather that he is mighty to save the soul. Let us go to our rest, for tomorrow we must be about the Father's business."

3 And again did twelve disappointed, perplexed, and heart-sorrowing men go to their rest; few of them, except the twins, slept much that night. No sooner would the Master do something to cheer the souls and gladden the hearts of his apostles, than he seemed immediately to dash their hopes in pieces and utterly to demol-

ish the foundations of their courage and enthusiasm. As these bewildered fishermen looked into each other's eyes, there was but one thought: "We cannot understand him. What does all this mean?"

5. EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

1 Neither did Jesus sleep much that Saturday night. He realized that the world was filled with physical distress and overrun with material difficulties, and he contemplated the great danger of being compelled to devote so much of his time to the care of the sick and afflicted that his mission of establish-

ing the spiritual kingdom in the hearts of men would be interfered with or at least subordinated to the ministry of things physical. Because of these and similar thoughts which occupied the mortal mind of Jesus during the night, he arose that Sunday morning long before daybreak and went all alone to one of his favourite places for communion with the Father. The theme of Jesus' prayer on this early morning was for wisdom and judgment that he might not allow his human sympathy, joined with his divine mercy, to make such an appeal to him in the presence of mortal suffering that all of his time

would be occupied with physical ministry to the neglect of the spiritual. Though he did not wish altogether to avoid ministering to the sick, he knew that he must also do the more important work of spiritual teaching and religious training.

2 Jesus went out in the hills to pray so many times because there were no private rooms suitable for his personal devotions.

3 Peter could not sleep that night; so, very early, shortly after Jesus had gone out to pray, he aroused James and John, and the three went to find their Master. After more than an

hour's search they found Jesus and besought him to tell them the reason for his strange conduct. They desired to know why he appeared to be troubled by the mighty outpouring of the spirit of healing when all the people were overjoyed and his apostles so much rejoiced.

4 For more than four hours Jesus endeavoured to explain to these three apostles what had happened. He taught them about what had transpired and explained the dangers of such manifestations. Jesus confided to them the reason for his coming forth to pray. He sought to make plain to

his personal associates the real reasons why the kingdom of the Father could not be built upon wonder-working and physical healing. But they could not comprehend his teaching.

5 Meanwhile, early Sunday morning, other crowds of afflicted souls and many curiosity seekers began to gather about the house of Zebedee. They clamoured to see Jesus. Andrew and the apostles were so perplexed that, while Simon Zelotes talked to the assembly, Andrew, with several of his associates, went to find Jesus. When Andrew had located Jesus in company with the three, he said: "Master, why

do you leave us alone with the multitude? Behold, all men seek you; never before have so many sought after your teaching. Even now the house is surrounded by those who have come from near and far because of your mighty works. Will you not return with us to minister to them?"

6 When Jesus heard this, he answered: "Andrew, have I not taught you and these others that my mission on earth is the revelation of the Father, and my message the proclamation of the kingdom of heaven? How is it, then, that you would have me turn aside from my work for the grati-

fication of the curious and for the satisfaction of those who seek for signs and wonders? Have we not been among these people all these months, and have they flocked in multitudes to hear the good news of the kingdom? Why have they now come to besiege us? Is it not because of the healing of their physical bodies rather than as a result of the reception of spiritual truth for the salvation of their souls? When men are attracted to us because of extraordinary manifestations, many of them come seeking not for truth and salvation but rather in quest of healing for their physical ailments and

to secure deliverance from their material difficulties.

7 "All this time I have been in Capernaum, and both in the synagogue and by the seaside have I proclaimed the good news of the kingdom to all who had ears to hear and hearts to receive the truth. It is not the will of my Father that I should return with you to cater to these curious ones and to become occupied with the ministry of things physical to the exclusion of the spiritual. I have ordained you to preach the gospel and minister to the sick, but I must not become engrossed in healing to the exclusion of my teaching. No,

Andrew, I will not return with you. Go and tell the people to believe in that which we have taught them and to rejoice in the liberty of the sons of God, and make ready for our departure for the other cities of Galilee, where the way has already been prepared for the preaching of the good tidings of the kingdom. It was for this purpose that I came forth from the Father. Go, then, and prepare for our immediate departure while I here await your return."

8 When Jesus had spoken, Andrew and his fellow apostles sorrowfully made their way back to Zebedee's

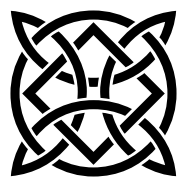
house, dismissed the assembled multitude, and quickly made ready for the journey as Jesus had directed. And so, on the afternoon of Sunday, January 18, A.D. 28, Jesus and the apostles started out upon their first really public and open preaching tour of the cities of Galilee. On this first tour they preached the gospel of the kingdom in many cities, but they did not visit Nazareth.

9 That Sunday afternoon, shortly after Jesus and his apostles had left for Rimmon, his brothers James and Jude came to see him, calling at Zebedee's house. About noon of that day Jude

had sought out his brother James and insisted that they go to Jesus. By the time James consented to go with Jude, Jesus had already departed.

10 The apostles were loath to leave the great interest which had been aroused at Capernaum. Peter calculated that no less than one thousand believers could have been baptized into the kingdom. Jesus listened to them patiently, but he would not consent to return. Silence prevailed for a season, and then Thomas addressed his fellow apostles, saying: "Let's go! The Master has spoken. No matter if we cannot fully comprehend the mys-

teries of the kingdom of heaven, of one thing we are certain: We follow a teacher who seeks no glory for himself." And reluctantly they went forth to preach the good tidings in the cities of Galilee.



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FIRST PREACHING TOUR OF GALILEE

Midwayer Commission

The first public preaching tour of Galilee began on Sunday, January 18, A.D. 28, and continued for about two months, ending with the return to Capernaum on March 17. On this tour Jesus and the twelve apostles, assisted by the former apostles of John, preached the gospel and baptized believers in Rimmon, Jotapata, Ramah, Zebulun, Iron, Gischala, Chorazin, Madon, Cana, Nain,

and Endor. In these cities they tarried and taught, while in many other smaller towns they proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom as they passed through.

2 This was the first time Jesus permitted his associates to preach without restraint. On this tour he cautioned them on only three occasions; he admonished them to remain away from Nazareth and to be discreet when passing through Capernaum and Tiberias. It was a source of great satisfaction to the apostles at last to feel they were at liberty to preach and teach without restriction,

and they threw themselves into the work of preaching the gospel, ministering to the sick, and baptizing believers, with great earnestness and joy.

1. PREACHING AT RIMMON

1 The small city of Rimmon had once been dedicated to the worship of a Babylonian god of the air, Ramman. Many of the earlier Babylonian and later Zoroastrian teachings were still embraced in the beliefs of the Rimmonites; therefore did Jesus and the 24 devote much of their time to the task of making plain the difference between these older beliefs and

the new gospel of the kingdom. Peter here preached one of the great sermons of his early career on "Aaron and the Golden Calf."

2 Although many of the citizens of Rimmon became believers in Jesus' teachings, they made great trouble for their brethren in later years. It is difficult to convert nature worshippers to the full fellowship of the adoration of a spiritual ideal during the short space of a single lifetime.

3 §§ Many of the better of the Babylonian and Persian ideas of light and darkness, good and evil, time and eternity, were later incorporated in

the doctrines of so-called Christianity, and their inclusion rendered the Christian teachings more immediately acceptable to the peoples of the Near East. In like manner, the inclusion of many of Plato's theories of the ideal spirit or invisible patterns of all things visible and material, as later adapted by Philo to the Hebrew theology, made Paul's Christian teachings more easy of acceptance by the western Greeks.

4 §§ It was at Rimmon that Todan first heard the gospel of the kingdom, and he later carried this message into Mesopotamia and far beyond. He was

among the first to preach the good news to those who dwelt beyond the Euphrates.

2. AT JOTAPATA

1 While the common people of Jotapata heard Jesus and his apostles gladly and many accepted the gospel of the kingdom, it was the discourse of Jesus to the 24 on the second evening of their sojourn in this small town that distinguishes the Jotapata mission. Nathaniel was confused in his mind about the Master's teachings concerning prayer, thanksgiving, and worship, and in response to his ques-

tion Jesus spoke at great length in further explanation of his teaching. Summarized in modern phraseology, this discourse may be presented as emphasizing the following points:

2 1. The conscious and persistent regard for iniquity in the heart of man gradually destroys the prayer connection of the human soul with the spirit circuits of communication between man and his Maker. Naturally God hears the petition of his child, but when the human heart deliberately and persistently harbours the concepts of iniquity, there gradually ensues the loss of personal communion

between the earth child and his heavenly Father.

3 2. That prayer which is inconsistent with the known and established laws of God is an abomination to the Paradise Deities. If man will not listen to the Gods as they speak to their creation in the laws of spirit, mind, and matter, the very act of such deliberate and conscious disdain by the creature turns the ears of spirit personalities away from hearing the personal petitions of such lawless and disobedient mortals. Jesus quoted to his apostles from the Prophet Zechariah: "But they refused to hearken and pulled

away the shoulder and stopped their ears that they should not hear. Yes, they made their hearts adamant like a stone, lest they should hear my law and the words which I sent by my spirit through the prophets; therefore did the results of their evil thinking come as a great wrath upon their guilty heads. And so it came to pass that they cried for mercy, but there was no ear open to hear." And then Jesus quoted the proverb of the wise man who said: "He who turns away his ear from hearing the divine law, even his prayer shall be an abomination."

4 3. By opening the human end of

the channel of the God-man communication, mortals make immediately available the ever-flowing stream of divine ministry to the creatures of the worlds. When man hears God's spirit speak within the human heart, inherent in such an experience is the fact that God simultaneously hears that man's prayer. Even the forgiveness of sin operates in this same unerring fashion. The Father in heaven has forgiven you even before you have thought to ask him, but such forgiveness is not available in your personal religious experience until such a time as you forgive your fellow men. God's forgive-

ness in *fact* is not conditioned upon your forgiving your fellows, but in *experience* it is exactly so conditioned. And this fact of the synchrony of divine and human forgiveness was thus recognized and linked together in the prayer which Jesus taught the apostles.

5 4. There is a basic law of justice in the universe which mercy is powerless to circumvent. The unselfish glories of Paradise are not possible of reception by a thoroughly selfish creature of the realms of time and space. Even the infinite love of God cannot force the salvation of eternal survival upon any mortal creature who

does not choose to survive. Mercy has great latitude of bestowal, but, after all, there are mandates of justice which even love combined with mercy cannot effectively abrogate. Again Jesus quoted from the Hebrew scriptures: "I have called and you refused to hear; I stretched out my hand, but no man regarded. You have set at naught all my counsel, and you have rejected my reproof, and because of this rebellious attitude it becomes inevitable that you shall call upon me and fail to receive an answer. Having rejected the way of life, you may seek me diligently in your times of suffering, but you will not find

me."

6 5. They who would receive mercy must show mercy; judge not that you be not judged. With the spirit with which you judge others you also shall be judged. Mercy does not wholly abrogate universe fairness. In the end it will prove true: "Whoso stops his ears to the cry of the poor, he also shall some day cry for help, and no one will hear him." The sincerity of any prayer is the assurance of its being heard; the spiritual wisdom and universe consistency of any petition is the determiner of the time, manner, and degree of the answer. A wise fa-

ther does not *literally* answer the foolish prayers of his ignorant and inexperienced children, albeit the children may derive much pleasure and real soul satisfaction from the making of such absurd petitions.

7 6. When you have become wholly dedicated to the doing of the will of the Father in heaven, the answer to all your petitions will be forthcoming because your prayers will be in full accordance with the Father's will, and the Father's will is ever manifest throughout his vast universe. What the true son desires and the infinite Father wills IS. Such a prayer cannot re-

main unanswered, and no other sort of petition can possibly be fully answered.

8 7. The cry of the righteous is the faith act of the child of God which opens the door of the Father's storehouse of goodness, truth, and mercy, and these good gifts have long been in waiting for the son's approach and personal appropriation. Prayer does not change the divine attitude toward man, but it does change man's attitude toward the changeless Father. The *motive* of the prayer gives it right of way to the divine ear, not the social, economic, or outward religious status of

the one who prays.

9 8. Prayer may not be employed to avoid the delays of time or to transcend the handicaps of space. Prayer is not designed as a technique for aggrandizing self or for gaining unfair advantage over one's fellows. A thoroughly selfish soul cannot pray in the true sense of the word. Said Jesus: "Let your supreme delight be in the character of God, and he shall surely give you the sincere desires of your heart." "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." "For the Lord hears the cry of the needy, and he will regard the prayer of the destitute."

10 9. "I have come forth from the Father; if, therefore, you are ever in doubt as to what you would ask of the Father, ask in my name, and I will present your petition in accordance with your real needs and desires and in accordance with my Father's will." Guard against the great danger of becoming self-centred in your prayers. Avoid praying much for yourself; pray more for the spiritual progress of your brethren. Avoid materialistic praying; pray in the spirit and for the abundance of the gifts of the spirit.

11 10. When you pray for the sick and afflicted, do not expect that your

petitions will take the place of loving and intelligent ministry to the necessities of these afflicted ones. Pray for the welfare of your families, friends, and fellows, but especially pray for those who curse you, and make loving petitions for those who persecute you. "But when to pray, I will not say. Only the spirit that dwells within you may move you to the utterance of those petitions which are expressive of your inner relationship with the Father of spirits."

12 11. Many resort to prayer only when in trouble. Such a practice is thoughtless and misleading. True, you

do well to pray when harassed, but you should also be mindful to speak as a son to your Father even when all goes well with your soul. Let your real petitions always be in secret. Do not let men hear your personal prayers. Prayers of thanksgiving are appropriate for groups of worshippers, but the prayer of the soul is a personal matter. There is but one form of prayer which is appropriate for all God's children, and that is: "Nevertheless, your will be done."

[13] 12. All believers in this gospel should pray sincerely for the extension of the kingdom of heaven. Of all

the prayers of the Hebrew scriptures he commented most approvingly on the petition of the Psalmist: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Purge me from secret sins and keep back your servant from presumptuous transgression." Jesus commented at great length on the relation of prayer to careless and offending speech, quoting: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." "The human tongue," said Jesus, "is a member which few men can tame, but the spirit within can transform this unruly member into a kindly voice of

tolerance and an inspiring minister of mercy."

[14] 13. Jesus taught that the prayer for divine guidance over the pathway of earthly life was next in importance to the petition for a knowledge of the Father's will. In reality this means a prayer for divine wisdom. Jesus never taught that human knowledge and special skill could be gained by prayer. But he did teach that prayer is a factor in the enlargement of one's capacity to receive the presence of the divine spirit. When Jesus taught his associates to pray in the spirit and in truth, he explained that

he referred to praying sincerely and in accordance with one's enlightenment, to praying wholeheartedly and intelligently, earnestly and steadfastly.

15 14. Jesus warned his followers against thinking that their prayers would be rendered more efficacious by ornate repetitions, eloquent phraseology, fasting, penance, or sacrifices. But he did exhort his believers to employ prayer as a means of leading up through thanksgiving to true worship. Jesus deplored that so little of the spirit of thanksgiving was to be found in the prayers and worship of his followers. He quoted from the Scrip-

tures on this occasion, saying: "It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to the name of the Most High, to acknowledge his loving-kindness every morning and his faithfulness every night, for God has made me glad through his work. In everything I will give thanks according to the will of God."

16 15. And then Jesus said: "Be not constantly overanxious about your common needs. Be not apprehensive concerning the problems of your earthly existence, but in all these things by prayer and supplication, with the spirit of sincere thanksgiving,

let your needs be spread out before your Father who is in heaven." Then he quoted from the Scriptures: "I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify him with thanksgiving. And this will please the Lord better than the sacrifice of an ox or bullock with horns and hoofs."

17 16. Jesus taught his followers that, when they had made their prayers to the Father, they should remain for a time in silent receptivity to afford the indwelling spirit the better opportunity to speak to the listening soul. The spirit of the Father speaks best to man when the human mind is in an attitude

of true worship. We worship God by the aid of the Father's indwelling spirit and by the illumination of the human mind through the ministry of truth. Worship, taught Jesus, makes one increasingly like the being who is worshipped. Worship is a transforming experience whereby the finite gradually approaches and ultimately attains the presence of the Infinite.

18 §§ And many other truths did Jesus tell his apostles about man's communion with God, but not many of them

could fully encompass his teaching.

3. THE STOP AT RAMAH

1 At Ramah Jesus had the memorable discussion with the aged Greek philosopher who taught that science and philosophy were sufficient to satisfy the needs of human experience. Jesus listened with patience and sympathy to this Greek teacher, allowing the truth of many things he said but pointing out that, when he was through, he had failed in his discussion of human existence to explain "whence, why, and whither," and added: "Where you leave off, we begin. Religion is a reve-

lation to man's soul dealing with spiritual realities which the mind alone could never discover or fully fathom. Intellectual strivings may reveal the facts of life, but the gospel of the kingdom unfolds the *truths* of being. You have discussed the material shadows of truth; will you now listen while I tell you about the eternal and spiritual realities which cast these transient time shadows of the material facts of mortal existence?" For more than an hour Jesus taught this Greek the saving truths of the gospel of the kingdom. The old philosopher was susceptible to the Master's mode of approach, and being

sincerely honest of heart, he quickly believed this gospel of salvation.

2 The apostles were a bit disconcerted by the open manner of Jesus' assent to many of the Greek's propositions, but Jesus afterwards privately said to them: "My children, marvel not that I was tolerant of the Greek's philosophy. True and genuine inward certainty does not in the least fear outward analysis, nor does truth resent honest criticism. You should never forget that intolerance is the mask covering up the entertainment of secret doubts as to the trueness of one's belief. No man is at any time disturbed

by his neighbour's attitude when he has perfect confidence in the truth of that which he wholeheartedly believes. Courage is the confidence of thoroughgoing honesty about those things which one professes to believe. Sincere men are unafraid of the critical examination of their true convictions and noble ideals."

3 §§ On the second evening at Ramah, Thomas asked Jesus this question: "Master, how can a new believer in your teaching really know, really be certain, about the truth of this gospel of the kingdom?"

4 And Jesus said to Thomas: "Your

assurance that you have entered into the kingdom family of the Father, and that you will eternally survive with the children of the kingdom, is wholly a matter of personal experience — faith in the word of truth. Spiritual assurance is the equivalent of your personal religious experience in the eternal realities of divine truth and is otherwise equal to your intelligent understanding of truth realities plus your spiritual faith and minus your honest doubts.

5 "The Son is naturally endowed with the life of the Father. Having been endowed with the living spirit of the Father, you are therefore sons of

God. You survive your life in the material world of the flesh because you are identified with the Father's living spirit, the gift of eternal life. Many, indeed, had this life before I came forth from the Father, and many more have received this spirit because they believed my word; but I declare that, when I return to the Father, he will send his spirit into the hearts of all men.

6 "While you cannot observe the divine spirit at work in your minds, there is a practical method of discovering the degree to which you have yielded the control of your soul powers to

the teaching and guidance of this indwelling spirit of the heavenly Father, and that is the degree of your love for your fellow men. This spirit of the Father partakes of the love of the Father, and as it dominates man, it unfailingly leads in the directions of divine worship and loving regard for one's fellows. At first you believe that you are sons of God because my teaching has made you more conscious of the inner leadings of our Father's indwelling presence; but presently the Spirit of Truth shall be poured out upon all flesh, and it will live among men and teach all men, even as I now live among

you and speak to you the words of truth. And this Spirit of Truth, speaking for the spiritual endowments of your souls, will help you to know that you are the sons of God. It will unfailingly bear witness with the Father's indwelling presence, your spirit, then dwelling in all men as it now dwells in some, telling you that you are in reality the sons of God.

7 "Every earth child who follows the leading of this spirit shall eventually know the will of God, and he who surrenders to the will of my Father shall abide forever. The way from the earth life to the eternal estate has not been

made plain to you, but there is a way, there always has been, and I have come to make that way new and living. He who enters the kingdom has eternal life already — he shall never perish. But much of this you will the better understand when I shall have returned to the Father and you are able to view your present experiences in retrospect."

8 And all who heard these blessed words were greatly cheered. The Jewish teachings had been confused and uncertain regarding the survival of the righteous, and it was refreshing and inspiring for Jesus' followers to hear

these very definite and positive words of assurance about the eternal survival of all true believers.

9 §§ The apostles continued to preach and baptize believers, while they kept up the practice of visiting from house to house, comforting the downcast and ministering to the sick and afflicted. The apostolic organization was expanded in that each of Jesus' apostles now had one of John's as an associate; Abner was the associate of Andrew; and this plan prevailed until they went down to Jerusalem for the next Passover.

10 §§ The special instruction given by

Jesus during their stay at Zebulun had chiefly to do with further discussions of the mutual obligations of the kingdom and embraced teaching designed to make clear the differences between personal religious experience and the amities of social religious obligations. This was one of the few times the Master ever discussed the social aspects of religion. Throughout his entire earth life Jesus gave his followers very little instruction regarding the socialization of religion.

11 In Zebulun the people were of a mixed race, hardly Jew or gentile, and few of them really believed in Jesus,

notwithstanding they had heard of the healing of the sick at Capernaum.

4. THE GOSPEL AT IRON

1 At Iron, as in many of even the smaller cities of Galilee and Judea, there was a synagogue, and during the earlier times of Jesus' ministry it was his custom to speak in these synagogues on the Sabbath day. Sometimes he would speak at the morning service, and Peter or one of the other apostles would preach at the afternoon hour. Jesus and the apostles would also often teach and preach

at the weekday[1] evening assemblies at the synagogue. Although the religious leaders at Jerusalem became increasingly antagonistic toward Jesus, they exercised no direct control over the synagogues outside of that city. It was not until later in Jesus' public ministry that they were able to create such a widespread sentiment against him as to bring about the almost universal closing of the synagogues to his teaching. At this time all the synagogues of Galilee and Judea were open to him.

2 Iron was the site of extensive min-

[1] In 1955 text "week-day" hyphenated.

eral mines for those days, and since Jesus had never shared the life of the miner, he spent most of his time, while sojourning at Iron, in the mines. While the apostles visited the homes and preached in the public places, Jesus worked in the mines with these underground labourers. The fame of Jesus as a healer had spread even to this remote village, and many sick and afflicted sought help at his hands, and many were greatly benefited by his healing ministry. But in none of these cases did the Master perform a so-called miracle of healing save in that of the leper.

3 §§ Late on the afternoon of the third day at Iron, as Jesus was returning from the mines, he chanced to pass through a narrow side street on his way to his lodging place. As he drew near the squalid hovel of a certain leprous man, the afflicted one, having heard of his fame as a healer, made bold to accost him as he passed his door, saying as he knelt before him: "Lord, if only you would, you could make me clean. I have heard the message of your teachers, and I would enter the kingdom if I could be made clean." And the leper spoke in this way because among the Jews lepers were for-

bidden even to attend the synagogue or otherwise engage in public worship. This man really believed that he could not be received into the coming kingdom unless he could find a cure for his leprosy. And when Jesus saw him in his affliction and heard his words of clinging faith, his human heart was touched, and the divine mind was moved with compassion. As Jesus looked upon him, the man fell upon his face and worshipped. Then the Master stretched forth his hand and, touching him, said: "I will — be clean." And immediately he was healed; the leprosy no longer afflicted

him.

4 When Jesus had lifted the man upon his feet, he charged him: "See that you tell no man about your healing but rather go quietly about your business, showing yourself to the priest and offering those sacrifices commanded by Moses in testimony of your cleansing." But this man did not do as Jesus had instructed him. Instead, he began to publish abroad throughout the town that Jesus had cured his leprosy, and since he was known to all the village, the people could plainly see that he had been cleansed of his disease. He did not

go to the priests as Jesus had admonished him. As a result of his spreading abroad the news that Jesus had healed him, the Master was so thronged by the sick that he was forced to rise early the next day and leave the village. Although Jesus did not again enter the town, he remained two days in the outskirts near the mines, continuing to instruct the believing miners further regarding the gospel of the kingdom.

5 This cleansing of the leper was the first so-called miracle which Jesus had intentionally and deliberately performed up to this time. And this was

a case of real leprosy.

6 §§ From Iron they went to Gischala, spending two days proclaiming the gospel, and then departed for Chorazin, where they spent almost a week preaching the good news; but they were unable to win many believers for the kingdom in Chorazin. In no place where Jesus had taught had he met with such a general rejection of his message. The sojourn at Chorazin was very depressing to most of the apostles, and Andrew and Abner had much difficulty in upholding the courage of their associates. And so, passing quietly through Capernaum, they went

on to the village of Madon, where they fared little better. There prevailed in the minds of most of the apostles the idea that their failure to meet with success in these towns so recently visited was due to Jesus' insistence that they refrain, in their teaching and preaching, from referring to him as a healer. How they wished he would cleanse another leper or in some other manner so manifest his power as to attract the attention of the people! But the Master was unmoved by their earnest urging.

5. BACK IN CANA

1 The apostolic party was greatly

cheered when Jesus announced, "Tomorrow we go to Cana." They knew they would have a sympathetic hearing at Cana, for Jesus was well known there. They were doing well with their work of bringing people into the kingdom when, on the third day, there arrived in Cana a certain prominent citizen of Capernaum, Titus, who was a partial believer, and whose son was critically ill. He heard that Jesus was at Cana; so he hastened over to see him. The believers at Capernaum thought Jesus could heal any sickness.

2 When this nobleman had located Jesus in Cana, he besought him to

hurry over to Capernaum and heal his afflicted son. While the apostles stood by in breathless expectancy, Jesus, looking at the father of the sick boy, said: "How long shall I bear with you? The power of God is in your midst, but except you see signs and behold wonders, you refuse to believe." But the nobleman pleaded with Jesus, saying: "My Lord, I do believe, but come ere my child perishes, for when I left him he was even then at the point of death." And when Jesus had bowed his head a moment in silent meditation, he suddenly spoke, "Return to your home; your son will live." Ti-

tus believed the word of Jesus and hastened back to Capernaum. And as he was returning, his servants came out to meet him, saying, "Rejoice, for your son is improved — he lives." Then Titus inquired of them at what hour the boy began to mend, and when the servants answered "yesterday about the seventh hour the fever left him," the father recalled that it was about that hour when Jesus had said, "Your son will live." And Titus henceforth believed with a whole heart, and all his family also believed. This son became a mighty minister of the kingdom and later yielded up his life with those who

suffered in Rome. Though the entire household of Titus, their friends, and even the apostles regarded this episode as a miracle, it was not. At least this was not a miracle of curing physical disease. It was merely a case of pre-knowledge concerning the course of natural law, just such knowledge as Jesus frequently resorted to subsequent to his baptism.

3 Again was Jesus compelled to hasten away from Cana because of the undue attention attracted by the second episode of this sort to attend his ministry in this village. The townspeople remembered the water and the wine,

and now that he was supposed to have healed the nobleman's son at so great a distance, they came to him, not only bringing the sick and afflicted but also sending messengers requesting that he heal sufferers at a distance. And when Jesus saw that the whole countryside was aroused, he said, "Let us go to Nain."

6. NAIN AND THE WIDOW'S SON

1 These people believed in signs; they were a wonder-seeking generation. By this time the people of central and southern Galilee had become miracle minded regarding Je-

sus and his personal ministry. Scores, hundreds, of honest persons suffering from purely nervous disorders and afflicted with emotional disturbances came into Jesus' presence and then returned home to their friends announcing that Jesus had healed them. And such cases of mental healing these ignorant and simple-minded people regarded as physical healing, miraculous cures.

2 §§ When Jesus sought to leave Cana and go to Nain, a great multitude of believers and many curious people followed after him. They were bent on beholding miracles and won-

ders, and they were not to be disappointed. As Jesus and his apostles drew near the gate of the city, they met a funeral procession on its way to the near-by cemetery, carrying the only son of a widowed mother of Nain. This woman was much respected, and half of the village followed the bearers of the bier of this supposedly dead boy. When the funeral procession had come up to Jesus and his followers, the widow and her friends recognized the Master and besought him to bring the son back to life. Their miracle expectancy was aroused to such a high pitch they thought Jesus

could cure any human disease, and why could not such a healer even raise the dead? Jesus, while being thus importuned, stepped forward and, raising the covering of the bier, examined the boy. Discovering that the young man was not really dead, he perceived the tragedy which his presence could avert; so, turning to the mother, he said: "Weep not. Your son is not dead; he sleeps. He will be restored to you." And then, taking the young man by the hand, he said, "Awake and arise." And the youth who was supposed to be dead presently sat up and began to speak, and Jesus sent them back to

their homes.

3 Jesus endeavoured to calm the multitude and vainly tried to explain that the lad was not really dead, that he had not brought him back from the grave, but it was useless. The multitude which followed him, and the whole village of Nain, were aroused to the highest pitch of emotional frenzy. Fear seized many, panic others, while still others fell to praying and wailing over their sins. And it was not until long after nightfall that the clamouring multitude could be dispersed. And, of course, notwithstanding Jesus' statement that the boy was not dead,

everyone insisted that a miracle had been wrought, even the dead raised. Although Jesus told them the boy was merely in a deep sleep, they explained that that was the manner of his speaking and called attention to the fact that he always in great modesty tried to hide his miracles.

4 So the word went abroad throughout Galilee and into Judea that Jesus had raised the widow's son from the dead, and many who heard this report believed it. Never was Jesus able to make even all his apostles fully understand that the widow's son was not really dead when he bade him awake

and arise. But he did impress them sufficiently to keep it out of all subsequent records except that of Luke, who recorded it as the episode had been related to him. And again was Jesus so besieged as a physician that he departed early the next day for Endor.

7. AT ENDOR

1 At Endor Jesus escaped for a few days from the clamouring multitudes in quest of physical healing. During their sojourn at this place the Master recounted for the instruction of the apostles the story of King Saul and the witch of Endor. Jesus plainly told

his apostles that the stray and rebellious midwayers who had oftentimes impersonated the supposed spirits of the dead would soon be brought under control so that they could no more do these strange things. He told his followers that, after he returned to the Father, and after they had poured out their spirit upon all flesh, no more could such semispirit beings — so-called unclean spirits — possess the feeble- and evil-minded among mortals.

2 Jesus further explained to his apostles that the spirits of departed human beings do not come back to the world

of their origin to communicate with their living fellows. Only after the passing of a dispensational age would it be possible for the advancing spirit of mortal man to return to earth and then only in exceptional cases and as a part of the spiritual administration of the planet.

3 When they had rested two days, Jesus said to his apostles: "On the morrow let us return to Capernaum to tarry and teach while the countryside quiets down. At home they will have by this time partly recovered from this sort of excitement."

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THE INTERLUDE VISIT TO JERUSALEM

Midwayer Commission

Jesus and the apostles arrived in Capernaum on Wednesday, March 17, and spent two weeks at the Bethsaida headquarters before they departed for Jerusalem. These two weeks the apostles taught the people by the seaside while Jesus spent much time alone in the hills about his Father's business. During this period Jesus, accompanied by James and

John Zebedee, made two secret trips to Tiberias, where they met with the believers and instructed them in the gospel of the kingdom.

2 Many of the household of Herod believed in Jesus and attended these meetings. It was the influence of these believers among Herod's official family that had helped to lessen that ruler's enmity toward Jesus. These believers at Tiberias had fully explained to Herod that the "kingdom" which Jesus proclaimed was spiritual in nature and not a political venture. Herod rather believed these members of his own household and therefore

did not permit himself to become unduly alarmed by the spreading abroad of the reports concerning Jesus' teaching and healing. He had no objections to Jesus' work as a healer or religious teacher. Notwithstanding the favourable attitude of many of Herod's advisers, and even of Herod himself, there existed a group of his subordinates who were so influenced by the religious leaders at Jerusalem that they remained bitter and threatening enemies of Jesus and the apostles and, later on, did much to hamper their public activities. The greatest danger to Jesus lay in the Jerusalem religious

leaders and not in Herod. And it was for this very reason that Jesus and the apostles spent so much time and did most of their public preaching in Galilee rather than at Jerusalem and in Judea.

1. THE CENTURION'S SERVANT

1 On the day before they made ready to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, Mangus, a centurion, or captain, of the Roman guard stationed at Capernaum, came to the rulers of the synagogue, saying: "My faithful orderly is sick and at the point of death. Would you, therefore, go to Jesus in

my behalf and beseech him to heal my servant?" The Roman captain did this because he thought the Jewish leaders would have more influence with Jesus. So the elders went to see Jesus and their spokesman said: "Teacher, we earnestly request you to go over to Capernaum and save the favourite servant of the Roman centurion, who is worthy of your notice because he loves our nation and even built us the very synagogue wherein you have so many times spoken."

2 And when Jesus had heard them, he said, "I will go with you." And as he went with them over to the centu-

rion's house, and before they had entered his yard, the Roman soldier sent his friends out to greet Jesus, instructing them to say: "Lord, trouble not yourself to enter my house, for I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Neither did I think myself worthy to come to you; wherefore I sent the elders of your own people. But I know that you can speak the word where you stand and my servant will be healed. For I am myself under the orders of others, and I have soldiers under me, and I say to this one go, and he goes; to another come, and he comes, and to my servants do this

or do that, and they do it."

3 And when Jesus heard these words, he turned and said to his apostles and those who were with them: "I marvel at the belief of the gentile. Verily, verily, I say to you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Jesus, turning from the house, said, "Let us go hence." And the friends of the centurion went into the house and told Mangus what Jesus had said. And from that hour the servant began to mend and was eventually restored to his normal health and usefulness.

4 But we never knew just what happened on this occasion. This is sim-

ply the record, and as to whether or not invisible beings ministered healing to the centurion's servant, was not revealed to those who accompanied Jesus. We only know of the fact of the servant's complete recovery.

2. THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

1 Early on the morning of Tuesday, March 30, Jesus and the apostolic party started on their journey to Jerusalem for the Passover, going by the route of the Jordan valley. They arrived on the afternoon of Friday, April 2, and established their headquarters,

as usual, at Bethany. Passing through Jericho, they paused to rest while Judas made a deposit of some of their common funds in the bank of a friend of his family. This was the first time Judas had carried a surplus of money, and this deposit was left undisturbed until they passed through Jericho again when on that last and eventful journey to Jerusalem just before the trial and death of Jesus.

2 The party had an uneventful trip to Jerusalem, but they had hardly got themselves settled at Bethany when from near and far those seeking healing for their bodies, comfort for trou-

bled minds, and salvation for their souls, began to congregate, so much so that Jesus had little time for rest. Therefore they pitched tents at Gethsemane, and the Master would go back and forth from Bethany to Gethsemane to avoid the crowds which so constantly thronged him. The apostolic party spent almost three weeks at Jerusalem, but Jesus enjoined them to do no public preaching, only private teaching and personal work.

3 At Bethany they quietly celebrated the Passover. And this was the first time that Jesus and all of the twelve partook of the bloodless Pass-

over feast. The apostles of John did not eat the Passover with Jesus and his apostles; they celebrated the feast with Abner and many of the early believers in John's preaching. This was the second Passover Jesus had observed with his apostles in Jerusalem.

4 When Jesus and the twelve departed for Capernaum, the apostles of John did not return with them. Under the direction of Abner they remained in Jerusalem and the surrounding country, quietly labouring for the extension of the kingdom, while Jesus and the twelve returned to work in Galilee. Never again were the

24 all together until a short time before the commissioning and sending forth of the seventy evangelists. But the two groups were co-operative, and notwithstanding their differences of opinion, the best of feelings prevailed.

3. AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA

1 The afternoon of the second Sabbath in Jerusalem, as the Master and the apostles were about to participate in the temple services, John said to Jesus, "Come with me, I would show you something." John conducted Jesus out through one of the Jerusalem gates to a pool of water called Bethesda. Sur-

rounding this pool was a structure of five porches under which a large group of sufferers lingered in quest of healing. This was a hot spring whose reddish-tinged water would bubble up at irregular intervals because of gas accumulations in the rock caverns underneath the pool. This periodic disturbance of the warm waters was believed by many to be due to supernatural influences, and it was a popular belief that the first person who entered the water after such a disturbance would be healed of whatever infirmity he had.

2 The apostles were somewhat restless under the restrictions imposed by

Jesus, and John, the youngest of the twelve, was especially restive under this restraint. He had brought Jesus to the pool thinking that the sight of the assembled sufferers would make such an appeal to the Master's compassion that he would be moved to perform a miracle of healing, and thereby would all Jerusalem be astounded and presently be won to believe in the gospel of the kingdom. Said John to Jesus: "Master, see all of these suffering ones; is there nothing we can do for them?" And Jesus replied: "John, why would you tempt me to turn aside from the way I have chosen? Why do you go

on desiring to substitute the working of wonders and the healing of the sick for the proclamation of the gospel of eternal truth? My son, I may not do that which you desire, but gather together these sick and afflicted that I may speak words of good cheer and eternal comfort to them."

3 In speaking to those assembled, Jesus said: "Many of you are here, sick and afflicted, because of your many years of wrong living. Some suffer from the accidents of time, others as a result of the mistakes of their forebears, while some of you struggle under the handicaps of the imperfect

conditions of your temporal existence. But my Father works, and I would work, to improve your earthly state but more especially to ensure your eternal estate. None of us can do much to change the difficulties of life unless we discover the Father in heaven so wills. After all, we are all beholden to do the will of the Eternal. If you could all be healed of your physical afflictions, you would indeed marvel, but it is even greater that you should be cleansed of all spiritual disease and find yourselves healed of all moral infirmities. You are all God's children; you are the sons of the heavenly Fa-

ther. The bonds of time may seem to afflict you, but the God of eternity loves you. And when the time of judgment shall come, fear not, you shall all find, not only justice, but an abundance of mercy. Verily, verily, I say to you: He who hears the gospel of the kingdom and believes in this teaching of sonship with God, has eternal life; already are such believers passing from judgment and death to light and life. And the hour is coming in which even those who are in the tombs shall hear the voice of the resurrection."

4 And many of those who heard believed the gospel of the kingdom.

Some of the afflicted were so inspired and spiritually revivified that they went about proclaiming that they had also been cured of their physical ailments.

5 One man who had been many years downcast and grievously afflicted by the infirmities of his troubled mind, rejoiced at Jesus' words and, picking up his bed, went forth to his home, even though it was the Sabbath day. This afflicted man had waited all these years for *somebody* to help him; he was such a victim of the feeling of his own helplessness that he had never once entertained the idea

of helping himself which proved to be the one thing he had to do in order to effect recovery — take up his bed and walk.

6 Then said Jesus to John: "Let us depart ere the chief priests and the scribes come upon us and take offence that we spoke words of life to these afflicted ones." And they returned to the temple to join their companions, and presently all of them departed to spend the night at Bethany. But John never told the other apostles of this visit of himself and Jesus to the pool of

Bethesda on this Sabbath afternoon.

4. THE RULE OF LIVING

1 On the evening of this same Sabbath day, at Bethany, while Jesus, the twelve, and a group of believers were assembled about the fire in Lazarus's garden, Nathaniel asked Jesus this question: "Master, although you have taught us the positive version of the old rule of life, instructing us that we should do to others as we wish them to do to us, I do not fully discern how we can always abide by such an injunction. Let me illustrate my contention by citing the example of a lust-

ful man who thus wickedly looks upon his intended consort in sin. How can we teach that this evil-intending man should do to others as he would they should do to him?"

2 When Jesus heard Nathaniel's question, he immediately stood upon his feet and, pointing his finger at the apostle, said: "Nathaniel, Nathaniel! What manner of thinking is going on in your heart? Do you not receive my teachings as one who has been born of the spirit? Do you not hear the truth as men of wisdom and spiritual understanding? When I admonished you to do to others as you would have

them do to you, I spoke to men of high ideals, not to those who would be tempted to distort my teaching into a license for the encouragement of evil-doing."

3 When the Master had spoken, Nathaniel stood up and said: "But, Master, you should not think that I approve of such an interpretation of your teaching. I asked the question because I conjectured that many such men might thus misjudge your admonition, and I hoped you would give us further instruction regarding these matters." And then when Nathaniel had sat down, Jesus continued speak-

ing: "I well know, Nathaniel, that no such idea of evil is approved in your mind, but I am disappointed in that you all so often fail to put a genuinely spiritual interpretation upon my commonplace teachings, instruction which must be given you in human language and as men must speak. Let me now teach you concerning the differing levels of meaning attached to the interpretation of this rule of living, this admonition to 'do to others that which you desire others to do to you':

4 " 1. *The level of the flesh.* Such a purely selfish and lustful interpretation would be well exemplified by the

supposition of your question.

5 §§ " 2. *The level of the feelings.* This plane is one level higher than that of the flesh and implies that sympathy and pity would enhance one's interpretation of this rule of living.

6 §§ " 3. *The level of mind.* Now come into action the reason of mind and the intelligence of experience. Good judgment dictates that such a rule of living should be interpreted in consonance with the highest idealism embodied in the nobility of profound self-respect.

7 §§ " 4. *The level of brotherly love.* Still higher is discovered the level of

unselfish devotion to the welfare of one's fellows. On this higher plane of wholehearted social service growing out of the consciousness of the fatherhood of God and the consequent recognition of the brotherhood of man, there is discovered a new and far more beautiful interpretation of this basic rule of life.

8 §§ " 5. *The moral level.* And then when you attain true philosophic levels of interpretation, when you have real insight into the *rightness* and *wrongness* of things, when you perceive the eternal fitness of human relationships, you will begin to view such

a problem of interpretation as you would imagine a high-minded, idealistic, wise, and impartial third person would so view and interpret such an injunction as applied to your personal problems of adjustment to your life situations.

9 §§“ 6. *The spiritual level.* And then last, but greatest of all, we attain the level of spirit insight and spiritual interpretation which impels us to recognize in this rule of life the divine command to treat all men as we conceive God would treat them. That is the universe ideal of human relationships. And this is your attitude toward

all such problems when your supreme desire is ever to do the Father's will. I would, therefore, that you should do to all men that which you know I would do to them in like circumstances."

10 §§ Nothing Jesus had said to the apostles up to this time had ever more astonished them. They continued to discuss the Master's words long after he had retired. While Nathaniel was slow to recover from his supposition that Jesus had misunderstood the spirit of his question, the others were more than thankful that their philosophic fellow apostle had had the

courage to ask such a thought-provoking question.

5. VISITING SIMON THE PHARISEE

1 Though Simon was not a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, he was an influential Pharisee of Jerusalem. He was a half-hearted believer, and notwithstanding that he might be severely criticized therefor, he dared to invite Jesus and his personal associates, Peter, James, and John, to his home for a social meal. Simon had long observed the Master and was much impressed with his teachings and even more so with his personality.

2 The wealthy Pharisees were devoted to almsgiving, and they did not shun publicity regarding their philanthropy. Sometimes they would even blow a trumpet as they were about to bestow charity upon some beggar. It was the custom of these Pharisees, when they provided a banquet for distinguished guests, to leave the doors of the house open so that even the street beggars might come in and, standing around the walls of the room behind the couches of the diners, be in position to receive portions of food which might be tossed to them by the banqueters.

3 On this particular occasion at Simon's house, among those who came in off the street was a woman of unsavoury reputation who had recently become a believer in the good news of the gospel of the kingdom. This woman was well known throughout all Jerusalem as the former keeper of one of the so-called high-class brothels located hard by the temple court of the gentiles. She had, on accepting the teachings of Jesus, closed up her nefarious place of business and had induced the majority of the women associated with her to accept the gospel and change their mode of living; not-

withstanding this, she was still held in great disdain by the Pharisees and was compelled to wear her hair down — the badge of harlotry. This unnamed woman had brought with her a large flask of perfumed anointing lotion and, standing behind Jesus as he reclined at meat, began to anoint his feet while she also wet his feet with her tears of gratitude, wiping them with the hair of her head. And when she had finished this anointing, she continued weeping and kissing his feet.

4 When Simon saw all this, he said to himself: "This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who

and what manner of woman this is who thus touches him; that she is a notorious sinner." And Jesus, knowing what was going on in Simon's mind, spoke up, saying: "Simon, I have something which I would like to say to you." Simon answered, "Teacher, say on." Then said Jesus: "A certain wealthy moneylender had two debtors. The one owed him 500 denarii and the other 50. Now, when neither of them had wherewith to pay, he forgave them both. Which of them do you think, Simon, would love him most?" Simon answered, "He, I suppose, whom he forgave the most." And Jesus said, "You

have rightly judged," and pointing to the woman, he continued: "Simon, take a good look at this woman. I entered your house as an invited guest, yet you gave me no water for my feet. This grateful woman has washed my feet with tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave me no kiss of friendly greeting, but this woman, ever since she came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil you neglected to anoint, but she has anointed my feet with precious lotions. And what is the meaning of all this? Simply that her many sins have been forgiven, and this has led her to

love much. But those who have received but little forgiveness sometimes love but little." And turning around toward the woman, he took her by the hand and, lifting her up, said: "You have indeed repented of your sins, and they are forgiven. Be not discouraged by the thoughtless and unkind attitude of your fellows; go on in the joy and liberty of the kingdom of heaven."

5 §§ When Simon and his friends who sat at meat with him heard these words, they were the more astonished, and they began to whisper among themselves, "Who is this man that he even dares to forgive sins?" And when

Jesus heard them thus murmuring, he turned to dismiss the woman, saying, "Woman, go in peace; your faith has saved you."

6 As Jesus arose with his friends to leave, he turned to Simon and said: "I know your heart, Simon, how you are torn betwixt faith and doubts, how you are distraught by fear and troubled by pride; but I pray for you that you may yield to the light and may experience in your station in life just such mighty transformations of mind and spirit as may be comparable to the tremendous changes which the gospel of the kingdom has already wrought

in the heart of your unbidden and unwelcome guest. And I declare to all of you that the Father has opened the doors of the heavenly kingdom to all who have the faith to enter, and no man or association of men can close those doors even to the most humble soul or supposedly most flagrant sinner on earth if such sincerely seek an entrance." And Jesus, with Peter, James, and John, took leave of their host and went to join the rest of the apostles at the camp in the garden of Gethsemane.

7 §§ That same evening Jesus made the long-to-be-remembered address

to the apostles regarding the relative value of status with God and progress in the eternal ascent to Paradise. Said Jesus: "My children, if there exists a true and living connection between the child and the Father, the child is certain to progress continuously toward the Father's ideals. True, the child may at first make slow progress, but the progress is none the less sure. The important thing is not the rapidity of your progress but rather its certainty. Your actual achievement is not so important as the fact that the *direction* of your progress is Godward. What you are becoming day by day

is of infinitely more importance than what you are today.

8 "This transformed woman whom some of you saw at Simon's house today is, at this moment, living on a level which is vastly below that of Simon and his well-meaning associates; but while these Pharisees are occupied with the false progress of the illusion of traversing deceptive circles of meaningless ceremonial services, this woman has, in dead earnest, started out on the long and eventful search for God, and her path toward heaven is not blocked by spiritual pride and moral self-satisfaction. The woman is,

humanly speaking, much farther away from God than Simon, but her soul is in progressive motion; she is on the way toward an eternal goal. There are present in this woman tremendous spiritual possibilities for the future. Some of you may not stand high in actual levels of soul and spirit, but you are making daily progress on the living way opened up, through faith, to God. There are tremendous possibilities in each of you for the future. Better by far to have a small but living and growing faith than to be possessed of a great intellect with its dead stores of worldly wisdom and spiritual unbe-

lief."

9 But Jesus earnestly warned his apostles against the foolishness of the child of God who presumes upon the Father's love. He declared that the heavenly Father is not a lax, loose, or foolishly indulgent parent who is ever ready to condone sin and forgive recklessness. He cautioned his hearers not mistakenly to apply his illustrations of father and son so as to make it appear that God is like some overindulgent and unwise parents who conspire with the foolish of earth to encompass the moral undoing of their thoughtless children, and who are thereby cer-

tainly and directly contributing to the delinquency and early demoralization of their own offspring. Said Jesus: "My Father does not indulgently condone those acts and practices of his children which are self-destructive and suicidal to all moral growth and spiritual progress. Such sinful practices are an abomination in the sight of God."

10 §§ Many other semiprivate meetings and banquets did Jesus attend with the high and the low, the rich and the poor, of Jerusalem before he and his apostles finally departed for Capernaum. And many, indeed, became believers in the gospel of the

kingdom and were subsequently baptized by Abner and his associates, who remained behind to foster the interests of the kingdom in Jerusalem and thereabouts.

6. RETURNING TO CAPERNAUM

1 The last week of April, Jesus and the twelve departed from their Bethany headquarters near Jerusalem and began their journey back to Capernaum by way of Jericho and the Jordan.

2 The chief priests and the religious leaders of the Jews held many secret meetings for the purpose of deciding

what to do with Jesus. They were all agreed that something should be done to put a stop to his teaching, but they could not agree on the method. They had hoped that the civil authorities would dispose of him as Herod had put an end to John, but they discovered that Jesus was so conducting his work that the Roman officials were not much alarmed by his preaching. Accordingly, at a meeting which was held the day before Jesus' departure for Capernaum, it was decided that he would have to be apprehended on a religious charge and be tried by the Sanhedrin. Therefore a commission of six

secret spies was appointed to follow Jesus, to observe his words and acts, and when they had amassed sufficient evidence of lawbreaking and blasphemy, to return to Jerusalem with their report. These six Jews caught up with the apostolic party, numbering about 30, at Jericho and, under the pretence of desiring to become disciples, attached themselves to Jesus' family of followers, remaining with the group up to the time of the beginning of the second preaching tour in Galilee; whereupon three of them returned to Jerusalem to submit their report to the chief priests and the Sanhedrin.

3 §§ Peter preached to the assembled multitude at the crossing of the Jordan, and the following morning they moved up the river toward Amathus. They wanted to proceed straight on to Capernaum, but such a crowd gathered here they remained three days, preaching, teaching, and baptizing. They did not move toward home until early Sabbath morning, the first day of May. The Jerusalem spies were sure they would now secure their first charge against Jesus — that of Sabbath breaking — since he had presumed to start his journey on the Sabbath day. But they were doomed to disappoint-

ment because, just before their departure, Jesus called Andrew into his presence and before them all instructed him to proceed for a distance of only 914 m, the legal Jewish Sabbath day's journey.

4 But the spies did not have long to wait for their opportunity to accuse Jesus and his associates of Sabbath breaking. As the company passed along the narrow road, the waving wheat, which was just then ripening, was near at hand on either side, and some of the apostles, being hungry, plucked the ripe grain and ate it. It was customary for travellers to help them-

selves to grain as they passed along the road, and therefore no thought of wrongdoing was attached to such conduct. But the spies seized upon this as a pretext for assailing Jesus. When they saw Andrew rub the grain in his hand, they went up to him and said: "Do you not know that it is unlawful to pluck and rub the grain on the Sabbath day?" And Andrew answered: "But we are hungry and rub only sufficient for our needs; and since when did it become sinful to eat grain on the Sabbath day?" But the Pharisees answered: "You do no wrong in eating, but you do break the law in pluck-

ing and rubbing out the grain between your hands; surely your Master would not approve of such acts." Then said Andrew: "But if it is not wrong to eat the grain, surely the rubbing out between our hands is hardly more work than the chewing of the grain, which you allow; wherefore do you quibble over such trifles?" When Andrew intimated that they were quibblers, they were indignant, and rushing back to where Jesus walked along, talking to Matthew, they protested, saying: "Behold, Teacher, your apostles do that which is unlawful on the Sabbath day; they pluck, rub, and eat the grain. We

are sure you will command them to cease." And then said Jesus to the accusers: "You are indeed zealous for the law, and you do well to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; but did you never read in the Scripture that, one day when David was hungry, he and they who were with him entered the house of God and ate the showbread, which it was not lawful for anyone to eat save the priests? and David also gave this bread to those who were with him. And have you not read in our law that it is lawful to do many needful things on the Sabbath day? And shall I not, before the day is fin-

ished, see you eat that which you have brought along for the needs of this day? My good men, you do well to be zealous for the Sabbath, but you would do better to guard the health and well-being of your fellows. I declare that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. And if you are here present with us to watch my words, then will I openly proclaim that the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

5 The Pharisees were astonished and confounded by his words of discernment and wisdom. For the remainder of the day they kept by themselves and

dared not ask any more questions.

6 §§ Jesus' antagonism to the Jewish traditions and slavish ceremonials was always *positive.* It consisted in what he did and in what he affirmed. The Master spent little time in negative denunciations. He taught that those who know God can enjoy the liberty of living without deceiving themselves by the licenses of sinning. Said Jesus to the apostles: "Men[1], if you are en-

[1] These words of Jesus are preserved (albeit in a modified form) only in the Codex Bezae Cantabrigiensis (V c.) at Luke 6:4 "Τη αυτη ημερα θεασαμενος τινα εργαζομενον τω σαββατω, ειπεν αυτω, Ανθρωπε, ει μεν οιδας τι ποιεις μακαριος ει; ει δε μη οιδας επικαταρατος, και παραβατης

lightened by the truth and really know what you are doing, you are blessed; but if you know not the divine way, you are unfortunate and already breakers of the law."

7. BACK IN CAPERNAUM

1 It was around noon on Monday, May 3, when Jesus and the twelve came to Bethsaida by boat from Tarichea. They travelled by boat in order to es-

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ει του νομου.", or, translated into English, "On the same day, seeing one working on the Sabbath, he said unto him, Man, if indeed thou knowest what thou dost, blessed art thou; but if thou knowest not, thou art cursed, and art a transgressor of the law."

cape those who journeyed with them. But by the next day the others, including the official spies from Jerusalem, had again found Jesus.

2 On Tuesday evening Jesus was conducting one of his customary classes of questions and answers when the leader of the six spies said to him: "I was today talking with one of John's disciples who is here attending upon your teaching, and we were at a loss to understand why you never command your disciples to fast and pray as we Pharisees fast and as John bade his followers." And Jesus, referring to a statement by John, an-

swered this questioner: "Do the sons of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as the bridegroom remains with them, they can hardly fast. But the time is coming when the bridegroom shall be taken away, and during those times the children of the bridechamber undoubtedly will fast and pray. To pray is natural for the children of light, but fasting is not a part of the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Be reminded that a wise tailor does not sew a piece of new and unshrunk cloth upon an old garment, lest, when it is wet, it shrink and produce a worse rent. Nei-

ther do men put new wine into old wine skins, lest the new wine burst the skins so that both the wine and the skins perish. The wise man puts the new wine into fresh wine skins. Therefore do my disciples show wisdom in that they do not bring too much of the old order over into the new teaching of the gospel of the kingdom. You who have lost your teacher may be justified in fasting for a time. Fasting may be an appropriate part of the law of Moses, but in the coming kingdom the sons of God shall experience freedom from fear and joy in the divine spirit." And when they heard these

words, the disciples of John were comforted while the Pharisees themselves were the more confounded.

3 Then the Master proceeded to warn his hearers against entertaining the notion that all olden teaching should be replaced entirely by new doctrines. Said Jesus: "That which is old and also *true* must abide. Likewise, that which is new but false must be rejected. But that which is new and also true, have the faith and courage to accept. Remember it is written: 'Forsake not an old friend, for the new is not comparable to him. As new wine, so is a new friend; if it becomes old, you

shall drink it with gladness.'"

8. THE FEAST OF SPIRITUAL GOODNESS

1 That night, long after the usual listeners had retired, Jesus continued to teach his apostles. He began this special instruction by quoting from the Prophet Isaiah:

2 §§ "'Why have you fasted? For what reason do you afflict your souls while you continue to find pleasure in oppression and to take delight in injustice? Behold, you fast for the sake of strife and contention and to smite with the fist of wickedness. But you shall not fast in this way to make your

voices heard on high.

3 "'Is it such a fast that I have chosen — a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, to grovel in sackcloth and ashes? Will you dare to call this a fast and an acceptable day in the sight of the Lord? Is not this the fast I should choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the knots of heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share my bread with the hungry and to bring those who are homeless and poor to my house? And when I see those who are naked, I will clothe them.

4 "'Then shall your light break forth as the morning while your health springs forth speedily. Your righteousness shall go before you while the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then will you call upon the Lord, and he shall answer; you will cry out, and he shall say — Here am I. And all this he will do if you refrain from oppression, condemnation, and vanity. The Father rather desires that you draw out your heart to the hungry, and that you minister to the afflicted souls; then shall your light shine in obscurity, and even your darkness shall be as the noonday. Then shall the

Lord guide you continually, satisfying your soul and renewing your strength. You shall become like a watered garden, like a spring whose waters fail not. And they who do these things shall restore the wasted glories; they shall raise up the foundations of many generations; they shall be called the rebuilders of broken walls, the restorers of safe paths in which to dwell.'"

5 §§ And then long into the night Jesus propounded to his apostles the truth that it was their faith that made them secure in the kingdom of the present and the future, and not their affliction of soul nor fasting of body.

He exhorted the apostles at least to live up to the ideas of the prophet of old and expressed the hope that they would progress far beyond even the ideals of Isaiah and the older prophets. His last words that night were: "Grow in grace by means of that living faith which grasps the fact that you are the sons of God while at the same time it recognizes every man as a brother."

6 It was after 2:00 in the morning when Jesus ceased speaking and every man went to his place for sleep.

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TRAINING EVANGELISTS AT BETHSAIDA

Midwayer Commission

From May 3 to October 3, A.D. 28, Jesus and the apostolic party were in residence at the Zebedee home at Bethsaida. Throughout this five months' period of the dry season an enormous camp was maintained by the seaside near the Zebedee residence, which had been greatly enlarged to accommodate the

growing family of Jesus. This seaside camp, occupied by an ever-changing population of truth seekers, healing candidates, and curiosity devotees, numbered from 500 to 1500. This tented city was under the general supervision of David Zebedee, assisted by the Alpheus twins. The encampment was a model in order and sanitation as well as in its general administration. The sick of different types were segregated and were under the supervision of a believer physician, a Syrian named Elman.

2 Throughout this period the apostles would go fishing at least one day a

week, selling their catch to David for consumption by the seaside encampment. The funds thus received were turned over to the group treasury. The twelve were permitted to spend one week out of each month with their families or friends.

3 While Andrew continued in general charge of the apostolic activities, Peter was in full charge of the school of the evangelists. The apostles all did their share in teaching groups of evangelists each forenoon, and both teachers and pupils taught the people during the afternoons. After the evening meal, five nights a week, the apos-

tles conducted question classes for the benefit of the evangelists. Once a week Jesus presided at this question hour, answering the holdover questions from previous sessions.

4 In five months several thousand came and went at this encampment. Interested persons from every part of the Roman Empire and from the lands east of the Euphrates were in frequent attendance. This was the longest settled and well-organized period of the Master's teaching. Jesus' immediate family spent most of this time at either Nazareth or Cana.

5 The encampment was not con-

ducted as a community of common interests, as was the apostolic family. David Zebedee managed this large tent city so that it became a self-sustaining enterprise, notwithstanding that no one was ever turned away. This ever-changing camp was an indispensable feature of Peter's evangelistic training school.

1. A NEW SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS

1 Peter, James, and Andrew were the committee designated by Jesus to pass upon applicants for admission to the school of evangelists. All the races and nationalities of the Roman world and

the East, as far as India, were represented among the students in this new school of the prophets. This school was conducted on the plan of learning and doing. What the students learned during the forenoon they taught to the assembly by the seaside during the afternoon. After supper they informally discussed both the learning of the forenoon and the teaching of the afternoon.

2 Each of the apostolic teachers taught his own view of the gospel of the kingdom. They made no effort to teach just alike; there was no standardized or dogmatic formu-

lation of theologic doctrines. Though they all taught the *same truth,* each apostle presented his own personal interpretation of the Master's teaching. And Jesus upheld this presentation of the diversity of personal experience in the things of the kingdom, unfailingly harmonizing and co-ordinating these many and divergent views of the gospel at his weekly question hours. Notwithstanding this great degree of personal liberty in matters of teaching, Simon Peter tended to dominate the theology of the school of evangelists. Next to Peter, James Zebedee exerted the greatest personal influence.

3 The one hundred and more evangelists trained during this five months by the seaside represented the material from which (excepting Abner and John's apostles) the later seventy gospel teachers and preachers were drawn. The school of evangelists did not have everything in common to the same degree as did the twelve.

4 These evangelists, though they taught and preached the gospel, did not baptize believers until after they were later ordained and commissioned by Jesus as the seventy messengers of the kingdom. Only seven of the large number healed at the sun-

down scene at this place were to be found among these evangelistic students. The nobleman's son of Capernaum was one of those trained for gospel service in Peter's school.

2. THE BETHSAIDA HOSPITAL

1 In connection with the seaside encampment, Elman, the Syrian physician, with the assistance of a corps of 25 young women and 12 men, organized and conducted for four months what should be regarded as the kingdom's first hospital. At this infirmary, located a short distance to the south of the main tented city, they treated

the sick in accordance with all known material methods as well as by the spiritual practices of prayer and faith encouragement. Jesus visited the sick of this encampment not less than three times a week and made personal contact with each sufferer. As far as we know, no so-called miracles of supernatural healing occurred among the one thousand afflicted and ailing persons who went away from this infirmary improved or cured. However, the vast majority of these benefited individuals ceased not to proclaim that Jesus had healed them.

2 Many of the cures effected by Je-

sus in connection with his ministry in behalf of Elman's patients did, indeed, appear to resemble the working of miracles, but we were instructed that they were only just such transformations of mind and spirit as may occur in the experience of expectant and faith-dominated persons who are under the immediate and inspirational influence of a strong, positive, and beneficent personality whose ministry banishes fear and destroys anxiety.

3 Elman and his associates endeavoured to teach the truth to these sick ones concerning the "possession of evil spirits," but they met with little

success. The belief that physical sickness and mental derangement could be caused by the dwelling of a so-called unclean spirit in the mind or body of the afflicted person was well-nigh universal.

4 In all his contact with the sick and afflicted, when it came to the technique of treatment or the revelation of the unknown causes of disease, Jesus did not disregard the instructions of his Paradise brother, Immanuel, given ere he embarked upon the venture of the Urantia incarnation. Notwithstanding this, those who ministered to the sick learned many helpful lessons

by observing the manner in which Jesus inspired the faith and confidence of the sick and suffering.

5 The camp disbanded a short time before the season for the increase in chills and fever drew on.

3. THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

1 Throughout this period Jesus conducted public services at the encampment less than a dozen times and spoke only once in the Capernaum synagogue, the second Sabbath before their departure with the newly trained evangelists upon their second public preaching tour of Galilee.

2 Not since his baptism had the Master been so much alone as during this period of the evangelists' training encampment at Bethsaida. Whenever any one of the apostles ventured to ask Jesus why he was absent so much from their midst, he would invariably answer that he was "about the Father's business."

3 During these periods of absence, Jesus was accompanied by only two of the apostles. He had released Peter, James, and John temporarily from their assignment as his personal companions that they might also participate in the work of training the

new evangelistic candidates, numbering more than one hundred. When the Master desired to go to the hills about the Father's business, he would summon to accompany him any two of the apostles who might be at liberty. In this way each of the twelve enjoyed an opportunity for close association and intimate contact with Jesus.

4 It has not been revealed for the purposes of this record, but we have been led to infer that the Master, during many of these solitary seasons in the hills, was in direct and executive association with many of his chief di-

rectors of universe affairs. Ever since about the time of his baptism this incarnated Sovereign of our universe had become increasingly and consciously active in the direction of certain phases of universe administration. And we have always held the opinion that, in some way not revealed to his immediate associates, during these weeks of decreased participation in the affairs of earth he was engaged in the direction of those high spirit intelligences who were charged with the running of a vast universe, and that the human Jesus chose to designate such activities on his part as being "about

his Father's business."

5 Many times, when Jesus was alone for hours, but when two of his apostles were near by, they observed his features undergo rapid and multitudinous changes, although they heard him speak no words. Neither did they observe any visible manifestation of celestial beings who might have been in communication with their Master, such as some of them did witness on a subsequent occasion.

4. EVIL, SIN, AND INIQUITY

1 It was the habit of Jesus two evenings each week to hold special

converse with individuals who desired to talk with him, in a certain secluded and sheltered corner of the Zebedee garden. At one of these evening conversations in private Thomas asked the Master this question: "Why is it necessary for men to be born of the spirit in order to enter the kingdom? Is rebirth necessary to escape the control of the evil one? Master, what is evil?" When Jesus heard these questions, he said to Thomas:

2 §§ "Do not make the mistake of confusing *evil* with the *evil one,* more correctly the *iniquitous one.* He whom you call the evil one is the son of

self-love, the high administrator who knowingly went into deliberate rebellion against the rule of my Father and his loyal Sons. But I have already vanquished these sinful rebels. Make clear in your mind these different attitudes toward the Father and his universe. Never forget these laws of relation to the Father's will:

3 "Evil is the unconscious or unintended transgression of the divine law, the Father's will. Evil is likewise the measure of the imperfectness of obedience to the Father's will.

4 "Sin is the conscious, knowing, and deliberate transgression of the di-

vine law, the Father's will. Sin is the measure of unwillingness to be divinely led and spiritually directed.

5 "Iniquity is the wilful, determined, and persistent transgression of the divine law, the Father's will. Iniquity is the measure of the continued rejection of the Father's loving plan of personality survival and the Sons' merciful ministry of salvation.

6 "By nature, before the rebirth of the spirit, mortal man is subject to inherent evil tendencies, but such natural imperfections of behaviour are neither sin nor iniquity. Mortal man is just beginning his long ascent to the

perfection of the Father in Paradise. To be imperfect or partial in natural endowment is not sinful. Man is indeed subject to evil, but he is in no sense the child of the evil one unless he has knowingly and deliberately chosen the paths of sin and the life of iniquity. Evil is inherent in the natural order of this world, but sin is an attitude of conscious rebellion which was brought to this world by those who fell from spiritual light into gross darkness.

7 "You are confused, Thomas, by the doctrines of the Greeks and the errors of the Persians. You do not un-

derstand the relationships of evil and sin because you view mankind as beginning on earth with a perfect Adam and rapidly degenerating, through sin, to man's present deplorable estate. But why do you refuse to comprehend the meaning of the record which discloses how Cain, the son of Adam, went over into the land of Nod and there got himself a wife? And why do you refuse to interpret the meaning of the record which portrays the sons of God finding wives for themselves among the daughters of men?

8 "Men are, indeed, by nature evil, but not necessarily sinful. The new

birth — the baptism of the spirit — is essential to deliverance from evil and necessary for entrance into the kingdom of heaven, but none of this detracts from the fact that man is the son of God. Neither does this inherent presence of potential evil mean that man is in some mysterious way estranged from the Father in heaven so that, as an alien, foreigner, or stepchild, he must in some manner seek for legal adoption by the Father. All such notions are born, first, of your misunderstanding of the Father and, second, of your ignorance of the origin, nature, and destiny of man.

9 "The Greeks and others have taught you that man is descending from godly perfection steadily down toward oblivion or destruction; I have come to show that man, by entrance into the kingdom, is ascending certainly and surely up to God and divine perfection. Any being who in any manner falls short of the divine and spiritual ideals of the eternal Father's will is potentially evil, but such beings are in no sense sinful, much less iniquitous.

10 "Thomas, have you not read about this in the Scriptures, where it is written: 'You are the children of the Lord

your God.' 'I will be his Father and he shall be my son.' 'I have chosen him to be my son — I will be his Father.' 'Bring my sons from far and my daughters from the ends of the earth; even every one who is called by my name, for I have created them for my glory.' 'You are the sons of the living God.' 'They who have the spirit of God are indeed the sons of God.' While there is a material part of the human father in the natural child, there is a spiritual part of the heavenly Father in every faith son of the kingdom."

11 §§ All this and much more Jesus said to Thomas, and much of it the

apostle comprehended, although Jesus admonished him to "speak not to the others concerning these matters until after I shall have returned to the Father." And Thomas did not mention this interview until after the Master had departed from this world.

5. THE PURPOSE OF AFFLICTION

1 At another of these private interviews in the garden Nathaniel asked Jesus: "Master, though I am beginning to understand why you refuse to practise healing indiscriminately, I am still at a loss to understand why the loving Father in heaven permits so many of

his children on earth to suffer so many afflictions." The Master answered Nathaniel, saying:

2 §§ "Nathaniel, you and many others are thus perplexed because you do not comprehend how the natural order of this world has been so many times upset by the sinful adventures of certain rebellious traitors to the Father's will. And I have come to make a beginning of setting these things in order. But many ages will be required to restore this part of the universe to former paths and thus release the children of men from the extra burdens of sin and rebellion. The presence of

evil alone is sufficient test for the ascension of man — sin is not essential to survival.

3 "But, my son, you should know that the Father does not purposely afflict his children. Man brings down upon himself unnecessary affliction as a result of his persistent refusal to walk in the better ways of the divine will. Affliction is potential in evil, but much of it has been produced by sin and iniquity. Many unusual events have transpired on this world, and it is not strange that all thinking men should be perplexed by the scenes of suffering and affliction which they

witness. But of one thing you may be sure: The Father does not send affliction as an arbitrary punishment for wrongdoing. The imperfections and handicaps of evil are inherent; the penalties of sin are inevitable; the destroying consequences of iniquity are inexorable. Man should not blame God for those afflictions which are the natural result of the life which he chooses to live; neither should man complain of those experiences which are a part of life as it is lived on this world. It is the Father's will that mortal man should work persistently and consistently toward the betterment of

his estate on earth. Intelligent application would enable man to overcome much of his earthly misery.

4 "Nathaniel, it is our mission to help men solve their spiritual problems and in this way to quicken their minds so that they may be the better prepared and inspired to go about solving their manifold material problems. I know of your confusion as you have read the Scriptures. All too often there has prevailed a tendency to ascribe to God the responsibility for everything which ignorant man fails to understand. The Father is not personally responsible for all you may fail to

comprehend. Do not doubt the love of the Father just because some just and wise law of his ordaining chances to afflict you because you have innocently or deliberately transgressed such a divine ordinance.

5 "But, Nathaniel, there is much in the Scriptures which would have instructed you if you had only read with discernment. Do you not remember that it is written: 'My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction, for whom the Lord loves he corrects, even as the father corrects the son in whom he takes delight.' 'The Lord does not afflict

willingly.' 'Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now do I keep the law. Affliction was good for me that I might thereby learn the divine statutes.' 'I know your sorrows. The eternal God is your refuge, while underneath are the everlasting arms.' 'The Lord also is a refuge for the oppressed, a haven of rest in times of trouble.' 'The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of affliction; the Lord will not forget the sick.' 'As a father shows compassion for his children, so is the Lord compassionate to those who fear him. He knows your body; he remembers that you are dust.' 'He heals the brokenhearted and

binds up their wounds.' 'He is the hope of the poor, the strength of the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, and a shadow from the devastating heat.' 'He gives power to the faint, and to them who have no might he increases strength.' 'A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax he will not quench.' 'When you pass through the waters of affliction, I will be with you, and when the rivers of adversity overflow you, I will not forsake you.' 'He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to comfort all who mourn.' 'There is correction

in suffering; affliction does not spring forth from the dust.'"

6. THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF SUFFERING — DISCOURSE ON JOB

1 It was this same evening at Bethsaida that John also asked Jesus why so many apparently innocent people suffered from so many diseases and experienced so many afflictions. In answering John's questions, among many other things, the Master said:

2 §§ "My son, you do not comprehend the meaning of adversity or the mission of suffering. Have you not

read that masterpiece of Semitic literature — the Scripture story of the afflictions of Job? Do you not recall how this wonderful parable begins with the recital of the material prosperity of the Lord's servant? You well remember that Job was blessed with children, wealth, dignity, position, health, and everything else which men value in this temporal life. According to the time-honoured teachings of the children of Abraham such material prosperity was all-sufficient evidence of divine favour. But such material possessions and such temporal prosperity do not indicate God's favour. My Father

in heaven loves the poor just as much as the rich; he is no respecter of persons.

3 "Although transgression of divine law is sooner or later followed by the harvest of punishment, while men certainly eventually do reap what they sow, still you should know that human suffering is not always a punishment for antecedent sin. Both Job and his friends failed to find the true answer for their perplexities. And with the light you now enjoy you would hardly assign to either Satan or God the parts they play in this unique parable. While Job did not, through suffering, find

the resolution of his intellectual troubles or the solution of his philosophical difficulties, he did achieve great victories; even in the very face of the breakdown of his theological defences he ascended to those spiritual heights where he could sincerely say, 'I abhor myself'; then was there granted him the salvation of a *vision of God.* So even through misunderstood suffering, Job ascended to the superhuman plane of moral understanding and spiritual insight. When the suffering servant obtains a vision of God, there follows a soul peace which passes all human understanding.

4 "The first of Job's friends, Eliphaz, exhorted the sufferer to exhibit in his afflictions the same fortitude he had prescribed for others during the days of his prosperity. Said this false comforter: 'Trust in your religion, Job; remember that it is the wicked and not the righteous who suffer. You must deserve this punishment, else you would not be afflicted. You well know that no man can be righteous in God's sight. You know that the wicked never really prosper. Anyway, man seems predestined to trouble, and perhaps the Lord is only chastising you for your own good.' No wonder poor Job failed

to get much comfort from such an interpretation of the problem of human suffering.

5 "But the counsel of his second friend, Bildad, was even more depressing, notwithstanding its soundness from the standpoint of the then accepted theology. Said Bildad: 'God cannot be unjust. Your children must have been sinners since they perished; you must be in error, else you would not be so afflicted. And if you are really righteous, God will certainly deliver you from your afflictions. You should learn from the history of God's dealings with man that the Almighty

destroys only the wicked.'

6 "And then you remember how Job replied to his friends, saying: 'I well know that God does not hear my cry for help. How can God be just and at the same time so utterly disregard my innocence? I am learning that I can get no satisfaction from appealing to the Almighty. Cannot you discern that God tolerates the persecution of the good by the wicked? And since man is so weak, what chance has he for consideration at the hands of an omnipotent God? God has made me as I am, and when he thus turns upon me, I am defenceless. And why did

God ever create me just to suffer in this miserable fashion?'

7 "And who can challenge the attitude of Job in view of the counsel of his friends and the erroneous ideas of God which occupied his own mind? Do you not see that Job longed for a *human* God, that he hungered to commune with a divine Being who knows man's mortal estate and understands that the just must often suffer in innocence as a part of this first life of the long Paradise ascent? Wherefore has the Son of Man come forth from the Father to live such a life in the flesh that he will be able to comfort and suc-

cour all those who must henceforth be called upon to endure the afflictions of Job.

8 "Job's third friend, Zophar, then spoke still less comforting words when he said: 'You are foolish to claim to be righteous, seeing that you are thus afflicted. But I admit that it is impossible to comprehend God's ways. Perhaps there is some hidden purpose in all your miseries.' And when Job had listened to all three of his friends, he appealed directly to God for help, pleading the fact that 'man, born of woman, is few of days and full of trouble.'

9 "Then began the second session with his friends. Eliphaz grew more stern, accusing, and sarcastic. Bildad became indignant at Job's contempt for his friends. Zophar reiterated his melancholy advice. Job by this time had become disgusted with his friends and appealed again to God, and now he appealed to a just God against the God of injustice embodied in the philosophy of his friends and enshrined even in his own religious attitude. Next Job took refuge in the consolation of a future life in which the inequities of mortal existence may be more justly rectified. Failure to

receive help from man drives Job to God. Then ensues the great struggle in his heart between faith and doubt. Finally, the human sufferer begins to see the light of life; his tortured soul ascends to new heights of hope and courage; he may suffer on and even die, but his enlightened soul now utters that cry of triumph, 'My Vindicator lives!'

10 "Job was altogether right when he challenged the doctrine that God afflicts children in order to punish their parents. Job was ever ready to admit that God is righteous, but he longed for some soul-satisfying reve-

lation of the personal character of the Eternal. And that is our mission on earth. No more shall suffering mortals be denied the comfort of knowing the love of God and understanding the mercy of the Father in heaven. While the speech of God spoken from the whirlwind was a majestic concept for the day of its utterance, you have already learned that the Father does not thus reveal himself, but rather that he speaks within the human heart as a still, small voice, saying, 'This is the way; walk therein.' Do you not comprehend that God dwells within you, that he has become what you are that

he may make you what he is!"

11 Then Jesus made this final statement: "The Father in heaven does not willingly afflict the children of men. Man suffers, first, from the accidents of time and the imperfections of the evil of an immature physical existence. Next, he suffers the inexorable consequences of sin — the transgression of the laws of life and light. And finally, man reaps the harvest of his own iniquitous persistence in rebellion against the righteous rule of heaven on earth. But man's miseries are not a *personal* visitation of divine judgment. Man can, and will, do much to lessen his

temporal sufferings. But once and for all be delivered from the superstition that God afflicts man at the behest of the evil one. Study the Book of Job just to discover how many wrong ideas of God even good men may honestly entertain; and then note how even the painfully afflicted Job found the God of comfort and salvation in spite of such erroneous teachings. At last his faith pierced the clouds of suffering to discern the light of life pouring forth from the Father as healing mercy and everlasting righteousness."

12 John pondered these sayings in his heart for many days. His entire after-

life was markedly changed as a result of this conversation with the Master in the garden, and he did much, in later times, to cause the other apostles to change their viewpoints regarding the source, nature, and purpose of commonplace human afflictions. But John never spoke of this conference until after the Master had departed.

7. THE MAN WITH THE WITHERED HAND

1 The second Sabbath before the departure of the apostles and the new corps of evangelists on the second preaching tour of Galilee, Jesus spoke in the Capernaum synagogue on the

"Joys of Righteous Living." When Jesus had finished speaking, a large group of those who were maimed, halt, sick, and afflicted crowded up around him, seeking healing. Also in this group were the apostles, many of the new evangelists, and the Pharisaic spies from Jerusalem. Everywhere that Jesus went (except when in the hills about the Father's business) the six Jerusalem spies were sure to follow.

2 The leader of the spying Pharisees, as Jesus stood talking to the people, induced a man with a withered hand to approach him and ask if it would be lawful to be healed on the Sabbath day

or should he seek help on another day. When Jesus saw the man, heard his words, and perceived that he had been sent by the Pharisees, he said: "Come forward while I ask you a question. If you had a sheep and it should fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, would you reach down, lay hold on it, and lift it out? Is it lawful to do such things on the Sabbath day?" And the man answered: "Yes, Master, it would be lawful thus to do well on the Sabbath day." Then said Jesus, speaking to all of them: "I know wherefore you have sent this man into my presence. You would find cause for offence in me if

you could tempt me to show mercy on the Sabbath day. In silence you all agreed that it was lawful to lift the unfortunate sheep out of the pit, even on the Sabbath, and I call you to witness that it is lawful to exhibit loving-kindness on the Sabbath day not only to animals but also to men. How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! I proclaim that it is lawful to do good to men on the Sabbath day." And as they all stood before him in silence, Jesus, addressing the man with the withered hand, said: "Stand up here by my side that all may see you. And now that you may know that it is my Father's

will that you do good on the Sabbath day, if you have the faith to be healed, I bid you stretch out your hand."

3 And as this man stretched forth his withered hand, it was made whole. The people were minded to turn upon the Pharisees, but Jesus bade them be calm, saying: "I have just told you that it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath, to save life, but I did not instruct you to do harm and give way to the desire to kill." The angered Pharisees went away, and notwithstanding it was the Sabbath day, they hastened forthwith to Tiberias and took counsel with Herod, doing everything in

their power to arouse his prejudice in order to secure the Herodians as allies against Jesus. But Herod refused to take action against Jesus, advising that they carry their complaints to Jerusalem.

4 This is the first case of a miracle to be wrought by Jesus in response to the challenge of his enemies. And the Master performed this so-called miracle, not as a demonstration of his healing power, but as an effective protest against making the Sabbath rest of religion a veritable bondage of meaningless restrictions upon all mankind. This man returned to his work as a

stone mason, proving to be one of those whose healing was followed by a life of thanksgiving and righteousness.

8. LAST WEEK AT BETHSAIDA

1 The last week of the sojourn at Bethsaida the Jerusalem spies became much divided in their attitude toward Jesus and his teachings. Three of these Pharisees were tremendously impressed by what they had seen and heard. Meanwhile, at Jerusalem, Abraham, a young and influential member of the Sanhedrin, publicly espoused the teachings of Jesus and was bap-

tized in the pool of Siloam by Abner. All Jerusalem was agog over this event, and messengers were immediately dispatched to Bethsaida recalling the six spying Pharisees.

2 §§ The Greek philosopher who had been won for the kingdom on the previous tour of Galilee returned with certain wealthy Jews of Alexandria, and once more they invited Jesus to come to their city for the purpose of establishing a joint school of philosophy and religion as well as an infirmary for the sick. But Jesus courteously declined the invitation.

3 §§ About this time there arrived at

the Bethsaida encampment a trance prophet from Bagdad, one Kirmeth. This supposed prophet had peculiar visions when in trance and dreamed fantastic dreams when his sleep was disturbed. He created a considerable disturbance at the camp, and Simon Zelotes was in favour of dealing rather roughly with the self-deceived pretender, but Jesus intervened and allowed him entire freedom of action for a few days. All who heard his preaching soon recognized that his teaching was not sound as judged by the gospel of the kingdom. He shortly returned to Bagdad, taking with him only a

half dozen unstable and erratic souls. But before Jesus interceded for the Bagdad prophet, David Zebedee, with the assistance of a self-appointed committee, had taken Kirmeth out into the lake and, after repeatedly plunging him into the water, had advised him to depart hence — to organize and build a camp of his own.

4 §§ On this same day, Beth-Marion, a Phoenician woman, became so fanatical that she went out of her head and, after almost drowning from trying to walk on the water, was sent away by her friends.

5 §§ The new Jerusalem convert,

Abraham the Pharisee, gave all of his worldly goods to the apostolic treasury, and this contribution did much to make possible the immediate sending forth of the one hundred newly trained evangelists. Andrew had already announced the closing of the encampment, and everybody prepared either to go home or else to follow the evangelists into Galilee.

9. HEALING THE PARALYTIC

1 On Friday afternoon, October 1, when Jesus was holding his last meeting with the apostles, evangelists, and other leaders of the disbanding en-

campment, and with the six Pharisees from Jerusalem seated in the front row of this assembly in the spacious and enlarged front room of the Zebedee home, there occurred one of the strangest and most unique episodes of all Jesus' earth life. The Master was, at this time, speaking as he stood in this large room, which had been built to accommodate these gatherings during the rainy season. The house was entirely surrounded by a vast concourse of people who were straining their ears to catch some part of Jesus' discourse.

2 While the house was thus thronged with people and entirely surrounded

by eager listeners, a man long afflicted with paralysis was carried down from Capernaum on a small couch by his friends. This paralytic had heard that Jesus was about to leave Bethsaida, and having talked with Aaron the stone mason, who had been so recently made whole, he resolved to be carried into Jesus' presence, where he could seek healing. His friends tried to gain entrance to Zebedee's house by both the front and back doors, but too many people were crowded together. But the paralytic refused to accept defeat; he directed his friends to procure ladders by which they ascended to the

roof of the room in which Jesus was speaking, and after loosening the tiles, they boldly lowered the sick man on his couch by ropes until the afflicted one rested on the floor immediately in front of the Master. When Jesus saw what they had done, he ceased speaking, while those who were with him in the room marveled at the perseverance of the sick man and his friends. Said the paralytic: "Master, I would not disturb your teaching, but I am determined to be made whole. I am not like those who received healing and immediately forgot your teaching. I would be made whole that I might

serve in the kingdom of heaven." Now, notwithstanding that this man's affliction had been brought upon him by his own misspent life, Jesus, seeing his faith, said to the paralytic: "Son, fear not; your sins are forgiven. Your faith shall save you."

3 When the Pharisees from Jerusalem, together with other scribes and lawyers who sat with them, heard this pronouncement by Jesus, they began to say to themselves: "How dare this man thus speak? Does he not understand that such words are blasphemy? Who can forgive sin but God?" Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they

thus reasoned within their own minds and among themselves, spoke to them, saying: "Why do you so reason in your hearts? Who are you that you sit in judgment over me? What is the difference whether I say to this paralytic, your sins are forgiven, or arise, take up your bed, and walk? But that you who witness all this may finally know that the Son of Man has authority and power on earth to forgive sins, I will say to this afflicted man, Arise, take up your bed, and go to your own house." And when Jesus had thus spoken, the paralytic arose, and as they made way for him, he walked out before them all.

And those who saw these things were amazed. Peter dismissed the assemblage, while many prayed and glorified God, confessing that they had never before seen such strange happenings.

4 §§ And it was about this time that the messengers of the Sanhedrin arrived to bid the six spies return to Jerusalem. When they heard this message, they fell to earnest debate among themselves; and after they had finished their discussions, the leader and two of his associates returned with the messengers to Jerusalem, while three of the spying Pharisees confessed faith in Jesus and, going immediately to the

lake, were baptized by Peter and fellowshipped by the apostles as children of the kingdom.

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THE SECOND PREACHING TOUR

Midwayer Commission

The second public preaching tour of Galilee began on Sunday, October 3, A.D. 28, and continued for almost three months, ending on December 30. Participating in this effort were Jesus and his twelve apostles, assisted by the newly recruited corps of 117 evangelists and by numerous other interested persons. On this tour they visited

Gadara, Ptolemais, Japhia, Dabaritta, Megiddo, Jezreel, Scythopolis, Tarichea, Hippos, Gamala, Bethsaida-Julias, and many other cities and villages.

2 Before the departure on this Sunday morning Andrew and Peter asked Jesus to give the final charge to the new evangelists, but the Master declined, saying that it was not his province to do those things which others could acceptably perform. After due deliberation it was decided that James Zebedee should administer the charge. At the conclusion of James's remarks Jesus said to the evangelists: "Go now forth to do the work as you have

been charged, and later on, when you have shown yourselves competent and faithful, I will ordain you to preach the gospel of the kingdom."

3 On this tour only James and John travelled with Jesus. Peter and the other apostles each took with them about one dozen of the evangelists and maintained close contact with them while they carried on their work of preaching and teaching. As fast as believers were ready to enter the kingdom, the apostles would administer baptism. Jesus and his two companions travelled extensively during these three months, often visiting two cities

in one day to observe the work of the evangelists and to encourage them in their efforts to establish the kingdom. This entire second preaching tour was principally an effort to afford practical experience for this corps of 117 newly trained evangelists.

4 §§ Throughout this period and subsequently, up to the time of the final departure of Jesus and the twelve for Jerusalem, David Zebedee maintained a permanent headquarters for the work of the kingdom in his father's house at Bethsaida. This was the clearinghouse for Jesus' work on earth and the relay station for the messenger ser-

vice which David carried on between the workers in various parts of Palestine and adjacent regions. He did all of this on his own initiative but with the approval of Andrew. David employed 40 to 50 messengers in this intelligence division of the rapidly enlarging and extending work of the kingdom. While thus employed, he partially supported himself by spending some of his time at his old work of fishing.

1. THE WIDESPREAD FAME OF JESUS

1 By the time the camp at Bethsaida had been broken up, the fame of Je-

sus, particularly as a healer, had spread to all parts of Palestine and through all of Syria and the surrounding countries. For weeks after they left Bethsaida, the sick continued to arrive, and when they did not find the Master, on learning from David where he was, they would go in search of him. On this tour Jesus did not deliberately perform any so-called miracles of healing. Nevertheless, scores of afflicted found restoration of health and happiness as a result of the reconstructive power of the intense faith which impelled them to seek for healing.

2 There began to appear about the

time of this mission — and continued throughout the remainder of Jesus' life on earth — a peculiar and unexplained series of healing phenomena. In the course of this three months' tour more than one hundred men, women, and children from Judea, Idumea, Galilee, Syria, Tyre, and Sidon, and from beyond the Jordan were beneficiaries of this unconscious healing by Jesus and, returning to their homes, added to the enlargement of Jesus' fame. And they did this notwithstanding that Jesus would, every time he observed one of these cases of spontaneous healing, directly charge the beneficiary to "tell

no man."

3 §§ It was never revealed to us just what occurred in these cases of spontaneous or unconscious healing. The Master never explained to his apostles how these healings were effected, other than that on several occasions he merely said, "I perceive that power has gone forth from me." On one occasion he remarked when touched by an ailing child, "I perceive that life has gone forth from me."

4 In the absence of direct word from the Master regarding the nature of these cases of spontaneous healing, it would be presuming on our part to un-

dertake to explain how they were accomplished, but it will be permissible to record our opinion of all such healing phenomena. We believe that many of these apparent miracles of healing, as they occurred in the course of Jesus' earth ministry, were the result of the coexistence of the following three powerful, potent, and associated influences:

5 1. The presence of strong, dominant, and living faith in the heart of the human being who persistently sought healing, together with the fact that such healing was desired for its spiritual benefits rather than for purely

physical restoration.

6 2. The existence, concomitant with such human faith, of the great sympathy and compassion of the incarnated and mercy-dominated Creator Son of God, who actually possessed in his person almost unlimited and timeless creative healing powers and prerogatives.

7 3. Along with the faith of the creature and the life of the Creator it should also be noted that this God-man was the personified expression of the Father's will. If, in the contact of the human need and the divine power to meet it, the Father did not will oth-

erwise, the two became one, and the healing occurred unconsciously to the human Jesus but was immediately recognized by his divine nature. The explanation, then, of many of these cases of healing must be found in a great law which has long been known to us, namely, What the Creator Son desires and the eternal Father wills IS.

8 §§ It is, then, our opinion that, in the personal presence of Jesus, certain forms of profound human faith were literally and truly *compelling* in the manifestation of healing by certain creative forces and personalities of the universe who were at that time so

intimately associated with the Son of Man. It therefore becomes a fact of record that Jesus did frequently suffer men to heal themselves in his presence by their powerful, personal faith.

9 Many others sought healing for wholly selfish purposes. A rich widow of Tyre, with her retinue, came seeking to be healed of her infirmities, which were many; and as she followed Jesus about through Galilee, she continued to offer more and more money, as if the power of God were something to be purchased by the highest bidder. But never would she become interested in the gospel of the kingdom;

it was only the cure of her physical ailments that she sought.

2. ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE

1 Jesus understood the minds of men. He knew what was in the heart of man, and had his teachings been left as he presented them, the only commentary being the inspired interpretation afforded by his earth life, all nations and all religions of the world would speedily have embraced the gospel of the kingdom. The well-meant efforts of Jesus' early followers to restate his teachings so as to make them the more acceptable to certain nations, races,

and religions, only resulted in making such teachings the less acceptable to all other nations, races, and religions.

2 The Apostle Paul, in his efforts to bring the teachings of Jesus to the favourable notice of certain groups in his day, wrote many letters of instruction and admonition. Other teachers of Jesus' gospel did likewise, but none of them realized that some of these writings would subsequently be brought together by those who would set them forth as the embodiment of the teachings of Jesus. And so, while so-called Christianity does contain more of the Master's gospel than any other reli-

gion, it does also contain much that Jesus did not teach. Aside from the incorporation of many teachings from the Persian mysteries and much of the Greek philosophy into early Christianity, two great mistakes were made:

3 1. The effort to connect the gospel teaching directly onto the Jewish theology, as illustrated by the Christian doctrines of the atonement — the teaching that Jesus was the sacrificed Son who would satisfy the Father's stern justice and appease the divine wrath. These teachings originated in a praiseworthy effort to make the gospel of the kingdom more ac-

ceptable to disbelieving Jews. Though these efforts failed as far as winning the Jews was concerned, they did not fail to confuse and alienate many honest souls in all subsequent generations.

4 2. The second great blunder of the Master's early followers, and one which all subsequent generations have persisted in perpetuating, was to organize the Christian teaching so completely about the *person* of Jesus. This overemphasis of the personality of Jesus in the theology of Christianity has worked to obscure his teachings, and all of this has made it increasingly difficult for Jews, Mohammedans, Hindus,

and other Eastern religionists to accept the teachings of Jesus. We would not belittle the place of the person of Jesus in a religion which might bear his name, but we would not permit such consideration to eclipse his inspired life or to supplant his saving message: the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

5 §§ The teachers of the religion of Jesus should approach other religions with the recognition of the truths which are held in common (many of which come directly or indirectly from Jesus' message) while they refrain from placing so much emphasis on the

differences.

6 §§ While, at that particular time, the fame of Jesus rested chiefly upon his reputation as a healer, it does not follow that it continued so to rest. As time passed, more and more he was sought for spiritual help. But it was the physical cures that made the most direct and immediate appeal to the common people. Jesus was increasingly sought by the victims of moral enslavement and mental harassments, and he invariably taught them the way of deliverance. Fathers sought his advice regarding the management of their sons, and mothers came for

help in the guidance of their daughters. Those who sat in darkness came to him, and he revealed to them the light of life. His ear was ever open to the sorrows of mankind, and he always helped those who sought his ministry.

7 When the Creator himself was on earth, incarnated in the likeness of mortal flesh, it was inevitable that some extraordinary things should happen. But you should never approach Jesus through these so-called miraculous occurrences. Learn to approach the miracle through Jesus, but do not make the mistake of approaching Jesus through the miracle. And

this admonition is warranted, notwithstanding that Jesus of Nazareth is the only founder of a religion who performed supermaterial acts on earth.

8 §§ The most astonishing and the most revolutionary feature of Michael's mission on earth was his attitude toward women. In a day and generation when a man was not supposed to salute even his own wife in a public place, Jesus dared to take women along as teachers of the gospel in connection with his third tour of Galilee. And he had the consummate courage to do this in the face of the rabbinic teaching which declared that it was "better that

the words of the law should be burned than delivered to women."

9 In one generation Jesus lifted women out of the disrespectful oblivion and the slavish drudgery of the ages. And it is the one shameful thing about the religion that presumed to take Jesus' name that it lacked the moral courage to follow this noble example in its subsequent attitude toward women.

10 §§ As Jesus mingled with the people, they found him entirely free from the superstitions of that day. He was free from religious prejudices; he was never intolerant. He had noth-

ing in his heart resembling social antagonism. While he complied with the good in the religion of his fathers, he did not hesitate to disregard man-made traditions of superstition and bondage. He dared to teach that catastrophes of nature, accidents of time, and other calamitous happenings are not visitations of divine judgments or mysterious dispensations of Providence. He denounced slavish devotion to meaningless ceremonials and exposed the fallacy of materialistic worship. He boldly proclaimed man's spiritual freedom and dared to teach that mortals of the flesh are indeed and

in truth sons of the living God.

11 Jesus transcended all the teachings of his forebears when he boldly substituted clean hearts for clean hands as the mark of true religion. He put reality in the place of tradition and swept aside all pretensions of vanity and hypocrisy. And yet this fearless man of God did not give vent to destructive criticism or manifest an utter disregard of the religious, social, economic, and political usages of his day. He was not a militant revolutionist; he was a progressive evolutionist. He engaged in the destruction of that which *was* only when he simultane-

ously offered his fellows the superior thing which *ought to be.*

12 §§ Jesus received the obedience of his followers without exacting it. Only three men who received his personal call refused to accept the invitation to discipleship. He exercised a peculiar drawing power over men, but he was not dictatorial. He commanded confidence, and no man ever resented his giving a command. He assumed absolute authority over his disciples, but no one ever objected. He permitted his followers to call him Master.

13 The Master was admired by all who met him except by those who en-

tertained deep-seated religious prejudices or those who thought they discerned political dangers in his teachings. Men were astonished at the originality and authoritativeness of his teaching. They marveled at his patience in dealing with backward and troublesome inquirers. He inspired hope and confidence in the hearts of all who came under his ministry. Only those who had not met him feared him, and he was hated only by those who regarded him as the champion of that truth which was destined to overthrow the evil and error which they had determined to hold in their hearts

at all cost.

14 On both friends and foes he exercised a strong and peculiarly fascinating influence. Multitudes would follow him for weeks, just to hear his gracious words and behold his simple life. Devoted men and women loved Jesus with a well-nigh superhuman affection. And the better they knew him the more they loved him. And all this is still true; even today and in all future ages, the more man comes to know this God-man, the more he will love

and follow after him.

3. HOSTILITY OF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

1 Notwithstanding the favourable reception of Jesus and his teachings by the common people, the religious leaders at Jerusalem became increasingly alarmed and antagonistic. The Pharisees had formulated a systematic and dogmatic theology. Jesus was a teacher who taught as the occasion served; he was not a systematic teacher. Jesus taught not so much from the law as from life, by parables. (And when he employed a parable for illustrating his message, he designed

to utilize just *one* feature of the story for that purpose. Many wrong ideas concerning the teachings of Jesus may be secured by attempting to make allegories out of his parables.)

2 The religious leaders at Jerusalem were becoming well-nigh frantic as a result of the recent conversion of young Abraham and by the desertion of the three spies who had been baptized by Peter, and who were now out with the evangelists on this second preaching tour of Galilee. The Jewish leaders were increasingly blinded by fear and prejudice, while their hearts were hardened by the continued re-

jection of the appealing truths of the gospel of the kingdom. When men shut off the appeal to the spirit that dwells within them, there is little that can be done to modify their attitude.

3 When Jesus first met with the evangelists at the Bethsaida camp, in concluding his address, he said: "You should remember that in body and mind — emotionally — men react individually. The only *uniform* thing about men is the indwelling spirit. Though divine spirits may vary somewhat in the nature and extent of their experience, they react uniformly to all spiritual appeals. Only through, and

by appeal to, this spirit can mankind ever attain unity and brotherhood." But many of the leaders of the Jews had closed the doors of their hearts to the spiritual appeal of the gospel. From this day on they ceased not to plan and plot for the Master's destruction. They were convinced that Jesus must be apprehended, convicted, and executed as a religious offender, a violator of the cardinal teachings of the Jewish sacred law.

4. PROGRESS OF THE PREACHING TOUR

1 Jesus did very little public work on this preaching tour, but he con-

ducted many evening classes with the believers in most of the cities and villages where he chanced to sojourn with James and John. At one of these evening sessions one of the younger evangelists asked Jesus a question about anger, and the Master, among other things, said in reply:[1]

2 §§ "Anger is a material manifestation which represents, in a general

[1] In 1955 text "and the Master among other things said, in reply". See also note for 149:7.1. This sentence required two edits to make it flow correctly: at this location a comma was inserted after "the Master" and per the following item, a pre-existing comma that originally followed "said" was moved in front of it — to follow "things".

way, the measure of the failure of the spiritual nature to gain control of the combined intellectual and physical natures. Anger indicates your lack of tolerant brotherly love plus your lack of self-respect and self-control. Anger depletes the health, debases the mind, and handicaps the spirit teacher of man's soul. Have you not read in the Scriptures that 'wrath kills the foolish man,' and that man 'tears himself in his anger'? That 'he who is slow of wrath is of great understanding,' while 'he who is hasty of temper exalts folly'? You all know that 'a soft answer turns away wrath,' and how 'grievous words

stir up anger.' 'Discretion defers anger,' while 'he who has no control over his own self is like a defenceless city without walls.' 'Wrath is cruel and anger is outrageous.' 'Angry men stir up strife, while the furious multiply their transgressions.' 'Be not hasty in spirit, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.'" Before Jesus ceased speaking, he said further: "Let your hearts be so dominated by love that your spirit guide will have little trouble in delivering you from the tendency to give vent to those outbursts of animal anger which are inconsistent with the status of divine sonship."

3 §§ On this same occasion the Master talked to the group about the desirability of possessing well-balanced characters. He recognized that it was necessary for most men to devote themselves to the mastery of some vocation, but he deplored all tendency toward overspecialization, toward becoming narrow-minded and circumscribed in life's activities. He called attention to the fact that any virtue, if carried to extremes, may become a vice. Jesus always preached temperance and taught consistency — proportionate adjustment of life problems. He pointed out that overmuch

sympathy and pity may degenerate into serious emotional instability; that enthusiasm may drive on into fanaticism. He discussed one of their former associates whose imagination had led him off into visionary and impractical undertakings. At the same time he warned them against the dangers of the dullness of overconservative mediocrity.

4 And then Jesus discoursed on the dangers of courage and faith, how they sometimes lead unthinking souls on to recklessness and presumption. He also showed how prudence and discretion, when carried too far, lead to cow-

ardice and failure. He exhorted his hearers to strive for originality while they shunned all tendency toward eccentricity. He pleaded for sympathy without sentimentality, piety without sanctimoniousness. He taught reverence free from fear and superstition.

5 It was not so much what Jesus taught about the balanced character that impressed his associates as the fact that his own life was such an eloquent exemplification of his teaching. He lived in the midst of stress and storm, but he never wavered. His enemies continually laid snares for him, but they never entrapped him. The

wise and learned endeavoured to trip him, but he did not stumble. They sought to embroil him in debate, but his answers were always enlightening, dignified, and final. When he was interrupted in his discourses with multitudinous questions, his answers were always significant and conclusive. Never did he resort to ignoble tactics in meeting the continuous pressure of his enemies, who did not hesitate to employ every sort of false, unfair, and unrighteous mode of attack upon him.

6 While it is true that many men and women must assiduously apply themselves to some definite pursuit as a

livelihood vocation, it is nevertheless wholly desirable that human beings should cultivate a wide range of cultural familiarity with life as it is lived on earth. Truly educated persons are not satisfied with remaining in ignorance of the lives and doings of their fellows.

5. LESSON REGARDING CONTENTMENT

1 When Jesus was visiting the group of evangelists working under the supervision of Simon Zelotes, during their evening conference Simon asked the Master: "Why are some persons so much more happy and contented

than others? Is contentment a matter of religious experience?" Among other things, Jesus said in answer to Simon's question:

2 §§ "Simon, some persons are naturally more happy than others. Much, very much, depends upon the willingness of man to be led and directed by the Father's spirit which lives within him. Have you not read in the Scriptures the words of the wise man, 'The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts'? And also that such spirit-led mortals say: 'The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a goodly heritage.' 'A

little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked,' for 'a good man shall be satisfied from within himself.' 'A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance and is a continual feast. Better is a little with the reverence of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fatted ox and hatred therewith. Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without rectitude.' 'A merry heart does good like a medicine.' 'Better is a handful with composure than a superabundance with sorrow and vexation of spirit.'

3 "Much of man's sorrow is born of the disappointment of his ambitions and the wounding of his pride. Although men owe a duty to themselves to make the best of their lives on earth, having thus sincerely exerted themselves, they should cheerfully accept their lot and exercise ingenuity in making the most of that which has fallen to their hands. All too many of man's troubles take origin in the fear soil of his own natural heart. 'The wicked flee when no man pursues.' 'The wicked are like the troubled sea, for it cannot rest, but its waters cast up mire and dirt; there is no peace, says

God, for the wicked.'

4 "Seek not, then, for false peace and transient joy but rather for the assurance of faith and the sureties of divine sonship which yield composure, contentment, and supreme joy in the spirit."

5 §§ Jesus hardly regarded this world as a "vale of tears." He rather looked upon it as the birth sphere of the eternal and immortal spirits of Paradise ascension, the "vale of soul making."

6. THE "FEAR OF THE LORD"

1 It was at Gamala, during the evening conference, that Philip said to

Jesus: "Master, why is it that the Scriptures instruct us to 'fear the Lord,' while you would have us look to the Father in heaven without fear? How are we to harmonize these teachings?" And Jesus replied to Philip, saying:

2 §§ "My children, I am not surprised that you ask such questions. In the beginning it was only through fear that man could learn reverence, but I have come to reveal the Father's love so that you will be attracted to the worship of the Eternal by the drawing of a son's affectionate recognition and reciprocation of the Father's profound and perfect love. I would deliver you from the

bondage of driving yourselves through slavish fear to the irksome service of a jealous and wrathful King-God. I would instruct you in the Father-son relationship of God and man so that you may be joyfully led into that sublime and supernal free worship of a loving, just, and merciful Father-God.

3 "The 'fear of the Lord' has had different meanings in the successive ages, coming up from fear, through anguish and dread, to awe and reverence. And now from reverence I would lead you up, through recognition, realization, and appreciation, to *love.* When man recognizes only the works of God, he

is led to fear the Supreme; but when man begins to understand and experience the personality and character of the living God, he is led increasingly to love such a good and perfect, universal and eternal Father. And it is just this changing of the relation of man to God that constitutes the mission of the Son of Man on earth.

4 "Intelligent children do not fear their father in order that they may receive good gifts from his hand; but having already received the abundance of good things bestowed by the dictates of the father's affection for his sons and daughters, these much loved

children are led to love their father in responsive recognition and appreciation of such munificent beneficence. The goodness of God leads to repentance; the beneficence of God leads to service; the mercy of God leads to salvation; while the love of God leads to intelligent and freehearted worship.

5 "Your forebears feared God because he was mighty and mysterious. You shall adore him because he is magnificent in love, plenteous in mercy, and glorious in truth. The power of God engenders fear in the heart of man, but the nobility and righteousness of his personality beget reverence,

love, and willing worship. A dutiful and affectionate son does not fear or dread even a mighty and noble father. I have come into the world to put love in the place of fear, joy in the place of sorrow, confidence in the place of dread, loving service and appreciative worship in the place of slavish bondage and meaningless ceremonies. But it is still true of those who sit in darkness that 'the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.' But when the light has more fully come, the sons of God are led to praise the Infinite for what he *is* rather than to fear him for what he *does*.

6 "When children are young and unthinking, they must necessarily be admonished to honour their parents; but when they grow older and become somewhat more appreciative of the benefits of the parental ministry and protection, they are led up, through understanding respect and increasing affection, to that level of experience where they actually love their parents for what they are more than for what they have done. The father naturally loves his child, but the child must develop his love for the father from the fear of what the father can do, through awe, dread, dependence, and rever-

ence, to the appreciative and affectionate regard of love.

7 "You have been taught that you should 'fear God and keep his commandments, for that is the whole duty of man.' But I have come to give you a new and higher commandment. I would teach you to 'love God and learn to do his will, for that is the highest privilege of the liberated sons of God.' Your fathers were taught to 'fear God — the Almighty King.' I teach you, 'Love God — the all-merciful Father.'

8 "In the kingdom of heaven, which I have come to declare, there is no

high and mighty king; this kingdom is a divine family. The universally recognized and unreservedly worshipped centre and head of this far-flung brotherhood of intelligent beings is my Father and your Father. I am his Son, and you are also his sons. Therefore it is eternally true that you and I are brethren in the heavenly estate, and all the more so since we have become brethren in the flesh of the earthly life. Cease, then, to fear God as a king or serve him as a master; learn to reverence him as the Creator; honour him as the Father of your spirit youth; love him as a merciful defender; and

ultimately worship him as the loving and all-wise Father of your more mature spiritual realization and appreciation.

9 "Out of your wrong concepts of the Father in heaven grow your false ideas of humility and springs much of your hypocrisy. Man may be a worm of the dust by nature and origin, but when he becomes indwelt by my Father's spirit, that man becomes divine in his destiny. The bestowal spirit of my Father will surely return to the divine source and universe level of origin, and the human soul of mortal man which shall have become the

reborn child of this indwelling spirit shall certainly ascend with the divine spirit to the very presence of the eternal Father.

10 "Humility, indeed, becomes mortal man who receives all these gifts from the Father in heaven, albeit there is a divine dignity attached to all such faith candidates for the eternal ascent of the heavenly kingdom. The meaningless and menial practices of an ostentatious and false humility are incompatible with the appreciation of the source of your salvation and the recognition of the destiny of your spirit-born souls. Humility before

God is altogether appropriate in the depths of your hearts; meekness before men is commendable; but the hypocrisy of self-conscious and attention-craving humility is childish and unworthy of the enlightened sons of the kingdom.

11 "You do well to be meek before God and self-controlled before men, but let your meekness be of spiritual origin and not the self-deceptive display of a self-conscious sense of self-righteous superiority. The prophet spoke advisedly when he said, 'Walk humbly with God,' for, while the Father in heaven is the Infinite and the

Eternal, he also dwells 'with him who is of a contrite mind and a humble spirit.' My Father disdains pride, loathes hypocrisy, and abhors iniquity. And it was to emphasize the value of sincerity and perfect trust in the loving support and faithful guidance of the heavenly Father that I have so often referred to the little child as illustrative of the attitude of mind and the response of spirit which are so essential to the entrance of mortal man into the spirit realities of the kingdom of heaven.

12 "Well did the Prophet Jeremiah describe many mortals when he said:

'You are near God in the mouth but far from him in the heart.' And have you not also read that direful warning of the prophet who said: 'The priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money. At the same time they profess piety and proclaim that the Lord is with them.' Have you not been well warned against those who 'speak peace to their neighbours when mischief is in their hearts,' those who 'flatter with the lips while the heart is given to double-dealing'? Of all the sorrows of a trusting man, none are so terrible as to be 'wounded in the house of a trusted

friend.'"

7. RETURNING TO BETHSAIDA

1 Andrew, in consultation with Simon Peter and with the approval of Jesus, had instructed David at Bethsaida to dispatch messengers to the various preaching groups with instructions to terminate the tour and return to Bethsaida sometime on Thursday, December 30. By supper time on that rainy day all of the apostolic party and the teaching evangelists had arrived at the Zebedee home.

2 The group remained together over the Sabbath day, being accommo-

dated in the homes of Bethsaida and near-by Capernaum, after which the entire party was granted a two weeks' recess to go home to their families, visit their friends, or go fishing. The two or three days they were together in Bethsaida were, indeed, exhilarating and inspiring; even the older teachers were edified by the young preachers as they narrated their experiences.

3 Of the 117 evangelists who participated in this second preaching tour of Galilee, only about 75 survived the test of actual experience and were on hand to be assigned to service at the end of the two weeks' recess. Jesus,

with Andrew, Peter, James, and John, remained at the Zebedee home and spent much time in conference regarding the welfare and extension of the kingdom.

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THE THIRD PREACHING TOUR

Midwayer Commission

On Sunday evening, January 16, A.D. 29, Abner, with the apostles of John, reached Bethsaida and went into joint conference with Andrew and the apostles of Jesus the next day. Abner and his associates made their headquarters at Hebron and were in the habit of coming up to Bethsaida periodically for these conferences.

2 Among the many matters considered by this joint conference was the practice of anointing the sick with certain forms of oil in connection with prayers for healing. Again did Jesus decline to participate in their discussions or to express himself regarding their conclusions. The apostles of John had always used the anointing oil in their ministry to the sick and afflicted, and they sought to establish this as a uniform practice for both groups, but the apostles of Jesus refused to bind themselves by such a regulation.

3 §§ On Tuesday, January 18, the 24 were joined by the tested evangelists,

about 75 in number, at the Zebedee house in Bethsaida preparatory to being sent forth on the third preaching tour of Galilee. This third mission continued for a period of seven weeks.

4 The evangelists were sent out in groups of five, while Jesus and the twelve travelled together most of the time, the apostles going out two and two to baptize believers as occasion required. For a period of almost three weeks Abner and his associates also worked with the evangelistic groups, advising them and baptizing believers. They visited Magdala, Tiberias, Nazareth, and all the principal cities and

villages of central and southern Galilee, all the places previously visited and many others. This was their last message to Galilee, except to the northern portions.

1. THE WOMEN'S EVANGELISTIC CORPS

1 Of all the daring things which Jesus did in connection with his earth career, the most amazing was his sudden announcement on the evening of January 16: "On the morrow we will set apart ten women for the ministering work of the kingdom." At the beginning of the two weeks' period during which the apostles and

the evangelists were to be absent from Bethsaida on their furlough, Jesus requested David to summon his parents back to their home and to dispatch messengers calling to Bethsaida ten devout women who had served in the administration of the former encampment and the tented infirmary. These women had all listened to the instruction given the young evangelists, but it had never occurred to either themselves or their teachers that Jesus would dare to commission women to teach the gospel of the kingdom and minister to the sick. These ten women selected and commissioned by Je-

sus were: Susanna, the daughter of the former chazan of the Nazareth synagogue; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, the steward of Herod Antipas; Elizabeth, the daughter of a wealthy Jew of Tiberias and Sepphoris; Martha, the elder sister of Andrew and Peter; Rachel, the sister-in-law of Jude, the Master's brother in the flesh; Nasanta, the daughter of Elman, the Syrian physician; Milcha, a cousin of the Apostle Thomas; Ruth, the eldest daughter of Matthew Levi; Celta, the daughter of a Roman centurion; and Agaman, a widow of Damascus. Subsequently, Jesus added two other wo-

men to this group — Mary Magdalene and Rebecca, the daughter of Joseph of Arimathea.

2 Jesus authorized these women to effect their own organization and directed Judas to provide funds for their equipment and for pack animals. The ten elected Susanna as their chief and Joanna as their treasurer. From this time on they furnished their own funds; never again did they draw upon Judas for support.

3 It was most astounding in that day, when women were not even allowed on the main floor of the synagogue (being confined to the wo-

men's gallery), to behold them being recognized as authorized teachers of the new gospel of the kingdom. The charge which Jesus gave these ten women as he set them apart for gospel teaching and ministry was the emancipation proclamation which set free all women and for all time; no more was man to look upon woman as his spiritual inferior. This was a decided shock to even the twelve apostles. Notwithstanding they had many times heard the Master say that "in the kingdom of heaven there is neither rich nor poor, free nor bond, male nor female, all are equally the sons and daughters

of God," they were literally stunned when he proposed formally to commission these ten women as religious teachers and even to permit their travelling about with them. The whole country was stirred up by this proceeding, the enemies of Jesus making great capital out of this move, but everywhere the women believers in the good news stood staunchly behind their chosen sisters and voiced no uncertain approval of this tardy acknowledgement of woman's place in religious work. And this liberation of women, giving them due recognition, was practised by the apos-

tles immediately after the Master's departure, albeit they fell back to the olden customs in subsequent generations. Throughout the early days of the Christian church women teachers and ministers were called *deaconesses* and were accorded general recognition. But Paul, despite the fact that he conceded all this in theory, never really incorporated it into his own attitude and personally found it difficult to carry out in practice.

2. THE STOP AT MAGDALA

1 As the apostolic party journeyed from Bethsaida, the women travelled

in the rear. During the conference time they always sat in a group in front and to the right of the speaker. Increasingly, women had become believers in the gospel of the kingdom, and it had been a source of much difficulty and no end of embarrassment when they had desired to hold personal converse with Jesus or one of the apostles. Now all this was changed. When any of the women believers desired to see the Master or confer with the apostles, they went to Susanna, and in company with one of the twelve women evangelists, they would go at once into the presence of the Master or one of his

apostles.

2 It was at Magdala that the women first demonstrated their usefulness and vindicated the wisdom of their choosing. Andrew had imposed rather strict rules upon his associates about doing personal work with women, especially with those of questionable character. When the party entered Magdala, these ten women evangelists were free to enter the evil resorts and preach the glad tidings directly to all their inmates. And when visiting the sick, these women were able to draw very close in their ministry to their afflicted sisters. As the re-

sult of the ministry of these ten women (afterwards known as the twelve women) at this place, Mary Magdalene was won for the kingdom. Through a succession of misfortunes and in consequence of the attitude of reputable society toward women who commit such errors of judgment, this woman had found herself in one of the nefarious resorts of Magdala. It was Martha and Rachel who made plain to Mary that the doors of the kingdom were open to even such as she. Mary believed the good news and was baptized by Peter the next day.

3 Mary Magdalene became the

most effective teacher of the gospel among this group of twelve women evangelists. She was set apart for such service, together with Rebecca, at Jotapata about four weeks subsequent to her conversion. Mary and Rebecca, with the others of this group, went on through the remainder of Jesus' life on earth, labouring faithfully and effectively for the enlightenment and uplifting of their downtrodden sisters; and when the last and tragic episode in the drama of Jesus' life was being enacted, notwithstanding the apostles all fled but one, these women were all present, and not one either denied or

betrayed him.

3. SABBATH AT TIBERIAS

1 The Sabbath services of the apostolic party had been put in the hands of the women by Andrew, upon instructions from Jesus. This meant, of course, that they could not be held in the new synagogue. The women selected Joanna to have charge of this occasion, and the meeting was held in the banquet room of Herod's new palace, Herod being away in residence at Julias in Perea. Joanna read from the Scriptures concerning woman's work in the religious life of Israel, making

reference to Miriam, Deborah, Esther, and others.

2 §§ Late that evening Jesus gave the united group a memorable talk on "Magic and Superstition." In those days the appearance of a bright and supposedly new star was regarded as a token indicating that a great man had been born on earth. Such a star having then recently been observed, Andrew asked Jesus if these beliefs were well founded. In the long answer to Andrew's question the Master entered upon a thoroughgoing discussion of the whole subject of human superstition. The statement which Jesus made

at this time may be summarized in modern phraseology as follows:

3 1. The courses of the stars in the heavens have nothing whatever to do with the events of human life on earth. Astronomy is a proper pursuit of science, but astrology is a mass of superstitious error which has no place in the gospel of the kingdom.

4 2. The examination of the internal organs of an animal recently killed can reveal nothing about weather, future events, or the outcome of human affairs.

5 3. The spirits of the dead do not come back to communicate with

their families or their onetime friends among the living.

6 4. Charms and relics are impotent to heal disease, ward off disaster, or influence evil spirits; the belief in all such material means of influencing the spiritual world is nothing but gross superstition.

7 5. Casting lots, while it may be a convenient way of settling many minor difficulties, is not a method designed to disclose the divine will. Such outcomes are purely matters of material chance. The only means of communion with the spiritual world is embraced in the spirit endowment of

mankind, the indwelling spirit of the Father, together with the outpoured spirit of the Son and the omnipresent influence of the Infinite Spirit.

8 6. Divination, sorcery, and witchcraft are superstitions of ignorant minds, as also are the delusions of magic. The belief in magic numbers, omens of good luck, and harbingers of bad luck, is pure and unfounded superstition.

9 7. The interpretation of dreams is largely a superstitious and groundless system of ignorant and fantastic speculation. The gospel of the kingdom must have nothing in common

with the soothsayer priests of primitive religion.

10 8. The spirits of good or evil cannot dwell within material symbols of clay, wood, or metal; idols are nothing more than the material of which they are made.

11 9. The practices of the enchanters, the wizards, the magicians, and the sorcerers, were derived from the superstitions of the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, and the ancient Canaanites. Amulets and all sorts of incantations are futile either to win the protection of good spirits or to ward off supposed evil spirits.

12 10. He exposed and denounced their belief in spells, ordeals, bewitching, cursing, signs, mandrakes, knotted cords, and all other forms of ignorant and enslaving superstition.

4. SENDING THE APOSTLES OUT TWO AND TWO

1 The next evening, having gathered together the twelve apostles, the apostles of John, and the newly commissioned women's group, Jesus said: "You see for yourselves that the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Let us all, therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest that he send forth still more labourers into his fields. While

I remain to comfort and instruct the younger teachers, I would send out the older ones two and two that they may pass quickly over all Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom while it is yet convenient and peaceful." Then he designated the pairs of apostles as he desired them to go forth, and they were: Andrew and Peter, James and John Zebedee, Philip and Nathaniel, Thomas and Matthew, James and Judas Alpheus, Simon Zelotes and Judas Iscariot.

2 Jesus arranged the date for meeting the twelve at Nazareth, and in parting, he said: "On this mission go not

to any city of the gentiles, neither go into Samaria, but go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Preach the gospel of the kingdom and proclaim the saving truth that man is a son of God. Remember that the disciple is hardly above his master nor a servant greater than his lord. It is enough for the disciple to be equal with his master and the servant to become like his lord. If some people have dared to call the master of the house an associate of Beelzebub, how much more shall they so regard those of his household! But you should not fear these unbelieving enemies. I declare to you that there is

nothing covered up that is not going to be revealed; there is nothing hidden that shall not be known. What I have taught you privately, that preach with wisdom in the open. What I have revealed to you in the inner chamber, that you are to proclaim in due season from the housetops. And I say to you, my friends and disciples, be not afraid of those who can kill the body, but who are not able to destroy the soul; rather put your trust in Him who is able to sustain the body and save the soul.

3 "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And yet I declare that not one

of them is forgotten in God's sight. Know you not that the very hairs of your head are all numbered? Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than a great many sparrows. Be not ashamed of my teaching; go forth proclaiming peace and good will, but be not deceived — peace will not always attend your preaching. I came to bring peace on earth, but when men reject my gift, division and turmoil result. When all of a family receive the gospel of the kingdom, truly peace abides in that house; but when some of the family enter the kingdom and others reject the gospel, such division can pro-

duce only sorrow and sadness. Labour earnestly to save the whole family lest a man's foes become those of his own household. But, when you have done your utmost for all of every family, I declare to you that he who loves father or mother more than this gospel is not worthy of the kingdom."

4 When the twelve had heard these words, they made ready to depart. And they did not again come together until the time of their assembling at Nazareth to meet with Jesus and the other disciples as the Master had ar-

ranged.

5. WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1 One evening at Shunem, after John's apostles had returned to Hebron, and after Jesus' apostles had been sent out two and two, when the Master was engaged in teaching a group of twelve of the younger evangelists who were labouring under the direction of Jacob, together with the twelve women, Rachel asked Jesus this question: "Master, what shall we answer when women ask us, What shall I do to be saved?" When Jesus heard this question, he answered:

2 §§ "When men and women ask what shall we do to be saved, you shall answer, Believe this gospel of the kingdom; accept divine forgiveness. By faith recognize the indwelling spirit of God, whose acceptance makes you a son of God. Have you not read in the Scriptures where it says, 'In the Lord have I righteousness and strength.' Also where the Father says, 'My righteousness is near; my salvation has gone forth, and my arms shall enfold my people.' 'My soul shall be joyful in the love of my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation and has covered me with the robe

of his righteousness.' Have you not also read of the Father that his name 'shall be called the Lord our righteousness.' 'Take away the filthy rags of self-righteousness and clothe my son with the robe of divine righteousness and eternal salvation.' It is forever true, 'the just shall live by faith.' Entrance into the Father's kingdom is wholly free, but progress — growth in grace — is essential to continuance therein.

3 "Salvation is the gift of the Father and is revealed by his Sons. Acceptance by faith on your part makes you a partaker of the divine nature, a son or a daughter of God. By faith you are

justified; by faith are you saved; and by this same faith are you eternally advanced in the way of progressive and divine perfection. By faith was Abraham justified and made aware of salvation by the teachings of Melchizedek. All down through the ages has this same faith saved the sons of men, but now has a Son come forth from the Father to make salvation more real and acceptable."

4 §§ When Jesus had left off speaking, there was great rejoicing among those who had heard these gracious words, and they all went on in the days that followed proclaiming the gospel

of the kingdom with new power and with renewed energy and enthusiasm. And the women rejoiced all the more to know they were included in these plans for the establishment of the kingdom on earth.

5 In summing up his final statement, Jesus said: "You cannot buy salvation; you cannot earn righteousness. Salvation is the gift of God, and righteousness is the natural fruit of the spirit-born life of sonship in the kingdom. You are not to be saved because you live a righteous life; rather is it that you live a righteous life because you have already been saved, have recognized

sonship as the gift of God and service in the kingdom as the supreme delight of life on earth. When men believe this gospel, which is a revelation of the goodness of God, they will be led to voluntary repentance of all known sin. Realization of sonship is incompatible with the desire to sin. Kingdom believers hunger for righteousness and thirst for divine perfection."

6. THE EVENING LESSONS

1 At the evening discussions Jesus talked upon many subjects. During the remainder of this tour — before they all reunited at Nazareth

— he discussed "The Love of God," "Dreams and Visions," "Malice," "Humility and Meekness," "Courage and Loyalty," "Music and Worship," "Service and Obedience," "Pride and Presumption," "Forgiveness in Relation to Repentance," "Peace and Perfection," "Evil Speaking and Envy," "Evil, Sin, and Temptation," "Doubts and Unbelief," "Wisdom and Worship." With the older apostles away, these younger groups of both men and women more freely entered into these discussions with the Master.

2 After spending two or three days with one group of twelve evangelists,

Jesus would move on to join another group, being informed as to the whereabouts and movements of all these workers by David's messengers. This being their first tour, the women remained much of the time with Jesus. Through the messenger service each of these groups was kept fully informed concerning the progress of the tour, and the receipt of news from other groups was always a source of encouragement to these scattered and separated workers.

3 Before their separation it had been arranged that the twelve apostles, together with the evangelists and the

women's corps, should assemble at Nazareth to meet the Master on Friday, March 4. Accordingly, about this time, from all parts of central and southern Galilee these various groups of apostles and evangelists began moving toward Nazareth. By midafternoon, Andrew and Peter, the last to arrive, had reached the encampment prepared by the early arrivals and situated on the highlands to the north of the city. And this was the first time Jesus had visited Nazareth since the be-

ginning of his public ministry.

7. THE SOJOURN AT NAZARETH

1 This Friday afternoon Jesus walked about Nazareth quite unobserved and wholly unrecognized. He passed by the home of his childhood and the carpenter shop and spent a half hour on the hill which he so much enjoyed when a lad. Not since the day of his baptism by John in the Jordan had the Son of Man had such a flood of human emotion stirred up within his soul. While coming down from the mount, he heard the familiar sounds of the trumpet blast announcing the

going down of the sun, just as he had so many, many times heard it when a boy growing up in Nazareth. Before returning to the encampment, he walked down by the synagogue where he had gone to school and indulged his mind in many reminiscences of his childhood days. Earlier in the day Jesus had sent Thomas to arrange with the ruler of the synagogue for his preaching at the Sabbath morning service.

2 The people of Nazareth were never reputed for piety and righteous living. As the years passed, this village became increasingly contaminated by

the low moral standards of near-by Sepphoris. Throughout Jesus' youth and young manhood there had been a division of opinion in Nazareth regarding him; there was much resentment when he moved to Capernaum. While the inhabitants of Nazareth had heard much about the doings of their former carpenter, they were offended that he had never included his native village in any of his earlier preaching tours. They had indeed heard of Jesus' fame, but the majority of the citizens were angry because he had done none of his great works in the city of his youth. For months the people of Na-

zareth had discussed Jesus much, but their opinions were, on the whole, unfavourable to him.

3 Thus did the Master find himself in the midst of, not a welcome homecoming, but a decidedly hostile and hypercritical atmosphere. But this was not all. His enemies, knowing that he was to spend this Sabbath day in Nazareth and supposing that he would speak in the synagogue, had hired numerous rough and uncouth men to harass him and in every way possible make trouble.

4 Most of the older of Jesus' friends, including the doting chazan teacher of

his youth, were dead or had left Nazareth, and the younger generation was prone to resent his fame with strong jealousy. They failed to remember his early devotion to his father's family, and they were bitter in their criticism of his neglect to visit his brother and his married sisters living in Nazareth. The attitude of Jesus' family toward him had also tended to increase this unkind feeling of the citizenry. The orthodox among the Jews even presumed to criticize Jesus because he walked too fast on the way to the syn-

agogue this Sabbath morning.

8. THE SABBATH SERVICE

1 This Sabbath was a beautiful day, and all Nazareth, friends and foes, turned out to hear this former citizen of their town discourse in the synagogue. Many of the apostolic retinue had to remain without the synagogue; there was not room for all who had come to hear him. As a young man Jesus had often spoken in this place of worship, and this morning, when the ruler of the synagogue handed him the roll of sacred writings from which to read the Scripture lesson, none present

seemed to recall that this was the very manuscript which he had presented to this synagogue.

2 The services on this day were conducted just as when Jesus had attended them as a boy. He ascended the speaking platform with the ruler of the synagogue, and the service was begun by the recital of two prayers: "Blessed is the Lord, King of the world, who forms the light and creates the darkness, who makes peace and creates everything; who, in mercy, gives light to the earth and to those who dwell upon it and in goodness, day by day and every day, renews the works of creation.

Blessed is the Lord our God for the glory of his handiworks and for the light-giving lights which he has made for his praise. Selah. Blessed is the Lord our God, who has formed the lights."

3 After a moment's pause they again prayed: "With great love has the Lord our God loved us, and with much overflowing pity has he pitied us, our Father and our King, for the sake of our fathers who trusted in him. You taught them the statutes of life; have mercy upon us and teach us. Enlighten our eyes in the law; cause our hearts to cleave to your command-

ments; unite our hearts to love and fear your name, and we shall not be put to shame, world without end. For you are a God who prepares salvation, and us have you chosen from among all nations and tongues, and in truth have you brought us near your great name — selah — that we may lovingly praise your unity. Blessed is the Lord, who in love chose his people Israel."

4 The congregation then recited the Shema, the Jewish creed of faith. This ritual consisted in repeating numerous passages from the Law and indicated that the worshippers took upon themselves the yoke of the kingdom

of heaven, also the yoke of the commandments as applied to the day and the night.

5 And then followed the third prayer: "True it is that you are Yahweh, our God and the God of our fathers; our King and the King of our fathers; our Saviour and the Saviour of our fathers; our Creator and the rock of our salvation; our help and our deliverer. Your name is from everlasting, and there is no God beside you. A new song did they that were delivered sing to your name by the seashore; together did all praise and own you King and say, Yahweh shall reign, world without

end. Blessed is the Lord who saves Israel."

6 The ruler of the synagogue then took his place before the ark, or chest, containing the sacred writings and began the recitation of the 19 prayer eulogies, or benedictions. But on this occasion it was desirable to shorten the service in order that the distinguished guest might have more time for his discourse; accordingly, only the first and last of the benedictions were recited. The first was: "Blessed is the Lord our God, and the God of our fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;

the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who shows mercy and kindness, who creates all things, who remembers the gracious promises to the fathers and brings a saviour to their children's children for his own name's sake, in love. O King, helper, saviour, and shield! Blessed are you, O Yahweh, the shield of Abraham."

7 Then followed the last benediction: "O bestow on your people Israel great peace forever, for you are King and the Lord of all peace. And it is good in your eyes to bless Israel at all times and at every hour with peace. Blessed are you, Yahweh, who blesses

his people Israel with peace." The congregation looked not at the ruler as he recited the benedictions. Following the benedictions he offered an informal prayer suitable for the occasion, and when this was concluded, all the congregation joined in saying amen.

8 Then the chazan went over to the ark and brought out a roll, which he presented to Jesus that he might read the Scripture lesson. It was customary to call upon seven persons to read not less than three verses of the Law, but this practice was waived on this occasion that the visitor might read the lesson of his own selection. Jesus, taking

the roll, stood up and began to read from Deuteronomy: "For this commandment which I give you this day is not hidden from you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it down to us that we may hear and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, who will go over the sea for us to bring the commandment to us that we may hear and do it? No, the word of life is very near to you, even in your presence and in your heart, that you may know and obey it."

9 And when he had ceased reading

from the Law, he turned to Isaiah and began to read: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

10 Jesus closed the book and, after handing it back to the ruler of the synagogue, sat down and began to discourse to the people. He began by saying: "Today are these Scriptures fulfilled." And then Jesus spoke for almost 15 minutes on "The Sons and

Daughters of God." Many of the people were pleased with the discourse, and they marveled at his graciousness and wisdom.

11 It was customary in the synagogue, after the conclusion of the formal service, for the speaker to remain so that those who might be interested could ask him questions. Accordingly, on this Sabbath morning Jesus stepped down into the crowd which pressed forward to ask questions. In this group were many turbulent individuals whose minds were bent on mischief, while about the fringe of this crowd there circulated those debased

men who had been hired to make trouble for Jesus. Many of the disciples and evangelists who had remained without now pressed into the synagogue and were not slow to recognize that trouble was brewing. They sought to lead the Master away, but he would not go with them.

9. THE NAZARETH REJECTION

1 Jesus found himself surrounded in the synagogue by a great throng of his enemies and a sprinkling of his own followers, and in reply to their rude questions and sinister banterings he

half humorously remarked: "Yes, I am Joseph's son; I am the carpenter, and I am not surprised that you remind me of the proverb, 'Physician heal yourself,' and that you challenge me to do in Nazareth what you have heard I did at Capernaum; but I call you to witness that even the Scriptures declare that 'a prophet is not without honour save in his own country and among his own people.'"

2 But they jostled him and, pointing accusing fingers at him, said: "You think you are better than the people of Nazareth; you moved away from us, but your brother is a common work-

man, and your sisters still live among us. We know your mother, Mary. Where are they today? We hear big things about you, but we notice that you do no wonders when you come back." Jesus answered them: "I love the people who dwell in the city where I grew up, and I would rejoice to see you all enter the kingdom of heaven, but the doing of the works of God is not for me to determine. The transformations of grace are wrought in response to the living faith of those who are the beneficiaries."

3 Jesus would have good-naturedly managed the crowd and effectively

disarmed even his violent enemies had it not been for the tactical blunder of one of his own apostles, Simon Zelotes, who, with the help of Nahor, one of the younger evangelists, had meanwhile gathered together a group of Jesus' friends from among the crowd and, assuming a belligerent attitude, had served notice on the enemies of the Master to go hence. Jesus had long taught the apostles that a soft answer turns away wrath, but his followers were not accustomed to seeing their beloved teacher, whom they so willingly called Master, treated with such discourtesy and disdain. It was too

much for them, and they found themselves giving expression to passionate and vehement resentment, all of which only tended to arouse the mob spirit in this ungodly and uncouth assembly. And so, under the leadership of hirelings, these ruffians laid hold upon Jesus and rushed him out of the synagogue to the brow of a near-by precipitous hill, where they were minded to shove him over the edge to his death below. But just as they were about to push him over the edge of the cliff, Jesus turned suddenly upon his captors and, facing them, quietly folded his arms. He said nothing, but his friends

were more than astonished when, as he started to walk forward, the mob parted and permitted him to pass on unmolested.

4 Jesus, followed by his disciples, proceeded to their encampment, where all this was recounted. And they made ready that evening to go back to Capernaum early the next day, as Jesus had directed. This turbulent ending of the third public preaching tour had a sobering effect upon all of Jesus' followers. They were beginning to realize the meaning of some of the Master's teachings; they were awaking to the fact that the kingdom would come

only through much sorrow and bitter disappointment.

5 They left Nazareth this Sunday morning, and travelling by different routes, they all finally assembled at Bethsaida by noon on Thursday, March 10. They came together as a sober and serious group of disillusioned preachers of the gospel of truth and not as an enthusiastic and all-conquering band of triumphant crusaders.

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TARRYING AND TEACHING BY THE SEASIDE

Midwayer Commission

By March 10 all of the preaching and teaching groups had forgathered at Bethsaida. Thursday night and Friday many of them went out to fish, while on the Sabbath day they attended the synagogue to hear an aged Jew of Damascus discourse on the glory of father Abraham. Jesus spent most of this Sabbath day alone in the hills. That Saturday

night the Master talked for more than an hour to the assembled groups on "The mission of adversity and the spiritual value of disappointment." This was a memorable occasion, and his hearers never forgot the lesson he imparted.

2 Jesus had not fully recovered from the sorrow of his recent rejection at Nazareth; the apostles were aware of a peculiar sadness mingled with his usual cheerful demeanour. James and John were with him much of the time, Peter being more than occupied with the many responsibilities having to do with the welfare and direction of the

new corps of evangelists. This time of waiting before starting for the Passover at Jerusalem, the women spent in visiting from house to house, teaching the gospel, and ministering to the sick in Capernaum and the surrounding cities and villages.

1. THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

1 About this time Jesus first began to employ the parable method of teaching the multitudes that so frequently gathered about him. Since Jesus had talked with the apostles and others long into the night, on this Sunday morning very few of the group were

up for breakfast; so he went out by the seaside and sat alone in the boat, the old fishing boat of Andrew and Peter, which was always kept at his disposal, and meditated on the next move to be made in the work of extending the kingdom. But the Master was not to be alone for long. Very soon the people from Capernaum and near-by villages began to arrive, and by 10:00 that morning almost one thousand were assembled on shore near Jesus' boat and were clamouring for attention. Peter was now up and, making his way to the boat, said to Jesus, "Master, shall I talk to them?" But

Jesus answered, "No, Peter, I will tell them a story." And then Jesus began the recital of the parable of the sower, one of the first of a long series of such parables which he taught the throngs that followed after him. This boat had an elevated seat on which he sat (for it was the custom to sit when teaching) while he talked to the crowd assembled along the shore. After Peter had spoken a few words, Jesus said:

2 §§ "A sower went forth to sow, and it came to pass as he sowed that some seed fell by the wayside to be trodden underfoot and devoured by the birds of heaven. Other seed fell upon

the rocky places where there was little earth, and immediately it sprang up because there was no depth to the soil, but as soon as the sun shone, it withered because it had no root whereby to secure moisture. Other seed fell among the thorns, and as the thorns grew up, it was choked so that it yielded no grain. Still other seed fell upon good ground and, growing, yielded, some thirtyfold, some sixtyfold, and some a hundredfold." And when he had finished speaking this parable, he said to the multitude, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

3 §§ The apostles and those who

were with them, when they heard Jesus teach the people in this manner, were greatly perplexed; and after much talking among themselves, that evening in the Zebedee garden Matthew said to Jesus: "Master, what is the meaning of the dark sayings which you present to the multitude? Why do you speak in parables to those who seek the truth?" And Jesus answered:

4 "In patience have I instructed you all this time. To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to the undiscerning multitudes and to those who seek our destruction, from now on, the myster-

ies of the kingdom shall be presented in parables. And this we will do so that those who really desire to enter the kingdom may discern the meaning of the teaching and thus find salvation, while those who listen only to ensnare us may be the more confounded in that they will see without seeing and will hear without hearing. My children, do you not perceive the law of the spirit which decrees that to him who has shall be given so that he shall have an abundance; but from him who has not shall be taken away even that which he has. Therefore will I henceforth speak to the people

much in parables to the end that our friends and those who desire to know the truth may find that which they seek, while our enemies and those who love not the truth may hear without understanding. Many of these people follow not in the way of the truth. The prophet did, indeed, describe all such undiscerning souls when he said: 'For this people's heart has waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed lest they should discern the truth and understand it in their hearts.'"

5 The apostles did not fully comprehend the significance of the Master's

words. As Andrew and Thomas talked further with Jesus, Peter and the other apostles withdrew to another portion of the garden where they engaged in earnest and prolonged discussion.

2. INTERPRETATION OF THE PARABLE

1 Peter and the group about him came to the conclusion that the parable of the sower was an allegory, that each feature had some hidden meaning, and so they decided to go to Jesus and ask for an explanation. Accordingly, Peter approached the Master, saying: "We are not able to penetrate the meaning of this parable, and

we desire that you explain it to us since you say it is given us to know the mysteries of the kingdom." And when Jesus heard this, he said to Peter: "My son, I desire to withhold nothing from you, but first suppose you tell me what you have been talking about; what is your interpretation of the parable?"

2 After a moment of silence, Peter said: "Master, we have talked much concerning the parable, and this is the interpretation I have decided upon: The sower is the gospel preacher; the seed is the word of God. The seed which fell by the wayside represents those who do not understand the

gospel teaching. The birds which snatched away the seed that fell upon the hardened ground represent Satan, or the evil one, who steals away that which has been sown in the hearts of these ignorant ones. The seed which fell upon the rocky places, and which sprang up so suddenly, represents those superficial and unthinking persons who, when they hear the glad tidings, receive the message with joy; but because the truth has no real root in their deeper understanding, their devotion is short-lived in the face of tribulation and persecution. When trouble comes, these believers stum-

ble; they fall away when tempted. The seed which fell among thorns represents those who hear the word willingly, but who allow the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches to choke the word of truth so that it becomes unfruitful. Now the seed which fell on good ground and sprang up to bear, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundredfold, represents those who, when they have heard the truth, receive it with varying degrees of appreciation — owing to their differing intellectual endowments — and hence manifest these varying degrees of religious experience."

3 Jesus, after listening to Peter's interpretation of the parable, asked the other apostles if they did not also have suggestions to offer. To this invitation only Nathaniel responded. Said he: "Master, while I recognize many good things about Simon Peter's interpretation of the parable, I do not fully agree with him. My idea of this parable would be: The seed represents the gospel of the kingdom, while the sower stands for the messengers of the kingdom. The seed which fell by the wayside on hardened ground represents those who have heard but little of the gospel, along with those who

are indifferent to the message, and who have hardened their hearts. The birds of the sky that snatched away the seed which fell by the wayside represent one's habits of life, the temptation of evil, and the desires of the flesh. The seed which fell among the rocks stands for those emotional souls who are quick to receive new teaching and equally quick to give up the truth when confronted with the difficulties and realities of living up to this truth; they lack spiritual perception. The seed which fell among the thorns represents those who are attracted to the truths of the gospel; they are minded

to follow its teachings, but they are prevented by the pride of life, jealousy, envy, and the anxieties of human existence. The seed which fell on good soil, springing up to bear, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundredfold, represents the natural and varying degrees of ability to comprehend truth and respond to its spiritual teachings by men and women who possess diverse endowments of spirit illumination."

4 When Nathaniel had finished speaking, the apostles and their associates fell into serious discussion and engaged in earnest debate, some con-

tending for the correctness of Peter's interpretation, while almost an equal number sought to defend Nathaniel's explanation of the parable. Meanwhile Peter and Nathaniel had withdrawn to the house, where they were involved in a vigorous and determined effort the one to convince and change the mind of the other.

5 The Master permitted this confusion to pass the point of most intense expression; then he clapped his hands and called them about him. When they had all gathered around him once more, he said, "Before I tell you about this parable, do any of you have aught

to say?" Following a moment of silence, Thomas spoke up: "Yes, Master, I wish to say a few words. I remember that you once told us to beware of this very thing. You instructed us that, when using illustrations for our preaching, we should employ true stories, not fables, and that we should select a story best suited to the illustration of the one central and vital truth which we wished to teach the people, and that, having so used the story, we should not attempt to make a spiritual application of all the minor details involved in the telling of the story. I hold that Peter and Nathaniel are both

wrong in their attempts to interpret this parable. I admire their ability to do these things, but I am equally sure that all such attempts to make a natural parable yield spiritual analogies in all its features can only result in confusion and serious misconception of the true purpose of such a parable. That I am right is fully proved by the fact that, whereas we were all of one mind an hour ago, now are we divided into two separate groups who hold different opinions concerning this parable and hold such opinions so earnestly as to interfere, in my opinion, with our ability fully to grasp the great truth

which you had in mind when you presented this parable to the multitude and subsequently asked us to make comment upon it."

6 The words which Thomas spoke had a quieting effect on all of them. He caused them to recall what Jesus had taught them on former occasions, and before Jesus resumed speaking, Andrew arose, saying: "I am persuaded that Thomas is right, and I would like to have him tell us what meaning he attaches to the parable of the sower." After Jesus had beckoned Thomas to speak, he said: "My brethren, I did not wish to prolong this

discussion, but if you so desire, I will say that I think this parable was spoken to teach us one great truth. And that is that our teaching of the gospel of the kingdom, no matter how faithfully and efficiently we execute our divine commissions, is going to be attended by varying degrees of success; and that all such differences in results are directly due to conditions inherent in the circumstances of our ministry, conditions over which we have little or no control."

7 When Thomas had finished speaking, the majority of his fellow preachers were about ready to agree with

him, even Peter and Nathaniel were on their way over to speak with him, when Jesus arose and said: "Well done, Thomas; you have discerned the true meaning of parables; but both Peter and Nathaniel have done you all equal good in that they have so fully shown the danger of undertaking to make an allegory out of my parables. In your own hearts you may often profitably engage in such flights of the speculative imagination, but you make a mistake when you seek to offer such conclusions as a part of your public teaching."

8 Now that the tension was over, Pe-

ter and Nathaniel congratulated each other on their interpretations, and with the exception of the Alpheus twins, each of the apostles ventured to make an interpretation of the parable of the sower before they retired for the night. Even Judas Iscariot offered a very plausible interpretation. The twelve would often, among themselves, attempt to figure out the Master's parables as they would an allegory, but never again did they regard such speculations seriously. This was a very profitable session for the apostles and their associates, especially so since from this time on Jesus more and more

employed parables in connection with his public teaching.

3. MORE ABOUT PARABLES

1 The apostles were parable-minded, so much so that the whole of the next evening was devoted to the further discussion of parables. Jesus introduced the evening's conference by saying: "My beloved, you must always make a difference in teaching so as to suit your presentation of truth to the minds and hearts before you. When you stand before a multitude of varying intellects and temperaments, you cannot speak different words for

each class of hearers, but you can tell a story to convey your teaching; and each group, even each individual, will be able to make his own interpretation of your parable in accordance with his own intellectual and spiritual endowments. You are to let your light shine but do so with wisdom and discretion. No man, when he lights a lamp, covers it up with a vessel or puts it under the bed; he puts his lamp on a stand where all can behold the light. Let me tell you that nothing is hid in the kingdom of heaven which shall not be made manifest; neither are there any secrets which shall not ultimately

be made known. Eventually, all these things shall come to light. Think not only of the multitudes and how they hear the truth; take heed also to yourselves how you hear. Remember that I have many times told you: To him who has shall be given more, while from him who has not shall be taken away even that which he thinks he has."

2 §§ The continued discussion of parables and further instruction as to their interpretation may be summarized and expressed in modern phraseology as follows:

3 1. Jesus advised against the use of either fables or allegories in teach-

ing the truths of the gospel. He did recommend the free use of parables, especially nature parables. He emphasized the value of utilizing the *analogy* existing between the natural and the spiritual worlds as a means of teaching truth. He frequently alluded to the natural as "the unreal and fleeting shadow of spirit realities."

4 2. Jesus narrated three or four parables from the Hebrew scriptures, calling attention to the fact that this method of teaching was not wholly new. However, it became almost a new method of teaching as he employed it from this time onward.

5 3. In teaching the apostles the value of parables, Jesus called attention to the following points:

6 The parable provides for a simultaneous appeal to vastly different levels of mind and spirit. The parable stimulates the imagination, challenges the discrimination, and provokes critical thinking; it promotes sympathy without arousing antagonism.

7 The parable proceeds from the things which are known to the discernment of the unknown. The parable utilizes the material and natural as a means of introducing the spiritual and the supermaterial.

8 Parables favour the making of impartial moral decisions. The parable evades much prejudice and puts new truth gracefully into the mind and does all this with the arousal of a minimum of the self-defence of personal resentment.

9 To reject the truth contained in parabolical analogy requires conscious intellectual action which is directly in contempt of one's honest judgment and fair decision. The parable conduces to the forcing of thought through the sense of hearing.

10 The use of the parable form of teaching enables the teacher to present

new and even startling truths while at the same time he largely avoids all controversy and outward clashing with tradition and established authority.

11 The parable also possesses the advantage of stimulating the memory of the truth taught when the same familiar scenes are subsequently encountered.

12 §§ In this way Jesus sought to acquaint his followers with many of the reasons underlying his practice of increasingly using parables in his public teaching.

13 §§ Toward the close of the evening's lesson Jesus made his first comment on

the parable of the sower. He said the parable referred to two things: First, it was a review of his own ministry up to that time and a forecast of what lay ahead of him for the remainder of his life on earth. And second, it was also a hint as to what the apostles and other messengers of the kingdom might expect in their ministry from generation to generation as time passed.

14 Jesus also resorted to the use of parables as the best possible refutation of the studied effort of the religious leaders at Jerusalem to teach that all of his work was done by the assistance of demons and the prince of devils. The

appeal to nature was in contravention of such teaching since the people of that day looked upon all natural phenomena as the product of the direct act of spiritual beings and supernatural forces. He also determined upon this method of teaching because it enabled him to proclaim vital truths to those who desired to know the better way while at the same time affording his enemies less opportunity to find cause for offence and for accusations against him.

15 Before he dismissed the group for the night, Jesus said: "Now will I tell you the last of the parable of the sower.

I would test you to know how you will receive this: The kingdom of heaven is also like a man who cast good seed upon the earth; and while he slept by night and went about his business by day, the seed sprang up and grew, and although he knew not how it came about, the plant came to fruit. First there was the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And then when the grain was ripe, he put forth the sickle, and the harvest was finished. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear."

16 Many times did the apostles turn this saying over in their minds, but the

Master never made further mention of this addition to the parable of the sower.

4. MORE PARABLES BY THE SEA

1 The next day Jesus again taught the people from the boat, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while he slept, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and hastened away. And so when the young blades sprang up and later were about to bring forth fruit, there appeared also the weeds. Then the servants of this householder came and said to him:

'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Whence then come these weeds?' And he replied to his servants, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants then asked their master, 'Would you have us go out and pluck up these weeds?' But he answered them and said: 'No, lest while you are gathering them up, you uproot the wheat also. Rather let them both grow together until the time of the harvest, when I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn and then gather up the wheat to be stored in my barn.'"

2 §§ After the people had asked a few

questions, Jesus spoke another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man sowed in his field. Now a mustard seed is the least of seeds, but when it is full grown, it becomes the greatest of all herbs and is like a tree so that the birds of heaven are able to come and rest in the branches thereof."

3 §§ "The kingdom of heaven is also like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, and in this way it came about that all of the meal was leavened."

4 §§ "The kingdom of heaven is also like a treasure hidden in a field, which

a man discovered. In his joy he went forth to sell all he had that he might have the money to buy the field."

5 §§ "The kingdom of heaven is also like a merchant seeking goodly pearls; and having found one pearl of great price, he went out and sold everything he possessed that he might be able to buy the extraordinary pearl."

6 §§ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a sweep net which was cast into the sea, and it gathered up every kind of fish. Now, when the net was filled, the fishermen drew it up on the beach, where they sat down and sorted out the fish, gathering the good into ves-

sels while the bad they threw away."

7 §§ Many other parables spoke Jesus to the multitudes. In fact, from this time forward he seldom taught the masses except by this means. After speaking to a public audience in parables, he would, during the evening classes, more fully and explicitly expound his teachings to the apostles and the evangelists.

5. THE VISIT TO KHERESA

1 The multitude continued to increase throughout the week. On Sabbath Jesus hastened away to the hills, but when Sunday morning came, the

crowds returned. Jesus spoke to them in the early afternoon after the preaching of Peter, and when he had finished, he said to his apostles: "I am weary of the throngs; let us cross over to the other side that we may rest for a day."

2 On the way across the lake they encountered one of those violent and sudden windstorms which are characteristic of the Sea of Galilee, especially at this season of the year. This body of water is almost 210 m below the level of the sea and is surrounded by high banks, especially on the west. There are steep gorges leading up from the lake into the hills, and as the heated

air rises in a pocket over the lake during the day, there is a tendency after sunset for the cooling air of the gorges to rush down upon the lake. These gales come on quickly and sometimes go away just as suddenly.

3 It was just such an evening gale that caught the boat carrying Jesus over to the other side on this Sunday evening. Three other boats containing some of the younger evangelists were trailing after. This tempest was severe, notwithstanding that it was confined to this region of the lake, there being no evidence of a storm on the western shore. The wind was so strong

that the waves began to wash over the boat. The high wind had torn the sail away before the apostles could furl it, and they were now entirely dependent on their oars as they laboriously pulled for the shore, a little more than 2.4 km distant.

4 Meanwhile Jesus lay asleep in the stern of the boat under a small overhead shelter. The Master was weary when they left Bethsaida, and it was to secure rest that he had directed them to sail him across to the other side. These ex-fishermen were strong and experienced oarsmen, but this was one of the worst gales they had ever en-

countered. Although the wind and the waves tossed their boat about as though it were a toy ship, Jesus slumbered on undisturbed. Peter was at the right-hand oar near the stern. When the boat began to fill with water, he dropped his oar and, rushing over to Jesus, shook him vigorously in order to awaken him, and when he was aroused, Peter said: "Master, don't you know we are in a violent storm? If you do not save us, we will all perish."

5 As Jesus came out in the rain, he looked first at Peter, and then peering into the darkness at the struggling oarsmen, he turned his glance back

upon Simon Peter, who, in his agitation, had not yet returned to his oar, and said: "Why are all of you so filled with fear? Where is your faith? Peace, be quiet." Jesus had hardly uttered this rebuke to Peter and the other apostles, he had hardly bidden Peter seek peace wherewith to quiet his troubled soul, when the disturbed atmosphere, having established its equilibrium, settled down into a great calm. The angry waves almost immediately subsided, while the dark clouds, having spent themselves in a short shower, vanished, and the stars of heaven shone overhead. All this was purely coin-

cidental as far as we can judge; but the apostles, particularly Simon Peter, never ceased to regard the episode as a nature miracle. It was especially easy for the men of that day to believe in nature miracles inasmuch as they firmly believed that all nature was a phenomenon directly under the control of spirit forces and supernatural beings.

6 Jesus plainly explained to the twelve that he had spoken to their troubled spirits and had addressed himself to their fear-tossed minds, that he had not commanded the elements to obey his word, but it was of no avail. The Master's followers al-

ways persisted in placing their own interpretation on all such coincidental occurrences. From this day on they insisted on regarding the Master as having absolute power over the natural elements. Peter never grew weary of reciting how "even the winds and the waves obey him."

7 It was late in the evening when Jesus and his associates reached the shore, and since it was a calm and beautiful night, they all rested in the boats, not going ashore until shortly after sunrise the next morning. When they were gathered together, about 40 in all, Jesus said: "Let us go up into

yonder hills and tarry for a few days while we ponder over the problems of the Father's kingdom."

6. THE KHERESA LUNATIC

1 Although most of the near-by eastern shore of the lake sloped up gently to the highlands beyond, at this particular spot there was a steep hillside, the shore in some places dropping sheer down into the lake. Pointing up to the side of the near-by hill, Jesus said: "Let us go up on this hillside for our breakfast and under some of the shelters rest and talk."

2 This entire hillside was covered

with caverns which had been hewn out of the rock. Many of these niches were ancient sepulchres. About half-way up the hillside on a small, relatively level spot was the cemetery of the little village of Kheresa. As Jesus and his associates passed near this burial ground, a lunatic who lived in these hillside caverns rushed up to them. This demented man was well known about these parts, having onetime been bound with fetters and chains and confined in one of the grottos. Long since he had broken his shackles and now roamed at will among the tombs and abandoned

sepulchres.

3 This man, whose name was Amos, was afflicted with a periodic form of insanity. There were considerable spells when he would find some clothing and deport himself fairly well among his fellows. During one of these lucid intervals he had gone over to Bethsaida, where he heard the preaching of Jesus and the apostles, and at that time had become a half-hearted believer in the gospel of the kingdom. But soon a stormy phase of his trouble appeared, and he fled to the tombs, where he moaned, cried out aloud, and so conducted himself as to

terrorize all who chanced to meet him.

4 When Amos recognized Jesus, he fell down at his feet and exclaimed: "I know you, Jesus, but I am possessed of many devils, and I beseech that you will not torment me." This man truly believed that his periodic mental affliction was due to the fact that, at such times, evil or unclean spirits entered into him and dominated his mind and body. His troubles were mostly emotional — his brain was not grossly diseased.

5 Jesus, looking down upon the man crouching like an animal at his feet, reached down and, taking him by the

hand, stood him up and said to him: "Amos, you are not possessed of a devil; you have already heard the good news that you are a son of God. I command you to come out of this spell." And when Amos heard Jesus speak these words, there occurred such a transformation in his intellect that he was immediately restored to his right mind and the normal control of his emotions. By this time a considerable crowd had assembled from the near-by village, and these people, augmented by the swine herders from the highland above them, were astonished to see the lunatic sitting with Jesus and

his followers, in possession of his right mind and freely conversing with them.

6 As the swine herders rushed into the village to spread the news of the taming of the lunatic, the dogs charged upon a small and untended herd of about 30 swine and drove most of them over a precipice into the sea. And it was this incidental occurrence, in connection with the presence of Jesus and the supposed miraculous curing of the lunatic, that gave origin to the legend that Jesus had cured Amos by casting a legion of devils out of him, and that these devils had entered into the herd of swine, causing them forth-

with to rush headlong to their destruction in the sea below. Before the day was over, this episode was published abroad by the swine tenders, and the whole village believed it. Amos most certainly believed this story; he saw the swine tumbling over the brow of the hill shortly after his troubled mind had quieted down, and he always believed that they carried with them the very evil spirits which had so long tormented and afflicted him. And this had a good deal to do with the permanency of his cure. It is equally true that all of Jesus' apostles (save Thomas) believed that the episode of the swine

was directly connected with the cure of Amos.

7 §§ Jesus did not obtain the rest he was looking for. Most of that day he was thronged by those who came in response to the word that Amos had been cured, and who were attracted by the story that the demons had gone out of the lunatic into the herd of swine. And so, after only one night of rest, early Tuesday morning Jesus and his friends were awakened by a delegation of these swine-raising gentiles who had come to urge that he depart from their midst. Said their spokesman to Peter and Andrew:

"Fishermen of Galilee, depart from us and take your prophet with you. We know he is a holy man, but the gods of our country do not know him, and we stand in danger of losing many swine. The fear of you has descended upon us, so that we pray you to go hence." And when Jesus heard them, he said to Andrew, "Let us return to our place."

8 As they were about to depart, Amos besought Jesus to permit him to go back with them, but the Master would not consent. Said Jesus to Amos: "Forget not that you are a son of God. Return to your own people and show them what great things God

has done for you." And Amos went about publishing that Jesus had cast a legion of devils out of his troubled soul, and that these evil spirits had entered into a herd of swine, driving them to quick destruction. And he did not stop until he had gone into all the cities of the Decapolis, declaring what great things Jesus had done for him.

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EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE CAPERNAUM CRISIS

Midwayer Commission

The story of the cure of Amos, the Kheresa lunatic, had already reached Bethsaida and Capernaum, so that a great crowd was waiting for Jesus when his boat landed that Tuesday forenoon. Among this throng were the new observers from the Jerusalem Sanhedrin who had come down to Capernaum to find cause for the Master's apprehension

and conviction. As Jesus spoke with those who had assembled to greet him, Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue, made his way through the crowd and, falling down at his feet, took him by the hand and besought that he would hasten away with him, saying: "Master, my little daughter, an only child, lies in my home at the point of death. I pray that you will come and heal her." When Jesus heard the request of this father, he said: "I will go with you."

2 As Jesus went along with Jairus, the large crowd which had heard the father's request followed on to see

what would happen. Shortly before they reached the ruler's house, as they hastened through a narrow street and as the throng jostled him, Jesus suddenly stopped, exclaiming, "Someone touched me." And when those who were near him denied that they had touched him, Peter spoke up: "Master, you can see that this crowd presses you, threatening to crush us, and yet you say 'someone has touched me.' What do you mean?" Then Jesus said: "I asked who touched me, for I perceived that living energy had gone forth from me." As Jesus looked about him, his eyes fell upon a near-by wo-

man, who, coming forward, knelt at his feet and said: "For years I have been afflicted with a scourging haemorrhage. I have suffered many things from many physicians; I have spent all my substance, but none could cure me. Then I heard of you, and I thought if I may but touch the hem of his garment, I shall certainly be made whole. And so I pressed forward with the crowd as it moved along until, standing near you, Master, I touched the border of your garment, and I was made whole; I know that I have been healed of my affliction."

3 When Jesus heard this, he took the

woman by the hand and, lifting her up, said: "Daughter, your faith has made you whole; go in peace." It was her *faith* and not her *touch* that made her whole. And this case is a good illustration of many apparently miraculous cures which attended upon Jesus' earth career, but which he in no sense consciously willed. The passing of time demonstrated that this woman was really cured of her malady. Her faith was of the sort that laid direct hold upon the creative power resident in the Master's person. With the faith she had, it was only necessary to approach the Master's person. It was not

at all necessary to touch his garment; that was merely the superstitious part of her belief. Jesus called this woman, Veronica of Caesarea-Philippi, into his presence to correct two errors which might have lingered in her mind, or which might have persisted in the minds of those who witnessed this healing: He did not want Veronica to go away thinking that her fear in attempting to steal her cure had been honoured, or that her superstition in associating the touch of his garment with her healing had been effective. He desired all to know that it was her pure and living *faith* that had wrought

the cure.

1. AT JAIRUS'S HOUSE

1 Jairus was, of course, terribly impatient of this delay in reaching his home; so they now hastened on at quickened pace. Even before they entered the ruler's yard, one of his servants came out, saying: "Trouble not the Master; your daughter is dead." But Jesus seemed not to heed the servant's words, for, taking with him Peter, James, and John, he turned and said to the grief-stricken father: "Fear not; only believe." When he entered the house, he found the flute-players

already there with the mourners, who were making an unseemly tumult; already were the relatives engaged in weeping and wailing. And when he had put all the mourners out of the room, he went in with the father and mother and his three apostles. He had told the mourners that the damsel was not dead, but they laughed him to scorn. Jesus now turned to the mother, saying: "Your daughter is not dead; she is only asleep." And when the house had quieted down, Jesus, going up to where the child lay, took her by the hand and said, "Daughter, I say to you, awake and arise!" And when

the girl heard these words, she immediately rose up and walked across the room. And presently, after she had recovered from her daze, Jesus directed that they should give her something to eat, for she had been a long time without food.

2 Since there was much agitation in Capernaum against Jesus, he called the family together and explained that the maiden had been in a state of coma following a long fever, and that he had merely aroused her, that he had not raised her from the dead. He likewise explained all this to his apostles, but it was futile; they all believed

he had raised the little girl from the dead. What Jesus said in explanation of many of these apparent miracles had little effect on his followers. They were miracle-minded and lost no opportunity to ascribe another wonder to Jesus. Jesus and the apostles returned to Bethsaida after he had specifically charged all of them that they should tell no man.

3 §§ When he came out of Jairus's house, two blind men led by a dumb boy followed him and cried out for healing. About this time Jesus' reputation as a healer was at its very height. Everywhere he went the sick and the

afflicted were waiting for him. The Master now looked much worn, and all of his friends were becoming concerned lest he continue his work of teaching and healing to the point of actual collapse.

4 §§ Jesus' apostles, let alone the common people, could not understand the nature and attributes of this God-man. Neither has any subsequent generation been able to evaluate what took place on earth in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. And there can never occur an opportunity for either science or religion to check up on these remarkable events for the sim-

ple reason that such an extraordinary situation can never again occur, either on this world or on any other world in Nebadon. Never again, on any world in this entire universe, will a being appear in the likeness of mortal flesh, at the same time embodying all the attributes of creative energy combined with spiritual endowments which transcend time and most other material limitations.

5 Never before Jesus was on earth, nor since, has it been possible so directly and graphically to secure the results attendant upon the strong and living faith of mortal men and women.

To repeat these phenomena, we would have to go into the immediate presence of Michael, the Creator, and find him as he was in those days — the Son of Man. Likewise, today, while his absence prevents such material manifestations, you should refrain from placing any sort of limitation on the possible exhibition of his *spiritual power.* Though the Master is absent as a material being, he is present as a spiritual influence in the hearts of men. By going away from the world, Jesus made it possible for his spirit to live alongside that of his Father which indwells the

minds of all mankind.

2. FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

1 Jesus continued to teach the people by day while he instructed the apostles and evangelists at night. On Friday he declared a furlough of one week that all his followers might go home or to their friends for a few days before preparing to go up to Jerusalem for the Passover. But more than one half of his disciples refused to leave him, and the multitude was daily increasing in size, so much so that David Zebedee desired to establish a new encampment, but Jesus refused con-

sent. The Master had so little rest over the Sabbath that on Sunday morning, March 27, he sought to get away from the people. Some of the evangelists were left to talk to the multitude while Jesus and the twelve planned to escape, unnoticed, to the opposite shore of the lake, where they proposed to obtain much needed rest in a beautiful park south of Bethsaida-Julias. This region was a favourite resorting place for Capernaum folks; they were all familiar with these parks on the eastern shore.

2 But the people would not have it so. They saw the direction taken

by Jesus' boat, and hiring every craft available, they started out in pursuit. Those who could not obtain boats fared forth on foot to walk around the upper end of the lake.

3 By late afternoon more than a thousand persons had located the Master in one of the parks, and he spoke to them briefly, being followed by Peter. Many of these people had brought food with them, and after eating the evening meal, they gathered about in small groups while Jesus' apostles and disciples taught them.

4 Monday afternoon the multitude had increased to more than 3,000.

And still — way into the evening — the people continued to flock in, bringing all manner of sick folks with them. Hundreds of interested persons had made their plans to stop over at Capernaum to see and hear Jesus on their way to the Passover, and they simply refused to be disappointed. By Wednesday noon about 5,000 men, women, and children were assembled here in this park to the south of Bethsaida-Julias. The weather was pleasant, it being near the end of the rainy season in this locality.

5 §§ Philip had provided a three days' supply of food for Jesus and the twelve,

which was in the custody of the Mark lad, their boy of all chores. By afternoon of this, the third day for almost half of this multitude, the food the people had brought with them was nearly exhausted. David Zebedee had no tented city here to feed and accommodate the crowds. Neither had Philip made food provision for such a multitude. But the people, even though they were hungry, would not go away. It was being quietly whispered about that Jesus, desiring to avoid trouble with both Herod and the Jerusalem leaders, had chosen this quiet spot outside the juris-

diction of all his enemies as the proper place to be crowned king. The enthusiasm of the people was rising every hour. Not a word was said to Jesus, though, of course, he knew all that was going on. Even the twelve apostles were still tainted with such notions, and especially the younger evangelists. The apostles who favoured this attempt to proclaim Jesus king were Peter, John, Simon Zelotes, and Judas Iscariot. Those opposing the plan were Andrew, James, Nathaniel, and Thomas. Matthew, Philip, and the Alpheus twins were noncommittal. The ringleader of this plot to make him

king was Joab, one of the young evangelists.

6 §§ This was the stage setting about 17:00 on Wednesday afternoon, when Jesus asked James Alpheus to summon Andrew and Philip. Said Jesus: "What shall we do with the multitude? They have been with us now three days, and many of them are hungry. They have no food." Philip and Andrew exchanged glances, and then Philip answered: "Master, you should send these people away so that they may go to the villages around about and buy themselves food." And Andrew, fearing the materialization of the king

plot, quickly joined with Philip, saying: "Yes, Master, I think it best that you dismiss the multitude so that they may go their way and buy food while you secure rest for a season." By this time others of the twelve had joined the conference. Then said Jesus: "But I do not desire to send them away hungry; can you not feed them?" This was too much for Philip, and he spoke right up: "Master, in this country place where can we buy bread for this multitude? 200 denarii worth would not be enough for lunch."

7 Before the apostles had an opportunity to express themselves, Je-

sus turned to Andrew and Philip, saying: "I do not want to send these people away. Here they are, like sheep without a shepherd. I would like to feed them. What food have we with us?" While Philip was conversing with Matthew and Judas, Andrew sought out the Mark lad to ascertain how much was left of their store of provisions. He returned to Jesus, saying: "The lad has left only five barley loaves and two dried fishes" — and Peter promptly added, "We have yet to eat this evening."

8 For a moment Jesus stood in silence. There was a faraway look in his

eyes. The apostles said nothing. Jesus turned suddenly to Andrew and said, "Bring me the loaves and fishes." And when Andrew had brought the basket to Jesus, the Master said: "Direct the people to sit down on the grass in companies of one hundred and appoint a leader over each group while you bring all of the evangelists here with us."

9 Jesus took up the loaves in his hands, and after he had given thanks, he broke the bread and gave to his apostles, who passed it on to their associates, who in turn carried it to the multitude. Jesus in like manner

broke and distributed the fishes. And this multitude did eat and were filled. And when they had finished eating, Jesus said to the disciples: "Gather up the broken pieces that remain over so that nothing will be lost." And when they had finished gathering up the fragments, they had twelve basketfuls. They who ate of this extraordinary feast numbered about 5,000 men, women, and children.

10 §§ And this is the first and only nature miracle which Jesus performed as a result of his conscious preplanning. It is true that his disciples were disposed to call many things miracles

which were not, but this was a genuine supernatural ministration. In this case, so we were taught, Michael multiplied food elements as he always does except for the elimination of the time factor and the visible life channel.

3. THE KING-MAKING EPISODE

1 The feeding of the 5,000 by supernatural energy was another of those cases where human pity plus creative power equalled that which happened. Now that the multitude had been fed to the full, and since Jesus' fame was then and there augmented by this stupendous wonder, the project to seize

the Master and proclaim him king required no further personal direction. The idea seemed to spread through the crowd like a contagion. The reaction of the multitude to this sudden and spectacular supplying of their physical needs was profound and overwhelming. For a long time the Jews had been taught that the Messiah, the son of David, when he should come, would cause the land again to flow with milk and honey, and that the bread of life would be bestowed upon them as manna from heaven was supposed to have fallen upon their forefathers in the wilderness. And was not all of

this expectation now fulfilled right before their eyes? When this hungry, undernourished multitude had finished gorging itself with the wonder-food, there was but one unanimous reaction: "Here is our king." The wonder-working deliverer of Israel had come. In the eyes of these simple-minded people the power to feed carried with it the right to rule. No wonder, then, that the multitude, when it had finished feasting, rose as one man and shouted, "Make him king!"

2 This mighty shout enthused Peter and those of the apostles who still retained the hope of seeing Jesus assert

his right to rule. But these false hopes were not to live for long. This mighty shout of the multitude had hardly ceased to reverberate from the near-by rocks when Jesus stepped upon a huge stone and, lifting up his right hand to command their attention, said: "My children, you mean well, but you are short-sighted and material-minded." There was a brief pause; this stalwart Galilean was there majestically posed in the enchanting glow of that eastern twilight. Every inch he looked a king as he continued to speak to this breathless multitude: "You would make me king, not because your souls

have been lighted with a great truth, but because your stomachs have been filled with bread. How many times have I told you that my kingdom is not of this world? This kingdom of heaven which we proclaim is a spiritual brotherhood, and no man rules over it seated upon a material throne. My Father in heaven is the all-wise and the all-powerful Ruler over this spiritual brotherhood of the sons of God on earth. Have I so failed in revealing to you the Father of spirits that you would make a king of his Son in the flesh! Now all of you go hence to your own homes. If you must have a king,

let the Father of lights be enthroned in the heart of each of you as the spirit Ruler of all things."

3 §§ These words of Jesus sent the multitude away stunned and disheartened. Many who had believed in him turned back and followed him no more from that day. The apostles were speechless; they stood in silence gathered about the twelve baskets of the fragments of food; only the chore boy, the Mark lad, spoke, "And he refused to be our king." Jesus, before going off to be alone in the hills, turned to Andrew and said: "Take your brethren back to Zebedee's house and pray

with them, especially for your brother, Simon Peter."

4. SIMON PETER'S NIGHT VISION

1 The apostles, without their Master — sent off by themselves — entered the boat and in silence began to row toward Bethsaida on the western shore of the lake. None of the twelve was so crushed and downcast as Simon Peter. Hardly a word was spoken; they were all thinking of the Master alone in the hills. Had he forsaken them? He had never before sent them all away and refused to go with them. What could all this mean?

2 Darkness descended upon them, for there had arisen a strong and contrary wind which made progress almost impossible. As the hours of darkness and hard rowing passed, Peter grew weary and fell into a deep sleep of exhaustion. Andrew and James put him to rest on the cushioned seat in the stern of the boat. While the other apostles toiled against the wind and the waves, Peter dreamed a dream; he saw a vision of Jesus coming to them walking on the sea. When the Master seemed to walk on by the boat, Peter cried out, "Save us, Master, save us." And those who were in the rear of

the boat heard him say some of these words. As this apparition of the night season continued in Peter's mind, he dreamed that he heard Jesus say: "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." This was like the balm of Gilead to Peter's disturbed soul; it soothed his troubled spirit, so that (in his dream) he cried out to the Master: "Lord, if it really is you, bid me come and walk with you on the water." And when Peter started to walk upon the water, the boisterous waves frightened him, and as he was about to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" And many of the twelve heard him utter this cry. Then

Peter dreamed that Jesus came to the rescue and, stretching forth his hand, took hold and lifted him up, saying: "O, you of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?"

3 In connection with the latter part of his dream Peter arose from the seat whereon he slept and actually stepped overboard and into the water. And he awakened from his dream as Andrew, James, and John reached down and pulled him out of the sea.

4 To Peter this experience was always real. He sincerely believed that Jesus came to them that night. He only partially convinced John Mark,

which explains why Mark left a portion of the story out of his narrative. Luke, the physician, who made careful search into these matters, concluded that the episode was a vision of Peter's and therefore refused to give place to this story in the preparation of his narrative.

5. BACK IN BETHSAIDA

1 Thursday morning, before daylight, they anchored their boat offshore near Zebedee's house and sought sleep until about noontime. Andrew was first up and, going for a walk by the sea, found Jesus, in com-

pany with their chore boy, sitting on a stone by the water's edge. Notwithstanding that many of the multitude and the young evangelists searched all night and much of the next day about the eastern hills for Jesus, shortly after midnight he and the Mark lad had started to walk around the lake and across the river, back to Bethsaida.

2 §§ Of the 5,000 who were miraculously fed, and who, when their stomachs were full and their hearts empty, would have made him king, only about 500 persisted in following after him. But before these received word that he was back in Bethsaida, Jesus asked

Andrew to assemble the twelve apostles and their associates, including the women, saying, "I desire to speak with them." And when all were ready, Jesus said:

3 §§ "How long shall I bear with you? Are you all slow of spiritual comprehension and deficient in living faith? All these months have I taught you the truths of the kingdom, and yet are you dominated by material motives instead of spiritual considerations. Have you not even read in the Scriptures where Moses exhorted the unbelieving children of Israel, saying: 'Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the

Lord'? Said the singer: 'Put your trust in the Lord.' 'Be patient, wait upon the Lord and be of good courage. He shall strengthen your heart.' 'Cast your burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain you. Trust him at all times and pour out your heart to him, for God is your refuge.' 'He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.' 'It is better to trust the Lord than to put confidence in human princes.'

4 "And now do you all see that the working of miracles and the performance of material wonders will not win souls for the spiritual kingdom?

We fed the multitude, but it did not lead them to hunger for the bread of life neither to thirst for the waters of spiritual righteousness. When their hunger was satisfied, they sought not entrance into the kingdom of heaven but rather sought to proclaim the Son of Man king after the manner of the kings of this world, only that they might continue to eat bread without having to toil therefor. And all this, in which many of you did more or less participate, does nothing to reveal the heavenly Father or to advance his kingdom on earth. Have we not sufficient enemies among the religious leaders of

the land without doing that which is likely to estrange also the civil rulers? I pray that the Father will anoint your eyes that you may see and open your ears that you may hear, to the end that you may have full faith in the gospel which I have taught you."

5 §§ Jesus then announced that he wished to withdraw for a few days of rest with his apostles before they made ready to go up to Jerusalem for the Passover, and he forbade any of the disciples or the multitude to follow him. Accordingly they went by boat to the region of Gennesaret for two or three days of rest and sleep. Jesus was

preparing for a great crisis of his life on earth, and he therefore spent much time in communion with the Father in heaven.

6 The news of the feeding of the 5,000 and the attempt to make Jesus king aroused widespread curiosity and stirred up the fears of both the religious leaders and the civil rulers throughout all Galilee and Judea. While this great miracle did nothing to further the gospel of the kingdom in the souls of material-minded and half-hearted believers, it did serve the purpose of bringing to a head the miracle-seeking and king-craving pro-

clivities of Jesus' immediate family of apostles and close disciples. This spectacular episode brought an end to the early era of teaching, training, and healing, thereby preparing the way for the inauguration of this last year of proclaiming the higher and more spiritual phases of the new gospel of the kingdom — divine sonship, spiritual liberty, and eternal salvation.

6. AT GENNESARET

1 While resting at the home of a wealthy believer in the Gennesaret region, Jesus held informal conferences with the twelve every afternoon. The

ambassadors of the kingdom were a serious, sober, and chastened group of disillusioned men. But even after all that had happened, and as subsequent events disclosed, these twelve men were not yet fully delivered from their inbred and long-cherished notions about the coming of the Jewish Messiah. Events of the preceding few weeks had moved too swiftly for these astonished fishermen to grasp their full significance. It requires time for men and women to effect radical and extensive changes in their basic and fundamental concepts of social conduct, philosophic attitudes, and reli-

gious convictions.

2 While Jesus and the twelve were resting at Gennesaret, the multitudes dispersed, some going to their homes, others going on up to Jerusalem for the Passover. In less than one month's time the enthusiastic and open followers of Jesus, who numbered more than 50,000 in Galilee alone, shrank to less than 500. Jesus desired to give his apostles such an experience with the fickleness of popular acclaim that they would not be tempted to rely on such manifestations of transient religious hysteria after he should leave them alone in the work of the king-

dom, but he was only partially successful in this effort.

3 §§ The second night of their sojourn at Gennesaret the Master again told the apostles the parable of the sower and added these words: "You see, my children, the appeal to human feelings is transitory and utterly disappointing; the exclusive appeal to the intellect of man is likewise empty and barren; it is only by making your appeal to the spirit which lives within the human mind that you can hope to achieve lasting success and accomplish those marvellous transformations of human character that are presently

shown in the abundant yielding of the genuine fruits of the spirit in the daily lives of all who are thus delivered from the darkness of doubt by the birth of the spirit into the light of faith — the kingdom of heaven."

4 §§ Jesus taught the appeal to the emotions as the technique of arresting and focusing the intellectual attention. He designated the mind thus aroused and quickened as the gateway to the soul, where there resides that spiritual nature of man which must recognize truth and respond to the spiritual appeal of the gospel in order to afford the permanent results of true

character transformations.

5 Jesus thus endeavoured to prepare the apostles for the impending shock — the crisis in the public attitude toward him which was only a few days distant. He explained to the twelve that the religious rulers of Jerusalem would conspire with Herod Antipas to effect their destruction. The twelve began to realize more fully (though not finally) that Jesus was not going to sit on David's throne. They saw more fully that spiritual truth was not to be advanced by material wonders. They began to realize that the feeding of 5,000 and the popular move-

ment to make Jesus king was the apex of the miracle-seeking, wonder-working expectance of the people and the height of Jesus' acclaim by the populace. They vaguely discerned and dimly foresaw the approaching times of spiritual sifting and cruel adversity. These twelve men were slowly awaking to the realization of the real nature of their task as ambassadors of the kingdom, and they began to gird themselves for the trying and testing ordeals of the last year of the Master's ministry on earth.

6 §§ Before they left Gennesaret, Jesus instructed them regarding the

miraculous feeding of 5,000, telling them just why he engaged in this extraordinary manifestation of creative power and also assuring them that he did not thus yield to his sympathy for the multitude until he had ascertained that it was "according to the Father's will."

7. AT JERUSALEM

1 Sunday, April 3, Jesus, accompanied only by the twelve apostles, started from Bethsaida on the journey to Jerusalem. To avoid the multitudes and to attract as little attention as possible, they journeyed by way of Gerasa

and Philadelphia. He forbade them to do any public teaching on this trip; neither did he permit them to teach or preach while sojourning in Jerusalem. They arrived at Bethany, near Jerusalem, late on Wednesday evening, April 6. For this one night they stopped at the home of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, but the next day they separated. Jesus, with John, stayed at the home of a believer named Simon, near the house of Lazarus in Bethany. Judas Iscariot and Simon Zelotes stopped with friends in Jerusalem, while the rest of the apostles sojourned, two and two, in different homes.

2 Jesus entered Jerusalem only once during this Passover, and that was on the great day of the feast. Many of the Jerusalem believers were brought out by Abner to meet Jesus at Bethany. During this sojourn at Jerusalem the twelve learned how bitter the feeling was becoming toward their Master. They departed from Jerusalem all believing that a crisis was impending.

3 On Sunday, April 24, Jesus and the apostles left Jerusalem for Bethsaida, going by way of the coast cities of Joppa, Caesarea, and Ptolemais. Thence, overland they went by Ramah and Chorazin to Bethsaida, arriving

on Friday, April 29. Immediately on reaching home, Jesus dispatched Andrew to ask of the ruler of the synagogue permission to speak the next day, that being the Sabbath, at the afternoon service. And Jesus well knew that that would be the last time he would ever be permitted to speak in the Capernaum synagogue.

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THE CRISIS AT CAPERNAUM

Midwayer Commission

On Friday evening, the day of their arrival at Bethsaida, and on Sabbath morning, the apostles noticed that Jesus was seriously occupied with some momentous problem; they were cognizant that the Master was giving unusual thought to some important matter. He ate no breakfast and but little at noontide. All of Sabbath morning and the evening before, the twelve and

their associates were gathered together in small groups about the house, in the garden, and along the seashore. There was a tension of uncertainty and a suspense of apprehension resting upon all of them. Jesus had said little to them since they left Jerusalem.

2 Not in months had they seen the Master so preoccupied and uncommunicative. Even Simon Peter was depressed, if not downcast. Andrew was at a loss to know what to do for his dejected associates. Nathaniel said they were in the midst of the "lull before the storm." Thomas expressed the opinion that "something out of the ordinary

is about to happen." Philip advised David Zebedee to "forget about plans for feeding and lodging the multitude until we know what the Master is thinking about." Matthew was putting forth renewed efforts to replenish the treasury. James and John talked over the forthcoming sermon in the synagogue and speculated much as to its probable nature and scope. Simon Zelotes expressed the belief, in reality a hope, that "the Father in heaven may be about to intervene in some unexpected manner for the vindication and support of his Son," while Judas Iscariot dared to indulge the thought that

possibly Jesus was oppressed with regrets that "he did not have the courage and daring to permit the 5,000 to proclaim him king of the Jews."

3 It was from among such a group of depressed and disconsolate followers that Jesus went forth on this beautiful Sabbath afternoon to preach his epoch-making sermon in the Capernaum synagogue. The only word of cheerful greeting or well-wishing from any of his immediate followers came from one of the unsuspecting Alpheus twins, who, as Jesus left the house on his way to the synagogue, saluted him cheerily and said: "We pray the Father

will help you, and that we may have bigger multitudes than ever."

1. THE SETTING OF THE STAGE

1 A distinguished congregation greet Jesus at 15:00 on this exquisite Sabbath afternoon in the new Capernaum synagogue. Jairus presided and handed Jesus the Scriptures to read. The day before, 53 Pharisees and Sadducees had arrived from Jerusalem; more than 30 of the leaders and rulers of the neighbouring synagogues were also present. These Jewish religious leaders were acting directly under orders from the Sanhedrin at Jerusa-

lem, and they constituted the orthodox vanguard which had come to inaugurate open warfare on Jesus and his disciples. Sitting by the side of these Jewish leaders, in the synagogue seats of honour, were the official observers of Herod Antipas, who had been directed to ascertain the truth concerning the disturbing reports that an attempt had been made by the populace to proclaim Jesus the king of the Jews, over in the domains of his brother Philip.

2 Jesus comprehended that he faced the immediate declaration of avowed and open warfare by his increasing en-

emies, and he elected boldly to assume the offensive. At the feeding of the 5,000 he had challenged their ideas of the material Messiah; now he chose again openly to attack their concept of the Jewish deliverer. This crisis, which began with the feeding of the 5,000, and which terminated with this Sabbath afternoon sermon, was the outward turning of the tide of popular fame and acclaim. Henceforth, the work of the kingdom was to be increasingly concerned with the more important task of winning lasting spiritual converts for the truly religious brotherhood of mankind. This ser-

mon marks the crisis in the transition from the period of discussion, controversy, and decision to that of open warfare and final acceptance or final rejection.

3 The Master well knew that many of his followers were slowly but surely preparing their minds finally to reject him. He likewise knew that many of his disciples were slowly but certainly passing through that training of mind and that discipline of soul which would enable them to triumph over doubt and courageously to assert their full-fledged faith in the gospel of the kingdom. Jesus fully understood how

men prepare themselves for the decisions of a crisis and the performance of sudden deeds of courageous choosing by the slow process of the reiterated choosing between the recurring situations of good and evil. He subjected his chosen messengers to repeated rehearsals in disappointment and provided them with frequent and testing opportunities for choosing between the right and the wrong way of meeting spiritual trials. He knew he could depend on his followers, when they met the final test, to make their vital decisions in accordance with prior and habitual mental attitudes and spirit re-

actions.

4 §§ This crisis in Jesus' earth life began with the feeding of the 5,000 and ended with this sermon in the synagogue; the crisis in the lives of the apostles began with this sermon in the synagogue and continued for a whole year, ending only with the Master's trial and crucifixion.

5 §§ As they sat there in the synagogue that afternoon before Jesus began to speak, there was just one great mystery, just one supreme question, in the minds of all. Both his friends and his foes pondered just one thought, and that was: "Why did he himself so

deliberately and effectively turn back the tide of popular enthusiasm?" And it was immediately before and immediately after this sermon that the doubts and disappointments of his disgruntled adherents grew into unconscious opposition and eventually turned into actual hatred. It was after this sermon in the synagogue that Judas Iscariot entertained his first conscious thought of deserting. But he did, for the time being, effectively master all such inclinations.

6 Everyone was in a state of perplexity. Jesus had left them dumbfounded and confounded. He had recently en-

gaged in the greatest demonstration of supernatural power to characterize his whole career. The feeding of the 5,000 was the one event of his earth life which made the greatest appeal to the Jewish concept of the expected Messiah. But this extraordinary advantage was immediately and unexplainedly offset by his prompt and unequivocal refusal to be made king.

7 On Friday evening, and again on Sabbath morning, the Jerusalem leaders had laboured long and earnestly with Jairus to prevent Jesus' speaking in the synagogue, but it was of no avail. Jairus's only reply to all this pleading

was: "I have granted this request, and I will not violate my word."

2. THE EPOCHAL SERMON

1 Jesus introduced this sermon by reading from the Law as found in Deuteronomy: "But it shall come to pass, if this people will not hearken to the voice of God, that the curses of transgression shall surely overtake them. The Lord shall cause you to be smitten by your enemies; you shall be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. And the Lord shall bring you and the king you have set up over you into the hands of a strange nation.

You shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations. Your sons and your daughters shall go into captivity. The strangers among you shall rise high in authority while you are brought very low. And these things shall be upon you and your seed forever because you would not hearken to the word of the Lord. Therefore shall you serve your enemies who shall come against you. You shall endure hunger and thirst and wear this alien yoke of iron. The Lord shall bring against you a nation from afar, from the end of the earth, a nation whose tongue you shall not under-

stand, a nation of fierce countenance, a nation which will have little regard for you. And they shall besiege you in all your towns until the high fortified walls wherein you have trusted come down; and all the land shall fall into their hands. And it shall come to pass that you will be driven to eat the fruit of your own bodies, the flesh of your sons and daughters, during this time of siege, because of the straitness wherewith your enemies shall press you."

2 And when Jesus had finished this reading, he turned to the Prophets and read from Jeremiah: "If you will

not hearken to the words of my servants the prophets whom I have sent you, then will I make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.' And the priests and the teachers heard Jeremiah speak these words in the house of the Lord. And it came to pass that, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and teachers laid hold of him, saying, 'You shall surely die.' And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. And when the princes of Judah heard

these things, they sat in judgment on Jeremiah. Then spoke the priests and the teachers to the princes and to all the people, saying: 'This man is worthy to die, for he has prophesied against our city, and you have heard him with your own ears.' Then spoke Jeremiah to all the princes and to all the people: 'The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words which you have heard. Now, therefore, amend your ways and reform your doings and obey the voice of the Lord your God that you may escape the evil which has been pronounced against you. As for me, be-

hold I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right in your eyes. But know you for certain that, if you put me to death, you shall bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this people, for of a truth the Lord has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.'

3 "The priests and teachers of that day sought to kill Jeremiah, but the judges would not consent, albeit, for his words of warning, they did let him down by cords in a filthy dungeon until he sank in mire up to his armpits. That is what this people did to the Prophet Jeremiah when he obeyed the

Lord's command to warn his brethren of their impending political downfall. Today, I desire to ask you: What will the chief priests and religious leaders of this people do with the man who dares to warn them of the day of their spiritual doom? Will you also seek to put to death the teacher who dares to proclaim the word of the Lord, and who fears not to point out wherein you refuse to walk in the way of light which leads to the entrance to the kingdom of heaven?

4 "What is it you seek as evidence of my mission on earth? We have left you undisturbed in your positions of in-

fluence and power while we preached glad tidings to the poor and the outcast. We have made no hostile attack upon that which you hold in reverence but have rather proclaimed new liberty for man's fear-ridden soul. I came into the world to reveal my Father and to establish on earth the spiritual brotherhood of the sons of God, the kingdom of heaven. And notwithstanding that I have so many times reminded you that my kingdom is not of this world, still has my Father granted you many manifestations of material wonders in addition to more evidential spiritual transformations and re-

generations.

5 "What new sign is it that you seek at my hands? I declare that you already have sufficient evidence to enable you to make your decision. Verily, verily, I say to many who sit before me this day, you are confronted with the necessity of choosing which way you will go; and I say to you, as Joshua said to your forefathers, 'choose you this day whom you will serve.' Today, many of you stand at the parting of the ways.

6 "Some of you, when you could not find me after the feasting of the multitude on the other side, hired the Tiberias fishing fleet, which a week

before had taken shelter near by during a storm, to go in pursuit of me, and what for? Not for truth and righteousness or that you might the better know how to serve and minister to your fellow men! No, but rather that you might have more bread for which you had not laboured. It was not to fill your souls with the word of life, but only that you might fill the belly with the bread of ease. And long have you been taught that the Messiah, when he should come, would work those wonders which would make life pleasant and easy for all the chosen people. It is not strange, then, that you who have

been thus taught should long for the loaves and the fishes. But I declare to you that such is not the mission of the Son of Man. I have come to proclaim spiritual liberty, teach eternal truth, and foster living faith.

7 "My brethren, hanker not after the meat which perishes but rather seek for the spiritual food that nourishes even to eternal life; and this is the bread of life which the Son gives to all who will take it and eat, for the Father has given the Son this life without measure. And when you asked me, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' I plainly told you:

'This is the work of God, that you believe him whom he has sent.'"

8 And then said Jesus, pointing up to the device of a pot of manna which decorated the lintel of this new synagogue, and which was embellished with grape clusters: "You have thought that your forefathers in the wilderness ate manna — the bread of heaven — but I say to you that this was the bread of earth. While Moses did not give your fathers bread from heaven, my Father now stands ready to give you the true bread of life. The bread of heaven is that which comes down from God and gives eternal life to the

men of the world. And when you say to me, Give us this living bread, I will answer: I am this bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger, while he who believes me shall never thirst. You have seen me, lived with me, and beheld my works, yet you believe not that I came forth from the Father. But to those who do believe — fear not. All those led of the Father shall come to me, and he who comes to me shall in nowise be cast out.

9 "And now let me declare to you, once and for all time, that I have come down upon the earth, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent

me. And this is the final will of Him who sent me, that of all those he has given me I should not lose one. And this is the will of the Father: That every one who beholds the Son and who believes him shall have eternal life. Only yesterday did I feed you with bread for your bodies; today I offer you the bread of life for your hungry souls. Will you now take the bread of the spirit as you then so willingly ate the bread of this world?"

10 §§ As Jesus paused for a moment to look over the congregation, one of the teachers from Jerusalem (a member of the Sanhedrin) rose up and asked:

"Do I understand you to say that you are the bread which comes down from heaven, and that the manna which Moses gave to our fathers in the wilderness did not?" And Jesus answered the Pharisee, "You understood aright." Then said the Pharisee: "But are you not Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph, the carpenter? Are not your father and mother, as well as your brothers and sisters, well known to many of us? How then is it that you appear here in God's house and declare that you have come down from heaven?"

11 By this time there was much mur-

muring in the synagogue, and such a tumult was threatened that Jesus stood up and said: "Let us be patient; the truth never suffers from honest examination. I am all that you say but more. The Father and I are one; the Son does only that which the Father teaches him, while all those who are given to the Son by the Father, the Son will receive to himself. You have read where it is written in the Prophets, 'You shall all be taught by God,' and that 'Those whom the Father teaches will hear also his Son.' Every one who yields to the teaching of the Father's indwelling spirit will eventually come

to me. Not that any man has seen the Father, but the Father's spirit does live within man. And the Son who came down from heaven, he has surely seen the Father. And those who truly believe this Son already have eternal life.

12 "I am this bread of life. Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness and are dead. But this bread which comes down from God, if a man eats thereof, he shall never die in spirit. I repeat, I am this living bread, and every soul who attains the realization of this united nature of God and man shall live forever. And this bread of life which I give to all who will receive

is my own living and combined nature. The Father in the Son and the Son one with the Father — that is my life-giving revelation to the world and my saving gift to all nations."

13 When Jesus had finished speaking, the ruler of the synagogue dismissed the congregation, but they would not depart. They crowded up around Jesus to ask more questions while others murmured and disputed among themselves. And this state of affairs continued for more than three hours. It was well past 19:00 before the audi-

ence finally dispersed.

3. THE AFTER MEETING

1 Many were the questions asked Jesus during this after meeting. Some were asked by his perplexed disciples, but more were asked by cavilling unbelievers who sought only to embarrass and entrap him.

2 One of the visiting Pharisees, mounting a lampstand, shouted out this question: "You tell us that you are the bread of life. How can you give us your flesh to eat or your blood to drink? What avail is your teaching if it cannot be carried out?" And Jesus

answered this question, saying: "I did not teach you that my flesh is the bread of life nor that my blood is the water thereof. But I did say that my life in the flesh is a bestowal of the bread of heaven. The fact of the Word of God bestowed in the flesh and the phenomenon of the Son of Man subject to the will of God, constitute a reality of experience which is equivalent to the divine sustenance. You cannot eat my flesh nor can you drink my blood, but you can become one in spirit with me even as I am one in spirit with the Father. You can be nourished by the eternal word of God, which is indeed the

bread of life, and which has been bestowed in the likeness of mortal flesh; and you can be watered in soul by the divine spirit, which is truly the water of life. The Father has sent me into the world to show how he desires to indwell and direct all men; and I have so lived this life in the flesh as to inspire all men likewise ever to seek to know and do the will of the indwelling heavenly Father."

3 Then one of the Jerusalem spies who had been observing Jesus and his apostles, said: "We notice that neither you nor your apostles wash your hands properly before you eat bread. You

must well know that such a practice as eating with defiled and unwashed hands is a transgression of the law of the elders. Neither do you properly wash your drinking cups and eating vessels. Why is it that you show such disrespect for the traditions of the fathers and the laws of our elders?" And when Jesus heard him speak, he answered: "Why is it that you transgress the commandments of God by the laws of your tradition? The commandment says, 'Honour your father and your mother,' and directs that you share with them your substance if necessary; but you enact a law of tradi-

tion which permits undutiful children to say that the money wherewith the parents might have been assisted has been 'given to God.' The law of the elders thus relieves such crafty children of their responsibility, notwithstanding that the children subsequently use all such monies for their own comfort. Why is it that you in this way make void the commandment by your own tradition? Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, saying: 'This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. In vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.'

4 "You can see how it is that you desert the commandment while you hold fast to the tradition of men. Altogether willing are you to reject the word of God while you maintain your own traditions. And in many other ways do you dare to set up your own teachings above the law and the prophets."

5 Jesus then directed his remarks to all present. He said: "But hearken to me,[1] all of you. It is not that which enters into the mouth that spiritually defiles the man, but rather that

[1] In 1955 text no comma after "me".

which proceeds out of the mouth and from the heart." But even the apostles failed fully to grasp the meaning of his words, for Simon Peter also asked him: "Lest some of your hearers be unnecessarily offended, would you explain to us the meaning of these words?" And then said Jesus to Peter: "Are you also hard of understanding? Know you not that every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up? Turn now your attention to those who would know the truth. You cannot compel men to love the truth. Many of these teachers are blind guides. And you know that, if

the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the pit. But hearken while I tell you the truth concerning those things which morally defile and spiritually contaminate men. I declare it is not that which enters the body by the mouth or gains access to the mind through the eyes and ears, that defiles the man. Man is only defiled by that evil which may originate within the heart, and which finds expression in the words and deeds of such unholy persons. Do you not know it is from the heart that there come forth evil thoughts, wicked projects of murder, theft, and adulteries, together with

jealousy, pride, anger, revenge, railings, and false witness? And it is just such things that defile men, and not that they eat bread with ceremonially unclean hands."

6 The Pharisaic commissioners of the Jerusalem Sanhedrin were now almost convinced that Jesus must be apprehended on a charge of blasphemy or on one of flouting the sacred law of the Jews; wherefore their efforts to involve him in the discussion of, and possible attack upon, some of the traditions of the elders, or so-called oral laws of the nation. No matter how scarce water might be, these tradition-

ally enslaved Jews would never fail to go through with the required ceremonial washing of the hands before every meal. It was their belief that "it is better to die than to transgress the commandments of the elders." The spies asked this question because it had been reported that Jesus had said, "Salvation is a matter of clean hearts rather than of clean hands." But such beliefs, when they once become a part of one's religion, are hard to get away from. Even many years after this day the Apostle Peter was still held in the bondage of fear to many of these traditions about things clean and unclean,

only being finally delivered by experiencing an extraordinary and vivid dream. All of this can the better be understood when it is recalled that these Jews looked upon eating with unwashed hands in the same light as commerce with a harlot, and both were equally punishable by excommunication.

7 Thus did the Master elect to discuss and expose the folly of the whole rabbinic system of rules and regulations which was represented by the oral law — the traditions of the elders, all of which were regarded as more sacred and more binding upon the Jews

than even the teachings of the Scriptures. And Jesus spoke out with less reserve because he knew the hour had come when he could do nothing more to prevent an open rupture of relations with these religious leaders.

4. LAST WORDS IN THE SYNAGOGUE

1 In the midst of the discussions of this after meeting, one of the Pharisees from Jerusalem brought to Jesus a distraught youth who was possessed of an unruly and rebellious spirit. Leading this demented lad up to Jesus, he said: "What can you do for such affliction as this? Can you cast out devils?"

And when the Master looked upon the youth, he was moved with compassion and, beckoning for the lad to come to him, took him by the hand and said: "You know who I am; come out of him; and I charge one of your loyal fellows to see that you do not return." And immediately the lad was normal and in his right mind. And this is the first case where Jesus really cast an "evil spirit" out of a human being. All of the previous cases were only supposed possession of the devil; but this was a genuine case of demoniac possession, even such as sometimes occurred in those days and right

up to the day of Pentecost, when the Master's spirit was poured out upon all flesh, making it forever impossible for these few celestial rebels to take such advantage of certain unstable types of human beings.

2 When the people marveled, one of the Pharisees stood up and charged that Jesus could do these things because he was in league with devils; that he admitted in the language which he employed in casting out this devil that they were known to each other; and he went on to state that the religious teachers and leaders at Jerusalem had decided that Jesus did all his so-called

miracles by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of devils. Said the Pharisee: "Have nothing to do with this man; he is in partnership with Satan."

3 Then said Jesus: "How can Satan cast out Satan? A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand; if a house be divided against itself, it is soon brought to desolation. Can a city withstand a siege if it is not united? If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? But you should know that no one can enter into the house of a strong man and despoil his goods except he first overpower and bind that

strong man. And so, if I by the power of Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore shall they be your judges. But if I, by the spirit of God, cast out devils, then has the kingdom of God truly come upon you. If you were not blinded by prejudice and misled by fear and pride, you would easily perceive that one who is greater than devils stands in your midst. You compel me to declare that he who is not with me is against me, while he who gathers not with me scatters abroad. Let me utter a solemn warning to you who would presume, with your eyes open and with

premeditated malice, knowingly to ascribe the works of God to the doings of devils! Verily, verily, I say to you, all your sins shall be forgiven, even all of your blasphemies, but whosoever shall blaspheme against God with deliberation and wicked intention shall never obtain forgiveness. Since such persistent workers of iniquity will never seek nor receive forgiveness, they are guilty of the sin of eternally rejecting divine forgiveness.

4 "Many of you have this day come to the parting of the ways; you have come to a beginning of the making of the inevitable choice between the will

of the Father and the self-chosen ways of darkness. And as you now choose, so shall you eventually be. You must either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else will the tree become corrupt and its fruit corrupt. I declare that in my Father's eternal kingdom the tree is known by its fruits. But some of you who are as vipers, how can you, having already chosen evil, bring forth good fruits? After all, out of the abundance of the evil in your hearts your mouths speak."

5 Then stood up another Pharisee, who said: "Teacher, we would have you give us a predetermined sign

which we will agree upon as establishing your authority and right to teach. Will you agree to such an arrangement?" And when Jesus heard this, he said: "This faithless and sign-seeking generation seeks a token, but no sign shall be given you other than that which you already have, and that which you shall see when the Son of Man departs from among you."

6 And when he had finished speaking, his apostles surrounded him and led him from the synagogue. In silence they journeyed home with him to Bethsaida. They were all amazed and somewhat terror-stricken by the

sudden change in the Master's teaching tactics. They were wholly unaccustomed to seeing him perform in such a militant manner.

5. THE SATURDAY EVENING

1 Time and again had Jesus dashed to pieces the hopes of his apostles, repeatedly had he crushed their fondest expectations, but no time of disappointment or season of sorrow had ever equalled that which now overtook them. And, too, there was now admixed with their depression a real fear for their safety. They were all surprisingly startled by the suddenness

and completeness of the desertion of the populace. They were also somewhat frightened and disconcerted by the unexpected boldness and assertive determination exhibited by the Pharisees who had come down from Jerusalem. But most of all they were bewildered by Jesus' sudden change of tactics. Under ordinary circumstances they would have welcomed the appearance of this more militant attitude, but coming as it did, along with so much that was unexpected, it startled them.

2 And now, on top of all of these worries, when they reached home, Je-

sus refused to eat. For hours he isolated himself in one of the upper rooms. It was almost midnight when Joab, the leader of the evangelists, returned and reported that about one third of his associates had deserted the cause. All through the evening loyal disciples had come and gone, reporting that the revulsion of feeling toward the Master was general in Capernaum. The leaders from Jerusalem were not slow to feed this feeling of disaffection and in every way possible to seek to promote the movement away from Jesus and his teachings. During these trying hours the twelve women were

in session over at Peter's house. They were tremendously upset, but none of them deserted.

3 It was a little after midnight when Jesus came down from the upper chamber and stood among the twelve and their associates, numbering about 30 in all. He said: "I recognize that this sifting of the kingdom distresses you, but it is unavoidable. Still, after all the training you have had, was there any good reason why you should stumble at my words? Why is it that you are filled with fear and consternation when you see the kingdom being divested of these lukewarm mul-

titudes and these half-hearted disciples? Why do you grieve when the new day is dawning for the shining forth in new glory of the spiritual teachings of the kingdom of heaven? If you find it difficult to endure this test, what, then, will you do when the Son of Man must return to the Father? When and how will you prepare yourselves for the time when I ascend to the place whence I came to this world?

4 "My beloved, you must remember that it is the spirit that quickens; the flesh and all that pertains thereto is of little profit. The words which I have spoken to you are spirit and life. Be

of good cheer! I have not deserted you. Many shall be offended by the plain speaking of these days. Already you have heard that many of my disciples have turned back; they walk no more with me. From the beginning I knew that these half-hearted believers would fall out by the way. Did I not choose you twelve men and set you apart as ambassadors of the kingdom? And now at such a time as this would you also desert? Let each of you look to his own faith, for one of you stands in grave danger." And when Jesus had finished speaking, Simon Peter said: "Yes, Lord, we are sad and perplexed,

but we will never forsake you. You have taught us the words of eternal life. We have believed in you and followed with you all this time. We will not turn back, for we know that you are sent by God." And as Peter ceased speaking, they all with one accord nodded their approval of his pledge of loyalty.

5 Then said Jesus: "Go to your rest, for busy times are upon us; active days are just ahead."

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LAST DAYS AT CAPERNAUM

Midwayer Commission

On the eventful Saturday night of April 30, as Jesus was speaking words of comfort and courage to his downcast and bewildered disciples, at Tiberias a council was being held between Herod Antipas and a group of special commissioners representing the Jerusalem Sanhedrin. These scribes and Pharisees urged Herod to arrest Jesus; they did their best to convince him that

Jesus was stirring up the populace to dissension and even to rebellion. But Herod refused to take action against him as a political offender. Herod's advisers had correctly reported the episode across the lake when the people sought to proclaim Jesus king and how he rejected the proposal.

2 One of Herod's official family, Chuza, whose wife belonged to the women's ministering corps, had informed him that Jesus did not propose to meddle with the affairs of earthly rule; that he was only concerned with the establishment of the spiritual brotherhood of his believ-

ers, which brotherhood he called the kingdom of heaven. Herod had confidence in Chuza's reports, so much so that he refused to interfere with Jesus' activities. Herod was also influenced at this time, in his attitude toward Jesus, by his superstitious fear of John the Baptist. Herod was one of those apostate Jews who, while he believed nothing, feared everything. He had a bad conscience for having put John to death, and he did not want to become entangled in these intrigues against Jesus. He knew of many cases of sickness which had been apparently healed by Jesus, and he regarded him as either

a prophet or a relatively harmless religious fanatic.

3 When the Jews threatened to report to Caesar that he was shielding a traitorous subject, Herod ordered them out of his council chamber. Thus matters rested for one week, during which time Jesus prepared his followers for the impending dispersion.

1. A WEEK OF COUNSEL

1 From May 1 to May 7 Jesus held intimate counsel with his followers at the Zebedee house. Only the tried and trusted disciples were admitted

to these conferences. At this time there were only about one hundred disciples who had the moral courage to brave the opposition of the Pharisees and openly declare their adherence to Jesus. With this group he held sessions morning, afternoon, and evening. Small companies of inquirers assembled each afternoon by the seaside, where some of the evangelists or apostles discoursed to them. These groups seldom numbered more than 50.

2 On Friday of this week official action was taken by the rulers of the Capernaum synagogue closing the house

of God to Jesus and all his followers. This action was taken at the instigation of the Jerusalem Pharisees. Jairus resigned as chief ruler and openly aligned himself with Jesus.

3 The last of the seaside meetings was held on Sabbath afternoon, May 7. Jesus talked to less than 150 who had assembled at that time. This Saturday night marked the time of the lowest ebb in the tide of popular regard for Jesus and his teachings. From then on there was a steady, slow, but more healthful and dependable growth in favourable sentiment; a new following was built up which was better

grounded in spiritual faith and true religious experience. The more or less composite and compromising transition stage between the materialistic concepts of the kingdom held by the Master's followers and those more idealistic and spiritual concepts taught by Jesus, had now definitely ended. From now on there was a more open proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom in its larger scope and in its far-flung spiritual implications.

2. A WEEK OF REST

1 Sunday, May 8, A.D. 29, at Jerusalem, the Sanhedrin passed a decree

closing all the synagogues of Palestine to Jesus and his followers. This was a new and unprecedented usurpation of authority by the Jerusalem Sanhedrin. Theretofore each synagogue had existed and functioned as an independent congregation of worshippers and was under the rule and direction of its own board of governors. Only the synagogues of Jerusalem had been subject to the authority of the Sanhedrin. This summary action of the Sanhedrin was followed by the resignation of five of its members. One hundred messengers were immediately dispatched to convey and en-

force this decree. Within the short space of two weeks every synagogue in Palestine had bowed to this manifesto of the Sanhedrin except the synagogue at Hebron. The rulers of the Hebron synagogue refused to acknowledge the right of the Sanhedrin to exercise such jurisdiction over their assembly. This refusal to accede to the Jerusalem decree was based on their contention of congregational autonomy rather than on sympathy with Jesus' cause. Shortly thereafter the Hebron synagogue was destroyed by fire.

2 §§ This same Sunday morning, Jesus declared a week's holiday, urging

all of his disciples to return to their homes or friends to rest their troubled souls and speak words of encouragement to their loved ones. He said: "Go to your several places to play or fish while you pray for the extension of the kingdom."

3 This week of rest enabled Jesus to visit many families and groups about the seaside. He also went fishing with David Zebedee on several occasions, and while he went about alone much of the time, there always lurked near by two or three of David's most trusted messengers, who had no uncertain orders from their chief respecting the

safeguarding of Jesus. There was no public teaching of any sort during this week of rest.

4 §§ This was the week that Nathaniel and James Zebedee suffered from more than a slight illness. For three days and nights they were acutely afflicted with a painful digestive disturbance. On the third night Jesus sent Salome, James's mother, to her rest, while he ministered to his suffering apostles. Of course Jesus could have instantly healed these two men, but that is not the method of either the Son or the Father in dealing with these commonplace difficulties and

afflictions of the children of men on the evolutionary worlds of time and space. Never once, throughout all of his eventful life in the flesh, did Jesus engage in any sort of supernatural ministration to any member of his earth family or in behalf of any one of his immediate followers.

5 Universe difficulties must be met and planetary obstacles must be encountered as a part of the experience training provided for the growth and development, the progressive perfection, of the evolving souls of mortal creatures. The spiritualization of the human soul requires intimate ex-

perience with the educational solving of a wide range of real universe problems. The animal nature and the lower forms of will creatures do not progress favourably in environmental ease. Problematic situations, coupled with exertion stimuli, conspire to produce those activities of mind, soul, and spirit which contribute mightily to the achievement of worthy goals of mortal progression and to the attainment of higher levels of spirit destiny.

3. THE SECOND TIBERIAS CONFERENCE

1 On May 16 the second conference at Tiberias between the authorities

at Jerusalem and Herod Antipas was convened. Both the religious and the political leaders from Jerusalem were in attendance. The Jewish leaders were able to report to Herod that practically all the synagogues in both Galilee and Judea were closed to Jesus' teachings. A new effort was made to have Herod place Jesus under arrest, but he refused to do their bidding. On May 18, however, Herod did agree to the plan of permitting the Sanhedrin authorities to seize Jesus and carry him to Jerusalem to be tried on religious charges, provided the Roman ruler of Judea concurred in such

an arrangement. Meanwhile, Jesus' enemies were industriously spreading the rumour throughout Galilee that Herod had become hostile to Jesus, and that he meant to exterminate all who believed in his teachings.

2 On Saturday night, May 21, word reached Tiberias that the civil authorities at Jerusalem had no objection to the agreement between Herod and the Pharisees that Jesus be seized and carried to Jerusalem for trial before the Sanhedrin on charges of flouting the sacred laws of the Jewish nation. Accordingly, just before midnight of this day, Herod signed the

decree which authorized the officers of the Sanhedrin to seize Jesus within Herod's domains and forcibly to carry him to Jerusalem for trial. Strong pressure from many sides was brought to bear upon Herod before he consented to grant this permission, and he well knew that Jesus could not expect a fair trial before his bitter enemies at Jerusalem.

4. SATURDAY NIGHT IN CAPERNAUM

1 On this same Saturday night, in Capernaum a group of 50 leading citizens met at the synagogue to discuss the momentous question: "What

shall we do with Jesus?" They talked and debated until after midnight, but they could not find any common ground for agreement. Aside from a few persons who inclined to the belief that Jesus might be the Messiah, at least a holy man, or perhaps a prophet, the meeting was divided into four nearly equal groups who held, respectively, the following views of Jesus:

2 1. That he was a deluded and harmless religious fanatic.

3 2. That he was a dangerous and designing agitator who might stir up rebellion.

4 3. That he was in league with

devils, that he might even be a prince of devils.

5 4. That he was beside himself, that he was mad, mentally unbalanced.

6 §§ There was much talk about Jesus' preaching doctrines which were upsetting for the common people; his enemies maintained that his teachings were impractical, that everything would go to pieces if everybody made an honest effort to live in accordance with his ideas. And the men of many subsequent generations have said the same things. Many intelligent and well-meaning men, even in the

more enlightened age of these revelations, maintain that modern civilization could not have been built upon the teachings of Jesus — and they are partially right. But all such doubters forget that a much better civilization could have been built upon his teachings, and sometime will be. This world has never seriously tried to carry out the teachings of Jesus on a large scale, notwithstanding that half-hearted attempts have often been made to follow the doctrines of so-called Chris-

tianity.

5. THE EVENTFUL SUNDAY MORNING

1 May 22 was an eventful day in the life of Jesus. On this Sunday morning, before daybreak, one of David's messengers arrived in great haste from Tiberias, bringing the word that Herod had authorized, or was about to authorize, the arrest of Jesus by the officers of the Sanhedrin. The receipt of the news of this impending danger caused David Zebedee to arouse his messengers and send them out to all the local groups of disciples, summoning them for an emer-

gency council at 7:00 that morning. When the sister-in-law of Jude (Jesus' brother) heard this alarming report, she hastened word to all of Jesus' family who dwelt near by, summoning them forthwith to assemble at Zebedee's house. And in response to this hasty call, presently there were assembled Mary, James, Joseph, Jude, and Ruth.

2 At this early morning meeting Jesus imparted his farewell instructions to the assembled disciples; that is, he bade them farewell for the time being, knowing well that they would soon be dispersed from Capernaum. He di-

rected them all to seek God for guidance and to carry on the work of the kingdom regardless of consequences. The evangelists were to labour as they saw fit until such time as they might be called. He selected twelve of the evangelists to accompany him; the twelve apostles he directed to remain with him no matter what happened. The twelve women he instructed to remain at the Zebedee house and at Peter's house until he should send for them.

3 Jesus consented to David Zebedee's continuing his countrywide messenger service, and in bidding the Master farewell presently, David said: "Go

forth to your work, Master. Don't let the bigots catch you, and never doubt that the messengers will follow after you. My men will never lose contact with you, and through them you shall know of the kingdom in other parts, and by them we will all know about you. Nothing that might happen to me will interfere with this service, for I have appointed first and second leaders, even a third. I am neither a teacher nor a preacher, but it is in my heart to do this, and none can stop me."

4 About 7:30 this morning Jesus began his parting address to almost one hundred believers who had crowded

indoors to hear him. This was a solemn occasion for all present, but Jesus seemed unusually cheerful; he was once more like his normal self. The seriousness of weeks had gone, and he inspired all of them with his words of faith, hope, and courage.

6. JESUS' FAMILY ARRIVES

1 It was about 8:00 on this Sunday morning when 5 members of Jesus' earth family arrived on the scene in response to the urgent summons of Jude's sister-in-law. Of all his family in the flesh, only one, Ruth, believed wholeheartedly and continuously in

the divinity of his mission on earth. Jude and James, and even Joseph, still retained much of their faith in Jesus, but they had permitted pride to interfere with their better judgment and real spiritual inclinations. Mary was likewise torn between love and fear, between mother love and family pride. Though she was harassed by doubts, she could never quite forget the visit of Gabriel ere Jesus was born. The Pharisees had been labouring to persuade Mary that Jesus was beside himself, demented. They urged her to go with her sons and seek to dissuade him from further efforts at public teach-

ing. They assured Mary that soon Jesus' health would break, and that only dishonour and disgrace could come upon the entire family as a result of allowing him to go on. And so, when the word came from Jude's sister-in-law, all five of them started at once for Zebedee's house, having been together at Mary's home, where they had met with the Pharisees the evening before. They had talked with the Jerusalem leaders long into the night, and all were more or less convinced that Jesus was acting strangely, that he had acted strangely for some time. While Ruth could not explain all of his conduct,

she insisted that he had always treated his family fairly and refused to agree to the program of trying to dissuade him from further work.

2 On the way to Zebedee's house they talked these things over and agreed among themselves to try to persuade Jesus to come home with them, for, said Mary: "I know I could influence my son if he would only come home and listen to me." James and Jude had heard rumours concerning the plans to arrest Jesus and take him to Jerusalem for trial. They also feared for their own safety. As long as Jesus was a popular figure in the public

eye, his family allowed matters to drift along, but now that the people of Capernaum and the leaders at Jerusalem had suddenly turned against him, they began keenly to feel the pressure of the supposed disgrace of their embarrassing position.

3 They had expected to meet Jesus, take him aside, and urge him to go home with them. They had thought to assure him that they would forget his neglect of them — they would forgive and forget — if he would only give up the foolishness of trying to preach a new religion which could bring only trouble to himself and dis-

honour upon his family. To all of this Ruth would say only: "I will tell my brother that I think he is a man of God, and that I hope he would be willing to die before he would allow these wicked Pharisees to stop his preaching." Joseph promised to keep Ruth quiet while the others laboured with Jesus.

4 When they reached the Zebedee house, Jesus was in the very midst of delivering his parting address to the disciples. They sought to gain entrance to the house, but it was crowded to overflowing. Finally they established themselves on the back

porch and had word passed in to Jesus, from person to person, so that it finally was whispered to him by Simon Peter, who interrupted his talking for the purpose, and who said: "Behold, your mother and your brothers are outside, and they are very anxious to speak with you." Now it did not occur to his mother how important was the giving of this parting message to his followers, neither did she know that his address was likely to be terminated any moment by the arrival of his apprehenders. She really thought, after so long an apparent estrangement, in view of the fact that she and his

brothers had shown the grace actually to come to him, that Jesus would cease speaking and come to them the moment he received word they were waiting.

5 It was just another of those instances in which his earth family could not comprehend that he must be about his Father's business. And so Mary and his brothers were deeply hurt when, notwithstanding that he paused in his speaking to receive the message, instead of his rushing out to greet them, they heard his musical voice speak with increased volume: "Say to my mother and my brothers

that they should have no fear for me. The Father who sent me into the world will not forsake me; neither shall any harm come upon my family. Bid them be of good courage and put their trust in the Father of the kingdom. But, after all, who is my mother and who are my brothers?" And stretching forth his hands toward all of his disciples assembled in the room, he said: "I have no mother; I have no brothers. Behold my mother and behold my brethren! For whosoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my mother, my brother, and my sister."

6 And when Mary heard these

words, she collapsed in Jude's arms. They carried her out in the garden to revive her while Jesus spoke the concluding words of his parting message. He would then have gone out to confer with his mother and his brothers, but a messenger arrived in haste from Tiberias bringing word that the officers of the Sanhedrin were on their way with authority to arrest Jesus and carry him to Jerusalem. Andrew received this message and, interrupting Jesus, told it to him.

7 Andrew did not recall that David had posted some 25 sentinels about the Zebedee house, and that no one

could take them by surprise; so he asked Jesus what should be done. The Master stood there in silence while his mother, having heard the words, "I have no mother," was recovering from the shock in the garden. It was at just this time that a woman in the room stood up and exclaimed, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and blessed are the breasts that nursed you." Jesus turned aside a moment from his conversation with Andrew to answer this woman by saying, "No, rather is the one blessed who hears the word of God and dares to obey it."

8 §§ Mary and Jesus' brothers thought

that Jesus did not understand them, that he had lost interest in them, little realizing that it was they who failed to understand Jesus. Jesus fully understood how difficult it is for men to break with their past. He knew how human beings are swayed by the preacher's eloquence, and how the conscience responds to emotional appeal as the mind does to logic and reason, but he also knew how far more difficult it is to persuade men to *disown the past.*

9 It is forever true that all who may think they are misunderstood or not appreciated have in Jesus a sympathiz-

ing friend and an understanding counsellor. He had warned his apostles that a man's foes may be they of his own household, but he had hardly realized how near this prediction would come to apply to his own experience. Jesus did not forsake his earth family to do his Father's work — they forsook him. Later on, after the Master's death and resurrection, when James became connected with the early Christian movement, he suffered immeasurably as a result of his failure to enjoy this earlier association with Jesus and his disciples.

10 §§ In passing through these events,

Jesus chose to be guided by the limited knowledge of his human mind. He desired to undergo the experience with his associates as a mere man. And it was in the human mind of Jesus to see his family before he left. He did not wish to stop in the midst of his discourse and thus render their first meeting after so long a separation such a public affair. He had intended to finish his address and then have a visit with them before leaving, but this plan was thwarted by the conspiracy of events which immediately followed.

11 The haste of their flight was augmented by the arrival of a party of

David's messengers at the rear entrance of the Zebedee home. The commotion produced by these men frightened the apostles into thinking that these new arrivals might be their apprehenders, and in fear of immediate arrest, they hastened through the front entrance to the waiting boat. And all of this explains why Jesus did not see his family waiting on the back porch.

12 But he did say to David Zebedee as he entered the boat in hasty flight: "Tell my mother and my brothers that I appreciate their coming, and that I intended to see them. Admonish

them to find no offence in me but rather to seek for a knowledge of the will of God and for grace and courage to do that will."

7. THE HASTY FLIGHT

1 And so it was on this Sunday morning, the 22nd of May, in the year A.D. 29, that Jesus, with his twelve apostles and the twelve evangelists, engaged in this hasty flight from the Sanhedrin officers who were on their way to Bethsaida with authority from Herod Antipas to arrest him and take him to Jerusalem for trial on charges of blasphemy and other violations of the

sacred laws of the Jews. It was almost 8:30 this beautiful morning when this company of 25 manned the oars and pulled for the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

2 Following the Master's boat was another and smaller craft, containing six of David's messengers, who had instructions to maintain contact with Jesus and his associates and to see that information of their whereabouts and safety was regularly transmitted to the home of Zebedee in Bethsaida, which had served as headquarters for the work of the kingdom for some time. But Jesus was never again to make his

home at the house of Zebedee. From now on, throughout the remainder of his earth life, the Master truly "had not where to lay his head." No more did he have even the semblance of a settled abode.

3 They rowed over to near the village of Kheresa, put their boat in the custody of friends, and began the wanderings of this eventful last year of the Master's life on earth. For a time they remained in the domains of Philip, going from Kheresa up to Caesarea-Philippi, thence making their way over to the coast of Phoenicia.

4 §§ The crowd lingered about the

home of Zebedee watching these two boats make their way over the lake toward the eastern shore, and they were well started when the Jerusalem officers hurried up and began their search for Jesus. They refused to believe he had escaped them, and while Jesus and his party were journeying northward through Batanea, the Pharisees and their assistants spent almost a full week vainly searching for him in the neighbourhood of Capernaum.

5 Jesus' family returned to their home in Capernaum and spent almost a week in talking, debating, and praying. They were filled with con-

fusion and consternation. They enjoyed no peace of mind until Thursday afternoon, when Ruth returned from a visit to the Zebedee house, where she learned from David that her father-brother was safe and in good health and making his way toward the Phoenician coast.

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FLEEING THROUGH NORTHERN GALILEE

Midwayer Commission

Soon after landing near Kheresa on this eventful Sunday, Jesus and the 24 went a little way to the north, where they spent the night in a beautiful park south of Bethsaida-Julias. They were familiar with this camping place, having stopped there in days gone by. Before retiring for the night, the Master called his followers around him and discussed with

them the plans for their projected tour through Batanea and northern Galilee to the Phoenician coast.

1. WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?

1 Said Jesus: "You should all recall how the Psalmist spoke of these times, saying, 'Why do the heathen rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers of the people take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, Let us break the bonds of mercy asunder and let us cast away the cords of love.'

2 "Today you see this fulfilled be-

fore your eyes. But you shall not see the remainder of the Psalmist's prophecy fulfilled, for he entertained erroneous ideas about the Son of Man and his mission on earth. My kingdom is founded on love, proclaimed in mercy, and established by unselfish service. My Father does not sit in heaven laughing in derision at the heathen. He is not wrathful in his great displeasure. True is the promise that the Son shall have these so-called heathen (in reality his ignorant and untaught brethren) for an inheritance. And I will receive these gentiles with open arms of mercy and affection. All

this loving-kindness shall be shown the so-called heathen, notwithstanding the unfortunate declaration of the record which intimates that the triumphant Son 'shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' The Psalmist exhorted you to 'serve the Lord with fear' — I bid you enter into the exalted privileges of divine sonship by faith; he commands you to rejoice with trembling; I bid you rejoice with assurance. He says, 'Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish when his wrath is kindled.' But you who have lived with me well know that anger and wrath

are not a part of the establishment of the kingdom of heaven in the hearts of men. But the Psalmist did glimpse the true light when, in finishing this exhortation, he said: 'Blessed are they who put their trust in this Son.'"

3 Jesus continued to teach the 24, saying: "The heathen are not without excuse when they rage at us. Because their outlook is small and narrow, they are able to concentrate their energies enthusiastically. Their goal is near and more or less visible; wherefore do they strive with valiant and effective execution. You who have professed entrance into the kingdom of

heaven are altogether too vacillating and indefinite in your teaching conduct. The heathen strike directly for their objectives; you are guilty of too much chronic yearning. If you desire to enter the kingdom, why do you not take it by spiritual assault even as the heathen take a city they lay siege to? You are hardly worthy of the kingdom when your service consists so largely in an attitude of regretting the past, whining over the present, and vainly hoping for the future. Why do the heathen rage? Because they know not the truth. Why do you languish in futile yearning? Because you *obey* not the

truth. Cease your useless yearning and go forth bravely doing that which concerns the establishment of the kingdom.

4 "In all that you do, become not one-sided and overspecialized. The Pharisees who seek our destruction verily think they are doing God's service. They have become so narrowed by tradition that they are blinded by prejudice and hardened by fear. Consider the Greeks, who have a science without religion, while the Jews have a religion without science. And when men become thus misled into accepting a narrow and confused disintegra-

tion of truth, their only hope of salvation is to become truth-co-ordinated — converted.

5 "Let me emphatically state this eternal truth: If you, by truth co-ordination, learn to exemplify in your lives this beautiful wholeness of righteousness, your fellow men will then seek after you that they may gain what you have so acquired. The measure wherewith truth seekers are drawn to you represents the measure of your truth endowment, your righteousness. The extent to which you have to go with your message to the people is, in a way, the measure of your failure to live the

whole or righteous life, the truth-co-ordinated life."

6 And many other things the Master taught his apostles and the evangelists before they bade him good night and sought rest upon their pillows.

2. THE EVANGELISTS IN CHORAZIN

1 On Monday morning, May 23, Jesus directed Peter to go over to Chorazin with the twelve evangelists while he, with the eleven, departed for Caesarea-Philippi, going by way of the Jordan to the Damascus-Capernaum road, thence north-east to the junction with the road to Caesarea-Phi-

lippi, and then on into that city, where they tarried and taught for two weeks. They arrived during the afternoon of Tuesday, May 24.

2 Peter and the evangelists sojourned in Chorazin for two weeks, preaching the gospel of the kingdom to a small but earnest company of believers. But they were not able to win many new converts. No city of all Galilee yielded so few souls for the kingdom as Chorazin. In accordance with Peter's instructions the twelve evangelists had less to say about healing — things physical — while they preached and taught with increased vigour the

spiritual truths of the heavenly kingdom. These two weeks at Chorazin constituted a veritable baptism of adversity for the twelve evangelists in that it was the most difficult and unproductive period in their careers up to this time. Being thus deprived of the satisfaction of winning souls for the kingdom, each of them the more earnestly and honestly took stock of his own soul and its progress in the spiritual paths of the new life.

3 When it appeared that no more people were minded to seek entrance into the kingdom, Peter, on Tuesday, June 7, called his associates together

and departed for Caesarea-Philippi to join Jesus and the apostles. They arrived about noontime on Wednesday and spent the entire evening in rehearsing their experiences among the unbelievers of Chorazin. During the discussions of this evening Jesus made further reference to the parable of the sower and taught them much about the meaning of the apparent failure of life undertakings.

3. AT CAESAREA-PHILIPPI

1 Although Jesus did no public work during this two weeks' sojourn near Caesarea-Philippi, the apostles held

numerous quiet evening meetings in the city, and many of the believers came out to the camp to talk with the Master. Very few were added to the group of believers as a result of this visit. Jesus talked with the apostles each day, and they more clearly discerned that a new phase of the work of preaching the kingdom of heaven was now beginning. They were commencing to comprehend that the "kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink but the realization of the spiritual joy of the acceptance of divine sonship."

2 The sojourn at Caesarea-Philippi was a real test to the eleven apostles; it

was a difficult two weeks for them to live through. They were well-nigh depressed, and they missed the periodic stimulation of Peter's enthusiastic personality. In these times it was truly a great and testing adventure to believe in Jesus and go forth to follow after him. Though they made few converts during these two weeks, they did learn much that was highly profitable from their daily conferences with the Master.

3 The apostles learned that the Jews were spiritually stagnant and dying because they had crystallized truth into a creed; that when truth be-

comes formulated as a boundary line of self-righteous exclusiveness instead of serving as signposts of spiritual guidance and progress, such teachings lose their creative and life-giving power and ultimately become merely preservative and fossilizing.

4 Increasingly they learned from Jesus to look upon human personalities in terms of their possibilities in time and in eternity. They learned that many souls can best be led to love the unseen God by being first taught to love their brethren whom they can see. And it was in this connection that new meaning became attached to the Mas-

ter's pronouncement concerning unselfish service for one's fellows: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me."

5 One of the great lessons of this sojourn at Caesarea had to do with the origin of religious traditions, with the grave danger of allowing a sense of sacredness to become attached to nonsacred things, common ideas, or everyday events. From one conference they emerged with the teaching that true religion was man's heartfelt loyalty to his highest and truest convictions.

6 Jesus warned his believers that, if

their religious longings were only material, increasing knowledge of nature would, by progressive displacement of the supposed supernatural origin of things, ultimately deprive them of their faith in God. But that, if their religion were spiritual, never could the progress of physical science disturb their faith in eternal realities and divine values.

7 They learned that, when religion is wholly spiritual in motive, it makes all life more worth while, filling it with high purposes, dignifying it with transcendent values, inspiring it with superb motives, all the while comforting

the human soul with a sublime and sustaining hope. True religion is designed to lessen the strain of existence; it releases faith and courage for daily living and unselfish serving. Faith promotes spiritual vitality and righteous fruitfulness.

8 Jesus repeatedly taught his apostles that no civilization could long survive the loss of the best in its religion. And he never grew weary of pointing out to the twelve the great danger of accepting religious symbols and ceremonies in the place of religious experience. His whole earth life was consistently devoted to the mission of thaw-

ing out the frozen forms of religion into the liquid liberties of enlightened sonship.

4. ON THE WAY TO PHOENICIA

1 On Thursday morning, June 9, after receiving word regarding the progress of the kingdom brought by the messengers of David from Bethsaida, this group of 25 teachers of truth left Caesarea-Philippi to begin their journey to the Phoenician coast. They passed around the marsh country, by way of Luz, to the point of junction with the Magdala-Mount Lebanon trail road, thence to the crossing with

the road leading to Sidon, arriving there Friday afternoon.

2 While pausing for lunch under the shadow of an overhanging ledge of rock, near Luz, Jesus delivered one of the most remarkable addresses which his apostles ever listened to throughout all their years of association with him. No sooner had they seated themselves to break bread than Simon Peter asked Jesus: "Master, since the Father in heaven knows all things, and since his spirit is our support in the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth, why is it that we flee from the threats of our enemies? Why do we

refuse to confront the foes of truth?" But before Jesus had begun to answer Peter's question, Thomas broke in, asking: "Master, I should really like to know just what is wrong with the religion of our enemies at Jerusalem. What is the real difference between their religion and ours? Why is it we are at such diversity of belief when we all profess to serve the same God?" And when Thomas had finished, Jesus said: "While I would not ignore Peter's question, knowing full well how easy it would be to misunderstand my reasons for avoiding an open clash with the rulers of the Jews at just

this time, still it will prove more helpful to all of you if I choose rather to answer Thomas's question. And that I will proceed to do when you have finished your lunch."

5. THE DISCOURSE ON TRUE RELIGION

1 This memorable discourse on religion, summarized and restated in modern phraseology, gave expression to the following truths:

2 §§ While the religions of the world have a double origin — natural and revelatory — at any one time and among any one people there are to be found three distinct forms of religious

devotion. And these three manifestations of the religious urge are:

3 1. *Primitive religion.* The seminatural and instinctive urge to fear mysterious energies and worship superior forces, chiefly a religion of the physical nature, the religion of fear.

4 2. *The religion of civilization.* The advancing religious concepts and practices of the civilizing races — the religion of the mind — the intellectual theology of the authority of established religious tradition.

5 3. *True religion — the religion of revelation.* The revelation of supernatural values, a partial insight into eter-

nal realities, a glimpse of the goodness and beauty of the infinite character of the Father in heaven — the religion of the spirit as demonstrated in human experience.

6 §§ The religion of the physical senses and the superstitious fears of natural man, the Master refused to belittle, though he deplored the fact that so much of this primitive form of worship should persist in the religious forms of the more intelligent races of mankind. Jesus made it clear that the great difference between the religion of the mind and the religion of the spirit is that, while the former is

upheld by ecclesiastical authority, the latter is wholly based on human experience.

7 §§ And then the Master, in his hour of teaching, went on to make clear these truths:

8 §§ Until the races become highly intelligent and more fully civilized, there will persist many of those childlike and superstitious ceremonies which are so characteristic of the evolutionary religious practices of primitive and backward peoples. Until the human race progresses to the level of a higher and more general recognition of the realities of spiritual experience,

large numbers of men and women will continue to show a personal preference for those religions of authority which require only intellectual assent, in contrast to the religion of the spirit, which entails active participation of mind and soul in the faith adventure of grappling with the rigorous realities of progressive human experience.

9 The acceptance of the traditional religions of authority presents the easy way out for man's urge to seek satisfaction for the longings of his spiritual nature. The settled, crystallized, and established religions of authority afford a ready refuge to which the distracted

and distraught soul of man may flee when harassed by fear and tormented by uncertainty. Such a religion requires of its devotees, as the price to be paid for its satisfactions and assurances, only a passive and purely intellectual assent.

10 And for a long time there will live on earth those timid, fearful, and hesitant individuals who will prefer thus to secure their religious consolations, even though, in so casting their lot with the religions of authority, they compromise the sovereignty of personality, debase the dignity of self-respect, and utterly surrender the right

to participate in that most thrilling and inspiring of all possible human experiences: the personal quest for truth, the exhilaration of facing the perils of intellectual discovery, the determination to explore the realities of personal religious experience, the supreme satisfaction of experiencing the personal triumph of the actual realization of the victory of spiritual faith over intellectual doubt as it is honestly won in the supreme adventure of all human existence — man seeking God, for himself and as himself, and finding him.

11 The religion of the spirit means effort, struggle, conflict, faith, determi-

nation, love, loyalty, and progress. The religion of the mind — the theology of authority — requires little or none of these exertions from its formal believers. Tradition is a safe refuge and an easy path for those fearful and half-hearted souls who instinctively shun the spirit struggles and mental uncertainties associated with those faith voyages of daring adventure out upon the high seas of unexplored truth in search for the farther shores of spiritual realities as they may be discovered by the progressive human mind and experienced by the evolving human soul.

12 §§ And Jesus went on to say: "At Jerusalem the religious leaders have formulated the various doctrines of their traditional teachers and the prophets of other days into an established system of intellectual beliefs, a religion of authority. The appeal of all such religions is largely to the mind. And now are we about to enter upon a deadly conflict with such a religion since we will so shortly begin the bold proclamation of a new religion — a religion which is not a religion in the present-day meaning of that word, a religion that makes its chief appeal to the divine spirit of my Father which

resides in the mind of man; a religion which shall derive its authority from the fruits of its acceptance that will so certainly appear in the personal experience of all who really and truly become believers in the truths of this higher spiritual communion."

13 Pointing out each of the 24 and calling them by name, Jesus said: "And now, which one of you would prefer to take this easy path of conformity to an established and fossilized religion, as defended by the Pharisees at Jerusalem, rather than to suffer the difficulties and persecutions attendant upon the mission of proclaiming a better

way of salvation to men while you realize the satisfaction of discovering for yourselves the beauties of the realities of a living and personal experience in the eternal truths and supreme grandeurs of the kingdom of heaven? Are you fearful, soft, and ease-seeking? Are you afraid to trust your future in the hands of the God of truth, whose sons you are? Are you distrustful of the Father, whose children you are? Will you go back to the easy path of the certainty and intellectual settledness of the religion of traditional authority, or will you gird yourselves to go forward with me into that uncer-

tain and troublous future of proclaiming the new truths of the religion of the spirit, the kingdom of heaven in the hearts of men?"

14 All 24 of his hearers rose to their feet, intending to signify their united and loyal response to this, one of the few emotional appeals which Jesus ever made to them, but he raised his hand and stopped them, saying: "Go now apart by yourselves, each man alone with the Father, and there find the unemotional answer to my question, and having found such a true and sincere attitude of soul, speak that answer freely and boldly to my Father

and your Father, whose infinite life of love is the very spirit of the religion we proclaim."

15 The evangelists and apostles went apart by themselves for a short time. Their spirits were uplifted, their minds were inspired, and their emotions mightily stirred by what Jesus had said. But when Andrew called them together, the Master said only: "Let us resume our journey. We go into Phoenicia to tarry for a season, and all of you should pray the Father to transform your emotions of mind and body into the higher loyalties of mind and the more satisfying experiences of the

spirit."

16 As they journeyed on down the road, the 24 were silent, but presently they began to talk one with another, and by 15:00 they could not go farther; they came to a halt, and Peter, going up to Jesus, said: "Master, you have spoken to us the words of life and truth. We would hear more; we beseech you to speak to us further concerning these matters."

6. THE SECOND DISCOURSE ON RELIGION

1 And so, while they paused in the shade of the hillside, Jesus continued to teach them regarding the religion

of the spirit, in substance saying:

2 §§ You have come out from among those of your fellows who choose to remain satisfied with a religion of mind, who crave security and prefer conformity. You have elected to exchange your feelings of authoritative certainty for the assurances of the spirit of adventurous and progressive faith. You have dared to protest against the gruelling bondage of institutional religion and to reject the authority of the traditions of record which are now regarded as the word of God. Our Father did indeed speak through Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, Amos, and Hosea, but

he did not cease to minister words of truth to the world when these prophets of old made an end of their utterances. My Father is no respecter of races or generations in that the word of truth is vouchsafed one age and withheld from another. Commit not the folly of calling that divine which is wholly human, and fail not to discern the words of truth which come not through the traditional oracles of supposed inspiration.

3 §§ I have called upon you to be born again, to be born of the spirit. I have called you out of the darkness of authority and the lethargy of tradi-

tion into the transcendent light of the realization of the possibility of making for yourselves the greatest discovery possible for the human soul to make — the supernal experience of finding God for yourself, in yourself, and of yourself, and of doing all this as a fact in your own personal experience. And so may you pass from death to life, from the authority of tradition to the experience of knowing God; thus will you pass from darkness to light, from a racial faith inherited to a personal faith achieved by actual experience; and thereby will you progress from a theology of mind handed

down by your ancestors to a true religion of spirit which shall be built up in your souls as an eternal endowment.

4 Your religion shall change from the mere intellectual belief in traditional authority to the actual experience of that living faith which is able to grasp the reality of God and all that relates to the divine spirit of the Father. The religion of the mind ties you hopelessly to the past; the religion of the spirit consists in progressive revelation and ever beckons you on toward higher and holier achievements in spiritual ideals and eternal realities.

5 While the religion of authority

may impart a present feeling of settled security, you pay for such a transient satisfaction the price of the loss of your spiritual freedom and religious liberty. My Father does not require of you as the price of entering the kingdom of heaven that you should force yourself to subscribe to a belief in things which are spiritually repugnant, unholy, and untruthful. It is not required of you that your own sense of mercy, justice, and truth should be outraged by submission to an outworn system of religious forms and ceremonies. The religion of the spirit leaves you forever free to follow the truth wherever the

leadings of the spirit may take you. And who can judge — perhaps this spirit may have something to impart to this generation which other generations have refused to hear?

6 Shame on those false religious teachers who would drag hungry souls back into the dim and distant past and there leave them! And so are these unfortunate persons doomed to become frightened by every new discovery, while they are discomfited by every new revelation of truth. The prophet who said, "He will be kept in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on God," was not a mere intellectual be-

liever in authoritative theology. This truth-knowing human had discovered God; he was not merely talking about God.

7 I admonish you to give up the practice of always quoting the prophets of old and praising the heroes of Israel, and instead aspire to become living prophets of the Most High and spiritual heroes of the coming kingdom. To honour the God-knowing leaders of the past may indeed be worth while, but why, in so doing, should you sacrifice the supreme experience of human existence: finding God for yourselves and knowing him

in your own souls?

8 Every race of mankind has its own mental outlook upon human existence; therefore must the religion of the mind ever run true to these various racial viewpoints. Never can the religions of authority come to unification. Human unity and mortal brotherhood can be achieved only by and through the superendowment of the religion of the spirit. Racial minds may differ, but all mankind is indwelt by the same divine and eternal spirit. The hope of human brotherhood can only be realized when, and as, the divergent mind religions of authority

become impregnated with, and overshadowed by, the unifying and ennobling religion of the spirit — the religion of personal spiritual experience.

9 The religions of authority can only divide men and set them in conscientious array against each other; the religion of the spirit will progressively draw men together and cause them to become understandingly sympathetic with one another. The religions of authority require of men uniformity in belief, but this is impossible of realization in the present state of the world. The religion of the spirit requires only unity of experience — uniformity of

destiny — making full allowance for diversity of belief. The religion of the spirit requires only uniformity of insight, not uniformity of viewpoint and outlook. The religion of the spirit does not demand uniformity of intellectual views, only unity of spirit feeling. The religions of authority crystallize into lifeless creeds; the religion of the spirit grows into the increasing joy and liberty of ennobling deeds of loving service and merciful ministration.

10 But watch, lest any of you look with disdain upon the children of Abraham because they have fallen on these evil days of traditional barren-

ness. Our forefathers gave themselves up to the persistent and passionate search for God, and they found him as no other whole race of men have ever known him since the times of Adam, who knew much of this as he was himself a Son of God. My Father has not failed to mark the long and untiring struggle of Israel, ever since the days of Moses, to find God and to know God. For weary generations the Jews have not ceased to toil, sweat, groan, travail, and endure the sufferings and experience the sorrows of a misunderstood and despised people, all in order that they might come a lit-

tle nearer the discovery of the truth about God. And, notwithstanding all the failures and falterings of Israel, our fathers progressively, from Moses to the times of Amos and Hosea, did reveal increasingly to the whole world an ever clearer and more truthful picture of the eternal God. And so was the way prepared for the still greater revelation of the Father which you have been called to share.

11 Never forget there is only one adventure which is more satisfying and thrilling than the attempt to discover the will of the living God, and that is the supreme experience of honestly

trying to do that divine will. And fail not to remember that the will of God can be done in any earthly occupation. Some callings are not holy and others secular. All things are sacred in the lives of those who are spirit led; that is, subordinated to truth, ennobled by love, dominated by mercy, and restrained by fairness — justice. The spirit which my Father and I shall send into the world is not only the Spirit of Truth but also the spirit of idealistic beauty.

12 You must cease to seek for the word of God only on the pages of the olden records of theologic author-

ity. Those who are born of the spirit of God shall henceforth discern the word of God regardless of whence it appears to take origin. Divine truth must not be discounted because the channel of its bestowal is apparently human. Many of your brethren have minds which accept the theory of God while they spiritually fail to realize the presence of God. And that is just the reason why I have so often taught you that the kingdom of heaven can best be realized by acquiring the spiritual attitude of a sincere child. It is not the mental immaturity of the child that I commend to you but rather the

spiritual simplicity of such an easy-believing and fully-trusting little one. It is not so important that you should know about the fact of God as that you should increasingly grow in the ability to *feel the presence of God.*

13 When you once begin to find God in your soul, presently you will begin to discover him in other men's souls and eventually in all the creatures and creations of a mighty universe. But what chance does the Father have to appear as a God of supreme loyalties and divine ideals in the souls of men who give little or no time to the thoughtful contemplation of

such eternal realities? While the mind is not the seat of the spiritual nature, it is indeed the gateway thereto.

14 But do not make the mistake of trying to prove to other men that you have found God; you cannot consciously produce such valid proof, albeit there are two positive and powerful demonstrations of the fact that you are God-knowing, and they are:

15 1. The fruits of the spirit of God showing forth in your daily routine life.

16 §§ 2. The fact that your entire life plan furnishes positive proof that you have unreservedly risked everything

you are and have on the adventure of survival after death in the pursuit of the hope of finding the God of eternity, whose presence you have foretasted in time.

17 §§ Now, mistake not, my Father will ever respond to the faintest flicker of faith. He takes note of the physical and superstitious emotions of the primitive man. And with those honest but fearful souls whose faith is so weak that it amounts to little more than an intellectual conformity to a passive attitude of assent to religions of authority, the Father is ever alert to honour and foster even all such feeble attempts

to reach out for him. But you who have been called out of darkness into the light are expected to believe with a whole heart; your faith shall dominate the combined attitudes of body, mind, and spirit.

18 You are my apostles, and to you religion shall not become a theologic shelter to which you may flee in fear of facing the rugged realities of spiritual progress and idealistic adventure; but rather shall your religion become the fact of real experience which testifies that God has found you, idealized, ennobled, and spiritualized you, and that you have enlisted in the eternal adven-

ture of finding the God who has thus found and sonshipped you.

19 §§ And when Jesus had finished speaking, he beckoned to Andrew and, pointing to the west toward Phoenicia, said: "Let us be on our way."

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THE SOJOURN AT TYRE AND SIDON

Midwayer Commission

On Friday afternoon, June 10, Jesus and his associates arrived in the environs of Sidon, where they stopped at the home of a well-to-do woman who had been a patient in the Bethsaida hospital during the times when Jesus was at the height of his popular favour. The evangelists and the apostles were

lodged with her friends in the immediate neighbourhood, and they rested over the Sabbath day amid these refreshing surroundings. They spent almost 2½ weeks in Sidon and vicinity before they prepared to visit the coast cities to the north.

2 This June Sabbath day was one of great quiet. The evangelists and apostles were altogether absorbed in their meditations regarding the discourses of the Master on religion to which they had listened en route to Sidon. They were all able to appreciate something of what he had told them, but none of them fully grasped the import

of his teaching.

1. THE SYRIAN WOMAN

1 There lived near the home of Karuska, where the Master lodged, a Syrian woman who had heard much of Jesus as a great healer and teacher, and on this Sabbath afternoon she came over, bringing her little daughter. The child, about twelve years old, was afflicted with a grievous nervous disorder characterized by convulsions and other distressing manifestations.

2 Jesus had charged his associates to tell no one of his presence at the home of Karuska, explaining that he

desired to have a rest. While they had obeyed their Master's instructions, the servant of Karuska had gone over to the house of this Syrian woman, Norana, to inform her that Jesus lodged at the home of her mistress and had urged this anxious mother to bring her afflicted daughter for healing. This mother, of course, believed that her child was possessed by a demon, an unclean spirit.

3 When Norana arrived with her daughter, the Alpheus twins explained through an interpreter that the Master was resting and could not be disturbed; whereupon Norana replied

that she and the child would remain right there until the Master had finished his rest. Peter also endeavoured to reason with her and to persuade her to go home. He explained that Jesus was weary with much teaching and healing, and that he had come to Phoenicia for a period of quiet and rest. But it was futile; Norana would not leave. To Peter's entreaties she replied only: "I will not depart until I have seen your Master. I know he can cast the demon out of my child, and I will not go until the healer has looked upon my daughter."

4 Then Thomas sought to send the

woman away but met only with failure. To him she said: "I have faith that your Master can cast out this demon which torments my child. I have heard of his mighty works in Galilee, and I believe in him. What has happened to you, his disciples, that you would send away those who come seeking your Master's help?" And when she had thus spoken, Thomas withdrew.

5 Then came forward Simon Zelotes to remonstrate with Norana. Said Simon: "Woman, you are a Greek-speaking gentile. It is not right that you should expect the Master to take the bread intended for the children of

the favoured household and cast it to the dogs." But Norana refused to take offence at Simon's thrust. She replied only: "Yes, teacher, I understand your words. I am only a dog in the eyes of the Jews, but as concerns your Master, I am a believing dog. I am determined that he shall see my daughter, for I am persuaded that, if he shall but look upon her, he will heal her. And even you, my good man, would not dare to deprive the dogs of the privilege of obtaining the crumbs which chance to fall from the children's table."

6 At just this time the little girl was

seized with a violent convulsion before them all, and the mother cried out: "There, you can see that my child is possessed by an evil spirit. If our need does not impress you, it would appeal to your Master, who I have been told loves all men and dares even to heal the gentiles when they believe. You are not worthy to be his disciples. I will not go until my child has been cured."

7 Jesus, who had heard all of this conversation through an open window, now came outside, much to their surprise, and said: "O woman, great is your faith, so great that I cannot withhold that which you desire; go your

way in peace. Your daughter already has been made whole." And the little girl was well from that hour. As Norana and the child took leave, Jesus entreated them to tell no one of this occurrence; and while his associates did comply with this request, the mother and the child ceased not to proclaim the fact of the little girl's healing throughout all the countryside and even in Sidon, so much so that Jesus found it advisable to change his lodgings within a few days.

8 §§ The next day, as Jesus taught his apostles, commenting on the cure of the daughter of the Syrian woman, he

said: "And so it has been all the way along; you see for yourselves how the gentiles are able to exercise saving faith in the teachings of the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. Verily, verily, I tell you that the Father's kingdom shall be taken by the gentiles if the children of Abraham are not minded to show faith enough to enter therein."

2. TEACHING IN SIDON

1 In entering Sidon, Jesus and his associates passed over a bridge, the first one many of them had ever seen. As they walked over this bridge[1], Jesus,

[1] In the book "Our Lord's Earthly Life" by David

among other things, said: "This world is only a bridge; you may pass over it, but you should not think to build a dwelling place upon it."

2 §§ As the 24 began their labours in Sidon, Jesus went to stay in a home just north of the city, the house of Justa and her mother, Bernice. Jesus taught the 24 each morning at the home of

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Smith (New York, 1925, p.189) this incident is described. The phrase itself is part of the ancient Persian inscription on the main gate of Buland Darwaza (India) which reads: "Isa, son of Mary said: The world is a Bridge, pass over it, but build no houses upon it. He who hopes for a day, may hope for eternity; but the World endures but an hour. Spend it in prayer for the rest is unseen."

Justa, and they went abroad in Sidon to teach and preach during the afternoons and evenings.

3 The apostles and the evangelists were greatly cheered by the manner in which the gentiles of Sidon received their message; during their short sojourn many were added to the kingdom. This period of about six weeks in Phoenicia was a very fruitful time in the work of winning souls, but the later Jewish writers of the Gospels were wont lightly to pass over the record of this warm reception of Jesus' teachings by these gentiles at this very time when such a large number of

his own people were in hostile array against him.

4 In many ways these gentile believers appreciated Jesus' teachings more fully than the Jews. Many of these Greek-speaking Syrophoenicians came to know not only that Jesus was like God but also that God was like Jesus. These so-called heathen achieved a good understanding of the Master's teachings about the uniformity of the laws of this world and the entire universe. They grasped the teaching that God is no respecter of persons, races, or nations; that there is no favouritism with the Universal Fa-

ther; that the universe is wholly and ever law-abiding and unfailingly dependable. These gentiles were not afraid of Jesus; they dared to accept his message. All down through the ages men have not been unable to comprehend Jesus; they have been afraid to.

5 §§ Jesus made it clear to the 24 that he had not fled from Galilee because he lacked courage to confront his enemies. They comprehended that he was not yet ready for an open clash with established religion, and that he did not seek to become a martyr. It was during one of these conferences at the home of Justa that the Master first told

his disciples that "even though heaven and earth shall pass away, my words of truth shall not."

6 §§ The theme of Jesus' instructions during the sojourn at Sidon was spiritual progression. He told them they could not stand still; they must go forward in righteousness or retrogress into evil and sin. He admonished them to "forget those things which are in the past while you push forward to embrace the greater realities of the kingdom." He besought them not to be content with their childhood in the gospel but to strive for the attainment of the full stature of divine sonship in

the communion of the spirit and in the fellowship of believers.

7 Said Jesus: "My disciples must not only cease to do evil but learn to do well; you must not only be cleansed from all conscious sin, but you must refuse to harbour even the feelings of guilt. If you confess your sins, they are forgiven; therefore must you maintain a conscience void of offence."

8 Jesus greatly enjoyed the keen sense of humour which these gentiles exhibited. It was the sense of humour displayed by Norana, the Syrian woman, as well as her great and persistent faith, that so touched the Mas-

ter's heart and appealed to his mercy. Jesus greatly regretted that his people — the Jews — were so lacking in humour. He once said to Thomas: "My people take themselves too seriously; they are just about devoid of an appreciation of humour. The burdensome religion of the Pharisees could never have had origin among a people with a sense of humour. They also lack consistency; they strain at gnats and swallow camels."

3. THE JOURNEY UP THE COAST

1 On Tuesday, June 28, the Master and his associates left Sidon, go-

ing up the coast to Porphyreon and Heldua. They were well received by the gentiles, and many were added to the kingdom during this week of teaching and preaching. The apostles preached in Porphyreon and the evangelists taught in Heldua. While the 24 were thus engaged in their work, Jesus left them for a period of three or four days, paying a visit to the coast city of Beirut, where he visited with a Syrian named Malach, who was a believer, and who had been at Bethsaida the year before.

2 On Wednesday, July 6, they all returned to Sidon and tarried at the

home of Justa until Sunday morning, when they departed for Tyre, going south along the coast by way of Sarepta, arriving at Tyre on Monday, July 11. By this time the apostles and the evangelists were becoming accustomed to working among these so-called gentiles, who were in reality mainly descended from the earlier Canaanite tribes of still earlier Semitic origin. All of these peoples spoke the Greek language. It was a great surprise to the apostles and evangelists to observe the eagerness of these gentiles to hear the gospel and to note the readiness with which many of them

believed.

4. AT TYRE

1 From July 11 to July 24 they taught in Tyre. Each of the apostles took with him one of the evangelists, and thus two and two they taught and preached in all parts of Tyre and its environs. The polyglot population of this busy seaport heard them gladly, and many were baptized into the outward fellowship of the kingdom. Jesus maintained his headquarters at the home of a Jew named Joseph, a believer, who lived 5–6 km south of Tyre, not far from the tomb of Hiram who had been king of

the city-state of Tyre during the times of David and Solomon.

2 Daily, for this period of two weeks, the apostles and evangelists entered Tyre by way of Alexander's mole to conduct small meetings, and each night most of them would return to the encampment at Joseph's house south of the city. Every day believers came out from the city to talk with Jesus at his resting place. The Master spoke in Tyre only once, on the afternoon of July 20, when he taught the believers concerning the Father's love for all mankind and about the mission of the Son to reveal the Father to all

races of men. There was such an interest in the gospel of the kingdom among these gentiles that, on this occasion, the doors of the Melkarth temple were opened to him, and it is interesting to record that in subsequent years a Christian church was built on the very site of this ancient temple.

3 Many of the leaders in the manufacture of Tyrian purple, the dye that made Tyre and Sidon famous the world over, and which contributed so much to their world-wide commerce and consequent enrichment, believed in the kingdom. When, shortly thereafter, the supply of the sea animals

which were the source of this dye began to diminish, these dye makers went forth in search of new habitats of these shellfish. And thus migrating to the ends of the earth, they carried with them the message of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man — the gospel of the kingdom.

5. JESUS' TEACHING AT TYRE

1 On this Wednesday afternoon, in the course of his address, Jesus first told his followers the story of the white lily which rears its pure and snowy head high into the sunshine while its roots are grounded in the

slime and muck of the darkened soil beneath. "Likewise," said he, "mortal man, while he has his roots of origin and being in the animal soil of human nature, can by faith raise his spiritual nature up into the sunlight of heavenly truth and actually bear the noble fruits of the spirit."

2 It was during this same sermon that Jesus made use of his first and only parable having to do with his own trade — carpentry. In the course of his admonition to "Build well the foundations for the growth of a noble character of spiritual endowments," he said: "In order to yield the fruits of the spirit,

you must be born of the spirit. You must be taught by the spirit and be led by the spirit if you would live the spirit-filled life among your fellows. But do not make the mistake of the foolish carpenter who wastes valuable time squaring, measuring, and smoothing his worm-eaten and inwardly rotting timber and then, when he has thus bestowed all of his labour upon the unsound beam, must reject it as unfit to enter into the foundations of the building which he would construct to withstand the assaults of time and storm. Let every man make sure that the intellectual and moral foun-

dations of character are such as will adequately support the superstructure of the enlarging and ennobling spiritual nature, which is thus to transform the mortal mind and then, in association with that re-created mind, is to achieve the evolvement of the soul of immortal destiny. Your spirit nature — the jointly created soul — is a living growth, but the mind and morals of the individual are the soil from which these higher manifestations of human development and divine destiny must spring. The soil of the evolving soul is human and material, but the destiny of this combined creature of mind and

spirit is spiritual and divine."

3 On the evening of this same day Nathaniel asked Jesus: "Master, why do we pray that God will lead us not into temptation when we well know from your revelation of the Father that he never does such things?" Jesus answered Nathaniel:

4 "It is not strange that you ask such questions seeing that you are beginning to know the Father as I know him, and not as the early Hebrew prophets so dimly saw him. You well know how our forefathers were disposed to see God in almost everything that happened. They looked

for the hand of God in all natural occurrences and in every unusual episode of human experience. They connected God with both good and evil. They thought he softened the heart of Moses and hardened the heart of Pharaoh. When man had a strong urge to do something, good or evil, he was in the habit of accounting for these unusual emotions by remarking: 'The Lord spoke to me saying, do thus and so, or go here and there.' Accordingly, since men so often and so violently ran into temptation, it became the habit of our forefathers to believe that God led them thither for testing,

punishing, or strengthening. But you, indeed, now know better. You know that men are all too often led into temptation by the urge of their own selfishness and by the impulses of their animal natures. When you are in this way tempted, I admonish you that, while you recognize temptation honestly and sincerely for just what it is, you intelligently redirect the energies of spirit, mind, and body, which are seeking expression, into higher channels and toward more idealistic goals. In this way may you transform your temptations into the highest types of uplifting mortal ministry while you al-

most wholly avoid these wasteful and weakening conflicts between the animal and spiritual natures.

5 "But let me warn you against the folly of undertaking to surmount temptation by the effort of supplanting one desire by another and supposedly superior desire through the mere force of the human will. If you would be truly triumphant over the temptations of the lesser and lower nature, you must come to that place of spiritual advantage where you have really and truly developed an actual interest in, and love for, those higher and more idealistic forms of conduct which your

mind is desirous of substituting for these lower and less idealistic habits of behaviour that you recognize as temptation. You will in this way be delivered through spiritual transformation rather than be increasingly overburdened with the deceptive suppression of mortal desires. The old and the inferior will be forgotten in the love for the new and the superior. Beauty is always triumphant over ugliness in the hearts of all who are illuminated by the love of truth. There is mighty power in the expulsive energy of a new and sincere spiritual affection. And again I say to you, be not overcome by evil

but rather overcome evil with good."

6 Long into the night the apostles and evangelists continued to ask questions, and from the many answers we would present the following thoughts, restated in modern phraseology:

7 Forceful ambition, intelligent judgment, and seasoned wisdom are the essentials of material success. Leadership is dependent on natural ability, discretion, will power, and determination. Spiritual destiny is dependent on faith, love, and devotion to truth — hunger and thirst for righteousness — the wholehearted desire to find God and to be like him.

8 Do not become discouraged by the discovery that you are human. Human nature may tend toward evil, but it is not inherently sinful. Be not downcast by your failure wholly to forget some of your regrettable experiences. The mistakes which you fail to forget in time will be forgotten in eternity. Lighten your burdens of soul by speedily acquiring a long-distance view of your destiny, a universe expansion of your career.

9 Make not the mistake of estimating the soul's worth by the imperfections of the mind or by the appetites of the body. Judge not the soul nor

evaluate its destiny by the standard of a single unfortunate human episode. Your spiritual destiny is conditioned only by your spiritual longings and purposes.

10 Religion is the exclusively spiritual experience of the evolving immortal soul of the God-knowing man, but moral power and spiritual energy are mighty forces which may be utilized in dealing with difficult social situations and in solving intricate economic problems. These moral and spiritual endowments make all levels of human living richer and more meaningful.

11 You are destined to live a narrow and mean life if you learn to love only those who love you. Human love may indeed be reciprocal, but divine love is outgoing in all its satisfaction-seeking. The less of love in any creature's nature, the greater the love need, and the more does divine love seek to satisfy such need. Love is never self-seeking, and it cannot be self-bestowed. Divine love cannot be self-contained; it must be unselfishly bestowed.

12 Kingdom believers should possess an implicit faith, a whole-souled belief, in the certain triumph of righteousness. Kingdom builders must be

undoubting of the truth of the gospel of eternal salvation. Believers must increasingly learn how to step aside from the rush of life — escape the harassments of material existence — while they refresh the soul, inspire the mind, and renew the spirit by worshipful communion.

13 God-knowing individuals are not discouraged by misfortune or downcast by disappointment. Believers are immune to the depression consequent upon purely material upheavals; spirit livers are not perturbed by the episodes of the material world. Candidates for eternal life are practition-

ers of an invigorating and constructive technique for meeting all of the vicissitudes and harassments of mortal living. Every day a true believer lives, he finds it *easier* to do the right thing.

14 Spiritual living mightily increases true self-respect. But self-respect is not self-admiration. Self-respect is always co-ordinate with the love and service of one's fellows. It is not possible to respect yourself more than you love your neighbour; the one is the measure of the capacity for the other.

15 As the days pass, every true believer becomes more skillful in alluring his fellows into the love of eter-

nal truth. Are you more resourceful in revealing goodness to humanity today than you were yesterday? Are you a better righteousness recommender this year than you were last year? Are you becoming increasingly artistic in your technique of leading hungry souls into the spiritual kingdom?

16 Are your ideals sufficiently high to ensure your eternal salvation while your ideas are so practical as to render you a useful citizen to function on earth in association with your mortal fellows? In the spirit, your citizenship is in heaven; in the flesh, you are still

citizens of the earth kingdoms. Render to the Caesars the things which are material and to God those which are spiritual.

17 The measure of the spiritual capacity of the evolving soul is your faith in truth and your love for man, but the measure of your human strength of character is your ability to resist the holding of grudges and your capacity to withstand brooding in the face of deep sorrow. Defeat is the true mirror in which you may honestly view your real self.

18 As you grow older in years and more experienced in the affairs of

the kingdom, are you becoming more tactful in dealing with troublesome mortals and more tolerant in living with stubborn associates? Tact is the fulcrum of social leverage, and tolerance is the earmark of a great soul. If you possess these rare and charming gifts, as the days pass you will become more alert and expert in your worthy efforts to avoid all unnecessary social misunderstandings. Such wise souls are able to avoid much of the trouble which is certain to be the portion of all who suffer from lack of emotional adjustment, those who refuse to grow up, and those who refuse to grow old

gracefully.

19 Avoid dishonesty and unfairness in all your efforts to preach truth and proclaim the gospel. Seek no unearned recognition and crave no undeserved sympathy. Love, freely receive from both divine and human sources regardless of your deserts, and love freely in return. But in all other things related to honour and adulation seek only that which honestly belongs to you.

20 The God-conscious mortal is certain of salvation; he is unafraid of life; he is honest and consistent. He knows how bravely to endure unavoidable

suffering; he is uncomplaining when faced by inescapable hardship.

21 The true believer does not grow weary in well-doing just because he is thwarted. Difficulty whets the ardour of the truth lover, while obstacles only challenge the exertions of the undaunted kingdom builder.

22 §§ And many other things Jesus taught them before they made ready to depart from Tyre.

23 The day before Jesus left Tyre for the return to the region of the Sea of Galilee, he called his associates together and directed the twelve evangelists to go back by a route differ-

ent from that which he and the twelve apostles were to take. And after the evangelists here left Jesus, they were never again so intimately associated with him.

6. THE RETURN FROM PHOENICIA

1 About noon on Sunday, July 24, Jesus and the twelve left the home of Joseph, south of Tyre, going down the coast to Ptolemais. Here they tarried for a day, speaking words of comfort to the company of believers resident there. Peter preached to them on the evening of July 25.

2 On Tuesday they left Ptolemais,

going east inland to near Jotapata by way of the Tiberias road. Wednesday they stopped at Jotapata and instructed the believers further in the things of the kingdom. Thursday they left Jotapata, going north on the Nazareth-Mount Lebanon trail to the village of Zebulun, by way of Ramah. They held meetings at Ramah on Friday and remained over the Sabbath. They reached Zebulun on Sunday, the 31st, holding a meeting that evening and departing the next morning.

3 Leaving Zebulun, they journeyed over to the junction with the Magdala-Sidon road near Gischala, and

thence they made their way to Gennesaret on the western shores of the lake of Galilee, south of Capernaum, where they had appointed to meet with David Zebedee, and where they intended to take counsel as to the next move to be made in the work of preaching the gospel of the kingdom.

4 During a brief conference with David they learned that many leaders were then gathered together on the opposite side of the lake near Kheresa, and accordingly, that very evening a boat took them across. For one day they rested quietly in the hills, going on the next day to the park, near by,

where the Master once fed the 5,000. Here they rested for three days and held daily conferences, which were attended by about 50 men and women, the remnants of the once numerous company of believers resident in Capernaum and its environs.

5 §§ While Jesus was absent from Capernaum and Galilee, the period of the Phoenician sojourn, his enemies reckoned that the whole movement had been broken up and concluded that Jesus' haste in withdrawing indicated he was so thoroughly frightened that he would not likely ever return to bother them. All active opposition to his

teachings had about subsided. The believers were beginning to hold public meetings once more, and there was occurring a gradual but effective consolidation of the tried and true survivors of the great sifting through which the gospel believers had just passed.

6 Philip, the brother of Herod, had become a half-hearted believer in Jesus and sent word that the Master was free to live and work in his domains.

7 The mandate to close the synagogues of all Jewry to the teachings of Jesus and all his followers had worked adversely upon the scribes and Pharisees. Immediately upon Jesus' remov-

ing himself as an object of controversy, there occurred a reaction among the entire Jewish people; there was general resentment against the Pharisees and the Sanhedrin leaders at Jerusalem. Many of the rulers of the synagogues began surreptitiously to open their synagogues to Abner and his associates, claiming that these teachers were followers of John and not disciples of Jesus.

8 Even Herod Antipas experienced a change of heart and, on learning that Jesus was sojourning across the lake in the territory of his brother Philip, sent word to him that, while he had signed

warrants for his arrest in Galilee, he had not so authorized his apprehension in Perea, thus indicating that Jesus would not be molested if he remained outside of Galilee; and he communicated this same ruling to the Jews at Jerusalem.

9 And that was the situation about the first of August, A.D. 29, when the Master returned from the Phoenician mission and began the reorganization of his scattered, tested, and depleted forces for this last and eventful year of his mission on earth.

10 The issues of battle are clearly drawn as the Master and his associates

prepare to begin the proclamation of a new religion, the religion of the spirit of the living God who dwells in the minds of men.

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AT CAESAREA-PHILIPPI

Midwayer Commission

Before Jesus took the twelve for a short sojourn in the vicinity of Caesarea-Philippi, he arranged through the messengers of David to go over to Capernaum on Sunday, August 7, for the purpose of meeting his family. By prearrangement this visit was to occur at the Zebedee boatshop. David Zebedee had arranged with Jude, Jesus' brother, for the presence of the entire Nazareth family —

Mary and all of Jesus' brothers and sisters — and Jesus went with Andrew and Peter to keep this appointment. It was certainly the intention of Mary and the children to keep this engagement, but it so happened that a group of the Pharisees, knowing that Jesus was on the opposite side of the lake in Philip's domains, decided to call upon Mary to learn what they could of his whereabouts. The arrival of these Jerusalem emissaries greatly perturbed Mary, and noting the tension and nervousness of the entire family, they concluded that Jesus must have been expected to pay them a visit.

Accordingly they installed themselves in Mary's home and, after summoning reinforcements, waited patiently for Jesus' arrival. And this, of course, effectively prevented any of the family from attempting to keep their appointment with Jesus. Several times during the day both Jude and Ruth endeavoured to elude the vigilance of the Pharisees in their efforts to send word to Jesus, but it was of no avail.

2 Early in the afternoon David's messengers brought Jesus word that the Pharisees were encamped on the doorstep of his mother's house, and therefore he made no attempt to visit

his family. And so again, through no fault of either, Jesus and his earth family failed to make contact.

1. THE TEMPLE-TAX COLLECTOR

1 As Jesus, with Andrew and Peter, tarried by the lake near the boatshop, a temple-tax collector came upon them and, recognizing Jesus, called Peter to one side and said: "Does not your Master pay the temple tax?" Peter was inclined to show indignation at the suggestion that Jesus should be expected to contribute to the maintenance of the religious activities of his sworn enemies, but, noting a peculiar

expression on the face of the tax collector, he rightly surmised that it was the purpose to entrap them in the act of refusing to pay the customary half shekel for the support of the temple services at Jerusalem. Accordingly, Peter replied: "Why of course the Master pays the temple tax. You wait by the gate, and I will presently return with the tax."

2 Now Peter had spoken hastily. Judas carried their funds, and he was across the lake. Neither he, his brother, nor Jesus had brought along any money. And knowing that the Pharisees were looking for them, they

could not well go to Bethsaida to obtain money. When Peter told Jesus about the collector and that he had promised him the money, Jesus said: "If you have promised, then should you pay. But wherewith will you redeem your promise? Will you again become a fisherman that you may honour your word? Nevertheless, Peter, it is well in the circumstances that we pay the tax. Let us give these men no occasion for offence at our attitude. We will wait here while you go with the boat and cast for the fish, and when you have sold them at yonder market, pay the collector for all three of us."

3 All of this had been overheard by the secret messenger of David who stood near by, and who then signalled to an associate, fishing near the shore, to come in quickly. When Peter made ready to go out in the boat for a catch, this messenger and his fisherman friend presented him with several large baskets of fish and assisted him in carrying them to the fish merchant near by, who purchased the catch, paying sufficient, with what was added by the messenger of David, to meet the temple tax for the three. The collector accepted the tax, foregoing the penalty for tardy payment because

they had been for some time absent from Galilee.

4 It is not strange that you have a record of Peter's catching a fish with a shekel in its mouth. In those days there were current many stories about finding treasures in the mouths of fishes; such tales of near miracles were commonplace. So, as Peter left them to go toward the boat, Jesus remarked, half-humorously: "Strange that the sons of the king must pay tribute; usually it is the stranger who is taxed for the upkeep of the court, but it behoves us to afford no stumbling block for the authorities. Go hence! maybe you

will catch the fish with the shekel in its mouth." Jesus having thus spoken, and Peter so soon appearing with the temple tax, it is not surprising that the episode became later expanded into a miracle as recorded by the writer of Matthew's Gospel.

5 Jesus, with Andrew and Peter, waited by the seashore until nearly sundown. Messengers brought them word that Mary's house was still under surveillance; therefore, when it grew dark, the three waiting men entered their boat and slowly rowed away toward the eastern shore of the Sea of

Galilee.

2. AT BETHSAIDA-JULIAS

1 On Monday, August 8, while Jesus and the twelve apostles were encamped in Magadan Park, near Bethsaida-Julias, more than one hundred believers, the evangelists, the women's corps, and others interested in the establishment of the kingdom, came over from Capernaum for a conference. And many of the Pharisees, learning that Jesus was here, came also. By this time some of the Sadducees were united with the Pharisees in their effort to entrap Jesus. Before going

into the closed conference with the believers, Jesus held a public meeting at which the Pharisees were present, and they heckled the Master and otherwise sought to disturb the assembly. Said the leader of the disturbers: "Teacher, we would like you to give us a sign of your authority to teach, and then, when the same shall come to pass, all men will know that you have been sent by God." And Jesus answered them: "When it is evening, you say it will be fair weather, for the heaven is red; in the morning it will be foul weather, for the heaven is red and lowering. When you see a cloud

rising in the west, you say showers will come; when the wind blows from the south, you say scorching heat will come. How is it that you so well know how to discern the face of the heavens but are so utterly unable to discern the signs of the times? To those who would know the truth, already has a sign been given; but to an evil-minded and hypocritical generation no sign shall be given."

2 §§ When Jesus had thus spoken, he withdrew and prepared for the evening conference with his followers. At this conference it was decided to undertake a united mission through-

out all the cities and villages of the Decapolis as soon as Jesus and the twelve should return from their proposed visit to Caesarea-Philippi. The Master participated in planning for the Decapolis mission and, in dismissing the company, said: "I say to you, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Be not deceived by their show of much learning and by their profound loyalty to the forms of religion. Be only concerned with the spirit of living truth and the power of true religion. It is not the fear of a dead religion that will save you but rather your faith in a living experience

in the spiritual realities of the kingdom. Do not allow yourselves to become blinded by prejudice and paralysed by fear. Neither permit reverence for the traditions so to pervert your understanding that your eyes see not and your ears hear not. It is not the purpose of true religion merely to bring peace but rather to ensure progress. And there can be no peace in the heart or progress in the mind unless you fall wholeheartedly in love with truth, the ideals of eternal realities. The issues of life and death are being set before you — the sinful pleasures of time against the righteous realities of

eternity. Even now you should begin to find deliverance from the bondage of fear and doubt as you enter upon the living of the new life of faith and hope. And when the feelings of service for your fellow men arise within your soul, do not stifle them; when the emotions of love for your neighbour well up within your heart, give expression to such urges of affection in intelligent ministry to the real needs of your fellows."

3. PETER'S CONFESSION

1 Early Tuesday morning Jesus and the twelve apostles left Magadan Park

for Caesarea-Philippi, the capital of the Tetrarch Philip's domain. Caesarea-Philippi was situated in a region of wondrous beauty. It nestled in a charming valley between scenic hills where the Jordan poured forth from an underground cave. The heights of Mount Hermon were in full view to the north, while from the hills just to the south a magnificent view was had of the upper Jordan and the Sea of Galilee.

2 Jesus had gone to Mount Hermon in his early experience with the affairs of the kingdom, and now that he was entering upon the final epoch of

his work, he desired to return to this mount of trial and triumph, where he hoped the apostles might gain a new vision of their responsibilities and acquire new strength for the trying times just ahead. As they journeyed along the way, about the time of passing south of the Waters of Merom, the apostles fell to talking among themselves about their recent experiences in Phoenicia and elsewhere and to recounting how their message had been received, and how the different peoples regarded their Master.

3 As they paused for lunch, Jesus suddenly confronted the twelve

with the first question he had ever addressed to them concerning himself. He asked this surprising question, "Who do men say that I am?"

4 §§ Jesus had spent long months in training these apostles as to the nature and character of the kingdom of heaven, and he well knew the time had come when he must begin to teach them more about his own nature and his personal relationship to the kingdom. And now, as they were seated under the mulberry trees, the Master made ready to hold one of the most momentous sessions of his long association with the chosen apostles.

5 §§ More than half the apostles participated in answering Jesus' question. They told him that he was regarded as a prophet or as an extraordinary man by all who knew him; that even his enemies greatly feared him, accounting for his powers by the indictment that he was in league with the prince of devils. They told him that some in Judea and Samaria who had not met him personally believed he was John the Baptist risen from the dead. Peter explained that he had been, at sundry times and by various persons, compared with Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. When Jesus had listened

to this report, he drew himself upon his feet, and looking down upon the twelve sitting about him in a semicircle, with startling emphasis he pointed to them with a sweeping gesture of his hand and asked, "But who say you that I am?" There was a moment of tense silence. The twelve never took their eyes off the Master, and then Simon Peter, springing to his feet, exclaimed: "You are the Deliverer, the Son of the living God." And the eleven sitting apostles arose to their feet with one accord, thereby indicating that Peter had spoken for all of them.

6 When Jesus had beckoned them

again to be seated, and while still standing before them, he said: "This has been revealed to you by my Father. The hour has come when you should know the truth about me. But for the time being I charge you that you tell this to no man. Let us go hence."

7 And so they resumed their journey to Caesarea-Philippi, arriving late that evening and stopping at the home of Celsus, who was expecting them. The apostles slept little that night; they seemed to sense that a great event in their lives and in the work of the king-

dom had transpired.

4. THE TALK ABOUT THE KINGDOM

1 Since the occasions of Jesus' baptism by John and the turning of the water into wine at Cana, the apostles had, at various times, virtually accepted him as the Messiah. For short periods some of them had truly believed that he was the expected Deliverer. But hardly would such hopes spring up in their hearts than the Master would dash them to pieces by some crushing word or disappointing deed. They had long been in a state of turmoil due to conflict between the con-

cepts of the expected Messiah which they held in their minds and the experience of their extraordinary association with this extraordinary man which they held in their hearts.

2 It was late forenoon on this Wednesday when the apostles assembled in Celsus' garden for their noontime meal. During most of the night and since they had arisen that morning, Simon Peter and Simon Zelotes had been earnestly labouring with their brethren to bring them all to the point of the wholehearted acceptance of the Master, not merely as the Messiah, but also as the divine Son of the

living God. The two Simons were well-nigh agreed in their estimate of Jesus, and they laboured diligently to bring their brethren around to the full acceptance of their views. While Andrew continued as the director-general of the apostolic corps, his brother, Simon Peter, was becoming, increasingly and by common consent, the spokesman for the twelve.

3 They were all seated in the garden at just about noon when the Master appeared. They wore expressions of dignified solemnity, and all arose to their feet as he approached them. Jesus relieved the tension by that friendly

and fraternal smile which was so characteristic of him when his followers took themselves, or some happening related to themselves, too seriously. With a commanding gesture he indicated that they should be seated. Never again did the twelve greet their Master by arising when he came into their presence. They saw that he did not approve of such an outward show of respect.

4 After they had partaken of their meal and were engaged in discussing plans for the forthcoming tour of the Decapolis, Jesus suddenly looked up into their faces and said: "Now that a

full day has passed since you assented to Simon Peter's declaration regarding the identity of the Son of Man, I would ask if you still hold to your decision?" On hearing this, the twelve stood upon their feet, and Simon Peter, stepping a few paces forward toward Jesus, said: "Yes, Master, we do. We believe that you are the Son of the living God." And Peter sat down with his brethren.

5 Jesus, still standing, then said to the twelve: "You are my chosen ambassadors, but I know that, in the circumstances, you could not entertain this belief as a result of mere hu-

man knowledge. This is a revelation of the spirit of my Father to your inmost souls. And when, therefore, you make this confession by the insight of the spirit of my Father which dwells within you, I am led to declare that upon this foundation will I build the brotherhood of the kingdom of heaven. Upon this rock of spiritual reality will I build the living temple of spiritual fellowship in the eternal realities of my Father's kingdom. All the forces of evil and the hosts of sin shall not prevail against this human fraternity of the divine spirit. And while my Father's spirit shall ever be the divine

guide and mentor of all who enter the bonds of this spirit fellowship, to you and your successors I now deliver the keys of the outward kingdom — the authority over things temporal — the social and economic features of this association of men and women as fellows of the kingdom." And again he charged them, for the time being, that they should tell no man that he was the Son of God.

6 §§ Jesus was beginning to have faith in the loyalty and integrity of his apostles. The Master conceived that a faith which could stand what his chosen representatives had recently passed

through would undoubtedly endure the fiery trials which were just ahead and emerge from the apparent wreckage of all their hopes into the new light of a new dispensation and thereby be able to go forth to enlighten a world sitting in darkness. On this day the Master began to believe in the faith of his apostles, save one.

7 And ever since that day this same Jesus has been building that living temple upon that same eternal foundation of his divine sonship, and those who thereby become self-conscious sons of God are the human stones which constitute this living temple of

sonship erecting to the glory and honour of the wisdom and love of the eternal Father of spirits.

8 §§ And when Jesus had thus spoken, he directed the twelve to go apart by themselves in the hills to seek wisdom, strength, and spiritual guidance until the time of the evening meal. And they did as the Master admonished them.

5. THE NEW CONCEPT

1 The new and vital feature of Peter's confession was the clear-cut recognition that Jesus was the Son of God, of his unquestioned divinity. Ever since

his baptism and the wedding at Cana these apostles had variously regarded him as the Messiah, but it was not a part of the Jewish concept of the national deliverer that he should be *divine.* The Jews had not taught that the Messiah would spring from divinity; he was to be the "anointed one," but hardly had they contemplated him as being "the Son of God." In the second confession more emphasis was placed upon the *combined nature,* the supernal fact that he was the Son of Man *and* the Son of God, and it was upon this great truth of the union of the human nature with the divine nature

that Jesus declared he would build the kingdom of heaven.

2 Jesus had sought to live his life on earth and complete his bestowal mission as the Son of Man. His followers were disposed to regard him as the expected Messiah. Knowing that he could never fulfil their Messianic expectations, he endeavoured to effect such a modification of their concept of the Messiah as would enable him partially to meet their expectations. But he now recognized that such a plan could hardly be carried through successfully. He therefore elected boldly to disclose the third

plan — openly to announce his divinity, acknowledge the truthfulness of Peter's confession, and directly proclaim to the twelve that he was a Son of God.

3 For three years Jesus had been proclaiming that he was the "Son of Man," while for these same three years the apostles had been increasingly insistent that he was the expected Jewish Messiah. He now disclosed that he was the Son of God, and upon the concept of the *combined nature* of the Son of Man and the Son of God, he determined to build the kingdom of heaven. He had decided to refrain

from further efforts to convince them that he was not the Messiah. He now proposed boldly to reveal to them what he *is,* and then to ignore their determination to persist in regarding him as the Messiah.

6. THE NEXT AFTERNOON

1 Jesus and the apostles remained another day at the home of Celsus, waiting for messengers to arrive from David Zebedee with funds. Following the collapse of the popularity of Jesus with the masses there occurred a great falling off in revenue. When they reached Caesarea-Philippi, the trea-

sury was empty. Matthew was loath to leave Jesus and his brethren at such a time, and he had no ready funds of his own to hand over to Judas as he had so many times done in the past. However, David Zebedee had foreseen this probable diminution of revenue and had accordingly instructed his messengers that, as they made their way through Judea, Samaria, and Galilee, they should act as collectors of money to be forwarded to the exiled apostles and their Master. And so, by evening of this day, these messengers arrived from Bethsaida bringing funds sufficient to sustain the apostles

until their return to embark upon the Decapolis tour. Matthew expected to have money from the sale of his last piece of property in Capernaum by that time, having arranged that these funds should be anonymously turned over to Judas.

2 §§ Neither Peter nor the other apostles had a very adequate conception of Jesus' divinity. They little realized that this was the beginning of a new epoch in their Master's career on earth, the time when the teacher-healer was becoming the newly conceived Messiah — the Son of God. From this time on a new

note appeared in the Master's message. Henceforth his one ideal of living was the revelation of the Father, while his one idea in teaching was to present to his universe the personification of that supreme wisdom which can only be comprehended by living it. He came that we all might have life and have it more abundantly.

3 Jesus now entered upon the fourth and last stage of his human life in the flesh. The first stage was that of his childhood, the years when he was only dimly conscious of his origin, nature, and destiny as a human being. The second stage was the increasingly self-

conscious years of youth and advancing manhood, during which he came more clearly to comprehend his divine nature and human mission. This second stage ended with the experiences and revelations associated with his baptism. The third stage of the Master's earth experience extended from the baptism through the years of his ministry as teacher and healer and up to this momentous hour of Peter's confession at Caesarea-Philippi. This third period of his earth life embraced the times when his apostles and his immediate followers knew him as the Son of Man and regarded him as the

Messiah. The fourth and last period of his earth career began here at Caesarea-Philippi and extended on to the crucifixion. This stage of his ministry was characterized by his acknowledgement of divinity and embraced the labours of his last year in the flesh. During the fourth period, while the majority of his followers still regarded him as the Messiah, he became known to the apostles as the Son of God. Peter's confession marked the beginning of the new period of the more complete realization of the truth of his supreme ministry as a bestowal Son on Urantia and for an entire universe, and

the recognition of that fact, at least hazily, by his chosen ambassadors.

4 Thus did Jesus exemplify in his life what he taught in his religion: the growth of the spiritual nature by the technique of living progress. He did not place emphasis, as did his later followers, upon the incessant struggle between the soul and the body. He rather taught that the spirit was easy victor over both and effective in the profitable reconciliation of much of this intellectual and instinctual warfare.

5 §§ A new significance attaches to all of Jesus' teachings from this point

on. Before Caesarea-Philippi he presented the gospel of the kingdom as its master teacher. After Caesarea-Philippi he appeared not merely as a teacher but as the divine representative of the eternal Father, who is the centre and circumference of this spiritual kingdom, and it was required that he do all this as a human being, the Son of Man.

6 Jesus had sincerely endeavoured to lead his followers into the spiritual kingdom as a teacher, then as a teacher-healer, but they would not have it so. He well knew that his earth mission could not possibly fulfil the

Messianic expectations of the Jewish people; the olden prophets had portrayed a Messiah which he could never be. He sought to establish the Father's kingdom as the Son of Man, but his followers would not go forward in the adventure. Jesus, seeing this, then elected to meet his believers part way and in so doing prepared openly to assume the role of the bestowal Son of God.

7 Accordingly, the apostles heard much that was new as Jesus talked to them this day in the garden. And some of these pronouncements sounded strange even to them. Among other

startling announcements they listened to such as the following:

8 §§ "From this time on, if any man would have fellowship with us, let him assume the obligations of sonship and follow me. And when I am no more with you, think not that the world will treat you better than it did your Master. If you love me, prepare to prove this affection by your willingness to make the supreme sacrifice."

9 §§ "And mark well my words: I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. The Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister and to bestow his life as the gift for

all. I declare to you that I have come to seek and to save those who are lost."

10 §§ "No man in this world now sees the Father except the Son who came forth from the Father. But if the Son be lifted up, he will draw all men to himself, and whosoever believes this truth of the combined nature of the Son shall be endowed with life that is more than age-abiding."

11 §§ "We may not yet proclaim openly that the Son of Man is the Son of God, but it has been revealed to you; wherefore do I speak boldly to you concerning these mysteries. Though I stand before you in this

physical presence, I came forth from God the Father. Before Abraham was, I am. I did come forth from the Father into this world as you have known me, and I declare to you that I must presently leave this world and return to the work of my Father."

12 §§ "And now can your faith comprehend the truth of these declarations in the face of my warning you that the Son of Man will not meet the expectations of your fathers as they conceived the Messiah? My kingdom is not of this world. Can you believe the truth about me in the face of the fact that, though the foxes have holes

and the birds of heaven have nests, I have not where to lay my head?”

13 §§ “Nevertheless, I tell you that the Father and I are one. He who has seen me has seen the Father. My Father is working with me in all these things, and he will never leave me alone in my mission, even as I will never forsake you when you presently go forth to proclaim this gospel throughout the world.

14 “And now have I brought you apart with me and by yourselves for a little while that you may comprehend the glory, and grasp the grandeur, of the life to which I have called you: the

faith-adventure of the establishment of my Father's kingdom in the hearts of mankind, the building of my fellowship of living association with the souls of all who believe this gospel."

15 §§ The apostles listened to these bold and startling statements in silence; they were stunned. And they dispersed in small groups to discuss and ponder the Master's words. They had confessed that he was the Son of God, but they could not grasp the full meaning of what they had been led to

do.

7. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE

1 That evening Andrew took it upon himself to hold a personal and searching conference with each of his brethren, and he had profitable and heartening talks with all of his associates except Judas Iscariot. Andrew had never enjoyed such intimate personal association with Judas as with the other apostles and therefore had not thought it of serious account that Judas never had freely and confidentially related himself to the head of the apostolic corps. But Andrew was now so

worried by Judas's attitude that, later on that night, after all the apostles were fast asleep, he sought out Jesus and presented his cause for anxiety to the Master. Said Jesus: "It is not amiss, Andrew, that you have come to me with this matter, but there is nothing more that we can do; only go on placing the utmost confidence in this apostle. And say nothing to his brethren concerning this talk with me."

2 And that was all Andrew could elicit from Jesus. Always had there been some strangeness between this Judean and his Galilean brethren. Judas had been shocked by the death of

John the Baptist, severely hurt by the Master's rebukes on several occasions, disappointed when Jesus refused to be made king, humiliated when he fled from the Pharisees, chagrined when he refused to accept the challenge of the Pharisees for a sign, bewildered by the refusal of his Master to resort to manifestations of power, and now, more recently, depressed and sometimes dejected by an empty treasury. And Judas missed the stimulus of the multitudes.

3 Each of the other apostles was, in some and varying measure, likewise affected by these selfsame trials and

tribulations, but they loved Jesus. At least they must have loved the Master more than did Judas, for they went through with him to the bitter end.

4 Being from Judea, Judas took personal offence at Jesus' recent warning to the apostles to "beware the leaven of the Pharisees"; he was disposed to regard this statement as a veiled reference to himself. But the great mistake of Judas was: Time and again, when Jesus would send his apostles off by themselves to pray, Judas, instead of engaging in sincere communion with the spiritual forces of the universe, indulged in thoughts of hu-

man fear while he persisted in the entertainment of subtle doubts about the mission of Jesus as well as giving in to his unfortunate tendency to harbour feelings of revenge.

5 §§ And now Jesus would take his apostles along with him to Mount Hermon, where he had appointed to inaugurate his fourth phase of earth ministry as the Son of God. Some of them were present at his baptism in the Jordan and had witnessed the beginning of his career as the Son of Man, and he desired that some of them should also be present to hear his authority for the assumption of

the new and public role of a Son of God. Accordingly, on the morning of Friday, August 12, Jesus said to the twelve: "Lay in provisions and prepare yourselves for a journey to yonder mountain, where the spirit bids me go to be endowed for the finish of my work on earth. And I would take my brethren along that they may also be strengthened for the trying times of going with me through this experience."

PAPER 158

THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Midwayer Commission

It was near sundown on Friday afternoon, August 12, A.D. 29, when Jesus and his associates reached the foot of Mount Hermon, near the very place where the lad Tiglath once waited while the Master ascended the mountain alone to settle the spiritual destinies of Urantia and technically to terminate the Lucifer rebellion. And here they sojourned for two days in

spiritual preparation for the events so soon to follow.

2 In a general way, Jesus knew beforehand what was to transpire on the mountain, and he much desired that all his apostles might share this experience. It was to fit them for this revelation of himself that he tarried with them at the foot of the mountain. But they could not attain those spiritual levels which would justify their exposure to the full experience of the visitation of the celestial beings so soon to appear on earth. And since he could not take all of his associates with him, he decided to take only the three

who were in the habit of accompanying him on such special vigils. Accordingly, only Peter, James, and John shared even a part of this unique experience with the Master.

1. THE TRANSFIGURATION

1 Early on the morning of Monday, August 15, Jesus and the three apostles began the ascent of Mount Hermon, and this was six days after the memorable noontide confession of Peter by the roadside under the mulberry trees.

2 Jesus had been summoned to go up on the mountain, apart by himself, for the transaction of important mat-

ters having to do with the progress of his bestowal in the flesh as this experience was related to the universe of his own creation. It is significant that this extraordinary event was timed to occur while Jesus and the apostles were in the lands of the gentiles, and that it actually transpired on a mountain of the gentiles.

3 They reached their destination, about halfway up the mountain, shortly before noon, and while eating lunch, Jesus told the three apostles something of his experience in the hills to the east of Jordan shortly after his baptism and also some more

of his experience on Mount Hermon in connection with his former visit to this lonely retreat.

4 When a boy, Jesus used to ascend the hill near his home and dream of the battles which had been fought by the armies of empires on the plain of Esdraelon; now he ascended Mount Hermon to receive the endowment which was to prepare him to descend upon the plains of the Jordan to enact the closing scenes of the drama of his bestowal on Urantia. The Master could have relinquished the struggle this day on Mount Hermon and returned to his rule of the universe do-

mains, but he not only chose to meet the requirements of his order of divine sonship embraced in the mandate of the Eternal Son on Paradise, but he also elected to meet the last and full measure of the present will of his Paradise Father. On this day in August three of his apostles saw him decline to be invested with full universe authority. They looked on in amazement as the celestial messengers departed, leaving him alone to finish out his earth life as the Son of Man and the Son of God.

5 The faith of the apostles was at a high point at the time of the feeding

of the 5,000, and then it rapidly fell almost to zero. Now, as a result of the Master's admission of his divinity, the lagging faith of the twelve arose in the next few weeks to its highest pitch, only to undergo a progressive decline. The third revival of their faith did not occur until after the Master's resurrection.

6 It was about 15:00 on this beautiful afternoon that Jesus took leave of the three apostles, saying: "I go apart by myself for a season to commune with the Father and his messengers; I bid you tarry here and, while awaiting my return, pray that the Father's will

may be done in all your experience in connection with the further bestowal mission of the Son of Man." And after saying this to them, Jesus withdrew for a long conference with Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek[1], not returning until about 18:00. When Jesus saw their anxiety over his prolonged absence, he said: "Why were you afraid? You well know I must be about my Father's business; wherefore

[1] Elsewhere (35:1.2) it is said that these two are never away from Salvington at the same time. It is possible that they were not really *away*, but were communicating with Jesus via some kind of holographic presence.

do you doubt when I am not with you? I now declare that the Son of Man has chosen to go through his full life in your midst and as one of you. Be of good cheer; I will not leave you until my work is finished."

7 As they partook of their meagre evening meal, Peter asked the Master, "How long do we remain on this mountain away from our brethren?" And Jesus answered: "Until you shall see the glory of the Son of Man and know that whatsoever I have declared to you is true." And they talked over the affairs of the Lucifer rebellion while seated about the glowing embers

of their fire until darkness drew on and the apostles' eyes grew heavy, for they had begun their journey very early that morning.

8 When the three had been fast asleep for about half an hour, they were suddenly awakened by a near-by crackling sound, and much to their amazement and consternation, on looking about them, they beheld Jesus in intimate converse with two brilliant beings clothed in the habiliments of the light of the celestial world. And Jesus' face and form shone with the luminosity of a heavenly light. These three conversed in a strange lan-

guage, but from certain things said, Peter erroneously conjectured that the beings with Jesus were Moses and Elijah; in reality, they were Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek. The physical controllers had arranged for the apostles to witness this scene because of Jesus' request.

9 The three apostles were so badly frightened that they were slow in collecting their wits, but Peter, who was first to recover himself, said, as the dazzling vision faded from before them and they observed Jesus standing alone: "Jesus, Master, it is good to have been here. We rejoice to see this

glory. We are loath to go back down to the inglorious world. If you are willing, let us abide here, and we will erect three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." And Peter said this because of his confusion, and because nothing else came into his mind at just that moment.

10 While Peter was yet speaking, a silvery cloud drew near and overshadowed the four of them. The apostles now became greatly frightened, and as they fell down on their faces to worship, they heard a voice, the same that had spoken on the occasion of Jesus' baptism, say: "This is

my beloved Son; give heed to him." And when the cloud vanished, again was Jesus alone with the three, and he reached down and touched them, saying: "Arise and be not afraid; you shall see greater things than this." But the apostles were truly afraid; they were a silent and thoughtful trio as they made ready to descend the mountain shortly before midnight.

2. COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN

1 For about half the distance down the mountain not a word was spoken. Jesus then began the conversation by remarking: "Make certain that

you tell no man, not even your brethren, what you have seen and heard on this mountain until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." The three apostles were shocked and bewildered by the Master's words, "until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." They had so recently reaffirmed their faith in him as the Deliverer, the Son of God, and they had just beheld him transfigured in glory before their very eyes, and now he began to talk about "rising from the dead"!

2 Peter shuddered at the thought of the Master's dying — it was too disagreeable an idea to entertain — and

fearing that James or John might ask some question relative to this statement, he thought best to start up a diverting conversation and, not knowing what else to talk about, gave expression to the first thought coming into his mind, which was: "Master, why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must first come before the Messiah shall appear?" And Jesus, knowing that Peter sought to avoid reference to his death and resurrection, answered: "Elijah indeed comes first to prepare the way for the Son of Man, who must suffer many things and finally be rejected. But I tell you that Elijah has

already come, and they received him not but did to him whatsoever they willed." And then did the three apostles perceive that he referred to John the Baptist as Elijah. Jesus knew that, if they insisted on regarding him as the Messiah, then must John be the Elijah of the prophecy.

3 Jesus enjoined silence about their observation of the foretaste of his postresurrection glory because he did not want to foster the notion that, being now received as the Messiah, he would in any degree fulfil their erroneous concepts of a wonder-working deliverer. Although Peter, James, and

John pondered all this in their minds, they spoke not of it to any man until after the Master's resurrection.

4 As they continued to descend the mountain, Jesus said to them: "You would not receive me as the Son of Man; therefore have I consented to be received in accordance with your settled determination, but, mistake not, the will of my Father must prevail. If you thus choose to follow the inclination of your own wills, you must prepare to suffer many disappointments and experience many trials, but the training which I have given you should suffice to bring you tri-

umphantly through even these sorrows of your own choosing."

5 Jesus did not take Peter, James, and John with him up to the mount of the transfiguration because they were in any sense better prepared than the other apostles to witness what happened, or because they were spiritually more fit to enjoy such a rare privilege. Not at all. He well knew that none of the twelve were spiritually qualified for this experience; therefore did he take with him only the three apostles who were assigned to accompany him at those times when he desired to be

alone to enjoy solitary communion.

3. MEANING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

1 That which Peter, James, and John witnessed on the mount of transfiguration was a fleeting glimpse of a celestial pageant which transpired that eventful day on Mount Hermon. The transfiguration was the occasion of:

2 1. The acceptance of the fullness of the bestowal of the incarnated life of Michael on Urantia by the Eternal Mother-Son of Paradise. As far as concerned the requirements of the Eternal Son, Jesus had now received assurance of their fulfilment. And Gabriel

brought Jesus that assurance.

3 2. The testimony of the satisfaction of the Infinite Spirit as to the fullness of the Urantia bestowal in the likeness of mortal flesh. The universe representative of the Infinite Spirit, the immediate associate of Michael on Salvington and his ever-present coworker, on this occasion spoke through the Father Melchizedek.

4 §§ Jesus welcomed this testimony regarding the success of his earth mission presented by the messengers of the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit, but he noted that his Father did not indicate that the Urantia bestowal was

finished; only did the unseen presence of the Father bear witness through Jesus' Personalized Adjuster, saying, "This is my beloved Son; give heed to him." And this was spoken in words to be heard also by the three apostles.

5 After this celestial visitation Jesus sought to know his Father's will and decided to pursue the mortal bestowal to its natural end. This was the significance of the transfiguration to Jesus. To the three apostles it was an event marking the entrance of the Master upon the final phase of his earth career as the Son of God and the Son of Man.

6 After the formal visitation of Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek, Jesus held informal converse with these, his Sons of ministry, and communed with them concerning the affairs of the universe.

4. THE EPILEPTIC BOY

1 It was shortly before breakfast time on this Tuesday morning when Jesus and his companions arrived at the apostolic camp. As they drew near, they discerned a considerable crowd gathered around the apostles and soon began to hear the loud words of argument and disputation of this group

of about 50 persons, embracing the 9 apostles and a gathering equally divided between Jerusalem scribes and believing disciples who had tracked Jesus and his associates in their journey from Magadan.

2 Although the crowd engaged in numerous arguments, the chief controversy was about a certain citizen of Tiberias who had arrived the preceding day in quest of Jesus. This man, James of Safed, had a son about 14 years old, an only child, who was severely afflicted with epilepsy. In addition to this nervous malady this lad had become possessed by one of those

wandering, mischievous, and rebellious midwayers who were then present on earth and uncontrolled, so that the youth was both epileptic and demon-possessed.

3 For almost two weeks this anxious father, a minor official of Herod Antipas, had wandered about through the western borders of Philip's domains, seeking Jesus that he might entreat him to cure this afflicted son. And he did not catch up with the apostolic party until about noon of this day when Jesus was up on the mountain with the three apostles.

4 The 9 apostles were much sur-

prised and considerably perturbed when this man, accompanied by almost 40 other persons who were looking for Jesus, suddenly came upon them. At the time of the arrival of this group the 9 apostles, at least the majority of them, had succumbed to their old temptation — that of discussing who should be greatest in the coming kingdom; they were busily arguing about the probable positions which would be assigned the individual apostles. They simply could not free themselves entirely from the long-cherished idea of the material mission of the Messiah. And now that Jesus

himself had accepted their confession that he was indeed the Deliverer — at least he had admitted the fact of his divinity — what was more natural than that, during this period of separation from the Master, they should fall to talking about those hopes and ambitions which were uppermost in their hearts. And they were engaged in these discussions when James of Safed and his fellow seekers after Jesus came upon them.

5 Andrew stepped up to greet this father and his son, saying, "Whom do you seek?" Said James: "My good man, I search for your Master. I seek healing

for my afflicted son. I would have Jesus cast out this devil that possesses my child." And then the father proceeded to relate to the apostles how his son was so afflicted that he had many times almost lost his life as a result of these malignant seizures.

6 As the apostles listened, Simon Zelotes and Judas Iscariot stepped into the presence of the father, saying: "We can heal him; you need not wait for the Master's return. We are ambassadors of the kingdom; no longer do we hold these things in secret. Jesus is the Deliverer, and the keys of the kingdom have been delivered to us." By this time

Andrew and Thomas were in consultation at one side. Nathaniel and the others looked on in amazement; they were all aghast at the sudden boldness, if not presumption, of Simon and Judas. Then said the father: "If it has been given you to do these works, I pray that you will speak those words which will deliver my child from this bondage." Then Simon stepped forward and, placing his hand on the head of the child, looked directly into his eyes and commanded: "Come out of him, you unclean spirit; in the name of Jesus obey me." But the lad had only a more violent fit, while the scribes

mocked the apostles in derision, and the disappointed believers suffered the taunts of these unfriendly critics.

7 Andrew was deeply chagrined at this ill-advised effort and its dismal failure. He called the apostles aside for conference and prayer. After this season of meditation, feeling keenly the sting of their defeat and sensing the humiliation resting upon all of them, Andrew sought, in a second attempt, to cast out the demon, but only failure crowned his efforts. Andrew frankly confessed defeat and requested the father to remain with them overnight or until Jesus' return, saying: "Perhaps

this sort goes not out except by the Master's personal command."

8 And so, while Jesus was descending the mountain with the exuberant and ecstatic Peter, James, and John, their 9 brethren likewise were sleepless in their confusion and downcast humiliation. They were a dejected and chastened group. But James of Safed would not give up. Although they could give him no idea as to when Jesus might return, he decided to stay on until the Master came back.

5. JESUS HEALS THE BOY

1 As Jesus drew near, the 9 apostles

were more than relieved to welcome him, and they were greatly encouraged to behold the good cheer and unusual enthusiasm which marked the countenances of Peter, James, and John. They all rushed forward to greet Jesus and their three brethren. As they exchanged greetings, the crowd came up, and Jesus asked, "What were you disputing about as we drew near?" But before the disconcerted and humiliated apostles could reply to the Master's question, the anxious father of the afflicted lad stepped forward and, kneeling at Jesus' feet, said: "Master, I have a son, an only child, who is

possessed by an evil spirit. Not only does he cry out in terror, foam at the mouth, and fall like a dead person at the time of seizure, but oftentimes this evil spirit which possesses him rends him in convulsions and sometimes has cast him into the water and even into the fire. With much grinding of teeth and as a result of many bruises, my child wastes away. His life is worse than death; his mother and I are of a sad heart and a broken spirit. About noon yesterday, seeking for you, I caught up with your disciples, and while we were waiting, your apostles sought to cast out this de-

mon, but they could not do it. And now, Master, will you do this for us, will you heal my son?"

2 When Jesus had listened to this recital, he touched the kneeling father and bade him rise while he gave the near-by apostles a searching survey. Then said Jesus to all those who stood before him: "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I bear with you? How long shall I be with you? How long ere you learn that the works of faith come not forth at the bidding of doubting unbelief?" And then, pointing to the bewildered father, Jesus said, "Bring hither your

son." And when James had brought the lad before Jesus, he asked, "How long has the boy been afflicted in this way?" The father answered, "Since he was a very young child." And as they talked, the youth was seized with a violent attack and fell in their midst, gnashing his teeth and foaming at the mouth. After a succession of violent convulsions he lay there before them as one dead. Now did the father again kneel at Jesus' feet while he implored the Master, saying: "If you can cure him, I beseech you to have compassion on us and deliver us from this affliction." And when Jesus heard these

words, he looked down into the father's anxious face, saying: "Question not my Father's power of love, only the sincerity and reach of your faith. All things are possible to him who really believes." And then James of Safed spoke those long-to-be-remembered words of commingled faith and doubt, "Lord, I believe. I pray you help my unbelief."

3 When Jesus heard these words, he stepped forward and, taking the lad by the hand, said: "I will do this in accordance with my Father's will and in honour of living faith. My son, arise! Come out of him, disobedient spirit,

and go not back into him." And placing the hand of the lad in the hand of the father, Jesus said: "Go your way. The Father has granted the desire of your soul." And all who were present, even the enemies of Jesus, were astonished at what they saw.

4 It was indeed a disillusionment for the three apostles who had so recently enjoyed the spiritual ecstasy of the scenes and experiences of the transfiguration, so soon to return to this scene of the defeat and discomfiture of their fellow apostles. But it was ever so with these twelve ambassadors of the kingdom. They never failed to alternate

between exaltation and humiliation in their life experiences.

5 This was a true healing of a double affliction, a physical ailment and a spirit malady. And the lad was permanently cured from that hour. When James had departed with his restored son, Jesus said: "We go now to Caesarea-Philippi; make ready at once." And they were a quiet group as they journeyed southward while the crowd followed on behind.

6. IN CELSUS' GARDEN

1 They remained overnight with Celsus, and that evening in the gar-

den, after they had eaten and rested, the twelve gathered about Jesus, and Thomas said: "Master, while we who tarried behind still remain ignorant of what transpired up on the mountain, and which so greatly cheered our brethren who were with you, we crave to have you talk with us concerning our defeat and instruct us in these matters, seeing that those things which happened on the mountain cannot be disclosed at this time."

2 And Jesus answered Thomas, saying: "Everything which your brethren heard on the mountain shall be revealed to you in due season. But I will

now show you the cause of your defeat in that which you so unwisely attempted. While your Master and his companions, your brethren, ascended yonder mountain yesterday to seek for a larger knowledge of the Father's will and to ask for a richer endowment of wisdom effectively to do that divine will, you who remained on watch here with instructions to strive to acquire the mind of spiritual insight and to pray with us for a fuller revelation of the Father's will, failed to exercise the faith at your command but, instead, yielded to the temptation and fell into your old evil tendencies to

seek for yourselves preferred places in the kingdom of heaven — the material and temporal kingdom which you persist in contemplating. And you cling to these erroneous concepts in spite of the reiterated declaration that my kingdom is not of this world.

3 "No sooner does your faith grasp the identity of the Son of Man than your selfish desire for worldly preferment creeps back upon you, and you fall to discussing among yourselves as to who should be greatest in the kingdom of heaven, a kingdom which, as you persist in conceiving it, does not exist, nor ever shall. Have not I told

you that he who would be greatest in the kingdom of my Father's spiritual brotherhood must become little in his own eyes and thus become the server of his brethren? Spiritual greatness consists in an understanding love that is Godlike and not in an enjoyment of the exercise of material power for the exaltation of self. In what you attempted, in which you so completely failed, your purpose was not pure. Your motive was not divine. Your ideal was not spiritual. Your ambition was not altruistic. Your procedure was not based on love, and your goal of attainment was not the will of

the Father in heaven.

4 "How long will it take you to learn that you cannot time-shorten the course of established natural phenomena except when such things are in accordance with the Father's will? nor can you do spiritual work in the absence of spiritual power. And you can do neither of these, even when their potential is present, without the existence of that third and essential human factor, the personal experience of the possession of living faith. Must you always have material manifestations as an attraction for the spiritual realities of the kingdom? Can you not

grasp the spirit significance of my mission without the visible exhibition of unusual works? When can you be depended upon to adhere to the higher and spiritual realities of the kingdom regardless of the outward appearance of all material manifestations?"

5 When Jesus had thus spoken to the twelve, he added: "And now go to your rest, for on the morrow we return to Magadan and there take counsel concerning our mission to the cities and villages of the Decapolis. And in the conclusion of this day's experience, let me declare to each of you that which I spoke to your brethren on the

mountain, and let these words find a deep lodgement in your hearts: The Son of Man now enters upon the last phase of the bestowal. We are about to begin those labours which shall presently lead to the great and final testing of your faith and devotion when I shall be delivered into the hands of the men who seek my destruction. And remember what I am saying to you: The Son of Man will be put to death, but he shall rise again."

6 They retired for the night, sorrowful. They were bewildered; they could not comprehend these words. And while they were afraid to ask aught

concerning what he had said, they did recall all of it subsequent to his resurrection.

7. PETER'S PROTEST

1 Early this Wednesday morning Jesus and the twelve departed from Caesarea-Philippi for Magadan Park near Bethsaida-Julias. The apostles had slept very little that night, so they were up early and ready to go. Even the stolid Alpheus twins had been shocked by this talk about the death of Jesus. As they journeyed south, just beyond the Waters of Merom they came to the Damascus road, and de-

siring to avoid the scribes and others whom Jesus knew would presently be coming along after them, he directed that they go on to Capernaum by the Damascus road which passes through Galilee. And he did this because he knew that those who followed after him would go on down over the east Jordan road since they reckoned that Jesus and the apostles would fear to pass through the territory of Herod Antipas. Jesus sought to elude his critics and the crowd which followed him that he might be alone with his apostles this day.

2 They travelled on through Galilee

until well past the time for their lunch, when they stopped in the shade to refresh themselves. And after they had partaken of food, Andrew, speaking to Jesus, said: "Master, my brethren do not comprehend your deep sayings. We have come fully to believe that you are the Son of God, and now we hear these strange words about leaving us, about dying. We do not understand your teaching. Are you speaking to us in parables? We pray you to speak to us directly and in undisguised form."

3 In answer to Andrew, Jesus said: "My brethren, it is because you have confessed that I am the Son of God

that I am constrained to begin to unfold to you the truth about the end of the bestowal of the Son of Man on earth. You insist on clinging to the belief that I am the Messiah, and you will not abandon the idea that the Messiah must sit upon a throne in Jerusalem; wherefore do I persist in telling you that the Son of Man must presently go to Jerusalem, suffer many things, be rejected by the scribes, the elders, and the chief priests, and after all this be killed and raised from the dead. And I speak not a parable to you; I speak the truth to you that you may be prepared for these events when they sud-

denly come upon us." And while he was yet speaking, Simon Peter, rushing impetuously toward him, laid his hand upon the Master's shoulder and said: "Master, be it far from us to contend with you, but I declare that these things shall never happen to you."

4 Peter spoke thus because he loved Jesus; but the Master's human nature recognized in these words of well-meant affection the subtle suggestion of temptation that he change his policy of pursuing to the end his earth bestowal in accordance with the will of his Paradise Father. And it was because he detected the danger of per-

mitting the suggestions of even his affectionate and loyal friends to dissuade him, that he turned upon Peter and the other apostles, saying: "Get you behind me. You savour of the spirit of the adversary, the tempter. When you talk in this manner, you are not on my side but rather on the side of our enemy. In this way do you make your love for me a stumbling block to my doing the Father's will. Mind not the ways of men but rather the will of God."

5 After they had recovered from the first shock of Jesus' stinging rebuke, and before they resumed their journey,

the Master spoke further: "If any man would come after me, let him disregard himself, take up his responsibilities daily, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life selfishly, shall lose it, but whosoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's, shall save it. What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul? What would a man give in exchange for eternal life? Be not ashamed of me and my words in this sinful and hypocritical generation, even as I will not be ashamed to acknowledge you when in glory I appear before my Father in the presence of all the celestial hosts. Nev-

ertheless, many of you now standing before me shall not taste death till you see this kingdom of God come with power."

6 And thus did Jesus make plain to the twelve the painful and conflicting path which they must tread if they would follow him. What a shock these words were to these Galilean fishermen who persisted in dreaming of an earthly kingdom with positions of honour for themselves! But their loyal hearts were stirred by this courageous appeal, and not one of them was minded to forsake him. Jesus was not sending them alone into the conflict;

he was leading them. He asked only that they bravely follow.

7 Slowly the twelve were grasping the idea that Jesus was telling them something about the possibility of his dying. They only vaguely comprehended what he said about his death, while his statement about rising from the dead utterly failed to register in their minds. As the days passed, Peter, James, and John, recalling their experience upon the mount of the transfiguration, arrived at a fuller understanding of certain of these matters.

8 In all the association of the twelve with their Master, only a few times did

they see that flashing eye and hear such swift words of rebuke as were administered to Peter and the rest of them on this occasion. Jesus had always been patient with their human shortcomings, but not so when faced by an impending threat against the program of implicitly carrying out his Father's will regarding the remainder of his earth career. The apostles were literally stunned; they were amazed and horrified. They could not find words to express their sorrow. Slowly they began to realize what the Master must endure, and that they must go through these experiences with him, but they

did not awaken to the reality of these coming events until long after these early hints of the impending tragedy of his latter days.

9 In silence Jesus and the twelve started for their camp at Magadan Park, going by way of Capernaum. As the afternoon wore on, though they did not converse with Jesus, they talked much among themselves while Andrew talked with the Master.

8. AT PETER'S HOUSE

1 Entering Capernaum at twilight, they went by unfrequented thoroughfares directly to the home of Simon

Peter for their evening meal. While David Zebedee made ready to take them across the lake, they lingered at Simon's house, and Jesus, looking up at Peter and the other apostles, asked: "As you walked along together this afternoon, what was it that you talked about so earnestly among yourselves?" The apostles held their peace because many of them had continued the discussion begun at Mount Hermon as to what positions they were to have in the coming kingdom; who should be the greatest, and so on. Jesus, knowing what it was that occupied their thoughts that day, beckoned to one

of Peter's little ones and, setting the child down among them, said: "Verily, verily, I say to you, except you turn about and become more like this child, you will make little progress in the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever shall humble himself and become as this little one, the same shall become greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso receives such a little one receives me. And they who receive me receive also Him who sent me. If you would be first in the kingdom, seek to minister these good truths to your brethren in the flesh. But whosoever causes one of these little ones to stum-

ble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the sea. If the things you do with your hands, or the things you see with your eyes give offence in the progress of the kingdom, sacrifice these cherished idols, for it is better to enter the kingdom minus many of the beloved things of life rather than to cling to these idols and find yourself shut out of the kingdom. But most of all, see that you despise not one of these little ones, for their angels do always behold the faces of the heavenly hosts."

2 When Jesus had finished speaking,

they entered the boat and sailed across to Magadan.

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THE DECAPOLIS TOUR

Midwayer Commission

When Jesus and the twelve arrived at Magadan Park, they found awaiting them a group of almost one hundred evangelists and disciples, including the women's corps, and they were ready immediately to begin the teaching and preaching tour of the cities of the Decapolis.

2 On this Thursday morning, August 18, the Master called his followers together and directed that each

of the apostles should associate himself with one of the twelve evangelists, and that with others of the evangelists they should go out in twelve groups to labour in the cities and villages of the Decapolis. The women's corps and others of the disciples he directed to remain with him. Jesus allotted four weeks to this tour, instructing his followers to return to Magadan not later than Friday, September 16. He promised to visit them often during this time. In the course of this month these twelve groups laboured in Gerasa, Gamala, Hippos, Zaphon, Gadara, Abila, Edrei, Phila-

delphia, Heshbon, Dium, Scythopolis, and many other cities. Throughout this tour no miracles of healing or other extraordinary events occurred.

1. THE SERMON ON FORGIVENESS

1 One evening at Hippos, in answer to a disciple's question, Jesus taught the lesson on forgiveness. Said the Master:

2 §§ "If a kindhearted man has one hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, does he not immediately leave the 99 and go out in search of the 1 that has gone astray? And if he is a good shepherd, will he not keep up

his quest for the lost sheep until he finds it? And then, when the shepherd has found his lost sheep, he lays it over his shoulder and, going home rejoicing, calls to his friends and neighbours, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' I declare that there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance. Even so, it is not the will of my Father in heaven that one of these little ones should go astray, much less that they should perish. In your religion God may receive repentant sinners; in the gospel of the kingdom the

Father goes forth to find them even before they have seriously thought of repentance.

3 "The Father in heaven loves his children, and therefore should you learn to love one another; the Father in heaven forgives you your sins; therefore should you learn to forgive one another. If your brother sins against you, go to him and with tact and patience show him his fault. And do all this between you and him alone. If he will listen to you, then have you won your brother. But if your brother will not hear you, if he persists in the error of his way, go again to him, taking

with you one or two mutual friends that you may thus have two or even three witnesses to confirm your testimony and establish the fact that you have dealt justly and mercifully with your offending brother. Now if he refuses to hear your brethren, you may tell the whole story to the congregation, and then, if he refuses to hear the brotherhood, let them take such action as they deem wise; let such an unruly member become an outcast from the kingdom. While you cannot pretend to sit in judgment on the souls of your fellows, and while you may not forgive sins or otherwise pre-

sume to usurp the prerogatives of the supervisors of the heavenly hosts, at the same time, it has been committed to your hands that you should maintain temporal order in the kingdom on earth. While you may not meddle with the divine decrees concerning eternal life, you shall determine the issues of conduct as they concern the temporal welfare of the brotherhood on earth. And so, in all these matters connected with the discipline of the brotherhood, whatsoever you shall decree on earth, shall be recognized in heaven. Although you cannot determine the eternal fate of the individual,

you may legislate regarding the conduct of the group, for, where two or three of you agree concerning any of these things and ask of me, it shall be done for you if your petition is not inconsistent with the will of my Father in heaven. And all this is ever true, for, where two or three believers are gathered together, there am I in the midst of them."

4 §§ Simon Peter was the apostle in charge of the workers at Hippos, and when he heard Jesus thus speak, he asked: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?" And Jesus

answered Peter: "Not only seven times but even to seventy times and seven. Therefore may the kingdom of heaven be likened to a certain king who ordered a financial reckoning with his stewards. And when they had begun to conduct this examination of accounts, one of his chief retainers was brought before him confessing that he owed his king 10,000 talents. Now this officer of the king's court pleaded that hard times had come upon him, and that he did not have wherewith to pay this obligation. And so the king commanded that his property be confiscated, and that his children be sold to

pay his debt. When this chief steward heard this stern decree, he fell down on his face before the king and implored him to have mercy and grant him more time, saying, 'Lord, have a little more patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And when the king looked upon this negligent servant and his family, he was moved with compassion. He ordered that he should be released, and that the loan should be wholly forgiven.

5 "And this chief steward, having thus received mercy and forgiveness at the hands of the king, went about his business, and finding one of his subor-

dinate stewards who owed him a mere hundred denarii, he laid hold upon him and, taking him by the throat, said, 'Pay me all you owe.' And then did this fellow steward fall down before the chief steward and, beseeching him, said: 'Only have patience with me, and I will presently be able to pay you.' But the chief steward would not show mercy to his fellow steward but rather had him cast in prison until he should pay his debt. When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were so distressed that they went and told their lord and master, the king. When the king heard of the doings

of his chief steward, he called this ungrateful and unforgiving man before him and said: 'You are a wicked and unworthy steward. When you sought for compassion, I freely forgave you your entire debt. Why did you not also show mercy to your fellow steward, even as I showed mercy to you?' And the king was so very angry that he delivered his ungrateful chief steward to the jailers that they might hold him until he had paid all that was due. And even so shall my heavenly Father show the more abundant mercy to those who freely show mercy to their fellows. How can you come to God

asking consideration for your shortcomings when you are wont to chastise your brethren for being guilty of these same human frailties? I say to all of you: Freely you have received the good things of the kingdom; therefore freely give to your fellows on earth."

6 §§ Thus did Jesus teach the dangers and illustrate the unfairness of sitting in personal judgment upon one's fellows. Discipline must be maintained, justice must be administered, but in all these matters the wisdom of the brotherhood should prevail. Jesus invested legislative and judicial authority in the *group,* not in the *individ-*

ual. Even this investment of authority in the group must not be exercised as personal authority. There is always danger that the verdict of an individual may be warped by prejudice or distorted by passion. Group judgment is more likely to remove the dangers and eliminate the unfairness of personal bias. Jesus sought always to minimize the elements of unfairness, retaliation, and vengeance.

7 §§ [The use of the term 77 as an illustration of mercy and forbearance was derived from the Scriptures referring to Lamech's exultation because of the metal weapons of his son Tubal-

Cain, who, comparing these superior instruments with those of his enemies, exclaimed: "If Cain, with no weapon in his hand, was avenged seven times, I shall now be avenged seventy-seven."]

2. THE STRANGE PREACHER

1 Jesus went over to Gamala to visit John and those who worked with him at that place. That evening, after the session of questions and answers, John said to Jesus: "Master, yesterday I went over to Ashtaroth to see a man who was teaching in your name and even claiming to be able to cast out devils. Now this fellow had never been

with us, neither does he follow after us; therefore I forbade him to do such things." Then said Jesus: "Forbid him not. Do you not perceive that this gospel of the kingdom shall presently be proclaimed in all the world? How can you expect that all who will believe the gospel shall be subject to your direction? Rejoice that already our teaching has begun to manifest itself beyond the bounds of our personal influence. Do you not see, John, that those who profess to do great works in my name must eventually support our cause? They certainly will not be quick to speak evil of me. My son, in matters

of this sort it would be better for you to reckon that he who is not against us is for us. In the generations to come many who are not wholly worthy will do many strange things in my name, but I will not forbid them. I tell you that, even when a cup of cold water is given to a thirsty soul, the Father's messengers shall ever make record of such a service of love."

2 This instruction greatly perplexed John. Had he not heard the Master say, "He who is not with me is against me"? And he did not perceive that in this case Jesus was referring to man's personal relation to the spiritual

teachings of the kingdom, while in the other case reference was made to the outward and far-flung social relations of believers regarding the questions of administrative control and the jurisdiction of one group of believers over the work of other groups which would eventually compose the forthcoming world-wide brotherhood.

3 But John oftentimes recounted this experience in connection with his subsequent labours in behalf of the kingdom. Nevertheless, many times did the apostles take offence at those who made bold to teach in the Master's name. To them it always

seemed inappropriate that those who had never sat at Jesus' feet should dare to teach in his name.

4 This man whom John forbade to teach and work in Jesus' name did not heed the apostle's injunction. He went right on with his efforts and raised up a considerable company of believers at Kanata before going on into Mesopotamia. This man, Aden, had been led to believe in Jesus through the testimony of the demented man whom Jesus healed near Kheresa, and who so confidently believed that the supposed evil spirits which the Master cast out of him entered the herd of

swine and rushed them headlong over the cliff to their destruction.

3. INSTRUCTION FOR TEACHERS AND BELIEVERS

1 At Edrei, where Thomas and his associates laboured, Jesus spent a day and a night and, in the course of the evening's discussion, gave expression to the principles which should guide those who preach truth, and which should activate all who teach the gospel of the kingdom. Summarized and restated in modern phraseology, Jesus taught:

2 §§ Always respect the personality of man. Never should a righteous

cause be promoted by force; spiritual victories can be won only by spiritual power. This injunction against the employment of material influences refers to psychic force as well as to physical force. Overpowering arguments and mental superiority are not to be employed to coerce men and women into the kingdom. Man's mind is not to be crushed by the mere weight of logic or overawed by shrewd eloquence. While emotion as a factor in human decisions cannot be wholly eliminated, it should not be directly appealed to in the teachings of those who would advance the cause of the

kingdom. Make your appeals directly to the divine spirit that dwells within the minds of men. Do not appeal to fear, pity, or mere sentiment. In appealing to men, be fair; exercise self-control and exhibit due restraint; show proper respect for the personalities of your pupils. Remember that I have said: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man will open, I will come in."

3 In bringing men into the kingdom, do not lessen or destroy their self-respect. While overmuch self-respect may destroy proper humility and end in pride, conceit, and arrogance,

the loss of self-respect often ends in paralysis of the will. It is the purpose of this gospel to restore self-respect to those who have lost it and to restrain it in those who have it. Make not the mistake of only condemning the wrongs in the lives of your pupils; remember also to accord generous recognition for the most praiseworthy things in their lives. Forget not that I will stop at nothing to restore self-respect to those who have lost it, and who really desire to regain it.

4 Take care that you do not wound the self-respect of timid and fearful souls. Do not indulge in sarcasm at the

expense of my simple-minded brethren. Be not cynical with my fear-ridden children. Idleness is destructive of self-respect; therefore, admonish your brethren ever to keep busy at their chosen tasks, and put forth every effort to secure work for those who find themselves without employment.

5 Never be guilty of such unworthy tactics as endeavouring to frighten men and women into the kingdom. A loving father does not frighten his children into yielding obedience to his just requirements.

6 Sometime the children of the kingdom will realize that strong feel-

ings of emotion are not equivalent to the leadings of the divine spirit. To be strongly and strangely impressed to do something or to go to a certain place, does not necessarily mean that such impulses are the leadings of the indwelling spirit.

7 Forewarn all believers regarding the fringe of conflict which must be traversed by all who pass from the life as it is lived in the flesh to the higher life as it is lived in the spirit. To those who live quite wholly within either realm, there is little conflict or confusion, but all are doomed to experience more or less uncertainty during the

times of transition between the two levels of living. In entering the kingdom, you cannot escape its responsibilities or avoid its obligations, but remember: The gospel yoke is easy and the burden of truth is light.

8 The world is filled with hungry souls who famish in the very presence of the bread of life; men die searching for the very God who lives within them. Men seek for the treasures of the kingdom with yearning hearts and weary feet when they are all within the immediate grasp of living faith. Faith is to religion what sails are to a ship; it is an addition of power, not an added

burden of life. There is but one struggle for those who enter the kingdom, and that is to fight the good fight of faith. The believer has only one battle, and that is against doubt — unbelief.

9 In preaching the gospel of the kingdom, you are simply teaching friendship with God. And this fellowship will appeal alike to men and women in that both will find that which most truly satisfies their characteristic longings and ideals. Tell my children that I am not only tender of their feelings and patient with their frailties, but that I am also ruthless with sin and intolerant of iniquity. I am in-

deed meek and humble in the presence of my Father, but I am equally and relentlessly inexorable where there is deliberate evil-doing and sinful rebellion against the will of my Father in heaven.

10 You shall not portray your teacher as a man of sorrows. Future generations shall know also the radiance of our joy, the buoyance of our good will, and the inspiration of our good humour. We proclaim a message of good news which is infectious in its transforming power. Our religion is throbbing with new life and new meanings. Those who accept this teaching are filled with joy and in their hearts are

constrained to rejoice evermore. Increasing happiness is always the experience of all who are certain about God.

11 Teach all believers to avoid leaning upon the insecure props of false sympathy. You cannot develop strong characters out of the indulgence of self-pity; honestly endeavour to avoid the deceptive influence of mere fellowship in misery. Extend sympathy to the brave and courageous while you withhold overmuch pity from those cowardly souls who only half-heartedly stand up before the trials of living. Offer not consolation to those who lie down before their troubles without a

struggle. Sympathize not with your fellows merely that they may sympathize with you in return.

12 §§ When my children once become self-conscious of the assurance of the divine presence, such a faith will expand the mind, ennoble the soul, reinforce the personality, augment the happiness, deepen the spirit perception, and enhance the power to love and be loved.

13 Teach all believers that those who enter the kingdom are not thereby rendered immune to the accidents of time or to the ordinary catastrophes of nature. Believing the gospel will not pre-

vent getting into trouble, but it will ensure that you shall be *unafraid* when trouble does overtake you. If you dare to believe in me and wholeheartedly proceed to follow after me, you shall most certainly by so doing enter upon the sure pathway to trouble. I do not promise to deliver you from the waters of adversity, but I do promise to go with you through all of them.

14 §§ And much more did Jesus teach this group of believers before they made ready for the night's sleep. And they who heard these sayings treasured them in their hearts and did often recite them for the edification of the

apostles and disciples who were not present when they were spoken.

4. THE TALK WITH NATHANIEL

1 And then went Jesus over to Abila, where Nathaniel and his associates laboured. Nathaniel was much bothered by some of Jesus' pronouncements which seemed to detract from the authority of the recognized Hebrew scriptures. Accordingly, on this night, after the usual period of questions and answers, Nathaniel took Jesus away from the others and asked: "Master, could you trust me to know the truth about the Scriptures? I ob-

serve that you teach us only a portion of the sacred writings — the best as I view it — and I infer that you reject the teachings of the rabbis to the effect that the words of the law are the very words of God, having been with God in heaven even before the times of Abraham and Moses. What is the truth about the Scriptures?" When Jesus heard the question of his bewildered apostle, he answered:

2 §§ "Nathaniel, you have rightly judged; I do not regard the Scriptures as do the rabbis. I will talk with you about this matter on condition that you do not relate these things to

your brethren, who are not all prepared to receive this teaching. The words of the law of Moses and the teachings of the Scriptures were not in existence before Abraham. Only in recent times have the Scriptures been gathered together as we now have them. While they contain the best of the higher thoughts and longings of the Jewish people, they also contain much that is far from being representative of the character and teachings of the Father in heaven; wherefore must I choose from among the better teachings those truths which are to be gleaned for the gospel of the kingdom.

3 "These writings are the work of men, some of them holy men, others not so holy. The teachings of these books represent the views and extent of enlightenment of the times in which they had their origin. As a revelation of truth, the last are more dependable than the first. The Scriptures are faulty and altogether human in origin, but mistake not, they do constitute the best collection of religious wisdom and spiritual truth to be found in all the world at this time.

4 "Many of these books were not written by the persons whose names they bear, but that in no way detracts

from the value of the truths which they contain. If the story of Jonah should not be a fact, even if Jonah had never lived, still would the profound truth of this narrative, the love of God for Nineveh and the so-called heathen, be none the less precious in the eyes of all those who love their fellow men. The Scriptures are sacred because they present the thoughts and acts of men who were searching for God, and who in these writings left on record their highest concepts of righteousness, truth, and holiness. The Scriptures contain much that is true, very much, but in the light of your present

teaching, you know that these writings also contain much that is misrepresentative of the Father in heaven, the loving God I have come to reveal to all the worlds.

5 "Nathaniel, never permit yourself for one moment to believe the Scripture records which tell you that the God of love directed your forefathers to go forth in battle to slay all their enemies — men, women, and children. Such records are the words of men, not very holy men, and they are not the word of God. The Scriptures always have, and always will, reflect the intellectual, moral, and spiritual status

of those who create them. Have you not noted that the concepts of Yahweh grow in beauty and glory as the prophets make their records from Samuel to Isaiah? And you should remember that the Scriptures are intended for religious instruction and spiritual guidance. They are not the works of either historians or philosophers.

6 "The thing most deplorable is not merely this erroneous idea of the absolute perfection of the Scripture record and the infallibility of its teachings, but rather the confusing misinterpretation of these sacred writings by the tradition-enslaved scribes and Phar-

isees at Jerusalem. And now will they employ both the doctrine of the inspiration of the Scriptures and their misinterpretations thereof in their determined effort to withstand these newer teachings of the gospel of the kingdom. Nathaniel, never forget, the Father does not limit the revelation of truth to any one generation or to any one people. Many earnest seekers after the truth have been, and will continue to be, confused and disheartened by these doctrines of the perfection of the Scriptures.

7 "The authority of truth is the very spirit that indwells its living mani-

festations, and not the dead words of the less illuminated and supposedly inspired men of another generation. And even if these holy men of old lived inspired and spirit-filled lives, that does not mean that their *words* were similarly spiritually inspired. Today we make no record of the teachings of this gospel of the kingdom lest, when I have gone, you speedily become divided up into sundry groups of truth contenders as a result of the diversity of your interpretation of my teachings. For this generation it is best that we *live* these truths while we shun the making of records.

8 "Mark you well my words, Nathaniel, nothing which human nature has touched can be regarded as infallible. Through the mind of man divine truth may indeed shine forth, but always of relative purity and partial divinity. The creature may crave infallibility, but only the Creators possess it.

9 "But the greatest error of the teaching about the Scriptures is the doctrine of their being sealed books of mystery and wisdom which only the wise minds of the nation dare to interpret. The revelations of divine truth are not sealed except by human igno-

rance, bigotry, and narrow-minded intolerance. The light of the Scriptures is only dimmed by prejudice and darkened by superstition. A false fear of sacredness has prevented religion from being safeguarded by common sense. The fear of the authority of the sacred writings of the past effectively prevents the honest souls of today from accepting the new light of the gospel, the light which these very God-knowing men of another generation so intensely longed to see.

10 "But the saddest feature of all is the fact that some of the teachers of the sanctity of this traditionalism know

this very truth. They more or less fully understand these limitations of Scripture, but they are moral cowards, intellectually dishonest. They know the truth regarding the sacred writings, but they prefer to withhold such disturbing facts from the people. And thus do they pervert and distort the Scriptures, making them the guide to slavish details of the daily life and an authority in things nonspiritual instead of appealing to the sacred writings as the repository of the moral wisdom, religious inspiration, and the spiritual teaching of the God-knowing men of other generations."

11 §§ Nathaniel was enlightened, and shocked, by the Master's pronouncement. He long pondered this talk in the depths of his soul, but he told no man concerning this conference until after Jesus' ascension; and even then he feared to impart the full story of the Master's instruction.

5. THE POSITIVE NATURE OF JESUS' RELIGION

1 At Philadelphia, where James was working, Jesus taught the disciples about the positive nature of the gospel of the kingdom. When, in the course of his remarks, he intimated that some parts of the Scripture were more truth-

containing than others and admonished his hearers to feed their souls upon the best of the spiritual food, James interrupted the Master, asking: "Would you be good enough, Master, to suggest to us how we may choose the better passages from the Scriptures for our personal edification?" And Jesus replied: "Yes, James, when you read the Scriptures look for those eternally true and divinely beautiful teachings, such as:

2 "Create in me a clean heart, O Lord.

3 §§ "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

4 §§ "You should love your neighbour as yourself.

5 §§ "For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying, fear not; I will help you.

6 §§ "Neither shall the nations learn war any more."

7 §§ And this is illustrative of the way Jesus, day by day, appropriated the cream of the Hebrew scriptures for the instruction of his followers and for inclusion in the teachings of the new gospel of the kingdom. Other religions had suggested the thought of the nearness of God to man, but Jesus made the care of God for man like

the solicitude of a loving father for the welfare of his dependent children and then made this teaching the cornerstone of his religion. And thus did the doctrine of the fatherhood of God make imperative the practice of the brotherhood of man. The worship of God and the service of man became the sum and substance of his religion. Jesus took the best of the Jewish religion and translated it to a worthy setting in the new teachings of the gospel of the kingdom.

8 Jesus put the spirit of positive action into the passive doctrines of the Jewish religion. In the place of neg-

ative compliance with ceremonial requirements, Jesus enjoined the positive doing of that which his new religion required of those who accepted it. Jesus' religion consisted not merely in *believing,* but in actually *doing,* those things which the gospel required. He did not teach that the essence of his religion consisted in social service, but rather that social service was one of the certain effects of the possession of the spirit of true religion.

9 Jesus did not hesitate to appropriate the better half of a Scripture while he repudiated the lesser portion. His great exhortation, "Love your neigh-

bour as yourself," he took from the Scripture which reads: "You shall not take vengeance against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus appropriated the positive portion of this Scripture while rejecting the negative part. He even opposed negative or purely passive nonresistance. Said he: "When an enemy smites you on one cheek, do not stand there dumb and passive but in positive attitude turn the other; that is, do the best thing possible actively to lead your brother in error away from the evil paths into the better ways of righteous living." Jesus required his fol-

lowers to react positively and aggressively to every life situation. The turning of the other cheek, or whatever act that may typify, demands initiative, necessitates vigorous, active, and courageous expression of the believer's personality.

10 Jesus did not advocate the practice of negative submission to the indignities of those who might purposely seek to impose upon the practitioners of nonresistance to evil, but rather that his followers should be wise and alert in the quick and positive reaction of good to evil to the end that they might effectively overcome evil with good.

Forget not, the truly good is invariably more powerful than the most malignant evil. The Master taught a positive standard of righteousness: "Whosoever wishes to be my disciple, let him disregard himself and take up the full measure of his responsibilities daily to follow me." And he so lived himself in that "he went about doing good." And this aspect of the gospel was well illustrated by many parables which he later spoke to his followers. He never exhorted his followers patiently to bear their obligations but rather with energy and enthusiasm to live up to the full measure of their human respon-

sibilities and divine privileges in the kingdom of God.

11 When Jesus instructed his apostles that they should, when one unjustly took away the coat, offer the other garment, he referred not so much to a literal second coat as to the idea of doing something *positive* to save the wrongdoer in the place of the olden advice to retaliate — "an eye for an eye" and so on. Jesus abhorred the idea either of retaliation or of becoming just a passive sufferer or victim of injustice. On this occasion he taught them the three ways of contending with, and resisting, evil:

12 1. To return evil for evil — the positive but unrighteous method.

13 2. To suffer evil without complaint and without resistance — the purely negative method.

14 3. To return good for evil, to assert the will so as to become master of the situation, to overcome evil with good — the positive and righteous method.

15 §§ One of the apostles once asked: "Master, what should I do if a stranger forced me to carry his pack for a mile?" Jesus answered: "Do not sit down and sigh for relief while you berate the stranger under your breath. Righ-

teousness comes not from such passive attitudes. If you can think of nothing more effectively positive to do, you can at least carry the pack a second mile. That will of a certainty challenge the unrighteous and ungodly stranger."

16 The Jews had heard of a God who would forgive repentant sinners and try to forget their misdeeds, but not until Jesus came, did men hear about a God who went in search of lost sheep, who took the initiative in looking for sinners, and who rejoiced when he found them willing to return to the Father's house. This positive note

in religion Jesus extended even to his prayers. And he converted the negative golden rule into a positive admonition of human fairness.

17 In all his teaching Jesus unfailingly avoided distracting details. He shunned flowery language and avoided the mere poetic imagery of a play upon words. He habitually put large meanings into small expressions. For purposes of illustration Jesus reversed the current meanings of many terms, such as salt, leaven, fishing, and little children. He most effectively employed the antithesis, comparing the minute to the infinite and so on. His

pictures were striking, such as, "The blind leading the blind." But the greatest strength to be found in his illustrative teaching was its naturalness. Jesus brought the philosophy of religion from heaven down to earth. He portrayed the elemental needs of the soul with a new insight and a new bestowal of affection.

6. THE RETURN TO MAGADAN

1 The mission of four weeks in the Decapolis was moderately successful. Hundreds of souls were received into the kingdom, and the apostles and evangelists had a valuable experience

in carrying on their work without the inspiration of the immediate personal presence of Jesus.

2 On Friday, September 16, the entire corps of workers assembled by prearrangement at Magadan Park. On the Sabbath day a council of more than one hundred believers was held at which the future plans for extending the work of the kingdom were fully considered. The messengers of David were present and made reports concerning the welfare of the believers throughout Judea, Samaria, Galilee, and adjoining districts.

3 Few of Jesus' followers at this time

fully appreciated the great value of the services of the messenger corps. Not only did the messengers keep the believers throughout Palestine in touch with each other and with Jesus and the apostles, but during these dark days they also served as collectors of funds, not only for the sustenance of Jesus and his associates, but also for the support of the families of the twelve apostles and the twelve evangelists.

4 About this time Abner moved his base of operations from Hebron to Bethlehem, and this latter place was also the headquarters in Judea for David's messengers. David main-

tained an overnight relay messenger service between Jerusalem and Bethsaida. These runners left Jerusalem each evening, relaying at Sychar and Scythopolis, arriving in Bethsaida by breakfast time the next morning.

5 Jesus and his associates now prepared to take a week's rest before they made ready to start upon the last epoch of their labours in behalf of the kingdom. This was their last rest, for the Perean mission developed into a campaign of preaching and teaching which extended right on down to the time of their arrival at Jerusalem and of the enactment of the closing episodes

of Jesus' earth career.

PAPER 160

RODAN OF ALEXANDRIA

Midwayer Commission

On Sunday morning, September 18, Andrew announced that no work would be planned for the coming week. All of the apostles, except Nathaniel and Thomas, went home to visit their families or to sojourn with friends. This week Jesus enjoyed a period of almost complete rest, but Nathaniel and Thomas were very busy with their discussions with a certain Greek philosopher from Alexandria named Rodan.

This Greek had recently become a disciple of Jesus through the teaching of one of Abner's associates who had conducted a mission at Alexandria. Rodan was now earnestly engaged in the task of harmonizing his philosophy of life with Jesus' new religious teachings, and he had come to Magadan hoping that the Master would talk these problems over with him. He also desired to secure a first-hand and authoritative version of the gospel from either Jesus or one of his apostles. Though the Master declined to enter into such a conference with Rodan, he did receive him graciously

and immediately directed that Nathaniel and Thomas should listen to all he had to say and tell him about the gospel in return.

1. RODAN'S GREEK PHILOSOPHY

1 Early Monday morning, Rodan began a series of ten addresses to Nathaniel, Thomas, and a group of some two dozen believers who chanced to be at Magadan. These talks, condensed, combined, and restated in modern phraseology, present the following thoughts for consideration:

2 §§ Human life consists in three great drives — urges, desires, and

lures. Strong character, commanding personality, is only acquired by converting the natural urge of life into the social art of living, by transforming present desires into those higher longings which are capable of lasting attainment, while the commonplace lure of existence must be transferred from one's conventional and established ideas to the higher realms of unexplored ideas and undiscovered ideals.

3 The more complex civilization becomes, the more difficult will become the art of living. The more rapid the changes in social usage, the more com-

plicated will become the task of character development. Every ten generations mankind must learn anew the art of living if progress is to continue. And if man becomes so ingenious that he more rapidly adds to the complexities of society, the art of living will need to be remastered in less time, perhaps every single generation. If the evolution of the art of living fails to keep pace with the technique of existence, humanity will quickly revert to the simple urge of living — the attainment of the satisfaction of present desires. Thus will humanity remain immature; society will fail in growing up to full

maturity.

4 Social maturity is equivalent to the degree to which man is willing to surrender the gratification of mere transient and present desires for the entertainment of those superior longings the striving for whose attainment affords the more abundant satisfactions of progressive advancement toward permanent goals. But the true badge of social maturity is the willingness of a people to surrender the right to live peaceably and contentedly under the ease-promoting standards of the lure of established beliefs and conventional ideas for the disquieting and

energy-requiring lure of the pursuit of the unexplored possibilities of the attainment of undiscovered goals of idealistic spiritual realities.

5 Animals respond nobly to the urge of life, but only man can attain the art of living, albeit the majority of mankind only experience the animal urge to live. Animals know only this blind and instinctive urge; man is capable of transcending this urge to natural function. Man may elect to live upon the high plane of intelligent art, even that of celestial joy and spiritual ecstasy. Animals make no inquiry into the purposes of life; therefore they

never worry, neither do they commit suicide. Suicide among men testifies that such beings have emerged from the purely animal stage of existence, and to the further fact that the exploratory efforts of such human beings have failed to attain the artistic levels of mortal experience. Animals know not the meaning of life; man not only possesses capacity for the recognition of values and the comprehension of meanings, but he also is conscious of the meaning of meanings — he is self-conscious of insight.

6 When men dare to forsake a life of natural craving for one of adventur-

ous art and uncertain logic, they must expect to suffer the consequent hazards of emotional casualties — conflicts, unhappiness, and uncertainties — at least until the time of their attainment of some degree of intellectual and emotional maturity. Discouragement, worry, and indolence are positive evidence of moral immaturity. Human society is confronted with two problems: attainment of the maturity of the individual and attainment of the maturity of the race. The mature human being soon begins to look upon all other mortals with feelings of tenderness and with emotions

of tolerance. Mature men view immature folks with the love and consideration that parents bear their children.

7 Successful living is nothing more or less than the art of the mastery of dependable techniques for solving common problems. The first step in the solution of any problem is to locate the difficulty, to isolate the problem, and frankly to recognize its nature and gravity. The great mistake is that, when life problems excite our profound fears, we refuse to recognize them. Likewise, when the acknowledgement of our difficulties entails the reduction of our long-cher-

ished conceit, the admission of envy, or the abandonment of deep-seated prejudices, the average person prefers to cling to the old illusions of safety and to the long-cherished false feelings of security. Only a brave person is willing honestly to admit, and fearlessly to face, what a sincere and logical mind discovers.

8 The wise and effective solution of any problem demands that the mind shall be free from bias, passion, and all other purely personal prejudices which might interfere with the disinterested survey of the actual factors that go to make up the problem pre-

senting itself for solution. The solution of life problems requires courage and sincerity. Only honest and brave individuals are able to follow valiantly through the perplexing and confusing maze of living to where the logic of a fearless mind may lead. And this emancipation of the mind and soul can never be effected without the driving power of an intelligent enthusiasm which borders on religious zeal. It requires the lure of a great ideal to drive man on in the pursuit of a goal which is beset with difficult material problems and manifold intellectual hazards.

9 Even though you are effectively

armed to meet the difficult situations of life, you can hardly expect success unless you are equipped with that wisdom of mind and charm of personality which enable you to win the hearty support and co-operation of your fellows. You cannot hope for a large measure of success in either secular or religious work unless you can learn how to persuade your fellows, to prevail with men. You simply must have tact and tolerance.

10 §§ But the greatest of all methods of problem solving I have learned from Jesus, your Master. I refer to that which he so consistently practises,

and which he has so faithfully taught you, the isolation of worshipful meditation. In this habit of Jesus' going off so frequently by himself to commune with the Father in heaven is to be found the technique, not only of gathering strength and wisdom for the ordinary conflicts of living, but also of appropriating the energy for the solution of the higher problems of a moral and spiritual nature. But even correct methods of solving problems will not compensate for inherent defects of personality or atone for the absence of the hunger and thirst for true righteousness.

11 I am deeply impressed with the custom of Jesus in going apart by himself to engage in these seasons of solitary survey of the problems of living; to seek for new stores of wisdom and energy for meeting the manifold demands of social service; to quicken and deepen the supreme purpose of living by actually subjecting the total personality to the consciousness of contacting with divinity; to grasp for possession of new and better methods of adjusting oneself to the ever-changing situations of living existence; to effect those vital reconstructions and readjustments of one's personal at-

titudes which are so essential to enhanced insight into everything worth while and real; and to do all of this with an eye single to the glory of God — to breathe in sincerity your Master's favourite prayer, "Not my will, but yours, be done."

12 This worshipful practice of your Master brings that relaxation which renews the mind; that illumination which inspires the soul; that courage which enables one bravely to face one's problems; that self-understanding which obliterates debilitating fear; and that consciousness of union with divinity which equips man with the as-

surance that enables him to dare to be Godlike. The relaxation of worship, or spiritual communion as practised by the Master, relieves tension, removes conflicts, and mightily augments the total resources of the personality. And all this philosophy, plus the gospel of the kingdom, constitutes the new religion as I understand it.

13 §§ Prejudice blinds the soul to the recognition of truth, and prejudice can be removed only by the sincere devotion of the soul to the adoration of a cause that is all-embracing and all-inclusive of one's fellow men. Prejudice is inseparably linked to selfish-

ness. Prejudice can be eliminated only by the abandonment of self-seeking and by substituting therefor the quest of the satisfaction of the service of a cause that is not only greater than self, but one that is even greater than all humanity — the search for God, the attainment of divinity. The evidence of maturity of personality consists in the transformation of human desire so that it constantly seeks for the realization of those values which are highest and most divinely real.

14 In a continually changing world, in the midst of an evolving social order, it is impossible to maintain set-

tled and established goals of destiny. Stability of personality can be experienced only by those who have discovered and embraced the living God as the eternal goal of infinite attainment. And thus to transfer one's goal from time to eternity, from earth to Paradise, from the human to the divine, requires that man shall become regenerated, converted, be born again; that he shall become the re-created child of the divine spirit; that he shall gain entrance into the brotherhood of the kingdom of heaven. All philosophies and religions which fall short of these ideals are immature. The philosophy

which I teach, linked with the gospel which you preach, represents the new religion of maturity, the ideal of all future generations. And this is true because our ideal is final, infallible, eternal, universal, absolute, and infinite.

15 My philosophy gave me the urge to search for the realities of true attainment, the goal of maturity. But my urge was impotent; my search lacked driving power; my quest suffered from the absence of certainty of directionization. And these deficiencies have been abundantly supplied by this new gospel of Jesus, with its enhancement of insights, elevation of ideals, and set-

tledness of goals. Without doubts and misgivings I can now wholeheartedly enter upon the eternal venture.

2. THE ART OF LIVING

1 There are just two ways in which mortals may live together: the material or animal way and the spiritual or human way. By the use of signals and sounds animals are able to communicate with each other in a limited way. But such forms of communication do not convey meanings, values, or ideas. The one distinction between man and the animal is that man can communicate with his fellows by

means of *symbols* which most certainly designate and identify meanings, values, ideas, and even ideals.

2 Since animals cannot communicate ideas to each other, they cannot develop personality. Man develops personality because he can thus communicate with his fellows concerning both ideas and ideals.

3 It is this ability to communicate and share meanings that constitutes human culture and enables man, through social associations, to build civilizations. Knowledge and wisdom become cumulative because of man's ability to communicate these posses-

sions to succeeding generations. And thereby arise the cultural activities of the race: art, science, religion, and philosophy.

4 Symbolic communication between human beings predetermines the bringing into existence of social groups. The most effective of all social groups is the family, more particularly the *two parents.* Personal affection is the spiritual bond which holds together these material associations. Such an effective relationship is also possible between two persons of the same sex, as is so abundantly illustrated in the devotions of genuine

friendships.

5 These associations of friendship and mutual affection are socializing and ennobling because they encourage and facilitate the following essential factors of the higher levels of the art of living:

6 1. *Mutual self-expression and self-understanding.* Many noble human impulses die because there is no one to hear their expression. Truly, it is not good for man to be alone. Some degree of recognition and a certain amount of appreciation are essential to the development of human character. Without the genuine love of a

home, no child can achieve the full development of normal character. Character is something more than mere mind and morals. Of all social relations calculated to develop character, the most effective and ideal is the affectionate and understanding friendship of man and woman in the mutual embrace of intelligent wedlock. Marriage, with its manifold relations, is best designed to draw forth those precious impulses and those higher motives which are indispensable to the development of a strong character. I do not hesitate thus to glorify family life, for your Master has wisely cho-

sen the father-child relationship as the very cornerstone of this new gospel of the kingdom. And such a matchless community of relationship, man and woman in the fond embrace of the highest ideals of time, is so valuable and satisfying an experience that it is worth any price, any sacrifice, requisite for its possession.

7 2. *Union of souls — the mobilization of wisdom.* Every human being sooner or later acquires a certain concept of this world and a certain vision of the next. Now it is possible, through personality association, to unite these views of temporal ex-

istence and eternal prospects. Thus does the mind of one augment its spiritual values by gaining much of the insight of the other. In this way men enrich the soul by pooling their respective spiritual possessions. Likewise, in this same way, man is enabled to avoid that ever-present tendency to fall victim to distortion of vision, prejudice of viewpoint, and narrowness of judgment. Fear, envy, and conceit can be prevented only by intimate contact with other minds. I call your attention to the fact that the Master never sends you out alone to labour for the extension of the kingdom; he always

sends you out two and two. And since wisdom is superknowledge, it follows that, in the union of wisdom, the social group, small or large, mutually shares all knowledge.

8 3. *The enthusiasm for living.* Isolation tends to exhaust the energy charge of the soul. Association with one's fellows is essential to the renewal of the zest for life and is indispensable to the maintenance of the courage to fight those battles consequent upon the ascent to the higher levels of human living. Friendship enhances the joys and glorifies the triumphs of life. Loving and intimate

human associations tend to rob suffering of its sorrow and hardship of much of its bitterness. The presence of a friend enhances all beauty and exalts every goodness. By intelligent symbols man is able to quicken and enlarge the appreciative capacities of his friends. One of the crowning glories of human friendship is this power and possibility of the mutual stimulation of the imagination. Great spiritual power is inherent in the consciousness of wholehearted devotion to a common cause, mutual loyalty to a cosmic Deity.

9 4. *The enhanced defence against*

all evil. Personality association and mutual affection is an efficient insurance against evil. Difficulties, sorrow, disappointment, and defeat are more painful and disheartening when borne alone. Association does not transmute evil into righteousness, but it does aid in greatly lessening the sting. Said your Master, "Happy are they who mourn" — if a friend is at hand to comfort. There is positive strength in the knowledge that you live for the welfare of others, and that these others likewise live for your welfare and advancement. Man languishes in isolation. Human beings unfail-

ingly become discouraged when they view only the transitory transactions of time. The present, when divorced from the past and the future, becomes exasperatingly trivial. Only a glimpse of the circle of eternity can inspire man to do his best and can challenge the best in him to do its utmost. And when man is thus at his best, he lives most unselfishly for the good of others, his fellow sojourners in time and eternity.

10 §§ I repeat, such inspiring and ennobling association finds its ideal possibilities in the human marriage relation. True, much is attained out

of marriage, and many, many marriages utterly fail to produce these moral and spiritual fruits. Too many times marriage is entered by those who seek other values which are lower than these superior accompaniments of human maturity. Ideal marriage must be founded on something more stable than the fluctuations of sentiment and the fickleness of mere sex attraction; it must be based on genuine and mutual personal devotion. And thus, if you can build up such trustworthy and effective small units of human association, when these are assembled in the aggregate, the world will behold a

great and glorified social structure, the civilization of mortal maturity. Such a race might begin to realize something of your Master's ideal of "peace on earth and good will among men." While such a society would not be perfect or entirely free from evil, it would at least approach the stabilization of maturity.

3. THE LURES OF MATURITY

1 The effort toward maturity necessitates work, and work requires energy. Whence the power to accomplish all this? The physical things can be taken for granted, but the Mas-

ter has well said, "Man cannot live by bread alone." Granted the possession of a normal body and reasonably good health, we must next look for those lures which will act as a stimulus to call forth man's slumbering spiritual forces. Jesus has taught us that God lives in man; then how can we induce man to release these soul-bound powers of divinity and infinity? How shall we induce men to let go of God that he may spring forth to the refreshment of our own souls while in transit outward and then to serve the purpose of enlightening, uplifting, and blessing countless other souls? How best can I

awaken these latent powers for good which lie dormant in your souls? One thing I am sure of: Emotional excitement is not the ideal spiritual stimulus. Excitement does not augment energy; it rather exhausts the powers of both mind and body. Whence then comes the energy to do these great things? Look to your Master. Even now he is out in the hills taking in power while we are here giving out energy. The secret of all this problem is wrapped up in spiritual communion, in worship. From the human standpoint it is a question of combined meditation and relaxation. Meditation makes the

contact of mind with spirit; relaxation determines the capacity for spiritual receptivity. And this interchange of strength for weakness, courage for fear, the will of God for the mind of self, constitutes worship. At least, that is the way the philosopher views it.

2 When these experiences are frequently repeated, they crystallize into habits, strength-giving and worshipful habits, and such habits eventually formulate themselves into a spiritual character, and such a character is finally recognized by one's fellows as a *mature personality.* These practices are difficult and time-consuming at first,

but when they become habitual, they are at once restful and time-saving. The more complex society becomes, and the more the lures of civilization multiply, the more urgent will become the necessity for God-knowing individuals to form such protective habitual practices designed to conserve and augment their spiritual energies.

3 Another requirement for the attainment of maturity is the co-operative adjustment of social groups to an ever-changing environment. The immature individual arouses the antagonisms of his fellows; the mature man wins the hearty co-operation of his as-

sociates, thereby many times multiplying the fruits of his life efforts.

4 My philosophy tells me that there are times when I must fight, if need be, for the defence of my concept of righteousness, but I doubt not that the Master, with a more mature type of personality, would easily and gracefully gain an equal victory by his superior and winsome technique of tact and tolerance. All too often, when we battle for the right, it turns out that both the victor and the vanquished have sustained defeat. I heard the Master say only yesterday that the "wise man, when seeking entrance through

the locked door, would not destroy the door but rather would seek for the key wherewith to unlock it." Too often we engage in a fight merely to convince ourselves that we are not afraid.

5 This new gospel of the kingdom renders a great service to the art of living in that it supplies a new and richer incentive for higher living. It presents a new and exalted goal of destiny, a supreme life purpose. And these new concepts of the eternal and divine goal of existence are in themselves transcendent stimuli, calling forth the reaction of the very best that is resident in man's higher nature. On every

mountaintop of intellectual thought are to be found relaxation for the mind, strength for the soul, and communion for the spirit. From such vantage points of high living, man is able to transcend the material irritations of the lower levels of thinking — worry, jealousy, envy, revenge, and the pride of immature personality. These high-climbing souls deliver themselves from a multitude of the crosscurrent conflicts of the trifles of living, thus becoming free to attain consciousness of the higher currents of spirit concept and celestial communication. But the life purpose must

be jealously guarded from the temptation to seek for easy and transient attainment; likewise must it be so fostered as to become immune to the disastrous threats of fanaticism.

4. THE BALANCE OF MATURITY

1 While you have an eye single to the attainment of eternal realities, you must also make provision for the necessities of temporal living. While the spirit is our goal, the flesh is a fact. Occasionally the necessities of living may fall into our hands by accident, but in general, we must intelligently work for them. The two major problems of life

are: making a temporal living and the achievement of eternal survival. And even the problem of making a living requires religion for its ideal solution. These are both highly personal problems. True religion, in fact, does not function apart from the individual.

2 §§ The essentials of the temporal life, as I see them, are:

3 1. Good physical health.

4 2. Clear and clean thinking.

5 3. Ability and skill.

6 4. Wealth — the goods of life.

7 5. Ability to withstand defeat.

8 6. Culture — education and wisdom.

9 §§ Even the physical problems of bodily health and efficiency are best solved when they are viewed from the religious standpoint of our Master's teaching: That the body and mind of man are the dwelling place of the gift of the Gods, the spirit of God becoming the spirit of man. The mind of man thus becomes the mediator between material things and spiritual realities.

10 §§ It requires intelligence to secure one's share of the desirable things of life. It is wholly erroneous to suppose that faithfulness in doing one's daily work will ensure the rewards of wealth. Barring the occasional and accidental

acquirement of wealth, the material rewards of the temporal life are found to flow in certain well-organized channels, and only those who have access to these channels may expect to be well rewarded for their temporal efforts. Poverty must ever be the lot of all men who seek for wealth in isolated and individual channels. Wise planning, therefore, becomes the one thing essential to worldly prosperity. Success requires not only devotion to one's work but also that one should function as a part of some one of the channels of material wealth. If you are unwise, you can bestow a devoted

life upon your generation without material reward; if you are an accidental beneficiary of the flow of wealth, you may roll in luxury even though you have done nothing worth while for your fellow men.

11 Ability is that which you inherit, while skill is what you acquire. Life is not real to one who cannot do some one thing well, expertly. Skill is one of the real sources of the satisfaction of living. Ability implies the gift of foresight, farseeing vision. Be not deceived by the tempting rewards of dishonest achievement; be willing to toil for the later returns inherent

in honest endeavour. The wise man is able to distinguish between means and ends; otherwise, sometimes over-planning for the future defeats its own high purpose. As a pleasure seeker you should aim always to be a producer as well as a consumer.

12 Train your memory to hold in sacred trust the strength-giving and worth-while episodes of life, which you can recall at will for your pleasure and edification. Thus build up for yourself and in yourself reserve galleries of beauty, goodness, and artistic grandeur. But the noblest of all memories are the treasured recollections of

the great moments of a superb friendship. And all of these memory treasures radiate their most precious and exalting influences under the releasing touch of spiritual worship.

13 But life will become a burden of existence unless you learn how to fail gracefully. There is an art in defeat which noble souls always acquire; you must know how to lose cheerfully; you must be fearless of disappointment. Never hesitate to admit failure. Make no attempt to hide failure under deceptive smiles and beaming optimism. It sounds well always to claim success, but the end results are appalling. Such

a technique leads directly to the creation of a world of unreality and to the inevitable crash of ultimate disillusionment.

14 Success may generate courage and promote confidence, but wisdom comes only from the experiences of adjustment to the results of one's failures. Men who prefer optimistic illusions to reality can never become wise. Only those who face facts and adjust them to ideals can achieve wisdom. Wisdom embraces both the fact and the ideal and therefore saves its devotees from both of those barren extremes of philosophy — the man

whose idealism excludes facts and the materialist who is devoid of spiritual outlook. Those timid souls who can only keep up the struggle of life by the aid of continuous false illusions of success are doomed to suffer failure and experience defeat as they ultimately awaken from the dream world of their own imaginations.

15 And it is in this business of facing failure and adjusting to defeat that the far-reaching vision of religion exerts its supreme influence. Failure is simply an educational episode — a cultural experiment in the acquirement of wisdom — in the experience of the God-

seeking man who has embarked on the eternal adventure of the exploration of a universe. To such men defeat is but a new tool for the achievement of higher levels of universe reality.

16 The career of a God-seeking man may prove to be a great success in the light of eternity, even though the whole temporal-life enterprise may appear as an overwhelming failure, provided each life failure yielded the culture of wisdom and spirit achievement. Do not make the mistake of confusing knowledge, culture, and wisdom. They are related in life, but they represent vastly differing

spirit values; wisdom ever dominates knowledge and always glorifies culture.

5. THE RELIGION OF THE IDEAL

1 You have told me that your Master regards genuine human religion as the individual's experience with spiritual realities. I have regarded religion as man's experience of reacting to something which he regards as being worthy of the homage and devotion of all mankind. In this sense, religion symbolizes our supreme devotion to that which represents our highest concept of the ideals of reality and the farthest

reach of our minds toward eternal possibilities of spiritual attainment.

2 When men react to religion in the tribal, national, or racial sense, it is because they look upon those without their group as not being truly human. We always look upon the object of our religious loyalty as being worthy of the reverence of all men. Religion can never be a matter of mere intellectual belief or philosophic reasoning; religion is always and forever a mode of reacting to the situations of life; it is a species of conduct. Religion embraces thinking, feeling, and acting reverently toward some reality which we deem

worthy of universal adoration.

3 If something has become a religion in your experience, it is self-evident that you already have become an active evangel of that religion since you deem the supreme concept of your religion as being worthy of the worship of all mankind, all universe intelligences. If you are not a positive and missionary evangel of your religion, you are self-deceived in that what you call a religion is only a traditional belief or a mere system of intellectual philosophy. If your religion is a spiritual experience, your object of worship must be the universal spirit reality and ideal

of all your spiritualized concepts. All religions based on fear, emotion, tradition, and philosophy I term the intellectual religions, while those based on true spirit experience I would term the true religions. The object of religious devotion may be material or spiritual, true or false, real or unreal, human or divine. Religions can therefore be either good or evil.

4 Morality and religion are not necessarily the same. A system of morals, by grasping an object of worship, may become a religion. A religion, by losing its universal appeal to loyalty and supreme devotion, may evolve into a

system of philosophy or a code of morals. This thing, being, state, or order of existence, or possibility of attainment which constitutes the supreme ideal of religious loyalty, and which is the recipient of the religious devotion of those who worship, is God. Regardless of the name applied to this ideal of spirit reality, it is God.

5 The social characteristics of a true religion consist in the fact that it invariably seeks to convert the individual and to transform the world. Religion implies the existence of undiscovered ideals which far transcend the known standards of ethics and moral-

ity embodied in even the highest social usages of the most mature institutions of civilization. Religion reaches out for undiscovered ideals, unexplored realities, superhuman values, divine wisdom, and true spirit attainment. True religion does all of this; all other beliefs are not worthy of the name. You cannot have a genuine spiritual religion without the supreme and supernal ideal of an eternal God. A religion without this God is an invention of man, a human institution of lifeless intellectual beliefs and meaningless emotional ceremonies. A religion might claim as the object of its

devotion a great ideal. But such ideals of unreality are not attainable; such a concept is illusionary. The only ideals susceptible of human attainment are the divine realities of the infinite values resident in the spiritual fact of the eternal God.

6 The word God, the *idea* of God as contrasted with the *ideal* of God, can become a part of any religion, no matter how puerile or false that religion may chance to be. And this idea of God can become anything which those who entertain it may choose to make it. The lower religions shape their ideas of God to meet the nat-

ural state of the human heart; the higher religions demand that the human heart shall be changed to meet the demands of the ideals of true religion.

7 §§ The religion of Jesus transcends all our former concepts of the idea of worship in that he not only portrays his Father as the ideal of infinite reality but positively declares that this divine source of values and the eternal centre of the universe is truly and personally attainable by every mortal creature who chooses to enter the kingdom of heaven on earth, thereby acknowledging the acceptance of son-

ship with God and brotherhood with man. That, I submit, is the highest concept of religion the world has ever known, and I pronounce that there can never be a higher since this gospel embraces the infinity of realities, the divinity of values, and the eternity of universal attainments. Such a concept constitutes the achievement of the experience of the idealism of the supreme and the ultimate.

8 I am not only intrigued by the consummate ideals of this religion of your Master, but I am mightily moved to profess my belief in his announcement that these ideals of spirit realities are

attainable; that you and I can enter upon this long and eternal adventure with his assurance of the certainty of our ultimate arrival at the portals of Paradise. My brethren, I am a believer, I have embarked; I am on my way with you in this eternal venture. The Master says he came from the Father, and that he will show us the way. I am fully persuaded he speaks the truth. I am finally convinced that there are no attainable ideals of reality or values of perfection apart from the eternal and Universal Father.

9 I come, then, to worship, not merely the God of existences, but the

God of the possibility of all future existences. Therefore must your devotion to a supreme ideal, if that ideal is real, be devotion to this God of past, present, and future universes of things and beings. And there is no other God, for there cannot possibly be any other God. All other gods are figments of the imagination, illusions of mortal mind, distortions of false logic, and the self-deceptive idols of those who create them. Yes, you can have a religion without this God, but it does not mean anything. And if you seek to substitute the word God for the reality of this ideal of the living God, you

have only deluded yourself by putting an idea in the place of an ideal, a divine reality. Such beliefs are merely religions of wishful fancy.

10 I see in the teachings of Jesus, religion at its best. This gospel enables us to seek for the true God and to find him. But are we willing to pay the price of this entrance into the kingdom of heaven? Are we willing to be born again? to be remade? Are we willing to be subject to this terrible and testing process of self-destruction and soul reconstruction? Has not the Master said: "Whoso would save his life must lose it. Think not that I

have come to bring peace but rather a soul struggle"? True, after we pay the price of dedication to the Father's will, we do experience great peace provided we continue to walk in these spiritual paths of consecrated living.

11 Now are we truly forsaking the lures of the known order of existence while we unreservedly dedicate our quest to the lures of the unknown and unexplored order of the existence of a future life of adventure in the spirit worlds of the higher idealism of divine reality. And we seek for those symbols of meaning wherewith to convey to our fellow men these concepts of

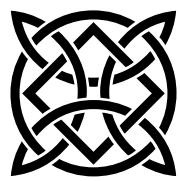
the reality of the idealism of the religion of Jesus, and we will not cease to pray for that day when all mankind shall be thrilled by the communal vision of this supreme truth. Just now, our focalized concept of the Father, as held in our hearts, is that God is spirit; as conveyed to our fellows, that God is love.

12 The religion of Jesus demands living and spiritual experience. Other religions may consist in traditional beliefs, emotional feelings, philosophic consciousness, and all of that, but the teaching of the Master requires the attainment of actual levels of real spirit

progression.

13 The consciousness of the impulse to be like God is not true religion. The feelings of the emotion to worship God are not true religion. The knowledge of the conviction to forsake self and serve God is not true religion. The wisdom of the reasoning that this religion is the best of all is not religion as a personal and spiritual experience. True religion has reference to destiny and reality of attainment as well as to the reality and idealism of that which is wholeheartedly faith-accepted. And all of this must be made personal to us by the revelation of the Spirit of Truth.

14 §§ And thus ended the dissertations of the Greek philosopher, one of the greatest of his race, who had become a believer in the gospel of Jesus.



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FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH RODAN

Midwayer Commission

On Sunday, September 25, A.D. 29, the apostles and the evangelists assembled at Magadan. After a long conference that evening with his associates, Jesus surprised all by announcing that early the next day he and the twelve apostles would start for Jerusalem to attend the feast of tabernacles. He directed that the evangelists visit the believers

in Galilee, and that the women's corps return for a while to Bethsaida.

2 When the hour came to leave for Jerusalem, Nathaniel and Thomas were still in the midst of their discussions with Rodan of Alexandria, and they secured the Master's permission to remain at Magadan for a few days. And so, while Jesus and the ten were on their way to Jerusalem, Nathaniel and Thomas were engaged in earnest debate with Rodan. The week prior, in which Rodan had expounded his philosophy, Thomas and Nathaniel had alternated in presenting the gospel of the kingdom to the Greek philoso-

pher. Rodan discovered that he had been well instructed in Jesus' teachings by one of the former apostles of John the Baptist who had been his teacher at Alexandria.

1. THE PERSONALITY OF GOD

1 There was one matter on which Rodan and the two apostles did not see alike, and that was the personality of God. Rodan readily accepted all that was presented to him regarding the attributes of God, but he contended that the Father in heaven is not, cannot be, a person as man conceives personality. While the apostles found

themselves in difficulty trying to prove that God is a person, Rodan found it still more difficult to prove he is not a person.

2 Rodan contended that the fact of personality consists in the coexistent fact of full and mutual communication between beings of equality, beings who are capable of sympathetic understanding. Said Rodan: "In order to be a person, God must have symbols of spirit communication which would enable him to become fully understood by those who make contact with him. But since God is infinite and eternal, the Creator of all other

beings, it follows that, as regards beings of equality, God is alone in the universe. There are none equal to him; there are none with whom he can communicate as an equal. God indeed may be the source of all personality, but as such he is transcendent to personality, even as the Creator is above and beyond the creature."

3 This contention greatly troubled Thomas and Nathaniel, and they had asked Jesus to come to their rescue, but the Master refused to enter into their discussions. He did say to Thomas: "It matters little what *idea* of the Father you may entertain as long as you are

spiritually acquainted with the *ideal* of his infinite and eternal nature."

4 Thomas contended that God does communicate with man, and therefore that the Father is a person, even within the definition of Rodan. This the Greek rejected on the ground that God does not reveal himself personally; that he is still a mystery. Then Nathaniel appealed to his own personal experience with God, and that Rodan allowed, affirming that he had recently had similar experiences, but these experiences, he contended, proved only the *reality* of God, not his *personality*.

5 By Monday night Thomas gave up.

But by Tuesday night Nathaniel had won Rodan to believe in the personality of the Father, and he effected this change in the Greek's views by the following steps of reasoning:

6 1. The Father in Paradise does enjoy equality of communication with at least two other beings who are fully equal to himself and wholly like himself — the Eternal Son and the Infinite Spirit. In view of the doctrine of the Trinity, the Greek was compelled to concede the personality possibility of the Universal Father. (It was the later consideration of these discussions which led to the enlarged con-

ception of the Trinity in the minds of the twelve apostles. Of course, it was the general belief that Jesus was the Eternal Son.)

7 2. Since Jesus was equal with the Father, and since this Son had achieved the manifestation of personality to his earth children, such a phenomenon constituted proof of the fact, and demonstration of the possibility, of the possession of personality by all three of the Godheads and forever settled the question regarding the ability of God to communicate with man and the possibility of man's communicating with God.

8 3. That Jesus was on terms of mutual association and perfect communication with man; that Jesus was the Son of God. That the relation of Son and Father presupposes equality of communication and mutuality of sympathetic understanding; that Jesus and the Father were one. That Jesus maintained at one and the same time understanding communication with both God and man, and that, since both God and man comprehended the meaning of the symbols of Jesus' communication, both God and man possessed the attributes of personality in so far as the requirements

of the ability of intercommunication were concerned. That the personality of Jesus demonstrated the personality of God, while it proved conclusively the presence of God in man. That two things which are related to the same thing are related to each other.

9 4. That personality represents man's highest concept of human reality and divine values; that God also represents man's highest concept of divine reality and infinite values; therefore, that God must be a divine and infinite personality, a personality in reality although infinitely and eternally transcending man's concept and defi-

nition of personality, but nevertheless always and universally a personality.

10 5. That God must be a personality since he is the Creator of all personality and the destiny of all personality. Rodan had been tremendously influenced by the teaching of Jesus, "Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

11 §§ When Rodan heard these arguments, he said: "I am convinced. I will confess God as a person if you will permit me to qualify my confession of such a belief by attaching to the meaning of personality a group of extended values, such as superhuman,

transcendent, supreme, infinite, eternal, final, and universal. I am now convinced that, while God must be infinitely more than a personality, he cannot be anything less. I am satisfied to end the argument and to accept Jesus as the personal revelation of the Father and the satisfaction of all unsatisfied factors in logic, reason, and philosophy."

2. THE DIVINE NATURE OF JESUS

1 Since Nathaniel and Thomas had so fully approved Rodan's views of the gospel of the kingdom, there re-

mained only one more point to consider, the teaching dealing with the divine nature of Jesus, a doctrine only so recently publicly announced. Nathaniel and Thomas jointly presented their views of the divine nature of the Master, and the following narrative is a condensed, rearranged, and restated presentation of their teaching:

2 1. Jesus has admitted his divinity, and we believe him. Many remarkable things have happened in connection with his ministry which we can understand only by believing that he is the Son of God as well as the Son of Man.

3 2. His life association with us exemplifies the ideal of human friendship; only a divine being could possibly be such a human friend. He is the most truly unselfish person we have ever known. He is the friend even of sinners; he dares to love his enemies. He is very loyal to us. While he does not hesitate to reprove us, it is plain to all that he truly loves us. The better you know him, the more you will love him. You will be charmed by his unswerving devotion. Through all these years of our failure to comprehend his mission, he has been a faithful friend. While he makes no use

of flattery, he does treat us all with equal kindness; he is invariably tender and compassionate. He has shared his life and everything else with us. We are a happy community; we share all things in common. We do not believe that a mere human could live such a blameless life under such trying circumstances.

4 3. We think Jesus is divine because he never does wrong; he makes no mistakes. His wisdom is extraordinary; his piety superb. He lives day by day in perfect accord with the Father's will. He never repents of misdeeds because he transgresses none of

the Father's laws. He prays for us and with us, but he never asks us to pray for him. We believe that he is consistently sinless. We do not think that one who is only human ever professed to live such a life. He claims to live a perfect life, and we acknowledge that he does. Our piety springs from repentance, but his piety springs from righteousness. He even professes to forgive sins and does heal diseases. No mere man would sanely profess to forgive sin; that is a divine prerogative. And he has seemed to be thus perfect in his righteousness from the times of our first contact with him. We grow

in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, but our Master exhibits maturity of righteousness to start with. All men, good and evil, recognize these elements of goodness in Jesus. And yet never is his piety obtrusive or ostentatious. He is both meek and fearless. He seems to approve of our belief in his divinity. He is either what he professes to be, or else he is the greatest hypocrite and fraud the world has ever known. We are persuaded that he is just what he claims to be.

5 4. The uniqueness of his character and the perfection of his emotional control convince us that he is a combi-

nation of humanity and divinity. He unfailingly responds to the spectacle of human need; suffering never fails to appeal to him. His compassion is moved alike by physical suffering, mental anguish, or spiritual sorrow. He is quick to recognize and generous to acknowledge the presence of faith or any other grace in his fellow men. He is so just and fair and at the same time so merciful and considerate. He grieves over the spiritual obstinacy of the people and rejoices when they consent to see the light of truth.

6 5. He seems to know the thoughts of men's minds and to understand the

longings of their hearts. And he is always sympathetic with our troubled spirits. He seems to possess all our human emotions, but they are magnificently glorified. He strongly loves goodness and equally hates sin. He possesses a superhuman consciousness of the presence of Deity. He prays like a man but performs like a God. He seems to foreknow things; he even now dares to speak about his death, some mystic reference to his future glorification. While he is kind, he is also brave and courageous. He never falters in doing his duty.

7 6. We are constantly impressed

by the phenomenon of his superhuman knowledge. Hardly does a day pass but something transpires to disclose that the Master knows what is going on away from his immediate presence. He also seems to know about the thoughts of his associates. He undoubtedly has communion with celestial personalities; he unquestionably lives on a spiritual plane far above the rest of us. Everything seems to be open to his unique understanding. He asks us questions to draw us out, not to gain information.

8 7. Recently the Master does not

hesitate to assert his superhumanity. From the day of our ordination as apostles right on down to recent times, he has never denied that he came from the Father above. He speaks with the authority of a divine teacher. The Master does not hesitate to refute the religious teachings of today and to declare the new gospel with positive authority. He is assertive, positive, and authoritative. Even John the Baptist, when he heard Jesus speak, declared that he was the Son of God. He seems to be so sufficient within himself. He craves not the support of the multitude; he is indifferent to the

opinions of men. He is brave and yet so free from pride.

9 8. He constantly talks about God as an ever-present associate in all that he does. He goes about doing good, for God seems to be in him. He makes the most astounding assertions about himself and his mission on earth, statements which would be absurd if he were not divine. He once declared, "Before Abraham was, I am." He has definitely claimed divinity; he professes to be in partnership with God. He well-nigh exhausts the possibilities of language in the reiteration of his claims of intimate association with

the heavenly Father. He even dares to assert that he and the Father are one. He says that anyone who has seen him has seen the Father. And he says and does all these tremendous things with such childlike naturalness. He alludes to his association with the Father in the same manner that he refers to his association with us. He seems to be so sure about God and speaks of these relations in such a matter-of-fact way.

10 9. In his prayer life he appears to communicate directly with his Father. We have heard few of his prayers, but these few would indicate that he talks with God, as it were, face to face. He

seems to know the future as well as the past. He simply could not be all of this and do all of these extraordinary things unless he were something more than human. We know he is human, we are sure of that, but we are almost equally sure that he is also divine. We believe that he is divine. We are convinced that he is the Son of Man and the Son of God.

11 §§ When Nathaniel and Thomas had concluded their conferences with Rodan, they hurried on toward Jerusalem to join their fellow apostles, arriving on Friday of that week. This had been a great experience in the lives

of all three of these believers, and the other apostles learned much from the recounting of these experiences by Nathaniel and Thomas.

12 Rodan made his way back to Alexandria, where he long taught his philosophy in the school of Meganta. He became a mighty man in the later affairs of the kingdom of heaven; he was a faithful believer to the end of his earth days, yielding up his life in Greece with others when the persecutions were at their height.

3. JESUS' HUMAN AND DIVINE MINDS

1 Consciousness of divinity was a

gradual growth in the mind of Jesus up to the occasion of his baptism. After he became fully self-conscious of his divine nature, prehuman existence, and universe prerogatives, he seems to have possessed the power of variously limiting his human consciousness of his divinity. It appears to us that from his baptism until the crucifixion it was entirely optional with Jesus whether to depend only on the human mind or to utilize the knowledge of both the human and the divine minds. At times he appeared to avail himself of only that information which was resident in the human intellect. On other oc-

casions he appeared to act with such fullness of knowledge and wisdom as could be afforded only by the utilization of the superhuman content of his divine consciousness.

2 We can understand his unique performances only by accepting the theory that he could, at will, self-limit his divinity consciousness. We are fully cognizant that he frequently withheld from his associates his foreknowledge of events, and that he was aware of the nature of their thinking and planning. We understand that he did not wish his followers to know too fully that he was able to discern their thoughts and

to penetrate their plans. He did not desire too far to transcend the concept of the human as it was held in the minds of his apostles and disciples.

3 We are utterly at a loss to differentiate between his practice of self-limiting his divine consciousness and his technique of concealing his preknowledge and thought discernment from his human associates. We are convinced that he used both of these techniques, but we are not always able, in a given instance, to specify which method he may have employed. We frequently observed him acting with only the human content of conscious-

ness; then would we behold him in conference with the directors of the celestial hosts of the universe and discern the undoubted functioning of the divine mind. And then on almost numberless occasions did we witness the working of this combined personality of man and God as it was activated by the apparent perfect union of the human and the divine minds. This is the limit of our knowledge of such phenomena; we really do not actually know the full truth about this mystery.

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AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Midwayer Commission

When Jesus started up to Jerusalem with the ten apostles, he planned to go through Samaria, that being the shorter route. Accordingly, they passed down the eastern shore of the lake and, by way of Scythopolis, entered the borders of Samaria. Near nightfall Jesus sent Philip and Matthew over to a village on the east-

ern slopes of Mount Gilboa to secure lodging for the company. It so happened that these villagers were greatly prejudiced against the Jews, even more so than the average Samaritans, and these feelings were heightened at this particular time as so many were on their way to the feast of tabernacles. These people knew very little about Jesus, and they refused him lodging because he and his associates were Jews. When Matthew and Philip manifested indignation and informed these Samaritans that they were declining to entertain the Holy One of Israel, the infuriated villagers chased

them out of the little town with sticks and stones.

2 After Philip and Matthew had returned to their fellows and reported how they had been driven out of the village, James and John stepped up to Jesus and said: "Master, we pray you to give us permission to bid fire come down from heaven to devour these insolent and impenitent Samaritans." But when Jesus heard these words of vengeance, he turned upon the sons of Zebedee and severely rebuked them: "You know not what manner of attitude you manifest. Vengeance savours not of the outlook of the kingdom

of heaven. Rather than dispute, let us journey over to the little village by the Jordan ford." Thus because of sectarian prejudice these Samaritans denied themselves the honour of showing hospitality to the Creator Son of a universe.

3 Jesus and the ten stopped for the night at the village near the Jordan ford. Early the next day they crossed the river and continued on to Jerusalem by way of the east Jordan highway, arriving at Bethany late Wednesday evening. Thomas and Nathaniel arrived on Friday, having been delayed by their conferences with Rodan.

4 §§ Jesus and the twelve remained in the vicinity of Jerusalem until the end of the following month (October), about 4½ weeks. Jesus himself went into the city only a few times, and these brief visits were made during the days of the feast of tabernacles. He spent a considerable portion of October with Abner and his associates at Bethlehem.

1. THE DANGERS OF THE VISIT TO JERUSALEM

1 Long before they fled from Galilee, the followers of Jesus had implored him to go to Jerusalem to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom in order that

his message might have the prestige of having been preached at the centre of Jewish culture and learning; but now that he had actually come to Jerusalem to teach, they were afraid for his life. Knowing that the Sanhedrin had sought to bring Jesus to Jerusalem for trial and recalling the Master's recently reiterated declarations that he must be subject to death, the apostles had been literally stunned by his sudden decision to attend the feast of tabernacles. To all their previous entreaties that he go to Jerusalem he had replied, "The hour has not yet come." Now, to their protests of fear he answered only, "But

the hour has come."

2 During the feast of tabernacles Jesus went boldly into Jerusalem on several occasions and publicly taught in the temple. This he did in spite of the efforts of his apostles to dissuade him. Though they had long urged him to proclaim his message in Jerusalem, they now feared to see him enter the city at this time, knowing full well that the scribes and Pharisees were bent on bringing about his death.

3 Jesus' bold appearance in Jerusalem more than ever confused his followers. Many of his disciples, and even Judas Iscariot, the apostle, had

dared to think that Jesus had fled in haste into Phoenicia because he feared the Jewish leaders and Herod Antipas. They failed to comprehend the significance of the Master's movements. His presence in Jerusalem at the feast of tabernacles, even in opposition to the advice of his followers, sufficed forever to put an end to all whisperings about fear and cowardice.

4 During the feast of tabernacles, thousands of believers from all parts of the Roman Empire saw Jesus, heard him teach, and many even journeyed out to Bethany to confer with him regarding the progress of the kingdom

in their home districts.

5 There were many reasons why Jesus was able publicly to preach in the temple courts throughout the days of the feast, and chief of these was the fear that had come over the officers of the Sanhedrin as a result of the secret division of sentiment in their own ranks. It was a fact that many of the members of the Sanhedrin either secretly believed in Jesus or else were decidedly averse to arresting him during the feast, when such large numbers of people were present in Jerusalem, many of whom either believed in him or were at least friendly to the spiritual move-

ment which he sponsored.

6 The efforts of Abner and his associates throughout Judea had also done much to consolidate sentiment favourable to the kingdom, so much so that the enemies of Jesus dared not be too outspoken in their opposition. This was one of the reasons why Jesus could publicly visit Jerusalem and live to go away. One or two months before this he would certainly have been put to death.

7 But the audacious boldness of Jesus in publicly appearing in Jerusalem overawed his enemies; they were not prepared for such a daring challenge.

Several times during this month the Sanhedrin made feeble attempts to place the Master under arrest, but nothing came of these efforts. His enemies were so taken aback by Jesus' unexpected public appearance in Jerusalem that they conjectured he must have been promised protection by the Roman authorities. Knowing that Philip (Herod Antipas's brother) was almost a follower of Jesus, the members of the Sanhedrin speculated that Philip had secured for Jesus promises of protection against his enemies. Jesus had departed from their jurisdiction before they awakened to the re-

alization that they had been mistaken in the belief that his sudden and bold appearance in Jerusalem had been due to a secret understanding with the Roman officials.

8 Only the twelve apostles had known that Jesus intended to attend the feast of tabernacles when they had departed from Magadan. The other followers of the Master were greatly astonished when he appeared in the temple courts and began publicly to teach, and the Jewish authorities were surprised beyond expression when it was reported that he was teaching in the temple.

9 Although his disciples had not expected Jesus to attend the feast, the vast majority of the pilgrims from afar who had heard of him entertained the hope that they might see him at Jerusalem. And they were not disappointed, for on several occasions he taught in Solomon's Porch and elsewhere in the temple courts. These teachings were really the official or formal announcement of the divinity of Jesus to the Jewish people and to the whole world.

10 The multitudes who listened to the Master's teachings were divided in their opinions. Some said he was a good man; some a prophet; some

that he was truly the Messiah; others said he was a mischievous meddler, that he was leading the people astray with his strange doctrines. His enemies hesitated to denounce him openly for fear of his friendly believers, while his friends feared to acknowledge him openly for fear of the Jewish leaders, knowing that the Sanhedrin was determined to put him to death. But even his enemies marveled at his teaching, knowing that he had not been instructed in the schools of the rabbis.

11 Every time Jesus went to Jerusalem, his apostles were filled with

terror. They were the more afraid as, from day to day, they listened to his increasingly bold pronouncements regarding the nature of his mission on earth. They were unaccustomed to hearing Jesus make such positive claims and such amazing assertions even when preaching among his friends.

2. THE FIRST TEMPLE TALK

1 The first afternoon that Jesus taught in the temple, a considerable company sat listening to his words depicting the liberty of the new gospel and the joy of those who believe the

good news, when a curious listener interrupted him to ask: "Teacher, how is it you can quote the Scriptures and teach the people so fluently when I am told that you are untaught in the learning of the rabbis?" Jesus replied: "No man has taught me the truths which I declare to you. And this teaching is not mine but His who sent me. If any man really desires to do my Father's will, he shall certainly know about my teaching, whether it be God's or whether I speak for myself. He who speaks for himself seeks his own glory, but when I declare the words of the Father, I thereby seek the glory of him

who sent me. But before you try to enter into the new light, should you not rather follow the light you already have? Moses gave you the law, yet how many of you honestly seek to fulfil its demands? Moses in this law enjoins you, saying, 'You shall not kill'; notwithstanding this command some of you seek to kill the Son of Man."

2 §§ When the crowd heard these words, they fell to wrangling among themselves. Some said he was mad; some that he had a devil. Others said this was indeed the prophet of Galilee whom the scribes and Pharisees had long sought to kill. Some said

the religious authorities were afraid to molest him; others thought that they laid not hands upon him because they had become believers in him. After considerable debate one of the crowd stepped forward and asked Jesus, "Why do the rulers seek to kill you?" And he replied: "The rulers seek to kill me because they resent my teaching about the good news of the kingdom, a gospel that sets men free from the burdensome traditions of a formal religion of ceremonies which these teachers are determined to uphold at any cost. They circumcise in accordance with the law on the Sab-

bath day, but they would kill me because I once on the Sabbath day set free a man held in the bondage of affliction. They follow after me on the Sabbath to spy on me but would kill me because on another occasion I chose to make a grievously stricken man completely whole on the Sabbath day. They seek to kill me because they well know that, if you honestly believe and dare to accept my teaching, their system of traditional religion will be overthrown, forever destroyed. Thus will they be deprived of authority over that to which they have devoted their lives since they stead-

fastly refuse to accept this new and more glorious gospel of the kingdom of God. And now do I appeal to every one of you: Judge not according to outward appearances but rather judge by the true spirit of these teachings; judge righteously."

3 Then said another inquirer: "Yes, Teacher, we do look for the Messiah, but when he comes, we know that his appearance will be in mystery. We know whence you are. You have been among your brethren from the beginning. The deliverer will come in power to restore the throne of David's kingdom. Do you really claim to

be the Messiah?" And Jesus replied: "You claim to know me and to know whence I am. I wish your claims were true, for indeed then would you find abundant life in that knowledge. But I declare that I have not come to you for myself; I have been sent by the Father, and he who sent me is true and faithful. By refusing to hear me, you are refusing to receive Him who sends me. You, if you will receive this gospel, shall come to know Him who sent me. I know the Father, for I have come from the Father to declare and reveal him to you."

4 The agents of the scribes wanted

to lay hands upon him, but they feared the multitude, for many believed in him. Jesus' work since his baptism had become well known to all Jewry, and as many of these people recounted these things, they said among themselves: "Even though this teacher is from Galilee, and even though he does not meet all of our expectations of the Messiah, we wonder if the deliverer, when he does come, will really do anything more wonderful than this Jesus of Nazareth has already done."[1]

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[1] In 1955 text "done?" with the question mark. This is an indirect question contained within a declarative sentence, so the period rather than the

5 When the Pharisees and their agents heard the people talking this way, they took counsel with their leaders and decided that something should be done forthwith to put a stop to these public appearances of Jesus in the temple courts. The leaders of the Jews, in general, were disposed to avoid a clash with Jesus, believing that the Roman authorities had promised him immunity. They could not otherwise account for his boldness in coming at this time to Jerusalem; but the officers of the Sanhedrin did not

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question mark is the correct closing punctuation mark.

wholly believe this rumour. They reasoned that the Roman rulers would not do such a thing secretly and without the knowledge of the highest governing body of the Jewish nation.

6 Accordingly, Eber, the proper officer of the Sanhedrin, with two assistants was dispatched to arrest Jesus. As Eber made his way toward Jesus, the Master said: "Fear not to approach me. Draw near while you listen to my teaching. I know you have been sent to apprehend me, but you should understand that nothing will befall the Son of Man until his hour comes. You are not arrayed against me; you come

only to do the bidding of your masters, and even these rulers of the Jews verily think they are doing God's service when they secretly seek my destruction.

7 "I bear none of you ill will. The Father loves you, and therefore do I long for your deliverance from the bondage of prejudice and the darkness of tradition. I offer you the liberty of life and the joy of salvation. I proclaim the new and living way, the deliverance from evil and the breaking of the bondage of sin. I have come that you might have life, and have it eternally. You seek to be rid of me and my dis-

quieting teachings. If you could only realize that I am to be with you only a little while! In just a short time I go to Him who sent me into this world. And then will many of you diligently seek me, but you shall not discover my presence, for where I am about to go you cannot come. But all who truly seek to find me shall sometime attain the life that leads to my Father's presence."

8 Some of the scoffers said among themselves: "Where will this man go that we cannot find him? Will he go to live among the Greeks? Will he destroy himself? What can he mean

when he declares that soon he will depart from us, and that we cannot go where he goes?"

9 Eber and his assistants refused to arrest Jesus; they returned to their meeting place without him. When, therefore, the chief priests and the Pharisees upbraided Eber and his assistants because they had not brought Jesus with them, Eber only replied: "We feared to arrest him in the midst of the multitude because many believe in him. Besides, we never heard a man speak like this man. There is something out of the ordinary about this teacher. You would all do well to

go over to hear him." And when the chief rulers heard these words, they were astonished and spoke tauntingly to Eber: "Are you also led astray? Are you about to believe in this deceiver? Have you heard that any of our learned men or any of the rulers have believed in him? Have any of the scribes or the Pharisees been deceived by his clever teachings? How does it come that you are influenced by the behaviour of this ignorant multitude who know not the law or the prophets? Do you not know that such untaught people are accursed?" And then answered Eber: "Even so, my

masters, but this man speaks to the multitude words of mercy and hope. He cheers the downhearted, and his words were comforting even to our souls. What can there be wrong in these teachings even though he may not be the Messiah of the Scriptures? And even then does not our law require fairness? Do we condemn a man before we hear him?" And the chief of the Sanhedrin was wroth with Eber and, turning upon him, said: "Have you gone mad? Are you by any chance also from Galilee? Search the Scriptures, and you will discover that out of Galilee arises no prophet, much less

the Messiah."

10 The Sanhedrin disbanded in confusion, and Jesus withdrew to Bethany for the night.

3. THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY

1 It was during this visit to Jerusalem that Jesus dealt with a certain woman of evil repute who was brought into his presence by her accusers and his enemies. The distorted record you have of this episode would suggest that this woman had been brought before Jesus by the scribes and Pharisees, and that Jesus so dealt with them as to indicate that these religious leaders of

the Jews might themselves have been guilty of immorality. Jesus well knew that, while these scribes and Pharisees were spiritually blind and intellectually prejudiced by their loyalty to tradition, they were to be numbered among the most thoroughly moral men of that day and generation.

2 What really happened was this: Early the third morning of the feast, as Jesus approached the temple, he was met by a group of the hired agents of the Sanhedrin who were dragging a woman along with them. As they came near, the spokesman said: "Master, this woman was taken in adul-

tery — in the very act. Now, the law of Moses commands that we should stone such a woman. What do you say should be done with her?"

3 It was the plan of Jesus' enemies, if he upheld the law of Moses requiring that the self-confessed transgressor be stoned, to involve him in difficulty with the Roman rulers, who had denied the Jews the right to inflict the death penalty without the approval of a Roman tribunal. If he forbade stoning the woman, they would accuse him before the Sanhedrin of setting himself up above Moses and the Jewish law. If he remained silent,

they would accuse him of cowardice. But the Master so managed the situation that the whole plot fell to pieces of its own sordid weight.

4 This woman, once comely, was the wife of an inferior citizen of Nazareth, a man who had been a troublemaker for Jesus throughout his youthful days. The man, having married this woman, did most shamefully force her to earn their living by making commerce of her body. He had come up to the feast at Jerusalem that his wife might thus prostitute her physical charms for financial gain. He had entered into a bargain with the hirelings of the Jew-

ish rulers thus to betray his own wife in her commercialized vice. And so they came with the woman and her companion in transgression for the purpose of ensnaring Jesus into making some statement which could be used against him in case of his arrest.

5 Jesus, looking over the crowd, saw her husband standing behind the others. He knew what sort of man he was and perceived that he was a party to the despicable transaction. Jesus first walked around to near where this degenerate husband stood and wrote upon the sand a few words which caused him to depart in haste. Then

he came back before the woman and wrote again upon the ground for the benefit of her would-be accusers; and when they read his words, they, too, went away, one by one. And when the Master had written in the sand the third time, the woman's companion in evil took his departure, so that, when the Master raised himself up from this writing, he beheld the woman standing alone before him. Jesus said: "Woman, where are your accusers? did no man remain to stone you?" And the woman, lifting up her eyes, answered, "No man, Lord." And then said Jesus: "I know about you; neither do I

condemn you. Go your way in peace." And this woman, Hildana, forsook her wicked husband and joined herself to the disciples of the kingdom.

4. THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

1 The presence of people from all of the known world, from Spain to India, made the feast of tabernacles an ideal occasion for Jesus for the first time publicly to proclaim his full gospel in Jerusalem. At this feast the people lived much in the open air, in leafy booths. It was the feast of the harvest ingathering, and coming, as it did, in the cool of the autumn months, it was

more generally attended by the Jews of the world than was the Passover at the end of the winter or Pentecost at the beginning of summer. The apostles at last beheld their Master making the bold announcement of his mission on earth before all the world, as it were.

2 This was the feast of feasts, since any sacrifice not made at the other festivals could be made at this time. This was the occasion of the reception of the temple offerings; it was a combination of vacation pleasures with the solemn rites of religious worship. Here was a time of racial rejoicing, mingled with sacrifices, Levitical

chants, and the solemn blasts of the silvery trumpets of the priests. At night the impressive spectacle of the temple and its pilgrim throngs was brilliantly illuminated by the great candelabras which burned brightly in the court of the women as well as by the glare of scores of torches standing about the temple courts. The entire city was gaily decorated except the Roman castle of Antonia, which looked down in grim contrast upon this festive and worshipful scene. And how the Jews did hate this ever-present reminder of the Roman yoke!

3 Seventy bullocks were sacrificed

during the feast, the symbol of the seventy nations of heathendom. The ceremony of the outpouring of the water symbolized the outpouring of the divine spirit. This ceremony of the water followed the sunrise procession of the priests and Levites. The worshippers passed down the steps leading from the court of Israel to the court of the women while successive blasts were blown upon the silvery trumpets. And then the faithful marched on toward the Beautiful Gate[1], which opened upon the court of the gentiles.

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[1] In the 1955 text in lower case "beautiful gate", see the note at 125:1.5.

Here they turned about to face westward, to repeat their chants, and to continue their march for the symbolic water.

4 §§ On the last day of the feast almost 450 priests with a corresponding number of Levites officiated. At daybreak the pilgrims assembled from all parts of the city, each carrying in the right hand a sheaf of myrtle, willow, and palm branches, while in the left hand each one carried a branch of the paradise apple — the citron, or the "forbidden fruit." These pilgrims divided into three groups for this early morning ceremony. One

band remained at the temple to attend the morning sacrifices; another group marched down below Jerusalem to near Maza to cut the willow branches for the adornment of the sacrificial altar, while the third group formed a procession to march from the temple behind the water priest, who, to the sound of the silvery trumpets, bore the golden pitcher which was to contain the symbolic water, out through Ophel to near Siloam, where was located the fountain gate. After the golden pitcher had been filled at the pool of Siloam, the procession marched back to the temple, entering

by way of the water gate and going directly to the court of the priests, where the priest bearing the water pitcher was joined by the priest bearing the wine for the drink offering. These two priests then repaired to the silver funnels leading to the base of the altar and poured the contents of the pitchers therein. The execution of this rite of pouring the wine and the water was the signal for the assembled pilgrims to begin the chanting of the Psalms from 113 to 118 inclusive, in alternation with the Levites. And as they repeated these lines, they would wave their sheaves at the altar. Then fol-

lowed the sacrifices for the day, associated with the repeating of the Psalm for the day, the Psalm for the last day of the feast being the 82nd, beginning with the 5th verse.

5. SERMON ON THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

1 On the evening of the next to the last day of the feast, when the scene was brilliantly illuminated by the lights of the candelabras and the torches, Jesus stood up in the midst of the assembled throng and said:

2 §§ "I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. Pre-

suming to place me on trial and assuming to sit as my judges, you declare that, if I bear witness of myself, my witness cannot be true. But never can the creature sit in judgment on the Creator. Even if I do bear witness about myself, my witness is everlastingly true, for I know whence I came, who I am, and whither I go. You who would kill the Son of Man know not whence I came, who I am, or whither I go. You only judge by the appearances of the flesh; you do not perceive the realities of the spirit. I judge no man, not even my archenemy. But if I should choose to judge, my judg-

ment would be true and righteous, for I would judge not alone but in association with my Father, who sent me into the world, and who is the source of all true judgment. You even allow that the witness of two reliable persons may be accepted — well, then, I bear witness of these truths; so also does my Father in heaven. And when I told you this yesterday, in your darkness you asked me, 'Where is your Father?' Truly, you know neither me nor my Father, for if you had known me, you would also have known the Father.

3 "I have already told you that I am

going away, and that you will seek me and not find me, for where I am going you cannot come. You who would reject this light are from beneath; I am from above. You who prefer to sit in darkness are of this world; I am not of this world, and I live in the eternal light of the Father of lights. You all have had abundant opportunity to learn who I am, but you shall have still other evidence confirming the identity of the Son of Man. I am the light of life, and every one who deliberately and with understanding rejects this saving light shall die in his sins. Much I have to tell you, but you are

unable to receive my words. However, he who sent me is true and faithful; my Father loves even his erring children. And all that my Father has spoken I also proclaim to the world.

4 "When the Son of Man is lifted up, then shall you all know that I am he, and that I have done nothing of myself but only as the Father has taught me. I speak these words to you and to your children. And he who sent me is even now with me; he has not left me alone, for I do always that which is pleasing in his sight."

5 §§ As Jesus thus taught the pilgrims in the temple courts, many believed.

And no man dared to lay hands upon him.

6. DISCOURSE ON THE WATER OF LIFE

1 On the last day, the great day of the feast, as the procession from the pool of Siloam passed through the temple courts, and just after the water and the wine had been poured down upon the altar by the priests, Jesus, standing among the pilgrims, said: "If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. From the Father above I bring to this world the water of life. He who believes me shall be filled with the spirit which this water represents, for

even the Scriptures have said, 'Out of him shall flow rivers of living waters.' When the Son of Man has finished his work on earth, there shall be poured out upon all flesh the living Spirit of Truth. Those who receive this spirit shall never know spiritual thirst."

2 Jesus did not interrupt the service to speak these words. He addressed the worshippers immediately after the chanting of the Hallel, the responsive reading of the Psalms accompanied by waving of the branches before the altar. Just here was a pause while the sacrifices were being prepared, and it was at this time that the pilgrims heard the

fascinating voice of the Master declare that he was the giver of living water to every spirit-thirsting soul.

3 At the conclusion of this early morning service Jesus continued to teach the multitude, saying: "Have you not read in the Scripture: 'Behold, as the waters are poured out upon the dry ground and spread over the parched soil, so will I give the spirit of holiness to be poured out upon your children for a blessing even to your children's children'? Why will you thirst for the ministry of the spirit while you seek to water your souls with the traditions of men, poured from

the broken pitchers of ceremonial service? That which you see going on about this temple is the way in which your fathers sought to symbolize the bestowal of the divine spirit upon the children of faith, and you have done well to perpetuate these symbols, even down to this day. But now has come to this generation the revelation of the Father of spirits through the bestowal of his Son, and all of this will certainly be followed by the bestowal of the spirit of the Father and the Son upon the children of men. To every one who has faith shall this bestowal of the spirit become the true teacher of

the way which leads to life everlasting, to the true waters of life in the kingdom of heaven on earth and in the Father's Paradise over there."

4 And Jesus continued to answer the questions of both the multitude and the Pharisees. Some thought he was a prophet; some believed him to be the Messiah; others said he could not be the Christ, seeing that he came from Galilee, and that the Messiah must restore David's throne. Still they dared not arrest him.

7. THE DISCOURSE ON SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

1 On the afternoon of the last day

of the feast and after the apostles had failed in their efforts to persuade him to flee from Jerusalem, Jesus again went into the temple to teach. Finding a large company of believers assembled in Solomon's Porch, he spoke to them, saying:

2 §§ "If my words abide in you and you are minded to do the will of my Father, then are you truly my disciples. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. I know how you will answer me: We are the children of Abraham, and we are in bondage to none; how then shall we be made free? Even so, I do not speak of

outward subjection to another's rule; I refer to the liberties of the soul. Verily, verily, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the bond servant of sin. And you know that the bond servant is not likely to abide forever in the master's house. You also know that the son does remain in his father's house. If, therefore, the Son shall make you free, shall make you sons, you shall be free indeed.

3 "I know that you are Abraham's seed, yet your leaders seek to kill me because my word has not been allowed to have its transforming influence in their hearts. Their souls are

sealed by prejudice and blinded by the pride of revenge. I declare to you the truth which the eternal Father shows me, while these deluded teachers seek to do the things which they have learned only from their temporal fathers. And when you reply that Abraham is your father, then do I tell you that, if you were the children of Abraham, you would do the works of Abraham. Some of you believe my teaching, but others seek to destroy me because I have told you the truth which I received from God. But Abraham did not so treat the truth of God. I perceive that some among you are de-

termined to do the works of the evil one. If God were your Father, you would know me and love the truth which I reveal. Will you not see that I come forth from the Father, that I am sent by God, that I am not doing this work of myself? Why do you not understand my words? Is it because you have chosen to become the children of evil? If you are the children of darkness, you will hardly walk in the light of the truth which I reveal. The children of evil follow only in the ways of their father, who was a deceiver and stood not for the truth because there came to be no truth in him. But

now comes the Son of Man speaking and living the truth, and many of you refuse to believe.

4 "Which of you convicts me of sin? If I, then, proclaim and live the truth shown me by the Father, why do you not believe? He who is of God hears gladly the words of God; for this cause many of you hear not my words, because you are not of God. Your teachers have even presumed to say that I do my works by the power of the prince of devils. One near by has just said that I have a devil, that I am a child of the devil. But all of you who deal honestly with your own souls know full

well that I am not a devil. You know that I honour the Father even while you would dishonour me. I seek not my own glory, only the glory of my Paradise Father. And I do not judge you, for there is one who judges for me.

5 "Verily, verily, I say to you who believe the gospel that, if a man will keep this word of truth alive in his heart, he shall never taste death. And now just at my side a scribe says this statement proves that I have a devil, seeing that Abraham is dead, also the prophets. And he asks: 'Are you so much greater than Abraham and the prophets that

you dare to stand here and say that whoso keeps your word shall not taste death? Who do you claim to be that you dare to utter such blasphemies?' And I say to all such that, if I glorify myself, my glory is as nothing. But it is the Father who shall glorify me, even the same Father whom you call God. But you have failed to know this your God and my Father, and I have come to bring you together; to show you how to become truly the sons of God. Though you know not the Father, I truly know him. Even Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and by faith he saw it and was glad."

6 §§ When the unbelieving Jews and the agents of the Sanhedrin who had gathered about by this time heard these words, they raised a tumult, shouting: "You are not 50 years of age, and yet you talk about seeing Abraham; you are a child of the devil!" Jesus was unable to continue the discourse. He only said as he departed, "Verily, verily, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." Many of the unbelievers rushed forth for stones to cast at him, and the agents of the Sanhedrin sought to place him under arrest, but the Master quickly made his way through the temple corridors and

escaped to a secret meeting place near Bethany where Martha, Mary, and Lazarus awaited him.

8. THE VISIT WITH MARTHA AND MARY

1 It had been arranged that Jesus should lodge with Lazarus and his sisters at a friend's house, while the apostles were scattered here and there in small groups, these precautions being taken because the Jewish authorities were again becoming bold with their plans to arrest him.

2 For years it had been the custom for these three to drop everything and listen to Jesus' teaching whenever he

chanced to visit them. With the loss of their parents, Martha had assumed the responsibilities of the home life, and so on this occasion, while Lazarus and Mary sat at Jesus' feet drinking in his refreshing teaching, Martha made ready to serve the evening meal. It should be explained that Martha was unnecessarily distracted by numerous needless tasks, and that she was cumbered by many trivial cares; that was her disposition.

3 As Martha busied herself with all these supposed duties, she was perturbed because Mary did nothing to help. Therefore she went to Jesus and

said: "Master, do you not care that my sister has left me alone to do all of the serving? Will you not bid her to come and help me?" Jesus answered: "Martha, Martha, why are you always anxious about so many things and troubled by so many trifles? Only one thing is really worth while, and since Mary has chosen this good and needful part, I shall not take it away from her. But when will both of you learn to live as I have taught you: both serving in co-operation and both refreshing your souls in unison? Can you not learn that there is a time for everything — that the lesser matters of

life should give way before the greater things of the heavenly kingdom?"

9. AT BETHLEHEM WITH ABNER

1 Throughout the week that followed the feast of tabernacles, scores of believers forgathered at Bethany and received instruction from the twelve apostles. The Sanhedrin made no effort to molest these gatherings since Jesus was not present; he was throughout this time working with Abner and his associates in Bethlehem. The day following the close of the feast, Jesus had departed for Bethany, and he did not again teach in the

temple during this visit to Jerusalem.

2 §§ At this time, Abner was making his headquarters at Bethlehem, and from that centre many workers had been sent to the cities of Judea and southern Samaria and even to Alexandria. Within a few days of his arrival, Jesus and Abner completed the arrangements for the consolidation of the work of the two groups of apostles.

3 Throughout his visit to the feast of tabernacles, Jesus had divided his time about equally between Bethany and Bethlehem. At Bethany he spent considerable time with his apostles; at Bethlehem he gave much instruction

to Abner and the other former apostles of John. And it was this intimate contact that finally led them to believe in him. These former apostles of John the Baptist were influenced by the courage he displayed in his public teaching in Jerusalem as well as by the sympathetic understanding they experienced in his private teaching at Bethlehem. These influences finally and fully won over each of Abner's associates to a wholehearted acceptance of the kingdom and all that such a step implied.

4 §§ Before leaving Bethlehem for the last time, the Master made ar-

rangements for them all to join him in the united effort which was to precede the ending of his earth career in the flesh. It was agreed that Abner and his associates were to join Jesus and the twelve in the near future at Magadan Park.

5 In accordance with this understanding, early in November Abner and his eleven fellows cast their lot with Jesus and the twelve and laboured with them as one organization right on down to the crucifixion.

6 In the latter part of October Jesus and the twelve withdrew from the immediate vicinity of Jerusalem. On

Sunday, October 30, Jesus and his associates left the city of Ephraim, where he had been resting in seclusion for a few days, and, going by the west Jordan highway directly to Magadan Park, arrived late on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 2.

7 The apostles were greatly relieved to have the Master back on friendly soil; no more did they urge him to go up to Jerusalem to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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ORDINATION OF THE SEVENTY AT MAGADAN

Midwayer Commission

A few days after the return of Jesus and the twelve to Magadan from Jerusalem, Abner and a group of some 50 disciples arrived from Bethlehem. At this time there were also assembled at Magadan Camp the evangelistic corps, the women's corps, and about 150 other true and tried disciples from all parts of Palestine. After devoting a few days

to visiting and the reorganization of the camp, Jesus and the twelve began a course of intensive training for this special group of believers, and from this well-trained and experienced aggregation of disciples the Master subsequently chose the seventy teachers and sent them forth to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. This regular instruction began on Friday, November 4, and continued until Sabbath, November 19.

2 Jesus gave a talk to this company each morning. Peter taught methods of public preaching; Nathaniel instructed them in the art of teach-

ing; Thomas explained how to answer questions; while Matthew directed the organization of their group finances. The other apostles also participated in this training in accordance with their special experience and natural talents.

1. ORDINATION OF THE SEVENTY

1 The seventy were ordained by Jesus on Sabbath afternoon, November 19, at the Magadan Camp, and Abner was placed at the head of these gospel preachers and teachers. This corps of seventy consisted of Abner and 10 of the former apostles of John, 51 of

the earlier evangelists, and 8 other disciples who had distinguished themselves in the service of the kingdom.

2 About 14:00 on this Sabbath afternoon, between showers of rain, a company of believers, augmented by the arrival of David and the majority of his messenger corps and numbering over 400, assembled on the shore of the lake of Galilee to witness the ordination of the seventy.

3 Before Jesus laid his hands upon the heads of the seventy to set them apart as gospel messengers, addressing them, he said: "The harvest is indeed plenteous, but the labourers are few;

therefore I exhort all of you to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send still other labourers into his harvest. I am about to set you apart as messengers of the kingdom; I am about to send you to Jew and gentile as lambs among wolves. As you go your ways, two and two, I instruct you to carry neither purse nor extra clothing, for you go forth on this first mission for only a short season. Salute no man by the way, attend only to your work. Whenever you go to stay at a home, first say: Peace be to this household. If those who love peace live therein, you shall abide there; if not, then shall

you depart. And having selected this home, remain there for your stay in that city, eating and drinking whatever is set before you. And you do this because the labourer is worthy of his sustenance. Move not from house to house because a better lodging may be offered. Remember, as you go forth proclaiming peace on earth and good will among men, you must contend with bitter and self-deceived enemies; therefore be as wise as serpents while you are also as harmless as doves.

4 "And everywhere you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand,' and minister to all who may be

sick in either mind or body. Freely you have received of the good things of the kingdom; freely give. If the people of any city receive you, they shall find an abundant entrance into the Father's kingdom; but if the people of any city refuse to receive this gospel, still shall you proclaim your message as you depart from that unbelieving community, saying, even as you leave, to those who reject your teaching: 'Notwithstanding you reject the truth, it remains that the kingdom of God has come near you.' He who hears you hears me. And he who hears me hears Him who sent me. He who re-

jects your gospel message rejects me. And he who rejects me rejects Him who sent me."

5 When Jesus had thus spoken to the seventy, he began with Abner and, as they knelt in a circle about him, laid his hands upon the head of every man.

6 Early the next morning Abner sent the seventy messengers into all the cities of Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. And these 35 couples went forth preaching and teaching for about six weeks, all of them returning to the new camp near Pella, in Perea, on Friday,

December 30.

2. THE RICH YOUNG MAN AND OTHERS

1 Over 50 disciples who sought ordination and appointment to membership in the seventy were rejected by the committee appointed by Jesus to select these candidates. This committee consisted of Andrew, Abner, and the acting head of the evangelistic corps. In all cases where this committee of three were not unanimous in agreement, they brought the candidate to Jesus, and while the Master never rejected a single person who craved ordination as a gospel messen-

ger, there were more than a dozen who, when they had talked with Jesus, no more desired to become gospel messengers.

2 §§ One earnest disciple came to Jesus, saying: "Master, I would be one of your new apostles, but my father is very old and near death; could I be permitted to return home to bury him?" To this man Jesus said: "My son, the foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. You are a faithful disciple, and you can remain such while you return home to minister to your loved ones, but not

so with my gospel messengers. They have forsaken all to follow me and proclaim the kingdom. If you would be an ordained teacher, you must let others bury the dead while you go forth to publish the good news." And this man went away in great disappointment.

3 Another disciple came to the Master and said: "I would become an ordained messenger, but I would like to go to my home for a short while to comfort my family." And Jesus replied: "If you would be ordained, you must be willing to forsake all. The gospel messengers cannot have divided affections. No man, having put his hand to

the plough, if he turns back, is worthy to become a messenger of the kingdom."

4 §§ Then Andrew brought to Jesus a certain rich young man who was a devout believer, and who desired to receive ordination. This young man, Matadormus, was a member of the Jerusalem Sanhedrin; he had heard Jesus teach and had been subsequently instructed in the gospel of the kingdom by Peter and the other apostles. Jesus talked with Matadormus concerning the requirements of ordination and requested that he defer decision until after he had thought more fully about

the matter. Early the next morning, as Jesus was going for a walk, this young man accosted him and said: "Master, I would know from you the assurances of eternal life. Seeing that I have observed all the commandments from my youth, I would like to know what more I must do to gain eternal life?" In answer to this question Jesus said: "If you keep all the commandments — do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honour your parents — you do well, but salvation is the reward of faith, not merely of works. Do you believe this gospel of the king-

dom?" And Matadormus answered: "Yes, Master, I do believe everything you and your apostles have taught me." And Jesus said, "Then are you indeed my disciple and a child of the kingdom."

5 Then said the young man: "But, Master, I am not content to be your disciple; I would be one of your new messengers." When Jesus heard this, he looked down upon him with a great love and said: "I will have you to be one of my messengers if you are willing to pay the price, if you will supply the one thing which you lack." Matadormus replied: "Master, I will do anything if

I may be allowed to follow you." Jesus, kissing the kneeling young man on the forehead, said: "If you would be my messenger, go and sell all that you have and, when you have bestowed the proceeds upon the poor or upon your brethren, come and follow me, and you shall have treasure in the kingdom of heaven."

6 When Matadormus heard this, his countenance fell. He arose and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. This wealthy young Pharisee had been raised to believe that wealth was the token of God's favour. Jesus knew that he was not free from the

love of himself and his riches. The Master wanted to deliver him from the *love* of wealth, not necessarily from the wealth. While the disciples of Jesus did not part with all their worldly goods, the apostles and the seventy did. Matadormus desired to be one of the seventy new messengers, and that was the reason for Jesus' requiring him to part with all of his temporal possessions.

7 §§ Almost every human being has some one thing which is held on to as a pet evil, and which the entrance into the kingdom of heaven requires as a part of the price of admission. If Mata-

dormus had parted with his wealth, it probably would have been put right back into his hands for administration as treasurer of the seventy. For later on, after the establishment of the church at Jerusalem, he did obey the Master's injunction, although it was then too late to enjoy membership in the seventy, and he became the treasurer of the Jerusalem church, of which James the Lord's brother in the flesh was the head.

8 Thus always it was and forever will be: Men must arrive at their own decisions. There is a certain range of the freedom of choice which mortals may

exercise. The forces of the spiritual world will not coerce man; they allow him to go the way of his own choosing.

9 Jesus foresaw that Matadormus, with his riches, could not possibly become an ordained associate of men who had forsaken all for the gospel; at the same time, he saw that, without his riches, he would become the ultimate leader of all of them. But, like Jesus' own brethren, he never became great in the kingdom because he deprived himself of that intimate and personal association with the Master which might have been his experience had he been willing to do at this time

the very thing which Jesus asked, and which, several years subsequently, he actually did.

10 Riches have nothing directly to do with entrance into the kingdom of heaven, but the *love of wealth does.* The spiritual loyalties of the kingdom are incompatible with servility to materialistic mammon. Man may not share his supreme loyalty to a spiritual ideal with a material devotion.

11 Jesus never taught that it was wrong to have wealth. He required only the twelve and the seventy to dedicate all of their worldly possessions to the common cause. Even then, he pro-

vided for the profitable liquidation of their property, as in the case of the Apostle Matthew. Jesus many times advised his well-to-do disciples as he taught the rich man of Rome. The Master regarded the wise investment of excess earnings as a legitimate form of insurance against future and unavoidable adversity. When the apostolic treasury was overflowing, Judas put funds on deposit to be used subsequently when they might suffer greatly from a diminution of income. This Judas did after consultation with Andrew. Jesus never personally had anything to do with the apostolic finances

except in the disbursement of alms. But there was one economic abuse which he many times condemned, and that was the unfair exploitation of the weak, unlearned, and less fortunate of men by their strong, keen, and more intelligent fellows. Jesus declared that such inhuman treatment of men, women, and children was incompatible with the ideals of the brotherhood of the kingdom of heaven.

3. THE DISCUSSION ABOUT WEALTH

1 By the time Jesus had finished talking with Matadormus, Peter and a number of the apostles had gathered

about him, and as the rich young man was departing, Jesus turned around to face the apostles and said: "You see how difficult it is for those who have riches to enter fully into the kingdom of God! Spiritual worship cannot be shared with material devotions; no man can serve two masters. You have a saying that it is 'easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the heathen to inherit eternal life.' And I declare that it is as easy for this camel to go through the needle's eye as for these self-satisfied rich ones to enter the kingdom of heaven."

2 When Peter and the apostles heard

these words, they were astonished exceedingly, so much so that Peter said: "Who then, Lord, can be saved? Shall all who have riches be kept out of the kingdom?" And Jesus replied: "No, Peter, but all who put their trust in riches shall hardly enter into the spiritual life that leads to eternal progress. But even then, much which is impossible to man is not beyond the reach of the Father in heaven; rather should we recognize that with God all things are possible."

3 As they went off by themselves, Jesus was grieved that Matadormus did not remain with them, for he greatly

loved him. And when they had walked down by the lake, they sat there beside the water, and Peter, speaking for the twelve (who were all present by this time), said: "We are troubled by your words to the rich young man. Shall we require those who would follow you to give up all their worldly goods?" And Jesus said: "No, Peter, only those who would become apostles, and who desire to live with me as you do and as one family. But the Father requires that the affections of his children be pure and undivided. Whatever thing or person comes between you and the love of the truths of the kingdom,

must be surrendered. If one's wealth does not invade the precincts of the soul, it is of no consequence in the spiritual life of those who would enter the kingdom."

4 And then said Peter, "But, Master, we have left everything to follow you, what then shall we have?" And Jesus spoke to all of the twelve: "Verily, verily, I say to you, there is no man who has left wealth, home, wife, brethren, parents, or children for my sake and for the sake of the kingdom of heaven who shall not receive manifold more in this world, perhaps with some persecutions, and in the world to come

eternal life. But many who are first shall be last, while the last shall often be first. The Father deals with his creatures in accordance with their needs and in obedience to his just laws of merciful and loving consideration for the welfare of a universe.

5 "The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who was a large employer of men, and who went out early in the morning to hire labourers to work in his vineyard. When he had agreed with the labourers to pay them a denarius a day, he sent them into the vineyard. Then he went out about 9:00, and seeing others standing in the

market place idle, he said to them: 'Go you also to work in my vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will pay you.' And they went at once to work. Again he went out about 12:00 and about 15:00 and did likewise. And going to the market place about 17:00, he found still others standing idle, and he inquired of them, 'Why do you stand here idle all the day?' And the men answered, 'Because nobody has hired us.' Then said the householder: 'Go you also to work in my vineyard, and whatever is right I will pay you.'

6 "When evening came, this owner of the vineyard said to his steward:

'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last hired and ending with the first.' When those who were hired about 17:00 came, they received a denarius each, and so it was with each of the other labourers. When the men who were hired at the beginning of the day saw how the later comers were paid, they expected to receive more than the amount agreed upon. But like the others every man received only a denarius. And when each had received his pay, they complained to the householder, saying: 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour, and

yet you have paid them the same as us who have borne the burden of the day in the scorching sun.'

7 "Then answered the householder: 'My friends, I do you no wrong. Did not each of you agree to work for a denarius a day? Take now that which is yours and go your way, for it is my desire to give to those who came last as much as I have given to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? or do you begrudge my generosity because I desire to be good and to

show mercy?'"

4. FAREWELL TO THE SEVENTY

1 It was a stirring time about the Magadan Camp the day the seventy went forth on their first mission. Early that morning, in his last talk with the seventy, Jesus placed emphasis on the following:

2 1. The gospel of the kingdom must be proclaimed to all the world, to gentile as well as to Jew.

3 2. While ministering to the sick, refrain from teaching the expectation of miracles.

4 3. Proclaim a spiritual brotherhood of the sons of God, not an outward kingdom of worldly power and material glory.

5 4. Avoid loss of time through overmuch social visiting and other trivialities which might detract from wholehearted devotion to preaching the gospel.

6 5. If the first house to be selected for a headquarters proves to be a worthy home, abide there throughout the sojourn in that city.

7 6. Make clear to all faithful believers that the time for an open break

with the religious leaders of the Jews at Jerusalem has now come.

8 7. Teach that man's whole duty is summed up in this one commandment: Love the Lord your God with all your mind and soul and your neighbour as yourself. (This they were to teach as man's whole duty in place of the 613 rules of living expounded by the Pharisees.)

9 §§ When Jesus had talked thus to the seventy in the presence of all the apostles and disciples, Simon Peter took them off by themselves and preached to them their ordination sermon, which was an elaboration of the

Master's charge given at the time he laid his hands upon them and set them apart as messengers of the kingdom. Peter exhorted the seventy to cherish in their experience the following virtues:

10 1. *Consecrated devotion.* To pray always for more labourers to be sent forth into the gospel harvest. He explained that, when one so prays, he will the more likely say, "Here am I; send me." He admonished them to neglect not their daily worship.

11 2. *True courage.* He warned them that they would encounter hostility and be certain to meet with per-

secution. Peter told them their mission was no undertaking for cowards and advised those who were afraid to step out before they started. But none withdrew.

12 3. *Faith and trust.* They must go forth on this short mission wholly unprovided for; they must trust the Father for food and shelter and all other things needful.

13 4. *Zeal and initiative.* They must be possessed with zeal and intelligent enthusiasm; they must attend strictly to their Master's business. Oriental salutation was a lengthy and elaborate ceremony; therefore had they been in-

structed to "salute no man by the way," which was a common method of exhorting one to go about his business without the waste of time. It had nothing to do with the matter of friendly greeting.

14 5. *Kindness and courtesy.* The Master had instructed them to avoid unnecessary waste of time in social ceremonies, but he enjoined courtesy toward all with whom they should come in contact. They were to show every kindness to those who might entertain them in their homes. They were strictly warned against leaving a modest home to be entertained in a

more comfortable or influential one.

15 6. *Ministry to the sick.* The seventy were charged by Peter to search out the sick in mind and body and to do everything in their power to bring about the alleviation or cure of their maladies.

16 §§ And when they had been thus charged and instructed, they started out, two and two, on their mission in Galilee, Samaria, and Judea.

17 Although the Jews had a peculiar regard for the number seventy, sometimes considering the nations of heathendom as being seventy in number, and although these seventy messen-

gers were to go with the gospel to all peoples, still as far as we can discern, it was only coincidental that this group happened to number just seventy. Certain it was that Jesus would have accepted no less than half a dozen others, but they were unwilling to pay the price of forsaking wealth and families.

5. MOVING THE CAMP TO PELLA

1 Jesus and the twelve now prepared to establish their last headquarters in Perea, near Pella, where the Master was baptized in the Jordan. The last ten days of November were spent in coun-

cil at Magadan, and on Tuesday, December 6, the entire company of almost 300 started out at daybreak with all their effects to lodge that night near Pella by the river. This was the same site, by the spring, that John the Baptist had occupied with his camp several years before.

2 After the breaking up of the Magadan Camp, David Zebedee returned to Bethsaida and began immediately to curtail the messenger service. The kingdom was taking on a new phase. Daily, pilgrims arrived from all parts of Palestine and even from remote regions of the Roman Empire. Believ-

ers occasionally came from Mesopotamia and from the lands east of the Tigris. Accordingly, on Sunday, December 18, David, with the help of his messenger corps, loaded on to the pack animals the camp equipage, then stored in his father's house, with which he had formerly conducted the camp of Bethsaida by the lake. Bidding farewell to Bethsaida for the time being, he proceeded down the lake shore and along the Jordan to a point about 2.4 km north of the apostolic camp; and in less than a week he was prepared to offer hospitality to almost 1500 pilgrim visitors. The apostolic

camp could accommodate about 500. This was the rainy season in Palestine, and these accommodations were required to take care of the ever-increasing number of inquirers, mostly earnest, who came into Perea to see Jesus and to hear his teaching.

3 David did all this on his own initiative, though he had taken counsel with Philip and Matthew at Magadan. He employed the larger part of his former messenger corps as his helpers in conducting this camp; he now used less than 20 men on regular messenger duty. Near the end of December and before the return of the seventy, al-

most 800 visitors were gathered about the Master, and they found lodging in David's camp.

6. THE RETURN OF THE SEVENTY

1 On Friday, December 30, while Jesus was away in the near-by hills with Peter, James, and John, the seventy messengers were arriving by couples, accompanied by numerous believers, at the Pella headquarters. All seventy were assembled at the teaching site about 17:00 when Jesus returned to the camp. The evening meal was delayed for more than an hour while these enthusiasts for the

gospel of the kingdom related their experiences. David's messengers had brought much of this news to the apostles during previous weeks, but it was truly inspiring to hear these newly ordained teachers of the gospel personally tell how their message had been received by hungry Jews and gentiles. At last Jesus was able to see men going out to spread the good news without his personal presence. The Master now knew that he could leave this world without seriously hindering the progress of the kingdom.

2 When the seventy related how "even the devils were subject" to them,

they referred to the wonderful cures they had wrought in the cases of victims of nervous disorders. Nevertheless, there had been a few cases of real spirit possession relieved by these ministers, and referring to these, Jesus said: "It is not strange that these disobedient minor spirits should be subject to you, seeing that I beheld Satan falling as lightning from heaven. But rejoice not so much over this, for I declare to you that, as soon as I return to my Father, we will send forth our spirits into the very minds of men so that no more can these few lost spirits enter the minds of unfortunate mortals. I

rejoice with you that you have power with men, but be not lifted up because of this experience but the rather rejoice that your names are written on the rolls of heaven, and that you are thus to go forward in an endless career of spiritual conquest."

3 And it was at this time, just before partaking of the evening meal, that Jesus experienced one of those rare moments of emotional ecstasy which his followers had occasionally witnessed. He said: "I thank you, my Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that, while this wonderful gospel was hidden from the wise and self-righteous, the spirit has

revealed these spiritual glories to these children of the kingdom. Yes, my Father, it must have been pleasing in your sight to do this, and I rejoice to know that the good news will spread to all the world even after I shall have returned to you and the work which you have given me to perform. I am mightily moved as I realize you are about to deliver all authority into my hands, that only you really know who I am, and that only I really know you, and those to whom I have revealed you. And when I have finished this revelation to my brethren in the flesh, I will continue the revelation to your crea-

tures on high."

4 When Jesus had thus spoken to the Father, he turned aside to speak to his apostles and ministers: "Blessed are the eyes which see and the ears which hear these things. Let me say to you that many prophets and many of the great men of the past ages have desired to behold what you now see, but it was not granted them. And many generations of the children of light yet to come will, when they hear of these things, envy you who have heard and seen them."

5 Then, speaking to all the disciples, he said: "You have heard how

many cities and villages have received the good news of the kingdom, and how my ministers and teachers have been received by both the Jew and the gentile. And blessed indeed are these communities which have elected to believe the gospel of the kingdom. But woe upon the light-rejecting inhabitants of Chorazin, Bethsaida-Julias, and Capernaum, the cities which did not well receive these messengers. I declare that, if the mighty works done in these places had been done in Tyre and Sidon, the people of these so-called heathen cities would have long since repented in sackcloth and ashes.

It shall indeed be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment."

6 §§ The next day being the Sabbath, Jesus went apart with the seventy and said to them: "I did indeed rejoice with you when you came back bearing the good tidings of the reception of the gospel of the kingdom by so many people scattered throughout Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. But why were you so surprisingly elated? Did you not expect that your message would manifest power in its delivery? Did you go forth with so little faith in this gospel that you come back in surprise at its

effectiveness? And now, while I would not quench your spirit of rejoicing, I would sternly warn you against the subtleties of pride, spiritual pride. If you could understand the downfall of Lucifer, the iniquitous one, you would solemnly shun all forms of spiritual pride.

7 "You have entered upon this great work of teaching mortal man that he is a son of God. I have shown you the way; go forth to do your duty and be not weary in well doing. To you and to all who shall follow in your steps down through the ages, let me say: I always stand near, and my invitation-call is,

and ever shall be, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am true and loyal, and you shall find spiritual rest for your souls."

8 §§ And they found the Master's words to be true when they put his promises to the test. And since that day countless thousands also have tested and proved the surety of these same promises.

7. PREPARATION FOR THE LAST MISSION

1 The next few days were busy times in the Pella camp; preparations for the

Perean mission were being completed. Jesus and his associates were about to enter upon their last mission, the three months' tour of all Perea, which terminated only upon the Master's entering Jerusalem for his final labours on earth. Throughout this period the headquarters of Jesus and the twelve apostles was maintained here at the Pella camp.

2 It was no longer necessary for Jesus to go abroad to teach the people. They now came to him in increasing numbers each week and from all parts, not only from Palestine but from the whole Roman world and from the

Near East. Although the Master participated with the seventy in the tour of Perea, he spent much of his time at the Pella camp, teaching the multitude and instructing the twelve. Throughout this three months' period at least ten of the apostles remained with Jesus.

3 The women's corps also prepared to go out, two and two, with the seventy to labour in the larger cities of Perea. This original group of twelve women had recently trained a larger corps of 50 women in the work of home visitation and in the art of ministering to the sick and the afflicted.

Perpetua, Simon Peter's wife, became a member of this new division of the women's corps and was entrusted with the leadership of the enlarged women's work under Abner. After Pentecost she remained with her illustrious husband, accompanying him on all of his missionary tours; and on the day Peter was crucified in Rome, she was fed to the wild beasts in the arena. This new women's corps also had as members the wives of Philip and Matthew and the mother of James and John.

4 The work of the kingdom now prepared to enter upon its terminal phase under the personal leadership

of Jesus. And this present phase was one of spiritual depth in contrast with the miracle-minded and wonder-seeking multitudes who followed after the Master during the former days of popularity in Galilee. However, there were still any number of his followers who were material-minded, and who failed to grasp the truth that the kingdom of heaven is the spiritual brotherhood of man founded on the eternal fact of the universal fatherhood of God.

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AT THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

Midwayer Commission

As the camp at Pella was being established, Jesus, taking with him Nathaniel and Thomas, secretly went up to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the dedication. Not until they passed over the Jordan at the Bethany ford, did the two apostles become aware that their Master was going on to Jerusalem. When they perceived that he really intended

to be present at the feast of dedication, they remonstrated with him most earnestly, and using every sort of argument, they sought to dissuade him. But their efforts were of no avail; Jesus was determined to visit Jerusalem. To all their entreaties and to all their warnings emphasizing the folly and danger of placing himself in the hands of the Sanhedrin, he would reply only, "I would give these teachers in Israel another opportunity to see the light, before my hour comes."

2 On they went toward Jerusalem, the two apostles continuing to express their feelings of fear and to voice

their doubts about the wisdom of such an apparently presumptuous undertaking. They reached Jericho about 16:30 and prepared to lodge there for the night.

1. STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

1 That evening a considerable company gathered about Jesus and the two apostles to ask questions, many of which the apostles answered, while others the Master discussed. In the course of the evening a certain lawyer, seeking to entangle Jesus in a compromising disputation, said: "Teacher, I would like to ask you just what I

should do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in the law and the prophets; how do you read the Scriptures?" The lawyer, knowing the teachings of both Jesus and the Pharisees, answered: "To love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbour as yourself." Then said Jesus: "You have answered right; this, if you really do, will lead to life everlasting."

2 But the lawyer was not wholly sincere in asking this question, and desiring to justify himself while also hoping to embarrass Jesus, he ventured to ask still another question. Draw-

ing a little closer to the Master, he said, "But, Teacher, I should like you to tell me just who is my neighbour?" The lawyer asked this question hoping to entrap Jesus into making some statement that would contravene the Jewish law which defined one's neighbour as "the children of one's people." The Jews looked upon all others as "gentile dogs." This lawyer was somewhat familiar with Jesus' teachings and therefore well knew that the Master thought differently; thus he hoped to lead him into saying something which could be construed as an attack upon the sacred law.

3 But Jesus discerned the lawyer's motive, and instead of falling into the trap, he proceeded to tell his hearers a story, a story which would be fully appreciated by any Jericho audience. Said Jesus: "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell into the hands of cruel brigands, who robbed him, stripped him and beat him, and departing, left him half dead. Very soon, by chance, a certain priest was going down that way, and when he came upon the wounded man, seeing his sorry plight, he passed by on the other side of the road. And in like manner a Levite also, when he

came along and saw the man, passed by on the other side. Now, about this time, a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed down to Jericho, came across this wounded man; and when he saw how he had been robbed and beaten, he was moved with compassion, and going over to him, he bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and setting the man upon his own beast, brought him here to the inn and took care of him. And on the morrow he took out some money and, giving it to the host, said: 'Take good care of my friend, and if the expense is more, when I come back again, I will repay

you.' Now let me ask you: Which of these three turned out to be the neighbour of him who fell among the robbers?" And when the lawyer perceived that he had fallen into his own snare, he answered, "He who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said, "Go and do likewise."

4 The lawyer answered, "He who showed mercy," that he might refrain from even speaking that odious word, Samaritan. The lawyer was forced to give the very answer to the question, "Who is my neighbour?" which Jesus wished given, and which, if Jesus had so stated, would have directly involved

him in the charge of heresy. Jesus not only confounded the dishonest lawyer, but he told his hearers a story which was at the same time a beautiful admonition to all his followers and a stunning rebuke to all Jews regarding their attitude toward the Samaritans. And this story has continued to promote brotherly love among all who have subsequently believed the gospel of Jesus.

2. AT JERUSALEM

1 Jesus had attended the feast of tabernacles that he might proclaim the gospel to the pilgrims from all

parts of the empire; he now went up to the feast of the dedication for just one purpose: to give the Sanhedrin and the Jewish leaders another chance to see the light. The principal event of these few days in Jerusalem occurred on Friday night at the home of Nicodemus. Here were gathered together some 25 Jewish leaders who believed Jesus' teaching. Among this group were 14 men who were then, or had recently been, members of the Sanhedrin. This meeting was attended by Eber, Matadormus, and Joseph of Arimathea.

2 On this occasion Jesus' hearers

were all learned men, and both they and his two apostles were amazed at the breadth and depth of the remarks which the Master made to this distinguished group. Not since the times when he had taught in Alexandria, Rome, and in the islands of the Mediterranean, had he exhibited such learning and shown such a grasp of the affairs of men, both secular and religious.

3 When this little meeting broke up, all went away mystified by the Master's personality, charmed by his gracious manner, and in love with the man. They had sought to advise Je-

sus concerning his desire to win the remaining members of the Sanhedrin. The Master listened attentively, but silently, to all their proposals. He well knew none of their plans would work. He surmised that the majority of the Jewish leaders never would accept the gospel of the kingdom; nevertheless, he gave them all this one more chance to choose. But when he went forth that night, with Nathaniel and Thomas, to lodge on the Mount of Olives, he had not yet decided upon the method he would pursue in bringing his work once more to the notice of the Sanhedrin.

4 That night Nathaniel and Thomas slept little; they were too much amazed by what they had heard at Nicodemus's house. They thought much over the final remark of Jesus regarding the offer of the former and present members of the Sanhedrin to go with him before the seventy. The Master said: "No, my brethren, it would be to no purpose. You would multiply the wrath to be visited upon your own heads, but you would not in the least mitigate the hatred which they bear me. Go, each of you, about the Father's business as the spirit leads you while I once more bring the king-

dom to their notice in the manner which my Father may direct."

3. HEALING THE BLIND BEGGAR

1 The next morning the three went over to Martha's home at Bethany for breakfast and then went immediately into Jerusalem. This Sabbath morning, as Jesus and his two apostles drew near the temple, they encountered a well-known beggar, a man who had been born blind, sitting at his usual place. Although these mendicants did not solicit or receive alms on the Sabbath day, they were permitted thus to sit in their usual places. Jesus paused

and looked upon the beggar. As he gazed upon this man who had been born blind, the idea came into his mind as to how he would once more bring his mission on earth to the notice of the Sanhedrin and the other Jewish leaders and religious teachers.

2 As the Master stood there before the blind man, engrossed in deep thought, Nathaniel, pondering the possible cause of this man's blindness, asked: "Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?"

3 §§ The rabbis taught that all such cases of blindness from birth were

caused by sin. Not only were children conceived and born in sin, but a child could be born blind as a punishment for some specific sin committed by its father. They even taught that a child itself might sin before it was born into the world. They also taught that such defects could be caused by some sin or other indulgence of the mother while carrying the child.

4 There was, throughout all these regions, a lingering belief in reincarnation. The older Jewish teachers, together with Plato, Philo, and many of the Essenes, tolerated the theory that men may reap in one incarnation

what they have sown in a previous existence; thus in one life they were believed to be expiating the sins committed in preceding lives. The Master found it difficult to make men believe that their souls had not had previous existences.

5 However, inconsistent as it seems, while such blindness was supposed to be the result of sin, the Jews held that it was meritorious in a high degree to give alms to these blind beggars. It was the custom of these blind men constantly to chant to the passers-by, "O tenderhearted, gain merit by assisting the blind."

6 §§ Jesus entered into the discussion of this case with Nathaniel and Thomas, not only because he had already decided to use this blind man as the means of that day bringing his mission once more prominently to the notice of the Jewish leaders, but also because he always encouraged his apostles to seek for the true causes of all phenomena, natural or spiritual. He had often warned them to avoid the common tendency to assign spiritual causes to commonplace physical events.

7 Jesus decided to use this beggar in his plans for that day's work, but

before doing anything for the blind man, Josiah by name, he proceeded to answer Nathaniel's question. Said the Master: "Neither did this man sin nor his parents that the works of God might be manifest in him. This blindness has come upon him in the natural course of events, but we must now do the works of Him who sent me, while it is still day, for the night will certainly come when it will be impossible to do the work we are about to perform. When I am in the world, I am the light of the world, but in only a little while I will not be with you."

8 When Jesus had spoken, he said

to Nathaniel and Thomas: "Let us create the sight of this blind man on this Sabbath day that the scribes and Pharisees may have the full occasion which they seek for accusing the Son of Man." Then, stooping over, he spat on the ground and mixed the clay with the spittle, and speaking of all this so that the blind man could hear, he went up to Josiah and put the clay over his sightless eyes, saying: "Go, my son, wash away this clay in the pool of Siloam, and immediately you shall receive your sight." And when Josiah had so washed in the pool of Siloam, he returned to his friends and family,

seeing.

9 Having always been a beggar, he knew nothing else; so, when the first excitement of the creation of his sight had passed, he returned to his usual place of alms-seeking. His friends, neighbours, and all who had known him aforetime, when they observed that he could see, all said, "Is this not Josiah the blind beggar?" Some said it was he, while others said, "No, it is one like him, but this man can see." But when they asked the man himself, he answered, "I am he."

10 When they began to inquire of him how he was able to see, he an-

swered them: "A man called Jesus came by this way, and when talking about me with his friends, he made clay with spittle, anointed my eyes, and directed that I should go and wash in the pool of Siloam. I did what this man told me, and immediately I received my sight. And that is only a few hours ago. I do not yet know the meaning of much that I see." And when the people who began to gather about him asked where they could find the strange man who had healed him, Josiah could answer only that he did not know.

11 §§ This is one of the strangest of

all the Master's miracles. This man did not ask for healing. He did not know that the Jesus who had directed him to wash at Siloam, and who had promised him vision, was the prophet of Galilee who had preached in Jerusalem during the feast of tabernacles. This man had little faith that he would receive his sight, but the people of that day had great faith in the efficacy of the spittle of a great or holy man; and from Jesus' conversation with Nathaniel and Thomas, Josiah had concluded that his would-be benefactor was a great man, a learned teacher or a holy prophet; accordingly he did as

Jesus directed him.

12 Jesus made use of the clay and the spittle and directed him to wash in the symbolic pool of Siloam for three reasons:

13 1. This was not a miracle response to the individual's faith. This was a wonder which Jesus chose to perform for a purpose of his own, but which he so arranged that this man might derive lasting benefit therefrom.

14 2. As the blind man had not asked for healing, and since the faith he had was slight, these material acts were suggested for the purpose of encouraging him. He did believe in the

superstition of the efficacy of spittle, and he knew the pool of Siloam was a semisacred place. But he would hardly have gone there had it not been necessary to wash away the clay of his anointing. There was just enough ceremony about the transaction to induce him to act.

15 3. But Jesus had a third reason for resorting to these material means in connection with this unique transaction: This was a miracle wrought purely in obedience to his own choosing, and thereby he desired to teach his followers of that day and all subsequent ages to refrain from despising or

neglecting material means in the healing of the sick. He wanted to teach them that they must cease to regard miracles as the only method of curing human diseases.

16 §§ Jesus gave this man his sight by miraculous working, on this Sabbath morning and in Jerusalem near the temple, for the prime purpose of making this act an open challenge to the Sanhedrin and all the Jewish teachers and religious leaders. This was his way of proclaiming an open break with the Pharisees. He was always positive in everything he did. And it was for the purpose of bringing these matters be-

fore the Sanhedrin that Jesus brought his two apostles to this man early in the afternoon of this Sabbath day and deliberately provoked those discussions which compelled the Pharisees to take notice of the miracle.

4. JOSIAH BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

1 By midafternoon the healing of Josiah had raised such a discussion around the temple that the leaders of the Sanhedrin decided to convene the council in its usual temple meeting place. And they did this in violation of a standing rule which forbade the meeting of the Sanhedrin on

the Sabbath day. Jesus knew that Sabbath breaking would be one of the chief charges to be brought against him when the final test came, and he desired to be brought before the Sanhedrin for adjudication of the charge of having healed a blind man on the Sabbath day, when the very session of the high Jewish court sitting in judgment on him for this act of mercy would be deliberating on these matters on the Sabbath day and in direct violation of their own self-imposed laws.

2 But they did not call Jesus before them; they feared to. Instead,

they sent forthwith for Josiah. After some preliminary questioning, the spokesman for the Sanhedrin (about 50 members being present) directed Josiah to tell them what had happened to him. Since his healing that morning Josiah had learned from Thomas, Nathaniel, and others that the Pharisees were angry about his healing on the Sabbath, and that they were likely to make trouble for all concerned; but Josiah did not yet perceive that Jesus was he who was called the Deliverer. So, when the Pharisees questioned him, he said: "This man came along, put clay upon my eyes, told me

to go wash in Siloam, and I do now see."

3 One of the older Pharisees, after making a lengthy speech, said: "This man cannot be from God because you can see that he does not observe the Sabbath. He violates the law, first, in making the clay, then, in sending this beggar to wash in Siloam on the Sabbath day. Such a man cannot be a teacher sent from God."

4 Then one of the younger men who secretly believed in Jesus, said: "If this man is not sent by God, how can he do these things? We know that one who is a common sinner cannot perform

such miracles. We all know this beggar and that he was born blind; now he sees. Will you still say that this prophet does all these wonders by the power of the prince of devils?" And for every Pharisee who dared to accuse and denounce Jesus one would arise to ask entangling and embarrassing questions, so that a serious division arose among them. The presiding officer saw whither they were drifting, and in order to allay the discussion, he prepared further to question the man himself. Turning to Josiah, he said: "What do you have to say about this man, this Jesus, whom you

claim opened your eyes?" And Josiah answered, "I think he is a prophet."

5 The leaders were greatly troubled and, knowing not what else to do, decided to send for Josiah's parents to learn whether he had actually been born blind. They were loath to believe that the beggar had been healed.

6 It was well known about Jerusalem, not only that Jesus was denied entrance into all synagogues, but that all who believed in his teaching were likewise cast out of the synagogue, excommunicated from the congregation of Israel; and this meant denial of all rights and privileges of every sort

throughout all Jewry except the right to buy the necessaries of life.

7 When, therefore, Josiah's parents, poor and fear-burdened souls, appeared before the august Sanhedrin, they were afraid to speak freely. Said the spokesman of the court: "Is this your son? and do we understand aright that he was born blind? If this is true, how is it that he can now see?" And then Josiah's father, seconded by his mother, answered: "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, but how it is that he has come to see, or who it was that opened his eyes, we know not. Ask him; he is of

age; let him speak for himself."

8 They now called Josiah up before them a second time. They were not getting along well with their scheme of holding a formal trial, and some were beginning to feel strange about doing this on the Sabbath; accordingly, when they recalled Josiah, they attempted to ensnare him by a different mode of attack. The officer of the court spoke to the former blind man, saying: "Why do you not give God the glory for this? why do you not tell us the whole truth about what happened? We all know that this man is a sinner. Why do you refuse to dis-

cern the truth? You know that both you and this man stand convicted of Sabbath breaking. Will you not atone for your sin by acknowledging God as your healer, if you still claim that your eyes have this day been opened?"

9 But Josiah was neither dumb nor lacking in humour; so he replied to the officer of the court: "Whether this man is a sinner, I know not; but one thing I do know — that, whereas I was blind, now I see." And since they could not entrap Josiah, they sought further to question him, asking: "Just how did he open your eyes? what did he actually do to you? what did he say to you?

did he ask you to believe in him?"

10 Josiah replied, somewhat impatiently: "I have told you exactly how it all happened, and if you did not believe my testimony, why would you hear it again? Would you by any chance also become his disciples?" When Josiah had thus spoken, the Sanhedrin broke up in confusion, almost violence, for the leaders rushed upon Josiah, angrily exclaiming: "You may talk about being this man's disciple, but we are disciples of Moses, and we are the teachers of the laws of God. We know that God spoke through Moses, but as for this man Je-

sus, we know not whence he is."

11 Then Josiah, standing upon a stool, shouted abroad to all who could hear, saying: "Hearken, you who claim to be the teachers of all Israel, while I declare to you that herein is a great marvel since you confess that you know not whence this man is, and yet you know of a certainty, from the testimony which you have heard, that he opened my eyes. We all know that God does not perform such works for the ungodly; that God would do such a thing only at the request of a true worshipper — for one who is holy and righteous. You know that not since

the beginning of the world have you ever heard of the opening of the eyes of one who was born blind. Look, then, all of you, upon me and realize what has been done this day in Jerusalem! I tell you, if this man were not from God, he could not do this." And as the Sanhedrists departed in anger and confusion, they shouted to him: "You were altogether born in sin, and do you now presume to teach us? Maybe you were not really born blind, and even if your eyes were opened on the Sabbath day, this was done by the power of the prince of devils." And they went at once to the synagogue to

cast out Josiah.

12 Josiah entered this trial with meagre ideas about Jesus and the nature of his healing. Most of the daring testimony which he so cleverly and courageously bore before this supreme tribunal of all Israel developed in his mind as the trial proceeded along such unfair and unjust lines.

5. TEACHING IN SOLOMON'S PORCH

1 All of the time this Sabbath-breaking session of the Sanhedrin was in progress in one of the temple chambers, Jesus was walking about near at hand, teaching the people in Solo-

mon's Porch, hoping that he would be summoned before the Sanhedrin where he could tell them the good news of the liberty and joy of divine sonship in the kingdom of God. But they were afraid to send for him. They were always disconcerted by these sudden and public appearances of Jesus in Jerusalem. The very occasion they had so ardently sought, Jesus now gave them, but they feared to bring him before the Sanhedrin even as a witness, and even more they feared to arrest him.

2 This was midwinter in Jerusalem, and the people sought the partial shel-

ter of Solomon's Porch; and as Jesus lingered, the crowds asked him many questions, and he taught them for more than two hours. Some of the Jewish teachers sought to entrap him by publicly asking him: "How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, why do you not plainly tell us?" Said Jesus: "I have told you about myself and my Father many times, but you will not believe me. Can you not see that the works I do in my Father's name bear witness for me? But many of you believe not because you belong not to my fold. The teacher of truth attracts

only those who hunger for the truth and who thirst for righteousness. My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. And to all who follow my teaching I give eternal life; they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given me these children, is greater than all, so that no one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. The Father and I are one." Some of the unbelieving Jews rushed over to where they were still building the temple to pick up stones to cast at Jesus, but the believers restrained them.

3 Jesus continued his teaching:

"Many loving works have I shown you from the Father, so that now would I inquire for which one of these good works do you think to stone me?" And then answered one of the Pharisees: "For no good work would we stone you but for blasphemy, inasmuch as you, being a man, dare to make yourself equal with God." And Jesus answered: "You charge the Son of Man with blasphemy because you refused to believe me when I declared to you that I was sent by God. If I do not the works of God, believe me not, but if I do the works of God, even though you believe not in me, I should think

you would believe the works. But that you may be certain of what I proclaim, let me again assert that the Father is in me and I in the Father, and that, as the Father dwells in me, so will I dwell in every one who believes this gospel." And when the people heard these words, many of them rushed out to lay hands upon the stones to cast at him, but he passed out through the temple precincts; and meeting Nathaniel and Thomas, who had been in attendance upon the session of the Sanhedrin, he waited with them near the temple until Josiah came from the council chamber.

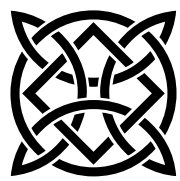
4 Jesus and the two apostles did not go in search of Josiah at his home until they heard he had been cast out of the synagogue. When they came to his house, Thomas called him out in the yard, and Jesus, speaking to him, said: "Josiah, do you believe in the Son of God?" And Josiah answered, "Tell me who he is that I may believe in him." And Jesus said: "You have both seen and heard him, and it is he who now speaks to you." And Josiah said, "Lord, I believe," and falling down, he worshipped.

5 When Josiah learned that he had been cast out of the synagogue, he was

at first greatly downcast, but he was much encouraged when Jesus directed that he should immediately prepare to go with them to the camp at Pella. This simple-minded man of Jerusalem had indeed been cast out of a Jewish synagogue, but behold the Creator of a universe leading him forth to become associated with the spiritual nobility of that day and generation.

6 And now Jesus left Jerusalem, not again to return until near the time when he prepared to leave this world. With the two apostles and Josiah the Master went back to Pella. And Josiah proved to be one of the recipients of

the Master's miraculous ministry who turned out fruitfully, for he became a lifelong preacher of the gospel of the kingdom.



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THE PEREAN MISSION BEGINS

Midwayer Commission

On Tuesday, January 3, A.D. 30, Abner, the former chief of the twelve apostles of John the Baptist, a Nazarite and onetime head of the Nazarite school at Engedi, now chief of the seventy messengers of the kingdom, called his associates together and gave them final instructions before sending them on a mission to all of the cities and villages

of Perea. This Perean mission continued for almost three months and was the last ministry of the Master. From these labours Jesus went directly to Jerusalem to pass through his final experiences in the flesh. The seventy, supplemented by the periodic labours of Jesus and the twelve apostles, worked in the following cities and towns and some 50 additional villages: Zaphon, Gadara, Macad, Arbela, Ramath, Edrei, Bosora, Caspin, Mispeh, Gerasa, Ragaba, Succoth, Amathus, Adam, Penuel, Capitolias, Dion, Hatita, Gadda, Philadelphia, Jogbehah, Gilead, Beth-Nimrah,

Tyrus, Elealah, Livias, Heshbon, Callirrhoe, Beth-Peor, Shittim, Sibmah, Medeba, Beth-Meon, Areopolis, and Aroer.

2 Throughout this tour of Perea the women's corps, now numbering 62, took over most of the work of ministration to the sick. This was the final period of the development of the higher spiritual aspects of the gospel of the kingdom, and there was, accordingly, an absence of miracle working. No other part of Palestine was so thoroughly worked by the apostles and disciples of Jesus, and in no other region did the better classes of citizens so gen-

erally accept the Master's teaching.

3 Perea at this time was about equally gentile and Jewish, the Jews having been generally removed from these regions during the times of Judas Maccabeus.. Perea was the most beautiful and picturesque province of all Palestine. It was generally referred to by the Jews as "the land beyond the Jordan."

4 Throughout this period Jesus divided his time between the camp at Pella and trips with the twelve to assist the seventy in the various cities where they taught and preached. Under Abner's instructions the seventy baptized

all believers, although Jesus had not so charged them.

1. AT THE PELLA CAMP

1 By the middle of January more than 1200 persons were gathered together at Pella, and Jesus taught this multitude at least once each day when he was in residence at the camp, usually speaking at 9:00 if not prevented by rain. Peter and the other apostles taught each afternoon. The evenings Jesus reserved for the usual sessions of questions and answers with the twelve and other advanced disciples. The evening groups averaged about 50.

2 By the middle of March, the time when Jesus began his journey toward Jerusalem, over 4,000 persons composed the large audience which heard Jesus or Peter preach each morning. The Master chose to terminate his work on earth when the interest in his message had reached a high point, the highest point attained under this second or nonmiraculous phase of the progress of the kingdom. While three quarters of the multitude were truth seekers, there were also present a large number of Pharisees from Jerusalem and elsewhere, together with many doubters and cavillers.

3 Jesus and the twelve apostles devoted much of their time to the multitude assembled at the Pella camp. The twelve paid little or no attention to the field work, only going out with Jesus to visit Abner's associates from time to time. Abner was very familiar with the Perean district since this was the field in which his former master, John the Baptist, had done most of his work. After beginning the Perean mission, Abner and the seventy never returned to the Pella camp.

2. SERMON ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1 A company of over 300 Jerusalem-

ites, Pharisees and others, followed Jesus north to Pella when he hastened away from the jurisdiction of the Jewish rulers at the ending of the feast of the dedication; and it was in the presence of these Jewish teachers and leaders, as well as in the hearing of the twelve apostles, that Jesus preached the sermon on the "Good Shepherd." After half an hour of informal discussion, speaking to a group of about one hundred, Jesus said:

2 §§ "On this night I have much to tell you, and since many of you are my disciples and some of you my bitter enemies, I will present my teaching in a

parable, so that you may each take for yourself that which finds a reception in your heart.

3 "Tonight, here before me are men who would be willing to die for me and for this gospel of the kingdom, and some of them will so offer themselves in the years to come; and here also are some of you, slaves of tradition, who have followed me down from Jerusalem, and who, with your darkened and deluded leaders, seek to kill the Son of Man. The life which I now live in the flesh shall judge both of you, the true shepherds and the false shepherds. If the false shepherd were blind,

he would have no sin, but you claim that you see; you profess to be teachers in Israel; therefore does your sin remain upon you.

4 "The true shepherd gathers his flock into the fold for the night in times of danger. And when the morning has come, he enters into the fold by the door, and when he calls, the sheep know his voice. Every shepherd who gains entrance to the sheepfold by any other means than by the door is a thief and a robber. The true shepherd enters the fold after the porter has opened the door for him, and his sheep, knowing his voice, come out at his word;

and when they that are his are thus brought forth, the true shepherd goes before them; he leads the way and the sheep follow him. His sheep follow him because they know his voice; they will not follow a stranger. They will flee from the stranger because they know not his voice. This multitude which is gathered about us here are like sheep without a shepherd, but when we speak to them, they know the shepherd's voice, and they follow after us; at least, those who hunger for truth and thirst for righteousness do. Some of you are not of my fold; you know not my voice, and you do not follow me.

And because you are false shepherds, the sheep know not your voice and will not follow you."

5 §§ And when Jesus had spoken this parable, no one asked him a question. After a time he began again to speak and went on to discuss the parable:

6 "You who would be the under-shepherds of my Father's flocks must not only be worthy leaders, but you must also *feed* the flock with good food; you are not true shepherds unless you lead your flocks into green pastures and beside still waters.

7 "And now, lest some of you too easily comprehend this parable, I will

declare that I am both the door to the Father's sheepfold and at the same time the true shepherd of my Father's flocks. Every shepherd who seeks to enter the fold without me shall fail, and the sheep will not hear his voice. I, with those who minister with me, am the door. Every soul who enters upon the eternal way by the means I have created and ordained shall be saved and will be able to go on to the attainment of the eternal pastures of Paradise.

8 "But I also am the true shepherd who is willing even to lay down his life for the sheep. The thief breaks into

the fold only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; but I have come that you all may have life and have it more abundantly. He who is a hireling, when danger arises, will flee and allow the sheep to be scattered and destroyed; but the true shepherd will not flee when the wolf comes; he will protect his flock and, if necessary, lay down his life for his sheep. Verily, verily, I say to you, friends and enemies, I am the true shepherd; I know my own and my own know me. I will not flee in the face of danger. I will finish this service of the completion of my Father's will, and I will not forsake the flock which the

Father has entrusted to my keeping.

9 "But I have many other sheep not of this fold, and these words are true not only of this world. These other sheep also hear and know my voice, and I have promised the Father that they shall all be brought into one fold, one brotherhood of the sons of God. And then shall you all know the voice of one shepherd, the true shepherd, and shall all acknowledge the fatherhood of God.

10 "And so shall you know why the Father loves me and has put all of his flocks in this domain in my hands for keeping; it is because the Father knows

that I will not falter in the safeguarding of the sheepfold, that I will not desert my sheep, and that, if it shall be required, I will not hesitate to lay down my life in the service of his manifold flocks. But, mind you, if I lay down my life, I will take it up again. No man nor any other creature can take away my life. I have the right and the power to lay down my life, and I have the same power and right to take it up again. You cannot understand this, but I received such authority from my Father even before this world was."

11 §§ When they heard these words, his apostles were confused, his dis-

ciples were amazed, while the Pharisees from Jerusalem and around about went out into the night, saying, "He is either mad or has a devil." But even some of the Jerusalem teachers said: "He speaks like one having authority; besides, who ever saw one having a devil open the eyes of a man born blind and do all of the wonderful things which this man has done?"

12 On the morrow about half of these Jewish teachers professed belief in Jesus, and the other half in dismay re-

turned to Jerusalem and their homes.

3. SABBATH SERMON AT PELLA

1 By the end of January the Sabbath-afternoon multitudes numbered almost 3,000. On Saturday, January 28, Jesus preached the memorable sermon on "Trust and Spiritual Preparedness." After preliminary remarks by Simon Peter, the Master said:

2 §§ "What I have many times said to my apostles and to my disciples, I now declare to this multitude: Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy, born of prejudice and nurtured in traditional bondage, albeit

many of these Pharisees are honest of heart and some of them abide here as my disciples. Presently all of you shall understand my teaching, for there is nothing now covered that shall not be revealed. That which is now hid from you shall all be made known when the Son of Man has completed his mission on earth and in the flesh.

3 "Soon, very soon, will the things which our enemies now plan in secrecy and in darkness be brought out into the light and be proclaimed from the housetops. But I say to you, my friends, when they seek to destroy the Son of Man, be not afraid of them.

Fear not those who, although they may be able to kill the body, after that have no more power over you. I admonish you to fear none, in heaven or on earth, but to rejoice in the knowledge of Him who has power to deliver you from all unrighteousness and to present you blameless before the judgment seat of a universe.

4 "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And yet, when these birds flit about in quest of their sustenance, not one of them exists without the knowledge of the Father, the source of all life. To the seraphic guardians the very hairs of your head are numbered. And

if all of this is true, why should you live in fear of the many trifles which come up in your daily lives? I say to you: Fear not; you are of much more value than many sparrows.

5 "All of you who have had the courage to confess faith in my gospel before men I will presently acknowledge before the angels of heaven; but he who shall knowingly deny the truth of my teachings before men shall be denied by his guardian of destiny even before the angels of heaven.

6 "Say what you will about the Son of Man, and it shall be forgiven you; but he who presumes to blaspheme

against God shall hardly find forgiveness. When men go so far as knowingly to ascribe the doings of God to the forces of evil, such deliberate rebels will hardly seek forgiveness for their sins.

7 "And when our enemies bring you before the rulers of the synagogues and before other high authorities, be not concerned about what you should say and be not anxious as to how you should answer their questions, for the spirit that dwells within you shall certainly teach you in that very hour what you should say in honour of the gospel of the kingdom.

8 "How long will you tarry in the valley of decision? Why do you halt between two opinions? Why should Jew or gentile hesitate to accept the good news that he is a son of the eternal God? How long will it take us to persuade you to enter joyfully into your spiritual inheritance? I came into this world to reveal the Father to you and to lead you to the Father. The first I have done, but the last I may not do without your consent; the Father never compels any man to enter the kingdom. The invitation ever has been and always will be: Whosoever will, let him come and freely partake

of the water of life."

9 §§ When Jesus had finished speaking, many went forth to be baptized by the apostles in the Jordan while he listened to the questions of those who remained.

4. DIVIDING THE INHERITANCE

1 As the apostles baptized believers, the Master talked with those who tarried. And a certain young man said to him: "Master, my father died leaving much property to me and my brother, but my brother refuses to give me that which is my own. Will you, then, bid my brother divide this inheritance

with me?" Jesus was mildly indignant that this material-minded youth should bring up for discussion such a question of business; but he proceeded to use the occasion for the impartation of further instruction. Said Jesus: "Man, who made me a divider over you? Where did you get the idea that I give attention to the material affairs of this world?" And then, turning to all who were about him, he said: "Take heed and keep yourselves free from covetousness; a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he may possess. Happiness comes not from the power of wealth, and joy

springs not from riches. Wealth, in itself, is not a curse, but the love of riches many times leads to such devotion to the things of this world that the soul becomes blinded to the beautiful attractions of the spiritual realities of the kingdom of God on earth and to the joys of eternal life in heaven.

2 §§ "Let me tell you a story of a certain rich man whose ground brought forth plentifully; and when he had become very rich, he began to reason with himself, saying: 'What shall I do with all my riches? I now have so much that I have no place to store my wealth.' And when he had meditated on his

problem, he said: 'This I will do; I will pull down my barns and build greater ones, and thus will I have abundant room in which to store my fruits and my goods. Then can I say to my soul, soul, you have much wealth laid up for many years; take now your ease; eat, drink, and be merry, for you are rich and increased in goods.'

3 "But this rich man was also foolish. In providing for the material requirements of his mind and body, he had failed to lay up treasures in heaven for the satisfaction of the spirit and for the salvation of the soul. And even then he was not to enjoy the pleasure

of consuming his hoarded wealth, for that very night was his soul required of him. That night there came the brigands who broke into his house to kill him, and after they had plundered his barns, they burned that which remained. And for the property which escaped the robbers his heirs fell to fighting among themselves. This man laid up treasures for himself on earth, but he was not rich toward God."

4 §§ Jesus thus dealt with the young man and his inheritance because he knew that his trouble was covetousness. Even if this had not been the case, the Master would not have interfered,

for he never meddled with the temporal affairs of even his apostles, much less his disciples.

5 When Jesus had finished his story, another man rose up and asked him: "Master, I know that your apostles have sold all their earthly possessions to follow you, and that they have all things in common as do the Essenes, but would you have all of us who are your disciples do likewise? Is it a sin to possess honest wealth?" And Jesus replied to this question: "My friend, it is not a sin to have honourable wealth; but it is a sin if you convert the wealth of material possessions into *treasures*

which may absorb your interests and divert your affections from devotion to the spiritual pursuits of the kingdom. There is no sin in having honest possessions on earth provided your *treasure* is in heaven, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. There is a great difference between wealth which leads to covetousness and selfishness and that which is held and dispensed in the spirit of stewardship by those who have an abundance of this world's goods, and who so bountifully contribute to the support of those who devote all their energies to the work of the kingdom.

Many of you who are here and without money are fed and lodged in yonder tented city because liberal men and women of means have given funds to your host, David Zebedee, for such purposes.

6 "But never forget that, after all, wealth is unenduring. The love of riches all too often obscures and even destroys the spiritual vision. Fail not to recognize the danger of wealth's becoming, not your servant, but your master."

7 §§ Jesus did not teach nor countenance improvidence, idleness, indifference to providing the physical ne-

cessities for one's family, or dependence upon alms. But he did teach that the material and temporal must be subordinated to the welfare of the soul and the progress of the spiritual nature in the kingdom of heaven.

8 §§ Then, as the people went down by the river to witness the baptizing, the first man came privately to Jesus about his inheritance inasmuch as he thought Jesus had dealt harshly with him; and when the Master had again heard him, he replied: "My son, why do you miss the opportunity to feed upon the bread of life on a day like this in order to indulge your covetous

disposition? Do you not know that the Jewish laws of inheritance will be justly administered if you will go with your complaint to the court of the synagogue? Can you not see that my work has to do with making sure that you know about your heavenly inheritance? Have you not read the Scripture: 'There is he who waxes rich by his wariness and much pinching, and this is the portion of his reward: Whereas he says, I have found rest and now shall be able to eat continually of my goods, yet he knows not what time shall bring upon him, and also that he must leave all these things to others

when he dies.' Have you not read the commandment: 'You shall not covet.' And again, 'They have eaten and filled themselves and waxed fat, and then did they turn to other gods.' Have you read in the Psalms that 'the Lord abhors the covetous,' and that 'the little a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.' 'If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.' Have you read where Jeremiah said, 'Let not the rich man glory in his riches'; and Ezekiel spoke truth when he said, 'With their mouths they make a show of love, but their hearts are set upon their own selfish gain.'"

9 Jesus sent the young man away, saying to him, "My son, what shall it profit you if you gain the whole world and lose your own soul?"

10 To another standing near by who asked Jesus how the wealthy would stand in the day of judgment, he replied: "I have come to judge neither the rich nor the poor, but the lives men live will sit in judgment on all. Whatever else may concern the wealthy in the judgment, at least three questions must be answered by all who acquire great wealth, and these questions are:

11 " 1. How much wealth did you

accumulate?

12 " 2. How did you get this wealth?

13 " 3. How did you use your wealth?"

14 §§ Then Jesus went into his tent to rest for a while before the evening meal. When the apostles had finished with the baptizing, they came also and would have talked with him about wealth on earth and treasure in heaven, but he was asleep.

5. TALKS TO THE APOSTLES ON WEALTH

1 That evening after supper, when Jesus and the twelve gathered to-

gether for their daily conference, Andrew asked: "Master, while we were baptizing the believers, you spoke many words to the lingering multitude which we did not hear. Would you be willing to repeat these words for our benefit?" And in response to Andrew's request, Jesus said:

2 §§ "Yes, Andrew, I will speak to you about these matters of wealth and self-support, but my words to you, the apostles, must be somewhat different from those spoken to the disciples and the multitude since you have forsaken everything, not only to follow me, but to be ordained as ambassadors of the

kingdom. Already have you had several years' experience, and you know that the Father whose kingdom you proclaim will not forsake you. You have dedicated your lives to the ministry of the kingdom; therefore be not anxious or worried about the things of the temporal life, what you shall eat, nor yet for your body, what you shall wear. The welfare of the soul is more than food and drink; the progress in the spirit is far above the need of raiment. When you are tempted to doubt the sureness of your bread, consider the ravens; they sow not neither reap, they have no storehouses

or barns, and yet the Father provides food for every one of them that seeks it. And of how much more value are you than many birds! Besides, all of your anxiety or fretting doubts can do nothing to supply your material needs. Which of you by anxiety can add a handbreadth to your stature or a day to your life? Since such matters are not in your hands, why do you give anxious thought to any of these problems?

3 "Consider the lilies, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass of

the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is cut down and cast into the fire, how much more shall he clothe you, the ambassadors of the heavenly kingdom. O you of little faith! When you wholeheartedly devote yourselves to the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom, you should not be of doubtful minds concerning the support of yourselves or the families you have forsaken. If you give your lives truly to the gospel, you shall live by the gospel. If you are only believing disciples, you must earn your own bread and contribute to the sustenance of all who teach and preach and heal. If

you are anxious about your bread and water, wherein are you different from the nations of the world who so diligently seek such necessities? Devote yourselves to your work, believing that both the Father and I know that you have need of all these things. Let me assure you, once and for all, that, if you dedicate your lives to the work of the kingdom, all your real needs shall be supplied. Seek the greater thing, and the lesser will be found therein; ask for the heavenly, and the earthly shall be included. The shadow is certain to follow the substance.

4 "You are only a small group, but if

you have faith, if you will not stumble in fear, I declare that it is my Father's good pleasure to give you this kingdom. You have laid up your treasures where the purse waxes not old, where no thief can despoil, and where no moth can destroy. And as I told the people, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

5 "But in the work which is just ahead of us, and in that which remains for you after I go to the Father, you will be grievously tried. You must all be on your watch against fear and doubts. Every one of you, gird up the loins of your minds and let your lamps

be kept burning. Keep yourselves like men who are watching for their master to return from the marriage feast so that, when he comes and knocks, you may quickly open to him. Such watchful servants are blessed by the master who finds them faithful at such a great moment. Then will the master make his servants sit down while he himself serves them. Verily, verily, I say to you that a crisis is just ahead in your lives, and it behoves you to watch and be ready.

6 "You well understand that no man would suffer his house to be broken into if he knew what hour the thief

was to come. Be you also on watch for yourselves, for in an hour that you least suspect and in a manner you think not, shall the Son of Man depart."

7 §§ For some minutes the twelve sat in silence. Some of these warnings they had heard before but not in the setting presented to them at this time.

6. ANSWER TO PETER'S QUESTION

1 As they sat thinking, Simon Peter asked: "Do you speak this parable to us, your apostles, or is it for all the disciples?" And Jesus answered:

2 §§ "In the time of testing, a man's

soul is revealed; trial discloses what really is in the heart. When the servant is tested and proved, then may the lord of the house set such a servant over his household and safely trust this faithful steward to see that his children are fed and nurtured. Likewise, will I soon know who can be trusted with the welfare of my children when I shall have returned to the Father. As the lord of the household shall set the true and tried servant over the affairs of his family, so will I exalt those who endure the trials of this hour in the affairs of my kingdom.

3 "But if the servant is slothful and

begins to say in his heart, 'My master delays his coming,' and begins to mistreat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunken, then the lord of that servant will come at a time when he looks not for him and, finding him unfaithful, will cast him out in disgrace. Therefore you do well to prepare yourselves for that day when you will be visited suddenly and in an unexpected manner. Remember, much has been given to you; therefore will much be required of you. Fiery trials are drawing near you. I have a baptism to be baptized with, and I am on watch until this is accomplished. You

preach peace on earth, but my mission will not bring peace in the material affairs of men — not for a time, at least. Division can only be the result where two members of a family believe in me and three members reject this gospel. Friends, relatives, and loved ones are destined to be set against each other by the gospel you preach. True, each of these believers shall have great and lasting peace in his own heart, but peace on earth will not come until all are willing to believe and enter into their glorious inheritance of sonship with God. Nevertheless, go into all the world proclaiming this gospel to

all nations, to every man, woman, and child."

4 §§ And this was the end of a full and busy Sabbath day. On the morrow Jesus and the twelve went into the cities of northern Perea to visit with the seventy, who were working in these regions under Abner's supervision.

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LAST VISIT TO NORTHERN PEREA

Midwayer Commission

From February 11 to 20, Jesus and the twelve made a tour of all the cities and villages of northern Perea where the associates of Abner and the members of the women's corps were working. They found these messengers of the gospel meeting with success, and Jesus repeatedly called the attention of his apostles to the fact that the gospel of the kingdom could

spread without the accompaniment of miracles and wonders.

2 This entire mission of three months in Perea was successfully carried on with little help from the twelve apostles, and the gospel from this time on reflected, not so much Jesus' personality, as his *teachings.* But his followers did not long follow his instructions, for soon after Jesus' death and resurrection they departed from his teachings and began to build the early church around the miraculous concepts and the glorified memories of his

divine-human personality.

1. THE PHARISEES AT RAGABA

1 On Sabbath, February 18, Jesus was at Ragaba, where there lived a wealthy Pharisee named Nathaniel; and since quite a number of his fellow Pharisees were following Jesus and the twelve around the country, he made a breakfast on this Sabbath morning for all of them, about 20 in number, and invited Jesus as the guest of honour.

2 By the time Jesus arrived at this breakfast, most of the Pharisees, with two or three lawyers, were already there and seated at the table. The Mas-

ter immediately took his seat at the left of Nathaniel without going to the water basins to wash his hands. Many of the Pharisees, especially those favourable to Jesus' teachings, knew that he washed his hands only for purposes of cleanliness, that he abhorred these purely ceremonial performances; so they were not surprised at his coming directly to the table without having twice washed his hands. But Nathaniel was shocked by this failure of the Master to comply with the strict requirements of Pharisaic practice. Neither did Jesus wash his hands, as did the Pharisees, after each course of food

nor at the end of the meal.

3 After considerable whispering between Nathaniel and an unfriendly Pharisee on his right and after much lifting of eyebrows and sneering curling of lips by those who sat opposite the Master, Jesus finally said: "I had thought that you invited me to this house to break bread with you and perchance to inquire of me concerning the proclamation of the new gospel of the kingdom of God; but I perceive that you have brought me here to witness an exhibition of ceremonial devotion to your own self-righteousness. That service you have

now done me; what next will you honour me with as your guest on this occasion?"

4 When the Master had thus spoken, they cast their eyes upon the table and remained silent. And since no one spoke, Jesus continued: "Many of you Pharisees are here with me as friends, some are even my disciples, but the majority of the Pharisees are persistent in their refusal to see the light and acknowledge the truth, even when the work of the gospel is brought before them in great power. How carefully you cleanse the outside of the cups and the platters while the spiritual-food

vessels are filthy and polluted! You make sure to present a pious and holy appearance to the people, but your inner souls are filled with self-righteousness, covetousness, extortion, and all manner of spiritual wickedness. Your leaders even dare to plot and plan the murder of the Son of Man. Do not you foolish men understand that the God of heaven looks at the inner motives of the soul as well as on your outer pretences and your pious professions? Think not that the giving of alms and the paying of tithes will cleanse you from unrighteousness and enable you to stand clean in the presence of the

Judge of all men. Woe upon you Pharisees who have persisted in rejecting the light of life! You are meticulous in tithing and ostentatious in almsgiving, but you knowingly spurn the visitation of God and reject the revelation of his love. Though it is all right for you to give attention to these minor duties, you should not have left these weightier requirements undone. Woe upon all who shun justice, spurn mercy, and reject truth! Woe upon all those who despise the revelation of the Father while they seek the chief seats in the synagogue and crave flattering salutations in the market places!"

5 §§ When Jesus would have risen to depart, one of the lawyers who was at the table, addressing him, said: "But, Master, in some of your statements you reproach us also. Is there nothing good in the scribes, the Pharisees, or the lawyers?" And Jesus, standing, replied to the lawyer: "You, like the Pharisees, delight in the first places at the feasts and in wearing long robes while you put heavy burdens, grievous to be borne, on men's shoulders. And when the souls of men stagger under these heavy burdens, you will not so much as lift with one of your fingers. Woe upon you who take your great-

est delight in building tombs for the prophets your fathers killed! And that you consent to what your fathers did is made manifest when you now plan to kill those who come in this day doing what the prophets did in their day — proclaiming the righteousness of God and revealing the mercy of the heavenly Father. But of all the generations that are past, the blood of the prophets and the apostles shall be required of this perverse and self-righteous generation. Woe upon all of you lawyers who have taken away the key of knowledge from the common people! You yourselves refuse to enter into

the way of truth, and at the same time you would hinder all others who seek to enter therein. But you cannot thus shut up the doors of the kingdom of heaven; these we have opened to all who have the faith to enter, and these portals of mercy shall not be closed by the prejudice and arrogance of false teachers and untrue shepherds who are like whited sepulchres which, while outwardly they appear beautiful, are inwardly full of dead men's bones and all manner of spiritual uncleanness."

6 And when Jesus had finished speaking at Nathaniel's table, he went out of the house without partaking of

food. And of the Pharisees who heard these words, some became believers in his teaching and entered into the kingdom, but the larger number persisted in the way of darkness, becoming all the more determined to lie in wait for him that they might catch some of his words which could be used to bring him to trial and judgment before the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem.

7 §§ There were just three things to which the Pharisees paid particular attention:

8 1. The practice of strict tithing.

9 2. Scrupulous observance of the laws of purification.

10 3. Avoidance of association with all non-Pharisees.

11 §§ At this time Jesus sought to expose the spiritual barrenness of the first two practices, while he reserved his remarks designed to rebuke the Pharisees' refusal to engage in social intercourse with non-Pharisees for another and subsequent occasion when he would again be dining with many of these same men.

2. THE TEN LEPERS

1 The next day Jesus went with the twelve over to Amathus, near the border of Samaria, and as they ap-

proached the city, they encountered a group of ten lepers who sojourned near this place. Nine of this group were Jews, one a Samaritan. Ordinarily these Jews would have refrained from all association or contact with this Samaritan, but their common affliction was more than enough to overcome all religious prejudice. They had heard much of Jesus and his earlier miracles of healing, and since the seventy made a practice of announcing the time of Jesus' expected arrival when the Master was out with the twelve on these tours, the ten lepers had been made aware that he was ex-

pected to appear in this vicinity at about this time; and they were, accordingly, posted here on the outskirts of the city where they hoped to attract his attention and ask for healing. When the lepers saw Jesus drawing near them, not daring to approach him, they stood afar off and cried to him: "Master, have mercy on us; cleanse us from our affliction. Heal us as you have healed others."

2 Jesus had just been explaining to the twelve why the gentiles of Perea, together with the less orthodox Jews, were more willing to believe the gospel preached by the seventy than were the

more orthodox and tradition-bound Jews of Judea. He had called their attention to the fact that their message had likewise been more readily received by the Galileans, and even by the Samaritans. But the twelve apostles were hardly yet willing to entertain kind feelings for the long-despised Samaritans.

3 Accordingly, when Simon Zelotes observed the Samaritan among the lepers, he sought to induce the Master to pass on into the city without even hesitating to exchange greetings with them. Said Jesus to Simon: "But what if the Samaritan loves God as well as

the Jews? Should we sit in judgment on our fellow men? Who can tell? if we make these ten men whole, perhaps the Samaritan will prove more grateful even than the Jews. Do you feel certain about your opinions, Simon?" And Simon quickly replied, "If you cleanse them, you will soon find out." And Jesus replied: "So shall it be, Simon, and you will soon know the truth regarding the gratitude of men and the loving mercy of God."

4 Jesus, going near the lepers, said: "If you would be made whole, go forthwith and show yourselves to the priests as required by the law of

Moses." And as they went, they were made whole. But when the Samaritan saw that he was being healed, he turned back and, going in quest of Jesus, began to glorify God with a loud voice. And when he had found the Master, he fell on his knees at his feet and gave thanks for his cleansing. The nine others, the Jews, had also discovered their healing, and while they also were grateful for their cleansing, they continued on their way to show themselves to the priests.

5 As the Samaritan remained kneeling at Jesus' feet, the Master, looking about at the twelve, especially at

Simon Zelotes, said: "Were not ten cleansed? Where, then, are the other nine, the Jews? Only one, this alien, has returned to give glory to God." And then he said to the Samaritan, "Arise and go your way; your faith has made you whole."

6 Jesus looked again at his apostles as the stranger departed. And the apostles all looked at Jesus, save Simon Zelotes, whose eyes were downcast. The twelve said not a word. Neither did Jesus speak; it was not necessary that he should.

7 §§ Though all ten of these men really believed they had leprosy, only

four were thus afflicted. The other six were cured of a skin disease which had been mistaken for leprosy. But the Samaritan really had leprosy.

8 §§ Jesus enjoined the twelve to say nothing about the cleansing of the lepers, and as they went on into Amathus, he remarked: "You see how it is that the children of the house, even when they are insubordinate to their Father's will, take their blessings for granted. They think it a small matter if they neglect to give thanks when the Father bestows healing upon them, but the strangers, when they receive gifts from the head of the house, are filled

with wonder and are constrained to give thanks in recognition of the good things bestowed upon them." And still the apostles said nothing in reply to the Master's words.

3. THE SERMON AT GERASA

1 As Jesus and the twelve visited with the messengers of the kingdom at Gerasa, one of the Pharisees who believed in him asked this question: "Lord, will there be few or many really saved?" And Jesus, answering, said:

2 §§ "You have been taught that only the children of Abraham will be saved; that only the gentiles of adoption can

hope for salvation. Some of you have reasoned that, since the Scriptures record that only Caleb and Joshua from among all the hosts that went out of Egypt lived to enter the promised land, only a comparatively few of those who seek the kingdom of heaven shall find entrance thereto.

3 "You also have another saying among you, and one that contains much truth: That the way which leads to eternal life is straight and narrow, that the door which leads thereto is likewise narrow so that, of those who seek salvation, few can find entrance through this door. You also have

a teaching that the way which leads to destruction is broad, that the entrance thereto is wide, and that there are many who choose to go this way. And this proverb is not without its meaning. But I declare that salvation is first a matter of your personal choosing. Even if the door to the way of life is narrow, it is wide enough to admit all who sincerely seek to enter, for I am that door. And the Son will never refuse entrance to any child of the universe who, by faith, seeks to find the Father through the Son.

4 "But herein is the danger to all who would postpone their entrance

into the kingdom while they continue to pursue the pleasures of immaturity and indulge the satisfactions of selfishness: Having refused to enter the kingdom as a spiritual experience, they may subsequently seek entrance thereto when the glory of the better way becomes revealed in the age to come. And when, therefore, those who spurned the kingdom when I came in the likeness of humanity seek to find an entrance when it is revealed in the likeness of divinity, then will I say to all such selfish ones: I know not whence you are. You had your chance to prepare for this heavenly cit-

izenship, but you refused all such proffers of mercy; you rejected all invitations to come while the door was open. Now, to you who have refused salvation, the door is shut. This door is not open to those who would enter the kingdom for selfish glory. Salvation is not for those who are unwilling to pay the price of wholehearted dedication to doing my Father's will. When in spirit and soul you have turned your backs upon the Father's kingdom, it is useless in mind and body to stand before this door and knock, saying,

'Lord,[1] open to us; we would also be great in the kingdom.' Then will I declare that you are not of my fold. I will not receive you to be among those who have fought the good fight of faith and won the reward of unselfish service in the kingdom on earth. And when you say, 'Did we not eat and drink with you, and did you not teach in our streets?' then shall I again declare that you are spiritual strangers; that we were not fellow servants in the Father's ministry of mercy on earth; that I do not know you; and then

[1] In 1955 no comma after "Lord'.

shall the Judge of all the earth say to you: 'Depart from us, all you who have taken delight in the works of iniquity.'

5 "But fear not; every one who sincerely desires to find eternal life by entrance into the kingdom of God shall certainly find such everlasting salvation. But you who refuse this salvation will some day see the prophets of the seed of Abraham sit down with the believers of the gentile nations in this glorified kingdom to partake of the bread of life and to refresh themselves with the water thereof. And they who shall thus take the kingdom in spiritual power and by the persistent as-

saults of living faith will come from the north and the south and from the east and the west. And, behold, many who are first will be last, and those who are last will many times be first."

6 This was indeed a new and strange version of the old and familiar proverb of the straight and narrow way.

7 Slowly the apostles and many of the disciples were learning the meaning of Jesus' early declaration: "Unless you are born again, born of the spirit, you cannot enter the kingdom of God." Nevertheless, to all who are honest of heart and sincere in faith, it remains eternally true: "Behold, I

stand at the doors of men's hearts and knock, and if any man will open to me, I will come in and sup with him and will feed him with the bread of life; we shall be one in spirit and purpose, and so shall we ever be brethren in the long and fruitful service of the search for the Paradise Father." And so, whether few or many are to be saved altogether depends on whether few or many will heed the invitation: "I am the door, I am the new and living way, and whosoever wills may enter to embark upon the endless truth-search for eternal life."

8 Even the apostles were unable fully

to comprehend his teaching as to the necessity for using spiritual force for the purpose of breaking through all material resistance and for surmounting every earthly obstacle which might chance to stand in the way of grasping the all-important spiritual values of the new life in the spirit as the liberated sons of God.

4. TEACHING ABOUT ACCIDENTS

1 While most Palestinians ate only two meals a day, it was the custom of Jesus and the apostles, when on a journey, to pause at midday for rest and refreshment. And it was at such a noon-

tide stop on the way to Philadelphia that Thomas asked Jesus: "Master, from hearing your remarks as we journeyed this morning, I would like to inquire whether spiritual beings are concerned in the production of strange and extraordinary events in the material world and, further, to ask whether the angels and other spirit beings are able to prevent accidents."

2 §§ In answer to Thomas's inquiry, Jesus said: "Have I been so long with you, and yet you continue to ask me such questions? Have you failed to observe how the Son of Man lives as one with you and consistently refuses

to employ the forces of heaven for his personal sustenance? Do we not all live by the same means whereby all men exist? Do you see the power of the spiritual world manifested in the material life of this world, save for the revelation of the Father and the sometime healing of his afflicted children?

3 "All too long have your fathers believed that prosperity was the token of divine approval; that adversity was the proof of God's displeasure. I declare that such beliefs are superstitions. Do you not observe that far greater numbers of the poor joyfully receive the gospel and immediately en-

ter the kingdom? If riches evidence divine favour, why do the rich so many times refuse to believe this good news from heaven?

4 "The Father causes his rain to fall on the just and the unjust; the sun likewise shines on the righteous and the unrighteous. You know about those Galileans whose blood Pilate mingled with the sacrifices, but I tell you these Galileans were not in any manner sinners above all their fellows just because this happened to them. You also know about the 18 men upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, killing them. Think not that these men who were

thus destroyed were offenders above all their brethren in Jerusalem. These folks were simply innocent victims of one of the accidents of time.

5 "There are three groups of events which may occur in your lives:

6 " 1. You may share in those normal happenings which are a part of the life you and your fellows live on the face of the earth.

7 " 2. You may chance to fall victim to one of the accidents of nature, one of the mischances of men, knowing full well that such occurrences are in no way prearranged or otherwise

produced by the spiritual forces of the realm.

8 " 3. You may reap the harvest of your direct efforts to comply with the natural laws governing the world.

9 §§ "There was a certain man who planted a fig tree in his yard, and when he had many times sought fruit thereon and found none, he called the vinedressers before him and said: 'Here have I come these three seasons looking for fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut down this barren tree; why should it encumber the ground?' But the head gardener answered his master: 'Let it alone for one

more year so that I may dig around it and put on fertilizer, and then, next year, if it bears no fruit, it shall be cut down.' And when they had thus complied with the laws of fruitfulness, since the tree was living and good, they were rewarded with an abundant yield.

10 "In the matter of sickness and health, you should know that these bodily states are the result of material causes; health is not the smile of heaven, neither is affliction the frown of God.

11 "The Father's human children have equal capacity for the reception of material blessings; therefore does he be-

stow things physical upon the children of men without discrimination. When it comes to the bestowal of spiritual gifts, the Father is limited by man's capacity for receiving these divine endowments. Although the Father is no respecter of persons, in the bestowal of spiritual gifts he is limited by man's faith and by his willingness always to abide by the Father's will."

12 §§ As they journeyed on toward Philadelphia, Jesus continued to teach them and to answer their questions having to do with accidents, sickness, and miracles, but they were not able fully to comprehend this instruction.

One hour of teaching will not wholly change the beliefs of a lifetime, and so Jesus found it necessary to reiterate his message, to tell again and again that which he wished them to understand; and even then they failed to grasp the meaning of his earth mission until after his death and resurrection.

5. THE CONGREGATION AT PHILADELPHIA

1 Jesus and the twelve were on their way to visit Abner and his associates, who were preaching and teaching in Philadelphia. Of all the cities of Perea, in Philadelphia the largest group of Jews and gentiles, rich and poor,

learned and unlearned, embraced the teachings of the seventy, thereby entering into the kingdom of heaven. The synagogue of Philadelphia had never been subject to the supervision of the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem and therefore had never been closed to the teachings of Jesus and his associates. At this very time, Abner was teaching three times a day in the Philadelphia synagogue.

2 This very synagogue later on became a Christian church and was the missionary headquarters for the promulgation of the gospel through the regions to the east. It was long a

stronghold of the Master's teachings and stood alone in this region as a centre of Christian learning for centuries.

3 The Jews at Jerusalem had always had trouble with the Jews of Philadelphia. And after the death and resurrection of Jesus the Jerusalem church, of which James the Lord's brother was head, began to have serious difficulties with the Philadelphia congregation of believers. Abner became the head of the Philadelphia church, continuing as such until his death. And this estrangement with Jerusalem explains why nothing is heard of Abner and his work in the Gospel records of the New

Testament. This feud between Jerusalem and Philadelphia lasted throughout the lifetimes of James and Abner and continued for some time after the destruction of Jerusalem. Philadelphia was really the headquarters of the early church in the south and east as Antioch was in the north and west.

4 §§ It was the apparent misfortune of Abner to be at variance with all of the leaders of the early Christian church. He fell out with Peter and James (Jesus' brother) over questions of administration and the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem church; he parted company with Paul over differences

of philosophy and theology. Abner was more Babylonian than Hellenic in his philosophy, and he stubbornly resisted all attempts of Paul to remake the teachings of Jesus so as to present less that was objectionable, first to the Jews, then to the Græco-Roman believers in the mysteries.

5 Thus was Abner compelled to live a life of isolation. He was head of a church which was without standing at Jerusalem. He had dared to defy James the Lord's brother, who was subsequently supported by Peter. Such conduct effectively separated him from all his former associates. Then he dared

to withstand Paul. Although he was wholly sympathetic with Paul in his mission to the gentiles, and though he supported him in his contentions with the church at Jerusalem, he bitterly opposed the version of Jesus' teachings which Paul elected to preach. In his last years Abner denounced Paul as the "clever corrupter of the life teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of the living God."

6 During the later years of Abner and for some time thereafter, the believers at Philadelphia held more strictly to the religion of Jesus, as he lived and taught, than any other group

on earth.

7 Abner lived to be 89 years old, dying at Philadelphia on the 21st day of November, A.D. 74. And to the very end he was a faithful believer in, and teacher of, the gospel of the heavenly kingdom.

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THE VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA

Midwayer Commission

Throughout this period of the Perean ministry, when mention is made of Jesus and the apostles visiting the various localities where the seventy were at work, it should be recalled that, as a rule, only ten were with him since it was the practice to leave at least two of the apostles at Pella to instruct the multitude. As Jesus prepared to go

on to Philadelphia, Simon Peter and his brother, Andrew, returned to the Pella encampment to teach the crowds there assembled. When the Master left the camp at Pella to visit about Perea, it was not uncommon for from 300 to 500 of the campers to follow him. When he arrived at Philadelphia, he was accompanied by over 600 followers.

2 No miracles had attended the recent preaching tour through the Decapolis, and, excepting the cleansing of the ten lepers, thus far there had been no miracles on this Perean mission. This was a period when the

gospel was proclaimed with power, without miracles, and most of the time without the personal presence of Jesus or even of his apostles.

3 §§ Jesus and the ten apostles arrived at Philadelphia on Wednesday, February 22, and spent Thursday and Friday resting from their recent travels and labours. That Friday night James spoke in the synagogue, and a general council was called for the following evening. They were much rejoiced over the progress of the gospel at Philadelphia and among the nearby villages. The messengers of David also brought word of the further ad-

vancement of the kingdom throughout Palestine, as well as good news from Alexandria and Damascus.

1. BREAKFAST WITH THE PHARISEES

1 There lived in Philadelphia a very wealthy and influential Pharisee who had accepted the teachings of Abner, and who invited Jesus to his house Sabbath morning for breakfast. It was known that Jesus was expected in Philadelphia at this time; so a large number of visitors, among them many Pharisees, had come over from Jerusalem and from elsewhere. Accordingly, about 40 of these leading men and a

few lawyers were bidden to this breakfast, which had been arranged in honour of the Master.

2 As Jesus lingered by the door, speaking with Abner, and after the host had seated himself, there came into the room one of the leading Pharisees of Jerusalem, a member of the Sanhedrin, and as was his habit, he made straight for the seat of honour at the left of the host. But since this place had been reserved for the Master and that on the right for Abner, the host beckoned the Jerusalem Pharisee to sit four seats to the left, and this dignitary was much offended because he did not

receive the seat of honour.

3 Soon they were all seated and enjoying the visiting among themselves since the majority of those present were disciples of Jesus or else were friendly to the gospel. Only his enemies took notice of the fact that he did not observe the ceremonial washing of his hands before he sat down to eat. Abner washed his hands at the beginning of the meal but not during the serving.

4 Near the end of the meal there came in from the street a man long afflicted with a chronic disease and now in a dropsical condition. This

man was a believer, having recently been baptized by Abner's associates. He made no request of Jesus for healing, but the Master knew full well that this afflicted man came to this breakfast hoping thereby to escape the crowds which thronged him and thus be more likely to engage his attention. This man knew that few miracles were then being performed; however, he had reasoned in his heart that his sorry plight might possibly appeal to the Master's compassion. And he was not mistaken, for, when he entered the room, both Jesus and the self-righteous Pharisee from Jerusalem

took notice of him. The Pharisee was not slow to voice his resentment that such a one should be permitted to enter the room. But Jesus looked upon the sick man and smiled so benignly that he drew near and sat down upon the floor. As the meal was ending, the Master looked over his fellow guests and then, after glancing significantly at the man with dropsy, said: "My friends, teachers in Israel and learned lawyers, I would like to ask you a question: Is it lawful to heal the sick and afflicted on the Sabbath day, or not?" But those who were there present knew Jesus too well; they

held their peace; they answered not his question.

5 §§ Then went Jesus over to where the sick man sat and, taking him by the hand, said: "Arise and go your way. You have not asked to be healed, but I know the desire of your heart and the faith of your soul." Before the man left the room, Jesus returned to his seat and, addressing those at the table, said: "Such works my Father does, not to tempt you into the kingdom, but to reveal himself to those who are already in the kingdom. You can perceive that it would be like the Father to do just such things because which

one of you, having a favourite animal that fell in the well on the Sabbath day, would not go right out and draw him up?" And since no one would answer him, and inasmuch as his host evidently approved of what was going on, Jesus stood up and spoke to all present: "My brethren, when you are bidden to a marriage feast, sit not down in the chief seat, lest, perchance, a more honoured man than you has been invited, and the host will have to come to you and request that you give your place to this other and honoured guest. In this event, with shame you will be required to take a lower

place at the table. When you are bidden to a feast, it would be the part of wisdom, on arriving at the festive table, to seek for the lowest place and take your seat therein, so that, when the host looks over the guests, he may say to you: 'My friend, why sit in the seat of the least? come up higher'; and thus will such a one have glory in the presence of his fellow guests. Forget not, every one who exalts himself shall be humbled, while he who truly humbles himself shall be exalted. Therefore, when you entertain at dinner or give a supper, invite not always your friends, your brethren, your kinsmen,

or your rich neighbours that they in return may bid you to their feasts, and thus will you be recompensed. When you give a banquet, sometimes bid the poor, the maimed, and the blind. In this way you shall be blessed in your heart, for you well know that the lame and the halt cannot repay you for your loving ministry."

2. PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

1 As Jesus finished speaking at the breakfast table of the Pharisee, one of the lawyers present, desiring to relieve the silence, thoughtlessly said: "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in

the kingdom of God" — that being a common saying of those days. And then Jesus spoke a parable, which even his friendly host was compelled to take to heart. He said:

2 "A certain ruler gave a great supper, and having bidden many guests, he dispatched his servants at suppertime to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' And they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a farm, and I must needs go to prove it[1]; I pray you have me ex-

[1] In 1955 text the wrong word order "I must needs to go prove it".

cused.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to receive them; I pray you have me excused.' And another said, 'I have just married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servants went back and reported this to their master. When the master of the house heard this, he was very angry, and turning to his servants, he said: 'I have made ready this marriage feast; the fatlings are killed, and all is in readiness for my guests, but they have spurned my invitation; they have gone every man after his lands and his merchandise, and they even show disrespect to my servants

who bid them come to my feast. Go out quickly, therefore, into the streets and lanes of the city, out into the highways and the byways, and bring hither the poor and the outcast, the blind and the lame, that the marriage feast may have guests.' And the servants did as their lord commanded, and even then there was room for more guests. Then said the lord to his servants: 'Go now out into the roads and the countryside and constrain those who are there to come in that my house may be filled. I declare that none of those who were first bidden shall taste of my supper.' And the servants did as their mas-

ter commanded, and the house was filled."

3 §§ And when they heard these words, they departed; every man went to his own place. At least one of the sneering Pharisees present that morning comprehended the meaning of this parable, for he was baptized that day and made public confession of his faith in the gospel of the kingdom. Abner preached on this parable that night at the general council of believers.

4 The next day all of the apostles engaged in the philosophic exercise of endeavouring to interpret the mean-

ing of this parable of the great supper. Though Jesus listened with interest to all of these differing interpretations, he steadfastly refused to offer them further help in understanding the parable. He would only say, "Let every man find out the meaning for himself and in his own soul."

3. THE WOMAN WITH THE SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY

1 Abner had arranged for the Master to teach in the synagogue on this Sabbath day, the first time Jesus had appeared in a synagogue since they had all been closed to his teachings by order of the Sanhedrin. At the conclu-

sion of the service Jesus looked down before him upon an elderly woman who wore a downcast expression, and who was much bent in form. This woman had long been fear-ridden, and all joy had passed out of her life. As Jesus stepped down from the pulpit, he went over to her and, touching her bowed-over form on the shoulder, said: "Woman, if you would only believe, you could be wholly loosed from your spirit of infirmity." And this woman, who had been bowed down and bound up by the depressions of fear for more than 18 years, believed the words of the Master and by faith

straightened up immediately. When this woman saw that she had been made straight, she lifted up her voice and glorified God.

2 Notwithstanding that this woman's affliction was wholly mental, her bowed-over form being the result of her depressed mind, the people thought that Jesus had healed a real physical disorder. Although the congregation of the synagogue at Philadelphia was friendly toward the teachings of Jesus, the chief ruler of the synagogue was an unfriendly Pharisee. And as he shared the opinion of the congregation that Jesus had healed

a physical disorder, and being indignant because Jesus had presumed to do such a thing on the Sabbath, he stood up before the congregation and said: "Are there not six days in which men should do all their work? In these working days come, therefore, and be healed, but not on the Sabbath day."

3 When the unfriendly ruler had thus spoken, Jesus returned to the speaker's platform and said: "Why play the part of hypocrites? Does not every one of you, on the Sabbath, loose his ox from the stall and lead him forth for watering? If such a service is permissible on the Sabbath day, should

not this woman, a daughter of Abraham who has been bound down by evil these 18 years, be loosed from this bondage and led forth to partake of the waters of liberty and life, even on this Sabbath day?" And as the woman continued to glorify God, his critic was put to shame, and the congregation rejoiced with her that she had been healed.

4 As a result of his public criticism of Jesus on this Sabbath the chief ruler of the synagogue was deposed, and a follower of Jesus was put in his place.

5 §§ Jesus frequently delivered such victims of fear from their spirit of infir-

mity, from their depression of mind, and from their bondage of fear. But the people thought that all such afflictions were either physical disorders or possession of evil spirits.

6 §§ Jesus taught again in the synagogue on Sunday, and many were baptized by Abner at noon on that day in the river which flowed south of the city. On the morrow Jesus and the ten apostles would have started back to the Pella encampment but for the arrival of one of David's messengers, who brought an urgent message to Jesus from his friends at Bethany, near

Jerusalem.

4. THE MESSAGE FROM BETHANY

1 Very late on Sunday night, February 26, a runner from Bethany arrived at Philadelphia, bringing a message from Martha and Mary which said, "Lord, he whom you love is very sick." This message reached Jesus at the close of the evening conference and just as he was taking leave of the apostles for the night. At first Jesus made no reply. There occurred one of those strange interludes, a time when he appeared to be in communication with something outside of, and beyond, himself.

And then, looking up, he addressed the messenger in the hearing of the apostles, saying: "This sickness is really not to the death. Doubt not that it may be used to glorify God and exalt the Son."

2 §§ Jesus was very fond of Martha, Mary, and their brother, Lazarus; he loved them with a fervent affection. His first and human thought was to go to their assistance at once, but another idea came into his combined mind. He had almost given up hope that the Jewish leaders at Jerusalem would ever accept the kingdom, but he still loved his people, and there

now occurred to him a plan whereby the scribes and Pharisees of Jerusalem might have one more chance to accept his teachings; and he decided, his Father willing, to make this last appeal to Jerusalem the most profound and stupendous outward working of his entire earth career. The Jews clung to the idea of a wonder-working deliverer. And though he refused to stoop to the performance of material wonders or to the enactment of temporal exhibitions of political power, he did now ask the Father's consent for the manifestation of his hitherto unexhibited power over life and death.

3 §§ The Jews were in the habit of burying their dead on the day of their demise; this was a necessary practice in such a warm climate. It often happened that they put in the tomb one who was merely comatose, so that on the second or even the third day, such a one would come forth from the tomb. But it was the belief of the Jews that, while the spirit or soul might linger near the body for two or three days, it never tarried after the third day; that decay was well advanced by the fourth day, and that no one ever returned from the tomb after the lapse of such a period. And it was for these

reasons that Jesus tarried yet two full days in Philadelphia before he made ready to start for Bethany.

4 §§ Accordingly, early on Wednesday morning he said to his apostles: "Let us prepare at once to go into Judea again." And when the apostles heard their Master say this, they drew off by themselves for a time to take counsel of one another. James assumed the direction of the conference, and they all agreed that it was only folly to allow Jesus to go again into Judea, and they came back as one man and so informed him. Said James: "Master, you were in Jerusalem a few weeks back,

and the leaders sought your death, while the people were minded to stone you. At that time you gave these men their chance to receive the truth, and we will not permit you to go again into Judea."

5 Then said Jesus: "But do you not understand that there are twelve hours of the day in which work may safely be done? If a man walks in the day, he does not stumble inasmuch as he has light. If a man walks in the night, he is liable to stumble since he is without light. As long as my day lasts, I fear not to enter Judea. I would do one more mighty work for these Jews; I would

give them one more chance to believe, even on their own terms — conditions of outward glory and the visible manifestation of the power of the Father and the love of the Son. Besides, do you not realize that our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, and I would go to awake him out of this sleep!"

6 Then said one of the apostles: "Master, if Lazarus has fallen asleep, then will he the more surely recover." It was the custom of the Jews at that time to speak of death as a form of sleep, but as the apostles did not understand that Jesus meant that Lazarus had departed from this world, he now said

plainly: "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes, even if the others are not thereby saved, that I was not there, to the end that you shall now have new cause to believe in me; and by that which you will witness, you should all be strengthened in preparation for that day when I shall take leave of you and go to the Father."

7 When they could not persuade him to refrain from going into Judea, and when some of the apostles were loath even to accompany him, Thomas addressed his fellows, saying: "We have told the Master our fears, but he is determined to go to Bethany. I

am satisfied it means the end; they will surely kill him, but if that is the Master's choice, then let us acquit ourselves like men of courage; let us go also that we may die with him." And it was ever so; in matters requiring deliberate and sustained courage, Thomas was always the mainstay of the twelve apostles.

5. ON THE WAY TO BETHANY

1 On the way to Judea Jesus was followed by a company of almost 50 of his friends and enemies. At their noon lunchtime, on Wednesday, he talked to his apostles and this group of followers on the "Terms of Salvation,"

and at the end of this lesson told the parable of the Pharisee and the publican (a tax collector). Said Jesus: "You see, then, that the Father gives salvation to the children of men, and this salvation is a free gift to all who have the faith to receive sonship in the divine family. There is nothing man can do to earn this salvation. Works of self-righteousness cannot buy the favour of God, and much praying in public will not atone for lack of living faith in the heart. Men you may deceive by your outward service, but God looks into your souls. What I am telling you is well illustrated by two

men who went into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men, extortioners, unlearned, unjust, adulterers, or even like this publican. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift his eyes to heaven but smote his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you that the publican went home with God's approval rather than the Pharisee, for every one who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself

shall be exalted."

2 §§ That night, in Jericho, the unfriendly Pharisees sought to entrap the Master by inducing him to discuss marriage and divorce, as did their fellows one time in Galilee, but Jesus artfully avoided their efforts to bring him into conflict with their laws concerning divorce. As the publican and the Pharisee illustrated good and bad religion, their divorce practices served to contrast the better marriage laws of the Jewish code with the disgraceful laxity of the Pharisaic interpretations of these Mosaic divorce statutes. The Pharisee judged himself by the lowest

standard; the publican squared himself by the highest ideal. Devotion, to the Pharisee, was a means of inducing self-righteous inactivity and the assurance of false spiritual security; devotion, to the publican, was a means of stirring up his soul to the realization of the need for repentance, confession, and the acceptance, by faith, of merciful forgiveness. The Pharisee sought justice; the publican sought mercy. The law of the universe is: Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find.

3 Though Jesus refused to be drawn into a controversy with the Pharisees concerning divorce, he did proclaim

a positive teaching of the highest ideals regarding marriage. He exalted marriage as the most ideal and highest of all human relationships. Likewise, he intimated strong disapproval of the lax and unfair divorce practices of the Jerusalem Jews, who at that time permitted a man to divorce his wife for the most trifling of reasons, such as being a poor cook, a faulty housekeeper, or for no better reason than that he had become enamoured of a better-looking woman.

4 The Pharisees had even gone so far as to teach that divorce of this easy variety was a special dispensation

granted the Jewish people, particularly the Pharisees. And so, while Jesus refused to make pronouncements dealing with marriage and divorce, he did most bitterly denounce these shameful floutings of the marriage relationship and pointed out their injustice to women and children. He never sanctioned any divorce practice which gave man any advantage over woman; the Master countenanced only those teachings which accorded women equality with men.

5 Although Jesus did not offer new mandates governing marriage and divorce, he did urge the Jews to live up

to their own laws and higher teachings. He constantly appealed to the written Scriptures in his effort to improve their practices along these social lines. While thus upholding the high and ideal concepts of marriage, Jesus skillfully avoided clashing with his questioners about the social practices represented by either their written laws or their much-cherished divorce privileges.

6 It was very difficult for the apostles to understand the Master's reluctance to make positive pronouncements relative to scientific, social, economic, and political problems. They did not

fully realize that his earth mission was exclusively concerned with revelations of spiritual and religious truths.

7 After Jesus had talked about marriage and divorce, later on that evening his apostles privately asked many additional questions, and his answers to these inquiries relieved their minds of many misconceptions. At the conclusion of this conference Jesus said: "Marriage is honourable and is to be desired by all men. The fact that the Son of Man pursues his earth mission alone is in no way a reflection on the desirability of marriage. That I should so work is the Father's will, but this

same Father has directed the creation of male and female, and it is the divine will that men and women should find their highest service and consequent joy in the establishment of homes for the reception and training of children, in the creation of whom these parents become copartners with the Makers of heaven and earth. And for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall become as one."

8 And in this way Jesus relieved the minds of the apostles of many worries about marriage and cleared up many misunderstandings regarding divorce;

at the same time he did much to exalt their ideals of social union and to augment their respect for women and children and for the home.

6. BLESSING THE LITTLE CHILDREN

1 That evening Jesus' message regarding marriage and the blessedness of children spread all over Jericho, so that the next morning, long before Jesus and the apostles prepared to leave, even before breakfast time, scores of mothers came to where Jesus lodged, bringing their children in their arms and leading them by their hands, and desired that he bless the little ones.

When the apostles went out to view this assemblage of mothers with their children, they endeavoured to send them away, but these women refused to depart until the Master laid his hands on their children and blessed them. And when the apostles loudly rebuked these mothers, Jesus, hearing the tumult, came out and indignantly reproved them, saying: "Suffer little children to come to me; forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Verily, verily, I say to you, whosoever receives not the kingdom of God as a little child shall hardly enter therein to grow up to the full

stature of spiritual manhood."

2 And when the Master had spoken to his apostles, he received all of the children, laying his hands on them, while he spoke words of courage and hope to their mothers.

3 §§ Jesus often talked to his apostles about the celestial mansions and taught that the advancing children of God must there grow up spiritually as children grow up physically on this world. And so does the sacred oftentimes appear to be the common, as on this day these children and their mothers little realized that the onlooking intelligences of Nebadon be-

held the children of Jericho playing with the Creator of a universe.

4 §§ Woman's status in Palestine was much improved by Jesus' teaching; and so it would have been throughout the world if his followers had not departed so far from that which he painstakingly taught them.

5 §§ It was also at Jericho, in connection with the discussion of the early religious training of children in habits of divine worship, that Jesus impressed upon his apostles the great value of beauty as an influence leading to the urge to worship, especially with children. The Master by precept and ex-

ample taught the value of worshipping the Creator in the midst of the natural surroundings of creation. He preferred to commune with the heavenly Father amidst the trees and among the lowly creatures of the natural world. He rejoiced to contemplate the Father through the inspiring spectacle of the starry realms of the Creator Sons.

6 When it is not possible to worship God in the tabernacles of nature, men should do their best to provide houses of beauty, sanctuaries of appealing simplicity and artistic embellishment, so that the highest of human emotions may be aroused in association with the

intellectual approach to spiritual communion with God. Truth, beauty, and holiness are powerful and effective aids to true worship. But spirit communion is not promoted by mere massive ornateness and overmuch embellishment with man's elaborate and ostentatious art. Beauty is most religious when it is most simple and naturelike. How unfortunate that little children should have their first introduction to concepts of public worship in cold and barren rooms so devoid of the beauty appeal and so empty of all suggestion of good cheer and inspiring holiness! The child should be

introduced to worship in nature's outdoors and later accompany his parents to public houses of religious assembly which are at least as materially attractive and artistically beautiful as the home in which he is daily domiciled.

7. THE TALK ABOUT ANGELS

1 As they journeyed up the hills from Jericho to Bethany, Nathaniel walked most of the way by the side of Jesus, and their discussion of children in relation to the kingdom of heaven led indirectly to the consideration of the ministry of angels. Nathaniel finally asked the Master this

question: "Seeing that the high priest is a Sadducee, and since the Sadducees do not believe in angels, what shall we teach the people regarding the heavenly ministers?" Then, among other things, Jesus said:

2 §§ "The angelic hosts are a separate order of created beings; they are entirely different from the material order of mortal creatures, and they function as a distinct group of universe intelligences. Angels are not of that group of creatures called 'the Sons of God' in the Scriptures; neither are they the glorified spirits of mortal men who have gone on to progress through the

mansions on high. Angels are a direct creation, and they do not reproduce themselves. The angelic hosts have only a spiritual kinship with the human race. As man progresses in the journey to the Father in Paradise, he does traverse a state of being at one time analogous to the state of the angels, but mortal man never becomes an angel.

3 "The angels never die, as man does. The angels are immortal unless, perchance, they become involved in sin as did some of them with the deceptions of Lucifer. The angels are the spirit servants in heaven, and they are

neither all-wise nor all-powerful. But all of the loyal angels are truly pure and holy.

4 "And do you not remember that I said to you once before that, if you had your spiritual eyes anointed, you would then see the heavens opened and behold the angels of God ascending and descending? It is by the ministry of the angels that one world may be kept in touch with other worlds, for have I not repeatedly told you that I have other sheep not of this fold? And these angels are not the spies of the spirit world who watch upon you and then go forth to tell the Father

the thoughts of your heart and to report on the deeds of the flesh. The Father has no need of such service inasmuch as his own spirit lives within you. But these angelic spirits do function to keep one part of the heavenly creation informed concerning the doings of other and remote parts of the universe. And many of the angels, while functioning in the government of the Father and the universes of the Sons, are assigned to the service of the human races. When I taught you that many of these seraphim are ministering spirits, I spoke not in figurative language nor in poetic strains. And all

this is true, regardless of your difficulty in comprehending such matters.

5 "Many of these angels are engaged in the work of saving men, for have I not told you of the seraphic joy when one soul elects to forsake sin and begin the search for God? I did even tell you of the joy in the *presence of the angels* of heaven over one sinner who repents, thereby indicating the existence of other and higher orders of celestial beings who are likewise concerned in the spiritual welfare and with the divine progress of mortal man.

6 "Also are these angels very much concerned with the means whereby

man's spirit is released from the tabernacles of the flesh and his soul escorted to the mansions in heaven. Angels are the sure and heavenly guides of the soul of man during that uncharted and indefinite period of time which intervenes between the death of the flesh and the new life in the spirit abodes."

7 §§ And he would have spoken further with Nathaniel regarding the ministry of angels, but he was interrupted by the approach of Martha, who had been informed that the Master was drawing near to Bethany by friends who had observed him ascending the hills to the east. And she now

hastened to greet him.

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THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

Midwayer Commission

It was shortly after noon when Martha started out to meet Jesus as he came over the brow of the hill near Bethany. Her brother, Lazarus, had been dead four days and had been laid away in their private tomb at the far end of the garden late on Sunday afternoon. The stone at the entrance of the tomb had been rolled

in place on the morning of this day, Thursday.

2 When Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus concerning Lazarus's illness, they were confident the Master would do something about it. They knew that their brother was desperately sick, and though they hardly dared hope that Jesus would leave his work of teaching and preaching to come to their assistance, they had such confidence in his power to heal disease that they thought he would just speak the curative words, and Lazarus would immediately be made whole. And when Lazarus died a few hours af-

ter the messenger left Bethany for Philadelphia, they reasoned that it was because the Master did not learn of their brother's illness until it was too late, until he had already been dead for several hours.

3 But they, with all of their believing friends, were greatly puzzled by the message which the runner brought back Tuesday forenoon when he reached Bethany. The messenger insisted that he heard Jesus say, "...this sickness is really not to the death." Neither could they understand why he sent no word to them nor otherwise proffered assistance.

4 Many friends from near-by hamlets and others from Jerusalem came over to comfort the sorrow-stricken sisters. Lazarus and his sisters were the children of a well-to-do and honourable Jew, one who had been the leading resident of the little village of Bethany. And notwithstanding that all three had long been ardent followers of Jesus, they were highly respected by all who knew them. They had inherited extensive vineyards and olive orchards in this vicinity, and that they were wealthy was further attested by the fact that they could afford a private burial tomb on their own premises.

Both of their parents had already been laid away in this tomb.

5 Mary had given up the thought of Jesus' coming and was abandoned to her grief, but Martha clung to the hope that Jesus would come, even up to the time on that very morning when they rolled the stone in front of the tomb and sealed the entrance. Even then she instructed a neighbour lad to keep watch down the Jericho road from the brow of the hill to the east of Bethany; and it was this lad who brought tidings to Martha that Jesus and his friends were approaching.

6 When Martha met Jesus, she fell

at his feet, exclaiming, "Master, if you had been here, my brother would not have died!" Many fears were passing through Martha's mind, but she gave expression to no doubt, nor did she venture to criticize or question the Master's conduct as related to Lazarus's death. When she had spoken, Jesus reached down and, lifting her upon her feet, said, "Only have faith, Martha, and your brother shall rise again." Then answered Martha: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection of the last day; and even now I believe that whatever you shall ask of God, our Father will give you."

7 Then said Jesus, looking straight into the eyes of Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live. In truth, whosoever lives and believes in me shall never really die. Martha, do you believe this?" And Martha answered the Master: "Yes, I have long believed that you are the Deliverer, the Son of the living God, even he who should come to this world."

8 Jesus having inquired for Mary, Martha went at once into the house and, whispering to her sister, said, "The Master is here and has asked for you." And when Mary heard this,

she rose up quickly and hastened out to meet Jesus, who still tarried at the place, some distance from the house, where Martha had first met him. The friends who were with Mary, seeking to comfort her, when they saw that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep.

9 Many of those present were Jesus' bitter enemies. That is why Martha had come out to meet him alone, and also why she went in secretly to inform Mary that he had asked for her. Martha, while craving to see Jesus, desired to avoid any possible unpleas-

antness which might be caused by his coming suddenly into the midst of a large group of his Jerusalem enemies. It had been Martha's intention to remain in the house with their friends while Mary went to greet Jesus, but in this she failed, for they all followed Mary and so found themselves unexpectedly in the presence of the Master.

10 Martha led Mary to Jesus, and when she saw him, she fell at his feet, exclaiming, "If you had only been here, my brother would not have died!" And when Jesus saw how they all grieved over the death of Lazarus, his soul was moved with compassion.

11 When the mourners saw that Mary had gone to greet Jesus, they withdrew for a short distance while both Martha and Mary talked with the Master and received further words of comfort and exhortation to maintain strong faith in the Father and complete resignation to the divine will.

12 The human mind of Jesus was mightily moved by the contention between his love for Lazarus and the bereaved sisters and his disdain and contempt for the outward show of affection manifested by some of these unbelieving and murderously inten-

tioned Jews. Jesus indignantly resented the show of forced and outward mourning for Lazarus by some of these professed friends inasmuch as such false sorrow was associated in their hearts with so much bitter enmity toward himself. Some of these Jews, however, were sincere in their mourning, for they were real friends of the family.

1. AT THE TOMB OF LAZARUS

1 After Jesus had spent a few moments in comforting Martha and Mary, apart from the mourners, he asked them, "Where have you laid

him?" Then Martha said, "Come and see." And as the Master followed on in silence with the two sorrowing sisters, he wept. When the friendly Jews who followed after them saw his tears, one of them said: "Behold how he loved him. Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind have kept this man from dying?" By this time they were standing before the family tomb, a small natural cave, or declivity, in the ledge of rock which rose up some 9 m at the far end of the garden plot.

2 §§ It is difficult to explain to human minds just why Jesus wept. While we have access to the registration of

the combined human emotions and divine thoughts, as of record in the mind of the Personalized Adjuster, we are not altogether certain about the real cause of these emotional manifestations. We are inclined to believe that Jesus wept because of a number of thoughts and feelings which were going through his mind at this time, such as:

3 1. He felt a genuine and sorrowful sympathy for Martha and Mary; he had a real and deep human affection for these sisters who had lost their brother.

4 2. He was perturbed in his mind

by the presence of the crowd of mourners, some sincere and some merely pretenders. He always resented these outward exhibitions of mourning. He knew the sisters loved their brother and had faith in the survival of believers. These conflicting emotions may possibly explain why he groaned as they came near the tomb.

5 3. He truly hesitated about bringing Lazarus back to the mortal life. His sisters really needed him, but Jesus regretted having to summon his friend back to experience the bitter persecution which he well knew Lazarus would have to endure as a result of

being the subject of the greatest of all demonstrations of the divine power of the Son of Man.

6 §§ And now we may relate an interesting and instructive fact: Although this narrative unfolds as an apparently natural and normal event in human affairs, it has some very interesting side lights. While the messenger went to Jesus on Sunday, telling him of Lazarus's illness, and while Jesus sent word that it was "not to the death," at the same time he went in person up to Bethany and even asked the sisters, "Where have you laid him?" Even though all of this seems to indicate

that the Master was proceeding after the manner of this life and in accordance with the limited knowledge of the human mind, nevertheless, the records of the universe reveal that Jesus' Personalized Adjuster issued orders for the indefinite detention of Lazarus's Thought Adjuster on the planet subsequent to Lazarus's death, and that this order was made of record just 15 minutes before Lazarus breathed his last.

7 Did the divine mind of Jesus know, even before Lazarus died, that he would raise him from the dead? We do not know. We know only what we

are herewith placing on record.

8 §§ Many of Jesus' enemies were inclined to sneer at his manifestations of affection, and they said among themselves: "If he thought so much of this man, why did he tarry so long before coming to Bethany? If he is what they claim, why did he not save his dear friend? What is the good of healing strangers in Galilee if he cannot save those whom he loves?" And in many other ways they mocked and made light of the teachings and works of Jesus.

9 And so, on this Thursday afternoon at about 14:30, was the stage

all set in this little hamlet of Bethany for the enactment of the greatest of all works connected with the earth ministry of Michael of Nebadon, the greatest manifestation of divine power during his incarnation in the flesh, since his own resurrection occurred after he had been liberated from the bonds of mortal habitation.

10 The small group assembled before Lazarus's tomb little realized the presence near at hand of a vast concourse of all orders of celestial beings assembled under the leadership of Gabriel and now in waiting, by direction of the Personalized Adjuster of Jesus, vi-

brating with expectancy and ready to execute the bidding of their beloved Sovereign.

11 When Jesus spoke those words of command, "Take away the stone," the assembled celestial hosts made ready to enact the drama of the resurrection of Lazarus in the likeness of his mortal flesh. Such a form of resurrection involves difficulties of execution which far transcend the usual technique of the resurrection of mortal creatures in morontia form and requires far more celestial personalities and a far greater organization of universe facilities.

12 When Martha and Mary heard

this command of Jesus directing that the stone in front of the tomb be rolled away, they were filled with conflicting emotions. Mary hoped that Lazarus was to be raised from the dead, but Martha, while to some extent sharing her sister's faith, was more exercised by the fear that Lazarus would not be presentable, in his appearance, to Jesus, the apostles, and their friends. Said Martha: "Must we roll away the stone? My brother has now been dead four days, so that by this time decay of the body has begun." Martha also said this because she was not certain as to why the Master had requested that the

stone be removed; she thought maybe Jesus wanted only to take one last look at Lazarus. She was not settled and constant in her attitude. As they hesitated to roll away the stone, Jesus said: "Did I not tell you at the first that this sickness was not to the death? Have I not come to fulfil my promise? And after I came to you, did I not say that, if you would only believe, you should see the glory of God? Wherefore do you doubt? How long before you will believe and obey?"

13 When Jesus had finished speaking, his apostles, with the assistance of willing neighbours, laid hold upon the

stone and rolled it away from the entrance to the tomb.

14 §§ It was the common belief of the Jews that the drop of gall on the point of the sword of the angel of death began to work by the end of the third day, so that it was taking full effect on the fourth day. They allowed that the soul of man might linger about the tomb until the end of the third day, seeking to reanimate the dead body; but they firmly believed that such a soul had gone on to the abode of departed spirits ere the fourth day had dawned.

15 These beliefs and opinions regard-

ing the dead and the departure of the spirits of the dead served to make sure, in the minds of all who were now present at Lazarus's tomb and subsequently to all who might hear of what was about to occur, that this was really and truly a case of the raising of the dead by the personal working of one who declared he was "the resurrection and the life."

2. THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

1 As this company of some 45 mortals stood before the tomb, they could dimly see the form of Lazarus, wrapped in linen bandages, rest-

ing on the right lower niche of the burial cave. While these earth creatures stood there in almost breathless silence, a vast host of celestial beings had swung into their places preparatory to answering the signal for action when it should be given by Gabriel, their commander.

2 Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: "Father, I am thankful that you heard and granted my request. I know that you always hear me, but because of those who stand here with me, I thus speak with you, that they may believe that you have sent me into the world, and that they may know that you are

working with me in that which we are about to do." And when he had prayed, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

3 Though these human observers remained motionless, the vast celestial host was all astir in unified action in obedience to the Creator's word. In just 12 seconds of earth time the hitherto lifeless form of Lazarus began to move and presently sat up on the edge of the stone shelf whereon it had rested. His body was bound about with grave cloths, and his face was covered with a napkin. And as he stood up before them — alive — Jesus said,

"Loose him and let him go."

4 All, save the apostles, with Martha and Mary, fled to the house. They were pale with fright and overcome with astonishment. While some tarried, many hastened to their homes.

5 Lazarus greeted Jesus and the apostles and asked the meaning of the grave cloths and why he had awakened in the garden. Jesus and the apostles drew to one side while Martha told Lazarus of his death, burial, and resurrection. She had to explain to him that he had died on Sunday and was now brought back to life on Thursday, inasmuch as he had had no con-

sciousness of time since falling asleep in death.

6 §§ As Lazarus came out of the tomb, the Personalized Adjuster of Jesus, now chief of his kind in this local universe, gave command to the former Adjuster of Lazarus, now in waiting, to resume abode in the mind and soul of the resurrected man.

7 §§ Then went Lazarus over to Jesus and, with his sisters, knelt at the Master's feet to give thanks and offer praise to God. Jesus, taking Lazarus by the hand, lifted him up, saying: "My son, what has happened to you will also be experienced by all who believe this

gospel except that they shall be resurrected in a more glorious form. You shall be a living witness of the truth which I spoke — I am the resurrection and the life. But let us all now go into the house and partake of nourishment for these physical bodies."

8 §§ As they walked toward the house, Gabriel dismissed the extra groups of the assembled heavenly host while he made record of the first instance on Urantia, and the last, where a mortal creature had been resurrected in the likeness of the physical body of death.

9 §§ Lazarus could hardly compre-

hend what had occurred. He knew he had been very sick, but he could recall only that he had fallen asleep and been awakened. He was never able to tell anything about these four days in the tomb because he was wholly unconscious. Time is nonexistent to those who sleep the sleep of death.

10 Though many believed in Jesus as a result of this mighty work, others only hardened their hearts the more to reject him. By noon the next day this story had spread over all Jerusalem. Scores of men and women went to Bethany to look upon Lazarus and talk with him, and the alarmed and

disconcerted Pharisees hastily called a meeting of the Sanhedrin that they might determine what should be done about these new developments.

3. MEETING OF THE SANHEDRIN

1 Even though the testimony of this man raised from the dead did much to consolidate the faith of the mass of believers in the gospel of the kingdom, it had little or no influence on the attitude of the religious leaders and rulers at Jerusalem except to hasten their decision to destroy Jesus and stop his work.

2 §§ At 13:00 the next day, Friday,

the Sanhedrin met to deliberate further on the question, "What shall we do with Jesus of Nazareth?" After more than two hours of discussion and acrimonious debate, a certain Pharisee presented a resolution calling for Jesus' immediate death, proclaiming that he was a menace to all Israel and formally committing the Sanhedrin to the decision of death, without trial and in defiance of all precedent.

3 Time and again had this august body of Jewish leaders decreed that Jesus be apprehended and brought to trial on charges of blasphemy and nu-

merous other accusations of flouting the Jewish sacred law. They had once before even gone so far as to declare he should die, but this was the first time the Sanhedrin had gone on record as desiring to decree his death in advance of a trial. But this resolution did not come to a vote since 14 members of the Sanhedrin resigned in a body when such an unheard-of action was proposed. While these resignations were not formally acted upon for almost two weeks, this group of 14 withdrew from the Sanhedrin on that day, never again to sit in the council. When these resignations were subsequently

acted upon, five other members were thrown out because their associates believed they entertained friendly feelings toward Jesus. With the ejection of these 19 men the Sanhedrin was in a position to try and to condemn Jesus with a solidarity bordering on unanimity.

4 The following week Lazarus and his sisters were summoned to appear before the Sanhedrin. When their testimony had been heard, no doubt could be entertained that Lazarus had been raised from the dead. Though the transactions of the Sanhedrin virtually admitted the resurrection of La-

zarus, the record carried a resolution attributing this and all other wonders worked by Jesus to the power of the prince of devils, with whom Jesus was declared to be in league.

5 No matter what the source of his wonder-working power, these Jewish leaders were persuaded that, if he were not immediately stopped, very soon all the common people would believe in him; and further, that serious complications with the Roman authorities would arise since so many of his believers regarded him as the Messiah, Israel's deliverer.

6 It was at this same meeting of

the Sanhedrin that Caiaphas the high priest first gave expression to that old Jewish adage, which he so many times repeated: "It is better that one man die, than that the community perish."

7 Although Jesus had received warning of the doings of the Sanhedrin on this dark Friday afternoon, he was not in the least perturbed and continued resting over the Sabbath with friends in Bethpage, a hamlet near Bethany. Early Sunday morning Jesus and the apostles assembled, by prearrangement, at the home of Lazarus, and taking leave of the Bethany family, they started on their journey back

to the Pella encampment.

4. THE ANSWER TO PRAYER

1 On the way from Bethany to Pella the apostles asked Jesus many questions, all of which the Master freely answered except those involving the details of the resurrection of the dead. Such problems were beyond the comprehension capacity of his apostles; therefore did the Master decline to discuss these questions with them. Since they had departed from Bethany in secret, they were alone. Jesus therefore embraced the opportunity to say many things to the ten which he

thought would prepare them for the trying days just ahead.

2 The apostles were much stirred up in their minds and spent considerable time discussing their recent experiences as they were related to prayer and its answering. They all recalled Jesus' statement to the Bethany messenger at Philadelphia, when he said plainly, "This sickness is not really to the death." And yet, in spite of this promise, Lazarus actually died. All that day, again and again, they reverted to the discussion of this question of the answer to prayer.

3 Jesus' answers to their many ques-

tions may be summarized as follows:

4 1. Prayer is an expression of the finite mind in an effort to approach the Infinite. The making of a prayer must, therefore, be limited by the knowledge, wisdom, and attributes of the finite; likewise must the answer be conditioned by the vision, aims, ideals, and prerogatives of the Infinite. There never can be observed an unbroken continuity of material phenomena between the making of a prayer and the reception of the full spiritual answer thereto.

5 2. When a prayer is apparently unanswered, the delay often betokens

a better answer, although one which is for some good reason greatly delayed. When Jesus said that Lazarus's sickness was really not to the death, he had already been dead eleven hours. No sincere prayer is denied an answer except when the superior viewpoint of the spiritual world has devised a better answer, an answer which meets the petition of the spirit of man as contrasted with the prayer of the mere mind of man.

6 3. The prayers of time, when indited by the spirit and expressed in faith, are often so vast and all-encompassing that they can be answered only

in eternity; the finite petition is sometimes so fraught with the grasp of the Infinite that the answer must long be postponed to await the creation of adequate capacity for receptivity; the prayer of faith may be so all-embracing that the answer can be received only on Paradise.

7 4. The answers to the prayer of the mortal mind are often of such a nature that they can be received and recognized only after that same praying mind has attained the immortal state. The prayer of the material being can many times be answered only when such an individual has progressed to

the spirit level.

8 5. The prayer of a God-knowing person may be so distorted by ignorance and so deformed by superstition that the answer thereto would be highly undesirable. Then must the intervening spirit beings so translate such a prayer that, when the answer arrives, the petitioner wholly fails to recognize it as the answer to his prayer.

9 6. All true prayers are addressed to spiritual beings, and all such petitions must be answered in spiritual terms, and all such answers must consist in spiritual realities. Spirit beings cannot bestow material answers

to the spirit petitions of even material beings. Material beings can pray effectively only when they "pray in the spirit."

10 7. No prayer can hope for an answer unless it is born of the spirit and nurtured by faith. Your sincere faith implies that you have in advance virtually granted your prayer hearers the full right to answer your petitions in accordance with that supreme wisdom and that divine love which your faith depicts as always actuating those beings to whom you pray.

11 8. The child is always within his rights when he presumes to peti-

tion the parent; and the parent is always within his parental obligations to the immature child when his superior wisdom dictates that the answer to the child's prayer be delayed, modified, segregated, transcended, or postponed to another stage of spiritual ascension.

12 9. Do not hesitate to pray the prayers of spirit longing; doubt not that you shall receive the answer to your petitions. These answers will be on deposit, awaiting your achievement of those future spiritual levels of actual cosmic attainment, on this world or on others, whereon it will become

possible for you to recognize and appropriate the long-waiting answers to your earlier but ill-timed petitions.

13 10. All genuine spirit-born petitions are certain of an answer. Ask and you shall receive. But you should remember that you are progressive creatures of time and space; therefore must you constantly reckon with the time-space factor in the experience of your personal reception of the full answers to your manifold prayers and petitions.

5. WHAT BECAME OF LAZARUS

1 Lazarus remained at the Bethany

home, being the centre of great interest to many sincere believers and to numerous curious individuals, until the days[1] of the crucifixion of Je-

[1] In 1955 text "day" in the singular. The change from "day" to "days" here is required because the former is inconsistent with the ensuing narrative (at 174:0.1, 175:3.1, and 177:5.3 which would place the time of Lazarus's flight between Tuesday at midnight (when his death was decreed by the Sanhedrin) and Wednesday evening (when "certain ones" at the camp "knew that Lazarus had taken hasty flight from Bethany") — two days before the crucifixion of Jesus. Because of the near impossibility of a typographical error leading from "week" in the manuscript to the "day" found in the 1955 text, the committee rejected the "week" resolution (found in numerous printings) and adopted "days." If the original manuscript read "days," the loss of

sus, when he received warning that the Sanhedrin had decreed his death. The rulers of the Jews were determined to put a stop to the further spread of the teachings of Jesus, and they well judged that it would be useless to put Jesus to death if they permitted Lazarus, who represented the very peak of

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only a single character in typesetting would create the problematic "day." This is a very common type of error and well within the realm of possibility. Though "days" is a new resolution to this problem and therefore unfamiliar to readers — perhaps some will see it as a "stretch" — it bears repeating (as with West/west at 79:5.6) that if the 1955 text had originally read "days," there would have been no contradiction in the text and the issue would never have been raised in the first place.

his wonder-working, to live and bear testimony to the fact that Jesus had raised him from the dead. Already had Lazarus suffered bitter persecution from them.

2 And so Lazarus took hasty leave of his sisters at Bethany, fleeing down through Jericho and across the Jordan, never permitting himself to rest long until he had reached Philadelphia. Lazarus knew Abner well, and here he felt safe from the murderous intrigues of the wicked Sanhedrin.

3 Soon after this Martha and Mary disposed of their lands at Bethany and joined their brother in Perea. Mean-

time, Lazarus had become the treasurer of the church at Philadelphia. He became a strong supporter of Abner in his controversy with Paul and the Jerusalem church and ultimately died, when 67 years old, of the same sickness that carried him off when he was a younger man at Bethany.

PAPER 169

LAST TEACHING AT PELLA

Midwayer Commission

Late on Monday evening, March 6, Jesus and the ten apostles arrived at the Pella camp. This was the last week of Jesus' sojourn there, and he was very active in teaching the multitude and instructing the apostles. He preached every afternoon to the crowds and each night answered questions for the apostles and certain of the more advanced disciples residing at the camp.

2 Word regarding the resurrection of Lazarus had reached the encampment two days before the Master's arrival, and the entire assembly was agog. Not since the feeding of the 5,000 had anything occurred which so aroused the imagination of the people. And thus it was at the very height of the second phase of the public ministry of the kingdom that Jesus planned to teach this one short week at Pella and then to begin the tour of southern Perea which led right up to the final and tragic experiences of the last week in Jerusalem.

3 §§ The Pharisees and the chief

priests had begun to formulate their charges and to crystallize their accusations. They objected to the Master's teachings on these grounds:

4 1. He is a friend of publicans and sinners; he receives the ungodly and even eats with them.

5 2. He is a blasphemer; he talks about God as being his Father and thinks he is equal with God.

6 3. He is a lawbreaker. He heals disease on the Sabbath and in many other ways flouts the sacred law of Israel.

7 4. He is in league with devils. He works wonders and does seeming mir-

acles by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of devils.

1. PARABLE OF THE LOST SON

1 On Thursday afternoon Jesus talked to the multitude about the "Grace of Salvation." In the course of this sermon he retold the story of the lost sheep and the lost coin and then added his favourite parable of the prodigal son. Said Jesus:

2 §§ "You have been admonished by the prophets from Samuel to John that you should seek for God — search for truth. Always have they said, 'Seek the Lord while he may be found.' And

all such teaching should be taken to heart. But I have come to show you that, while you are seeking to find God, God is likewise seeking to find you. Many times have I told you the story of the good shepherd who left the 99 sheep in the fold while he went forth searching for the 1 that was lost, and how, when he had found the straying sheep, he laid it over his shoulder and tenderly carried it back to the fold. And when the lost sheep had been restored to the fold, you remember that the good shepherd called in his friends and bade them rejoice with him over the finding of the sheep that had been

lost. Again I say there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over the 99 just persons who need no repentance. The fact that souls are *lost* only increases the interest of the heavenly Father. I have come to this world to do my Father's bidding, and it has truly been said of the Son of Man that he is a friend of publicans and sinners.

3 "You have been taught that divine acceptance comes after your repentance and as a result of all your works of sacrifice and penitence, but I assure you that the Father accepts you even before you have repented and sends

the Son and his associates to find you and bring you, with rejoicing, back to the fold, the kingdom of sonship and spiritual progress. You are all like sheep which have gone astray, and I have come to seek and to save those who are lost.

4 "And you should also remember the story of the woman who, having had ten pieces of silver made into a necklace of adornment, lost one piece, and how she lit the lamp and diligently swept the house and kept up the search until she found the lost piece of silver. And as soon as she found the coin that was lost, she called together her friends

and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece that was lost.' So again I say, there is always joy in the presence of the angels of heaven over one sinner who repents and returns to the Father's fold. And I tell you this story to impress upon you that the Father and his Son go forth to *search* for those who are lost, and in this search we employ all influences capable of rendering assistance in our diligent efforts to find those who are lost, those who stand in need of salvation. And so, while the Son of Man goes out in the wilderness to seek for the sheep gone astray, he also searches

for the coin which is lost in the house. The sheep wanders away, unintentionally; the coin is covered by the dust of time and obscured by the accumulation of the things of men.

5 "And now I would like to tell you the story of a thoughtless son of a well-to-do farmer who *deliberately* left his father's house and went off into a foreign land, where he fell into much tribulation. You recall that the sheep strayed away without intention, but this youth left his home with premeditation. It was like this:

6 §§ "A certain man had two sons; one, the younger, was light-hearted

and carefree, always seeking for a good time and shirking responsibility, while his older brother was serious, sober, hard-working, and willing to bear responsibility. Now these two brothers did not get along well together; they were always quarrelling and bickering. The younger lad was cheerful and vivacious, but indolent and unreliable; the older son was steady and industrious, at the same time self-centred, surly, and conceited. The younger son enjoyed play but shunned work; the older devoted himself to work but seldom played. This association became so disagreeable that the younger son

came to his father and said: 'Father, give me the third portion of your possessions which would fall to me and allow me to go out into the world to seek my own fortune.' And when the father heard this request, knowing how unhappy the young man was at home and with his older brother, he divided his property, giving the youth his share.

7 "Within a few weeks the young man gathered together all his funds and set out upon a journey to a far country, and finding nothing profitable to do which was also pleasurable, he soon wasted all his inheritance in riotous living. And when he

had spent all, there arose a prolonged famine in that country, and he found himself in want. And so, when he suffered hunger and his distress was great, he found employment with one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into the fields to feed swine. And the young man would fain have filled himself with the husks which the swine ate, but no one would give him anything.

8 "One day, when he was very hungry, he came to himself and said: 'How many hired servants of my father have bread enough and to spare while I perish with hunger, feeding swine off here

in a foreign country! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no more worthy to be called your son; only be willing to make me one of your hired servants.' And when the young man had reached this decision, he arose and started out for his father's house.

9 "Now this father had grieved much for his son; he had missed the cheerful, though thoughtless, lad. This father loved this son and was always on the lookout for his return, so that on the day he approached his home, even while he was yet afar off,

the father saw him and, being moved with loving compassion, ran out to meet him, and with affectionate greeting he embraced and kissed him. And after they had thus met, the son looked up into his father's tearful face and said: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no more worthy to be called a son' — but the lad did not find opportunity to complete his confession because the overjoyed father said to the servants who had by this time come running up: 'Bring quickly his best robe, the one I have saved, and put it on him and put the son's ring on his hand and fetch

sandals for his feet.'

10 "And then, after the happy father had led the footsore and weary lad into the house, he called to his servants: 'Bring on the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry, for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they all gathered about the father to rejoice with him over the restoration of his son.

11 "About this time, while they were celebrating, the elder son came in from his day's work in the field, and as he drew near the house, he heard the music and the dancing. And when he came up to the back door, he called

out one of the servants and inquired as to the meaning of all this festivity. And then said the servant: 'Your long-lost brother has come home, and your father has killed the fatted calf to rejoice over his son's safe return. Come in that you also may greet your brother and receive him back into your father's house.'

12 "But when the older brother heard this, he was so hurt and angry he would not go into the house. When his father heard of his resentment of the welcome of his younger brother, he went out to entreat him. But the older son would not yield to his fa-

ther's persuasion. He answered his father, saying: 'Here these many years have I served you, never transgressing the least of your commands, and yet you never gave me even a kid that I might make merry with my friends. I have remained here to care for you all these years, and you never made rejoicing over my faithful service, but when this your son returns, having squandered your substance with harlots, you make haste to kill the fatted calf and make merry over him.'

13 "Since this father truly loved both of his sons, he tried to reason with this older one: 'But, my son, you have

all the while been with me, and all this which I have is yours. You could have had a kid at any time you had made friends to share your merriment. But it is only proper that you should now join with me in being glad and merry because of your brother's return. Think of it, my son, your brother was lost and is found; he has returned alive to us!'"

14 §§ This was one of the most touching and effective of all the parables which Jesus ever presented to impress upon his hearers the Father's willingness to receive all who seek entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

15 Jesus was very partial to telling these three stories at the same time. He presented the story of the lost sheep to show that, when men unintentionally stray away from the path of life, the Father is mindful of such *lost* ones and goes out, with his Sons, the true shepherds of the flock, to seek the lost sheep. He then would recite the story of the coin lost in the house to illustrate how thorough is the divine *searching* for all who are confused, confounded, or otherwise spiritually blinded by the material cares and accumulations of life. And then he would launch forth into the telling

of this parable of the lost son, the reception of the returning prodigal, to show how complete is the *restoration* of the lost son into his Father's house and heart.

16 Many, many times during his years of teaching, Jesus told and retold this story of the prodigal son. This parable and the story of the good Samaritan were his favourite means of teaching the love of the Father and the neighbourliness of man.

2. PARABLE OF THE SHREWD STEWARD

1 One evening Simon Zelotes, commenting on one of Jesus' statements,

said: "Master, what did you mean when you said today that many of the children of the world are wiser in their generation than are the children of the kingdom since they are skillful in making friends with the mammon of unrighteousness?" Jesus answered:

2 §§ "Some of you, before you entered the kingdom, were very shrewd in dealing with your business associates. If you were unjust and often unfair, you were nonetheless prudent and farseeing in that you transacted your business with an eye single to your present profit and future safety. Likewise should you now so order your lives in

the kingdom as to provide for your present joy while you also make certain of your future enjoyment of treasures laid up in heaven. If you were so diligent in making gains for yourselves when in the service of self, why should you show less diligence in gaining souls for the kingdom since you are now servants of the brotherhood of man and stewards of God?

3 "You may all learn a lesson from the story of a certain rich man who had a shrewd but unjust steward. This steward had not only oppressed his master's clients for his own selfish gain, but he had also directly wasted and

squandered his master's funds. When all this finally came to the ears of his master, he called the steward before him and asked the meaning of these rumours and required that he should give immediate accounting of his stewardship and prepare to turn his master's affairs over to another.

4 "Now this unfaithful steward began to say to himself: 'What shall I do since I am about to lose this stewardship? I have not the strength to dig; to beg I am ashamed. I know what I will do to make certain that, when I am put out of this stewardship, I will be welcomed into the houses of all who do

business with my master.' And then, calling in each of his lord's debtors, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, '100 measures of oil.' Then said the steward, 'Take your wax board bond, sit down quickly, and change it to 50.' Then he said to another debtor, 'How much do you owe?' And he replied, '100 measures of wheat.' Then said the steward, 'Take your bond and write 80.' And this he did with numerous other debtors. And so did this dishonest steward seek to make friends for himself after he would be discharged from his stewardship. Even his lord and

master, when he subsequently found out about this, was compelled to admit that his unfaithful steward had at least shown sagacity in the manner in which he had sought to provide for future days of want and adversity.

5 "And it is in this way that the sons of this world sometimes show more wisdom in their preparation for the future than do the children of light. I say to you who profess to be acquiring treasure in heaven: Take lessons from those who make friends with the mammon of unrighteousness, and likewise so conduct your lives that you make eternal friendship with the

forces of righteousness in order that, when all things earthly fail, you shall be joyfully received into the eternal habitations.

6 "I affirm that he who is faithful in little will also be faithful in much, while he who is unrighteous in little will also be unrighteous in much. If you have not shown foresight and integrity in the affairs of this world, how can you hope to be faithful and prudent when you are trusted with the stewardship of the true riches of the heavenly kingdom? If you are not good stewards and faithful bankers, if you have not been faithful in that

which is another's, who will be foolish enough to give you great treasure in your own name?

7 "And again I assert that no man can serve two masters; either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to one while he despises the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

8 §§ When the Pharisees who were present heard this, they began to sneer and scoff since they were much given to the acquirement of riches. These unfriendly hearers sought to engage Jesus in unprofitable argumentation, but he refused to debate with his ene-

mies. When the Pharisees fell to wrangling among themselves, their loud speaking attracted large numbers of the multitude encamped thereabouts; and when they began to dispute with each other, Jesus withdrew, going to his tent for the night.

3. THE RICH MAN AND THE BEGGAR

1 When the meeting became too noisy, Simon Peter, standing up, took charge, saying: "Men and brethren, it is not seemly thus to dispute among yourselves. The Master has spoken, and you do well to ponder his words. And this is no new doctrine which

he proclaimed to you. Have you not also heard the allegory of the Nazarites concerning the rich man and the beggar? Some of us heard John the Baptist thunder this parable of warning to those who love riches and covet dishonest wealth. And while this olden parable is not according to the gospel we preach, you would all do well to heed its lessons until such a time as you comprehend the new light of the kingdom of heaven. The story as John told it was like this:

2 "There was a certain rich man named Dives, who, being clothed in purple and fine linen, lived in mirth

and splendour every day. And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid[1] at this rich man's gate,

[1] In 1955 text "who laid". This sentence, as structured, does require "lay" rather than "laid," the former being the past tense of the intransitive verb "to lie;" the latter being the past of the transitive verb "to lay." However, it is the committee's opinion that the error here is not poor grammar by the author, but a lost word in transcription. The authors of Part IV of The Urantia Book generally follow the text of the American Standard Version (ASV) of 1901, with certain modernizations and corrections as needed. The ASV text of Luke 16:19–21 is as follows: "Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously every day: and a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the

covered with sores and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass that the beggar died and was carried away by the angels to rest in Abraham's bosom. And then, presently, this rich man also died and

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rich man's table; yea, even the dogs came and licked his sores." In view of the apparent reliance of The Urantia Book on the ASV at this point, the committee decided to reject "lay" and reconstruct the verb as "was laid." Additional contextual support for this argument is based on the beggar's inability to fend for himself. If "even the dogs came and licked his sores," he surely would have been carried to the rich man's gate by others, who would then have laid him there.

was buried with great pomp and regal splendour. When the rich man departed from this world, he waked up in Hades, and finding himself in torment, he lifted up his eyes and beheld Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. And then Dives cried aloud: 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send over Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water to cool my tongue, for I am in great anguish because of my punishment.' And then Abraham replied: 'My son, you should remember that in your lifetime you enjoyed the good things while Lazarus in like manner suffered the evil. But now

all this is changed, seeing that Lazarus is comforted while you are tormented. And besides, between us and you there is a great gulf so that we cannot go to you, neither can you come over to us.' Then said Dives to Abraham: 'I pray you send Lazarus back to my father's house, inasmuch as I have five brothers, that he may so testify as to prevent my brothers from coming to this place of torment.' But Abraham said: 'My son, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And then answered Dives: 'No, No, Father Abraham! but if one go to them from the dead, they will repent.' And then said

Abraham: 'If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded even if one were to rise from the dead.'"

3 After Peter had recited this ancient parable of the Nazarite brotherhood, and since the crowd had quieted down, Andrew arose and dismissed them for the night. Although both the apostles and his disciples frequently asked Jesus questions about the parable of Dives and Lazarus, he never consented to make comment

thereon.

4. THE FATHER AND HIS KINGDOM

1 Jesus always had trouble trying to explain to the apostles that, while they proclaimed the establishment of the kingdom of God, the Father in heaven *was not a king.* At the time Jesus lived on earth and taught in the flesh, the people of Urantia knew mostly of kings and emperors in the governments of the nations, and the Jews had long contemplated the coming of the kingdom of God. For these and other reasons, the Master thought best to designate the spiritual brotherhood of

man as the kingdom of heaven and the spirit head of this brotherhood as the *Father in heaven.* Never did Jesus refer to his Father as a king. In his intimate talks with the apostles he always referred to himself as the Son of Man and as their elder brother. He depicted all his followers as servants of mankind and messengers of the gospel of the kingdom.

2 Jesus never gave his apostles a systematic lesson concerning the personality and attributes of the Father in heaven. He never asked men to believe in his Father; he took it for granted they did. Jesus never belittled himself

by offering arguments in proof of the reality of the Father. His teaching regarding the Father all centred in the declaration that he and the Father are one; that he who has seen the Son has seen the Father; that the Father, like the Son, knows all things; that only the Son really knows the Father, and he to whom the Son will reveal him; that he who knows the Son knows also the Father; and that the Father sent him into the world to reveal their combined natures and to show forth their conjoint work. He never made other pronouncements about his Father except to the woman of Samaria

at Jacob's well, when he declared, "God is spirit."

3 §§ You learn about God from Jesus by observing the divinity of his life, not by depending on his teachings. From the life of the Master you may each assimilate that concept of God which represents the measure of your capacity to perceive realities spiritual and divine, truths real and eternal. The finite can never hope to comprehend the Infinite except as the Infinite was focalized in the time-space personality of the finite experience of the human life of Jesus of Nazareth.

4 Jesus well knew that God can be

known only by the realities of experience; never can he be understood by the mere teaching of the mind. Jesus taught his apostles that, while they never could fully understand God, they could most certainly *know* him, even as they had known the Son of Man. You can know God, not by understanding what Jesus said, but by knowing what Jesus was. Jesus *was* a revelation of God.

5 §§ Except when quoting the Hebrew scriptures, Jesus referred to Deity by only two names: God and Father. And when the Master made reference to his Father as God, he usually

employed the Hebrew word signifying the plural God[1] (the Trinity) and not the word Yahweh[2], which stood for the progressive conception of the tribal God of the Jews.

6 Jesus never called the Father a king, and he very much regretted that the Jewish hope for a restored kingdom and John's proclamation of a coming kingdom made it necessary

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[1] In Hebrew אֱלֹהִים is normally used with the singular form of a verb, unless referring to pagan gods.
[2] In Hebrew either left unpointed as יהוה or pointed with the vowels of Shemah "the Name" as יְהוָה or Adonai "Lord" as יְהוָה, except when it occurs as part of אֲדֹנָי יֱהוִה and is pointed with the vowels of Elohim "Gods".

for him to denominate his proposed spiritual brotherhood the kingdom of heaven. With the one exception — the declaration that "God is spirit" — Jesus never referred to Deity in any manner other than in terms descriptive of his own personal relationship with the First Source and Centre of Paradise.

7 Jesus employed the word God to designate the *idea* of Deity and the word Father to designate the *experience* of knowing God. When the word Father is employed to denote God, it should be understood in its largest possible meaning. The word God can-

not be defined and therefore stands for the infinite concept of the Father, while the term Father, being capable of partial definition, may be employed to represent the human concept of the divine Father as he is associated with man during the course of mortal existence.

8 To the Jews, Elohim was the God of gods, while Yahweh was the God of Israel. Jesus accepted the concept of Elohim and called this supreme group of beings God. In the place of the concept of Yahweh, the racial deity, he introduced the idea of the fatherhood of God and the world-wide brotherhood

of man. He exalted the Yahweh concept of a deified racial Father to the idea of a Father of all the children of men, a divine Father of the individual believer. And he further taught that this God of universes and this Father of all men were one and the same Paradise Deity.

9 Jesus never claimed to be the manifestation of Elohim (God) in the flesh. He never declared that he was a revelation of Elohim (God) to the worlds. He never taught that he who had seen him had seen Elohim (God). But he did proclaim himself as the revelation of the Father in the flesh, and

he did say that whoso had seen him had seen the Father. As the divine Son he claimed to represent only the Father.

10 He was, indeed, the Son of even the Elohim God; but in the likeness of mortal flesh and to the mortal sons of God, he chose to limit his life revelation to the portrayal of his Father's character in so far as such a revelation might be comprehensible to mortal man. As regards the character of the other persons of the Paradise Trinity, we shall have to be content with the teaching that they are altogether like the Father, who has been revealed in

personal portraiture in the life of his incarnated Son, Jesus of Nazareth.

11 §§ Although Jesus revealed the true nature of the heavenly Father in his earth life, he taught little about him. In fact, he taught only two things: that God in himself is spirit, and that, in all matters of relationship with his creatures, he is a Father. On this evening Jesus made the final pronouncement of his relationship with God when he declared: "I have come out from the Father, and I have come into the world; again, I will leave the world and go to the Father."

12 But mark you! never did Jesus say,

"Whoso has heard me has heard God." But he did say, "He who has *seen* me has seen the Father." To hear Jesus' teaching is not equivalent to knowing God, but to *see* Jesus is an experience which in itself is a revelation of the Father to the soul. The God of universes rules the far-flung creation, but it is the Father in heaven who sends forth his spirit to dwell within your minds.

13 Jesus is the spiritual lens in human likeness which makes visible to the material creature Him who is invisible. He is your elder brother who, in the flesh, makes *known* to you a Being of infinite attributes whom not even

the celestial hosts can presume fully to understand. But all of this must consist in the personal experience of the *individual believer.* God who is spirit can be known only as a spiritual experience. God can be revealed to the finite sons of the material worlds, by the divine Son of the spiritual realms, only as a *Father.* You can know the Eternal as a Father; you can worship him as the God of universes, the infinite Creator of all existences.

PAPER 170

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Midwayer Commission

Saturday afternoon, March 11, Jesus preached his last sermon at Pella. This was among the notable addresses of his public ministry, embracing a full and complete discussion of the kingdom of heaven. He was aware of the confusion which existed in the minds of his apostles and disciples regarding the meaning and significance of the terms "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God," which

he used as interchangeable designations of his bestowal mission. Although the very term kingdom of *heaven* should have been enough to separate what it stood for from all connection with *earthly* kingdoms and temporal governments, it was not. The idea of a temporal king was too deep-rooted in the Jewish mind thus to be dislodged in a single generation. Therefore Jesus did not at first openly oppose this long-nourished concept of the kingdom.

2 This Sabbath afternoon the Master sought to clarify the teaching about the kingdom of heaven; he dis-

cussed the subject from every viewpoint and endeavoured to make clear the many different senses in which the term had been used. In this narrative we will amplify the address by adding numerous statements made by Jesus on previous occasions and by including some remarks made only to the apostles during the evening discussions of this same day. We will also make certain comments dealing with the subsequent outworking of the kingdom idea as it is related to the

later Christian church.

1. CONCEPTS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

1 In connection with the recital of Jesus' sermon it should be noted that throughout the Hebrew scriptures there was a dual concept of the kingdom of heaven. The prophets presented the kingdom of God as:

2 1. A present reality; and as

3 2. A future hope — when the kingdom would be realized in fullness upon the appearance of the Messiah. This is the kingdom concept which John the Baptist taught.

4 From the very first Jesus and the

apostles taught both of these concepts. There were two other ideas of the kingdom which should be borne in mind:

5 3. The later Jewish concept of a world-wide and transcendental kingdom of supernatural origin and miraculous inauguration.

6 4. The Persian teachings portraying the establishment of a divine kingdom as the achievement of the triumph of good over evil at the end of the world.

7 §§ Just before the advent of Jesus on earth, the Jews combined and confused all of these ideas of the king-

dom into their apocalyptic concept of the Messiah's coming to establish the age of the Jewish triumph, the eternal age of God's supreme rule on earth, the new world, the era in which all mankind would worship Yahweh. In choosing to utilize this concept of the kingdom of heaven, Jesus elected to appropriate the most vital and culminating heritage of both the Jewish and Persian religions.

8 The kingdom of heaven, as it has been understood and misunderstood down through the centuries of the Christian era, embraced four distinct groups of ideas:

9 1. The concept of the Jews.

10 2. The concept of the Persians.

11 3. The personal-experience concept of Jesus — "the kingdom of heaven within you."

12 4. The composite and confused concepts which the founders and promulgators of Christianity have sought to impress upon the world.

13 §§ At different times and in varying circumstances it appears that Jesus may have presented numerous concepts of the "kingdom" in his public teachings, but to his apostles he always taught the kingdom as embracing man's personal experience in re-

lation to his fellows on earth and to the Father in heaven. Concerning the kingdom, his last word always was, "The kingdom is within you."

14 Centuries of confusion regarding the meaning of the term "kingdom of heaven" have been due to three factors:

15 1. The confusion occasioned by observing the idea of the "kingdom" as it passed through the various progressive phases of its recasting by Jesus and his apostles.

16 2. The confusion which was inevitably associated with the transplantation of early Christianity from a Jewish to a gentile soil.

17 3. The confusion which was inherent in the fact that Christianity became a religion which was organized about the central idea of Jesus' person; the gospel of the kingdom became more and more a religion *about* him.

2. JESUS' CONCEPT OF THE KINGDOM

1 The Master made it clear that the kingdom of heaven must begin with, and be centred in, the dual concept of the truth of the fatherhood of God and the correlated fact of the brotherhood of man. The acceptance of such a teaching, Jesus declared, would liber-

ate man from the age-long bondage of animal fear and at the same time enrich human living with the following endowments of the new life of spiritual liberty:

2 1. The possession of new courage and augmented spiritual power. The gospel of the kingdom was to set man free and inspire him to dare to hope for eternal life.

3 2. The gospel carried a message of new confidence and true consolation for all men, even for the poor.

4 3. It was in itself a new standard of moral values, a new ethical yardstick wherewith to measure human

conduct. It portrayed the ideal of a resultant new order of human society.

5 4. It taught the pre-eminence of the spiritual compared with the material; it glorified spiritual realities and exalted superhuman ideals.

6 5. This new gospel held up spiritual attainment as the true goal of living. Human life received a new endowment of moral value and divine dignity.

7 6. Jesus taught that eternal realities were the result (reward) of righteous earthly striving. Man's mortal sojourn on earth acquired new meanings consequent upon the recognition

of a noble destiny.

8 7. The new gospel affirmed that human salvation is the revelation of a far-reaching divine purpose to be fulfilled and realized in the future destiny of the endless service of the salvaged sons of God.

9 §§ These teachings cover the expanded idea of the kingdom which was taught by Jesus. This great concept was hardly embraced in the elementary and confused kingdom teachings of John the Baptist.

10 The apostles were unable to grasp the real meaning of the Master's utterances regarding the kingdom. The

subsequent distortion of Jesus' teachings, as they are recorded in the New Testament, is because the concept of the gospel writers was coloured by the belief that Jesus was then absent from the world for only a short time; that he would soon return to establish the kingdom in power and glory — just such an idea as they held while he was with them in the flesh. But Jesus did not connect the establishment of the kingdom with the idea of his return to this world. That centuries have passed with no signs of the appearance of the "New Age" is in no way out of harmony with Jesus' teaching.

11 The great effort embodied in this sermon was the attempt to translate the concept of the kingdom of heaven into the ideal of the idea of doing the will of God. Long had the Master taught his followers to pray: "Your kingdom come; your will be done"; and at this time he earnestly sought to induce them to abandon the use of the term *kingdom of God* in favour of the more practical equivalent, *the will of God.* But he did not succeed.

12 Jesus desired to substitute for the idea of the kingdom, king, and subjects, the concept of the heavenly family, the heavenly Father, and the lib-

erated sons of God engaged in joyful and voluntary service for their fellow men and in the sublime and intelligent worship of God the Father.

13 Up to this time the apostles had acquired a double viewpoint of the kingdom; they regarded it as:

14 1. A matter of personal experience then present in the hearts of true believers, and

15 2. A question of racial or world phenomena; that the kingdom was in the future, something to look forward to.

16 §§ They looked upon the coming of the kingdom in the hearts of men as

a gradual development, like the leaven in the dough or like the growing of the mustard seed. They believed that the coming of the kingdom in the racial or world sense would be both sudden and spectacular. Jesus never tired of telling them that the kingdom of heaven was their personal experience of realizing the higher qualities of spiritual living; that these realities of the spirit experience are progressively translated to new and higher levels of divine certainty and eternal grandeur.

17 On this afternoon the Master distinctly taught a new concept of the double nature of the kingdom in that

he portrayed the following two phases:

18 "First. The kingdom of God in this world, the supreme desire to do the will of God, the unselfish love of man which yields the good fruits of improved ethical and moral conduct.

19 "Second. The kingdom of God in heaven, the goal of mortal believers, the estate wherein the love for God is perfected, and wherein the will of God is done more divinely."

20 Jesus taught that, by faith, the believer enters the kingdom *now.* In the various discourses he taught that two things are essential to faith-entrance into the kingdom:

21 1. *Faith, sincerity.* To come as a little child, to receive the bestowal of sonship as a gift; to submit to the doing of the Father's will without questioning and in the full confidence and genuine trustfulness of the Father's wisdom; to come into the kingdom free from prejudice and preconception; to be open-minded and teachable like an unspoiled child.

22 2. *Truth hunger.* The thirst for righteousness, a change of mind, the acquirement of the motive to be like God and to find God.

23 Jesus taught that sin is not the child of a defective nature but rather

the offspring of a knowing mind dominated by an unsubmissive will. Regarding sin, he taught that God *has* forgiven; that we make such forgiveness personally available by the act of forgiving our fellows. When you forgive your brother in the flesh, you thereby create the capacity in your own soul for the reception of the reality of God's forgiveness of your own misdeeds.

24 By the time the Apostle John began to write the story of Jesus' life and teachings, the early Christians had experienced so much trouble with the kingdom-of-God idea as a breeder

of persecution that they had largely abandoned the use of the term. John talks much about the "eternal life." Jesus often spoke of it as the "kingdom of life." He also frequently referred to "the kingdom of God within you." He once spoke of such an experience as "family fellowship with God the Father." Jesus sought to substitute many terms for the kingdom but always without success. Among others, he used: the family of God, the Father's will, the friends of God, the fellowship of believers, the brotherhood of man, the Father's fold, the children of God, the fellowship of the faithful,

the Father's service, and the liberated sons of God.

25 But he could not escape the use of the kingdom idea. It was more than 50 years later, not until after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies, that this concept of the kingdom began to change into the cult of eternal life as its social and institutional aspects were taken over by the rapidly expanding and crystallizing Christian church.

3. IN RELATION TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 Jesus was always trying to impress upon his apostles and disciples that

they must acquire, by faith, a righteousness which would exceed the righteousness of slavish works which some of the scribes and Pharisees paraded so vaingloriously before the world.

2 Though Jesus taught that faith, simple childlike belief, is the key to the door of the kingdom, he also taught that, having entered the door, there are the progressive steps of righteousness which every believing child must ascend in order to grow up to the full stature of the robust sons of God.

3 It is in the consideration of the technique of *receiving* God's forgive-

ness that the attainment of the righteousness of the kingdom is revealed. Faith is the price you pay for entrance into the family of God; but forgiveness is the act of God which accepts your faith as the price of admission. And the reception of the forgiveness of God by a kingdom believer involves a definite and actual experience and consists in the following four steps, the kingdom steps of inner righteousness:

4 1. God's forgiveness is made actually available and is personally experienced by man just in so far as he forgives his fellows.

5 2. Man will not truly forgive his

fellows unless he loves them as himself.

6 3. To thus love your neighbour as yourself *is* the highest ethics.

7 4. Moral conduct, true righteousness, becomes, then, the natural result of such love.

8 §§ It therefore is evident that the true and inner religion of the kingdom unfailingly and increasingly tends to manifest itself in practical avenues of social service. Jesus taught a living religion that impelled its believers to engage in the doing of loving service. But Jesus did not put ethics in the place of religion. He taught religion as a cause and ethics as a result.

9 The righteousness of any act must be measured by the motive; the highest forms of good are therefore unconscious. Jesus was never concerned with morals or ethics as such. He was wholly concerned with that inward and spiritual fellowship with God the Father which so certainly and directly manifests itself as outward and loving service for man. He taught that the religion of the kingdom is a genuine personal experience which no man can contain within himself; that the consciousness of being a member of the family of believers leads inevitably to the practice of the precepts of the fam-

ily conduct, the service of one's brothers and sisters in the effort to enhance and enlarge the brotherhood.

10 The religion of the kingdom is personal, individual; the fruits, the results, are familial, social. Jesus never failed to exalt the sacredness of the individual as contrasted with the community. But he also recognized that man develops his character by unselfish service; that he unfolds his moral nature in loving relations with his fellows.

11 By teaching that the kingdom is within, by exalting the individual, Jesus struck the deathblow of the old society in that he ushered in the new

dispensation of true social righteousness. This new order of society the world has little known because it has refused to practise the principles of the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. And when this kingdom of spiritual preeminence does come upon the earth, it will not be manifested in mere improved social and material conditions, but rather in the glories of those enhanced and enriched spiritual values which are characteristic of the approaching age of improved human relations and advancing spiritual attain-

ments.

4. JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT THE KINGDOM

1 Jesus never gave a precise definition of the kingdom. At one time he would discourse on one phase of the kingdom, and at another time he would discuss a different aspect of the brotherhood of God's reign in the hearts of men. In the course of this Sabbath afternoon's sermon Jesus noted no less than five phases, or epochs, of the kingdom, and they were:

2 1. The personal and inward experience of the spiritual life of the fel-

lowship of the individual believer with God the Father.

3 2. The enlarging brotherhood of gospel believers, the social aspects of the enhanced morals and quickened ethics resulting from the reign of God's spirit in the hearts of individual believers.

4 3. The supermortal brotherhood of invisible spiritual beings which prevails on earth and in heaven, the superhuman kingdom of God.

5 4. The prospect of the more perfect fulfilment of the will of God, the advance toward the dawn of a new social order in connection with im-

proved spiritual living — the next age of man.

6 5. The kingdom in its fullness, the future spiritual age of light and life on earth.

7 §§ Wherefore must we always examine the Master's teaching to ascertain which of these five phases he may have reference to when he makes use of the term kingdom of heaven. By this process of gradually changing man's will and thus affecting human decisions, Michael and his associates are likewise gradually but certainly changing the entire course of human evolution, social and otherwise.

8 The Master on this occasion placed emphasis on the following five points as representing the cardinal features of the gospel of the kingdom:

9 1. The pre-eminence of the individual.

10 2. The will as the determining factor in man's experience.

11 3. Spiritual fellowship with God the Father.

12 4. The supreme satisfactions of the loving service of man.

13 5. The transcendency of the spiritual over the material in human personality.

14 §§ This world has never seriously or sincerely or honestly tried out these dynamic ideas and divine ideals of Jesus' doctrine of the kingdom of heaven. But you should not become discouraged by the apparently slow progress of the kingdom idea on Urantia. Remember that the order of progressive evolution is subjected to sudden and unexpected periodical changes in both the material and the spiritual worlds. The bestowal of Jesus as an incarnated Son was just such a strange and unexpected event in the spiritual life of the world. Neither make the fatal mistake, in looking for

the age manifestation of the kingdom, of failing to effect its establishment within your own souls.

15 Although Jesus referred one phase of the kingdom to the future and did, on numerous occasions, intimate that such an event might appear as a part of a world crisis; and though he did likewise most certainly, on several occasions, definitely promise sometime to return to Urantia, it should be recorded that he never positively linked these two ideas together. He promised a new revelation of the kingdom on earth and at some future time; he also promised sometime to come back

to this world in person; but he did not say that these two events were synonymous. From all we know these promises may, or may not, refer to the same event.

16 His apostles and disciples most certainly linked these two teachings together. When the kingdom failed to materialize as they had expected, recalling the Master's teaching concerning a future kingdom and remembering his promise to come again, they jumped to the conclusion that these promises referred to an identical event; and therefore they lived in hope of his immediate second coming to es-

tablish the kingdom in its fullness and with power and glory. And so have successive believing generations lived on earth entertaining the same inspiring but disappointing hope.

5. LATER IDEAS OF THE KINGDOM

1 Having summarized the teachings of Jesus about the kingdom of heaven, we are permitted to narrate certain later ideas which became attached to the concept of the kingdom and to engage in a prophetic forecast of the kingdom as it may evolve in the age to come.

2 Throughout the first centuries of

the Christian propaganda, the idea of the kingdom of heaven was tremendously influenced by the then rapidly spreading notions of Greek idealism, the idea of the natural as the shadow of the spiritual — the temporal as the time shadow of the eternal.

3 But the great step which marked the transplantation of the teachings of Jesus from a Jewish to a gentile soil was taken when the Messiah of the kingdom became the Redeemer of the church, a religious and social organization growing out of the activities of Paul and his successors and based on the teachings of Jesus as they were sup-

plemented by the ideas of Philo and the Persian doctrines of good and evil.

4 The ideas and ideals of Jesus, embodied in the teaching of the gospel of the kingdom, nearly failed of realization as his followers progressively distorted his pronouncements. The Master's concept of the kingdom was notably modified by two great tendencies:

5 1. The Jewish believers persisted in regarding him as the *Messiah.* They believed that Jesus would very soon return actually to establish the worldwide and more or less material kingdom.

6 2. The gentile Christians began very early to accept the doctrines of Paul, which led increasingly to the general belief that Jesus was the *Redeemer* of the children of the church, the new and institutional successor of the earlier concept of the purely spiritual brotherhood of the kingdom.

7 §§ The church, as a social outgrowth of the kingdom, would have been wholly natural and even desirable. The evil of the church was not its existence, but rather that it almost completely supplanted the Jesus concept of the kingdom. Paul's institutionalized church became a virtual

substitute for the kingdom of heaven which Jesus had proclaimed.

8 But doubt not, this same kingdom of heaven which the Master taught exists within the heart of the believer, will yet be proclaimed to this Christian church, even as to all other religions, races, and nations on earth — even to every individual.

9 The kingdom of Jesus' teaching, the spiritual ideal of individual righteousness and the concept of man's divine fellowship with God, became gradually submerged into the mystic conception of the person of Jesus as the Redeemer-Creator and spiritual

head of a socialized religious community. In this way a formal and institutional church became the substitute for the individually spirit-led brotherhood of the kingdom.

10 The church was an inevitable and useful *social* result of Jesus' life and teachings; the tragedy consisted in the fact that this social reaction to the teachings of the kingdom so fully displaced the spiritual concept of the real kingdom as Jesus taught and lived it.

11 The kingdom, to the Jews, was the Israelite *community;* to the gentiles it became the Christian *church.* To Jesus the kingdom was the sum of

those *individuals* who had confessed their faith in the fatherhood of God, thereby declaring their wholehearted dedication to the doing of the will of God, thus becoming members of the spiritual brotherhood of man.

12 The Master fully realized that certain social results would appear in the world as a consequence of the spread of the gospel of the kingdom; but he intended that all such desirable social manifestations should appear as unconscious and inevitable outgrowths, or natural fruits, of this inner personal experience of individual believers, this purely spiritual fellowship and com-

munion with the divine spirit which indwells and activates all such believers.

13 Jesus foresaw that a social organization, or church, would follow the progress of the true spiritual kingdom, and that is why he never opposed the apostles' practising the rite of John's baptism. He taught that the truth-loving soul, the one who hungers and thirsts for righteousness, for God, is admitted by faith to the spiritual kingdom; at the same time the apostles taught that such a believer is admitted to the social organization of disciples by the outward rite of baptism.

14 When Jesus' immediate followers recognized their partial failure to realize his ideal of the establishment of the kingdom in the hearts of men by the spirit's domination and guidance of the individual believer, they set about to save his teaching from being wholly lost by substituting for the Master's ideal of the kingdom the gradual creation of a visible social organization, the Christian church. And when they had accomplished this program of substitution, in order to maintain consistency and to provide for the recognition of the Master's teaching regarding the fact of the kingdom,

they proceeded to set the kingdom off into the future. The church, just as soon as it was well established, began to teach that the kingdom was in reality to appear at the culmination of the Christian age, at the second coming of Christ.

15 In this manner the kingdom became the concept of an age, the idea of a future visitation, and the ideal of the final redemption of the saints of the Most High. The early Christians (and all too many of the later ones) generally lost sight of the Father-and-son idea embodied in Jesus' teaching of the kingdom, while they substi-

tuted therefor the well-organized social fellowship of the church. The church thus became in the main a *social* brotherhood which effectively displaced Jesus' concept and ideal of a *spiritual* brotherhood.

16 Jesus' ideal concept largely failed, but upon the foundation of the Master's personal life and teachings, supplemented by the Greek and Persian concepts of eternal life and augmented by Philo's doctrine of the temporal contrasted with the spiritual, Paul went forth to build up one of the most progressive human societies which has ever existed on Urantia.

17 The concept of Jesus is still alive in the advanced religions of the world. Paul's Christian church is the socialized and humanized shadow of what Jesus intended the kingdom of heaven to be — and what it most certainly will yet become. Paul and his successors partly transferred the issues of eternal life from the individual to the church. Christ thus became the head of the church rather than the elder brother of each individual believer in the Father's family of the kingdom. Paul and his contemporaries applied all of Jesus' spiritual implications regarding himself and the individual believer to the

church as a group of believers; and in doing this, they struck a deathblow to Jesus' concept of the divine kingdom in the heart of the individual believer.

18 And so, for centuries, the Christian church has laboured under great embarrassment because it dared to lay claim to those mysterious powers and privileges of the kingdom, powers and privileges which can be exercised and experienced only between Jesus and his spiritual believer brothers. And thus it becomes apparent that membership in the church does not necessarily mean fellowship in the kingdom; one is spiritual, the other mainly

social.

19 Sooner or later another and greater John the Baptist is due to arise proclaiming "the kingdom of God is at hand" — meaning a return to the high spiritual concept of Jesus, who proclaimed that the kingdom is the will of his heavenly Father dominant and transcendent in the heart of the believer — and doing all this without in any way referring either to the visible church on earth or to the anticipated second coming of Christ. There must come a revival of the *actual* teachings of Jesus, such a restatement as will undo the work of his early

followers who went about to create a sociophilosophical system of belief regarding the *fact* of Michael's sojourn on earth. In a short time the teaching of this story *about* Jesus nearly supplanted the preaching of Jesus' gospel of the kingdom. In this way a historical religion displaced that teaching in which Jesus had blended man's highest moral ideas and spiritual ideals with man's most sublime hope for the future — eternal life. And that was the gospel of the kingdom.

20 It is just because the gospel of Jesus was so many-sided that within a few centuries students of the records of his

teachings became divided up into so many cults and sects. This pitiful subdivision of Christian believers results from failure to discern in the Master's manifold teachings the divine oneness of his matchless life. But someday the true believers in Jesus will not be thus spiritually divided in their attitude before unbelievers. Always we may have diversity of intellectual comprehension and interpretation, even varying degrees of socialization, but lack of spiritual brotherhood is both inexcusable and reprehensible.

21 Mistake not! there is in the teachings of Jesus an eternal nature

which will not permit them forever to remain unfruitful in the hearts of thinking men. The kingdom as Jesus conceived it has to a large extent failed on earth; for the time being, an outward church has taken its place; but you should comprehend that this church is only the larval stage of the thwarted spiritual kingdom, which will carry it through this material age and over into a more spiritual dispensation where the Master's teachings may enjoy a fuller opportunity for development. Thus does the so-called Christian church become the cocoon in which the kingdom of Jesus' con-

cept now slumbers. The kingdom of the divine brotherhood is still alive and will eventually and certainly come forth from this long submergence, just as surely as the butterfly eventually emerges as the beautiful unfolding of its less attractive creature of metamorphic development.

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ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM

Midwayer Commission

The day after the memorable sermon on "The Kingdom of Heaven," Jesus announced that on the following day he and the apostles would depart for the Passover at Jerusalem, visiting numerous cities in southern Perea on the way.

2 The address on the kingdom and the announcement that he was going to the Passover set all his followers to thinking that he was going up

to Jerusalem to inaugurate the temporal kingdom of Jewish supremacy. No matter what Jesus said about the nonmaterial character of the kingdom, he could not wholly remove from the minds of his Jewish hearers the idea that the Messiah was to establish some kind of nationalistic government with headquarters at Jerusalem.

3 What Jesus said in his Sabbath sermon only tended to confuse the majority of his followers; very few were enlightened by the Master's discourse. The leaders understood something of his teachings regarding the inner kingdom, "the kingdom of heaven

within you," but they also knew that he had spoken about another and future kingdom, and it was this kingdom they believed he was now going up to Jerusalem to establish. When they were disappointed in this expectation, when he was rejected by the Jews, and later on, when Jerusalem was literally destroyed, they still clung to this hope, sincerely believing that the Master would soon return to the world in great power and majestic glory to establish the promised kingdom.

4 §§ It was on this Sunday afternoon that Salome the mother of James and John Zebedee came to Jesus with her

two apostle sons and, in the manner of approaching an Oriental potentate, sought to have Jesus promise in advance to grant whatever request she might make. But the Master would not promise; instead, he asked her, "What do you want me to do for you?" Then answered Salome: "Master, now that you are going up to Jerusalem to establish the kingdom, I would ask you in advance to promise me that these my sons shall have honour with you, the one to sit on your right hand and the other to sit on your left hand in your kingdom."

5 When Jesus heard Salome's re-

quest, he said: "Woman, you know not what you ask." And then, looking straight into the eyes of the two honour-seeking apostles, he said: "Because I have long known and loved you; because I have even lived in your mother's house; because Andrew has assigned you to be with me at all times; therefore do you permit your mother to come to me secretly, making this unseemly request. But let me ask you: Are you able to drink the cup I am about to drink?" And without a moment for thought, James and John answered, "Yes, Master, we are able." Said Jesus: "I am saddened that you know

not why we go up to Jerusalem; I am grieved that you understand not the nature of my kingdom; I am disappointed that you bring your mother to make this request of me; but I know you love me in your hearts; therefore I declare that you shall indeed drink of my cup of bitterness and share in my humiliation, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give. Such honours are reserved for those who have been designated by my Father."

6 By this time someone had carried word of this conference to Peter and the other apostles, and they

were highly indignant that James and John would seek to be preferred before them, and that they would secretly go with their mother to make such a request. When they fell to arguing among themselves, Jesus called them all together and said: "You well understand how the rulers of the gentiles lord it over their subjects, and how those who are great exercise authority. But it shall not be so in the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever would be great among you, let him first become your servant. He who would be first in the kingdom, let him become your minister. I declare to you that the Son of

Man came not to be ministered to but to minister; and I now go up to Jerusalem to lay down my life in the doing of the Father's will and in the service of my brethren." When the apostles heard these words, they withdrew by themselves to pray. That evening, in response to the labours of Peter, James and John made suitable apologies to the ten and were restored to the good graces of their brethren.

7 In asking for places on the right hand and on the left hand of Jesus at Jerusalem, the sons of Zebedee little realized that in less than one month their beloved teacher would be hang-

ing on a Roman cross with a dying thief on one side and another transgressor on the other side. And their mother, who was present at the crucifixion, well remembered the foolish request she had made of Jesus at Pella regarding the honours she so unwisely sought for her apostle sons.

1. THE DEPARTURE FROM PELLA

1 On the forenoon of Monday, March 13, Jesus and his twelve apostles took final leave of the Pella encampment, starting south on their tour of the cities of southern Perea, where Abner's associates were at work. They

spent more than two weeks visiting among the seventy and then went directly to Jerusalem for the Passover.

2 When the Master left Pella, the disciples encamped with the apostles, about one thousand in number, followed after him. About one half of this group left him at the Jordan ford on the road to Jericho when they learned he was going over to Heshbon, and after he had preached the sermon on "Counting the Cost." They went on up to Jerusalem, while the other half followed him for two weeks, visiting the towns in southern Perea.

3 In a general way, most of Jesus' im-

mediate followers understood that the camp at Pella had been abandoned, but they really thought this indicated that their Master at last intended to go to Jerusalem and lay claim to David's throne. A large majority of his followers never were able to grasp any other concept of the kingdom of heaven; no matter what he taught them, they would not give up this Jewish idea of the kingdom.

4 Acting on the instructions of the Apostle Andrew, David Zebedee closed the visitors' camp at Pella on Wednesday, March 15. At this time almost four thousand visitors were in

residence, and this does not include the one thousand and more persons who sojourned with the apostles at what was known as the teachers' camp, and who went south with Jesus and the twelve. Much as David disliked to do it, he sold the entire equipment to numerous buyers and proceeded with the funds to Jerusalem, subsequently turning the money over to Judas Iscariot.

5 §§ David was present in Jerusalem during the tragic last week, taking his mother back with him to Bethsaida after the crucifixion. While awaiting Jesus and the apostles, David stopped with Lazarus at Bethany and became

tremendously agitated by the manner in which the Pharisees had begun to persecute and harass him since his resurrection. Andrew had directed David to discontinue the messenger service; and this was construed by all as an indication of the early establishment of the kingdom at Jerusalem. David found himself without a job, and he had about decided to become the self-appointed defender of Lazarus when presently the object of his indignant solicitude fled in haste to Philadelphia. Accordingly, sometime after the resurrection and also after the death of his mother, David be-

took himself to Philadelphia, having first assisted Martha and Mary in disposing of their real estate; and there, in association with Abner and Lazarus, he spent the remainder of his life, becoming the financial overseer of all those large interests of the kingdom which had their centre at Philadelphia during the lifetime of Abner.

6 Within a short time after the destruction of Jerusalem, Antioch became the headquarters of *Pauline Christianity,* while Philadelphia remained the centre of the *Abnerian kingdom of heaven.* From Antioch the Pauline version of the teachings

of Jesus and about Jesus spread to all the Western world; from Philadelphia the missionaries of the Abnerian version of the kingdom of heaven spread throughout Mesopotamia and Arabia until the later times when these uncompromising emissaries of the teachings of Jesus were overwhelmed by the sudden rise of Islam.

2. ON COUNTING THE COST

1 When Jesus and the company of almost one thousand followers arrived at the Bethany ford of the Jordan sometimes called Bethabara, his disciples began to realize that he was not

going directly to Jerusalem. While they hesitated and debated among themselves, Jesus climbed upon a huge stone and delivered that discourse which has become known as "Counting the Cost." The Master said:

2 §§ "You who would follow after me from this time on, must be willing to pay the price of wholehearted dedication to the doing of my Father's will. If you would be my disciples, you must be willing to forsake father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters. If any one of you would now be my disciple, you must be willing to give up even your life just as the Son of Man is

about to offer up his life for the completion of the mission of doing the Father's will on earth and in the flesh.

3 "If you are not willing to pay the full price, you can hardly be my disciple. Before you go further, you should each sit down and count the cost of being my disciple. Which one of you would undertake to build a watchtower on your lands without first sitting down to count up the cost to see whether you had money enough to complete it? If you fail thus to reckon the cost, after you have laid the foundation, you may discover that you are unable to finish that which you

have begun, and therefore will all your neighbours mock you, saying, 'Behold, this man began to build but was unable to finish his work.' Again, what king, when he prepares to make war upon another king, does not first sit down and take counsel as to whether he will be able, with 10,000 men, to meet him who comes against him with 20,000? If the king cannot afford to meet his enemy because he is unprepared, he sends an embassy to this other king, even when he is yet a great way off, asking for terms of peace.

4 "Now, then, must each of you sit down and count the cost of being my

disciple. From now on you will not be able to follow after us, listening to the teaching and beholding the works; you will be required to face bitter persecutions and to bear witness for this gospel in the face of crushing disappointment. If you are unwilling to renounce all that you are and to dedicate all that you have, then are you unworthy to be my disciple. If you have already conquered yourself within your own heart, you need have no fear of that outward victory which you must presently gain when the Son of Man is rejected by the chief priests and the Sadducees and is given into the hands

of mocking unbelievers.

5 "Now should you examine yourself to find out your motive for being my disciple. If you seek honour and glory, if you are worldly minded, you are like the salt when it has lost its savour. And when that which is valued for its saltiness has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? Such a condiment is useless; it is fit only to be cast out among the refuse. Now have I warned you to turn back to your homes in peace if you are not willing to drink with me the cup which is being prepared. Again and again have I told you that my kingdom is not of

this world, but you will not believe me. He who has ears to hear let him hear what I say."

6 §§ Immediately after speaking these words, Jesus, leading the twelve, started off on the way to Heshbon, followed by about 500. After a brief delay the other half of the multitude went on up to Jerusalem. His apostles, together with the leading disciples, thought much about these words, but still they clung to the belief that, after this brief period of adversity and trial, the kingdom would certainly be set up somewhat in accordance with

their long-cherished hopes.

3. THE PEREAN TOUR

1 For more than two weeks Jesus and the twelve, followed by a crowd of several hundred disciples, journeyed about in southern Perea, visiting all of the towns wherein the seventy laboured. Many gentiles lived in this region, and since few were going up to the Passover feast at Jerusalem, the messengers of the kingdom went right on with their work of teaching and preaching.

2 Jesus met Abner at Heshbon, and Andrew directed that the labours of

the seventy should not be interrupted by the Passover feast; Jesus advised that the messengers should go forward with their work in complete disregard of what was about to happen at Jerusalem. He also counselled Abner to permit the women's corps, at least such as desired, to go to Jerusalem for the Passover. And this was the last time Abner ever saw Jesus in the flesh. His farewell to Abner was: "My son, I know you will be true to the kingdom, and I pray the Father to grant you wisdom that you may love and understand your brethren."

3 As they travelled from city to city,

large numbers of their followers deserted to go on to Jerusalem so that, by the time Jesus started for the Passover, the number of those who followed along with him day by day had dwindled to less than 200.

4 The apostles understood that Jesus was going to Jerusalem for the Passover. They knew that the Sanhedrin had broadcast a message to all Israel that he had been condemned to die and directing that anyone knowing his whereabouts should inform the Sanhedrin; and yet, despite all this, they were not so alarmed as they had been when he had announced to them

in Philadelphia that he was going to Bethany to see Lazarus. This change of attitude from that of intense fear to a state of hushed expectancy was mostly because of Lazarus's resurrection. They had reached the conclusion that Jesus might, in an emergency, assert his divine power and put to shame his enemies. This hope, coupled with their more profound and mature faith in the spiritual supremacy of their Master, accounted for the outward courage displayed by his immediate followers, who now made ready to follow him into Jerusalem in the very face of the open declaration

of the Sanhedrin that he must die.

5 The majority of the apostles and many of his inner disciples did not believe it possible for Jesus to die; they, believing that he was "the resurrection and the life," regarded him as immortal and already triumphant over death.

4. TEACHING AT LIVIAS

1 On Wednesday evening, March 29, Jesus and his followers encamped at Livias on their way to Jerusalem, after having completed their tour of the cities of southern Perea. It was during this night at Livias that Simon Zelotes

and Simon Peter, having conspired to have delivered into their hands at this place more than 100 swords, received and distributed these arms to all who would accept them and wear them concealed beneath their cloaks. Simon Peter was still wearing his sword on the night of the Master's betrayal in the garden.

2 Early on Thursday morning before the others were awake, Jesus called Andrew and said: "Awaken your brethren! I have something to say to them." Jesus knew about the swords and which of his apostles had received and were wearing these weapons, but

he never disclosed to them that he knew such things. When Andrew had aroused his associates, and they had assembled off by themselves, Jesus said: "My children, you have been with me a long while, and I have taught you much that is needful for this time, but I would now warn you not to put your trust in the uncertainties of the flesh nor in the frailties of man's defence against the trials and testing which lie ahead of us. I have called you apart here by yourselves that I may once more plainly tell you that we are going up to Jerusalem, where you know the Son of Man has already been con-

demned to death. Again am I telling you that the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of the chief priests and the religious rulers; that they will condemn him and then deliver him into the hands of the gentiles. And so will they mock the Son of Man, even spit upon him and scourge him, and they will deliver him up to death. And when they kill the Son of Man, be not dismayed, for I declare that on the third day he shall rise. Take heed to yourselves and remember that I have forewarned you."

3 Again were the apostles amazed, stunned; but they could not bring

themselves to regard his words as literal; they could not comprehend that the Master meant just what he said. They were so blinded by their persistent belief in the temporal kingdom on earth, with headquarters at Jerusalem, that they simply could not — would not — permit themselves to accept Jesus' words as literal. They pondered all that day as to what the Master could mean by such strange pronouncements. But none of them dared to ask him a question concerning these statements. Not until after his death did these bewildered apostles wake up to the realization that

the Master had spoken to them plainly and directly in anticipation of his crucifixion.

4 §§ It was here at Livias, just after breakfast, that certain friendly Pharisees came to Jesus and said: "Flee in haste from these parts, for Herod, just as he sought John, now seeks to kill you. He fears an uprising of the people and has decided to kill you. We bring you this warning that you may escape."

5 And this was partly true. The resurrection of Lazarus frightened and alarmed Herod, and knowing that the Sanhedrin had dared to condemn Je-

sus, even in advance of a trial, Herod made up his mind either to kill Jesus or to drive him out of his domains. He really desired to do the latter since he so feared him that he hoped he would not be compelled to execute him.

6 When Jesus heard what the Pharisees had to say, he replied: "I well know about Herod and his fear of this gospel of the kingdom. But, mistake not, he would much prefer that the Son of Man go up to Jerusalem to suffer and die at the hands of the chief priests; he is not anxious, having stained his hands with the blood of John, to become responsible for

the death of the Son of Man. Go you and tell that fox that the Son of Man preaches in Perea today, tomorrow goes into Judea, and after a few days, will be perfected in his mission on earth and prepared to ascend to the Father."

7 Then turning to his apostles, Jesus said: "From olden times the prophets have perished in Jerusalem, and it is only befitting that the Son of Man should go up to the city of the Father's house to be offered up as the price of human bigotry and as the result of religious prejudice and spiritual blindness. O Jerusalem, Jeru-

salem, which kills the prophets and stones the teachers of truth! How often would I have gathered your children together even as a hen gathers her own brood under her wings, but you would not let me do it! Behold, your house is about to be left to you desolate! You will many times desire to see me, but you shall not. You will then seek but not find me." And when he had spoken, he turned to those around him and said: "Nevertheless, let us go up to Jerusalem to attend the Passover and do that which becomes us in fulfilling the will of the Father in heaven."

8 §§ It was a confused and bewil-

dered group of believers who this day followed Jesus into Jericho. The apostles could discern only the certain note of final triumph in Jesus' declarations regarding the kingdom; they just could not bring themselves to that place where they were willing to grasp the warnings of the impending setback. When Jesus spoke of "rising on the third day," they seized upon this statement as signifying a sure triumph of the kingdom immediately following an unpleasant preliminary skirmish with the Jewish religious leaders. The "third day" was a common Jewish expression signifying "presently" or

"soon thereafter." When Jesus spoke of "rising," they thought he referred to the "rising of the kingdom."

9 Jesus had been accepted by these believers as the Messiah, and the Jews knew little or nothing about a suffering Messiah. They did not understand that Jesus was to accomplish many things by his death which could never have been achieved by his life. While it was the resurrection of Lazarus that nerved the apostles to enter Jerusalem, it was the memory of the transfiguration that sustained the Master at this

trying period of his bestowal.

5. THE BLIND MAN AT JERICHO

1 Late on the afternoon of Thursday, March 30, Jesus and his apostles, at the head of a band of about 200 followers, approached the walls of Jericho. As they came near the gate of the city, they encountered a throng of beggars, among them one Bartimeus, an elderly man who had been blind from his youth. This blind beggar had heard much about Jesus and knew all about his healing of the blind Josiah at Jerusalem. He had not known of

Jesus' last visit to Jericho until he had gone on to Bethany. Bartimeus had resolved that he would never again allow Jesus to visit Jericho without appealing to him for the restoration of his sight.

2 News of Jesus' approach had been heralded throughout Jericho, and hundreds of the inhabitants flocked forth to meet him. When this great crowd came back escorting the Master into the city, Bartimeus, hearing the heavy tramping of the multitude, knew that something unusual was happening, and so he asked those standing near him what was going on. And one of the beggars replied, "Je-

sus of Nazareth is passing by." When Bartimeus heard that Jesus was near, he lifted up his voice and began to cry aloud, "Jesus, Jesus, have mercy upon me!" And as he continued to cry louder and louder, some of those near to Jesus went over and rebuked him, requesting him to hold his peace; but it was of no avail; he cried only the more and the louder.

3 When Jesus heard the blind man crying out, he stood still. And when he saw him, he said to his friends, "Bring the man to me." And then they went over to Bartimeus, saying: "Be of good cheer; come with us, for the Master

calls for you." When Bartimeus heard these words, he threw aside his cloak, springing forward toward the centre of the road, while those near by guided him to Jesus. Addressing Bartimeus, Jesus said: "What do you want me to do for you?" Then answered the blind man, "I would have my sight restored." And when Jesus heard this request and saw his faith, he said: "You shall receive your sight; go your way; your faith has made you whole." Immediately he received his sight, and he remained near Jesus, glorifying God, until the Master started on the next day for Jerusalem, and then he went before the multitude

declaring to all how his sight had been restored in Jericho.

6. THE VISIT TO ZACCHEUS

1 When the Master's procession entered Jericho, it was nearing sundown, and he was minded to abide there for the night. As Jesus passed by the customs house, Zaccheus the chief publican, or tax collector, happened to be present, and he much desired to see Jesus. This chief publican was very rich and had heard much about this prophet of Galilee. He had resolved that he would see what sort of a man Jesus was the next time he chanced

to visit Jericho; accordingly, Zaccheus sought to press through the crowd, but it was too great, and being short of stature, he could not see over their heads. And so the chief publican followed on with the crowd until they came near the centre of the city and not far from where he lived. When he saw that he would be unable to penetrate the crowd, and thinking that Jesus might be going right on through the city without stopping, he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree whose spreading branches overhung the roadway. He knew that in this way he could obtain a good view

of the Master as he passed by. And he was not disappointed, for, as Jesus passed by, he stopped and, looking up at Zaccheus, said: "Make haste, Zaccheus, and come down, for tonight I must abide at your house." And when Zaccheus heard these astonishing words, he almost fell out of the tree in his haste to get down, and going up to Jesus, he expressed great joy that the Master should be willing to stop at his house.

2 They went at once to the home of Zaccheus, and those who lived in Jericho were much surprised that Jesus would consent to abide with the

chief publican. Even while the Master and his apostles lingered with Zaccheus before the door of his house, one of the Jericho Pharisees, standing near by, said: "You see how this man has gone to lodge with a sinner, an apostate son of Abraham who is an extortioner and a robber of his own people." And when Jesus heard this, he looked down at Zaccheus and smiled. Then Zaccheus stood upon a stool and said: "Men of Jericho, hear me! I may be a publican and a sinner, but the great Teacher has come to abide in my house; and before he goes in, I tell you that I am going to bestow one half of

all my goods upon the poor, and beginning tomorrow, if I have wrongfully exacted aught from any man, I will restore fourfold. I am going to seek salvation with all my heart and learn to do righteousness in the sight of God."

3 When Zaccheus had ceased speaking, Jesus said: "Today has salvation come to this home, and you have become indeed a son of Abraham." And turning to the crowd assembled about them, Jesus said: "And marvel not at what I say nor take offence at what we do, for I have all along declared that the Son of Man has come to seek and

to save that which is lost."

4 They lodged with Zaccheus for the night. On the morrow they arose and made their way up the "road of robbers" to Bethany on their way to the Passover at Jerusalem.

7. "AS JESUS PASSED BY"

1 Jesus spread good cheer everywhere he went. He was full of grace and truth. His associates never ceased to wonder at the gracious words that proceeded out of his mouth. You can cultivate gracefulness, but graciousness is the aroma of friendliness which emanates from a love-saturated soul.

2 Goodness always compels respect, but when it is devoid of grace, it often repels affection. Goodness is universally attractive only when it is gracious. Goodness is effective only when it is attractive.

3 Jesus really understood men; therefore could he manifest genuine sympathy and show sincere compassion. But he seldom indulged in pity. While his compassion was boundless, his sympathy was practical, personal, and constructive. Never did his familiarity with suffering breed indifference, and he was able to minister to distressed souls without increasing their

self-pity.

4 Jesus could help men so much because he loved them so sincerely. He truly loved each man, each woman, and each child. He could be such a true friend because of his remarkable insight — he knew so fully what was in the heart and in the mind of man. He was an interested and keen observer. He was an expert in the comprehension of human need, clever in detecting human longings.

5 Jesus was never in a hurry. He had time to comfort his fellow men "as he passed by." And he always made his friends feel at ease. He was a charm-

ing listener. He never engaged in the meddlesome probing of the souls of his associates. As he comforted hungry minds and ministered to thirsty souls, the recipients of his mercy did not so much feel that they were confessing *to* him as that they were conferring *with* him. They had unbounded confidence in him because they saw he had so much faith in them.

6 He never seemed to be curious about people, and he never manifested a desire to direct, manage, or follow them up. He inspired profound self-confidence and robust courage in all who enjoyed his association. When

he smiled on a man, that mortal experienced increased capacity for solving his manifold problems.

7 Jesus loved men so much and so wisely that he never hesitated to be severe with them when the occasion demanded such discipline. He frequently set out to help a person by asking for help. In this way he elicited interest, appealed to the better things in human nature.

8 The Master could discern saving faith in the gross superstition of the woman who sought healing by touching the hem of his garment. He was always ready and willing to stop a ser-

mon or detain a multitude while he ministered to the needs of a single person, even to a little child. Great things happened not only because people had faith in Jesus, but also because Jesus had so much faith in them.

9 Most of the really important things which Jesus said or did seemed to happen casually, "as he passed by." There was so little of the professional, the well-planned, or the premeditated in the Master's earthly ministry. He dispensed health and scattered happiness naturally and gracefully as he journeyed through life. It was literally true, "He went about doing good."

10 And it behoves the Master's followers in all ages to learn to minister as "they pass by" — to do unselfish good as they go about their daily duties.

8. PARABLE OF THE POUNDS

1 They did not start from Jericho until near noon since they sat up late the night before while Jesus taught Zaccheus and his family the gospel of the kingdom. About halfway up the ascending road to Bethany the party paused for lunch while the multitude passed on to Jerusalem, not knowing that Jesus and the apostles were going to abide that night on the Mount of

Olives.

2 The parable of the pounds, unlike the parable of the talents, which was intended for all the disciples, was spoken more exclusively to the apostles and was largely based on the experience of Archelaus and his futile attempt to gain the rule of the kingdom of Judea. This is one of the few parables of the Master to be founded on an actual historic character. It was not strange that they should have had Archelaus in mind inasmuch as the house of Zaccheus in Jericho was very near the ornate palace of Archelaus, and his aqueduct ran along the road

by which they had departed from Jericho.

3 §§ Said Jesus: "You think that the Son of Man goes up to Jerusalem to receive a kingdom, but I declare that you are doomed to disappointment. Do you not remember about a certain prince who went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, but even before he could return, the citizens of his province, who in their hearts had already rejected him, sent an embassy after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us'? As this king was rejected in the temporal rule, so is the Son of Man to be

rejected in the spiritual rule. Again I declare that my kingdom is not of this world; but if the Son of Man had been accorded the spiritual rule of his people, he would have accepted such a kingdom of men's souls and would have reigned over such a dominion of human hearts. Notwithstanding that they reject my spiritual rule over them, I will return again to receive from others such a kingdom of spirit as is now denied me. You will see the Son of Man rejected now, but in another age that which the children of Abraham now reject will be received and exalted.

4 "And now, as the rejected noble-

man of this parable, I would call before me my twelve servants, special stewards, and giving into each of your hands the sum of one pound, I would admonish each to heed well my instructions that you trade diligently with your trust fund while I am away that you may have wherewith to justify your stewardship when I return, when a reckoning shall be required of you.

5 "And even if this rejected Son should not return, another Son will be sent to receive this kingdom, and this Son will then send for all of you to receive your report of stewardship and to be made glad by your gains.

6 "And when these stewards were subsequently called together for an accounting, the first came forward, saying, 'Lord, with your pound I have made ten pounds more.' And his master said to him: 'Well done; you are a good servant; because you have proved faithful in this matter, I will give you authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Your pound left with me, Lord, has made five pounds.' And the master said, 'I will accordingly make you ruler over five cities.' And so on down through the others until the last of the servants, on being called to account, reported: 'Lord,

behold, here is your pound, which I have kept safely done up in this napkin. And this I did because I feared you; I believed that you were unreasonable, seeing that you take up where you have not laid down, and that you seek to reap where you have not sown.' Then said his lord: 'You negligent and unfaithful servant, I will judge you out of your own mouth. You knew that I reap where I have apparently not sown; therefore you knew this reckoning would be required of you. Knowing this, you should have at least given my money to the banker that at my coming I might have had it with

proper interest.'

7 "And then said this ruler to those who stood by: 'Take the money from this slothful servant and give it to him who has ten pounds.' And when they reminded the master that such a one already had ten pounds, he said: 'To every one who has shall be given more, but from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.'"

8 §§ And then the apostles sought to know the difference between the meaning of this parable and that of the former parable of the talents, but Jesus would only say, in answer to their

many questions: "Ponder well these words in your hearts while each of you finds out their true meaning."

9 It was Nathaniel who so well taught the meaning of these two parables in the after years, summing up his teachings in these conclusions:

10 1. Ability is the practical measure of life's opportunities. You will never be held responsible for the accomplishment of that which is beyond your abilities.

11 2. Faithfulness is the unerring measure of human trustworthiness. He who is faithful in little things is also likely to exhibit faithfulness in ev-

erything consistent with his endowments.

12 3. The Master grants the lesser reward for lesser faithfulness when there is like opportunity.

13 4. He grants a like reward for like faithfulness when there is lesser opportunity.

14 §§ When they had finished their lunch, and after the multitude of followers had gone on toward Jerusalem, Jesus, standing there before the apostles in the shade of an overhanging rock by the roadside, with cheerful dignity and a gracious majesty pointed his finger westward, saying: "Come,

my brethren, let us go on into Jerusalem, there to receive that which awaits us; thus shall we fulfil the will of the heavenly Father in all things."

15 And so Jesus and his apostles resumed this, the Master's last journey to Jerusalem in the likeness of the flesh of mortal man.

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GOING INTO JERUSALEM

Midwayer Commission

Jesus and the apostles arrived at Bethany shortly after 16:00 on Friday afternoon, March 31, A.D. 30. Lazarus, his sisters, and their friends were expecting them; and since so many people came every day to talk with Lazarus about his resurrection, Jesus was informed that arrangements had been made for him to stay with a neighbouring believer, one Simon, the

leading citizen of the little village since the death of Lazarus's father.

2 That evening, Jesus received many visitors, and the common folks of Bethany and Bethpage did their best to make him feel welcome. Although many thought Jesus was now going into Jerusalem, in utter defiance of the Sanhedrin's decree of death, to proclaim himself king of the Jews, the Bethany family — Lazarus, Martha, and Mary — more fully realized that the Master was not that kind of a king; they dimly felt that this might be his last visit to Jerusalem and Bethany.

3 The chief priests were informed

that Jesus lodged at Bethany, but they thought best not to attempt to seize him among his friends; they decided to await his coming on into Jerusalem. Jesus knew about all this, but he was majestically calm; his friends had never seen him more composed and congenial; even the apostles were astounded that he should be so unconcerned when the Sanhedrin had called upon all Jewry to deliver him into their hands. While the Master slept that night, the apostles watched over him by twos, and many of them were girded with swords. Early the next morning they were awakened by

hundreds of pilgrims who came out from Jerusalem, even on the Sabbath day, to see Jesus and Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

1. SABBATH AT BETHANY

1 Pilgrims from outside of Judea, as well as the Jewish authorities, had all been asking: "What do you think? will Jesus come up to the feast?" Therefore, when the people heard that Jesus was at Bethany, they were glad, but the chief priests and Pharisees were somewhat perplexed. They were pleased to have him under their jurisdiction, but they were a trifle disconcerted by his

boldness; they remembered that on his previous visit to Bethany, Lazarus had been raised from the dead, and Lazarus was becoming a big problem to the enemies of Jesus.

2 Six days before the Passover, on the evening after the Sabbath, all Bethany and Bethpage joined in celebrating the arrival of Jesus by a public banquet at the home of Simon. This supper was in honour of both Jesus and Lazarus; it was tendered in defiance of the Sanhedrin. Martha directed the serving of the food; her sister Mary was among the women onlookers as it was against the custom of the Jews

for a woman to sit at a public banquet. The agents of the Sanhedrin were present, but they feared to apprehend Jesus in the midst of his friends.

3 Jesus talked with Simon about Joshua of old, whose namesake he was, and recited how Joshua and the Israelites had come up to Jerusalem through Jericho. In commenting on the legend of the walls of Jericho falling down, Jesus said: "I am not concerned with such walls of brick and stone; but I would cause the walls of prejudice, self-righteousness, and hate to crumble before this preaching of the Father's love for all men."

4 The banquet went along in a very cheerful and normal manner except that all the apostles were unusually sober. Jesus was exceptionally cheerful and had been playing with the children up to the time of coming to the table.

5 §§ Nothing out of the ordinary happened until near the close of the feasting when Mary the sister of Lazarus stepped forward from among the group of women onlookers and, going up to where Jesus reclined as the guest of honour, proceeded to open a large alabaster cruse of very rare and costly ointment; and after anointing

the Master's head, she began to pour it upon his feet as she took down her hair and wiped them with it. The whole house became filled with the odour of the ointment, and everybody present was amazed at what Mary had done. Lazarus said nothing, but when some of the people murmured, showing indignation that so costly an ointment should be thus used, Judas Iscariot stepped over to where Andrew reclined and said: "Why was this ointment not sold and the money bestowed to feed the poor? You should speak to the Master that he rebuke such waste."

6 Jesus, knowing what they thought and hearing what they said, put his hand upon Mary's head as she knelt by his side and, with a kindly expression upon his face, said: "Let her alone, every one of you. Why do you trouble her about this, seeing that she has done a good thing in her heart? To you who murmur and say that this ointment should have been sold and the money given to the poor, let me say that you have the poor always with you so that you may minister to them at any time it seems good to you; but I shall not always be with you; I go soon to my Father. This woman has long saved this

ointment for my body at its burial, and now that it has seemed good to her to make this anointing in anticipation of my death, she shall not be denied such satisfaction. In the doing of this, Mary has reproved all of you in that by this act she evinces faith in what I have said about my death and ascension to my Father in heaven. This woman shall not be reproved for that which she has this night done; rather do I say to you that in the ages to come, wherever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, what she has done will be spoken of in memory of her."

7 It was because of this rebuke,

which he took as a personal reproof, that Judas Iscariot finally made up his mind to seek revenge for his hurt feelings. Many times had he entertained such ideas subconsciously, but now he dared to think such wicked thoughts in his open and conscious mind. And many others encouraged him in this attitude since the cost of this ointment was a sum equal to the earnings of one man for one year — enough to provide bread for 5,000 persons. But Mary loved Jesus; she had provided this precious ointment with which to embalm his body in death, for she believed his words when he forewarned them that

he must die, and it was not to be denied her if she changed her mind and chose to bestow this offering upon the Master while he yet lived.

8 Both Lazarus and Martha knew that Mary had long saved the money wherewith to buy this cruse of spikenard, and they heartily approved of her doing as her heart desired in such a matter, for they were well-to-do and could easily afford to make such an offering.

9 When the chief priests heard of this dinner in Bethany for Jesus and Lazarus, they began to take counsel among themselves as to what should

be done with Lazarus. And presently they decided that Lazarus must also die. They rightly concluded that it would be useless to put Jesus to death if they permitted Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead, to live.

2. SUNDAY MORNING WITH THE APOSTLES

1 On this Sunday morning, in Simon's beautiful garden, the Master called his twelve apostles around him and gave them their final instructions preparatory to entering Jerusalem. He told them that he would probably deliver many addresses and teach many lessons before returning to the Fa-

ther but advised the apostles to refrain from doing any public work during this Passover sojourn in Jerusalem. He instructed them to remain near him and to "watch and pray." Jesus knew that many of his apostles and immediate followers even then carried swords concealed on their persons, but he made no reference to this fact.

2 This morning's instructions embraced a brief review of their ministry from the day of their ordination near Capernaum down to this day when they were preparing to enter Jerusalem. The apostles listened in silence; they asked no questions.

3 Early that morning David Zebedee had turned over to Judas the funds realized from the sale of the equipment of the Pella encampment, and Judas, in turn, had placed the greater part of this money in the hands of Simon, their host, for safekeeping in anticipation of the exigencies of their entry into Jerusalem.

4 After the conference with the apostles Jesus held converse with Lazarus and instructed him to avoid the sacrifice of his life to the vengefulness of the Sanhedrin. It was in obedience to this admonition that Lazarus, a few days later, fled to Philadelphia when

the officers of the Sanhedrin sent men to arrest him.

5 In a way, all of Jesus' followers sensed the impending crisis, but they were prevented from fully realizing its seriousness by the unusual cheerfulness and exceptional good humour of the Master.

3. THE START FOR JERUSALEM

1 Bethany was about 3.2 km from the temple, and it was 13:30 that Sunday afternoon when Jesus made ready to start for Jerusalem. He had feelings of profound affection for Bethany and its simple people. Nazareth, Ca-

pernaum, and Jerusalem had rejected him, but Bethany had accepted him, had believed in him. And it was in this small village, where almost every man, woman, and child were believers, that he chose to perform the mightiest work of his earth bestowal, the resurrection of Lazarus. He did not raise Lazarus that the villagers might believe, but rather because they already believed.

2 All morning Jesus had thought about his entry into Jerusalem. Heretofore he had always endeavoured to suppress all public acclaim of him as the Messiah, but it was different now;

he was nearing the end of his career in the flesh, his death had been decreed by the Sanhedrin, and no harm could come from allowing his disciples to give free expression to their feelings, just as might occur if he elected to make a formal and public entry into the city.

3 Jesus did not decide to make this public entrance into Jerusalem as a last bid for popular favour nor as a final grasp for power. Neither did he do it altogether to satisfy the human longings of his disciples and apostles. Jesus entertained none of the illusions of a fantastic dreamer; he well knew what

was to be the outcome of this visit.

4 Having decided upon making a public entrance into Jerusalem, the Master was confronted with the necessity of choosing a proper method of executing such a resolve. Jesus thought over all of the many more or less contradictory so-called Messianic prophesies, but there seemed to be only one which was at all appropriate for him to follow. Most of these prophetic utterances depicted a king, the son and successor of David, a bold and aggressive temporal deliverer of all Israel from the yoke of foreign domination. But there was one Scripture

that had sometimes been associated with the Messiah by those who held more to the spiritual concept of his mission, which Jesus thought might consistently be taken as a guide for his projected entry into Jerusalem. This Scripture was found in Zechariah, and it said: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king comes to you. He is just and he brings salvation. He comes as the lowly one, riding upon an ass, upon a colt, the foal of an ass."

5 §§ A warrior king always entered a city riding upon a horse; a king on a mission of peace and friendship al-

ways entered riding upon an ass. Jesus would not enter Jerusalem as a man on horseback, but he was willing to enter peacefully and with good will as the Son of Man on a donkey.

6 §§ Jesus had long tried by direct teaching to impress upon his apostles and his disciples that his kingdom was not of this world, that it was a purely spiritual matter; but he had not succeeded in this effort. Now, what he had failed to do by plain and personal teaching, he would attempt to accomplish by a symbolic appeal. Accordingly, right after the noon lunch, Jesus called Peter and John, and after di-

recting them to go over to Bethpage, a neighbouring village a little off the main road and a short distance northwest of Bethany, he further said: "Go to Bethpage, and when you come to the junction of the roads, you will find the colt of an ass tied there. Loose the colt and bring it back with you. If anyone asks you why you do this, merely say, 'The Master has need of him.'" And when the two apostles had gone into Bethpage as the Master had directed, they found the colt tied near his mother in the open street and close to a house on the corner. As Peter began to untie the colt, the owner came

over and asked why they did this, and when Peter answered him as Jesus had directed, the man said: "If your Master is Jesus from Galilee, let him have the colt." And so they returned bringing the colt with them.

7 By this time several hundred pilgrims had gathered around Jesus and his apostles. Since midforenoon the visitors passing by on their way to the Passover had tarried. Meanwhile, David Zebedee and some of his former messenger associates took it upon themselves to hasten on down to Jerusalem, where they effectively spread the report among the throngs of vis-

iting pilgrims about the temple that Jesus of Nazareth was making a triumphal entry into the city. Accordingly, several thousand of these visitors flocked forth to greet this much-talked-of prophet and wonder-worker, whom some believed to be the Messiah. This multitude, coming out from Jerusalem, met Jesus and the crowd going into the city just after they had passed over the brow of Olivet and had begun the descent into the city.

8 As the procession started out from Bethany, there was great enthusiasm among the festive crowd of disciples,

believers, and visiting pilgrims, many hailing from Galilee and Perea. Just before they started, the twelve women of the original women's corps, accompanied by some of their associates, arrived on the scene and joined this unique procession as it moved on joyously toward the city.

9 Before they started, the Alpheus twins put their cloaks on the donkey and held him while the Master got on. As the procession moved toward the summit of Olivet, the festive crowd threw their garments on the ground and brought branches from the near-by trees in order to make a

carpet of honour for the donkey bearing the royal Son, the promised Messiah. As the merry crowd moved on toward Jerusalem, they began to sing, or rather to shout in unison, the Psalm, "Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed be the kingdom that comes down from heaven."

10 Jesus was light-hearted and cheerful as they moved along until he came to the brow of Olivet, where the city and the temple towers came into full view; there the Master stopped the procession, and a great silence came

upon all as they beheld him weeping. Looking down upon the vast multitude coming forth from the city to greet him, the Master, with much emotion and with tearful voice, said: "O Jerusalem, if you had only known, even you, at least in this your day, the things which belong to your peace, and which you could so freely have had! But now are these glories about to be hid from your eyes. You are about to reject the Son of Peace and turn your backs upon the gospel of salvation. The days will soon come upon you wherein your enemies will cast a trench around about you and lay siege

to you on every side; they shall utterly destroy you, insomuch that not one stone shall be left upon another. And all this shall befall you because you knew not the time of your divine visitation. You are about to reject the gift of God, and all men will reject you."

11 When he had finished speaking, they began the descent of Olivet and presently were joined by the multitude of visitors who had come from Jerusalem waving palm branches, shouting hosannas, and otherwise expressing gleefulness and good fellowship. The Master had not planned that these crowds should come out from Jerusa-

lem to meet them; that was the work of others. He never premeditated anything which was dramatic.

12 Along with the multitude which poured out to welcome the Master, there came also many of the Pharisees and his other enemies. They were so much perturbed by this sudden and unexpected outburst of popular acclaim that they feared to arrest him lest such action precipitate an open revolt of the populace. They greatly feared the attitude of the large numbers of visitors, who had heard much of Jesus, and who, many of them, believed in him.

13 As they neared Jerusalem, the crowd became more demonstrative, so much so that some of the Pharisees made their way up alongside Jesus and said: "Teacher, you should rebuke your disciples and exhort them to behave more seemly." Jesus answered: "It is only fitting that these children should welcome the Son of Peace, whom the chief priests have rejected. It would be useless to stop them lest in their stead these stones by the roadside cry out."

14 The Pharisees hastened on ahead of the procession to rejoin the Sanhedrin, which was then in session at

the temple, and they reported to their associates: "Behold, all that we do is of no avail; we are confounded by this Galilean. The people have gone mad over him; if we do not stop these ignorant ones, all the world will go after him."

15 There really was no deep significance to be attached to this superficial and spontaneous outburst of popular enthusiasm. This welcome, although it was joyous and sincere, did not betoken any real or deep-seated conviction in the hearts of this festive multitude. These same crowds were equally as willing quickly to reject Jesus later

on this week when the Sanhedrin once took a firm and decided stand against him, and when they became disillusioned — when they realized that Jesus was not going to establish the kingdom in accordance with their long-cherished expectations.

16 But the whole city was mightily stirred up, insomuch that everyone asked, "Who is this man?" And the multitude answered, "This is the prophet of Galilee, Jesus of Nazareth."

4. VISITING ABOUT THE TEMPLE

1 While the Alpheus twins returned the donkey to its owner, Jesus and

the ten apostles detached themselves from their immediate associates and strolled about the temple, viewing the preparations for the Passover. No attempt was made to molest Jesus as the Sanhedrin greatly feared the people, and that was, after all, one of the reasons Jesus had for allowing the multitude thus to acclaim him. The apostles little understood that this was the only human procedure which could have been effective in preventing Jesus' immediate arrest upon entering the city. The Master desired to give the inhabitants of Jerusalem, high and low, as well as the tens of thousands of Pass-

over visitors, this one more and last chance to hear the gospel and receive, if they would, the Son of Peace.

2 And now, as the evening drew on and the crowds went in quest of nourishment, Jesus and his immediate followers were left alone. What a strange day it had been! The apostles were thoughtful, but speechless. Never, in their years of association with Jesus, had they seen such a day. For a moment they sat down by the treasury, watching the people drop in their contributions: the rich putting much in the receiving box and all giving something in accordance with the extent of

their possessions. At last there came along a poor widow, scantily attired, and they observed as she cast two mites (small coppers) into the trumpet. And then said Jesus, calling the attention of the apostles to the widow: "Heed well what you have just seen. This poor widow cast in more than all the others, for all these others, from their superfluity, cast in some trifle as a gift, but this poor woman, even though she is in want, gave all that she had, even her living."

3 As the evening drew on, they walked about the temple courts in silence, and after Jesus had surveyed

these familiar scenes once more, recalling his emotions in connection with previous visits, not excepting the earlier ones, he said, "Let us go up to Bethany for our rest." Jesus, with Peter and John, went to the home of Simon, while the other apostles lodged among their friends in Bethany and Bethpage.

5. THE APOSTLES' ATTITUDE

1 This Sunday evening as they returned to Bethany, Jesus walked in front of the apostles. Not a word was spoken until they separated after arriving at Simon's house. No twelve

human beings ever experienced such diverse and inexplicable emotions as now surged through the minds and souls of these ambassadors of the kingdom. These sturdy Galileans were confused and disconcerted; they did not know what to expect next; they were too surprised to be much afraid. They knew nothing of the Master's plans for the next day, and they asked no questions. They went to their lodgings, though they did not sleep much, save the twins. But they did not keep armed watch over Jesus at Simon's house.

2 Andrew was thoroughly bewil-

dered, well-nigh confused. He was the one apostle who did not seriously undertake to evaluate the popular outburst of acclaim. He was too preoccupied with the thought of his responsibility as chief of the apostolic corps to give serious consideration to the meaning or significance of the loud hosannas of the multitude. Andrew was busy watching some of his associates who[1] he feared might be led

[1] IN 1955 text "whom". The pronoun here is the subject of the verb phrase "might be led away;" not the object of "feared." To clarify, Andrew feared they might be led away by their emotions; he was not watching his associates, whom he feared. — He did not fear them, but he was afraid they might be

away by their emotions during the excitement, particularly Peter, James,

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led astray. Also:First printing: He was concerned about the attitude of some of the twelve whom he knew were armed with swords... Changed to: He was concerned about the attitude of some of the twelve who he knew were armed with swords... — The pronoun is the subject of the verb "were armed," not the object of "knew" nor of "were armed;" therefore "who" is the correct form. To illustrate: ...some of the twelve whom he knew Peter had armed...[he knew Peter had armed them] ...some of the twelve who he knew were armed... [he knew they were armed] The sentence might have been written "He was concerned about the attitude of the twelve, some of whom he knew were armed with swords." In which case, "whom" would be the object of the prepositional phrase "some of whom," while the phrase itself would be the subject of "were armed," but it was not.

John, and Simon Zelotes. Throughout this day and those which immediately followed, Andrew was troubled with serious doubts, but he never expressed any of these misgivings to his apostolic associates. He was concerned about the attitude of some of the twelve who he knew were armed with swords; but he did not know that his own brother, Peter, was carrying such a weapon. And so the procession into Jerusalem made a comparatively superficial impression upon Andrew; he was too busy with the responsibilities of his office to be otherwise affected.

3 Simon Peter was at first almost swept off his feet by this popular manifestation of enthusiasm; but he was considerably sobered by the time they returned to Bethany that night. Peter simply could not figure out what the Master was about. He was terribly disappointed that Jesus did not follow up this wave of popular favour with some kind of a pronouncement. Peter could not understand why Jesus did not speak to the multitude when they arrived at the temple, or at least permit one of the apostles to address the crowd. Peter was a great preacher, and he disliked to see such a large, recep-

tive, and enthusiastic audience go to waste. He would so much have liked to preach the gospel of the kingdom to that throng right there in the temple; but the Master had specifically charged them that they were to do no teaching or preaching while in Jerusalem this Passover week. The reaction from the spectacular procession into the city was disastrous to Simon Peter; by night he was sobered and inexpressibly saddened.

4 To James Zebedee, this Sunday was a day of perplexity and profound confusion; he could not grasp the purport of what was going on; he could

not comprehend the Master's purpose in permitting this wild acclaim and then in refusing to say a word to the people when they arrived at the temple. As the procession moved down Olivet toward Jerusalem, more especially when they were met by the thousands of pilgrims who poured forth to welcome the Master, James was cruelly torn by his conflicting emotions of elation and gratification at what he saw and by his profound feeling of fear as to what would happen when they reached the temple. And then was he downcast and overcome by disappointment when Jesus

climbed off the donkey and proceeded to walk leisurely about the temple courts. James could not understand the reason for throwing away such a magnificent opportunity to proclaim the kingdom. By night, his mind was held firmly in the grip of a distressing and dreadful uncertainty.

5 John Zebedee came somewhere near understanding why Jesus did this; at least he grasped in part the spiritual significance of this so-called triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As the multitude moved on toward the temple, and as John beheld his Master sitting there astride the colt, he re-

called hearing Jesus onetime quote the passage of Scripture, the utterance of Zechariah, which described the coming of the Messiah as a man of peace and riding into Jerusalem on an ass. As John turned this Scripture over in his mind, he began to comprehend the symbolic significance of this Sunday-afternoon pageant. At least, he grasped enough of the meaning of this Scripture to enable him somewhat to enjoy the episode and to prevent his becoming overmuch depressed by the apparent purposeless ending of the triumphal procession. John had a type of mind which naturally tended to think

and feel in symbols.

6 §§ Philip was entirely unsettled by the suddenness and spontaneity of the outburst. He could not collect his thoughts sufficiently while on the way down Olivet to arrive at any settled notion as to what all the demonstration was about. In a way, he enjoyed the performance because his Master was being honoured. By the time they reached the temple, he was perturbed by the thought that Jesus might possibly ask him to feed the multitude, so that the conduct of Jesus in turning leisurely away from the crowds, which so sorely disappointed the ma-

jority of the apostles, was a great relief to Philip. Multitudes had sometimes been a great trial to the steward of the twelve. After he was relieved of these personal fears regarding the material needs of the crowds, Philip joined with Peter in the expression of disappointment that nothing was done to teach the multitude. That night Philip got to thinking over these experiences and was tempted to doubt the whole idea of the kingdom; he honestly wondered what all these things could mean, but he expressed his doubts to no one; he loved Jesus too much. He had great personal faith

in the Master.

7 §§ Nathaniel, aside from the symbolic and prophetic aspects, came the nearest to understanding the Master's reason for enlisting the popular support of the Passover pilgrims. He reasoned it out, before they reached the temple, that without such a demonstrative entry into Jerusalem Jesus would have been arrested by the Sanhedrin officials and cast into prison the moment he presumed to enter the city. He was not, therefore, in the least surprised that the Master made no further use of the cheering crowds when he had once got inside the walls of the

city and had thus so forcibly impressed the Jewish leaders that they would refrain from placing him under immediate arrest. Understanding the real reason for the Master's entering the city in this manner, Nathaniel naturally followed along with more poise and was less perturbed and disappointed by Jesus' subsequent conduct than were the other apostles. Nathaniel had great confidence in Jesus' understanding of men as well as in his sagacity and cleverness in handling difficult situations.

8 §§ Matthew was at first nonplussed by this pageant performance. He did not grasp the meaning of what his

eyes were seeing until he also recalled the Scripture in Zechariah where the prophet had alluded to the rejoicing of Jerusalem because her king had come bringing salvation and riding upon the colt of an ass. As the procession moved in the direction of the city and then drew on toward the temple, Matthew became ecstatic; he was certain that something extraordinary would happen when the Master arrived at the temple at the head of this shouting multitude. When one of the Pharisees mocked Jesus, saying, "Look, everybody, see who comes here, the king of the Jews riding on an ass!" Matthew

kept his hands off of him only by exercising great restraint. None of the twelve was more depressed on the way back to Bethany that evening. Next to Simon Peter and Simon Zelotes, he experienced the highest nervous tension and was in a state of exhaustion by night. But by morning Matthew was much cheered; he was, after all, a cheerful loser.

9 §§ Thomas was the most bewildered and puzzled man of all the twelve. Most of the time he just followed along, gazing at the spectacle and honestly wondering what could be the Master's motive for partici-

pating in such a peculiar demonstration. Down deep in his heart he regarded the whole performance as a little childish, if not downright foolish. He had never seen Jesus do anything like this and was at a loss to account for his strange conduct on this Sunday afternoon. By the time they reached the temple, Thomas had deduced that the purpose of this popular demonstration was so to frighten the Sanhedrin that they would not dare immediately to arrest the Master. On the way back to Bethany Thomas thought much but said nothing. By bedtime the Master's cleverness in staging the

tumultuous entry into Jerusalem had begun to make a somewhat humorous appeal, and he was much cheered up by this reaction.

10 This Sunday started off as a great day for Simon Zelotes. He saw visions of wonderful doings in Jerusalem the next few days, and in that he was right, but Simon dreamed of the establishment of the new national rule of the Jews, with Jesus on the throne of David. Simon saw the nationalists springing into action as soon as the kingdom was announced, and himself in supreme command of the assembling military forces of the new

kingdom. On the way down Olivet he even envisaged the Sanhedrin and all of their sympathizers dead before sunset of that day. He really believed something great was going to happen. He was the noisiest man in the whole multitude. By 17:00 he was a silent, crushed, and disillusioned apostle. He never fully recovered from the depression which settled down on him as a result of this day's shock; at least not until long after the Master's resurrection.

11 To the Alpheus twins this was a perfect day. They really enjoyed it all the way through, and not being pre-

sent during the time of quiet visitation about the temple, they escaped much of the anticlimax of the popular upheaval. They could not possibly understand the downcast behaviour of the apostles when they came back to Bethany that evening. In the memory of the twins this was always their day of being nearest heaven on earth. This day was the satisfying climax of their whole career as apostles. And the memory of the elation of this Sunday afternoon carried them on through all of the tragedy of this eventful week, right up to the hour of the crucifixion. It was the most befitting entry of the

king the twins could conceive; they enjoyed every moment of the whole pageant. They fully approved of all they saw and long cherished the memory.

12 Of all the apostles, Judas Iscariot was the most adversely affected by this processional entry into Jerusalem. His mind was in a disagreeable ferment because of the Master's rebuke the preceding day in connection with Mary's anointing at the feast in Simon's house. Judas was disgusted with the whole spectacle. To him it seemed childish, if not indeed ridiculous. As this vengeful apostle looked upon the pro-

ceedings of this Sunday afternoon, Jesus seemed to him more to resemble a clown than a king. He heartily resented the whole performance. He shared the views of the Greeks and Romans, who looked down upon anyone who would consent to ride upon an ass or the colt of an ass. By the time the triumphal procession had entered the city, Judas had about made up his mind to abandon the whole idea of such a kingdom; he was almost resolved to forsake all such farcical attempts to establish the kingdom of heaven. And then he thought of the resurrection of Lazarus, and many

other things, and decided to stay on with the twelve, at least for another day. Besides, he carried the bag, and he would not desert with the apostolic funds in his possession. On the way back to Bethany that night his conduct did not seem strange since all of the apostles were equally downcast and silent.

13 Judas was tremendously influenced by the ridicule of his Sadducean friends. No other single factor exerted such a powerful influence on him, in his final determination to forsake Jesus and his fellow apostles, as a certain episode which occurred just as Jesus

reached the gate of the city: A prominent Sadducee (a friend of Judas's family) rushed up to him in a spirit of gleeful ridicule and, slapping him on the back, said: "Why so troubled of countenance, my good friend; cheer up and join us all while we acclaim this Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews as he rides through the gates of Jerusalem seated on an ass." Judas had never shrunk from persecution, but he could not stand this sort of ridicule. With the long-nourished emotion of revenge there was now blended this fatal fear of ridicule, that terrible and fearful feeling of being ashamed of his

Master and his fellow apostles. At heart, this ordained ambassador of the kingdom was already a deserter; it only remained for him to find some plausible excuse for an open break with the Master.

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MONDAY IN JERUSALEM

Midwayer Commission

Early on this Monday morning, by prearrangement, Jesus and the apostles assembled at the home of Simon in Bethany, and after a brief conference they set out for Jerusalem. The twelve were strangely silent as they journeyed on toward the temple; they had not recovered from the experience of the preceding day. They were expectant, fearful, and profoundly affected by a certain feeling of

detachment growing out of the Master's sudden change of tactics, coupled with his instruction that they were to engage in no public teaching throughout this Passover week.

2 As this group journeyed down Mount Olivet, Jesus led the way, the apostles following closely behind in meditative silence. There was just one thought uppermost in the minds of all save Judas Iscariot, and that was: What will the Master do today? The one absorbing thought of Judas was: What shall I do? Shall I go on with Jesus and my associates, or shall I withdraw? And if I am going to quit, how shall I

break off?

3 It was about 9:00 on this beautiful morning when these men arrived at the temple. They went at once to the large court where Jesus so often taught, and after greeting the believers who were awaiting him, Jesus mounted one of the teaching platforms and began to address the gathering crowd. The apostles withdrew for a short distance and awaited developments.

1. CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

1 A huge commercial traffic had grown up in association with the ser-

vices and ceremonies of the temple worship. There was the business of providing suitable animals for the various sacrifices. Though it was permissible for a worshipper to provide his own sacrifice, the fact remained that this animal must be free from all "blemish" in the meaning of the Levitical law and as interpreted by official inspectors of the temple. Many a worshipper had experienced the humiliation of having his supposedly perfect animal rejected by the temple examiners. It therefore became the more general practice to purchase sacrificial animals at the temple, and although there

were several stations on near-by Olivet where they could be bought, it had become the vogue to buy these animals directly from the temple pens. Gradually there had grown up this custom of selling all kinds of sacrificial animals in the temple courts. An extensive business, in which enormous profits were made, had thus been brought into existence. Part of these gains was reserved for the temple treasury, but the larger part went indirectly into the hands of the ruling high-priestly families.

2 This sale of animals in the temple prospered because, when the wor-

shipper purchased such an animal, although the price might be somewhat high, no more fees had to be paid, and he could be sure the intended sacrifice would not be rejected on the ground of possessing real or technical blemishes. At one time or another systems of exorbitant overcharge were practised upon the common people, especially during the great national feasts. At one time the greedy priests went so far as to demand the equivalent of the value of a week's labour for a pair of doves which should have been sold to the poor for a few pennies. The "sons of Annas" had already begun

to establish their bazaars in the temple precincts, those very merchandise marts which persisted to the time of their final overthrow by a mob three years before the destruction of the temple itself.

3 §§ But traffic in sacrificial animals and sundry merchandise was not the only way in which the courts of the temple were profaned. At this time there was fostered an extensive system of banking and commercial exchange which was carried on right within the temple precincts. And this all came about in the following manner: During the Asmonean dynasty the Jews

coined their own silver money[1], and it had become the practice to require the temple dues of one-half shekel and all other temple fees to be paid with this Jewish coin. This regulation necessitated that money-changers be licensed to exchange the many sorts

[1] The "Jewish money" proper, coined during the years of Hasmonean dynasty (164 – 35 B.C.) should not be confused with the Tyrian type half-shekels required for the Temple tax and other offerings (cf. Mishna Bek.8.7) and probably minted in Jerusalem after the mint in Tyre was closed down by Rome in 19 B.C. The Hasmonean money (so far only bronze coins have been found) never contained images of gods or people or animals, like the Tyrian silver shekels and half-shekels (see the picture).

of currency in circulation throughout Palestine and other provinces of the Roman Empire for this orthodox shekel of Jewish coining. The temple head tax, payable by all except women, slaves, and minors, was one-half shekel, a coin about the size of a 10¢ piece but twice as thick. By the times of Jesus the priests had also been exempted from the payment of temple dues. Accordingly, from the 15th to the 25th of the month preceding the Passover, accredited money-changers erected their booths in the principal cities of Palestine for the purpose of providing the Jewish people

with proper money to meet the temple dues after they had reached Jerusalem. After this 10-day period these money-changers moved on to Jerusalem and proceeded to set up their exchange tables in the courts of the temple. They were permitted to charge the equivalent of from 3¢ to 4¢ commission for the exchange of a coin valued at about 10¢, and in case a coin of larger value was offered for exchange, they were allowed to collect double. Likewise did these temple bankers profit from the exchange of all money intended for the purchase of sacrificial animals and for the payment of vows and the mak-

ing of offerings.

Figure 26: Jerusalem half-shekel of Tyrian type, 45 A.D. On the obverse we see Melkhart, god of the Phoenicians, corresponding to the Greek Hercules. The reverse shows the eagle and the letters "KP". The meaning of "KP" is unknown, but this abbreviation is only present in the coins minted outside Tyre.

4 These temple money-changers not only conducted a regular banking business for profit in the exchange of more than 20 sorts of money which the visiting pilgrims would periodically bring to Jerusalem, but they also engaged in all other kinds of transactions pertaining to the banking business. Both the temple treasury and the temple rulers profited tremendously from these commercial activities. It was not uncommon for the temple treasury to hold upwards of $10,000,000 while the common people languished in poverty and continued to pay these unjust levies.

5 §§ In the midst of this noisy aggregation of money-changers, merchandisers, and cattle sellers, Jesus, on this Monday morning, attempted to teach the gospel of the heavenly kingdom. He was not alone in resenting this profanation of the temple; the common people, especially the Jewish visitors from foreign provinces, also heartily resented this profiteering desecration of their national house of worship. At this time the Sanhedrin itself held its regular meetings in a chamber surrounded by all this babble and confusion of trade and barter.

6 As Jesus was about to begin his

address, two things happened to arrest his attention. At the money table of a near-by exchanger a violent and heated argument had arisen over the alleged overcharging of a Jew from Alexandria, while at the same moment the air was rent by the bellowing of a drove of some one hundred bullocks which was being driven from one section of the animal pens to another. As Jesus paused, silently but thoughtfully contemplating this scene of commerce and confusion, close by he beheld a simple-minded Galilean, a man he had once talked with in Iron, being ridiculed and jostled about by super-

cilious and would-be superior Judeans; and all of this combined to produce one of those strange and periodic uprisings of indignant emotion in the soul of Jesus.

7 To the amazement of his apostles, standing near at hand, who refrained from participation in what so soon followed, Jesus stepped down from the teaching platform and, going over to the lad who was driving the cattle through the court, took from him his whip of cords and swiftly drove the animals from the temple. But that was not all; he strode majestically before the wondering gaze of the thousands

assembled in the temple court to the farthest cattle pen and proceeded to open the gates of every stall and to drive out the imprisoned animals. By this time the assembled pilgrims were electrified, and with uproarious shouting they moved toward the bazaars and began to overturn the tables of the money-changers. In less than five minutes all commerce had been swept from the temple. By the time the near-by Roman guards had appeared on the scene, all was quiet, and the crowds had become orderly; Jesus, returning to the speaker's stand, spoke to the multitude: "You have this day

witnessed that which is written in the Scriptures: 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations, but you have made it a den of robbers.'"

8 But before he could utter other words, the great assembly broke out in hosannas of praise, and presently a throng of youths stepped out from the crowd to sing grateful hymns of appreciation that the profane and profiteering merchandisers had been ejected from the sacred temple. By this time certain of the priests had arrived on the scene, and one of them said to Jesus, "Do you not hear what the children of the Levites say?" And the Mas-

ter replied, "Have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings has praise been perfected'?" And all the rest of that day while Jesus taught, guards set by the people stood watch at every archway, and they would not permit anyone to carry even an empty vessel across the temple courts.

9 §§ When the chief priests and the scribes heard about these happenings, they were dumbfounded. All the more they feared the Master, and all the more they determined to destroy him. But they were nonplussed. They did not know how to accomplish his death, for they greatly feared the mul-

titudes, who were now so outspoken in their approval of his overthrow of the profane profiteers. And all this day, a day of quiet and peace in the temple courts, the people heard Jesus' teaching and literally hung on his words.

10 This surprising act of Jesus was beyond the comprehension of his apostles. They were so taken aback by this sudden and unexpected move of their Master that they remained throughout the whole episode huddled together near the speaker's stand; they never lifted a hand to further this cleansing of the temple. If this spectacular event had occurred the day be-

fore, at the time of Jesus' triumphal arrival at the temple at the termination of his tumultuous procession through the gates of the city, all the while loudly acclaimed by the multitude, they would have been ready for it, but coming as it did, they were wholly unprepared to participate.

11 This cleansing of the temple discloses the Master's attitude toward commercializing the practices of religion as well as his detestation of all forms of unfairness and profiteering at the expense of the poor and the unlearned. This episode also demonstrates that Jesus did not look with

approval upon the refusal to employ force to protect the majority of any given human group against the unfair and enslaving practices of unjust minorities who may be able to entrench themselves behind political, financial, or ecclesiastical power. Shrewd, wicked, and designing men are not to be permitted to organize themselves for the exploitation and oppression of those who, because of their idealism, are not disposed to resort to force for self-protection or for the furtherance

of their laudable life projects.

2. CHALLENGING THE MASTER'S AUTHORITY

1 On Sunday the triumphal entry into Jerusalem so overawed the Jewish leaders that they refrained from placing Jesus under arrest. Today, this spectacular cleansing of the temple likewise effectively postponed the Master's apprehension. Day by day the rulers of the Jews were becoming more and more determined to destroy him, but they were distraught by two fears, which conspired to delay the hour of striking. The chief priests and the scribes were unwilling to arrest Jesus

in public for fear the multitude might turn upon them in a fury of resentment; they also dreaded the possibility of the Roman guards being called upon to quell a popular uprising.

2 At the noon session of the Sanhedrin it was unanimously agreed that Jesus must be speedily destroyed, inasmuch as no friend of the Master attended this meeting. But they could not agree as to when and how he should be taken into custody. Finally they agreed upon appointing five groups to go out among the people and seek to entangle him in his teaching or otherwise to discredit him in

the sight of those who listened to his instruction. Accordingly, about 14:00, when Jesus had just begun his discourse on "The Liberty of Sonship," a group of these elders of Israel made their way up near Jesus and, interrupting him in the customary manner, asked this question: "By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority?"

3 It was altogether proper that the temple rulers and the officers of the Jewish Sanhedrin should ask this question of anyone who presumed to teach and perform in the extraordinary manner which had been char-

acteristic of Jesus, especially as concerned his recent conduct in clearing the temple of all commerce. These traders and money-changers all operated by direct license from the highest rulers, and a percentage of their gains was supposed to go directly into the temple treasury. Do not forget that *authority* was the watchword of all Jewry. The prophets were always stirring up trouble because they so boldly presumed to teach without authority, without having been duly instructed in the rabbinic academies and subsequently regularly ordained by the Sanhedrin. Lack of this au-

thority in pretentious public teaching was looked upon as indicating either ignorant presumption or open rebellion. At this time only the Sanhedrin could ordain an elder or teacher, and such a ceremony had to take place in the presence of at least three persons who had previously been so ordained. Such an ordination conferred the title of "rabbi" upon the teacher and also qualified him to act as a judge, "binding and loosing such matters as might be brought to him for adjudication."

4 The rulers of the temple came before Jesus at this afternoon hour challenging not only his teaching but his

acts. Jesus well knew that these very men had long publicly taught that his authority for teaching was Satanic, and that all his mighty works had been wrought by the power of the prince of devils. Therefore did the Master begin his answer to their question by asking them a counter-question. Said Jesus: "I would also like to ask you one question which, if you will answer me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these works. The baptism of John, whence was it? Did John get his authority from heaven or from men?"

5 And when his questioners heard this, they withdrew to one side to take

counsel among themselves as to what answer they might give. They had thought to embarrass Jesus before the multitude, but now they found themselves much confused before all who were assembled at that time in the temple court. And their discomfiture was all the more apparent when they returned to Jesus, saying: "Concerning the baptism of John, we cannot answer; we do not know." And they so answered the Master because they had reasoned among themselves: If we shall say from heaven, then will he say, Why did you not believe him, and perchance will add that he received his au-

thority from John; and if we shall say from men, then might the multitude turn upon us, for most of them hold that John was a prophet; and so they were compelled to come before Jesus and the people confessing that they, the religious teachers and leaders of Israel, could not (or would not) express an opinion about John's mission. And when they had spoken, Jesus, looking down upon them, said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

6 §§ Jesus never intended to appeal to John for his authority; John had never been ordained by the Sanhedrin. Je-

sus' authority was in himself and in his Father's eternal supremacy.

7 In employing this method of dealing with his adversaries, Jesus did not mean to dodge the question. At first it may seem that he was guilty of a masterly evasion, but it was not so. Jesus was never disposed to take unfair advantage of even his enemies. In this apparent evasion he really supplied all his hearers with the answer to the Pharisees' question as to the authority behind his mission. They had asserted that he performed by authority of the prince of devils. Jesus had repeatedly asserted that all his

teaching and works were by the power and authority of his Father in heaven. This the Jewish leaders refused to accept and were seeking to corner him into admitting that he was an irregular teacher since he had never been sanctioned by the Sanhedrin. In answering them as he did, while not claiming authority from John, he so satisfied the people with the inference that the effort of his enemies to ensnare him was effectively turned upon themselves and was much to their discredit in the eyes of all present.

8 And it was this genius of the Master for dealing with his adversaries

that made them so afraid of him. They attempted no more questions that day; they retired to take further counsel among themselves. But the people were not slow to discern the dishonesty and insincerity in these questions asked by the Jewish rulers. Even the common folk could not fail to distinguish between the moral majesty of the Master and the designing hypocrisy of his enemies. But the cleansing of the temple had brought the Sadducees over to the side of the Pharisees in perfecting the plan to destroy Jesus. And the Sadducees now represented a majority of the San-

hedrin.

3. PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

1 As the cavilling Pharisees stood there in silence before Jesus, he looked down on them and said: "Since you are in doubt about John's mission and arrayed in enmity against the teaching and the works of the Son of Man, give ear while I tell you a parable: A certain great and respected landholder had two sons, and desiring the help of his sons in the management of his large estates, he came to one of them, saying, 'Son, go work today in my vineyard.' And this unthinking son an-

swered his father, saying, 'I will not go'; but afterwards he repented and went. When he had found his older son, likewise he said to him, 'Son, go work in my vineyard.' And this hypocritical and unfaithful son answered, 'Yes, my father, I will go.' But when his father had departed, he went not. Let me ask you, which of these sons really did his father's will?"

2 And the people spoke with one accord, saying, "The first son." And then said Jesus: "Even so; and now do I declare that the publicans and harlots, even though they appear to refuse the call to repentance, shall see the error

of their way and go on into the kingdom of God before you, who make great pretensions of serving the Father in heaven while you refuse to do the works of the Father. It was not you, the Pharisees and scribes, who believed John, but rather the publicans and sinners; neither do you believe my teaching, but the common people hear my words gladly."

3 Jesus did not despise the Pharisees and Sadducees personally. It was their systems of teaching and practice which he sought to discredit. He was hostile to no man, but here was occurring the inevitable clash between a

new and living religion of the spirit and the older religion of ceremony, tradition, and authority.

4 All this time the twelve apostles stood near the Master, but they did not in any manner participate in these transactions. Each one of the twelve was reacting in his own peculiar way to the events of these closing days of Jesus' ministry in the flesh, and each one likewise remained obedient to the Master's injunction to refrain from all public teaching and preaching during

this Passover week.

4. PARABLE OF THE ABSENT LANDLORD

1 When the chief Pharisees and the scribes who had sought to entangle Jesus with their questions had finished listening to the story of the two sons, they withdrew to take further counsel, and the Master, turning his attention to the listening multitude, told another parable:

2 §§ "There was a good man who was a householder, and he planted a vineyard. He set a hedge about it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower for the guards. Then he let this

vineyard out to tenants while he went on a long journey into another country. And when the season of the fruits drew near, he sent servants to the tenants to receive his rental. But they took counsel among themselves and refused to give these servants the fruits due their master; instead, they fell upon his servants, beating one, stoning another, and sending the others away empty-handed. And when the householder heard about all this, he sent other and more trusted servants to deal with these wicked tenants, and these they wounded and also treated shamefully. And then the house-

holder sent his favourite servant, his steward, and him they killed. And still, in patience and with forbearance, he dispatched many other servants, but none would they receive. Some they beat, others they killed, and when the householder had been so dealt with, he decided to send his son to deal with these ungrateful tenants, saying to himself, 'They may mistreat my servants, but they will surely show respect for my beloved son.' But when these unrepentant and wicked tenants saw the son, they reasoned among themselves: 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and then the inheritance will

be ours.' So they laid hold on him, and after casting him out of the vineyard, they killed him. When the lord of that vineyard shall hear how they have rejected and killed his son, what will he do to those ungrateful and wicked tenants?"

3 §§ And when the people heard this parable and the question Jesus asked, they answered, "He will destroy those miserable men and let out his vineyard to other and honest farmers who will render to him the fruits in their season." And when some of them who heard perceived that this parable referred to the Jewish nation and its

treatment of the prophets and to the impending rejection of Jesus and the gospel of the kingdom, they said in sorrow, "God forbid that we should go on doing these things."

4 Jesus saw a group of the Sadducees and Pharisees making their way through the crowd, and he paused for a moment until they drew near him, when he said: "You know how your fathers rejected the prophets, and you well know that you are set in your hearts to reject the Son of Man." And then, looking with searching gaze upon those priests and elders who were standing near him, Jesus said:

"Did you never read in the Scripture about the stone which the builders rejected, and which, when the people had discovered it, was made into the cornerstone? And so once more do I warn you that, if you continue to reject this gospel, presently will the kingdom of God be taken away from you and be given to a people willing to receive the good news and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit. And there is a mystery about this stone, seeing that whoso falls upon it, while he is thereby broken in pieces, shall be saved; but on whomsoever this stone falls, he will be ground to dust and his ashes scattered

to the four winds."

5 When the Pharisees heard these words, they understood that Jesus referred to themselves and the other Jewish leaders. They greatly desired to lay hold on him then and there, but they feared the multitude. However, they were so angered by the Master's words that they withdrew and held further counsel among themselves as to how they might bring about his death. And that night both the Sadducees and the Pharisees joined hands

in the plan to entrap him the next day.

5. PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE FEAST

1 After the scribes and rulers had withdrawn, Jesus addressed himself again to the assembled crowd and spoke the parable of the wedding feast. He said:

2 §§ "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a certain king who made a marriage feast for his son and dispatched messengers to call those who had previously been invited to the feast to come, saying, 'Everything is ready for the marriage supper at the king's palace.' Now, many of those

who had once promised to attend, at this time refused to come. When the king heard of these rejections of his invitation, he sent other servants and messengers, saying: 'Tell all those who were bidden, to come, for, behold, my dinner is ready. My oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all is in readiness for the celebration of the forthcoming marriage of my son.' But again did the thoughtless make light of this call of their king, and they went their ways, one to the farm, another to the pottery, and others to their merchandise. Still others were not content thus to slight the king's call, but

in open rebellion they laid hands on the king's messengers and shamefully mistreated them, even killing some of them. And when the king perceived that his chosen guests, even those who had accepted his preliminary invitation and had promised to attend the wedding feast, had finally rejected his call and in rebellion had assaulted and slain his chosen messengers, he was exceedingly wroth. And then this insulted king ordered out his armies and the armies of his allies and instructed them to destroy these rebellious murderers and to burn down their city.

3 "And when he had punished those

who spurned his invitation, he appointed yet another day for the wedding feast and said to his messengers: 'They who were first bidden to the wedding were not worthy; so go now into the parting of the ways and into the highways and even beyond the borders of the city, and as many as you shall find, bid even these strangers to come in and attend this wedding feast.' And then these servants went out into the highways and the out-of-the-way places, and they gathered together as many as they found, good and bad, rich and poor, so that at last the wedding chamber was filled with willing

guests. When all was ready, the king came in to view his guests, and much to his surprise he saw there a man without a wedding garment. The king, since he had freely provided wedding garments for all his guests, addressing this man, said: 'Friend, how is it that you come into my guest chamber on this occasion without a wedding garment?' And this unprepared man was speechless. Then said the king to his servants: 'Cast out this thoughtless guest from my house to share the lot of all the others who have spurned my hospitality and rejected my call. I will have none here except those who de-

light to accept my invitation, and who do me the honour to wear those guest garments so freely provided for all.'"

4 §§ After speaking this parable, Jesus was about to dismiss the multitude when a sympathetic believer, making his way through the crowds toward him, asked: "But, Master, how shall we know about these things? how shall we be ready for the king's invitation? what sign will you give us whereby we shall know that you are the Son of God?" And when the Master heard this, he said, "Only one sign shall be given you." And then, pointing to his own body, he continued, "Destroy

this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." But they did not understand him, and as they dispersed, they talked among themselves, saying, "Almost fifty years has this temple been in building, and yet he says he will destroy it and raise it up in three days." Even his own apostles did not comprehend the significance of this utterance, but subsequently, after his resurrection, they recalled what he had said.

5 About 16:00 Jesus beckoned to his apostles and indicated that he desired to leave the temple and to go to Bethany for their evening meal and a night of rest. On the way up Olivet Jesus in-

structed Andrew, Philip, and Thomas that, on the morrow, they should establish a camp nearer the city which they could occupy during the remainder of the Passover week. In compliance with this instruction the following morning they pitched their tents in the hillside ravine overlooking the public camping park of Gethsemane, on a plot of ground belonging to Simon of Bethany.

6 Again it was a silent group of Jews who made their way up the western slope of Olivet on this Monday night. These twelve men, as never before, were beginning to sense that

something tragic was about to happen. While the dramatic cleansing of the temple during the early morning had aroused their hopes of seeing the Master assert himself and manifest his mighty powers, the events of the entire afternoon only operated as an anticlimax in that they all pointed to the certain rejection of Jesus' teaching by the Jewish authorities. The apostles were gripped by suspense and were held in the firm grasp of a terrible uncertainty. They realized that only a few short days could intervene between the events of the day just passed and the crash of an impending doom.

They all felt that something tremendous was about to happen, but they knew not what to expect. They went to their various places for rest, but they slept very little. Even the Alpheus twins were at last aroused to the realization that the events of the Master's life were moving swiftly toward their final culmination.

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TUESDAY MORNING IN THE TEMPLE

Midwayer Commission

About 7:00 on this Tuesday morning Jesus met the apostles, the women's corps, and some two dozen other prominent disciples at the home of Simon. At this meeting he said farewell to Lazarus, giving him that instruction which led him so soon to flee to Philadelphia in Perea, where he later became connected with the missionary movement

having its headquarters in that city. Jesus also said good-bye to the aged Simon, and gave his parting advice to the women's corps, as he never again formally addressed them.

2 This morning he greeted each of the twelve with a personal salutation. To Andrew he said: "Be not dismayed by the events just ahead. Keep a firm hold on your brethren and see that they do not find you downcast." To Peter he said: "Put not your trust in the arm of flesh nor in weapons of steel. Establish yourself on the spiritual foundations of the eternal rocks." To James he said: "Falter not because

of outward appearances. Remain firm in your faith, and you shall soon know of the reality of that which you believe." To John he said: "Be gentle; love even your enemies; be tolerant. And remember that I have trusted you with many things." To Nathaniel he said: "Judge not by appearances; remain firm in your faith when all appears to vanish; be true to your commission as an ambassador of the kingdom." To Philip he said: "Be unmoved by the events now impending. Remain unshaken, even when you cannot see the way. Be loyal to your oath of consecration." To Matthew he said: "For-

get not the mercy that received you into the kingdom. Let no man cheat you of your eternal reward. As you have withstood the inclinations of the mortal nature, be willing to be steadfast." To Thomas he said: "No matter how difficult it may be, just now you must walk by faith and not by sight. Doubt not that I am able to finish the work I have begun, and that I shall eventually see all of my faithful ambassadors in the kingdom beyond." To the Alpheus twins he said: "Do not allow the things which you cannot understand to crush you. Be true to the affections of your hearts and put not

your trust in either great men or the changing attitude of the people. Stand by your brethren." And to Simon Zelotes he said: "Simon, you may be crushed by disappointment, but your spirit shall rise above all that may come upon you. What you have failed to learn from me, my spirit will teach you. Seek the true realities of the spirit and cease to be attracted by unreal and material shadows." And to Judas Iscariot he said: "Judas, I have loved you and have prayed that you would love your brethren. Be not weary in well doing; and I would warn you to beware the slippery paths of flattery and the poi-

son darts of ridicule."

3 And when he had concluded these greetings, he departed for Jerusalem with Andrew, Peter, James, and John as the other apostles set about the establishment of the Gethsemane camp, where they were to go that night, and where they made their headquarters for the remainder of the Master's life in the flesh. About halfway down the slope of Olivet Jesus paused and visited more than an hour with the four apostles.

1. DIVINE FORGIVENESS

1 For several days Peter and James

had been engaged in discussing their differences of opinion about the Master's teaching regarding the forgiveness of sin. They had both agreed to lay the matter before Jesus, and Peter embraced this occasion as a fitting opportunity for securing the Master's counsel. Accordingly, Simon Peter broke in on the conversation dealing with the differences between praise and worship, by asking: "Master, James and I are not in accord regarding your teachings having to do with the forgiveness of sin. James claims you teach that the Father forgives us even before we ask him, and I maintain that repentance

and confession must precede the forgiveness. Which of us is right? what do you say?"

2 After a short silence Jesus looked significantly at all four and answered: "My brethren, you err in your opinions because you do not comprehend the nature of those intimate and loving relations between the creature and the Creator, between man and God. You fail to grasp that understanding sympathy which the wise parent entertains for his immature and sometimes erring child. It is indeed doubtful whether intelligent and affectionate parents are ever called upon to forgive

an average and normal child. Understanding relationships associated with attitudes of love effectively prevent all those estrangements which later necessitate the readjustment of repentance by the child with forgiveness by the parent.

3 "A part of every father lives in the child. The father enjoys priority and superiority of understanding in all matters connected with the child-parent relationship. The parent is able to view the immaturity of the child in the light of the more advanced parental maturity, the riper experience of the older partner. With the earthly

child and the heavenly Father, the divine parent possesses infinity and divinity of sympathy and capacity for loving understanding. Divine forgiveness is inevitable; it is inherent and inalienable in God's infinite understanding, in his perfect knowledge of all that concerns the mistaken judgment and erroneous choosing of the child. Divine justice is so eternally fair that it unfailingly embodies understanding mercy.

4 "When a wise man understands the inner impulses of his fellows, he will love them. And when you love your brother, you have already for-

given him. This capacity to understand man's nature and forgive his apparent wrongdoing is Godlike. If you are wise parents, this is the way you will love and understand your children, even forgive them when transient misunderstanding has apparently separated you. The child, being immature and lacking in the fuller understanding of the depth of the child-father relationship, must frequently feel a sense of guilty separation from a father's full approval, but the true father is never conscious of any such separation. Sin is an experience of creature consciousness; it is not a part of God's

consciousness.

5 "Your inability or unwillingness to forgive your fellows is the measure of your immaturity, your failure to attain adult sympathy, understanding, and love. You hold grudges and nurse vengefulness in direct proportion to your ignorance of the inner nature and true longings of your children and your fellow beings. Love is the outworking of the divine and inner urge of life. It is founded on understanding, nurtured by unselfish service, and

perfected in wisdom."

2. QUESTIONS BY THE JEWISH RULERS

1 On Monday evening there had been held a council between the Sanhedrin and some 50 additional leaders selected from among the scribes, Pharisees, and the Sadducees. It was the consensus of this meeting that it would be dangerous to arrest Jesus in public because of his hold upon the affections of the common people. It was also the opinion of the majority that a determined effort should be made to discredit him in the eyes of the multi-

tude before he should be arrested and brought to trial. Accordingly, several groups of learned men were designated to be on hand the next morning in the temple to undertake to entrap him with difficult questions and otherwise to seek to embarrass him before the people. At last, the Pharisees, Sadducees, and even the Herodians were all united in this effort to discredit Jesus in the eyes of the Passover multitudes.

2 Tuesday morning, when Jesus arrived in the temple court and began to teach, he had uttered but few words when a group of the younger stu-

dents from the academies, who had been rehearsed for this purpose, came forward and by their spokesman addressed Jesus: "Master, we know you are a righteous teacher, and we know that you proclaim the ways of truth, and that you serve only God, for you fear no man, and that you are no respecter of persons. We are only students, and we would know the truth about a matter which troubles us; our difficulty is this: Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar? Shall we give or shall we not give?" Jesus, perceiving their hypocrisy and craftiness, said to them: "Why do you thus come

to tempt me? Show me the tribute money, and I will answer you." And when they handed him a denarius, he looked at it and said, "Whose image and superscription does this coin bear?" And when they answered him, "Caesar's," Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and render to God the things that are God's."

3 When he had thus answered these young scribes and their Herodian accomplices, they withdrew from his presence, and the people, even the Sadducees, enjoyed their discomfiture. Even the youths who had endeavoured to entrap him marveled

greatly at the unexpected sagacity of the Master's answer.

4 The previous day the rulers had sought to trip him before the multitude on matters of ecclesiastical authority, and having failed, they now sought to involve him in a damaging discussion of civil authority. Both Pilate and Herod were in Jerusalem at this time, and Jesus' enemies conjectured that, if he would dare to advise against the payment of tribute to Caesar, they could go at once before the Roman authorities and charge him with sedition. On the other hand, if he should advise the pay-

ment of tribute in so many words, they rightly calculated that such a pronouncement would greatly wound the national pride of his Jewish hearers, thereby alienating the good will and affection of the multitude.

5 In all this the enemies of Jesus were defeated since it was a well-known ruling of the Sanhedrin, made for the guidance of the Jews dispersed among the gentile nations, that the "right of coinage carried with it the right to levy taxes." In this manner Jesus avoided their trap. To have answered "No" to their question would have been equivalent to inciting rebellion; to have an-

swered "Yes" would have shocked the deep-rooted nationalist sentiments of that day. The Master did not evade the question; he merely employed the wisdom of making a double reply. Jesus was never evasive, but he was always wise in his dealings with those who sought to harass and destroy him.

3. THE SADDUCEES AND THE RESURRECTION

1 Before Jesus could get started with his teaching, another group came forward to question him, this time a company of the learned and crafty Sadducees. Their spokesman, drawing near to him, said: "Master, Moses said

that if a married man should die, leaving no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up seed for the deceased brother. Now there occurred a case where a certain man who had six brothers died childless; his next brother took his wife but also soon died, leaving no children. Likewise did the second brother take the wife, but he also died leaving no offspring. And so on until all six of the brothers had had her, and all six of them passed on without leaving children. And then, after them all, the woman herself died. Now, what we would like to ask you is this: In the res-

urrection whose wife will she be since all seven of these brothers had her?"

2 Jesus knew, and so did the people, that these Sadducees were not sincere in asking this question because it was not likely that such a case would really occur; and besides, this practice of the brothers of a dead man seeking to beget children for him was practically a dead letter at this time among the Jews. Nevertheless, Jesus condescended to reply to their mischievous question. He said: "You all do err in asking such questions because you know neither the Scriptures nor the living power of God. You know that

the sons of this world can marry and are given in marriage, but you do not seem to understand that they who are accounted worthy to attain the worlds to come, through the resurrection of the righteous, neither marry nor are given in marriage. Those who experience the resurrection from the dead are more like the angels of heaven, and they never die. These resurrected ones are eternally the sons of God; they are the children of light resurrected into the progress of eternal life. And even your Father Moses understood this, for, in connection with his experiences at the burning bush, he heard the Fa-

ther say, 'I *am* the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And so, along with Moses, do I declare that my Father is not the God of the dead but of the living. In him you all do live, reproduce, and possess your mortal existence."

3 When Jesus had finished answering these questions, the Sadducees withdrew, and some of the Pharisees so far forgot themselves as to exclaim, "True, true, Master, you have well answered these unbelieving Sadducees." The Sadducees dared not ask him any more questions, and the common people marveled at the wisdom of his

teaching.

4 §§ Jesus appealed only to Moses in his encounter with the Sadducees because this religio-political sect acknowledged the validity of only the five so-called Books of Moses; they did not allow that the teachings of the prophets were admissible as a basis of doctrinal dogmas. The Master in his answer, though positively affirming the fact of the survival of mortal creatures by the technique of the resurrection, did not in any sense speak approvingly of the Pharisaic beliefs in the resurrection of the literal human body. The point Jesus wished to em-

phasize was: That the Father had said, "I *am* the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob," not I *was* their God.

5 The Sadducees had thought to subject Jesus to the withering influence of *ridicule,* knowing full well that persecution in public would most certainly create further sympathy for him in the minds of the multitude.

4. THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

1 Another group of Sadducees had been instructed to ask Jesus entangling questions about angels, but when they beheld the fate of their comrades who had sought to entrap him

with questions concerning the resurrection, they very wisely decided to hold their peace; they retired without asking a question. It was the prearranged plan of the confederated Pharisees, scribes, Sadducees, and Herodians to fill up the entire day with these entangling questions, hoping thereby to discredit Jesus before the people and at the same time effectively to prevent his having any time for the proclamation of his disturbing teachings.

2 Then came forward one of the groups of the Pharisees to ask harassing questions, and the spokesman, signalling to Jesus, said: "Master, I am

a lawyer, and I would like to ask you which, in your opinion, is the greatest commandment?" Jesus answered: "There is but one commandment, and that one is the greatest of all, and that commandment is: 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second commandment is like this first; indeed, it springs directly therefrom, and it is: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other command-

ment greater than these; on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

3 When the lawyer perceived that Jesus had answered not only in accordance with the highest concept of Jewish religion, but that he had also answered wisely in the sight of the assembled multitude, he thought it the better part of valour openly to commend the Master's reply. Accordingly, he said: "Of a truth, Master, you have well said that God is one and there is none beside him; and that to love him with all the heart, understanding, and strength, and also to love one's neigh-

bour as one's self, is the first and great commandment; and we are agreed that this great commandment is much more to be regarded than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." When the lawyer answered thus discreetly, Jesus looked down upon him and said, "My friend, I perceive that you are not far from the kingdom of God."

4 §§ Jesus spoke the truth when he referred to this lawyer as being "not far from the kingdom," for that very night he went out to the Master's camp near Gethsemane, professed faith in the gospel of the kingdom, and was baptized by Josiah, one of the disciples

of Abner.

5 §§ Two or three other groups of the scribes and Pharisees were present and had intended to ask questions, but they were either disarmed by Jesus' answer to the lawyer, or they were deterred by the discomfiture of all who had undertaken to ensnare him. After this no man dared to ask him another question in public.

6 When no more questions were forthcoming, and as the noon hour was near, Jesus did not resume his teaching but was content merely to ask the Pharisees and their associates a question. Said Jesus: "Since you

ask no more questions, I would like to ask you one. What do you think of the Deliverer? That is, whose son is he?" After a brief pause one of the scribes answered, "The Messiah is the son of David." And since Jesus knew that there had been much debate, even among his own disciples, as to whether or not he was the son of David, he asked this further question: "If the Deliverer is indeed the son of David, how is it that, in the Psalm which you accredit to David, he himself, speaking in the spirit, says, 'The Lord said to my lord, sit on my right hand until I make your enemies the footstool of

your feet.' If David calls him Lord, how then can he be his son?" Although the rulers, the scribes, and the chief priests made no reply to this question, they likewise refrained from asking him any more questions in an effort to entangle him. They never answered this question which Jesus put to them, but after the Master's death they attempted to escape the difficulty by changing the interpretation of this Psalm so as to make it refer to Abraham instead of the Messiah. Others sought to escape the dilemma by disallowing that David was the author of this so-called Messianic Psalm.

7 A short time back the Pharisees had enjoyed the manner in which the Sadducees had been silenced by the Master; now the Sadducees were delighted by the failure of the Pharisees; but such rivalry was only momentary; they speedily forgot their time-honoured differences in the united effort to stop Jesus' teachings and doings. But throughout all of these experiences the common people heard him gladly.

5. THE INQUIRING GREEKS

1 About noontime, as Philip was purchasing supplies for the new camp

which was that day being established near Gethsemane, he was accosted by a delegation of strangers, a group of believing Greeks from Alexandria, Athens, and Rome, whose spokesman said to the apostle: "You have been pointed out to us by those who know you; so we come to you, Sir, with the request to see Jesus, your Master." Philip was taken by surprise thus to meet these prominent and inquiring Greek gentiles in the market place, and, since Jesus had so explicitly charged all of the twelve not to engage in any public teaching during the Passover week, he was a bit per-

plexed as to the right way to handle this matter. He was also disconcerted because these men were foreign gentiles. If they had been Jews or nearby and familiar gentiles, he would not have hesitated so markedly. What he did was this: He asked these Greeks to remain right where they were. As he hastened away, they supposed that he went in search of Jesus, but in reality he hurried off to the home of Joseph, where he knew Andrew and the other apostles were at lunch; and calling Andrew out, he explained the purpose of his coming, and then, accompanied by Andrew, he returned to the waiting

Greeks.

2 Since Philip had about finished the purchasing of supplies, he and Andrew returned with the Greeks to the home of Joseph, where Jesus received them; and they sat near while he spoke to his apostles and a number of leading disciples assembled at this luncheon. Said Jesus:

3 §§ "My Father sent me to this world to reveal his loving-kindness to the children of men, but those to whom I first came have refused to receive me. True, indeed, many of you have believed my gospel for yourselves, but the children of Abraham and their

leaders are about to reject me, and in so doing they will reject Him who sent me. I have freely proclaimed the gospel of salvation to this people; I have told them of sonship with joy, liberty, and life more abundant in the spirit. My Father has done many wonderful works among these fear-ridden sons of men. But truly did the Prophet Isaiah refer to this people when he wrote: 'Lord, who has believed our teachings? And to whom has the Lord been revealed?' Truly have the leaders of my people deliberately blinded their eyes that they see not, and hardened their hearts lest they believe and

be saved. All these years have I sought to heal them of their unbelief that they might be recipients of the Father's eternal salvation. I know that not all have failed me; some of you have indeed believed my message. In this room now are a full score of men who were once members of the Sanhedrin, or who were high in the councils of the nation, albeit even some of you still shrink from open confession of the truth lest they cast you out of the synagogue. Some of you are tempted to love the glory of men more than the glory of God. But I am constrained to show forbearance since I fear for

the safety and loyalty of even some of those who have been so long near me, and who have lived so close by my side.

4 "In this banquet chamber I perceive there are assembled Jews and gentiles in about equal numbers, and I would address you as the first and last of such a group that I may instruct in the affairs of the kingdom before I go to my Father."

5 These Greeks had been in faithful attendance upon Jesus' teaching in the temple. On Monday evening they had held a conference at the home of Nicodemus, which lasted until the dawn of day, and 30 of them had

elected to enter the kingdom.

6 As Jesus stood before them at this time, he perceived the end of one dispensation and the beginning of another. Turning his attention to the Greeks, the Master said:

7 §§ "He who believes this gospel, believes not merely in me but in Him who sent me. When you look upon me, you see not only the Son of Man but also Him who sent me. I am the light of the world, and whosoever will believe my teaching shall no longer abide in darkness. If you gentiles will hear me, you shall receive the words of life and shall enter forthwith into

the joyous liberty of the truth of sonship with God. If my fellow countrymen, the Jews, choose to reject me and to refuse my teachings, I will not sit in judgment on them, for I came not to judge the world but to offer it salvation. Nevertheless, they who reject me and refuse to receive my teaching shall be brought to judgment in due season by my Father and those whom he has appointed to sit in judgment on such as reject the gift of mercy and the truths of salvation. Remember, all of you, that I speak not of myself, but that I have faithfully declared to you that which the Father com-

manded I should reveal to the children of men. And these words which the Father directed me to speak to the world are words of divine truth, everlasting mercy, and eternal life.

8 "But to both Jew and gentile I declare the hour has about come when the Son of Man will be glorified. You well know that, except a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies in good soil, it springs up again to life and bears much fruit. He who selfishly loves his life stands in danger of losing it; but he who is willing to lay down his life for my sake and the gospel's shall enjoy a

more abundant existence on earth and in heaven, life eternal. If you will truly follow me, even after I have gone to my Father, then shall you become my disciples and the sincere servants of your fellow mortals.

9 "I know my hour is approaching, and I am troubled. I perceive that my people are determined to spurn the kingdom, but I am rejoiced to receive these truth-seeking gentiles who come here today inquiring for the way of light. Nevertheless, my heart aches for my people, and my soul is distraught by that which lies just before me. What shall I say as I look ahead

and discern what is about to befall me? Shall I say, Father save me from this awful hour? No! For this very purpose have I come into the world and even to this hour. Rather will I say, and pray that you will join me: Father, glorify your name; your will be done."

10 When Jesus had thus spoken, the Personalized Adjuster of his indwelling during prebaptismal times appeared before him, and as he paused noticeably, this now mighty spirit of the Father's representation spoke to Jesus of Nazareth, saying: "I have glorified my name in your bestowals many times, and I will glorify it once more."

11 While the Jews and gentiles here assembled heard no voice, they could not fail to discern that the Master had paused in his speaking while a message came to him from some superhuman source. They all said, every man to the one who was by him, "An angel has spoken to him."

12 Then Jesus continued to speak: "All this has not happened for my sake but for yours. I know of a certainty that the Father will receive me and accept my mission in your behalf, but it is needful that you be encouraged and be made ready for the fiery trial which is just ahead. Let me assure you

that victory shall eventually crown our united efforts to enlighten the world and liberate mankind. The old order is bringing itself to judgment; the Prince of this world I have cast down; and all men shall become free by the light of the spirit which I will pour out upon all flesh after I have ascended to my Father in heaven.

13 "And now I declare to you that I, if I be lifted up on earth and in your lives, will draw all men to myself and into the fellowship of my Father. You have believed that the Deliverer would abide on earth forever, but I declare that the Son of Man will be rejected

by men, and that he will go back to the Father. Only a little while will I be with you; only a little time will the living light be among this darkened generation. Walk while you have this light so that the oncoming darkness and confusion may not overtake you. He who walks in the darkness knows not where he goes; but if you will choose to walk in the light, you shall all indeed become liberated sons of God. And now, all of you, come with me while we go back to the temple and I speak farewell words to the chief priests, the scribes, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Herodians, and the

benighted rulers of Israel."

14 Having thus spoken, Jesus led the way over the narrow streets of Jerusalem back to the temple. They had just heard the Master say that this was to be his farewell discourse in the temple, and they followed him in silence and in deep meditation.

PAPER 175

THE LAST TEMPLE DISCOURSE

Midwayer Commission

Shortly after 14:00 on Tuesday, Jesus, accompanied by eleven apostles, Joseph of Arimathea, the 30 Greeks, and certain other disciples, arrived at the temple and began the delivery of his last address in the courts of the sacred edifice. This discourse was intended to be his last appeal to the Jewish people and the

final indictment of his vehement enemies and would-be destroyers — the scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, and the chief rulers of Israel. Throughout the forenoon the various groups had had an opportunity to question Jesus; this afternoon no one asked him a question.

2 As the Master began to speak, the temple court was quiet and orderly. The money-changers and the merchandisers had not dared again to enter the temple since Jesus and the aroused multitude had driven them out the previous day. Before beginning the discourse, Jesus ten-

derly looked down upon this audience which was so soon to hear his farewell public address of mercy to mankind coupled with his last denunciation of the false teachers and the bigoted rulers of the Jews.

1. THE DISCOURSE

1 "This long time have I been with you, going up and down in the land proclaiming the Father's love for the children of men, and many have seen the light and, by faith, have entered into the kingdom of heaven. In connection with this teaching and preaching the Father has done many won-

derful works, even to the resurrection of the dead. Many sick and afflicted have been made whole because they believed; but all of this proclamation of truth and healing of disease has not opened the eyes of those who refuse to see light, those who are determined to reject this gospel of the kingdom.

2 "In every manner consistent with doing my Father's will, I and my apostles have done our utmost to live in peace with our brethren, to conform with the reasonable requirements of the laws of Moses and the traditions of Israel. We have persistently sought peace, but the leaders of Israel will not

have it. By rejecting the truth of God and the light of heaven, they are aligning themselves on the side of error and darkness. There cannot be peace between light and darkness, between life and death, between truth and error.

3 "Many of you have dared to believe my teachings and have already entered into the joy and liberty of the consciousness of sonship with God. And you will bear me witness that I have offered this same sonship with God to all the Jewish nation, even to these very men who now seek my destruction. And even now would my Father receive these blinded teachers

and these hypocritical leaders if they would only turn to him and accept his mercy. Even now it is not too late for this people to receive the word of heaven and to welcome the Son of Man.

4 "My Father has long dealt in mercy with this people. Generation after generation have we sent our prophets to teach and warn them, and generation after generation have they killed these heaven-sent teachers. And now do your wilful high priests and stubborn rulers go right on doing this same thing. As Herod brought about the death of John, you likewise now make

ready to destroy the Son of Man.

5 "As long as there is a chance that the Jews will turn to my Father and seek salvation, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will keep his hands of mercy outstretched toward you; but when you have once filled up your cup of impenitence, and when once you have finally rejected my Father's mercy, this nation will be left to its own counsels, and it shall speedily come to an inglorious end. This people was called to become the light of the world, to show forth the spiritual glory of a God-knowing race, but you have so far departed from the ful-

filment of your divine privileges that your leaders are about to commit the supreme folly of all the ages in that they are on the verge of finally rejecting the gift of God to all men and for all ages — the revelation of the love of the Father in heaven for all his creatures on earth.

6 "And when you do once reject this revelation of God to man, the kingdom of heaven shall be given to other peoples, to those who will receive it with joy and gladness. In the name of the Father who sent me, I solemnly warn you that you are about to lose your position in the world as the stan-

dard-bearers of eternal truth and the custodians of the divine law. I am just now offering you your last chance to come forward and repent, to signify your intention to seek God with all your hearts and to enter, like little children and by sincere faith, into the security and salvation of the kingdom of heaven.

7 "My Father has long worked for your salvation, and I came down to live among you and personally show you the way. Many of both the Jews and the Samaritans, and even the gentiles, have believed the gospel of the kingdom, but those who should be first to

come forward and accept the light of heaven have steadfastly refused to believe the revelation of the truth of God — God revealed in man and man uplifted to God.

8 "This afternoon my apostles stand here before you in silence, but you shall soon hear their voices ringing out with the call to salvation and with the urge to unite with the heavenly kingdom as the sons of the living God. And now I call to witness these, my disciples and believers in the gospel of the kingdom, as well as the unseen messengers by their sides, that I have once more offered Israel and her

rulers deliverance and salvation. But you all behold how the Father's mercy is slighted and how the messengers of truth are rejected. Nevertheless, I admonish you that these scribes and Pharisees still sit in Moses' seat, and therefore, until the Most Highs who rule in the kingdoms of men shall finally overthrow this nation and destroy the place of these rulers, I bid you co-operate with these elders in Israel. You are not required to unite with them in their plans to destroy the Son of Man, but in everything related to the peace of Israel you are to be subject to them. In all these matters do

whatsoever they bid you and observe the essentials of the law but do not pattern after their evil works. Remember, this is the sin of these rulers: They say that which is good, but they do it not. You well know how these leaders bind heavy burdens on your shoulders, burdens grievous to bear, and that they will not lift as much as one finger to help you bear these weighty burdens. They have oppressed you with ceremonies and enslaved you by traditions.

9 "Furthermore, these self-centred rulers delight in doing their good works so that they will be seen by men. They make broad their phylacteries

and enlarge the borders of their official robes. They crave the chief places at the feasts and demand the chief seats in the synagogues. They covet laudatory salutations in the market places and desire to be called rabbi by all men. And even while they seek all this honour from men, they secretly lay hold of widows' houses and take profit from the services of the sacred temple. For a pretence these hypocrites make long prayers in public and give alms to attract the notice of their fellows.

10 "While you should honour your rulers and reverence your teachers, you should call no man Father in the spiri-

tual sense, for there is one who is your Father, even God. Neither should you seek to lord it over your brethren in the kingdom. Remember, I have taught you that he who would be greatest among you should become the server of all. If you presume to exalt yourselves before God, you will certainly be humbled; but whoso truly humbles himself will surely be exalted. Seek in your daily lives, not self-glorification, but the glory of God. Intelligently subordinate your own wills to the will of the Father in heaven.

11 "Mistake not my words. I bear no malice toward these chief priests

and rulers who even now seek my destruction; I have no ill will for these scribes and Pharisees who reject my teachings. I know that many of you believe in secret, and I know you will openly profess your allegiance to the kingdom when my hour comes. But how will your rabbis justify themselves since they profess to talk with God and then presume to reject and destroy him who comes to reveal the Father to the worlds?

12 "Woe upon you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You would shut the doors of the kingdom of heaven against sincere men because they hap-

pen to be unlearned in the ways of your teaching. You refuse to enter the kingdom and at the same time do everything within your power to prevent all others from entering. You stand with your backs to the doors of salvation and fight with all who would enter therein.

13 "Woe upon you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites that you are! for you do indeed encompass land and sea to make one proselyte, and when you have succeeded, you are not content until you have made him twofold worse than he was as a child of the heathen.

14 "Woe upon you, chief priests and rulers who lay hold of the property of the poor and demand heavy dues of those who would serve God as they think Moses ordained! You who refuse to show mercy, can you hope for mercy in the worlds to come?

15 "Woe upon you, false teachers, blind guides! What can be expected of a nation when the blind lead the blind? They both shall stumble into the pit of destruction.

16 "Woe upon you who dissimulate when you take an oath! You are tricksters since you teach that a man may swear by the temple and break

his oath, but that whoso swears by the gold in the temple must remain bound. You are all fools and blind. You are not even consistent in your dishonesty, for which is the greater, the gold or the temple which has supposedly sanctified the gold? You also teach that, if a man swears by the altar, it is nothing; but that, if one swears by the gift that is upon the altar, then shall he be held as a debtor. Again are you blind to the truth, for which is the greater, the gift or the altar which sanctifies the gift? How can you justify such hypocrisy and dishonesty in the sight of the God of heaven?

17 "Woe upon you, scribes and Pharisees and all other hypocrites who make sure that they tithe mint, anise, and cumin and at the same time disregard the weightier matters of the law — faith, mercy, and judgment! Within reason, the one you ought to have done but not to have left the other undone. You are truly blind guides and dumb teachers; you strain out the gnat and swallow the camel.

18 "Woe upon you, scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites! for you are scrupulous to cleanse the outside of the cup and the platter, but within there remains the filth of extortion, excesses, and de-

ception. You are spiritually blind. Do you not recognize how much better it would be first to cleanse the inside of the cup, and then that which spills over would of itself cleanse the outside? You wicked reprobates! you make the outward performances of your religion to conform with the letter of your interpretation of Moses' law while your souls are steeped in iniquity and filled with murder.

19 "Woe upon all of you who reject truth and spurn mercy! Many of you are like whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful but within are full of dead men's bones and all sorts

of uncleanness. Even so do you who knowingly reject the counsel of God appear outwardly to men as holy and righteous, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and iniquity.

20 "Woe upon you, false guides of a nation! Over yonder have you built a monument to the martyred prophets of old, while you plot to destroy Him of whom they spoke. You garnish the tombs of the righteous and flatter yourselves that, had you lived in the days of your fathers, you would not have killed the prophets; and then in the face of such self-righteous thinking you make ready to slay him of

whom the prophets spoke, the Son of Man. Inasmuch as you do these things, are you witness to yourselves that you are the wicked sons of them who slew the prophets. Go on, then, and fill up the cup of your condemnation to the full!

21 "Woe upon you, children of evil! John did truly call you the offspring of vipers, and I ask how can you escape the judgment that John pronounced upon you?

22 "But even now I offer you in my Father's name mercy and forgiveness; even now I proffer the loving hand of eternal fellowship. My Father has

sent you the wise men and the prophets; some you have persecuted and others you have killed. Then appeared John proclaiming the coming of the Son of Man, and him you destroyed after many had believed his teaching. And now you make ready to shed more innocent blood. Do you not comprehend that a terrible day of reckoning will come when the Judge of all the earth shall require of this people an accounting for the way they have rejected, persecuted, and destroyed these messengers of heaven? Do you not understand that you must account for all of this righteous blood,

from the first prophet killed down to the times of Zechariah, who was slain between the sanctuary and the altar? And if you go on in your evil ways, this accounting may be required of this very generation.

23 "O Jerusalem and the children of Abraham, you who have stoned the prophets and killed the teachers that were sent to you, even now would I gather your children together as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you will not!

24 "And now I take leave of you. You have heard my message and have made your decision. Those who have be-

lieved my gospel are even now safe within the kingdom of God. To you who have chosen to reject the gift of God, I say that you will no more see me teaching in the temple. My work for you is done. Behold, I now go forth with my children, and your house is left to you desolate!"

25 And then the Master beckoned his followers to depart from the temple.

2. STATUS OF INDIVIDUAL JEWS

1 The fact that the spiritual leaders and the religious teachers of the Jewish nation onetime rejected the teachings

of Jesus and conspired to bring about his cruel death, does not in any manner affect the status of any individual Jew in his standing before God. And it should not cause those who profess to be followers of the Christ to be prejudiced against the Jew as a fellow mortal. The Jews, as a nation, as a sociopolitical group, paid in full the terrible price of rejecting the Prince of Peace. Long since they ceased to be the spiritual torchbearers of divine truth to the races of mankind, but this constitutes no valid reason why the individual descendants of these long-ago Jews should be made to suffer the

persecutions which have been visited upon them by intolerant, unworthy, and bigoted professed followers of Jesus of Nazareth, who was, himself, a Jew by natural birth.

2 Many times has this unreasoning and un-Christlike hatred and persecution of modern Jews terminated in the suffering and death of some innocent and unoffending Jewish individual whose very ancestors, in the times of Jesus, heartily accepted his gospel and presently died unflinchingly for that truth which they so wholeheartedly believed. What a shudder of horror passes over the onlooking ce-

lestial beings as they behold the professed followers of Jesus indulge themselves in persecuting, harassing, and even murdering the later-day descendants of Peter, Philip, Matthew, and others of the Palestinian Jews who so gloriously yielded up their lives as the first martyrs of the gospel of the heavenly kingdom!

3 How cruel and unreasoning to compel innocent children to suffer for the sins of their progenitors, misdeeds of which they are wholly ignorant, and for which they could in no way be responsible! And to do such wicked deeds in the name of one

who taught his disciples to love even their enemies! It has become necessary, in this recital of the life of Jesus, to portray the manner in which certain of his fellow Jews rejected him and conspired to bring about his ignominious death; but we would warn all who read this narrative that the presentation of such a historical recital in no way justifies the unjust hatred, nor condones the unfair attitude of mind, which so many professed Christians have maintained toward individual Jews for many centuries. Kingdom believers, those who follow the teachings of Jesus, must cease to mistreat the

individual Jew as one who is guilty of the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus. The Father and his Creator Son have never ceased to love the Jews. God is no respecter of persons, and salvation is for the Jew as well as for the gentile.

3. THE FATEFUL SANHEDRIN MEETING

1 At 20:00 on this Tuesday evening the fateful meeting of the Sanhedrin was called to order. On many previous occasions had this supreme court of the Jewish nation informally decreed the death of Jesus. Many times had this august ruling body determined to put a stop to his work, but never be-

fore had they resolved to place him under arrest and to bring about his death at any and all costs. It was just before midnight on this Tuesday, April 4, A.D. 30, that the Sanhedrin, as then constituted, officially and *unanimously* voted to impose the death sentence upon both Jesus and Lazarus. This was the answer to the Master's last appeal to the rulers of the Jews which he had made in the temple only a few hours before, and it represented their reaction of bitter resentment toward Jesus' last and vigorous indictment of these same chief priests and impenitent Sadducees and Pharisees. The

passing of death sentence (even before his trial) upon the Son of God was the Sanhedrin's reply to the last offer of heavenly mercy ever to be extended to the Jewish nation, as such.

2 From this time on the Jews were left to finish their brief and short lease of national life wholly in accordance with their purely human status among the nations of Urantia. Israel had repudiated the Son of the God who made a covenant with Abraham, and the plan to make the children of Abraham the light-bearers of truth to the world had been shattered. The divine covenant had been abrogated, and the

end of the Hebrew nation drew on apace.

3 The officers of the Sanhedrin were given the orders for Jesus' arrest early the next morning, but with instructions that he must not be apprehended in public. They were told to plan to take him in secret, preferably suddenly and at night. Understanding that he might not return that day (Wednesday) to teach in the temple, they instructed these officers of the Sanhedrin to "bring him before the high Jewish court sometime before

midnight on Thursday."

4. THE SITUATION IN JERUSALEM

1 At the conclusion of Jesus' last discourse in the temple, the apostles once more were left in confusion and consternation. Before the Master began his terrible denunciation of the Jewish rulers, Judas had returned to the temple, so that all twelve heard this latter half of Jesus' last discourse in the temple. It is unfortunate that Judas Iscariot could not have heard the first and mercy-proffering half of this farewell address. He did not hear this last offer

of mercy to the Jewish rulers because he was still in conference with a certain group of Sadducean relatives and friends with whom he had lunched, and with whom he was conferring as to the most fitting manner of dissociating himself from Jesus and his fellow apostles. It was while listening to the Master's final indictment of the Jewish leaders and rulers that Judas finally and fully made up his mind to forsake the gospel movement and wash his hands of the whole enterprise. Nevertheless, he left the temple in company with the twelve, went with them to Mount Olivet, where, with his fellow apostles,

he listened to that fateful discourse on the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the Jewish nation, and remained with them that Tuesday night at the new camp near Gethsemane.

2 §§ The multitude who heard Jesus swing from his merciful appeal to the Jewish leaders into that sudden and scathing rebuke which bordered on ruthless denunciation, were stunned and bewildered. That night, while the Sanhedrin sat in death judgment upon Jesus, and while the Master sat with his apostles and certain of his disciples out on the Mount of Olives foretelling the death of the Jewish nation, all Jerusa-

lem was given over to the serious and suppressed discussion of just one question: "What will they do with Jesus?"

3 §§ At the home of Nicodemus more than 30 prominent Jews who were secret believers in the kingdom met and debated what course they would pursue in case an open break with the Sanhedrin should come. All present agreed that they would make open acknowledgement of their allegiance to the Master in the very hour they should hear of his arrest. And that is just what they did.

4 The Sadducees, who now controlled and dominated the Sanhedrin,

were desirous of making away with Jesus for the following reasons:

5 1. They feared that the increased popular favour with which the multitude regarded him threatened to endanger the existence of the Jewish nation by possible involvement with the Roman authorities.

6 2. His zeal for temple reform struck directly at their revenues; the cleansing of the temple affected their pocketbooks.

7 3. They felt themselves responsible for the preservation of social order, and they feared the consequences of the further spread of Jesus' strange

and new doctrine of the brotherhood of man.

8 §§ The Pharisees had different motives for wanting to see Jesus put to death. They feared him because:

9 1. He was arrayed in telling opposition to their traditional hold upon the people. The Pharisees were ultraconservative, and they bitterly resented these supposedly radical attacks upon their vested prestige as religious teachers.

10 2. They held that Jesus was a lawbreaker; that he had shown utter disregard for the Sabbath and numerous

other legal and ceremonial requirements.

11 3. They charged him with blasphemy because he alluded to God as his Father.

12 4. And now were they thoroughly angry with him because of his last discourse of bitter denunciation which he had this day delivered in the temple as the concluding portion of his farewell address.

13 §§ The Sanhedrin, having formally decreed the death of Jesus and having issued orders for his arrest, adjourned on this Tuesday near midnight, after appointing to meet at 10:00 the

next morning at the home of Caiaphas the high priest for the purpose of formulating the charges on which Jesus should be brought to trial.

14 A small group of the Sadducees had actually proposed to dispose of Jesus by assassination, but the Pharisees utterly refused to countenance such a procedure.

15 §§ And this was the situation in Jerusalem and among men on this eventful day while a vast concourse of celestial beings hovered over this momentous scene on earth, anxious to do something to assist their beloved Sovereign but powerless to act be-

cause they were effectively restrained by their commanding superiors.

PAPER 176

TUESDAY EVENING ON MOUNT OLIVET

Midwayer Commission

This Tuesday afternoon, as Jesus and the apostles passed out of the temple on their way to the Gethsemane camp, Matthew, calling attention to the temple construction, said: "Master, observe what manner of buildings these are. See the massive stones and the beautiful adornment; can it be that these buildings are to

be destroyed?" As they went on toward Olivet, Jesus said: "You see these stones and this massive temple; verily, verily, I say to you: In the days soon to come there shall not be left one stone upon another. They shall all be thrown down." These remarks depicting the destruction of the sacred temple aroused the curiosity of the apostles as they walked along behind the Master; they could conceive of no event short of the end of the world which would occasion the destruction of the temple.

2 In order to avoid the crowds passing along the Kidron valley toward

Gethsemane, Jesus and his associates were minded to climb up the western slope of Olivet for a short distance and then follow a trail over to their private camp near Gethsemane located a short distance above the public camping ground. As they turned to leave the road leading on to Bethany, they observed the temple, glorified by the rays of the setting sun; and while they tarried on the mount, they saw the lights of the city appear and beheld the beauty of the illuminated temple; and there, under the mellow light of the full moon, Jesus and the twelve sat down. The Master talked with

them, and presently Nathaniel asked this question: "Tell us, Master, how shall we know when these events are about to come to pass?"

1. THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

1 In answering Nathaniel's question, Jesus said: "Yes, I will tell you about the times when this people shall have filled up the cup of their iniquity; when justice shall swiftly descend upon this city of our fathers. I am about to leave you; I go to the Father. After I leave you, take heed that no man deceive you, for many will come as deliver-

ers and will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, be not troubled, for though all these things will happen, the end of Jerusalem is not yet at hand. You should not be perturbed by famines or earthquakes; neither should you be concerned when you are delivered up to the civil authorities and are persecuted for the sake of the gospel. You will be thrown out of the synagogue and put in prison for my sake, and some of you will be killed. When you are brought up before governors and rulers, it shall be for a testimony of your faith and to show your steadfastness in the gospel

of the kingdom. And when you stand before judges, be not anxious beforehand as to what you should say, for the spirit will teach you in that very hour what you should answer your adversaries. In these days of travail, even your own kinsfolk, under the leadership of those who have rejected the Son of Man, will deliver you up to prison and death. For a time you may be hated by all men for my sake, but even in these persecutions I will not forsake you; my spirit will not desert you. Be patient! doubt not that this gospel of the kingdom will triumph over all enemies and, eventually, be

proclaimed to all nations."

2 Jesus paused while he looked down upon the city. The Master realized that the rejection of the spiritual concept of the Messiah, the determination to cling persistently and blindly to the material mission of the expected deliverer, would presently bring the Jews in direct conflict with the powerful Roman armies, and that such a contest could only result in the final and complete overthrow of the Jewish nation. When his people rejected his spiritual bestowal and refused to receive the light of heaven as it so mercifully shone upon them, they

thereby sealed their doom as an independent people with a special spiritual mission on earth. Even the Jewish leaders subsequently recognized that it was this secular idea of the Messiah which directly led to the turbulence which eventually brought about their destruction.

3 Since Jerusalem was to become the cradle of the early gospel movement, Jesus did not want its teachers and preachers to perish in the terrible overthrow of the Jewish people in connection with the destruction of Jerusalem; wherefore did he give these instructions to his followers. Jesus was much

concerned lest some of his disciples become involved in these soon-coming revolts and so perish in the downfall of Jerusalem.

4 Then Andrew inquired: "But, Master, if the Holy City and the temple are to be destroyed, and if you are not here to direct us, when should we forsake Jerusalem?" Said Jesus: "You may remain in the city after I have gone, even through these times of travail and bitter persecution, but when you finally see Jerusalem being encompassed by the Roman armies after the revolt of the false prophets, then will you know that her desolation is

at hand; then must you flee to the mountains. Let none who are in the city and around about tarry to save aught, neither let those who are outside dare to enter therein. There will be great tribulation, for these will be the days of gentile vengeance. And after you have deserted the city, this disobedient people will fall by the edge of the sword and will be led captive into all nations; and so shall Jerusalem be trodden down by the gentiles. In the meantime, I warn you, be not deceived. If any man comes to you, saying, 'Behold, here is the Deliverer,' or 'Behold, there is he,' believe it not, for

many false teachers will arise and many will be led astray; but you should not be deceived, for I have told you all this beforehand."

5 The apostles sat in silence in the moonlight for a considerable time while these astounding predictions of the Master sank into their bewildered minds. And it was in conformity with this very warning that practically the entire group of believers and disciples fled from Jerusalem upon the first appearance of the Roman troops, finding a safe shelter in Pella to the north.

6 Even after this explicit warning, many of Jesus' followers interpreted

these predictions as referring to the changes which would obviously occur in Jerusalem when the reappearing of the Messiah would result in the establishment of the New Jerusalem and in the enlargement of the city to become the world's capital. In their minds these Jews were determined to connect the destruction of the temple with the "end of the world." They believed this New Jerusalem would fill all Palestine; that the end of the world would be followed by the immediate appearance of the "new heavens and the new earth." And so it was not strange that Peter should say: "Mas-

ter, we know that all things will pass away when the new heavens and the new earth appear, but how shall we know when you will return to bring all this about?"

7 When Jesus heard this, he was thoughtful for some time and then said: "You ever err since you always try to attach the new teaching to the old; you are determined to misunderstand all my teaching; you insist on interpreting the gospel in accordance with your established beliefs. Nevertheless,

I will try to enlighten you."

2. THE MASTER'S SECOND COMING

1 On several occasions Jesus had made statements which led his hearers to infer that, while he intended presently to leave this world, he would most certainly return to consummate the work of the heavenly kingdom. As the conviction grew on his followers that he was going to leave them, and after he had departed from this world, it was only natural for all believers to lay fast hold upon these promises to return. The doctrine of the second coming of Christ thus became early

incorporated into the teachings of the Christians, and almost every subsequent generation of disciples has devoutly believed this truth and has confidently looked forward to his sometime coming.

2 If they were to part with their Master and Teacher, how much more did these first disciples and the apostles grasp at this promise to return, and they lost no time in associating the predicted destruction of Jerusalem with this promised second coming. And they continued thus to interpret his words notwithstanding that, throughout this evening of instruc-

tion on Mount Olivet, the Master took particular pains to prevent just such a mistake.

3 §§ In further answer to Peter's question, Jesus said: "Why do you still look for the Son of Man to sit upon the throne of David and expect that the material dreams of the Jews will be fulfilled? Have I not told you all these years that my kingdom is not of this world? The things which you now look down upon are coming to an end, but this will be a new beginning out of which the gospel of the kingdom will go to all the world and this salvation will spread to all peo-

ples. And when the kingdom shall have come to its full fruition, be assured that the Father in heaven will not fail to visit you with an enlarged revelation of truth and an enhanced demonstration of righteousness, even as he has already bestowed upon this world him who became the prince of darkness, and then Adam, who was followed by Melchizedek, and in these days, the Son of Man. And so will my Father continue to manifest his mercy and show forth his love, even to this dark and evil world. So also will I, after my Father has invested me with all power and authority, continue to

follow your fortunes and to guide in the affairs of the kingdom by the presence of my spirit, who shall shortly be poured out upon all flesh. Even though I shall thus be present with you in spirit, I also promise that I will sometime return to this world, where I have lived this life in the flesh and achieved the experience of simultaneously revealing God to man and leading man to God. Very soon must I leave you and take up the work the Father has entrusted to my hands, but be of good courage, for I will sometime return. In the meantime, my Spirit of the Truth of a universe shall comfort

and guide you.

4 "You behold me now in weakness and in the flesh, but when I return, it shall be with power and in the spirit. The eye of flesh beholds the Son of Man in the flesh, but only the eye of the spirit will behold the Son of Man glorified by the Father and appearing on earth in his own name.

5 "But the times of the reappearing of the Son of Man are known only in the councils of Paradise; not even the angels of heaven know when this will occur. However, you should understand that, when this gospel of the kingdom shall have been proclaimed

to all the world for the salvation of all peoples, and when the fullness of the age has come to pass, the Father will send you another dispensational bestowal, or else the Son of Man will return to adjudge the age.

6 "And now concerning the travail of Jerusalem, about which I have spoken to you, even this generation will not pass away until my words are fulfilled; but concerning the times of the coming again of the Son of Man, no one in heaven or on earth may presume to speak. But you should be wise regarding the ripening of an age; you should be alert to discern the signs of

the times. You know when the fig tree shows its tender branches and puts forth its leaves that summer is near. Likewise, when the world has passed through the long winter of material-mindedness and you discern the coming of the spiritual springtime of a new dispensation, should you know that the summertime of a new visitation draws near.

7 "But what is the significance of this teaching having to do with the coming of the Sons of God? Do you not perceive that, when each of you is called to lay down his life struggle and pass through the portal of death,

you stand in the immediate presence of judgment, and that you are face to face with the facts of a new dispensation of service in the eternal plan of the infinite Father? What the whole world must face as a literal fact at the end of an age, you, as individuals, must each most certainly face as a personal experience when you reach the end of your natural life and thereby pass on to be confronted with the conditions and demands inherent in the next revelation of the eternal progression of the Father's kingdom."

8 Of all the discourses which the Master gave his apostles, none ever be-

came so confused in their minds as this one, given this Tuesday evening on the Mount of Olives, regarding the twofold subject of the destruction of Jerusalem and his own second coming. There was, therefore, little agreement between the subsequent written accounts based on the memories of what the Master said on this extraordinary occasion. Consequently, when the records were left blank concerning much that was said that Tuesday evening, there grew up many traditions; and very early in the second century a Jewish apocalyptic about the Messiah written by one

Selta, who was attached to the court of the Emperor Caligula, was bodily copied into the Matthew Gospel and subsequently added (in part) to the Mark and Luke records. It was in these writings of Selta that the parable of the ten virgins appeared. No part of the gospel record ever suffered such confusing misconstruction as this evening's teaching. But the Apostle John never became thus confused.

9 As these 13 men resumed their journey toward the camp, they were speechless and under great emotional tension. Judas had finally confirmed

his decision to abandon his associates. It was a late hour when David Zebedee, John Mark, and a number of the leading disciples welcomed Jesus and the twelve to the new camp, but the apostles did not want to sleep; they wanted to know more about the destruction of Jerusalem, the Master's departure, and the end of the world.

3. LATER DISCUSSION AT THE CAMP

1 As they gathered about the campfire, some 20 of them, Thomas asked: "Since you are to return to finish the work of the kingdom, what should be our attitude while you are away

on the Father's business?" As Jesus looked them over by the firelight, he answered:

2 §§ "And even you, Thomas, fail to comprehend what I have been saying. Have I not all this time taught you that your connection with the kingdom is spiritual and individual, wholly a matter of personal experience in the spirit by the faith-realization that you are a son of God? What more shall I say? The downfall of nations, the crash of empires, the destruction of the unbelieving Jews, the end of an age, even the end of the world, what have these things to do with one who be-

lieves this gospel, and who has hid his life in the surety of the eternal kingdom? You who are God-knowing and gospel-believing have already received the assurances of eternal life. Since your lives have been lived in the spirit and for the Father, nothing can be of serious concern to you. Kingdom builders, the accredited citizens of the heavenly worlds, are not to be disturbed by temporal upheavals or perturbed by terrestrial cataclysms. What does it matter to you who believe this gospel of the kingdom if nations overturn, the age ends, or all things visible crash, since you know that your

life is the gift of the Son, and that it is eternally secure in the Father? Having lived the temporal life by faith and having yielded the fruits of the spirit as the righteousness of loving service for your fellows, you can confidently look forward to the next step in the eternal career with the same survival faith that has carried you through your first and earthly adventure in sonship with God.

3 "Each generation of believers should carry on their work, in view of the possible return of the Son of Man, exactly as each individual believer carries forward his lifework in

view of inevitable and ever-impending natural death. When you have by faith once established yourself as a son of God, nothing else matters as regards the surety of survival. But make no mistake! this survival faith is a living faith, and it increasingly manifests the fruits of that divine spirit which first inspired it in the human heart. That you have once accepted sonship in the heavenly kingdom will not save you in the face of the knowing and persistent rejection of those truths which have to do with the progressive spiritual fruit-bearing of the sons of God in the flesh. You who have been with me in the Fa-

ther's business on earth can even now desert the kingdom if you find that you love not the way of the Father's service for mankind.

4 "As individuals, and as a generation of believers, hear me while I speak a parable: There was a certain great man who, before starting out on a long journey to another country, called all his trusted servants before him and delivered into their hands all his goods. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one. And so on down through the entire group of honoured stewards, to each he entrusted his goods according to their

several abilities; and then he set out on his journey. When their lord had departed, his servants set themselves at work to gain profits from the wealth entrusted to them. Immediately he who had received five talents began to trade with them and very soon had made a profit of another five talents. In like manner he who had received two talents soon had gained two more. And so did all of these servants make gains for their master except him[1] who

[1] In 1955 text "he". The pronoun is the object of the preposition "except" therefore "him" is correct. See last sentence in subject paragraph for parallel usage where "him" is object of "to" also creating a

received but one talent. He went away by himself and dug a hole in the earth where he hid his lord's money. Presently the lord of those servants unexpectedly returned and called upon his stewards for a reckoning. And when they had all been called before their master, he who had received the five talents came forward with the money which had been entrusted to him and brought five additional talents, saying, 'Lord, you gave me five talents to invest, and I am glad to present five other talents as my gain.' And then his lord said to him: 'Well done, good and

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"him who" phrase.

faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things; I will now set you as steward over many; enter forthwith into the joy of your lord.' And then he who had received the two talents came forward, saying: 'Lord, you delivered into my hands two talents; behold, I have gained these other two talents.' And his lord then said to him: 'Well done, good and faithful steward; you also have been faithful over a few things, and I will now set you over many; enter you into the joy of your lord.' And then there came to the accounting he who had received the one talent. This servant came for-

ward, saying, 'Lord, I knew you and realized that you were a shrewd man in that you expected gains where you had not personally laboured; therefore was I afraid to risk aught of that which was entrusted to me. I safely hid your talent in the earth; here it is; you now have what belongs to you.' But his lord answered: 'You are an indolent and slothful steward. By your own words you confess that you knew I would require of you an accounting with reasonable profit, such as your diligent fellow servants have this day rendered. Knowing this, you ought, therefore, to have at least put my money into the

hands of the bankers that on my return I might have received my own with interest.' And then to the chief steward this lord said: 'Take away this one talent from this unprofitable servant and give it to him who has the ten talents.'

5 "To every one who has, more shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away. You cannot stand still in the affairs of the eternal kingdom. My Father requires all his children to grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth. You who know these truths must yield the increase of the fruits of the spirit and

manifest a growing devotion to the unselfish service of your fellow servants. And remember that, inasmuch as you minister to one of the least of my brethren, you have done this service to me.

6 "And so should you go about the work of the Father's business, now and henceforth, even forevermore. Carry on until I come. In faithfulness do that which is entrusted to you, and thereby shall you be ready for the reckoning call of death. And having thus lived for the glory of the Father and the satisfaction of the Son, you shall enter with joy and exceedingly great

pleasure into the eternal service of the everlasting kingdom."

7 §§ Truth is living; the Spirit of Truth is ever leading the children of light into new realms of spiritual reality and divine service. You are not given truth to crystallize into settled, safe, and honoured forms. Your revelation of truth must be so enhanced by passing through your personal experience that new beauty and actual spiritual gains will be disclosed to all who behold your spiritual fruits and in consequence thereof are led to glorify the Father who is in heaven. Only those faithful servants who thus grow in

the knowledge of the truth, and who thereby develop the capacity for divine appreciation of spiritual realities, can ever hope to "enter fully into the joy of their Lord." What a sorry sight for successive generations of the professed followers of Jesus to say, regarding their stewardship of divine truth: "Here, Master, is the truth you committed to us a hundred or a thousand years ago. We have lost nothing; we have faithfully preserved all you gave us; we have allowed no changes to be made in that which you taught us; here is the truth you gave us." But such a plea concerning spiritual indolence

will not justify the barren steward of truth in the presence of the Master. In accordance with the truth committed to your hands will the Master of truth require a reckoning.

8 In the next world you will be asked to give an account of the endowments and stewardships of this world. Whether inherent talents are few or many, a just and merciful reckoning must be faced. If endowments are used only in selfish pursuits and no thought is bestowed upon the higher duty of obtaining increased yield of the fruits of the spirit, as they are manifested in the ever-expanding service of men and the

worship of God, such selfish stewards must accept the consequences of their deliberate choosing.

9 And how much like all selfish mortals was this unfaithful servant with the one talent in that he blamed his slothfulness directly upon his lord. How prone is man, when he is confronted with the failures of his own making, to put the blame upon others, oftentimes upon those who least deserve it!

10 Said Jesus that night as they went to their rest: "Freely have you received; therefore freely should you give of the truth of heaven, and in the giving will

this truth multiply and show forth the increasing light of saving grace, even as you minister it."

4. THE RETURN OF MICHAEL

1 Of all the Master's teachings no one phase has been so misunderstood as his promise sometime to come back in person to this world. It is not strange that Michael should be interested in sometime returning to the planet whereon he experienced his seventh and last bestowal, as a mortal of the realm. It is only natural to believe that Jesus of Nazareth, now sovereign ruler of a vast universe,

would be interested in coming back, not only once but even many times, to the world whereon he lived such a unique life and finally won for himself the Father's unlimited bestowal of universe power and authority. Urantia will eternally be one of the seven nativity spheres of Michael in the winning of universe sovereignty.

2 Jesus did, on numerous occasions and to many individuals, declare his intention of returning to this world. As his followers awakened to the fact that their Master was not going to function as a temporal deliverer, and as they listened to his predictions

of the overthrow of Jerusalem and the downfall of the Jewish nation, they most naturally began to associate his promised return with these catastrophic events. But when the Roman armies leveled the walls of Jerusalem, destroyed the temple, and dispersed the Judean Jews, and still the Master did not reveal himself in power and glory, his followers began the formulation of that belief which eventually associated the second coming of Christ with the end of the age, even with the end of the world.

3 Jesus promised to do two things after he had ascended to the Father,

and after all power in heaven and on earth had been placed in his hands. He promised, first, to send into the world, and in his stead, another teacher, the Spirit of Truth; and this he did on the day of Pentecost. Second, he most certainly promised his followers that he would sometime personally return to this world. But he did not say how, where, or when he would revisit this planet of his bestowal experience in the flesh. On one occasion he intimated that, whereas the eye of flesh had beheld him when he lived here in the flesh, on his return (at least on one of his possible visits) he would be

discerned only by the eye of spiritual faith.

4 Many of us are inclined to believe that Jesus will return to Urantia many times during the ages to come. We do not have his specific promise to make these plural visits, but it seems most probable that he who carries among his universe titles that of Planetary Prince of Urantia will many times visit the world whose conquest conferred such a unique title upon him.

5 We most positively believe that Michael will again come in person to Urantia, but we have not the slightest idea as to when or in what manner

he may choose to come. Will his second advent on earth be timed to occur in connection with the terminal judgment of this present age, either with or without the associated appearance of a Magisterial Son? Will he come in connection with the termination of some subsequent Urantian age? Will he come unannounced and as an isolated event? We do not know. Only one thing we are certain of, that is, when he does return, all the world will likely know about it, for he must come as the supreme ruler of a universe and not as the obscure babe of Bethlehem. But if every eye is to behold him, and

if only spiritual eyes are to discern his presence, then must his advent be long deferred.

6 You would do well, therefore, to disassociate the Master's personal return to earth from any and all set events or settled epochs. We are sure of only one thing: He has promised to come back. We have no idea as to when he will fulfil this promise or in what connection. As far as we know, he may appear on earth any day, and he may not come until age after age has passed and been duly adjudicated by his associated Sons of the Paradise corps.

7 The second advent of Michael on earth is an event of tremendous sentimental value to both midwayers and humans; but otherwise it is of no immediate moment to midwayers and of no more practical importance to human beings than the common event of natural death, which so suddenly precipitates mortal man into the immediate grasp of that succession of universe events which leads directly to the presence of this same Jesus, the sovereign ruler of our universe. The children of light are all destined to see him, and it is of no serious concern whether we go to him or whether he should chance

first to come to us. Be you therefore ever ready to welcome him on earth as he stands ready to welcome you in heaven. We confidently look for his glorious appearing, even for repeated comings, but we are wholly ignorant as to how, when, or in what connection he is destined to appear.

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WEDNESDAY, THE REST DAY

Midwayer Commission

When the work of teaching the people did not press them, it was the custom of Jesus and his apostles to rest from their labours each Wednesday. On this particular Wednesday they ate breakfast somewhat later than usual, and the camp was pervaded by an ominous silence; little was said during the first half of this morning meal. At last Jesus spoke: "I desire that you rest today.

Take time to think over all that has happened since we came to Jerusalem and meditate on what is just ahead, of which I have plainly told you. Make sure that the truth abides in your lives, and that you daily grow in grace."

2 After breakfast the Master informed Andrew that he intended to be absent for the day and suggested that the apostles be permitted to spend the time in accordance with their own choosing, except that under no circumstances should they go within the gates of Jerusalem.

3 When Jesus made ready to go into the hills alone, David Zebedee ac-

costed him, saying: "You well know, Master, that the Pharisees and rulers seek to destroy you, and yet you make ready to go alone into the hills. To do this is folly; I will therefore send three men with you well prepared to see that no harm befalls you." Jesus looked over the three well-armed and stalwart Galileans and said to David: "You mean well, but you err in that you fail to understand that the Son of Man needs no one to defend him. No man will lay hands on me until that hour when I am ready to lay down my life in conformity to my Father's will. These men may not accompany me. I desire

to go alone, that I may commune with the Father."

4 Upon hearing these words, David and his armed guards withdrew; but as Jesus started off alone, John Mark came forward with a small basket containing food and water and suggested that, if he intended to be away all day, he might find himself hungry. The Master smiled on John and reached down to take the basket.

1. ONE DAY ALONE WITH GOD

1 As Jesus was about to take the lunch basket from John's hand, the young man ventured to say: "But,

Master, you may set the basket down while you turn aside to pray and go on without it. Besides, if I should go along to carry the lunch, you would be more free to worship, and I will surely be silent. I will ask no questions and will stay by the basket when you go apart by yourself to pray."

2 While making this speech, the temerity of which astonished some of the near-by listeners, John had made bold to hold on to the basket. There they stood, both John and Jesus holding the basket. Presently the Master let go and, looking down on the lad, said: "Since with all your heart you crave to

go with me, it shall not be denied you. We will go off by ourselves and have a good visit. You may ask me any question that arises in your heart, and we will comfort and console each other. You may start out carrying the lunch, and when you grow weary, I will help you. Follow on with me."

3 Jesus did not return to the camp that evening until after sunset. The Master spent this last day of quiet on earth visiting with this truth-hungry youth and talking with his Paradise Father. This event has become known on high as "the day which a young man spent with God in the hills." Forever

this occasion exemplifies the willingness of the Creator to fellowship the creature. Even a youth, if the desire of the heart is really supreme, can command the attention and enjoy the loving companionship of the God of a universe, actually experience the unforgettable ecstasy of being alone with God in the hills, and for a whole day. And such was the unique experience of John Mark on this Wednesday in the hills of Judea.

4 Jesus visited much with John, talking freely about the affairs of this world and the next. John told Jesus how much he regretted that he had

not been old enough to be one of the apostles and expressed his great appreciation that he had been permitted to follow on with them since their first preaching at the Jordan ford near Jericho, except for the trip to Phoenicia. Jesus warned the lad not to become discouraged by impending events and assured him he would live to become a mighty messenger of the kingdom.

5 John Mark was thrilled by the memory of this day with Jesus in the hills, but he never forgot the Master's final admonition, spoken just as they were about to return to the Gethsemane camp, when he said: "Well, John,

we have had a good visit, a real day of rest, but see to it that you tell no man the things which I told you." And John Mark never did reveal anything that transpired on this day which he spent with Jesus in the hills.

6 Throughout the few remaining hours of Jesus' earth life John Mark never permitted the Master for long to get out of his sight. Always was the lad in hiding near by; he slept only when Jesus slept.

2. EARLY HOME LIFE

1 In the course of this day's visiting with John Mark, Jesus spent con-

siderable time comparing their early childhood and later boyhood experiences. Although John's parents possessed more of this world's goods than had Jesus' parents, there was much experience in their boyhood which was very similar. Jesus said many things which helped John better to understand his parents and other members of his family. When the lad asked the Master how he could know that he would turn out to be a "mighty messenger of the kingdom," Jesus said:

2 "I know you will prove loyal to the gospel of the kingdom because I can depend upon your present faith and

love when these qualities are grounded upon such an early training as has been your portion at home. You are the product of a home where the parents bear each other a sincere affection, and therefore you have not been overloved so as injuriously to exalt your concept of self-importance. Neither has your personality suffered distortion in consequence of your parents' loveless manoeuvring for your confidence and loyalty, the one against the other. You have enjoyed that parental love which ensures laudable self-confidence and which fosters normal feelings of security. But you have also been fortunate

in that your parents possessed wisdom as well as love; and it was wisdom which led them to withhold most forms of indulgence and many luxuries which wealth can buy while they sent you to the synagogue school along with your neighbourhood playfellows, and they also encouraged you to learn how to live in this world by permitting you to have original experience. You came over to the Jordan, where we preached and John's disciples baptized, with your young friend Amos. Both of you desired to go with us. When you returned to Jerusalem, your parents consented; Amos's parents re-

fused; they loved their son so much that they denied him the blessed experience which you have had, even such as you this day enjoy. By running away from home, Amos could have joined us, but in so doing he would have wounded love and sacrificed loyalty. Even if such a course had been wise, it would have been a terrible price to pay for experience, independence, and liberty. Wise parents, such as yours, see to it that their children do not have to wound love or stifle loyalty in order to develop independence and enjoy invigorating liberty when they have grown up to your age.

3 "Love, John, is the supreme reality of the universe when bestowed by all-wise beings, but it is a dangerous and oftentimes semiselfish trait as it is manifested in the experience of mortal parents. When you get married and have children of your own to rear, make sure that your love is admonished by wisdom and guided by intelligence.

4 "Your young friend Amos believes this gospel of the kingdom just as much as you, but I cannot fully depend upon him; I am not certain about what he will do in the years to come. His early home life was not such as would

produce a wholly dependable person. Amos is too much like one of the apostles who failed to enjoy a normal, loving, and wise home training. Your whole afterlife will be more happy and dependable because you spent your first eight years in a normal and well-regulated home. You possess a strong and well-knit character because you grew up in a home where love prevailed and wisdom reigned. Such a childhood training produces a type of loyalty which assures me that you will go through with the course you have begun."

5 For more than an hour Jesus and

John continued this discussion of home life. The Master went on to explain to John how a child is wholly dependent on his parents and the associated home life for all his early concepts of everything intellectual, social, moral, and even spiritual since the family represents to the young child all that he can first know of either human or divine relationships. The child must derive his first impressions of the universe from the mother's care; he is wholly dependent on the earthly father for his first ideas of the heavenly Father. The child's subsequent life is made happy or unhappy, easy or diffi-

cult, in accordance with his early mental and emotional life, conditioned by these social and spiritual relationships of the home. A human being's entire afterlife is enormously influenced by what happens during the first few years of existence.

6 §§ It is our sincere belief that the gospel of Jesus' teaching, founded as it is on the father-child relationship, can hardly enjoy a world-wide acceptance until such a time as the home life of the modern civilized peoples embraces more of love and more of wisdom. Notwithstanding that parents of the XX century possess great knowl-

edge and increased truth for improving the home and ennobling the home life, it remains a fact that very few modern homes are such good places in which to nurture boys and girls as Jesus' home in Galilee and John Mark's home in Judea, albeit the acceptance of Jesus' gospel will result in the immediate improvement of home life. The love life of a wise home and the loyal devotion of true religion exert a profound reciprocal influence upon each other. Such a home life enhances religion, and genuine religion always glorifies the home.

7 It is true that many of the objec-

tionable stunting influences and other cramping features of these olden Jewish homes have been virtually eliminated from many of the better-regulated modern homes. There is, indeed, more spontaneous freedom and far more personal liberty, but this liberty is not restrained by love, motivated by loyalty, nor directed by the intelligent discipline of wisdom. As long as we teach the child to pray, "Our Father who is in heaven," a tremendous responsibility rests upon all earthly fathers so to live and order their homes that the word *father* becomes worthily enshrined in the minds and hearts of

all growing children.

3. THE DAY AT CAMP

1 The apostles spent most of this day walking about on Mount Olivet and visiting with the disciples who were encamped with them, but early in the afternoon they became very desirous of seeing Jesus return. As the day wore on, they grew increasingly anxious about his safety; they felt inexpressibly lonely without him. There was much debating throughout the day as to whether the Master should have been allowed to go off by himself in the hills, accompanied only by an

errand boy. Though no man openly so expressed his thoughts, there was not one of them, save Judas Iscariot, who did not wish himself in John Mark's place.

2 §§ It was about midafternoon when Nathaniel made his speech on "Supreme Desire" to about half a dozen of the apostles and as many disciples, the ending of which was: "What is wrong with most of us is that we are only half-hearted. We fail to love the Master as he loves us. If we had all wanted to go with him as much as John Mark did, he would surely have taken us all. We stood by while the

lad approached the Master and offered him the basket, but when the Master took hold of it, the lad would not let go. And so the Master left us here while he went off to the hills with basket, boy, and all."

3 §§ About 16:00, runners came to David Zebedee bringing him word from his mother at Bethsaida and from Jesus' mother. Several days previously David had made up his mind that the chief priests and rulers were going to kill Jesus. David knew they were determined to destroy the Master, and he was about convinced that Jesus would neither exert his divine

power to save himself nor permit his followers to employ force in his defence. Having reached these conclusions, he lost no time in dispatching a messenger to his mother, urging her to come at once to Jerusalem and to bring Mary the mother of Jesus and every member of his family.

4 David's mother did as her son requested, and now the runners came back to David bringing the word that his mother and Jesus' entire family were on the way to Jerusalem and should arrive sometime late on the following day or very early the next morning. Since David did this on his

own initiative, he thought it wise to keep the matter to himself. He told no one, therefore, that Jesus' family was on the way to Jerusalem.

5 §§ Shortly after noon, more than 20 of the Greeks who had met with Jesus and the twelve at the home of Joseph of Arimathea arrived at the camp, and Peter and John spent several hours in conference with them. These Greeks, at least some of them, were well advanced in the knowledge of the kingdom, having been instructed by Rodan at Alexandria.

6 That evening, after returning to the camp, Jesus visited with the

Greeks, and had it not been that such a course would have greatly disturbed his apostles and many of his leading disciples, he would have ordained these 20 Greeks, even as he had the seventy.

7 §§ While all of this was going on at the camp, in Jerusalem the chief priests and elders were amazed that Jesus did not return to address the multitudes. True, the day before, when he left the temple, he had said, "I leave your house to you desolate." But they could not understand why he would be willing to forgo the great advantage which he had built up in the friendly atti-

tude of the crowds. While they feared he would stir up a tumult among the people, the Master's last words to the multitude had been an exhortation to conform in every reasonable manner with the authority of those "who sit in Moses' seat." But it was a busy day in the city as they simultaneously prepared for the Passover and perfected their plans for destroying Jesus.

8 §§ Not many people came to the camp, for its establishment had been kept a well-guarded secret by all who knew that Jesus was expecting to stay there in place of going out to Bethany

every night.

4. JUDAS AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS

1 Shortly after Jesus and John Mark left the camp, Judas Iscariot disappeared from among his brethren, not returning until late in the afternoon. This confused and discontented apostle, notwithstanding his Master's specific request to refrain from entering Jerusalem, went in haste to keep his appointment with Jesus' enemies at the home of Caiaphas the high priest. This was an informal meeting of the Sanhedrin and had been appointed for shortly after 10:00 that morning.

This meeting was called to discuss the nature of the charges which should be lodged against Jesus and to decide upon the procedure to be employed in bringing him before the Roman authorities for the purpose of securing the necessary civil confirmation of the death sentence which they had already passed upon him.

2 On the preceding day Judas had disclosed to some of his relatives and to certain Sadducean friends of his father's family that he had reached the conclusion that, while Jesus was a well-meaning dreamer and idealist, he was not the expected deliverer of Israel. Ju-

das stated that he would very much like to find some way of withdrawing gracefully from the whole movement. His friends flatteringly assured him that his withdrawal would be hailed by the Jewish rulers as a great event, and that nothing would be too good for him. They led him to believe that he would forthwith receive high honours from the Sanhedrin, and that he would at last be in a position to erase the stigma of his well-meant but "unfortunate association with untaught Galileans."

3 Judas could not quite believe that the mighty works of the Master had

been wrought by the power of the prince of devils, but he was now fully convinced that Jesus would not exert his power in self-aggrandizement; he was at last convinced that Jesus would allow himself to be destroyed by the Jewish rulers, and he could not endure the humiliating thought of being identified with a movement of defeat. He refused to entertain the idea of apparent failure. He thoroughly understood the sturdy character of his Master and the keenness of that majestic and merciful mind, yet he derived pleasure from even the partial entertainment of the suggestion of one of

his relatives that Jesus, while he was a well-meaning fanatic, was probably not really sound of mind; that he had always appeared to be a strange and misunderstood person.

4 And now, as never before, Judas found himself becoming strangely resentful that Jesus had never assigned him a position of greater honour. All along he had appreciated the honour of being the apostolic treasurer, but now he began to feel that he was not appreciated; that his abilities were unrecognized. He was suddenly overcome with indignation that Peter, James, and John should have been

honoured with close association with Jesus, and at this time, when he was on the way to the high priest's home, he was bent on getting even with Peter, James, and John more than he was concerned with any thought of betraying Jesus. But over and above all, just then, a new and dominating thought began to occupy the forefront of his conscious mind: He had set out to get honour for himself, and if this could be secured simultaneously with getting even with those who had contributed to the greatest disappointment of his life, all the better. He was seized with a terrible conspiracy of

confusion, pride, desperation, and determination. And so it must be plain that it was not for money that Judas was then on his way to the home of Caiaphas to arrange for the betrayal of Jesus.

5 As Judas approached the home of Caiaphas, he arrived at the final decision to abandon Jesus and his fellow apostles; and having thus made up his mind to desert the cause of the kingdom of heaven, he was determined to secure for himself as much as possible of that honour and glory which he had thought would sometime be his when he first identified himself with

Jesus and the new gospel of the kingdom. All of the apostles once shared this ambition with Judas, but as time passed they learned to admire truth and to love Jesus, at least more than did Judas.

6 The traitor was presented to Caiaphas and the Jewish rulers by his cousin, who explained that Judas, having discovered his mistake in allowing himself to be misled by the subtle teaching of Jesus, had arrived at the place where he wished to make public and formal renunciation of his association with the Galilean and at the same time to ask for reinstatement in

the confidence and fellowship of his Judean brethren. This spokesman for Judas went on to explain that Judas recognized it would be best for the peace of Israel if Jesus should be taken into custody, and that, as evidence of his sorrow in having participated in such a movement of error and as proof of his sincerity in now returning to the teachings of Moses, he had come to offer himself to the Sanhedrin as one who could so arrange with the captain holding the orders for Jesus' arrest that he could be taken into custody quietly, thus avoiding any danger of stirring up the multitudes or the necessity

of postponing his arrest until after the Passover.

7 When his cousin had finished speaking, he presented Judas, who, stepping forward near the high priest, said: "All that my cousin has promised, I will do, but what are you willing to give me for this service?" Judas did not seem to discern the look of disdain and even disgust that came over the face of the hardhearted and vainglorious Caiaphas; his heart was too much set on self-glory and the craving for the satisfaction of self-exaltation.

8 And then Caiaphas looked down upon the betrayer while he said: "Ju-

das, you go to the captain of the guard and arrange with that officer to bring your Master to us either tonight or tomorrow night, and when he has been delivered by you into our hands, you shall receive your reward for this service." When Judas heard this, he went forth from the presence of the chief priests and rulers and took counsel with the captain of the temple guards as to the manner in which Jesus was to be apprehended. Judas knew that Jesus was then absent from the camp and had no idea when he would return that evening, and so they agreed among themselves to arrest Jesus the

next evening (Thursday) after the people of Jerusalem and all of the visiting pilgrims had retired for the night.

9 Judas returned to his associates at the camp intoxicated with thoughts of grandeur and glory such as he had not had for many a day. He had enlisted with Jesus hoping some day to become a great man in the new kingdom. He at last realized that there was to be no new kingdom such as he had anticipated. But he rejoiced in being so sagacious as to trade off his disappointment in failing to achieve glory in an anticipated new kingdom for the immediate realization of honour and

reward in the old order, which he now believed would survive, and which he was certain would destroy Jesus and all that he stood for. In its last motive of conscious intention, Judas's betrayal of Jesus was the cowardly act of a selfish deserter whose only thought was his own safety and glorification, no matter what might be the results of his conduct upon his Master and upon his former associates.

10 But it was ever just that way. Judas had long been engaged in this deliberate, persistent, selfish, and vengeful consciousness of progressively building up in his mind, and entertaining in

his heart, these hateful and evil desires of revenge and disloyalty. Jesus loved and trusted Judas even as he loved and trusted the other apostles, but Judas failed to develop loyal trust and to experience wholehearted love in return. And how dangerous ambition can become when it is once wholly wedded to self-seeking and supremely motivated by sullen and long-suppressed vengeance! What a crushing thing is disappointment in the lives of those foolish persons who, in fastening their gaze on the shadowy and evanescent allurements of time, become blinded to the higher and more real achieve-

ments of the everlasting attainments of the eternal worlds of divine values and true spiritual realities. Judas craved worldly honour in his mind and grew to love this desire with his whole heart; the other apostles likewise craved this same worldly honour in their minds, but with their hearts they loved Jesus and were doing their best to learn to love the truths which he taught them.

11 Judas did not realize it at this time, but he had been a subconscious critic of Jesus ever since John the Baptist was beheaded by Herod. Deep down in his heart Judas always resented the

fact that Jesus did not save John. You should not forget that Judas had been a disciple of John before he became a follower of Jesus. And all these accumulations of human resentment and bitter disappointment which Judas had laid by in his soul in habiliments of hate were now well organized in his subconscious mind and ready to spring up to engulf him when he once dared to separate himself from the supporting influence of his brethren while at the same time exposing himself to the clever insinuations and subtle ridicule of the enemies of Jesus. Every time Judas allowed his hopes

to soar high and Jesus would do or say something to dash them to pieces, there was always left in Judas's heart a scar of bitter resentment; and as these scars multiplied, presently that heart, so often wounded, lost all real affection for the one who had inflicted this distasteful experience upon a well-intentioned but cowardly and self-centred personality. Judas did not realize it, but he was a coward. Accordingly was he always inclined to assign to Jesus cowardice as the motive which led him so often to refuse to grasp for power or glory when they were apparently within his easy reach. And every

mortal man knows full well how love, even when once genuine, can, through disappointment, jealousy, and long-continued resentment, be eventually turned into actual hate.

12 At last the chief priests and elders could breathe easily for a few hours. They would not have to arrest Jesus in public, and the securing of Judas as a traitorous ally ensured that Jesus would not escape from their jurisdiction as he had so many times in the past.

5. THE LAST SOCIAL HOUR

1 Since it was Wednesday, this

evening at the camp was a social hour. The Master endeavoured to cheer his downcast apostles, but that was well-nigh impossible. They were all beginning to realize that disconcerting and crushing events were impending. They could not be cheerful, even when the Master recounted their years of eventful and loving association. Jesus made careful inquiry about the families of all of the apostles and, looking over toward David Zebedee, asked if anyone had heard recently from his mother, his youngest sister, or other members of his family. David looked down at his feet; he was afraid to an-

swer.

2 This was the occasion of Jesus' warning his followers to beware of the support of the multitude. He recounted their experiences in Galilee when time and again great throngs of people enthusiastically followed them around and then just as ardently turned against them and returned to their former ways of believing and living. And then he said: "And so you must not allow yourselves to be deceived by the great crowds who heard us in the temple, and who seemed to believe our teachings. These multitudes listen to the truth and believe

it superficially with their minds, but few of them permit the word of truth to strike down into the heart with living roots. Those who know the gospel only in the mind, and who have not experienced it in the heart, cannot be depended upon for support when real trouble comes. When the rulers of the Jews reach an agreement to destroy the Son of Man, and when they strike with one accord, you will see the multitude either flee in dismay or else stand by in silent amazement while these maddened and blinded rulers lead the teachers of the gospel truth to their death. And then, when ad-

versity and persecution descend upon you, still others who[1] you think love the truth will be scattered, and some will renounce the gospel and desert you. Some who have been very close to us have already made up their minds to desert. You have rested today in preparation for those times which are now upon us. Watch, therefore, and pray that on the morrow you may be

[1] In 1955 text "whom". This is a situation similar to the two found at 172:5.2. The pronoun concerned is the subject of love, not the object of think; therefore who is the correct form. To illustrate: ...others whom you think Jesus loved... [you think Jesus loved them] ...others who you think love the truth... [you think they love the truth].

strengthened for the days that are just ahead."

3 The atmosphere of the camp was charged with an inexplicable tension. Silent messengers came and went, communicating with only David Zebedee. Before the evening had passed, certain ones knew that Lazarus had taken hasty flight from Bethany. John Mark was ominously silent after returning to camp, notwithstanding he had spent the whole day in the Master's company. Every effort to persuade him to talk only indicated clearly that Jesus had told him not to talk.

4 Even the Master's good cheer and his unusual sociability frightened them. They all felt the certain drawing upon them of the terrible isolation which they realized was about to descend with crashing suddenness and inescapable terror. They vaguely sensed what was coming, and none felt prepared to face the test. The Master had been away all day; they had missed him tremendously.

5 This Wednesday evening was the low-tide mark of their spiritual status up to the actual hour of the Master's death. Although the next day was one more day nearer the tragic Friday, still,

he was with them, and they passed through its anxious hours more gracefully.

6 It was just before midnight when Jesus, knowing this would be the last night he would ever sleep through with his chosen family on earth, said, as he dispersed them for the night: "Go to your sleep, my brethren, and peace be upon you till we rise on the morrow, one more day to do the Father's will and experience the joy of knowing that we are his sons."

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LAST DAY AT THE CAMP

Midwayer Commission

Jesus planned to spend this Thursday, his last free day on earth as a divine Son incarnated in the flesh, with his apostles and a few loyal and devoted disciples. Soon after the breakfast hour on this beautiful morning, the Master led them to a secluded spot a short distance above their camp and there taught them many new truths. Although Jesus delivered other discourses to the apostles during the early evening hours of

the day, this talk of Thursday forenoon was his farewell address to the combined camp group of apostles and chosen disciples, both Jews and gentiles. The twelve were all present save Judas. Peter and several of the apostles remarked about his absence, and some of them thought Jesus had sent him into the city to attend to some matter, probably to arrange the details of their forthcoming celebration of the Passover. Judas did not return to the camp until midafternoon, a short time before Jesus led the twelve into Jerusa-

lem to partake of the Last Supper.

1. DISCOURSE ON SONSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP

1 Jesus talked to about 50 of his trusted followers for almost 2 hours and answered a score of questions regarding the relation of the kingdom of heaven to the kingdoms of this world, concerning the relation of sonship with God to citizenship in earthly governments. This discourse, together with his answers to questions, may be summarized and restated in modern language as follows:

2 §§ The kingdoms of this world, being material, may often find it neces-

sary to employ physical force in the execution of their laws and for the maintenance of order. In the kingdom of heaven true believers will not resort to the employment of physical force. The kingdom of heaven, being a spiritual brotherhood of the spirit-born sons of God, may be promulgated only by the power of the spirit. This distinction of procedure refers to the relations of the kingdom of believers to the kingdoms of secular government and does not nullify the right of social groups of believers to maintain order in their ranks and administer discipline upon unruly and unworthy members.

3 There is nothing incompatible between sonship in the spiritual kingdom and citizenship in the secular or civil government. It is the believer's duty to render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and to God the things which are God's. There cannot be any disagreement between these two requirements, the one being material and the other spiritual, unless it should develop that a Caesar presumes to usurp the prerogatives of God and demand that spiritual homage and supreme worship be rendered to him. In such a case you shall worship only God while you seek to enlighten such

misguided earthly rulers and in this way lead them also to the recognition of the Father in heaven. You shall not render spiritual worship to earthly rulers; neither should you employ the physical forces of earthly governments, whose rulers may sometime become believers, in the work of furthering the mission of the spiritual kingdom.

4 Sonship in the kingdom, from the standpoint of advancing civilization, should assist you in becoming the ideal citizens of the kingdoms of this world since brotherhood and service are the cornerstones of the gospel of

the kingdom. The love call of the spiritual kingdom should prove to be the effective destroyer of the hate urge of the unbelieving and war-minded citizens of the earthly kingdoms. But these material-minded sons in darkness will never know of your spiritual light of truth unless you draw very near them with that unselfish social service which is the natural outgrowth of the bearing of the fruits of the spirit in the life experience of each individual believer.

5 As mortal and material men, you are indeed citizens of the earthly kingdoms, and you should be good cit-

izens, all the better for having become reborn spirit sons of the heavenly kingdom. As faith-enlightened and spirit-liberated sons of the kingdom of heaven, you face a double responsibility of duty to man and duty to God while you voluntarily assume a third and sacred obligation: service to the brotherhood of God-knowing believers.

6 You may not worship your temporal rulers, and you should not employ temporal power in the furtherance of the spiritual kingdom; but you should manifest the righteous ministry of loving service to believers and unbeliev-

ers alike. In the gospel of the kingdom there resides the mighty Spirit of Truth, and presently I will pour out this same spirit upon all flesh. The fruits of the spirit, your sincere and loving service, are the mighty social lever to uplift the races of darkness, and this Spirit of Truth will become your power-multiplying fulcrum.

7 Display wisdom and exhibit sagacity in your dealings with unbelieving civil rulers. By discretion show yourselves to be expert in ironing out minor disagreements and in adjusting trifling misunderstandings. In every possible way — in everything short of

your spiritual allegiance to the rulers of the universe — seek to live peaceably with all men. Be you always as wise as serpents but as harmless as doves.

8 You should be made all the better citizens of the secular government as a result of becoming enlightened sons of the kingdom; so should the rulers of earthly governments become all the better rulers in civil affairs as a result of believing this gospel of the heavenly kingdom. The attitude of unselfish service of man and intelligent worship of God should make all kingdom believers better world citizens, while the attitude of honest citizenship and sin-

cere devotion to one's temporal duty should help to make such a citizen the more easily reached by the spirit call to sonship in the heavenly kingdom.

9 So long as the rulers of earthly governments seek to exercise the authority of religious dictators, you who believe this gospel can expect only trouble, persecution, and even death. But the very light which you bear to the world, and even the very manner in which you will suffer and die for this gospel of the kingdom, will, in themselves, eventually enlighten the whole world and result in the gradual divorcement of politics and religion.

The persistent preaching of this gospel of the kingdom will some day bring to all nations a new and unbelievable liberation, intellectual freedom, and religious liberty.

10 Under the soon-coming persecutions by those who hate this gospel of joy and liberty, you will thrive and the kingdom will prosper. But you will stand in grave danger in subsequent times when most men will speak well of kingdom believers and many in high places nominally accept the gospel of the heavenly kingdom. Learn to be faithful to the kingdom even in times of peace and prosperity.

Tempt not the angels of your supervision to lead you in troublous ways as a loving discipline designed to save your ease-drifting souls.

11 Remember that you are commissioned to preach this gospel of the kingdom — the supreme desire to do the Father's will coupled with the supreme joy of the faith realization of sonship with God — and you must not allow anything to divert your devotion to this one duty. Let all mankind benefit from the overflow of your loving spiritual ministry, enlightening intellectual communion, and uplifting social service; but none of these hu-

manitarian labours, nor all of them, should be permitted to take the place of proclaiming the gospel. These mighty ministrations are the social by-products of the still more mighty and sublime ministrations and transformations wrought in the heart of the kingdom believer by the living Spirit of Truth and by the personal realization that the faith of a spirit-born man confers the assurance of living fellowship with the eternal God.

12 You must not seek to promulgate truth nor to establish righteousness by the power of civil governments or by the enaction of secular laws. You

may always labour to persuade men's minds, but you must never dare to compel them. You must not forget the great law of human fairness which I have taught you in positive form: Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do even so to them.

13 When a kingdom believer is called upon to serve the civil government, let him render such service as a temporal citizen of such a government, albeit such a believer should display in his civil service all of the ordinary traits of citizenship as these have been enhanced by the spiritual enlighten-

ment of the ennobling association of the mind of mortal man with the indwelling spirit of the eternal God. If the unbeliever can qualify as a superior civil servant, you should seriously question whether the roots of truth in your heart have not died from the lack of the living waters of combined spiritual communion and social service. The consciousness of sonship with God should quicken the entire life service of every man, woman, and child who has become the possessor of such a mighty stimulus to all the inherent powers of a human personality.

14 You are not to be passive mys-

tics or colourless ascetics; you should not become dreamers and drifters, supinely trusting in a fictitious Providence to provide even the necessities of life. You are indeed to be gentle in your dealings with erring mortals, patient in your intercourse with ignorant men, and forbearing under provocation; but you are also to be valiant in defence of righteousness, mighty in the promulgation of truth, and aggressive in the preaching of this gospel of the kingdom, even to the ends of the earth.

15 This gospel of the kingdom is a living truth. I have told you it is like

the leaven in the dough, like the grain of mustard seed; and now I declare that it is like the seed of the living being, which, from generation to generation, while it remains the same living seed, unfailingly unfolds itself in new manifestations and grows acceptably in channels of new adaptation to the peculiar needs and conditions of each successive generation. The revelation I have made to you is a *living revelation,* and I desire that it shall bear appropriate fruits in each individual and in each generation in accordance with the laws of spiritual growth, increase, and adaptative development. From

generation to generation this gospel must show increasing vitality and exhibit greater depth of spiritual power. It must not be permitted to become merely a sacred memory, a mere tradition about me and the times in which we now live.

16 And forget not: We have made no direct attack upon the persons or upon the authority of those who sit in Moses' seat; we only offered them the new light, which they have so vigorously rejected. We have assailed them only by the denunciation of their spiritual disloyalty to the very truths which they profess to teach and safe-

guard. We clashed with these established leaders and recognized rulers only when they threw themselves directly in the way of the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to the sons of men. And even now, it is not we who assail them, but they who seek our destruction. Do not forget that you are commissioned to go forth preaching only the good news. You are not to attack the old ways; you are skillfully to put the leaven of new truth in the midst of the old beliefs. Let the Spirit of Truth do his own work. Let controversy come only when they who despise the truth force it upon

you. But when the wilful unbeliever attacks you, do not hesitate to stand in vigorous defence of the truth which has saved and sanctified you.

17 Throughout the vicissitudes of life, remember always to love one another. Do not strive with men, even with unbelievers. Show mercy even to those who despitefully abuse you. Show yourselves to be loyal citizens, upright artisans, praiseworthy neighbours, devoted kinsmen, understanding parents, and sincere believers in the brotherhood of the Father's kingdom. And my spirit shall be upon you, now and even to the end of the world.

18 §§ When Jesus had concluded his teaching, it was almost 13:00, and they immediately went back to the camp, where David and his associates had lunch ready for them.

2. AFTER THE NOONTIME MEAL

1 Not many of the Master's hearers were able to take in even a part of his forenoon address. Of all who heard him, the Greeks comprehended most. Even the eleven apostles were bewildered by his allusions to future political kingdoms and to successive generations of kingdom believers. Jesus' most devoted followers could not

reconcile the impending end of his earthly ministry with these references to an extended future of gospel activities. Some of these Jewish believers were beginning to sense that earth's greatest tragedy was about to take place, but they could not reconcile such an impending disaster with either the Master's cheerfully indifferent personal attitude or his forenoon discourse, wherein he repeatedly alluded to the future transactions of the heavenly kingdom, extending over vast stretches of time and embracing relations with many and successive temporal kingdoms on earth.

2 By noon of this day all the apostles and disciples had learned about the hasty flight of Lazarus from Bethany. They began to sense the grim determination of the Jewish rulers to exterminate Jesus and his teachings.

3 David Zebedee, through the work of his secret agents in Jerusalem, was fully advised concerning the progress of the plan to arrest and kill Jesus. He knew all about the part of Judas in this plot, but he never disclosed this knowledge to the other apostles nor to any of the disciples. Shortly after lunch he did lead Jesus aside and, making bold, asked him whether he

knew — but he never got further with his question. The Master, holding up his hand, stopped him, saying: "Yes, David, I know all about it, and I know that you know, but see to it that you tell no man. Only doubt not in your own heart that the will of God will prevail in the end."

4 This conversation with David was interrupted by the arrival of a messenger from Philadelphia bringing word that Abner had heard of the plot to kill Jesus and asking if he should depart for Jerusalem. This runner hastened off for Philadelphia with this word for Abner: "Go on with your work. If I

depart from you in the flesh, it is only that I may return in the spirit. I will not forsake you. I will be with you to the end."

5 About this time Philip came to the Master and asked: "Master, seeing that the time of the Passover draws near, where would you have us prepare to eat it?" And when Jesus heard Philip's question, he answered: "Go and bring Peter and John, and I will give you directions concerning the supper we will eat together this night. As for the Passover, that you will have to consider after we have first done this."

6 When Judas heard the Master

speaking with Philip about these matters, he drew closer that he might overhear their conversation. But David Zebedee, who was standing near, stepped up and engaged Judas in conversation while Philip, Peter, and John went to one side to talk with the Master.

7 Said Jesus to the three: "Go immediately into Jerusalem, and as you enter the gate, you will meet a man bearing a water pitcher. He will speak to you, and then shall you follow him. When he leads you to a certain house, go in after him and ask of the good man of that house, 'Where is the guest cham-

ber wherein the Master is to eat supper with his apostles?' And when you have thus inquired, this householder will show you a large upper room all furnished and ready for us."

8 When the apostles reached the city, they met the man with the water pitcher near the gate and followed on after him to the home of John Mark, where the lad's father met them and showed them the upper room in readiness for the evening meal.

9 And all of this came to pass as the result of an understanding arrived at between the Master and John Mark during the afternoon of the preceding

day when they were alone in the hills. Jesus wanted to be sure he would have this one last meal undisturbed with his apostles, and believing if Judas knew beforehand of their place of meeting he might arrange with his enemies to take him, he made this secret arrangement with John Mark. In this way Judas did not learn of their place of meeting until later on when he arrived there in company with Jesus and the other apostles.

10 §§ David Zebedee had much business to transact with Judas so that he was easily prevented from following Peter, John, and Philip, as he so much

desired to do. When Judas gave David a certain sum of money for provisions, David said to him: "Judas, might it not be well, under the circumstances, to provide me with a little money in advance of my actual needs?" And after Judas had reflected for a moment, he answered: "Yes, David, I think it would be wise. In fact, in view of the disturbed conditions in Jerusalem, I think it would be best for me to turn over all the money to you. They plot against the Master, and in case anything should happen to me, you would not be hampered."

11 And so David received all the

apostolic cash funds and receipts for all money on deposit. Not until the evening of the next day did the apostles learn of this transaction.

12 §§ It was about 16:30 when the three apostles returned and informed Jesus that everything was in readiness for the supper. The Master immediately prepared to lead his twelve apostles over the trail to the Bethany road and on into Jerusalem. And this was the last journey he ever made with all twelve of them.

3. ON THE WAY TO THE SUPPER

1 Seeking again to avoid the crowds

passing through the Kidron valley back and forth between Gethsemane Park and Jerusalem, Jesus and the twelve walked over the western brow of Mount Olivet to meet the road leading from Bethany down to the city. As they drew near the place where Jesus had tarried the previous evening to discourse on the destruction of Jerusalem, they unconsciously paused while they stood and looked down in silence upon the city. As they were a little early, and since Jesus did not wish to pass through the city until after sunset, he said to his associates:

2 §§ "Sit down and rest yourselves

while I talk with you about what must shortly come to pass. All these years have I lived with you as brethren, and I have taught you the truth concerning the kingdom of heaven and have revealed to you the mysteries thereof. And my Father has indeed done many wonderful works in connection with my mission on earth. You have been witnesses of all this and partakers in the experience of being labourers together with God. And you will bear me witness that I have for some time warned you that I must presently return to the work the Father has given me to do; I have plainly told you that

I must leave you in the world to carry on the work of the kingdom. It was for this purpose that I set you apart, in the hills of Capernaum. The experience you have had with me, you must now make ready to share with others. As the Father sent me into this world, so am I about to send you forth to represent me and finish the work I have begun.

3 "You look down on yonder city in sorrow, for you have heard my words telling of the end of Jerusalem. I have forewarned you lest you should perish in her destruction and so delay the proclamation of the gospel of the

kingdom. Likewise do I warn you to take heed lest you needlessly expose yourselves to peril when they come to take the Son of Man. I must go, but you are to remain to witness to this gospel when I have gone, even as I directed that Lazarus flee from the wrath of man that he might live to make known the glory of God. If it is the Father's will that I depart, nothing you may do can frustrate the divine plan. Take heed to yourselves lest they kill you also. Let your souls be valiant in defence of the gospel by spirit power but be not misled into any foolish attempt to defend the Son of Man. I

need no defence by the hand of man; the armies of heaven are even now near at hand; but I am determined to do the will of my Father in heaven, and therefore must we submit to that which is so soon to come upon us.

4 "When you see this city destroyed, forget not that you have entered already upon the eternal life of endless service in the ever-advancing kingdom of heaven, even of the heaven of heavens. You should know that in my Father's universe and in mine are many abodes, and that there awaits the children of light the revelation of cities whose builder is God and worlds

whose habit of life is righteousness and joy in the truth. I have brought the kingdom of heaven to you here on earth, but I declare that all of you who by faith enter therein and remain therein by the living service of truth, shall surely ascend to the worlds on high and sit with me in the spirit kingdom of our Father. But first must you gird yourselves and complete the work which you have begun with me. You must first pass through much tribulation and endure many sorrows — and these trials are even now upon us — and when you have finished your work on earth, you shall come to my

joy, even as I have finished my Father's work on earth and am about to return to his embrace."

5 §§ When the Master had spoken, he arose, and they all followed him down Olivet and into the city. None of the apostles, save three, knew where they were going as they made their way along the narrow streets in the approaching darkness. The crowds jostled them, but no one recognized them nor knew that the Son of God was passing by on his way to the last mortal rendezvous with his chosen ambassadors of the kingdom. And neither did the apostles know that one

of their own number had already entered into a conspiracy to betray the Master into the hands of his enemies.

6 John Mark had followed them all the way into the city, and after they had entered the gate, he hurried on by another street so that he was waiting to welcome them to his father's home when they arrived.

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THE LAST SUPPER

Midwayer Commission

During the afternoon of this Thursday, when Philip reminded the Master about the approaching Passover and inquired concerning his plans for its celebration, he had in mind the Passover supper which was due to be eaten on the evening of the next day, Friday. It was the custom to begin the preparations for the celebration of the Passover not later than noon of the preceding day.

And since the Jews reckoned the day as beginning at sunset, this meant that Saturday's Passover supper would be eaten on Friday night, sometime before the midnight hour.

2 The apostles were, therefore, entirely at a loss to understand the Master's announcement that they would celebrate the Passover one day early. They thought, at least some of them did, that he knew he would be placed under arrest before the time of the Passover supper on Friday night and was therefore calling them together for a special supper on this Thursday evening. Others thought that this was

merely a special occasion which was to precede the regular Passover celebration.

3 The apostles knew that Jesus had celebrated other Passovers without the lamb; they knew that he did not personally participate in any sacrificial service of the Jewish system. He had many times partaken of the paschal lamb as a guest, but always, when he was the host, no lamb was served. It would not have been a great surprise to the apostles to have seen the lamb omitted even on Passover night, and since this supper was given one day earlier, they thought nothing of its ab-

sence.

4 After receiving the greetings of welcome extended by the father and mother of John Mark, the apostles went immediately to the upper chamber while Jesus lingered behind to talk with the Mark family.

5 It had been understood beforehand that the Master was to celebrate this occasion alone with his twelve apostles; therefore no servants were provided to wait upon them.

1. THE DESIRE FOR PREFERENCE

1 When the apostles had been shown upstairs by John Mark, they be-

held a large and commodious chamber, which was completely furnished for the supper, and observed that the bread, wine, water, and herbs were all in readiness on one end of the table. Except for the end on which rested the bread and wine, this long table was surrounded by 13 reclining couches, just such as would be provided for the celebration of the Passover in a well-to-do Jewish household.

2 As the twelve entered this upper chamber, they noticed, just inside the door, the pitchers of water, the basins, and towels for laving their dusty feet; and since no servant had been pro-

vided to render this service, the apostles began to look at one another as soon as John Mark had left them, and each began to think within himself, Who shall wash our feet? And each likewise thought that it would not be he who would thus seem to act as the servant of the others.

3 As they stood there, debating in their hearts, they surveyed the seating arrangement of the table, taking note of the higher divan of the host with one couch on the right and eleven arranged around the table on up to opposite this second seat of honour on the host's right.

4 They expected the Master to arrive any moment, but they were in a quandary as to whether they should seat themselves or await his coming and depend on him to assign them their places. While they hesitated, Judas stepped over to the seat of honour, at the left of the host, and signified that he intended there to recline as the preferred guest. This act of Judas immediately stirred up a heated dispute among the other apostles. Judas had no sooner seized the seat of honour than John Zebedee laid claim to the next preferred seat, the one on the right of the host. Simon Peter was so

enraged at this assumption of choice positions by Judas and John that, as the other angry apostles looked on, he marched clear around the table and took his place on the lowest couch, the end of the seating order and just opposite to that chosen by John Zebedee. Since others had seized the high seats, Peter thought to choose the lowest, and he did this, not merely in protest against the unseemly pride of his brethren, but with the hope that Jesus, when he should come and see him in the place of least honour, would call him up to a higher one, thus displacing one who had presumed to honour

himself.

5 With the highest and the lowest positions thus occupied, the rest of the apostles chose places, some near Judas and some near Peter, until all were located. They were seated about the U-shaped table on these reclining divans in the following order: on the right of the Master, John; on the left, Judas, Simon Zelotes, Matthew, James Zebedee, Andrew, the Alpheus twins, Philip, Nathaniel, Thomas, and Simon Peter.

6 §§ They are gathered together to celebrate, at least in spirit, an institution which antedated even Moses and

referred to the times when their fathers were slaves in Egypt. This supper is their last rendezvous with Jesus, and even in such a solemn setting, under the leadership of Judas the apostles are led once more to give way to their old predilection for honour, preference, and personal exaltation.

7 §§ They were still engaged in voicing angry recriminations when the Master appeared in the doorway, where he hesitated a moment as a look of disappointment slowly crept over his face. Without comment he went to his place, and he did not disturb their seating arrangement.

8 They were now ready to begin the supper, except that their feet were still unwashed, and they were in anything but a pleasant frame of mind. When the Master arrived, they were still engaged in making uncomplimentary remarks about one another, to say nothing of the thoughts of some who had sufficient emotional control to refrain from publicly expressing their feelings.

2. BEGINNING THE SUPPER

1 For a few moments after the Master had gone to his place, not a word was spoken. Jesus looked them all over

and, relieving the tension with a smile, said: "I have greatly desired to eat this Passover with you. I wanted to eat with you once more before I suffered, and realizing that my hour has come, I arranged to have this supper with you tonight, for, as concerns the morrow, we are all in the hands of the Father, whose will I have come to execute. I shall not again eat with you until you sit down with me in the kingdom which my Father will give me when I have finished that for which he sent me into this world."

2 After the wine and the water had been mixed, they brought the cup to

Jesus, who, when he had received it from the hand of Thaddeus, held it while he offered thanks. And when he had finished offering thanks, he said: "Take this cup and divide it among yourselves and, when you partake of it, realize that I shall not again drink with you the fruit of the vine since this is our last supper. When we sit down again in this manner, it will be in the kingdom to come."

3 Jesus began thus to talk to his apostles because he knew that his hour had come. He understood that the time had come when he was to return to the Father, and that his work on

earth was almost finished. The Master knew he had revealed the Father's love on earth and had shown forth his mercy to mankind, and that he had completed that for which he came into the world, even to the receiving of all power and authority in heaven and on earth. Likewise, he knew Judas Iscariot had fully made up his mind to deliver him that night into the hands of his enemies. He fully realized that this traitorous betrayal was the work of Judas, but that it also pleased Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia the prince of darkness. But he feared none of those who sought his spiritual over-

throw any more than he feared those who sought to accomplish his physical death. The Master had but one anxiety, and that was for the safety and salvation of his chosen followers. And so, with the full knowledge that the Father had put all things under his authority, the Master now prepared to enact the parable of brotherly love.

3. WASHING THE APOSTLES' FEET

1 After drinking the first cup of the Passover, it was the Jewish custom for the host to arise from the table and wash his hands. Later on in the meal and after the second cup, all of the

guests likewise rose up and washed their hands. Since the apostles knew that their Master never observed these rites of ceremonial hand washing, they were very curious to know what he intended to do when, after they had partaken of this first cup, he arose from the table and silently made his way over to near the door, where the water pitchers, basins, and towels had been placed. And their curiosity grew into astonishment as they saw the Master remove his outer garment, gird himself with a towel, and begin to pour water into one of the foot basins. Imagine the amazement of these twelve men,

who had so recently refused to wash one another's feet, and who had engaged in such unseemly disputes about positions of honour at the table, when they saw him make his way around the unoccupied end of the table to the lowest seat of the feast, where Simon Peter reclined, and, kneeling down in the attitude of a servant, make ready to wash Simon's feet. As the Master knelt, all twelve arose as one man to their feet; even the traitorous Judas so far forgot his infamy for a moment as to arise with his fellow apostles in this expression of surprise, respect, and utter amazement.

2 There stood Simon Peter, looking down into the upturned face of his Master. Jesus said nothing; it was not necessary that he should speak. His attitude plainly revealed that he was minded to wash Simon Peter's feet. Notwithstanding his frailties of the flesh, Peter loved the Master. This Galilean fisherman was the first human being wholeheartedly to believe in the divinity of Jesus *and* to make full and public confession of that belief. And Peter had never since really doubted the divine nature of the Master. Since Peter so revered and honoured Jesus in his heart, it was

not strange that his soul resented the thought of Jesus' kneeling there before him in the attitude of a menial servant and proposing to wash his feet as would a slave. When Peter presently collected his wits sufficiently to address the Master, he spoke the heart feelings of all his fellow apostles.

3 After a few moments of this great embarrassment, Peter said, "Master, do you really mean to wash my feet?" And then, looking up into Peter's face, Jesus said: "You may not fully understand what I am about to do, but hereafter you will know the meaning of all these things." Then Simon Peter,

drawing a long breath, said, "Master, you shall never wash my feet!" And each of the apostles nodded their approval of Peter's firm declaration of refusal to allow Jesus thus to humble himself before them.

4 The dramatic appeal of this unusual scene at first touched the heart of even Judas Iscariot; but when his vainglorious intellect passed judgment upon the spectacle, he concluded that this gesture of humility was just one more episode which conclusively proved that Jesus would never qualify as Israel's deliverer, and that he had made no mistake in the decision to

desert the Master's cause.

5 As they all stood there in breathless amazement, Jesus said: "Peter, I declare that, if I do not wash your feet, you will have no part with me in that which I am about to perform." When Peter heard this declaration, coupled with the fact that Jesus continued kneeling there at his feet, he made one of those decisions of blind acquiescence in compliance with the wish of one whom he respected and loved. As it began to dawn on Simon Peter that there was attached to this proposed enactment of service some signification that de-

termined one's future connection with the Master's work, he not only became reconciled to the thought of allowing Jesus to wash his feet but, in his characteristic and impetuous manner, said: "Then, Master, wash not my feet only but also my hands and my head."

6 As the Master made ready to begin washing Peter's feet, he said: "He who is already clean needs only to have his feet washed. You who sit with me tonight are clean — but not all. But the dust of your feet should have been washed away before you sat down at meat with me. And besides, I would perform this service for you as a para-

ble to illustrate the meaning of a new commandment which I will presently give you."

7 In like manner the Master went around the table, in silence, washing the feet of his twelve apostles, not even passing by Judas. When Jesus had finished washing the feet of the twelve, he donned his cloak, returned to his place as host, and after looking over his bewildered apostles, said:

8 §§ "Do you really understand what I have done to you? You call me Master, and you say well, for so I am. If, then, the Master has washed your feet, why was it that you were unwilling to

wash one another's feet? What lesson should you learn from this parable in which the Master so willingly does that service which his brethren were unwilling to do for one another? Verily, verily, I say to you: A servant is not greater than his master; neither is one who is sent greater than he who sends him. You have seen the way of service in my life among you, and blessed are you who will have the gracious courage so to serve. But why are you so slow to learn that the secret of greatness in the spiritual kingdom is not like the methods of power in the material world?

9 "When I came into this chamber tonight, you were not content proudly to refuse to wash one another's feet, but you must also fall to disputing among yourselves as to who should have the places of honour at my table. Such honours the Pharisees and the children of this world seek, but it should not be so among the ambassadors of the heavenly kingdom. Do you not know that there can be no place of preferment at my table? Do you not understand that I love each of you as I do the others? Do you not know that the place nearest me, as men regard such honours, can mean

nothing concerning your standing in the kingdom of heaven? You know that the kings of the gentiles have lordship over their subjects, while those who exercise this authority are sometimes called benefactors. But it shall not be so in the kingdom of heaven. He who would be great among you, let him become as the younger; while he who would be chief, let him become as one who serves. Who is the greater, he who sits at meat, or he who serves? Is it not commonly regarded that he who sits at meat is the greater? But you will observe that I am among you as one who serves. If you are willing to

become fellow servants with me in doing the Father's will, in the kingdom to come you shall sit with me in power, still doing the Father's will in future glory."

10 When Jesus had finished speaking, the Alpheus twins brought on the bread and wine, with the bitter herbs and the paste of dried fruits, for the next course of the Last Supper.

4. LAST WORDS TO THE BETRAYER

1 For some minutes the apostles ate in silence, but under the influence of the Master's cheerful demeanour they were soon drawn into conversation,

and ere long the meal was proceeding as if nothing out of the ordinary had occurred to interfere with the good cheer and social accord of this extraordinary occasion. After some time had elapsed, in about the middle of this second course of the meal, Jesus, looking them over, said: "I have told you how much I desired to have this supper with you, and knowing how the evil forces of darkness have conspired to bring about the death of the Son of Man, I determined to eat this supper with you in this secret chamber and a day in advance of the Passover since I will not be with you by this time to-

morrow night. I have repeatedly told you that I must return to the Father. Now has my hour come, but it was not required that one of you should betray me into the hands of my enemies."

2 When the twelve heard this, having already been robbed of much of their self-assertiveness and self-confidence by the parable of the feet washing and the Master's subsequent discourse, they began to look at one another while in disconcerted tones they hesitatingly inquired, "Is it I?" And when they had all so inquired, Jesus said: "While it is necessary that I go to the Father, it was not required that

one of you should become a traitor to fulfil the Father's will. This is the coming to fruit of the concealed evil in the heart of one who failed to love the truth with his whole soul. How deceitful is the intellectual pride that precedes the spiritual downfall! My friend of many years, who even now eats my bread, will be willing to betray me, even as he now dips his hand with me in the dish."

3 And when Jesus had thus spoken, they all began again to ask, "Is it I?" And as Judas, sitting on the left of his Master, again asked, "Is it I?" Jesus, dipping the bread in the dish of herbs,

handed it to Judas, saying, "You have said." But the others did not hear Jesus speak to Judas. John, who reclined on Jesus' right hand, leaned over and asked the Master: "Who is it? We should know who it is that has proved untrue to his trust." Jesus answered: "Already have I told you, even he to whom I gave the sop." But it was so natural for the host to give a sop to the one who sat next to him on the left that none of them took notice of this, even though the Master had so plainly spoken. But Judas was painfully conscious of the meaning of the Master's words associated with his act, and he

became fearful lest his brethren were likewise now aware that he was the betrayer.

4 Peter was highly excited by what had been said, and leaning forward over the table, he addressed John, "Ask him who it is, or if he has told you, tell me who is the betrayer."

5 Jesus brought their whisperings to an end by saying: "I sorrow that this evil should have come to pass and hoped even up to this hour that the power of truth might triumph over the deceptions of evil, but such victories are not won without the faith of the sincere love of truth. I would not

have told you these things at this, our last supper, but I desire to warn you of these sorrows and so prepare you for what is now upon us. I have told you of this because I desire that you should recall, after I have gone, that I knew about all these evil plottings, and that I forewarned you of my betrayal. And I do all this only that you may be strengthened for the temptations and trials which are just ahead."

6 When Jesus had thus spoken, leaning over toward Judas, he said: "What you have decided to do, do quickly." And when Judas heard these words, he arose from the table and hastily left the

room, going out into the night to do what he had set his mind to accomplish. When the other apostles saw Judas hasten off after Jesus had spoken to him, they thought he had gone to procure something additional for the supper or to do some other errand for the Master since they supposed he still carried the bag.

7 §§ Jesus now knew that nothing could be done to keep Judas from turning traitor. He started with twelve — now he had eleven. He chose six of these apostles, and though Judas was among those nominated by his first-chosen apostles, still the Mas-

ter accepted him and had, up to this very hour, done everything possible to sanctify and save him, even as he had wrought for the peace and salvation of the others.

8 This supper, with its tender episodes and softening touches, was Jesus' last appeal to the deserting Judas, but it was of no avail. Warning, even when administered in the most tactful manner and conveyed in the most kindly spirit, as a rule, only intensifies hatred and fires the evil determination to carry out to the full one's own selfish projects, when love is once really

dead.

5. ESTABLISHING THE REMEMBRANCE SUPPER

1 As they brought Jesus the third cup of wine, the "cup of blessing," he arose from the couch and, taking the cup in his hands, blessed it, saying: "Take this cup, all of you, and drink of it. This shall be the cup of my remembrance. This is the cup of the blessing of a new dispensation of grace and truth. This shall be to you the emblem of the bestowal and ministry of the divine Spirit of Truth. And I will not again drink this cup with you until I drink in new form with you in the

Father's eternal kingdom."

2 The apostles all sensed that something out of the ordinary was transpiring as they drank of this cup of blessing in profound reverence and perfect silence. The old Passover commemorated the emergence of their fathers from a state of racial slavery into individual freedom; now the Master was instituting a new remembrance supper as a symbol of the new dispensation wherein the enslaved individual emerges from the bondage of ceremonialism and selfishness into the spiritual joy of the brotherhood and fellowship of the liberated faith sons of

the living God.

3 When they had finished drinking this new cup of remembrance, the Master took up the bread and, after giving thanks, broke it in pieces and, directing them to pass it around, said: "Take this bread of remembrance and eat it. I have told you that I am the bread of life. And this bread of life is the united life of the Father and the Son in one gift. The word of the Father, as revealed in the Son, is indeed the bread of life." When they had partaken of the bread of remembrance, the symbol of the living word of truth incarnated in the likeness of mortal

flesh, they all sat down.

4 §§ In instituting this remembrance supper, the Master, as was always his habit, resorted to parables and symbols. He employed symbols because he wanted to teach certain great spiritual truths in such a manner as to make it difficult for his successors to attach precise interpretations and definite meanings to his words. In this way he sought to prevent successive generations from crystallizing his teaching and binding down his spiritual meanings by the dead chains of tradition and dogma. In the establishment of the only ceremony or sacra-

ment associated with his whole life mission, Jesus took great pains to *suggest* his meanings rather than to commit himself to *precise definitions.* He did not wish to destroy the individual's concept of divine communion by establishing a precise form; neither did he desire to limit the believer's spiritual imagination by formally cramping it. He rather sought to set man's reborn soul free upon the joyous wings of a new and living spiritual liberty.

5 Notwithstanding the Master's effort thus to establish this new sacrament of the remembrance, those who followed after him in the intervening

centuries saw to it that his express desire was effectively thwarted in that his simple spiritual symbolism of that last night in the flesh has been reduced to precise interpretations and subjected to the almost mathematical precision of a set formula. Of all Jesus' teachings none have become more tradition-standardized.

6 This supper of remembrance, when it is partaken of by those who are Son-believing and God-knowing, does not need to have associated with its symbolism any of man's puerile misinterpretations regarding the meaning of the divine presence,

for upon all such occasions the Master is *really present.* The remembrance supper is the believer's symbolic rendezvous with Michael. When you become thus spirit-conscious, the Son is actually present, and his spirit fraternizes with the indwelling fragment of his Father.

7 §§ After they had engaged in meditation for a few moments, Jesus continued speaking: "When you do these things, recall the life I have lived on earth among you and rejoice that I am to continue to live on earth with you and to serve through you. As individuals, contend not among yourselves

as to who shall be greatest. Be you all as brethren. And when the kingdom grows to embrace large groups of believers, likewise should you refrain from contending for greatness or seeking preferment between such groups."

8 And this mighty occasion took place in the upper chamber of a friend. There was nothing of sacred form or of ceremonial consecration about either the supper or the building. The remembrance supper was established without ecclesiastical sanction.

9 When Jesus had thus established the supper of the remembrance, he

said to the 11[1]: "And as often as you do

[1] In 1955 text "twelve". There were only eleven apostles still present for the establishment of the remembrance supper because Judas had left earlier; so the "twelve" of the 1955 text was incorrect, and was changed to "apostles" to make this sentence consistent with the rest of the narrative. However, if the manuscript had read "apostles" it could not have become "twelve" in the course of text preparation, therefore a different solution was required. The committee adopted "eleven" as the resolution of this problem based on the proposition that the manuscript contained numerals at this point — as written documents commonly do — thus "11." At some point prior to formatting for printing, the last digit was changed either by accident or through the common typographical error of seeing what you expect to see rather than what is on the page. When the number was formatted for printing, the "12" which was so similar to "11" became "twelve"

this, do it in remembrance of me. And when you do remember me, first look back upon my life in the flesh, recall that I was once with you, and then, by faith, discern that you shall all sometime sup with me in the Father's eternal kingdom. This is the new Passover which I leave with you, even the memory of my bestowal life, the word of

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which is completely dissimilar to "eleven." [Note that there are several other examples of errors in the 1955 text that apparently had a similar origin: see 37:8.3, 41:4.4 and 43:1.6; the several time statements that are formatted incorrectly — 134:3.3.1-3 and 177:4.1 also lend weight to the idea that numbers were written as numerals in the manuscript (as is common practice), and were formatted to words later in the process of text preparation.]

eternal truth; and of my love for you, the outpouring of my Spirit of Truth upon all flesh."

10 And they ended this celebration of the old but bloodless Passover in connection with the inauguration of the new supper of the remembrance, by singing, all together, the 118th Psalm.

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THE FAREWELL DISCOURSE

Midwayer Commission

After singing the Psalm at the conclusion of the Last Supper, the apostles thought that Jesus intended to return immediately to the camp, but he indicated that they should sit down. Said the Master:

2 "You well remember when I sent you forth without purse or wallet and even advised that you take with you no extra clothes. And you will all recall that you lacked nothing. But now

have you come upon troublous times. No longer can you depend upon the good will of the multitudes. Henceforth, he who has a purse, let him take it with him. When you go out into the world to proclaim this gospel, make such provision for your support as seems best. I have come to bring peace, but it will not appear for a time.

3 "The time has now come for the Son of Man to be glorified, and the Father shall be glorified in me. My friends, I am to be with you only a little longer. Soon you will seek for me, but you will not find me, for I am going to a place to which you cannot, at this

time, come. But when you have finished your work on earth as I have now finished mine, you shall then come to me even as I now prepare to go to my Father. In just a short time I am going to leave you, you will see me no more on earth, but you shall all see me in the age to come when you ascend to the kingdom which my Father has given to me."

1. THE NEW COMMANDMENT

1 After a few moments of informal conversation, Jesus stood up and said: "When I enacted for you a parable indicating how you should be willing to

serve one another, I said that I desired to give you a new commandment; and I would do this now as I am about to leave you. You well know the commandment which directs that you love one another; that you love your neighbour even as yourself. But I am not wholly satisfied with even that sincere devotion on the part of my children. I would have you perform still greater acts of love in the kingdom of the believing brotherhood. And so I give you this new commandment: That you love one another even as I have loved you. And by this will all men know that you are my disciples if you

thus love one another.

2 "When I give you this new commandment, I do not place any new burden upon your souls; rather do I bring you new joy and make it possible for you to experience new pleasure in knowing the delights of the bestowal of your heart's affection upon your fellow men. I am about to experience the supreme joy, even though enduring outward sorrow, in the bestowal of my affection upon you and your fellow mortals.

3 "When I invite you to love one another, even as I have loved you, I hold up before you the supreme measure of

true affection, for greater love can no man have than this: that he will lay down his life for his friends. And you are my friends; you will continue to be my friends if you are but willing to do what I have taught you. You have called me Master, but I do not call you servants. If you will only love one another as I am loving you, you shall be my friends, and I will ever speak to you of that which the Father reveals to me.

4 "You have not merely chosen me, but I have also chosen you, and I have ordained you to go forth into the world to yield the fruit of loving service to your fellows even as I have lived

among you and revealed the Father to you. The Father and I will both work with you, and you shall experience the divine fullness of joy if you will only obey my command to love one another, even as I have loved you."

5 §§ If you would share the Master's joy, you must share his love. And to share his love means that you have shared his service. Such an experience of love does not deliver you from the difficulties of this world; it does not create a new world, but it most certainly does make the old world new.

6 Keep in mind: It is loyalty, not sacrifice, that Jesus demands. The con-

sciousness of sacrifice implies the absence of that wholehearted affection which would have made such a loving service a supreme joy. The idea of *duty* signifies that you are servant-minded and hence are missing the mighty thrill of doing your service as a friend and for a friend. The impulse of friendship transcends all convictions of duty, and the service of a friend for a friend can never be called a sacrifice. The Master has taught the apostles that they are the sons of God. He has called them brethren, and now, before

he leaves, he calls them his friends.

2. THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

1 Then Jesus stood up again and continued teaching his apostles: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. I am the vine, and you are the branches. And the Father requires of me only that you shall bear much fruit. The vine is pruned only to increase the fruitfulness of its branches. Every branch coming out of me which bears no fruit, the Father will take away. Every branch which bears fruit, the Father will cleanse that it may bear more fruit. Already are you

clean through the word I have spoken, but you must continue to be clean. You must abide in me, and I in you; the branch will die if it is separated from the vine. As the branch cannot bear fruit except it abides in the vine, so neither can you yield the fruits of loving service except you abide in me. Remember: I am the real vine, and you are the living branches. He who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit of the spirit and experience the supreme joy of yielding this spiritual harvest. If you will maintain this living spiritual connection with me, you will bear abundant fruit. If you abide

in me and my words live in you, you will be able to commune freely with me, and then can my living spirit so infuse you that you may ask whatsoever my spirit wills and do all this with the assurance that the Father will grant us our petition. Herein is the Father glorified: that the vine has many living branches, and that every branch bears much fruit. And when the world sees these fruit-bearing branches — my friends who love one another, even as I have loved them — all men will know that you are truly my disciples.

2 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Live in my love even

as I live in the Father's love. If you do as I have taught you, you shall abide in my love even as I have kept the Father's word and evermore abide in his love."

3 The Jews had long taught that the Messiah would be "a stem arising out of the vine" of David's ancestors, and in commemoration of this olden teaching a large emblem of the grape and its attached vine decorated the entrance to Herod's temple. The apostles all recalled these things while the Master talked to them this night in the upper chamber.

4 But great sorrow later attended the misinterpretation of the Master's

inferences regarding prayer. There would have been little difficulty about these teachings if his exact words had been remembered and subsequently truthfully recorded. But as the record was made, believers eventually regarded prayer in Jesus' name as a sort of supreme magic, thinking that they would receive from the Father anything they asked for. For centuries honest souls have continued to wreck their faith against this stumbling block. How long will it take the world of believers to understand that prayer is not a process of getting your way but rather a program of tak-

ing God's way, an experience of learning how to recognize and execute the Father's will? It is entirely true that, when your will has been truly aligned with his, you can ask anything conceived by that will-union, and it will be granted. And such a will-union is effected by and through Jesus even as the life of the vine flows into and through the living branches.

5 When there exists this living connection between divinity and humanity, if humanity should thoughtlessly and ignorantly pray for selfish ease and vainglorious accomplishments, there could be only one divine answer: more

and increased bearing of the fruits of the spirit on the stems of the living branches. When the branch of the vine is alive, there can be only one answer to all its petitions: increased grape bearing. In fact, the branch exists only for, and can do nothing except, fruit bearing, yielding grapes. So does the true believer exist only for the purpose of bearing the fruits of the spirit: to love man as he himself has been loved by God — that we should love one another, even as Jesus has loved us.

6 And when the Father's hand of discipline is laid upon the vine, it is done

in love, in order that the branches may bear much fruit. And a wise husbandman cuts away only the dead and fruitless branches.

7 Jesus had great difficulty in leading even his apostles to recognize that prayer is a function of spirit-born believers in the spirit-dominated kingdom.

3. ENMITY OF THE WORLD

1 The eleven had scarcely ceased their discussions of the discourse on the vine and the branches when the Master, indicating that he was desirous of speaking to them further and

knowing that his time was short, said: "When I have left you, be not discouraged by the enmity of the world. Be not downcast even when fainthearted believers turn against you and join hands with the enemies of the kingdom. If the world shall hate you, you should recall that it hated me even before it hated you. If you were of this world, then would the world love its own, but because you are not, the world refuses to love you. You are in this world, but your lives are not to be worldlike. I have chosen you out of the world to represent the spirit of another world even to this world from

which you have been chosen. But always remember the words I have spoken to you: The servant is not greater than his master. If they dare to persecute me, they will also persecute you. If my words offend the unbelievers, so also will your words offend the ungodly. And all of this will they do to you because they believe not in me nor in Him who sent me; so will you suffer many things for the sake of my gospel. But when you endure these tribulations, you should recall that I also suffered before you for the sake of this gospel of the heavenly kingdom.

2 "Many of those who will assail you

are ignorant of the light of heaven, but this is not true of some who now persecute us. If we had not taught them the truth, they might do many strange things without falling under condemnation, but now, since they have known the light and presumed to reject it, they have no excuse for their attitude. He who hates me hates my Father. It cannot be otherwise; the light which would save you if accepted can only condemn you if it is knowingly rejected. And what have I done to these men that they should hate me with such a terrible hatred? Nothing, save to offer them fellowship on earth

and salvation in heaven. But have you not read in the Scripture the saying: 'And they hated me without a cause'?

3 "But I will not leave you alone in the world. Very soon, after I have gone, I will send you a spirit helper. You shall have with you one who will take my place among you, one who will continue to teach you the way of truth, who will even comfort you.

4 "Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; continue to believe also in me. Even though I must leave you, I will not be far from you. I have already told you that in my Father's universe there are many tarrying-

places. If this were not true, I would not have repeatedly told you about them. I am going to return to these worlds of light, stations in the Father's heaven to which you shall sometime ascend. From these places I came into this world, and the hour is now at hand when I must return to my Father's work in the spheres on high.

5 "If I thus go before you into the Father's heavenly kingdom, so will I surely send for you that you may be with me in the places that were prepared for the mortal sons of God before this world was. Even though I must leave you, I will be present with

you in spirit, and eventually you shall be with me in person when you have ascended to me in my universe even as I am about to ascend to my Father in his greater universe. And what I have told you is true and everlasting, even though you may not fully comprehend it. I go to the Father, and though you cannot now follow me, you shall certainly follow me in the ages to come."

6 When Jesus sat down, Thomas arose and said: "Master, we do not know where you are going; so of course we do not know the way. But we will follow you this very night if you

will show us the way."

7 When Jesus heard Thomas, he answered: "Thomas, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man goes to the Father except through me. All who find the Father, first find me. If you know me, you know the way to the Father. And you do know me, for you have lived with me and you now see me."

8 But this teaching was too deep for many of the apostles, especially for Philip, who, after speaking a few words with Nathaniel, arose and said: "Master, show us the Father, and everything you have said will be made plain."

9 And when Philip had spoken, Jesus said: "Philip, have I been so long with you and yet you do not even now know me? Again do I declare: He who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you then say, Show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? Have I not taught you that the words which I speak are not my words but the words of the Father? I speak for the Father and not of myself. I am in this world to do the Father's will, and that I have done. My Father abides in me and works through me. Believe me when I say that the Father is in me, and that I

am in the Father, or else believe me for the sake of the very life I have lived — for the work's sake."

10 As the Master went aside to refresh himself with water, the eleven engaged in a spirited discussion of these teachings, and Peter was beginning to deliver himself of an extended speech when Jesus returned and beckoned them to be seated.

4. THE PROMISED HELPER

1 Jesus continued to teach, saying: "When I have gone to the Father, and after he has fully accepted the work I have done for you on earth, and after

I have received the final sovereignty of my own domain, I shall say to my Father: Having left my children alone on earth, it is in accordance with my promise to send them another teacher. And when the Father shall approve, I will pour out the Spirit of Truth upon all flesh. Already is my Father's spirit in your hearts, and when this day shall come, you will also have me with you even as you now have the Father. This new gift is the spirit of living truth. The unbelievers will not at first listen to the teachings of this spirit, but the sons of light will all receive him gladly and with a whole heart. And you shall

know this spirit when he comes even as you have known me, and you will receive this gift in your hearts, and he will abide with you. You thus perceive that I am not going to leave you without help and guidance. I will not leave you desolate. Today I can be with you only in person. In the times to come I will be with you and all other men who desire my presence, wherever you may be, and with each of you at the same time. Do you not discern that it is better for me to go away; that I leave you in the flesh so that I may the better and the more fully be with you in the spirit?

2 "In just a few hours the world will see me no more; but you will continue to know me in your hearts even until I send you this new teacher, the Spirit of Truth. As I have lived with you in person, then shall I live in you; I shall be one with your personal experience in the spirit kingdom. And when this has come to pass, you shall surely know that I am in the Father, and that, while your life is hid with the Father in me, I am also in you. I have loved the Father and have kept his word; you have loved me, and you will keep my word. As my Father has given me of his spirit, so will I give you of my spirit. And this Spirit

of Truth which I will bestow upon you shall guide and comfort you and shall eventually lead you into all truth.

3 "I am telling you these things while I am still with you that you may be the better prepared to endure those trials which are even now right upon us. And when this new day comes, you will be indwelt by the Son as well as by the Father. And these gifts of heaven will ever work the one with the other even as the Father and I have wrought on earth and before your very eyes as one person, the Son of Man. And this spirit friend will bring to your remembrance everything I have taught you."

4 As the Master paused for a moment, Judas Alpheus made bold to ask one of the few questions which either he or his brother ever addressed to Jesus in public. Said Judas: "Master, you have always lived among us as a friend; how shall we know you when you no longer manifest yourself to us save by this spirit? If the world sees you not, how shall we be certain about you? How will you show yourself to us?"

5 Jesus looked down upon them all, smiled, and said: "My little children, I am going away, going back to my Father. In a little while you will not see me as you do here, as flesh and blood.

In a very short time I am going to send you my spirit, just like me except for this material body. This new teacher is the Spirit of Truth who will live with each one of you, in your hearts, and so will all the children of light be made one and be drawn toward one another. And in this very manner will my Father and I be able to live in the souls of each one of you and also in the hearts of all other men who love us and make that love real in their experiences by loving one another, even as I am now loving you."

6 Judas Alpheus did not fully understand what the Master said, but

he grasped the promise of the new teacher, and from the expression on Andrew's face, he perceived that his question had been satisfactorily answered.

5. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

1 The new helper which Jesus promised to send into the hearts of believers, to pour out upon all flesh, is the *Spirit of Truth.* This divine endowment is not the letter or law of truth, neither is it to function as the form or expression of truth. The new teacher is the *conviction of truth,* the consciousness and assurance of true meanings on real

spirit levels. And this new teacher is the spirit of living and growing truth, expanding, unfolding, and adaptative truth.

2 Divine truth is a spirit-discerned and living reality. Truth exists only on high spiritual levels of the realization of divinity and the consciousness of communion with God. You can know the truth, and you can live the truth; you can experience the growth of truth in the soul and enjoy the liberty of its enlightenment in the mind, but you cannot imprison truth in formulas, codes, creeds, or intellectual patterns of human conduct. When

you undertake the human formulation of divine truth, it speedily dies. The post-mortem salvage of imprisoned truth, even at best, can eventuate only in the realization of a peculiar form of intellectualized glorified wisdom. Static truth is dead truth, and only dead truth can be held as a theory. Living truth is dynamic and can enjoy only an experiential existence in the human mind.

3 Intelligence grows out of a material existence which is illuminated by the presence of the cosmic mind. Wisdom comprises the consciousness of knowledge elevated to new levels of

meaning and activated by the presence of the universe endowment of the adjutant of wisdom. Truth is a spiritual reality value experienced only by spirit-endowed beings who function upon supermaterial levels of universe consciousness, and who, after the realization of truth, permit its spirit of activation to live and reign within their souls.

4 The true child of universe insight looks for the living Spirit of Truth in every wise saying. The God-knowing individual is constantly elevating wisdom to the living-truth levels of divine attainment; the spiritually unprogres-

sive soul is all the while dragging the living truth down to the dead levels of wisdom and to the domain of mere exalted knowledge.

5 The golden rule, when divested of the superhuman insight of the Spirit of Truth, becomes nothing more than a rule of high ethical conduct. The golden rule, when literally interpreted, may become the instrument of great offence to one's fellows. Without a spiritual discernment of the golden rule of wisdom you might reason that, since you are desirous that all men speak the full and frank truth of their minds to you, you should there-

fore fully and frankly speak the full thought of your mind to your fellow beings. Such an unspiritual interpretation of the golden rule might result in untold unhappiness and no end of sorrow.

6 Some persons discern and interpret the golden rule as a purely intellectual affirmation of human fraternity. Others experience this expression of human relationship as an emotional gratification of the tender feelings of the human personality. Another mortal recognizes this same golden rule as the yardstick for measuring all social relations, the standard

of social conduct. Still others look upon it as being the positive injunction of a great moral teacher who embodied in this statement the highest concept of moral obligation as regards all fraternal relationships. In the lives of such moral beings the golden rule becomes the wise centre and circumference of all their philosophy.

7 In the kingdom of the believing brotherhood of God-knowing truth lovers, this golden rule takes on living qualities of spiritual realization on those higher levels of interpretation which cause the mortal sons of God to view this injunction of the Master as

requiring them so to relate themselves to their fellows that they will receive the highest possible good as a result of the believer's contact with them. This is the essence of true religion: that you love your neighbour as yourself.

8 But the highest realization and the truest interpretation of the golden rule consists in the consciousness of the spirit of the truth of the enduring and living reality of such a divine declaration. The true cosmic meaning of this rule of universal relationship is revealed only in its spiritual realization, in the interpretation of the law of conduct by the spirit of the Son to

the spirit of the Father that indwells the soul of mortal man. And when such spirit-led mortals realize the true meaning of this golden rule, they are filled to overflowing with the assurance of citizenship in a friendly universe, and their ideals of spirit reality are satisfied only when they love their fellows as Jesus loved us all, and that is the reality of the realization of the love of God.

9 This same philosophy of the living flexibility and cosmic adaptability of divine truth to the individual requirements and capacity of every son of God, must be perceived before you

can hope adequately to understand the Master's teaching and practice of nonresistance to evil. The Master's teaching is basically a spiritual pronouncement. Even the material implications of his philosophy cannot be helpfully considered apart from their spiritual correlations. The spirit of the Master's injunction consists in the nonresistance of all selfish reaction to the universe, coupled with the aggressive and progressive attainment of righteous levels of true spirit values: divine beauty, infinite goodness, and eternal truth — to know God and to become increasingly like him.

10 Love, unselfishness, must undergo a constant and living readaptative interpretation of relationships in accordance with the leading of the Spirit of Truth. Love must thereby grasp the ever-changing and enlarging concepts of the highest cosmic good of the individual who is loved. And then love goes on to strike this same attitude concerning all other individuals who could possibly be influenced by the growing and living relationship of one spirit-led mortal's love for other citizens of the universe. And this entire living adaptation of love must be effected in the light of both the envi-

ronment of present evil and the eternal goal of the perfection of divine destiny.

11 And so must we clearly recognize that neither the golden rule nor the teaching of nonresistance can ever be properly understood as dogmas or precepts. They can only be comprehended by living them, by realizing their meanings in the living interpretation of the Spirit of Truth, who directs the loving contact of one human being with another.

12 And all this clearly indicates the difference between the old religion and the new. The old religion taught

self-sacrifice; the new religion teaches only self-forgetfulness, enhanced self-realization in conjoined social service and universe comprehension. The old religion was motivated by fear-consciousness; the new gospel of the kingdom is dominated by truth-conviction, the spirit of eternal and universal truth. And no amount of piety or creedal loyalty can compensate for the absence in the life experience of kingdom believers of that spontaneous, generous, and sincere friendliness which characterizes the spirit-born sons of the living God. Neither tradition nor a ceremonial system of

formal worship can atone for the lack of genuine compassion for one's fellows.

6. THE NECESSITY FOR LEAVING

1 After Peter, James, John, and Matthew had asked the Master numerous questions, he continued his farewell discourse by saying: "And I am telling you about all this before I leave you in order that you may be so prepared for what is coming upon you that you will not stumble into serious error. The authorities will not be content with merely putting you out of the synagogues; I warn you the hour draws

near when they who kill you will think they are doing a service to God. And all of these things they will do to you and to those whom you lead into the kingdom of heaven because they do not know the Father. They have refused to know the Father by refusing to receive me; and they refuse to receive me when they reject you, provided you have kept my new commandment that you love one another even as I have loved you. I am telling you in advance about these things so that, when your hour comes, as mine now has, you may be strengthened in the knowledge that all was known to

me, and that my spirit shall be with you in all your sufferings for my sake and the gospel's. It was for this purpose that I have been talking so plainly to you from the very beginning. I have even warned you that a man's foes may be those of his own household. Although this gospel of the kingdom never fails to bring great peace to the soul of the individual believer, it will not bring peace on earth until man is willing to believe my teaching wholeheartedly and to establish the practice of doing the Father's will as the chief purpose in living the mortal life.

2 "Now that I am leaving you, see-

ing that the hour has come when I am about to go to the Father, I am surprised that none of you have asked me, Why do you leave us? Nevertheless, I know that you ask such questions in your hearts. I will speak to you plainly, as one friend to another. It is really profitable for you that I go away. If I go not away, the new teacher cannot come into your hearts. I must be divested of this mortal body and be restored to my place on high before I can send this spirit teacher to live in your souls and lead your spirits into the truth. And when my spirit comes to indwell you, he will illuminate the

difference between sin and righteousness and will enable you to judge wisely in your hearts concerning them.

3 "I have yet much to say to you, but you cannot stand any more just now. Albeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he shall eventually guide you into all truth as you pass through the many abodes in my Father's universe.

4 "This spirit will not speak of himself, but he will declare to you that which the Father has revealed to the Son, and he will even show you things to come; he will glorify me even as I have glorified my Father. This spirit comes forth from me, and he will

reveal my truth to you. Everything which the Father has in this domain is now mine; wherefore did I say that this new teacher would take of that which is mine and reveal it to you.

5 "In just a little while I will leave you for a short time. Afterwards, when you again see me, I shall already be on my way to the Father so that even then you will not see me for long."

6 While he paused for a moment, the apostles began to talk with each other: "What is this that he tells us? 'In just a little while I will leave you,' and 'When you see me again it will not be for long, for I will be on my way to the

Father.' What can he mean by this 'little while' and 'not for long'? We cannot understand what he is telling us."

7 And since Jesus knew they asked these questions, he said: "Do you inquire among yourselves about what I meant when I said that in a little while I would not be with you, and that, when you would see me again, I would be on my way to the Father? I have plainly told you that the Son of Man must die, but that he will rise again. Can you not then discern the meaning of my words? You will first be made sorrowful, but later on will you rejoice with many who will understand these

things after they have come to pass. A woman is indeed sorrowful in the hour of her travail, but when she is once delivered of her child, she immediately forgets her anguish in the joy of the knowledge that a man has been born into the world. And so are you about to sorrow over my departure, but I will soon see you again, and then will your sorrow be turned into rejoicing, and there shall come to you a new revelation of the salvation of God which no man can ever take away from you. And all the worlds will be blessed in this same revelation of life in effecting the overthrow of death. Hitherto

have you made all your requests in my Father's name. After you see me again, you may also ask in my name, and I will hear you.

8 "Down here I have taught you in proverbs and spoken to you in parables. I did so because you were only children in the spirit; but the time is coming when I will talk to you plainly concerning the Father and his kingdom. And I shall do this because the Father himself loves you and desires to be more fully revealed to you. Mortal man cannot see the spirit Father; therefore have I come into the world to show the Father to your creature

eyes. But when you have become perfected in spirit growth, you shall then see the Father himself."

9 When the eleven had heard him speak, they said to each other: "Behold, he does speak plainly to us. Surely the Master did come forth from God. But why does he say he must return to the Father?" And Jesus saw that they did not even yet comprehend him. These eleven men could not get away from their long-nourished ideas of the Jewish concept of the Messiah. The more fully they believed in Jesus as the Messiah, the more troublesome became these deep-rooted notions re-

garding the glorious material triumph of the kingdom on earth.

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FINAL ADMONITIONS AND WARNINGS

Midwayer Commission

After the conclusion of the farewell discourse to the eleven, Jesus visited informally with them and recounted many experiences which concerned them as a group and as individuals. At last it was beginning to dawn upon these Galileans that their friend and teacher was going to leave them, and their hope grasped at the promise that, after

a little while, he would again be with them, but they were prone to forget that this return visit was also for a little while. Many of the apostles and the leading disciples really thought that this promise to return for a short season (the short interval between the resurrection and the ascension) indicated that Jesus was just going away for a brief visit with his Father, after which he would return to establish the kingdom. And such an interpretation of his teaching conformed both with their preconceived beliefs and with their ardent hopes. Since their lifelong beliefs and hopes of wish fulfilment

were thus agreed, it was not difficult for them to find an interpretation of the Master's words which would justify their intense longings.

2 After the farewell discourse had been discussed and had begun to settle down in their minds, Jesus again called the apostles to order and began the impartation of his final admonitions and warnings.

1. LAST WORDS OF COMFORT

1 When the eleven had taken their seats, Jesus stood and addressed them: "As long as I am with you in the flesh, I can be but one individual in your

midst or in the entire world. But when I have been delivered from this investment of mortal nature, I will be able to return as a spirit indweller of each of you and of all other believers in this gospel of the kingdom. In this way the Son of Man will become a spiritual incarnation in the souls of all true believers.

2 "When I have returned to live in you and work through you, I can the better lead you on through this life and guide you through the many abodes in the future life in the heaven of heavens. Life in the Father's eternal creation is not an endless rest of idleness and self-

ish ease but rather a ceaseless progression in grace, truth, and glory. Each of the many, many stations in my Father's house is a stopping place, a life designed to prepare you for the next one ahead. And so will the children of light go on from glory to glory until they attain the divine estate wherein they are spiritually perfected even as the Father is perfect in all things.

3 "If you would follow after me when I leave you, put forth your earnest efforts to live in accordance with the spirit of my teachings and with the ideal of my life — the doing of my Father's will. This do instead of trying to

imitate my natural life in the flesh as I have, perforce, been required to live it on this world.

4 "The Father sent me into this world, but only a few of you have chosen fully to receive me. I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, but all men will not choose to receive this new teacher as the guide and counsellor of the soul. But as many as do receive him shall be enlightened, cleansed, and comforted. And this Spirit of Truth will become in them a well of living water springing up into eternal life.

5 "And now, as I am about to leave

you, I would speak words of comfort. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I make these gifts not as the world gives — by measure — I give each of you all you will receive. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. I have overcome the world, and in me you shall all triumph through faith. I have warned you that the Son of Man will be killed, but I assure you I will come back before I go to the Father, even though it be for only a little while. And after I have ascended to the Father, I will surely send the new teacher to be with you and to abide in your very hearts. And

when you see all this come to pass, be not dismayed, but rather believe, inasmuch as you knew it all beforehand. I have loved you with a great affection, and I would not leave you, but it is the Father's will. My hour has come.

6 "Doubt not any of these truths even after you are scattered abroad by persecution and are downcast by many sorrows. When you feel that you are alone in the world, I will know of your isolation even as, when you are scattered every man to his own place, leaving the Son of Man in the hands of his enemies, you will know of mine. But I am never alone; always is the Fa-

ther with me. Even at such a time I will pray for you. And all of these things have I told you that you might have peace and have it more abundantly. In this world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have triumphed in the world and shown you the way to eternal joy and everlasting service."

7 §§ Jesus gives peace to his fellow doers of the will of God but not on the order of the joys and satisfactions of this material world. Unbelieving materialists and fatalists can hope to enjoy only two kinds of peace and soul comfort: Either they must be stoics, with steadfast resolution deter-

mined to face the inevitable and to endure the worst; or they must be optimists, ever indulging that hope which springs eternal in the human breast, vainly longing for a peace which never really comes.

8 A certain amount of both stoicism and optimism are serviceable in living a life on earth, but neither has aught to do with that superb peace which the Son of God bestows upon his brethren in the flesh. The peace which Michael gives his children on earth is that very peace which filled his own soul when he himself lived the mortal life in the flesh and on this very world.

The peace of Jesus is the joy and satisfaction of a God-knowing individual who has achieved the triumph of learning fully how to do the will of God while living the mortal life in the flesh. The peace of Jesus' mind was founded on an absolute human faith in the actuality of the divine Father's wise and sympathetic overcare. Jesus had trouble on earth, he has even been falsely called the "man of sorrows," but in and through all of these experiences he enjoyed the comfort of that confidence which ever empowered him to proceed with his life purpose in the full assurance that he was achieving the Fa-

ther's will.

9 Jesus was determined, persistent, and thoroughly devoted to the accomplishment of his mission, but he was not an unfeeling and calloused stoic; he ever sought for the cheerful aspects of his life experiences, but he was not a blind and self-deceived optimist. The Master knew all that was to befall him, and he was unafraid. After he had bestowed this peace upon each of his followers, he could consistently say, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

10 The peace of Jesus is, then, the peace and assurance of a son who fully

believes that his career for time and eternity is safely and wholly in the care and keeping of an all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful spirit Father. And this is, indeed, a peace which passes the understanding of mortal mind, but which can be enjoyed to the full by the believing human heart.

2. FAREWELL PERSONAL ADMONITIONS

1 The Master had finished giving his farewell instructions and imparting his final admonitions to the apostles as a group. He then addressed himself to saying good-bye individually and to giving each a word of per-

sonal advice, together with his parting blessing. The apostles were still seated about the table as when they first sat down to partake of the Last Supper, and as the Master went around the table talking to them, each man rose to his feet when Jesus addressed him.

2 §§ To John, Jesus said: "You, John, are the youngest of my brethren. You have been very near me, and while I love you all with the same love which a father bestows upon his sons, you were designated by Andrew as one of the three who should always be near me. Besides this, you have acted for me and must continue so to act in many

matters concerning my earthly family. And I go to the Father, John, having full confidence that you will continue to watch over those who are mine in the flesh. See to it that their present confusion regarding my mission does not in any way prevent your extending to them all sympathy, counsel, and help even as you know I would if I were to remain in the flesh. And when they all come to see the light and enter fully into the kingdom, while you all will welcome them joyously, I depend upon you, John, to welcome them for me.

3 "And now, as I enter upon the clos-

ing hours of my earthly career, remain near at hand that I may leave any message with you regarding my family. As concerns the work put in my hands by the Father, it is now finished except for my death in the flesh, and I am ready to drink this last cup. But as for the responsibilities left to me by my earthly father, Joseph, while I have attended to these during my life, I must now depend upon you to act in my stead in all these matters. And I have chosen you to do this for me, John, because you are the youngest and will therefore very likely outlive these other apostles.

4 "Once we called you and your

brother sons of thunder. You started out with us strong-minded and intolerant, but you have changed much since you wanted me to call fire down upon the heads of ignorant and thoughtless unbelievers. And you must change yet more. You should become the apostle of the new commandment which I have this night given you. Dedicate your life to teaching your brethren how to love one another, even as I have loved you."

5 As John Zebedee stood there in the upper chamber, the tears rolling down his cheeks, he looked into the Master's face and said: "And so I will,

my Master, but how can I learn to love my brethren more?" And then answered Jesus: "You will learn to love your brethren more when you first learn to love their Father in heaven more, and after you have become truly more interested in their welfare in time and in eternity. And all such human interest is fostered by understanding sympathy, unselfish service, and unstinted forgiveness. No man should despise your youth, but I exhort you always to give due consideration to the fact that age oftentimes represents experience, and that nothing in human affairs can take the

place of actual experience. Strive to live peaceably with all men, especially your friends in the brotherhood of the heavenly kingdom. And, John, always remember, strive not with the souls you would win for the kingdom."

6 §§ And then the Master, passing around his own seat, paused a moment by the side of the place of Judas Iscariot. The apostles were rather surprised that Judas had not returned before this, and they were very curious to know the significance of Jesus' sad countenance as he stood by the betrayer's vacant seat. But none of them, except possibly Andrew, enter-

tained even the slightest thought that their treasurer had gone out to betray his Master, as Jesus had intimated to them earlier in the evening and during the supper. So much had been going on that, for the time being, they had quite forgotten about the Master's announcement that one of them would betray him.

7 §§ Jesus now went over to Simon Zelotes, who stood up and listened to this admonition: "You are a true son of Abraham, but what a time I have had trying to make you a son of this heavenly kingdom. I love you and so do all of your brethren. I know that you

love me, Simon, and that you also love the kingdom, but you are still set on making this kingdom come according to your liking. I know full well that you will eventually grasp the spiritual nature and meaning of my gospel, and that you will do valiant work in its proclamation, but I am distressed about what may happen to you when I depart. I would rejoice to know that you would not falter; I would be made happy if I could know that, after I go to the Father, you would not cease to be my apostle, and that you would acceptably deport yourself as an ambassador of the heavenly kingdom."

8 Jesus had hardly ceased speaking to Simon Zelotes when the fiery patriot, drying his eyes, replied: "Master, have no fears for my loyalty. I have turned my back upon everything that I might dedicate my life to the establishment of your kingdom on earth, and I will not falter. I have survived every disappointment so far, and I will not forsake you."

9 And then, laying his hand on Simon's shoulder, Jesus said: "It is indeed refreshing to hear you talk like that, especially at such a time as this, but, my good friend, you still do not know what you are talking about. Not for

one moment would I doubt your loyalty, your devotion; I know you would not hesitate to go forth in battle and die for me, as all these others would" (and they all nodded a vigorous approval), "but that will not be required of you. I have repeatedly told you that my kingdom is not of this world, and that my disciples will not fight to effect its establishment. I have told you this many times, Simon, but you refuse to face the truth. I am not concerned with your loyalty to me and to the kingdom, but what will you do when I go away and you at last wake up to the realization that you have failed to

grasp the meaning of my teaching, and that you must adjust your misconceptions to the reality of another and spiritual order of affairs in the kingdom?"

10 Simon wanted to speak further, but Jesus raised his hand and, stopping him, went on to say: "None of my apostles are more sincere and honest at heart than you, but not one of them will be so upset and disheartened as you, after my departure. In all of your discouragement my spirit shall abide with you, and these, your brethren, will not forsake you. Do not forget what I have taught you regarding the relation of citizenship on earth to son-

ship in the Father's spiritual kingdom. Ponder well all that I have said to you about rendering to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and to God that which is God's. Dedicate your life, Simon, to showing how acceptably mortal man may fulfil my injunction concerning the simultaneous recognition of temporal duty to civil powers and spiritual service in the brotherhood of the kingdom. If you will be taught by the Spirit of Truth, never will there be conflict between the requirements of citizenship on earth and sonship in heaven unless the temporal rulers presume to require of you the homage and

worship which belong only to God.

11 §§ "And now, Simon, when you do finally see all of this, and after you have shaken off your depression and have gone forth proclaiming this gospel in great power, never forget that I was with you even through all of your season of discouragement, and that I will go on with you to the very end. You shall always be my apostle, and after you become willing to see by the eye of the spirit and more fully to yield your will to the will of the Father in heaven, then will you return to labour as my ambassador, and no one shall take away from you the authority which I

have conferred upon you, because of your slowness of comprehending the truths I have taught you. And so, Simon, once more I warn you that they who fight with the sword perish with the sword, while they who labour in the spirit achieve life everlasting in the kingdom to come with joy and peace in the kingdom which now is. And when the work given into your hands is finished on earth, you, Simon, shall sit down with me in my kingdom over there. You shall really see the kingdom you have longed for, but not in this life. Continue to believe in me and in that which I have revealed to you, and you

shall receive the gift of eternal life."

12 §§ When Jesus had finished speaking to Simon Zelotes, he stepped over to Matthew Levi and said: "No longer will it devolve upon you to provide for the treasury of the apostolic group. Soon, very soon, you will all be scattered; you will not be permitted to enjoy the comforting and sustaining association of even one of your brethren. As you go onward preaching this gospel of the kingdom, you will have to find for yourselves new associates. I have sent you forth two and two during the times of your training, but now that I am leaving you, after you

have recovered from the shock, you will go out alone, and to the ends of the earth, proclaiming this good news: That faith-quickened mortals are the sons of God."

13 Then spoke Matthew: "But, Master, who will send us, and how shall we know where to go? Will Andrew show us the way?" And Jesus answered: "No, Levi, Andrew will no longer direct you in the proclamation of the gospel. He will, indeed, continue as your friend and counsellor until that day whereon the new teacher comes, and then shall the Spirit of Truth lead each of you abroad to labour for the extension of

the kingdom. Many changes have come over you since that day at the customhouse when you first set out to follow me; but many more must come before you will be able to see the vision of a brotherhood in which gentile sits alongside Jew in fraternal association. But go on with your urge to win your Jewish brethren until you are fully satisfied and then turn with power to the gentiles. One thing you may be certain of, Levi: You have won the confidence and affection of your brethren; they all love you." (And all ten of them signified their acquiescence in the Master's words.)

14 "Levi, I know much about your anxieties, sacrifices, and labours to keep the treasury replenished which your brethren do not know, and I am rejoiced that, though he who carried the bag is absent, the publican ambassador is here at my farewell gathering with the messengers of the kingdom. I pray that you may discern the meaning of my teaching with the eyes of the spirit. And when the new teacher comes into your heart, follow on as he will lead you and let your brethren see — even all the world — what the Father can do for a hated tax-gatherer who dared to fol-

low the Son of Man and to believe the gospel of the kingdom. Even from the first, Levi, I loved you as I did these other Galileans. Knowing then so well that neither the Father nor the Son has respect of persons, see to it that you make no such distinctions among those who become believers in the gospel through your ministry. And so, Matthew, dedicate your whole future life service to showing all men that God is no respecter of persons; that, in the sight of God and in the fellowship of the kingdom, all men are equal, all believers are the sons of God."

15 §§ Jesus then stepped over to James

Zebedee, who stood in silence as the Master addressed him, saying: "James, when you and your younger brother once came to me seeking preferment in the honours of the kingdom, and I told you such honours were for the Father to bestow, I asked if you were able to drink my cup, and both of you answered that you were. Even if you were not then able, and if you are not now able, you will soon be prepared for such a service by the experience you are about to pass through. By such behaviour you angered your brethren at that time. If they have not already fully forgiven you, they

will when they see you drink my cup. Whether your ministry be long or short, possess your soul in patience. When the new teacher comes, let him teach you the poise of compassion and that sympathetic tolerance which is born of sublime confidence in me and of perfect submission to the Father's will. Dedicate your life to the demonstration of that combined human affection and divine dignity of the God-knowing and Son-believing disciple. And all who thus live will reveal the gospel even in the manner of their death. You and your brother John will go different ways, and one of

you may sit down with me in the eternal kingdom long before the other. It would help you much if you would learn that true wisdom embraces discretion as well as courage. You should learn sagacity to go along with your aggressiveness. There will come those supreme moments wherein my disciples will not hesitate to lay down their lives for this gospel, but in all ordinary circumstances it would be far better to placate the wrath of unbelievers that you might live and continue to preach the glad tidings. As far as lies in your power, live long on the earth that your life of many years may be fruitful in

souls won for the heavenly kingdom."

16 §§ When the Master had finished speaking to James Zebedee, he stepped around to the end of the table where Andrew sat and, looking his faithful helper in the eyes, said: "Andrew, you have faithfully represented me as acting head of the ambassadors of the heavenly kingdom. Although you have sometimes doubted and at other times manifested dangerous timidity, still, you have always been sincerely just and eminently fair in dealing with your associates. Ever since the ordination of you and your brethren as messengers of the kingdom, you have been

self-governing in all group administrative affairs except that I designated you as the acting head of these chosen ones. In no other temporal matter have I acted to direct or to influence your decisions. And this I did in order to provide for leadership in the direction of all your subsequent group deliberations. In my universe and in my Father's universe of universes, our brethren-sons are dealt with as individuals in all their spiritual relations, but in all group relationships we unfailingly provide for definite leadership. Our kingdom is a realm of order, and where two or more will crea-

tures act in co-operation, there is always provided the authority of leadership.

17 "And now, Andrew, since you are the chief of your brethren by authority of my appointment, and since you have thus served as my personal representative, and as I am about to leave you and go to my Father, I release you from all responsibility as regards these temporal and administrative affairs. From now on you may exercise no jurisdiction over your brethren except that which you have earned in your capacity as spiritual leader, and which your brethren therefore freely recog-

nize. From this hour you may exercise no authority over your brethren unless they restore such jurisdiction to you by their definite legislative action after I shall have gone to the Father. But this release from responsibility as the administrative head of this group does not in any manner lessen your moral responsibility to do everything in your power to hold your brethren together with a firm and loving hand during the trying time just ahead, those days which must intervene between my departure in the flesh and the sending of the new teacher who will live in your hearts, and who ultimately will lead

you into all truth. As I prepare to leave you, I would liberate you from all administrative responsibility which had its inception and authority in my presence as one among you. Henceforth I shall exercise only spiritual authority over you and among you.

18 "If your brethren desire to retain you as their counsellor, I direct that you should, in all matters temporal and spiritual, do your utmost to promote peace and harmony among the various groups of sincere gospel believers. Dedicate the remainder of your life to promoting the practical aspects of brotherly love among your

brethren. Be kind to my brothers in the flesh when they come fully to believe this gospel; manifest loving and impartial devotion to the Greeks in the West and to Abner in the East. Although these, my apostles, are soon going to be scattered to the four corners of the earth, there to proclaim the good news of the salvation of sonship with God, you are to hold them together during the trying time just ahead, that season of intense testing during which you must learn to believe this gospel without my personal presence while you patiently await the arrival of the new teacher, the Spirit

of Truth. And so, Andrew, though it may not fall to you to do the great works as seen by men, be content to be the teacher and counsellor of those who do such things. Go on with your work on earth to the end, and then shall you continue this ministry in the eternal kingdom, for have I not many times told you that I have other sheep not of this flock?"

19 §§ Jesus then went over to the Alpheus twins and, standing between them, said: "My little children, you are one of the three groups of brothers who chose to follow after me. All six of you have done well to work in

peace with your own flesh and blood, but none have done better than you. Hard times are just ahead of us. You may not understand all that will befall you and your brethren, but never doubt that you were once called to the work of the kingdom. For some time there will be no multitudes to manage, but do not become discouraged; when your lifework is finished, I will receive you on high, where in glory you shall tell of your salvation to seraphic hosts and to multitudes of the high Sons of God. Dedicate your lives to the enhancement of commonplace toil. Show all men on earth and the

angels of heaven how cheerfully and courageously mortal man can, after having been called to work for a season in the special service of God, return to the labours of former days. If, for the time being, your work in the outward affairs of the kingdom should be completed, you should go back to your former labours with the new enlightenment of the experience of sonship with God and with the exalted realization that, to him who is God-knowing, there is no such thing as common labour or secular toil. To you who have worked with me, all things have become sacred, and all earthly labour

has become a service even to God the Father. And when you hear the news of the doings of your former apostolic associates, rejoice with them and continue your daily work as those who wait upon God and serve while they wait. You have been my apostles, and you always shall be, and I will remember you in the kingdom to come."

20 §§ And then Jesus went over to Philip, who, standing up, heard this message from his Master: "Philip, you have asked me many foolish questions, but I have done my utmost to answer every one, and now would I answer the last of such questionings which have

arisen in your most honest but unspiritual mind. All the time I have been coming around toward you, have you been saying to yourself, 'What shall I ever do if the Master goes away and leaves us alone in the world?' O, you of little faith! And yet you have almost as much as many of your brethren. You have been a good steward, Philip. You failed us only a few times, and one of those failures we utilized to manifest the Father's glory. Your office of stewardship is about over. You must soon more fully do the work you were called to do — the preaching of this gospel of the kingdom. Philip, you

have always wanted to be shown, and very soon shall you see great things. Far better that you should have seen all this by faith, but since you were sincere even in your material sightedness, you will live to see my words fulfilled. And then, when you are blessed with spiritual vision, go forth to your work, dedicating your life to the cause of leading mankind to search for God and to seek eternal realities with the eye of spiritual faith and not with the eyes of the material mind. Remember, Philip, you have a great mission on earth, for the world is filled with those who look at life just as you have

tended to. You have a great work to do, and when it is finished in faith, you shall come to me in my kingdom, and I will take great pleasure in showing you that which eye has not seen, ear heard, nor the mortal mind conceived. In the meantime, become as a little child in the kingdom of the spirit and permit me, as the spirit of the new teacher, to lead you forward in the spiritual kingdom. And in this way will I be able to do much for you which I was not able to accomplish when I sojourned with you as a mortal of the realm. And always remember, Philip, he who has seen me has seen the Father."

21 §§ Then went the Master over to Nathaniel. As Nathaniel stood up, Jesus bade him be seated and, sitting down by his side, said: "Nathaniel, you have learned to live above prejudice and to practise increased tolerance since you became my apostle. But there is much more for you to learn. You have been a blessing to your fellows in that they have always been admonished by your consistent sincerity. When I have gone, it may be that your frankness will interfere with your getting along well with your brethren, both old and new. You should learn that the expression of even a

good thought must be modulated in accordance with the intellectual status and spiritual development of the hearer. Sincerity is most serviceable in the work of the kingdom when it is wedded to discretion.

22 "If you would learn to work with your brethren, you might accomplish more permanent things, but if you find yourself going off in quest of those who think as you do, in that event dedicate your life to proving that the God-knowing disciple can become a kingdom builder even when alone in the world and wholly isolated from his fellow believers. I know you will be faith-

ful to the end, and I will some day welcome you to the enlarged service of my kingdom on high."

23 Then Nathaniel spoke, asking Jesus this question: "I have listened to your teaching ever since you first called me to the service of this kingdom, but I honestly cannot understand the full meaning of all you tell us. I do not know what to expect next, and I think most of my brethren are likewise perplexed, but they hesitate to confess their confusion. Can you help me?" Jesus, putting his hand on Nathaniel's shoulder, said: "My friend, it is not strange that you

should encounter perplexity in your attempt to grasp the meaning of my spiritual teachings since you are so handicapped by your preconceptions of Jewish tradition and so confused by your persistent tendency to interpret my gospel in accordance with the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees.

24 "I have taught you much by word of mouth, and I have lived my life among you. I have done all that can be done to enlighten your minds and liberate your souls, and what you have not been able to get from my teachings and my life, you must now prepare to acquire at the hand of that master of all

teachers — actual experience. And in all of this new experience which now awaits you, I will go before you and the Spirit of Truth shall be with you. Fear not; that which you now fail to comprehend, the new teacher, when he has come, will reveal to you throughout the remainder of your life on earth and on through your training in the eternal ages."

25 And then the Master, turning to all of them, said: "Be not dismayed that you fail to grasp the full meaning of the gospel. You are but finite, mortal men, and that which I have taught you is infinite, divine, and eter-

nal. Be patient and of good courage since you have the eternal ages before you in which to continue your progressive attainment of the experience of becoming perfect, even as your Father in Paradise is perfect."

26 §§ And then Jesus went over to Thomas, who, standing up, heard him say: "Thomas, you have often lacked faith; however, when you have had your seasons with doubt, you have never lacked courage. I know well that the false prophets and spurious teachers will not deceive you. After I have gone, your brethren will the more appreciate your critical way of viewing

new teachings. And when you all are scattered to the ends of the earth in the times to come, remember that you are still my ambassador. Dedicate your life to the great work of showing how the critical material mind of man can triumph over the inertia of intellectual doubting when faced by the demonstration of the manifestation of living truth as it operates in the experience of spirit-born men and women who yield the fruits of the spirit in their lives, and who love one another, even as I have loved you. Thomas, I am glad you joined us, and I know, after a short period of perplexity, you will go on

in the service of the kingdom. Your doubts have perplexed your brethren, but they have never troubled me. I have confidence in you, and I will go before you even to the uttermost parts of the earth."

27 §§ Then the Master went over to Simon Peter, who stood up as Jesus addressed him: "Peter, I know you love me, and that you will dedicate your life to the public proclamation of this gospel of the kingdom to Jew and gentile, but I am distressed that your years of such close association with me have not done more to help you think before you speak. What

experience must you pass through before you will learn to set a guard upon your lips? How much trouble have you made for us by your thoughtless speaking, by your presumptuous self-confidence! And you are destined to make much more trouble for yourself if you do not master this frailty. You know that your brethren love you in spite of this weakness, and you should also understand that this shortcoming in no way impairs my affection for you, but it lessens your usefulness and never ceases to make trouble for you. But you will undoubtedly receive great help from the experience

you will pass through this very night. And what I now say to you, Simon Peter, I likewise say to all your brethren here assembled: This night you will all be in great danger of stumbling over me. You know it is written, 'The shepherd will be smitten and the sheep will be scattered abroad.' When I am absent, there is great danger that some of you will succumb to doubts and stumble because of what befalls me. But I promise you now that I will come back to you for a little while, and that I will then go before you into Galilee."

28 Then said Peter, placing his hand on Jesus' shoulder: "No matter if all my

brethren should succumb to doubts because of you, I promise that I will not stumble over anything you may do. I will go with you and, if need be, die for you."

29 As Peter stood there before his Master, all atremble with intense emotion and overflowing with genuine love for him, Jesus looked straight into his moistened eyes as he said: "Peter, verily, verily, I say to you, this night the cock will not crow until you have denied me three or four times. And thus what you have failed to learn from peaceful association with me, you will learn through much trouble and many

sorrows. And after you have really learned this needful lesson, you should strengthen your brethren and go on living a life dedicated to preaching this gospel, though you may fall into prison and, perhaps, follow me in paying the supreme price of loving service in the building of the Father's kingdom.

30 "But remember my promise: When I am raised up, I will tarry with you for a season before I go to the Father. And even this night will I make supplication to the Father that he strengthen each of you for that which you must now so soon pass through. I love you

all with the love wherewith the Father loves me, and therefore should you henceforth love one another, even as I have loved you."

31 §§ And then, when they had sung a hymn, they departed for the camp on the Mount of Olives.

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IN GETHSEMANE

Midwayer Commission

It was about 22:00 Thursday when Jesus led the eleven apostles from the home of Elijah and Mary Mark on their way back to the Gethsemane camp. Ever since that day in the hills, John Mark had made it his business to keep a watchful eye on Jesus. John, being in need of sleep, had obtained several hours of rest while the Master had been with his apostles in the upper room, but on hearing them coming downstairs, he arose

and, quickly throwing a linen coat about himself, followed them through the city, over the brook Kidron, and on to their private encampment adjacent to Gethsemane Park. And John Mark remained so near the Master throughout this night and the next day that he witnessed everything and overheard much of what the Master said from this time on to the hour of the crucifixion.

2 As Jesus and the eleven made their way back to camp, the apostles began to wonder about the meaning of Judas's prolonged absence, and they spoke to one another concerning the

Master's prediction that one of them would betray him, and for the first time they suspected that all was not well with Judas Iscariot. But they did not engage in open comment about Judas until they reached the camp and observed that he was not there, waiting to receive them. When they all besieged Andrew to know what had become of Judas, their chief remarked only, "I do not know where Judas is, but I fear he has deserted us."

1. THE LAST GROUP PRAYER

1 A few moments after arriving at camp, Jesus said to them: "My friends

and brethren, my time with you is now very short, and I desire that we draw apart by ourselves while we pray to our Father in heaven for strength to sustain us in this hour and henceforth in all the work we must do in his name."

2 When Jesus had thus spoken, he led the way a short distance up on Olivet, and in full view of Jerusalem he bade them kneel on a large flat rock in a circle about him as they had done on the day of their ordination; and then, as he stood there in the midst of them glorified in the mellow moonlight, he lifted up his eyes toward heaven and prayed:

3 "Father, my hour has come; now glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you. I know that you have given me full authority over all living creatures in my realm, and I will give eternal life to all who will become faith sons of God. And this is eternal life, that my creatures should know you as the only true God and Father of all, and that they should believe in him whom you sent into the world. Father, I have exalted you on earth and have accomplished the work which you gave me to do. I have almost finished my bestowal upon the children of our own creation; there remains

only for me to lay down my life in the flesh. And now, O my Father, glorify me with the glory which I had with you before this world was and receive me once more at your right hand.

4 "I have manifested you to the men whom you chose from the world and gave to me. They are yours — as all life is in your hands — you gave them to me, and I have lived among them, teaching them the way of life, and they have believed. These men are learning that all I have comes from you, and that the life I live in the flesh is to make known my Father to the worlds. The truth which you have given to

me I have revealed to them. These, my friends and ambassadors, have sincerely willed to receive your word. I have told them that I came forth from you, that you sent me into this world, and that I am about to return to you. Father, I do pray for these chosen men. And I pray for them not as I would pray for the world, but as for those whom I have chosen out of the world to represent me to the world after I have returned to your work, even as I have represented you in this world during my sojourn in the flesh. These men are mine; you gave them to me; but all things which are mine are ever

yours, and all that which was yours you have now caused to be mine. You have been exalted in me, and I now pray that I may be honoured in these men. I can no longer be in this world; I am about to return to the work you have given me to do. I must leave these men behind to represent us and our kingdom among men. Father, keep these men faithful as I prepare to yield up my life in the flesh. Help these, my friends, to be one in spirit, even as we are one. As long as I could be with them, I could watch over them and guide them, but now am I about to go away. Be near them, Father, until we

can send the new teacher to comfort and strengthen them.

5 "You gave me twelve men, and I have kept them all save one, the son of revenge, who would not have further fellowship with us. These men are weak and frail, but I know we can trust them; I have proved them; they love me, even as they reverence you. While they must suffer much for my sake, I desire that they should also be filled with the joy of the assurance of sonship in the heavenly kingdom. I have given these men your word and have taught them the truth. The world may hate them, even as it has hated me,

but I do not ask that you take them out of the world, only that you keep them from the evil in the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. And as you sent me into this world, even so am I about to send these men into the world. For their sakes I have lived among men and have consecrated my life to your service that I might inspire them to be purified through the truth I have taught them and the love I have revealed to them. I well know, my Father, that there is no need for me to ask you to watch over these brethren after I have gone; I know you love them even as I, but I

do this that they may the better realize the Father loves mortal men even as does the Son.

6 "And now, my Father, I would pray not only for these eleven men but also for all others who now believe, or who may hereafter believe the gospel of the kingdom through the word of their future ministry. I want them all to be one, even as you and I are one. You are in me and I am in you, and I desire that these believers likewise be in us; that both of our spirits indwell them. If my children are one as we are one, and if they love one another as I have loved them, all men will then believe that I

came forth from you and be willing to receive the revelation of truth and glory which I have made. The glory which you gave me I have revealed to these believers. As you have lived with me in spirit, so have I lived with them in the flesh. As you have been one with me, so have I been one with them, and so will the new teacher ever be one with them and in them. And all this have I done that my brethren in the flesh may know that the Father loves them even as does the Son, and that you love them even as you love me. Father, work with me to save these believers that they may presently come

to be with me in glory and then go on to join you in the Paradise embrace. Those who serve with me in humiliation, I would have with me in glory so that they may see all you have given into my hands as the eternal harvest of the seed sowing of time in the likeness of mortal flesh. I long to show my earthly brethren the glory I had with you before the founding of this world. This world knows very little of you, righteous Father, but I know you, and I have made you known to these believers, and they will make known your name to other generations. And now I promise them that you will be

with them in the world even as you have been with me — even so."

7 The eleven remained kneeling in this circle about Jesus for several minutes before they arose and in silence made their way back to the near-by camp.

8 §§ Jesus prayed for *unity* among his followers, but he did not desire uniformity. Sin creates a dead level of evil inertia, but righteousness nourishes the creative spirit of individual experience in the living realities of eternal truth and in the progressive communion of the divine spirits of the Father and the Son. In the spiritual fellowship

of the believer-son with the divine Father there can never be doctrinal finality and sectarian superiority of group consciousness.

9 The Master, during the course of this final prayer with his apostles, alluded to the fact that he had manifested the Father's *name* to the world. And that is truly what he did by the revelation of God through his perfected life in the flesh. The Father in heaven had sought to reveal himself to Moses, but he could proceed no further than to cause it to be said, "I AM." And when pressed for further revelation of himself, it was only disclosed,

"I AM that I AM." But when Jesus had finished his earth life, this name of the Father had been so revealed that the Master, who was the Father incarnate, could truly say:

10 I am the bread of life.

11 I am the living water.

12 I am the light of the world.

13 I am the desire of all ages.

14 I am the open door to eternal salvation.

15 I am the reality of endless life.

16 I am the good shepherd.

17 I am the pathway of infinite perfection.

18 I am the resurrection and the life.

19 I am the secret of eternal survival.

20 I am the way, the truth, and the life.

21 I am the infinite Father of my finite children.

22 I am the true vine; you are the branches.

23 I am the hope of all who know the living truth.

24 I am the living bridge from one world to another.

25 I am the living link between time and eternity.

26 §§ Thus did Jesus enlarge the living revelation of the name of God to

all generations. As divine love reveals the nature of God, eternal truth discloses his name in ever-enlarging proportions.

2. LAST HOUR BEFORE THE BETRAYAL

1 The apostles were greatly shocked when they returned to their camp and found Judas absent. While the eleven were engaged in a heated discussion of their traitorous fellow apostle, David Zebedee and John Mark took Jesus to one side and revealed that they had kept Judas under observation for several days, and that they knew he intended to betray him into the hands of

his enemies. Jesus listened to them but only said: "My friends, nothing can happen to the Son of Man unless the Father in heaven so wills. Let not your hearts be troubled; all things will work together for the glory of God and the salvation of men."

2 The cheerful attitude of Jesus was waning. As the hour passed, he grew more and more serious, even sorrowful. The apostles, being much agitated, were loath to return to their tents even when requested to do so by the Master himself. Returning from his talk with David and John, he addressed his last words to all eleven, say-

ing: "My friends, go to your rest. Prepare yourselves for the work of tomorrow. Remember, we should all submit ourselves to the will of the Father in heaven. My peace I leave with you." And having thus spoken, he motioned them to their tents, but as they went, he called to Peter, James, and John, saying, "I desire that you remain with me for a little while."

3 The apostles fell asleep only because they were literally exhausted; they had been running short on sleep ever since their arrival in Jerusalem. Before they went to their separate sleeping quarters, Simon Zelotes led

them all over to his tent, where were stored the swords and other arms, and supplied each of them with this fighting equipment. All of them received these arms and girded themselves therewith except Nathaniel. Nathaniel, in refusing to arm himself, said: "My brethren, the Master has repeatedly told us that his kingdom is not of this world, and that his disciples should not fight with the sword to bring about its establishment. I believe this; I do not think the Master needs to have us employ the sword in his defence. We have all seen his mighty power and know that he could

defend himself against his enemies if he so desired. If he will not resist his enemies, it must be that such a course represents his attempt to fulfil his Father's will. I will pray, but I will not wield the sword." When Andrew heard Nathaniel's speech, he handed his sword back to Simon Zelotes. And so nine of them were armed as they separated for the night.

4 Resentment of Judas's being a traitor for the moment eclipsed everything else in the apostles' minds. The Master's comment in reference to Judas, spoken in the course of the last prayer, opened their eyes to the fact

that he had forsaken them.

5 §§ After the eight apostles had finally gone to their tents, and while Peter, James, and John were standing by to receive the Master's orders, Jesus called to David Zebedee, "Send to me your most fleet and trustworthy messenger." When David brought to the Master one Jacob, once a runner on the overnight messenger service between Jerusalem and Bethsaida, Jesus, addressing him, said: "In all haste, go to Abner at Philadelphia and say: 'The Master sends greetings of peace to you and says that the hour has come when he will be delivered into the hands

of his enemies, who will put him to death, but that he will rise from the dead and appear to you shortly, before he goes to the Father, and that he will then give you guidance to the time when the new teacher shall come to live in your hearts.'" And when Jacob had rehearsed this message to the Master's satisfaction, Jesus sent him on his way, saying: "Fear not what any man may do to you, Jacob, for this night an unseen messenger will run by your side."

6 Then Jesus turned to the chief of the visiting Greeks who were encamped with them, and said: "My

brother, be not disturbed by what is about to take place since I have already forewarned you. The Son of Man will be put to death at the instigation of his enemies, the chief priests and the rulers of the Jews, but I will rise to be with you a short time before I go to the Father. And when you have seen all this come to pass, glorify God and strengthen your brethren."

7 §§ In ordinary circumstances the apostles would have bidden the Master a personal good night, but this evening they were so preoccupied with the sudden realization of Judas's desertion and so overcome by the unusual

nature of the Master's farewell prayer that they listened to his good-bye salutation and went away in silence.

8 Jesus did say this to Andrew as he left his side that night: "Andrew, do what you can to keep your brethren together until I come again to you after I have drunk this cup. Strengthen your brethren, seeing that I have already told you all. Peace be with you."

9 None of the apostles expected anything out of the ordinary to happen that night since it was already so late. They sought sleep that they might rise up early in the morning and be prepared for the worst. They thought that

the chief priests would seek to apprehend their Master early in the morning as no secular work was ever done after noon on the preparation day for the Passover. Only David Zebedee and John Mark understood that the enemies of Jesus were coming with Judas that very night.

10 §§ David had arranged to stand guard that night on the upper trail which led to the Bethany-Jerusalem road, while John Mark was to watch along the road coming up by the Kidron to Gethsemane. Before David went to his self-imposed task of outpost duty, he bade farewell to Jesus,

saying: "Master, I have had great joy in my service with you. My brothers are your apostles, but I have delighted to do the lesser things as they should be done, and I shall miss you with all my heart when you are gone." And then said Jesus to David: "David, my son, others have done that which they were directed to do, but this service have you done of your own heart, and I have not been unmindful of your devotion. You, too, shall some day serve with me in the eternal kingdom."

11 And then, as he prepared to go on watch by the upper trail, David said to Jesus: "You know, Master, I sent

for your family, and I have word by a messenger that they are tonight in Jericho. They will be here early tomorrow forenoon since it would be dangerous for them to come up the bloody way by night." And Jesus, looking down upon David, only said: "Let it be so, David."

12 §§ When David had gone up Olivet, John Mark took up his vigil near the road which ran by the brook down to Jerusalem. And John would have remained at this post but for his great desire to be near Jesus and to know what was going on. Shortly after David left him, and when John Mark observed

Jesus withdraw, with Peter, James, and John, into a near-by ravine, he was so overcome with combined devotion and curiosity that he forsook his sentinel post and followed after them, hiding himself in the bushes, from which place he saw and overheard all that transpired during those last moments in the garden and just before Judas and the armed guards appeared to arrest Jesus.

13 §§ While all this was in progress at the Master's camp, Judas Iscariot was in conference with the captain of the temple guards, who had assembled his men preparatory to setting out, under

the leadership of the betrayer, to arrest Jesus.

3. ALONE IN GETHSEMANE

1 After all was still and quiet about the camp, Jesus, taking Peter, James, and John, went a short way up a nearby ravine where he had often before gone to pray and commune. The three apostles could not help recognizing that he was grievously oppressed; never before had they observed their Master to be so heavy-laden and sorrowful. When they arrived at the place of his devotions, he bade the three sit down and watch with him while he

went off about a stone's throw to pray. And when he had fallen down on his face, he prayed: "My Father, I came into this world to do your will, and so have I. I know that the hour has come to lay down this life in the flesh, and I do not shrink therefrom, but I would know that it is your will that I drink this cup. Send me the assurance that I will please you in my death even as I have in my life."

2 The Master remained in a prayerful attitude for a few moments, and then, going over to the three apostles, he found them sound asleep, for their eyes were heavy and they could not

remain awake. As Jesus awoke them, he said: "What! can you not watch with me even for one hour? Cannot you see that my soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death, and that I crave your companionship?" After the three had aroused from their slumber, the Master again went apart by himself and, falling down on the ground, again prayed: "Father, I know it is possible to avoid this cup — all things are possible with you — but I have come to do your will, and while this is a bitter cup, I would drink it if it is your will." And when he had thus prayed, a mighty angel came down by his side and, speak-

ing to him, touched him and strengthened him.

3 When Jesus returned to speak with the three apostles, he again found them fast asleep. He awakened them, saying: "In such an hour I need that you should watch and pray with me — all the more do you need to pray that you enter not into temptation — wherefore do you fall asleep when I leave you?"

4 And then, for a third time, the Master withdrew and prayed: "Father, you see my sleeping apostles; have mercy upon them. The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak. And

now, O Father, if this cup may not pass, then would I drink it. Not my will, but yours, be done." And when he had finished praying, he lay for a moment prostrate on the ground. When he arose and went back to his apostles, once more he found them asleep. He surveyed them and, with a pitying gesture, tenderly said: "Sleep on now and take your rest; the time of decision is past. The hour is now upon us wherein the Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of his enemies." As he reached down to shake them that he might awaken them, he said: "Arise, let us be going back to

the camp, for, behold, he who betrays me is at hand, and the hour has come when my flock shall be scattered. But I have already told you about these things."

5 §§ During the years that Jesus lived among his followers, they did, indeed, have much proof of his divine nature, but just now are they about to witness new evidences of his humanity. Just before the greatest of all the revelations of his divinity, his resurrection, must now come the greatest proofs of his mortal nature, his humiliation and crucifixion.

6 Each time he prayed in the garden,

his humanity laid a firmer faith-hold upon his divinity; his human will more completely became one with the divine will of his Father. Among other words spoken to him by the mighty angel was the message that the Father desired his Son to finish his earth bestowal by passing through the creature experience of death just as all mortal creatures must experience material dissolution in passing from the existence of time into the progression of eternity.

7 Earlier in the evening it had not seemed so difficult to drink the cup, but as the human Jesus bade farewell

to his apostles and sent them to their rest, the trial grew more appalling. Jesus experienced that natural ebb and flow of feeling which is common to all human experience, and just now he was weary from work, exhausted from the long hours of strenuous labour and painful anxiety concerning the safety of his apostles. While no mortal can presume to understand the thoughts and feelings of the incarnate Son of God at such a time as this, we know that he endured great anguish and suffered untold sorrow, for the perspiration rolled off his face in great drops. He was at last convinced that the Fa-

ther intended to allow natural events to take their course; he was fully determined to employ none of his sovereign power as the supreme head of a universe to save himself.

8 The assembled hosts of a vast creation are now hovered over this scene under the transient joint command of Gabriel and the Personalized Adjuster of Jesus. The division commanders of these armies of heaven have repeatedly been warned not to interfere with these transactions on earth unless Jesus himself should order them to intervene.

9 §§ The experience of parting with

the apostles was a great strain on the human heart of Jesus; this sorrow of love bore down on him and made it more difficult to face such a death as he well knew awaited him. He realized how weak and how ignorant his apostles were, and he dreaded to leave them. He well knew that the time of his departure had come, but his human heart longed to find out whether there might not possibly be some legitimate avenue of escape from this terrible plight of suffering and sorrow. And when it had thus sought escape, and failed, it was willing to drink the cup. The divine mind of

Michael knew he had done his best for the twelve apostles; but the human heart of Jesus wished that more might have been done for them before they should be left alone in the world. Jesus' heart was being crushed; he truly loved his brethren. He was isolated from his family in the flesh; one of his chosen associates was betraying him. His father Joseph's people had rejected him and thereby sealed their doom as a people with a special mission on earth. His soul was tortured by baffled love and rejected mercy. It was just one of those awful human moments when everything seems to bear down with

crushing cruelty and terrible agony.

10 Jesus' humanity was not insensible to this situation of private loneliness, public shame, and the appearance of the failure of his cause. All these sentiments bore down on him with indescribable heaviness. In this great sorrow his mind went back to the days of his childhood in Nazareth and to his early work in Galilee. At the time of this great trial there came up in his mind many of those pleasant scenes of his earthly ministry. And it was from these old memories of Nazareth, Capernaum, Mount Hermon, and of the sunrise and sunset on the shimmering

Sea of Galilee, that he soothed himself as he made his human heart strong and ready to encounter the traitor who should so soon betray him.

11 Before Judas and the soldiers arrived, the Master had fully regained his customary poise; the spirit had triumphed over the flesh; faith had asserted itself over all human tendencies to fear or entertain doubt. The supreme test of the full realization of the human nature had been met and acceptably passed. Once more the Son of Man was prepared to face his enemies with equanimity and in the full assurance of his invincibility as a mor-

tal man unreservedly dedicated to the doing of his Father's will.

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THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

Midwayer Commission

After Jesus had finally awakened Peter, James, and John, he suggested that they go to their tents and seek sleep in preparation for the duties of the morrow. But by this time the three apostles were wide awake; they had been refreshed by their short naps, and besides, they were stimulated and aroused by the arrival on the scene of two excited mes-

sengers who inquired for David Zebedee and quickly went in quest of him when Peter informed them where he kept watch.

2 Although eight of the apostles were sound asleep, the Greeks who were encamped alongside them were more fearful of trouble, so much so that they had posted a sentinel to give the alarm in case danger should arise. When these two messengers hurried into camp, the Greek sentinel proceeded to arouse all of his fellow countrymen, who streamed forth from their tents, fully dressed and fully armed. All the camp was now aroused

except the eight apostles. Peter desired to call his associates, but Jesus definitely forbade him. The Master mildly admonished them all to return to their tents, but they were reluctant to comply with his suggestion.

3 Failing to disperse his followers, the Master left them and walked down toward the olive press near the entrance to Gethsemane Park. Although the three apostles, the Greeks, and the other members of the camp hesitated immediately to follow him, John Mark hastened around through the olive trees and secreted himself in a small shed near the olive press. Je-

sus withdrew from the camp and from his friends in order that his apprehenders, when they arrived, might arrest him without disturbing his apostles. The Master feared to have his apostles awake and present at the time of his arrest lest the spectacle of Judas's betraying him should so arouse their animosity that they would offer resistance to the soldiers and would be taken into custody with him. He feared that, if they should be arrested with him, they might also perish with him.

4 Though Jesus knew that the plan for his death had its origin in the councils of the rulers of the Jews, he was also

aware that all such nefarious schemes had the full approval of Lucifer, Satan, and Caligastia. And he well knew that these rebels of the realms would also be pleased to see all of the apostles destroyed with him.

5 Jesus sat down, alone, on the olive press, where he awaited the coming of the betrayer, and he was seen at this time only by John Mark and an innumerable host of celestial observers.

1. THE FATHER'S WILL

1 There is great danger of misunderstanding the meaning of numerous sayings and many events associ-

ated with the termination of the Master's career in the flesh. The cruel treatment of Jesus by the ignorant servants and the calloused soldiers, the unfair conduct of his trials, and the unfeeling attitude of the professed religious leaders, must not be confused with the fact that Jesus, in patiently submitting to all this suffering and humiliation, was truly doing the will of the Father in Paradise. It was, indeed and in truth, the will of the Father that his Son should drink to the full the cup of mortal experience, from birth to death, but the Father in heaven had nothing whatever to do with in-

stigating the barbarous behaviour of those supposedly civilized human beings who so brutally tortured the Master and so horribly heaped successive indignities upon his nonresisting person. These inhuman and shocking experiences which Jesus was called upon to endure in the final hours of his mortal life were not in any sense a part of the divine will of the Father, which his human nature had so triumphantly pledged to carry out at the time of the final surrender of man to God as signified in the threefold prayer which he indited in the garden while his weary apostles slept the sleep of physical ex-

haustion.

2 The Father in heaven desired the bestowal Son to finish his earth career *naturally,* just as all mortals must finish up their lives on earth and in the flesh. Ordinary men and women cannot expect to have their last hours on earth and the supervening episode of death made easy by a special dispensation. Accordingly, Jesus elected to lay down his life in the flesh in the manner which was in keeping with the outworking of natural events, and he steadfastly refused to extricate himself from the cruel clutches of a wicked conspiracy of inhuman events which

swept on with horrible certainty toward his unbelievable humiliation and ignominious death. And every bit of all this astounding manifestation of hatred and this unprecedented demonstration of cruelty was the work of evil men and wicked mortals. God in heaven did not will it, neither did the archenemies of Jesus dictate it, though they did much to ensure that unthinking and evil mortals would thus reject the bestowal Son. Even the father of sin turned his face away from the excruciating horror of the scene of the

crucifixion.

2. JUDAS IN THE CITY

1 After Judas so abruptly left the table while eating the Last Supper, he went directly to the home of his cousin, and then did the two go straight to the captain of the temple guards. Judas requested the captain to assemble the guards and informed him that he was ready to lead them to Jesus. Judas having appeared on the scene a little before he was expected, there was some delay in getting started for the Mark home, where Judas expected to find Jesus still vis-

iting with the apostles. The Master and the eleven left the home of Elijah Mark fully 15 minutes before the betrayer and the guards arrived. By the time the apprehenders reached the Mark home, Jesus and the eleven were well outside the walls of the city and on their way to the Olivet camp.

2 Judas was much perturbed by this failure to find Jesus at the Mark residence and in the company of eleven men, only two of whom were armed for resistance. He happened to know that, in the afternoon when they had left camp, only Simon Peter and Simon Zelotes were girded with swords;

Judas had hoped to take Jesus when the city was quiet, and when there was little chance of resistance. The betrayer feared that, if he waited for them to return to their camp, more than threescore of devoted disciples would be encountered, and he also knew that Simon Zelotes had an ample store of arms in his possession. Judas was becoming increasingly nervous as he meditated how the eleven loyal apostles would detest him, and he feared they would all seek to destroy him. He was not only disloyal, but he was a real coward at heart.

3 When they failed to find Jesus

in the upper chamber, Judas asked the captain of the guard to return to the temple. By this time the rulers had begun to assemble at the high priest's home preparatory to receiving Jesus, seeing that their bargain with the traitor called for Jesus' arrest by midnight of that day. Judas explained to his associates that they had missed Jesus at the Mark home, and that it would be necessary to go to Gethsemane to arrest him. The betrayer then went on to state that more than threescore devoted followers were encamped with him, and that they were all well armed. The rulers of the

Jews reminded Judas that Jesus had always preached nonresistance, but Judas replied that they could not depend upon all Jesus' followers obeying such teaching. He really feared for himself and therefore made bold to ask for a company of 40 armed soldiers. Since the Jewish authorities had no such force of armed men under their jurisdiction, they went at once to the fortress of Antonia and requested the Roman commander to give them this guard; but when he learned that they intended to arrest Jesus, he promptly refused to accede to their request and referred them to his superior officer.

In this way more than an hour was consumed in going from one authority to another until they finally were compelled to go to Pilate himself in order to obtain permission to employ the armed Roman guards. It was late when they arrived at Pilate's house, and he had retired to his private chambers with his wife. He hesitated to have anything to do with the enterprise, all the more so since his wife had asked him not to grant the request. But inasmuch as the presiding officer of the Jewish Sanhedrin was present and making personal request for this assistance, the governor thought it wise to

grant the petition, thinking he could later on right any wrong they might be disposed to commit.

4 Accordingly, when Judas Iscariot started out from the temple, about 23:30, he was accompanied by more than 60 persons — temple guards, Roman soldiers, and curious servants of the chief priests and rulers.

3. THE MASTER'S ARREST

1 As this company of armed soldiers and guards, carrying torches and lanterns, approached the garden, Judas stepped well out in front of the band that he might be ready quickly

to identify Jesus so that the apprehenders could easily lay hands on him before his associates could rally to his defence. And there was yet another reason why Judas chose to be ahead of the Master's enemies: He thought it would appear that he had arrived on the scene ahead of the soldiers so that the apostles and others gathered about Jesus might not directly connect him with the armed guards following so closely upon his heels. Judas had even thought to pose as having hastened out to warn them of the coming of the apprehenders, but this plan was thwarted by Jesus' blighting greeting

of the betrayer. Though the Master spoke to Judas kindly, he greeted him as a traitor.

2 As soon as Peter, James, and John, with some thirty of their fellow campers, saw the armed band with torches swing around the brow of the hill, they knew that these soldiers were coming to arrest Jesus, and they all rushed down to near the olive press where the Master was sitting in moonlit solitude. As the company of soldiers approached on one side, the three apostles and their associates approached on the other. As Judas strode forward to accost the Master,

there the two groups stood, motionless, with the Master between them and Judas making ready to impress the traitorous kiss upon his brow.

3 It had been the hope of the betrayer that he could, after leading the guards to Gethsemane, simply point Jesus out to the soldiers, or at most carry out the promise to greet him with a kiss, and then quickly retire from the scene. Judas greatly feared that the apostles would all be present, and that they would concentrate their attack upon him in retribution for his daring to betray their beloved teacher. But when the Master greeted him as

a betrayer, he was so confused that he made no attempt to flee.

4 Jesus made one last effort to save Judas from actually betraying him in that, before the traitor could reach him, he stepped to one side and, addressing the foremost soldier on the left, the captain of the Romans, said, "Whom do you seek?" The captain answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Then Jesus stepped up immediately in front of the officer and, standing there in the calm majesty of the God of all this creation, said, "I am he." Many of this armed band had heard Jesus teach in the temple, others had learned about his

mighty works, and when they heard him thus boldly announce his identity, those in the front ranks fell suddenly backward. They were overcome with surprise at his calm and majestic announcement of identity. There was, therefore, no need for Judas to go on with his plan of betrayal. The Master had boldly revealed himself to his enemies, and they could have taken him without Judas's assistance. But the traitor had to do something to account for his presence with this armed band, and besides, he wanted to make a show of carrying out his part of the betrayal bargain with the rulers of the

Jews in order to be eligible for the great reward and honours which he believed would be heaped upon him in compensation for his promise to deliver Jesus into their hands.

5 As the guards rallied from their first faltering at the sight of Jesus and at the sound of his unusual voice, and as the apostles and disciples drew nearer, Judas stepped up to Jesus and, placing a kiss upon his brow, said, "Hail, Master and Teacher." And as Judas thus embraced his Master, Jesus said, "Friend, is it not enough to do this! Would you even betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

6 The apostles and disciples were literally stunned by what they saw. For a moment no one moved. Then Jesus, disengaging himself from the traitorous embrace of Judas, stepped up to the guards and soldiers and again asked, "Whom do you seek?" And again the captain said, "Jesus of Nazareth." And again answered Jesus: "I have told you that I am he. If, therefore, you seek me, let these others go their way. I am ready to go with you."

7 Jesus was ready to go back to Jerusalem with the guards, and the captain of the soldiers was altogether willing to allow the three apostles and their

associates to go their way in peace. But before they were able to get started, as Jesus stood there awaiting the captain's orders, one Malchus, the Syrian bodyguard of the high priest, stepped up to Jesus and made ready to bind his hands behind his back, although the Roman captain had not directed that Jesus should be thus bound. When Peter and his associates saw their Master being subjected to this indignity, they were no longer able to restrain themselves. Peter drew his sword and with the others rushed forward to smite Malchus. But before the soldiers could come to the defence of

the high priest's servant, Jesus raised a forbidding hand to Peter and, speaking sternly, said: "Peter, put up your sword. They who take the sword shall perish by the sword. Do you not understand that it is the Father's will that I drink this cup? And do you not further know that I could even now command more than twelve legions of angels and their associates, who would deliver me from the hands of these few men?"

8 While Jesus thus effectively put a stop to this show of physical resistance by his followers, it was enough to arouse the fear of the captain of

the guards, who now, with the help of his soldiers, laid heavy hands on Jesus and quickly bound him. And as they tied his hands with heavy cords, Jesus said to them: "Why do you come out against me with swords and with staves as if to seize a robber? I was daily with you in the temple, publicly teaching the people, and you made no effort to take me."

9 When Jesus had been bound, the captain, fearing that the followers of the Master might attempt to rescue him, gave orders that they be seized; but the soldiers were not quick enough since, having overheard the

captain's orders to arrest them, Jesus' followers fled in haste back into the ravine. All this time John Mark had remained secluded in the near-by shed. When the guards started back to Jerusalem with Jesus, John Mark attempted to steal out of the shed in order to catch up with the fleeing apostles and disciples; but just as he emerged, one of the last of the returning soldiers who had pursued the fleeing disciples was passing near and, seeing this young man in his linen coat, gave chase, almost overtaking him. In fact, the soldier got near enough to John to lay hold upon his coat, but the

young man freed himself from the garment, escaping naked while the soldier held the empty coat. John Mark made his way in all haste to David Zebedee on the upper trail. When he had told David what had happened, they both hastened back to the tents of the sleeping apostles and informed all eight of the Master's betrayal and arrest.

10 At about the time the eight apostles were being awakened, those who had fled up the ravine were returning, and they all gathered together near the olive press to debate what should be done. In the meantime, Simon Peter and John Zebedee, who had hid-

den among the olive trees, had already gone on after the mob of soldiers, guards, and servants, who were now leading Jesus back to Jerusalem as they would have led a desperate criminal. John followed close behind the mob, but Peter followed afar off. After John Mark's escape from the clutch of the soldier, he provided himself with a cloak which he found in the tent of Simon Peter and John Zebedee. He suspected the guards were going to take Jesus to the home of Annas, the high priest emeritus; so he skirted around through the olive orchards and was there ahead of the mob, hiding near

the entrance to the gate of the high priest's palace.

4. DISCUSSION AT THE OLIVE PRESS

1 James Zebedee found himself separated from Simon Peter and his brother John, and so he now joined the other apostles and their fellow campers at the olive press to deliberate on what should be done in view of the Master's arrest.

2 Andrew had been released from all responsibility in the group management of his fellow apostles; accordingly, in this greatest of all crises in their lives, he was silent. After a short

informal discussion, Simon Zelotes stood up on the stone wall of the olive press and, making an impassioned plea for loyalty to the Master and the cause of the kingdom, exhorted his fellow apostles and the other disciples to hasten on after the mob and effect the rescue of Jesus. The majority of the company would have been disposed to follow his aggressive leadership had it not been for the advice of Nathaniel, who stood up the moment Simon had finished speaking and called their attention to Jesus' oft-repeated teachings regarding nonresistance. He further reminded them that Jesus had

that very night instructed them that they should preserve their lives for the time when they should go forth into the world proclaiming the good news of the gospel of the heavenly kingdom. And Nathaniel was encouraged in this stand by James Zebedee, who now told how Peter and others drew their swords to defend the Master against arrest, and that Jesus bade Simon Peter and his fellow swordsmen sheathe their blades. Matthew and Philip also made speeches, but nothing definite came of this discussion until Thomas, calling their attention to the fact that Jesus had counselled Lazarus against

exposing himself to death, pointed out that they could do nothing to save their Master inasmuch as he refused to allow his friends to defend him, and since he persisted in refraining from the use of his divine powers to frustrate his human enemies. Thomas persuaded them to scatter, every man for himself, with the understanding that David Zebedee would remain at the camp to maintain a clearinghouse and messenger headquarters for the group. By 2:30 that morning the camp was deserted; only David remained on hand with three or four messengers, the others having been dispatched to

secure information as to where Jesus had been taken, and what was going to be done with him.

3 Five of the apostles, Nathaniel, Matthew, Philip, and the twins, went into hiding at Bethpage and Bethany. Thomas, Andrew, James, and Simon Zelotes were hiding in the city. Simon Peter and John Zebedee followed along to the home of Annas.

4 Shortly after daybreak, Simon Peter wandered back to the Gethsemane camp, a dejected picture of deep despair. David sent him in charge of a messenger to join his brother, Andrew, who was at the home of Nicode-

mus in Jerusalem.

5 Until the very end of the crucifixion, John Zebedee remained, as Jesus had directed him, always near at hand, and it was he who supplied David's messengers with information from hour to hour which they carried to David at the garden camp, and which was then relayed to the hiding apostles and to Jesus' family.

6 Surely, the shepherd is smitten and the sheep are scattered! While they all vaguely realize that Jesus has forewarned them of this very situation, they are too severely shocked by the Master's sudden disappearance to be

able to use their minds normally.

7 It was shortly after daylight and just after Peter had been sent to join his brother, that Jude, Jesus' brother in the flesh, arrived in the camp, almost breathless and in advance of the rest of Jesus' family, only to learn that the Master had already been placed under arrest; and he hastened back down the Jericho road to carry this information to his mother and to his brothers and sisters. David Zebedee sent word to Jesus' family, by Jude, to forgather at the house of Martha and Mary in Bethany and there await news which his messengers would regularly bring them.

8 This was the situation during the last half of Thursday night and the early morning hours of Friday as regards the apostles, the chief disciples, and the earthly family of Jesus. And all these groups and individuals were kept in touch with each other by the messenger service which David Zebedee continued to operate from his headquarters at the Gethsemane camp.

5. ON THE WAY TO THE HIGH PRIEST'S PALACE

1 Before they started away from the garden with Jesus, a dispute arose between the Jewish captain of the temple guards and the Roman captain of

the company of soldiers as to where they were to take Jesus. The captain of the temple guards gave orders that he should be taken to Caiaphas, the acting high priest. The captain of the Roman soldiers directed that Jesus be taken to the palace of Annas, the former high priest and father-in-law of Caiaphas. And this he did because the Romans were in the habit of dealing directly with Annas in all matters having to do with the enforcement of the Jewish ecclesiastical laws. And the orders of the Roman captain were obeyed; they took Jesus to the home of Annas for his preliminary examina-

tion.

2 Judas marched along near the captains, overhearing all that was said, but took no part in the dispute, for neither the Jewish captain nor the Roman officer would so much as speak to the betrayer — they held him in such contempt.

3 About this time John Zebedee, remembering his Master's instructions to remain always near at hand, hurried up near Jesus as he marched along between the two captains. The commander of the temple guards, seeing John come up alongside, said to his assistant: "Take this man and bind

him. He is one of this fellow's followers." But when the Roman captain heard this and, looking around, saw John, he gave orders that the apostle should come over by him, and that no man should molest him. Then the Roman captain said to the Jewish captain: "This man is neither a traitor nor a coward. I saw him in the garden, and he did not draw a sword to resist us. He has the courage to come forward to be with his Master, and no man shall lay hands on him. The Roman law allows that any prisoner may have at least one friend to stand with him before the judgment

bar, and this man shall not be prevented from standing by the side of his Master, the prisoner." And when Judas heard this, he was so ashamed and humiliated that he dropped back behind the marchers, coming up to the palace of Annas alone.

4 And this explains why John Zebedee was permitted to remain near Jesus all the way through his trying experiences this night and the next day. The Jews feared to say aught to John or to molest him in any way because he had something of the status of a Roman counsellor designated to act as observer of the transactions of the

Jewish ecclesiastical court. John's position of privilege was made all the more secure when, in turning Jesus over to the captain of the temple guards at the gate of Annas's palace, the Roman, addressing his assistant, said: "Go along with this prisoner and see that these Jews do not kill him without Pilate's consent. Watch that they do not assassinate him, and see that his friend, the Galilean, is permitted to stand by and observe all that goes on." And thus was John able to be near Jesus right on up to the time of his death on the cross, though the other ten apostles were compelled to remain in hiding.

John was acting under Roman protection, and the Jews dared not molest him until after the Master's death.

5 And all the way to the palace of Annas, Jesus opened not his mouth. From the time of his arrest to the time of his appearance before Annas, the Son of Man spoke no word.

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BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN COURT

Midwayer Commission

Representatives of Annas had secretly instructed the captain of the Roman soldiers to bring Jesus immediately to the palace of Annas after he had been arrested. The former high priest desired to maintain his prestige as the chief ecclesiastical authority of the Jews. He also had another purpose in detaining Jesus at his house for several hours, and that

was to allow time for legally calling together the court of the Sanhedrin. It was not lawful to convene the Sanhedrin court before the time of the offering of the morning sacrifice in the temple, and this sacrifice was offered about 3:00.

2 Annas knew that a court of Sanhedrists was in waiting at the palace of his son-in-law, Caiaphas. Some thirty members of the Sanhedrin had gathered at the home of the high priest by midnight so that they would be ready to sit in judgment on Jesus when he might be brought before them. Only those members were assembled who

were strongly and openly opposed to Jesus and his teaching since it required only 23 to constitute a trial court.

3 Jesus spent about three hours at the palace of Annas on Mount Olivet, not far from the garden of Gethsemane, where they arrested him. John Zebedee was free and safe in the palace of Annas not only because of the word of the Roman captain, but also because he and his brother James were well known to the older servants, having many times been guests at the palace as the former high priest was a distant relative of their mother, Sa-

lome.

1. EXAMINATION BY ANNAS

1 Annas, enriched by the temple revenues, his son-in-law the acting high priest, and with his relations to the Roman authorities, was indeed the most powerful single individual in all Jewry. He was a suave and politic planner and plotter. He desired to direct the matter of disposing of Jesus; he feared to trust such an important undertaking wholly to his brusque and aggressive son-in-law. Annas wanted to make sure that the Master's trial was kept in the hands of the Sadducees; he feared

the possible sympathy of some of the Pharisees, seeing that practically all of those members of the Sanhedrin who had espoused the cause of Jesus were Pharisees.

2 Annas had not seen Jesus for several years, not since the time when the Master called at his house and immediately left upon observing his coldness and reserve in receiving him. Annas had thought to presume on this early acquaintance and thereby attempt to persuade Jesus to abandon his claims and leave Palestine. He was reluctant to participate in the murder of a good man and had reasoned that

Jesus might choose to leave the country rather than to suffer death. But when Annas stood before the stalwart and determined Galilean, he knew at once that it would be useless to make such proposals. Jesus was even more majestic and well poised than Annas remembered him.

3 When Jesus was young, Annas had taken a great interest in him, but now his revenues were threatened by what Jesus had so recently done in driving the money-changers and other commercial traders out of the temple. This act had aroused the enmity of the former high priest far more than had Je-

sus' teachings.

4 Annas entered his spacious audience chamber, seated himself in a large chair, and commanded that Jesus be brought before him. After a few moments spent in silently surveying the Master, he said: "You realize that something must be done about your teaching since you are disturbing the peace and order of our country." As Annas looked inquiringly at Jesus, the Master looked full into his eyes but made no reply. Again Annas spoke, "What are the names of your disciples, besides Simon Zelotes, the agitator?" Again Jesus looked down upon him,

but he did not answer.

5 Annas was considerably disturbed by Jesus' refusal to answer his questions, so much so that he said to him: "Do you have no care as to whether I am friendly to you or not? Do you have no regard for the power I have in determining the issues of your coming trial?" When Jesus heard this, he said: "Annas, you know that you could have no power over me unless it were permitted by my Father. Some would destroy the Son of Man because they are ignorant; they know no better, but you, friend, know what you are doing. How can you, therefore, reject the

light of God?"

6 The kindly manner in which Jesus spoke to Annas almost bewildered him. But he had already determined in his mind that Jesus must either leave Palestine or die; so he summoned up his courage and asked: "Just what is it you are trying to teach the people? What do you claim to be?" Jesus answered: "You know full well that I have spoken openly to the world. I have taught in the synagogues and many times in the temple, where all the Jews and many of the gentiles have heard me. In secret I have spoken nothing; why, then, do you ask me about my

teaching? Why do you not summon those who have heard me and inquire of them? Behold, all Jerusalem has heard that which I have spoken even if you have not yourself heard these teachings." But before Annas could make reply, the chief steward of the palace, who was standing near, struck Jesus in the face with his hand, saying, "How dare you answer the high priest with such words?" Annas spoke no words of rebuke to his steward, but Jesus addressed him, saying, "My friend, if I have spoken evil, bear witness against the evil; but if I have spoken the truth, why, then, should you

smite me?”

7 Although Annas regretted that his steward had struck Jesus, he was too proud to take notice of the matter. In his confusion he went into another room, leaving Jesus alone with the household attendants and the temple guards for almost an hour.

8 When he returned, going up to the Master’s side, he said, “Do you claim to be the Messiah, the deliverer of Israel?” Said Jesus: “Annas, you have known me from the times of my youth. You know that I claim to be nothing except that which my Father has appointed, and that I have been sent to

all men, gentile as well as Jew." Then said Annas: "I have been told that you have claimed to be the Messiah; is that true?" Jesus looked upon Annas but only replied, "So you have said."

9 About this time messengers arrived from the palace of Caiaphas to inquire what time Jesus would be brought before the court of the Sanhedrin, and since it was nearing the break of day, Annas thought best to send Jesus bound and in the custody of the temple guards to Caiaphas. He

himself followed after them shortly.

2. PETER IN THE COURTYARD

1 As the band of guards and soldiers approached the entrance to the palace of Annas, John Zebedee was marching by the side of the captain of the Roman soldiers. Judas had dropped some distance behind, and Simon Peter followed afar off. After John had entered the palace courtyard with Jesus and the guards, Judas came up to the gate but, seeing Jesus and John, went on over to the home of Caiaphas, where he knew the real trial of the Master would later take place. Soon after Ju-

das had left, Simon Peter arrived, and as he stood before the gate, John saw him just as they were about to take Jesus into the palace. The portress who kept the gate knew John, and when he spoke to her, requesting that she let Peter in, she gladly assented.

2 Peter, upon entering the courtyard, went over to the charcoal fire and sought to warm himself, for the night was chilly. He felt very much out of place here among the enemies of Jesus, and indeed he was out of place. The Master had not instructed him to keep near at hand as he had admonished John. Peter belonged with the

other apostles, who had been specifically warned not to endanger their lives during these times of the trial and crucifixion of their Master.

3 Peter threw away his sword shortly before he came up to the palace gate so that he entered the courtyard of Annas unarmed. His mind was in a whirl of confusion; he could scarcely realize that Jesus had been arrested. He could not grasp the reality of the situation — that he was here in the courtyard of Annas, warming himself beside the servants of the high priest. He wondered what the other apostles were doing and, in turning over in his mind as

to how John came to be admitted to the palace, concluded that it was because he was known to the servants, since he had bidden the gate-keeper admit him.

4 Shortly after the portress let Peter in, and while he was warming himself by the fire, she went over to him and mischievously said, "Are you not also one of this man's disciples?" Now Peter should not have been surprised at this recognition, for it was John who had requested that the girl let him pass through the palace gates; but he was in such a tense nervous state that this identification as a disciple threw

him off his balance, and with only one thought uppermost in his mind — the thought of escaping with his life — he promptly answered the maid's question by saying, "I am not."

5 Very soon another servant came up to Peter and asked: "Did I not see you in the garden when they arrested this fellow? Are you not also one of his followers?" Peter was now thoroughly alarmed; he saw no way of safely escaping from these accusers; so he vehemently denied all connection with Jesus, saying, "I know not this man, neither am I one of his followers."

6 About this time the portress of the

gate drew Peter to one side and said: "I am sure you are a disciple of this Jesus, not only because one of his followers bade me let you in the courtyard, but my sister here has seen you in the temple with this man. Why do you deny this?" When Peter heard the maid accuse him, he denied all knowledge of Jesus with much cursing and swearing, again saying, "I am not this man's follower; I do not even know him; I never heard of him before."

7 Peter left the fireside for a time while he walked about the courtyard. He would have liked to have escaped, but he feared to attract attention to

himself. Getting cold, he returned to the fireside, and one of the men standing near him said: "Surely you are one of this man's disciples. This Jesus is a Galilean, and your speech betrays you, for you also speak as a Galilean." And again Peter denied all connection with his Master.

8 Peter was so perturbed that he sought to escape contact with his accusers by going away from the fire and remaining by himself on the porch. After more than an hour of this isolation, the gate-keeper and her sister chanced to meet him, and both of them again teasingly charged him

with being a follower of Jesus. And again he denied the accusation. Just as he had once more denied all connection with Jesus, the cock crowed, and Peter remembered the words of warning spoken to him by his Master earlier that same night. As he stood there, heavy of heart and crushed with the sense of guilt, the palace doors opened, and the guards led Jesus past on the way to Caiaphas. As the Master passed Peter, he saw, by the light of the torches, the look of despair on the face of his former self-confident and superficially brave apostle, and he turned and looked upon Peter. Peter never

forgot that look as long as he lived. It was such a glance of commingled pity and love as mortal man had never beheld in the face of the Master.

9 After Jesus and the guards passed out of the palace gates, Peter followed them, but only for a short distance. He could not go farther. He sat down by the side of the road and wept bitterly. And when he had shed these tears of agony, he turned his steps back toward the camp, hoping to find his brother, Andrew. On arriving at the camp, he found only David Zebedee, who sent a messenger to direct him to where his brother had gone to hide in Jerusalem.

10 §§ Peter's entire experience occurred in the courtyard of the palace of Annas on Mount Olivet. He did not follow Jesus to the palace of the high priest, Caiaphas. That Peter was brought to the realization that he had repeatedly denied his Master by the crowing of a cock indicates that this all occurred outside of Jerusalem since it was against the law to keep poultry within the city proper.

11 §§ Until the crowing of the cock brought Peter to his better senses, he had only thought, as he walked up and down the porch to keep warm, how cleverly he had eluded the accu-

sations of the servants, and how he had frustrated their purpose to identify him with Jesus. For the time being, he had only considered that these servants had no moral or legal right thus to question him, and he really congratulated himself over the manner in which he thought he had avoided being identified and possibly subjected to arrest and imprisonment. Not until the cock crowed did it occur to Peter that he had denied his Master. Not until Jesus looked upon him, did he realize that he had failed to live up to his privileges as an ambassador of the kingdom.

12 Having taken the first step along the path of compromise and least resistance, there was nothing apparent to Peter but to go on with the course of conduct decided upon. It requires a great and noble character, having started out wrong, to turn about and go right. All too often one's own mind tends to justify continuance in the path of error when once it is entered upon.

13 Peter never fully believed that he could be forgiven until he met his Master after the resurrection and saw that he was received just as before the experiences of this tragic night of the

denials.

3. BEFORE THE COURT OF SANHEDRISTS

1 It was about 3:30 this Friday morning when the chief priest, Caiaphas, called the Sanhedrist court of inquiry to order and asked that Jesus be brought before them for his formal trial. On three previous occasions the Sanhedrin, by a large majority vote, had decreed the death of Jesus, had decided that he was worthy of death on informal charges of lawbreaking, blasphemy, and flouting the traditions of the fathers of Israel.

2 This was not a regularly called

meeting of the Sanhedrin and was not held in the usual place, the chamber of hewn stone in the temple. This was a special trial court of some thirty Sanhedrists and was convened in the palace of the high priest. John Zebedee was present with Jesus throughout this so-called trial.

3 How these chief priests, scribes, Sadducees, and some of the Pharisees flattered themselves that Jesus, the disturber of their position and the challenger of their authority, was now securely in their hands! And they were resolved that he should never live to escape their vengeful clutches.

4 Ordinarily, the Jews, when trying a man on a capital charge, proceeded with great caution and provided every safeguard of fairness in the selection of witnesses and the entire conduct of the trial. But on this occasion, Caiaphas was more of a prosecutor than an unbiased judge.

5 §§ Jesus appeared before this court clothed in his usual garments and with his hands bound together behind his back. The entire court was startled and somewhat confused by his majestic appearance. Never had they gazed upon such a prisoner nor witnessed such composure in a man on trial for

his life.

6 §§ The Jewish law required that at least two witnesses must agree upon any point before a charge could be laid against the prisoner. Judas could not be used as a witness against Jesus because the Jewish law specifically forbade the testimony of a traitor. More than a score of false witnesses were on hand to testify against Jesus, but their testimony was so contradictory and so evidently trumped up that the Sanhedrists themselves were very much ashamed of the performance. Jesus stood there, looking down benignly upon these perjurers, and his

very countenance disconcerted the lying witnesses. Throughout all this false testimony the Master never said a word; he made no reply to their many false accusations.

7 The first time any two of their witnesses approached even the semblance of an agreement was when two men testified that they had heard Jesus say in the course of one of his temple discourses that he would "destroy this temple made with hands and in three days make another temple without hands." That was not exactly what Jesus said, regardless of the fact that he pointed to his own body when he

made the remark referred to.

8 Although the high priest shouted at Jesus, "Do you not answer any of these charges?" Jesus opened not his mouth. He stood there in silence while all of these false witnesses gave their testimony. Hatred, fanaticism, and unscrupulous exaggeration so characterized the words of these perjurers that their testimony fell in its own entanglements. The very best refutation of their false accusations was the Master's calm and majestic silence.

9 Shortly after the beginning of the testimony of the false witnesses, Annas

arrived and took his seat beside Caiaphas. Annas now arose and argued that this threat of Jesus to destroy the temple was sufficient to warrant three charges against him:

10 1. That he was a dangerous traducer of the people. That he taught them impossible things and otherwise deceived them.

11 2. That he was a fanatical revolutionist in that he advocated laying violent hands on the sacred temple, else how could he destroy it?

12 3. That he taught magic inasmuch as he promised to build a new temple, and that without hands.

13 §§ Already had the full Sanhedrin agreed that Jesus was guilty of death-deserving transgressions of the Jewish laws, but they were now more concerned with developing charges regarding his conduct and teachings which would justify Pilate in pronouncing the death sentence upon their prisoner. They knew that they must secure the consent of the Roman governor before Jesus could legally be put to death. And Annas was minded to proceed along the line of making it appear that Jesus was a dangerous teacher to be abroad among the people.

14 But Caiaphas could not longer endure the sight of the Master standing there in perfect composure and unbroken silence. He thought he knew at least one way in which the prisoner might be induced to speak. Accordingly, he rushed over to the side of Jesus and, shaking his accusing finger in the Master's face, said: "I adjure you, in the name of the living God, that you tell us whether you are the Deliverer, the Son of God." Jesus answered Caiaphas: "I am. Soon I go to the Father, and presently shall the Son of Man be clothed with power and once more reign over the hosts of heaven."

15 When the high priest heard Jesus utter these words, he was exceedingly angry, and rending his outer garments, he exclaimed: "What further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now have you all heard this man's blasphemy. What do you now think should be done with this lawbreaker and blasphemer?" And they all answered in unison, "He is worthy of death; let him be crucified."

16 Jesus manifested no interest in any question asked him when before Annas or the Sanhedrists except the one question relative to his bestowal mission. When asked if he were the Son of

God, he instantly and unequivocally answered in the affirmative.

17 Annas desired that the trial proceed further, and that charges of a definite nature regarding Jesus' relation to the Roman law and Roman institutions be formulated for subsequent presentation to Pilate. The councillors were anxious to carry these matters to a speedy termination, not only because it was the preparation day for the Passover and no secular work should be done after noon, but also because they feared Pilate might any time return to the Roman capital of Judea, Caesarea, since he was in Jerusalem

only for the Passover celebration.

18 But Annas did not succeed in keeping control of the court. After Jesus had so unexpectedly answered Caiaphas, the high priest stepped forward and smote him in the face with his hand. Annas was truly shocked as the other members of the court, in passing out of the room, spit in Jesus' face, and many of them mockingly slapped him with the palms of their hands. And thus in disorder and with such unheard-of confusion this first session of the Sanhedrist trial of Jesus ended at 4:30.

19 §§ Thirty prejudiced and tradition-

blinded false judges, with their false witnesses, are presuming to sit in judgment on the righteous Creator of a universe. And these impassioned accusers are exasperated by the majestic silence and superb bearing of this God-man. His silence is terrible to endure; his speech is fearlessly defiant. He is unmoved by their threats and undaunted by their assaults. Man sits in judgment on God, but even then he loves them and would save them if he could.

4. THE HOUR OF HUMILIATION

1 The Jewish law required that, in

the matter of passing the death sentence, there should be two sessions of the court. This second session was to be held on the day following the first, and the intervening time was to be spent in fasting and mourning by the members of the court. But these men could not await the next day for the confirmation of their decision that Jesus must die. They waited only one hour. In the meantime Jesus was left in the audience chamber in the custody of the temple guards, who, with the servants of the high priest, amused themselves by heaping every sort of indignity upon the Son of Man. They

mocked him, spit upon him, and cruelly buffeted him. They would strike him in the face with a rod and then say, "Prophesy to us, you the Deliverer, who it was that struck you." And thus they went on for one full hour, reviling and mistreating this unresisting man of Galilee.

2 During this tragic hour of suffering and mock trials before the ignorant and unfeeling guards and servants, John Zebedee waited in lonely terror in an adjoining room. When these abuses first started, Jesus indicated to John, by a nod of his head, that he should retire. The Master well

knew that, if he permitted his apostle to remain in the room to witness these indignities, John's resentment would be so aroused as to produce such an outbreak of protesting indignation as would probably result in his death.

3 Throughout this awful hour Jesus uttered no word. To this gentle and sensitive soul of humankind, joined in personality relationship with the God of all this universe, there was no more bitter portion of his cup of humiliation than this terrible hour at the mercy of these ignorant and cruel guards and servants, who had been stimulated to abuse him by the exam-

ple of the members of this so-called Sanhedrist court.

4 §§ The human heart cannot possibly conceive of the shudder of indignation that swept out over a vast universe as the celestial intelligences witnessed this sight of their beloved Sovereign submitting himself to the will of his ignorant and misguided creatures on the sin-darkened sphere of unfortunate Urantia.

5 What is this trait of the animal in man which leads him to want to insult and physically assault that which he cannot spiritually attain or intellectually achieve? In the half-civilized man

there still lurks an evil brutality which seeks to vent itself upon those who are superior in wisdom and spiritual attainment. Witness the evil coarseness and the brutal ferocity of these supposedly civilized men as they derived a certain form of animal pleasure from this physical attack upon the unresisting Son of Man. As these insults, taunts, and blows fell upon Jesus, he was undefending but not defenceless. Jesus was not vanquished, merely uncontending in the material sense.

6 These are the moments of the Master's greatest victories in all his long and eventful career as maker, up-

holder, and saviour of a vast and far-flung universe. Having lived to the full a life of revealing God to man, Jesus is now engaged in making a new and unprecedented revelation of man to God. Jesus is now revealing to the worlds the final triumph over all fears of creature personality isolation. The Son of Man has finally achieved the realization of identity as the Son of God. Jesus does not hesitate to assert that he and the Father are one; and on the basis of the fact and truth of that supreme and supernal experience, he admonishes every kingdom believer to become one with him even

as he and his Father are one. The living experience in the religion of Jesus thus becomes the sure and certain technique whereby the spiritually isolated and cosmically lonely mortals of earth are enabled to escape personality isolation, with all its consequences of fear and associated feelings of helplessness. In the fraternal realities of the kingdom of heaven the faith sons of God find final deliverance from the isolation of the self, both personal and planetary. The God-knowing believer increasingly experiences the ecstasy and grandeur of spiritual socialization on a universe scale — citizen-

ship on high in association with the eternal realization of the divine destiny of perfection attainment.

5. THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COURT

1 At 5:30 the court reassembled, and Jesus was led into the adjoining room, where John was waiting. Here the Roman soldier and the temple guards watched over Jesus while the court began the formulation of the charges which were to be presented to Pilate. Annas made it clear to his associates that the charge of blasphemy would carry no weight with Pilate. Judas was present during this second meeting of

the court, but he gave no testimony.

2 This session of the court lasted only a half hour, and when they adjourned to go before Pilate, they had drawn up the indictment of Jesus, as being worthy of death, under three heads:

3 1. That he was a perverter of the Jewish nation; he deceived the people and incited them to rebellion.

4 2. That he taught the people to refuse to pay tribute to Caesar.

5 3. That, by claiming to be a king and the founder of a new sort of kingdom, he incited treason against the emperor.

6 §§ This entire procedure was irregular and wholly contrary to the Jewish laws. No two witnesses had agreed on any matter except those who testified regarding Jesus' statement about destroying the temple and raising it again in three days. And even concerning that point, no witnesses spoke for the defence, and neither was Jesus asked to explain his intended meaning.

7 The only point the court could have consistently judged him on was that of blasphemy, and that would have rested entirely on his own testimony. Even concerning blasphemy, they failed to cast a formal ballot for

the death sentence.

8 And now they presumed to formulate three charges, with which to go before Pilate, on which no witnesses had been heard, and which were agreed upon while the accused prisoner was absent. When this was done, three of the Pharisees took their leave; they wanted to see Jesus destroyed, but they would not formulate charges against him without witnesses and in his absence.

9 Jesus did not again appear before the Sanhedrist court. They did not want again to look upon his face as they sat in judgment upon his inno-

cent life. Jesus did not know (as a man) of their formal charges until he heard them recited by Pilate.

10 §§ While Jesus was in the room with John and the guards, and while the court was in its second session, some of the women about the high priest's palace, together with their friends, came to look upon the strange prisoner, and one of them asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of God?" And Jesus answered: "If I tell you, you will not believe me; and if I ask you, you will not answer."

11 At 6:00 Jesus was led forth from the home of Caiaphas to appear be-

fore Pilate for confirmation of the sentence of death which this Sanhedrist court had so unjustly and irregularly decreed.

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THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

Midwayer Commission

Shortly after 6:00 on this Friday morning, April 7, A.D. 30, Jesus was brought before Pilate, the Roman procurator who governed Judea, Samaria, and Idumea under the immediate supervision of the legatus of Syria. The Master was taken into the presence of the Roman governor by the temple guards, bound, and was accompanied by about 50 of his accusers, including the Sanhedrist court

(principally Sadduceans), Judas Iscariot, and the high priest, Caiaphas, and by the Apostle John. Annas did not appear before Pilate.

2 Pilate was up and ready to receive this group of early morning callers, having been informed by those who had secured his consent, the previous evening, to employ the Roman soldiers in arresting the Son of Man, that Jesus would be early brought before him. This trial was arranged to take place in front of the praetorium, an addition to the fortress of Antonia, where Pilate and his wife made their headquarters when stopping in Jerusa-

lem.

3 Though Pilate conducted much of Jesus' examination within the praetorium halls, the public trial was held outside on the steps leading up to the main entrance. This was a concession to the Jews, who refused to enter any gentile building where leaven might be used on this day of preparation for the Passover. Such conduct would not only render them ceremonially unclean and thereby debar them from partaking of the afternoon feast of thanksgiving but would also necessitate their subjection to purification ceremonies after sundown, be-

fore they would be eligible to partake of the Passover supper.

4 Although these Jews were not at all bothered in conscience as they intrigued to effect the judicial murder of Jesus, they were nonetheless scrupulous regarding all these matters of ceremonial cleanness and traditional regularity. And these Jews have not been the only ones to fail in the recognition of high and holy obligations of a divine nature while giving meticulous attention to things of trifling importance to human welfare in both time

and eternity.

1. PONTIUS PILATE

1 If Pontius Pilate had not been a reasonably good governor of the minor provinces, Tiberius would hardly have suffered him to remain as procurator of Judea for ten years. Although he was a fairly good administrator, he was a moral coward. He was not a big enough man to comprehend the nature of his task as governor of the Jews. He failed to grasp the fact that these Hebrews had a *real* religion, a faith for which they were willing to die, and that millions upon millions of them,

scattered here and there throughout the empire, looked to Jerusalem as the shrine of their faith and held the Sanhedrin in respect as the highest tribunal on earth.

2 Pilate did not love the Jews, and this deep-seated hatred early began to manifest itself. Of all the Roman provinces, none was more difficult to govern than Judea. Pilate never really understood the problems involved in the management of the Jews and, therefore, very early in his experience as governor, made a series of almost fatal and well-nigh suicidal blunders. And it was these blunders that gave the Jews

such power over him. When they wanted to influence his decisions, all they had to do was to threaten an uprising, and Pilate would speedily capitulate. And this apparent vacillation, or lack of moral courage, of the procurator was chiefly due to the memory of a number of controversies he had had with the Jews and because in each instance they had worsted him. The Jews knew that Pilate was afraid of them, that he feared for his position before Tiberius, and they employed this knowledge to the great disadvantage of the governor on numerous occasions.

3 Pilate's disfavour with the Jews came about as a result of a number of unfortunate encounters. First, he failed to take seriously their deep-seated prejudice against all images as symbols of idol worship. Therefore he permitted his soldiers to enter Jerusalem without removing the images of Caesar from their banners, as had been the practice of the Roman soldiers under his predecessor. A large deputation of Jews waited upon Pilate for five days, imploring him to have these images removed from the military standards. He flatly refused to grant their petition and threatened them with in-

stant death. Pilate, himself being a sceptic, did not understand that men of strong religious feelings will not hesitate to die for their religious convictions; and therefore was he dismayed when these Jews drew themselves up defiantly before his palace, bowed their faces to the ground, and sent word that they were ready to die. Pilate then realized that he had made a threat which he was unwilling to carry out. He surrendered, ordered the images removed from the standards of his soldiers in Jerusalem, and found himself from that day on to a large extent subject to the whims of the Jewish

leaders, who had in this way discovered his weakness in making threats which he feared to execute.

4 Pilate subsequently determined to regain this lost prestige and accordingly had the shields of the emperor, such as were commonly used in Caesar worship, put up on the walls of Herod's palace in Jerusalem. When the Jews protested, he was adamant. When he refused to listen to their protests, they promptly appealed to Rome, and the emperor as promptly ordered the offending shields removed. And then was Pilate held in even lower esteem than before.

5 §§ Another thing which brought him into great disfavour with the Jews was that he dared to take money from the temple treasury to pay for the construction of a new aqueduct to provide increased water supply for the millions of visitors to Jerusalem at the times of the great religious feasts. The Jews held that only the Sanhedrin could disburse the temple funds, and they never ceased to inveigh against Pilate for this presumptuous ruling. No less than a score of riots and much bloodshed resulted from this decision. The last of these serious outbreaks had to do with the slaughter of a large com-

pany of Galileans even as they worshipped at the altar.

6 §§ It is significant that, while this vacillating Roman ruler sacrificed Jesus to his fear of the Jews and to safeguard his personal position, he finally was deposed as a result of the needless slaughter of Samaritans in connection with the pretensions of a false Messiah who led troops to Mount Gerizim, where he claimed the temple vessels were buried; and fierce riots broke out when he failed to reveal the hiding place of the sacred vessels, as he had promised. As a result of this episode, the legatus of Syria ordered

Pilate to Rome. Tiberius died while Pilate was on the way to Rome, and he was not reappointed as procurator of Judea. He never fully recovered from the regretful condemnation of having consented to the crucifixion of Jesus. Finding no favour in the eyes of the new emperor, he retired to the province of Lausanne, where he subsequently committed suicide.

7 §§ Claudia Procula, Pilate's wife, had heard much of Jesus through the word of her maid-in-waiting, who was a Phoenician believer in the gospel of the kingdom. After the death of Pilate, Claudia became prominently identi-

fied with the spread of the good news.

8 §§ And all this explains much that transpired on this tragic Friday forenoon. It is easy to understand why the Jews presumed to dictate to Pilate — to get him up at 6:00 to try Jesus — and also why they did not hesitate to threaten to charge him with treason before the emperor if he dared to refuse their demands for Jesus' death.

9 A worthy Roman governor who had not become disadvantageously involved with the rulers of the Jews would never have permitted these bloodthirsty religious fanatics to bring about the death of a man whom he

himself had declared to be innocent of their false charges and without fault. Rome made a great blunder, a far-reaching error in earthly affairs, when she sent the second-rate Pilate to govern Palestine. Tiberius had better have sent to the Jews the best provincial administrator in the empire.

2. JESUS APPEARS BEFORE PILATE

1 When Jesus and his accusers had gathered in front of Pilate's judgment hall, the Roman governor came out and, addressing the company assembled, asked, "What accusation do you bring against this fellow?" The Sad-

ducees and councillors who had taken it upon themselves to put Jesus out of the way had determined to go before Pilate and ask for confirmation of the death sentence pronounced upon Jesus, without volunteering any definite charge. Therefore did the spokesman for the Sanhedrist court answer Pilate: "If this man were not an evildoer, we should not have delivered him up to you."

2 When Pilate observed that they were reluctant to state their charges against Jesus, although he knew they had been all night engaged in deliberations regarding his guilt, he answered

them: "Since you have not agreed on any definite charges, why do you not take this man and pass judgment on him in accordance with your own laws?"

3 Then spoke the clerk of the Sanhedrin court to Pilate: "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death, and this disturber of our nation is worthy to die for the things which he has said and done. Therefore have we come before you for confirmation of this decree."

4 To come before the Roman governor with this attempt at evasion discloses both the ill-will and the ill-humour of the Sanhedrists toward Je-

sus as well as their lack of respect for the fairness, honour, and dignity of Pilate. What effrontery for these subject citizens to appear before their provincial governor asking for a decree of execution against a man before affording him a fair trial and without even preferring definite criminal charges against him!

5 Pilate knew something of Jesus' work among the Jews, and he surmised that the charges which might be brought against him had to do with infringements of the Jewish ecclesiastical laws; therefore he sought to refer the case back to their own tribunal.

Again, Pilate took delight in making them publicly confess that they were powerless to pronounce and execute the death sentence upon even one of their own race whom they had come to despise with a bitter and envious hatred.

6 §§ It was a few hours previously, shortly before midnight and after he had granted permission to use Roman soldiers in effecting the secret arrest of Jesus, that Pilate had heard further concerning Jesus and his teaching from his wife, Claudia, who was a partial convert to Judaism, and who later on became a full-fledged believer in Je-

sus' gospel.

7 §§ Pilate would have liked to postpone this hearing, but he saw the Jewish leaders were determined to proceed with the case. He knew that this was not only the forenoon of preparation for the Passover, but that this day, being Friday, was also the preparation day for the Jewish Sabbath of rest and worship.

8 Pilate, being keenly sensitive to the disrespectful manner of the approach of these Jews, was not willing to comply with their demands that Jesus be sentenced to death without a trial. When, therefore, he had waited

a few moments for them to present their charges against the prisoner, he turned to them and said: "I will not sentence this man to death without a trial; neither will I consent to examine him until you have presented your charges against him in writing."

9 When the high priest and the others heard Pilate say this, they signalled to the clerk of the court, who then handed to Pilate the written charges against Jesus. And these charges were:

10 §§ "We find in the Sanhedrist tribunal that this man is an evildoer and a disturber of our nation in that he is guilty of:

11 "1. Perverting our nation and stirring up our people to rebellion.

12 "2. Forbidding the people to pay tribute to Caesar.

13 "3. Calling himself the king of the Jews and teaching the founding of a new kingdom."

14 §§ Jesus had not been regularly tried nor legally convicted on any of these charges. He did not even hear these charges when first stated, but Pilate had him brought from the praetorium, where he was in the keeping of the guards, and he insisted that these charges be repeated in Jesus' hearing.

15 When Jesus heard these accusations, he well knew that he had not been heard on these matters before the Jewish court, and so did John Zebedee and his accusers, but he made no reply to their false charges. Even when Pilate bade him answer his accusers, he opened not his mouth. Pilate was so astonished at the unfairness of the whole proceeding and so impressed by Jesus' silent and masterly bearing that he decided to take the prisoner inside the hall and examine him privately.

16 Pilate was confused in mind, fearful of the Jews in his heart, and mightily stirred in his spirit by the spectacle

of Jesus' standing there in majesty before his bloodthirsty accusers and gazing down on them, not in silent contempt, but with an expression of genuine pity and sorrowful affection.

3. THE PRIVATE EXAMINATION BY PILATE

1 Pilate took Jesus and John Zebedee into a private chamber, leaving the guards outside in the hall, and requesting the prisoner to sit down, he sat down by his side and asked several questions. Pilate began his talk with Jesus by assuring him that he did not believe the first count against him: that he was a perverter of the nation

and an inciter to rebellion. Then he asked, "Did you ever teach that tribute should be refused Caesar?" Jesus, pointing to John, said, "Ask him or any other man who has heard my teaching." Then Pilate questioned John about this matter of tribute, and John testified concerning his Master's teaching and explained that Jesus and his apostles paid taxes both to Caesar and to the temple. When Pilate had questioned John, he said, "See that you tell no man that I talked with you." And John never did reveal this matter.

2 Pilate then turned around to question Jesus further, saying: "And now

about the third accusation against you, are you the king of the Jews?" Since there was a tone of possibly sincere inquiry in Pilate's voice, Jesus smiled on the procurator and said: "Pilate, do you ask this for yourself, or do you take this question from these others, my accusers?" Whereupon, in a tone of partial indignation, the governor answered: "Am I a Jew? Your own people and the chief priests delivered you up and asked me to sentence you to death. I question the validity of their charges and am only trying to find out for myself what you have done. Tell me, have you said that you

are the king of the Jews, and have you sought to found a new kingdom?"

3 Then said Jesus to Pilate: "Do you not perceive that my kingdom is not of this world? If my kingdom were of this world, surely would my disciples fight that I should not be delivered into the hands of the Jews. My presence here before you in these bonds is sufficient to show all men that my kingdom is a spiritual dominion, even the brotherhood of men who, through faith and by love, have become the sons of God. And this salvation is for the gentile as well as for the Jew."

4 "Then you are a king after all?" said

Pilate. And Jesus answered: "Yes, I am such a king, and my kingdom is the family of the faith sons of my Father who is in heaven. For this purpose was I born into this world, even that I should show my Father to all men and bear witness to the truth of God. And even now do I declare to you that every one who loves the truth hears my voice."

5 Then said Pilate, half in ridicule and half in sincerity, "Truth, what is truth — who knows?"

6 Pilate was not able to fathom Jesus' words, nor was he able to understand the nature of his spiritual king-

dom, but he was now certain that the prisoner had done nothing worthy of death. One look at Jesus, face to face, was enough to convince even Pilate that this gentle and weary, but majestic and upright, man was no wild and dangerous revolutionary who aspired to establish himself on the temporal throne of Israel. Pilate thought he understood something of what Jesus meant when he called himself a king, for he was familiar with the teachings of the Stoics, who declared that "the wise man is king." Pilate was thoroughly convinced that, instead of being a dangerous seditionmonger, Jesus

was nothing more or less than a harmless visionary, an innocent fanatic.

7 After questioning the Master, Pilate went back to the chief priests and the accusers of Jesus and said: "I have examined this man, and I find no fault in him. I do not think he is guilty of the charges you have made against him; I think he ought to be set free." And when the Jews heard this, they were moved with great anger, so much so that they wildly shouted that Jesus should die; and one of the Sanhedrists boldly stepped up by the side of Pilate, saying: "This man stirs up the people, beginning in Galilee and continuing

throughout all Judea. He is a mischief-maker and an evildoer. You will long regret it if you let this wicked man go free."

8 Pilate was hard pressed to know what to do with Jesus; therefore, when he heard them say that he began his work in Galilee, he thought to avoid the responsibility of deciding the case, at least to gain time for thought, by sending Jesus to appear before Herod, who was then in the city attending the Passover. Pilate also thought that this gesture would help to antidote some of the bitter feeling which had existed for some time between himself and

Herod, due to numerous misunderstandings over matters of jurisdiction.

9 Pilate, calling the guards, said: "This man is a Galilean. Take him forthwith to Herod, and when he has examined him, report his findings to me." And they took Jesus to Herod.

4. JESUS BEFORE HEROD

1 When Herod Antipas stopped in Jerusalem, he dwelt in the old Maccabean palace of Herod the Great, and it was to this home of the former king that Jesus was now taken by the temple guards, and he was followed by his accusers and an increasing multitude.

Herod had long heard of Jesus, and he was very curious about him. When the Son of Man stood before him, on this Friday morning, the wicked Idumean never for one moment recalled the lad of former years who had appeared before him in Sepphoris pleading for a just decision regarding the money due his father, who had been accidentally killed while at work on one of the public buildings. As far as Herod knew, he had never seen Jesus, although he had worried a great deal about him when his work had been centred in Galilee. Now that he was in custody of Pilate and the Judeans, Herod was desirous

of seeing him, feeling secure against any trouble from him in the future. Herod had heard much about the miracles wrought by Jesus, and he really hoped to see him do some wonder.

2 When they brought Jesus before Herod, the tetrarch was startled by his stately appearance and the calm composure of his countenance. For some 15 minutes Herod asked Jesus questions, but the Master would not answer. Herod taunted and dared him to perform a miracle, but Jesus would not reply to his many inquiries or respond to his taunts.

3 Then Herod turned to the chief

priests and the Sadducees and, giving ear to their accusations, heard all and more than Pilate had listened to regarding the alleged evil doings of the Son of Man. Finally, being convinced that Jesus would neither talk nor perform a wonder for him, Herod, after making fun of him for a time, arrayed him in an old purple royal robe and sent him back to Pilate. Herod knew he had no jurisdiction over Jesus in Judea. Though he was glad to believe that he was finally to be rid of Jesus in Galilee, he was thankful that it was Pilate who had the responsibility of putting him to death. Herod

never had fully recovered from the fear that cursed him as a result of killing John the Baptist. Herod had at certain times even feared that Jesus was John risen from the dead. Now he was relieved of that fear since he observed that Jesus was a very different sort of person from the outspoken and fiery prophet who dared to expose and denounce his private life.

5. JESUS RETURNS TO PILATE

1 When the guards had brought Jesus back to Pilate, he went out on the front steps of the praetorium, where his judgment seat had been placed,

and calling together the chief priests and Sanhedrists, said to them: "You brought this man before me with charges that he perverts the people, forbids the payment of taxes, and claims to be king of the Jews. I have examined him and fail to find him guilty of these charges. In fact, I find no fault in him. Then I sent him to Herod, and the tetrarch must have reached the same conclusion since he has sent him back to us. Certainly, nothing worthy of death has been done by this man. If you still think he needs to be disciplined, I am willing to chastise him before I release him."

2 Just as the Jews were about to engage in shouting their protests against the release of Jesus, a vast crowd came marching up to the praetorium for the purpose of asking Pilate for the release of a prisoner in honour of the Passover feast. For some time it had been the custom of the Roman governors to allow the populace to choose some imprisoned or condemned man for pardon at the time of the Passover. And now that this crowd had come before him to ask for the release of a prisoner, and since Jesus had so recently been in great favour with the multitudes, it occurred to Pilate that he might possi-

bly extricate himself from his predicament by proposing to this group that, since Jesus was now a prisoner before his judgment seat, he release to them this man of Galilee as the token of Passover good will.

3 As the crowd surged up on the steps of the building, Pilate heard them calling out the name of one Barabbas. Barabbas was a noted political agitator and murderous robber, the son of a priest, who had recently been apprehended in the act of robbery and murder on the Jericho road. This man was under sentence to die as soon as the Passover festivities were

over.

4 Pilate stood up and explained to the crowd that Jesus had been brought to him by the chief priests, who sought to have him put to death on certain charges, and that he did not think the man was worthy of death. Said Pilate: "Which, therefore, would you prefer that I release to you, this Barabbas, the murderer, or this Jesus of Galilee?" And when Pilate had thus spoken, the chief priests and the Sanhedrin councillors all shouted at the top of their voices, "Barabbas, Barabbas!" And when the people saw that the chief priests were minded to have Jesus put

to death, they quickly joined in the clamour for his life while they loudly shouted for the release of Barabbas.

5 A few days before this the multitude had stood in awe of Jesus, but the mob did not look up to one who, having claimed to be the Son of God, now found himself in the custody of the chief priests and the rulers and on trial before Pilate for his life. Jesus could be a hero in the eyes of the populace when he was driving the money-changers and the traders out of the temple, but not when he was a non-resisting prisoner in the hands of his enemies and on trial for his life.

6 Pilate was angered at the sight of the chief priests clamouring for the pardon of a notorious murderer while they shouted for the blood of Jesus. He saw their malice and hatred and perceived their prejudice and envy. Therefore he said to them: "How could you choose the life of a murderer in preference to this man's whose worst crime is that he figuratively calls himself the king of the Jews?" But this was not a wise statement for Pilate to make. The Jews were a proud people, now subject to the Roman political yoke but hoping for the coming of a Messiah who would deliver them from

gentile bondage with a great show of power and glory. They resented, more than Pilate could know, the intimation that this meek-mannered teacher of strange doctrines, now under arrest and charged with crimes worthy of death, should be referred to as "the king of the Jews." They looked upon such a remark as an insult to everything which they held sacred and honourable in their national existence, and therefore did they all let loose their mighty shouts for Barabbas's release and Jesus' death.

7 Pilate knew Jesus was innocent of the charges brought against him, and

had he been a just and courageous judge, he would have acquitted him and turned him loose. But he was afraid to defy these angry Jews, and while he hesitated to do his duty, a messenger came up and presented him with a sealed message from his wife, Claudia.

8 Pilate indicated to those assembled before him that he wished to read the communication which he had just received before he proceeded further with the matter before him. When Pilate opened this letter from his wife, he read: "I pray you have nothing to do with this innocent and just man whom

they call Jesus. I have suffered many things in a dream this night because of him." This note from Claudia not only greatly upset Pilate and thereby delayed the adjudication of this matter, but it unfortunately also provided considerable time in which the Jewish rulers freely circulated among the crowd and urged the people to call for the release of Barabbas and to clamour for the crucifixion of Jesus.

9 Finally, Pilate addressed himself once more to the solution of the problem which confronted him, by asking the mixed assembly of Jewish rulers and the pardon-seeking crowd, "What

shall I do with him who is called the king of the Jews?" And they all shouted with one accord, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" The unanimity of this demand from the mixed multitude startled and alarmed Pilate, the unjust and fear-ridden judge.

10 Then once more Pilate said: "Why would you crucify this man? What evil has he done? Who will come forward to testify against him?" But when they heard Pilate speak in defence of Jesus, they only cried out all the more, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

11 Then again Pilate appealed to

them regarding the release of the Passover prisoner, saying: "Once more I ask you, which of these prisoners shall I release to you at this, your Passover time?" And again the crowd shouted, "Give us Barabbas!"

12 Then said Pilate: "If I release the murderer, Barabbas, what shall I do with Jesus?" And once more the multitude shouted in unison, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

13 Pilate was terrorized by the insistent clamour of the mob, acting under the direct leadership of the chief priests and the councillors of the Sanhedrin; nevertheless, he decided upon

at least one more attempt to appease the crowd and save Jesus.

6. PILATE'S LAST APPEAL

1 In all that is transpiring early this Friday morning before Pilate, only the enemies of Jesus are participating. His many friends either do not yet know of his night arrest and early morning trial or are in hiding lest they also be apprehended and adjudged worthy of death because they believe Jesus' teachings. In the multitude which now clamours for the Master's death are to be found only his sworn enemies and the easily led and unthinking populace.

2 Pilate would make one last appeal to their pity. Being afraid to defy the clamour of this misled mob who cried for the blood of Jesus, he ordered the Jewish guards and the Roman soldiers to take Jesus and scourge him. This was in itself an unjust and illegal procedure since the Roman law provided that only those condemned to die by crucifixion should be thus subjected to scourging. The guards took Jesus into the open courtyard of the praetorium for this ordeal. Though his enemies did not witness this scourging, Pilate did, and before they had finished this wicked abuse, he directed

the scourgers to desist and indicated that Jesus should be brought to him. Before the scourgers laid their knotted whips upon Jesus as he was bound to the whipping post, they again put upon him the purple robe, and plaiting a crown of thorns, they placed it upon his brow. And when they had put a reed in his hand as a mock sceptre, they knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they spit upon him and struck him in the face with their hands. And one of them, before they returned him to Pilate, took the reed from his hand and struck him upon the head.

3 Then Pilate led forth this bleeding and lacerated prisoner and, presenting him before the mixed multitude, said: "Behold the man! Again I declare to you that I find no crime in him, and having scourged him, I would release him."

4 There stood Jesus of Nazareth, clothed in an old purple royal robe with a crown of thorns piercing his kindly brow. His face was blood-stained and his form bowed down with suffering and grief. But nothing can appeal to the unfeeling hearts of those who are victims of intense emotional hatred and slaves to reli-

gious prejudice. This sight sent a mighty shudder through the realms of a vast universe, but it did not touch the hearts of those who had set their minds to effect the destruction of Jesus.

5 When they had recovered from the first shock of seeing the Master's plight, they only shouted the louder and the longer, "Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!"

6 And now did Pilate comprehend that it was futile to appeal to their supposed feelings of pity. He stepped forward and said: "I perceive that you are determined this man shall die, but

what has he done to deserve death? Who will declare his crime?"

7 Then the high priest himself stepped forward and, going up to Pilate, angrily declared: "We have a sacred law, and by that law this man ought to die because he made himself out to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this, he was all the more afraid, not only of the Jews, but recalling his wife's note and the Greek mythology of the gods coming down on earth, he now trembled at the thought of Jesus possibly being a divine personage. He waved to the crowd to hold its peace while he took

Jesus by the arm and again led him inside the building that he might further examine him. Pilate was now confused by fear, bewildered by superstition, and harassed by the stubborn attitude of the mob.

7. PILATE'S LAST INTERVIEW

1 As Pilate, trembling with fearful emotion, sat down by the side of Jesus, he inquired: "Where do you come from? Really, who are you? What is this they say, that you are the Son of God?"

2 But Jesus could hardly answer such questions when asked by a man-fear-

ing, weak, and vacillating judge who was so unjust as to subject him to flogging even when he had declared him innocent of all crime, and before he had been duly sentenced to die. Jesus looked Pilate straight in the face, but he did not answer him. Then said Pilate: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not realize that I still have power to release you or to crucify you?" Then said Jesus: "You could have no power over me except it were permitted from above. You could exercise no authority over the Son of Man unless the Father in heaven allowed it. But you are not so guilty since you are

ignorant of the gospel. He who betrayed me and he who delivered me to you, they have the greater sin."

3 This last talk with Jesus thoroughly frightened Pilate. This moral coward and judicial weakling now laboured under the double weight of the superstitious fear of Jesus and mortal dread of the Jewish leaders.

4 Again Pilate appeared before the crowd, saying: "I am certain this man is only a religious offender. You should take him and judge him by your law. Why should you expect that I would consent to his death because he has clashed with your traditions?"

5 Pilate was just about ready to release Jesus when Caiaphas, the high priest, approached the cowardly Roman judge and, shaking an avenging finger in Pilate's face, said with angry words which the entire multitude could hear: "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend, and I will see that the emperor knows all." This public threat was too much for Pilate. Fear for his personal fortunes now eclipsed all other considerations, and the cowardly governor ordered Jesus brought out before the judgment seat. As the Master stood there before them, he pointed to him and taunt-

ingly said, "Behold your king." And the Jews answered, "Away with him. Crucify him!" And then Pilate said, with much irony and sarcasm, "Shall I crucify your king?" And the Jews answered, "Yes, crucify him! We have no king but Caesar." And then did Pilate realize that there was no hope of saving Jesus since he was unwilling to defy the Jews.

8. PILATE'S TRAGIC SURRENDER

1 Here stood the Son of God incarnate as the Son of Man. He was arrested without indictment; accused without evidence; adjudged without

witnesses; punished without a verdict; and now was soon to be condemned to die by an unjust judge who confessed that he could find no fault in him. If Pilate had thought to appeal to their patriotism by referring to Jesus as the "king of the Jews," he utterly failed. The Jews were not expecting any such a king. The declaration of the chief priests and the Sadducees, "We have no king but Caesar," was a shock even to the unthinking populace, but it was too late now to save Jesus even had the mob dared to espouse the Master's cause.

2 §§ Pilate was afraid of a tumult or

a riot. He dared not risk having such a disturbance during Passover time in Jerusalem. He had recently received a reprimand from Caesar, and he would not risk another. The mob cheered when he ordered the release of Barabbas. Then he ordered a basin and some water, and there before the multitude he washed his hands, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this man. You are determined that he shall die, but I have found no guilt in him. See you to it. The soldiers will lead him forth." And then the mob cheered and replied, "His blood be on us and on our children."

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JUST BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION

Midwayer Commission

As Jesus and his accusers started off to see Herod, the Master turned to the Apostle John and said: "John, you can do no more for me. Go to my mother and bring her to see me ere I die." When John heard his Master's request, although reluctant to leave him alone among his enemies, he hastened off to Bethany, where the entire family of Jesus was

assembled in waiting at the home of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead.

2 Several times during the morning, messengers had brought news to Martha and Mary concerning the progress of Jesus' trial. But the family of Jesus did not reach Bethany until just a few minutes before John arrived bearing the request of Jesus to see his mother before he was put to death. After John Zebedee had told them all that had happened since the midnight arrest of Jesus, Mary his mother went at once in the company of John to see her eldest son. By the time Mary and

John reached the city, Jesus, accompanied by the Roman soldiers who were to crucify him, had already arrived at Golgotha.

3 When Mary the mother of Jesus started out with John to go to her son, his sister Ruth refused to remain behind with the rest of the family. Since she was determined to accompany her mother, her brother Jude went with her. The rest of the Master's family remained in Bethany under the direction of James, and almost every hour the messengers of David Zebedee brought them reports concerning the progress of that terrible business of

putting to death their eldest brother, Jesus of Nazareth.

1. THE END OF JUDAS ISCARIOT

1 It was about 8:30 this Friday morning when the hearing of Jesus before Pilate was ended and the Master was placed in the custody of the Roman soldiers who were to crucify him. As soon as the Romans took possession of Jesus, the captain of the Jewish guards marched with his men back to their temple headquarters. The chief priest and his Sanhedrist associates followed close behind the guards, going directly to their usual meeting place in

the hall of hewn stone in the temple. Here they found many other members of the Sanhedrin waiting to learn what had been done with Jesus. As Caiaphas was engaged in making his report to the Sanhedrin regarding the trial and condemnation of Jesus, Judas appeared before them to claim his reward for the part he had played in his Master's arrest and sentence of death.

2 All of these Jews loathed Judas; they looked upon the betrayer with only feelings of utter contempt. Throughout the trial of Jesus before Caiaphas and during his appearance before Pilate, Judas was pricked in his

conscience about his traitorous conduct. And he was also beginning to become somewhat disillusioned regarding the reward he was to receive as payment for his services as Jesus' betrayer. He did not like the coolness and aloofness of the Jewish authorities; nevertheless, he expected to be liberally rewarded for his cowardly conduct. He anticipated being called before the full meeting of the Sanhedrin and there hearing himself eulogized while they conferred upon him suitable honours in token of the great service which he flattered himself he had rendered his nation. Imagine, therefore, the great

surprise of this egotistic traitor when a servant of the high priest, tapping him on the shoulder, called him just outside the hall and said: "Judas, I have been appointed to pay you for the betrayal of Jesus. Here is your reward." And thus speaking, the servant of Caiaphas handed Judas a bag containing 30 pieces of silver — the current price of a good, healthy slave.

3 Judas was stunned, dumbfounded. He rushed back to enter the hall but was debarred by the doorkeeper. He wanted to appeal to the Sanhedrin, but they would not admit him. Judas could not believe that these rulers of

the Jews would allow him to betray his friends and his Master and then offer him as a reward 30 pieces of silver. He was humiliated, disillusioned, and utterly crushed. He walked away from the temple, as it were, in a trance. He automatically dropped the money bag in his deep pocket, that same pocket wherein he had so long carried the bag containing the apostolic funds. And he wandered out through the city after the crowds who were on their way to witness the crucifixions.

4 From a distance Judas saw them raise the cross piece with Jesus nailed thereon, and upon sight of this he

rushed back to the temple and, forcing his way past the doorkeeper, found himself standing in the presence of the Sanhedrin, which was still in session. The betrayer was well-nigh breathless and highly distraught, but he managed to stammer out these words: "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood. You have insulted me. You have offered me as a reward for my service, money — the price of a slave. I repent that I have done this; here is your money. I want to escape the guilt of this deed."

5 When the rulers of the Jews heard Judas, they scoffed at him. One of

them sitting near where Judas stood, motioned that he should leave the hall and said: "Your Master has already been put to death by the Romans, and as for your guilt, what is that to us? See you to that — and begone!"

6 As Judas left the Sanhedrin chamber, he removed the 30 pieces of silver from the bag and threw them broadcast over the temple floor. When the betrayer left the temple, he was almost beside himself. Judas was now passing through the experience of the realization of the true nature of sin. All the glamour, fascination, and intoxication of wrongdoing had vanished. Now

the evildoer stood alone and face to face with the judgment verdict of his disillusioned and disappointed soul. Sin was bewitching and adventurous in the committing, but now must the harvest of the naked and unromantic facts be faced.

7 This onetime ambassador of the kingdom of heaven on earth now walked through the streets of Jerusalem, forsaken and alone. His despair was desperate and well-nigh absolute. On he journeyed through the city and outside the walls, on down into the terrible solitude of the valley of Hinnom, where he climbed up the

steep rocks and, taking the girdle of his cloak, fastened one end to a small tree, tied the other about his neck, and cast himself over the precipice. Ere he was dead, the knot which his nervous hands had tied gave way, and the betrayer's body was dashed to pieces as it fell on the jagged rocks below.

2. THE MASTER'S ATTITUDE

1 When Jesus was arrested, he knew that his work on earth, in the likeness of mortal flesh, was finished. He fully understood the sort of death he would die, and he was little concerned with the details of his so-called trials.

2 Before the Sanhedrist court Jesus declined to make replies to the testimony of perjured witnesses. There was but one question which would always elicit an answer, whether asked by friend or foe, and that was the one concerning the nature and divinity of his mission on earth. When asked if he were the Son of God, he unfailingly made reply. He steadfastly refused to speak when in the presence of the curious and wicked Herod. Before Pilate he spoke only when he thought that Pilate or some other sincere person might be helped to a better knowledge of the truth by what he said. Je-

sus had taught his apostles the uselessness of casting their pearls before swine, and he now dared to practise what he had taught. His conduct at this time exemplified the patient submission of the human nature coupled with the majestic silence and solemn dignity of the divine nature. He was altogether willing to discuss with Pilate any question related to the political charges brought against him — any question which he recognized as belonging to the governor's jurisdiction.

3 Jesus was convinced that it was the will of the Father that he sub-

mit himself to the natural and ordinary course of human events just as every other mortal creature must, and therefore he refused to employ even his purely human powers of persuasive eloquence to influence the outcome of the machinations of his socially near-sighted and spiritually blinded fellow mortals. Although Jesus lived and died on Urantia, his whole human career, from first to last, was a spectacle designed to influence and instruct the entire universe of his creation and unceasing upholding.

4 §§ These short-sighted Jews clamoured unseemlily for the Master's

death while he stood there in awful silence looking upon the death scene of a nation — his earthly father's own people.

5 §§ Jesus had acquired that type of human character which could preserve its composure and assert its dignity in the face of continued and gratuitous insult. He could not be intimidated. When first assaulted by the servant of Annas, he had only suggested the propriety of calling witnesses who might duly testify against him.

6 From first to last, in his so-called trial before Pilate, the onlooking celestial hosts could not refrain from

broadcasting to the universe the depiction of the scene of "Pilate on trial before Jesus."

7 When before Caiaphas, and when all the perjured testimony had broken down, Jesus did not hesitate to answer the question of the chief priest, thereby providing in his own testimony that which they desired as a basis for convicting him of blasphemy.

8 The Master never displayed the least interest in Pilate's well-meant but half-hearted efforts to effect his release. He really pitied Pilate and sincerely endeavoured to enlighten his darkened mind. He was wholly passive

to all the Roman governor's appeals to the Jews to withdraw their criminal charges against him. Throughout the whole sorrowful ordeal he bore himself with simple dignity and unostentatious majesty. He would not so much as cast reflections of insincerity upon his would-be murderers when they asked if he were "king of the Jews." With but little qualifying explanation he accepted the designation, knowing that, while they had chosen to reject him, he would be the last to afford them real national leadership, even in a spiritual sense.

9 Jesus said little during these trials,

but he said enough to show all mortals the kind of human character man can perfect in partnership with God and to reveal to all the universe the manner in which God can become manifest in the life of the creature when such a creature truly chooses to do the will of the Father, thus becoming an active son of the living God.

10 His love for ignorant mortals is fully disclosed by his patience and great self-possession in the face of the jeers, blows, and buffetings of the coarse soldiers and the unthinking servants. He was not even angry when they blindfolded him and, derisively

striking him in the face, exclaimed: "Prophesy to us who it was that struck you."

11 Pilate spoke more truly than he knew when, after Jesus had been scourged, he presented him before the multitude, exclaiming, "Behold the man!" Indeed, the fear-ridden Roman governor little dreamed that at just that moment the universe stood at attention, gazing upon this unique scene of its beloved Sovereign thus subjected in humiliation to the taunts and blows of his darkened and degraded mortal subjects. And as Pilate spoke, there echoed throughout

all Nebadon, "Behold God and man!" Throughout a universe, untold millions have ever since that day continued to behold that man, while the God of Havona, the supreme ruler of the universe of universes, accepts the man of Nazareth as the satisfaction of the ideal of the mortal creatures of this local universe of time and space. In his matchless life he never failed to reveal God to man. Now, in these final episodes of his mortal career and in his subsequent death, he made a new and

touching revelation of man to God.

3. THE DEPENDABLE DAVID ZEBEDEE

1 Shortly after Jesus was turned over to the Roman soldiers at the conclusion of the hearing before Pilate, a detachment of the temple guards hastened out to Gethsemane to disperse or arrest the followers of the Master. But long before their arrival these followers had scattered. The apostles had retired to designated hiding places; the Greeks had separated and gone to various homes in Jerusalem; the other disciples had likewise disappeared. David Zebedee believed that Jesus' enemies

would return; so he early removed some five or six tents up the ravine near where the Master so often retired to pray and worship. Here he proposed to hide and at the same time maintain a centre, or co-ordinating station, for his messenger service. David had hardly left the camp when the temple guards arrived. Finding no one there, they contented themselves with burning the camp and then hastened back to the temple. On hearing their report, the Sanhedrin was satisfied that the followers of Jesus were so thoroughly frightened and subdued that there would be no danger of an upris-

ing or any attempt to rescue Jesus from the hands of his executioners. They were at last able to breathe easily, and so they adjourned, every man going his way to prepare for the Passover.

2 As soon as Jesus was turned over to the Roman soldiers by Pilate for crucifixion, a messenger hastened away to Gethsemane to inform David, and within five minutes runners were on their way to Bethsaida, Pella, Philadelphia, Sidon, Shechem[1], Hebron, Damascus, and Alexandria. And these messengers carried the news that Je-

[1] In 1955 text "Schechem". See also 134:7.5.

sus was about to be crucified by the Romans at the insistent behest of the rulers of the Jews.

3 Throughout this tragic day, until the message finally went forth that the Master had been laid in the tomb, David sent messengers about every half hour with reports to the apostles, the Greeks, and Jesus' earthly family, assembled at the home of Lazarus in Bethany. When the messengers departed with the word that Jesus had been buried, David dismissed his corps of local runners for the Passover celebration and for the coming Sabbath of rest, instructing them to re-

port to him quietly on Sunday morning at the home of Nicodemus, where he proposed to go in hiding for a few days with Andrew and Simon Peter.

4 This peculiar-minded David Zebedee was the only one of the leading disciples of Jesus who was inclined to take a literal and plain matter-of-fact view of the Master's assertion that he would die and "rise again on the third day." David had once heard him make this prediction and, being of a literal turn of mind, now proposed to assemble his messengers early Sunday morning at the home of Nicodemus so that they would be on hand to spread the

news in case Jesus rose from the dead. David soon discovered that none of Jesus' followers were looking for him to return so soon from the grave; therefore did he say little about his belief and nothing about the mobilization of all his messenger force on early Sunday morning except to the runners who had been dispatched on Friday forenoon to distant cities and believer centres.

5 And so these followers of Jesus, scattered throughout Jerusalem and its environs, that night partook of the Passover and the following day re-

mained in seclusion.

4. PREPARATION FOR THE CRUCIFIXION

1 After Pilate had washed his hands before the multitude, thus seeking to escape the guilt of delivering up an innocent man to be crucified just because he feared to resist the clamour of the rulers of the Jews, he ordered the Master turned over to the Roman soldiers and gave the word to their captain that he was to be crucified immediately. Upon taking charge of Jesus, the soldiers led him back into the courtyard of the praetorium, and after removing the robe which Herod had

put on him, they dressed him in his own garments. These soldiers mocked and derided him, but they did not inflict further physical punishment. Jesus was now alone with these Roman soldiers. His friends were in hiding; his enemies had gone their way; even John Zebedee was no longer by his side.

2 It was a little after 8:00 when Pilate turned Jesus over to the soldiers and a little before 9:00 when they started for the scene of the crucifixion. During this period of more than half an hour Jesus never spoke a word. The executive business of a great universe was practically at a standstill. Gabriel

and the chief rulers of Nebadon were either assembled here on Urantia, or else they were closely attending upon the space reports of the archangels in an effort to keep advised as to what was happening to the Son of Man on Urantia.

3 By the time the soldiers were ready to depart with Jesus for Golgotha, they had begun to be impressed by his unusual composure and extraordinary dignity, by his uncomplaining silence.

4 Much of the delay in starting off with Jesus for the site of the crucifixion was due to the last-minute decision of the captain to take along two

thieves who had been condemned to die; since Jesus was to be crucified that morning, the Roman captain thought these two might just as well die with him as wait for the end of the Passover festivities.

5 As soon as the thieves could be made ready, they were led into the courtyard, where they gazed upon Jesus, one of them for the first time, but the other had often heard him speak, both in the temple and many months

before at the Pella camp.

5. JESUS' DEATH IN RELATION TO THE PASSOVER

1 There is no direct relation between the death of Jesus and the Jewish Passover. True, the Master did lay down his life in the flesh on this day, the day of the preparation for the Jewish Passover, and at about the time of the sacrificing of the Passover lambs in the temple. But this coincidental occurrence does not in any manner indicate that the death of the Son of Man on earth has any connection with the Jewish sacrificial system. Jesus was a Jew,

but as the Son of Man he was a mortal of the realms. The events already narrated and leading up to this hour of the Master's impending crucifixion are sufficient to indicate that his death at about this time was a purely natural and man-managed affair.

2 It was man and not God who planned and executed the death of Jesus on the cross. True, the Father refused to interfere with the march of human events on Urantia, but the Father in Paradise did not decree, demand, or require the death of his Son as it was carried out on earth. It is a fact that in some manner, sooner or later,

Jesus would have had to divest himself of his mortal body, his incarnation in the flesh, but he could have executed such a task in countless ways without dying on a cross between two thieves. All of this was man's doing, not God's.

3 At the time of the Master's baptism he had already completed the technique of the required experience on earth and in the flesh which was necessary for the completion of his seventh and last universe bestowal. At this very time Jesus' duty on earth was done. All the life he lived thereafter, and even the manner of his death, was a purely personal ministry on his part

for the welfare and uplifting of his mortal creatures on this world and on other worlds.

4 The gospel of the good news that mortal man may, by faith, become spirit-conscious that he is a son of God, is not dependent on the death of Jesus. True, indeed, all this gospel of the kingdom has been tremendously illuminated by the Master's death, but even more so by his life.

5 All that the Son of Man said or did on earth greatly embellished the doctrines of sonship with God and of the brotherhood of men, but these essential relationships of God and men

are inherent in the universe facts of God's love for his creatures and the innate mercy of the divine Sons. These touching and divinely beautiful relations between man and his Maker,[1] on this world and on all others throughout the universe of universes, have existed from eternity; and they are not in any sense dependent on these periodic bestowal enactments of the Creator Sons of God, who thus assume the nature and likeness of their created intelligences as a part of the price which they must pay for the final acquire-

[1] In 1955 text no comma after "Maker".

ment of unlimited sovereignty over their respective local universes.

6 The Father in heaven loved mortal man on earth just as much before the life and death of Jesus on Urantia as he did after this transcendent exhibition of the copartnership of man and God. This mighty transaction of the incarnation of the God of Nebadon as a man on Urantia could not augment the attributes of the eternal, infinite, and universal Father, but it did enrich and enlighten all other administrators and creatures of the universe of Nebadon. While the Father in heaven loves us no more because of this bestowal

of Michael, all other celestial intelligences do. And this is because Jesus not only made a revelation of God to man, but he also likewise made a new revelation of man to the Gods and to the celestial intelligences of the universe of universes.

7 Jesus is not about to die as a sacrifice for sin. He is not going to atone for the inborn moral guilt of the human race. Mankind has no such racial guilt before God. Guilt is purely a matter of personal sin and knowing, deliberate rebellion against the will of the Father and the administration of his Sons.

8 Sin and rebellion have nothing

to do with the fundamental bestowal plan of the Paradise Sons of God, albeit it does appear to us that the salvage plan is a provisional feature of the bestowal plan.

9 The salvation of God for the mortals of Urantia would have been just as effective and unerringly certain if Jesus had not been put to death by the cruel hands of ignorant mortals. If the Master had been favourably received by the mortals of earth and had departed from Urantia by the voluntary relinquishment of his life in the flesh, the fact of the love of God and the mercy of the Son — the fact of son-

ship with God — would have in no wise been affected. You mortals are the sons of God, and only one thing is required to make such a truth factual in your personal experience, and that is your spirit-born faith.

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THE CRUCIFIXION

Midwayer Commission

After the two brigands had been made ready, the soldiers, under the direction of a centurion, started for the scene of the crucifixion. The centurion in charge of these twelve soldiers was the same captain who had led forth the Roman soldiers the previous night to arrest Jesus in Gethsemane. It was the Roman custom to assign four soldiers for each

person to be crucified. The two brigands were properly scourged before they were taken out to be crucified, but Jesus was given no further physical punishment; the captain undoubtedly thought he had already been sufficiently scourged, even before his condemnation.

2 The two thieves crucified with Jesus were associates of Barabbas and would later have been put to death with their leader if he had not been released as the Passover pardon of Pilate. Jesus was thus crucified in the place of Barabbas.

3 What Jesus is now about to do,

submit to death on the cross, he does of his own free will. In foretelling this experience, he said: "The Father loves and sustains me because I am willing to lay down my life. But I will take it up again. No one takes my life away from me — I lay it down of myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up. I have received such a commandment from my Father."

4 It was just before 9:00 this morning when the soldiers led Jesus from the praetorium on the way to Golgotha. They were followed by many who secretly sympathized with Jesus, but

most of this group of 200 or more were either his enemies or curious idlers who merely desired to enjoy the shock of witnessing the crucifixions. Only a few of the Jewish leaders went out to see Jesus die on the cross. Knowing that he had been turned over to the Roman soldiers by Pilate, and that he was condemned to die, they busied themselves with their meeting in the temple, whereat they discussed what should be done with his followers.

1. ON THE WAY TO GOLGOTHA

1 Before leaving the courtyard of the praetorium, the soldiers placed the

crossbeam on Jesus' shoulders. It was the custom to compel the condemned man to carry the crossbeam to the site of the crucifixion. Such a condemned man did not carry the whole cross, only this shorter timber. The longer and upright pieces of timber for the three crosses had already been transported to Golgotha and, by the time of the arrival of the soldiers and their prisoners, had been firmly implanted in the ground.

2 According to custom the captain led the procession, carrying small white boards on which had been written with charcoal the names of the

criminals and the nature of the crimes for which they had been condemned. For the two thieves the centurion had notices which gave their names, underneath which was written the one word, "Brigand." It was the custom, after the victim had been nailed to the crossbeam and hoisted to his place on the upright timber, to nail this notice to the top of the cross, just above the head of the criminal, that all witnesses might know for what crime the condemned man was being crucified. The legend which the centurion carried to put on the cross of Jesus had been written by Pilate himself in Latin, Greek,

and Aramaic, and it read: "Jesus of Nazareth — the King of the Jews."

3 Some of the Jewish authorities who were yet present when Pilate wrote this legend made vigorous protest against calling Jesus the "king of the Jews." But Pilate reminded them that such an accusation was part of the charge which led to his condemnation. When the Jews saw they could not prevail upon Pilate to change his mind, they pleaded that at least it be modified to read, "He said, 'I am the king of the Jews.'" But Pilate was adamant; he would not alter the writing. To all further supplication he only

replied, "What I have written, I have written."

4 Ordinarily, it was the custom to journey to Golgotha by the longest road in order that a large number of persons might view the condemned criminal, but on this day they went by the most direct route to the Damascus gate, which led out of the city to the north, and following this road, they soon arrived at Golgotha, the official crucifixion site of Jerusalem. Beyond Golgotha were the villas of the wealthy, and on the other side of the road were the tombs of many well-to-do Jews.

5 §§ Crucifixion was not a Jewish mode of punishment. Both the Greeks and the Romans learned this method of execution from the Phoenicians. Even Herod, with all his cruelty, did not resort to crucifixion. The Romans never crucified a Roman citizen; only slaves and subject peoples were subjected to this dishonourable mode of death. During the siege of Jerusalem, just 40 years after the crucifixion of Jesus, all of Golgotha was covered by thousands upon thousands of crosses upon which, from day to day, there perished the flower of the Jewish race. A terrible harvest, indeed, of the

seed-sowing of this day.

6 §§ As the death procession passed along the narrow streets of Jerusalem, many of the tenderhearted Jewish women who had heard Jesus' words of good cheer and compassion, and who knew of his life of loving ministry, could not refrain from weeping when they saw him being led forth to such an ignoble death. As he passed by, many of these women bewailed and lamented. And when some of them even dared to follow along by his side, the Master turned his head toward them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but rather weep

for yourselves and for your children. My work is about done — soon I go to my Father — but the times of terrible trouble for Jerusalem are just beginning. Behold, the days are coming in which you shall say: Blessed are the barren and those whose breasts have never suckled their young. In those days will you pray the rocks of the hills to fall on you in order that you may be delivered from the terrors of your troubles."

7 These women of Jerusalem were indeed courageous to manifest sympathy for Jesus, for it was strictly against the law to show friendly feelings for

one who was being led forth to crucifixion. It was permitted the rabble to jeer, mock, and ridicule the condemned, but it was not allowed that any sympathy should be expressed. Though Jesus appreciated the manifestation of sympathy in this dark hour when his friends were in hiding, he did not want these kindhearted women to incur the displeasure of the authorities by daring to show compassion in his behalf. Even at such a time as this Jesus thought little about himself, only of the terrible days of tragedy ahead for Jerusalem and the whole Jewish nation.

8 As the Master trudged along on the way to the crucifixion, he was very weary; he was nearly exhausted. He had had neither food nor water since the Last Supper at the home of Elijah Mark; neither had he been permitted to enjoy one moment of sleep. In addition, there had been one hearing right after another up to the hour of his condemnation, not to mention the abusive scourgings with their accompanying physical suffering and loss of blood. Superimposed upon all this was his extreme mental anguish, his acute spiritual tension, and a terrible feeling of human loneliness.

9 Shortly after passing through the gate on the way out of the city, as Jesus staggered on bearing the crossbeam, his physical strength momentarily gave way, and he fell beneath the weight of his heavy burden. The soldiers shouted at him and kicked him, but he could not arise. When the captain saw this, knowing what Jesus had already endured, he commanded the soldiers to desist. Then he ordered a passerby, one Simon from Cyrene, to take the crossbeam from Jesus' shoulders and compelled him to carry it the rest of the way to Golgotha.

10 §§ This man Simon had come all

the way from Cyrene, in northern Africa, to attend the Passover. He was stopping with other Cyrenians just outside the city walls and was on his way to the temple services in the city when the Roman captain commanded him to carry Jesus' crossbeam. Simon lingered all through the hours of the Master's death on the cross, talking with many of his friends and with his enemies. After the resurrection and before leaving Jerusalem, he became a valiant believer in the gospel of the kingdom, and when he returned home, he led his family into the heavenly kingdom. His two sons,

Alexander and Rufus, became very effective teachers of the new gospel in Africa. But Simon never knew that Jesus, whose burden he bore, and the Jewish tutor who once befriended his injured son, were the same person.

11 §§ It was shortly after 9:00 when this procession of death arrived at Golgotha, and the Roman soldiers set themselves about the task of nailing the two brigands and the Son of Man to their respective crosses.

2. THE CRUCIFIXION

1 The soldiers first bound the Master's arms with cords to the crossbeam,

and then they nailed his hands to the wood. When they had hoisted this crossbeam up on the post, and after they had nailed it securely to the upright timber of the cross, they bound and nailed his feet to the wood, using one long nail to penetrate both feet. The upright timber had a large peg, inserted at the proper height, which served as a sort of saddle for supporting the body weight. The cross was not high, the Master's feet being only about 1 m from the ground. He was therefore able to hear all that was said of him in derision and could plainly see the expression on the faces of all

those who so thoughtlessly mocked him. And also could those present easily hear all that Jesus said during these hours of lingering torture and slow death.

2 It was the custom to remove all clothes from those who were to be crucified, but since the Jews greatly objected to the public exposure of the naked human form, the Romans always provided a suitable loin cloth for all persons crucified at Jerusalem. Accordingly, after Jesus' clothes had been removed, he was thus garbed before he was put upon the cross.

3 Crucifixion was resorted to in or-

der to provide a cruel and lingering punishment, the victim sometimes not dying for several days. There was considerable sentiment against crucifixion in Jerusalem, and there existed a society of Jewish women who always sent a representative to crucifixions for the purpose of offering drugged wine to the victim in order to lessen his suffering. But when Jesus tasted this narcotized wine, as thirsty as he was, he refused to drink it. The Master chose to retain his human consciousness until the very end. He desired to meet death, even in this cruel and inhuman form, and conquer it by voluntary sub-

mission to the full human experience.

4 Before Jesus was put on his cross, the two brigands had already been placed on their crosses, all the while cursing and spitting upon their executioners. Jesus' only words, as they nailed him to the crossbeam, were, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He could not have so mercifully and lovingly interceded for his executioners if such thoughts of affectionate devotion had not been the mainspring of all his life of unselfish service. The ideas, motives, and longings of a lifetime are openly revealed in a crisis.

5 After the Master was hoisted on the cross, the captain nailed the title up above his head, and it read in three languages, "Jesus of Nazareth — the King of the Jews." The Jews were infuriated by this believed insult. But Pilate was chafed by their disrespectful manner; he felt he had been intimidated and humiliated, and he took this method of obtaining petty revenge. He could have written "Jesus, a rebel." But he well knew how these Jerusalem Jews detested the very name of Nazareth, and he was determined thus to humiliate them. He knew that they would also be cut to the very quick

by seeing this executed Galilean called "The King of the Jews."

6 Many of the Jewish leaders, when they learned how Pilate had sought to deride them by placing this inscription on the cross of Jesus, hastened out to Golgotha, but they dared not attempt to remove it since the Roman soldiers were standing on guard. Not being able to remove the title, these leaders mingled with the crowd and did their utmost to incite derision and ridicule, lest any give serious regard to the inscription.

7 The Apostle John, with Mary the mother of Jesus, Ruth, and Jude, ar-

rived on the scene just after Jesus had been hoisted to his position on the cross, and just as the captain was nailing the title above the Master's head. John was the only one of the eleven apostles to witness the crucifixion, and even he was not present all of the time since he ran into Jerusalem to bring back his mother and her friends soon after he had brought Jesus' mother to the scene.

8 As Jesus saw his mother, with John and his brother and sister, he smiled but said nothing. Meanwhile the four soldiers assigned to the Master's crucifixion, as was the custom, had divided

his clothes among them, one taking the sandals, one the turban, one the girdle, and the fourth the cloak. This left the tunic, or seamless vestment reaching down to near the knees, to be cut up into four pieces, but when the soldiers saw what an unusual garment it was, they decided to cast lots for it. Jesus looked down on them while they divided his garments, and the thoughtless crowd jeered at him.

9 §§ It was well that the Roman soldiers took possession of the Master's clothing. Otherwise, if his followers had gained possession of these garments, they would have been tempted

to resort to superstitious relic worship. The Master desired that his followers should have nothing material to associate with his life on earth. He wanted to leave mankind only the memory of a human life dedicated to the high spiritual ideal of being consecrated to doing the Father's will.

3. THOSE WHO SAW THE CRUCIFIXION

1 At about 9:30 this Friday morning, Jesus was hung upon the cross. Before 11:00, upward of one thousand persons had assembled to witness this spectacle of the crucifixion of the Son of Man. Throughout these dreadful

hours the unseen hosts of a universe stood in silence while they gazed upon this extraordinary phenomenon of the Creator as he was dying the death of the creature, even the most ignoble death of a condemned criminal.

2 Standing near the cross at one time or another during the crucifixion were Mary, Ruth, Jude, John, Salome (John's mother), and a group of earnest women believers including Mary the wife of Clopas and sister of Jesus' mother, Mary Magdalene, and Rebecca, onetime of Sepphoris. These and other friends of Jesus held their peace while they witnessed his great

patience and fortitude and gazed upon his intense sufferings.

3 Many who passed by wagged their heads and, railing at him, said: "You who would destroy the temple and build it again in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, why do you not come down from your cross?" In like manner some of the rulers of the Jews mocked him, saying, "He saved others, but himself he cannot save." Others said, "If you are the king of the Jews, come down from the cross, and we will believe in you." And later on they mocked him the more, saying: "He trusted in God to deliver

him. He even claimed to be the Son of God — look at him now — crucified between two thieves." Even the two thieves also railed at him and cast reproach upon him.

4 Inasmuch as Jesus would make no reply to their taunts, and since it was nearing noontime of this special preparation day, by 11:30 most of the jesting and jeering crowd had gone its way; less than 50 persons remained on the scene. The soldiers now prepared to eat lunch and drink their cheap, sour wine as they settled down for the long deathwatch. As they partook of their wine, they derisively offered a

toast to Jesus, saying, "Hail and good fortune! to the king of the Jews." And they were astonished at the Master's tolerant regard of their ridicule and mocking.

5 When Jesus saw them eat and drink, he looked down upon them and said, "I thirst." When the captain of the guard heard Jesus say, "I thirst," he took some of the wine from his bottle and, putting the saturated sponge stopper upon the end of a javelin, raised it to Jesus so that he could moisten his parched lips.

6 Jesus had purposed to live without resort to his supernatural power, and

he likewise elected to die as an ordinary mortal upon the cross. He had lived as a man, and he would die as a man — doing the Father's will.

4. THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

1 One of the brigands railed at Jesus, saying, "If you are the Son of God, why do you not save yourself and us?" But when he had reproached Jesus, the other thief, who had many times heard the Master teach, said: "Do you have no fear even of God? Do you not see that we are suffering justly for our deeds, but that this man suffers unjustly? Better that we should seek for-

giveness for our sins and salvation for our souls." When Jesus heard the thief say this, he turned his face toward him and smiled approvingly. When the malefactor saw the face of Jesus turned toward him, he mustered up his courage, fanned the flickering flame of his faith, and said, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And then Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say to you today, you shall sometime be with me in Paradise."

2 The Master had time amidst the pangs of mortal death to listen to the faith confession of the believing brigand. When this thief reached out for

salvation, he found deliverance. Many times before this he had been constrained to believe in Jesus, but only in these last hours of consciousness did he turn with a whole heart toward the Master's teaching. When he saw the manner in which Jesus faced death upon the cross, this thief could no longer resist the conviction that this Son of Man was indeed the Son of God.

3 §§ During this episode of the conversion and reception of the thief into the kingdom by Jesus, the Apostle John was absent, having gone into the city to bring his mother and her

friends to the scene of the crucifixion. Luke subsequently heard this story from the converted Roman captain of the guard.

4 The Apostle John told about the crucifixion as he remembered the event two thirds of a century after its occurrence. The other records were based upon the recital of the Roman centurion on duty who, because of what he saw and heard, subsequently believed in Jesus and entered into the full fellowship of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

5 §§ This young man, the penitent brigand, had been led into a life of vio-

lence and wrongdoing by those who extolled such a career of robbery as an effective patriotic protest against political oppression and social injustice. And this sort of teaching, plus the urge for adventure, led many otherwise well-meaning youths to enlist in these daring expeditions of robbery. This young man had looked upon Barabbas as a hero. Now he saw that he had been mistaken. Here on the cross beside him he saw a really great man, a true hero. Here was a hero who fired his zeal and inspired his highest ideas of moral self-respect and quickened all his ideals of cour-

age, manhood, and bravery. In beholding Jesus, there sprang up in his heart an overwhelming sense of love, loyalty, and genuine greatness.

6 And if any other person among the jeering crowd had experienced the birth of faith within his soul and had appealed to the mercy of Jesus, he would have been received with the same loving consideration that was displayed toward the believing brigand.

7 §§ Just after the repentant thief heard the Master's promise that they should sometime meet in Paradise, John returned from the city, bringing

with him his mother and a company of almost a dozen women believers. John took up his position near Mary the mother of Jesus, supporting her. Her son Jude stood on the other side. As Jesus looked down upon this scene, it was noontide, and he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" And speaking to John, he said, "My son, behold your mother!" And then he addressed them both, saying, "I desire that you depart from this place." And so John and Jude led Mary away from Golgotha. John took the mother of Jesus to the place where he tarried in Jerusalem and then hastened back to

the scene of the crucifixion. After the Passover Mary returned to Bethsaida, where she lived at John's home for the rest of her natural life. Mary did not live quite one year after the death of Jesus.

8 After Mary left, the other women withdrew for a short distance and remained in attendance upon Jesus until he expired on the cross, and they were yet standing by when the body of the Master was taken down for burial.

5. LAST HOUR ON THE CROSS

1 Although it was early in the season for such a phenomenon, shortly

after 12:00 the sky darkened by reason of the fine sand in the air. The people of Jerusalem knew that this meant the coming of one of those hot-wind sandstorms from the Arabian Desert. Before 13:00 the sky was so dark the sun was hid, and the remainder of the crowd hastened back to the city. When the Master gave up his life shortly after this hour, less than 30 people were present, only the 13 Roman soldiers and a group of about 15 believers. These believers were all women except two, Jude, Jesus' brother, and John Zebedee, who returned to the scene just before the Master ex-

pired.

2 Shortly after 13:00, amidst the increasing darkness of the fierce sandstorm, Jesus began to fail in human consciousness. His last words of mercy, forgiveness, and admonition had been spoken. His last wish — concerning the care of his mother — had been expressed. During this hour of approaching death the human mind of Jesus resorted to the repetition of many passages in the Hebrew scriptures, particularly the Psalms. The last conscious thought of the human Jesus was concerned with the repetition in his mind of a portion of the Book

of Psalms now known as the 20th, 21st, and 22nd Psalms. While his lips would often move, he was too weak to utter the words as these passages, which he so well knew by heart, would pass through his mind. Only a few times did those standing by catch some utterance, such as, "I know the Lord will save his anointed," "Your hand shall find out all my enemies," and "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus did not for one moment entertain the slightest doubt that he had lived in accordance with the Father's will; and he never doubted that he was now laying down his life in

the flesh in accordance with his Father's will. He did not feel that the Father had forsaken him; he was merely reciting in his vanishing consciousness many Scriptures, among them this 22nd Psalm, which begins with "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And this happened to be one of the three passages which were spoken with sufficient clearness to be heard by those standing by.

3 §§ The last request which the mortal Jesus made of his fellows was about 13:30 when, a second time, he said, "I thirst," and the same captain of the guard again moistened his lips with

the same sponge wet in the sour wine, in those days commonly called vinegar.

4 §§ The sandstorm grew in intensity and the heavens increasingly darkened. Still the soldiers and the small group of believers stood by. The soldiers crouched near the cross, huddled together to protect themselves from the cutting sand. The mother of John and others watched from a distance where they were somewhat sheltered by an overhanging rock. When the Master finally breathed his last, there were present at the foot of his cross John Zebedee, his brother Jude, his sis-

ter Ruth, Mary Magdalene, and Rebecca, onetime of Sepphoris.

5 It was just before 15:00 when Jesus, with a loud voice, cried out, "It is finished! Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And when he had thus spoken, he bowed his head and gave up the life struggle. When the Roman centurion saw how Jesus died, he smote his breast and said: "This was indeed a righteous man; truly he must have been a Son of God." And from that hour he began to believe in Jesus.

6 §§ Jesus died royally — as he had lived. He freely admitted his kingship and remained master of the situation

throughout the tragic day. He went willingly to his ignominious death, after he had provided for the safety of his chosen apostles. He wisely restrained Peter's trouble-making violence and provided that John might be near him right up to the end of his mortal existence. He revealed his true nature to the murderous Sanhedrin and reminded Pilate of the source of his sovereign authority as a Son of God. He started out to Golgotha bearing his own crossbeam and finished up his loving bestowal by handing over his spirit of mortal acquirement to the Paradise Father. After such a life —

and at such a death — the Master could truly say, "It is finished."

7 §§ Because this was the preparation day for both the Passover and the Sabbath, the Jews did not want these bodies to be exposed on Golgotha. Therefore they went before Pilate asking that the legs of these three men be broken, that they be dispatched, so that they could be taken down from their crosses and cast into the criminal burial pits before sundown. When Pilate heard this request, he forthwith sent three soldiers to break the legs and dispatch Jesus and the two brigands.

8 When these soldiers arrived at Golgotha, they did accordingly to the two thieves, but they found Jesus already dead, much to their surprise. However, in order to make sure of his death, one of the soldiers pierced his left side with his spear. Though it was common for the victims of crucifixion to linger alive upon the cross for even two or three days, the overwhelming emotional agony and the acute spiritual anguish of Jesus brought an end to his mortal life in the flesh in a little

less than 5½ hours.

6. AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION

1 In the midst of the darkness of the sandstorm, about 15:30, David Zebedee sent out the last of the messengers carrying the news of the Master's death. The last of his runners he dispatched to the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany, where he supposed the mother of Jesus stopped with the rest of her family.

2 After the death of the Master, John sent the women, in charge of Jude, to the home of Elijah Mark, where they tarried over the Sabbath

day. John himself, being well known by this time to the Roman centurion, remained at Golgotha until Joseph and Nicodemus arrived on the scene with an order from Pilate authorizing them to take possession of the body of Jesus.

3 Thus ended a day of tragedy and sorrow for a vast universe whose myriads of intelligences had shuddered at the shocking spectacle of the crucifixion of the human incarnation of their beloved Sovereign; they were stunned by this exhibition of mortal callousness and human perversity.

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THE TIME OF THE TOMB

Midwayer Commission

The day and a half that Jesus' mortal body lay in the tomb of Joseph, the period between his death on the cross and his resurrection, is a chapter in the earth career of Michael which is little known to us. We can narrate the burial of the Son of Man and put in this record the events associated with his resurrection, but we cannot supply much information

of an authentic nature about what really transpired during this epoch of about 36 hours, from 15:00 Friday to 03:00 Sunday morning. This period in the Master's career began shortly before he was taken down from the cross by the Roman soldiers. He hung upon the cross about one hour after his death. He would have been taken down sooner but for the delay in dispatching the two brigands.

2 The rulers of the Jews had planned to have Jesus' body thrown in the open burial pits of Gehenna, south of the city; it was the custom thus to dispose of the victims of crucifixion. If this

plan had been followed, the body of the Master would have been exposed to the wild beasts.

3 In the meantime, Joseph of Arimathea, accompanied by Nicodemus, had gone to Pilate and asked that the body of Jesus be turned over to them for proper burial. It was not uncommon for friends of crucified persons to offer bribes to the Roman authorities for the privilege of gaining possession of such bodies. Joseph went before Pilate with a large sum of money, in case it became necessary to pay for permission to remove Jesus' body to a private burial tomb. But Pilate would not take

money for this. When he heard the request, he quickly signed the order which authorized Joseph to proceed to Golgotha and take immediate and full possession of the Master's body. In the meantime, the sandstorm having considerably abated, a group of Jews representing the Sanhedrin had gone out to Golgotha for the purpose of making sure that Jesus' body accompanied those of the brigands to the open public burial pits.

1. THE BURIAL OF JESUS

1 When Joseph and Nicodemus arrived at Golgotha, they found the sol-

diers taking Jesus down from the cross and the representatives of the Sanhedrin standing by to see that none of Jesus' followers prevented his body from going to the criminal burial pits. When Joseph presented Pilate's order for the Master's body to the centurion, the Jews raised a tumult and clamoured for its possession. In their raving they sought violently to take possession of the body, and when they did this, the centurion ordered four of his soldiers to his side, and with drawn swords they stood astride the Master's body as it lay there on the ground. The centurion ordered the other sol-

diers to leave the two thieves while they drove back this angry mob of infuriated Jews. When order had been restored, the centurion read the permit from Pilate to the Jews and, stepping aside, said to Joseph: "This body is yours to do with as you see fit. I and my soldiers will stand by to see that no man interferes."

2 A crucified person could not be buried in a Jewish cemetery; there was a strict law against such a procedure. Joseph and Nicodemus knew this law, and on the way out to Golgotha they had decided to bury Jesus in Joseph's new family tomb, hewn out of solid

rock, located a short distance north of Golgotha and across the road leading to Samaria. No one had ever lain in this tomb, and they thought it appropriate that the Master should rest there. Joseph really believed that Jesus would rise from the dead, but Nicodemus was very doubtful. These former members of the Sanhedrin had kept their faith in Jesus more or less of a secret, although their fellow Sanhedrists had long suspected them, even before they withdrew from the council. From now on they were the most outspoken disciples of Jesus in all Jerusalem.

3 At about 16:30 the burial proces-

sion of Jesus of Nazareth started from Golgotha for Joseph's tomb across the way. The body was wrapped in a linen sheet as the four men carried it, followed by the faithful women watchers from Galilee. The mortals who bore the material body of Jesus to the tomb were: Joseph, Nicodemus, John, and the Roman centurion.

4 They carried the body into the tomb, a chamber about 3 m^2, where they hurriedly prepared it for burial. The Jews did not really bury their dead; they actually embalmed them. Joseph and Nicodemus had brought with them large quantities of myrrh

and aloes, and they now wrapped the body with bandages saturated with these solutions. When the embalming was completed, they tied a napkin about the face, wrapped the body in a linen sheet, and reverently placed it on a shelf in the tomb.

5 After placing the body in the tomb, the centurion signalled for his soldiers to help roll the doorstone up before the entrance to the tomb. The soldiers then departed for Gehenna with the bodies of the thieves while the others returned to Jerusalem, in sorrow, to observe the Passover feast according to the laws of Moses.

6 There was considerable hurry and haste about the burial of Jesus because this was preparation day and the Sabbath was drawing on apace. The men hurried back to the city, but the women lingered near the tomb until it was very dark.

7 While all this was going on, the women were hiding near at hand so that they saw it all and observed where the Master had been laid. They thus secreted themselves because it was not permissible for women to associate with men at such a time. These women did not think Jesus had been properly prepared for burial, and they

agreed among themselves to go back to the home of Joseph, rest over the Sabbath, make ready spices and ointments, and return on Sunday morning properly to prepare the Master's body for the death rest. The women who thus tarried by the tomb on this Friday evening were: Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Clopas, Martha another sister of Jesus' mother, and Rebecca of Sepphoris.

8 Aside from David Zebedee and Joseph of Arimathea, very few of Jesus' disciples really believed or understood that he was due to arise from the tomb

on the third day.

2. SAFEGUARDING THE TOMB

1 If Jesus' followers were unmindful of his promise to rise from the grave on the third day, his enemies were not. The chief priests, Pharisees, and Sadducees recalled that they had received reports of his saying he would rise from the dead.

2 This Friday night, after the Passover supper, about midnight a group of the Jewish leaders gathered at the home of Caiaphas, where they discussed their fears concerning the Master's assertions that he would rise from

the dead on the third day. This meeting ended with the appointment of a committee of Sanhedrists who were to visit Pilate early the next day, bearing the official request of the Sanhedrin that a Roman guard be stationed before Jesus' tomb to prevent his friends from tampering with it. Said the spokesman of this committee to Pilate: "Sir, we remember that this deceiver, Jesus of Nazareth, said, while he was yet alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' We have, therefore, come before you to request that you issue such orders as will make the sepulchre secure against his followers, at least un-

til after the third day. We greatly fear lest his disciples come and steal him away by night and then proclaim to the people that he has risen from the dead. If we should permit this to happen, this mistake would be far worse than to have allowed him to live."

3 When Pilate heard this request of the Sanhedrists, he said: "I will give you a guard of ten soldiers. Go your way and make the tomb secure." They went back to the temple, secured ten of their own guards, and then marched out to Joseph's tomb with these ten Jewish guards and ten Roman soldiers, even on this Sabbath

morning, to set them as watchmen before the tomb. These men rolled yet another stone before the tomb and set the seal of Pilate on and around these stones, lest they be disturbed without their knowledge. And these 20 men remained on watch up to the hour of the resurrection, the Jews carrying them their food and drink.

3. DURING THE SABBATH DAY

1 Throughout this Sabbath day the disciples and the apostles remained in hiding, while all Jerusalem discussed the death of Jesus on the cross. There were almost 1,500,000 Jews present in

Jerusalem at this time, hailing from all parts of the Roman Empire and from Mesopotamia. This was the beginning of the Passover week, and all these pilgrims would be in the city to learn of the resurrection of Jesus and to carry the report back to their homes.

2 Late Saturday night, John Mark summoned the eleven apostles secretly to come to the home of his father, where, just before midnight, they all assembled in the same upper chamber where they had partaken of the Last Supper with their Master two nights previously.

3 Mary the mother of Jesus, with

Ruth and Jude, returned to Bethany to join their family this Saturday evening just before sunset. David Zebedee remained at the home of Nicodemus, where he had arranged for his messengers to assemble early Sunday morning. The women of Galilee, who prepared spices for the further embalming of Jesus' body, tarried at the home of Joseph of Arimathea.

4 §§ We are not able fully to explain just what happened to Jesus of Nazareth during this period of a day and a half when he was supposed to be resting in Joseph's new tomb. Apparently he died the same natural death on the

cross as would any other mortal in the same circumstances. We heard him say, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." We do not fully understand the meaning of such a statement inasmuch as his Thought Adjuster had long since been personalized and so maintained an existence apart from Jesus' mortal being. The Master's Personalized Adjuster could in no sense be affected by his physical death on the cross. That which Jesus put in the Father's hands for the time being must have been the spirit counterpart of the Adjuster's early work in spiritizing the mortal mind so as to

provide for the transfer of the transcript of the human experience to the mansion worlds. There must have been some spiritual reality in the experience of Jesus which was analogous to the spirit nature, or soul, of the faith-growing mortals of the spheres. But this is merely our opinion — we do not really know what Jesus commended to his Father.

5 We know that the physical form of the Master rested there in Joseph's tomb until about 03:00 Sunday, but we are wholly uncertain regarding the status of the personality of Jesus during that period of 36 hours. We

have sometimes dared to explain these things to ourselves somewhat as follows:

6 1. The Creator consciousness of Michael must have been at large and wholly free from its associated mortal mind of the physical incarnation.

7 2. The former Thought Adjuster of Jesus we know to have been present on earth during this period and in personal command of the assembled celestial hosts.

8 3. The acquired spirit identity of the man of Nazareth which was built up during his lifetime in the flesh, first, by the direct efforts of his Thought

Adjuster, and later, by his own perfect adjustment between the physical necessities and the spiritual requirements of the ideal mortal existence, as it was effected by his never-ceasing choice of the Father's will, must have been consigned to the custody of the Paradise Father. Whether or not this spirit reality returned to become a part of the resurrected personality, we do not know, but we believe it did. But there are those in the universe who hold that this soul-identity of Jesus now reposes in the "bosom of the Father," to be subsequently released for leadership of the Nebadon Corps of

the Finality in their undisclosed destiny in connection with the uncreated universes of the unorganized realms of outer space.

9 4. We think the human or mortal consciousness of Jesus slept during these 36 hours. We have reason to believe that the human Jesus knew nothing of what transpired in the universe during this period. To the mortal consciousness there appeared no lapse of time; the resurrection of life followed the sleep of death as of the same instant.

10 §§ And this is about all we can place on record regarding the status of

Jesus during this period of the tomb. There are a number of correlated facts to which we can allude, although we are hardly competent to undertake their interpretation.

11 In the vast court of the resurrection halls of the first mansion world of Satania, there may now be observed a magnificent material-morontia structure known as the "Michael Memorial," now bearing the seal of Gabriel. This memorial was created shortly after Michael departed from this world, and it bears this inscription: "In commemoration of the mortal transit of Jesus of Nazareth on Urantia."

12 There are records extant which show that during this period the supreme council of Salvington, numbering one hundred, held an executive meeting on Urantia under the presidency of Gabriel. There are also records showing that the Ancients of Days of Uversa communicated with Michael regarding the status of the universe of Nebadon during this time.

13 We know that at least one message passed between Michael and Immanuel on Salvington while the Master's body lay in the tomb.

14 There is good reason for believing that some personality sat in the

seat of Caligastia in the system council of the Planetary Princes on Jerusem which convened while the body of Jesus rested in the tomb.

15 The records of Edentia indicate that the Constellation Father of Norlatiadek was on Urantia, and that he received instructions from Michael during this time of the tomb.

16 And there is much other evidence which suggests that not all of the personality of Jesus was asleep and unconscious during this time of apparent

physical death.

4. MEANING OF THE DEATH ON THE CROSS

1 Although Jesus did not die this death on the cross to atone for the racial guilt of mortal man nor to provide some sort of effective approach to an otherwise offended and unforgiving God; even though the Son of Man did not offer himself as a sacrifice to appease the wrath of God and to open the way for sinful man to obtain salvation; notwithstanding that these ideas of atonement and propitiation are erroneous, nonetheless, there are significances attached to this death of Jesus

on the cross which should not be overlooked. It is a fact that Urantia has become known among other neighbouring inhabited planets as the "World of the Cross."

2 Jesus desired to live a full mortal life in the flesh on Urantia. Death is, ordinarily, a part of life. Death is the last act in the mortal drama. In your well-meant efforts to escape the superstitious errors of the false interpretation of the meaning of the death on the cross, you should be careful not to make the great mistake of failing to perceive the true significance and the genuine import of the Master's death.

3 §§ Mortal man was never the property of the archdeceivers. Jesus did not die to ransom man from the clutch of the apostate rulers and fallen princes of the spheres. The Father in heaven never conceived of such crass injustice as damning a mortal soul because of the evil-doing of his ancestors. Neither was the Master's death on the cross a sacrifice which consisted in an effort to pay God a debt which the race of mankind had come to owe him.

4 Before Jesus lived on earth, you might possibly have been justified in believing in such a God, but not since

the Master lived and died among your fellow mortals. Moses taught the dignity and justice of a Creator God; but Jesus portrayed the love and mercy of a heavenly Father.

5 The animal nature — the tendency toward evil-doing — may be hereditary, but sin is not transmitted from parent to child. Sin is the act of conscious and deliberate rebellion against the Father's will and the Sons' laws by an individual will creature.

6 Jesus lived and died for a whole universe, not just for the races of this one world. While the mortals of the realms had salvation even before Jesus

lived and died on Urantia, it is nevertheless a fact that his bestowal on this world greatly illuminated the way of salvation; his death did much to make forever plain the certainty of mortal survival after death in the flesh.

7 Though it is hardly proper to speak of Jesus as a sacrificer, a ransomer, or a redeemer, it is wholly correct to refer to him as a *saviour.* He forever made the way of salvation (survival) more clear and certain; he did better and more surely show the way of salvation for all the mortals of all the worlds of the universe of Nebadon.

8 When once you grasp the idea of

God as a true and loving Father, the only concept which Jesus ever taught, you must forthwith, in all consistency, utterly abandon all those primitive notions about God as an offended monarch, a stern and all-powerful ruler whose chief delight is to detect his subjects in wrongdoing and to see that they are adequately punished, unless some being almost equal to himself should volunteer to suffer for them, to die as a substitute and in their stead. The whole idea of ransom and atonement is incompatible with the concept of God as it was taught and exemplified by Jesus of Nazareth.

The infinite love of God is not secondary to anything in the divine nature.

9 All this concept of atonement and sacrificial salvation is rooted and grounded in selfishness. Jesus taught that *service* to one's fellows is the highest concept of the brotherhood of spirit believers. Salvation should be taken for granted by those who believe in the fatherhood of God. The believer's chief concern should not be the selfish desire for personal salvation but rather the unselfish urge to love and, therefore, serve one's fellows even as Jesus loved and served mortal men.

10 Neither do genuine believers trouble themselves so much about the future punishment of sin. The real believer is only concerned about present separation from God. True, wise fathers may chasten their sons, but they do all this in love and for corrective purposes. They do not punish in anger, neither do they chastise in retribution.

11 Even if God were the stern and legal monarch of a universe in which justice ruled supreme, he certainly would not be satisfied with the childish scheme of substituting an innocent sufferer for a guilty offender.

12 The great thing about the death of Jesus, as it is related to the enrichment of human experience and the enlargement of the way of salvation, is not the *fact* of his death but rather the superb manner and the matchless spirit in which he met death.

13 This entire idea of the ransom of the atonement places salvation upon a plane of unreality; such a concept is purely philosophic. Human salvation is *real;* it is based on two realities which may be grasped by the creature's faith and thereby become incorporated into individual human experience: the fact of the fatherhood

of God and its correlated truth, the brotherhood of man. It is true, after all, that you are to be "forgiven your debts, even as you forgive your debtors."

5. LESSONS FROM THE CROSS

1 The cross of Jesus portrays the full measure of the supreme devotion of the true shepherd for even the unworthy members of his flock. It forever places all relations between God and man upon the family basis. God is the Father; man is his son. Love, the love of a father for his son, becomes the central truth in the universe rela-

tions of Creator and creature — not the justice of a king which seeks satisfaction in the sufferings and punishment of the evil-doing subject.

2 The cross forever shows that the attitude of Jesus toward sinners was neither condemnation nor condonation, but rather eternal and loving salvation. Jesus is truly a saviour in the sense that his life and death do win men over to goodness and righteous survival. Jesus loves men so much that his love awakens the response of love in the human heart. Love is truly contagious and eternally creative. Jesus' death on the cross exemplifies a love

which is sufficiently strong and divine to forgive sin and swallow up all evil-doing. Jesus disclosed to this world a higher quality of righteousness than justice — mere technical right and wrong. Divine love does not merely forgive wrongs; it absorbs and actually destroys them. The forgiveness of love utterly transcends the forgiveness of mercy. Mercy sets the guilt of evil-doing to one side; but love destroys forever the sin and all weakness resulting therefrom. Jesus brought a new method of living to Urantia. He taught us not to resist evil but to find through him a goodness which effec-

tually destroys evil. The forgiveness of Jesus is not condonation; it is salvation from condemnation. Salvation does not slight wrongs; it *makes them right.* True love does not compromise nor condone hate; it destroys it. The love of Jesus is never satisfied with mere forgiveness. The Master's love implies rehabilitation, eternal survival. It is altogether proper to speak of salvation as redemption if you mean this eternal rehabilitation.

3 Jesus, by the power of his personal love for men, could break the hold of sin and evil. He thereby set men free to choose better ways of living. Jesus

portrayed a deliverance from the past which in itself promised a triumph for the future. Forgiveness thus provided salvation. The beauty of divine love, once fully admitted to the human heart, forever destroys the charm of sin and the power of evil.

4 §§ The sufferings of Jesus were not confined to the crucifixion. In reality, Jesus of Nazareth spent upward of 25 years on the cross of a real and intense mortal existence. The real value of the cross consists in the fact that it was the supreme and final expression of his love, the completed revelation of his mercy.

5 §§ On millions of inhabited worlds, tens of trillions of evolving creatures who may have been tempted to give up the moral struggle and abandon the good fight of faith, have taken one more look at Jesus on the cross and then have forged on ahead, inspired by the sight of God's laying down his incarnate life in devotion to the unselfish service of man.

6 The triumph of the death on the cross is all summed up in the spirit of Jesus' attitude toward those who assailed him. He made the cross an eternal symbol of the triumph of love over hate and the victory of truth over

evil when he prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." That devotion of love was contagious throughout a vast universe; the disciples caught it from their Master. The very first teacher of his gospel who was called upon to lay down his life in this service, said, as they stoned him to death, "Lay not this sin to their charge."

7 The cross makes a supreme appeal to the best in man because it discloses one who was willing to lay down his life in the service of his fellow men. Greater love no man can have than this: that he would be willing to lay

down his life for his friends — and Jesus had such a love that he was willing to lay down his life for his enemies, a love greater than any which had hitherto been known on earth.

8 On other worlds, as well as on Urantia, this sublime spectacle of the death of the human Jesus on the cross of Golgotha has stirred the emotions of mortals, while it has aroused the highest devotion of the angels.

9 §§ The cross is that high symbol of sacred service, the devotion of one's life to the welfare and salvation of one's fellows. The cross is not the symbol of the sacrifice of the innocent Son of

God in the place of guilty sinners and in order to appease the wrath of an offended God, but it does stand forever, on earth and throughout a vast universe, as a sacred symbol of the good bestowing themselves upon the evil and thereby saving them by this very devotion of love. The cross does stand as the token of the highest form of unselfish service, the supreme devotion of the full bestowal of a righteous life in the service of wholehearted ministry, even in death, the death of the cross. And the very sight of this great symbol of the bestowal life of Jesus truly inspires all of us to want to go

and do likewise.

10 When thinking men and women look upon Jesus as he offers up his life on the cross, they will hardly again permit themselves to complain at even the severest hardships of life, much less at petty harassments and their many purely fictitious grievances. His life was so glorious and his death so triumphant that we are all enticed to a willingness to share both. There is true drawing power in the whole bestowal of Michael, from the days of his youth to this overwhelming spectacle of his death on the cross.

11 Make sure, then, that when you

view the cross as a revelation of God, you do not look with the eyes of the primitive man nor with the viewpoint of the later barbarian, both of whom regarded God as a relentless Sovereign of stern justice and rigid law-enforcement. Rather, make sure that you see in the cross the final manifestation of the love and devotion of Jesus to his life mission of bestowal upon the mortal races of his vast universe. See in the death of the Son of Man the climax of the unfolding of the Father's divine love for his sons of the mortal spheres. The cross thus portrays the devotion of willing affection and the

bestowal of voluntary salvation upon those who are willing to receive such gifts and devotion. There was nothing in the cross which the Father required — only that which Jesus so willingly gave, and which he refused to avoid.

12 §§ If man cannot otherwise appreciate Jesus and understand the meaning of his bestowal on earth, he can at least comprehend the fellowship of his mortal sufferings. No man can ever fear that the Creator does not know the nature or extent of his temporal afflictions.

13 We know that the death on the cross was not to effect man's reconcil-

iation to God but to stimulate man's *realization* of the Father's eternal love and his Son's unending mercy, and to broadcast these universal truths to a whole universe.

PAPER 189

THE RESURRECTION

Midwayer Commission

Soon after the burial of Jesus on Friday afternoon, the chief of the archangels of Nebadon, then present on Urantia, summoned his council of the resurrection of sleeping will creatures and entered upon the consideration of a possible technique for the restoration of Jesus. These assembled sons of the local universe, the creatures of Michael, did this on their own responsibility; Gabriel had not

assembled them. By midnight they had arrived at the conclusion that the creature could do nothing to facilitate the resurrection of the Creator. They were disposed to accept the advice of Gabriel, who instructed them that, since Michael had "laid down his life of his own free will, he also had power to take it up again in accordance with his own determination." Shortly after the adjournment of this council of the archangels, the Life Carriers, and their various associates in the work of creature rehabilitation and morontia creation, the Personalized Adjuster of Jesus, being in personal command of

the assembled celestial hosts then on Urantia, spoke these words to the anxious waiting watchers:

2 "Not one of you can do aught to assist your Creator-father in the return to life. As a mortal of the realm he has experienced mortal death; as the Sovereign of a universe he still lives. That which you observe is the mortal transit of Jesus of Nazareth from life in the flesh to life in the morontia. The spirit transit of this Jesus was completed at the time I separated myself from his personality and became your temporary director. Your Creator-father has elected to pass through the whole of

the experience of his mortal creatures, from birth on the material worlds, on through natural death and the resurrection of the morontia, into the status of true spirit existence. A certain phase of this experience you are about to observe, but you may not participate in it. Those things which you ordinarily do for the creature, you may not do for the Creator. A Creator Son has within himself the power to bestow himself in the likeness of any of his created sons; he has within himself the power to lay down his observable life and to take it up again; and he has this power because of the direct

command of the Paradise Father, and I know whereof I speak."

3 When they heard the Personalized Adjuster so speak, they all assumed the attitude of anxious expectancy, from Gabriel down to the most humble cherubim. They saw the mortal body of Jesus in the tomb; they detected evidences of the universe activity of their beloved Sovereign; and not understanding such phenomena, they waited patiently for developments.

1. THE MORONTIA TRANSIT

1 At 02:45 Sunday morning, the Paradise incarnation commission, con-

sisting of seven unidentified Paradise personalities, arrived on the scene and immediately deployed themselves about the tomb. At 02:50, intense vibrations of commingled material and morontia activities began to issue from Joseph's new tomb, and at 03:02, this Sunday morning, April 9, A.D. 30, the resurrected morontia form and personality of Jesus of Nazareth came forth from the tomb.

2 After the resurrected Jesus emerged from his burial tomb, the body of flesh in which he had lived and wrought on earth for almost 36 years was still lying there in the sepulchre niche, undis-

turbed and wrapped in the linen sheet, just as it had been laid to rest by Joseph and his associates on Friday afternoon. Neither was the stone before the entrance of the tomb in any way disturbed; the seal of Pilate was still unbroken; the soldiers were still on guard. The temple guards had been on continuous duty; the Roman guard had been changed at midnight. None of these watchers suspected that the object of their vigil had risen to a new and higher form of existence, and that the body which they were guarding was now a discarded outer covering which had no further connection with

the delivered and resurrected morontia personality of Jesus.

3 §§ Mankind is slow to perceive that, in all that is personal, matter is the skeleton of morontia, and that both are the reflected shadow of enduring spirit reality. How long before you will regard time as the moving image of eternity[1] and space as the fleeting shadow of Paradise realities?

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[1] This is a quote from Plato's "Timæus" 37d. In Cooper's translation it reads: *And so he began to think of making a moving image of eternity: at the same time as he brought order to the universe, he would make an eternal image, moving according to number, of eternity remaining in unity. This number, of course, is what we now call "time."*

4 As far as we can judge, no creature of this universe nor any personality from another universe had anything to do with this morontia resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. On Friday he laid down his life as a mortal of the realm; on Sunday morning he took it up again as a morontia being of the system of Satania in Norlatiadek. There is much about the resurrection of Jesus which we do not understand. But we know that it occurred as we have stated and at about the time indicated. We can also record that all known phenomena associated with this mortal transit, or morontia

resurrection, occurred right there in Joseph's new tomb, where the mortal material remains of Jesus lay wrapped in burial cloths.

5 We know that no creature of the local universe participated in this morontia awakening. We perceived the seven personalities of Paradise surround the tomb, but we did not see them do anything in connection with the Master's awakening. Just as soon as Jesus appeared beside Gabriel, just above the tomb, the seven personalities from Paradise signalized their intention of immediate departure for Uversa.

6 Let us forever clarify the concept of the resurrection of Jesus by making the following statements:

7 1. His material or physical body was not a part of the resurrected personality. When Jesus came forth from the tomb, his body of flesh remained undisturbed in the sepulchre. He emerged from the burial tomb without moving the stones before the entrance and without disturbing the seals of Pilate.

8 2. He did not emerge from the tomb as a spirit nor as Michael of Nebadon; he did not appear in the form of the Creator Sovereign, such as he

had had before his incarnation in the likeness of mortal flesh on Urantia.

9 3. He did come forth from this tomb of Joseph in the very likeness of the morontia personalities of those who, as resurrected morontia ascendant beings, emerge from the resurrection halls of the first mansion world of this local system of Satania. And the presence of the Michael memorial in the centre of the vast court of the resurrection halls of mansonia number one leads us to conjecture that the Master's resurrection on Urantia was in some way fostered on this, the first of the system mansion worlds.

10 §§ The first act of Jesus on arising from the tomb was to greet Gabriel and instruct him to continue in executive charge of universe affairs under Immanuel, and then he directed the chief of the Melchizedeks to convey his brotherly greetings to Immanuel. He thereupon asked the Most High of Edentia for the certification of the Ancients of Days as to his mortal transit; and turning to the assembled morontia groups of the seven mansion worlds, here gathered together to greet and welcome their Creator as a creature of their order, Jesus spoke the first words of the postmortal career. Said

the morontia Jesus: "Having finished my life in the flesh, I would tarry here for a short time in transition form that I may more fully know the life of my ascendant creatures and further reveal the will of my Father in Paradise."

11 After Jesus had spoken, he signalled to the Personalized Adjuster, and all universe intelligences who had been assembled on Urantia to witness the resurrection were immediately dispatched to their respective universe assignments.

12 Jesus now began the contacts of the morontia level, being introduced, as a creature, to the requirements of

the life he had chosen to live for a short time on Urantia. This initiation into the morontia world required more than an hour of earth time and was twice interrupted by his desire to communicate with his former associates in the flesh as they came out from Jerusalem wonderingly to peer into the empty tomb to discover what they considered evidence of his resurrection.

13 Now is the mortal transit of Jesus — the morontia resurrection of the Son of Man — completed. The transitory experience of the Master as a personality midway between the ma-

terial and the spiritual has begun. And he has done all this through power inherent within himself; no personality has rendered him any assistance. He now lives as Jesus of morontia, and as he begins this morontia life, the material body of his flesh lies there undisturbed in the tomb. The soldiers are still on guard, and the seal of the governor about the rocks has not yet been broken.

2. THE MATERIAL BODY OF JESUS

1 At 03:10, as the resurrected Jesus fraternized with the assembled morontia personalities from the seven

mansion worlds of Satania, the chief of archangels — the angels of the resurrection — approached Gabriel and asked for the mortal body of Jesus. Said the chief of the archangels: "We may not participate in the morontia resurrection of the bestowal experience of Michael our sovereign, but we would have his mortal remains put in our custody for immediate dissolution. We do not propose to employ our technique of dematerialization; we merely wish to invoke the process of accelerated time[1]. It is

[1] Both this and the "turning of water into wine" can be explained by invoking the *locally-coherent*

enough that we have seen the Sovereign live and die on Urantia; the hosts of heaven would be spared the memory of enduring the sight of the slow decay of the human form of the Creator and Upholder of a universe. In the name of the celestial intelligences of all Nebadon, I ask for a mandate giving me the custody of the mortal body of Jesus of Nazareth and empowering us to proceed with its immediate dissolution."

2 And when Gabriel had conferred

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time hypothesis, presented in the book А. Бич "Природа времени: Гипотеза о происхождении и физической сущности времени", 2002, АСТ.

with the senior Most High of Edentia, the archangel spokesman for the celestial hosts was given permission to make such disposition of the physical remains of Jesus as he might determine.

3 After the chief of archangels had been granted this request, he summoned to his assistance many of his fellows, together with a numerous host of the representatives of all orders of celestial personalities, and then, with the aid of the Urantia midwayers, proceeded to take possession of Jesus' physical body. This body of death was a purely material creation; it was

physical and literal; it could not be removed from the tomb as the morontia form of the resurrection had been able to escape the sealed sepulchre. By the aid of certain morontia auxiliary personalities, the morontia form can be made at one time as of the spirit so that it can become indifferent to ordinary matter, while at another time it can become discernible and contactable to material beings, such as the mortals of the realm.

4 As they made ready to remove the body of Jesus from the tomb preparatory to according it the dignified and reverent disposal of near-

instantaneous dissolution, it was assigned the secondary Urantia midwayers to roll away the stones from the entrance of the tomb. The larger of these two stones was a huge circular affair, much like a millstone, and it moved in a groove chiselled out of the rock, so that it could be rolled back and forth to open or close the tomb. When the watching Jewish guards and the Roman soldiers, in the dim light of the morning, saw this huge stone begin to roll away from the entrance of the tomb, apparently of its own accord — without any visible means to account for such motion — they were seized

with fear and panic, and they fled in haste from the scene. The Jews fled to their homes, afterwards going back to report these doings to their captain at the temple. The Romans fled to the fortress of Antonia and reported what they had seen to the centurion as soon as he arrived on duty.

5 The Jewish leaders began the sordid business of supposedly getting rid of Jesus by offering bribes to the traitorous Judas, and now, when confronted with this embarrassing situation, instead of thinking of punishing the guards who deserted their post, they resorted to bribing these guards

and the Roman soldiers. They paid each of these 20 men a sum of money and instructed them to say to all: "While we slept during the nighttime, his disciples came upon us and took away the body." And the Jewish leaders made solemn promises to the soldiers to defend them before Pilate in case it should ever come to the governor's knowledge that they had accepted a bribe.

6 §§ The Christian belief in the resurrection of Jesus has been based on the fact of the "empty tomb." It was indeed a *fact* that the tomb was empty, but this is not the *truth* of the resur-

rection. The tomb was truly empty when the first believers arrived, and this fact, associated with that of the undoubted resurrection of the Master, led to the formulation of a belief which was not true: the teaching that the material and mortal body of Jesus was raised from the grave. Truth having to do with spiritual realities and eternal values cannot always be built up by a combination of apparent facts. Although individual facts may be materially true, it does not follow that the association of a group of facts must necessarily lead to truthful spiritual conclusions.

7 The tomb of Joseph was empty, not because the body of Jesus had been rehabilitated or resurrected, but because the celestial hosts had been granted their request to afford it a special and unique dissolution, a return of the "dust to dust," without the intervention of the delays of time and without the operation of the ordinary and visible processes of mortal decay and material corruption.

8 The mortal remains of Jesus underwent the same natural process of elemental disintegration as characterizes all human bodies on earth except that, in point of time, this natural

mode of dissolution was greatly accelerated, hastened to that point where it became well-nigh instantaneous.

9 The true evidences of the resurrection of Michael are spiritual in nature, albeit this teaching is corroborated by the testimony of many mortals of the realm who met, recognized, and communed with the resurrected morontia Master. He became a part of the personal experience of almost one thousand human beings before he finally took leave of Urantia.

3. THE DISPENSATIONAL RESURRECTION

1 A little after 04:30 this Sun-

day morning, Gabriel summoned the archangels to his side and made ready to inaugurate the general resurrection of the termination of the Adamic dispensation on Urantia. When the vast host of the seraphim and the cherubim concerned in this great event had been marshaled in proper formation, the morontia Michael appeared before Gabriel, saying: "As my Father has life in himself, so has he given it to the Son to have life in himself. Although I have not yet fully resumed the exercise of universe jurisdiction, this self-imposed limitation does not in any manner restrict the bestowal of life upon

my sleeping sons; let the roll call of the planetary resurrection begin."

2 The circuit of the archangels then operated for the first time from Urantia. Gabriel and the archangel hosts moved to the place of the spiritual polarity of the planet; and when Gabriel gave the signal, there flashed to the first of the system mansion worlds the voice of Gabriel, saying: "By the mandate of Michael, let the dead of a Urantia dispensation rise!" Then all the survivors of the human races of Urantia who had fallen asleep since the days of Adam, and who had not already gone on to judgment, appeared in the res-

urrection halls of mansonia in readiness for morontia investiture. And in an instant of time the seraphim and their associates made ready to depart for the mansion worlds. Ordinarily these seraphic guardians, onetime assigned to the group custody of these surviving mortals, would have been present at the moment of their awaking in the resurrection halls of mansonia, but they were on this world itself at this time because of the necessity of Gabriel's presence here in connection with the morontia resurrection of Jesus.

3 Notwithstanding that countless

individuals having personal seraphic guardians and those achieving the requisite attainment of spiritual personality progress had gone on to mansonia during the ages subsequent to the times of Adam and Eve, and though there had been many special and millennial resurrections of Urantia sons, this was the third of the planetary roll calls, or complete dispensational resurrections. The first occurred at the time of the arrival of the Planetary Prince, the second during the time of Adam, and this, the third, signalized the morontia resurrection, the mortal transit, of Jesus of Nazareth.

4 §§ When the signal of the planetary resurrection had been received by the chief of archangels, the Personalized Adjuster of the Son of Man relinquished his authority over the celestial hosts assembled on Urantia, turning all these sons of the local universe back to the jurisdiction of their respective commanders. And when he had done this, he departed for Salvington to register with Immanuel the completion of the mortal transit of Michael. And he was immediately followed by all the celestial host not required for duty on Urantia. But Gabriel remained on Urantia with the morontia Jesus.

5 §§ And this is the recital of the events of the resurrection of Jesus as viewed by those who saw them as they really occurred, free from the limitations of partial and restricted human vision.

4. DISCOVERY OF THE EMPTY TOMB

1 As we approach the time of the resurrection of Jesus on this early Sunday morning, it should be recalled that the ten apostles were sojourning at the home of Elijah and Mary Mark, where they were asleep in the upper chamber, resting on the very couches whereon they reclined during the last supper

with their Master. This Sunday morning they were all there assembled except Thomas. Thomas was with them for a few minutes late Saturday night when they first got together, but the sight of the apostles, coupled with the thought of what had happened to Jesus, was too much for him. He looked his associates over and immediately left the room, going to the home of Simon in Bethpage, where he thought to grieve over his troubles in solitude. The apostles all suffered, not so much from doubt and despair as from fear, grief, and shame.

2 §§ At the home of Nicodemus

there were gathered together, with David Zebedee and Joseph of Arimathea, some 12 or 15 of the more prominent of the Jerusalem disciples of Jesus. At the home of Joseph of Arimathea there were some 15 or 20 of the leading women believers. Only these women abode in Joseph's house, and they had kept close within during the hours of the Sabbath day and the evening after the Sabbath, so that they were ignorant of the military guard on watch at the tomb; neither did they know that a second stone had been rolled in front of the tomb, and that both of these stones had been placed

under the seal of Pilate.

3 A little before 03:00 this Sunday morning, when the first signs of day began to appear in the east, 5 of the women started out for the tomb of Jesus. They had prepared an abundance of special embalming lotions, and they carried many linen bandages with them. It was their purpose more thoroughly to give the body of Jesus its death anointing and more carefully to wrap it up with the new bandages.

4 The women who went on this mission of anointing Jesus' body were: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the Alpheus twins, Salome the mother

of the Zebedee brothers, Joanna the wife of Chuza, and Susanna the daughter of Ezra of Alexandria.

5 It was about 03:30 when the five women, laden with their ointments, arrived before the empty tomb. As they passed out of the Damascus gate, they encountered a number of soldiers fleeing into the city more or less panic-stricken, and this caused them to pause for a few minutes; but when nothing more developed, they resumed their journey.

6 They were greatly surprised to see the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, inasmuch as they

had said among themselves on the way out, "Who will help us roll away the stone?" They set down their burdens and began to look upon one another in fear and with great amazement. While they stood there, atremble with fear, Mary Magdalene ventured around the smaller stone and dared to enter the open sepulchre. This tomb of Joseph was in his garden on the hillside on the eastern side of the road, and it also faced toward the east. By this hour there was just enough of the dawn of a new day to enable Mary to look back to the place where the Master's body had lain and

to discern that it was gone. In the recess of stone where they had laid Jesus, Mary saw only the folded napkin where his head had rested and the bandages wherewith he had been wrapped lying intact and as they had rested on the stone before the celestial hosts removed the body. The covering sheet lay at the foot of the burial niche.

7 After Mary had tarried in the doorway of the tomb for a few moments (she did not see distinctly when she first entered the tomb), she saw that Jesus' body was gone and in its place only these grave cloths, and she uttered a cry of alarm and anguish.

All the women were exceedingly nervous; they had been on edge ever since meeting the panicky soldiers at the city gate, and when Mary uttered this scream of anguish, they were terror-stricken and fled in great haste. And they did not stop until they had run all the way to the Damascus gate. By this time Joanna was conscience-stricken that they had deserted Mary; she rallied her companions, and they started back for the tomb.

8 As they drew near the sepulchre, the frightened Magdalene, who was even more terrorized when she failed to find her sisters waiting when she

came out of the tomb, now rushed up to them, excitedly exclaiming: "He is not there — they have taken him away!" And she led them back to the tomb, and they all entered and saw that it was empty.

9 All five of the women then sat down on the stone near the entrance and talked over the situation. It had not yet occurred to them that Jesus had been resurrected. They had been by themselves over the Sabbath, and they conjectured that the body had been moved to another resting place. But when they pondered such a solution of their dilemma, they were at a

loss to account for the orderly arrangement of the grave cloths; how could the body have been removed since the very bandages in which it was wrapped were left in position and apparently intact on the burial shelf?

10 §§ As these women sat there in the early hours of the dawn of this new day, they looked to one side and observed a silent and motionless stranger. For a moment they were again frightened, but Mary Magdalene, rushing toward him and addressing him as if she thought he might be the caretaker of the garden, said, "Where have you taken the Master?

Where have they laid him? Tell us that we may go and get him." When the stranger did not answer Mary, she began to weep. Then spoke Jesus to them, saying, "Whom do you seek?" Mary said: "We seek for Jesus who was laid to rest in Joseph's tomb, but he is gone. Do you know where they have taken him?" Then said Jesus: "Did not this Jesus tell you, even in Galilee, that he would die, but that he would rise again?" These words startled the women, but the Master was so changed that they did not yet recognize him with his back turned to the dim light. And as they pondered his words, he

addressed the Magdalene with a familiar voice, saying, "Mary." And when she heard that word of well-known sympathy and affectionate greeting, she knew it was the voice of the Master, and she rushed to kneel at his feet while she exclaimed, "My Lord, and my Master!" And all of the other women recognized that it was the Master who stood before them in glorified form, and they quickly knelt before him.

11 These human eyes were enabled to see the morontia form of Jesus because of the special ministry of the transformers and the midwayers in associa-

tion with certain of the morontia personalities then accompanying Jesus.

12 §§ As Mary sought to embrace his feet, Jesus said: "Touch me not, Mary, for I am not as you knew me in the flesh. In this form will I tarry with you for a season before I ascend to the Father. But go, all of you, now and tell my apostles — and Peter — that I have risen, and that you have talked with me."

13 After these women had recovered from the shock of their amazement, they hastened back to the city and to the home of Elijah Mark, where they related to the ten apostles all that

had happened to them; but the apostles were not inclined to believe them. They thought at first that the women had seen a vision, but when Mary Magdalene repeated the words which Jesus had spoken to them, and when Peter heard his name, he rushed out of the upper chamber, followed closely by John, in great haste to reach the tomb and see these things for himself.

14 The women repeated the story of talking with Jesus to the other apostles, but they would not believe; and they would not go to find out for

themselves as had Peter and John.

5. PETER AND JOHN AT THE TOMB

1 As the two apostles raced for Golgotha and the tomb of Joseph, Peter's thoughts alternated between fear and hope; he feared to meet the Master, but his hope was aroused by the story that Jesus had sent special word to him. He was half persuaded that Jesus was really alive; he recalled the promise to rise on the third day. Strange to relate, this promise had not occurred to him since the crucifixion until this moment as he hurried north through Jerusalem. As John hastened out of the

city, a strange ecstasy of joy and hope welled up in his soul. He was half convinced that the women really had seen the risen Master.

2 John, being younger than Peter, outran him and arrived first at the tomb. John tarried at the door, viewing the tomb, and it was just as Mary had described it. Very soon Simon Peter rushed up and, entering, saw the same empty tomb with the grave cloths so peculiarly arranged. And when Peter had come out, John also went in and saw it all for himself, and then they sat down on the stone to ponder the meaning of what they had

seen and heard. And while they sat there, they turned over in their minds all that had been told them about Jesus, but they could not clearly perceive what had happened.

3 Peter at first suggested that the grave had been rifled, that enemies had stolen the body, perhaps bribed the guards. But John reasoned that the grave would hardly have been left so orderly if the body had been stolen, and he also raised the question as to how the bandages happened to be left behind, and so apparently intact. And again they both went back into the tomb more closely to examine the

grave cloths. As they came out of the tomb the second time, they found Mary Magdalene returned and weeping before the entrance. Mary had gone to the apostles believing that Jesus had risen from the grave, but when they all refused to believe her report, she became downcast and despairing. She longed to go back near the tomb, where she thought she had heard the familiar voice of Jesus.

4 As Mary lingered after Peter and John had gone, the Master again appeared to her, saying: "Be not doubting; have the courage to believe what you have seen and heard. Go back

to my apostles and again tell them that I have risen, that I will appear to them, and that presently I will go before them into Galilee as I promised."

5 Mary hurried back to the Mark home and told the apostles she had again talked with Jesus, but they would not believe her. But when Peter and John returned, they ceased to ridicule and became filled with fear and apprehension.

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MORONTIA APPEARANCES OF JESUS

Midwayer Commission

The resurrected Jesus now prepares to spend a short period on Urantia for the purpose of experiencing the ascending morontia career of a mortal of the realms. Although this time of the morontia life is to be spent on the world of his mortal incarnation, it will, however, be in all respects the counterpart of the experience of Satania mortals who pass

through the progressive morontia life of the seven mansion worlds of Jerusem.

2 All this power which is inherent in Jesus — the endowment of life — and which enabled him to rise from the dead, is the very gift of eternal life which he bestows upon kingdom believers, and which even now makes certain their resurrection from the bonds of natural death.

3 The mortals of the realms will arise in the morning of the resurrection with the same type of transition or morontia body that Jesus had when he arose from the tomb on this Sun-

day morning. These bodies do not have circulating blood, and such beings do not partake of ordinary material food; nevertheless, these morontia forms are *real.* When the various believers saw Jesus after his resurrection, they really saw him; they were not the self-deceived victims of visions or hallucinations.

4 Abiding faith in the resurrection of Jesus was the cardinal feature of the faith of all branches of the early gospel teaching. In Jerusalem, Alexandria, Antioch, and Philadelphia all the gospel teachers united in this implicit faith in the Master's resurrection.

5 §§ In viewing the prominent part which Mary Magdalene took in proclaiming the Master's resurrection, it should be recorded that Mary was the chief spokesman for the women's corps, as was Peter for the apostles. Mary was not chief of the women workers, but she was their chief teacher and public spokesman. Mary had become a woman of great circumspection, so that her boldness in speaking to a man whom she considered to be the caretaker of Joseph's garden only indicates how horrified she was to find the tomb empty. It was the depth and agony of her love, the full-

ness of her devotion, that caused her to forget, for a moment, the conventional restraints of a Jewish woman's approach to a strange man.

1. HERALDS OF THE RESURRECTION

1 The apostles did not want Jesus to leave them; therefore had they slighted all his statements about dying, along with his promises to rise again. They were not expecting the resurrection as it came, and they refused to believe until they were confronted with the compulsion of unimpeachable evidence and the absolute proof of their own experiences.

2 When the apostles refused to believe the report of the five women who represented that they had seen Jesus and talked with him, Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb, and the others went back to Joseph's house, where they related their experiences to his daughter and the other women. And the women believed their report. Shortly after 6:00 the daughter of Joseph of Arimathea and the 4 women who had seen Jesus went over to the home of Nicodemus, where they related all these happenings to Joseph, Nicodemus, David Zebedee, and the other men there assembled.

Nicodemus and the others doubted their story, doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead; they conjectured that the Jews had removed the body. Joseph and David were disposed to believe the report, so much so that they hurried out to inspect the tomb, and they found everything just as the women had described. And they were the last to so view the sepulchre, for the high priest sent the captain of the temple guards to the tomb at 7:30 to remove the grave cloths. The captain wrapped them all up in the linen sheet and threw them over a near-by cliff.

3 From the tomb David and Joseph

went immediately to the home of Elijah Mark, where they held a conference with the ten apostles in the upper chamber. Only John Zebedee was disposed to believe, even faintly, that Jesus had risen from the dead. Peter had believed at first but, when he failed to find the Master, fell into grave doubting. They were all disposed to believe that the Jews had removed the body. David would not argue with them, but when he left, he said: "You are the apostles, and you ought to understand these things. I will not contend with you; nevertheless, I now go back to the home of Nicodemus, where I have ap-

pointed with the messengers to assemble this morning, and when they have gathered together, I will send them forth on their last mission, as heralds of the Master's resurrection. I heard the Master say that, after he should die, he would rise on the third day, and I believe him." And thus speaking to the dejected and forlorn ambassadors of the kingdom, this self-appointed chief of communication and intelligence took leave of the apostles. On his way from the upper chamber he dropped the bag of Judas, containing all the apostolic funds, in the lap of Matthew Levi.

4 It was about 9:30 when the last of David's 26 messengers arrived at the home of Nicodemus. David promptly assembled them in the spacious courtyard and addressed them:

5 §§ "Men and brethren, all this time you have served me in accordance with your oath to me and to one another, and I call you to witness that I have never yet sent out false information at your hands. I am about to send you on your last mission as volunteer messengers of the kingdom, and in so doing I release you from your oaths and thereby disband the messenger corps. Men, I declare to you

that we have finished our work. No more does the Master have need of mortal messengers; he has risen from the dead. He told us before they arrested him that he would die and rise again on the third day. I have seen the tomb — it is empty. I have talked with Mary Magdalene and four other women, who have talked with Jesus. I now disband you, bid you farewell, and send you on your respective assignments, and the message which you shall bear to the believers is: 'Jesus has risen from the dead; the tomb is empty.'"

6 §§ The majority of those present

endeavoured to persuade David not to do this. But they could not influence him. They then sought to dissuade the messengers, but they would not heed the words of doubt. And so, shortly before 10:00 this Sunday morning, these 26 runners went forth as the first heralds of the mighty truth-fact of the resurrected Jesus. And they started out on this mission as they had on so many others, in fulfilment of their oath to David Zebedee and to one another. These men had great confidence in David. They departed on this assignment without even tarrying to talk with those who had seen Je-

sus; they took David at his word. The majority of them believed what David had told them, and even those who somewhat doubted, carried the message just as certainly and just as swiftly.

7 §§ The apostles, the spiritual corps of the kingdom, are this day assembled in the upper chamber, where they manifest fear and express doubts, while these laymen, representing the first attempt at the socialization of the Master's gospel of the brotherhood of man, under the orders of their fearless and efficient leader, go forth to proclaim the risen Saviour of a world and a universe. And they engage in

this eventful service ere his chosen representatives are willing to believe his word or to accept the evidence of eyewitnesses.

8 §§ These 26 were dispatched to the home of Lazarus in Bethany and to all of the believer centres, from Beersheba in the south to Damascus and Sidon in the north; and from Philadelphia in the east to Alexandria in the west.

9 When David had taken leave of his brethren, he went over to the home of Joseph for his mother, and they then went out to Bethany to join the waiting family of Jesus. David abode there in Bethany with Martha and Mary

until after they had disposed of their earthly possessions, and he accompanied them on their journey to join their brother, Lazarus, at Philadelphia.

10 In about one week from this time John Zebedee took Mary the mother of Jesus to his home in Bethsaida. James, Jesus' eldest brother, remained with his family in Jerusalem. Ruth remained at Bethany with Lazarus's sisters. The rest of Jesus' family returned to Galilee. David Zebedee left Bethany with Martha and Mary, for Philadelphia, early in June, the day after his marriage to Ruth, Jesus' youngest

sister.

2. JESUS' APPEARANCE AT BETHANY

1 From the time of the morontia resurrection until the hour of his spirit ascension on high, Jesus made 19 separate appearances in visible form to his believers on earth. He did not appear to his enemies nor to those who could not make spiritual use of his manifestation in visible form. His 1st appearance was to the 5 women at the tomb; his 2nd, to Mary Magdalene, also at the tomb.

2 The 3rd appearance occurred about noon of this Sunday at Bethany.

Shortly after noontide, Jesus' oldest brother, James, was standing in the garden of Lazarus before the empty tomb of the resurrected brother of Martha and Mary, turning over in his mind the news brought to them about one hour previously by the messenger of David. James had always inclined to believe in his eldest brother's mission on earth, but he had long since lost contact with Jesus' work and had drifted into grave doubting regarding the later claims of the apostles that Jesus was the Messiah. The whole family was startled and well-nigh confounded by the news brought by the

messenger. Even as James stood before Lazarus's empty tomb, Mary Magdalene arrived on the scene and was excitedly relating to the family her experiences of the early morning hours at the tomb of Joseph. Before she had finished, David Zebedee and his mother arrived. Ruth, of course, believed the report, and so did Jude after he had talked with David and Salome.

3 In the meantime, as they looked for James and before they found him, while he stood there in the garden near the tomb, he became aware of a near-by presence, as if someone had touched him on the shoulder; and

when he turned to look, he beheld the gradual appearance of a strange form by his side. He was too much amazed to speak and too frightened to flee. And then the strange form spoke, saying: "James, I come to call you to the service of the kingdom. Join earnest hands with your brethren and follow after me." When James heard his name spoken, he knew that it was his eldest brother, Jesus, who had addressed him. They all had more or less difficulty in recognizing the morontia form of the Master, but few of them had any trouble recognizing his voice or otherwise identifying his charming

personality when he once began to communicate with them.

4 When James perceived that Jesus was addressing him, he started to fall to his knees, exclaiming, "My father and my brother," but Jesus bade him stand while he spoke with him. And they walked through the garden and talked for almost three minutes; talked over experiences of former days and forecast the events of the near future. As they neared the house, Jesus said, "Farewell, James, until I greet you all together."

5 James rushed into the house, even while they looked for him at Bethpage,

exclaiming: "I have just seen Jesus and talked with him, visited with him. He is not dead; he has risen! He vanished before me, saying, 'Farewell until I greet you all together.'" He had scarcely finished speaking when Jude returned, and he retold the experience of meeting Jesus in the garden for the benefit of Jude. And they all began to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. James now announced that he would not return to Galilee, and David exclaimed: "He is seen not only by excited women; even stronghearted men have begun to see him. I expect to see him myself."

6 §§ And David did not long wait, for the 4th appearance of Jesus to mortal recognition occurred shortly before 14:00 in this very home of Martha and Mary, when he appeared visibly before his earthly family and their friends, 20 in all. The Master appeared in the open back door, saying: "Peace be upon you. Greetings to those once near me in the flesh and fellowship for my brothers and sisters in the kingdom of heaven. How could you doubt? Why have you lingered so long before choosing to follow the light of truth with a whole heart? Come, therefore, all of you into

the fellowship of the Spirit of Truth in the Father's kingdom." As they began to recover from the first shock of their amazement and to move toward him as if to embrace him, he vanished from their sight.

7 §§ They all wanted to rush off to the city to tell the doubting apostles about what had happened, but James restrained them. Mary Magdalene, only, was permitted to return to Joseph's house. James forbade their publishing abroad the fact of this morontia visit because of certain things which Jesus had said to him as they conversed in the garden. But James

never revealed more of his visit with the risen Master on this day at the Lazarus home in Bethany.

3. AT THE HOME OF JOSEPH

1 The 5th morontia manifestation of Jesus to the recognition of mortal eyes occurred in the presence of some 25 women believers assembled at the home of Joseph of Arimathea, at about 16:15 on this same Sunday afternoon. Mary Magdalene had returned to Joseph's house just a few minutes before this appearance. James, Jesus' brother, had requested that nothing

be said to the apostles concerning the Master's appearance at Bethany. He had not asked Mary to refrain from reporting the occurrence to her sister believers. Accordingly, after Mary had pledged all the women to secrecy, she proceeded to relate what had so recently happened while she was with Jesus' family at Bethany. And she was in the very midst of this thrilling recital when a sudden and solemn hush fell over them; they beheld in their very midst the fully visible form of the risen Jesus. He greeted them, saying: "Peace be upon you. In the fellowship of the kingdom there shall be neither Jew nor

gentile, rich nor poor, free nor bond, man nor woman. You also are called to publish the good news of the liberty of mankind through the gospel of sonship with God in the kingdom of heaven. Go to all the world proclaiming this gospel and confirming believers in the faith thereof. And while you do this, forget not to minister to the sick and strengthen those who are fainthearted and fear-ridden. And I will be with you always, even to the ends of the earth." And when he had thus spoken, he vanished from their sight, while the women fell on their faces and worshipped in silence.

2 §§ Of the 5 morontia appearances of Jesus occurring up to this time, Mary Magdalene had witnessed 4.

3 §§ As a result of sending out the messengers during the midforenoon and from the unconscious leakage of intimations concerning this appearance of Jesus at Joseph's house, word began to come to the rulers of the Jews during the early evening that it was being reported about the city that Jesus had risen, and that many persons were claiming to have seen him. The Sanhedrists were thoroughly aroused by these rumours. After a hasty consultation with Annas, Caiaphas called

a meeting of the Sanhedrin to convene at 20:00 that evening. It was at this meeting that action was taken to throw out of the synagogues any person who made mention of Jesus' resurrection. It was even suggested that anyone claiming to have seen him should be put to death; this proposal, however, did not come to a vote since the meeting broke up in confusion bordering on actual panic. They had dared to think they were through with Jesus. They were about to discover that their real trouble with the man

of Nazareth had just begun.

4. APPEARANCE TO THE GREEKS

1 About 16:30, at the home of one Flavius, the Master made his 6th morontia appearance to some 40 Greek believers there assembled. While they were engaged in discussing the reports of the Master's resurrection, he manifested himself in their midst, notwithstanding that the doors were securely fastened, and speaking to them, said: "Peace be upon you. While the Son of Man appeared on earth among the Jews, he came to minister to all men. In the kingdom of my Father there

shall be neither Jew nor gentile; you will all be brethren — the sons of God. Go you, therefore, to all the world, proclaiming this gospel of salvation as you have received it from the ambassadors of the kingdom, and I will fellowship you in the brotherhood of the Father's sons of faith and truth." And when he had thus charged them, he took leave, and they saw him no more. They remained within the house all evening; they were too much overcome with awe and fear to venture forth. Neither did any of these Greeks sleep that night; they stayed awake discussing these things

and hoping that the Master might again visit them. Among this group were many of the Greeks who were at Gethsemane when the soldiers arrested Jesus and Judas betrayed him with a kiss.

2 §§ Rumours of Jesus' resurrection and reports concerning the many appearances to his followers are spreading rapidly, and the whole city is being wrought up to a high pitch of excitement. Already the Master has appeared to his family, to the women, and to the Greeks, and presently he manifests himself in the midst of the apostles. The Sanhedrin is soon to

begin the consideration of these new problems which have been so suddenly thrust upon the Jewish rulers. Jesus thinks much about his apostles but desires that they be left alone for a few more hours of solemn reflection and thoughtful consideration before he visits them.

5. THE WALK WITH TWO BROTHERS

1 At Emmaus, about 11 km west of Jerusalem, there lived two brothers, shepherds, who had spent the Passover week in Jerusalem attending upon the sacrifices, ceremonials, and feasts. Cleopas, the elder, was a partial be-

liever in Jesus; at least he had been cast out of the synagogue. His brother, Jacob, was not a believer, although he was much intrigued by what he had heard about the Master's teachings and works.

2 On this Sunday afternoon, about 4.8 km out of Jerusalem and a few minutes before 17:00, as these two brothers trudged along the road to Emmaus, they talked in great earnestness about Jesus, his teachings, work, and more especially concerning the rumours that his tomb was empty, and that certain of the women had talked with him. Cleopas was half a mind to

believe these reports, but Jacob was insistent that the whole affair was probably a fraud. While they thus argued and debated as they made their way toward home, the morontia manifestation of Jesus, his 7th appearance, came alongside them as they journeyed on. Cleopas had often heard Jesus teach and had eaten with him at the homes of Jerusalem believers on several occasions. But he did not recognize the Master even when he spoke freely with them.

3 After walking a short way with them, Jesus said: "What were the words you exchanged so earnestly as I

came upon you?" And when Jesus had spoken, they stood still and viewed him with sad surprise. Said Cleopas: "Can it be that you sojourn in Jerusalem and know not the things which have recently happened?" Then asked the Master, "What things?" Cleopas replied: "If you do not know about these matters, you are the only one in Jerusalem who has not heard these rumours concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in word and in deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to the Romans and demanded that they crucify him. Now

many of us had hoped that it was he who would deliver Israel from the yoke of the gentiles. But that is not all. It is now the third day since he was crucified, and certain women have this day amazed us by declaring that very early this morning they went to his tomb and found it empty. And these same women insist that they talked with this man; they maintain that he has risen from the dead. And when the women reported this to the men, two of his apostles ran to the tomb and likewise found it empty" — and here Jacob interrupted his brother to say, "but they did not see Jesus."

4 As they walked along, Jesus said to them: "How slow you are to comprehend the truth! When you tell me that it is about the teachings and work of this man that you have your discussions, then may I enlighten you since I am more than familiar with these teachings. Do you not remember that this Jesus always taught that his kingdom was not of this world, and that all men, being the sons of God, should find liberty and freedom in the spiritual joy of the fellowship of the brotherhood of loving service in this new kingdom of the truth of the heavenly Father's love? Do you not recall how

this Son of Man proclaimed the salvation of God for all men, ministering to the sick and afflicted and setting free those who were bound by fear and enslaved by evil? Do you not know that this man of Nazareth told his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, be delivered up to his enemies, who would put him to death, and that he would arise on the third day? Have you not been told all this? And have you never read in the Scriptures concerning this day of salvation for Jew and gentile, where it says that in him shall all the families of the earth be blessed; that he will hear the cry of the

needy and save the souls of the poor who seek him; that all nations shall call him blessed? That such a Deliverer shall be as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. That he will feed the flock like a true shepherd, gathering the lambs in his arms and tenderly carrying them in his bosom. That he will open the eyes of the spiritually blind and bring the prisoners of despair out into full liberty and light; that all who sit in darkness shall see the great light of eternal salvation. That he will bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives of sin, and open up the prison to those who are enslaved

by fear and bound by evil. That he will comfort those who mourn and bestow upon them the joy of salvation in the place of sorrow and heaviness. That he shall be the desire of all nations and the everlasting joy of those who seek righteousness. That this Son of truth and righteousness shall rise upon the world with healing light and saving power; even that he will save his people from their sins; that he will really seek and save those who are lost. That he will not destroy the weak but minister salvation to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness. That those who believe in him shall have eternal

life. That he will pour out his spirit upon all flesh, and that this Spirit of Truth shall be in each believer a well of water, springing up into everlasting life. Did you not understand how great was the gospel of the kingdom which this man delivered to you? Do you not perceive how great a salvation has come upon you?"

5 By this time they had come near to the village where these brothers dwelt. Not a word had these two men spoken since Jesus began to teach them as they walked along the way. Soon they drew up in front of their humble dwelling place, and Jesus was about to take leave

of them, going on down the road, but they constrained him to come in and abide with them. They insisted that it was near nightfall, and that he tarry with them. Finally Jesus consented, and very soon after they went into the house, they sat down to eat. They gave him the bread to bless, and as he began to break and hand to them, their eyes were opened, and Cleopas recognized that their guest was the Master himself. And when he said, "It is the Master —," the morontia Jesus vanished from their sight.

6 And then they said, the one to the other, "No wonder our hearts burned

within us as he spoke to us while we walked along the road! and while he opened up to our understanding the teachings of the Scriptures!"

7 They would not stop to eat. They had seen the morontia Master, and they rushed from the house, hastening back to Jerusalem to spread the good news of the risen Saviour.

8 About 21:00 that evening and just before the Master appeared to the 10, these 2 excited brothers broke in upon the apostles in the upper chamber, declaring that they had seen Jesus and talked with him. And they told all that Jesus had said to them and how they

had not discerned who he was until the time of the breaking of the bread.

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APPEARANCES TO THE APOSTLES AND OTHER LEADERS

Midwayer Commission

Resurrection Sunday was a terrible day in the lives of the apostles; ten of them spent the larger part of the day in the upper chamber behind barred doors. They might have fled from Jerusalem, but they were afraid of being arrested by the agents of the Sanhedrin if they were found abroad. Thomas was

brooding over his troubles alone at Bethpage. He would have fared better had he remained with his fellow apostles, and he would have aided them to direct their discussions along more helpful lines.

2 All day long John upheld the idea that Jesus had risen from the dead. He recounted no less than five different times when the Master had affirmed he would rise again and at least three times when he alluded to the third day. John's attitude had considerable influence on them, especially on his brother James and on Nathaniel. John would have influenced them more if

he had not been the youngest member of the group.

3 Their isolation had much to do with their troubles. John Mark kept them in touch with developments about the temple and informed them as to the many rumours gaining headway in the city, but it did not occur to him to gather up news from the different groups of believers to whom Jesus had already appeared. That was the kind of service which had heretofore been rendered by the messengers of David, but they were all absent on their last assignment as heralds of the resurrection to those groups of be-

lievers who dwelt remote from Jerusalem. For the first time in all these years the apostles realized how much they had been dependent on David's messengers for their daily information regarding the affairs of the kingdom.

4 All this day Peter characteristically vacillated emotionally between faith and doubt concerning the Master's resurrection. Peter could not get away from the sight of the grave cloths resting there in the tomb as if the body of Jesus had just evaporated from within. "But," reasoned Peter, "if he has risen and can show himself to the women, why does he not show himself to us,

his apostles?" Peter would grow sorrowful when he thought that maybe Jesus did not come to them on account of his presence among the apostles, because he had denied him that night in Annas's courtyard. And then would he cheer himself with the word brought by the women, "Go tell my apostles — and Peter." But to derive encouragement from this message implied that he must believe that the women had really seen and heard the risen Master. Thus Peter alternated between faith and doubt throughout the whole day, until a little after 20:00, when he ventured out into the court-

yard. Peter thought to remove himself from among the apostles so that he might not prevent Jesus' coming to them because of his denial of the Master.

5 James Zebedee at first advocated that they all go to the tomb; he was strongly in favour of doing something to get to the bottom of the mystery. It was Nathaniel who prevented them from going out in public in response to James's urging, and he did this by reminding them of Jesus' warning against unduly jeopardizing their lives at this time. By noontime James had settled down with the others to

watchful waiting. He said little; he was tremendously disappointed because Jesus did not appear to them, and he did not know of the Master's many appearances to other groups and individuals.

6 Andrew did much listening this day. He was exceedingly perplexed by the situation and had more than his share of doubts, but he at least enjoyed a certain sense of freedom from responsibility for the guidance of his fellow apostles. He was indeed grateful that the Master had released him from the burdens of leadership before they fell upon these distracting times.

7 More than once during the long and weary hours of this tragic day, the only sustaining influence of the group was the frequent contribution of Nathaniel's characteristic philosophic counsel. He was really the controlling influence among the ten throughout the entire day. Never once did he express himself concerning either belief or disbelief in the Master's resurrection. But as the day wore on, he became increasingly inclined toward believing that Jesus had fulfilled his promise to rise again.

8 Simon Zelotes was too much crushed to participate in the discus-

sions. Most of the time he reclined on a couch in a corner of the room with his face to the wall; he did not speak half a dozen times throughout the whole day. His concept of the kingdom had crashed, and he could not discern that the Master's resurrection could materially change the situation. His disappointment was very personal and altogether too keen to be recovered from on short notice, even in the face of such a stupendous fact as the resurrection.

9 Strange to record, the usually inexpressive Philip did much talking throughout the afternoon of this day.

During the forenoon he had little to say, but all afternoon he asked questions of the other apostles. Peter was often annoyed by Philip's questions, but the others took his inquiries good-naturedly. Philip was particularly desirous of knowing, provided Jesus had really risen from the grave, whether his body would bear the physical marks of the crucifixion.

10 Matthew was highly confused; he listened to the discussions of his fellows but spent most of the time turning over in his mind the problem of their future finances. Regardless of Jesus' supposed resurrection, Judas

was gone, David had unceremoniously turned the funds over to him, and they were without an authoritative leader. Before Matthew got around to giving serious consideration to their arguments about the resurrection, he had already seen the Master face to face.

11 The Alpheus twins took little part in these serious discussions; they were fairly busy with their customary ministrations. One of them expressed the attitude of both when he said, in reply to a question asked by Philip: "We do not understand about the resurrection, but our mother says she talked with the Master, and we believe her."

12 Thomas was in the midst of one of his typical spells of despairing depression. He slept a portion of the day and walked over the hills the rest of the time. He felt the urge to rejoin his fellow apostles, but the desire to be by himself was the stronger.

13 The Master put off the first morontia appearance to the apostles for a number of reasons. First, he wanted them to have time, after they heard of his resurrection, to think well over what he had told them about his death and resurrection when he was still with them in the flesh. The Master wanted Peter to wrestle through with some of

his peculiar difficulties before he manifested himself to them all. In the second place, he desired that Thomas should be with them at the time of his first appearance. John Mark located Thomas at the home of Simon in Bethpage early this Sunday morning, bringing word to that effect to the apostles about 11:00. Any time during this day Thomas would have gone back to them if Nathaniel or any two of the other apostles had gone for him. He really wanted to return, but having left as he did the evening before, he was too proud to go back of his own accord so soon. By the next day he

was so depressed that it required almost a week for him to make up his mind to return. The apostles waited for him, and he waited for his brethren to seek him out and ask him to come back to them. Thomas thus remained away from his associates until the next Saturday evening, when, after darkness had come on, Peter and John went over to Bethpage and brought him back with them. And this is also the reason why they did not go at once to Galilee after Jesus first appeared to them; they would not go

without Thomas.

1. THE APPEARANCE TO PETER

1 It was near 20:30 this Sunday evening when Jesus appeared to Simon Peter in the garden of the Mark home. This was his 8th morontia manifestation. Peter had lived under a heavy burden of doubt and guilt ever since his denial of the Master. All day Saturday and this Sunday he had fought the fear that, perhaps, he was no longer an apostle. He had shuddered at the fate of Judas and even thought that he, too, had betrayed his Master. All this afternoon he thought that it might be

his presence with the apostles that prevented Jesus' appearing to them, provided, of course, he had really risen from the dead. And it was to Peter, in such a frame of mind and in such a state of soul, that Jesus appeared as the dejected apostle strolled among the flowers and shrubs.

2 When Peter thought of the loving look of the Master as he passed by on Annas's porch, and as he turned over in his mind that wonderful message brought him early that morning by the women who came from the empty tomb, "Go tell my apostles — and Peter" — as he contemplated

these tokens of mercy, his faith began to surmount his doubts, and he stood still, clenching his fists, while he spoke aloud: "I believe he has risen from the dead; I will go and tell my brethren." And as he said this, there suddenly appeared in front of him the form of a man, who spoke to him in familiar tones, saying: "Peter, the enemy desired to have you, but I would not give you up. I knew it was not from the heart that you disowned me; therefore I forgave you even before you asked; but now must you cease to think about yourself and the troubles of the hour while you prepare to carry the good

news of the gospel to those who sit in darkness. No longer should you be concerned with what you may obtain from the kingdom but rather be exercised about what you can give to those who live in dire spiritual poverty. Gird yourself, Simon, for the battle of a new day, the struggle with spiritual darkness and the evil doubtings of the natural minds of men."

3 Peter and the morontia Jesus walked through the garden and talked of things past, present, and future for almost five minutes. Then the Master vanished from his gaze, saying, "Farewell, Peter, until I see you with

your brethren."

4 For a moment, Peter was overcome by the realization that he had talked with the risen Master, and that he could be sure he was still an ambassador of the kingdom. He had just heard the glorified Master exhort him to go on preaching the gospel. And with all this welling up within his heart, he rushed to the upper chamber and into the presence of his fellow apostles, exclaiming in breathless excitement: "I have seen the Master; he was in the garden. I talked with him, and he has forgiven me."

5 Peter's declaration that he had seen

Jesus in the garden made a profound impression upon his fellow apostles, and they were about ready to surrender their doubts when Andrew got up and warned them not to be too much influenced by his brother's report. Andrew intimated that Peter had seen things which were not real before. Although Andrew did not directly allude to the vision of the night on the Sea of Galilee wherein Peter claimed to have seen the Master coming to them walking on the water, he said enough to betray to all present that he had this incident in mind. Simon Peter was very much hurt by his brother's

insinuations and immediately lapsed into crestfallen silence. The twins felt very sorry for Peter, and they both went over to express their sympathy and to say that they believed him and to reassert that their own mother had also seen the Master.

2. FIRST APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES

1 Shortly after 21:00 that evening, after the departure of Cleopas and Jacob, while the Alpheus twins comforted Peter, and while Nathaniel remonstrated with Andrew, and as the ten apostles were there assembled in the upper chamber with all the doors

bolted for fear of arrest, the Master, in morontia form, suddenly appeared in the midst of them, saying: "Peace be upon you. Why are you so frightened when I appear, as though you had seen a spirit? Did I not tell you about these things when I was present with you in the flesh? Did I not say to you that the chief priests and the rulers would deliver me up to be killed, that one of your own number would betray me, and that on the third day I would rise? Wherefore all your doubtings and all this discussion about the reports of the women, Cleopas and Jacob, and even Peter? How long will you doubt

my words and refuse to believe my promises? And now that you actually see me, will you believe? Even now one of you is absent. When you are gathered together once more, and after all of you know of a certainty that the Son of Man has risen from the grave, go hence into Galilee. Have faith in God; have faith in one another; and so shall you enter into the new service of the kingdom of heaven. I will tarry in Jerusalem with you until you are ready to go into Galilee. My peace I leave with you."

2 When the morontia Jesus had spoken to them, he vanished in an instant

from their sight. And they all fell on their faces, praising God and venerating their vanished Master. This was the Master's 9th morontia appearance.

3. WITH THE MORONTIA CREATURES

1 The next day, Monday, was spent wholly with the morontia creatures then present on Urantia. As participants in the Master's morontia-transition experience, there had come to Urantia more than 1,000,000 morontia directors and associates, together with transition mortals of various orders from the seven mansion worlds of Satania. The morontia Jesus sojourned

with these splendid intelligences for 40 days. He instructed them and learned from their directors the life of morontia transition as it is traversed by the mortals of the inhabited worlds of Satania as they pass through the system morontia spheres.

2 About midnight of this Monday the Master's morontia form was adjusted for transition to the 2nd stage of morontia progression. When he next appeared to his mortal children on earth, it was as a 2nd-stage morontia being. As the Master progressed in the morontia career, it became, technically, more and more dif-

ficult for the morontia intelligences and their transforming associates to visualize the Master to mortal and material eyes.

3 Jesus made the transit to the 3rd stage of morontia on Friday, April 14; to the 4th stage on Monday, the 17th; to the 5th stage on Saturday, the 22nd; to the 6th stage on Thursday, the 27th; to the 7th stage on Tuesday, May 2; to Jerusem citizenship on Sunday, the 7th; and he entered the embrace of the Most Highs of Edentia on Sunday, the 14th.

4 In this manner did Michael of Nebadon complete his service of uni-

verse experience since he had already, in connection with his previous bestowals, experienced to the full the life of the ascendant mortals of time and space from the sojourn on the headquarters of the constellation even on to, and through, the service of the headquarters of the superuniverse. And it was by these very morontia experiences that the Creator Son of Nebadon really finished and acceptably terminated his 7th and final universe

bestowal.

4. THE TENTH APPEARANCE (AT PHILADELPHIA)

1 The 10th morontia manifestation of Jesus to mortal recognition occurred a short time after 8:00 on Tuesday, April 11, at Philadelphia, where he showed himself to Abner and Lazarus and some 150 of their associates, including more than 50 of the evangelistic corps of the seventy. This appearance occurred just after the opening of a special meeting in the synagogue which had been called by Abner to discuss the crucifixion of Jesus

and the more recent report of the resurrection which had been brought by David's messenger. Inasmuch as the resurrected Lazarus was now a member of this group of believers, it was not difficult for them to believe the report that Jesus had risen from the dead.

2 The meeting in the synagogue was just being opened by Abner and Lazarus, who were standing together in the pulpit, when the entire audience of believers saw the form of the Master appear suddenly. He stepped forward from where he had appeared between Abner and Lazarus, neither of whom had observed him, and saluting

the company, said:

3 §§ "Peace be upon you. You all know that we have one Father in heaven, and that there is but one gospel of the kingdom — the good news of the gift of eternal life which men receive by faith. As you rejoice in your loyalty to the gospel, pray the Father of truth to shed abroad in your hearts a new and greater love for your brethren. You are to love all men as I have loved you; you are to serve all men as I have served you. With understanding sympathy and brotherly affection, fellowship all your brethren who are dedicated to the procla-

mation of the good news, whether they be Jew or gentile, Greek or Roman, Persian or Ethiopian. John proclaimed the kingdom in advance; you have preached the gospel in power; the Greeks already teach the good news; and I am soon to send forth the Spirit of Truth into the souls of all these, my brethren, who have so unselfishly dedicated their lives to the enlightenment of their fellows who sit in spiritual darkness. You are all the children of light; therefore stumble not into the misunderstanding entanglements of mortal suspicion and human intolerance. If you are ennobled, by

the grace of faith, to love unbelievers, should you not also equally love those who are your fellow believers in the far-spreading household of faith? Remember, as you love one another, all men will know that you are my disciples.

4 "Go, then, into all the world proclaiming this gospel of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men to all nations and races and ever be wise in your choice of methods for presenting the good news to the different races and tribes of mankind. Freely you have received this gospel of the kingdom, and you will freely give the

good news to all nations. Fear not the resistance of evil, for I am with you always, even to the end of the ages. And my peace I leave with you."

5 §§ When he had said, "My peace I leave with you," he vanished from their sight. With the exception of one of his appearances in Galilee, where upward of 500 believers saw him at one time, this group in Philadelphia embraced the largest number of mortals who saw him on any single occasion.

6 Early the next morning, even while the apostles tarried in Jerusalem awaiting the emotional recovery of Thomas, these believers at Philadel-

phia went forth proclaiming that Jesus of Nazareth had risen from the dead.

7 The next day, Wednesday, Jesus spent without interruption in the society of his morontia associates, and during the midafternoon hours he received visiting morontia delegates from the mansion worlds of every local system of inhabited spheres throughout the constellation of Norlatiadek. And they all rejoiced to know their Creator as one of their own order of universe intelligence.

5. SECOND APPEARANCE TO THE APOSTLES

1 Thomas spent a lonesome week

alone with himself in the hills around about Olivet. During this time he saw only those at Simon's house and John Mark. It was about 9:00 on Saturday, April 15, when the two apostles found him and took him back with them to their rendezvous at the Mark home. The next day Thomas listened to the telling of the stories of the Master's various appearances, but he steadfastly refused to believe. He maintained that Peter had enthused them into thinking they had seen the Master. Nathaniel reasoned with him, but it did no good. There was an emotional stubbornness associated with his cus-

tomary doubtfulness, and this state of mind, coupled with his chagrin at having run away from them, conspired to create a situation of isolation which even Thomas himself did not fully understand. He had withdrawn from his fellows, he had gone his own way, and now, even when he was back among them, he unconsciously tended to assume an attitude of disagreement. He was slow to surrender; he disliked to give in. Without intending it, he really enjoyed the attention paid him; he derived unconscious satisfaction from the efforts of all his fellows to convince and convert him. He had missed

them for a full week, and he obtained considerable pleasure from their persistent attentions.

2 They were having their evening meal a little after 18:00, with Peter sitting on one side of Thomas and Nathaniel on the other, when the doubting apostle said: "I will not believe unless I see the Master with my own eyes and put my finger in the mark of the nails." As they thus sat at supper, and while the doors were securely shut and barred, the morontia Master suddenly appeared inside the curvature of the table and, standing directly in front of Thomas, said:

3 "Peace be upon you. For a full week have I tarried that I might appear again when you were all present to hear once more the commission to go into all the world and preach this gospel of the kingdom. Again I tell you: As the Father sent me into the world, so send I you. As I have revealed the Father, so shall you reveal the divine love, not merely with words, but in your daily living. I send you forth, not to love the souls of men, but rather to *love men.* You are not merely to proclaim the joys of heaven but also to exhibit in your daily experience these spirit realities of the divine life since

you already have eternal life, as the gift of God, through faith. When you have faith, when power from on high, the Spirit of Truth, has come upon you, you will not hide your light here behind closed doors; you will make known the love and the mercy of God to all mankind. Through fear you now flee from the facts of a disagreeable experience, but when you shall have been baptized with the Spirit of Truth, you will bravely and joyously go forth to meet the new experiences of proclaiming the good news of eternal life in the kingdom of God. You may tarry here and in Galilee for a short season

while you recover from the shock of the transition from the false security of the authority of traditionalism to the new order of the authority of facts, truth, and faith in the supreme realities of living experience. Your mission to the world is founded on the fact that I lived a God-revealing life among you; on the truth that you and all other men are the sons of God; and it shall consist in the life which you will live among men — the actual and living experience of loving men and serving them, even as I have loved and served you. Let faith reveal your light to the world; let the revelation of

truth open the eyes blinded by tradition; let your loving service effectually destroy the prejudice engendered by ignorance. By so drawing close to your fellow men in understanding sympathy and with unselfish devotion, you will lead them into a saving knowledge of the Father's love. The Jews have extolled goodness; the Greeks have exalted beauty; the Hindus preach devotion; the faraway ascetics teach reverence; the Romans demand loyalty; but I require of my disciples life, even a life of loving service for your brothers in the flesh."

4 When the Master had so spo-

ken, he looked down into the face of Thomas and said: "And you, Thomas, who said you would not believe unless you could see me and put your finger in the nail marks of my hands, have now beheld me and heard my words; and though you see no nail marks on my hands, since I am raised in the form that you also shall have when you depart from this world, what will you say to your brethren? You will acknowledge the truth, for already in your heart you had begun to believe even when you so stoutly asserted your unbelief. Your doubts, Thomas, always most stubbornly assert themselves just

as they are about to crumble. Thomas, I bid you be not faithless but believing — and I know you will believe, even with a whole heart."

5 When Thomas heard these words, he fell on his knees before the morontia Master and exclaimed, "I believe! My Lord and my Master!" Then said Jesus to Thomas: "You have believed, Thomas, because you have really seen and heard me. Blessed are those in the ages to come who will believe even though they have not seen with the eye of flesh nor heard with the mortal ear."

6 And then, as the Master's form moved over near the head of the table,

he addressed them all, saying: "And now go all of you to Galilee, where I will presently appear to you." After he said this, he vanished from their sight.

7 §§ The eleven apostles were now fully convinced that Jesus had risen from the dead, and very early the next morning, before the break of day, they started out for Galilee.

6. THE ALEXANDRIAN APPEARANCE

1 While the eleven apostles were on the way to Galilee, drawing near their journey's end, on Tuesday evening, April 18, at about 20:30, Jesus appeared to Rodan and some 80 other

believers, in Alexandria. This was the Master's 12th appearance in morontia form. Jesus appeared before these Greeks and Jews at the conclusion of the report of David's messenger regarding the crucifixion. This messenger, being the 5th in the Jerusalem-Alexandria relay of runners, had arrived in Alexandria late that afternoon, and when he had delivered his message to Rodan, it was decided to call the believers together to receive this tragic word from the messenger himself. At about 20:00, the messenger, Nathan of Busiris, came before this group and told them in de-

tail all that had been told him by the preceding runner. Nathan ended his touching recital with these words: "But David, who sends us this word, reports that the Master, in foretelling his death, declared that he would rise again." Even as Nathan spoke, the morontia Master appeared there in full view of all. And when Nathan sat down, Jesus said:

2 "Peace be upon you. That which my Father sent me into the world to establish belongs not to a race, a nation, nor to a special group of teachers or preachers. This gospel of the kingdom belongs to both Jew and gentile,

to rich and poor, to free and bond, to male and female, even to the little children. And you are all to proclaim this gospel of love and truth by the lives which you live in the flesh. You shall love one another with a new and startling affection, even as I have loved you. You will serve mankind with a new and amazing devotion, even as I have served you. And when men see you so love them, and when they behold how fervently you serve them, they will perceive that you have become faith-fellows of the kingdom of heaven, and they will follow after the Spirit of Truth which they see in your

lives, to the finding of eternal salvation.

3 "As the Father sent me into this world, even so now send I you. You are all called to carry the good news to those who sit in darkness. This gospel of the kingdom belongs to all who believe it; it shall not be committed to the custody of mere priests. Soon will the Spirit of Truth come upon you, and he shall lead you into all truth. Go you, therefore, into all the world preaching this gospel, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages."

4 When the Master had so spoken,

he vanished from their sight. All that night these believers remained there together recounting their experiences as kingdom believers and listening to the many words of Rodan and his associates. And they all believed that Jesus had risen from the dead. Imagine the surprise of David's herald of the resurrection, who arrived the second day after this, when they replied to his announcement, saying: "Yes, we know, for we have seen him. He appeared to us day before yesterday."

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APPEARANCES IN GALILEE

Midwayer Commission

By the time the apostles left Jerusalem for Galilee, the Jewish leaders had quieted down considerably. Since Jesus appeared only to his family of kingdom believers, and since the apostles were in hiding and did no public preaching, the rulers of the Jews concluded that the gospel movement was, after all, effectually crushed. They were, of course, disconcerted by the increasing spread

of rumours that Jesus had risen from the dead, but they depended upon the bribed guards effectively to counteract all such reports by their reiteration of the story that a band of his followers had removed the body.

2 From this time on, until the apostles were dispersed by the rising tide of persecution, Peter was the generally recognized head of the apostolic corps. Jesus never gave him any such authority, and his fellow apostles never formally elected him to such a position of responsibility; he naturally assumed it and held it by common consent and also because he was their

chief preacher. From now on public preaching became the main business of the apostles. After their return from Galilee, Matthias, whom they chose to take the place of Judas, became their treasurer.

3 During the week they tarried in Jerusalem, Mary the mother of Jesus spent much of the time with the women believers who were stopping at the home of Joseph of Arimathea.

4 Early this Monday morning when the apostles departed for Galilee, John Mark went along. He followed them out of the city, and when they had passed well beyond Bethany, he boldly

came up among them, feeling confident they would not send him back.

5 The apostles paused several times on the way to Galilee to tell the story of their risen Master and therefore did not arrive at Bethsaida until very late on Wednesday night. It was noontime on Thursday before they were all awake and ready to partake of breakfast.

1. APPEARANCE BY THE LAKE

1 About 6:00 Friday morning, April 21, the morontia Master made his 13th appearance, the first in Galilee, to the 10 apostles as their boat drew near the

shore close to the usual landing place at Bethsaida.

2 After the apostles had spent the afternoon and early evening of Thursday in waiting at the Zebedee home, Simon Peter suggested that they go fishing. When Peter proposed the fishing trip, all of the apostles decided to go along. All night they toiled with the nets but caught no fish. They did not much mind the failure to make a catch, for they had many interesting experiences to talk over, things which had so recently happened to them at Jerusalem. But when daylight came, they decided to return to Bethsaida.

As they neared the shore, they saw someone on the beach, near the boat landing, standing by a fire. At first they thought it was John Mark, who had come down to welcome them back with their catch, but as they drew nearer the shore, they saw they were mistaken — the man was too tall for John. It had occurred to none of them that the person on the shore was the Master. They did not altogether understand why Jesus wanted to meet with them amidst the scenes of their earlier associations and out in the open in contact with nature, far away from the shut-in environment of

Jerusalem with its tragic associations of fear, betrayal, and death. He had told them that, if they would go into Galilee, he would meet them there, and he was about to fulfil that promise.

3 As they dropped anchor and prepared to enter the small boat for going ashore, the man on the beach called to them, "Lads, have you caught anything?" And when they answered, "No," he spoke again. "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find fish." While they did not know it was Jesus who had directed them, with one accord they cast in the net as they had been instructed, and immediately

it was filled, so much so that they were hardly able to draw it up. Now, John Zebedee was quick of perception, and when he saw the heavy-laden net, he perceived that it was the Master who had spoken to them. When this thought came into his mind, he leaned over and whispered to Peter, "It is the Master." Peter was ever a man of thoughtless action and impetuous devotion; so when John whispered this in his ear, he quickly arose and cast himself into the water that he might the sooner reach the Master's side. His brethren came up close behind him, having come ashore in the small boat,

hauling the net of fishes after them.

4 By this time John Mark was up and, seeing the apostles coming ashore with the heavy-laden net, ran down the beach to greet them; and when he saw eleven men instead of ten, he surmised that the unrecognized one was the risen Jesus, and as the astonished ten stood by in silence, the youth rushed up to the Master and, kneeling at his feet, said, "My Lord and my Master." And then Jesus spoke, not as he had in Jerusalem, when he greeted them with "Peace be upon you," but in commonplace tones he addressed John Mark: "Well, John, I am glad to

see you again and in carefree Galilee, where we can have a good visit. Stay with us, John, and have breakfast."

5 As Jesus talked with the young man, the ten were so astonished and surprised that they neglected to haul the net of fish in upon the beach. Now spoke Jesus: "Bring in your fish and prepare some for breakfast. Already we have the fire and much bread."

6 While John Mark had paid homage to the Master, Peter had for a moment been shocked at the sight of the coals of fire glowing there on the beach; the scene reminded him so vividly of the midnight fire of char-

coal in the courtyard of Annas, where he had disowned the Master, but he shook himself and, kneeling at the Master's feet, exclaimed, "My Lord and my Master!"

7 Peter then joined his comrades as they hauled in the net. When they had landed their catch, they counted the fish, and there were 153 large ones. And again was the mistake made of calling this another miraculous catch of fish. There was no miracle connected with this episode. It was merely an exercise of the Master's preknowledge. He knew the fish were there and accordingly directed the apostles

where to cast the net.

8 Jesus spoke to them, saying: "Come now, all of you, to breakfast. Even the twins should sit down while I visit with you; John Mark will dress the fish." John Mark brought seven good-sized fish, which the Master put on the fire, and when they were cooked, the lad served them to the ten. Then Jesus broke the bread and handed it to John, who in turn served it to the hungry apostles. When they had all been served, Jesus bade John Mark sit down while he himself served the fish and the bread to the lad. And as they ate, Jesus visited with them and recounted

their many experiences in Galilee and by this very lake.

9 §§ This was the third time Jesus had manifested himself to the apostles as a group. When Jesus first addressed them, asking if they had any fish, they did not suspect who he was because it was a common experience for these fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, when they came ashore, to be thus accosted by the fish merchants of Tarichea, who were usually on hand to buy the fresh catches for the drying establishments.

10 §§ Jesus visited with the ten apostles and John Mark for more than an hour, and then he walked up and

down the beach, talking with them two and two — but not the same couples he had at first sent out together to teach. All eleven of the apostles had come down from Jerusalem together, but Simon Zelotes grew more and more despondent as they drew near Galilee, so that, when they reached Bethsaida, he forsook his brethren and returned to his home.

11 Before taking leave of them this morning, Jesus directed that two of the apostles should volunteer to go to Simon Zelotes and bring him back that very day. And Peter and Andrew

did so.

2. VISITING WITH THE APOSTLES TWO AND TWO

1 When they had finished breakfast, and while the others sat by the fire, Jesus beckoned to Peter and to John that they should come with him for a stroll on the beach. As they walked along, Jesus said to John, "John, do you love me?" And when John answered, "Yes, Master, with all my heart," the Master said: "Then, John, give up your intolerance and learn to love men as I have loved you. Devote your life to proving that love is the greatest thing in the world. It is the love of God that im-

pels men to seek salvation. Love is the ancestor of all spiritual goodness, the essence of the true and the beautiful."

2 Jesus then turned toward Peter and asked, "Peter, do you love me?" Peter answered, "Lord, you know I love you with all my soul." Then said Jesus: "If you love me, Peter, feed my lambs. Do not neglect to minister to the weak, the poor, and the young. Preach the gospel without fear or favour; remember always that God is no respecter of persons. Serve your fellow men even as I have served you; forgive your fellow mortals even as I have forgiven you. Let experience teach you the value of

meditation and the power of intelligent reflection."

3 After they had walked along a little farther, the Master turned to Peter and asked, "Peter, do you really love me?" And then said Simon, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." And again said Jesus: "Then take good care of my sheep. Be a good and a true shepherd to the flock. Betray not their confidence in you. Be not taken by surprise at the enemy's hand. Be on guard at all times — watch and pray."

4 When they had gone a few steps farther, Jesus turned to Peter and, for the third time, asked, "Peter, do you

truly love me?" And then Peter, being slightly grieved at the Master's seeming distrust of him, said with considerable feeling, "Lord, you know all things, and therefore do you know that I really and truly love you." Then said Jesus: "Feed my sheep. Do not forsake the flock. Be an example and an inspiration to all your fellow shepherds. Love the flock as I have loved you and devote yourself to their welfare even as I have devoted my life to your welfare. And follow after me even to the end."

5 Peter took this last statement literally — that he should continue to fol-

low after him — and turning to Jesus, he pointed to John, asking, "If I follow on after you, what shall this man do?" And then, perceiving that Peter had misunderstood his words, Jesus said: "Peter, be not concerned about what your brethren shall do. If I will that John should tarry after you are gone, even until I come back, what is that to you? Only make sure that you follow me."

6 §§ This remark spread among the brethren and was received as a statement by Jesus to the effect that John would not die before the Master returned, as many thought and hoped,

to establish the kingdom in power and glory. It was this interpretation of what Jesus said that had much to do with getting Simon Zelotes back into service, and keeping him at work.

7 §§ When they returned to the others, Jesus went for a walk and talk with Andrew and James. When they had gone a short distance, Jesus said to Andrew, "Andrew, do you trust me?" And when the former chief of the apostles heard Jesus ask such a question, he stood still and answered, "Yes, Master, of a certainty I trust you, and you know that I do." Then said Jesus: "Andrew, if you trust me, trust your

brethren more — even Peter. I once trusted you with the leadership of your brethren. Now must you trust others as I leave you to go to the Father. When your brethren begin to scatter abroad because of bitter persecutions, be a considerate and wise counsellor to James my brother in the flesh when they put heavy burdens upon him which he is not qualified by experience to bear. And then go on trusting, for I will not fail you. When you are through on earth, you shall come to me."

8 Then Jesus turned to James, asking, "James, do you trust me?" And

of course James replied, "Yes, Master, I trust you with all my heart." Then said Jesus: "James, if you trust me more, you will be less impatient with your brethren. If you will trust me, it will help you to be kind to the brotherhood of believers. Learn to weigh the consequences of your sayings and your doings. Remember that the reaping is in accordance with the sowing. Pray for tranquillity of spirit and cultivate patience. These graces, with living faith, shall sustain you when the hour comes to drink the cup of sacrifice. But never be dismayed; when you are through on earth, you shall also

come to be with me."

9 §§ Jesus next talked with Thomas and Nathaniel. Said he to Thomas, "Thomas, do you serve me?" Thomas replied, "Yes, Lord, I serve you now and always." Then said Jesus: "If you would serve me, serve my brethren in the flesh even as I have served you. And be not weary in this well-doing but persevere as one who has been ordained by God for this service of love. When you have finished your service with me on earth, you shall serve with me in glory. Thomas, you must cease doubting; you must grow in faith and the knowledge of truth. Believe in

God like a child but cease to act so childishly. Have courage; be strong in faith and mighty in the kingdom of God."

10 Then said the Master to Nathaniel, "Nathaniel, do you serve me?" And the apostle answered, "Yes, Master, and with an undivided affection." Then said Jesus: "If, therefore, you serve me with a whole heart, make sure that you are devoted to the welfare of my brethren on earth with tireless affection. Admix friendship with your counsel and add love to your philosophy. Serve your fellow men even as I have served you. Be faithful to men

as I have watched over you. Be less critical; expect less of some men and thereby lessen the extent of your disappointment. And when the work down here is over, you shall serve with me on high."

11 §§ After this the Master talked with Matthew and Philip. To Philip he said, "Philip, do you obey me?" Philip answered, "Yes, Lord, I will obey you even with my life." Then said Jesus: "If you would obey me, go then into the lands of the gentiles and proclaim this gospel. The prophets have told you that to obey is better than to sacrifice. By faith have you become a

God-knowing kingdom son. There is but one law to obey — that is the command to go forth proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom. Cease to fear men; be unafraid to preach the good news of eternal life to your fellows who languish in darkness and hunger for the light of truth. No more, Philip, shall you busy yourself with money and goods. You now are free to preach the glad tidings just as are your brethren. And I will go before you and be with you even to the end."

12 And then, speaking to Matthew, the Master asked, "Matthew, do you have it in your heart to obey me?" Mat-

thew answered, "Yes, Lord, I am fully dedicated to doing your will." Then said the Master: "Matthew, if you would obey me, go forth to teach all peoples this gospel of the kingdom. No longer will you serve your brethren the material things of life; henceforth you are also to proclaim the good news of spiritual salvation. From now on have an eye single only to obeying your commission to preach this gospel of the Father's kingdom. As I have done the Father's will on earth, so shall you fulfil the divine commission. Remember, both Jew and gentile are your brethren. Fear no man when you pro-

claim the saving truths of the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. And where I go, you shall presently come."

13 §§ Then he walked and talked with the Alpheus twins, James and Judas, and speaking to both of them, he asked, "James and Judas, do you believe in me?" And when they both answered, "Yes, Master, we do believe," he said: "I will soon leave you. You see that I have already left you in the flesh. I tarry only a short time in this form before I go to my Father. You believe in me — you are my apostles, and you always will be. Go on believing and remembering your association with me,

when I am gone, and after you have, perchance, returned to the work you used to do before you came to live with me. Never allow a change in your outward work to influence your allegiance. Have faith in God to the end of your days on earth. Never forget that, when you are a faith son of God, all upright work of the realm is sacred. Nothing which a son of God does can be common. Do your work, therefore, from this time on, as for God. And when you are through on this world, I have other and better worlds where you shall likewise work for me. And in all of this work, on this world and

on other worlds, I will work with you, and my spirit shall dwell within you."

14 §§ It was almost 10:00 when Jesus returned from his visit with the Alpheus twins, and as he left the apostles, he said: "Farewell, until I meet you all on the mount of your ordination tomorrow at noontime." When he had thus spoken, he vanished from their sight.

3. ON THE MOUNT OF ORDINATION

1 At noon on Saturday, April 22, the eleven apostles assembled by appointment on the hill near Capernaum, and Jesus appeared among them. This

meeting occurred on the very mount where the Master had set them apart as his apostles and as ambassadors of the Father's kingdom on earth. And this was the Master's 14th morontia manifestation.

2 At this time the eleven apostles knelt in a circle about the Master and heard him repeat the charges and saw him re-enact the ordination scene even as when they were first set apart for the special work of the kingdom. And all of this was to them as a memory of their former consecration to the Father's service, except the Master's prayer. When the Master — the

morontia Jesus — now prayed, it was in tones of majesty and with words of power such as the apostles had never before heard. Their Master now spoke with the rulers of the universes as one who, in his own universe, had had all power and authority committed to his hand. And these eleven men never forgot this experience of the morontia rededication to the former pledges of ambassadorship. The Master spent just one hour on this mount with his ambassadors, and when he had taken an affectionate farewell of them, he vanished from their sight.

3 §§ And no one saw Jesus for a full

week. The apostles really had no idea what to do, not knowing whether the Master had gone to the Father. In this state of uncertainty they tarried at Bethsaida. They were afraid to go fishing lest he come to visit them and they miss seeing him. During this entire week Jesus was occupied with the morontia creatures on earth and with the affairs of the morontia transition which he was experiencing on this world.

4. THE LAKESIDE GATHERING

1 Word of the appearances of Jesus was spreading throughout Galilee,

and every day increasing numbers of believers arrived at the Zebedee home to inquire about the Master's resurrection and to find out the truth about these reputed appearances. Peter, early in the week, sent out word that a public meeting would be held by the seaside the next Sabbath at 15:00.

2 Accordingly, on Saturday, April 29, at 15:00, more than 500 believers from the environs of Capernaum assembled at Bethsaida to hear Peter preach his first public sermon since the resurrection. The apostle was at his best, and after he had finished his appealing discourse, few of his hear-

ers doubted that the Master had risen from the dead.

3 Peter ended his sermon, saying: "We affirm that Jesus of Nazareth is not dead; we declare that he has risen from the tomb; we proclaim that we have seen him and talked with him." Just as he finished making this declaration of faith, there by his side, in full view of all these people, the Master appeared in morontia form and, speaking to them in familiar accents, said, "Peace be upon you, and my peace I leave with you." When he had thus appeared and had so spoken to them, he vanished from their sight. This was

the 15th morontia manifestation of the risen Jesus.

4 §§ Because of certain things said to the eleven while they were in conference with the Master on the mount of ordination, the apostles received the impression that their Master would presently make a public appearance before a group of the Galilean believers, and that, after he had done so, they were to return to Jerusalem. Accordingly, early the next day, Sunday, April 30, the eleven left Bethsaida for Jerusalem. They did considerable teaching and preaching on the way down the Jordan, so that they did not arrive at

the home of the Marks in Jerusalem until late on Wednesday, May 3.

5 §§ This was a sad home-coming for John Mark. Just a few hours before he reached home, his father, Elijah Mark, suddenly died from a haemorrhage in the brain. Although the thought of the certainty of the resurrection of the dead did much to comfort the apostles in their grief, at the same time they truly mourned the loss of their good friend, who had been their staunch supporter even in the times of great trouble and disappointment. John Mark did all he could to comfort his mother and, speaking for

her, invited the apostles to continue to make their home at her house. And the eleven made this upper chamber their headquarters until after the day of Pentecost.

6 §§ The apostles had purposely entered Jerusalem after nightfall that they might not be seen by the Jewish authorities. Neither did they publicly appear in connection with the funeral of Elijah Mark. All the next day they remained in quiet seclusion in this eventful upper chamber.

7 On Thursday night the apostles had a wonderful meeting in this upper chamber and all pledged themselves

to go forth in the public preaching of the new gospel of the risen Lord except Thomas, Simon Zelotes, and the Alpheus twins. Already had begun the first steps of changing the gospel of the kingdom — sonship with God and brotherhood with man — into the proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus. Nathaniel opposed this shift in the burden of their public message, but he could not withstand Peter's eloquence, neither could he overcome the enthusiasm of the disciples, especially the women believers.

8 And so, under the vigorous leadership of Peter and ere the Master as-

cended to the Father, his well-meaning representatives began that subtle process of gradually and certainly changing the religion *of* Jesus into a new and modified form of religion *about* Jesus.

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FINAL APPEARANCES AND ASCENSION

Midwayer Commission

The 16th morontia manifestation of Jesus occurred on Friday, May 5, in the courtyard of Nicodemus, about 21:00. On this evening the Jerusalem believers had made their first attempt to get together since the resurrection. Assembled here at this time were the eleven apostles, the women's corps and their

associates, and about 50 other leading disciples of the Master, including a number of the Greeks. This company of believers had been visiting informally for more than half an hour when, suddenly, the morontia Master appeared in full view and immediately began to instruct them. Said Jesus:

2 §§ "Peace be upon you. This is the most representative group of believers — apostles and disciples, both men and women — to which I have appeared since the time of my deliverance from the flesh. I now call you to witness that I told you beforehand that my sojourn among you must come

to an end; I told you that presently I must return to the Father. And then I plainly told you how the chief priests and the rulers of the Jews would deliver me up to be put to death, and that I would rise from the grave. Why, then, did you allow yourselves to become so disconcerted by all this when it came to pass? and why were you so surprised when I rose from the tomb on the third day? You failed to believe me because you heard my words without comprehending the meaning thereof.

3 "And now you should give ear to my words lest you again make the mis-

take of hearing my teaching with the mind while in your hearts you fail to comprehend the meaning. From the beginning of my sojourn as one of you, I taught you that my one purpose was to reveal my Father in heaven to his children on earth. I have lived the God-revealing bestowal that you might experience the God-knowing career. I have revealed God as your Father in heaven; I have revealed you as the sons of God on earth. It is a fact that God loves you, his sons. By faith in my word this fact becomes an eternal and living truth in your hearts. When, by living faith, you become di-

vinely God-conscious, you are then born of the spirit as children of light and life, even the eternal life wherewith you shall ascend the universe of universes and attain the experience of finding God the Father on Paradise.

4 "I admonish you ever to remember that your mission among men is to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom — the reality of the fatherhood of God and the truth of the sonship of man. Proclaim the whole truth of the good news, not just a part of the saving gospel. Your message is not changed by my resurrection experience. Sonship with God, by faith, is still the

saving truth of the gospel of the kingdom. You are to go forth preaching the love of God and the service of man. That which the world needs most to know is: Men are the sons of God, and through faith they can actually realize, and daily experience, this ennobling truth. My bestowal should help all men to know that they are the children of God, but such knowledge will not suffice if they fail personally to faith-grasp the saving truth that they are the living spirit sons of the eternal Father. The gospel of the kingdom is concerned with the love of the Father and the service of his children on

earth.

5 "Among yourselves, here, you share the knowledge that I have risen from the dead, but that is not strange. I have the power to lay down my life and to take it up again; the Father gives such power to his Paradise Sons. You should the rather be stirred in your hearts by the knowledge that the dead of an age entered upon the eternal ascent soon after I left Joseph's new tomb. I lived my life in the flesh to show how you can, through loving service, become God-revealing to your fellow men even as, by loving you and serving you, I have become God-re-

vealing to you. I have lived among you as the Son of Man that you, and all other men, might know that you are all indeed the sons of God. Therefore, go you now into all the world preaching this gospel of the kingdom of heaven to all men. Love all men as I have loved you; serve your fellow mortals as I have served you. Freely you have received, freely give. Only tarry here in Jerusalem while I go to the Father, and until I send you the Spirit of Truth. He shall lead you into the enlarged truth, and I will go with you into all the world. I am with you always, and my peace I leave with you."

6 §§ When the Master had spoken to them, he vanished from their sight. It was near daybreak before these believers dispersed; all night they remained together, earnestly discussing the Master's admonitions and contemplating all that had befallen them. James Zebedee and others of the apostles also told them of their experiences with the morontia Master in Galilee and recited how he had three times appeared to them.

1. THE APPEARANCE AT SYCHAR

1 About 16:00 on Sabbath afternoon, May 13, the Master appeared to

Nalda and about 75 Samaritan believers near Jacob's well, at Sychar. The believers were in the habit of meeting at this place, near where Jesus had spoken to Nalda concerning the water of life. On this day, just as they had finished their discussions of the reported resurrection, Jesus suddenly appeared before them, saying:

2 §§ "Peace be upon you. You rejoice to know that I am the resurrection and the life, but this will avail you nothing unless you are first born of the eternal spirit, thereby coming to possess, by faith, the gift of eternal life. If you are the faith sons of my Father, you shall

never die; you shall not perish. The gospel of the kingdom has taught you that all men are the sons of God. And this good news concerning the love of the heavenly Father for his children on earth must be carried to all the world. The time has come when you worship God neither on Gerizim nor at Jerusalem, but where you are, as you are, in spirit and in truth. It is your faith that saves your souls. Salvation is the gift of God to all who believe they are his sons. But be not deceived; while salvation is the free gift of God and is bestowed upon all who accept it by faith, there follows the experience of

bearing the fruits of this spirit life as it is lived in the flesh. The acceptance of the doctrine of the fatherhood of God implies that you also freely accept the associated truth of the brotherhood of man. And if man is your brother, he is even more than your neighbour, whom the Father requires you to love as yourself. Your brother, being of your own family, you will not only love with a family affection, but you will also serve as you would serve yourself. And you will thus love and serve your brother because you, being my brethren, have been thus loved and served by me. Go, then, into all the world

telling this good news to all creatures of every race, tribe, and nation. My spirit shall go before you, and I will be with you always."

3 §§ These Samaritans were greatly astonished at this appearance of the Master, and they hastened off to the near-by towns and villages, where they published abroad the news that they had seen Jesus, and that he had talked to them. And this was the 17th morontia appearance of the Master.

2. THE PHOENICIAN APPEARANCE

1 The Master's 18th morontia appearance was at Tyre, on Tuesday, May

16, at a little before 21:00. Again he appeared at the close of a meeting of believers, as they were about to disperse, saying:

2 §§ "Peace be upon you. You rejoice to know that the Son of Man has risen from the dead because you thereby know that you and your brethren shall also survive mortal death. But such survival is dependent on your having been previously born of the spirit of truth-seeking and God-finding. The bread of life and the water thereof are given only to those who hunger for truth and thirst for righteousness — for God. The fact that the dead rise is

not the gospel of the kingdom. These great truths and these universe facts are all related to this gospel in that they are a part of the result of believing the good news and are embraced in the subsequent experience of those who, by faith, become, in deed and in truth, the everlasting sons of the eternal God. My Father sent me into the world to proclaim this salvation of sonship to all men. And so send I you abroad to preach this salvation of sonship. Salvation is the free gift of God, but those who are born of the spirit will immediately begin to show forth the fruits of the spirit in loving

service to their fellow creatures. And the fruits of the divine spirit which are yielded in the lives of spirit-born and God-knowing mortals are: loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty, sincere fairness, enlightened honesty, undying hope, confiding trust, merciful ministry, unfailing goodness, forgiving tolerance, and enduring peace. If professed believers bear not these fruits of the divine spirit in their lives, they are dead; the Spirit of Truth is not in them; they are useless branches on the living vine, and they soon will be taken away. My Father requires of the children of faith that they

bear much spirit fruit. If, therefore, you are not fruitful, he will dig about your roots and cut away your unfruitful branches. Increasingly, must you yield the fruits of the spirit as you progress heavenward in the kingdom of God. You may enter the kingdom as a child, but the Father requires that you grow up, by grace, to the full stature of spiritual adulthood. And when you go abroad to tell all nations the good news of this gospel, I will go before you, and my Spirit of Truth shall abide in your hearts. My peace I leave with you."

3 §§ And then the Master disap-

peared from their sight. The next day there went out from Tyre those who carried this story to Sidon and even to Antioch and Damascus. Jesus had been with these believers when he was in the flesh, and they were quick to recognize him when he began to teach them. While his friends could not readily recognize his morontia form when made visible, they were never slow to identify his personality when he spoke to them.

3. LAST APPEARANCE IN JERUSALEM

1 Early Thursday morning, May 18,

Jesus made his last appearance on earth as a morontia personality. As the eleven apostles were about to sit down to breakfast in the upper chamber of Mary Mark's home, Jesus appeared to them and said:

2 §§ "Peace be upon you. I have asked you to tarry here in Jerusalem until I ascend to the Father, even until I send you the Spirit of Truth, who shall soon be poured out upon all flesh, and who shall endow you with power from on high." Simon Zelotes interrupted Jesus, asking, "Then, Master, will you restore the kingdom, and will we see the glory of God manifested

on earth?" When Jesus had listened to Simon's question, he answered: "Simon, you still cling to your old ideas about the Jewish Messiah and the material kingdom. But you will receive spiritual power after the spirit has descended upon you, and you will presently go into all the world preaching this gospel of the kingdom. As the Father sent me into the world, so do I send you. And I wish that you would love and trust one another. Judas is no more with you because his love grew cold, and because he refused to trust you, his loyal brethren. Have you not read in the Scripture where

it is written: 'It is not good for man to be alone. No man lives to himself'? And also where it says: 'He who would have friends must show himself friendly'? And did I not even send you out to teach, two and two, that you might not become lonely and fall into the mischief and miseries of isolation? You also well know that, when I was in the flesh, I did not permit myself to be alone for long periods. From the very beginning of our associations I always had two or three of you constantly by my side or else very near at hand even when I communed with the Father. Trust, therefore, and confide in one

another. And this is all the more needful since I am this day going to leave you alone in the world. The hour has come; I am about to go to the Father."

3 §§ When he had spoken, he beckoned for them to come with him, and he led them out on the Mount of Olives, where he bade them farewell preparatory to departing from Urantia. This was a solemn journey to Olivet. Not a word was spoken by any of them from the time they left the upper chamber until Jesus paused with them

on the Mount of Olives.

4. CAUSES OF JUDAS'S DOWNFALL

1 It was in the first part of the Master's farewell message to his apostles that he alluded to the loss of Judas and held up the tragic fate of their traitorous fellow worker as a solemn warning against the dangers of social and fraternal isolation. It may be helpful to believers, in this and in future ages, briefly to review the causes of Judas's downfall in the light of the Master's remarks and in view of the accumulated enlightenment of succeeding centuries.

2 As we look back upon this tragedy, we conceive that Judas went wrong, primarily, because he was very markedly an isolated personality, a personality shut in and away from ordinary social contacts. He persistently refused to confide in, or freely fraternize with, his fellow apostles. But his being an isolated type of personality would not, in and of itself, have wrought such mischief for Judas had it not been that he also failed to increase in love and grow in spiritual grace. And then, as if to make a bad matter worse, he persistently harboured grudges and fostered such psychologic

enemies as revenge and the generalized craving to "get even" with somebody for all his disappointments.

3 This unfortunate combination of individual peculiarities and mental tendencies conspired to destroy a well-intentioned man who failed to subdue these evils by love, faith, and trust. That Judas need not have gone wrong is well proved by the cases of Thomas and Nathaniel, both of whom were cursed with this same sort of suspicion and overdevelopment of the individualistic tendency. Even Andrew and Matthew had many leanings in this direction; but all these men grew

to love Jesus and their fellow apostles more, and not less, as time passed. They grew in grace and in a knowledge of the truth. They became increasingly more trustful of their brethren and slowly developed the ability to confide in their fellows. Judas persistently refused to confide in his brethren. When he was impelled, by the accumulation of his emotional conflicts, to seek relief in self-expression, he invariably sought the advice and received the unwise consolation of his unspiritual relatives or those chance acquaintances who were either indifferent, or actually hostile, to the wel-

fare and progress of the spiritual realities of the heavenly kingdom, of which he was one of the twelve consecrated ambassadors on earth.

4 Judas met defeat in his battles of the earth struggle because of the following factors of personal tendencies and character weakness:

5 1. He was an isolated type of human being. He was highly individualistic and chose to grow into a confirmed "shut-in" and unsociable sort of person.

6 2. As a child, life had been made too easy for him. He bitterly resented

thwarting. He always expected to win; he was a very poor loser.

7 3. He never acquired a philosophic technique for meeting disappointment. Instead of accepting disappointments as a regular and commonplace feature of human existence, he unfailingly resorted to the practice of blaming someone in particular, or his associates as a group, for all his personal difficulties and disappointments.

8 4. He was given to holding grudges; he was always entertaining the idea of revenge.

9 5. He did not like to face facts

frankly; he was dishonest in his attitude toward life situations.

10 6. He disliked to discuss his personal problems with his immediate associates; he refused to talk over his difficulties with his real friends and those who truly loved him. In all the years of their association he never once went to the Master with a purely personal problem.

11 7. He never learned that the real rewards for noble living are, after all, spiritual prizes, which are not always distributed during this one short life in the flesh.

12 §§ As a result of his persistent iso-

lation of personality, his griefs multiplied, his sorrows increased, his anxieties augmented, and his despair deepened almost beyond endurance.

13 While this self-centred and ultraindividualistic apostle had many psychic, emotional, and spiritual troubles, his main difficulties were: In personality, he was isolated. In mind, he was suspicious and vengeful. In temperament, he was surly and vindictive. Emotionally, he was loveless and unforgiving. Socially, he was unconfiding and almost wholly self-contained. In spirit, he became arrogant and selfishly ambitious. In life, he ignored

those who loved him, and in death, he was friendless.

14 These, then, are the factors of mind and influences of evil which, taken altogether, explain why a well-meaning and otherwise onetime sincere believer in Jesus, even after several years of intimate association with his transforming personality, forsook his fellows, repudiated a sacred cause, renounced his holy calling, and betrayed his divine Master.

5. THE MASTER'S ASCENSION

1 It was almost 7:30 this Thursday morning, May 18, when Jesus arrived

on the western slope of Mount Olivet with his eleven silent and somewhat bewildered apostles. From this location, about two thirds the way up the mountain, they could look out over Jerusalem and down upon Gethsemane. Jesus now prepared to say his last farewell to the apostles before he took leave of Urantia. As he stood there before them, without being directed they knelt about him in a circle, and the Master said:

2 §§ "I bade you tarry in Jerusalem until you were endowed with power from on high. I am now about to take leave of you; I am about to ascend to

my Father, and soon, very soon, will we send into this world of my sojourn the Spirit of Truth; and when he has come, you shall begin the new proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom, first in Jerusalem and then to the uttermost parts of the world. Love men with the love wherewith I have loved you and serve your fellow mortals even as I have served you. By the spirit fruits of your lives impel souls to believe the truth that man is a son of God, and that all men are brethren. Remember all I have taught you and the life I have lived among you. My love overshadows you, my spirit will dwell with

you, and my peace shall abide upon you. Farewell."

3 §§ When the morontia Master had thus spoken, he vanished from their sight. This so-called ascension of Jesus was in no way different from his other disappearances from mortal vision during the 40 days of his morontia career on Urantia.

4 The Master went to Edentia by way of Jerusem, where the Most Highs, under the observation of the Paradise Son, released Jesus of Nazareth from the morontia state and, through the spirit channels of ascension, returned him to the status of

Paradise sonship and supreme sovereignty on Salvington.

5 It was about 7:45 this morning when the morontia Jesus disappeared from the observation of his eleven apostles to begin the ascent to the right hand of his Father, there to receive formal confirmation of his completed sovereignty of the universe of Nebadon.

6. PETER CALLS A MEETING

1 Acting upon the instruction of Peter, John Mark and others went forth to call the leading disciples together at

the home of Mary Mark. By 10:30[1], 120 of the foremost disciples of Jesus living in Jerusalem had forgathered to hear the report of the farewell message of the Master and to learn of his ascension. Among this company was Mary the mother of Jesus. She had returned to Jerusalem with John Zebedee when the apostles came back from their recent sojourn in Galilee. Soon after Pentecost she returned to the home

[1] The previous section ends at 7:45, 18th May and this section begins ten days later, at 10:30, 28th May. That this is so can be inferred from 194:1.1, where it is stated that this is the day of Pentecost, which occurs 50 days after the Passover.

of Salome at Bethsaida. James the brother of Jesus was also present at this meeting, the first conference of the Master's disciples to be called after the termination of his planetary career.

2 Simon Peter took it upon himself to speak for his fellow apostles and made a thrilling report of the last meeting of the eleven with their Master and most touchingly portrayed the Master's final farewell and his ascension disappearance. It was a meeting the like of which had never before occurred on this world. This part of the meeting lasted not quite one hour. Peter then explained that

they had decided to choose a successor to Judas Iscariot, and that a recess would be granted to enable the apostles to decide between the two men who had been suggested for this position, Matthias and Justus.

3 The eleven apostles then went downstairs, where they agreed to cast lots in order to determine which of these men should become an apostle to serve in Judas's place. The lot fell on Matthias, and he was declared to be the new apostle. He was duly inducted into his office and then appointed treasurer. But Matthias had little part in the subsequent activities

of the apostles.

4 §§ Soon after Pentecost the twins returned to their homes in Galilee. Simon Zelotes was in retirement for some time before he went forth preaching the gospel. Thomas worried for a shorter period and then resumed his teaching. Nathaniel differed increasingly with Peter regarding preaching about Jesus in the place of proclaiming the former gospel of the kingdom. This disagreement became so acute by the middle of the following month that Nathaniel withdrew, going to Philadelphia to visit Abner and Lazarus; and after tarrying there for

more than a year, he went on into the lands beyond Mesopotamia preaching the gospel as he understood it.

5 This left but six of the original twelve apostles to become actors on the stage of the early proclamation of the gospel in Jerusalem: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, and Matthew.

6 §§ Just about noon the apostles returned to their brethren in the upper chamber and announced that Matthias had been chosen as the new apostle. And then Peter called all of the believers to engage in prayer, prayer that they might be prepared to

receive the gift of the spirit which the Master had promised to send.

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BESTOWAL OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

Midwayer Commission

About 13:00, as the 120 believers were engaged in prayer, they all became aware of a strange presence in the room. At the same time these disciples all became conscious of a new and profound sense of spiritual joy, security, and confidence. This new consciousness of spiritual strength was immediately followed by a strong urge to go out and publicly

proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and the good news that Jesus had risen from the dead.

2 Peter stood up and declared that this must be the coming of the Spirit of Truth which the Master had promised them and proposed that they go to the temple and begin the proclamation of the good news committed to their hands. And they did just what Peter suggested.

3 §§ These men had been trained and instructed that the gospel which they should preach was the fatherhood of God and the sonship of man, but at just this moment of spiritual ecstasy

and personal triumph, the best tidings, the greatest news, these men could think of was the *fact* of the risen Master. And so they went forth, endowed with power from on high, preaching glad tidings to the people — even salvation through Jesus — but they unintentionally stumbled into the error of substituting some of the facts associated with the gospel for the gospel message itself. Peter unwittingly led off in this mistake, and others followed after him on down to Paul, who created a new religion out of the new version of the good news.

4 The gospel of the kingdom is: the

fact of the fatherhood of God, coupled with the resultant truth of the sonship-brotherhood of men. Christianity, as it developed from that day, is: the fact of God as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, in association with the experience of believer-fellowship with the risen and glorified Christ.

5 It is not strange that these spirit-infused men should have seized upon this opportunity to express their feelings of triumph over the forces which had sought to destroy their Master and end the influence of his teachings. At such a time as this it was easier to remember their personal association

with Jesus and to be thrilled with the assurance that the Master still lived, that their friendship had not ended, and that the spirit had indeed come upon them even as he had promised.

6 These believers felt themselves suddenly translated into another world, a new existence of joy, power, and glory. The Master had told them the kingdom would come with power, and some of them thought they were beginning to discern what he meant.

7 And when all of this is taken into consideration, it is not difficult to understand how these men came to preach a *new gospel about Jesus* in the

place of their former message of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men.

1. THE PENTECOST SERMON

1 The apostles had been in hiding for 40 days[1]. This day happened to be the Jewish festival of Pentecost, and thousands of visitors from all parts of

[1] They were really hiding for 50 days, but the author here refers to the last 40 days period from 18th April to 27th May, inclusive. Indeed, after tarrying in Jerusalem for the week subsequent to the resurrection (on 9th April), the apostles left for Galilee on Monday, 17th April; so, for 18th April through 27th May, the apostles were out of the sight of the Jewish leaders; that is, they were 'in hiding', see 191:6.1 and 192:0.1,3-4.

the world were in Jerusalem. Many arrived for this feast, but a majority had tarried in the city since the Passover. Now these frightened apostles emerged from their weeks of seclusion to appear boldly in the temple, where they began to preach the new message of a risen Messiah. And all the disciples were likewise conscious of having received some new spiritual endowment of insight and power.

2 It was about 14:00 when Peter stood up in that very place where his Master had last taught in this temple, and delivered that impassioned appeal which resulted in the winning

of more than 2,000 souls. The Master had gone, but they suddenly discovered that this story about him had great power with the people. No wonder they were led on into the further proclamation of that which vindicated their former devotion to Jesus and at the same time so constrained men to believe in him. Six of the apostles participated in this meeting: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, and Matthew. They talked for more than an hour and a half and delivered messages in Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic, as well as a few words in even other tongues with which they had a speak-

ing acquaintance.

3 The leaders of the Jews were astounded at the boldness of the apostles, but they feared to molest them because of the large numbers who believed their story.

4 By 16:30 more than 2,000 new believers followed the apostles down to the pool of Siloam, where Peter, Andrew, James, and John baptized them in the Master's name. And it was dark when they had finished with baptizing this multitude.

5 Pentecost was the great festival of baptism, the time for fellowshipping the proselytes of the gate, those gen-

tiles who desired to serve Yahweh. It was, therefore, the more easy for large numbers of both the Jews and believing gentiles to submit to baptism on this day. In doing this, they were in no way disconnecting themselves from the Jewish faith. Even for some time after this the believers in Jesus were a sect within Judaism. All of them, including the apostles, were still loyal to the essential requirements of the Jewish ceremonial system.

2. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PENTECOST

1 Jesus lived on earth and taught a gospel which redeemed man from the

superstition that he was a child of the devil and elevated him to the dignity of a faith son of God. Jesus' message, as he preached it and lived it in his day, was an effective solvent for man's spiritual difficulties in that day of its statement. And now that he has personally left the world, he sends in his place his Spirit of Truth, who is designed to live in man and, for each new generation, to restate the Jesus message so that every new group of mortals to appear upon the face of the earth shall have a new and up-to-date version of the gospel, just such personal enlightenment and group guidance as will prove

to be an effective solvent for man's ever-new and varied spiritual difficulties.

2 §§ The first mission of this spirit is, of course, to foster and personalize truth, for it is the comprehension of truth that constitutes the highest form of human liberty. Next, it is the purpose of this spirit to destroy the believer's feeling of orphanhood. Jesus having been among men, all believers would experience a sense of loneliness had not the Spirit of Truth come to dwell in men's hearts.

3 This bestowal of the Son's spirit effectively prepared all normal men's

minds for the subsequent universal bestowal of the Father's spirit (the Adjuster) upon all mankind. In a certain sense, this Spirit of Truth is the spirit of both the Universal Father and the Creator Son.

4 Do not make the mistake of expecting to become strongly intellectually conscious of the outpoured Spirit of Truth. The spirit never creates a consciousness of himself, only a consciousness of Michael, the Son. From the beginning Jesus taught that the spirit would not speak of himself. The proof, therefore, of your fellowship with the Spirit of Truth is not to be

found in your consciousness of this spirit but rather in your experience of enhanced fellowship with Michael.

5 The spirit also came to help men recall and understand the words of the Master as well as to illuminate and reinterpret his life on earth.

6 Next, the Spirit of Truth came to help the believer to witness to the realities of Jesus' teachings and his life as he lived it in the flesh, and as he now again lives it anew and afresh in the individual believer of each passing generation of the spirit-filled sons of God.

7 Thus it appears that the Spirit of Truth comes really to lead all believ-

ers into all truth, into the expanding knowledge of the experience of the living and growing spiritual consciousness of the reality of eternal and ascending sonship with God.

8 §§ Jesus lived a life which is a revelation of man submitted to the Father's will, not an example for any man literally to attempt to follow. This life in the flesh, together with his death on the cross and subsequent resurrection, presently became a new gospel of the ransom which had thus been paid in order to purchase man back from the clutch of the evil one — from the condemnation of an offended God. Nev-

ertheless, even though the gospel did become greatly distorted, it remains a fact that this new message about Jesus carried along with it many of the fundamental truths and teachings of his earlier gospel of the kingdom. And, sooner or later, these concealed truths of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men will emerge to effectually transform the civilization of all mankind.

9 But these mistakes of the intellect in no way interfered with the believer's great progress in growth in spirit. In less than a month after the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth, the

apostles made more individual spiritual progress than during their almost four years of personal and loving association with the Master. Neither did this substitution of the *fact* of the resurrection of Jesus for the saving gospel *truth* of sonship with God in any way interfere with the rapid spread of their teachings; on the contrary, this overshadowing of Jesus' message by the new teachings about his person and resurrection seemed greatly to facilitate the preaching of the good news.

10 §§ The term "baptism of the spirit," which came into such general use about this time, merely signified the

conscious reception of this gift of the Spirit of Truth and the personal acknowledgement of this new spiritual power as an augmentation of all spiritual influences previously experienced by God-knowing souls.

11 §§ Since the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth, man is subject to the teaching and guidance of a threefold spirit endowment: the spirit of the Father, the Thought Adjuster; the spirit of the Son, the Spirit of Truth; the spirit of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

12 In a way, mankind is subject to the double influence of the sevenfold appeal of the universe spirit influences.

The early evolutionary races of mortals are subject to the progressive contact of the seven adjutant mind-spirits of the local universe Mother Spirit. As man progresses upward in the scale of intelligence and spiritual perception, there eventually come to hover over him and dwell within him the seven higher spirit influences. And these seven spirits of the advancing worlds are:

13 1. The bestowed spirit of the Universal Father — the Thought Adjusters.

14 2. The spirit presence of the Eternal Son — the spirit gravity of the

universe of universes and the certain channel of all spirit communion.

15 3. The spirit presence of the Infinite Spirit — the universal spirit-mind of all creation, the spiritual source of the intellectual kinship of all progressive intelligences.

16 4. The spirit of the Universal Father and the Creator Son — the Spirit of Truth, generally regarded as the spirit of the Universe Son.

17 5. The spirit of the Infinite Spirit and the Universe Mother Spirit — the Holy Spirit, generally regarded as the spirit of the Universe Spirit.

18 6. The mind-spirit of the Universe Mother Spirit — the seven adjutant mind-spirits of the local universe.

19 7. The spirit of the Father, Sons, and Spirits — the new-name spirit of the ascending mortals of the realms after the fusion of the mortal spirit-born soul with the Paradise Thought Adjuster and after the subsequent attainment of the divinity and glorification of the status of the Paradise Corps of the Finality.

20 §§ And so did the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth bring to the world and its peoples the last of the spirit endowment designed to aid in the ascending

search for God.

3. WHAT HAPPENED AT PENTECOST

1 Many queer and strange teachings became associated with the early narratives of the day of Pentecost. In subsequent times the events of this day, on which the Spirit of Truth, the new teacher, came to dwell with mankind, have become confused with the foolish outbreaks of rampant emotionalism. The chief mission of this outpoured spirit of the Father and the Son is to teach men about the truths of the Father's love and the Son's mercy. These are the truths of divinity which

men can comprehend more fully than all the other divine traits of character. The Spirit of Truth is concerned primarily with the revelation of the Father's spirit nature and the Son's moral character. The Creator Son, in the flesh, revealed God to men; the Spirit of Truth, in the heart, reveals the Creator Son to men. When man yields the "fruits of the spirit" in his life, he is simply showing forth the traits which the Master manifested in his own earthly life. When Jesus was on earth, he lived his life as one personality — Jesus of Nazareth. As the indwelling spirit of the "new teacher,"

the Master has, since Pentecost, been able to live his life anew in the experience of every truth-taught believer.

2 Many things which happen in the course of a human life are hard to understand, difficult to reconcile with the idea that this is a universe in which truth prevails and in which righteousness triumphs. It so often appears that slander, lies, dishonesty, and unrighteousness — sin — prevail. Does faith, after all, triumph over evil, sin, and iniquity? It does. And the life and death of Jesus are the eternal proof that the truth of goodness and the faith of the spirit-led creature will always be vindi-

cated. They taunted Jesus on the cross, saying, "Let us see if God will come and deliver him." It looked dark on that day of the crucifixion, but it was gloriously bright on the resurrection morning; it was still brighter and more joyous on the day of Pentecost. The religions of pessimistic despair seek to obtain release from the burdens of life; they crave extinction in endless slumber and rest. These are the religions of primitive fear and dread. The religion of Jesus is a new gospel of faith to be proclaimed to struggling humanity. This new religion is founded on faith, hope, and love.

3 To Jesus, mortal life had dealt its hardest, cruellest, and bitterest blows; and this man met these ministrations of despair with faith, courage, and the unswerving determination to do his Father's will. Jesus met life in all its terrible reality and mastered it — even in death. He did not use religion as a release from life. The religion of Jesus does not seek to escape this life in order to enjoy the waiting bliss of another existence. The religion of Jesus provides the joy and peace of another and spiritual existence to enhance and ennoble the life which men now live in the flesh.

4 If religion is an opiate to the people, it is not the religion of Jesus. On the cross he refused to drink the deadening drug, and his spirit, poured out upon all flesh, is a mighty world influence which leads man upward and urges him onward. The spiritual forward urge is the most powerful driving force present in this world; the truth-learning believer is the one progressive and aggressive soul on earth.

5 On the day of Pentecost the religion of Jesus broke all national restrictions and racial fetters. It is forever true, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." On this day the

Spirit of Truth became the personal gift from the Master to every mortal. This spirit was bestowed for the purpose of qualifying believers more effectively to preach the gospel of the kingdom, but they mistook the experience of receiving the outpoured spirit for a part of the new gospel which they were unconsciously formulating.

6 §§ Do not overlook the fact that the Spirit of Truth was bestowed upon all sincere believers; this gift of the spirit did not come only to the apostles. The 120 men and women assembled in the upper chamber all received

the new teacher, as did all the honest of heart throughout the whole world. This new teacher was bestowed upon mankind, and every soul received him in accordance with the love for truth and the capacity to grasp and comprehend spiritual realities. At last, true religion is delivered from the custody of priests and all sacred classes and finds its real manifestation in the individual souls of men.

7 §§ The religion of Jesus fosters the highest type of human civilization in that it creates the highest type of spiritual personality and proclaims the sacredness of that person.

8 The coming of the Spirit of Truth on Pentecost made possible a religion which is neither radical nor conservative; it is neither the old nor the new; it is to be dominated neither by the old nor the young. The fact of Jesus' earthly life provides a fixed point for the anchor of time, while the bestowal of the Spirit of Truth provides for the everlasting expansion and endless growth of the religion which he lived and the gospel which he proclaimed. The spirit guides into *all* truth; he is the teacher of an expanding and always-growing religion of endless progress and divine unfolding. This new

teacher will be forever unfolding to the truth-seeking believer that which was so divinely folded up in the person and nature of the Son of Man.

9 The manifestations associated with the bestowal of the "new teacher," and the reception of the apostles' preaching by the men of various races and nations gathered together at Jerusalem, indicate the universality of the religion of Jesus. The gospel of the kingdom was to be identified with no particular race, culture, or language. This day of Pentecost witnessed the great effort of the spirit to liberate the religion of Jesus from its inherited Jew-

ish fetters. Even after this demonstration of pouring out the spirit upon all flesh, the apostles at first endeavoured to impose the requirements of Judaism upon their converts. Even Paul had trouble with his Jerusalem brethren because he refused to subject the gentiles to these Jewish practices. No revealed religion can spread to all the world when it makes the serious mistake of becoming permeated with some national culture or associated with established racial, social, or economic practices.

10 The bestowal of the Spirit of Truth was independent of all forms, cere-

monies, sacred places, and special behaviour by those who received the fullness of its manifestation. When the spirit came upon those assembled in the upper chamber, they were simply sitting there, having just been engaged in silent prayer. The spirit was bestowed in the country as well as in the city. It was not necessary for the apostles to go apart to a lonely place for years of solitary meditation in order to receive the spirit. For all time, Pentecost disassociates the idea of spiritual experience from the notion of especially favourable environments.

11 §§ Pentecost, with its spiritual en-

dowment, was designed forever to loose the religion of the Master from all dependence upon physical force; the teachers of this new religion are now equipped with spiritual weapons. They are to go out to conquer the world with unfailing forgiveness, matchless good will, and abounding love. They are equipped to overcome evil with good, to vanquish hate by love, to destroy fear with a courageous and living faith in truth. Jesus had already taught his followers that his religion was never passive; always were his disciples to be active and positive in their ministry of mercy and in their

manifestations of love. No longer did these believers look upon Yahweh as "the Lord of Hosts." They now regarded the eternal Deity as the "God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ." They made that progress, at least, even if they did in some measure fail fully to grasp the truth that God is also the spiritual Father of every individual.

12 Pentecost endowed mortal man with the power to forgive personal injuries, to keep sweet in the midst of the gravest injustice, to remain unmoved in the face of appalling danger, and to challenge the evils of hate and anger by the fearless acts of love

and forbearance. Urantia has passed through the ravages of great and destructive wars in its history. All participants in these terrible struggles met with defeat. There was but one victor; there was only one who came out of these embittered struggles with an enhanced reputation — that was Jesus of Nazareth and his gospel of overcoming evil with good. The secret of a better civilization is bound up in the Master's teachings of the brotherhood of man, the good will of love and mutual trust.

13 Up to Pentecost, religion had revealed only man seeking for God;

since Pentecost, man is still searching for God, but there shines out over the world the spectacle of God also seeking for man and sending his spirit to dwell within him when he has found him.

14 §§ Before the teachings of Jesus which culminated in Pentecost, women had little or no spiritual standing in the tenets of the older religions. After Pentecost, in the brotherhood of the kingdom woman stood before God on an equality with man. Among the 120 who received this special visitation of the spirit were many of the women disciples, and they shared

these blessings equally with the men believers. No longer can man presume to monopolize the ministry of religious service. The Pharisee might go on thanking God that he was "not born a woman, a leper, or a gentile," but among the followers of Jesus woman has been forever set free from all religious discriminations based on sex. Pentecost obliterated all religious discrimination founded on racial distinction, cultural differences, social caste, or sex prejudice. No wonder these believers in the new religion would cry out, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

15 §§ Both the mother and brother of Jesus were present among the 120 believers, and as members of this common group of disciples, they also received the outpoured spirit. They received no more of the good gift than did their fellows. No special gift was bestowed upon the members of Jesus' earthly family. Pentecost marked the end of special priesthoods and all belief in sacred families.

16 §§ Before Pentecost the apostles had given up much for Jesus. They had sacrificed their homes, families, friends, worldly goods, and positions. At Pentecost they gave themselves to

God, and the Father and the Son responded by giving themselves to man — sending their spirits to live within men. This experience of losing self and finding the spirit was not one of emotion; it was an act of intelligent self-surrender and unreserved consecration.

17 Pentecost was the call to spiritual unity among gospel believers. When the spirit descended on the disciples at Jerusalem, the same thing happened in Philadelphia, Alexandria, and at all other places where true believers dwelt. It was literally true that "there was but one heart and soul among the

multitude of the believers." The religion of Jesus is the most powerful unifying influence the world has ever known.

18 §§ Pentecost was designed to lessen the self-assertiveness of individuals, groups, nations, and races. It is this spirit of self-assertiveness which so increases in tension that it periodically breaks loose in destructive wars. Mankind can be unified only by the spiritual approach, and the Spirit of Truth is a world influence which is universal.

19 The coming of the Spirit of Truth purifies the human heart and leads the recipient to formulate a life purpose

single to the will of God and the welfare of men. The material spirit of selfishness has been swallowed up in this new spiritual bestowal of selflessness. Pentecost, then and now, signifies that the Jesus of history has become the divine Son of living experience. The joy of this outpoured spirit, when it is consciously experienced in human life, is a tonic for health, a stimulus for mind, and an unfailing energy for the soul.

20 §§ Prayer did not bring the spirit on the day of Pentecost, but it did have much to do with determining the capacity of receptivity which characterized the individual believers. Prayer

does not move the divine heart to liberality of bestowal, but it does so often dig out larger and deeper channels wherein the divine bestowals may flow to the hearts and souls of those who thus remember to maintain unbroken communion with their Maker through sincere prayer and true worship.

4. BEGINNINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1 When Jesus was so suddenly seized by his enemies and so quickly crucified between two thieves, his apostles and disciples were completely demoralized. The thought of the Mas-

ter, arrested, bound, scourged, and crucified, was too much for even the apostles. They forgot his teachings and his warnings. He might, indeed, have been "a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people," but he could hardly be the Messiah they had hoped would restore the kingdom of Israel.

2 Then comes the resurrection, with its deliverance from despair and the return of their faith in the Master's divinity. Again and again they see him and talk with him, and he takes them out on Olivet, where he bids them farewell and tells them he is going back

to the Father. He has told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they are endowed with power — until the Spirit of Truth shall come. And on the day of Pentecost this new teacher comes, and they go out at once to preach their gospel with new power. They are the bold and courageous followers of a living Lord, not a dead and defeated leader. The Master lives in the hearts of these evangelists; God is not a doctrine in their minds; he has become a living presence in their souls.

3 "Day by day they continued steadfastly and with one accord in the temple and breaking bread at home. They

took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favour with all the people. They were all filled with the spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. And the multitudes of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own, and they had all things in common."

4 §§ What has happened to these men whom Jesus had ordained to go forth preaching the gospel of the kingdom, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man? They have a new

gospel; they are on fire with a new experience; they are filled with a new spiritual energy. Their message has suddenly shifted to the proclamation of the risen Christ: "Jesus of Nazareth, a man God approved by mighty works and wonders; him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you did crucify and slay. The things which God foreshadowed by the mouth of all the prophets, he thus fulfilled. This Jesus did God raise up. God has made him both Lord and Christ. Being, by the right hand of God, exalted and having received from the Father the prom-

ise of the spirit, he has poured forth this which you see and hear. Repent, that your sins may be blotted out; that the Father may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you, even Jesus, whom the heaven must receive until the times of the restoration of all things."

5 The gospel of the kingdom, the message of Jesus, had been suddenly changed into the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They now proclaimed the facts of his life, death, and resurrection and preached the hope of his speedy return to this world to finish the work he began. Thus the message

of the early believers had to do with preaching about the facts of his first coming and with teaching the hope of his second coming, an event which they deemed to be very near at hand.

6 Christ was about to become the creed of the rapidly forming church. Jesus lives; he died for men; he gave the spirit; he is coming again. Jesus filled all their thoughts and determined all their new concepts[1] of God and everything else. They were too much enthused over the new doctrine that "God is the Father of the Lord Jesus"

[1] In 1955 text "concept" in the singular.

to be concerned with the old message that "God is the loving Father of all men," even of every single individual. True, a marvellous manifestation of brotherly love and unexampled good will did spring up in these early communities of believers. But it was a fellowship of believers in Jesus, not a fellowship of brothers in the family kingdom of the Father in heaven. Their good will arose from the love born of the concept of Jesus' bestowal and not from the recognition of the brotherhood of mortal man. Nevertheless, they were filled with joy, and they lived such new and unique lives that all men

were attracted to their teachings about Jesus. They made the great mistake of using the living and illustrative commentary on the gospel of the kingdom for that gospel, but even that represented the greatest religion mankind had ever known.

7 Unmistakably, a new fellowship was arising in the world. "The multitude who believed continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." They called each other brother and sister; they greeted one another with a holy kiss; they ministered to the poor. It was a fellow-

ship of living as well as of worship. They were not communal by decree but by the desire to share their goods with their fellow believers. They confidently expected that Jesus would return to complete the establishment of the Father's kingdom during their generation. This spontaneous sharing of earthly possessions was not a direct feature of Jesus' teaching; it came about because these men and women so sincerely and so confidently believed that he was to return any day to finish his work and to consummate the kingdom. But the final results of this well-meant experiment in

thoughtless brotherly love were disastrous and sorrow-breeding. Thousands of earnest believers sold their property and disposed of all their capital goods and other productive assets. With the passing of time, the dwindling resources of Christian "equal-sharing" came to an *end* — but the world did not. Very soon the believers at Antioch were taking up a collection to keep their fellow believers at Jerusalem from starving.

8 §§ In these days they celebrated the Lord's Supper after the manner of its establishment; that is, they assembled for a social meal of good fellowship

and partook of the sacrament at the end of the meal.

9 §§ At first they baptized in the name of Jesus; it was almost 20 years before they began to baptize in "the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Baptism was all that was required for admission into the fellowship of believers. They had no organization as yet; it was simply the Jesus brotherhood.

10 §§ This Jesus sect was growing rapidly, and once more the Sadducees took notice of them. The Pharisees were little bothered about the situation, seeing that none of the teach-

ings in any way interfered with the observance of the Jewish laws. But the Sadducees began to put the leaders of the Jesus sect in jail until they were prevailed upon to accept the counsel of one of the leading rabbis, Gamaliel, who advised them: "Refrain from these men and let them alone, for if this counsel or this work is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them, lest haply you be found even to be fighting against God." They decided to follow Gamaliel's counsel, and there ensued a time of peace and quiet in Jerusalem, during which the

new gospel about Jesus spread rapidly.

11 And so all went well in Jerusalem until the time of the coming of the Greeks in large numbers from Alexandria. Two of the pupils of Rodan arrived in Jerusalem and made many converts from among the Hellenists. Among their early converts were Stephen and Barnabas. These able Greeks did not so much have the Jewish viewpoint, and they did not so well conform to the Jewish mode of worship and other ceremonial practices. And it was the doings of these Greek believers that terminated the peaceful relations between

the Jesus brotherhood and the Pharisees and Sadducees. Stephen and his Greek associate began to preach more as Jesus taught, and this brought them into immediate conflict with the Jewish rulers. In one of Stephen's public sermons, when he reached the objectionable part of the discourse, they dispensed with all formalities of trial and proceeded to stone him to death on the spot.

12 Stephen, the leader of the Greek colony of Jesus' believers in Jerusalem, thus became the first martyr to the new faith and the specific cause for the formal organization of the early Chris-

tian church. This new crisis was met by the recognition that believers could not longer go on as a sect within the Jewish faith. They all agreed that they must separate themselves from unbelievers; and within one month from the death of Stephen the church at Jerusalem had been organized under the leadership of Peter, and James the brother of Jesus had been installed as its titular head.

13 And then broke out the new and relentless persecutions by the Jews, so that the active teachers of the new religion about Jesus, which subsequently at Antioch was called Christianity,

went forth to the ends of the empire proclaiming Jesus. In carrying this message, before the time of Paul the leadership was in Greek hands; and these first missionaries, as also the later ones, followed the path of Alexander's march of former days, going by way of Gaza and Tyre to Antioch and then over Asia Minor to Macedonia, then on to Rome and to the uttermost parts of the empire.

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AFTER PENTECOST

Midwayer Commission

The results of Peter's preaching on the day of Pentecost were such as to decide the future policies, and to determine the plans, of the majority of the apostles in their efforts to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. Peter was the real founder of the Christian church; Paul carried the Christian message to the gentiles, and the Greek believers carried it to the whole Roman Empire.

2 Although the tradition-bound and priest-ridden Hebrews, as a people, refused to accept either Jesus' gospel of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man or Peter's and Paul's proclamation of the resurrection and ascension of Christ (subsequent Christianity), the rest of the Roman Empire was found to be receptive to the evolving Christian teachings. Western civilization was at this time intellectual, war weary, and thoroughly sceptical of all existing religions and universe philosophies. The peoples of the Western world, the beneficiaries of Greek culture, had a

revered tradition of a great past. They could contemplate the inheritance of great accomplishments in philosophy, art, literature, and political progress. But with all these achievements they had no soul-satisfying religion. Their spiritual longings remained unsatisfied.

3 Upon such a stage of human society the teachings of Jesus, embraced in the Christian message, were suddenly thrust. A new order of living was thus presented to the hungry hearts of these Western peoples. This situation meant immediate conflict between the older religious practices and

the new Christianized version of Jesus' message to the world. Such a conflict must result in either decided victory for the new or for the old or in some degree of *compromise.* History shows that the struggle ended in compromise. Christianity presumed to embrace too much for any one people to assimilate in one or two generations. It was not a simple spiritual appeal, such as Jesus had presented to the souls of men; it early struck a decided attitude on religious rituals, education, magic, medicine, art, literature, law, government, morals, sex regulation, polygamy, and, in limited degree,

even slavery. Christianity came not merely as a new religion — something all the Roman Empire and all the Orient were waiting for — but as a *new order of human society.* And as such a pretension it quickly precipitated the social-moral clash of the ages. The ideals of Jesus, as they were reinterpreted by Greek philosophy and socialized in Christianity, now boldly challenged the traditions of the human race embodied in the ethics, morality, and religions of Western civilization.

4 §§ At first, Christianity won as converts only the lower social and economic strata. But by the beginning

of the second century the very best of Græco-Roman culture was increasingly turning to this new order of Christian belief, this new concept of the purpose of living and the goal of existence.

5 How did this new message of Jewish origin, which had almost failed in the land of its birth, so quickly and effectively capture the very best minds of the Roman Empire? The triumph of Christianity over the philosophic religions and the mystery cults was due to:

6 1. Organization. Paul was a great organizer and his successors kept

up the pace he set.

7 2. Christianity was thoroughly Hellenized. It embraced the best in Greek philosophy as well as the cream of Hebrew theology.

8 3. But best of all, it contained a new and great *ideal,* the echo of the life bestowal of Jesus and the reflection of his message of salvation for all mankind.

9 4. The Christian leaders were willing to make such compromises with Mithraism that the better half of its adherents were won over to the Antioch cult.

10 5. Likewise did the next and later generations of Christian leaders make such further compromises with paganism that even the Roman emperor Constantine was won to the new religion.

11 §§ But the Christians made a shrewd bargain with the pagans in that they adopted the ritualistic pageantry of the pagan while compelling the pagan to accept the Hellenized version of Pauline Christianity. They made a better bargain with the pagans than they did with the Mithraic cult, but even in that earlier compromise they came off more than conquerors in

that they succeeded in eliminating the gross immoralities and also numerous other reprehensible practices of the Persian mystery.

12 Wisely or unwisely, these early leaders of Christianity deliberately compromised the *ideals* of Jesus in an effort to save and further many of his *ideas.* And they were eminently successful. But mistake not! these compromised ideals of the Master are still latent in his gospel, and they will eventually assert their full power upon the world.

13 By this paganization of Christianity the old order won many minor vic-

tories of a ritualistic nature, but the Christians gained the ascendancy in that:

14 1. A new and enormously higher note in human morals was struck.

15 2. A new and greatly enlarged concept of God was given to the world.

16 3. The hope of immortality became a part of the assurance of a recognized religion.

17 4. Jesus of Nazareth was given to man's hungry soul.

18 §§ Many of the great truths taught by Jesus were almost lost in these early

compromises, but they yet slumber in this religion of paganized Christianity, which was in turn the Pauline version of the life and teachings of the Son of Man. And Christianity, even before it was paganized, was first thoroughly Hellenized. Christianity owes much, very much, to the Greeks. It was a Greek, from Egypt, who so bravely stood up at Nicaea and so fearlessly challenged this assembly that it dared not so obscure the concept of the nature of Jesus that the real truth of his bestowal might have been in danger of being lost to the world. This Greek's name was Athanasius, and but for the

eloquence and the logic of this believer, the persuasions of Arius would have triumphed.

1. INFLUENCE OF THE GREEKS

1 The Hellenization of Christianity started in earnest on that eventful day when the Apostle Paul stood before the council of the Areopagus in Athens and told the Athenians about "the Unknown God." There, under the shadow of the Acropolis, this Roman citizen proclaimed to these Greeks his version of the new religion which had taken origin in the Jewish land of Galilee. And there was something

strangely alike in Greek philosophy and many of the teachings of Jesus. They had a common goal — both aimed at the *emergence of the individual.* The Greek, at social and political emergence; Jesus, at moral and spiritual emergence. The Greek taught intellectual liberalism leading to political freedom; Jesus taught spiritual liberalism leading to religious liberty. These two ideas put together constituted a new and mighty charter for human freedom; they presaged man's social, political, and spiritual liberty.

2 Christianity came into existence and triumphed over all contending

religions primarily because of two things:

3 1. The Greek mind was willing to borrow new and good ideas even from the Jews.

4 2. Paul and his successors were willing but shrewd and sagacious compromisers; they were keen theologic traders.

5 §§ At the time Paul stood up in Athens preaching "Christ and Him Crucified," the Greeks were spiritually hungry; they were inquiring, interested, and actually looking for spiritual truth. Never forget that at first the Romans fought Christianity, while

the Greeks embraced it, and that it was the Greeks who literally forced the Romans subsequently to accept this new religion, as then modified, as a part of Greek culture.

6 The Greek revered beauty, the Jew holiness, but both peoples loved truth. For centuries the Greek had seriously thought and earnestly debated about all human problems — social, economic, political, and philosophic — except religion. Few Greeks had paid much attention to religion; they did not take even their own religion very seriously. For centuries the Jews had neglected these other fields of thought

while they devoted their minds to religion. They took their religion very seriously, too seriously. As illuminated by the content of Jesus' message, the united product of the centuries of the thought of these two peoples now became the driving power of a new order of human society and, to a certain extent, of a new order of human religious belief and practice.

7 §§ The influence of Greek culture had already penetrated the lands of the western Mediterranean when Alexander spread Hellenistic civilization over the near-Eastern world. The Greeks did very well with their religion and

their politics as long as they lived in small city-states, but when the Macedonian king dared to expand Greece into an empire, stretching from the Adriatic to the Indus, trouble began. The art and philosophy of Greece were fully equal to the task of imperial expansion, but not so with Greek political administration or religion. After the city-states of Greece had expanded into empire, their rather parochial gods seemed a little queer. The Greeks were really searching for *one God,* a greater and better God, when the Christianized version of the older Jewish religion came to them.

8 The Hellenistic Empire, as such, could not endure. Its cultural sway continued on, but it endured only after securing from the West the Roman political genius for empire administration and after obtaining from the East a religion whose one God possessed empire dignity.

9 In the first century after Christ, Hellenistic culture had already attained its highest levels; its retrogression had begun; learning was advancing but genius was declining. It was at this very time that the ideas and ideals of Jesus, which were partially embodied in Christianity, became a part of

the salvage of Greek culture and learning.

10 Alexander had charged on the East with the cultural gift of the civilization of Greece; Paul assaulted the West with the Christian version of the gospel of Jesus. And wherever the Greek culture prevailed throughout the West, there Hellenized Christianity took root.

11 §§ The Eastern version of the message of Jesus, notwithstanding that it remained more true to his teachings, continued to follow the uncompromising attitude of Abner. It never progressed as did the Hellenized version

and was eventually lost in the Islamic movement.

2. THE ROMAN INFLUENCE

1 The Romans bodily took over Greek culture, putting representative government in the place of government by lot. And presently this change favoured Christianity in that Rome brought into the whole Western world a new tolerance for strange languages, peoples, and even religions.

2 Much of the early persecution of Christians in Rome was due solely to their unfortunate use of the term "kingdom" in their preaching. The

Romans were tolerant of any and all religions but very resentful of anything that savoured of political rivalry. And so, when these early persecutions, due so largely to misunderstanding, died out, the field for religious propaganda was wide open. The Roman was interested in political administration; he cared little for either art or religion, but he was unusually tolerant of both.

3 Oriental law was stern and arbitrary; Greek law was fluid and artistic; Roman law was dignified and respect-breeding. Roman education bred an unheard-of and stolid loyalty. The early Romans were politically devoted

and sublimely consecrated individuals. They were honest, zealous, and dedicated to their ideals, but without a religion worthy of the name. Small wonder that their Greek teachers were able to persuade them to accept Paul's Christianity.

4 And these Romans were a great people. They could govern the Occident because they did govern themselves. Such unparalleled honesty, devotion, and stalwart self-control was ideal soil for the reception and growth of Christianity.

5 It was easy for these Græco-Romans to become just as spiritually de-

voted to an institutional church as they were politically devoted to the state. The Romans fought the church only when they feared it as a competitor of the state. Rome, having little national philosophy or native culture, took over Greek culture for its own and boldly adopted Christ as its moral philosophy. Christianity became the moral culture of Rome but hardly its religion in the sense of being the individual experience in spiritual growth of those who embraced the new religion in such a wholesale manner. True, indeed, many individuals did penetrate beneath the surface

of all this state religion and found for the nourishment of their souls the real values of the hidden meanings held within the latent truths of Hellenized and paganized Christianity.

6 §§ The Stoic and his sturdy appeal to "nature and conscience" had only the better prepared all Rome to receive Christ, at least in an intellectual sense. The Roman was by nature and training a lawyer; he revered even the laws of nature. And now, in Christianity, he discerned in the laws of nature the laws of God. A people that could produce Cicero and Vergil were ripe for Paul's Hellenized Christianity.

7 And so did these Romanized Greeks force both Jews and Christians to philosophize their religion, to coordinate its ideas and systematize its ideals, to adapt religious practices to the existing current of life. And all this was enormously helped by translation of the Hebrew scriptures into Greek and by the later recording of the New Testament in the Greek tongue.

8 The Greeks, in contrast with the Jews and many other peoples, had long provisionally believed in immortality, some sort of survival after death, and since this was the very heart of Jesus' teaching, it was certain that Chris-

tianity would make a strong appeal to them.

9 A succession of Greek-cultural and Roman-political victories had consolidated the Mediterranean lands into one empire, with one language and one culture, and had made the Western world ready for one God. Judaism provided this God, but Judaism was not acceptable as a religion to these Romanized Greeks. Philo helped some to mitigate their objections, but Christianity revealed to them an even better concept of one

God, and they embraced it readily.

3. UNDER THE ROMAN EMPIRE

1 After the consolidation of Roman political rule and after the dissemination of Christianity, the Christians found themselves with one God, a great religious concept, but without empire. The Græco-Romans found themselves with a great empire but without a God to serve as the suitable religious concept for empire worship and spiritual unification. The Christians accepted the empire; the empire adopted Christianity. The Roman provided a unity of political rule;

the Greek, a unity of culture and learning; Christianity, a unity of religious thought and practice.

2 Rome overcame the tradition of nationalism by imperial universalism and for the first time in history made it possible for different races and nations at least nominally to accept one religion.

3 Christianity came into favour in Rome at a time when there was great contention between the vigorous teachings of the Stoics and the salvation promises of the mystery cults. Christianity came with refreshing comfort and liberating power to

a spiritually hungry people whose language had no word for "unselfishness."

4 §§ That which gave greatest power to Christianity was the way its believers lived lives of service and even the way they died for their faith during the earlier times of drastic persecution.

5 §§ The teaching regarding Christ's love for children soon put an end to the widespread practice of exposing children to death when they were not wanted, particularly girl babies.

6 §§ The early plan of Christian worship was largely taken over from the Jewish synagogue, modified by the Mithraic ritual; later on, much pagan

pageantry was added. The backbone of the early Christian church consisted of Christianized Greek proselytes to Judaism.

7 §§ The second century after Christ was the best time in all the world's history for a good religion to make progress in the Western world. During the first century Christianity had prepared itself, by struggle and compromise, to take root and rapidly spread. Christianity adopted the emperor; later, he adopted Christianity. This was a great age for the spread of a new religion. There was religious liberty; travel was universal and thought

was untrammelled.

8 The spiritual impetus of nominally accepting Hellenized Christianity came to Rome too late to prevent the well-started moral decline or to compensate for the already well-established and increasing racial deterioration. This new religion was a cultural necessity for imperial Rome, and it is exceedingly unfortunate that it did not become a means of spiritual salvation in a larger sense.

9 Even a good religion could not save a great empire from the sure results of lack of individual participation in the affairs of government, from

overmuch paternalism, overtaxation and gross collection abuses, unbalanced trade with the Levant which drained away the gold, amusement madness, Roman standardization, the degradation of woman, slavery and race decadence, physical plagues, and a state church which became institutionalized nearly to the point of spiritual barrenness.

10 Conditions, however, were not so bad at Alexandria. The early schools continued to hold much of Jesus' teachings free from compromise. Pantaenus[1] taught Clement and then went

[1] In 1955 text "Poutaenus". The correct spelling of

on to follow Nathaniel in proclaiming Christ in India. While some of the ideals of Jesus were sacrificed in the building of Christianity, it should in all fairness be recorded that, by the end of the second century, practically all

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this name is Pantaenus; Dr. Sadler, in a March 17, 1959 letter to the Rev. Benjamin Adams of San Francisco, suggested the possible source of the error: "I think the spelling of the name of the teacher in Alexandria is undoubtedly an error in transcribing the manuscript into typewriting. An "an" was undoubtedly transcribed as an "ou". I remember when we were sometimes in doubt as to whether a letter was an "n" or a "u" in the manuscript. Of course, we who were preparing this matter, did not know the name of this teacher so could have easily made this mistake."

the great minds of the Græco-Roman world had become Christian. The triumph was approaching completion.

11 And this Roman Empire lasted sufficiently long to ensure the survival of Christianity even after the empire collapsed. But we have often conjectured what would have happened in Rome and in the world if it had been the gospel of the kingdom which had been accepted in the place of Greek Christianity.

4. THE EUROPEAN DARK AGES

1 The church, being an adjunct to society and the ally of politics, was

doomed to share in the intellectual and spiritual decline of the so-called European "dark ages." During this time, religion became more and more monasticized, asceticized, and legalized. In a spiritual sense, Christianity was hibernating. Throughout this period there existed, alongside this slumbering and secularized religion, a continuous stream of mysticism, a fantastic spiritual experience bordering on unreality and philosophically akin to pantheism.

2 During these dark and despairing centuries, religion became virtually secondhanded again. The indi-

vidual was almost lost before the overshadowing authority, tradition, and dictation of the church. A new spiritual menace arose in the creation of a galaxy of "saints" who were assumed to have special influence at the divine courts, and who, therefore, if effectively appealed to, would be able to intercede in man's behalf before the Gods.

3 But Christianity was sufficiently socialized and paganized that, while it was impotent to stay the oncoming dark ages, it was the better prepared to survive this long period of moral darkness and spiritual stagna-

tion. And it did persist on through the long night of Western civilization and was still functioning as a moral influence in the world when the renaissance dawned. The rehabilitation of Christianity, following the passing of the dark ages, resulted in bringing into existence numerous sects of the Christian teachings, beliefs suited to special intellectual, emotional, and spiritual types of human personality. And many of these special Christian groups, or religious families, still persist at the time of the making of this presentation.

4 §§ Christianity exhibits a history

of having originated out of the unintended transformation of the religion of Jesus into a religion about Jesus. It further presents the history of having experienced Hellenization, paganization, secularization, institutionalization, intellectual deterioration, spiritual decadence, moral hibernation, threatened extinction, later rejuvenation, fragmentation, and more recent relative rehabilitation. Such a pedigree is indicative of inherent vitality and the possession of vast recuperative resources. And this same Christianity is now present in the civilized world of Occidental peoples and

stands face to face with a struggle for existence which is even more ominous than those eventful crises which have characterized its past battles for dominance.

5 §§ Religion is now confronted by the challenge of a new age of scientific minds and materialistic tendencies. In this gigantic struggle between the secular and the spiritual, the religion of Jesus will eventually triumph.

5. THE MODERN PROBLEM

1 The XX century has brought new problems for Christianity and all other religions to solve. The higher a

civilization climbs, the more necessitous becomes the duty to "seek first the realities of heaven" in all of man's efforts to stabilize society and facilitate the solution of its material problems.

2 Truth often becomes confusing and even misleading when it is dismembered, segregated, isolated, and too much analysed. Living truth teaches the truth seeker aright only when it is embraced in wholeness and as a living spiritual reality, not as a fact of material science or an inspiration of intervening art.

3 Religion is the revelation to man

of his divine and eternal destiny. Religion is a purely personal and spiritual experience and must forever be distinguished from man's other high forms of thought, such as:

4 1. Man's logical attitude toward the things of material reality.

5 2. Man's aesthetic appreciation of beauty contrasted with ugliness.

6 3. Man's ethical recognition of social obligations and political duty.

7 4. Even man's sense of human morality is not, in and of itself, religious.

8 §§ Religion is designed to find those values in the universe which call

forth faith, trust, and assurance; religion culminates in worship. Religion discovers for the soul those supreme values which are in contrast with the relative values discovered by the mind. Such superhuman insight can be had only through genuine religious experience.

9 A lasting social system without a morality predicated on spiritual realities can no more be maintained than could the solar system without gravity.

10 Do not try to satisfy the curiosity or gratify all the latent adventure surging within the soul in one short life in the flesh. Be patient! be not

tempted to indulge in a lawless plunge into cheap and sordid adventure. Harness your energies and bridle your passions; be calm while you await the majestic unfolding of an endless career of progressive adventure and thrilling discovery.

11 §§ In confusion over man's origin, do not lose sight of his eternal destiny. Forget not that Jesus loved even little children, and that he forever made clear the great worth of human personality.

12 §§ As you view the world, remember that the black patches of evil which you see are shown against a

white background of ultimate good. You do not view merely white patches of good which show up miserably against a black background of evil.

13 When there is so much good truth to publish and proclaim, why should men dwell so much upon the evil in the world just because it appears to be a fact? The beauties of the spiritual values of truth are more pleasurable and uplifting than is the phenomenon of evil.

14 §§ In religion, Jesus advocated and followed the method of experience, even as modern science pursues the technique of experiment. We find

God through the leadings of spiritual insight, but we approach this insight of the soul through the love of the beautiful, the pursuit of truth, loyalty to duty, and the worship of divine goodness. But of all these values, love is the true guide to real insight.

6. MATERIALISM

1 Scientists have unintentionally precipitated mankind into a materialistic panic; they have started an unthinking run on the moral bank of the ages, but this bank of human experience has vast spiritual resources; it can stand the demands being made upon

it. Only unthinking men become panicky about the spiritual assets of the human race. When the materialistic-secular panic is over, the religion of Jesus will not be found bankrupt. The spiritual bank of the kingdom of heaven will be paying out faith, hope, and moral security to all who draw upon it "in His name."

2 No matter what the apparent conflict between materialism and the teachings of Jesus may be, you can rest assured that, in the ages to come, the teachings of the Master will fully triumph. In reality, true religion cannot become involved in any contro-

versy with science; it is in no way concerned with material things. Religion is simply indifferent to, but sympathetic with, science, while it supremely concerns itself with the *scientist.*

3 The pursuit of mere knowledge, without the attendant interpretation of wisdom and the spiritual insight of religious experience, eventually leads to pessimism and human despair. A little knowledge is truly disconcerting.

4 At the time of this writing the worst of the materialistic age is over; the day of a better understanding is already beginning to dawn. The higher minds of the scientific world are no

longer wholly materialistic in their philosophy, but the rank and file of the people still lean in that direction as a result of former teachings. But this age of physical realism is only a passing episode in man's life on earth. Modern science has left true religion — the teachings of Jesus as translated in the lives of his believers — untouched. All science has done is to destroy the childlike illusions of the misinterpretations of life.

5 Science is a quantitative experience, religion a qualitative experience, as regards man's life on earth. Science deals with phenomena; religion,

with origins, values, and goals. To assign *causes* as an explanation of physical phenomena is to confess ignorance of ultimates and in the end only leads the scientist straight back to the first great cause — the Universal Father of Paradise.

6 The violent swing from an age of miracles to an age of machines has proved altogether upsetting to man. The cleverness and dexterity of the false philosophies of mechanism belie their very mechanistic contentions. The fatalistic agility of the mind of a materialist forever disproves his assertions that the universe is a blind and

purposeless energy phenomenon.

7 The mechanistic naturalism of some supposedly educated men and the thoughtless secularism of the man in the street are both exclusively concerned with *things;* they are barren of all real values, sanctions, and satisfactions of a spiritual nature, as well as being devoid of faith, hope, and eternal assurances. One of the great troubles with modern life is that man thinks he is too busy to find time for spiritual meditation and religious devotion.

8 Materialism reduces man to a soulless automaton and constitutes him merely an arithmetical symbol

finding a helpless place in the mathematical formula of an unromantic and mechanistic universe. But whence comes all this vast universe of mathematics without a Master Mathematician? Science may expatiate on the conservation of matter, but religion validates the conservation of men's souls — it concerns their experience with spiritual realities and eternal values.

9 The materialistic sociologist of today surveys a community, makes a report thereon, and leaves the people as he found them. 1900 years ago, unlearned Galileans surveyed Jesus giving

his life as a spiritual contribution to man's inner experience and then went out and turned the whole Roman Empire upside down.

10 But religious leaders are making a great mistake when they try to call modern man to spiritual battle with the trumpet blasts of the Middle Ages. Religion must provide itself with new and up-to-date slogans. Neither democracy nor any other political panacea will take the place of spiritual progress. False religions may represent an evasion of reality, but Jesus in his gospel introduced mortal man to the very entrance upon an eternal reality

of spiritual progression.

11 To say that mind "emerged" from matter explains nothing. If the universe were merely a mechanism and mind were unapart from matter, we would never have two differing interpretations of any observed phenomenon. The concepts of truth, beauty, and goodness are not inherent in either physics or chemistry. A machine cannot *know,* much less know truth, hunger for righteousness, and cherish goodness.

12 Science may be physical, but the mind of the truth-discerning scientist is at once supermaterial. Matter

knows not truth, neither can it love mercy nor delight in spiritual realities. Moral convictions based on spiritual enlightenment and rooted in human experience are just as real and certain as mathematical deductions based on physical observations, but on another and higher level.

13 If men were only machines, they would react more or less uniformly to a material universe. Individuality, much less personality, would be nonexistent.

14 §§ The fact of the absolute mechanism of Paradise at the centre of the universe of universes, in the presence of the unqualified volition of the Sec-

ond Source and Centre, makes forever certain that determiners are not the exclusive law of the cosmos. Materialism is there, but it is not exclusive; mechanism is there, but it is not unqualified; determinism is there, but it is not alone.

15 The finite universe of matter would eventually become uniform and deterministic but for the combined presence of mind and spirit. The influence of the cosmic mind constantly injects spontaneity into even the material worlds.

16 Freedom or initiative in any realm of existence is directly proportional to

the degree of spiritual influence and cosmic-mind control; that is, in human experience, the degree of the actuality of doing "the Father's will." And so, when you once start out to find God, that is the conclusive proof that God has already found you.

[17] The sincere pursuit of goodness, beauty, and truth leads to God. And every scientific discovery demonstrates the existence of both freedom and uniformity in the universe. The discoverer was free to make the discovery. The thing discovered is real and apparently uniform, or else it could

not have become known as a *thing*.

7. THE VULNERABILITY OF MATERIALISM

1 How foolish it is for material-minded man to allow such vulnerable theories as those of a mechanistic universe to deprive him of the vast spiritual resources of the personal experience of true religion. Facts never quarrel with real spiritual faith; theories may. Better that science should be devoted to the destruction of superstition rather than attempting the overthrow of religious faith — human belief in spiritual realities and divine values.

2 Science should do for man materially what religion does for him spiritually: extend the horizon of life and enlarge his personality. True science can have no lasting quarrel with true religion. The "scientific method" is merely an intellectual yardstick wherewith to measure material adventures and physical achievements. But being material and wholly intellectual, it is utterly useless in the evaluation of spiritual realities and religious experiences.

3 The inconsistency of the modern mechanist is: If this were merely a material universe and man only a ma-

chine, such a man would be wholly unable to recognize himself as such a machine, and likewise would such a machine-man be wholly unconscious of the fact of the existence of such a material universe. The materialistic dismay and despair of a mechanistic science has failed to recognize the fact of the spirit-indwelt mind of the scientist whose very supermaterial insight formulates these mistaken and self-contradictory *concepts* of a materialistic universe.

4 Paradise values of eternity and infinity, of truth, beauty, and goodness, are concealed within the facts of the

phenomena of the universes of time and space. But it requires the eye of faith in a spirit-born mortal to detect and discern these spiritual values.

5 The realities and values of spiritual progress are not a "psychologic projection" — a mere glorified daydream of the material mind. Such things are the spiritual forecasts of the indwelling Adjuster, the spirit of God living in the mind of man. And let not your dabblings with the faintly glimpsed findings of "relativity" disturb your concepts of the eternity and infinity of God. And in all your solicitation concerning the necessity for

self-expression do not make the mistake of failing to provide for *Adjuster-expression,* the manifestation of your real and better self.

6 If this were only a material universe, material man would never be able to arrive at the concept of the mechanistic character of such an exclusively material existence. This very *mechanistic concept* of the universe is in itself a nonmaterial phenomenon of mind, and all mind is of nonmaterial origin, no matter how thoroughly it may appear to be materially conditioned and mechanistically controlled.

7 The partially evolved mental mechanism of mortal man is not overendowed with consistency and wisdom. Man's conceit often outruns his reason and eludes his logic.

8 The very pessimism of the most pessimistic materialist is, in and of itself, sufficient proof that the universe of the pessimist is not wholly material. Both optimism and pessimism are concept reactions in a mind conscious of *values* as well as of *facts.* If the universe were truly what the materialist regards it to be, man as a human machine would then be devoid of all conscious recognition of that very

fact. Without the consciousness of the concept of *values* within the spirit-born mind, the fact of universe materialism and the mechanistic phenomena of universe operation would be wholly unrecognized by man. One machine cannot be conscious of the nature or value of another machine.

9 A mechanistic philosophy of life and the universe cannot be scientific because science recognizes and deals only with materials and facts. Philosophy is inevitably superscientific. Man is a material fact of nature, but his *life* is a phenomenon which transcends the material levels of nature in that it ex-

hibits the control attributes of mind and the creative qualities of spirit.

10 The sincere effort of man to become a mechanist represents the tragic phenomenon of that man's futile effort to commit intellectual and moral suicide. But he cannot do it.

11 If the universe were only material and man only a machine, there would be no science to embolden the scientist to postulate this mechanization of the universe. Machines cannot measure, classify, nor evaluate themselves. Such a scientific piece of work could be executed only by some entity of supermachine status.

12 If universe reality is only one vast machine, then man must be outside of the universe and apart from it in order to recognize such a *fact* and become conscious of the *insight* of such an *evaluation.*

13 §§ If man is only a machine, by what technique does this man come to *believe* or claim to *know* that he is only a machine? The experience of self-conscious evaluation of one's self is never an attribute of a mere machine. A self-conscious and avowed mechanist is the best possible answer to mechanism. If materialism were a fact, there could be no self-conscious mechanist.

It is also true that one must first be a moral person before one can perform immoral acts.

14 §§ The very claim of materialism implies a supermaterial consciousness of the mind which presumes to assert such dogmas. A mechanism might deteriorate, but it could never progress. Machines do not think, create, dream, aspire, idealize, hunger for truth, or thirst for righteousness. They do not motivate their lives with the passion to serve other machines and to choose as their goal of eternal progression the sublime task of finding God and striving to be like him. Machines are never

intellectual, emotional, aesthetic, ethical, moral, or spiritual.

15 Art proves that man is not mechanistic, but it does not prove that he is spiritually immortal. Art is mortal morontia, the intervening field between man, the material, and man, the spiritual. Poetry is an effort to escape from material realities to spiritual values.

16 In a high civilization, art humanizes science, while in turn it is spiritualized by true religion — insight into spiritual and eternal values. Art represents the human and time-space evaluation of reality. Religion *is* the

divine embrace of cosmic values and connotes eternal progression in spiritual ascension and expansion. The art of time is dangerous only when it becomes blind to the spirit standards of the divine patterns which eternity reflects as the reality shadows of time. True art is the effective manipulation of the material things of life; religion is the ennobling transformation of the material facts of life, and it never ceases in its spiritual evaluation of art.

17 §§ How foolish to presume that an automaton could conceive a philosophy of automatism, and how ridiculous that it should presume to form

such a concept of other and fellow automatons!

18 §§ Any scientific interpretation of the material universe is valueless unless it provides due recognition for the *scientist.* No appreciation of art is genuine unless it accords recognition to the *artist.* No evaluation of morals is worth while unless it includes the *moralist.* No recognition of philosophy is edifying if it ignores the *philosopher,* and religion cannot exist without the real experience of the *religionist* who, in and through this very experience, is seeking to find God and to know him. Likewise is the universe

of universes without significance apart from the I AM, the infinite God who made it and unceasingly manages it.

19 §§ Mechanists — humanists — tend to drift with the material currents. Idealists and spiritists *dare* to use their oars with intelligence and vigour in order to modify the apparently purely material course of the energy streams.

20 §§ Science lives by the mathematics of the mind; music expresses the tempo of the emotions. Religion is the spiritual rhythm of the soul in time-space harmony with the higher and eternal melody measurements of In-

finity. Religious experience is something in human life which is truly supermathematical.

21 In language, an alphabet represents the mechanism of materialism, while the words expressive of the meaning of a thousand thoughts, grand ideas, and noble ideals — of love and hate, of cowardice and courage — represent the performances of mind within the scope defined by both material and spiritual law, directed by the assertion of the will of personality, and limited by the inherent situational endowment.

22 The universe is not like the laws,

mechanisms, and the uniformities which the scientist discovers, and which he comes to regard as science, but rather like the curious, thinking, choosing, creative, combining, and discriminating *scientist* who thus observes universe phenomena and classifies the mathematical facts inherent in the mechanistic phases of the material side of creation. Neither is the universe like the art of the artist, but rather like the striving, dreaming, aspiring, and advancing *artist* who seeks to transcend the world of material things in an effort to achieve a spiritual goal.

23 The scientist, not science, perceives the reality of an evolving and advancing universe of energy and matter. The artist, not art, demonstrates the existence of the transient morontia world intervening between material existence and spiritual liberty. The religionist, not religion, proves the existence of the spirit realities and divine values which are to be encountered in the progress of eternity.

8. SECULAR TOTALITARIANISM

1 But even after materialism and mechanism have been more or less vanquished, the devastating influence

of XX century secularism will still blight the spiritual experience of millions of unsuspecting souls.

2 Modern secularism has been fostered by two world-wide influences. The father of secularism was the narrow-minded and godless attitude of XIX and XX century so-called science — atheistic science. The mother of modern secularism was the totalitarian medieval Christian church. Secularism had its inception as a rising protest against the almost complete domination of Western civilization by the institutionalized Christian church.

3 At the time of this revelation, the prevailing intellectual and philosophical climate of both European and American life is decidedly secular — humanistic. For 300 years Western thinking has been progressively secularized. Religion has become more and more a nominal influence, largely a ritualistic exercise. The majority of professed Christians of Western civilization are unwittingly actual secularists.

4 It required a great power, a mighty influence, to free the thinking and living of the Western peoples from the withering grasp of a totalitarian eccle-

siastical domination. Secularism did break the bonds of church control, and now in turn it threatens to establish a new and godless type of mastery over the hearts and minds of modern man. The tyrannical and dictatorial political state is the direct offspring of scientific materialism and philosophic secularism. Secularism no sooner frees man from the domination of the institutionalized church than it sells him into slavish bondage to the totalitarian state. Secularism frees man from ecclesiastical slavery only to betray him into the tyranny of political and economic slavery.

5 §§ Materialism denies God, secularism simply ignores him; at least that was the earlier attitude. More recently, secularism has assumed a more militant attitude, assuming to take the place of the religion whose totalitarian bondage it onetime resisted. XX century secularism tends to affirm that man does not need God. But beware! this godless philosophy of human society will lead only to unrest, animosity, unhappiness, war, and world-wide disaster.

6 §§ Secularism can never bring peace to mankind. Nothing can take the place of God in human society.

But mark you well! do not be quick to surrender the beneficent gains of the secular revolt from ecclesiastical totalitarianism. Western civilization today enjoys many liberties and satisfactions as a result of the secular revolt. The great mistake of secularism was this: In revolting against the almost total control of life by religious authority, and after attaining the liberation from such ecclesiastical tyranny, the secularists went on to institute a revolt against God himself, sometimes tacitly and sometimes openly.

7 To the secularistic revolt you owe the amazing creativity of American

industrialism and the unprecedented material progress of Western civilization. And because the secularistic revolt went too far and lost sight of God and *true* religion, there also followed the unlooked-for harvest of world wars and international unsettledness.

8 It is not necessary to sacrifice faith in God in order to enjoy the blessings of the modern secularistic revolt: tolerance, social service, democratic government, and civil liberties. It was not necessary for the secularists to antagonize true religion in order to promote science and to advance education.

9 But secularism is not the sole parent of all these recent gains in the enlargement of living. Behind the gains of the XX century are not only science and secularism but also the unrecognized and unacknowledged spiritual workings of the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Without God, without religion, scientific secularism can never co-ordinate its forces, harmonize its divergent and rivalrous interests, races, and nationalisms. This secularistic human society, notwithstanding its unparalleled materialistic achievement, is slowly disintegrating. The chief

cohesive force resisting this disintegration of antagonism is nationalism. And nationalism is the chief barrier to world peace.

11 The inherent weakness of secularism is that it discards ethics and religion for politics and power. You simply cannot establish the brotherhood of men while ignoring or denying the fatherhood of God.

12 Secular social and political optimism is an illusion. Without God, neither freedom and liberty, nor property and wealth will lead to peace.

13 The complete secularization of science, education, industry, and so-

ciety can lead only to disaster. During the first third of the XX century Urantians killed more human beings than were killed during the whole of the Christian dispensation up to that time. And this is only the beginning of the dire harvest of materialism and secularism; still more terrible destruction is yet to come.

9. CHRISTIANITY'S PROBLEM

1 Do not overlook the value of your spiritual heritage, the river of truth running down through the centuries, even to the barren times of a materialistic and secular age. In all your worthy

efforts to rid yourselves of the superstitious creeds of past ages, make sure that you hold fast the eternal truth. But be patient! when the present superstition revolt is over, the truths of Jesus' gospel will persist gloriously to illuminate a new and better way.

2 But paganized and socialized Christianity stands in need of new contact with the uncompromised teachings of Jesus; it languishes for lack of a new vision of the Master's life on earth. A new and fuller revelation of the religion of Jesus is destined to conquer an empire of materialistic secularism and to overthrow a

world sway of mechanistic naturalism. Urantia is now quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment.

3 The teachings of Jesus, even though greatly modified, survived the mystery cults of their birthtime, the ignorance and superstition of the dark ages, and are even now slowly triumphing over the materialism, mechanism, and secularism of the XX century. And such times of great testing and threatened defeat are always times of great revelation.

4 §§ Religion does need new leaders, spiritual men and women who will dare to depend solely on Jesus and his incomparable teachings. If Christianity persists in neglecting its spiritual mission while it continues to busy itself with social and material problems, the spiritual renaissance must await the coming of these new teachers of Jesus' religion who will be exclusively devoted to the spiritual regeneration of men. And then will these spirit-born souls quickly supply the leadership and inspiration requisite for the social, moral, economic, and political reorganization of the world.

5 The modern age will refuse to accept a religion which is inconsistent with facts and out of harmony with its highest conceptions of truth, beauty, and goodness. The hour is striking for a rediscovery of the true and original foundations of present-day distorted and compromised Christianity — the real life and teachings of Jesus.

6 §§ Primitive man lived a life of superstitious bondage to religious fear. Modern, civilized men dread the thought of falling under the dominance of strong religious convictions. Thinking man has always feared to be *held* by a religion. When a strong and

moving religion threatens to dominate him, he invariably tries to rationalize, traditionalize, and institutionalize it, thereby hoping to gain control of it. By such procedure, even a revealed religion becomes man-made and man-dominated. Modern men and women of intelligence evade the religion of Jesus because of their fears of what it will do *to* them — and *with* them. And all such fears are well founded. The religion of Jesus does, indeed, dominate and transform its believers, demanding that men dedicate their lives to seeking for a knowledge of the will of the Father in heaven

and requiring that the energies of living be consecrated to the unselfish service of the brotherhood of man.

7 Selfish men and women simply will not pay such a price for even the greatest spiritual treasure ever offered mortal man. Only when man has become sufficiently disillusioned by the sorrowful disappointments attendant upon the foolish and deceptive pursuits of selfishness, and subsequent to the discovery of the barrenness of formalized religion, will he be disposed to turn wholeheartedly to the gospel of the kingdom, the religion of Jesus of Nazareth.

8 The world needs more firsthand religion. Even Christianity — the best of the religions of the XX century — is not only a religion *about* Jesus, but it is so largely one which men experience secondhand. They take their religion wholly as handed down by their accepted religious teachers. What an awakening the world would experience if it could only see Jesus as he really lived on earth and know, firsthand, his life-giving teachings! Descriptive words of things beautiful cannot thrill like the sight thereof, neither can creedal words inspire men's souls like the experience of knowing

the presence of God. But expectant faith will ever keep the hope-door of man's soul open for the entrance of the eternal spiritual realities of the divine values of the worlds beyond.

9 §§ Christianity has dared to lower its ideals before the challenge of human greed, war-madness, and the lust for power; but the religion of Jesus stands as the unsullied and transcendent spiritual summons, calling to the best there is in man to rise above all these legacies of animal evolution and, by grace, attain the moral heights of true human destiny.

10 Christianity is threatened by slow

death from formalism, over-organization, intellectualism, and other non-spiritual trends. The modern Christian church is not such a brotherhood of dynamic believers as Jesus commissioned continuously to effect the spiritual transformation of successive generations of mankind.

11 So-called Christianity has become a social and cultural movement as well as a religious belief and practice. The stream of modern Christianity drains many an ancient pagan swamp and many a barbarian morass; many olden cultural watersheds drain into this present-day cultural stream

as well as the high Galilean tablelands which are supposed to be its exclusive source.

10. THE FUTURE

1 Christianity has indeed done a great service for this world, but what is now most needed is Jesus. The world needs to see Jesus living again on earth in the experience of spirit-born mortals who effectively reveal the Master to all men. It is futile to talk about a revival of primitive Christianity; you must go forward from where you find yourselves. Modern culture must become spiritually baptized with a new

revelation of Jesus' life and illuminated with a new understanding of his gospel of eternal salvation. And when Jesus becomes thus lifted up, he will draw all men to himself. Jesus' disciples should be more than conquerors, even overflowing sources of inspiration and enhanced living to all men. Religion is only an exalted humanism until it is made divine by the discovery of the reality of the presence of God in personal experience.

2 The beauty and sublimity, the humanity and divinity, the simplicity and uniqueness, of Jesus' life on earth present such a striking and appeal-

ing picture of man-saving and God-revealing that the theologians and philosophers of all time should be effectively restrained from daring to form creeds or create theological systems of spiritual bondage out of such a transcendental bestowal of God in the form of man. In Jesus the universe produced a mortal man in whom the spirit of love triumphed over the material handicaps of time and overcame the fact of physical origin.

3 §§ Ever bear in mind — God and men need each other. They are mutually necessary to the full and final attainment of eternal personality expe-

rience in the divine destiny of universe finality.

4 "The kingdom of God is within you" was probably the greatest pronouncement Jesus ever made, next to the declaration that his Father is a living and loving spirit.

5 §§ In winning souls for the Master, it is not the first mile of compulsion, duty, or convention that will transform man and his world, but rather the *second* mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion that betokens the Jesusonian reaching forth to grasp his brother in love and sweep him on under spiritual guidance toward the

higher and divine goal of mortal existence. Christianity even now willingly goes the *first* mile, but mankind languishes and stumbles along in moral darkness because there are so few genuine second-milers — so few professed followers of Jesus who really live and love as he taught his disciples to live and love and serve.

6 The call to the adventure of building a new and transformed human society by means of the spiritual rebirth of Jesus' brotherhood of the kingdom should thrill all who believe in him as men have not been stirred since the days when they walked about on earth

as his companions in the flesh.

7 No social system or political regime which denies the reality of God can contribute in any constructive and lasting manner to the advancement of human civilization. But Christianity, as it is subdivided and secularized today, presents the greatest single obstacle to its further advancement; especially is this true concerning the Orient.

8 §§ Ecclesiasticism is at once and forever incompatible with that living faith, growing spirit, and firsthand experience of the faith-comrades of Jesus in the brotherhood of man in the

spiritual association of the kingdom of heaven. The praiseworthy desire to preserve traditions of past achievement often leads to the defence of outgrown systems of worship. The well-meant desire to foster ancient thought systems effectually prevents the sponsoring of new and adequate means and methods designed to satisfy the spiritual longings of the expanding and advancing minds of modern men. Likewise, the Christian churches of the XX century stand as great, but wholly unconscious, obstacles to the immediate advance of the real gospel — the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

9 Many earnest persons who would gladly yield loyalty to the Christ of the gospel find it very difficult enthusiastically to support a church which exhibits so little of the spirit of his life and teachings, and which they have been erroneously taught he founded. Jesus did not found the so-called Christian church, but he has, in every manner consistent with his nature, *fostered* it as the best existent exponent of his lifework on earth.

10 If the Christian church would only dare to espouse the Master's program, thousands of apparently indifferent youths would rush forward to enlist in

such a spiritual undertaking, and they would not hesitate to go all the way through with this great adventure.

11 Christianity is seriously confronted with the doom embodied in one of its own slogans: "A house divided against itself cannot stand." The non-Christian world will hardly capitulate to a sect-divided Christendom. The living Jesus is the only hope of a possible unification of Christianity. The true church — the Jesus brotherhood — is invisible, spiritual, and is characterized by *unity,* not necessarily by *uniformity.* Uniformity is the earmark of the physical world of mech-

anistic nature. Spiritual unity is the fruit of faith union with the living Jesus. The visible church should refuse longer to handicap the progress of the invisible and spiritual brotherhood of the kingdom of God. And this brotherhood is destined to become a *living organism* in contrast to an institutionalized social organization. It may well utilize such social organizations, but it must not be supplanted by them.

12 But the Christianity of even the XX century must not be despised. It is the product of the combined moral genius of the God-knowing men of many races during many ages, and it

has truly been one of the greatest powers for good on earth, and therefore no man should lightly regard it, notwithstanding its inherent and acquired defects. Christianity still contrives to move the minds of reflective men with mighty moral emotions.

13 But there is no excuse for the involvement of the church in commerce and politics; such unholy alliances are a flagrant betrayal of the Master. And the genuine lovers of truth will be slow to forget that this powerful institutionalized church has often dared to smother newborn faith and persecute truth bearers who chanced to appear

in unorthodox raiment.

14 It is all too true that such a church would not have survived unless there had been men in the world who preferred such a style of worship. Many spiritually indolent souls crave an ancient and authoritative religion of ritual and sacred traditions. Human evolution and spiritual progress are hardly sufficient to enable all men to dispense with religious authority. And the invisible brotherhood of the kingdom may well include these family groups of various social and temperamental classes if they are only willing to become truly spirit-led sons of God. But

in this brotherhood of Jesus there is no place for sectarian rivalry, group bitterness, nor assertions of moral superiority and spiritual infallibility.

15 These various groupings of Christians may serve to accommodate numerous different types of would-be believers among the various peoples of Western civilization, but such division of Christendom presents a grave weakness when it attempts to carry the gospel of Jesus to Oriental peoples. These races do not yet understand that there is a *religion of Jesus* separate, and somewhat apart, from Christianity, which has more and more become a

religion about Jesus.

16 The great hope of Urantia lies in the possibility of a new revelation of Jesus with a new and enlarged presentation of his saving message which would spiritually unite in loving service the numerous families of his present-day professed followers.

17 Even secular education could help in this great spiritual renaissance if it would pay more attention to the work of teaching youth how to engage in life planning and character progression. The purpose of all education should be to foster and further the supreme purpose of life, the development of a

majestic and well-balanced personality. There is great need for the teaching of moral discipline in the place of so much self-gratification. Upon such a foundation religion may contribute its spiritual incentive to the enlargement and enrichment of mortal life, even to the security and enhancement of life eternal.

18 Christianity is an extemporized religion, and therefore must it operate in low gear. High-gear spiritual performances must await the new revelation and the more general acceptance of the real religion of Jesus. But Christianity is a mighty religion, seeing that

the commonplace disciples of a crucified carpenter set in motion those teachings which conquered the Roman world in 300 years and then went on to triumph over the barbarians who overthrew Rome. This same Christianity conquered — absorbed and exalted — the whole stream of Hebrew theology and Greek philosophy. And then, when this Christian religion became comatose for more than a thousand years as a result of an overdose of mysteries and paganism, it resurrected itself and virtually reconquered the whole Western world. Christianity contains enough of Jesus' teachings

to immortalize it.

19 If Christianity could only grasp more of Jesus' teachings, it could do so much more in helping modern man to solve his new and increasingly complex problems.

20 Christianity suffers under a great handicap because it has become identified in the minds of all the world as a part of the social system, the industrial life, and the moral standards of Western civilization; and thus has Christianity unwittingly seemed to sponsor a society which staggers under the guilt of tolerating science without idealism, politics without princi-

ples, wealth without work, pleasure without restraint, knowledge without character, power without conscience, and industry without morality.

21 The hope of modern Christianity is that it should cease to sponsor the social systems and industrial policies of Western civilization while it humbly bows itself before the cross it so valiantly extols, there to learn anew from Jesus of Nazareth the greatest truths mortal man can ever hear — the living gospel of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

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THE FAITH OF JESUS

Midwayer Commission

Jesus enjoyed a sublime and wholehearted faith in God. He experienced the ordinary ups and downs of mortal existence, but he never religiously doubted the certainty of God's watchcare and guidance. His faith was the outgrowth of the insight born of the activity of the divine presence, his indwelling Adjuster. His faith was neither traditional nor merely intellectual; it was wholly personal and purely spiritual.

2 The human Jesus saw God as being holy, just, and great, as well as being true, beautiful, and good. All these attributes of divinity he focused in his mind as the "will of the Father in heaven." Jesus' God was at one and the same time "The Holy One of Israel" and "The living and loving Father in heaven." The concept of God as a Father was not original with Jesus, but he exalted and elevated the idea into a sublime experience by achieving a new revelation of God and by proclaiming that every mortal creature is a child of this Father of love, a son of God.

3 Jesus did not cling to faith in God

as would a struggling soul at war with the universe and at death grips with a hostile and sinful world; he did not resort to faith merely as a consolation in the midst of difficulties or as a comfort in threatened despair; faith was not just an illusory compensation for the unpleasant realities and the sorrows of living. In the very face of all the natural difficulties and the temporal contradictions of mortal existence, he experienced the tranquillity of supreme and unquestioned trust in God and felt the tremendous thrill of living, by faith, in the very presence of the heavenly Father. And this triumphant faith

was a living experience of actual spirit attainment. Jesus' great contribution to the values of human experience was not that he revealed so many new ideas about the Father in heaven, but rather that he so magnificently and humanly demonstrated a new and higher type of *living faith in God.* Never on all the worlds of this universe, in the life of any one mortal, did God ever become such a *living reality* as in the human experience of Jesus of Nazareth.

4 In the Master's life on Urantia, this and all other worlds of the local creation discover a new and higher type of religion, religion based on personal

spiritual relations with the Universal Father and wholly validated by the supreme authority of genuine personal experience. This living faith of Jesus was more than an intellectual reflection, and it was not a mystic meditation.

5 Theology may fix, formulate, define, and dogmatize faith, but in the human life of Jesus faith was personal, living, original, spontaneous, and purely spiritual. This faith was not reverence for tradition nor a mere intellectual belief which he held as a sacred creed, but rather a sublime experience and a profound conviction

which *securely held him.* His faith was so real and all-encompassing that it absolutely swept away any spiritual doubts and effectively destroyed every conflicting desire. Nothing was able to tear him away from the spiritual anchorage of this fervent, sublime, and undaunted faith. Even in the face of apparent defeat or in the throes of disappointment and threatening despair, he calmly stood in the divine presence free from fear and fully conscious of spiritual invincibility. Jesus enjoyed the invigorating assurance of the possession of unflinching faith, and in each of life's trying situations he

unfailingly exhibited an unquestioning loyalty to the Father's will. And this superb faith was undaunted even by the cruel and crushing threat of an ignominious death.

6 In a religious genius, strong spiritual faith so many times leads directly to disastrous fanaticism, to exaggeration of the religious ego, but it was not so with Jesus. He was not unfavourably affected in his practical life by his extraordinary faith and spirit attainment because this spiritual exaltation was a wholly unconscious and spontaneous soul expression of his personal experience with God.

7 The all-consuming and indomitable spiritual faith of Jesus never became fanatical, for it never attempted to run away with his well-balanced intellectual judgments concerning the proportional values of practical and commonplace social, economic, and moral life situations. The Son of Man was a splendidly unified human personality; he was a perfectly endowed divine being; he was also magnificently co-ordinated as a combined human and divine being functioning on earth as a single personality. Always did the Master co-ordinate the faith of the soul with the wisdom-appraisals

of seasoned experience. Personal faith, spiritual hope, and moral devotion were always correlated in a matchless religious unity of harmonious association with the keen realization of the reality and sacredness of all human loyalties — personal honour, family love, religious obligation, social duty, and economic necessity.

8 The faith of Jesus visualized all spirit values as being found in the kingdom of God; therefore he said, "Seek first the kingdom of heaven." Jesus saw in the advanced and ideal fellowship of the kingdom the achievement and fulfilment of the "will of God." The very

heart of the prayer which he taught his disciples was, "Your kingdom come; your will be done." Having thus conceived of the kingdom as comprising the will of God, he devoted himself to the cause of its realization with amazing self-forgetfulness and unbounded enthusiasm. But in all his intense mission and throughout his extraordinary life there never appeared the fury of the fanatic nor the superficial frothiness of the religious egotist.

9 The Master's entire life was consistently conditioned by this living faith, this sublime religious experience. This spiritual attitude wholly dominated

his thinking and feeling, his believing and praying, his teaching and preaching. This personal faith of a son in the certainty and security of the guidance and protection of the heavenly Father imparted to his unique life a profound endowment of spiritual reality. And yet, despite this very deep consciousness of close relationship with divinity, this Galilean, God's Galilean, when addressed as Good Teacher, instantly replied, "Why do you call me good?" When we stand confronted by such splendid self-forgetfulness, we begin to understand how the Universal Father found it possible so fully

to manifest himself to him and reveal himself through him to the mortals of the realms.

10 Jesus brought to God, as a man of the realm, the greatest of all offerings: the consecration and dedication of his own will to the majestic service of doing the divine will. Jesus always and consistently interpreted religion wholly in terms of the Father's will. When you study the career of the Master, as concerns prayer or any other feature of the religious life, look not so much for what he taught as for what he did. Jesus never prayed as a religious duty. To him prayer was a

sincere expression of spiritual attitude, a declaration of soul loyalty, a recital of personal devotion, an expression of thanksgiving, an avoidance of emotional tension, a prevention of conflict, an exaltation of intellection, an ennoblement of desire, a vindication of moral decision, an enrichment of thought, an invigoration of higher inclinations, a consecration of impulse, a clarification of viewpoint, a declaration of faith, a transcendental surrender of will, a sublime assertion of confidence, a revelation of courage, the proclamation of discovery, a confession of supreme devotion, the val-

idation of consecration, a technique for the adjustment of difficulties, and the mighty mobilization of the combined soul powers to withstand all human tendencies toward selfishness, evil, and sin. He lived just such a life of prayerful consecration to the doing of his Father's will and ended his life triumphantly with just such a prayer. The secret of his unparalleled religious life was this consciousness of the presence of God; and he attained it by intelligent prayer and sincere worship — unbroken communion with God — and not by leadings, voices, visions, or extraordinary religious practices.

11 In the earthly life of Jesus, religion was a living experience, a direct and personal movement from spiritual reverence to practical righteousness. The faith of Jesus bore the transcendent fruits of the divine spirit. His faith was not immature and credulous like that of a child, but in many ways it did resemble the unsuspecting trust of the child mind. Jesus trusted God much as the child trusts a parent. He had a profound confidence in the universe — just such a trust as the child has in its parental environment. Jesus' wholehearted faith in the fundamental goodness of the universe very

much resembled the child's trust in the security of its earthly surroundings. He depended on the heavenly Father as a child leans upon its earthly parent, and his fervent faith never for one moment doubted the certainty of the heavenly Father's overcare. He was not disturbed seriously by fears, doubts, and scepticism. Unbelief did not inhibit the free and original expression of his life. He combined the stalwart and intelligent courage of a full-grown man with the sincere and trusting optimism of a believing child. His faith grew to such heights of trust that it was devoid of fear.

12 The faith of Jesus attained the purity of a child's trust. His faith was so absolute and undoubting that it responded to the charm of the contact of fellow beings and to the wonders of the universe. His sense of dependence on the divine was so complete and so confident that it yielded the joy and the assurance of absolute personal security. There was no hesitating pretence in his religious experience. In this giant intellect of the full-grown man the faith of the child reigned supreme in all matters relating to the religious consciousness. It is not strange that he once said, "Except you become

as a little child, you shall not enter the kingdom." Notwithstanding that Jesus' faith was *childlike,* it was in no sense *childish.*

13 Jesus does not require his disciples to believe in him but rather to believe *with* him, believe in the reality of the love of God and in full confidence accept the security of the assurance of sonship with the heavenly Father. The Master desires that all his followers should fully share his transcendent faith. Jesus most touchingly challenged his followers, not only to believe *what* he believed, but also to believe *as* he believed. This is the

full significance of his one supreme requirement, "Follow me."

14 Jesus' earthly life was devoted to one great purpose — doing the Father's will, living the human life religiously and by faith. The faith of Jesus was trusting, like that of a child, but it was wholly free from presumption. He made robust and manly decisions, courageously faced manifold disappointments, resolutely surmounted extraordinary difficulties, and unflinchingly confronted the stern requirements of duty. It required a strong will and an unfailing confidence to believe what Jesus believed

and *as* he believed.

1. JESUS — THE MAN

1 Jesus' devotion to the Father's will and the service of man was even more than mortal decision and human determination; it was a wholehearted consecration of himself to such an unreserved bestowal of love. No matter how great the fact of the sovereignty of Michael, you must not take the human Jesus away from men. The Master has ascended on high as a man, as well as God; he belongs to men; men belong to him. How unfortunate that religion itself should be so misinter-

preted as to take the human Jesus away from struggling mortals! Let not the discussions of the humanity or the divinity of the Christ obscure the saving truth that Jesus of Nazareth was a religious man who, by faith, achieved the knowing and the doing of the will of God; he was the most truly religious man who has ever lived on Urantia.

2 The time is ripe to witness the figurative resurrection of the human Jesus from his burial tomb amidst the theological traditions and the religious dogmas of 19 centuries. Jesus of Nazareth must not be longer sacrificed to even the splendid concept of the

glorified Christ. What a transcendent service if, through this revelation, the Son of Man should be recovered from the tomb of traditional theology and be presented as the living Jesus to the church that bears his name, and to all other religions! Surely the Christian fellowship of believers will not hesitate to make such adjustments of faith and of practices of living as will enable it to "follow after" the Master in the demonstration of his real life of religious devotion to the doing of his Father's will and of consecration to the unselfish service of man. Do professed Christians fear the exposure of a self-

sufficient and unconsecrated fellowship of social respectability and selfish economic maladjustment? Does institutional Christianity fear the possible jeopardy, or even the overthrow, of traditional ecclesiastical authority if the Jesus of Galilee is reinstated in the minds and souls of mortal men as the ideal of personal religious living? Indeed, the social readjustments, the economic transformations, the moral rejuvenations, and the religious revisions of Christian civilization would be drastic and revolutionary if the living religion of Jesus should suddenly supplant the theologic religion about

Jesus.

3 §§ To "follow Jesus" means to personally share his religious faith and to enter into the spirit of the Master's life of unselfish service for man. One of the most important things in human living is to find out what Jesus believed, to discover his ideals, and to strive for the achievement of his exalted life purpose. Of all human knowledge, that which is of greatest value is to know the religious life of Jesus and how he lived it.

4 The common people heard Jesus gladly, and they will again respond to the presentation of his sincere hu-

man life of consecrated religious motivation if such truths shall again be proclaimed to the world. The people heard him gladly because he was one of them, an unpretentious layman; the world's greatest religious teacher was indeed a layman.

5 It should not be the aim of kingdom believers literally to imitate the outward life of Jesus in the flesh but rather to share his faith; to trust God as he trusted God and to believe in men as he believed in men. Jesus never argued about either the fatherhood of God or the brotherhood of men; he was a living illustration of the one

and a profound demonstration of the other.

6 Just as men must progress from the consciousness of the human to the realization of the divine, so did Jesus ascend from the nature of man to the consciousness of the nature of God. And the Master made this great ascent from the human to the divine by the conjoint achievement of the faith of his mortal intellect and the acts of his indwelling Adjuster. The fact-realization of the attainment of totality of divinity (all the while fully conscious of the reality of humanity) was attended by seven stages of faith con-

sciousness of progressive divinization. These stages of progressive self-realization were marked off by the following extraordinary events in the Master's bestowal experience:

7 1. The arrival of the Thought Adjuster.

8 2. The messenger of Immanuel who appeared to him at Jerusalem when he was about twelve years old.

9 3. The manifestations attendant upon his baptism.

10 4. The experiences on the Mount of Transfiguration.

11 5. The morontia resurrection.

12 6. The spirit ascension.

13 7. The final embrace of the Paradise Father, conferring unlimited sovereignty of his universe.

2. THE RELIGION OF JESUS

1 Some day a reformation in the Christian church may strike deep enough to get back to the unadulterated religious teachings of Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. You may *preach* a religion *about* Jesus, but, perforce, you must *live* the religion *of* Jesus. In the enthusiasm of Pentecost, Peter unintentionally inaugurated a new religion, the religion of the

risen and glorified Christ. The Apostle Paul later on transformed this new gospel into Christianity, a religion embodying his own theologic views and portraying his own *personal experience* with the Jesus of the Damascus road. The gospel of the kingdom is founded on the personal religious experience of the Jesus of Galilee; Christianity is founded almost exclusively on the personal religious experience of the Apostle Paul. Almost the whole of the New Testament is devoted, not to the portrayal of the significant and inspiring religious life of Jesus, but to a discussion of Paul's religious experience and

to a portrayal of his personal religious convictions. The only notable exceptions to this statement, aside from certain parts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are the Book of Hebrews and the Epistle of James. Even Peter, in his writing, only once reverted to the personal religious life of his Master. The New Testament is a superb Christian document, but it is only meagrely Jesusonian.

2 Jesus' life in the flesh portrays a transcendent religious growth from the early ideas of primitive awe and human reverence up through years of personal spiritual communion until

he finally arrived at that advanced and exalted status of the consciousness of his oneness with the Father. And thus, in one short life, did Jesus traverse that experience of religious spiritual progression which man begins on earth and ordinarily achieves only at the conclusion of his long sojourn in the spirit training schools of the successive levels of the pre-Paradise career. Jesus progressed from a purely human consciousness of the faith certainties of personal religious experience to the sublime spiritual heights of the positive realization of his divine nature and to the consciousness

of his close association with the Universal Father in the management of a universe. He progressed from the humble status of mortal dependence which prompted him spontaneously to say to the one who called him Good Teacher, "Why do you call me good? None is good but God," to that sublime consciousness of achieved divinity which led him to exclaim, "Which one of you convicts me of sin?" And this progressing ascent from the human to the divine was an exclusively mortal achievement. And when he had thus attained divinity, he was still the same human Jesus, the Son of Man

as well as the Son of God.

3 Mark, Matthew, and Luke retain something of the picture of the human Jesus as he engaged in the superb struggle to ascertain the divine will and to do that will. John presents a picture of the triumphant Jesus as he walked on earth in the full consciousness of divinity. The great mistake that has been made by those who have studied the Master's life is that some have conceived of him as entirely human, while others have thought of him as only divine. Throughout his entire experience he was truly both human and divine, even as he yet is.

4 But the greatest mistake was made in that, while the human Jesus was recognized as *having* a religion, the divine Jesus (Christ) almost overnight became a religion. Paul's Christianity made sure of the adoration of the divine Christ, but it almost wholly lost sight of the struggling and valiant human Jesus of Galilee, who, by the valour of his personal religious faith and the heroism of his indwelling Adjuster, ascended from the lowly levels of humanity to become one with divinity, thus becoming the new and living way whereby all mortals may so ascend from humanity to divinity. Mortals

in all stages of spirituality and on all worlds may find in the personal life of Jesus that which will strengthen and inspire them as they progress from the lowest spirit levels up to the highest divine values, from the beginning to the end of all personal religious experience.

5 At the time of the writing of the New Testament, the authors not only most profoundly believed in the divinity of the risen Christ, but they also devotedly and sincerely believed in his immediate return to earth to consummate the heavenly kingdom. This strong faith in the Lord's im-

mediate return had much to do with the tendency to omit from the record those references which portrayed the purely human experiences and attributes of the Master. The whole Christian movement tended away from the human picture of Jesus of Nazareth toward the exaltation of the risen Christ, the glorified and soon-returning Lord Jesus Christ.

6 §§ Jesus founded the religion of personal experience in doing the will of God and serving the human brotherhood; Paul founded a religion in which the glorified Jesus became the object of worship and the brother-

hood consisted of fellow believers in the divine Christ. In the bestowal of Jesus these two concepts were potential in his divine-human life, and it is indeed a pity that his followers failed to create a unified religion which might have given proper recognition to both the human and the divine natures of the Master as they were inseparably bound up in his earth life and so gloriously set forth in the original gospel of the kingdom.

7 You would be neither shocked nor disturbed by some of Jesus' strong pronouncements if you would only remember that he was the world's most

wholehearted and devoted religionist. He was a wholly consecrated mortal, unreservedly dedicated to doing his Father's will. Many of his apparently hard sayings were more of a personal confession of faith and a pledge of devotion than commands to his followers. And it was this very singleness of purpose and unselfish devotion that enabled him to effect such extraordinary progress in the conquest of the human mind in one short life. Many of his declarations should be considered as a confession of what he demanded of himself rather than what he required of all his followers. In his

devotion to the cause of the kingdom, Jesus burned all bridges behind him; he sacrificed all hindrances to the doing of his Father's will.

8 Jesus blessed the poor because they were usually sincere and pious; he condemned the rich because they were usually wanton and irreligious. He would equally condemn the irreligious pauper and commend the consecrated and worshipful man of wealth.

9 Jesus led men to feel at home in the world; he delivered them from the slavery of taboo and taught them that the world was not fundamentally evil. He did not long to escape from his

earthly life; he mastered a technique of acceptably doing the Father's will while in the flesh. He attained an idealistic religious life in the very midst of a realistic world. Jesus did not share Paul's pessimistic view of humankind. The Master looked upon men as the sons of God and foresaw a magnificent and eternal future for those who chose survival. He was not a moral sceptic; he viewed man positively, not negatively. He saw most men as weak rather than wicked, more distraught than depraved. But no matter what their status, they were all God's children and his brethren.

10 He taught men to place a high value upon themselves in time and in eternity. Because of this high estimate which Jesus placed upon men, he was willing to spend himself in the unremitting service of humankind. And it was this infinite worth of the finite that made the golden rule a vital factor in his religion. What mortal can fail to be uplifted by the extraordinary faith Jesus has in him?

11 Jesus offered no rules for social advancement; his was a religious mission, and religion is an exclusively individual experience. The ultimate goal of society's most advanced achieve-

ment can never hope to transcend Jesus' brotherhood of men based on the recognition of the fatherhood of God. The ideal of all social attainment can be realized only in the coming of this divine kingdom.

3. THE SUPREMACY OF RELIGION

1 Personal, spiritual religious experience is an efficient solvent for most mortal difficulties; it is an effective sorter, evaluator, and adjuster of all human problems. Religion does not remove or destroy human troubles, but it does dissolve, absorb, illuminate, and transcend them. True religion

unifies the personality for effective adjustment to all mortal requirements. Religious faith — the positive leading of the indwelling divine presence — unfailingly enables the God-knowing man to bridge that gulf existing between the intellectual logic which recognizes the Universal First Cause as *It* and those positive affirmations of the soul which aver this First Cause is *He,* the heavenly Father of Jesus' gospel, the personal God of human salvation.

2 There are just three elements in universal reality: fact, idea, and relation. The religious consciousness identifies these realities as science, phi-

losophy, and truth. Philosophy would be inclined to view these activities as reason, wisdom, and faith — physical reality, intellectual reality, and spiritual reality. We are in the habit of designating these realities as thing, meaning, and value.

3 The progressive comprehension of reality is the equivalent of approaching God. The finding of God, the consciousness of identity with reality, is the equivalent of the experiencing of self-completion — self-entirety, self-totality. The experiencing of total reality is the full realization of God, the finality of the God-knowing experi-

ence.

4 The full summation of human life is the knowledge that man is educated by fact, ennobled by wisdom, and saved — justified — by religious faith.

5 Physical certainty consists in the logic of science; moral certainty, in the wisdom of philosophy; spiritual certainty, in the truth of genuine religious experience.

6 The mind of man can attain high levels of spiritual insight and corresponding spheres of divinity of values because it is not wholly material. There is a spirit nucleus in the mind

of man — the Adjuster of the divine presence. There are three separate evidences of this spirit indwelling of the human mind:

7 1. Humanitarian fellowship — love. The purely animal mind may be gregarious for self-protection, but only the spirit-indwelt intellect is unselfishly altruistic and unconditionally loving.

8 2. Interpretation of the universe — wisdom. Only the spirit-indwelt mind can comprehend that the universe is friendly to the individual.

9 3. Spiritual evaluation of life — worship. Only the spirit-indwelt man

can realize the divine presence and seek to attain a fuller experience in and with this foretaste of divinity.

10 §§ The human mind does not create real values; human experience does not yield universe insight. Concerning insight, the recognition of moral values and the discernment of spiritual meanings, all that the human mind can do is to discover, recognize, interpret, and *choose.*

11 The moral values of the universe become intellectual possessions by the exercise of the three basic judgments, or choices, of the mortal mind:

12 1. Self-judgment — moral choice

13 2. Social-judgment — ethical choice.

14 3. God-judgment — religious choice.

15 §§ Thus it appears that all human progress is effected by a technique of conjoint *revelational evolution.*

16 Unless a divine lover lived in man, he could not unselfishly and spiritually love. Unless an interpreter lived in the mind, man could not truly realize the unity of the universe. Unless an evaluator dwelt with man, he could not possibly appraise moral values and recognize spiritual meanings. And this lover hails from the very source of in-

finite love; this interpreter is a part of Universal Unity; this evaluator is the child of the Centre and Source of all absolute values of divine and eternal reality.

17 Moral evaluation with a religious meaning — spiritual insight — connotes the individual's choice between good and evil, truth and error, material and spiritual, human and divine, time and eternity. Human survival is in great measure dependent on consecrating the human will to the choosing of those values selected by this spirit-value sorter — the indwelling interpreter and unifier. Personal religious

experience consists in two phases: discovery in the human mind and revelation by the indwelling divine spirit. Through oversophistication or as a result of the irreligious conduct of professed religionists, a man, or even a generation of men, may elect to suspend their efforts to discover the God who indwells them; they may fail to progress in and attain the divine revelation. But such attitudes of spiritual nonprogression cannot long persist because of the presence and influence of the indwelling Thought Adjusters.

18 This profound experience of the

reality of the divine indwelling forever transcends the crude materialistic technique of the physical sciences. You cannot put spiritual joy under a microscope; you cannot weigh love in a balance; you cannot measure moral values; neither can you estimate the quality of spiritual worship.

19 The Hebrews had a religion of moral sublimity; the Greeks evolved a religion of beauty; Paul and his conferees founded a religion of faith, hope, and charity. Jesus revealed and exemplified a religion of love: security in the Father's love, with joy and satisfaction consequent upon sharing this love in

the service of the human brotherhood.

20 Every time man makes a reflective moral choice, he immediately experiences a new divine invasion of his soul. Moral choosing constitutes religion as the motive of inner response to outer conditions. But such a real religion is not a purely subjective experience. It signifies the whole of the subjectivity of the individual engaged in a meaningful and intelligent response to total objectivity — the universe and its Maker.

21 The exquisite and transcendent experience of loving and being loved is not just a psychic illusion because it is

so purely subjective. The one truly divine and objective reality that is associated with mortal beings, the Thought Adjuster, functions to human observation apparently as an exclusively subjective phenomenon. Man's contact with the highest objective reality, God, is only through the purely subjective experience of knowing him, of worshipping him, of realizing sonship with him.

22 True religious worship is not a futile monologue of self-deception. Worship is a personal communion with that which is divinely real, with that which is the very source of reality.

Man aspires by worship to be better and thereby eventually attains the *best.*

23 The idealization and attempted service of truth, beauty, and goodness is not a substitute for genuine religious experience — spiritual reality. Psychology and idealism are not the equivalent of religious reality. The projections of the human intellect may indeed originate false gods — gods in man's image — but the true God-consciousness does not have such an origin. The God-consciousness is resident in the indwelling spirit. Many of the religious systems of man come from the formulations of the hu-

man intellect, but the God-consciousness is not necessarily a part of these grotesque systems of religious slavery.

24 God is not the mere invention of man's idealism; he is the very source of all such superanimal insights and values. God is not a hypothesis formulated to unify the human concepts of truth, beauty, and goodness; he is the personality of love from whom all of these universe manifestations are derived. The truth, beauty, and goodness of man's world are unified by the increasing spirituality of the experience of mortals ascending toward Paradise realities. The unity of truth, beauty,

and goodness can only be realized in the spiritual experience of the God-knowing personality.

25 Morality is the essential pre-existent soil of personal God-consciousness, the personal realization of the Adjuster's inner presence, but such morality is not the source of religious experience and the resultant spiritual insight. The moral nature is superanimal but subspiritual. Morality is equivalent to the recognition of duty, the realization of the existence of right and wrong. The moral zone intervenes between the animal and the human types of mind as morontia functions

between the material and the spiritual spheres of personality attainment.

26 The evolutionary mind is able to discover law, morals, and ethics; but the bestowed spirit, the indwelling Adjuster, reveals to the evolving human mind the lawgiver, the Father-source of all that is true, beautiful, and good; and such an illuminated man has a religion and is spiritually equipped to begin the long and adventurous search for God.

27 Morality is not necessarily spiritual; it may be wholly and purely human, albeit real religion enhances all moral values, makes them more mean-

ingful. Morality without religion fails to reveal ultimate goodness, and it also fails to provide for the survival of even its own moral values. Religion provides for the enhancement, glorification, and assured survival of everything morality recognizes and approves.

28 Religion stands above science, art, philosophy, ethics, and morals, but not independent of them. They are all indissolubly interrelated in human experience, personal and social. Religion is man's supreme experience in the mortal nature, but finite language makes it forever impossible for theol-

ogy ever adequately to depict real religious experience.

29 §§ Religious insight possesses the power of turning defeat into higher desires and new determinations. Love is the highest motivation which man may utilize in his universe ascent. But love, divested of truth, beauty, and goodness, is only a sentiment, a philosophic distortion, a psychic illusion, a spiritual deception. Love must always be redefined on successive levels of morontia and spirit progression.

30 §§ Art results from man's attempt to escape from the lack of beauty in his material environment; it is a gesture

toward the morontia level. Science is man's effort to solve the apparent riddles of the material universe. Philosophy is man's attempt at the unification of human experience. Religion is man's supreme gesture, his magnificent reach for final reality, his determination to find God and to be like him.

31 §§ In the realm of religious experience, spiritual possibility is potential reality. Man's forward spiritual urge is not a psychic illusion. All of man's universe romancing may not be fact, but much, very much, is truth.

32 Some men's lives are too great and

noble to descend to the low level of being merely successful. The animal must adapt itself to the environment, but the religious man transcends his environment and in this way escapes the limitations of the present material world through this insight of divine love. This concept of love generates in the soul of man that superanimal effort to find truth, beauty, and goodness; and when he does find them, he is glorified in their embrace; he is consumed with the desire to live them, to do righteousness.

33 Be not discouraged; human evolution is still in progress, and the rev-

elation of God to the world, in and through Jesus, shall not fail.

34 The great challenge[1] to modern man is to achieve better communication with the divine Monitor that dwells within the human mind. Man's greatest adventure in the flesh consists in the well-balanced and sane effort to advance the borders of self-consciousness out through the dim realms of embryonic soul-conscious-

[1] Careful perusal of the books written by Dr William S. Sadler, especially his "The Physiology of Faith and Fear" (1912), may be of assistance in attaining the experience described in this paragraph.

ness in a wholehearted effort to reach the borderland of spirit-consciousness — contact with the divine presence. Such an experience constitutes God-consciousness, an experience mightily confirmative of the pre-existent truth of the religious experience of knowing God. Such spirit-consciousness is the equivalent of the knowledge of the actuality of sonship with God. Otherwise, the assurance of sonship is the experience of faith.

35 And God-consciousness is equivalent to the integration of the self with the universe, and on its highest levels of spiritual reality. Only the spirit

content of any value is imperishable. Even that which is true, beautiful, and good may not perish in human experience. If man does not choose to survive, then does the surviving Adjuster conserve those realities born of love and nurtured in service. And all these things are a part of the Universal Father. The Father is living love, and this life of the Father is in his Sons. And the spirit of the Father is in his Son's sons — mortal men. When all is said and done, the Father idea is still the highest human concept of God.

COSMIC CITIZENSHIP QUIZ
(819 questions)

PART I. THE CENTRAL AND SUPERUNIVERSES

0. FOREWORD (57 questions)

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⑤ justice, power, and sovereignty

Divinity is correlated in personality as ...

① love, mercy, and ministry ✓

② mind, spirit, and matter ✗

③ truth, beauty, and goodness ✗

④ time, space, and energy ✗

⑤ justice, power, and sovereignty ✗

Divinity is disclosed on impersonal levels as ...

① mind, spirit, and matter

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③ truth, beauty, and goodness

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⑤ time, space, and energy ✗

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-expansive and creature-identified Deity?

① Static

② Potential

③ Associative

④ Creative

⑤ Evolutional

⑥ Supreme

⑦ Ultimate

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-expansive and creature-identified Deity?

① Static ✗

② Potential ✗

③ Associative ✗

④ Creative ✗

⑤ Evolutional ✓

⑥ Supreme ✗

⑦ Ultimate ✗

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-willed and self-purposive Deity?

① Static

② Potential

③ Associative

④ Creative

⑤ Evolutional

⑥ Supreme

⑦ Ultimate

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-willed and self-purposive Deity?

① Static ✗

② Potential ✓

③ Associative ✗

④ Creative ✗

⑤ Evolutional ✗

⑥ Supreme ✗

⑦ Ultimate ✗

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-experiential and creature-Creator-unifying Deity?

① Static

② Potential

③ Associative

④ Creative

⑤ Evolutional

⑥ Supreme

⑦ Ultimate

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-experiential and creature-Creator-unifying Deity?

① Static ✗

② Potential ✗

③ Associative ✗

④ Creative ✗

⑤ Evolutional ✗

⑥ Supreme ✓

⑦ Ultimate ✗

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-personalized and divinely fraternal Deity?

① Static

② Potential

③ Associative

④ Creative

⑤ Evolutional

⑥ Supreme

⑦ Ultimate

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-personalized and divinely fraternal Deity?

① Static ✗

② Potential ✗

③ Associative ✓

④ Creative ✗

⑤ Evolutional ✗

⑥ Supreme ✗

⑦ Ultimate ✗

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-contained and self-existent Deity?

① Static

② Potential

③ Associative

④ Creative

⑤ Evolutional

⑥ Supreme

⑦ Ultimate

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-contained and self-existent Deity?

① Static ✓

② Potential ✗

③ Associative ✗

④ Creative ✗

⑤ Evolutional ✗

⑥ Supreme ✗

⑦ Ultimate ✗

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-projected and time-space-transcending Deity?

① Static

② Potential

③ Associative

④ Creative

⑤ Evolutional

⑥ Supreme

⑦ Ultimate

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-projected and time-space-transcending Deity?

① Static ✗

② Potential ✗

③ Associative ✗

④ Creative ✗

⑤ Evolutional ✗

⑥ Supreme ✗

⑦ Ultimate ✓

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-distributive and divinely revealed Deity?

① Static

② Potential

③ Associative

④ Creative

⑤ Evolutional

⑥ Supreme

⑦ Ultimate

Which of these functional levels corresponds to self-distributive and divinely revealed Deity?

① Static ✗

② Potential ✗

③ Associative ✗

④ Creative ✓

⑤ Evolutional ✗

⑥ Supreme ✗

⑦ Ultimate ✗

Deity functioning on the first creature-identificational level as time-space overcontrollers of the grand universe is called ...

① the Ultimacy of Deity

② the Supremacy of Deity

Deity functioning on the first creature-identificational level as time-space overcontrollers of the grand universe is called ...

① the Ultimacy of Deity ✗

② the Supremacy of Deity ✓

Deity functioning on the second level of unifying divinity expression as effective overcontrollers and absonite upholders of the master universe is called ...

① the Ultimacy of Deity

② the Supremacy of Deity

Deity functioning on the second level of unifying divinity expression as effective overcontrollers and absonite upholders of the master universe is called ...

① the Ultimacy of Deity ✓

② the Supremacy of Deity ✗

Which of these levels of reality is characterized by creature life and time-space limitations?

① finite

② absonite

③ absolute

Which of these levels of reality is characterized by creature life and time-space limitations?

① finite ✓

② absonite ✗

③ absolute ✗

Which of these levels of reality is characterized by things and beings without beginnings or endings and by the transcendence of time and space?

① finite

② absonite

③ absolute

Which of these levels of reality is characterized by things and beings without beginnings or endings and by the transcendence of time and space?

① finite ✗

② absonite ✓

③ absolute ✗

Which of these levels of reality is beginningless, endless, timeless, and spaceless?

① finite

② absonite

③ absolute

Which of these levels of reality is beginningless, endless, timeless, and spaceless?

① finite ✗

② absonite ✗

③ absolute ✓

Deity is the source of all that which is divine. True or False?

① True

② False

Deity is the source of all that which is divine. True or False?

① True ✓

② False ✗

All that which is divine is necessarily Deity. True or False?

① True

② False

All that which is divine is necessarily Deity. True or False?

① True ✗

② False ✓

All that which is divine tends towards some phase of unity with Deity. True or False?

① True

② False

All that which is divine tends towards some phase of unity with Deity. True or False?

① True ✓

② False ✗

Deities of eternal existence, past, present, and future are known as ...

① experiential

② existential

Deities of eternal existence, past, present, and future are known as ...

① experiential ✗

② existential ✓

Deities actualizing in the post-Havona present but of unending existence throughout all future eternity are known as ...

① experiential

② existential

Deities actualizing in the post-Havona present but of unending existence throughout all future eternity are known as ...

① experiential ✓

② existential ✗

On which level of reality the Paradise values and meanings are manifest?

① finite

② absonite

③ absolute

On which level of reality the Paradise values and meanings are manifest?

① finite ✗

② absonite ✗

③ absolute ✓

Which of these are the three levels of reality?

① finite

② absonite

③ absolute

④ sublime

⑤ celestial

⑥ spiritual

⑦ material

⑧ morontia

Which of these are the three levels of reality?

① finite ✓

② absonite ✓

③ absolute ✓

④ sublime ✗

⑤ celestial ✗

⑥ spiritual ✗

⑦ material ✗

⑧ morontia ✗

Which of these is *not* one of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Isle of Paradise

④ Supreme Being

Which of these is *not* one of the Seven Absolutes of Infinity?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Isle of Paradise ✗

④ Supreme Being ✓

Which of the Seven Absolutes is known as "the absolute of Absolutes"?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

Which of the Seven Absolutes is known as "the absolute of Absolutes"?

① Universal Father ✓

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

Which of the Seven Absolutes discloses the absolute and infinite personality?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

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② Eternal Son ✓

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

In which of the Seven Absolutes is the personality potentialized?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

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⑥ Universal Absolute

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② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✓

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

Which of the Seven Absolutes corresponds to the unpersonalizable potential reality?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

Which of the Seven Absolutes corresponds to the unpersonalizable potential reality?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✓

What lies in the actual (upper) half of the axis of mind in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

What lies in the actual (upper) half of the axis of mind in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✓

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

What lies in the potential (lower) half of the axis of mind in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

What lies in the potential (lower) half of the axis of mind in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✓

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

What lies in the actual (upper) half of the axis of spirit in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

What lies in the actual (upper) half of the axis of spirit in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✓

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

What lies in the potential (lower) half of the axis of spirit in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

What lies in the potential (lower) half of the axis of spirit in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✓

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

What lies in the actual (upper) half of the axis of matter in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

What lies in the actual (upper) half of the axis of matter in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✓

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

What lies in the potential (lower) half of the axis of matter in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

What lies in the potential (lower) half of the axis of matter in the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✓

What lies at the centre of the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ Deity Absolute

⑥ Universal Absolute

⑦ Unqualified Absolute

What lies at the centre of the Existential Flower?

① Universal Father ✓

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ Deity Absolute ✗

⑥ Universal Absolute ✗

⑦ Unqualified Absolute ✗

When in doubt it is best to refer the word God to the person of ...

① the Universal Father

② the Eternal Son

③ the Infinite Spirit

When in doubt it is best to refer the word God to the person of ...

① the Universal Father ✓

② the Eternal Son ✗

③ the Infinite Spirit ✗

Thought Adjusters are ...

① personal

② prepersonal

③ superpersonal

④ subpersonal

Thought Adjusters are ...

① personal ✗

② prepersonal ✓

③ superpersonal ✗

④ subpersonal ✗

Can spiritual gravity be measured?

① yes

② no

Can spiritual gravity be measured?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

What things are called personal?

① responding to the personality circuit of the Father

② exhibiting intelligent behaviour

③ possessing self-consciousness

What things are called personal?

① responding to the personality circuit of the Father ✓

② exhibiting intelligent behaviour ✗

③ possessing self-consciousness ✗

What things we call spirit?

① responding to the spirit circuit of the Eternal Son

② originating in the Infinite Spirit

③ endowed with eternal life

④ invisible to mortal eyes

What things we call spirit?

① responding to the spirit circuit of the Eternal Son ✓

② originating in the Infinite Spirit ✗

③ endowed with eternal life ✗

④ invisible to mortal eyes ✗

What things we call mater?

① responding to the material-gravity circuit centring in nether Paradise

② visible to mortal eyes

③ that can perish with time

What things we call mater?

① responding to the material-gravity circuit centring in nether Paradise ✓

② visible to mortal eyes ✗

③ that can perish with time ✗

Where do the lines of spirit gravity lead back to?

① Eternal Son

② Universal Father

③ Infinite Spirit

Where do the lines of spirit gravity lead back to?

① Eternal Son ✓

② Universal Father ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✗

When was Havona (the central universe) created?

① 500 billion years ago

② 6,000 years ago, on the first day of creation

③ never, it existed from eternity

④ 9 billion years ago, at Big Bang

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On which of the seven levels of Total Deity the Thought Adjusters function?

① Static

② Potential

③ Evolutional

④ Creative

⑤ Supreme

⑥ Ultimate

⑦ Associative

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① Static ✗

② Potential ✗

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④ Creative ✗

⑤ Supreme ✗

⑥ Ultimate ✗

⑦ Associative ✗

Is the soul of man distinct from the divine spirit which dwells within the mind?

① yes, although one can't exist without the other

② no

Is the soul of man distinct from the divine spirit which dwells within the mind?

① yes, although one can't exist without the other ✓

② no ✗

What intervenes in the domain of actuality between matter and spirit?

① mind

② God

③ Thought Adjuster

④ angels

What intervenes in the domain of actuality between matter and spirit?

① mind ✓

② God ✗

③ Thought Adjuster ✗

④ angels ✗

1. THE UNIVERSAL FATHER (1 questions)

What is man's choicest (in fact, the only possible) gift to God?

① consecration of will

② prayer

③ meditation

④ helping the poor

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① consecration of will ✓

② prayer ✗

③ meditation ✗

④ helping the poor ✗

2. THE NATURE OF GOD
(1 questions)

Truth is ...

① living and flexible

② best known by its spiritual flavour

③ coherent, beauty attractive, goodness stabilizing

④ alive, free, thrilling, and always moving

Truth is ...

① living and flexible ✓

② best known by its spiritual flavour ✓

③ coherent, beauty attractive, goodness stabilizing ✓

④ alive, free, thrilling, and always moving ✗

3. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD
(0 questions)

4. GOD'S RELATION TO THE UNIVERSE (2 questions)

The atonement doctrine is a ...

① divinely inspired and true doctrine

② affront and insult to God

The atonement doctrine is a ...

① divinely inspired and true doctrine ✗

② affront and insult to God ✓

Who forbade the Hebrews to perform the human sacrifices?

① Abraham

② Moses

③ Joshua

④ Jesus

⑤ Paul

⑥ Peter

Who forbade the Hebrews to perform the human sacrifices?

① Abraham ✗

② Moses ✓

③ Joshua ✗

④ Jesus ✗

⑤ Paul ✗

⑥ Peter ✗

5. GOD'S RELATION TO THE INDIVIDUAL (0 questions)

6. THE ETERNAL SON (6 questions)

Which of these is the capital of our local universe?

① Salvington

② Edentia

③ Uversa

④ Jerusem

Which of these is the capital of our local universe?

① Salvington ✓

② Edentia ✗

③ Uversa ✗

④ Jerusem ✗

Does the Eternal Son fragmentize his nature like the Universal Father?

① no

② yes

Does the Eternal Son fragmentize his nature like the Universal Father?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

Does the Eternal Son bestow personality?

① no

② yes

Does the Eternal Son bestow personality?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

Is the Eternal Son omnipotent?

① only in the spiritual realm

② only in the physical realm

③ yes, in both physical and spiritual realms

Is the Eternal Son omnipotent?

① only in the spiritual realm ✓

② only in the physical realm ✗

③ yes, in both physical and spiritual realms ✗

Is the Eternal Son omniscient (all-knowing)?

① yes

② no

Is the Eternal Son omniscient (all-knowing)?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Can the Creator Sons transmit the prerogatives of creatorship?

① yes

② no

Can the Creator Sons transmit the prerogatives of creatorship?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

7. RELATION OF THE ETERNAL SON TO THE UNIVERSE (6 questions)

Can the Eternal Son contact directly with human beings as the Father does through the gift of the prepersonal Thought Adjusters?

① yes

② no

Can the Eternal Son contact directly with human beings as the Father does through the gift of the prepersonal Thought Adjusters?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Did the bestowals of the Eternal Son in Havona add to the supposed experiential capacity of his existential nature?

① yes

② no

③ we do not know, because this would fall within the bestowal mystery of the Paradise Sons

Did the bestowals of the Eternal Son in Havona add to the supposed experiential capacity of his existential nature?

① yes ✗

② no ✗

③ we do not know, because this would fall within the bestowal mystery of the Paradise Sons ✓

Does the Eternal Son fully comprehend the eternal plan of the Universal Father for the universe of universes?

① yes

② no

Does the Eternal Son fully comprehend the eternal plan of the Universal Father for the universe of universes?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Does spirit gravity suffer time delays?

① yes

② no

Does spirit gravity suffer time delays?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Does spirit gravity undergo space diminution?

① yes

② no

Does spirit gravity undergo space diminution?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

The transcendence of time and space by pure spirit energies is ...

① due to the interposition of the antigravity forces of the Third Source and Centre

② inherent in the absoluteness of the Eternal Son

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8. THE INFINITE SPIRIT (3 questions)

Which of the Paradise Deities is the first to be attained by the ascending pilgrims?

① Universal Father

② Eternal Son

③ Infinite Spirit

Which of the Paradise Deities is the first to be attained by the ascending pilgrims?

① Universal Father ✗

② Eternal Son ✗

③ Infinite Spirit ✓

God is love, the Son is mercy, the Spirit is ...

① law

② obedience

③ peace

④ ministry

God is love, the Son is mercy, the Spirit is ...

① law ✗

② obedience ✗

③ peace ✗

④ ministry ✓

Is the Conjoint Creator omnipotent?

① yes

② no

③ only in the domain of mind

Is the Conjoint Creator omnipotent?

① yes ✗

② no ✗

③ only in the domain of mind ✓

9. RELATION OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT TO THE UNIVERSE (10 questions)

Who or what is the apparent ancestor of motion, change, and relationship?

① Paradise

② Havona

③ Eternal Son

④ God of Action (The Third Source and Centre)

Who or what is the apparent ancestor of motion, change, and relationship?

① Paradise ✗

② Havona ✗

③ Eternal Son ✗

④ God of Action (The Third Source and Centre) ✓

Is the power of antigravity observably present in either the Universal Father or the Eternal Son?

① yes

② no

Is the power of antigravity observably present in either the Universal Father or the Eternal Son?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Is the gravity-resistant phenomenon of a gyroscope of value to illustrate the effect of antigravity?

① yes

② no

Is the gravity-resistant phenomenon of a gyroscope of value to illustrate the effect of antigravity?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Is the gravity-resistant phenomenon of a gyroscope of value to illustrate the cause of antigravity?

① yes

② no

Is the gravity-resistant phenomenon of a gyroscope of value to illustrate the cause of antigravity?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Which of these is a typical use of antigravity in the grand universe?

① establish physical equilibrium of the matter and energies

② transport

③ overriding natural course of events on the worlds

④ amusement of the Deities

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② transport ✗

③ overriding natural course of events on the worlds ✗

④ amusement of the Deities ✗

Is mind inherent in energy?

① yes

② no

Is mind inherent in energy?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Is spirit always intelligent, i.e. minded in some way?

① yes

② not necessarily

Is spirit always intelligent, i.e. minded in some way?

① yes ✓

② not necessarily ✗

Is the Conjoint Creator absolute?

① yes

② no

③ only in the realms of universal intelligence

Is the Conjoint Creator absolute?

① yes ✗

② no ✗

③ only in the realms of universal intelligence ✓

What is the source of the mind endowment of the seven superuniverses?

① Seven Master Spirits

② Seven Supreme Executives

③ Architects of the Master Universe

④ Ancients of Days

⑤ The Infinite Spirit

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④ Ancients of Days ✗

⑤ The Infinite Spirit ✗

Energy is thing, mind is meaning, spirit is ...

① value

② substance

③ destiny

④ light

Energy is thing, mind is meaning, spirit is ...

① value ✓

② substance ✗

③ destiny ✗

④ light ✗

10. THE PARADISE TRINITY (5 questions)

What does facilitate the Father's escape from personality absolutism?

① The Isle of Paradise

② The Paradise Trinity

③ The Eternal Son

④ The Infinite Spirit

What does facilitate the Father's escape from personality absolutism?

① The Isle of Paradise ✗

② The Paradise Trinity ✓

③ The Eternal Son ✗

④ The Infinite Spirit ✗

Is the Paradise Trinity inevitable?

① Yes

② No

Is the Paradise Trinity inevitable?

① Yes ✓

② No ✗

Does the Supreme Being exhaust the totality of Trinity's attitude towards the finite?

① Yes

② No

Does the Supreme Being exhaust the totality of Trinity's attitude towards the finite?

① Yes ✗

② No ✓

Does the Ultimate exhaust the totality of Trinity's attitude towards the absonite?

① Yes

② No

Does the Ultimate exhaust the totality of Trinity's attitude towards the absonite?

① Yes ✗

② No ✓

Will the finaliters ever attain the Deity Absolute?

① Yes

② No

③ Maybe

Will the finaliters ever attain the Deity Absolute?

① Yes ✗

② No ✗

③ Maybe ✓

11. THE ETERNAL ISLE OF PARADISE (24 questions)

How many outer space levels are there?

① 3

② 4

③ 7

④ 12

⑤ 1

How many outer space levels are there?

① 3 ✗

② 4 ✓

③ 7 ✗

④ 12 ✗

⑤ 1 ✗

Which area of the upper Paradise does the Father reside in?

① Deity presence

② Most Holy Sphere

③ Holy Area

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① Deity presence ✓

② Most Holy Sphere ✗

③ Holy Area ✗

How long is the complete cycle of spare respiration?

① 2 billion years

② 1 billion years

③ 100 billion years

④ 500 million years

⑤ 6000 years

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Which of these are the three planes or domains of activity in Paradise?

① Upper Paradise

② Nether Paradise

③ Peripheral Paradise

④ Central Paradise

⑤ Inner Paradise

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① Upper Paradise ✓

② Nether Paradise ✓

③ Peripheral Paradise ✓

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⑤ Inner Paradise ✗

Which plane of Paradise is dominated by the Trinity?

① Upper

② Nether

③ Peripheral

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① Upper ✓

② Nether ✗

③ Peripheral ✗

How many grand spheres of activity are on upper Paradise?

① 3

② 7

③ 12

④ 24

⑤ 4

How many grand spheres of activity are on upper Paradise?

① 3 ✓

② 7 ✗

③ 12 ✗

④ 24 ✗

⑤ 4 ✗

How many planes or domains of activity are there in Paradise?

① 3

② 4

③ 7

④ 12

⑤ Infinitely many

How many planes or domains of activity are there in Paradise?

① 3 ✓

② 4 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 12 ✗

⑤ Infinitely many ✗

Which of these are the grand spheres of activity on upper Paradise?

① Most Holy Sphere

② Holy Area

③ Deity presence

④ Trinity Centre

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① Most Holy Sphere ✓

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③ Deity presence ✓

④ Trinity Centre ✗

Is the Most Holy Sphere of Paradise ...

① wholly spiritual

② wholly material

③ partly spiritual and partly material

④ neither spiritual nor material

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② wholly material ✗

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Is it possible to establish absolute direction in the master universe?

① No, it is isotropic

② Yes, using the out-pressure of force-energy at the north end of the Isle of Paradise

③ Unknown

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① No, it is isotropic ✗

② Yes, using the out-pressure of force-energy at the north end of the Isle of Paradise ✓

③ Unknown ✗

Where does space seemingly originate?

① just below nether Paradise

② just above upper Paradise

③ around peripheral Paradise

Where does space seemingly originate?

① just below nether Paradise ✓

② just above upper Paradise ✗

③ around peripheral Paradise ✗

Is motion inherent or volitional on Paradise?

① inherent

② volitional

Is motion inherent or volitional on Paradise?

① inherent ✗

② volitional ✓

Can the concept of distance be applied to locations on Paradise?

① yes

② no

Can the concept of distance be applied to locations on Paradise?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Can the concept of space be applied to locations on Paradise?

① no

② yes

Can the concept of space be applied to locations on Paradise?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

Is time (as mortals understand it) a feature of Paradise existence?

① no

② yes

Is time (as mortals understand it) a feature of Paradise existence?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

Do personalities sojourn on nether Paradise?

① no

② yes

Do personalities sojourn on nether Paradise?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

What presence dominates on nether Paradise?

① Unqualified Absolute

② Deity Absolute

③ Universal Absolute

④ God the Sevenfold

⑤ God the Supreme

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What is the relation between Paradise and space-time?

① Paradise exists without time and has no location in space

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③ Paradise exists at a definite location in space and has time

④ Paradise has no location in space, but has time

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Does cosmic force respond to mind?

① no

② yes

Does cosmic force respond to mind?

① no ✗

② yes ✓

What is the source of absolute gravity?

① Paradise

② mind

③ matter

④ spirit

What is the source of absolute gravity?

① Paradise ✓

② mind ✗

③ matter ✗

④ spirit ✗

Is Paradise substance (absoluta) dead or alive?

① Dead

② Alive

③ Neither dead nor alive

Is Paradise substance (absoluta) dead or alive?

① Dead ✗

② Alive ✗

③ Neither dead nor alive ✓

Does space respond to gravity?

① no

② yes

Does space respond to gravity?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

Can pervaded space neutralize linear gravity?

① yes

② no

Can pervaded space neutralize linear gravity?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Can pervaded space delay linear gravity?

① yes

② no

Can pervaded space delay linear gravity?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

12. THE UNIVERSE OF UNIVERSES (19 questions)

Why is there no universal time unit based on motion?

① because the totality of space respiration destroys the local value of Paradise-Havona standard day as a time source

② because time is relative, depending on the moving observer's frame of reference

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As the mind of any personality in the universe becomes more spiritual, how is its response to material gravity affected?

① becomes more responsive

② is not affected

③ becomes less responsive

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① becomes more responsive ✗

② is not affected ✗

③ becomes less responsive ✓

What is the only reality in the universe that can interassociate the physical forces and energies of the material level with the spiritual powers and beings of the spirit level?

① morontia

② spirit

③ mind

④ space

⑤ matter

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Do the beings arriving on Paradise have to become unconscious during the transit through the motionless midspace zones separating pervaded space from unpervaded?

① yes, during every trip to Paradise

② no, never

③ yes, but only if the transit is to culminate in Paradise citizenship (as opposed to mere visitors who remain creatures of time)

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Does consciousness of time exist without motion in space?

① yes

② no

Does consciousness of time exist without motion in space?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Is time itself a genetic quality of mind?

① yes

② no

Is time itself a genetic quality of mind?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Does time come by virtue of motion or because mind is inherently aware of sequentiality?

① by virtue of motion

② because mind is inherently aware of sequentiality

③ both

Does time come by virtue of motion or because mind is inherently aware of sequentiality?

① by virtue of motion ✗

② because mind is inherently aware of sequentiality ✗

③ both ✓

Which of these are the three levels of time cognizance?

① Mind-perceived time — consciousness of sequence, motion, and a sense of duration

② Spirit-perceived time — insight into motion Godward and the awareness of the motion of ascent to levels of increasing divinity

③ Personality sense of time created out of insight into Reality plus a consciousness of presence and an awareness of duration

④ Coordinate time as measured by

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Is the Andromeda Galaxy (M31) inside or outside the space level of superuniverses?

① inside

② outside

③ exactly on the border

Is the Andromeda Galaxy (M31) inside or outside the space level of superuniverses?

① inside ✗

② outside ✓

③ exactly on the border ✗

The absolute of time is eternity and the absolute of space is ...

① unknown

② infinite and unlimited space

The absolute of time is eternity and the absolute of space is ...

① unknown ✓

② infinite and unlimited space ✗

Are time and space inseparable?

① yes, everywhere

② only in the seven superuniverses

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Which types of space motion are absolute?

① alternate directional swings of the successive space levels

② space respiration

③ compensatory or correlating movement

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③ compensatory or correlating movement ✗

Is personality gravity computable?

① yes

② no

Is personality gravity computable?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

How much of the mind gravity is focused in the existing grand universe?

① 1%

② 10%

③ 50%

④ 60%

⑤ 85%

⑥ 95%

How much of the mind gravity is focused in the existing grand universe?

① 1% ✗

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③ 50% ✗

④ 60% ✗

⑤ 85% ✓

⑥ 95% ✗

How much of the mind gravity is focused in the creations of the outer space levels?

① 1%

② 10%

③ 15%

④ 25%

⑤ 60%

⑥ 80%

How much of the mind gravity is focused in the creations of the outer space levels?

① 1% ✗

② 10% ✗

③ 15% ✓

④ 25% ✗

⑤ 60% ✗

⑥ 80% ✗

How much of the cosmic-gravity action of the Isle of Paradise is engaged in controlling material systems beyond the borders of the present organized universes?

① 95%

② 1%

③ 50%

④ 25%

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Which of these are the absolute gravity circuits in the master universe?

① The Personality Gravity of the Universal Father

② The Spirit Gravity of the Eternal Son

③ The Mind Gravity of the Conjoint Actor

④ The Cosmic Gravity of the Isle of Paradise

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Are the four absolute gravity circuits independent of time and space?

① yes

② no

Are the four absolute gravity circuits independent of time and space?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

How much of the spirit gravity is functioning in the grand universe?

① 100%

② 50%

③ 25%

④ 95%

⑤ 75%

How much of the spirit gravity is functioning in the grand universe?

① 100% ✓

② 50% ✗

③ 25% ✗

④ 95% ✗

⑤ 75% ✗

13. THE SACRED SPHERES OF PARADISE (36 questions)

Which of these are forever forbidden to us?

① Divinington

② nether Paradise

③ the seven sacred Paradise satellites of the Son

④ Paradise

⑤ Uversa

⑥ Sonarington

⑦ Ascendington

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⑦ Ascendington ✗

What are the executuve-headquarters of the Seven Master Spirits?

① seven sacred spheres of the Infinite Spirit

② seven sacred spheres of the Universal Father

③ seven sacred spheres of the Eternal Son

④ Urantia, Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Pluto

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③ seven sacred spheres of the Eternal Son ✗

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Which material is used in the physical construction of the 21 sacred spheres of Paradise?

① unrevealed

② mostly gold, iron, and some carbon in crystallised state

③ morontia materials

④ spirit

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Where is the record of the origin of the 21 sacred spheres of Paradise stored?

① in the Most Holy area of upper Paradise

② in the nether Paradise

③ on one of the billion perfect worlds of Havona

④ nowhere, it doesn't exist

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④ nowhere, it doesn't exist ✓

Which of the 21 sacred spheres of Paradise are alike in physical constitution?

① the seven worlds of the Son

② the seven worlds of the Father

③ the seven worlds of the Spirit

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① the seven worlds of the Son ✓

② the seven worlds of the Father ✗

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What kind of personal beings may sojourn on the seven sacred spheres of the Eternal Son?

① none

② Seven Master Spirits

③ Architects of the Master Universe

④ only beings endowed with anti-gravity power

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① none ✓

② Seven Master Spirits ✗

③ Architects of the Master Universe ✗

④ only beings endowed with anti-gravity power ✗

When are you granted clearance for Ascendington?

① upon attaining Havona

② upon attaining Uversa

③ upon graduation from the Melchizedek schools

④ upon resurrection from the dead

⑤ upon fusion with the Thought Adjuster

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④ upon resurrection from the dead ✗

⑤ upon fusion with the Thought Adjuster ✗

Which of the sacred spheres of the Father is the Paradise rendezvous of the Thought Adjusters?

① Divinington

② Sonarington

③ Spiritington

④ Vicegerington

⑤ Solitarington

⑥ Seraphington

⑦ Ascendington

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④ Vicegerington ✗

⑤ Solitarington ✗

⑥ Seraphington ✗

⑦ Ascendington ✗

What kind of beings function on Divinington?

① Father fragments (such as Thought Adjusters) and other beings of direct origin in the Universal Father

② beings of unrevealed order

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④ Seven Master Spirits

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⑤ Paradise Creator Sons ✗

Which of these are among the secrets of Divinington?

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② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons

④ mysteries of reflectivity

⑤ secrets of trinitization

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When were the 21 sacred spheres of Paradise created?

① 1 trillion years ago

② 9 billion years ago

③ 250 billion years ago

④ never, they are eternal

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How many of the 21 sacred spheres of Paradise illuminate both the Havona and the Isle of Paradise?

① 0

② 7

③ 14

④ 21

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① 0 ✗

② 7 ✗

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④ 21 ✗

How many of the 21 sacred spheres of Paradise illuminate only the Havona but *not* the Isle of Paradise?

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Who directs the seven Paradise sacred spheres of the Father?

① Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy

② Seven Master Spirits

③ Trinity Teacher Sons

④ Melchizedeks

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Which of the sacred spheres of the Father can be called "the bosom of the Father"?

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② Sonarington

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④ Ascendington

⑤ Vicegerington

⑥ Solitarington

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Which of the sacred spheres of the Father can be called "the bosom of the Son"?

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② Sonarington

③ Spiritington

④ Ascendington

⑤ Vicegerington

⑥ Solitarington

⑦ Seraphington

Which of the sacred spheres of the Father can be called "the bosom of the Son"?

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④ Ascendington ✗

⑤ Vicegerington ✗

⑥ Solitarington ✗

⑦ Seraphington ✗

Which of the sacred spheres of the Father can be called "the bosom of the Spirit"?

① Divinington

② Sonarington

③ Spiritington

④ Ascendington

⑤ Vicegerington

⑥ Solitarington

⑦ Seraphington

Which of the sacred spheres of the Father can be called "the bosom of the Spirit"?

① Divinington ✗

② Sonarington ✗

③ Spiritington ✓

④ Ascendington ✗

⑤ Vicegerington ✗

⑥ Solitarington ✗

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Which of the sacred spheres of the Father can be called "the bosom of the Father and the Son"?

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④ mysteries of reflectivity ✗

⑤ secrets of trinitization ✗

⑥ mystery of seraphic transport ✗

Which of these are among the secrets of Seraphington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons

④ mysteries of reflectivity

⑤ secrets of trinitization

⑥ mystery of seraphic transport

Which of these are among the secrets of Seraphington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters ✗

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers ✗

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons ✗

④ mysteries of reflectivity ✗

⑤ secrets of trinitization ✗

⑥ mystery of seraphic transport ✓

Which sector of Sonarington is the secret of incarnation locked in?

① seventh

② first

③ third

④ fifth

Which sector of Sonarington is the secret of incarnation locked in?

① seventh ✓

② first ✗

③ third ✗

④ fifth ✗

Which of these are among the secrets of Spiritington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons

④ mysteries of reflectivity

⑤ secrets of trinitization

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Which of these are among the secrets of Spiritington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters ✗

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers ✗

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons ✗

④ mysteries of reflectivity ✓

⑤ secrets of trinitization ✗

⑥ mystery of seraphic transport ✗

Which of these are among the secrets of Vicegerington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons

④ mysteries of reflectivity

⑤ secrets of trinitization

⑥ mystery of seraphic transport

Which of these are among the secrets of Vicegerington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters ✗

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers ✗

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons ✗

④ mysteries of reflectivity ✗

⑤ secrets of trinitization ✓

⑥ mystery of seraphic transport ✗

Which of the sacred spheres of the Father is the home of Solitary Messengers?

① Solitarington

② Vicegerington

③ Sonarington

④ Seraphington

⑤ Ascendington

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① Solitarington ✓

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Which of the sacred spheres of the Father is the status sphere of the Universe Power Directors during the present universe age?

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④ Seraphington

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Which of these are among the secrets of Solitarington?

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③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons

④ mysteries of reflectivity

⑤ secrets of trinitization

⑥ the secrets of the personal relation of the Infinite Spirit with certain of the higher offspring of the Third

Source and Center

Which of these are among the secrets of Solitarington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters ✗

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers ✗

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons ✗

④ mysteries of reflectivity ✗

⑤ secrets of trinitization ✓

⑥ the secrets of the personal relation of the Infinite Spirit with certain of the higher offspring of the Third

Source and Center ✓

Which of these are among the secrets of Ascendington?

① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons

④ mysteries of reflectivity

⑤ secrets of trinitization

⑥ mystery of the evolution of an immortal soul within the mind of a mortal and material creature

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① secret of the bestowal and mission of Thought Adjusters ✗

② nature and purpose of the Gravity Messengers ✗

③ secret of the incarnation of the divine Sons ✗

④ mysteries of reflectivity ✗

⑤ secrets of trinitization ✗

⑥ mystery of the evolution of an immortal soul within the mind of a mortal and material creature ✓

Which of the seven sacred spheres of the Father will become fully open to our inspection?

① Divinington

② Sonarington

③ Spiritington

④ Ascendington

⑤ Vicegerington

⑥ Solitarington

⑦ Seraphington

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③ Spiritington ✗

④ Ascendington ✓

⑤ Vicegerington ✗

⑥ Solitarington ✗

⑦ Seraphington ✗

How many Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy direct Ascendington?

① 10

② 12

③ 7

④ 3

How many Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy direct Ascendington?

① 10 ✓

② 12 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 3 ✗

Who knows all the secrets of all seven Paradise sacred spheres of the Father?

① Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy

② Seven Master Spirits

③ Trinity Teacher Sons

④ Melchizedeks

⑤ Ancients of Days

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③ Trinity Teacher Sons ✗

④ Melchizedeks ✗

⑤ Ancients of Days ✗

14. THE CENTRAL AND DIVINE UNIVERSE (35 questions)

Our material bodies have five physical senses, how many senses does a morontia body have, in potential?

① 7

② 10

③ 36

④ 70

⑤ 77

⑥ 100

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① 7 ✗

② 10 ✗

③ 36 ✗

④ 70 ✓

⑤ 77 ✗

⑥ 100 ✗

What is the number of elements on the architectural spheres compared to those on the evolutionary planets?

① half as many

② twice as many

③ the same number

What is the number of elements on the architectural spheres compared to those on the evolutionary planets?

① half as many ✗

② twice as many ✓

③ the same number ✗

How many perfect spheres does Havona consist of?

① 100 billion

② 500 million

③ 1 billion

④ 144000

⑤ 7

⑥ 12

How many perfect spheres does Havona consist of?

① 100 billion ✗

② 500 million ✗

③ 1 billion ✓

④ 144000 ✗

⑤ 7 ✗

⑥ 12 ✗

Select all space conditions that exist from the periphery of Paradise to the inner borders of the seven superuniverses?

① The clockwise processional of the three Paradise and the seven Havona circuits

② The semiquiet space zone separating the Havona circuits from the dark gravity bodies of the central universe

③ The inner, counterclockwise-movin belt of the dark gravity bodies

④ The quiescent midspace zones im-

pinging on Paradise

⑤ The second unique space zone dividing the two space paths of the dark gravity bodies

⑥ The outer belt of dark gravity bodies, revolving clockwise around Paradise

⑦ A third space zone—a semiquiet zone—separating the outer belt of dark gravity bodies from the innermost circuits of the seven superuniverses

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pinging on Paradise ✓

⑤ The second unique space zone dividing the two space paths of the dark gravity bodies ✓

⑥ The outer belt of dark gravity bodies, revolving clockwise around Paradise ✓

⑦ A third space zone—a semiquiet zone—separating the outer belt of dark gravity bodies from the innermost circuits of the seven superuniverses ✓

How many circuits are the billion worlds of Havona arranged in?

① 12

② 3

③ 4

④ 1000

⑤ 1024

⑥ 7

How many circuits are the billion worlds of Havona arranged in?

① 12 ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 4 ✗

④ 1000 ✗

⑤ 1024 ✗

⑥ 7 ✓

How many worlds are in the innermost circuit of Havona?

① 245 million+

② 25 million+

③ 1 million+

④ 35 million+

⑤ 365

How many worlds are in the innermost circuit of Havona?

① 245 million+ ✗

② 25 million+ ✗

③ 1 million+ ✗

④ 35 million+ ✓

⑤ 365 ✗

How many worlds are in the outermost circuit of Havona?

① 35 million+

② 25 million+

③ 245 million+

④ 1 million+

⑤ 365

How many worlds are in the outermost circuit of Havona?

① 35 million+ ✗

② 25 million+ ✗

③ 245 million+ ✓

④ 1 million+ ✗

⑤ 365 ✗

Are the Havona planetary circuits superimposed?

① yes

② no

Are the Havona planetary circuits superimposed?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Does perception of time exist on the Havona circuits?

① yes

② no

Does perception of time exist on the Havona circuits?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Is the length of year the same on all the worlds of a given Havona circuit?

① yes

② no

Is the length of year the same on all the worlds of a given Havona circuit?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

How does the length of year change from circuit to circuit in Havona?

① increases from the outermost to the innermost circuit

② stays the same

③ decreases from the outermost to the innermost circuit

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② stays the same ✗

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Where is the length of Paradise-Havona day decided and broadcast from?

① the seven sacred spheres of the Universal Father

② on one of the billion perfect spheres of Havona

③ the seven sacred spheres of the Infinite Spirit

④ Isle of Paradise

⑤ the seven sacred spheres of the Eternal Son

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④ Isle of Paradise ✗

⑤ the seven sacred spheres of the Eternal Son ✗

How many planes do the three circuits of Paradise satellites and the seven circuits of Havona worlds move in?

① seven

② ten

③ one

④ three

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① seven ✗

② ten ✗

③ one ✓

④ three ✗

Based on what periodic movement is the standard Paradise-Havona day defined?

① revolution of the outer Havona circuit around the Isle of Paradise

② average revolution of all Havona circuits around the Isle of Paradise

③ arbitrarily decided by the Paradise Deities

④ space respiration

⑤ revolution of the inner Havona circuit around the Isle of Paradise

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② average revolution of all Havona circuits around the Isle of Paradise ✗

③ arbitrarily decided by the Paradise Deities ✗

④ space respiration ✗

⑤ revolution of the inner Havona circuit around the Isle of Paradise ✓

One Paradise-Havona day is equivalent to how much Urantia time?

① 100 years

② 30 days

③ 1000 years

④ 15 days

⑤ 1 day

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③ 1000 years ✓

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⑤ 1 day ✗

Where do the spirit beings dwell?

① in nebulous space

② on ethereal spirit worlds

③ on material spheres

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① in nebulous space ✗

② on ethereal spirit worlds ✗

③ on material spheres ✓

How many basic chemical elements does the material of Havona consist of?

① 100

② 256

③ 512

④ 1000

⑤ 1024

⑥ 1000000

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① 100 ✗

② 256 ✗

③ 512 ✗

④ 1000 ✓

⑤ 1024 ✗

⑥ 1000000 ✗

How many forms of energy exist in Havona?

① 12

② 49

③ 7

④ 100

⑤ 10

How many forms of energy exist in Havona?

① 12 ✗

② 49 ✗

③ 7 ✓

④ 100 ✗

⑤ 10 ✗

How many phases of excitation does each of the basic forms of energy in Havona manifest?

① 7

② 49

③ 3

④ 1000

⑤ 4

How many phases of excitation does each of the basic forms of energy in Havona manifest?

① 7 ✓

② 49 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 1000 ✗

⑤ 4 ✗

How many different sensation stimuli do Havona natives respond to?

① 7

② 3

③ 1000

④ 4

⑤ 49

How many different sensation stimuli do Havona natives respond to?

① 7 ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 1000 ✗

④ 4 ✗

⑤ 49 ✓

How many of the 49 physical stimuli of Havona worlds would excite a reaction in Urantia mortals?

① 49

② 7

③ 0

④ 5

⑤ 4

⑥ 47

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① 49 ✗

② 7 ✗

③ 0 ✓

④ 5 ✗

⑤ 4 ✗

⑥ 47 ✗

Why are the Havona forms of energy threefold whereas the superuniverse forms of energy are twofold?

① because the creation of Havona is threefold (Trinity) whereas the creation of local universes is two-fold (Creator Son and Creative Mother Spirit)

② for unknown or unrevealed reason

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What type of government exists on the perfect worlds of Havona?

① none (perfection makes government unnecessary)

② democracy

③ anarchy

④ theocracy

⑤ aristocracy

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Who directs each of the billion worlds of the central universe?

① one Eternal of Days

② three Eternals of Days

③ three Ancients of Days

④ one Creator Son and one Creative Mother Spirit

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Which of these are the basic forms of living things and beings on Havona worls?

① material

② morontial

③ spiritual

④ absonite

⑤ ultimate

⑥ coabsolute

⑦ absolute

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⑦ absolute ✓

Are decay and death a part of the cycle of life on the Havona worlds?

① yes

② no

Are decay and death a part of the cycle of life on the Havona worlds?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Are Havona natives reproducing beings?

① yes

② no

Are Havona natives reproducing beings?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Which circuit of Havona are the new arrivals domiciled on?

① 4

② 5

③ 2

④ 3

⑤ 7

⑥ 1

⑦ 6

Which circuit of Havona are the new arrivals domiciled on?

① 4 ✗

② 5 ✗

③ 2 ✗

④ 3 ✗

⑤ 7 ✓

⑥ 1 ✗

⑦ 6 ✗

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain identity comprehension of their superuniverse Master Spirit?

① 5

② 3

③ 4

④ 6

⑤ 2

⑥ 7

⑦ 1

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain identity comprehension of their superuniverse Master Spirit?

① 5 ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 4 ✗

④ 6 ✓

⑤ 2 ✗

⑥ 7 ✗

⑦ 1 ✗

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain realization of Supremacy?

① 2

② 1

③ 3

④ 6

⑤ 7

⑥ 4

⑦ 5

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain realization of Supremacy?

① 2 ✗

② 1 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 6 ✗

⑤ 7 ✗

⑥ 4 ✗

⑦ 5 ✓

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain the Infinite Spirit?

① 4

② 7

③ 3

④ 5

⑤ 1

⑥ 2

⑦ 6

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain the Infinite Spirit?

① 4 ✓

② 7 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 5 ✗

⑤ 1 ✗

⑥ 2 ✗

⑦ 6 ✗

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain the Eternal Son?

① 4

② 7

③ 6

④ 2

⑤ 1

⑥ 3

⑦ 5

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they attain the Eternal Son?

① 4 ✗

② 7 ✗

③ 6 ✗

④ 2 ✗

⑤ 1 ✗

⑥ 3 ✓

⑦ 5 ✗

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they have recognized the Universal Father?

① 3

② 1

③ 2

④ 6

⑤ 4

⑥ 7

⑦ 5

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they have recognized the Universal Father?

① 3 ✗

② 1 ✗

③ 2 ✓

④ 6 ✗

⑤ 4 ✗

⑥ 7 ✗

⑦ 5 ✗

Which circuit of Havona are the pilgrims transferred to when they have been accepted into the service of Paradise?

① 7

② 2

③ 5

④ 1

⑤ 4

⑥ 6

⑦ 3

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① 7 ✗

② 2 ✗

③ 5 ✗

④ 1 ✓

⑤ 4 ✗

⑥ 6 ✗

⑦ 3 ✗

Which of the Havona worlds can a pilgrim of ascent visit without the need to be ensupernaphimed?

① all worlds of all circuits

② all worlds of the present circuit only

③ all worlds of those circuits which have already been traversed

④ none of them

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15. THE SEVEN SUPERUNIVERSES (55 questions)

How many Reflective Spirits are there?

① 7

② 3

③ 50

④ 49

⑤ 144000

How many Reflective Spirits are there?

① 7 ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 50 ✓

④ 49 ✗

⑤ 144000 ✗

Who is the chief of the Reflective Spirits?

① Father Melchizedek

② Gabriel

③ Michael of Nebadon

④ Infinite Spirit

⑤ Majeston

⑥ Father Reflective Spirit #1

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② Gabriel ✗

③ Michael of Nebadon ✗

④ Infinite Spirit ✗

⑤ Majeston ✓

⑥ Father Reflective Spirit #1 ✗

How long is the standard (Uversa) day?

① 1 Urantia day

② 1 Urantia year

③ 30 Urantia days

④ 1000 Urantia years

How long is the standard (Uversa) day?

① 1 Urantia day ✗

② 1 Urantia year ✗

③ 30 Urantia days ✓

④ 1000 Urantia years ✗

How long is the standard (Uversa) year?

① 365 Urantia days

② 10 Urantia years

③ 1000 Urantia years

④ 3000 Urantia days

How long is the standard (Uversa) year?

① 365 Urantia days ✗

② 10 Urantia years ✗

③ 1000 Urantia years ✗

④ 3000 Urantia days ✓

Which of these are superuniverse circuits?

① The unifying intelligence circuit of one of the Seven Master Spirits of Paradise, a cosmic-mind

② The reflective-service circuit of the seven Reflective Spirits

③ The secret circuits of the Mystery Monitors, routed by Divinington to the Universal Father on Paradise

④ The circuit of the intercommunion of the Eternal Son with his Paradise Sons

⑤ The flash presence of the Infinite

Spirit

⑥ The broadcasts of Paradise, the space reports of Havona

⑦ The energy circuits of the power centres and the physical controllers

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Which of these are the local universe circuits?

① The bestowal spirit of the Paradise Sons, the Spirit of Truth

② The circuit of the Divine Ministers, the Holy Spirit

③ The intelligence-ministry circuit, including the diversely functioning presence of the adjutant mind-spirits

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What are the requisites for admission of a local universe to the councils of the Ancients of Days?

① Not a single loss of Lanonandek Sons

② Physical Stability

③ Spiritual Loyalty

④ Reach 10,000,000 inhabited worlds

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Is our local universe of Nebadon admitted to the councils of the Ancients of Days?

① yes

② no

Is our local universe of Nebadon admitted to the councils of the Ancients of Days?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Is our local universe's physical order settled?

① yes

② no

Is our local universe's physical order settled?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

How many Perfectors of Wisdom are assisting the three Ancients of Days?

① 1000

② 1 million

③ 1 billion

④ 7

⑤ 70

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① 1000 ✗

② 1 million ✗

③ 1 billion ✓

④ 7 ✗

⑤ 70 ✗

Does the executive branch of the superuniverse government include glorified ascendant mortals?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✓

② no ✗

Which of these beings serve as ambassadors of one superuniverse in another?

① Solitary Messengers

② Mighty Messengers

③ Those High in Authority

④ none, the superuniverses are completely isolated from each other

⑤ Those Without Name and Number

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What is the registry number of Urantia in the catalogue of inhabited worlds on Uversa and Paradise?

① 619

② 666,666,666,666

③ 666

④ 606

⑤ 5,342,482,337,666

⑥ 5,287,480,037,666

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② 666,666,666,666 ✗

③ 666 ✗

④ 606 ✗

⑤ 5,342,482,337,666 ✓

⑥ 5,287,480,037,666 ✗

Which of these are the components of the celestial coordinates of our planet in the grand universe?

① Planet Urantia, number 606 in the system of Satania

② System of Satania (capital world Jerusem), number 24 in the constellation of Norlatiadek

③ Constellation of Norlatiadek (headquarters world Edentia), number 70 in the universe of Nebadon

④ Local universe of Nebadon (capital world Salvington), number 84 in the minor sector of Ensa

⑤ Minor sector of Ensa (capital world Uminor the third), number 3 in the major sector of Splandon

⑥ Major sector of Splandon (capital world Umajor the fifth), number 5 in the superuniverse of Orvonton

⑦ Superuniverse of Orvonton (headquarters world Uversa), number 7 in the grand universe

Which of these are the components of the celestial coordinates of our planet in the grand universe?

① Planet Urantia, number 606 in the system of Satania ✓

② System of Satania (capital world Jerusem), number 24 in the constellation of Norlatiadek ✓

③ Constellation of Norlatiadek (headquarters world Edentia), number 70 in the universe of Nebadon ✓

④ Local universe of Nebadon (capital world Salvington), number 84 in the minor sector of Ensa ✓

⑤ Minor sector of Ensa (capital world Uminor the third), number 3 in the major sector of Splandon ✓

⑥ Major sector of Splandon (capital world Umajor the fifth), number 5 in the superuniverse of Orvonton ✓

⑦ Superuniverse of Orvonton (headquarters world Uversa), number 7 in the grand universe ✓

Which of these are the units of supergovernment in the Grand Universe?

① Planet

② System

③ Constellation

④ Local Universe

⑤ Minor Sector

⑥ Major Sector

⑦ Superuniverse

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② System ✓

③ Constellation ✓

④ Local Universe ✓

⑤ Minor Sector ✓

⑥ Major Sector ✓

⑦ Superuniverse ✓

When was the sevenfold scheme of the superuniverse organization and government formulated?

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Who are the rulers of the seven evolutionary superuniverses?

① Eternals of Days

② Ancients of Days

③ Perfections of Days

④ Recents of Days

⑤ Faithfuls of Days

⑥ Unions of Days

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Which curve do the seven superuniverses traverse in space?

① Circle

② Cardioid

③ Archimedean Spiral

④ Ellipse

⑤ Lemniscate

⑥ Epicycloid

⑦ Hypocycloid

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Who knows the location and name of every inhabited world in space?

① Ancients of Days

② Architects of the Master Universe

③ Paradise Creator Sons

④ Universal Father

⑤ Universal Censors

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Each inhabited planet is presided over by ...

① Governor General

② Planetary Prince

③ Chief Archangel

④ God

⑤ Jesus Christ

⑥ System Sovereign

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Each local system has an architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by …

① an Ancient of Days

② three Recents of Days

③ one of the Seven Master Spirits

④ Creator Son and Creative Mother Spirit

⑤ a System Sovereign

⑥ three Vorondadek Sons, the Most Highs

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Each constellation has an architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by …

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② Ancients of Days

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③ Recents of Days ✗

④ Seven Master Spirits ✗

⑤ three Vorondadek Sons, the Most Highs ✓

⑥ Creator Son and Creative Mother Spirit ✗

Who serves as an ambassador of the Paradise Trinity and an observer on each constellation?

① three Faithfuls of Days

② a Faithful of Days

③ a Recent of Days

④ seven Recents of Days

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② a Recent of Days

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Who serves as a representative of the Paradise Trinity on each local universe?

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② a Recent of Days

③ seven Recents of Days

④ a Faithful of Days

⑤ a Union of Days

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③ seven Recents of Days ✗

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⑤ a Union of Days ✓

How many local universes constitute a minor sector?

① 10

② 24

③ 100000

④ 70

⑤ 100

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① 10 ✗

② 24 ✗

③ 100000 ✗

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 100 ✓

How many inhabited worlds can there be in a minor sector?

① 1 billion

② 10 billion

③ 100 million

④ 1 trillion

⑤ 700 million

How many inhabited worlds can there be in a minor sector?

① 1 billion ✓

② 10 billion ✗

③ 100 million ✗

④ 1 trillion ✗

⑤ 700 million ✗

Each minor sector has a wonderful architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by ...

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② three Unions of Days

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How many minor sectors constitute a major sector?

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② 24

③ 100000

④ 70

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① Paradise Creator Son

② three Unions of Days

③ three Recents of Days

④ three Perfections of Days

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Who serves as a representative of the Paradise Trinity on each minor sector?

① a Union of Days

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How many major sectors constitute a superuniverse?

① 100

② 24

③ 100000

④ 70

⑤ 10

How many major sectors constitute a superuniverse?

① 100 ✗

② 24 ✗

③ 100000 ✗

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 10 ✓

Each superuniverse has an enormous and glorious architectural sphere as its headquarters and is ruled by ...

① Paradise Creator Son

② three Unions of Days

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① 100 billion

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② 7

③ 8

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⑤ 4

⑥ 6

⑦ 3

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Where is the rotational centre of our minor sector situated?

① in the star cloud of Sagittarius

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Which of these revolutionary movements does our planet Urantia participate in?

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② The circuit of our solar system about the nucleus of the former Andronover nebula

③ The rotation of the Andronover stellar family and the associated clusters about the composite rotation-gravity centre of the star cloud of Nebadon

④ The swing of the local star cloud

of Nebadon and its associated creations around the Sagittarius centre of their minor sector

⑤ The rotation of the one hundred minor sectors, including Sagittarius, about their major sector

⑥ The whirl of the ten major sectors, the so-called star drifts, about the Uversa headquarters of Orvonton

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peruniverse space level ✗

How many architectural worlds there would be in the seven superuniverses if all the projected local universes and their component parts were established?

① 453,313,764,407

② 500 billion

③ 7 trillion

④ 7 billion

⑤ 5 billion

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How many inhabited planets constitute a system?

① 1024

② 1000

③ 500

④ 777

⑤ 1000000

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⑤ 1000000 ✗

How many systems constitute a constellation?

① 10

② 24

③ 100000

④ 100

⑤ 70

How many systems constitute a constellation?

① 10 ✗

② 24 ✗

③ 100000 ✗

④ 100 ✓

⑤ 70 ✗

How many inhabited worlds can there be in a single constellation?

① 1000

② 1000000

③ 100000

④ 777

How many inhabited worlds can there be in a single constellation?

① 1000 ✗

② 1000000 ✗

③ 100000 ✓

④ 777 ✗

How many constellations constitute a local universe?

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② 24 ✗

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How many inhabited worlds can there be in a local universe?

① 100000

② 1000

③ 10000000

④ 777777

⑤ 700000

How many inhabited worlds can there be in a local universe?

① 100000 ✗

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⑤ 700000 ✗

How many stars are there in the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 70 trillion

② 10 trillion

③ 1 trillion

④ 700 million

⑤ 70 million

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How many planets in our solar system are at present suited to harbour life?

① one (Urantia)

② two

③ three

④ four

⑤ five

⑥ six

⑦ seven

⑧ eight

⑨ nine

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⑤ five ✗

⑥ six ✗

⑦ seven ✗

⑧ eight ✗

⑨ nine ✗

How many of the cool planets in our superuniverse are habitable by beings of our order?

① fewer than 1 in 5

② fewer than 1 in 10

③ fewer than 1 in 40

④ fewer than 1 in 100

⑤ fewer than 1 in 1,000

⑥ fewer than 1 in 1,000,000

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⑤ fewer than 1 in 1,000 ✗

⑥ fewer than 1 in 1,000,000 ✗

Which of these space bodies have had an evolutionary origin?

① The dark islands of space

② The suns

③ Comets, meteors, and planetesimals

④ Planets (including inhabited)

⑤ Architectural spheres

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Are there stars which emit light not accompanied by heat?

① yes

② no

Are there stars which emit light not accompanied by heat?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Which of these is the capital of our local system?

① Salvington

② Edentia

③ Uversa

④ Jerusem

Which of these is the capital of our local system?

① Salvington ✗

② Edentia ✗

③ Uversa ✗

④ Jerusem ✓

Which of these is the headquarters of our constellation?

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② Edentia

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② Edentia ✓

③ Uversa ✗

④ Jerusem ✗

16. THE SEVEN MASTER SPIRITS
(7 questions)

Which of these are the realms with which the Seven Master Spirits have nothing whatever to do?

① The bestowal and ministry of the Thought Adjusters

② The functions of the Unqualified Absolute

③ The reflectivity mechanism of the local universes and the superuniverse

④ The bestowal of the Spirit of Truth

⑤ The bestowal of the Holy Spirit

⑥ The life-initiation procedures of

the local universe Life Carriers

⑦ The life activations of the adjutant mind-spirits bestowed upon the worlds by a local universe Creative Spirit

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Is it true that only a God-knowing individual can truly love another as himself?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✓

② no ✗

Can objective unselfish social consciousness be other than religious consciousness?

① no

② yes

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① no ✓

② yes ✗

Why are manmade civilizations unstable?

① because they are not cosmic, not innate in the cosmic-mind endowment of the individuals of the races

② because Satan is constantly trying to destabilize them

③ because God is destabilizing them

④ because of the constant struggle between good and evil

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Which of these are contributing to the stability of civilization?

① science

② morality

③ religion

④ commerce

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⑤ wars ✗

What is the total number of associative possibilities of three Deities?

① 7

② 9

③ 3

④ 12

⑤ 24

⑥ ∞

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① 7 ✓

② 9 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 12 ✗

⑤ 24 ✗

⑥ ∞ ✗

Which of these are *not* absonite beings?

① Architects of the Master Universe

② Primary Master Force Organizers

③ Transcendental Recorders

④ Seven Master Spirits

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④ Seven Master Spirits ✓

17. THE SEVEN SUPREME SPIRIT GROUPS (16 questions)

What is the domain of work of the Seven Spirits of the Circuits?

① Paradise

② Havona

③ seven superuniverses

④ four outer space levels

⑤ master universe

⑥ grand universe

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Do Thought Adjusters participate in the operation of the universal reflectivity system?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

Is the reflective focus of each superuniverse identical with the point of spiritual polarity?

① yes

② no

Is the reflective focus of each superuniverse identical with the point of spiritual polarity?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Are all Father fragments cognizant of the transactions of the universal reflectivity system?

① yes

② no

Are all Father fragments cognizant of the transactions of the universal reflectivity system?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

What is the space range limit of the extra-Paradise reflectivity service in the present universe age?

① periphery of the seven superuniverses

② periphery of the first outer space level

③ periphery of the fourth outer space level

④ periphery of Havona

What is the space range limit of the extra-Paradise reflectivity service in the present universe age?

① periphery of the seven superuniverses ✓

② periphery of the first outer space level ✗

③ periphery of the fourth outer space level ✗

④ periphery of Havona ✗

How many of the 50 Reflective Spirits are of Paradise Trinity origin?

① all 50

② 49

③ 7

④ 14

⑤ none of them

How many of the 50 Reflective Spirits are of Paradise Trinity origin?

① all 50 ✗

② 49 ✓

③ 7 ✗

④ 14 ✗

⑤ none of them ✗

How many Reflective Image Aids are there?

① 7

② 3

③ 49

④ 50

⑤ 144000

How many Reflective Image Aids are there?

① 7 ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 49 ✓

④ 50 ✗

⑤ 144000 ✗

How many Reflective Image Aids are on the headquarters of each superuniverse?

① 7

② 3

③ 49

④ 50

⑤ 12000

⑥ 1

How many Reflective Image Aids are on the headquarters of each superuniverse?

① 7 ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 49 ✗

④ 50 ✗

⑤ 12000 ✗

⑥ 1 ✗

Who are the creators of the Reflective Image Aids?

① Reflective Spirits

② Paradise Trinity

③ Paradise Trinity in functional liaison with the Deity Absolute

④ Paradise Trinity in unrevealed association with the Unqualified Absolute

⑤ The Father Reflective Image Aid #1

Who are the creators of the Reflective Image Aids?

① Reflective Spirits ✓

② Paradise Trinity ✗

③ Paradise Trinity in functional liaison with the Deity Absolute ✗

④ Paradise Trinity in unrevealed association with the Unqualified Absolute ✗

⑤ The Father Reflective Image Aid #1 ✗

Do the Reflective Image Aids possess the attribute of reflectivity, like their creators — the Reflective Spirits?

① yes

② no

Do the Reflective Image Aids possess the attribute of reflectivity, like their creators — the Reflective Spirits?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Do the Reflective Image Aids function directly in connection with the training worlds of ascending mortals?

① yes

② no

Do the Reflective Image Aids function directly in connection with the training worlds of ascending mortals?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Will the mortals of Urantia come in personal contact with the Reflective Image Aids during the sojourn in the Uversa schools?

① yes

② no

Will the mortals of Urantia come in personal contact with the Reflective Image Aids during the sojourn in the Uversa schools?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Do ascending mortals, as a class, contact intimately with reflectivity?

① yes

② no

Do ascending mortals, as a class, contact intimately with reflectivity?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Are ascendant pilgrims from evoluionary spheres able to hold personal communion with the Seven Spirits of the Circuits?

① yes

② no

Are ascendant pilgrims from evoluionary spheres able to hold personal communion with the Seven Spirits of the Circuits?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Which of these divine personalities were created by the Supreme Being in functional liaison with the Deity Absolute?

① Majeston

② Seven Executive Spirits

③ Trinity Teacher Sons

④ Supreme Circuit Supervisor

⑤ Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy

Which of these divine personalities were created by the Supreme Being in functional liaison with the Deity Absolute?

① Majeston ✓

② Seven Executive Spirits ✗

③ Trinity Teacher Sons ✗

④ Supreme Circuit Supervisor ✗

⑤ Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy ✗

Which of these are the revealed phases of the career of a local universe Mother Spirit?

① Initial Paradise Differentiation

② Preliminary Creatorship Training

③ The Stage of Physical Creation

④ The Life-Creation Era

⑤ The Postbestowal Ages

⑥ The Ages of Light and Life

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③ The Stage of Physical Creation ✓

④ The Life-Creation Era ✓

⑤ The Postbestowal Ages ✓

⑥ The Ages of Light and Life ✓

18. THE SUPREME TRINITY PERSONALITIES (22 questions)

Which of these are known as the Supreme Trinity Personalities?

① Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy

② Eternals of Days

③ Ancients of Days

④ Perfections of Days

⑤ Recents of Days

⑥ Unions of Days

⑦ Faithfuls of Days

⑧ Wise of Days

⑨ Mighty of Days

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② Eternals of Days ✓

③ Ancients of Days ✓

④ Perfections of Days ✓

⑤ Recents of Days ✓

⑥ Unions of Days ✓

⑦ Faithfuls of Days ✓

⑧ Wise of Days ✗

⑨ Mighty of Days ✗

The number of Supreme Trinity Personalities is ...

① increasing

② fixed

③ decreasing

The number of Supreme Trinity Personalities is ...

① increasing ✗

② fixed ✓

③ decreasing ✗

How many Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy supervise each of the seven sacred worlds of the Father?

① 10

② 7

③ 3

④ 1

⑤ 70

How many Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy supervise each of the seven sacred worlds of the Father?

① 10 ✓

② 7 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 1 ✗

⑤ 70 ✗

How many Eternals of Days are in existence?

① 1 billion

② 7 billion

③ 70

④ 21

⑤ 7

How many Eternals of Days are in existence?

① 1 billion ✓

② 7 billion ✗

③ 70 ✗

④ 21 ✗

⑤ 7 ✗

How many Eternals of Days rule each of one billion perfect worlds of Havona?

① 1

② 3

③ 7

④ 10

How many Eternals of Days rule each of one billion perfect worlds of Havona?

① 1 ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 10 ✗

How many Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy are in existence?

① 70

② 7 billion

③ 7

④ 21

⑤ 77

⑥ 1 billion

How many Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy are in existence?

① 70 ✓

② 7 billion ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 21 ✗

⑤ 77 ✗

⑥ 1 billion ✗

Are there any records of the origin of the Eternals of Days in existence?

① yes

② no

Are there any records of the origin of the Eternals of Days in existence?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Are there any records of the origin of the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy in existence?

① yes

② no

Are there any records of the origin of the Trinitized Secrets of Supremacy in existence?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Are the Eternals of Days visible to all will creatures dwelling in their domains?

① yes

② no

Are the Eternals of Days visible to all will creatures dwelling in their domains?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Can an Eternal of Days be absent from his Havona sphere?

① yes

② no

Can an Eternal of Days be absent from his Havona sphere?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Who directs the Havona sphere during the absence of its Eternal of Days?

① a Trinity Teacher Son

② an Avonal Son

③ a Daynal Son

④ a Michael Son

⑤ an Ancient of Days

Who directs the Havona sphere during the absence of its Eternal of Days?

① a Trinity Teacher Son ✓

② an Avonal Son ✗

③ a Daynal Son ✗

④ a Michael Son ✗

⑤ an Ancient of Days ✗

Are there any records of the origin (trinitization) of the Ancients of Days in existence?

① yes, on Paradise

② no

Are there any records of the origin (trinitization) of the Ancients of Days in existence?

① yes, on Paradise ✓

② no ✗

How many Perfections of Days are there in existence?

① 21

② 210

③ 7

④ 70

⑤ 1 billion

⑥ 7 billion

How many Perfections of Days are there in existence?

① 21 ✗

② 210 ✓

③ 7 ✗

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 1 billion ✗

⑥ 7 billion ✗

Is it necessary that all three Perfections of Days be present on the capital of their major sector?

① yes

② no, one may be absent

③ no, one or two may be absent

④ no, all three may be absent

Is it necessary that all three Perfections of Days be present on the capital of their major sector?

① yes ✗

② no, one may be absent ✓

③ no, one or two may be absent ✗

④ no, all three may be absent ✗

Will the mortals of Urantia see the Perfections of Days when they advance to the headquarters of Splandon?

① yes

② no

Will the mortals of Urantia see the Perfections of Days when they advance to the headquarters of Splandon?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

How many of the ten major sectors of our superuniverse will the mortals of Urantia pass during their ascent?

① only one, Splandon

② all ten

③ three

④ four

⑤ two

How many of the ten major sectors of our superuniverse will the mortals of Urantia pass during their ascent?

① only one, Splandon ✗

② all ten ✓

③ three ✗

④ four ✗

⑤ two ✗

How many of the Orvonton Perfections of Days will the mortals of Urantia see before they reach Uversa?

① all 30

② 3

③ 7

④ 70

⑤ 1

How many of the Orvonton Perfections of Days will the mortals of Urantia see before they reach Uversa?

① all 30 ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 1 ✗

How many Recents of Days are there in existence?

① 21000

② 210

③ 7

④ 70

⑤ 1 billion

⑥ 21

How many Recents of Days are there in existence?

① 21000 ✓

② 210 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 1 billion ✗

⑥ 21 ✗

How many Unions of Days are there in existence?

① 700000

② 21000

③ 700

④ 70

⑤ 1 billion

⑥ 21

How many Unions of Days are there in existence?

① 700000 ✓

② 21000 ✗

③ 700 ✗

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 1 billion ✗

⑥ 21 ✗

How many Faithfuls of Days are there in existence?

① 70000000

② 21000

③ 7000000

④ 70

⑤ 1 billion

⑥ 21

How many Faithfuls of Days are there in existence?

① 70000000 ✓

② 21000 ✗

③ 7000000 ✗

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 1 billion ✗

⑥ 21 ✗

How many of the three Recents of Days are always on duty at the headquarters of their minor sector?

① all three

② at least one

③ at least two

How many of the three Recents of Days are always on duty at the headquarters of their minor sector?

① all three ✗

② at least one ✓

③ at least two ✗

How many minor sectors will the mortals of Urantia have to traverse on their ascent to Uversa?

① only one, Ensa

② all 100 minor sectors of their major sector of Splandon

③ all 1000 minor sectors of their suoeruniverse of Orvonton

How many minor sectors will the mortals of Urantia have to traverse on their ascent to Uversa?

① only one, Ensa ✓

② all 100 minor sectors of their major sector of Splandon ✗

③ all 1000 minor sectors of their suoeruniverse of Orvonton ✗

19. THE CO-ORDINATE TRINITY-ORIGIN BEINGS
(13 questions)

Trinity Teacher Sons are devoted to ...

① conscious enlightenment of universe creatures

② subconscious enlightenment of universe creatures

③ superconscious enlightenment of universe creatures

Trinity Teacher Sons are devoted to ...

① conscious enlightenment of universe creatures ✓

② subconscious enlightenment of universe creatures ✗

③ superconscious enlightenment of universe creatures ✗

Inspired Trinity Spirits are devoted to ...

① conscious enlightenment of universe creatures

② subconscious enlightenment of universe creatures

③ superconscious enlightenment of universe creatures

Inspired Trinity Spirits are devoted to ...

① conscious enlightenment of universe creatures ✗

② subconscious enlightenment of universe creatures ✗

③ superconscious enlightenment of universe creatures ✓

How many Universal Censors are there in existence?

① 8 billion

② 7 billion

③ 1 billion

④ 800000

⑤ 700000

How many Universal Censors are there in existence?

① 8 billion ✓

② 7 billion ✗

③ 1 billion ✗

④ 800000 ✗

⑤ 700000 ✗

How many Universal Censors are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses?

① 1 billion

② 3

③ 3 billion

④ 1

How many Universal Censors are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses?

① 1 billion ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 3 billion ✗

④ 1 ✗

How many Universal Censors are assigned to the central universe?

① 1 billion

② 3

③ 3 billion

④ 1

⑤ none

How many Universal Censors are assigned to the central universe?

① 1 billion ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 3 billion ✗

④ 1 ✗

⑤ none ✗

How many Perfectors of Wisdom are there in existence?

① 7 billion

② 8 billion

③ 1 billion

④ 800000

⑤ 700000

How many Perfectors of Wisdom are there in existence?

① 7 billion ✓

② 8 billion ✗

③ 1 billion ✗

④ 800000 ✗

⑤ 700000 ✗

How many Perfectors of Wisdom are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses?

① 1 billion

② 3

③ 3 billion

④ 1

How many Perfectors of Wisdom are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses?

① 1 billion ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 3 billion ✗

④ 1 ✗

How many Perfectors of Wisdom are assigned to the central universe?

① 1 billion

② 3

③ 3 billion

④ 1

⑤ none

How many Perfectors of Wisdom are assigned to the central universe?

① 1 billion ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 3 billion ✗

④ 1 ✗

⑤ none ✓

How many Universal Censors are commissioned on each of the billion worlds of the central universe?

① 1

② 3

③ 7

④ 10

⑤ 1000

⑥ 21

How many Universal Censors are commissioned on each of the billion worlds of the central universe?

① 1 ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 10 ✗

⑤ 1000 ✗

⑥ 21 ✗

How many Divine Counsellors are there in existence?

① 21 billion

② 8 billion

③ 1 billion

④ 800000

⑤ 700000

How many Divine Counsellors are there in existence?

① 21 billion ✓

② 8 billion ✗

③ 1 billion ✗

④ 800000 ✗

⑤ 700000 ✗

How many Divine Counsellors are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses?

① 3 billion

② 3

③ 1 billion

④ 1

How many Divine Counsellors are assigned to each of the seven superuniverses?

① 3 billion ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 1 billion ✗

④ 1 ✗

Which of these are known as the Stationary Sons of the Trinity?

① Universal Censors

② Perfectors of Wisdom

③ Divine Counsellors

④ Ancients of Days

⑤ Trinity Teacher Sons

⑥ Inspired Trinity Spirits

⑦ Trinitized Custodians

⑧ Trinitized Sons of Perfectiom

Which of these are known as the Stationary Sons of the Trinity?

① Universal Censors ✓

② Perfectors of Wisdom ✓

③ Divine Counsellors ✓

④ Ancients of Days ✓

⑤ Trinity Teacher Sons ✗

⑥ Inspired Trinity Spirits ✗

⑦ Trinitized Custodians ✗

⑧ Trinitized Sons of Perfectiom ✗

How many Stationary Sons of the Trinity are there in existence?

① over 37 billion

② about 1 billion

③ about 7 billion

④ over 1 trillion

⑤ over 70 trillion

How many Stationary Sons of the Trinity are there in existence?

① over 37 billion ✓

② about 1 billion ✗

③ about 7 billion ✗

④ over 1 trillion ✗

⑤ over 70 trillion ✗

20. THE PARADISE SONS OF GOD (6 questions)

When does a bestowal Son begin his planetary mission to enlighten the minds and to inspire the souls of his brethren in the flesh?

① after perfect attunement with his indwelling Thought Adjuster

② after reaching the age of 30

③ after receiving explicit instruction from his superiors

④ at the earliest opportunity to do so, no restrictions

When does a bestowal Son begin his planetary mission to enlighten the minds and to inspire the souls of his brethren in the flesh?

① after perfect attunement with his indwelling Thought Adjuster ✓

② after reaching the age of 30 ✗

③ after receiving explicit instruction from his superiors ✗

④ at the earliest opportunity to do so, no restrictions ✗

For how long do the Trinity Teachers Sons usually remain on the planet of their visitation?

① 1000 years

② 100 years

③ 40 years

④ 40 days

⑤ 1 year

⑥ 7 days

For how long do the Trinity Teachers Sons usually remain on the planet of their visitation?

① 1000 years ✓

② 100 years ✗

③ 40 years ✗

④ 40 days ✗

⑤ 1 year ✗

⑥ 7 days ✗

Are Trinity Teacher Sons (Daynals) visible to mortal inhabitants of the planet of their visitation?

① yes

② no

Are Trinity Teacher Sons (Daynals) visible to mortal inhabitants of the planet of their visitation?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Which orders of the Paradise bestowal Sons are exempt from the restriction prohibiting them to beget children on the worlds of their bestowal?

① Michaels

② Daynals

③ Avonals

④ none

Which orders of the Paradise bestowal Sons are exempt from the restriction prohibiting them to beget children on the worlds of their bestowal?

① Michaels ✗

② Daynals ✗

③ Avonals ✗

④ none ✓

Which of these orders of the Paradise Sons re-appear on the third day after they enter the portals of death?

① Creator Sons

② Magisterial Sons

③ Trinity Teacher Sons

Which of these orders of the Paradise Sons re-appear on the third day after they enter the portals of death?

① Creator Sons ✓

② Magisterial Sons ✓

③ Trinity Teacher Sons ✗

How many Magisterial Sons are there in the grand universe?

① 1 billion

② 7 billion

③ 21 billion

④ 7000

⑤ 7

How many Magisterial Sons are there in the grand universe?

① 1 billion ✓

② 7 billion ✗

③ 21 billion ✗

④ 7000 ✗

⑤ 7 ✗

21. THE PARADISE CREATOR SONS (0 questions)

22. THE TRINITIZED SONS OF GOD (11 questions)

Which orders of personalities can aspire to become Trinitized Custodians?

① ascendant mortals

② ascendant seraphim

③ translated midway creatures

④ Melchizedeks

⑤ Havona natives

Which orders of personalities can aspire to become Trinitized Custodians?

① ascendant mortals ✗

② ascendant seraphim ✓

③ translated midway creatures ✓

④ Melchizedeks ✗

⑤ Havona natives ✗

How many of Those without Name and Number are of record on Uversa?

① 777

② 12 thousand

③ 1 million

④ 100 million

How many of Those without Name and Number are of record on Uversa?

① 777 ✗

② 12 thousand ✗

③ 1 million ✗

④ 100 million ✓

Which of these orders of personalities are known as the Trinity-Embraced Sons?

① Mighty Messengers

② Those High in Authority

③ Celestial Guardians

④ Melchizedeks

⑤ Vorondadek Sons

⑥ Lanonandek Sons

⑦ High Son Assistants

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① Mighty Messengers ✓

② Those High in Authority ✓

③ Celestial Guardians ✓

④ Melchizedeks ✗

⑤ Vorondadek Sons ✗

⑥ Lanonandek Sons ✗

⑦ High Son Assistants ✓

Are there any pilgrims from the local universe of Nebadon among the Mighty Messengers?

① no, the universe of Nebadon is too young

② yes

Are there any pilgrims from the local universe of Nebadon among the Mighty Messengers?

① no, the universe of Nebadon is too young ✗

② yes ✓

How many Mighty Messengers are commissioned on Uversa?

① 21 thousand

② 144 thousand

③ 7 million

④ 1 billion

⑤ 1 trillion

How many Mighty Messengers are commissioned on Uversa?

① 21 thousand ✗

② 144 thousand ✗

③ 7 million ✗

④ 1 billion ✗

⑤ 1 trillion ✓

Does the number of Mighty Messengers differ from superuniverse to superuniverse?

① yes

② no

Does the number of Mighty Messengers differ from superuniverse to superuniverse?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

How many Trinitized Ambassadors are registered on Uversa?

① 500 thousand

② 1 million

③ 500 million

④ 1 billion

⑤ 7 billion

⑥ 144 billion

⑦ 1 trillion

How many Trinitized Ambassadors are registered on Uversa?

① 500 thousand ✗

② 1 million ✗

③ 500 million ✓

④ 1 billion ✗

⑤ 7 billion ✗

⑥ 144 billion ✗

⑦ 1 trillion ✗

Who issues the orders authorizing the trinitization attempt by the ascendant Adjuster-fused mortal-finaliters?

① Master Spirit Number Seven

② Master Spirit Number One

③ Master Spirit of the superuniverse of the creature's origin

④ Ancients of Days of the superuniverse of the creature's origin

⑤ Universal Father

⑥ Infinite Spirit

⑦ Eternal Son

Who issues the orders authorizing the trinitization attempt by the ascendant Adjuster-fused mortal-finaliters?

① Master Spirit Number Seven ✓

② Master Spirit Number One ✗

③ Master Spirit of the superuniverse of the creature's origin ✗

④ Ancients of Days of the superuniverse of the creature's origin ✗

⑤ Universal Father ✗

⑥ Infinite Spirit ✗

⑦ Eternal Son ✗

How many Trinitized Custodians are in service in the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 144 thousand

② 1 thousand

③ 1 million

④ 10 million

⑤ 1 billion

⑥ 1 trillion

How many Trinitized Custodians are in service in the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 144 thousand ✗

② 1 thousand ✗

③ 1 million ✗

④ 10 million ✓

⑤ 1 billion ✗

⑥ 1 trillion ✗

Which of these beings can aspire to become Those High in Authority?

① Adjuster-fused beings of mortal origin

② ascendant seraphim

③ translated midway creatures

④ any order of being

⑤ only Trinity-origin beings

Which of these beings can aspire to become Those High in Authority?

① Adjuster-fused beings of mortal origin ✓

② ascendant seraphim ✗

③ translated midway creatures ✗

④ any order of being ✗

⑤ only Trinity-origin beings ✗

How many of Those High in Authority are commissioned in the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 1 thousand

② 1 million

③ 1 billion

④ 7 billion

⑤ >10 billion

⑥ 1 trillion

How many of Those High in Authority are commissioned in the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 1 thousand ✗

② 1 million ✗

③ 1 billion ✗

④ 7 billion ✗

⑤ >10 billion ✓

⑥ 1 trillion ✗

23. THE SOLITARY MESSENGERS (1 questions)

What is the maximum velocity of an enseraphimed being?

① 36,000 km/s

② 100,000 km/s

③ 299,792 km/s

④ 899,366 km/s

⑤ 1,000,000 km/s

⑥ unlimited

What is the maximum velocity of an enseraphimed being?

① 36,000 km/s ✗

② 100,000 km/s ✗

③ 299,792 km/s ✗

④ 899,366 km/s ✓

⑤ 1,000,000 km/s ✗

⑥ unlimited ✗

24. HIGHER PERSONALITIES OF THE INFINITE SPIRIT (13 questions)

Do the Census Directors function on Paradise?

① Yes, they keep track of all will creatures present on Paradise

② No, because on Paradise knowledge is inherent — the Deities know all things

③ Yes, they keep track of all will creatures present on Paradise and Havona worlds

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③ Yes, they keep track of all will creatures present on Paradise and Havona worlds ✗

Do the Census Directors function in Havona?

① yes

② no

Do the Census Directors function in Havona?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

How many Census Directors are stationed in Havona?

① seven

② twelve

③ ten

④ one billion

⑤ seven billion

How many Census Directors are stationed in Havona?

① seven ✓

② twelve ✗

③ ten ✗

④ one billion ✗

⑤ seven billion ✗

Who or what is Malvorian?

① Name of a geological era of Urantia

② Name of the first Graduate Guide

③ Name of the Chief of the order of Graduate Guides

④ Name of the first pilgrim of time who reached Havona

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Which of these was the first pilgrim of time who attained Havona?

① Orvonon

② Onamonalonton

③ Onagar

④ Moses

⑤ Orlandof

⑥ Porshunta

⑦ Grandfanda

⑧ Jesus of Nazareth

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⑤ Orlandof ✗

⑥ Porshunta ✗

⑦ Grandfanda ✓

⑧ Jesus of Nazareth ✗

From which superuniverse was the first pilgrim of time?

① number one

② number two

③ number three

④ number four

⑤ number five

⑥ number six

⑦ number seven

From which superuniverse was the first pilgrim of time?

① number one ✓

② number two ✗

③ number three ✗

④ number four ✗

⑤ number five ✗

⑥ number six ✗

⑦ number seven ✗

What was the native planet of Grandfanda?

① planet 1, system 1, constellation 1, local universe 1, superuniverse 1

② planet 341, system 84, constellation 62, local universe 1,131, superuniverse 1

③ planet 40, system 24, constellation 299, local universe 3,123, superuniverse 1

④ planet 340, system 4, constellation 2, local universe 1,312, superuniverse 2

⑤ planet 12, system 11, constellation

85, local universe 17, superuniverse 7

⑥ Mars

⑦ Venus

⑧ Urantia

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② planet 341, system 84, constellation 62, local universe 1,131, superuniverse 1 ✓

③ planet 40, system 24, constellation 299, local universe 3,123, superuniverse 1 ✗

④ planet 340, system 4, constellation 2, local universe 1,312, superuniverse 2 ✗

⑤ planet 12, system 11, constellation

85, local universe 17, superuniverse 7 ✗

⑥ Mars ✗

⑦ Venus ✗

⑧ Urantia ✗

Which of these beings are endowed with antigravity?

① Solitary Messengers

② Census Directors

③ Universe Circuit Supervisors

④ Associate Inspectors

⑤ Supreme Power Centers

⑥ Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit

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④ Associate Inspectors ✗

⑤ Supreme Power Centers ✓

⑥ Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit ✓

Does the Infinite Spirit transmit the power of antigravity to other personalities?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✓

② no ✗

When do the Census Directors register the existence of a new will creature?

① at the age of 5 years

② at the first act of will

③ at the age of 7 years

④ at birth

⑤ at conception

⑥ just before death

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⑤ at conception ✗

⑥ just before death ✗

Do the Census Directors register an act of partial emergence of will in the higher animals?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

Who is the chief of all Orvonton Census Directors?

① Usatia

② Univitatia

③ The Father Census Director

④ Master Spirit Number Seven

⑤ one of the Ancients of Days

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③ The Father Census Director ✗

④ Master Spirit Number Seven ✗

⑤ one of the Ancients of Days ✗

Is Usatia directly attuned to the registration of intelligent will of all creatures in Orvonton?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

25. THE MESSENGER HOSTS OF SPACE (3 questions)

Which of these are classed among the Messenger Hosts of Space?

① Havona Servitals

② Universal Conciliators

③ Technical Advisers

④ Graduate Guides

⑤ Associate Inspectors

⑥ Assigned Sentinels

⑦ Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit

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⑦ Personal Aids of the Infinite Spirit ✗

How many Technical Advisers are registered on Uversa?

① 7 trillion

② 61 trillion

③ 61 billion

④ 7 billion

⑤ 1 billion

⑥ 1 milliom

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Can omniaphim Paradise Companions serve with the ascendant creatures from the seven superuniverses?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

26. MINISTERING SPIRITS OF THE CENTRAL UNIVERSE (6 questions)

How many subjects do the ascendant mortals study during the "elementary course" on the seventh circle of Havona under the pilgrim helpers?

① 648

② 9,200

③ 10,000

④ 100,000

⑤ 100,000,000

⑥ 1,234,800,000

⑦ infinitely many

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⑦ infinitely many ✗

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the supremacy guides operate?

① 1

② 2

③ 3

④ 4

⑤ 5

⑥ 6

⑦ 7

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the supremacy guides operate?

① 1 ✗

② 2 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 4 ✗

⑤ 5 ✗

⑥ 6 ✓

⑦ 7 ✗

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the Trinity guides operate?

① 1

② 2

③ 3

④ 4

⑤ 5

⑥ 6

⑦ 7

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the Trinity guides operate?

① 1 ✗

② 2 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 4 ✗

⑤ 5 ✓

⑥ 6 ✗

⑦ 7 ✗

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the Son finders operate?

① 1

② 2

③ 3

④ 4

⑤ 5

⑥ 6

⑦ 7

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the Son finders operate?

① 1 ✗

② 2 ✗

③ 3 ✗

④ 4 ✓

⑤ 5 ✗

⑥ 6 ✗

⑦ 7 ✗

Do the candidates who failed the Deity adventure return to the superuniverse of their nativity?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the Father guides operate?

① 1

② 2

③ 3

④ 4

⑤ 5

⑥ 6

⑦ 7

On which of the seven circles of Havona do the Father guides operate?

① 1 ✗

② 2 ✗

③ 3 ✓

④ 4 ✗

⑤ 5 ✗

⑥ 6 ✗

⑦ 7 ✗

27. MINISTRY OF THE PRIMARY SUPERNAPHIM (0 questions)

28. MINISTERING SPIRITS OF THE SUPERUNIVERSES (0 questions)

29. THE UNIVERSE POWER DIRECTORS (3 questions)

How many types of frandalanks can there be?

① 7

② 24

③ 30

④ 777

How many types of frandalanks can there be?

① 7 ✗

② 24 ✗

③ 30 ✓

④ 777 ✗

What is an architectural world?

① A made to order sphere independent of a sun thereby not visible from earth

② The world where the celestial architects live

③ The world where celestial artisans live

④ The world of the Master Architects

⑤ The world with exquisite architecture

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⑤ The world with exquisite architecture ✗

Does an architectural world have a sun, seasons, night and day, raging rivers, and oceans?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

30. PERSONALITIES OF THE GRAND UNIVERSE (2 questions)

Which of these are the seven stages of our grand universe ascension career?

① Planetary mortals

② Sleeping survivors

③ Mansion world students

④ Morontia progressors

⑤ Superuniverse wards

⑥ Havona pilgrims

⑦ Paradise arrivals

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Which of the seven Supreme Spirit groups are classified as children of the Paradise Trinity?

① The Seven Master Spirits

② The Seven Supreme Executives

③ The Reflective Spirits

④ The Reflective Image Aids

⑤ The Seven Spirits of the Circuits

⑥ The Local Universe Creative Spirits

⑦ The Adjutant Mind-Spirits

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⑥ The Local Universe Creative Spirits ✗

⑦ The Adjutant Mind-Spirits ✗

31. THE CORPS OF THE FINALITY
(2 questions)

How many Architects of the Master Universe are there?

① 1

② 7

③ 12

④ 7000

⑤ 28,011

⑥ 28,012

How many Architects of the Master Universe are there?

① 1 ✗

② 7 ✗

③ 12 ✗

④ 7000 ✗

⑤ 28,011 ✓

⑥ 28,012 ✗

At which eventuation level the quality of absonity equivalates to the level of the Universal and attains the value of the Absolute?

① 28,012th

② 28,011th

③ 7,000th

④ 7th

⑤ 1st

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② 28,011th ✗

③ 7,000th ✗

④ 7th ✗

⑤ 1st ✗

PART II. THE LOCAL UNIVERSE

32. THE EVOLUTION OF LOCAL UNIVERSES (6 questions)

How far is Jerusem, the headquarters of Satania, from the physical centre of the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 100,000 ly

② 200,000 ly

③ 1 billion ly

④ 1 million ly

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Which of these are our neighbouring local universes?

① Avalon

② Henselon

③ Sanselon

④ Majeston

⑤ Salvington

⑥ Spironga

⑦ Usatia

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⑥ Spironga ✗

⑦ Usatia ✗

Why do most human beings die?

① Because of the "original sin" of Adam and Eve

② Because it is appointed for all men to die once and then stand in judgement

③ Because their bodies wear out eventually

④ Because they fail to achieve the spirit level of the fusion with the indwelling Thought Adjuster

⑤ Because of many diseases

⑥ Because of some unrevealed mys-

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terious reason ✗

How far is the outermost system of inhabited worlds from the centre of the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 51,000 ly

② 100,000 ly

③ 250,000 ly

④ 1 million ly

⑤ 1 billion ly

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Where was King Arthur's sword Excalibur (Caliburnus) forged?

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② Avalon

③ Sanselon

④ Portalon

⑤ Wolvering

⑥ Fanoving

⑦ Alvoring

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② Avalon ✓

③ Sanselon ✗

④ Portalon ✗

⑤ Wolvering ✗

⑥ Fanoving ✗

⑦ Alvoring ✗

How many inhabited worlds are there in our local universe of Nebadon?

① 227

② 606

③ 619

④ 666

⑤ 100,987

⑥ 3,840,101

⑦ 12,878,111

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⑦ 12,878,111 ✗

33. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE
(2 questions)

What is the name of the Trinity Ambassador of our local universe of Nebadon?

① Gabriel

② Michael

③ Satanael

④ Uriel

⑤ Raphael

⑥ Zachariel

⑦ Barachiel

⑧ Immanuel

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⑥ Zachariel ✗

⑦ Barachiel ✗

⑧ Immanuel ✓

Who adjudicates the problems of a local system?

① The Most Highs

② The Ancients of Days

③ The Creator Son

④ Melchizedeks

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34. THE LOCAL UNIVERSE MOTHER SPIRIT (13 questions)

Which of these has deprived human races of that superior type of physical nature which would have been more consonant with spiritual aspirations?

① Lucifer rebellion

② Caligastia upheaval

③ Adamic default

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What does the Bible refer to when it talks about "the seven spirits of God like lamps burning before the throne"?

① seven Absolutes

② seven Master Spirits of the superuniverses

③ seven adjutant mind-spirits

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② seven Master Spirits of the superuniverses ✗

③ seven adjutant mind-spirits ✓

Are animals relevant to the intellectual and physical evolution of humans?

① Yes, because of the experiential growth of the first five adjutant mind-spirits

② Not at all

③ Not anymore

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How many adjutant mind-spirits are there?

① 3

② 4

③ 7

④ 10

⑤ 12

How many adjutant mind-spirits are there?

① 3 ✗

② 4 ✗

③ 7 ✓

④ 10 ✗

⑤ 12 ✗

Which of these is *not* one of the seven adjutant mind-spirits?

① intuition

② understanding

③ courage

④ knowledge

⑤ counsel

⑥ worship

⑦ wisdom

⑧ intellect

Which of these is *not* one of the seven adjutant mind-spirits?

① intuition ✗

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③ courage ✗

④ knowledge ✗

⑤ counsel ✗

⑥ worship ✗

⑦ wisdom ✗

⑧ intellect ✓

How many adjutant mind-spirits are reachable by subhuman (animal) mind?

① all 7

② 5

③ 4

④ 1

⑤ none

⑥ 3

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① all 7 ✗

② 5 ✓

③ 4 ✗

④ 1 ✗

⑤ none ✗

⑥ 3 ✗

Which of the adjutant mind-spirits can minister only to human or midwayer (super-animal) level of mind?

① worship and wisdom

② intuition and understanding

③ courage and counsel

④ intuition and knowledge

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③ courage and counsel ✗

④ intuition and knowledge ✗

Which of the adjutant mind-spirits makes the most extensive contact with nonteachable (subhuman) levels of mind?

① intuition

② courage

③ counsel

④ understanding

Which of the adjutant mind-spirits makes the most extensive contact with nonteachable (subhuman) levels of mind?

① intuition ✓

② courage ✗

③ counsel ✗

④ understanding ✗

Which adjutant mind-spirit is responsible for spontaneous association of ideas and co-ordination of acquired knowledge?

① understanding

② intuition

③ knowledge

④ wisdom

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② intuition ✗

③ knowledge ✗

④ wisdom ✗

Which adjutant mind-spirit is responsible for the ability of will creatures to harmonize with their fellows and the origin of the gregarious instinct among the more lowly creatures?

① counsel

② intuition

③ understanding

④ worship

⑤ knowledge

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③ understanding ✗

④ worship ✗

⑤ knowledge ✗

How many adjutant mind-spirits minister to midwayer as well as human types of mind?

① all seven

② three

③ two

④ four

How many adjutant mind-spirits minister to midwayer as well as human types of mind?

① all seven ✗

② three ✗

③ two ✓

④ four ✗

Which adjutant mind-spirits minister to midwayer minds?

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③ knowledge and understanding

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Receptivity to which of the seven adjutant mind-spirits serves as a badge for spiritual-ascension candidacy of mortals?

① wisdom

② knowledge

③ worship

④ courage

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② knowledge ✗

③ worship ✓

④ courage ✗

35. THE LOCAL UNIVERSE SONS OF GOD
(6 questions)

How many Lanonandek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 144

② 7,000

③ 12,000

④ 1,000,000

⑤ 12,000,000

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① 144 ✗

② 7,000 ✗

③ 12,000 ✗

④ 1,000,000 ✗

⑤ 12,000,000 ✓

How many primary Lanonandek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 12,000

② 22,363

③ 70,041

④ 270,005

⑤ 709,841

⑥ 1,720,025

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② 22,363 ✗

③ 70,041 ✗

④ 270,005 ✗

⑤ 709,841 ✓

⑥ 1,720,025 ✗

How many secondary Lanonandek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 22,365

② 709,841

③ 1,200,056

④ 8,720,025

⑤ 10,234,601

How many secondary Lanonandek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 22,365 ✗

② 709,841 ✗

③ 1,200,056 ✗

④ 8,720,025 ✗

⑤ 10,234,601 ✓

How many tertiary Lanonandek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 22,365

② 1,055,558

③ 10,234,601

How many tertiary Lanonandek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 22,365 ✗

② 1,055,558 ✓

③ 10,234,601 ✗

How many Magisterial Sons (Avonals) are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 1,062

② 223,650

③ 1,023,460

④ 1 billion

How many Magisterial Sons (Avonals) are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 1,062 ✓

② 223,650 ✗

③ 1,023,460 ✗

④ 1 billion ✗

How many Vorondadek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 12

② 1024

③ 22,365

④ 144,000

⑤ 1 million

⑥ 1 billion

How many Vorondadek Sons are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 12 ✗

② 1024 ✗

③ 22,365 ✗

④ 144,000 ✗

⑤ 1 million ✓

⑥ 1 billion ✗

36. THE LIFE CARRIERS (9 questions)

How many Life Carriers are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 144,000

② 223,650

③ 10,234,601

④ 100 million

⑤ 1 billion

How many Life Carriers are there in the local universe of Nebadon?

① 144,000 ✗

② 223,650 ✗

③ 10,234,601 ✗

④ 100 million ✓

⑤ 1 billion ✗

How many midsonite worlds are in each local system of the universe of Nebadon?

① 1

② 2

③ 3

④ 7

⑤ 10

⑥ 12

⑦ 30

⑧ 619

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③ 3 ✗

④ 7 ✗

⑤ 10 ✗

⑥ 12 ✗

⑦ 30 ✗

⑧ 619 ✗

Which of these beings initiate life on the midsonite worlds?

① Life Carriers

② Melchizedeks

③ Seraphim

④ Supernaphim

⑤ Solitary Messengers

⑥ Creator Sons

⑦ Material Sons and Daughters of God

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⑤ Solitary Messengers ✗

⑥ Creator Sons ✗

⑦ Material Sons and Daughters of God ✗

Do midsoniters reproduce?

① yes

② no

Do midsoniters reproduce?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

Do midsoniters reproduce after being enseraphimed?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

What is the maximum length of time given to Life Carriers to establish life on a new world?

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Do the seven adjutant mind-spirits ever become personal?

① no

② yes

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① no ✓

② yes ✗

Which number is inherent in the physical organization of energy and matter, but not in the spiritual?

① 10

② 7

③ 12

④ 24

Which number is inherent in the physical organization of energy and matter, but not in the spiritual?

① 10 ✓

② 7 ✗

③ 12 ✗

④ 24 ✗

How many configurations (by inheritance carriers) of will creatures are there in Orvonton?

① 7

② 12

③ 10

④ Infinitely many

How many configurations (by inheritance carriers) of will creatures are there in Orvonton?

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② 12 ✓

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37. PERSONALITIES OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE (5 questions)

What is the keynote of the whole educational system of the Universe?

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② character acquired by enlightened experience

③ control of mind over energy and over weaker minds

④ infinite diversity in infinite combinations

⑤ equal opportunities for all races and types of creatures

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What are abandonters doing at present?

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② helping midwayers

③ teaching morontia progressors

④ tending the gardens of Edentia

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What is the name of the Bright and Morning Star of our local universe of Nebadon?

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② Gabriel

③ Satanael

④ Uriel

⑤ Raphael

⑥ Zachariel

⑦ Barachiel

⑧ Immanuel

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⑦ Barachiel ✗

⑧ Immanuel ✗

How many Bright and Morning Stars are brought forth in each local universe?

① 1

② 3

③ 7

④ 10

⑤ 24

How many Bright and Morning Stars are brought forth in each local universe?

① 1 ✓

② 3 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 10 ✗

⑤ 24 ✗

How many architectural spheres are there in our local universe of Nebadon?

① 9,910

② 11,255

③ 144,000

④ 647,591

⑤ 1,000,000

⑥ 10,000,000

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⑥ 10,000,000 ✗

38. MINISTERING SPIRITS OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE (1 questions)

What was the name of the seraphim that did not allow John Zebedee to worship him?

① Salsatia

② Susatia

③ Malavatia

④ Loyalatia

⑤ Uzziel

⑥ Raphael

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⑤ Uzziel ✗

⑥ Raphael ✗

39. THE SERAPHIC HOSTS
(0 questions)

40. THE ASCENDING SONS OF GOD (0 questions)

41. PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE LOCAL UNIVERSE (6 questions)

For how long will our Sun continue to shine at its present efficiency?

① 100 million years

② 5 billion years

③ 25 billion years

④ unknown

⑤ indefinitely

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② 5 billion years ✗

③ 25 billion years ✓

④ unknown ✗

⑤ indefinitely ✗

When do the Supreme Power Centres rest?

① about 10% of their time

② about 50% of their time

③ about 1% of their time

④ about 95% of their time

⑤ never, they are always on duty

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Do the Supreme Power Centres have a sense of humour?

① no, because they have no ascendant past to revert to and laugh at

② yes, but nobody understands their jokes

③ yes, their jokes are the best in the grand universe

④ unrevealed

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④ unrevealed ✗

Can the Supreme Power Centres function on the ordinary (evolutionary) suns or planets?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

How many stars are in our local system of Satania?

① 2000+

② 1000+

③ 100000

④ 1000000

How many stars are in our local system of Satania?

① 2000+ ✓

② 1000+ ✗

③ 100000 ✗

④ 1000000 ✗

What is the largest star in our universe?

① α Piscis Austrini (Fomalhaut)

② α Centauri

③ α Scorpii (Antares)

④ τ Ceti

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② α Centauri ✗

③ α Scorpii (Antares) ✓

④ τ Ceti ✗

42. ENERGY — MIND AND MATTER (5 questions)

Can solar heat or pressure convert ultimatons back into puissant energy?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

Can ultimatonic energies sometimes exhibit antigravity behaviour?

① yes

② no

Can ultimatonic energies sometimes exhibit antigravity behaviour?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

What is the lowest density of matter-energy known in our local universe?

① 100 ultimatons in 16.4 cm^3

② 10 ultimatons in 16.4 cm^3

③ 1 ultimaton in 16.4 cm^3

④ 0

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④ 0 ✗

How many ultimatons make one electron?

① 3

② 10

③ 100

④ 300

⑤ 777

⑥ 1000

⑦ 70,000

How many ultimatons make one electron?

① 3 ✗

② 10 ✗

③ 100 ✓

④ 300 ✗

⑤ 777 ✗

⑥ 1000 ✗

⑦ 70,000 ✗

By loss of one or more ultimatons how many modified forms of electron one may obtain?

① 100

② 10

③ 7

④ 50

By loss of one or more ultimatons how many modified forms of electron one may obtain?

① 100 ✗

② 10 ✓

③ 7 ✗

④ 50 ✗

43. THE CONSTELLATIONS (2 questions)

Who was the "Most High", which Melchizedek is said to be the priest of?

① Yahweh, the Lord God of Israel

② Father Melchizedek

③ Vorondadek observer

④ Michael of Nebadon

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At which point in our ascension will we be evolving from a morontia being (more material than spiritual) to the status of a true spirit?

① From Mansion world no. 7

② From the Finaliter's world

③ From the Salvington spheres

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44. THE CELESTIAL ARTISANS (2 questions)

How many basic symbols are there in the alphabet of the local universe of Nebadon?

① 22

② 24

③ 48

④ 70

⑤ 1000

⑥ 1024

⑦ 100,000

How many basic symbols are there in the alphabet of the local universe of Nebadon?

① 22 ✗

② 24 ✗

③ 48 ✓

④ 70 ✗

⑤ 1000 ✗

⑥ 1024 ✗

⑦ 100,000 ✗

How many basic symbols are there in the alphabet of the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 22

② 24

③ 48

④ 70

⑤ 1000

⑥ 1024

⑦ 100,000

How many basic symbols are there in the alphabet of the superuniverse of Orvonton?

① 22 ✗

② 24 ✗

③ 48 ✗

④ 70 ✓

⑤ 1000 ✗

⑥ 1024 ✗

⑦ 100,000 ✗

45. THE LOCAL SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION (6 questions)

What type of being serves as a local System Sovereign?

① Lanonandek Son

② Melchizedek

③ Seraphim

④ Omniaphim

⑤ Seconaphim

⑥ Ancient of Days

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⑥ Ancient of Days ✗

What is the registration number of our planet (Urantia) in the local system of Satania?

① 1

② 777

③ 666

④ 606

⑤ unknown

⑥ 37,011

What is the registration number of our planet (Urantia) in the local system of Satania?

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⑤ unknown ✗

⑥ 37,011 ✗

How many inhabited worlds are in our local system of Satania?

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③ 666

④ 619

⑤ unknown

⑥ thousands

⑦ millions

⑧ 37,001

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⑧ 37,001 ✗

Who is the current System Sovereign?

① Lucifer

② Lanaforge

③ Machiventa Melchizedek

④ Jesus of Nazareth

⑤ Enoch the Scribe

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How many seats on the Urantia Advisory Council of 24 do Adam and Eve occupy?

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How many seats of the Four and Twenty Counsellors are not permanently occupied?

① 8

② 4

③ 0

④ 1

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① 8 ✓

② 4 ✗

③ 0 ✗

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46. THE LOCAL SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS (2 questions)

Chronoldek is ...

① the name for the upper deck on the ship that can travel through time

② a frandalank that registers time

③ the name of a realm where time and space are inverted

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② a frandalank that registers time ✓

③ the name of a realm where time and space are inverted ✗

Is the doctrine of human re-incarnation true or false?

① true

② false

Is the doctrine of human re-incarnation true or false?

① true ✗

② false ✓

47. THE SEVEN MANSION WORLDS (1 questions)

On which of the mansion worlds is the resurrection hall located?

① # 1

② # 2

③ # 3

④ # 4

⑤ # 5

⑥ # 6

⑦ # 7

On which of the mansion worlds is the resurrection hall located?

① # 1 ✓

② # 2 ✗

③ # 3 ✗

④ # 4 ✗

⑤ # 5 ✗

⑥ # 6 ✗

⑦ # 7 ✗

48. THE MORONTIA LIFE (6 questions)

When do the 570 morontia transformations occur for the progressing ascenders?

① 8 in the system, 71 in the constellation, and 491 during the sojourn on the spheres of Salvington

② 70 in the system, and 500 on the spheres of Salvington

③ 370 in the superuniverse levels and 200 on Paradise and Havona

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How many morontia bodies are the ascending sons of God provided with on their progressive journey from material to spiritual life?

① 570

② 1000

③ 300

④ 777

⑤ 3

⑥ 1

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① 570 ✓

② 1000 ✗

③ 300 ✗

④ 777 ✗

⑤ 3 ✗

⑥ 1 ✗

What are the morontia realms?

① Liaison spheres between the material and spiritual levels of creature existence

② The morontia spheres are the transition phases of mortal ascension through the progression worlds of the local universe

③ These worlds are architectural spheres and they have double the number of elements of the evolved planets

④ These worlds have 100 forms of a unique energy organisation called

morontia material

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What are mansion worlds?

① The 7 satellites of the Finaliter World (world number 1), with the resurrection halls being on satellite number 1

② The Home of the Father

③ The Home of angels

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③ The worlds where Lucifer and Satan are incarcerated

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③ The worlds where Lucifer and Satan are incarcerated ✗

Is the morontia form spiritual or material?

① neither (it is an intermediate stage between them)

② spiritual

③ material

④ combination of both

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49. THE INHABITED WORLDS (0 questions)

50. THE PLANETARY PRINCES (0 questions)

51. THE PLANETARY ADAMS
(1 questions)

When is the slavery abolished on a normal evolutionary sphere?

① upon arrival of Adam

② upon arrival of Planetary Prince

③ in the age of Light and Life

④ persists forever

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④ persists forever ✗

52. PLANETARY MORTAL EPOCHS (2 questions)

Why was Moses not permitted to "go to the other side" (i.e. be resurrected on the mansion world)?

① because the fallen Planetary Prince Caligastia was contesting such a deliverance

② because he was a secret sinner

③ because the resurrection hall on Mansonia One was not yet constructed

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Since what event do the Urantia mortals may proceed directly to the morontia spheres after death?

① Pentecost

② Jesus' birth

③ Jesus' crucifixion

④ Jesus' resurrection

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53. THE LUCIFER REBELLION (12 questions)

How many inhabited worlds were in the local system of Satania at the time of Lucifer rebellion?

① 599

② 606

③ 607

④ 612

⑤ 619

⑥ 666

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① 599 ✗

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③ 607 ✓

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⑤ 619 ✗

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Who was Lucifer at the time of the rebellion?

① System Sovereign

② Planetary Prince

③ Member of System Sovereign's Staff

④ Free from assignment

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③ Member of System Sovereign's Staff ✗

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When did the Lucifer rebellion occur in the system of Satania?

① 200,000 years ago

② 300,000 years ago

③ 500,000 years ago

④ 1 million years ago

⑤ 6,000 years ago

When did the Lucifer rebellion occur in the system of Satania?

① 200,000 years ago ✓

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④ 1 million years ago ✗

⑤ 6,000 years ago ✗

Lucifer was a ...

① Primary Lanonandek Son

② Secondary Lanonandek Son

③ Melchizedek

④ Seraphim

⑤ Archangel

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Satan was a ...

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② Secondary Lanonandek Son

③ Melchizedek

④ Seraphim

⑤ Archangel

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④ Seraphim ✗

⑤ Archangel ✗

Who was the chief of the staff of Caligastia and the leader of the rebels?

① Abaddon

② Beelzebub

③ Satan

④ Judas Iscariot

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Who was the leader of the disloyal midway creatures?

① Beelzebub

② Abaddon

③ Satan

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The dragon of the Revelation of John is symbolic of …

① Abaddon

② Judas Iscariot

③ Beelzebub

④ Lucifer

⑤ Satan

⑥ Stalin

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① Abaddon ✓

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③ Beelzebub ✓

④ Lucifer ✓

⑤ Satan ✓

⑥ Stalin ✗

The fallen prince Caligastia is now ...

① freely roaming this planet

② in custody

③ executed

The fallen prince Caligastia is now ...

① freely roaming this planet ✓

② in custody ✗

③ executed ✗

Lucifer is now ...

① freely roaming the local system of Satania

② in custody

③ executed

Lucifer is now ...

① freely roaming the local system of Satania ✗

② in custody ✓

③ executed ✗

Satan is now ...

① freely roaming the local system of Satania

② in custody

③ executed

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③ executed ✗

54. PROBLEMS OF THE LUCIFER REBELLION (0 questions)

55. THE SPHERES OF LIGHT AND LIFE (0 questions)

56. UNIVERSAL UNITY (1 questions)

Did the Absolute (the three Absolutes as one in infinity) exist before the Trinity?

① no

② yes

Did the Absolute (the three Absolutes as one in infinity) exist before the Trinity?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

PART III. THE HISTORY OF URANTIA

57. THE ORIGIN OF URANTIA
(2 questions)

Our planet is known locally as ...

① the world of the cross

② the kingdom of the stupid

③ the blue marble

④ planet of the apes

⑤ the world of Jesus Christ

⑥ the little world with a big problem

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⑥ the little world with a big problem ✗

How long ago was our Sun born?

① 6,000 years

② 4.6 billion years

③ 6 billion years

④ 9 billion years

⑤ 10 billion years

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③ 6 billion years ✓

④ 9 billion years ✗

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58. LIFE ESTABLISHMENT ON URANTIA (5 questions)

What is the cause of earthquakes on our planet?

① volcanoes

② God's wrath

③ sliding and shifting of the solid outer crust

④ angels

⑤ evil spirits

⑥ demons

⑦ manmade technologies

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When was the life implanted on our planet?

① 6000 years ago, on the third day of creation by God

② 1 million years ago

③ 150 million years ago

④ 550 million years ago

⑤ 1 billion years ago

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② 1 million years ago ✗

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④ 550 million years ago ✓

⑤ 1 billion years ago ✗

When did the transition from vegetable to animal life on our planet occur?

① 6000 years ago, on the fourth day of creation by God

② 85 million years ago

③ 170 million years ago

④ 450 million years ago

⑤ 1 billion years ago

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① 6000 years ago, on the fourth day of creation by God ✗

② 85 million years ago ✗

③ 170 million years ago ✗

④ 450 million years ago ✓

⑤ 1 billion years ago ✗

Does human mind depend on the brain capacity?

① yes

② no

Does human mind depend on the brain capacity?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

How do the new species arise?

① as the result of the gradual accumulation of small variations

② suddenly, as full-fledged and new orders of life

③ by the direct act of Deity

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① as the result of the gradual accumulation of small variations ✗

② suddenly, as full-fledged and new orders of life ✓

③ by the direct act of Deity ✗

59. THE MARINE-LIFE ERA ON URANTIA (18 questions)

When does the history of our planet officially begin?

① 1 billion years ago

② 100 million years ago

③ 1 million years ago

④ 6000 years ago

When does the history of our planet officially begin?

① 1 billion years ago ✓

② 100 million years ago ✗

③ 1 million years ago ✗

④ 6000 years ago ✗

Into how many geologic eras is the history of our planet divided?

① 3

② 5

③ 7

④ 10

⑤ 12

Into how many geologic eras is the history of our planet divided?

① 3 ✗

② 5 ✓

③ 7 ✗

④ 10 ✗

⑤ 12 ✗

When was the Archeozoic (prelife) era?

① 1 billion to 550 million years ago

② 500 to 400 million years ago

③ 100 to 50 million years ago

When was the Archeozoic (prelife) era?

① 1 billion to 550 million years ago ✓

② 500 to 400 million years ago ✗

③ 100 to 50 million years ago ✗

When was the Proterozoic (life dawn) era?

① 10 to 5 million years ago

② 400 to 300 million years ago

③ 550 to 400 million years ago

When was the Proterozoic (life dawn) era?

① 10 to 5 million years ago ✗

② 400 to 300 million years ago ✗

③ 550 to 400 million years ago ✓

When was the Paleozoic (marine-life) era?

① 200 to 50 million years ago

② 400 to 150 million years ago

③ 541 to 252 million years ago

When was the Paleozoic (marine-life) era?

① 200 to 50 million years ago ✗

② 400 to 150 million years ago ✓

③ 541 to 252 million years ago ✗

When was the Mesozoic (early land-life) era?

① 10 to 5 million years ago

② 50 to 10 million years ago

③ 150 to 50 million years ago

When was the Mesozoic (early land-life) era?

① 10 to 5 million years ago ✗

② 50 to 10 million years ago ✗

③ 150 to 50 million years ago ✓

When was the Cenozoic (mammalian) era?

① 6000 years ago to the present

② 5 milion years ago to the present

③ 50 million years ago to the present

④ 150 million years ago to the present

When was the Cenozoic (mammalian) era?

① 6000 years ago to the present ✗

② 5 milion years ago to the present ✗

③ 50 million years ago to the present ✓

④ 150 million years ago to the present ✗

Into how many geologic ages is the Paleozoic era divided?

① 3

② 5

③ 6

④ 7

⑤ 12

Into how many geologic ages is the Paleozoic era divided?

① 3 ✗

② 5 ✗

③ 6 ✓

④ 7 ✗

⑤ 12 ✗

When was the Cambrian (trilobite) age, the first age of the Paleozoic era?

① 50 to 15 million years ago

② 400 to 225 million years ago

③ 400 to 350 million years ago

④ 540 to 480 million years ago

When was the Cambrian (trilobite) age, the first age of the Paleozoic era?

① 50 to 15 million years ago ✗

② 400 to 225 million years ago ✗

③ 400 to 350 million years ago ✓

④ 540 to 480 million years ago ✗

When was the Ordovician (invertebrate-animal) age, the second age of the Paleozoic era?

① 50 to 25 million years ago

② 485 to 443 million years ago

③ 350 to 300 million years ago

④ 410 to 100 million years ago

When was the Ordovician (invertebrate-animal) age, the second age of the Paleozoic era?

① 50 to 25 million years ago ✗

② 485 to 443 million years ago ✗

③ 350 to 300 million years ago ✓

④ 410 to 100 million years ago ✗

When was the Silurian (coral and brachiopod) age, the third age of the Paleozoic era?

① 145 to 130 million years ago

② 300 to 270 million years ago

③ 300 to 100 million years ago

④ 440 to 400 million years ago

When was the Silurian (coral and brachiopod) age, the third age of the Paleozoic era?

① 145 to 130 million years ago ✗

② 300 to 270 million years ago ✓

③ 300 to 100 million years ago ✗

④ 440 to 400 million years ago ✗

When was the Devonian (plant life, fishes) age, the fourth age of the Paleozoic era?

① 30 to 15 million years ago

② 200 to 175 million years ago

③ 270 to 220 million years ago

④ 419 to 358 million years ago

When was the Devonian (plant life, fishes) age, the fourth age of the Paleozoic era?

① 30 to 15 million years ago ✗

② 200 to 175 million years ago ✗

③ 270 to 220 million years ago ✓

④ 419 to 358 million years ago ✗

When was the Carboniferous (fern forests, frogs) age, the fifth age of the Paleozoic era?

① 35 to 29 million years ago

② 100 to 70 million years ago

③ 220 to 180 million years ago

④ 359 to 299 million years ago

When was the Carboniferous (fern forests, frogs) age, the fifth age of the Paleozoic era?

① 35 to 29 million years ago ✗

② 100 to 70 million years ago ✗

③ 220 to 180 million years ago ✓

④ 359 to 299 million years ago ✗

When was the Permian (seed-plants; biologic tribulation) age, the sixth and the last age of the Paleozoic era?

① 25 to 11 million years ago

② 110 to 60 million years ago

③ 170 to 150 million years ago

④ 290 to 250 million years ago

When was the Permian (seed-plants; biologic tribulation) age, the sixth and the last age of the Paleozoic era?

① 25 to 11 million years ago ✗

② 110 to 60 million years ago ✗

③ 170 to 150 million years ago ✓

④ 290 to 250 million years ago ✗

Into how many geologic ages is the Mezozoic (early land-life) era divided?

① 3

② 4

③ 5

④ 7

Into how many geologic ages is the Mezozoic (early land-life) era divided?

① 3 ✓

② 4 ✗

③ 5 ✗

④ 7 ✗

When was the Triassic (early-reptilian) age, the first age of the Mezozoic era?

① 75 to 40 million years ago

② 150 to 125 million years ago

③ 200 to 100 million years ago

④ 250 to 200 million years ago

When was the Triassic (early-reptilian) age, the first age of the Mezozoic era?

① 75 to 40 million years ago ✗

② 150 to 125 million years ago ✓

③ 200 to 100 million years ago ✗

④ 250 to 200 million years ago ✗

When was the Jurassic (later-reptilian) age, the second age of the Mezozoic era?

① 60 to 35 million years ago

② 150 to 50 million years ago

③ 125 to 100 million years ago

④ 200 to 145 million years ago

When was the Jurassic (later-reptilian) age, the second age of the Mezozoic era?

① 60 to 35 million years ago ✗

② 150 to 50 million years ago ✗

③ 125 to 100 million years ago ✓

④ 200 to 145 million years ago ✗

When was the Cretaceous (flowering plants, birds) age, the third and the last age of the Mezozoic era?

① 5 million years ago to the present

② 80 to 25 million years ago

③ 100 to 50 million years ago

④ 145 to 66 million years ago

When was the Cretaceous (flowering plants, birds) age, the third and the last age of the Mezozoic era?

① 5 million years ago to the present ✗

② 80 to 25 million years ago ✗

③ 100 to 50 million years ago ✓

④ 145 to 66 million years ago ✗

60. URANTIA DURING THE EARLY LAND-LIFE ERA
(9 questions)

When did the first (nonplacental) mammals appear on our planet?

① ~135 million years ago

② ~200 million years ago

③ ~100 million years ago

④ ~50 million years ago

⑤ ~10 million years ago

When did the first (nonplacental) mammals appear on our planet?

① ~135 million years ago ✓

② ~200 million years ago ✗

③ ~100 million years ago ✗

④ ~50 million years ago ✗

⑤ ~10 million years ago ✗

When did the first oaks appear on our planet?

① 1 million year ago

② 65 million years ago

③ 276 million years ago

④ 500 million years ago

⑤ 1 billion year ago

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation

When did the first oaks appear on our planet?

① 1 million year ago ✗

② 65 million years ago ✓

③ 276 million years ago ✗

④ 500 million years ago ✗

⑤ 1 billion year ago ✗

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago ✗

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation ✗

When did the first birch trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago

② 1 million year ago

③ 1 billion year ago

④ 500 million years ago

⑤ 276 million years ago

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation

When did the first birch trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago ✓

② 1 million year ago ✗

③ 1 billion year ago ✗

④ 500 million years ago ✗

⑤ 276 million years ago ✗

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago ✗

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation ✗

When did the first beech trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago

② 1 million year ago

③ 1 billion year ago

④ 500 million years ago

⑤ 276 million years ago

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation

When did the first beech trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago ✓

② 1 million year ago ✗

③ 1 billion year ago ✗

④ 500 million years ago ✗

⑤ 276 million years ago ✗

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago ✗

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation ✗

When did the first walnut trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago

② 1 million year ago

③ 1 billion year ago

④ 500 million years ago

⑤ 276 million years ago

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation

When did the first walnut trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago ✓

② 1 million year ago ✗

③ 1 billion year ago ✗

④ 500 million years ago ✗

⑤ 276 million years ago ✗

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago ✗

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation ✗

When did the first sycamore trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago

② 1 million year ago

③ 1 billion year ago

④ 500 million years ago

⑤ 276 million years ago

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation

When did the first sycamore trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago ✓

② 1 million year ago ✗

③ 1 billion year ago ✗

④ 500 million years ago ✗

⑤ 276 million years ago ✗

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago ✗

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation ✗

When did the first palm trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago

② 1 million year ago

③ 1 billion year ago

④ 500 million years ago

⑤ 276 million years ago

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation

When did the first palm trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago ✓

② 1 million year ago ✗

③ 1 billion year ago ✗

④ 500 million years ago ✗

⑤ 276 million years ago ✗

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago ✗

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation ✗

When did the first maple trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago

② 1 million year ago

③ 1 billion year ago

④ 500 million years ago

⑤ 276 million years ago

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation

When did the first maple trees appear on our planet?

① 65 million years ago ✓

② 1 million year ago ✗

③ 1 billion year ago ✗

④ 500 million years ago ✗

⑤ 276 million years ago ✗

⑥ 1.5 billion years ago ✗

⑦ 6000 years ago, on the 3rd day of creation ✗

When did the first true birds appear on our planet?

① 55 million years ago

② 125 million years ago

③ 2 billion years ago

④ 388 million years ago

⑤ 1 million years ago

⑥ 6000 years ago, on the 5th day of creation

When did the first true birds appear on our planet?

① 55 million years ago ✓

② 125 million years ago ✗

③ 2 billion years ago ✗

④ 388 million years ago ✗

⑤ 1 million years ago ✗

⑥ 6000 years ago, on the 5th day of creation ✗

61. THE MAMMALIAN ERA ON URANTIA (6 questions)

What are the present geologic age and period called?

① Holocene period of Cenozoic era

② Pleistocene period of Cenozoic era

③ Miocene period of Cenozoic era

④ Jurassic period of Mesozoic era

⑤ Devonian period of Paleozoic era

⑥ Ordovician period of Paleozoic era

⑦ Cretaceous period of Mesozoic era

⑧ Oligocene period of Cenozoic era

What are the present geologic age and period called?

① Holocene period of Cenozoic era ✓

② Pleistocene period of Cenozoic era ✗

③ Miocene period of Cenozoic era ✗

④ Jurassic period of Mesozoic era ✗

⑤ Devonian period of Paleozoic era ✗

⑥ Ordovician period of Paleozoic era ✗

⑦ Cretaceous period of Mesozoic era
✗

⑧ Oligocene period of Cenozoic era
✗

Which animal is surpassed in intelligence only by human?

① horse

② octopus

③ elephant

④ dog

⑤ cat

⑥ sabre-toothed tigre

⑦ dolphin

⑧ whale

⑨ scorpion

Which animal is surpassed in intelligence only by human?

① horse ✗

② octopus ✗

③ elephant ✓

④ dog ✗

⑤ cat ✗

⑥ sabre-toothed tigre ✗

⑦ dolphin ✗

⑧ whale ✗

⑨ scorpion ✗

When was the last great ice age terminated?

① 37,000 B.C.

② 47,000 B.C.

③ 25,000 B.C.

④ 10,500 B.C.

When was the last great ice age terminated?

① 37,000 B.C. ✓

② 47,000 B.C. ✗

③ 25,000 B.C. ✗

④ 10,500 B.C. ✗

When did the horse (as it now exists) evolve?

① 5 million years ago

② 3 million years ago

③ 1 million years ago

④ 350,000 years ago

When did the horse (as it now exists) evolve?

① 5 million years ago ✓

② 3 million years ago ✗

③ 1 million years ago ✗

④ 350,000 years ago ✗

Where did the horse (as it now exists) evolve?

① North America

② South America

③ Africa

④ Eurasia

⑤ Australia

Where did the horse (as it now exists) evolve?

① North America ✓

② South America ✗

③ Africa ✗

④ Eurasia ✗

⑤ Australia ✗

How old were Andon and Fonta (the first humans) when our world was registered as inhabited?

① 0 (i.e. registered at birth)

② 5 years

③ 11 years

④ 16 years

⑤ 18 years

⑥ 30 years

⑦ 40 years

How old were Andon and Fonta (the first humans) when our world was registered as inhabited?

① 0 (i.e. registered at birth) ✗

② 5 years ✗

③ 11 years ✓

④ 16 years ✗

⑤ 18 years ✗

⑥ 30 years ✗

⑦ 40 years ✗

62. THE DAWN RACES OF EARLY MAN (3 questions)

When did the first human beings appear on our planet?

① 6,000 years ago

② 35,000 years ago

③ 47,000 years ago

④ 470,000 years ago

⑤ 870,000 years ago

⑥ 1 million years ago

When did the first human beings appear on our planet?

① 6,000 years ago ✗

② 35,000 years ago ✗

③ 47,000 years ago ✗

④ 470,000 years ago ✗

⑤ 870,000 years ago ✗

⑥ 1 million years ago ✓

How did Andon and Fonta's parents die?

① killed by gibbons

② killed by saber-toothed cat Smilodo

③ died of old age

How did Andon and Fonta's parents die?

① killed by gibbons ✓

② killed by saber-toothed cat Smilodo
✗

③ died of old age ✗

Is man an evolutionary descendant from apes?

① no

② yes

Is man an evolutionary descendant from apes?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

63. THE FIRST HUMAN FAMILY
(8 questions)

Which period of time is regarded as the golden age of primitive man when Adjusters and guardian seraphim first came in great numbers to Urantia?

① In the days of Onagar nearly 981,389 years ago

② In the days of Andon & Fonta 991,472 years ago

③ When a better strain sprang from the Neanderthals, the Badonan tribes 500,000 ago

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② In the days of Andon & Fonta 991,472 years ago ✗

③ When a better strain sprang from the Neanderthals, the Badonan tribes 500,000 ago ✗

What names were bestowed upon the first human beings at the time of fusion?

① Adam and Eve

② Cain and Abel

③ Sonta-an and Sonta-en

④ Andon and Fonta

⑤ Abraham and Sarah

What names were bestowed upon the first human beings at the time of fusion?

① Adam and Eve ✗

② Cain and Abel ✗

③ Sonta-an and Sonta-en ✗

④ Andon and Fonta ✓

⑤ Abraham and Sarah ✗

What decision of Andon and Fonta constituted their first response to the adjutant mind-spirit of wisdom?

① worship God and him only

② marry

③ flee home

④ eat only vegetables

What decision of Andon and Fonta constituted their first response to the adjutant mind-spirit of wisdom?

① worship God and him only ✗

② marry ✗

③ flee home ✓

④ eat only vegetables ✗

How many years did Andon and Fonta live?

① 42

② 45

③ 120

④ 486

How many years did Andon and Fonta live?

① 42 ✓

② 45 ✗

③ 120 ✗

④ 486 ✗

How did Andon and Fonta die?

① rock fell on them during an earthquake

② drowned

③ killed by gibbons

④ ate poison mushrooms

How did Andon and Fonta die?

① rock fell on them during an earthquake ✓

② drowned ✗

③ killed by gibbons ✗

④ ate poison mushrooms ✗

Which present-day group of people resembles the early Andonites most?

① negroes

② Eskimo

③ native American indians

④ Australian aborigenes

Which present-day group of people resembles the early Andonites most?

① negroes ✗

② Eskimo ✓

③ native American indians ✗

④ Australian aborigenes ✗

Which of the first humans responded to the influence of the adjutant mind-spirit of worship first?

① Andon

② Fonta

Which of the first humans responded to the influence of the adjutant mind-spirit of worship first?

① Andon ✗

② Fonta ✓

Who were the Andonites?

① Descendants of Andon & Fonta

② Descendants of Adam & Eve

③ Descendants of the Orange race

④ Descendants of Cain & Remona

Who were the Andonites?

① Descendants of Andon & Fonta ✓

② Descendants of Adam & Eve ✗

③ Descendants of the Orange race ✗

④ Descendants of Cain & Remona ✗

64. THE EVOLUTIONARY RACES OF COLOUR (16 questions)

How long ago did the coloured races of humans appear?

① 1 million years

② 500,000 years

③ 100,000 years

④ 46,000 years

⑤ 6,000 years ago

How long ago did the coloured races of humans appear?

① 1 million years ✗

② 500,000 years ✓

③ 100,000 years ✗

④ 46,000 years ✗

⑤ 6,000 years ago ✗

Which three of the evolutionary races are primary (superior intellectually and spiritually)?

① red, yellow and blue

② red, green and blue

③ orange, green and indigo

④ orange, green and blue

Which three of the evolutionary races are primary (superior intellectually and spiritually)?

① red, yellow and blue ✓

② red, green and blue ✗

③ orange, green and indigo ✗

④ orange, green and blue ✗

Which three of the evolutionary races are secondary (inferior intellectually and spiritually)?

① orange, green and indigo

② red, yellow and orange

③ red, yellow and blue

④ orange, yellow and indigo

Which three of the evolutionary races are secondary (inferior intellectually and spiritually)?

① orange, green and indigo ✓

② red, yellow and orange ✗

③ red, yellow and blue ✗

④ orange, yellow and indigo ✗

Which of these was a great leader of green men 350,000 years ago?

① Onagar

② Porshunta

③ Fantad

④ Sontad

Which of these was a great leader of green men 350,000 years ago?

① Onagar ✗

② Porshunta ✗

③ Fantad ✓

④ Sontad ✗

Which of the coloured races of humans was preferred by Adamites for mating?

① blue

② red

③ yellow

④ indigo

Which of the coloured races of humans was preferred by Adamites for mating?

① blue ✓

② red ✗

③ yellow ✗

④ indigo ✗

Which two of the coloured races of humans exhibited strains of giantism?

① green and orange

② yellow and red

③ blue and indigo

④ blue and green

Which two of the coloured races of humans exhibited strains of giantism?

① green and orange ✓

② yellow and red ✗

③ blue and indigo ✗

④ blue and green ✗

Which coloured races of our planet perished?

① green and orange

② green and indigo

③ blue and indigo

④ red and yellow

Which coloured races of our planet perished?

① green and orange ✓

② green and indigo ✗

③ blue and indigo ✗

④ red and yellow ✗

Where is now the orange race of humans?

① became extinct

② was taken by aliens

③ never existed

Where is now the orange race of humans?

① became extinct ✓

② was taken by aliens ✗

③ never existed ✗

Who was the great spiritual leader of the orange race about 300,000 years ago?

① Porshunta

② Fantad

③ Sontad

④ Onamonalonton

⑤ Onagar

Who was the great spiritual leader of the orange race about 300,000 years ago?

① Porshunta ✓

② Fantad ✗

③ Sontad ✗

④ Onamonalonton ✗

⑤ Onagar ✗

Where was the headquarters of the orange race?

① Armageddon

② Jerusalem

③ Babylon

④ Memphis

Where was the headquarters of the orange race?

① Armageddon ✓

② Jerusalem ✗

③ Babylon ✗

④ Memphis ✗

Who was the first of the yellow men to teach and lead his people in the worship of "One Truth" instead of many?

① Singlangton

② Orlandof

③ Porshunta

④ Enoch

⑤ Onamonalonton

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① Singlangton ✓

② Orlandof ✗

③ Porshunta ✗

④ Enoch ✗

⑤ Onamonalonton ✗

When did Singlangton teach the yellow men of Urantia?

① 10,000 years ago

② 100,000 years ago

③ 200,000 years ago

④ 212,000 years ago

⑤ 300,000 years ago

⑥ 370,000 years ago

When did Singlangton teach the yellow men of Urantia?

① 10,000 years ago ✗

② 100,000 years ago ✓

③ 200,000 years ago ✗

④ 212,000 years ago ✗

⑤ 300,000 years ago ✗

⑥ 370,000 years ago ✗

Which of these was a great leader of American red race 65,000 years ago?

① Onamonalonton

② Sontad

③ Fantad

④ Porshunta

⑤ Onagar

Which of these was a great leader of American red race 65,000 years ago?

① Onamonalonton ✓

② Sontad ✗

③ Fantad ✗

④ Porshunta ✗

⑤ Onagar ✗

When did Onamonalonton live on Urantia?

① 5,000 years ago

② 25,000 years ago

③ 65,000 years ago

④ 85,000 years ago

⑤ 185,000 years ago

⑥ 200,000 years ago

When did Onamonalonton live on Urantia?

① 5,000 years ago ✗

② 25,000 years ago ✗

③ 65,000 years ago ✓

④ 85,000 years ago ✗

⑤ 185,000 years ago ✗

⑥ 200,000 years ago ✗

What was Onamonalonton's age when he died?

① 46 years

② 66 years

③ 96 years

④ 126 years

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Where did Onamonalonton live?

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② California

③ Texas

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65. THE OVERCONTROL OF EVOLUTION (0 questions)

66. THE PLANETARY PRINCE OF URANTIA (8 questions)

What was the name of the city of the Planetary Prince Caligastia?

① Babylon the Great

② Akkad

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④ Jerusalem

⑤ Eden

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Where was the city of Dalamatia located?

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③ Armenia

④ Russia

⑤ Africa

⑥ Mesopotamia

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⑧ Australia

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What or who is a fandor?

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③ A kind of lizard

④ A kind of snake

⑤ A kind of angel

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Which of these were employed as passenger birds?

① ostriches

② fandors

③ eagles

④ pigeons

⑤ crows

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① ostriches ✗

② fandors ✓

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When did fandors become extinct?

① 30,000+ years ago

② 50,000+ years ago

③ 150,000+ years ago

④ 250,000+ years ago

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How long did it take to spread the news of the arrival of the Planetary Prince Caligastia around the world?

① 1000 years

② 100 years

③ 500 years

④ 50,000 years

⑤ 25 years

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What is the origin of the custom of nonflesh diet?

① Caligastia 100

② Adam and Eve

③ Moses

④ the Egyptians

⑤ the Babylonians

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At what age did the graduates of Dalamatia school become eligible for marriage?

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② 15

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67. THE PLANETARY REBELLION (2 questions)

Who was Nod?

① A rebel member of Caligastia's staff

② A descendant of Andon & Fonta

③ A descendant of Adam

④ Firstborn son of Cain & Remona

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68. THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION (2 questions)

How many children in Madascar are destroyed because of being born on “unlucky” days?

① none

② 2%

③ 15%

④ 25%

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Which ancient people never had a taboo on twins?

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③ yellow

④ orange

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69. PRIMITIVE HUMAN INSTITUTIONS (2 questions)

When did the aborigines of Australia abolish slavery?

① XV century

② XIX century

③ XX century

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Who was the first slave on our planet?

① woman

② black man

③ white man

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70. THE EVOLUTION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT (0 questions)

71. DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE (0 questions)

72. GOVERNMENT ON A NEIGHBOURING PLANET

(0 questions)

73. THE GARDEN OF EDEN
(11 questions)

Who prepared the Garden of Eden before the arrival of Adam & Eve?

① volunteers

② hirelings

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What happened to the first garden of Eden 4,000 years after Adam & Eve left?

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② Became desert land due to climate changes

③ Became part of north Africa due to geological changes

④ Was destroyed by the seraphim

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What is the minimal size of Adamic family required for initiating racial uplifting of human races?

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② Ancients of Days

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Who guarded the tree of life in the garden of Eden after Adam and Eve left it?

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② cherubim with a flaming sword turning every way

③ primary midwayers

④ secondary midwayers

⑤ no one

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What happened to the tree of life after Nodites invaded Eden?

① destroyed by fire

② chopped into pieces and swallowed

③ ground to dust

④ sold for thirty pieces of silver

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What happened to the Nodites after they ate of the tree of life?

① nothing

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What does the Biblical expression "eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" really mean?

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② combining good and evil

③ knowing one another intimately

④ learning to distinguish between good and evil

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74. ADAM AND EVE (21 questions)

Could Adam & Eve communicate with each other and their immediate children over a distance of 80 kilometres?

① yes

② no

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② no ✗

What was the serial number of Adam and Eve of Urantia?

① 10,311

② 14,311

③ 18,311

④ 20,311

⑤ *6,666*

⑥ *66,666*

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When did Adam and Eve appear?

① on the sixth day of creation, about 6,000 years ago

② 35,914 B.C.

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How long did it take to rematerialize the bodies of Adam and Eve after they arrived from Jerusem on seraphic transport?

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② 7 days

③ 10 days

④ 12 days

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At rematerialization of Adam and Eve, who regained consciousness first?

① Adam

② Eve

③ both simultaneously

At rematerialization of Adam and Eve, who regained consciousness first?

① Adam ✗

② Eve ✗

③ both simultaneously ✓

What was the height of Adam and Eve?

① 1.65 m

② 1.8 m

③ 2.2 m

④ 2.4 m

⑤ 2.8 m

⑥ 3.1 m

⑦ 3.5 m

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What form of government did Adam and Eve find upon their arrival on Urantia?

① democracy

② theocracy

③ oligarchy

④ no government worthy of a name

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How many children did Adam & Eve bear on this planet in total, aside from Cain and Sansa?

① 42

② 64

③ 105

④ 501

⑤ 998

⑥ 12,000

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Adam & Eve fathered 105 children. After 4 generations, what did this number increase to in pure line descendants?

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② 12,547

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What was the name of the firstborn son of Adam and Eve born on this planet?

① Cain

② Abel

③ Adamson

④ Eveson

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What was the name of the second son of Adam and Eve born on this planet?

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At what age did Adamic children cease to nurse the mother's breast?

① eight months

② nine months

③ one year

④ one and a half years

⑤ two years

⑥ three years

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How many times a day did the members of Adam's family eat?

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How did Eve nourish her children after they ceased to take the mother's breast before they grew teeth?

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② by milk of nuts and fruit juice

③ by cooked porridge

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② 12

③ 14

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At what age did Adamic children become eligible for marriage?

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Who taught the younger children of Adam at school?

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④ morontia visitors

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When Adam and Eve left the Garden, their family consisted of ...

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How long did Adam and Eve live in the Garden before the default?

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How many children did Adam and Eve have before coming to this planet?

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② 100

③ none

④ 3

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75. THE DEFAULT OF ADAM AND EVE (11 questions)

Do the divine plans require that Adam & Eve themselves should mate with the planetary mortals?

① yes

② no

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② no ✓

Why is it not surprising that missteps occur in the affairs of the evolutionary universes, with imperfection, disagreement, friction, and misunderstanding?

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How did the inhabitants of the garden react on finding out what happened to Eve?

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② Declared war on a nearby Nod-ite settlement utterly destroying them, including Cano

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The more superior stocks of Urantia now contain inheritance factors derived from four separate sources. Name them.

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② Adamic

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In our ascent to Paradise, at which point would it be advisable to attempt short cuts or circumventions to the established and divine plan?

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② Whenever it is deemed appropriate

③ Onwards in our ascension from Jerusem

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What was the cause of the Adamic default?

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Until what age were Adamic children considered incapable of making independent decisions ("prechoice age")?

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How did the members of Adam's family cook their food?

① roasted on open fire

② baked in stone ovens

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② baked in stone ovens ✗

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Following the default, what did the Melchizedeks advise Adam to do?

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76. THE SECOND GARDEN (17 questions)

The transgression of Adam and Eve was …

① an error of judgment

② the sin of conscious and deliberate rebellion

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Were Adam and Eve able to see midwayers, angels, Melchizedeks and Caligastia after the default?

① yes, but only for 100 years

② yes, for as long as they lived

③ no

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Adam and Eve were indwelt by Thought Adjusters ...

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② during their life in the first garden prior to the default

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The name of the first child of Adam and Eve to be born in the second garden was ...

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② Abel

③ Seth

④ Sansa

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In which year did Cain slay Abel?

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③ no record of the date

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③ 36 and 30

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⑤ 136 and 134

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How did Adam and Eve find out about the death of Abel?

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What was the name of Cain's wife?

① Remona

② Ratta

③ Melpomena

④ Muzzah

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How old was Adam when he died?

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② 730

③ 530

④ 130

⑤ 86

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What was the cause of Adam's death?

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What happened to Laotta, the mother of Sansa?

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77. THE MIDWAY CREATURES (18 questions)

What do the 60 rebel members of Caligastia's staff, and the 44 modified Andonites who followed them into rebellion, have in common?

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Immediately following the Bablot conflict, three out of the four great Nodite centres were established. Which of the following isn't one of them?

① The western (Syrian) Nodites — who contributed much to the later appearing Assyrian stock

② The eastern (west/south west Iran) Elamite Nodites ("the Land of Nod")

③ The central (pre-Sumerian) Nodites at the mouth of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers — founders of the historic Sumerians

④ The first settlement, before the Bablot conflict, the northern Nodites and Amadonites (the Vanites) — descendants of Van and Amadon not involved with the leadership of Nod and his successors — moved to settlements around Lake Van

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The Nodites were divided as to the plans for the Tower of Babel. There were three differing views as to the purpose of building the tower. Which view is *not* one of them?

① As a memorial of Nodite history and racial superiority

② To commemorate the Dilmun culture which was foreseen as becoming a great centre of commerce, art and manufacture

③ For the worship of the Father of all, and for making atonement for the folly of their progenitors in participating in the Caligastia rebellion.

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The differing Nodite views as to the purpose of the Tower of Babel grew so contentious that all building work stopped after 4.5 years. One of the groups, the religious group, dispersed after it was voted down. What happened to the remaining two groups?

① They fought until near obliteration

② They joined forces and completed the building of the tower

③ They destroyed the tower

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How many primary midwayers were produced by each pair of Caligastia's corporeal staff of 100, and what was the total of midwayers which came into being?

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② offspring of Adamson & Ratta

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① 1-2-3 the First

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③ Adamson

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What or who is A-B-C the First?

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② Secondary Midwayer

③ Melchizedek

④ Seraphim

⑤ Cherubim

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How many secondary midwayers were there originally?

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③ 1,984

④ 50,000

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② 12

③ 100

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⑤ 144,000

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78. THE VIOLET RACE AFTER THE DAYS OF ADAM
(3 questions)

The violet race consisted of ...

① pure Adamites only

② Adamites and Adamsonites

③ Andites and Andonites

④ mixture of blue and red races

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How many Adamites were living on Urantia by 19,000 B.C.?

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When did Adamites cease to exist as a race upon Urantia?

① 15,000 B.C.

② 6,000 B.C.

③ 600 B.C.

④ 300 A.D.

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79. ANDITE EXPANSION IN THE ORIENT (1 questions)

When did the main body of the yellow race enter China?

① 600,000 years ago

② 300,000 years ago

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④ 80,000 years ago

⑤ 3,000 years ago

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80. ANDITE EXPANSION IN THE OCCIDENT (5 questions)

Who was the leader of 375 most beautiful men since the days of the first Eden which settled in Greece about 10,000 B.C.?

① Sato, a direct descendant of Adam-son and Ratta

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② became extinct

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When was goat domesticated?

① 5000 B.C.

② 2000 B.C.

③ 600 B.C.

④ 25,000 B.C.

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When did the Andites disappear?

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② 3000 B.C.

③ 12,000 B.C.

④ 640 A.D.

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Who were the ancestors of the so-called Nordic races, the forefathers of the Scandinavian, German, and Anglo-Saxon peoples?

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② Andonites

③ Andites

④ green men

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81. DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN CIVILIZATION (1 questions)

Did Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages exist at the same time in different localities?

① yes

② no

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② no ✗

82. THE EVOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (0 questions)

83. THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION (0 questions)

84. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE (2 questions)

What is the effect of shifting parental responsibility to state or church on the welfare and advancement of civilization?

① no effect

② beneficial

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85. THE ORIGINS OF WORSHIP
(0 questions)

86. EARLY EVOLUTION OF RELIGION (1 questions)

What is the natural state of the savage mind?

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② anger

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87. THE GHOST CULTS (0 questions)

88. FETISHES, CHARMS, AND MAGIC (3 questions)

What was mankind's first toy?

① mammoth bone

② preserved umbilical cord

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What was mankind's first necklace?

① rope set with fish eyes

② mammoth sinew set with precious stones

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89. SIN, SACRIFICE, AND ATONEMENT (1 questions)

Which animal was domesticated first?

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② dog

③ cow

④ pig

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90. SHAMANISM — MEDICINE MEN AND PRIESTS (0 questions)

91. THE EVOLUTION OF PRAYER
(1 questions)

Which of these two came first?

① prayers

② belief in spirits

Which of these two came first?

① prayers ✓

② belief in spirits ✗

92. THE LATER EVOLUTION OF RELIGION (3 questions)

Which is the most recent of all evolutionary (manmade) religions?

① Buddhism

② Christianity

③ Islam

④ Sikhism

⑤ Zoroastrianism

⑥ Shinto

⑦ Jainism

⑧ Judaism

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⑨ Hinduism ✓

The combined teachings of which religions were synthesized by Nanak and his followers into Sikhism?

① Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism

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93. MACHIVENTA MELCHIZEDEK (5 questions)

Whom did Melchizedek invite to his school in Salem?

① Abraham

② Terah and his whole family

③ Nahor

④ Abraham and Nahor

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Which of these was the teacher of Abraham?

① Lutentia

② Lucifer

③ Satan

④ Tabamantia

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⑥ Mantutia Melchizedek

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Who introduced the tithing system into the schools of Melchizedek?

① Melchizedek

② Abraham

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94. THE MELCHIZEDEK TEACHINGS IN THE ORIENT
(3 questions)

Which of these is *not* a member of Trimurti, the supreme trinity of Hinduism?

① Brahma

② Siva

③ Vishnu

④ Indra

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The religion of Buddhism is based on the teachings of ...

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② Gautama Siddhartha

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Which of these were the main commandments of Gautama Siddhartha?

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95. THE MELCHIZEDEK TEACHINGS IN THE LEVANT
(5 questions)

In 6,000 years only … great prophets arose among the Egyptians.

① 2

② 3

③ 4

④ 5

⑤ 10

⑥ 12

⑦ 28

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① 2 ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 4 ✓

④ 5 ✗

⑤ 10 ✗

⑥ 12 ✗

⑦ 28 ✗

The four great prophets that appeared in Egypt are ...

① Moses

② Amenemope

③ Ikhnaton

④ Okhban

⑤ Onagar

⑥ Joseph

⑦ Abraham

⑧ Jeremiah

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Which evolutionary religion perpetuated the teaching of Dalamatia and Eden about the Seven Master Spirits?

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③ Christianity

④ Islam

⑤ Buddhism

⑥ Hinduism

⑦ Jainism

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How many psalms (credited to Hebrew authorship) were written by the Egyptian prophet-king Ikhnaton?

① all of them

② none

③ 1

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⑧ 16 ✗

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Who is the author of chapters 15,17,20,22:17-24:22 of the "Hebrew" book of Proverbs?

① Amenemope the Egyptian

② Ikhnaton the Egyptian

③ Okhban the Egyptian

④ Solomon

⑤ David

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⑥ Moses ✗

⑦ Isaiah ✗

96. YAHWEH — GOD OF THE HEBREWS
(0 questions)

97. EVOLUTION OF THE GOD CONCEPT AMONG THE HEBREWS (4 questions)

How many of David's soldiers were Baalites?

① None

② 25%

③ 50%

④ 80%

⑤ 100%

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What was Micah prophesying about when he said: "But every man shall sit under his own vine, and no one shall make him afraid, for all people will live, each one according to his understanding of God."

① the end of priestcraft and superstition

② the times of Jewish rule over the whole world

③ the day of the Jewish Messiah coming to rule the nations

④ the material plenty throughout the whole world

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How did Solomon son of David bankrupt the nation?

① by his lavish court and elaborate building program

② by waging wars

③ by his idleness

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What prevented the overthrow of the whole bloody ceremonial of the Hebrew ritual of worship by the fearless prophets Isaiah, Micah and Obadiah?

① The stubborn resistance of the priests

② The "Lord God of Israel" who supposedly instituted these bloody rituals and sacrifices

③ The common people

④ The orders of the King of Israel who ruled then

⑤ The "Most Highs" who supposedly "rule in the kingdoms of men"

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98. THE MELCHIZEDEK TEACHINGS IN THE OCCIDENT
(0 questions)

99. THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF RELIGION (0 questions)

100. RELIGION IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE (3 questions)

What state of mind virtually thwarts the work of the Thought Adjuster?

① fear and anxiety

② too much joy

③ deep contemplation

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What is the result of elevating purely personal evaluations to the levels of absolutes?

① sin

② evil

③ good

④ iniquity

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Should the trancelike state of visionary consciousness be cultivated as a religious experience?

① no

② yes

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① no ✓

② yes ✗

101. THE REAL NATURE OF RELIGION (0 questions)

102. THE FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FAITH (0 questions)

103. THE REALITY OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE (0 questions)

104. GROWTH OF THE TRINITY CONCEPT (0 questions)

105. DEITY AND REALITY
(0 questions)

106. UNIVERSE LEVELS OF REALITY (0 questions)

107. ORIGIN AND NATURE OF THOUGHT ADJUSTERS (1 questions)

What is the average age of receiving the Thought Adjuster on Urantia?

① 6 years

② 7 years

③ 20 years

④ 40 years

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108. MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THOUGHT ADJUSTERS (1 questions)

Prior to the day of Pentecost, Thought Adjusters have been universally bestowed upon all normal minds of mortal status on Urantia. TRUE or FALSE?

① TRUE

② FALSE

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109. RELATION OF ADJUSTERS TO UNIVERSE CREATURES (3 questions)

Upon attainment of which of the seven cosmic circles of intellectuality and spirituality the human is assigned a personal seraphic guardian?

① first

② second

③ third

④ fourth

⑤ fifth

⑥ sixth

⑦ seventh

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⑤ fifth ✗

⑥ sixth ✗

⑦ seventh ✗

Did Jesus have a Thought Adjuster?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✓

② no ✗

Who did Jesus' Thought Adjuster previously indwell?

① Machiventa Melchizedek

② Abraham

③ No-one

④ Enoch

⑤ Elijah

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110. RELATION OF ADJUSTERS TO INDIVIDUAL MORTALS (4 questions)

If a human is assigned a personal seraphic guardian does he stay with that human until death or can he leave him for some misdeed?

① yes, stays until death

② no, he can leave the mortal if he chooses not to do the Father's will anymore

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What happens to the human's material body upon fusion with the indwelling Thought Adjuster?

① It glows

② It is consumed

③ There are no visible signs

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What happens to a human upon making irrevocable decision to abide by the Father's will?

① nothing

② a personal seraphic guardian is assigned

③ fusion with Adjuster

④ he is mustered into the Reserve Corps of Destiny

⑤ his body begins to glow with a bluish light

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Do the adjutant mind-spirits continue to function on the mansion worlds?

① yes

② no

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② no ✓

111. THE ADJUSTER AND THE SOUL (0 questions)

112. PERSONALITY SURVIVAL (4 questions)

On average, how many mortals of Urantia are resurrected after physical death?

① 0.01%

② 1%

③ 56%

④ 95%

⑤ 99%

⑥ 100%

⑦ unrevealed

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Can the personality identity survive independently from the survival of the morontia soul?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

Are those resurrected on the mansion worlds permitted to send messages to their loved ones here?

① yes

② no

Are those resurrected on the mansion worlds permitted to send messages to their loved ones here?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

Does the guardian seraphim abandon a living person in the event of spiritual death (departure of Thought Adjuster)?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

113. SERAPHIC GUARDIANS OF DESTINY (6 questions)

When one of the seraphic pair is recharging with the life energy, who does the duty of recording?

① nobody

② the other seraphim of the pair

③ the assisting cherubim

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Do individual seraphim have names or only numbers?

① no, only numbers

② yes, they have personal names

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Prior to the last bestowal of Michael (Jesus of Nazareth) what was the criteria for assignment of seraphic guardians to mortals?

① race

② intellect

③ spirituality

④ attainment of cosmic circles

⑤ to the Jew first, and then to the Gentiles

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What is the first assignment of a resurrected mortal?

① Learning Satanian language

② Assisting seraphim

③ Learning the tongue of Uversa

④ Observing the stars

⑤ Sending a message back to the relatives on Earth

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Are all seraphic guardians called destiny guardians?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

114. SERAPHIC PLANETARY GOVERNMENT (0 questions)

115. THE SUPREME BEING
(0 questions)

116. THE ALMIGHTY SUPREME (0 questions)

117. GOD THE SUPREME (1 questions)

Love is ...

① living and flexible

② best known by its spiritual flavour

③ coherent, beauty attractive, goodness stabilizing

④ alive, free, thrilling, and always moving

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118. SUPREME AND ULTIMATE — TIME AND SPACE

(0 questions)

119. THE BESTOWALS OF CHRIST MICHAEL (15 questions)

Who was left in charge of the celestial forces during Michael's third bestowal?

① Gabriel of Salvington

② The Father Melchizedek

③ Immanuel

④ no one

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Did the methods of universe administration improve after each of Michael's bestowal?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✓

② no ✗

When was the first bestowal of Michael of Nebadon?

① 20 million years ago

② 120 million years ago

③ 800 million years ago

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What was the time interval between two bestowals of Michael of Nebadon?

① 500 million years

② 150 million years

③ 10 million years

④ 100,000 years

⑤ 500,000 years

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At what time of day did Michael appear on the planet of his bestowal as a Melchizedek?

① early morning

② noon

③ late evening

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How many Melchizedeks witnessed the disappearance of Michael at the end of his bestowal as a Melchizedek?

① 0

② 1

③ 3

④ 4

⑤ 7

⑥ thousands

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What was the name of system 11 in constellation 37?

① Polonia

② Palonia

③ Abbadonia

④ Avalonia

⑤ Panoptia

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Which position did Michael of Nebadon fill during his second bestowal?

① Acting System Sovereign

② Acting Executioner of the Ancients of Days

③ Acting Supreme Judge of the System

④ Observer

⑤ Recorder

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What was the name of the rebel System Sovereign of Palonia?

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⑥ Gavalia ✗

Did Lutentia accept Michael's offer of mercy?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

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④ midnight

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Who requested a Material Son for the inhabited planet 217 of system 87 in constellation 61 700 million years ago?

① Life Carriers

② Melchizedeks

③ Planetary Prince

④ Chief of Seraphim

⑤ Mortal inhabitants of that planet

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Was there a Material Daughter assigned to assist Michael during his bestowal as a Material Son?

① yes

② no

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PART IV. THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

120. THE BESTOWAL OF MICHAEL ON URANTIA (0 questions)

121. THE TIMES OF MICHAEL'S BESTOWAL (6 questions)

The notion that Israel is still "God's chosen people" is ...

① divinely inspired and revealed truth

② delusion

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② Isador

③ Luke

④ Mark

⑤ Paul

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④ Mark ✗

⑤ Paul ✗

⑥ A slave named Cedes ✗

When did Luke write his Gospel?

① 76 A.D.

② 70 A.D.

③ 82 A.D.

④ 86 A.D.

⑤ 90 A.D.

⑥ 99 A.D.

When did Luke write his Gospel?

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② 70 A.D. ✗

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What were Paul's disciples first called at Antioch?

① Paulinians

② Christians

③ Chasidim

④ Good Antiochians

⑤ Essenes

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122. BIRTH AND INFANCY OF JESUS (9 questions)

Who chose the race of Hebrews for Michael's bestowal?

① Abraham

② Melchizedek

③ Michael himself

④ Gabriel of Salvington

⑤ Gabriel of Avalon

⑥ Chief of Seraphim

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⑥ Michael himself ✗

Why was the family of Joseph chosen by Gabriel rather than Michael?

① They flipped the coin and it fell on Gabriel

② Immanuel asked Gabriel to do this

③ Michael asked Gabriel to do this

④ So that Jesus might be born like all babies, having nothing to do with selecting his parents

⑤ Because Michael was too busy preparing for the incarnation

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Was Joseph a descendant of David & Solomon?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

Did Joseph descend from Andon & Fonta, Nodites, Sumerians through Abraham?

① yes

② no

Did Joseph descend from Andon & Fonta, Nodites, Sumerians through Abraham?

① yes ✓

② no ✗

When was John the Baptist born?

① 25 March 7 B.C.

② 13 September 6 B.C.

③ 1 January 4 B.C.

④ 1 April 1 A.D.

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Where was John the Baptist born?

① Jericho

② Bethlehem

③ City of Judah

④ Alexandria

⑤ Zaphon

⑥ Philadelphia

⑦ Gilead

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③ City of Judah ✓

④ Alexandria ✗

⑤ Zaphon ✗

⑥ Philadelphia ✗

⑦ Gilead ✗

What was the "Star of Bethlehem"?

① a brilliant evening star

② a sign from God

③ Venus

④ Mars

⑤ a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn

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⑤ a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn ✓

When was Jesus of Nazareth born?

① 21 August 7. B.C.

② 25 December 6. B.C.

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④ 1 January 1. A.D.

⑤ 18 September 6. B.C.

⑥ unknown

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⑥ unknown ✗

123. THE EARLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS (3 questions)

How old was Jesus when he received his Thought Adjuster?

① 6 months

② 3 years

③ 4 years

④ 5 years

⑤ 10 years

⑥ 18 years

How old was Jesus when he received his Thought Adjuster?

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② 3 years ✗

③ 4 years ✓

④ 5 years ✗

⑤ 10 years ✗

⑥ 18 years ✗

When did Jesus receive his Thought Adjuster?

① 1st January, 1 B.C.

② 10th February, 1 B.C.

③ 11th February, 2 B.C.

④ 21st August, 1 B.C.

⑤ 21st August, 3 B.C.

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⑤ 21st August, 3 B.C. ✗

Which languages did Jesus speak?

① Hebrew

② Hebrew & Aramaic

③ Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek

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124. THE LATER CHILDHOOD OF JESUS (1 questions)

What age was Jesus when a messenger from Salvington said to him "The hour has come. It is time that you began to be about your Father's business"?

① 10

② 12

③ 13

④ 14

⑤ 20

⑥ 21

⑦ 30

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① 10 ✗

② 12 ✗

③ 13 ✓

④ 14 ✗

⑤ 20 ✗

⑥ 21 ✗

⑦ 30 ✗

125. JESUS AT JERUSALEM (1 questions)

What was Jesus' attitude towards the doctrine of the wrath of God?

① accepted it wholeheartedly

② accepted reluctantly

③ refused to accept

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126. THE TWO CRUCIAL YEARS (3 questions)

How many siblings did Jesus have (including Amos, who died at an early age)?

① 0

② 1

③ 2

④ 3

⑤ 4

⑥ 5

⑦ 6

⑧ 7

⑨ 8

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② 1 ✗

③ 2 ✗

④ 3 ✗

⑤ 4 ✗

⑥ 5 ✗

⑦ 6 ✗

⑧ 7 ✗

⑨ 8 ✓

Which book influenced Jesus to adopt as his inaugural title "the Son of Man"?

① Book of Enoch

② Daniel

③ Ezekiel

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② Daniel ✗

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How old was Jesus when he assumed family responsibility following the death of his father?

① 13

② 14

③ 17

④ 18

⑤ 20

⑥ 30

How old was Jesus when he assumed family responsibility following the death of his father?

① 13 ✗

② 14 ✓

③ 17 ✗

④ 18 ✗

⑤ 20 ✗

⑥ 30 ✗

127. THE ADOLESCENT YEARS (2 questions)

Who was the officer of the Galilean division of the party of Zealots?

① Jesus

② Jesus' uncle, Simon

③ Jesus' sister, Ruth

④ Jesus' father, Joseph

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④ Jesus' father, Joseph ✗

What was the reason for estrangement between Jesus and his uncle Simon?

① Jesus' refusal to accept the title of Messiah

② Simon's refusal to accept Jesus' leadership of the Zealots

③ Jesus' refusal to join the party of Zealots

④ Jesus' refusal to honour his uncle Simon in public

⑤ Simon's refusal to learn Hebrew

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⑤ Simon's refusal to learn Hebrew ✗

128. JESUS' EARLY MANHOOD (0 questions)

129. THE LATER ADULT LIFE OF JESUS (3 questions)

How old was Jesus when he left his family home?

① 16

② 21

③ 27

④ 30

How old was Jesus when he left his family home?

① 16 ✗

② 21 ✗

③ 27 ✓

④ 30 ✗

In what capacity did Jesus travel the Mediterranean with Gonod and Ganid?

① Guide

② Interpreter and tutor

③ Spiritual Mentor

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By whom was Jesus first called "the Master"?

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130. ON THE WAY TO ROME
(2 questions)

Which of these places did Jesus *not* visit?

① India

② Greece

③ Malta

④ America

⑤ Rome

Which of these places did Jesus *not* visit?

① India ✓

② Greece ✗

③ Malta ✗

④ America ✓

⑤ Rome ✗

Why did Jesus not stop to say comforting words to a beggar in Naples?

① Because his parents were sinners

② Because he was a great sinner

③ Because he was evil

④ Because he wasn't interested

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131. THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS (0 questions)

132. THE SOJOURN AT ROME
(4 questions)

In which city did Jesus seek out and teach the religious leaders of the Mystery Cults, Stoics, & Cynics?

① Babylon

② Alexandria

③ Rome

④ Jerusalem

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Who said that "the spiritually blind individual who logically follows scientific dictation, social usage, and religious dogma ... is destined to become an intellectual parrot, a social automaton, and a slave to religious authority"?

① Confucius

② Jesus of Nazareth

③ Simon Peter

④ Judas Iscariot

⑤ Matthew Levi

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To whom did Jesus say "... the revelations of God flash upon earth in the lives of the men who reveal God to their fellows"

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② stoics

③ Pharisees

④ Sadducees

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133. THE RETURN FROM ROME (5 questions)

Is self-consciousness the soul?

① yes

② no

Is self-consciousness the soul?

① yes ✗

② no ✓

In which of Jesus' talks did he say "Matter and spirit and the state intervening between them are three interrelated and interassociated levels of the true unity of the real universe"?

① The Science Discourse

② Discourse on Reality

③ Discourse on Time and Space

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Who taught that "The human mind early begins to manifest qualities which are supermaterial and the truly reflective intellect is not altogether bound by the limits of time"?

① The Mystic Cults

② Pythagorus

③ Jesus

④ Peter

⑤ Moses

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To what was Jesus referring when he said "they destroy unity and may terminate in mind disruption. Only a happy and unified mind is dedicated to the doing of the will of the Father"?

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② Evil friends

③ Materialism

④ Differing opinions on religious matters

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To whom was Jesus referring when he said "They cannot possess a time self-consciousness, only a sensation-recognition and memory, and cannot conclude intelligent and reflective interpretations"?

① children

② idiots

③ animals

④ sinners

⑤ Jews

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134. THE TRANSITION YEARS (2 questions)

How long did Jesus spend travelling during his “transition years”?

① 1 year

② 2 years

③ 3 years

④ 5 years

⑤ 12 years

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① 1 year ✗

② 2 years ✗

③ 3 years ✓

④ 5 years ✗

⑤ 12 years ✗

Did Jesus ever give formal lectures?

① yes (12 lectures in the city of Alexandria)

② yes (24 lectures in the city of Urmia)

③ no

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135. JOHN THE BAPTIST (3 questions)

Who was the leader of the Engedi colony of Nazarites?

① John the Baptist

② John Zebedee

③ Jesus of Nazareth

④ Abner

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How long did the ministry of John the Baptist last?

① 12 months

② 15 months

③ 24 months

④ 36 months

⑤ 3 months

⑥ 40 months

How long did the ministry of John the Baptist last?

① 12 months ✗

② 15 months ✓

③ 24 months ✗

④ 36 months ✗

⑤ 3 months ✗

⑥ 40 months ✗

How many penitents did John the Baptist baptize?

① 100

② 1,000

③ 12,000

④ 36,500

⑤ 100,000

⑥ 200,000

⑦ 300,000

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136. BAPTISM AND THE FORTY DAYS (13 questions)

Why did Jesus destroy all his writings and anything material associated with his life?

① To avoid superstitious relic worshipping

② He didn't produce any writings

③ He did leave writings which were destroyed by the priests

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How old was Jesus when he was baptised by John the Baptist?

① 31 years

② 31½ years

③ 32 years

④ 32½ years

⑤ 8 days

⑥ 1 year

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⑤ 8 days ✗

⑥ 1 year ✗

What did Jesus see above his head at his baptism?

① a white dove

② his Thought Adjuster

③ an angel

④ optical illusion

⑤ nothing

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Did Jesus fuse with his Thought Adjuster?

① no

② yes

Did Jesus fuse with his Thought Adjuster?

① no ✓

② yes ✗

Why did Jesus' Adjuster appear above his head at his baptism?

① He took leave of Jesus, as the perfected human soul becoming a son of God, returning as an exalted Personalised Adjuster existing apart from Jesus but in constant communion with him

② To say to John the Baptist "this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased"

③ To indwell someone else

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③ To indwell someone else ✗

④ To comply with the Universal Rite of Baptism rule #6 ✗

Where did Jesus go immediately after his baptism?

① To the Perean hills for 40 days of isolation in order to formulate plans of proclaiming the Kingdom of God

② Returned to work

③ Returned to his family

④ Started recruiting apostles

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Who did Jesus encounter in the Perean hills post baptism?

① Gabriel & the Constellation Father of Edentia

② Lucifer

③ No-one — he remained alone

④ Satan

⑤ Caligastia

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What did Jesus achieve during his 6 week sojourn on Mount Hermon prior to baptism?

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② Wrestled in spirit with Satan (representing Lucifer), and Caligastia in "the great temptation"

③ Both of these

④ None of these

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④ None of these ✗

In which year did Jesus declare that "his time had come" and present himself for baptism?

① 26 A.D.

② 29 A.D.

③ 30 A.D.

④ 20 A.D.

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④ 20 A.D. ✗

How many passages from the Scriptures did the rabbis collect by the time of Jesus, erroneously thinking they were prophetic of the Messiah?

① Almost 500

② Almost 300

③ Almost 100

④ 72

⑤ 12

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What were James and John of Zebedee doing during the 40 days after Jesus' baptism?

① Working

② Searching for Jesus

③ Waiting for Jesus together with John the Baptist

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② Searching for Jesus ✓

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Who was baptized by John together with Jesus?

① James and John of Zebedee

② James and Jude, Jesus' brothers

③ No one, he was alone

④ Judas Iscariot

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Thought Adjusters are nontime beings ...

① once they enter the domains of space and time

② once they are personalized

③ once they fuse with their mortal hosts

④ always

⑤ never

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137. TARRYING TIME IN GALILEE
(5 questions)

What was the name of the bride of the wedding in Cana?

① Miriam

② Delilah

③ Naomi

④ Anahit

⑤ Elisabeth

⑥ Rebecca

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③ Naomi ✓

④ Anahit ✗

⑤ Elisabeth ✗

⑥ Rebecca ✗

How many guests were bidden to the wedding in Cana?

① 12

② 48

③ 72

④ 100

⑤ 250

⑥ 500

⑦ 1000

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⑦ 1000 ✗

How many guests turned up at to the wedding in Cana?

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② 48

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⑤ 250

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⑥ 500 ✗

⑦ 1000 ✓

On what day of the week did the wedding in Cana occur?

① Monday

② Tuesday

③ Wednesday

④ Thursday

⑤ Friday

⑥ Saturday

⑦ Sunday

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① Monday ✗

② Tuesday ✗

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⑤ Friday ✗

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138. TRAINING THE KINGDOM'S MESSENGERS (1 questions)

How many of Jesus' apostles were fishermen?

① none

② 3

③ 6–7

④ 10

⑤ all 12

How many of Jesus' apostles were fishermen?

① none ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 6–7 ✓

④ 10 ✗

⑤ all 12 ✗

139. THE TWELVE APOSTLES (4 questions)

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140. THE ORDINATION OF THE TWELVE (1 questions)

Who was the first of the 12 Apostles ordained for public ministry?

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141. BEGINNING THE PUBLIC WORK (1 questions)

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142. THE PASSOVER AT JERUSALEM (1 questions)

In 1 Chronicles 21:1 it is said that Satan provoked David to number Israel, whereas in 2 Samuel 24:1 it is said that Lord (Yahweh) did this. How can this be?

① Satan and the Lord Yahweh are the same being

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143. GOING THROUGH SAMARIA
(0 questions)

144. AT GILBOA AND IN THE DECAPOLIS (1 questions)

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145. FOUR EVENTFUL DAYS AT CAPERNAUM (1 questions)

Can demoniacal possession occur since the day of Pentecost?

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② no ✓

146. FIRST PREACHING TOUR OF GALILEE (0 questions)

147. THE INTERLUDE VISIT TO JERUSALEM (0 questions)

148. TRAINING EVANGELISTS AT BETHSAIDA (0 questions)

149. THE SECOND PREACHING TOUR (0 questions)

150. THE THIRD PREACHING TOUR (0 questions)

151. TARRYING AND TEACHING BY THE SEASIDE
(0 questions)

152. EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE CAPERNAUM CRISIS (0 questions)

153. THE CRISIS AT CAPERNAUM (0 questions)

154. LAST DAYS AT CAPERNAUM (0 questions)

155. FLEEING THROUGH NORTHERN GALILEE
(0 questions)

156. THE SOJOURN AT TYRE AND SIDON (0 questions)

157. AT CAESAREA-PHILIPPI (0 questions)

158. THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION (1 questions)

Who or what did Peter, James & John see on the Mount of Transfiguration?

① Jesus talking to Lucifer and Caligastia

② Jesus talking to Gabriel and the Father Melchizedek

③ Jesus meditating

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159. THE DECAPOLIS TOUR
(0 questions)

160. RODAN OF ALEXANDRIA (0 questions)

161. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH RODAN (0 questions)

162. AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES (0 questions)

163. ORDINATION OF THE SEVENTY AT MAGADAN
(2 questions)

Who were the women's evangelistic corps?

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164. AT THE FEAST OF DEDICATION (1 questions)

Which of these were the friends and secret supporters of Jesus?

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165. THE PEREAN MISSION BEGINS (0 questions)

166. LAST VISIT TO NORTHERN PEREA (1 questions)

Who was the head of the church in Philadelphia?

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② Matthew

③ Mark

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167. THE VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA (0 questions)

168. THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS (0 questions)

169. LAST TEACHING AT PELLA (0 questions)

170. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
(0 questions)

171. ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM (0 questions)

172. GOING INTO JERUSALEM (0 questions)

173. MONDAY IN JERUSALEM (0 questions)

174. TUESDAY MORNING IN THE TEMPLE (0 questions)

175. THE LAST TEMPLE DISCOURSE (0 questions)

176. TUESDAY EVENING ON MOUNT OLIVET (3 questions)

When was the covenant between Israel and God abrogated and the plan to make the children of Abraham the light-bearers for the whole world shattered?

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177. WEDNESDAY, THE REST DAY (0 questions)

178. LAST DAY AT THE CAMP
(0 questions)

179. THE LAST SUPPER (4 questions)

Was the Last Supper the only ceremony which Jesus established?

① yes

② no

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② no ✗

Did the Last Supper replace the Passover remembrance of the emergence of the Hebrews from racial slavery with the emergence of the enslaved individual from the bondage of ceremonialism?

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180. THE FAREWELL DISCOURSE (0 questions)

181. FINAL ADMONITIONS AND WARNINGS (1 questions)

Which disciple did Jesus instruct to remain close at hand from his arrest until the very end of the crucifixion?

① Peter

② John Zebedee

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182. IN GETHSEMANE (5 questions)

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① secondary midwayer

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183. THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS (4 questions)

Why was John Zebedee permitted to remain near Jesus all the way through his trying experiences?

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Was the torture and murder of Jesus by the Jews part of the Father's will?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

Who was behind the plan of Jesus' torture and murder?

① Lucifer

② The Romans

③ Jewish priests

④ Satan

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To whom did Jesus say "They who take the sword shall perish by the sword"?

① a Roman soldier

② Peter

③ a zealot

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184. BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN COURT (3 questions)

Why Judas Iscariot could not be used by the Sanhedrists as a witness in the "trial" of the Master?

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185. THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE
(1 questions)

When was Jesus of Nazareth murdered by the Jews?

① 1 April 30 A.D.

② 7 April 30 A.D.

③ 15 April 33 A.D.

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186. JUST BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION (0 questions)

187. THE CRUCIFIXION (13 questions)

Which event is described here: "All of Golgotha was covered by thousands upon thousands of crosses upon which day by day there perished the flower of the Jewish race. A terrible harvest of the seed-sowing of this day [of Jesus' crucifixion]"?

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How old was Jesus when he was crucified?

① 30 years

② 33 years

③ 35 years

④ 36 years

⑤ 40 years

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② 33 years ✗

③ 35 years ✓

④ 36 years ✗

⑤ 40 years ✗

How far from the ground were the Master's feet whilst on the cross?

① 0.56m

② 1m

③ 2m

④ 3m

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① Pilate. "Jesus of Nazareth — the King of the Jews". In Latin, Greek & Aramaic

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③ Mary Magdalene

④ Rebecca

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188. THE TIME OF THE TOMB
(3 questions)

Why was Jesus buried in haste?

① Because it was the Sabbath and preparations were on for the week of Passover

② It was the Jewish custom

③ It was dark

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How many stones were set in front of Jesus' tomb to stop his followers taking his body?

① 2

② 7

③ 10

④ 12

⑤ 24

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⑤ 24 ✗

How many guards were placed around Jesus' tomb?

① 8 Roman guards

② 5 Roman guards and 3 Jewish guards

③ a Roman cohort

④ a Roman legion

⑤ 10 Roman soldiers and 10 Jewish guards

⑥ 12 Roman soldiers and 7 Jewish guards

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③ a Roman cohort ✗

④ a Roman legion ✗

⑤ 10 Roman soldiers and 10 Jewish guards ✓

⑥ 12 Roman soldiers and 7 Jewish guards ✗

189. THE RESURRECTION (7 questions)

What happened to the body of Jesus after his resurrection?

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② taken by the Jews and thrown into the pit for criminals

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190. MORONTIA APPEARANCES OF JESUS
(2 questions)

How many appearances to mortals in total did Jesus make in morontia form?

① 0

② 3

③ 7

④ 12

⑤ 19

⑥ 144

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① 0 ✗

② 3 ✗

③ 7 ✗

④ 12 ✗

⑤ 19 ✓

⑥ 144 ✗

Does the morontia body have circulating blood and partake of ordinary material food?

① yes

② no

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① yes ✗

② no ✓

191. APPEARANCES TO THE APOSTLES AND OTHER LEADERS (2 questions)

Was Abner present at any of post-resurrection appearances of Jesus?

① yes, the 10th appearance

② no

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Throughout Jesus' trials and crucifixion which two brothers played a leading role in relaying messages to Jesus' family, apostles and chief disciples?

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192. APPEARANCES IN GALILEE
(0 questions)

193. FINAL APPEARANCES AND ASCENSION (0 questions)

194. BESTOWAL OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH (4 questions)

When was the Spirit of Truth bestowed upon Urantia?

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② Greek word for the number 40

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No special gift was bestowed upon the members of Jesus' earthly family. Pentecost marked the end of special priesthoods and all belief in sacred families. TRUE or FALSE?

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195. AFTER PENTECOST (2 questions)

Which version of Jesus' message was more true to his teachings?

① Eastern

② Western (Hellenized)

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196. THE FAITH OF JESUS
(0 questions)

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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

GENESIS

In the beginning God created the
heaven and the earth. 2 And the
earth was without form, and void;
and darkness *was* upon the face of the
deep. And the Spirit of God moved
upon the face of the waters. 3 And
God said, Let there be light: and there
was light. 4 And God saw the light,
that *it was* good: and God divided the
light from the darkness.* 5 And God

1.4. the light from...: Heb. between the light and

called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening
and the morning were the first day.*
6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and
let it divide the waters from the waters.* 7 And God made the firmament,
and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters
which *were* above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening

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between the darkness.

5. And the evening...: Heb. And the evening was, and the morning was.

6. firmament: Heb. expansion.

and the morning were the second day.
9 And God said, Let the waters un-
der the heaven be gathered together
unto one place, and let the dry *land* ap-
pear: and it was so. 10 And God called
the dry *land* Earth; and the gather-
ing together of the waters called he
Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.
11 And God said, Let the earth bring
forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and*
the fruit tree yielding fruit after his
kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the
earth: and it was so.* 12 And the earth
brought forth grass, *and* herb yield-
ing seed after his kind, and the tree

11. grass: Heb. tender grass.

yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that
it was good. 13 And the evening and
the morning were the third day. 14 And
God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the
day from the night; and let them be
for signs, and for seasons, and for days,
and years:* 15 And let them be for lights
in the firmament of the heaven to
give light upon the earth: and it was
so. 16 And God made two great lights;
the greater light to rule the day, and
the lesser light to rule the night: *he*

14. the day...: Heb. between the day and between the night.

made the stars also.* [17] And God set
them in the firmament of the heaven
to give light upon the earth, [18] And to
rule over the day and over the night,
and to divide the light from the dark-
ness: and God saw that *it was* good.
[19] And the evening and the morning
were the fourth day. [20] And God said,
Let the waters bring forth abundantly
the moving creature that hath life, and
fowl *that* may fly above the earth in
the open firmament of heaven.* [21] And

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16. to rule the day...: Heb. for the rule of the day, etc..

20. moving: or, creeping. creature: Heb. soul. fowl...: Heb. let fowl fly. open...: Heb. face of the

God created great whales, and every
living creature that moveth, which the
waters brought forth abundantly, af-
ter their kind, and every winged fowl
after his kind: and God saw that *it was*
good. [22] And God blessed them, say-
ing, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill
the waters in the seas, and let fowl mul-
tiply in the earth. [23] And the evening
and the morning were the fifth day.
[24] And God said, Let the earth bring
forth the living creature after his kind,
cattle, and creeping thing, and beast
of the earth after his kind: and it was
so. [25] And God made the beast of

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firmament of heaven.

the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. [26] And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. [27] So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. [28] And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish

the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.* [29] And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.* [30] And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have*

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28. moveth: Heb. creepeth.
29. bearing...: Heb. seeding seed. yielding...: Heb. seeding seed.

given every green herb for meat: and
it was so.* 31 And God saw every thing
that he had made, and, behold, *it was*
very good. And the evening and the
morning were the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth
were finished, and all the host of them.
2 And on the seventh day God ended
his work which he had made; and he
rested on the seventh day from all his
work which he had made. 3 And God
blessed the seventh day, and sancti-
fied it: because that in it he had rested
from all his work which God created

30. life: Heb. a living soul.

and made.* 4 These *are* the generations
of the heavens and of the earth when
they were created, in the day that the
LORD God made the earth and the
heavens, 5 And every plant of the field
before it was in the earth, and every
herb of the field before it grew: for
the LORD God had not caused it to
rain upon the earth, and *there was* not
a man to till the ground. 6 But there
went up a mist from the earth, and wa-
tered the whole face of the ground.*
7 And the LORD God formed man *of*
the dust of the ground, and breathed

2.3. created...: Heb. created to make.
6. there...: or, a mist which went up from, etc..

into his nostrils the breath of life; and
man became a living soul.* 8 And the
LORD God planted a garden eastward
in Eden; and there he put the man
whom he had formed. 9 And out of
the ground made the LORD God to
grow every tree that is pleasant to the
sight, and good for food; the tree of
life also in the midst of the garden, and
the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
10 And a river went out of Eden to wa-
ter the garden; and from thence it was
parted, and became into four heads.
11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that
is it which compasseth the whole land

7. of the dust...: Heb. dust of the ground.

of Havilah, where *there is* gold; 12 And
the gold of that land *is* good: there *is*
bdellium and the onyx stone. 13 And
the name of the second river *is* Gi-
hon: the same *is* it that compasseth
the whole land of Ethiopia.* 14 And the
name of the third river *is* Hiddekel:
that *is* it which goeth toward the east
of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Eu-
phrates.* 15 And the LORD God took
the man, and put him into the gar-
den of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*
16 And the LORD God commanded the

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13. Ethiopia: Heb. Cush.
14. toward...: or, eastward to Assyria.
15. the man: or, Adam.

man, saying, Of every tree of the gar-
den thou mayest freely eat:* 17 But of
the tree of the knowledge of good and
evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the
day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt
surely die.* 18 And the LORD God said,
It is not good that the man should be
alone; I will make him an help meet
for him.* 19 And out of the ground the
LORD God formed every beast of the
field, and every fowl of the air; and
brought *them* unto Adam to see what
he would call them: and whatsoever

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16. thou...: Heb. eating thou shalt eat.
17. thou shalt surely...: Heb. dying thou shalt die.
18. meet...: Heb. as before him.

Adam called every living creature, that
was the name thereof.* [20] And Adam
gave names to all cattle, and to the
fowl of the air, and to every beast of
the field; but for Adam there was not
found an help meet for him.* [21] And
the LORD God caused a deep sleep to
fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he
took one of his ribs, and closed up the
flesh instead thereof; [22] And the rib,
which the LORD God had taken from
man, made he a woman, and brought
her unto the man.* [23] And Adam said,

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19. Adam: or, the man.
20. gave: Heb. called.
22. made: Heb. built.

This *is* now bone of my bones, and
flesh of my flesh: she shall be called
Woman, because she was taken out of
Man.* 24 Therefore shall a man leave his
father and his mother, and shall cleave
unto his wife: and they shall be one
flesh. 25 And they were both naked,
the man and his wife, and were not
ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more sub-
til than any beast of the field which
the LORD God had made. And he
said unto the woman, Yea, hath God
said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of

23. Woman: Heb. Isha. Man: Heb. Ish.

the garden?* 2 And the woman said
unto the serpent, We may eat of the
fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But
of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the
midst of the garden, God hath said,
Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye
touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the ser-
pent said unto the woman, Ye shall
not surely die: 5 For God doth know
that in the day ye eat thereof, then your
eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as
gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And
when the woman saw that the tree *was*
good for food, and that it *was* pleas-
ant to the eyes, and a tree to be de-

3.1. Yea...: Heb. Yea, because, etc..

sired to make *one* wise, she took of
the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave
also unto her husband with her; and
he did eat.* 7 And the eyes of them
both were opened, and they knew that
they *were* naked; and they sewed fig
leaves together, and made themselves
aprons.* 8 And they heard the voice of
the LORD God walking in the garden
in the cool of the day: and Adam and
his wife hid themselves from the pres-
ence of the LORD God amongst the
trees of the garden.* 9 And the LORD

6. pleasant: Heb. a desire.
7. aprons: or, things to gird about.
8. cool: Heb. wind.

God called unto Adam, and said unto
him, Where *art* thou? [10] And he said,
I heard thy voice in the garden, and I
was afraid, because I *was* naked; and
I hid myself. [11] And he said, Who
told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast
thou eaten of the tree, whereof I com-
manded thee that thou shouldest not
eat? [12] And the man said, The wo-
man whom thou gavest *to be* with me,
she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
[13] And the LORD God said unto the
woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast
done? And the woman said, The ser-
pent beguiled me, and I did eat. [14] And
the LORD God said unto the serpent,

Because thou hast done this, thou *art*
cursed above all cattle, and above ev-
ery beast of the field; upon thy belly
shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat
all the days of thy life: 15 And I will
put enmity between thee and the wo-
man, and between thy seed and her
seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou
shalt bruise his heel. 16 Unto the wo-
man he said, I will greatly multiply thy
sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow
thou shalt bring forth children; and
thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and
he shall rule over thee.* 17 And unto
Adam he said, Because thou hast hear-

16. to thy...: or, subject to thy husband.

kened unto the voice of thy wife, and
hast eaten of the tree, of which I com-
manded thee, saying, Thou shalt not
eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy
sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all
the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and
thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and
thou shalt eat the herb of the field;*
19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou
eat bread, till thou return unto the
ground; for out of it wast thou taken:
for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt
thou return. 20 And Adam called his
wife's name Eve; because she was the

18. bring...: Heb. cause to bud.

mother of all living.* [21] Unto Adam
also and to his wife did the LORD God
make coats of skins, and clothed them.
[22] And the LORD God said, Behold,
the man is become as one of us, to
know good and evil: and now, lest he
put forth his hand, and take also of
the tree of life, and eat, and live for
ever: [23] Therefore the LORD God sent
him forth from the garden of Eden,
to till the ground from whence he was
taken. [24] So he drove out the man; and
he placed at the east of the garden of
Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword
which turned every way, to keep the

20. Eve: Heb. Chavah: that is Living.

way of the tree of life.

4 And Adam knew Eve his wife;
and she conceived, and bare Cain,
and said, I have gotten a man from
the LORD.* 2 And she again bare his
brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper
of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the
ground.* 3 And in process of time it
came to pass, that Cain brought of
the fruit of the ground an offering
unto the LORD.* 4 And Abel, he also
brought of the firstlings of his flock
and of the fat thereof. And the LORD

4.1. Cain: that is Gotten, or, Acquired.
2. Abel: Heb. Hebel. a keeper: Heb. a feeder.
3. in process...: Heb. at the end of days.

had respect unto Abel and to his of-
fering:* 5 But unto Cain and to his
offering he had not respect. And
Cain was very wroth, and his coun-
tenance fell. 6 And the LORD said
unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and
why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If
thou doest well, shalt thou not be ac-
cepted? and if thou doest not well, sin
lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall*
be his desire, and thou shalt rule over
him.* 8 And Cain talked with Abel his
brother: and it came to pass, when

4. flock: Heb. sheep, or, goats.
7. be accepted: or, have the excellency. unto...: or, subject unto thee.

they were in the field, that Cain rose
up against Abel his brother, and slew
him. 9 And the LORD said unto Cain,
Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he
said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's
keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou
done? the voice of thy brother's blood
crieth unto me from the ground.*
11 And now *art* thou cursed from the
earth, which hath opened her mouth
to receive thy brother's blood from
thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the
ground, it shall not henceforth yield
unto thee her strength; a fugitive
and a vagabond shalt thou be in the

10. blood: Heb. bloods.

earth. [13] And Cain said unto the
LORD, My punishment *is* greater than
I can bear.* [14] Behold, thou hast driven
me out this day from the face of the
earth; and from thy face shall I be
hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a
vagabond in the earth; and it shall
come to pass, *that* every one that find-
eth me shall slay me. [15] And the LORD
said unto him, Therefore whosoever
slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken
on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a
mark upon Cain, lest any finding him
should kill him. [16] And Cain went out

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13. My...: or, Mine iniquity is greater than that it may be forgiven.

from the presence of the LORD, and
dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east
of Eden. [17] And Cain knew his wife;
and she conceived, and bare Enoch:
and he builded a city, and called the
name of the city, after the name of
his son, Enoch.* [18] And unto Enoch
was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehu-
jael: and Mehujael begat Methusael:
and Methusael begat Lamech.* [19] And
Lamech took unto him two wives: the
name of the one *was* Adah, and the
name of the other Zillah. [20] And Adah
bare Jabal: he was the father of such as

17. Enoch: Heb. Chanoch.
18. Lamech: Heb. Lemech.

dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.
21 And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he
was the father of all such as handle the
harp and organ. 22 And Zillah, she also
bare Tubalcain, an instructer of every
artificer in brass and iron: and the sis-
ter of Tubalcain *was* Naamah.* 23 And
Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and
Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of
Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for
I have slain a man to my wounding,
and a young man to my hurt.* 24 If
Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly

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22. instructor: Heb. whetter.

23. I have...: or, I would slay a man in my wound, etc. to my hurt: or, in my hurt.

Lamech seventy and sevenfold. [25] And
Adam knew his wife again; and she
bare a son, and called his name Seth:
For God, *said she*, hath appointed me
another seed instead of Abel, whom
Cain slew.* [26] And to Seth, to him also
there was born a son; and he called his
name Enos: then began men to call
upon the name of the LORD.*

5 This *is* the book of the genera-
tions of Adam. In the day that God
created man, in the likeness of God
made he him; [2] Male and female cre-

25. Seth: Heb. Sheth: that is Appointed, or, Put.
26. Enos: Heb. Enosh. to call...: or, to call themselves by the name of the Lord.

ated he them; and blessed them, and
called their name Adam, in the day
when they were created. 3 And Adam
lived an hundred and thirty years, and
begat *a son* in his own likeness, af-
ter his image; and called his name
Seth: 4 And the days of Adam after
he had begotten Seth were eight hun-
dred years: and he begat sons and
daughters: 5 And all the days that
Adam lived were nine hundred and
thirty years: and he died. 6 And
Seth lived an hundred and five years,
and begat Enos:* 7 And Seth lived af-
ter he begat Enos eight hundred and

5.6. Enos: Heb. Enosh.

seven years, and begat sons and daugh-
ters: 8 And all the days of Seth were
nine hundred and twelve years: and
he died. 9 And Enos lived ninety
years, and begat Cainan:* 10 And Enos
lived after he begat Cainan eight hun-
dred and fifteen years, and begat sons
and daughters: 11 And all the days
of Enos were nine hundred and five
years: and he died. 12 And Cainan
lived seventy years, and begat Maha-
laleel:* 13 And Cainan lived after he
begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and
forty years, and begat sons and daugh-

9. Cainan: Heb. Kenan.
12. Mahalaleel: Gr. Maleleel.

ters: [14] And all the days of Cainan
were nine hundred and ten years: and
he died. [15] And Mahalaleel lived sixty
and five years, and begat Jared:* [16] And
Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared
eight hundred and thirty years, and
begat sons and daughters: [17] And all
the days of Mahalaleel were eight hun-
dred ninety and five years: and he died.
[18] And Jared lived an hundred sixty
and two years, and he begat Enoch:
[19] And Jared lived after he begat Enoch
eight hundred years, and begat sons
and daughters: [20] And all the days of
Jared were nine hundred sixty and two

15. Jared: Heb. Jered.

years: and he died. [21] And Enoch
lived sixty and five years, and be-
gat Methuselah:* [22] And Enoch walked
with God after he begat Methuselah
three hundred years, and begat sons
and daughters: [23] And all the days of
Enoch were three hundred sixty and
five years: [24] And Enoch walked with
God: and he *was* not; for God took
him. [25] And Methuselah lived an hun-
dred eighty and seven years, and be-
gat Lamech: [26] And Methuselah lived
after he begat Lamech seven hundred
eighty and two years, and begat sons

21. Methuselah: Gr. Mathusala.

and daughters:* [27] And all the days of
Methuselah were nine hundred sixty
and nine years: and he died. [28] And
Lamech lived an hundred eighty and
two years, and begat a son: [29] And
he called his name Noah, saying, This
same shall comfort us concerning our
work and toil of our hands, because
of the ground which the LORD hath
cursed.* [30] And Lamech lived after he
begat Noah five hundred ninety and
five years, and begat sons and daugh-
ters: [31] And all the days of Lamech
were seven hundred seventy and seven

26. Lamech: Heb. Lemech.
29. Noah: Gr. Noe: that is Rest, or, Comfort.

years: and he died. 32 And Noah was
five hundred years old: and Noah be-
gat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6 And it came to pass, when men
began to multiply on the face of the
earth, and daughters were born unto
them, 2 That the sons of God saw
the daughters of men that they *were*
fair; and they took them wives of all
which they chose. 3 And the LORD
said, My spirit shall not always strive
with man, for that he also *is* flesh:
yet his days shall be an hundred and
twenty years. 4 There were giants in
the earth in those days; and also after

that, when the sons of God came in
unto the daughters of men, and they
bare *children* to them, the same *be-*
came mighty men which *were* of old,
men of renown. 5 And GOD saw that
the wickedness of man *was* great in
the earth, and *that* every imagination
of the thoughts of his heart *was* only
evil continually.* 6 And it repented the
LORD that he had made man on the
earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
7 And the LORD said, I will destroy

6.5. every...: or, the whole imagination: the Hebrew word signifieth not only the imagination, but also the purposes and desires. continually: Heb. every day.

man whom I have created from the
face of the earth; both man, and beast,
and the creeping thing, and the fowls
of the air; for it repenteth me that I
have made them.* 8 But Noah found
grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These
are the generations of Noah: Noah
was a just man *and* perfect in his gener-
ations, *and* Noah walked with God.*
10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem,
Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also
was corrupt before God, and the earth
was filled with violence. 12 And God
looked upon the earth, and, behold,

7. both...: Heb. from man unto beast.
9. perfect: or, upright.

it was corrupt; for all flesh had cor-
rupted his way upon the earth. 13 And
God said unto Noah, The end of all
flesh is come before me; for the earth
is filled with violence through them;
and, behold, I will destroy them with
the earth.* 14 Make thee an ark of go-
pher wood; rooms shalt thou make in
the ark, and shalt pitch it within and
without with pitch.* 15 And this *is the
fashion* which thou shalt make it *of*:
The length of the ark *shall be* three
hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty
cubits, and the height of it thirty cu-

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13. with the earth: or, from the earth.
14. rooms: Heb. nests.

bits. [16] A window shalt thou make to
the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou fin-
ish it above; and the door of the ark
shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with*
lower, second, and third *stories* shalt
thou make it. [17] And, behold, I, even
I, do bring a flood of waters upon the
earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is*
the breath of life, from under heaven;
and every thing that *is* in the earth
shall die. [18] But with thee will I estab-
lish my covenant; and thou shalt come
into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and
thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.
[19] And of every living thing of all flesh,
two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into

the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee;
they shall be male and female. [20] Of
fowls after their kind, and of cattle af-
ter their kind, of every creeping thing
of the earth after his kind, two of ev-
ery *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep
them alive. [21] And take thou unto thee
of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt
gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for
food for thee, and for them. [22] Thus
did Noah; according to all that God
commanded him, so did he.

7 And the LORD said unto Noah,
Come thou and all thy house into the
ark; for thee have I seen righteous be-

fore me in this generation. [2] Of every
clean beast thou shalt take to thee by
sevens, the male and his female: and
of beasts that *are* not clean by two,
the male and his female.* [3] Of fowls
also of the air by sevens, the male and
the female; to keep seed alive upon the
face of all the earth.* [4] For yet seven
days, and I will cause it to rain upon
the earth forty days and forty nights;
and every living substance that I have
made will I destroy from off the face of
the earth.* [5] And Noah did according

7.2. by sevens: Heb. seven seven.
3. by sevens: Heb. seven seven.
4. destroy: Heb. blot out.

unto all that the LORD commanded
him. 6 And Noah *was* six hundred
years old when the flood of waters was
upon the earth. 7 And Noah went in,
and his sons, and his wife, and his sons'
wives with him, into the ark, because
of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean
beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean,
and of fowls, and of every thing that
creepeth upon the earth, 9 There went
in two and two unto Noah into the
ark, the male and the female, as God
had commanded Noah. 10 And it came
to pass after seven days, that the wa-
ters of the flood were upon the earth.*

10. after...: or, on the seventh day.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's
life, in the second month, the seven-
teenth day of the month, the same day
were all the fountains of the great deep
broken up, and the windows of heaven
were opened.* 12 And the rain was upon
the earth forty days and forty nights.
13 In the selfsame day entered Noah,
and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the
sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and
the three wives of his sons with them,
into the ark; 14 They, and every beast
after his kind, and all the cattle after
their kind, and every creeping thing
that creepeth upon the earth after his

11. windows: or, floodgates.

kind, and every fowl after his kind,
every bird of every sort.* 15 And they
went in unto Noah into the ark, two
and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the
breath of life. 16 And they that went
in, went in male and female of all flesh,
as God had commanded him: and the
LORD shut him in. 17 And the flood
was forty days upon the earth; and
the waters increased, and bare up the
ark, and it was lift up above the earth.
18 And the waters prevailed, and were
increased greatly upon the earth; and
the ark went upon the face of the wa-
ters. 19 And the waters prevailed ex-

14. sort: Heb. wing.

ceedingly upon the earth; and all the
high hills, that *were* under the whole
heaven, were covered. [20] Fifteen cu-
bits upward did the waters prevail; and
the mountains were covered. [21] And
all flesh died that moved upon the
earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and
of beast, and of every creeping thing
that creepeth upon the earth, and ev-
ery man: [22] All in whose nostrils *was*
the breath of life, of all that *was* in the
dry *land*, died.* [23] And every living sub-
stance was destroyed which was upon
the face of the ground, both man, and

22. the breath...: Heb. the breath of the spirit of life.

cattle, and the creeping things, and
the fowl of the heaven; and they were
destroyed from the earth: and Noah
only remained *alive*, and they that *were*
with him in the ark. [24] And the waters
prevailed upon the earth an hundred
and fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah,
and every living thing, and all the cat-
tle that *was* with him in the ark: and
God made a wind to pass over the
earth, and the waters asswaged; [2] The
fountains also of the deep and the
windows of heaven were stopped, and
the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 And the waters returned from off the
earth continually: and after the end
of the hundred and fifty days the wa-
ters were abated.* 4 And the ark rested
in the seventh month, on the seven-
teenth day of the month, upon the
mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters
decreased continually until the tenth
month: in the tenth *month*, on the
first *day* of the month, were the tops of
the mountains seen.* 6 And it came to
pass at the end of forty days, that Noah
opened the window of the ark which
he had made: 7 And he sent forth a

8.3. continually: Heb. in going and returning.
5. decreased...: Heb. were in going and decreasing.

raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off
the earth.* 8 Also he sent forth a dove
from him, to see if the waters were
abated from off the face of the ground;
9 But the dove found no rest for the
sole of her foot, and she returned unto
him into the ark, for the waters *were*
on the face of the whole earth: then he
put forth his hand, and took her, and
pulled her in unto him into the ark.*
10 And he stayed yet other seven days;
and again he sent forth the dove out of
the ark; 11 And the dove came in to him

7. to...: Heb. in going forth and returning.
9. pulled...: Heb. caused her to come.

in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth
was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah
knew that the waters were abated from
off the earth. 12 And he stayed yet
other seven days; and sent forth the
dove; which returned not again unto
him any more. 13 And it came to pass
in the six hundredth and first year, in
the first *month*, the first *day* of the
month, the waters were dried up from
off the earth: and Noah removed the
covering of the ark, and looked, and,
behold, the face of the ground was
dry. 14 And in the second month, on
the seven and twentieth day of the
month, was the earth dried. 15 And

God spake unto Noah, saying, [16] Go
forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife,
and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with
thee. [17] Bring forth with thee every liv-
ing thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh,
both of fowl, and of cattle, and of ev-
ery creeping thing that creepeth upon
the earth; that they may breed abun-
dantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and
multiply upon the earth. [18] And Noah
went forth, and his sons, and his wife,
and his sons' wives with him: [19] Every
beast, every creeping thing, and every
fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon
the earth, after their kinds, went forth

out of the ark.* [20] And Noah builded
an altar unto the LORD; and took of
every clean beast, and of every clean
fowl, and offered burnt offerings on
the altar. [21] And the LORD smelled a
sweet savour; and the LORD said in
his heart, I will not again curse the
ground any more for man's sake; for
the imagination of man's heart *is* evil
from his youth; neither will I again
smite any more every thing living, as
I have done.* [22] While the earth re-
maineth, seedtime and harvest, and

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19. kinds: Heb. families.

21. a sweet...: Heb. a savour of rest or, satisfaction.
for the imagination: or, through the imagination.

cold and heat, and summer and win-
ter, and day and night shall not cease.*

9 And God blessed Noah and his
sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful,
and multiply, and replenish the earth.
2 And the fear of you and the dread of
you shall be upon every beast of the
earth, and upon every fowl of the air,
upon all that moveth *upon* the earth,
and upon all the fishes of the sea; into
your hand are they delivered. 3 Ev-
ery moving thing that liveth shall be
meat for you; even as the green herb
have I given you all things. 4 But flesh

22. While...: Heb. As yet all the days of the earth.

with the life thereof, *which is* the blood
thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely
your blood of your lives will I require;
at the hand of every beast will I re-
quire it, and at the hand of man; at
the hand of every man's brother will
I require the life of man. 6 Whoso
sheddeth man's blood, by man shall
his blood be shed: for in the image
of God made he man. 7 And you, be
ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth
abundantly in the earth, and multi-
ply therein. 8 And God spake unto
Noah, and to his sons with him, say-
ing, 9 And I, behold, I establish my
covenant with you, and with your seed

after you; [10] And with every living crea-
ture that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the
cattle, and of every beast of the earth
with you; from all that go out of the
ark, to every beast of the earth. [11] And
I will establish my covenant with you;
neither shall all flesh be cut off any
more by the waters of a flood; neither
shall there any more be a flood to de-
stroy the earth. [12] And God said, This
is the token of the covenant which I
make between me and you and every
living creature that *is* with you, for per-
petual generations: [13] I do set my bow
in the cloud, and it shall be for a to-
ken of a covenant between me and the

earth. [14] And it shall come to pass,
when I bring a cloud over the earth,
that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:
[15] And I will remember my covenant,
which *is* between me and you and ev-
ery living creature of all flesh; and the
waters shall no more become a flood
to destroy all flesh. [16] And the bow
shall be in the cloud; and I will look
upon it, that I may remember the ev-
erlasting covenant between God and
every living creature of all flesh that
is upon the earth. [17] And God said
unto Noah, This *is* the token of the
covenant, which I have established be-
tween me and all flesh that *is* upon

the earth. [18] And the sons of Noah,
that went forth of the ark, were Shem,
and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham *is*
the father of Canaan.* [19] These *are* the
three sons of Noah: and of them was
the whole earth overspread. [20] And
Noah began *to be* an husbandman,
and he planted a vineyard: [21] And he
drank of the wine, and was drunken;
and he was uncovered within his tent.
[22] And Ham, the father of Canaan,
saw the nakedness of his father, and
told his two brethren without. [23] And
Shem and Japheth took a garment,
and laid *it* upon both their shoulders,

9.18. Canaan: Heb. Chenaan.

and went backward, and covered the
nakedness of their father; and their
faces *were* backward, and they saw not
their father's nakedness. [24] And Noah
awoke from his wine, and knew what
his younger son had done unto him.
[25] And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a
servant of servants shall he be unto
his brethren. [26] And he said, Blessed
be the LORD God of Shem; and Ca-
naan shall be his servant.* [27] God shall
enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in
the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall
be his servant.* [28] And Noah lived af-

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26. his servant: or, servant to them.
27. enlarge: or, persuade.

ter the flood three hundred and fifty
years. [29] And all the days of Noah were
nine hundred and fifty years: and he
died.

10 Now these *are* the generations
of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham,
and Japheth: and unto them were
sons born after the flood. [2] The sons
of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and
Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and
Meshech, and Tiras. [3] And the sons
of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath,
and Togarmah. [4] And the sons of
Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim,

and Dodanim.* 5 By these were the
isles of the Gentiles divided in their
lands; every one after his tongue, after
their families, in their nations. 6 And
the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim,
and Phut, and Canaan. 7 And the
sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and
Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha:
and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and
Dedan. 8 And Cush begat Nimrod:
he began to be a mighty one in the
earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter be-
fore the LORD: wherefore it is said,
Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter be-
fore the LORD. 10 And the beginning

10.4. Dodanim: or, as some read it, Rodanim.

of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech,
and Accad, and Calneh, in the land
of Shinar.* 11 Out of that land went
forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh,
and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,*
12 And Resen between Nineveh and
Calah: the same *is* a great city. 13 And
Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim,
and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 14 And
Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of
whom came Philistim,) and Caph-
torim. 15 And Canaan begat Sidon

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10. Babel: Gr. Babylon.

11. went...: or, he went out into Assyria. the city...: or, the streets of the city.

his firstborn, and Heth,* [16] And the Je-
busite, and the Amorite, and the Girg-
asite, [17] And the Hivite, and the Arkite,
and the Sinite, [18] And the Arvadite,
and the Zemarite, and the Hamath-
ite: and afterward were the families of
the Canaanites spread abroad. [19] And
the border of the Canaanites was from
Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto
Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom,
and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Ze-
boim, even unto Lasha.* [20] These *are*
the sons of Ham, after their families,
after their tongues, in their countries,

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15. Sidon: Heb. Tzidon.
19. Gaza: Heb. Azzah.

and in their nations. [21] Unto Shem
also, the father of all the children of
Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder,
even to him were *children* born. [22] The
children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur,
and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.*
[23] And the children of Aram; Uz, and
Hul, and Gether, and Mash. [24] And
Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah be-
gat Eber.* [25] And unto Eber were born
two sons: the name of one *was* Pe-
leg; for in his days was the earth di-
vided; and his brother's name *was* Jok-

22. Arphaxad: Heb. Arpachshad.
24. Salah: Heb. Shelah.

tan.* [26] And Joktan begat Almodad,
and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and
Jerah, [27] And Hadoram, and Uzal, and
Diklah, [28] And Obal, and Abimael,
and Sheba, [29] And Ophir, and Havilah,
and Jobab: all these *were* the sons of
Joktan. [30] And their dwelling was from
Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a
mount of the east. [31] These *are* the sons
of Shem, after their families, after their
tongues, in their lands, after their na-
tions. [32] These *are* the families of the
sons of Noah, after their generations,
in their nations: and by these were the
nations divided in the earth after the

25. Peleg: that is Division.

flood.

11 And the whole earth was of one
language, and of one speech.* 2 And it
came to pass, as they journeyed from
the east, that they found a plain in
the land of Shinar; and they dwelt
there.* 3 And they said one to an-
other, Go to, let us make brick, and
burn them throughly. And they had
brick for stone, and slime had they for
morter.* 4 And they said, Go to, let
us build us a city and a tower, whose

11.1. language: Heb. lip.. speech: Heb. words.
2. from...: or, eastward.
3. they said...: Heb. a man said to his neighbour.
burn...: Heb. burn them to a burning.

top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us
make us a name, lest we be scattered
abroad upon the face of the whole
earth. 5 And the LORD came down
to see the city and the tower, which
the children of men builded. 6 And
the LORD said, Behold, the people *is*
one, and they have all one language;
and this they begin to do: and now
nothing will be restrained from them,
which they have imagined to do. 7 Go
to, let us go down, and there con-
found their language, that they may
not understand one another's speech.
8 So the LORD scattered them abroad
from thence upon the face of all the

earth: and they left off to build the
city. 9 Therefore is the name of it
called Babel; because the LORD did
there confound the language of all the
earth: and from thence did the LORD
scatter them abroad upon the face of
all the earth.* 10 These *are* the gener-
ations of Shem: Shem *was* an hun-
dred years old, and begat Arphaxad
two years after the flood: 11 And Shem
lived after he begat Arphaxad five hun-
dred years, and begat sons and daugh-
ters. 12 And Arphaxad lived five and
thirty years, and begat Salah: 13 And
Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah

9. Babel: that is, Confusion.

four hundred and three years, and be-
gat sons and daughters. [14] And Salah
lived thirty years, and begat Eber:
[15] And Salah lived after he begat Eber
four hundred and three years, and be-
gat sons and daughters. [16] And Eber
lived four and thirty years, and be-
gat Peleg:* [17] And Eber lived after he
begat Peleg four hundred and thirty
years, and begat sons and daughters.
[18] And Peleg lived thirty years, and be-
gat Reu: [19] And Peleg lived after he be-
gat Reu two hundred and nine years,
and begat sons and daughters. [20] And
Reu lived two and thirty years, and be-

16. Peleg: Gr. Phalec.

gat Serug:* [21] And Reu lived after he
begat Serug two hundred and seven
years, and begat sons and daughters.
[22] And Serug lived thirty years, and be-
gat Nahor: [23] And Serug lived after he
begat Nahor two hundred years, and
begat sons and daughters. [24] And Na-
hor lived nine and twenty years, and
begat Terah:* [25] And Nahor lived af-
ter he begat Terah an hundred and
nineteen years, and begat sons and
daughters. [26] And Terah lived seventy
years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and
Haran. [27] Now these *are* the genera-

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20. Serug: Gr. Saruch.
24. Terah: Gr. Thara.

tions of Terah: Terah begat Abram,
Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat
Lot. 28 And Haran died before his fa-
ther Terah in the land of his nativity, in
Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram and
Nahor took them wives: the name of
Abram's wife *was* Sarai; and the name
of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter
of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the
father of Iscah. 30 But Sarai was barren;
she *had* no child. 31 And Terah took
Abram his son, and Lot the son of Ha-
ran his son's son, and Sarai his daugh-
ter in law, his son Abram's wife; and
they went forth with them from Ur
of the Chaldees, to go into the land

of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

12 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had
spoken unto him; and Lot went with
him: and Abram *was* seventy and five
years old when he departed out of Ha-
ran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife,
and Lot his brother's son, and all their
substance that they had gathered, and
the souls that they had gotten in Ha-
ran; and they went forth to go into
the land of Canaan; and into the land
of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram
passed through the land unto the place
of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh.
And the Canaanite *was* then in the
land. 7 And the LORD appeared unto
Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will

I give this land: and there builded he
an altar unto the LORD, who appeared
unto him. 8 And he removed from
thence unto a mountain on the east
of Bethel, and pitched his tent, *hav-*
ing Bethel on the west, and Hai on
the east: and there he builded an al-
tar unto the LORD, and called upon
the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram
journeyed, going on still toward the
south.* 10 And there was a famine in
the land: and Abram went down into
Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine
was grievous in the land. 11 And it
came to pass, when he was come near

12.9. going...: Heb. in going and journeying.

to enter into Egypt, that he said unto
Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that
thou *art* a fair woman to look upon:
12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when
the Egyptians shall see thee, that they
shall say, This *is* his wife: and they will
kill me, but they will save thee alive.
13 Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister:
that it may be well with me for thy
sake; and my soul shall live because
of thee. 14 And it came to pass, that,
when Abram was come into Egypt,
the Egyptians beheld the woman that
she *was* very fair. 15 The princes also
of Pharaoh saw her, and commended
her before Pharaoh: and the woman

was taken into Pharaoh's house. [16] And
he entreated Abram well for her sake:
and he had sheep, and oxen, and he
asses, and menservants, and maidser-
vants, and she asses, and camels. [17] And
the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his
house with great plagues because of
Sarai Abram's wife. [18] And Pharaoh
called Abram, and said, What *is* this
that thou hast done unto me? why
didst thou not tell me that she *was*
thy wife? [19] Why saidst thou, She *is*
my sister? so I might have taken her
to me to wife: now therefore behold
thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way.
[20] And Pharaoh commanded *his* men

concerning him: and they sent him
away, and his wife, and all that he had.

13 And Abram went up out of
Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he
had, and Lot with him, into the south.
2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattle,
in silver, and in gold. 3 And he went
on his journeys from the south even to
Bethel, unto the place where his tent
had been at the beginning, between
Bethel and Hai; 4 Unto the place of
the altar, which he had made there at
the first: and there Abram called on
the name of the LORD. 5 And Lot
also, which went with Abram, had

flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And
the land was not able to bear them,
that they might dwell together: for
their substance was great, so that they
could not dwell together. 7 And there
was a strife between the herdmen of
Abram's cattle and the herdmen of
Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and
the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.
8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there
be no strife, I pray thee, between me
and thee, and between my herdmen
and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren.*
9 *Is* not the whole land before thee?
separate thyself, I pray thee, from me:

13.8. brethren: Heb. men brethren.

if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I
will go to the right; or if *thou depart*
to the right hand, then I will go to
the left. [10] And Lot lifted up his eyes,
and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that
it *was* well watered every where, be-
fore the LORD destroyed Sodom and
Gomorrah, *even* as the garden of the
LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou
comest unto Zoar. [11] Then Lot chose
him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot
journeyed east: and they separated
themselves the one from the other.
[12] Abram dwelled in the land of Ca-
naan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of
the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward

Sodom. 13 But the men of Sodom *were*
wicked and sinners before the LORD
exceedingly. 14 And the LORD said
unto Abram, after that Lot was sep-
arated from him, Lift up now thine
eyes, and look from the place where
thou art northward, and southward,
and eastward, and westward: 15 For all
the land which thou seest, to thee will
I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And
I will make thy seed as the dust of the
earth: so that if a man can number
the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy
seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk
through the land in the length of it and
in the breadth of it; for I will give it

unto thee. [18] Then Abram removed *his*
tent, and came and dwelt in the plain
of Mamre, which *is* in Hebron, and
built there an altar unto the LORD.*

14 And it came to pass in the
days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Ar-
ioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer
king of Elam, and Tidal king of na-
tions; [2] *That these* made war with
Bera king of Sodom, and with Bir-
sha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king
of Admah, and Shemeber king of Ze-
boiim, and the king of Bela, which is
Zoar. [3] All these were joined together

18. plain: Heb. plains.

in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt
sea. 4 Twelve years they served Che-
dorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year
they rebelled. 5 And in the fourteenth
year came Chedorlaomer, and the
kings that *were* with him, and smote
the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim,
and the Zuzims in Ham, and the
Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,* 6 And
the Horites in their mount Seir, unto
Elparan, which *is* by the wilderness.*
7 And they returned, and came to En-
mishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and smote
all the country of the Amalekites, and

14.5. Shaveh...: or, The plain of Kiriathaim.
6. Elparan: or, The plain of Paran.

also the Amorites, that dwelt in Haze-
zontamar. 8 And there went out the
king of Sodom, and the king of Go-
morrah, and the king of Admah, and
the king of Zeboiim, and the king
of Bela (the same *is* Zoar;) and they
joined battle with them in the vale
of Siddim; 9 With Chedorlaomer the
king of Elam, and with Tidal king of
nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar,
and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings
with five. 10 And the vale of Siddim
was full of slimepits; and the kings of
Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell
there; and they that remained fled to
the mountain. 11 And they took all

the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah,
and all their victuals, and went their
way. 12 And they took Lot, Abram's
brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom,
and his goods, and departed. 13 And
there came one that had escaped, and
told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt
in the plain of Mamre the Amor-
ite, brother of Eshcol, and brother
of Aner: and these *were* confeder-
ate with Abram. 14 And when Abram
heard that his brother was taken cap-
tive, he armed his trained *servants*,
born in his own house, three hun-
dred and eighteen, and pursued *them*

unto Dan.* [15] And he divided him-
self against them, he and his servants,
by night, and smote them, and pur-
sued them unto Hobah, which *is* on
the left hand of Damascus. [16] And he
brought back all the goods, and also
brought again his brother Lot, and
his goods, and the women also, and
the people. [17] And the king of Sodom
went out to meet him after his return
from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer,
and of the kings that *were* with him,
at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the
king's dale. [18] And Melchizedek king of
Salem brought forth bread and wine:

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14. armed: or, led forth. trained: or, instructed.

and he *was* the priest of the most high
God. [19] And he blessed him, and said,
Blessed *be* Abram of the most high
God, possessor of heaven and earth:
[20] And blessed be the most high God,
which hath delivered thine enemies
into thy hand. And he gave him tithes
of all. [21] And the king of Sodom said
unto Abram, Give me the persons,
and take the goods to thyself.* [22] And
Abram said to the king of Sodom, I
have lift up mine hand unto the LORD,
the most high God, the possessor of
heaven and earth, [23] That I will not *take*
from a thread even to a shoelatchet,

21. persons: Heb. souls.

and that I will not take any thing that
is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have
made Abram rich: [24] Save only that
which the young men have eaten, and
the portion of the men which went
with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre;
let them take their portion.

15 After these things the word of
the LORD came unto Abram in a vi-
sion, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am*
thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great re-
ward. [2] And Abram said, Lord GOD,
what wilt thou give me, seeing I go
childless, and the steward of my house
is this Eliezer of Damascus? [3] And

Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast
given no seed: and, lo, one born in
my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold,
the word of the LORD *came* unto him,
saying, This shall not be thine heir;
but he that shall come forth out of
thine own bowels shall be thine heir.
5 And he brought him forth abroad,
and said, Look now toward heaven,
and tell the stars, if thou be able to
number them: and he said unto him,
So shall thy seed be. 6 And he believed
in the LORD; and he counted it to
him for righteousness. 7 And he said
unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought
thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to

give thee this land to inherit it. 8 And
he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I
know that I shall inherit it? 9 And he
said unto him, Take me an heifer of
three years old, and a she goat of three
years old, and a ram of three years old,
and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.
10 And he took unto him all these, and
divided them in the midst, and laid
each piece one against another: but
the birds divided he not. 11 And when
the fowls came down upon the car-
cases, Abram drove them away. 12 And
when the sun was going down, a deep
sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an hor-
ror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a
surety that thy seed shall be a stranger
in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall
serve them; and they shall afflict them
four hundred years; 14 And also that
nation, whom they shall serve, will I
judge: and afterward shall they come
out with great substance. 15 And thou
shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou
shalt be buried in a good old age.
16 But in the fourth generation they
shall come hither again: for the in-
iquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.
17 And it came to pass, that, when the
sun went down, and it was dark, be-
hold a smoking furnace, and a burn-

ing lamp that passed between those
pieces.* [18] In the same day the LORD
made a covenant with Abram, saying,
Unto thy seed have I given this land,
from the river of Egypt unto the great
river, the river Euphrates: [19] The Ken-
ites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kad-
monites, [20] And the Hittites, and the
Perizzites, and the Rephaims, [21] And
the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and
the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

16 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare
him no children: and she had an
handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name

15.17. a burning...: Heb. a lamp of fire.

was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said unto
Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath
restrained me from bearing: I pray
thee, go in unto my maid; it may
be that I may obtain children by her.
And Abram hearkened to the voice of
Sarai.* 3 And Sarai Abram's wife took
Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after
Abram had dwelt ten years in the land
of Canaan, and gave her to her hus-
band Abram to be his wife. 4 And
he went in unto Hagar, and she con-
ceived: and when she saw that she had
conceived, her mistress was despised in
her eyes. 5 And Sarai said unto Abram,

16.2. obtain...: Heb. be built by her.

My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given
my maid into thy bosom; and when
she saw that she had conceived, I was
despised in her eyes: the LORD judge
between me and thee. 6 But Abram
said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in
thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee.
And when Sarai dealt hardly with her,
she fled from her face.* 7 And the an-
gel of the LORD found her by a foun-
tain of water in the wilderness, by the
fountain in the way to Shur. 8 And
he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence
camest thou? and whither wilt thou

6. as...: Heb. that which is good in thine eyes.
dealt...: Heb. afflicted her.

go? And she said, I flee from the face
of my mistress Sarai. 9 And the an-
gel of the LORD said unto her, Re-
turn to thy mistress, and submit thy-
self under her hands. 10 And the an-
gel of the LORD said unto her, I will
multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it
shall not be numbered for multitude.
11 And the angel of the LORD said unto
her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and
shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name
Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard
thy affliction.* 12 And he will be a wild
man; his hand *will be* against every
man, and every man's hand against

11. Ishmael: that is, God shall hear.

him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. 13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? 14 Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.* 15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. 16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

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14. Beerlahairoi: that is, The well of him that liveth and seeth me.

17 And when Abram was ninety
years old and nine, the LORD appeared
to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the
Almighty God; walk before me, and
be thou perfect.* 2 And I will make my
covenant between me and thee, and
will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And
Abram fell on his face: and God talked
with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold,
my covenant *is* with thee, and thou
shalt be a father of many nations.*
5 Neither shall thy name any more be
called Abram, but thy name shall be

17.1. perfect: or, upright, or, sincere.
4. many...: Heb. multitude of nations.

Abraham; for a father of many na-
tions have I made thee.* 6 And I will
make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will
make nations of thee, and kings shall
come out of thee. 7 And I will estab-
lish my covenant between me and thee
and thy seed after thee in their gener-
ations for an everlasting covenant, to
be a God unto thee, and to thy seed
after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee,
and to thy seed after thee, the land
wherein thou art a stranger, all the
land of Canaan, for an everlasting pos-
session; and I will be their God.* 9 And

5. Abraham: that is, Father of a great multitude.
8. wherein...: Heb. of thy sojournings.

God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt
keep my covenant therefore, thou, and
thy seed after thee in their genera-
tions. [10] This *is* my covenant, which
ye shall keep, between me and you
and thy seed after thee; Every man
child among you shall be circumcised.
[11] And ye shall circumcise the flesh of
your foreskin; and it shall be a to-
ken of the covenant betwixt me and
you. [12] And he that is eight days old
shall be circumcised among you, ev-
ery man child in your generations, he
that is born in the house, or bought
with money of any stranger, which *is*

not of thy seed.* [13] He that is born
in thy house, and he that is bought
with thy money, must needs be cir-
cumcised: and my covenant shall be in
your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
[14] And the uncircumcised man child
whose flesh of his foreskin is not cir-
cumcised, that soul shall be cut off
from his people; he hath broken my
covenant. [15] And God said unto Abra-
ham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt
not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall*
her name *be*.* [16] And I will bless her,
and give thee a son also of her: yea, I

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12. he that is eight...: Heb. a son of eight days.
15. Sarah: that is Princess.

will bless her, and she shall be *a mother*
of nations; kings of people shall be
of her.* [17] Then Abraham fell upon his
face, and laughed, and said in his heart,
Shall *a child* be born unto him that is
an hundred years old? and shall Sarah,
that is ninety years old, bear? [18] And
Abraham said unto God, O that Ish-
mael might live before thee! [19] And
God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear
thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call
his name Isaac: and I will establish my
covenant with him for an everlasting
covenant, *and* with his seed after him.
[20] And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee:

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16. she...: Heb. she shall become nations.

Behold, I have blessed him, and will
make him fruitful, and will multiply
him exceedingly; twelve princes shall
he beget, and I will make him a great
nation. [21] But my covenant will I estab-
lish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear
unto thee at this set time in the next
year. [22] And he left off talking with
him, and God went up from Abra-
ham. [23] And Abraham took Ishmael
his son, and all that were born in his
house, and all that were bought with
his money, every male among the men
of Abraham's house; and circumcised
the flesh of their foreskin in the self-
same day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old
and nine, when he was circumcised in
the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael
his son *was* thirteen years old, when he
was circumcised in the flesh of his fore-
skin. 26 In the selfsame day was Abra-
ham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.
27 And all the men of his house, born
in the house, and bought with money
of the stranger, were circumcised with
him.

18 And the LORD appeared unto
him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat
in the tent door in the heat of the day;
2 And he lift up his eyes and looked,
and, lo, three men stood by him: and

when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them
from the tent door, and bowed him-
self toward the ground, 3 And said, My
Lord, if now I have found favour in
thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee,
from thy servant: 4 Let a little wa-
ter, I pray you, be fetched, and wash
your feet, and rest yourselves under the
tree: 5 And I will fetch a morsel of
bread, and comfort ye your hearts; af-
ter that ye shall pass on: for therefore
are ye come to your servant. And they
said, So do, as thou hast said.* 6 And
Abraham hastened into the tent unto

18.5. comfort: Heb. stay. are...: Heb. you have passed.

Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly
three measures of fine meal, knead
it, and make cakes upon the hearth.*
7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and
fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave
it unto a young man; and he hasted
to dress it. 8 And he took butter,
and milk, and the calf which he had
dressed, and set *it* before them; and
he stood by them under the tree, and
they did eat. 9 And they said unto
him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And
he said, Behold, in the tent. 10 And he
said, I will certainly return unto thee
according to the time of life; and, lo,

6. Make ready...: Heb. Hasten.

Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And
Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which
was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and
Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age;
and it ceased to be with Sarah after
the manner of women. 12 Therefore
Sarah laughed within herself, saying,
After I am waxed old shall I have plea-
sure, my lord being old also? 13 And
the LORD said unto Abraham, Where-
fore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I
of a surety bear a child, which am
old? 14 Is any thing too hard for the
LORD? At the time appointed I will re-
turn unto thee, according to the time
of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed
not; for she was afraid. And he said,
Nay; but thou didst laugh. 16 And the
men rose up from thence, and looked
toward Sodom: and Abraham went
with them to bring them on the way.
17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from
Abraham that thing which I do; 18 See-
ing that Abraham shall surely become
a great and mighty nation, and all the
nations of the earth shall be blessed in
him? 19 For I know him, that he will
command his children and his house-
hold after him, and they shall keep
the way of the LORD, to do justice
and judgment; that the LORD may

bring upon Abraham that which he
hath spoken of him. [20] And the LORD
said, Because the cry of Sodom and
Gomorrah is great, and because their
sin is very grievous; [21] I will go down
now, and see whether they have done
altogether according to the cry of it,
which is come unto me; and if not,
I will know. [22] And the men turned
their faces from thence, and went to-
ward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet
before the LORD. [23] And Abraham
drew near, and said, Wilt thou also de-
stroy the righteous with the wicked?
[24] Peradventure there be fifty righteous
within the city: wilt thou also destroy

and not spare the place for the fifty
righteous that *are* therein? [25] That be
far from thee to do after this man-
ner, to slay the righteous with the
wicked: and that the righteous should
be as the wicked, that be far from thee:
Shall not the Judge of all the earth do
right? [26] And the LORD said, If I find in
Sodom fifty righteous within the city,
then I will spare all the place for their
sakes. [27] And Abraham answered and
said, Behold now, I have taken upon
me to speak unto the Lord, which
am but dust and ashes: [28] Peradventure
there shall lack five of the fifty righ-
teous: wilt thou destroy all the city

for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find
there forty and five, I will not destroy
it. [29] And he spake unto him yet again,
and said, Peradventure there shall be
forty found there. And he said, I will
not do *it* for forty's sake. [30] And he
said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord be
angry, and I will speak: Peradventure
there shall thirty be found there. And
he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty
there. [31] And he said, Behold now,
I have taken upon me to speak unto
the Lord: Peradventure there shall be
twenty found there. And he said, I
will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.
[32] And he said, Oh let not the Lord

be angry, and I will speak yet but this
once: Peradventure ten shall be found
there. And he said, I will not destroy
it for ten's sake. 33 And the LORD went
his way, as soon as he had left com-
muning with Abraham: and Abraham
returned unto his place.

19 And there came two angels to
Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate
of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose
up to meet them; and he bowed him-
self with his face toward the ground;
2 And he said, Behold now, my lords,
turn in, I pray you, into your servant's
house, and tarry all night, and wash

your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and
go on your ways. And they said, Nay;
but we will abide in the street all night.
3 And he pressed upon them greatly;
and they turned in unto him, and en-
tered into his house; and he made
them a feast, and did bake unleavened
bread, and they did eat. 4 But before
they lay down, the men of the city, *even*
the men of Sodom, compassed the
house round, both old and young, all
the people from every quarter: 5 And
they called unto Lot, and said unto
him, Where *are* the men which came
in to thee this night? bring them
out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto
them, and shut the door after him,
7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do
not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have
two daughters which have not known
man; let me, I pray you, bring them out
unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good
in your eyes: only unto these men do
nothing; for therefore came they un-
der the shadow of my roof. 9 And they
said, Stand back. And they said *again*,
This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and
he will needs be a judge: now will we
deal worse with thee, than with them.
And they pressed sore upon the man,
even Lot, and came near to break the

door. [10] But the men put forth their
hand, and pulled Lot into the house
to them, and shut to the door. [11] And
they smote the men that *were* at the
door of the house with blindness, both
small and great: so that they wearied
themselves to find the door. [12] And the
men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any
besides? son in law, and thy sons, and
thy daughters, and whatsoever thou
hast in the city, bring *them* out of this
place: [13] For we will destroy this place,
because the cry of them is waxen great
before the face of the LORD; and the
LORD hath sent us to destroy it. [14] And
Lot went out, and spake unto his sons

in law, which married his daughters,
and said, Up, get you out of this place;
for the LORD will destroy this city.
But he seemed as one that mocked
unto his sons in law. 15 And when the
morning arose, then the angels has-
tened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife,
and thy two daughters, which are here;
lest thou be consumed in the iniquity
of the city.* 16 And while he lingered,
the men laid hold upon his hand, and
upon the hand of his wife, and upon
the hand of his two daughters; the
LORD being merciful unto him: and

19.15. are here: Heb. are found. iniquity: or, punishment.

they brought him forth, and set him
without the city. [17] And it came to
pass, when they had brought them
forth abroad, that he said, Escape for
thy life; look not behind thee, neither
stay thou in all the plain; escape to
the mountain, lest thou be consumed.
[18] And Lot said unto them, Oh, not
so, my Lord: [19] Behold now, thy ser-
vant hath found grace in thy sight,
and thou hast magnified thy mercy,
which thou hast shewed unto me in
saving my life; and I cannot escape
to the mountain, lest some evil take
me, and I die: [20] Behold now, this city
is near to flee unto, and it *is* a little

one: Oh, let me escape thither, (*is* it
not a little one?) and my soul shall
live. [21] And he said unto him, See,
I have accepted thee concerning this
thing also, that I will not overthrow
this city, for the which thou hast spo-
ken.* [22] Haste thee, escape thither; for I
cannot do any thing till thou be come
thither. Therefore the name of the
city was called Zoar.* [23] The sun was
risen upon the earth when Lot entered
into Zoar.* [24] Then the LORD rained
upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah

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21. thee: Heb. thy face.
22. Zoar: that is, Little.
23. risen: Heb. gone forth.

brimstone and fire from the LORD out
of heaven; [25] And he overthrew those
cities, and all the plain, and all the in-
habitants of the cities, and that which
grew upon the ground. [26] But his wife
looked back from behind him, and
she became a pillar of salt. [27] And
Abraham gat up early in the morn-
ing to the place where he stood be-
fore the LORD: [28] And he looked to-
ward Sodom and Gomorrah, and to-
ward all the land of the plain, and be-
held, and, lo, the smoke of the coun-
try went up as the smoke of a fur-
nace. [29] And it came to pass, when
God destroyed the cities of the plain,

that God remembered Abraham, and
sent Lot out of the midst of the over-
throw, when he overthrew the cities in
the which Lot dwelt. 30 And Lot went
up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the moun-
tain, and his two daughters with him;
for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he
dwelt in a cave, he and his two daugh-
ters. 31 And the firstborn said unto the
younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is*
not a man in the earth to come in unto
us after the manner of all the earth:
32 Come, let us make our father drink
wine, and we will lie with him, that we
may preserve seed of our father. 33 And
they made their father drink wine that

night: and the firstborn went in, and
lay with her father; and he perceived
not when she lay down, nor when she
arose. 34 And it came to pass on the
morrow, that the firstborn said unto
the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight
with my father: let us make him drink
wine this night also; and go thou in,
and lie with him, that we may preserve
seed of our father. 35 And they made
their father drink wine that night also:
and the younger arose, and lay with
him; and he perceived not when she
lay down, nor when she arose. 36 Thus
were both the daughters of Lot with
child by their father. 37 And the first-

born bare a son, and called his name
Moab: the same *is* the father of the
Moabites unto this day. 38 And the
younger, she also bare a son, and called
his name Benammi: the same *is* the fa-
ther of the children of Ammon unto
this day.

20 And Abraham journeyed from
thence toward the south country, and
dwelled between Kadesh and Shur,
and sojourned in Gerar. 2 And Abra-
ham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my
sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar
sent, and took Sarah. 3 But God came
to Abimelech in a dream by night, and

said to him, Behold, thou *art but* a
dead man, for the woman which thou
hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife.*
4 But Abimelech had not come near
her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay
also a righteous nation? 5 Said he not
unto me, She *is* my sister? and she,
even she herself said, He *is* my brother:
in the integrity of my heart and inno-
cency of my hands have I done this.*
6 And God said unto him in a dream,
Yea, I know that thou didst this in the
integrity of thy heart; for I also with-
held thee from sinning against me:

20.3. a man's...: Heb. married to an husband.
5. integrity: or, simplicity, or, sincerity.

therefore suffered I thee not to touch
her. 7 Now therefore restore the man
his wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he
shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live:
and if thou restore *her* not, know thou
that thou shalt surely die, thou, and
all that *are* thine. 8 Therefore Abim-
elech rose early in the morning, and
called all his servants, and told all these
things in their ears: and the men were
sore afraid. 9 Then Abimelech called
Abraham, and said unto him, What
hast thou done unto us? and what
have I offended thee, that thou hast
brought on me and on my kingdom a
great sin? thou hast done deeds unto

me that ought not to be done. [10] And
Abimelech said unto Abraham, What
sawest thou, that thou hast done this
thing? [11] And Abraham said, Because
I thought, Surely the fear of God *is*
not in this place; and they will slay
me for my wife's sake. [12] And yet in-
deed *she is* my sister; she *is* the daugh-
ter of my father, but not the daugh-
ter of my mother; and she became
my wife. [13] And it came to pass,
when God caused me to wander from
my father's house, that I said unto
her, This *is* thy kindness which thou
shalt shew unto me; at every place
whither we shall come, say of me, He

is my brother. 14 And Abimelech took
sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and
womenservants, and gave *them* unto
Abraham, and restored him Sarah his
wife. 15 And Abimelech said, Behold,
my land *is* before thee: dwell where
it pleaseth thee.* 16 And unto Sarah he
said, Behold, I have given thy brother a
thousand *pieces* of silver: behold, he *is*
to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all
that *are* with thee, and with all *other*:
thus she was reproved. 17 So Abraham
prayed unto God: and God healed
Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-
servants; and they bare *children*. 18 For

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15. where...: Heb. as is good in thine eyes.

the LORD had fast closed up all the
wombs of the house of Abimelech, be-
cause of Sarah Abraham's wife.
21 And the LORD visited Sarah as
he had said, and the LORD did unto
Sarah as he had spoken. 2 For Sarah
conceived, and bare Abraham a son in
his old age, at the set time of which
God had spoken to him. 3 And Abra-
ham called the name of his son that
was born unto him, whom Sarah bare
to him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circum-
cised his son Isaac being eight days old,
as God had commanded him. 5 And
Abraham was an hundred years old,
when his son Isaac was born unto him.

6 And Sarah said, God hath made me
to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh
with me. 7 And she said, Who would
have said unto Abraham, that Sarah
should have given children suck? for
I have born *him* a son in his old age.
8 And the child grew, and was weaned:
and Abraham made a great feast the
same day that Isaac was weaned. 9 And
Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyp-
tian, which she had born unto Abra-
ham, mocking. 10 Wherefore she said
unto Abraham, Cast out this bond-
woman and her son: for the son of this
bondwoman shall not be heir with my
son, *even* with Isaac. 11 And the thing

was very grievous in Abraham's sight
because of his son. 12 And God said
unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous
in thy sight because of the lad, and be-
cause of thy bondwoman; in all that
Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken
unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy
seed be called. 13 And also of the son of
the bondwoman will I make a nation,
because he *is* thy seed. 14 And Abraham
rose up early in the morning, and took
bread, and a bottle of water, and gave
it unto Hagar, putting *it* on her shoul-
der, and the child, and sent her away:
and she departed, and wandered in the
wilderness of Beersheba. 15 And the

water was spent in the bottle, and she
cast the child under one of the shrubs.
16 And she went, and sat her down over
against *him* a good way off, as it were
a bowshot: for she said, Let me not
see the death of the child. And she sat
over against *him*, and lift up her voice,
and wept. 17 And God heard the voice
of the lad; and the angel of God called
to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto
her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not;
for God hath heard the voice of the
lad where he *is*. 18 Arise, lift up the
lad, and hold him in thine hand; for
I will make him a great nation. 19 And
God opened her eyes, and she saw a

well of water; and she went, and filled
the bottle with water, and gave the lad
drink. [20] And God was with the lad;
and he grew, and dwelt in the wilder-
ness, and became an archer. [21] And
he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran:
and his mother took him a wife out
of the land of Egypt. [22] And it came to
pass at that time, that Abimelech and
Phichol the chief captain of his host
spake unto Abraham, saying, God *is*
with thee in all that thou doest: [23] Now
therefore swear unto me here by God
that thou wilt not deal falsely with me,
nor with my son, nor with my son's
son: *but* according to the kindness

that I have done unto thee, thou shalt
do unto me, and to the land wherein
thou hast sojourned.* 24 And Abraham
said, I will swear. 25 And Abraham re-
proved Abimelech because of a well of
water, which Abimelech's servants had
violently taken away. 26 And Abim-
elech said, I wot not who hath done
this thing: neither didst thou tell me,
neither yet heard I *of it*, but to day.
27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen,
and gave them unto Abimelech; and
both of them made a covenant. 28 And
Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the
flock by themselves. 29 And Abimelech

21.23. that thou...: Heb. if thou shalt lie unto me.

said unto Abraham, What *mean* these
seven ewe lambs which thou hast set
by themselves? 30 And he said, For *these*
seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of
my hand, that they may be a witness
unto me, that I have digged this well.
31 Wherefore he called that place Beer-
sheba; because there they sware both
of them.* 32 Thus they made a covenant
at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose
up, and Phichol the chief captain of
his host, and they returned into the
land of the Philistines. 33 And *Abra-*
ham planted a grove in Beersheba,
and called there on the name of the

31. Beersheba: that is, The well of the oath.

LORD, the everlasting God.* 34 And
Abraham sojourned in the Philistines'
land many days.

22 And it came to pass after these
things, that God did tempt Abraham,
and said unto him, Abraham: and
he said, Behold, *here* I *am*.* 2 And he
said, Take now thy son, thine only *son*
Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee
into the land of Moriah; and offer him
there for a burnt offering upon one of
the mountains which I will tell thee
of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in
the morning, and saddled his ass, and

33. grove: or, tree.
22.1. Behold...: Heb. Behold me.

took two of his young men with him,
and Isaac his son, and clave the wood
for the burnt offering, and rose up,
and went unto the place of which God
had told him. 4 Then on the third
day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and
saw the place afar off. 5 And Abra-
ham said unto his young men, Abide
ye here with the ass; and I and the
lad will go yonder and worship, and
come again to you. 6 And Abraham
took the wood of the burnt offering,
and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and
he took the fire in his hand, and a
knife; and they went both of them to-
gether. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abra-

ham his father, and said, My father:
and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And
he said, Behold the fire and the wood:
but where *is* the lamb for a burnt of-
fering?* 8 And Abraham said, My son,
God will provide himself a lamb for
a burnt offering: so they went both
of them together. 9 And they came
to the place which God had told him
of; and Abraham built an altar there,
and laid the wood in order, and bound
Isaac his son, and laid him on the al-
tar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham
stretched forth his hand, and took the
knife to slay his son. 11 And the an-

7. lamb: or, kid.

gel of the LORD called unto him out
of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abra-
ham: and he said, Here *am* I. 12 And he
said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad,
neither do thou any thing unto him:
for now I know that thou fearest God,
seeing thou hast not withheld thy son,
thine only *son* from me. 13 And Abra-
ham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and
behold behind *him* a ram caught in a
thicket by his horns: and Abraham
went and took the ram, and offered
him up for a burnt offering in the stead
of his son. 14 And Abraham called the
name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it
is said *to* this day, In the mount of the

LORD it shall be seen.* [15] And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham
out of heaven the second time, [16] And
said, By myself have I sworn, saith the
LORD, for because thou hast done this
thing, and hast not withheld thy son,
thine only *son*: [17] That in blessing I will
bless thee, and in multiplying I will
multiply thy seed as the stars of the
heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon
the sea shore; and thy seed shall pos-
sess the gate of his enemies;* [18] And in
thy seed shall all the nations of the

14. Jehovahjireh: that is, The Lord will see, or, provide.
17. shore: Heb. lip.

earth be blessed; because thou hast
obeyed my voice. 19 So Abraham re-
turned unto his young men, and they
rose up and went together to Beer-
sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-
sheba. 20 And it came to pass after
these things, that it was told Abra-
ham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath
also born children unto thy brother
Nahor; 21 Huz his firstborn, and Buz
his brother, and Kemuel the father
of Aram, 22 And Chesed, and Hazo,
and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.
23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these
eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abra-

ham's brother.* 24 And his concubine,
whose name *was* Reumah, she bare
also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash,
and Maachah.

23 And Sarah was an hundred and
seven and twenty years old: *these were*
the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And
Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same *is*
Hebron in the land of Canaan: and
Abraham came to mourn for Sarah,
and to weep for her. 3 And Abraham
stood up from before his dead, and
spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,
4 I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with

23. Rebekah: Gr. Rebecca.

you: give me a possession of a bury-
ingplace with you, that I may bury
my dead out of my sight. 5 And the
children of Heth answered Abraham,
saying unto him, 6 Hear us, my lord:
thou *art* a mighty prince among us:
in the choice of our sepulchres bury
thy dead; none of us shall withhold
from thee his sepulchre, but that thou
mayest bury thy dead.* 7 And Abra-
ham stood up, and bowed himself to
the people of the land, *even* to the chil-
dren of Heth. 8 And he communed
with them, saying, If it be your mind
that I should bury my dead out of my

23.6. a mighty...: Heb. a prince of God.

sight; hear me, and intreat for me to
Ephron the son of Zohar, 9 That he
may give me the cave of Machpelah,
which he hath, which *is* in the end of
his field; for as much money as it is
worth he shall give it me for a posses-
sion of a buryingplace amongst you.*
10 And Ephron dwelt among the chil-
dren of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite
answered Abraham in the audience of
the children of Heth, *even* of all that
went in at the gate of his city, saying,*
11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give
I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I

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9. as much...: Heb. full money.
10. audience: Heb. ears.

give it thee; in the presence of the sons
of my people give I it thee: bury thy
dead. 12 And Abraham bowed down
himself before the people of the land.
13 And he spake unto Ephron in the au-
dience of the people of the land, say-
ing, But if thou *wilt give it*, I pray thee,
hear me: I will give thee money for the
field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my
dead there. 14 And Ephron answered
Abraham, saying unto him, 15 My lord,
hearken unto me: the land *is worth*
four hundred shekels of silver; what *is*
that betwixt me and thee? bury there-
fore thy dead. 16 And Abraham hear-
kened unto Ephron; and Abraham

weighed to Ephron the silver, which
he had named in the audience of the
sons of Heth, four hundred shekels
of silver, current *money* with the mer-
chant. [17] And the field of Ephron,
which *was* in Machpelah, which *was*
before Mamre, the field, and the cave
which *was* therein, and all the trees
that *were* in the field, that *were* in all
the borders round about, were made
sure [18] Unto Abraham for a posses-
sion in the presence of the children of
Heth, before all that went in at the gate
of his city. [19] And after this, Abraham
buried Sarah his wife in the cave of
the field of Machpelah before Mamre:

the same *is* Hebron in the land of Ca-
naan. [20] And the field, and the cave that
is therein, were made sure unto Abra-
ham for a possession of a buryingplace
by the sons of Heth.

24 And Abraham was old, *and* well
stricken in age: and the LORD had
blessed Abraham in all things.* [2] And
Abraham said unto his eldest servant
of his house, that ruled over all that
he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand
under my thigh: [3] And I will make
thee swear by the LORD, the God of
heaven, and the God of the earth,

24.1. well...: Heb. gone into days.

that thou shalt not take a wife unto
my son of the daughters of the Ca-
naanites, among whom I dwell: 4 But
thou shalt go unto my country, and
to my kindred, and take a wife unto
my son Isaac. 5 And the servant said
unto him, Peradventure the woman
will not be willing to follow me unto
this land: must I needs bring thy son
again unto the land from whence thou
camest? 6 And Abraham said unto
him, Beware thou that thou bring not
my son thither again. 7 The LORD
God of heaven, which took me from
my father's house, and from the land
of my kindred, and which spake unto

me, and that sware unto me, saying,
Unto thy seed will I give this land;
he shall send his angel before thee,
and thou shalt take a wife unto my
son from thence. 8 And if the wo-
man will not be willing to follow thee,
then thou shalt be clear from this my
oath: only bring not my son thither
again. 9 And the servant put his hand
under the thigh of Abraham his mas-
ter, and sware to him concerning that
matter. 10 And the servant took ten
camels of the camels of his master, and
departed; for all the goods of his mas-
ter *were* in his hand: and he arose, and
went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of

Nahor.* [11] And he made his camels to
kneel down without the city by a well
of water at the time of the evening,
even the time that women go out to
draw *water*.* [12] And he said, O LORD
God of my master Abraham, I pray
thee, send me good speed this day, and
shew kindness unto my master Abra-
ham. [13] Behold, I stand *here* by the
well of water; and the daughters of the
men of the city come out to draw wa-
ter: [14] And let it come to pass, that the
damsel to whom I shall say, Let down

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10. for: or, and.

11. that...: Heb. that women who draw water go forth.

thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may
drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I
will give thy camels drink also: *let the*
same be she *that* thou hast appointed
for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall
I know that thou hast shewed kind-
ness unto my master. [15] And it came
to pass, before he had done speaking,
that, behold, Rebekah came out, who
was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah,
the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother,
with her pitcher upon her shoulder.
[16] And the damsel *was* very fair to look
upon, a virgin, neither had any man
known her: and she went down to
the well, and filled her pitcher, and

came up.* [17] And the servant ran to
meet her, and said, Let me, I pray
thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.
[18] And she said, Drink, my lord: and
she hasted, and let down her pitcher
upon her hand, and gave him drink.
[19] And when she had done giving him
drink, she said, I will draw *water* for
thy camels also, until they have done
drinking. [20] And she hasted, and emp-
tied her pitcher into the trough, and
ran again unto the well to draw *water*,
and drew for all his camels. [21] And the
man wondering at her held his peace,
to wit whether the LORD had made

16. very...: Heb. good of countenance.

his journey prosperous or not. [22] And
it came to pass, as the camels had done
drinking, that the man took a golden
earring of half a shekel weight, and two
bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels*
weight of gold;* [23] And said, Whose
daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee:
is there room *in* thy father's house for
us to lodge in? [24] And she said unto
him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the
son of Milcah, which she bare unto
Nahor. [25] She said moreover unto him,
We have both straw and provender
enough, and room to lodge in. [26] And
the man bowed down his head, and

22. earring: or, jewel for the forehead.

worshipped the LORD. [27] And he said,
Blessed *be* the LORD God of my mas-
ter Abraham, who hath not left des-
titute my master of his mercy and his
truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD
led me to the house of my master's
brethren. [28] And the damsel ran, and
told *them of* her mother's house these
things. [29] And Rebekah had a brother,
and his name *was* Laban: and Laban
ran out unto the man, unto the well.
[30] And it came to pass, when he saw the
earring and bracelets upon his sister's
hands, and when he heard the words of
Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake
the man unto me; that he came unto

the man; and, behold, he stood by
the camels at the well. 31 And he said,
Come in, thou blessed of the LORD;
wherefore standest thou without? for I
have prepared the house, and room for
the camels. 32 And the man came into
the house: and he ungirded his camels,
and gave straw and provender for the
camels, and water to wash his feet,
and the men's feet that *were* with him.
33 And there was set *meat* before him to
eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I
have told mine errand. And he said,
Speak on. 34 And he said, I *am* Abra-
ham's servant. 35 And the LORD hath
blessed my master greatly; and he is

become great: and he hath given him
flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold,
and menservants, and maidservants,
and camels, and asses. 36 And Sarah my
master's wife bare a son to my master
when she was old: and unto him hath
he given all that he hath. 37 And my
master made me swear, saying, Thou
shalt not take a wife to my son of the
daughters of the Canaanites, in whose
land I dwell: 38 But thou shalt go unto
my father's house, and to my kindred,
and take a wife unto my son. 39 And
I said unto my master, Peradventure
the woman will not follow me. 40 And
he said unto me, The LORD, before

whom I walk, will send his angel with
thee, and prosper thy way; and thou
shalt take a wife for my son of my kin-
dred, and of my father's house: [41] Then
shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath,
when thou comest to my kindred; and
if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be
clear from my oath. [42] And I came this
day unto the well, and said, O Lord
God of my master Abraham, if now
thou do prosper my way which I go:
[43] Behold, I stand by the well of water;
and it shall come to pass, that when
the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*,
and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee,
a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me, Both drink thou,
and I will also draw for thy camels:
let the same *be* the woman whom the
LORD hath appointed out for my mas-
ter's son. 45 And before I had done
speaking in mine heart, behold, Re-
bekah came forth with her pitcher on
her shoulder; and she went down unto
the well, and drew *water*: and I said
unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.
46 And she made haste, and let down
her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said,
Drink, and I will give thy camels drink
also: so I drank, and she made the
camels drink also. 47 And I asked her,
and said, Whose daughter *art* thou?

And she said, The daughter of Bethuel,
Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto
him: and I put the earring upon her
face, and the bracelets upon her hands.
48 And I bowed down my head, and
worshipped the LORD, and blessed the
LORD God of my master Abraham,
which had led me in the right way
to take my master's brother's daugh-
ter unto his son. 49 And now if ye will
deal kindly and truly with my master,
tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may
turn to the right hand, or to the left.
50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered
and said, The thing proceedeth from
the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee

bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah *is* be-
fore thee, take *her*, and go, and let her
be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD
hath spoken. 52 And it came to pass,
that, when Abraham's servant heard
their words, he worshipped the LORD,
bowing himself to the earth. 53 And the
servant brought forth jewels of silver,
and jewels of gold, and raiment, and
gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also
to her brother and to her mother pre-
cious things.* 54 And they did eat and
drink, he and the men that *were* with
him, and tarried all night; and they
rose up in the morning, and he said,

53. jewels: Heb. vessels.

Send me away unto my master. [55] And
her brother and her mother said, Let
the damsel abide with us *a few* days, at
the least ten; after that she shall go.*
[56] And he said unto them, Hinder me
not, seeing the LORD hath prospered
my way; send me away that I may go
to my master. [57] And they said, We
will call the damsel, and enquire at her
mouth. [58] And they called Rebekah,
and said unto her, Wilt thou go with
this man? And she said, I will go.
[59] And they sent away Rebekah their
sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's
servant, and his men. [60] And they

55. a few...: or, a full year, or ten months.

blessed Rebekah, and said unto her,
Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother*
of thousands of millions, and let thy
seed possess the gate of those which
hate them. 61 And Rebekah arose, and
her damsels, and they rode upon the
camels, and followed the man: and
the servant took Rebekah, and went
his way. 62 And Isaac came from the
way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt
in the south country. 63 And Isaac went
out to meditate in the field at the even-
tide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw,
and, behold, the camels *were* coming.*
64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and

63. to meditate: or, to pray.

when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the
camel. 65 For she *had* said unto the ser-
vant, What man *is* this that walketh in
the field to meet us? And the servant
had said, It *is* my master: therefore she
took a vail, and covered herself. 66 And
the servant told Isaac all things that
he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her
into his mother Sarah's tent, and took
Rebekah, and she became his wife; and
he loved her: and Isaac was comforted
after his mother's *death*.

25 Then again Abraham took a
wife, and her name *was* Keturah.
2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jok-

shan, and Medan, and Midian, and
Ishbak, and Shuah. 3 And Jokshan
begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the
sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Le-
tushim, and Leummim. 4 And the
sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher,
and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah.
All these *were* the children of Ketu-
rah. 5 And Abraham gave all that
he had unto Isaac. 6 But unto the
sons of the concubines, which Abra-
ham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent
them away from Isaac his son, while
he yet lived, eastward, unto the east
country. 7 And these *are* the days
of the years of Abraham's life which

he lived, an hundred threescore and
fifteen years. 8 Then Abraham gave
up the ghost, and died in a good old
age, an old man, and full *of years*; and
was gathered to his people. 9 And his
sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in
the cave of Machpelah, in the field
of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hit-
tite, which *is* before Mamre; 10 The
field which Abraham purchased of the
sons of Heth: there was Abraham
buried, and Sarah his wife. 11 And it
came to pass after the death of Abra-
ham, that God blessed his son Isaac;
and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi.
12 Now these *are* the generations of

Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Ha-
gar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid,
bare unto Abraham: [13] And these *are*
the names of the sons of Ishmael, by
their names, according to their gener-
ations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Neba-
joth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and
Mibsam, [14] And Mishma, and Dumah,
and Massa, [15] Hadar, and Tema, Je-
tur, Naphish, and Kedemah:* [16] These
are the sons of Ishmael, and these *are*
their names, by their towns, and by
their castles; twelve princes according
to their nations. [17] And these *are* the
years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred

25.15. Hadar: or, Hadad.

and thirty and seven years: and he gave
up the ghost and died; and was gath-
ered unto his people. 18 And they dwelt
from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* be-
fore Egypt, as thou goest toward As-
syria: *and* he died in the presence of
all his brethren.* 19 And these *are* the
generations of Isaac, Abraham's son:
Abraham begat Isaac: 20 And Isaac was
forty years old when he took Rebekah
to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the
Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to La-
ban the Syrian. 21 And Isaac intreated
the LORD for his wife, because she *was*
barren: and the LORD was intreated

18. died: Heb. fell.

of him, and Rebekah his wife con-
ceived. [22] And the children struggled
together within her; and she said, If *it*
be so, why *am* I thus? And she went
to enquire of the LORD. [23] And the
LORD said unto her, Two nations *are*
in thy womb, and two manner of peo-
ple shall be separated from thy bowels;
and *the one* people shall be stronger
than *the other* people; and the elder
shall serve the younger. [24] And when
her days to be delivered were fulfilled,
behold, *there were* twins in her womb.
[25] And the first came out red, all over
like an hairy garment; and they called
his name Esau. [26] And after that came

his brother out, and his hand took
hold on Esau's heel; and his name was
called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore
years old when she bare them. [27] And
the boys grew: and Esau was a cun-
ning hunter, a man of the field; and
Jacob *was* a plain man, dwelling in
tents. [28] And Isaac loved Esau, because
he did eat of *his* venison: but Re-
bekah loved Jacob.* [29] And Jacob sod
pottage: and Esau came from the field,
and he *was* faint: [30] And Esau said
to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with
that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint:

28. he...: Heb. venison was in his mouth.

therefore was his name called Edom.*
31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy
birthright. 32 And Esau said, Behold,
I *am* at the point to die: and what
profit shall this birthright do to me?*
33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day;
and he sware unto him: and he sold
his birthright unto Jacob. 34 Then Ja-
cob gave Esau bread and pottage of
lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and
rose up, and went his way: thus Esau
despised *his* birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the

30. with...: Heb. with that red, with that red pottage. Edom: that is Red.
32. at...: Heb. going to die.

land, beside the first famine that was
in the days of Abraham. And Isaac
went unto Abimelech king of the Phi-
listines unto Gerar. 2 And the LORD
appeared unto him, and said, Go not
down into Egypt; dwell in the land
which I shall tell thee of: 3 Sojourn in
this land, and I will be with thee, and
will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto
thy seed, I will give all these countries,
and I will perform the oath which I
sware unto Abraham thy father; 4 And
I will make thy seed to multiply as the
stars of heaven, and will give unto thy
seed all these countries; and in thy
seed shall all the nations of the earth

be blessed; 5 Because that Abraham
obeyed my voice, and kept my charge,
my commandments, my statutes, and
my laws. 6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:
7 And the men of the place asked *him*
of his wife; and he said, She *is* my sister:
for he feared to say, *She is* my wife; lest,
said he, the men of the place should
kill me for Rebekah; because she *was*
fair to look upon. 8 And it came to
pass, when he had been there a long
time, that Abimelech king of the Phi-
listines looked out at a window, and
saw, and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting
with Rebekah his wife. 9 And Abim-
elech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of

a surety she *is* thy wife: and how saidst
thou, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said
unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for
her. 10 And Abimelech said, What *is*
this thou hast done unto us? one of the
people might lightly have lien with thy
wife, and thou shouldest have brought
guiltiness upon us. 11 And Abimelech
charged all *his* people, saying, He that
toucheth this man or his wife shall
surely be put to death. 12 Then Isaac
sowed in that land, and received in the
same year an hundredfold: and the
LORD blessed him.* 13 And the man
waxed great, and went forward, and

26.12. received: Heb. found.

grew until he became very great:* 14 For
he had possession of flocks, and pos-
session of herds, and great store of
servants: and the Philistines envied
him.* 15 For all the wells which his fa-
ther's servants had digged in the days
of Abraham his father, the Philistines
had stopped them, and filled them
with earth. 16 And Abimelech said
unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art
much mightier than we. 17 And Isaac
departed thence, and pitched his tent
in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.
18 And Isaac digged again the wells of

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13. went...: Heb. went going.
14. servants: or, husbandry.

water, which they had digged in the
days of Abraham his father; for the
Philistines had stopped them after the
death of Abraham: and he called their
names after the names by which his fa-
ther had called them. 19 And Isaac's ser-
vants digged in the valley, and found
there a well of springing water.* 20 And
the herdmen of Gerar did strive with
Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water *is*
ours: and he called the name of the
well Esek; because they strove with
him.* 21 And they digged another well,
and strove for that also: and he called

19. springing: Heb. living.
20. Esek: that is, Contention.

the name of it Sitnah.* [22] And he re-
moved from thence, and digged an-
other well; and for that they strove
not: and he called the name of it
Rehoboth; and he said, For now the
LORD hath made room for us, and
we shall be fruitful in the land.* [23] And
he went up from thence to Beersheba.
[24] And the LORD appeared unto him
the same night, and said, I *am* the God
of Abraham thy father: fear not, for
I *am* with thee, and will bless thee,
and multiply thy seed for my servant
Abraham's sake. [25] And he builded

21. Sitnah: that is, Hatred.
22. Rehoboth: that is Room.

an altar there, and called upon the
name of the LORD, and pitched his
tent there: and there Isaac's servants
digged a well. 26 Then Abimelech went
to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one
of his friends, and Phichol the chief
captain of his army. 27 And Isaac said
unto them, Wherefore come ye to me,
seeing ye hate me, and have sent me
away from you? 28 And they said, We
saw certainly that the LORD was with
thee: and we said, Let there be now
an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us
and thee, and let us make a covenant
with thee;* 29 That thou wilt do us no

28. We saw...: Heb. Seeing we saw.

hurt, as we have not touched thee, and
as we have done unto thee nothing
but good, and have sent thee away in
peace: thou *art* now the blessed of the
LORD.* 30 And he made them a feast,
and they did eat and drink. 31 And
they rose up betimes in the morn-
ing, and sware one to another: and
Isaac sent them away, and they de-
parted from him in peace. 32 And it
came to pass the same day, that Isaac's
servants came, and told him concern-
ing the well which they had digged,
and said unto him, We have found wa-
ter. 33 And he called it Shebah: there-

29. That...: Heb. If thou shalt.

fore the name of the city *is* Beersheba
unto this day.* 34 And Esau was forty
years old when he took to wife Judith
the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and
Bashemath the daughter of Elon the
Hittite: 35 Which were a grief of mind
unto Isaac and to Rebekah.*

27 And it came to pass, that when
Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim,
so that he could not see, he called
Esau his eldest son, and said unto him,
My son: and he said unto him, Be-
hold, *here am* I. 2 And he said, Be-

33. Shebah: That is, an oath. Beersheba: that is, the well of the oath.
35. a grief...: Heb. bitterness of spirit.

hold now, I am old, I know not the
day of my death: 3 Now therefore
take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy
quiver and thy bow, and go out to
the field, and take me *some* venison;*
4 And make me savoury meat, such as
I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may
eat; that my soul may bless thee be-
fore I die. 5 And Rebekah heard when
Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau
went to the field to hunt *for* venison,
and to bring *it*. 6 And Rebekah spake
unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I
heard thy father speak unto Esau thy
brother, saying, 7 Bring me venison,

27.3. take: Heb. hunt.

and make me savoury meat, that I may
eat, and bless thee before the LORD be-
fore my death. 8 Now therefore, my
son, obey my voice according to that
which I command thee. 9 Go now to
the flock, and fetch me from thence
two good kids of the goats; and I will
make them savoury meat for thy fa-
ther, such as he loveth: 10 And thou
shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may
eat, and that he may bless thee before
his death. 11 And Jacob said to Re-
bekah his mother, Behold, Esau my
brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a
smooth man: 12 My father peradven-
ture will feel me, and I shall seem to

him as a deceiver; and I shall bring
a curse upon me, and not a blessing.
13 And his mother said unto him, Upon
me *be* thy curse, my son: only obey my
voice, and go fetch me *them*. 14 And he
went, and fetched, and brought *them*
to his mother: and his mother made
savoury meat, such as his father loved.
15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment
of her eldest son Esau, which *were* with
her in the house, and put them upon
Jacob her younger son:* 16 And she put
the skins of the kids of the goats upon
his hands, and upon the smooth of
his neck: 17 And she gave the savoury

15. goodly: Heb. desirable.

meat and the bread, which she had
prepared, into the hand of her son Ja-
cob. 18 And he came unto his father,
and said, My father: and he said, Here
am I; who *art* thou, my son? 19 And
Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau
thy firstborn; I have done according as
thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit
and eat of my venison, that thy soul
may bless me. 20 And Isaac said unto
his son, How *is it* that thou hast found
it so quickly, my son? And he said,
Because the LORD thy God brought
it to me.* 21 And Isaac said unto Ja-
cob, Come near, I pray thee, that I

20. to me: Heb. before me.

may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be*
my very son Esau or not. [22] And Jacob
went near unto Isaac his father; and he
felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacob's
voice, but the hands *are* the hands of
Esau. [23] And he discerned him not,
because his hands were hairy, as his
brother Esau's hands: so he blessed
him. [24] And he said, *Art* thou my very
son Esau? And he said, I *am*. [25] And
he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I
will eat of my son's venison, that my
soul may bless thee. And he brought
it near to him, and he did eat: and
he brought him wine, and he drank.
[26] And his father Isaac said unto him,

Come near now, and kiss me, my son.
27 And he came near, and kissed him:
and he smelled the smell of his rai-
ment, and blessed him, and said, See,
the smell of my son *is* as the smell of
a field which the LORD hath blessed:
28 Therefore God give thee of the dew
of heaven, and the fatness of the earth,
and plenty of corn and wine: 29 Let
people serve thee, and nations bow
down to thee: be lord over thy breth-
ren, and let thy mother's sons bow
down to thee: cursed *be* every one that
curseth thee, and blessed *be* he that
blesseth thee. 30 And it came to pass, as
soon as Isaac had made an end of bless-

ing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce
gone out from the presence of Isaac
his father, that Esau his brother came
in from his hunting. 31 And he also
had made savoury meat, and brought
it unto his father, and said unto his fa-
ther, Let my father arise, and eat of his
son's venison, that thy soul may bless
me. 32 And Isaac his father said unto
him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I
am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. 33 And
Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and
said, Who? where *is* he that hath taken
venison, and brought *it* me, and I have
eaten of all before thou camest, and
have blessed him? yea, *and* he shall

be blessed.* [34] And when Esau heard
the words of his father, he cried with
a great and exceeding bitter cry, and
said unto his father, Bless me, *even*
me also, O my father. [35] And he said,
Thy brother came with subtilty, and
hath taken away thy blessing. [36] And
he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob?
for he hath supplanted me these two
times: he took away my birthright;
and, behold, now he hath taken away
my blessing. And he said, Hast thou
not reserved a blessing for me?* [37] And

33. trembled...: Heb. trembled with a great trembling greatly. taken: Heb. hunted.
36. Jacob: that is, A supplanter.

Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Be-
hold, I have made him thy lord, and
all his brethren have I given to him
for servants; and with corn and wine
have I sustained him: and what shall
I do now unto thee, my son?* 38 And
Esau said unto his father, Hast thou
but one blessing, my father? bless me,
even me also, O my father. And Esau
lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 And
Isaac his father answered and said unto
him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the
fatness of the earth, and of the dew
of heaven from above;* 40 And by thy

37. sustained: or, supported.
39. the fatness: or, of the fatness.

sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve
thy brother; and it shall come to pass
when thou shalt have the dominion,
that thou shalt break his yoke from off
thy neck. 41 And Esau hated Jacob be-
cause of the blessing wherewith his fa-
ther blessed him: and Esau said in his
heart, The days of mourning for my
father are at hand; then will I slay my
brother Jacob. 42 And these words of
Esau her elder son were told to Re-
bekah: and she sent and called Jacob
her younger son, and said unto him,
Behold, thy brother Esau, as touch-
ing thee, doth comfort himself, *pur-
posing* to kill thee. 43 Now therefore,

my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee
thou to Laban my brother to Haran;
44 And tarry with him a few days, un-
til thy brother's fury turn away; 45 Un-
til thy brother's anger turn away from
thee, and he forget *that* which thou
hast done to him: then I will send, and
fetch thee from thence: why should
I be deprived also of you both in one
day? 46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am
weary of my life because of the daugh-
ters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the
daughters of Heth, such as these *which
are* of the daughters of the land, what
good shall my life do me?

28 And Isaac called Jacob, and
blessed him, and charged him, and
said unto him, Thou shalt not take
a wife of the daughters of Canaan.
2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the
house of Bethuel thy mother's father;
and take thee a wife from thence of
the daughters of Laban thy mother's
brother. 3 And God Almighty bless
thee, and make thee fruitful, and mul-
tiply thee, that thou mayest be a mul-
titude of people;* 4 And give thee the
blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to
thy seed with thee; that thou mayest

28.3. a multitude...: Heb. an assembly of people.

inherit the land wherein thou art a
stranger, which God gave unto Abra-
ham.* 5 And Isaac sent away Jacob:
and he went to Padanaram unto La-
ban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the
brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's
mother. 6 When Esau saw that Isaac
had blessed Jacob, and sent him away
to Padanaram, to take him a wife from
thence; and that as he blessed him
he gave him a charge, saying, Thou
shalt not take a wife of the daughters
of Canaan; 7 And that Jacob obeyed
his father and his mother, and was
gone to Padanaram; 8 And Esau seeing

4. wherein...: Heb. of thy sojournings.

that the daughters of Canaan pleased
not Isaac his father;* 9 Then went Esau
unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives
which he had Mahalath the daughter
of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister
of Nebajoth, to be his wife.* 10 And
Jacob went out from Beersheba, and
went toward Haran.* 11 And he lighted
upon a certain place, and tarried there
all night, because the sun was set; and
he took of the stones of that place,
and put *them for* his pillows, and lay
down in that place to sleep. 12 And

8. pleased...: Heb. were evil in the eyes, etc.
9. Mahalath: or, Bashemath.
10. Haran: Gr. Charran.

he dreamed, and behold a ladder set
up on the earth, and the top of it
reached to heaven: and behold the an-
gels of God ascending and descending
on it. 13 And, behold, the LORD stood
above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God
of Abraham thy father, and the God
of Isaac: the land whereon thou li-
est, to thee will I give it, and to thy
seed; 14 And thy seed shall be as the
dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread
abroad to the west, and to the east, and
to the north, and to the south: and in
thee and in thy seed shall all the fami-
lies of the earth be blessed.* 15 And, be-

14. spread...: Heb. break forth.

hold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee
in all *places* whither thou goest, and
will bring thee again into this land; for
I will not leave thee, until I have done
that which I have spoken to thee of.
16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep,
and he said, Surely the LORD is in this
place; and I knew *it* not. 17 And he was
afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this
place! this *is* none other but the house
of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.
18 And Jacob rose up early in the morn-
ing, and took the stone that he had
put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a
pillar, and poured oil upon the top of
it. 19 And he called the name of that

place Bethel: but the name of that city
was called Luz at the first.* [20] And Ja-
cob vowed a vow, saying, If God will
be with me, and will keep me in this
way that I go, and will give me bread
to eat, and raiment to put on, [21] So
that I come again to my father's house
in peace; then shall the LORD be my
God: [22] And this stone, which I have
set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house:
and of all that thou shalt give me I will
surely give the tenth unto thee.

29 Then Jacob went on his journey,
and came into the land of the people

19. Bethel: that is, The house of God.

of the east.* 2 And he looked, and be-
hold a well in the field, and, lo, there
were three flocks of sheep lying by it;
for out of that well they watered the
flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the
well's mouth. 3 And thither were all
the flocks gathered: and they rolled
the stone from the well's mouth, and
watered the sheep, and put the stone
again upon the well's mouth in his
place. 4 And Jacob said unto them,
My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they
said, Of Haran *are* we. 5 And he said
unto them, Know ye Laban the son

29.1. went...: Heb. lift up his feet. people: Heb. children.

of Nahor? And they said, We know
him. 6 And he said unto them, *Is* he
well? And they said, *He is* well: and,
behold, Rachel his daughter cometh
with the sheep.* 7 And he said, Lo,
it is yet high day, neither *is it* time
that the cattle should be gathered to-
gether: water ye the sheep, and go
and feed *them*.* 8 And they said, We
cannot, until all the flocks be gath-
ered together, and *till* they roll the
stone from the well's mouth; then we
water the sheep. 9 And while he yet
spake with them, Rachel came with

6. Is he...: Heb. Is there peace to him?.
7. it is...: Heb. yet the day is great.

her father's sheep: for she kept them.
10 And it came to pass, when Jacob
saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his
mother's brother, and the sheep of La-
ban his mother's brother, that Jacob
went near, and rolled the stone from
the well's mouth, and watered the
flock of Laban his mother's brother.
11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted
up his voice, and wept. 12 And Jacob
told Rachel that he *was* her father's
brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's
son: and she ran and told her father.
13 And it came to pass, when Laban
heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's
son, that he ran to meet him, and

embraced him, and kissed him, and
brought him to his house. And he
told Laban all these things.* 14 And La-
ban said to him, Surely thou *art* my
bone and my flesh. And he abode
with him the space of a month.* 15 And
Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou
art my brother, shouldest thou there-
fore serve me for nought? tell me,
what *shall* thy wages *be*? 16 And La-
ban had two daughters: the name of
the elder *was* Leah, and the name of
the younger *was* Rachel. 17 Leah *was*
tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful

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13. tidings: Heb. hearing.
14. the space...: Heb. a month of days.

and well favoured. 18 And Jacob loved
Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven
years for Rachel thy younger daugh-
ter. 19 And Laban said, *It is* better that
I give her to thee, than that I should
give her to another man: abide with
me. 20 And Jacob served seven years for
Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but*
a few days, for the love he had to her.
21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me*
my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I
may go in unto her. 22 And Laban gath-
ered together all the men of the place,
and made a feast. 23 And it came to
pass in the evening, that he took Leah
his daughter, and brought her to him;

and he went in unto her. [24] And La-
ban gave unto his daughter Leah Zil-
pah his maid *for* an handmaid. [25] And
it came to pass, that in the morning,
behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to
Laban, What *is* this thou hast done
unto me? did not I serve with thee
for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou
beguiled me? [26] And Laban said, It
must not be so done in our country, to
give the younger before the firstborn.*
[27] Fulfil her week, and we will give thee
this also for the service which thou
shalt serve with me yet seven other
years. [28] And Jacob did so, and fulfilled

26. country: Heb. place.

her week: and he gave him Rachel his
daughter to wife also. [29] And Laban
gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah
his handmaid to be her maid. [30] And
he went in also unto Rachel, and he
loved also Rachel more than Leah, and
served with him yet seven other years.
[31] And when the LORD saw that Leah
was hated, he opened her womb: but
Rachel *was* barren. [32] And Leah con-
ceived, and bare a son, and she called
his name Reuben: for she said, Surely
the LORD hath looked upon my afflic-
tion; now therefore my husband will
love me.* [33] And she conceived again,

32. Reuben: that is, See a son.

and bare a son; and said, Because the
LORD hath heard that I *was* hated,
he hath therefore given me this *son*
also: and she called his name Simeon.*
34 And she conceived again, and bare a
son; and said, Now this time will my
husband be joined unto me, because
I have born him three sons: therefore
was his name called Levi.* 35 And she
conceived again, and bare a son: and
she said, Now will I praise the LORD:
therefore she called his name Judah;
and left bearing.*

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33. Simeon: that is, Hearing.
34. Levi: that is, Joined.
35. Judah: that is, Praise. left...: Heb. stood from

30 And when Rachel saw that she
bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied
her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give
me children, or else I die. 2 And Jacob's
anger was kindled against Rachel: and
he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who hath
withheld from thee the fruit of the
womb? 3 And she said, Behold my
maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she
shall bear upon my knees, that I may
also have children by her.* 4 And she
gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife:
and Jacob went in unto her. 5 And Bil-

bearing.

30.3. have...: Heb. be built by her.

hah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.
6 And Rachel said, God hath judged
me, and hath also heard my voice, and
hath given me a son: therefore called
she his name Dan.* 7 And Bilhah
Rachel's maid conceived again, and
bare Jacob a second son. 8 And Rachel
said, With great wrestlings have I wres-
tled with my sister, and I have pre-
vailed: and she called his name Naph-
tali.* 9 When Leah saw that she had
left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid,
and gave her Jacob to wife. 10 And

6. Dan: that is, Judging.
8. great...: Heb. wrestlings of God. Naphtali: that is, My wrestling: Gr. Nephthalim.

Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.
11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and
she called his name Gad.* 12 And Zil-
pah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second
son. 13 And Leah said, Happy am I,
for the daughters will call me blessed:
and she called his name Asher.* 14 And
Reuben went in the days of wheat har-
vest, and found mandrakes in the field,
and brought them unto his mother
Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give
me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.
15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small

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11. Gad: that is, A troop, or, company.

13. Happy...: Heb. In my happiness. Asher: that is, Happy.

matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away
my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel
said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to
night for thy son's mandrakes. 16 And
Jacob came out of the field in the
evening, and Leah went out to meet
him, and said, Thou must come in
unto me; for surely I have hired thee
with my son's mandrakes. And he lay
with her that night. 17 And God hear-
kened unto Leah, and she conceived,
and bare Jacob the fifth son. 18 And
Leah said, God hath given me my hire,
because I have given my maiden to my
husband: and she called his name Is-

sachar.* [19] And Leah conceived again,
and bare Jacob the sixth son. [20] And
Leah said, God hath endued me *with*
a good dowry; now will my husband
dwell with me, because I have born
him six sons: and she called his name
Zebulun.* [21] And afterwards she bare a
daughter, and called her name Dinah.*
[22] And God remembered Rachel, and
God hearkened to her, and opened
her womb. [23] And she conceived, and
bare a son; and said, God hath taken
away my reproach: [24] And she called

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18. Issachar: that is, An hire.
20. Zebulun: that is, Dwelling: Gr. Zabulon.
21. Dinah: that is Judgment.

his name Joseph; and said, The LORD
shall add to me another son.* [25] And it
came to pass, when Rachel had born
Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban,
Send me away, that I may go unto
mine own place, and to my country.
[26] Give *me* my wives and my children,
for whom I have served thee, and let
me go: for thou knowest my service
which I have done thee. [27] And Laban
said unto him, I pray thee, if I have
found favour in thine eyes, *tarry: for*
I have learned by experience that the
LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.
[28] And he said, Appoint me thy wages,

24. Joseph: that is, Adding.

and I will give *it*. [29] And he said unto
him, Thou knowest how I have served
thee, and how thy cattle was with me.
[30] For *it was* little which thou hadst be-
fore I *came*, and it is *now* increased
unto a multitude; and the LORD hath
blessed thee since my coming: and
now when shall I provide for mine
own house also?* [31] And he said, What
shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou
shalt not give me any thing: if thou
wilt do this thing for me, I will again
feed *and* keep thy flock: [32] I will pass
through all thy flock to day, remov-

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30. increased: Heb. broken forth. since...: Heb. at my foot.

ing from thence all the speckled and
spotted cattle, and all the brown cat-
tle among the sheep, and the spotted
and speckled among the goats: and *of*
such shall be my hire. [33] So shall my
righteousness answer for me in time to
come, when it shall come for my hire
before thy face: every one that *is* not
speckled and spotted among the goats,
and brown among the sheep, that shall
be counted stolen with me.* [34] And La-
ban said, Behold, I would it might be
according to thy word. [35] And he re-
moved that day the he goats that were
ringstraked and spotted, and all the

33. in time...: Heb. to morrow.

she goats that were speckled and spot-
ted, *and* every one that had *some* white
in it, and all the brown among the
sheep, and gave *them* into the hand of
his sons. 36 And he set three days' jour-
ney betwixt himself and Jacob: and
Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.
37 And Jacob took him rods of green
poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut
tree; and pilled white strakes in them,
and made the white appear which *was*
in the rods. 38 And he set the rods
which he had pilled before the flocks
in the gutters in the watering troughs
when the flocks came to drink, that
they should conceive when they came

to drink. [39] And the flocks conceived
before the rods, and brought forth cat-
tle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.
[40] And Jacob did separate the lambs,
and set the faces of the flocks toward
the ringstraked, and all the brown in
the flock of Laban; and he put his own
flocks by themselves, and put them
not unto Laban's cattle. [41] And it came
to pass, whensoever the stronger cat-
tle did conceive, that Jacob laid the
rods before the eyes of the cattle in
the gutters, that they might conceive
among the rods. [42] But when the cattle
were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the
feebler were Laban's, and the stronger

Jacob's. 43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

31 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this glory. 2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him as before.* 3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be

31.2. as before: Heb. as yesterday and the day before.

with thee. 4 And Jacob sent and called
Rachel and Leah to the field unto his
flock, 5 And said unto them, I see your
father's countenance, that it *is* not to-
ward me as before; but the God of my
father hath been with me. 6 And ye
know that with all my power I have
served your father. 7 And your father
hath deceived me, and changed my
wages ten times; but God suffered him
not to hurt me. 8 If he said thus, The
speckled shall be thy wages; then all
the cattle bare speckled: and if he said
thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire;
then bare all the cattle ringstraked.
9 Thus God hath taken away the cat-

tle of your father, and given *them* to
me. [10] And it came to pass at the time
that the cattle conceived, that I lifted
up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and,
behold, the rams which leaped upon
the cattle *were* ringstraked, speckled,
and grisled.* [11] And the angel of God
spake unto me in a dream, *saying*, Ja-
cob: And I said, Here *am* I. [12] And
he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and
see, all the rams which leap upon the
cattle *are* ringstraked, speckled, and
grisled: for I have seen all that La-
ban doeth unto thee. [13] I *am* the God
of Bethel, where thou anointedst the

10. rams: or, he goats.

pillar, *and* where thou vowedst a vow
unto me: now arise, get thee out from
this land, and return unto the land of
thy kindred. 14 And Rachel and Leah
answered and said unto him, *Is there*
yet any portion or inheritance for us
in our father's house? 15 Are we not
counted of him strangers? for he hath
sold us, and hath quite devoured also
our money. 16 For all the riches which
God hath taken from our father, that
is ours, and our children's: now then,
whatsoever God hath said unto thee,
do. 17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his
sons and his wives upon camels; 18 And
he carried away all his cattle, and all his

goods which he had gotten, the cattle
of his getting, which he had gotten in
Padanaram, for to go to Isaac his father
in the land of Canaan. [19] And Laban
went to shear his sheep: and Rachel
had stolen the images that *were* her
father's.* [20] And Jacob stole away un-
awares to Laban the Syrian, in that he
told him not that he fled.* [21] So he fled
with all that he had; and he rose up,
and passed over the river, and set his
face *toward* the mount Gilead. [22] And
it was told Laban on the third day
that Jacob was fled. [23] And he took

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19. images: Heb. teraphim.
20. unawares...: Heb. the heart of Laban.

his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.
24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.* 25 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead. 26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives *taken* with the sword?

24. either...: Heb. from good to bad.

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away se-
cretly, and steal away from me; and
didst not tell me, that I might have
sent thee away with mirth, and with
songs, with tabret, and with harp?*
28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my
sons and my daughters? thou hast
now done foolishly in *so* doing. 29 It
is in the power of my hand to do you
hurt: but the God of your father spake
unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou
heed that thou speak not to Jacob ei-
ther good or bad. 30 And now, *though*
thou wouldest needs be gone, because
thou sore longedst after thy father's

27. steal...: Heb. hast stolen me.

house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen
my gods? [31] And Jacob answered and
said to Laban, Because I was afraid:
for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest
take by force thy daughters from me.
[32] With whomsoever thou findest thy
gods, let him not live: before our
brethren discern thou what *is* thine
with me, and take *it* to thee. For Ja-
cob knew not that Rachel had stolen
them. [33] And Laban went into Jacob's
tent, and into Leah's tent, and into
the two maidservants' tents; but he
found *them* not. Then went he out of
Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's
tent. [34] Now Rachel had taken the im-

ages, and put them in the camel's fur-
niture, and sat upon them. And Laban
searched all the tent, but found *them*
not.* [35] And she said to her father, Let
it not displease my lord that I cannot
rise up before thee; for the custom of
women *is* upon me. And he searched,
but found not the images. [36] And Ja-
cob was wroth, and chode with Laban:
and Jacob answered and said to La-
ban, What *is* my trespass? what *is* my
sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued af-
ter me? [37] Whereas thou hast searched
all my stuff, what hast thou found of
all thy household stuff? set *it* here

34. searched: Heb. felt.

before my brethren and thy brethren,
that they may judge betwixt us both.*
38 This twenty years *have* I *been* with
thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have
not cast their young, and the rams
of thy flock have I not eaten. 39 That
which was torn *of beasts* I brought not
unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of
my hand didst thou require it, *whe-*
ther stolen by day, or stolen by night.
40 *Thus* I was; in the day the drought
consumed me, and the frost by night;
and my sleep departed from mine eyes.
41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy
house; I served thee fourteen years for

37. searched: Heb. felt.

thy two daughters, and six years for
thy cattle: and thou hast changed my
wages ten times. [42] Except the God
of my father, the God of Abraham,
and the fear of Isaac, had been with
me, surely thou hadst sent me away
now empty. God hath seen mine af-
fliction and the labour of my hands,
and rebuked *thee* yesternight. [43] And
Laban answered and said unto Jacob,
These daughters *are* my daughters, and
these children *are* my children, and
these cattle *are* my cattle, and all that
thou seest *is* mine: and what can I do
this day unto these my daughters, or
unto their children which they have

born? 44 Now therefore come thou, let
us make a covenant, I and thou; and
let it be for a witness between me and
thee. 45 And Jacob took a stone, and
set it up *for* a pillar. 46 And Jacob said
unto his brethren, Gather stones; and
they took stones, and made an heap:
and they did eat there upon the heap.
47 And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha:
but Jacob called it Galeed.* 48 And La-
ban said, This heap *is* a witness be-
tween me and thee this day. There-
fore was the name of it called Galeed;

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47. Jegarsahadutha: that is, The heap of witness, Chaldee. Galeed: that is, The heap of witness, Heb..

49 And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD
watch between me and thee, when
we are absent one from another.* 50 If
thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if
thou shalt take *other* wives beside my
daughters, no man *is* with us; see, God
is witness betwixt me and thee. 51 And
Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap,
and behold *this* pillar, which I have
cast betwixt me and thee; 52 This heap
be witness, and *this* pillar *be* witness,
that I will not pass over this heap to
thee, and that thou shalt not pass over
this heap and this pillar unto me, for
harm. 53 The God of Abraham, and the

49. Mizpah: that is, A beacon, or, watchtower.

God of Nahor, the God of their father,
judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by
the fear of his father Isaac. 54 Then Ja-
cob offered sacrifice upon the mount,
and called his brethren to eat bread:
and they did eat bread, and tarried all
night in the mount.* 55 And early in the
morning Laban rose up, and kissed his
sons and his daughters, and blessed
them: and Laban departed, and re-
turned unto his place.

32 And Jacob went on his way, and
the angels of God met him. 2 And
when Jacob saw them, he said, This *is*

54. offered...: or, killed beasts.

God's host: and he called the name
of that place Mahanaim.* 3 And Ja-
cob sent messengers before him to
Esau his brother unto the land of Seir,
the country of Edom.* 4 And he com-
manded them, saying, Thus shall ye
speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant
Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with
Laban, and stayed there until now:
5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks,
and menservants, and womenservants:
and I have sent to tell my lord, that
I may find grace in thy sight. 6 And
the messengers returned to Jacob, say-

32.2. Mahanaim: that is, Two hosts, or, camps.
3. country: Heb. field.

ing, We came to thy brother Esau, and
also he cometh to meet thee, and four
hundred men with him. 7 Then Ja-
cob was greatly afraid and distressed:
and he divided the people that *was*
with him, and the flocks, and herds,
and the camels, into two bands; 8 And
said, If Esau come to the one company,
and smite it, then the other company
which is left shall escape. 9 And Jacob
said, O God of my father Abraham,
and God of my father Isaac, the LORD
which saidst unto me, Return unto
thy country, and to thy kindred, and
I will deal well with thee: 10 I am not
worthy of the least of all the mercies,

and of all the truth, which thou hast
shewed unto thy servant; for with my
staff I passed over this Jordan; and now
I am become two bands.* 11 Deliver
me, I pray thee, from the hand of my
brother, from the hand of Esau: for I
fear him, lest he will come and smite
me, *and* the mother with the chil-
dren.* 12 And thou saidst, I will surely
do thee good, and make thy seed as the
sand of the sea, which cannot be num-
bered for multitude. 13 And he lodged
there that same night; and took of that
which came to his hand a present for

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10. I am not...: Heb. I am less than all.
11. with: Heb. upon.

Esau his brother; [14] Two hundred she
goats, and twenty he goats, two hun-
dred ewes, and twenty rams, [15] Thirty
milch camels with their colts, forty
kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses,
and ten foals. [16] And he delivered *them*
into the hand of his servants, every
drove by themselves; and said unto his
servants, Pass over before me, and put a
space betwixt drove and drove. [17] And
he commanded the foremost, saying,
When Esau my brother meeteth thee,
and asketh thee, saying, Whose *art*
thou? and whither goest thou? and
whose *are* these before thee? [18] Then
thou shalt say, *They be* thy servant Ja-

cob's; it *is* a present sent unto my lord
Esau: and, behold, also he *is* behind
us. [19] And so commanded he the sec-
ond, and the third, and all that fol-
lowed the droves, saying, On this man-
ner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye
find him. [20] And say ye moreover, Be-
hold, thy servant Jacob *is* behind us.
For he said, I will appease him with
the present that goeth before me, and
afterward I will see his face; peradven-
ture he will accept of me.* [21] So went
the present over before him: and him-
self lodged that night in the company.
[22] And he rose up that night, and took

20. of me: Heb. my face.

his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed
over the ford Jabbok. 23 And he took
them, and sent them over the brook,
and sent over that he had.* 24 And Ja-
cob was left alone; and there wrestled
a man with him until the breaking of
the day.* 25 And when he saw that he
prevailed not against him, he touched
the hollow of his thigh; and the hol-
low of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as
he wrestled with him. 26 And he said,
Let me go, for the day breaketh. And
he said, I will not let thee go, except

23. sent them: Heb. caused to pass.
24. breaking...: Heb. ascending of the morning.

thou bless me. [27] And he said unto him,
What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.
[28] And he said, Thy name shall be called
no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a
prince hast thou power with God and
with men, and hast prevailed.* [29] And
Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I
pray thee, thy name. And he said,
Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask af-
ter my name? And he blessed him
there. [30] And Jacob called the name of
the place Peniel: for I have seen God
face to face, and my life is preserved.*
[31] And as he passed over Penuel the sun

28. Israel: that is, A prince of God.
30. Peniel: that is, The face of God.

rose upon him, and he halted upon his
thigh. [32] Therefore the children of Is-
rael eat not *of* the sinew which shrank,
which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh,
unto this day: because he touched the
hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew
that shrank.

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes,
and looked, and, behold, Esau came,
and with him four hundred men. And
he divided the children unto Leah, and
unto Rachel, and unto the two hand-
maids. [2] And he put the handmaids
and their children foremost, and Leah
and her children after, and Rachel and

Joseph hindermost. 3 And he passed
over before them, and bowed him-
self to the ground seven times, until
he came near to his brother. 4 And
Esau ran to meet him, and embraced
him, and fell on his neck, and kissed
him: and they wept. 5 And he lifted
up his eyes, and saw the women and
the children; and said, Who *are* those
with thee? And he said, The chil-
dren which God hath graciously given
thy servant.* 6 Then the handmaidens
came near, they and their children,
and they bowed themselves. 7 And
Leah also with her children came

33.5. with...: Heb. to thee.

near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. 8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.* 9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.* 10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. 11 Take, I

8. What...: Heb. What is all this band to thee?.
9. keep...: Heb. be that to thee that is thine.

pray thee, my blessing that is brought
to thee; because God hath dealt gra-
ciously with me, and because I have
enough. And he urged him, and he
took *it*.* 12 And he said, Let us take
our journey, and let us go, and I will
go before thee. 13 And he said unto
him, My lord knoweth that the chil-
dren *are* tender, and the flocks and
herds with young *are* with me: and if
men should overdrive them one day,
all the flock will die. 14 Let my lord,
I pray thee, pass over before his ser-
vant: and I will lead on softly, accord-
ing as the cattle that goeth before me

11. enough: Heb. all things.

and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.*
15 And Esau said, Let me now leave
with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with
me. And he said, What needeth it?
let me find grace in the sight of my
lord.* 16 So Esau returned that day on
his way unto Seir. 17 And Jacob jour-
neyed to Succoth, and built him an
house, and made booths for his cat-
tle: therefore the name of the place is
called Succoth.* 18 And Jacob came to

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14. according...: Heb. according to the foot of the work, etc, and according to the foot of the children.
15. leave: Heb. set, or, place. What...: Heb. Wherefore is this?.
17. Succoth: that is, Booths.

Shalem, a city of Shechem, which *is*
in the land of Canaan, when he came
from Padanaram; and pitched his tent
before the city.* [19] And he bought a
parcel of a field, where he had spread
his tent, at the hand of the children
of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an
hundred pieces of money.* [20] And he
erected there an altar, and called it
Elelohe-Israel.*

34 And Dinah the daughter of
Leah, which she bare unto Jacob,
went out to see the daughters of the

18. Shechem: Gr. Sychem.
19. Hamor: Gr. Emmor. pieces...: or, lambs.
20. Elelohe-Israel: that is God the God of Israel.

land. 2 And when Shechem the son
of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the
country, saw her, he took her, and
lay with her, and defiled her.* 3 And
his soul clave unto Dinah the daugh-
ter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel,
and spake kindly unto the damsel.*
4 And Shechem spake unto his father
Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel
to wife. 5 And Jacob heard that he
had defiled Dinah his daughter: now
his sons were with his cattle in the
field: and Jacob held his peace until
they were come. 6 And Hamor the

34.2. defiled...: Heb. humbled her.
3. kindly...: Heb. to the heart of the damsel.

father of Shechem went out unto Ja-
cob to commune with him. 7 And
the sons of Jacob came out of the field
when they heard *it*: and the men were
grieved, and they were very wroth, be-
cause he had wrought folly in Israel
in lying with Jacob's daughter; which
thing ought not to be done. 8 And
Hamor communed with them, saying,
The soul of my son Shechem longeth
for your daughter: I pray you give her
him to wife. 9 And make ye marriages
with us, *and* give your daughters unto
us, and take our daughters unto you.
10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the
land shall be before you; dwell and

trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. [11] And Shechem said
unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes,
and what ye shall say unto me I will
give. [12] Ask me never so much dowry
and gift, and I will give according as
ye shall say unto me: but give me the
damsel to wife. [13] And the sons of Ja-
cob answered Shechem and Hamor
his father deceitfully, and said, be-
cause he had defiled Dinah their sis-
ter: [14] And they said unto them, We
cannot do this thing, to give our sis-
ter to one that is uncircumcised; for
that *were* a reproach unto us: [15] But in

this will we consent unto you: If ye
will be as we *be*, that every male of you
be circumcised; [16] Then will we give
our daughters unto you, and we will
take your daughters to us, and we will
dwell with you, and we will become
one people. [17] But if ye will not hear-
ken unto us, to be circumcised; then
will we take our daughter, and we will
be gone. [18] And their words pleased
Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.
[19] And the young man deferred not to
do the thing, because he had delight
in Jacob's daughter: and he *was* more
honourable than all the house of his fa-
ther. [20] And Hamor and Shechem his

son came unto the gate of their city,
and communed with the men of their
city, saying, [21] These men *are* peaceable
with us; therefore let them dwell in the
land, and trade therein; for the land,
behold, *it is* large enough for them;
let us take their daughters to us for
wives, and let us give them our daugh-
ters. [22] Only herein will the men con-
sent unto us for to dwell with us, to
be one people, if every male among
us be circumcised, as they *are* circum-
cised. [23] *Shall* not their cattle and their
substance and every beast of theirs *be*
ours? only let us consent unto them,
and they will dwell with us. [24] And

unto Hamor and unto Shechem his
son hearkened all that went out of the
gate of his city; and every male was
circumcised, all that went out of the
gate of his city. 25 And it came to pass
on the third day, when they were sore,
that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon
and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each
man his sword, and came upon the
city boldly, and slew all the males.
26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem
his son with the edge of the sword, and
took Dinah out of Shechem's house,
and went out.* 27 The sons of Jacob
came upon the slain, and spoiled the

26. edge: Heb. mouth.

city, because they had defiled their sis-
ter. [28] They took their sheep, and their
oxen, and their asses, and that which
was in the city, and that which *was* in
the field, [29] And all their wealth, and all
their little ones, and their wives took
they captive, and spoiled even all that
was in the house. [30] And Jacob said
to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled
me to make me to stink among the in-
habitants of the land, among the Ca-
naanites and the Perizzites: and I *be-
ing* few in number, they shall gather
themselves together against me, and
slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and
my house. [31] And they said, Should he

deal with our sister as with an harlot?

35 And God said unto Jacob,
Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there:
and make there an altar unto God,
that appeared unto thee when thou
fleddest from the face of Esau thy
brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his
household, and to all that *were* with
him, Put away the strange gods that
are among you, and be clean, and
change your garments: 3 And let us
arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will
make there an altar unto God, who
answered me in the day of my distress,
and was with me in the way which I

went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all
the strange gods which *were* in their
hand, and *all their* earrings which *were*
in their ears; and Jacob hid them un-
der the oak which *was* by Shechem.
5 And they journeyed: and the terror
of God was upon the cities that *were*
round about them, and they did not
pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So Ja-
cob came to Luz, which *is* in the land
of Canaan, that *is*, Bethel, he and all
the people that *were* with him. 7 And
he built there an altar, and called the
place Elbethel: because there God ap-
peared unto him, when he fled from

the face of his brother.* 8 But Deb-
orah Rebekah's nurse died, and she
was buried beneath Bethel under an
oak: and the name of it was called
Allonbachuth.* 9 And God appeared
unto Jacob again, when he came out
of Padanaram, and blessed him. 10 And
God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob:
thy name shall not be called any more
Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and
he called his name Israel. 11 And God
said unto him, I *am* God Almighty:
be fruitful and multiply; a nation and
a company of nations shall be of thee,

35.7. Elbethel: that is, The God of Bethel.
8. Allonbachuth: that is, The oak of weeping.

and kings shall come out of thy loins;
12 And the land which I gave Abraham
and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and
to thy seed after thee will I give the
land. 13 And God went up from him
in the place where he talked with him.
14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place
where he talked with him, *even* a pil-
lar of stone: and he poured a drink
offering thereon, and he poured oil
thereon. 15 And Jacob called the name
of the place where God spake with
him, Bethel. 16 And they journeyed
from Bethel; and there was but a little
way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel

travailed, and she had hard labour.*
17 And it came to pass, when she was
in hard labour, that the midwife said
unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this
son also. 18 And it came to pass, as her
soul was in departing, (for she died)
that she called his name Benoni: but
his father called him Benjamin.* 19 And
Rachel died, and was buried in the
way to Ephrath, which *is* Bethlehem.
20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave:
that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave unto
this day. 21 And Israel journeyed, and

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16. a little...: Heb. a little piece of ground.

18. Benoni: that is, The son of my sorrow. Benjamin: that is, The son of the right hand.

spread his tent beyond the tower of
Edar. [22] And it came to pass, when Is-
rael dwelt in that land, that Reuben
went and lay with Bilhah his father's
concubine: and Israel heard *it*. Now
the sons of Jacob were twelve: [23] The
sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's first-
born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Ju-
dah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: [24] The
sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:
[25] And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's
handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali: [26] And
the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid;
Gad, and Asher: these *are* the sons
of Jacob, which were born to him in
Padanaram. [27] And Jacob came unto

Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the
city of Arbah, which *is* Hebron, where
Abraham and Isaac sojourned. 28 And
the days of Isaac were an hundred and
fourscore years. 29 And Isaac gave up
the ghost, and died, and was gath-
ered unto his people, *being* old and full
of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob
buried him.

36 Now these *are* the generations
of Esau, who *is* Edom. 2 Esau took
his wives of the daughters of Canaan;
Adah the daughter of Elon the Hit-
tite, and Aholibamah the daughter
of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the

Hivite; 3 And Bashemath Ishmael's
daughter, sister of Nebajoth. 4 And
Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashe-
math bare Reuel; 5 And Aholibamah
bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah:
these *are* the sons of Esau, which were
born unto him in the land of Ca-
naan. 6 And Esau took his wives, and
his sons, and his daughters, and all
the persons of his house, and his cat-
tle, and all his beasts, and all his sub-
stance, which he had got in the land
of Canaan; and went into the coun-
try from the face of his brother Ja-
cob.* 7 For their riches were more than

36.6. persons: Heb. souls.

that they might dwell together; and
the land wherein they were strangers
could not bear them because of their
cattle. 8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount
Seir: Esau *is* Edom. 9 And these *are*
the generations of Esau the father of
the Edomites in mount Seir:* 10 These
are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz
the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel
the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.
11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Te-
man, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and
Kenaz.* 12 And Timna was concubine
to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare

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9. the Edomites: Heb. Edom.
11. Zepho: or, Zephi.

to Eliphaz Amalek: these *were* the
sons of Adah Esau's wife. 13 And these
are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and
Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these
were the sons of Bashemath Esau's
wife. 14 And these were the sons of
Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah
the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife:
and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam,
and Korah. 15 These *were* dukes of the
sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the
firstborn *son* of Esau; duke Teman,
duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,
16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, *and* duke
Amalek: these *are* the dukes *that came*
of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these

were the sons of Adah. [17] And these
are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke
Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah,
duke Mizzah: these *are* the dukes *that*
came of Reuel in the land of Edom;
these *are* the sons of Bashemath Esau's
wife. [18] And these *are* the sons of
Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush,
duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these *were*
the dukes *that came* of Aholibamah
the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.
[19] These *are* the sons of Esau, who
is Edom, and these *are* their dukes.
[20] These *are* the sons of Seir the Horite,
who inhabited the land; Lotan, and
Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, [21] And

Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these
are the dukes of the Horites, the chil-
dren of Seir in the land of Edom.
22 And the children of Lotan were Hori
and Hemam; and Lotan's sister *was*
Timna.* 23 And the children of Shobal
were these; Alvan, and Manahath,
and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.* 24 And
these *are* the children of Zibeon; both
Ajah, and Anah: this *was that* Anah
that found the mules in the wilder-
ness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his
father. 25 And the children of Anah
were these; Dishon, and Aholibamah

22. Hemam: or, Homam.
23. Alvan: or, Alian. Shepho: or, Shephi.

the daughter of Anah. [26] And these
are the children of Dishon; Hemdan,
and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.*
[27] The children of Ezer *are* these; Bil-
han, and Zaavan, and Akan.* [28] The
children of Dishan *are* these; Uz, and
Aran. [29] These *are* the dukes *that*
came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke
Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,
[30] Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dis-
han: these *are* the dukes *that came* of
Hori, among their dukes in the land
of Seir. [31] And these *are* the kings that
reigned in the land of Edom, before

26. Hemdan: or, Amram.
27. Akan: or, Jakan.

there reigned any king over the chil-
dren of Israel. 32 And Bela the son of
Beor reigned in Edom: and the name
of his city *was* Dinhabah. 33 And Bela
died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of
Bozrah reigned in his stead. 34 And
Jobab died, and Husham of the land
of Temani reigned in his stead. 35 And
Husham died, and Hadad the son of
Bedad, who smote Midian in the field
of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the
name of his city *was* Avith. 36 And
Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah
reigned in his stead. 37 And Samlah
died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the
river reigned in his stead. 38 And Saul

died, and Baalhanan the son of Ach-
bor reigned in his stead. [39] And Baal-
hanan the son of Achbor died, and
Hadar reigned in his stead: and the
name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's
name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of
Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.*
[40] And these *are* the names of the dukes
that came of Esau, according to their
families, after their places, by their
names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah,
duke Jetheth,* [41] Duke Aholibamah,
duke Elah, duke Pinon, [42] Duke Kenaz,

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39. Hadar, Pau: or, Hadad, Pai: after his death was an Aristocracy.
40. Alvah: or, Aliah.

duke Teman, duke Mibzar, 43 Duke
Magdiel, duke Iram: these *be* the
dukes of Edom, according to their
habitations in the land of their pos-
session: he *is* Esau the father of the
Edomites.*

37 And Jacob dwelt in the land
wherein his father was a stranger, in
the land of Canaan.* 2 These *are* the
generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being*
seventeen years old, was feeding the
flock with his brethren; and the lad
was with the sons of Bilhah, and with
the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives:

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43. the Edomites: Heb. Edom.

37.1. wherein...: Heb. of his father's sojournings.

and Joseph brought unto his father
their evil report. 3 Now Israel loved
Joseph more than all his children, be-
cause he *was* the son of his old age: and
he made him a coat of *many* colours.*
4 And when his brethren saw that their
father loved him more than all his
brethren, they hated him, and could
not speak peaceably unto him. 5 And
Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told
it his brethren: and they hated him yet
the more. 6 And he said unto them,
Hear, I pray you, this dream which I
have dreamed: 7 For, behold, we *were*
binding sheaves in the field, and, lo,

3. colours: or, pieces.

my sheaf arose, and also stood up-
right; and, behold, your sheaves stood
round about, and made obeisance to
my sheaf. 8 And his brethren said to
him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us?
or shalt thou indeed have dominion
over us? And they hated him yet the
more for his dreams, and for his words.
9 And he dreamed yet another dream,
and told it his brethren, and said, Be-
hold, I have dreamed a dream more;
and, behold, the sun and the moon
and the eleven stars made obeisance to
me. 10 And he told *it* to his father, and
to his brethren: and his father rebuked
him, and said unto him, What *is* this

dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall
I and thy mother and thy brethren in-
deed come to bow down ourselves to
thee to the earth? 11 And his brethren
envied him; but his father observed
the saying. 12 And his brethren went
to feed their father's flock in Shechem.
13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not
thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shechem?
come, and I will send thee unto them.
And he said to him, Here *am I*. 14 And
he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see
whether it be well with thy brethren,
and well with the flocks; and bring
me word again. So he sent him out
of the vale of Hebron, and he came to

Shechem.* [15] And a certain man found
him, and, behold, *he was* wandering
in the field: and the man asked him,
saying, What seekest thou? [16] And he
said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I
pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*.
[17] And the man said, They are departed
hence; for I heard them say, Let us
go to Dothan. And Joseph went af-
ter his brethren, and found them in
Dothan. [18] And when they saw him
afar off, even before he came near unto
them, they conspired against him to
slay him. [19] And they said one to an-

14. see...: Heb. see the peace of thy brethren, etc.

other, Behold, this dreamer cometh.*
20 Come now therefore, and let us slay
him, and cast him into some pit, and
we will say, Some evil beast hath de-
voured him: and we shall see what will
become of his dreams. 21 And Reuben
heard *it*, and he delivered him out of
their hands; and said, Let us not kill
him. 22 And Reuben said unto them,
Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this
pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay
no hand upon him; that he might rid
him out of their hands, to deliver him
to his father again. 23 And it came to
pass, when Joseph was come unto his

19. dreamer: Heb. master of dreams.

brethren, that they stript Joseph out
of his coat, *his* coat of *many* colours
that *was* on him;* 24 And they took
him, and cast him into a pit: and
the pit *was* empty, *there was* no wa-
ter in it. 25 And they sat down to eat
bread: and they lifted up their eyes
and looked, and, behold, a company
of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with
their camels bearing spicery and balm
and myrrh, going to carry *it* down
to Egypt. 26 And Judah said unto his
brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay
our brother, and conceal his blood?
27 Come, and let us sell him to the

23. colours: or, pieces.

Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be
upon him; for he *is* our brother *and*
our flesh. And his brethren were con-
tent.* 28 Then there passed by Midi-
anites merchantmen; and they drew
and lifted up Joseph out of the pit,
and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites
for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they
brought Joseph into Egypt. 29 And
Reuben returned unto the pit; and, be-
hold, Joseph *was* not in the pit; and
he rent his clothes. 30 And he returned
unto his brethren, and said, The child
is not; and I, whither shall I go? 31 And
they took Joseph's coat, and killed a

27. were...: Heb. hearkened.

kid of the goats, and dipped the coat
in the blood; 32 And they sent the coat
of *many* colours, and they brought *it*
to their father; and said, This have we
found: know now whether it *be* thy
son's coat or no. 33 And he knew it,
and said, *It is* my son's coat; an evil
beast hath devoured him; Joseph is
without doubt rent in pieces. 34 And
Jacob rent his clothes, and put sack-
cloth upon his loins, and mourned for
his son many days. 35 And all his sons
and all his daughters rose up to com-
fort him; but he refused to be com-
forted; and he said, For I will go down
into the grave unto my son mourning.

Thus his father wept for him. 36 And
the Midianites sold him into Egypt
unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's,
and captain of the guard.*

38 And it came to pass at that
time, that Judah went down from his
brethren, and turned in to a certain
Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah.
2 And Judah saw there a daughter of
a certain Canaanite, whose name *was*
Shuah; and he took her, and went in
unto her. 3 And she conceived, and

36. officer: Heb. eunuch: but the word doth signify not only eunuchs, but also chamberlains, courtiers, and officers. captain...: or, chief marshal: Heb. chief of the slaughter men, or executioners.

bare a son; and he called his name Er.
4 And she conceived again, and bare
a son; and she called his name Onan.
5 And she yet again conceived, and
bare a son; and called his name Shelah:
and he was at Chezib, when she bare
him. 6 And Judah took a wife for Er
his firstborn, whose name *was* Tamar.
7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked
in the sight of the LORD; and the
LORD slew him. 8 And Judah said
unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's
wife, and marry her, and raise up seed
to thy brother. 9 And Onan knew
that the seed should not be his; and
it came to pass, when he went in unto

his brother's wife, that he spilled *it* on
the ground, lest that he should give
seed to his brother. [10] And the thing
which he did displeased the LORD:
wherefore he slew him also.* [11] Then
said Judah to Tamar his daughter in
law, Remain a widow at thy father's
house, till Shelah my son be grown:
for he said, Lest peradventure he die
also, as his brethren *did*. And Tamar
went and dwelt in her father's house.
[12] And in process of time the daughter
of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah
was comforted, and went up unto his

38.10. displeased...: Heb. was evil in the eyes of the Lord.

sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his
friend Hirah the Adullamite.* 13 And it
was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy fa-
ther in law goeth up to Timnath to
shear his sheep. 14 And she put her
widow's garments off from her, and
covered her with a vail, and wrapped
herself, and sat in an open place, which
is by the way to Timnath; for she saw
that Shelah was grown, and she was
not given unto him to wife.* 15 When
Judah saw her, he thought her *to be*
an harlot; because she had covered her
face. 16 And he turned unto her by the

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12. in process...: Heb. the days were multiplied.
14. an open...: Heb. the door of eyes, or, of Enajim.

way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let
me come in unto thee; (for he knew
not that she *was* his daughter in law.)
And she said, What wilt thou give me,
that thou mayest come in unto me?
17 And he said, I will send *thee* a kid
from the flock. And she said, Wilt
thou give *me* a pledge, till thou send
it?* 18 And he said, What pledge shall
I give thee? And she said, Thy signet,
and thy bracelets, and thy staff that *is*
in thine hand. And he gave *it* her, and
came in unto her, and she conceived
by him. 19 And she arose, and went
away, and laid by her vail from her,

17. a kid: Heb. a kid of the goats.

and put on the garments of her wid-
owhood. [20] And Judah sent the kid by
the hand of his friend the Adullamite,
to receive *his* pledge from the woman's
hand: but he found her not. [21] Then
he asked the men of that place, saying,
Where *is* the harlot, that *was* openly
by the way side? And they said, There
was no harlot in this *place*.* [22] And he
returned to Judah, and said, I cannot
find her; and also the men of the place
said, *that* there was no harlot in this
place. [23] And Judah said, Let her take
it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I
sent this kid, and thou hast not found

21. openly: or, in Enajim.

her.* [24] And it came to pass about three
months after, that it was told Judah,
saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath
played the harlot; and also, behold, she
is with child by whoredom. And Ju-
dah said, Bring her forth, and let her
be burnt. [25] When she *was* brought
forth, she sent to her father in law, say-
ing, By the man, whose these *are, am*
I with child: and she said, Discern, I
pray thee, whose *are* these, the signet,
and bracelets, and staff. [26] And Ju-
dah acknowledged *them*, and said, She
hath been more righteous than I; be-
cause that I gave her not to Shelah my

23. be shamed: Heb. become a contempt.

son. And he knew her again no more.
27 And it came to pass in the time of
her travail, that, behold, twins *were*
in her womb. 28 And it came to pass,
when she travailed, that *the one* put out
his hand: and the midwife took and
bound upon his hand a scarlet thread,
saying, This came out first. 29 And
it came to pass, as he drew back his
hand, that, behold, his brother came
out: and she said, How hast thou bro-
ken forth? *this* breach *be* upon thee:
therefore his name was called Pharez.*
30 And afterward came out his brother,

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29. How hast...: or, Wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee?. Pharez: that is A breach.

that had the scarlet thread upon his
hand: and his name was called Zarah.

39 And Joseph was brought down
to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer
of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an
Egyptian, bought him of the hands
of the Ishmeelites, which had brought
him down thither. 2 And the LORD
was with Joseph, and he was a pros-
perous man; and he was in the house
of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his
master saw that the LORD *was* with
him, and that the LORD made all that
he did to prosper in his hand. 4 And
Joseph found grace in his sight, and he

served him: and he made him overseer
over his house, and all *that* he had he
put into his hand. 5 And it came to
pass from the time *that* he had made
him overseer in his house, and over all
that he had, that the LORD blessed the
Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and
the blessing of the LORD was upon all
that he had in the house, and in the
field. 6 And he left all that he had in
Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought
he had, save the bread which he did
eat. And Joseph was *a* goodly *person*,
and well favoured. 7 And it came to
pass after these things, that his mas-
ter's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph;

and she said, Lie with me. 8 But
he refused, and said unto his master's
wife, Behold, my master wotteth not
what *is* with me in the house, and
he hath committed all that he hath
to my hand; 9 *There is* none greater
in this house than I; neither hath he
kept back any thing from me but thee,
because thou *art* his wife: how then
can I do this great wickedness, and
sin against God? 10 And it came to
pass, as she spake to Joseph day by
day, that he hearkened not unto her,
to lie by her, *or* to be with her. 11 And
it came to pass about this time, that
Joseph went into the house to do his

business; and *there was* none of the
men of the house there within. 12 And
she caught him by his garment, say-
ing, Lie with me: and he left his gar-
ment in her hand, and fled, and got
him out. 13 And it came to pass, when
she saw that he had left his garment
in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That
she called unto the men of her house,
and spake unto them, saying, See, he
hath brought in an Hebrew unto us
to mock us; he came in unto me to lie
with me, and I cried with a loud voice:*
15 And it came to pass, when he heard
that I lifted up my voice and cried,

39.14. loud: Heb. great.

that he left his garment with me, and
fled, and got him out. 16 And she laid
up his garment by her, until his lord
came home. 17 And she spake unto
him according to these words, saying,
The Hebrew servant, which thou hast
brought unto us, came in unto me to
mock me: 18 And it came to pass, as I
lifted up my voice and cried, that he
left his garment with me, and fled out.
19 And it came to pass, when his mas-
ter heard the words of his wife, which
she spake unto him, saying, After this
manner did thy servant to me; that
his wrath was kindled. 20 And Joseph's
master took him, and put him into the

prison, a place where the king's pris-
oners *were* bound: and he was there
in the prison. [21] But the LORD was
with Joseph, and shewed him mercy,
and gave him favour in the sight of the
keeper of the prison.* [22] And the keeper
of the prison committed to Joseph's
hand all the prisoners that *were* in the
prison; and whatsoever they did there,
he was the doer *of it*. [23] The keeper of
the prison looked not to any thing *that*
was under his hand; because the LORD
was with him, and *that* which he did,
the LORD made *it* to prosper.

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21. shewed...: Heb. extended kindness unto him.

40 And it came to pass after these
things, *that* the butler of the king
of Egypt and *his* baker had offended
their lord the king of Egypt. [2] And
Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his
officers, against the chief of the but-
lers, and against the chief of the bak-
ers. [3] And he put them in ward in
the house of the captain of the guard,
into the prison, the place where Joseph
was bound. [4] And the captain of the
guard charged Joseph with them, and
he served them: and they continued a
season in ward. [5] And they dreamed
a dream both of them, each man his

dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his
dream, the butler and the baker of
the king of Egypt, which *were* bound
in the prison. 6 And Joseph came in
unto them in the morning, and looked
upon them, and, behold, they *were*
sad. 7 And he asked Pharaoh's offi-
cers that *were* with him in the ward
of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore
look ye *so* sadly to day?* 8 And they
said unto him, We have dreamed a
dream, and *there is* no interpreter of
it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not
interpretations *belong* to God? tell me

40.7. look...: Heb. are your faces evil?.

them, I pray you. 9 And the chief but-
ler told his dream to Joseph, and said
to him, In my dream, behold, a vine
was before me; 10 And in the vine *were*
three branches: and it *was* as though it
budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth;
and the clusters thereof brought forth
ripe grapes: 11 And Pharaoh's cup *was*
in my hand: and I took the grapes, and
pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and
I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.
12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is*
the interpretation of it: The three
branches *are* three days: 13 Yet within
three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine
head, and restore thee unto thy place:

and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup
into his hand, after the former man-
ner when thou wast his butler.* [14] But
think on me when it shall be well with
thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee,
unto me, and make mention of me
unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of
this house:* [15] For indeed I was stolen
away out of the land of the Hebrews:
and here also have I done nothing
that they should put me into the dun-
geon. [16] When the chief baker saw that
the interpretation was good, he said
unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream,

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13. lift...: or, reckon.
14. think...: Heb. remember me with thee.

and, behold, *I had* three white baskets on my head:* [17] And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.* [18] And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days: [19] Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.* [20] And

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16. white: or, full of holes.

17. bakemeats...: Heb. meat of Pharaoh, the work of a baker, or, cook.

19. lift...: or, reckon thee, and take thy office from thee.

it came to pass the third day, *which*
was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a
feast unto all his servants: and he lifted
up the head of the chief butler and of
the chief baker among his servants.*
21 And he restored the chief butler unto
his butlership again; and he gave the
cup into Pharaoh's hand: 22 But he
hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had
interpreted to them. 23 Yet did not the
chief butler remember Joseph, but for-
gat him.

41 And it came to pass at the
end of two full years, that Pharaoh

20. lifted...: or, reckoned.

dreamed: and, behold, he stood by
the river. 2 And, behold, there came
up out of the river seven well favoured
kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a
meadow. 3 And, behold, seven other
kine came up after them out of the
river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and
stood by the *other* kine upon the brink
of the river. 4 And the ill favoured
and leanfleshed kine did eat up the
seven well favoured and fat kine. So
Pharaoh awoke. 5 And he slept and
dreamed the second time: and, be-
hold, seven ears of corn came up upon
one stalk, rank and good.* 6 And, be-

41.5. rank: Heb. fat.

hold, seven thin ears and blasted with
the east wind sprung up after them.
7 And the seven thin ears devoured the
seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh
awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.
8 And it came to pass in the morn-
ing that his spirit was troubled; and
he sent and called for all the magi-
cians of Egypt, and all the wise men
thereof: and Pharaoh told them his
dream; but *there was* none that could
interpret them unto Pharaoh. 9 Then
spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh,
saying, I do remember my faults this
day: 10 Pharaoh was wroth with his ser-
vants, and put me in ward in the cap-

tain of the guard's house, *both* me and
the chief baker: 11 And we dreamed
a dream in one night, I and he; we
dreamed each man according to the
interpretation of his dream. 12 And
there was there with us a young man, an
Hebrew, servant to the captain of the
guard; and we told him, and he inter-
preted to us our dreams; to each man
according to his dream he did inter-
pret. 13 And it came to pass, as he inter-
preted to us, so it was; me he restored
unto mine office, and him he hanged.
14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph,
and they brought him hastily out of
the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*,

and changed his raiment, and came
in unto Pharaoh.* [15] And Pharaoh said
unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream,
and *there is* none that can interpret
it: and I have heard say of thee, *that*
thou canst understand a dream to
interpret it.* [16] And Joseph answered
Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God
shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.
[17] And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In
my dream, behold, I stood upon the
bank of the river: [18] And, behold, there
came up out of the river seven kine,

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14. brought...: Heb. made him run.

15. thou...: or, when thou hearest a dream thou canst interpret it.

fatfleshed and well favoured; and they
fed in a meadow: [19] And, behold, seven
other kine came up after them, poor
and very ill favoured and leanfleshed,
such as I never saw in all the land of
Egypt for badness: [20] And the lean and
the ill favoured kine did eat up the
first seven fat kine: [21] And when they
had eaten them up, it could not be
known that they had eaten them; but
they *were* still ill favoured, as at the
beginning. So I awoke.* [22] And I saw
in my dream, and, behold, seven ears
came up in one stalk, full and good:

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21. eaten...: Heb. come to the inward parts of them.

23 And, behold, seven ears, withered,
thin, *and* blasted with the east wind,
sprung up after them:* 24 And the thin
ears devoured the seven good ears: and
I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there*
was none that could declare *it* to me.
25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The
dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath
shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to
do. 26 The seven good kine *are* seven
years; and the seven good ears *are*
seven years: the dream *is* one. 27 And
the seven thin and ill favoured kine
that came up after them *are* seven
years; and the seven empty ears blasted

23. withered: or, small.

with the east wind shall be seven years
of famine. [28] This *is* the thing which
I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What
God *is* about to do he sheweth unto
Pharaoh. [29] Behold, there come seven
years of great plenty throughout all
the land of Egypt: [30] And there shall
arise after them seven years of famine;
and all the plenty shall be forgotten
in the land of Egypt; and the famine
shall consume the land; [31] And the
plenty shall not be known in the land
by reason of that famine following;
for it *shall be* very grievous.* [32] And
for that the dream was doubled unto

31. grievous: Heb. heavy.

Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing
is established by God, and God will
shortly bring it to pass.* 33 Now there-
fore let Pharaoh look out a man dis-
creet and wise, and set him over the
land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do *this*,
and let him appoint officers over the
land, and take up the fifth part of the
land of Egypt in the seven plenteous
years.* 35 And let them gather all the
food of those good years that come,
and lay up corn under the hand of
Pharaoh, and let them keep food in
the cities. 36 And that food shall be

32. established...: or, prepared of God.
34. officers: or, overseers.

for store to the land against the seven
years of famine, which shall be in the
land of Egypt; that the land perish not
through the famine.* 37 And the thing
was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and
in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And
Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can
we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man
in whom the Spirit of God *is*? 39 And
Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch
as God hath shewed thee all this, *there
is* none so discreet and wise as thou
art: 40 Thou shalt be over my house,
and according unto thy word shall all
my people be ruled: only in the throne

36. perish...: Heb. be not cut off.

will I be greater than thou.* 41 And
Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have
set thee over all the land of Egypt.
42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from
his hand, and put it upon Joseph's
hand, and arrayed him in vestures of
fine linen, and put a gold chain about
his neck;* 43 And he made him to ride
in the second chariot which he had;
and they cried before him, Bow the
knee: and he made him *ruler* over all
the land of Egypt.* 44 And Pharaoh said
unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and with-

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40. be ruled: Heb. be armed, or, kiss.
42. fine...: or, silk.
43. Bow...: or, Tender father: Heb. Abrech.

out thee shall no man lift up his hand
or foot in all the land of Egypt. [45] And
Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaph-
nathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife
Asenath the daughter of Potipherah
priest of On. And Joseph went out
over *all* the land of Egypt.* [46] And
Joseph *was* thirty years old when he
stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.
And Joseph went out from the pres-
ence of Pharaoh, and went through-
out all the land of Egypt. [47] And in
the seven plenteous years the earth

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45. Zaphnathpaaneah: which in the Coptic signifies, A revealer of secrets, or, The man to whom secrets are revealed. priest: or, prince.

brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he
gathered up all the food of the seven
years, which were in the land of Egypt,
and laid up the food in the cities: the
food of the field, which *was* round
about every city, laid he up in the
same. 49 And Joseph gathered corn as
the sand of the sea, very much, until
he left numbering; for *it was* without
number. 50 And unto Joseph were born
two sons before the years of famine
came, which Asenath the daughter
of Potipherah priest of On bare unto
him.* 51 And Joseph called the name
of the firstborn Manasseh: For God,

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50. priest: or, prince.

said he, hath made me forget all my
toil, and all my father's house.* [52] And
the name of the second called he Eph-
raim: For God hath caused me to be
fruitful in the land of my affliction.*
[53] And the seven years of plenteous-
ness, that was in the land of Egypt,
were ended. [54] And the seven years of
dearth began to come, according as
Joseph had said: and the dearth was in
all lands; but in all the land of Egypt
there was bread. [55] And when all the
land of Egypt was famished, the peo-
ple cried to Pharaoh for bread: and

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51. Manasseh: that is, Forgetting.
52. Ephraim: that is, Fruitful.

Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians,
Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you,
do. 56 And the famine was over all the
face of the earth: And Joseph opened
all the storehouses, and sold unto the
Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore
in the land of Egypt.* 57 And all coun-
tries came into Egypt to Joseph for to
buy *corn*; because that the famine was
so sore in all lands.

42 Now when Jacob saw that there
was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto
his sons, Why do ye look one upon
another? 2 And he said, Behold, I

56. all the storehouses: Heb. all wherein was.

have heard that there is corn in Egypt:
get you down thither, and buy for us
from thence; that we may live, and
not die. 3 And Joseph's ten breth-
ren went down to buy corn in Egypt.
4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Ja-
cob sent not with his brethren; for
he said, Lest peradventure mischief
befall him. 5 And the sons of Is-
rael came to buy *corn* among those
that came: for the famine was in the
land of Canaan. 6 And Joseph *was*
the governor over the land, *and* he *it*
was that sold to all the people of the
land: and Joseph's brethren came, and
bowed down themselves before him

with their faces to the earth. 7 And
Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew
them, but made himself strange unto
them, and spake roughly unto them;
and he said unto them, Whence come
ye? And they said, From the land of
Canaan to buy food.* 8 And Joseph
knew his brethren, but they knew not
him. 9 And Joseph remembered the
dreams which he dreamed of them,
and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to
see the nakedness of the land ye are
come. 10 And they said unto him, Nay,
my lord, but to buy food are thy ser-
vants come. 11 We *are* all one man's

42.7. roughly...: Heb. hard things with them.

sons; we *are* true *men*, thy servants are
no spies. [12] And he said unto them,
Nay, but to see the nakedness of the
land ye are come. [13] And they said,
Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the
sons of one man in the land of Ca-
naan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this
day with our father, and one *is* not.
[14] And Joseph said unto them, That *is*
it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye
are spies: [15] Hereby ye shall be proved:
By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not
go forth hence, except your youngest
brother come hither. [16] Send one of
you, and let him fetch your brother,
and ye shall be kept in prison, that your

words may be proved, whether *there be*
any truth in you: or else by the life of
Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.* 17 And he
put them all together into ward three
days.* 18 And Joseph said unto them
the third day, This do, and live; *for*
I fear God: 19 If ye *be* true *men*, let
one of your brethren be bound in the
house of your prison: go ye, carry corn
for the famine of your houses: 20 But
bring your youngest brother unto me;
so shall your words be verified, and ye
shall not die. And they did so. 21 And
they said one to another, We *are* verily

16. kept...: Heb. bound.
17. put: Heb. gathered.

guilty concerning our brother, in that
we saw the anguish of his soul, when he
besought us, and we would not hear;
therefore is this distress come upon us.
22 And Reuben answered them, saying,
Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not
sin against the child; and ye would not
hear? therefore, behold, also his blood
is required. 23 And they knew not that
Joseph understood *them*; for he spake
unto them by an interpreter.* 24 And he
turned himself about from them, and
wept; and returned to them again, and
communed with them, and took from

23. he spake...: Heb. an interpreter was between them.

them Simeon, and bound him before
their eyes. [25] Then Joseph commanded
to fill their sacks with corn, and to re-
store every man's money into his sack,
and to give them provision for the way:
and thus did he unto them. [26] And
they laded their asses with the corn,
and departed thence. [27] And as one
of them opened his sack to give his
ass provender in the inn, he espied his
money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's
mouth. [28] And he said unto his breth-
ren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is*
even in my sack: and their heart failed
them, and they were afraid, saying one
to another, What *is* this *that* God hath

done unto us?* [29] And they came unto
Jacob their father unto the land of Ca-
naan, and told him all that befell unto
them; saying, [30] The man, *who is* the
lord of the land, spake roughly to us,
and took us for spies of the country.*
[31] And we said unto him, We *are* true
men; we are no spies: [32] We *be* twelve
brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not,
and the youngest *is* this day with our
father in the land of Canaan. [33] And
the man, the lord of the country, said
unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye
are true *men*; leave one of your breth-

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28. failed...: Heb. went forth.
30. roughly...: Heb. with us hard things.

ren *here* with me, and take *food for*
the famine of your households, and
be gone: [34] And bring your youngest
brother unto me: then shall I know
that ye *are* no spies, but *that* ye *are* true
men: so will I deliver you your brother,
and ye shall traffick in the land. [35] And
it came to pass as they emptied their
sacks, that, behold, every man's bun-
dle of money *was* in his sack: and when
both they and their father saw the bun-
dles of money, they were afraid. [36] And
Jacob their father said unto them, Me
have ye bereaved *of my children*: Joseph
is not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will
take Benjamin *away*: all these things

are against me. 37 And Reuben spake
unto his father, saying, Slay my two
sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver
him into my hand, and I will bring him
to thee again. 38 And he said, My son
shall not go down with you; for his
brother is dead, and he is left alone: if
mischief befall him by the way in the
which ye go, then shall ye bring down
my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

43 And the famine *was* sore in the
land. 2 And it came to pass, when they
had eaten up the corn which they had
brought out of Egypt, their father said
unto them, Go again, buy us a little

food. 3 And Judah spake unto him,
saying, The man did solemnly protest
unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my
face, except your brother *be* with you.*
4 If thou wilt send our brother with us,
we will go down and buy thee food:
5 But if thou wilt not send *him*, we will
not go down: for the man said unto us,
Ye shall not see my face, except your
brother *be* with you. 6 And Israel said,
Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as*
to tell the man whether ye had yet a
brother? 7 And they said, The man
asked us straitly of our state, and of
our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet

43.3. did...: Heb. protesting protested.

alive? have ye *another* brother? and
we told him according to the tenor of
these words: could we certainly know
that he would say, Bring your brother
down?* 8 And Judah said unto Israel
his father, Send the lad with me, and
we will arise and go; that we may live,
and not die, both we, and thou, *and*
also our little ones. 9 I will be surety
for him; of my hand shalt thou re-
quire him: if I bring him not unto
thee, and set him before thee, then let
me bear the blame for ever: 10 For ex-
cept we had lingered, surely now we

7. asked...: Heb. asking asked us. tenor: Heb. mouth. could...: Heb. knowing could we know.

had returned this second time.* [11] And
their father Israel said unto them, If *it*
must be so now, do this; take of the
best fruits in the land in your vessels,
and carry down the man a present, a
little balm, and a little honey, spices,
and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: [12] And
take double money in your hand; and
the money that was brought again in
the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again
in your hand; peradventure it *was* an
oversight: [13] Take also your brother,
and arise, go again unto the man:
[14] And God Almighty give you mercy
before the man, that he may send away

10. this: or, twice by this.

your other brother, and Benjamin. If
I be bereaved *of my children*, I am be-
reaved.* 15 And the men took that pre-
sent, and they took double money in
their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up,
and went down to Egypt, and stood
before Joseph. 16 And when Joseph
saw Benjamin with them, he said to
the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men
home, and slay, and make ready; for
these men shall dine with me at noon.*
17 And the man did as Joseph bade;
and the man brought the men into
Joseph's house. 18 And the men were

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14. If...: or, And I, as I have been, etc.
16. slay: Heb. kill a killing. dine: Heb. eat.

afraid, because they were brought into
Joseph's house; and they said, Because
of the money that was returned in our
sacks at the first time are we brought
in; that he may seek occasion against
us, and fall upon us, and take us for
bondmen, and our asses.* 19 And they
came near to the steward of Joseph's
house, and they communed with him
at the door of the house, 20 And said, O
sir, we came indeed down at the first
time to buy food:* 21 And it came to
pass, when we came to the inn, that
we opened our sacks, and, behold, *ev-*

18. seek...: Heb. roll himself upon us.
20. we...: Heb. coming down we came down.

ery man's money *was* in the mouth of
his sack, our money in full weight: and
we have brought it again in our hand.
22 And other money have we brought
down in our hands to buy food: we
cannot tell who put our money in our
sacks. 23 And he said, Peace *be* to you,
fear not: your God, and the God of
your father, hath given you treasure in
your sacks: I had your money. And
he brought Simeon out unto them.*
24 And the man brought the men into
Joseph's house, and gave *them* water,
and they washed their feet; and he
gave their asses provender. 25 And they

23. I had...: Heb. your money came to me.

made ready the present against Joseph
came at noon: for they heard that they
should eat bread there. [26] And when
Joseph came home, they brought him
the present which *was* in their hand
into the house, and bowed themselves
to him to the earth. [27] And he asked
them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your
father well, the old man of whom ye
spake? *Is* he yet alive?* [28] And they
answered, Thy servant our father *is*
in good health, he *is* yet alive. And
they bowed down their heads, and
made obeisance. [29] And he lifted up

27. welfare: Heb. peace. Is your...: Heb. Is there peace to your father?.

his eyes, and saw his brother Ben-
jamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is*
this your younger brother, of whom
ye spake unto me? And he said, God
be gracious unto thee, my son. 30 And
Joseph made haste; for his bowels did
yearn upon his brother: and he sought
where to weep; and he entered into *his*
chamber, and wept there. 31 And he
washed his face, and went out, and re-
frained himself, and said, Set on bread.
32 And they set on for him by him-
self, and for them by themselves, and
for the Egyptians, which did eat with
him, by themselves: because the Egyp-
tians might not eat bread with the

Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination
unto the Egyptians. 33 And they sat be-
fore him, the firstborn according to his
birthright, and the youngest accord-
ing to his youth: and the men mar-
velled one at another. 34 And he took
and sent messes unto them from be-
fore him: but Benjamin's mess was five
times so much as any of theirs. And
they drank, and were merry with him.*

44 And he commanded the stew-
ard of his house, saying, Fill the men's
sacks *with* food, as much as they can
carry, and put every man's money in

34. were...: Heb. drank largely.

his sack's mouth.* [2] And put my cup,
the silver cup, in the sack's mouth
of the youngest, and his corn money.
And he did according to the word that
Joseph had spoken. [3] As soon as the
morning was light, the men were sent
away, they and their asses. [4] *And* when
they were gone out of the city, *and* not
yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward,
Up, follow after the men; and when
thou dost overtake them, say unto
them, Wherefore have ye rewarded
evil for good? [5] *Is* not this *it* in which
my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed

44.1. the steward...: Heb. him that was over his house.

he divineth? ye have done evil in so
doing.* 6 And he overtook them, and
he spake unto them these same words.
7 And they said unto him, Wherefore
saith my lord these words? God forbid
that thy servants should do according
to this thing: 8 Behold, the money,
which we found in our sacks' mouths,
we brought again unto thee out of the
land of Canaan: how then should we
steal out of thy lord's house silver or
gold? 9 With whomsoever of thy ser-
vants it be found, both let him die,
and we also will be my lord's bond-
men. 10 And he said, Now also *let* it *be*

5. divineth: or, maketh trial?.

according unto your words: he with
whom it is found shall be my servant;
and ye shall be blameless. 11 Then they
speedily took down every man his sack
to the ground, and opened every man
his sack. 12 And he searched, *and* began
at the eldest, and left at the youngest:
and the cup was found in Benjamin's
sack. 13 Then they rent their clothes,
and laded every man his ass, and re-
turned to the city. 14 And Judah and
his brethren came to Joseph's house;
for he *was* yet there: and they fell be-
fore him on the ground. 15 And Joseph
said unto them, What deed *is* this that
ye have done? wot ye not that such a

man as I can certainly divine?* [16] And
Judah said, What shall we say unto my
lord? what shall we speak? or how
shall we clear ourselves? God hath
found out the iniquity of thy servants:
behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both
we, and *he* also with whom the cup is
found. [17] And he said, God forbid that
I should do so: *but* the man in whose
hand the cup is found, he shall be my
servant; and as for you, get you up in
peace unto your father. [18] Then Judah
came near unto him, and said, Oh my
lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak
a word in my lord's ears, and let not

15. divine: or, make trial?.

thine anger burn against thy servant:
for thou *art* even as Pharaoh. [19] My
lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye
a father, or a brother? [20] And we said
unto my lord, We have a father, an old
man, and a child of his old age, a lit-
tle one; and his brother is dead, and
he alone is left of his mother, and his
father loveth him. [21] And thou saidst
unto thy servants, Bring him down
unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon
him. [22] And we said unto my lord, The
lad cannot leave his father: for *if* he
should leave his father, *his father* would
die. [23] And thou saidst unto thy ser-
vants, Except your youngest brother

come down with you, ye shall see my
face no more. [24] And it came to pass
when we came up unto thy servant my
father, we told him the words of my
lord. [25] And our father said, Go again,
and buy us a little food. [26] And we said,
We cannot go down: if our youngest
brother be with us, then will we go
down: for we may not see the man's
face, except our youngest brother *be*
with us. [27] And thy servant my father
said unto us, Ye know that my wife
bare me two *sons*: [28] And the one went
out from me, and I said, Surely he
is torn in pieces; and I saw him not
since: [29] And if ye take this also from

me, and mischief befall him, ye shall
bring down my gray hairs with sorrow
to the grave. [30] Now therefore when I
come to thy servant my father, and the
lad *be* not with us; seeing that his life
is bound up in the lad's life; [31] It shall
come to pass, when he seeth that the
lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and
thy servants shall bring down the gray
hairs of thy servant our father with sor-
row to the grave. [32] For thy servant be-
came surety for the lad unto my father,
saying, If I bring him not unto thee,
then I shall bear the blame to my fa-
ther for ever. [33] Now therefore, I pray
thee, let thy servant abide instead of

the lad a bondman to my lord; and let
the lad go up with his brethren. 34 For
how shall I go up to my father, and the
lad *be* not with me? lest peradventure
I see the evil that shall come on my
father.*

45 Then Joseph could not refrain
himself before all them that stood
by him; and he cried, Cause every
man to go out from me. And there
stood no man with him, while Joseph
made himself known unto his breth-
ren. 2 And he wept aloud: and the
Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh

34. come...: Heb. find my father.

heard.* 3 And Joseph said unto his
brethren, I *am* Joseph; doth my father
yet live? And his brethren could not
answer him; for they were troubled at
his presence.* 4 And Joseph said unto
his brethren, Come near to me, I pray
you. And they came near. And he
said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom
ye sold into Egypt. 5 Now therefore be
not grieved, nor angry with yourselves,
that ye sold me hither: for God did
send me before you to preserve life.*

45.2. wept...: Heb. gave forth his voice in weeping.
3. troubled: or, terrified.
5. nor...: Heb. neither let there be anger in your eyes.

6 For these two years *hath* the famine
been in the land: and yet *there are* five
years, in the which *there shall* neither
be earing nor harvest. 7 And God sent
me before you to preserve you a pos-
terity in the earth, and to save your
lives by a great deliverance.* 8 So now
it was not you *that* sent me hither, but
God: and he hath made me a father
to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house,
and a ruler throughout all the land of
Egypt. 9 Haste ye, and go up to my
father, and say unto him, Thus saith
thy son Joseph, God hath made me
lord of all Egypt: come down unto

7. to preserve...: Heb. to put for you a remnant.

me, tarry not: [10] And thou shalt dwell
in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt
be near unto me, thou, and thy chil-
dren, and thy children's children, and
thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that
thou hast: [11] And there will I nour-
ish thee; for yet *there are* five years
of famine; lest thou, and thy house-
hold, and all that thou hast, come to
poverty. [12] And, behold, your eyes see,
and the eyes of my brother Benjamin,
that *it is* my mouth that speaketh unto
you. [13] And ye shall tell my father of
all my glory in Egypt, and of all that
ye have seen; and ye shall haste and
bring down my father hither. [14] And

he fell upon his brother Benjamin's
neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept
upon his neck. [15] Moreover he kissed
all his brethren, and wept upon them:
and after that his brethren talked with
him. [16] And the fame thereof was heard
in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's
brethren are come: and it pleased
Pharaoh well, and his servants.* [17] And
Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto
thy brethren, This do ye; lade your
beasts, and go, get you unto the land
of Canaan; [18] And take your father and
your households, and come unto me:

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16. pleased...: Heb. was good in the eyes of Pharaoh.

and I will give you the good of the
land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the
fat of the land. [19] Now thou art com-
manded, this do ye; take you wagons
out of the land of Egypt for your lit-
tle ones, and for your wives, and bring
your father, and come. [20] Also regard
not your stuff; for the good of all the
land of Egypt *is* yours.* [21] And the chil-
dren of Israel did so: and Joseph gave
them wagons, according to the com-
mandment of Pharaoh, and gave them
provision for the way.* [22] To all of them
he gave each man changes of raiment;

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20. regard...: Heb. let not your eye spare, etc.
21. commandment: Heb. mouth.

but to Benjamin he gave three hun-
dred *pieces* of silver, and five changes
of raiment. [23] And to his father he sent
after this *manner*; ten asses laden with
the good things of Egypt, and ten she
asses laden with corn and bread and
meat for his father by the way.* [24] So he
sent his brethren away, and they de-
parted: and he said unto them, See
that ye fall not out by the way. [25] And
they went up out of Egypt, and came
into the land of Canaan unto Jacob
their father, [26] And told him, saying,
Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* gover-
nor over all the land of Egypt. And

23. laden...: Heb. carrying.

Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed
them not.* 27 And they told him all the
words of Joseph, which he had said
unto them: and when he saw the wag-
ons which Joseph had sent to carry
him, the spirit of Jacob their father re-
vived: 28 And Israel said, *It is* enough;
Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and
see him before I die.

46 And Israel took his journey
with all that he had, and came to Beer-
sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the
God of his father Isaac. 2 And God
spake unto Israel in the visions of the

26. Jacob's: Heb. his.

night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he
said, Here *am* I. 3 And he said, I *am*
God, the God of thy father: fear not
to go down into Egypt; for I will there
make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go
down with thee into Egypt; and I will
also surely bring thee up *again*: and
Joseph shall put his hand upon thine
eyes. 5 And Jacob rose up from Beer-
sheba: and the sons of Israel carried
Jacob their father, and their little ones,
and their wives, in the wagons which
Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 And
they took their cattle, and their goods,
which they had gotten in the land of
Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob,

and all his seed with him: 7 His sons,
and his sons' sons with him, his daugh-
ters, and his sons' daughters, and all his
seed brought he with him into Egypt.
8 And these *are* the names of the chil-
dren of Israel, which came into Egypt,
Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's
firstborn. 9 And the sons of Reuben;
Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and
Carmi. 10 And the sons of Simeon;
Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and
Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son
of a Canaanitish woman.* 11 And the
sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and

46.10. Jemuel: or, Nemuel. Jachin: or, Jarib. Zohar: or, Zerah.

Merari.* [12] And the sons of Judah; Er,
and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez,
and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in
the land of Canaan. And the sons
of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.
[13] And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and
Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.* [14] And
the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon,
and Jahleel. [15] These *be* the sons of
Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in
Padanaram, with his daughter Dinah:
all the souls of his sons and his daugh-
ters *were* thirty and three. [16] And the
sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi,

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11. Gershon: or, Gershom.

13. Phuvah, and Job: or, Puah, and Jashub.

Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and
Areli.* 17 And the sons of Asher; Jim-
nah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Be-
riah, and Serah their sister: and the
sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.
18 These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom
Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and
these she bare unto Jacob, *even* sixteen
souls. 19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's
wife; Joseph, and Benjamin. 20 And
unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were
born Manasseh and Ephraim, which
Asenath the daughter of Potipherah

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16. Ziphion: or, Zephon. Ezbon: or, Ozni. Arodi: or, Arod.

priest of On bare unto him.* [21] And
the sons of Benjamin *were* Belah, and
Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naa-
man, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and
Huppim, and Ard.* [22] These *are* the
sons of Rachel, which were born to Ja-
cob: all the souls *were* fourteen. [23] And
the sons of Dan; Hushim.* [24] And the
sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni,
and Jezer, and Shillem. [25] These *are*
the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave
unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare

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20. priest: or, prince.

21. Ehi: or, Ahiram. Muppim: or, Shupham or, Shuppim. Huppim: or, Hupham.

23. Hushim: or, Shuham.

these unto Jacob: all the souls *were*
seven. [26] All the souls that came with
Jacob into Egypt, which came out of
his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives,
all the souls *were* threescore and six;*
[27] And the sons of Joseph, which were
born him in Egypt, *were* two souls:
all the souls of the house of Jacob,
which came into Egypt, *were* three-
score and ten. [28] And he sent Judah
before him unto Joseph, to direct his
face unto Goshen; and they came into
the land of Goshen. [29] And Joseph
made ready his chariot, and went up
to meet Israel his father, to Goshen,

26. loins: Heb. thigh.

and presented himself unto him; and
he fell on his neck, and wept on his
neck a good while. 30 And Israel said
unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I
have seen thy face, because thou *art*
yet alive. 31 And Joseph said unto his
brethren, and unto his father's house,
I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and
say unto him, My brethren, and my
father's house, which *were* in the land
of Canaan, are come unto me; 32 And
the men *are* shepherds, for their trade
hath been to feed cattle; and they have
brought their flocks, and their herds,
and all that they have.* 33 And it shall

32. their trade...: Heb. they are men of cattle.

come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call
you, and shall say, What *is* your oc-
cupation? 34 That ye shall say, Thy
servants' trade hath been about cattle
from our youth even until now, both
we, *and* also our fathers: that ye may
dwell in the land of Goshen; for every
shepherd *is* an abomination unto the
Egyptians.

47 Then Joseph came and told
Pharaoh, and said, My father and my
brethren, and their flocks, and their
herds, and all that they have, are come
out of the land of Canaan; and, be-
hold, they *are* in the land of Goshen.

2 And he took some of his brethren,
even five men, and presented them
unto Pharaoh. 3 And Pharaoh said
unto his brethren, What *is* your occu-
pation? And they said unto Pharaoh,
Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we,
and also our fathers. 4 They said more-
over unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in
the land are we come; for thy servants
have no pasture for their flocks; for
the famine *is* sore in the land of Ca-
naan: now therefore, we pray thee,
let thy servants dwell in the land of
Goshen. 5 And Pharaoh spake unto
Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy
brethren are come unto thee: 6 The

land of Egypt *is* before thee; in the best
of the land make thy father and breth-
ren to dwell; in the land of Goshen
let them dwell: and if thou know-
est *any* men of activity among them,
then make them rulers over my cat-
tle. 7 And Joseph brought in Jacob
his father, and set him before Pharaoh:
and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8 And
Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old *art*
thou?* 9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh,
The days of the years of my pilgrim-
age *are* an hundred and thirty years:
few and evil have the days of the years

47.8. How...: Heb. How many are the days of the years of thy life?.

of my life been, and have not attained
unto the days of the years of the life of
my fathers in the days of their pilgrim-
age. [10] And Jacob blessed Pharaoh,
and went out from before Pharaoh.
[11] And Joseph placed his father and
his brethren, and gave them a posses-
sion in the land of Egypt, in the best
of the land, in the land of Rameses,
as Pharaoh had commanded. [12] And
Joseph nourished his father, and his
brethren, and all his father's house-
hold, with bread, according to *their*
families.* [13] And *there was* no bread in

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12. according...: or, as a little child is nourished: Heb. according to the little ones.

all the land; for the famine *was* very
sore, so that the land of Egypt and *all*
the land of Canaan fainted by reason
of the famine. 14 And Joseph gathered
up all the money that was found in the
land of Egypt, and in the land of Ca-
naan, for the corn which they bought:
and Joseph brought the money into
Pharaoh's house. 15 And when money
failed in the land of Egypt, and in
the land of Canaan, all the Egyp-
tians came unto Joseph, and said, Give
us bread: for why should we die in
thy presence? for the money faileth.
16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle;
and I will give you for your cattle, if

money fail. [17] And they brought their
cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave
them bread *in exchange* for horses, and
for the flocks, and for the cattle of
the herds, and for the asses: and he
fed them with bread for all their cattle
for that year.* [18] When that year was
ended, they came unto him the sec-
ond year, and said unto him, We will
not hide *it* from my lord, how that our
money is spent; my lord also hath our
herds of cattle; there is not ought left
in the sight of my lord, but our bod-
ies, and our lands: [19] Wherefore shall
we die before thine eyes, both we and

17. fed...: Heb. led them.

our land? buy us and our land for
bread, and we and our land will be
servants unto Pharaoh: and give *us*
seed, that we may live, and not die,
that the land be not desolate. [20] And
Joseph bought all the land of Egypt
for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold ev-
ery man his field, because the famine
prevailed over them: so the land be-
came Pharaoh's. [21] And as for the peo-
ple, he removed them to cities from
one end of the borders of Egypt even
to the *other* end thereof. [22] Only the
land of the priests bought he not; for
the priests had a portion *assigned them*
of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion

which Pharaoh gave them: where-
fore they sold not their lands.* [23] Then
Joseph said unto the people, Behold,
I have bought you this day and your
land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for
you, and ye shall sow the land. [24] And
it shall come to pass in the increase,
that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto
Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your
own, for seed of the field, and for your
food, and for them of your house-
holds, and for food for your little ones.
[25] And they said, Thou hast saved our
lives: let us find grace in the sight of
my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's ser-

22. priests: or, princes.

vants. [26] And Joseph made it a law over
the land of Egypt unto this day, *that*
Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*;
except the land of the priests only,
which became not Pharaoh's.* [27] And
Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the
country of Goshen; and they had pos-
sessions therein, and grew, and multi-
plied exceedingly. [28] And Jacob lived
in the land of Egypt seventeen years:
so the whole age of Jacob was an hun-
dred forty and seven years.* [29] And the
time drew nigh that Israel must die:

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26. priests: or, princes.
28. the whole...: Heb. the days of the years of his life.

and he called his son Joseph, and said
unto him, If now I have found grace
in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand
under my thigh, and deal kindly and
truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee,
in Egypt: 30 But I will lie with my fa-
thers, and thou shalt carry me out of
Egypt, and bury me in their burying-
place. And he said, I will do as thou
hast said. 31 And he said, Swear unto
me. And he sware unto him. And
Israel bowed himself upon the bed's
head.

48 And it came to pass after these
things, that *one* told Joseph, Behold,
thy father *is* sick: and he took with

him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. 2 And *one* told Jacob, and said,
Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto
thee: and Israel strengthened himself,
and sat upon the bed. 3 And Jacob said
unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared
unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan,
and blessed me, 4 And said unto me,
Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and
multiply thee, and I will make of thee a
multitude of people; and will give this
land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession. 5 And now thy two
sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which
were born unto thee in the land of
Egypt before I came unto thee into

Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Si-
meon, they shall be mine. 6 And thy
issue, which thou begettest after them,
shall be thine, *and* shall be called af-
ter the name of their brethren in their
inheritance. 7 And as for me, when
I came from Padan, Rachel died by
me in the land of Canaan in the way,
when yet *there was* but a little way
to come unto Ephrath: and I buried
her there in the way of Ephrath; the
same *is* Bethlehem. 8 And Israel be-
held Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are*
these? 9 And Joseph said unto his fa-
ther, They *are* my sons, whom God
hath given me in this *place*. And he

said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me,
and I will bless them. 10 Now the eyes
of Israel were dim for age, *so that* he
could not see. And he brought them
near unto him; and he kissed them,
and embraced them.* 11 And Israel said
unto Joseph, I had not thought to see
thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me
also thy seed. 12 And Joseph brought
them out from between his knees, and
he bowed himself with his face to
the earth. 13 And Joseph took them
both, Ephraim in his right hand to-
ward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh
in his left hand toward Israel's right

48.10. dim: Heb. heavy.

hand, and brought *them* near unto
him. [14] And Israel stretched out his
right hand, and laid *it* upon Ephraim's
head, who *was* the younger, and his left
hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding
his hands wittingly; for Manasseh *was*
the firstborn. [15] And he blessed Joseph,
and said, God, before whom my fa-
thers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the
God which fed me all my life long
unto this day, [16] The Angel which re-
deemed me from all evil, bless the lads;
and let my name be named on them,
and the name of my fathers Abraham
and Isaac; and let them grow into a

multitude in the midst of the earth.*
17 And when Joseph saw that his father
laid his right hand upon the head of
Ephraim, it displeased him: and he
held up his father's hand, to remove it
from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's
head.* 18 And Joseph said unto his fa-
ther, Not so, my father: for this *is* the
firstborn; put thy right hand upon his
head. 19 And his father refused, and
said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*: he
also shall become a people, and he also
shall be great: but truly his younger
brother shall be greater than he, and

16. grow: Heb. as fishes do increase.
17. displeased...: was evil in his eyes.

his seed shall become a multitude of
nations.* [20] And he blessed them that
day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless,
saying, God make thee as Ephraim
and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim
before Manasseh. [21] And Israel said
unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God
shall be with you, and bring you again
unto the land of your fathers. [22] More-
over I have given to thee one portion
above thy brethren, which I took out
of the hand of the Amorite with my
sword and with my bow.

49 And Jacob called unto his sons,

19. multitude: Heb. fulness.

and said, Gather yourselves together,
that I may tell you *that* which shall
befall you in the last days. [2] Gather
yourselves together, and hear, ye sons
of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your
father. [3] Reuben, thou *art* my first-
born, my might, and the beginning of
my strength, the excellency of dignity,
and the excellency of power: [4] Unsta-
ble as water, thou shalt not excel; be-
cause thou wentest up to thy father's
bed; then defiledst thou *it*: he went up
to my couch.* [5] Simeon and Levi *are*
brethren; instruments of cruelty *are in*

49.4. thou shalt...: Heb. do not thou excel. he went...: or, my couch is gone.

their habitations.* 6 O my soul, come
not thou into their secret; unto their
assembly, mine honour, be not thou
united: for in their anger they slew a
man, and in their selfwill they digged
down a wall.* 7 Cursed *be* their anger,
for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it
was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob,
and scatter them in Israel. 8 Judah,
thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall
praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck
of thine enemies; thy father's children
shall bow down before thee. 9 Judah *is*

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5. instruments...: or, their swords are weapons of violence.

6. digged...: or, lamed oxen.

a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son,
thou art gone up: he stooped down, he
couched as a lion, and as an old lion;
who shall rouse him up? [10] The scep-
tre shall not depart from Judah, nor a
lawgiver from between his feet, until
Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the
gathering of the people *be*. [11] Binding
his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt
unto the choice vine; he washed his
garments in wine, and his clothes in
the blood of grapes: [12] His eyes *shall*
be red with wine, and his teeth white
with milk. [13] Zebulun shall dwell at
the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for
an haven of ships; and his border *shall*

be unto Zidon. [14] Issachar *is* a strong
ass couching down between two bur-
dens: [15] And he saw that rest *was* good,
and the land that *it was* pleasant; and
bowed his shoulder to bear, and be-
came a servant unto tribute. [16] Dan
shall judge his people, as one of the
tribes of Israel. [17] Dan shall be a serpent
by the way, an adder in the path, that
biteth the horse heels, so that his rider
shall fall backward.* [18] I have waited
for thy salvation, O LORD. [19] Gad,
a troop shall overcome him: but he
shall overcome at the last. [20] Out of
Asher his bread *shall be* fat, and he

17. an adder: Heb. an arrow snake.

shall yield royal dainties. [21] Naphtali
is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly
words. [22] Joseph *is* a fruitful bough,
even a fruitful bough by a well; *whose*
branches run over the wall:* [23] The
archers have sorely grieved him, and
shot *at him*, and hated him: [24] But
his bow abode in strength, and the
arms of his hands were made strong
by the hands of the mighty *God* of
Jacob; (from thence *is* the shepherd,
the stone of Israel:) [25] *Even* by the God
of thy father, who shall help thee; and
by the Almighty, who shall bless thee
with blessings of heaven above, bless-

22. branches: Heb. daughters.

ings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:
26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the
everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. 27 Benjamin shall ravin *as* a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil. 28 All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them. 29 And

he charged them, and said unto them,
I am to be gathered unto my people:
bury me with my fathers in the cave
that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hit-
tite, 30 In the cave that *is* in the field of
Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in
the land of Canaan, which Abraham
bought with the field of Ephron the
Hittite for a possession of a burying-
place. 31 There they buried Abraham
and Sarah his wife; there they buried
Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there
I buried Leah. 32 The purchase of the
field and of the cave that *is* therein
was from the children of Heth. 33 And
when Jacob had made an end of com-

manding his sons, he gathered up his
feet into the bed, and yielded up the
ghost, and was gathered unto his peo-
ple.

50 And Joseph fell upon his father's
face, and wept upon him, and kissed
him. 2 And Joseph commanded his
servants the physicians to embalm his
father: and the physicians embalmed
Israel. 3 And forty days were fulfilled
for him; for so are fulfilled the days
of those which are embalmed: and
the Egyptians mourned for him three-
score and ten days.* 4 And when the

50.3. mourned: Heb. wept.

days of his mourning were past, Joseph
spake unto the house of Pharaoh, sa-
ing, If now I have found grace in your
eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears
of Pharaoh, saying, 5 My father made
me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my
grave which I have digged for me in
the land of Canaan, there shalt thou
bury me. Now therefore let me go
up, I pray thee, and bury my father,
and I will come again. 6 And Pharaoh
said, Go up, and bury thy father, ac-
cording as he made thee swear. 7 And
Joseph went up to bury his father: and
with him went up all the servants of
Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and

all the elders of the land of Egypt,
8 And all the house of Joseph, and
his brethren, and his father's house:
only their little ones, and their flocks,
and their herds, they left in the land
of Goshen. 9 And there went up
with him both chariots and horse-
men: and it was a very great com-
pany. 10 And they came to the thresh-
ingfloor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jor-
dan, and there they mourned with a
great and very sore lamentation: and
he made a mourning for his father
seven days. 11 And when the inhabi-
tants of the land, the Canaanites, saw
the mourning in the floor of Atad,

they said, This *is* a grievous mourning
to the Egyptians: wherefore the name
of it was called Abelmizraim, which
is beyond Jordan.* [12] And his sons did
unto him according as he commanded
them: [13] For his sons carried him into
the land of Canaan, and buried him
in the cave of the field of Machpelah,
which Abraham bought with the field
for a possession of a buryingplace of
Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.
[14] And Joseph returned into Egypt, he,
and his brethren, and all that went up
with him to bury his father, after he

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11. Abelmizraim: that is, The mourning of the Egyptians.

had buried his father. [15] And when
Joseph's brethren saw that their father
was dead, they said, Joseph will per-
adventure hate us, and will certainly
requite us all the evil which we did
unto him. [16] And they sent a messen-
ger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did
command before he died, saying,* [17] So
shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray
thee now, the trespass of thy breth-
ren, and their sin; for they did unto
thee evil: and now, we pray thee, for-
give the trespass of the servants of the
God of thy father. And Joseph wept
when they spake unto him. [18] And his

16. sent: Heb. charged.

brethren also went and fell down be-
fore his face; and they said, Behold, we
be thy servants. [19] And Joseph said unto
them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place
of God? [20] But as for you, ye thought
evil against me; *but* God meant it
unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is*
this day, to save much people alive.
[21] Now therefore fear ye not: I will
nourish you, and your little ones. And
he comforted them, and spake kindly
unto them.* [22] And Joseph dwelt in
Egypt, he, and his father's house: and
Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.
[23] And Joseph saw Ephraim's children

21. kindly...: Heb. to their hearts.

of the third *generation*: the children
also of Machir the son of Manasseh
were brought up upon Joseph's knees.*
24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I
die: and God will surely visit you, and
bring you out of this land unto the
land which he sware to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob. 25 And Joseph took
an oath of the children of Israel, saying,
God will surely visit you, and ye shall
carry up my bones from hence. 26 So
Joseph died, *being* an hundred and ten
years old: and they embalmed him,
and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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23. brought...: Heb. born.

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

EXODUS

Now these *are* the names of
the children of Israel, which
came into Egypt; every man
and his household came with Jacob.
2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,
4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
5 And all the souls that came out of the
loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for
Joseph was in Egypt *already*.* 6 And

1.5. loins: Heb. thigh.

Joseph died, and all his brethren, and
all that generation. 7 And the chil-
dren of Israel were fruitful, and in-
creased abundantly, and multiplied,
and waxed exceeding mighty; and the
land was filled with them. 8 Now there
arose up a new king over Egypt, which
knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto
his people, Behold, the people of the
children of Israel *are* more and might-
ier than we: 10 Come on, let us deal
wisely with them; lest they multiply,
and it come to pass, that, when there
falleth out any war, they join also unto
our enemies, and fight against us, and
so get them up out of the land. 11 There-

fore they did set over them taskmas-
ters to afflict them with their burdens.
And they built for Pharaoh treasure
cities, Pithom and Raamses. [12] But the
more they afflicted them, the more
they multiplied and grew. And they
were grieved because of the children of
Israel.* [13] And the Egyptians made the
children of Israel to serve with rigour:
[14] And they made their lives bitter with
hard bondage, in morter, and in brick,
and in all manner of service in the field:
all their service, wherein they made
them serve, *was* with rigour. [15] And

12. But...: Heb. And as they afflicted them, so they multiplied, etc.

the king of Egypt spake to the He-
brew midwives, of which the name of
the one *was* Shiphrah, and the name
of the other Puah: [16] And he said,
When ye do the office of a midwife
to the Hebrew women, and see *them*
upon the stools; if it *be* a son, then
ye shall kill him: but if it *be* a daugh-
ter, then she shall live. [17] But the mid-
wives feared God, and did not as the
king of Egypt commanded them, but
saved the men children alive. [18] And
the king of Egypt called for the mid-
wives, and said unto them, Why have
ye done this thing, and have saved the
men children alive? [19] And the mid-

wives said unto Pharaoh, Because the
Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyp-
tian women; for they *are* lively, and
are delivered ere the midwives come in
unto them. [20] Therefore God dealt well
with the midwives: and the people
multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
[21] And it came to pass, because the
midwives feared God, that he made
them houses. [22] And Pharaoh charged
all his people, saying, Every son that is
born ye shall cast into the river, and
every daughter ye shall save alive.

2 And there went a man of the
house of Levi, and took *to wife* a

daughter of Levi. [2] And the woman
conceived, and bare a son: and when
she saw him that he *was a* goodly *child*,
she hid him three months. [3] And
when she could not longer hide him,
she took for him an ark of bulrushes,
and daubed it with slime and with
pitch, and put the child therein; and
she laid *it* in the flags by the river's
brink. [4] And his sister stood afar off, to
wit what would be done to him. [5] And
the daughter of Pharaoh came down
to wash *herself* at the river; and her
maidens walked along by the river's
side; and when she saw the ark among
the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened *it*, she saw
the child: and, behold, the babe wept.
And she had compassion on him,
and said, This *is one* of the Hebrews'
children. 7 Then said his sister to
Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call
to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women,
that she may nurse the child for thee?
8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her,
Go. And the maid went and called
the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's
daughter said unto her, Take this child
away, and nurse it for me, and I will
give *thee* thy wages. And the woman
took the child, and nursed it. 10 And
the child grew, and she brought him

unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.* [11] And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. [12] And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. [13] And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove to-

2.10. Moses: that is, Drawn out.

gether: and he said to him that did
the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou
thy fellow? 14 And he said, Who made
thee a prince and a judge over us? in-
tendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst
the Egyptian? And Moses feared,
and said, Surely this thing is known.*
15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing,
he sought to slay Moses. But Moses
fled from the face of Pharaoh, and
dwelt in the land of Midian: and he
sat down by a well. 16 Now the priest of
Midian had seven daughters: and they
came and drew *water*, and filled the

14. a prince: Heb. a man, a prince.

troughs to water their father's flock.*
17 And the shepherds came and drove
them away: but Moses stood up and
helped them, and watered their flock.
18 And when they came to Reuel their
father, he said, How *is it that* ye are
come so soon to day?* 19 And they
said, An Egyptian delivered us out of
the hand of the shepherds, and also
drew *water* enough for us, and wa-
tered the flock. 20 And he said unto
his daughters, And where *is* he? why
is it *that* ye have left the man? call
him, that he may eat bread. 21 And

16. priest: or, prince.
18. Reuel: called also Jethro, or, Jether.

Moses was content to dwell with the
man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his
daughter. 22 And she bare *him* a son,
and he called his name Gershom: for
he said, I have been a stranger in a
strange land.* 23 And it came to pass
in process of time, that the king of
Egypt died: and the children of Is-
rael sighed by reason of the bondage,
and they cried, and their cry came up
unto God by reason of the bondage.
24 And God heard their groaning, and
God remembered his covenant with
Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
25 And God looked upon the children

22. Gershom: that is, A stranger here.

of Israel, and God had respect unto
them.*

3 Now Moses kept the flock of
Jethro his father in law, the priest of
Midian: and he led the flock to the
backside of the desert, and came to
the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.
2 And the angel of the LORD appeared
unto him in a flame of fire out of the
midst of a bush: and he looked, and,
behold, the bush burned with fire, and
the bush *was* not consumed. 3 And
Moses said, I will now turn aside, and
see this great sight, why the bush is not

25. had...: Heb. knew.

burnt. 4 And when the LORD saw that
he turned aside to see, God called unto
him out of the midst of the bush, and
said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here
am I. 5 And he said, Draw not nigh
hither: put off thy shoes from off thy
feet, for the place whereon thou stand-
est *is* holy ground. 6 Moreover he said,
I *am* the God of thy father, the God
of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his
face; for he was afraid to look upon
God. 7 And the LORD said, I have
surely seen the affliction of my peo-
ple which *are* in Egypt, and have heard
their cry by reason of their taskmas-

ters; for I know their sorrows; 8 And
I am come down to deliver them out
of the hand of the Egyptians, and to
bring them up out of that land unto
a good land and a large, unto a land
flowing with milk and honey; unto the
place of the Canaanites, and the Hit-
tites, and the Amorites, and the Per-
izzites, and the Hivites, and the Je-
busites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the
cry of the children of Israel is come
unto me: and I have also seen the op-
pression wherewith the Egyptians op-
press them. 10 Come now therefore,
and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that
thou mayest bring forth my people the

children of Israel out of Egypt. [11] And
Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that
I should go unto Pharaoh, and that
I should bring forth the children of
Israel out of Egypt? [12] And he said,
Certainly I will be with thee; and this
shall be a token unto thee, that I have
sent thee: When thou hast brought
forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall
serve God upon this mountain. [13] And
Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I
come unto the children of Israel, and
shall say unto them, The God of your
fathers hath sent me unto you; and
they shall say to me, What *is* his name?
what shall I say unto them? [14] And

God said unto Moses, I AM THAT
I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou
say unto the children of Israel, I AM
hath sent me unto you. 15 And God
said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt
thou say unto the children of Israel,
The LORD God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob, hath sent me
unto you: this *is* my name for ever,
and this *is* my memorial unto all gen-
erations. 16 Go, and gather the elders
of Israel together, and say unto them,
The LORD God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Ja-
cob, appeared unto me, saying, I have

surely visited you, and *seen* that which
is done to you in Egypt: [17] And I have
said, I will bring you up out of the
affliction of Egypt unto the land of
the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and
the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and
the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto
a land flowing with milk and honey.
[18] And they shall hearken to thy voice:
and thou shalt come, thou and the el-
ders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt,
and ye shall say unto him, The LORD
God of the Hebrews hath met with
us: and now let us go, we beseech thee,
three days' journey into the wilderness,
that we may sacrifice to the LORD our

God. [19] And I am sure that the king
of Egypt will not let you go, no, not
by a mighty hand.* [20] And I will stretch
out my hand, and smite Egypt with
all my wonders which I will do in the
midst thereof: and after that he will let
you go. [21] And I will give this people
favour in the sight of the Egyptians:
and it shall come to pass, that, when
ye go, ye shall not go empty: [22] But ev-
ery woman shall borrow of her neigh-
bour, and of her that sojourneth in her
house, jewels of silver, and jewels of
gold, and raiment: and ye shall put
them upon your sons, and upon your

3.19. no...: or, but by strong hand.

daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.*

4 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And

22. the Egyptians: or, Egypt.

he put forth his hand, and caught it,
and it became a rod in his hand: 5 That
they may believe that the LORD God
of their fathers, the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of Ja-
cob, hath appeared unto thee. 6 And
the LORD said furthermore unto him,
Put now thine hand into thy bosom.
And he put his hand into his bosom:
and when he took it out, behold, his
hand *was* leprous as snow. 7 And he
said, Put thine hand into thy bosom
again. And he put his hand into his
bosom again; and plucked it out of
his bosom, and, behold, it was turned
again as his *other* flesh. 8 And it shall

come to pass, if they will not believe
thee, neither hearken to the voice of
the first sign, that they will believe the
voice of the latter sign. 9 And it shall
come to pass, if they will not believe
also these two signs, neither hearken
unto thy voice, that thou shalt take
of the water of the river, and pour
it upon the dry *land*: and the water
which thou takest out of the river shall
become blood upon the dry *land*.*
10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O
my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither
heretofore, nor since thou hast spo-
ken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of

4.9. shall become: Heb. shall be and shall be.

speech, and of a slow tongue.* [11] And
the LORD said unto him, Who hath
made man's mouth? or who maketh
the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the
blind? have not I the LORD? [12] Now
therefore go, and I will be with thy
mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt
say. [13] And he said, O my Lord, send,
I pray thee, by the hand *of him whom*
thou wilt send.* [14] And the anger of the
LORD was kindled against Moses, and
he said, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy
brother? I know that he can speak

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10. eloquent: Heb. a man or words. heretofore: Heb. since yesterday, nor since the third day.

13. wilt: or, shouldest.

well. And also, behold, he cometh
forth to meet thee: and when he seeth
thee, he will be glad in his heart. 15 And
thou shalt speak unto him, and put
words in his mouth: and I will be
with thy mouth, and with his mouth,
and will teach you what ye shall do.
16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto
the people: and he shall be, *even* he
shall be to thee instead of a mouth,
and thou shalt be to him instead of
God. 17 And thou shalt take this rod
in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt
do signs. 18 And Moses went and re-
turned to Jethro his father in law, and
said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee,

and return unto my brethren which
are in Egypt, and see whether they be
yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses,
Go in peace.* [19] And the LORD said
unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into
Egypt: for all the men are dead which
sought thy life. [20] And Moses took his
wife and his sons, and set them upon
an ass, and he returned to the land
of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of
God in his hand. [21] And the LORD
said unto Moses, When thou goest
to return into Egypt, see that thou
do all those wonders before Pharaoh,
which I have put in thine hand: but

18. Jethro: Heb. Jether.

I will harden his heart, that he shall
not let the people go. 22 And thou
shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the
LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my first-
born: 23 And I say unto thee, Let my
son go, that he may serve me: and if
thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will
slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn. 24 And
it came to pass by the way in the inn,
that the LORD met him, and sought
to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a
sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of
her son, and cast *it* at his feet, and said,
Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to
me.* 26 So he let him go: then she said,

25. sharp...: or, knife. cast...: Heb. made it touch.

A bloody husband *thou art*, because
of the circumcision. [27] And the LORD
said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness
to meet Moses. And he went, and met
him in the mount of God, and kissed
him. [28] And Moses told Aaron all the
words of the LORD who had sent him,
and all the signs which he had com-
manded him. [29] And Moses and Aaron
went and gathered together all the el-
ders of the children of Israel: [30] And
Aaron spake all the words which the
LORD had spoken unto Moses, and
did the signs in the sight of the people.
[31] And the people believed: and when
they heard that the LORD had visited

the children of Israel, and that he had
looked upon their affliction, then they
bowed their heads and worshipped.

5 And afterward Moses and Aaron
went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith
the LORD God of Israel, Let my peo-
ple go, that they may hold a feast unto
me in the wilderness. 2 And Pharaoh
said, Who *is* the LORD, that I should
obey his voice to let Israel go? I know
not the LORD, neither will I let Is-
rael go. 3 And they said, The God
of the Hebrews hath met with us:
let us go, we pray thee, three days'
journey into the desert, and sacrifice

unto the LORD our God; lest he fall
upon us with pestilence, or with the
sword. 4 And the king of Egypt said
unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses
and Aaron, let the people from their
works? get you unto your burdens.
5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the peo-
ple of the land now *are* many, and
ye make them rest from their bur-
dens. 6 And Pharaoh commanded the
same day the taskmasters of the peo-
ple, and their officers, saying, 7 Ye shall
no more give the people straw to make
brick, as heretofore: let them go and
gather straw for themselves. 8 And the
tale of the bricks, which they did make

heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye
shall not diminish *ought* thereof: for
they *be* idle; therefore they cry, sa-
ing, Let us go *and* sacrifice to our
God. 9 Let there more work be laid
upon the men, that they may labour
therein; and let them not regard vain
words.* 10 And the taskmasters of the
people went out, and their officers,
and they spake to the people, saying,
Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you
straw. 11 Go ye, get you straw where
ye can find it: yet not ought of your
work shall be diminished. 12 So the

5.9. Let there...: Heb. Let the work be heavy upon the men.

people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. 13 And the taskmasters hasted *them*, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw.* 14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, *and* demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore? 15 Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? 16 There is

13. your daily...: Heb. a matter of a day in his day.

no straw given unto thy servants, and
they say to us, Make brick: and, be-
hold, thy servants *are* beaten; but the
fault *is* in thine own people. [17] But he
said, Ye *are* idle, *ye are* idle: there-
fore ye say, Let us go *and* do sacri-
fice to the LORD. [18] Go therefore now,
and work; for there shall no straw be
given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of
bricks. [19] And the officers of the chil-
dren of Israel did see *that* they *were* in
evil *case*, after it was said, Ye shall not
minish *ought* from your bricks of your
daily task. [20] And they met Moses and
Aaron, who stood in the way, as they
came forth from Pharaoh: [21] And they

said unto them, The LORD look upon
you, and judge; because ye have made
our savour to be abhorred in the eyes
of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his ser-
vants, to put a sword in their hand to
slay us.* 22 And Moses returned unto
the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore
hast thou *so* evil entreated this people?
why *is* it *that* thou hast sent me? 23 For
since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy
name, he hath done evil to this people;
neither hast thou delivered thy people
at all.*

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21. to be...: Heb. to stink.
23. neither...: Heb. delivering thou hast not delivered.

6 Then the LORD said unto Moses,
Now shalt thou see what I will do to
Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall
he let them go, and with a strong hand
shall he drive them out of his land.
2 And God spake unto Moses, and said
unto him, I *am* the LORD:* 3 And I
appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac,
and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God
Almighty, but by my name JEHO-
VAH was I not known to them. 4 And
I have also established my covenant
with them, to give them the land of
Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage,

6.2. the LORD: or, JEHOVAH.

wherein they were strangers. 5 And
I have also heard the groaning of the
children of Israel, whom the Egyp-
tians keep in bondage; and I have re-
membered my covenant. 6 Wherefore
say unto the children of Israel, I *am*
the LORD, and I will bring you out
from under the burdens of the Egyp-
tians, and I will rid you out of their
bondage, and I will redeem you with
a stretched out arm, and with great
judgments: 7 And I will take you to
me for a people, and I will be to you
a God: and ye shall know that I *am*
the LORD your God, which bringeth
you out from under the burdens of the

Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you in
unto the land, concerning the which
I did swear to give it to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it
you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD.*
9 And Moses spake so unto the chil-
dren of Israel: but they hearkened not
unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and
for cruel bondage.* 10 And the LORD
spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Go in,
speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt,
that he let the children of Israel go
out of his land. 12 And Moses spake
before the LORD, saying, Behold, the

8. swear: Heb. lift up my hand.
9. anguish: Heb. shortness, or, straitness.

children of Israel have not hearkened
unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear
me, who *am* of uncircumcised lips?
13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and
unto Aaron, and gave them a charge
unto the children of Israel, and unto
Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the
children of Israel out of the land of
Egypt. 14 These *be* the heads of their fa-
thers' houses: The sons of Reuben the
firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu,
Hezron, and Carmi: these *be* the fam-
ilies of Reuben. 15 And the sons of Si-
meon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad,
and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the
son of a Canaanitish woman: these

are the families of Simeon. [16] And
these *are* the names of the sons of Levi
according to their generations; Ger-
shon, and Kohath, and Merari: and
the years of the life of Levi *were* an
hundred thirty and seven years. [17] The
sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, ac-
cording to their families. [18] And the
sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar,
and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years
of the life of Kohath *were* an hundred
thirty and three years. [19] And the sons
of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these
are the families of Levi according to
their generations. [20] And Amram took
him Jochebed his father's sister to wife;

and she bare him Aaron and Moses:
and the years of the life of Amram
were an hundred and thirty and seven
years. [21] And the sons of Izhar; Korah,
and Nepheg, and Zichri. [22] And the
sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan,
and Zithri. [23] And Aaron took him El-
isheba, daughter of Amminadab, sis-
ter of Naashon, to wife; and she bare
him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar. [24] And the sons of Korah; As-
sir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these
are the families of the Korhites. [25] And
Eleazar Aaron's son took him *one* of
the daughters of Putiel to wife; and
she bare him Phinehas: these *are* the

heads of the fathers of the Levites
according to their families. [26] These
are that Aaron and Moses, to whom
the LORD said, Bring out the children
of Israel from the land of Egypt ac-
cording to their armies. [27] These *are*
they which spake to Pharaoh king of
Egypt, to bring out the children of Is-
rael from Egypt: these *are* that Moses
and Aaron. [28] And it came to pass on
the day *when* the LORD spake unto
Moses in the land of Egypt, [29] That the
LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I *am*
the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh
king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.
[30] And Moses said before the LORD,

Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips,
and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto
me?

7 And the LORD said unto Moses,
See, I have made thee a god to
Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall
be thy prophet. 2 Thou shalt speak all
that I command thee: and Aaron thy
brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that
he send the children of Israel out of his
land. 3 And I will harden Pharaoh's
heart, and multiply my signs and my
wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 But
Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you,
that I may lay my hand upon Egypt,

and bring forth mine armies, *and* my
people the children of Israel, out of
the land of Egypt by great judgments.
5 And the Egyptians shall know that
I *am* the LORD, when I stretch forth
mine hand upon Egypt, and bring
out the children of Israel from among
them. 6 And Moses and Aaron did
as the LORD commanded them, so
did they. 7 And Moses *was* fourscore
years old, and Aaron fourscore and
three years old, when they spake unto
Pharaoh. 8 And the LORD spake
unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you,
saying, Shew a miracle for you: then

thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy
rod, and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* it
shall become a serpent. [10] And Moses
and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and
they did so as the LORD had com-
manded: and Aaron cast down his
rod before Pharaoh, and before his
servants, and it became a serpent.
[11] Then Pharaoh also called the wise
men and the sorcerers: now the ma-
gicians of Egypt, they also did in
like manner with their enchantments.
[12] For they cast down every man his
rod, and they became serpents: but
Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.
[13] And he hardened Pharaoh's heart,

that he hearkened not unto them; as
the LORD had said. 14 And the LORD
said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart *is*
hardened, he refuseth to let the peo-
ple go. 15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the
morning; lo, he goeth out unto the wa-
ter; and thou shalt stand by the river's
brink against he come; and the rod
which was turned to a serpent shalt
thou take in thine hand. 16 And thou
shalt say unto him, The LORD God
of the Hebrews hath sent me unto
thee, saying, Let my people go, that
they may serve me in the wilderness:
and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest
not hear. 17 Thus saith the LORD, In

this thou shalt know that I *am* the
LORD: behold, I will smite with the
rod that *is* in mine hand upon the wa-
ters which *are* in the river, and they
shall be turned to blood. 18 And the
fish that *is* in the river shall die, and
the river shall stink; and the Egyp-
tians shall lothe to drink of the water
of the river. 19 And the LORD spake
unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take
thy rod, and stretch out thine hand
upon the waters of Egypt, upon their
streams, upon their rivers, and upon
their ponds, and upon all their pools
of water, that they may become blood;
and *that* there may be blood through-

out all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels*
of wood, and in *vessels of* stone.* [20] And
Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD
commanded; and he lifted up the rod,
and smote the waters that *were* in the
river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and
in the sight of his servants; and all
the waters that *were* in the river were
turned to blood. [21] And the fish that
was in the river died; and the river
stank, and the Egyptians could not
drink of the water of the river; and
there was blood throughout all the
land of Egypt. [22] And the magicians of
Egypt did so with their enchantments:

7.19. pools...: Heb. gathering of their waters.

and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said. [23] And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. [24] And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. [25] And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. [2] And if thou refuse to let *them* go, be-

hold, I will smite all thy borders with
frogs: 3 And the river shall bring forth
frogs abundantly, which shall go up
and come into thine house, and into
thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed,
and into the house of thy servants, and
upon thy people, and into thine ovens,
and into thy kneadingtroughs:* 4 And
the frogs shall come up both on thee,
and upon thy people, and upon all
thy servants. 5 And the LORD spake
unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch
forth thine hand with thy rod over the
streams, over the rivers, and over the
ponds, and cause frogs to come up

8.3. kneadingtroughs: or, dough.

upon the land of Egypt. 6 And Aaron
stretched out his hand over the waters
of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and
covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the
magicians did so with their enchant-
ments, and brought up frogs upon
the land of Egypt. 8 Then Pharaoh
called for Moses and Aaron, and said,
Intreat the LORD, that he may take
away the frogs from me, and from
my people; and I will let the people
go, that they may do sacrifice unto
the LORD. 9 And Moses said unto
Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall
I intreat for thee, and for thy servants,
and for thy people, to destroy the frogs

from thee and thy houses, *that* they
may remain in the river only?* [10] And
he said, To morrow. And he said, *Be*
it according to thy word: that thou
mayest know that *there is* none like
unto the LORD our God.* [11] And the
frogs shall depart from thee, and from
thy houses, and from thy servants, and
from thy people; they shall remain in
the river only. [12] And Moses and Aaron
went out from Pharaoh: and Moses
cried unto the LORD because of the

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9. Glory...: or, Have this honour over me, etc. when: or, against when. to destroy: Heb. to cut off.

10. To morrow: or, Against to morrow.

frogs which he had brought against
Pharaoh. 13 And the LORD did accord-
ing to the word of Moses; and the
frogs died out of the houses, out of the
villages, and out of the fields. 14 And
they gathered them together upon
heaps: and the land stank. 15 But when
Pharaoh saw that there was respite,
he hardened his heart, and hearkened
not unto them; as the LORD had said.
16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say
unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and
smite the dust of the land, that it may
become lice throughout all the land
of Egypt. 17 And they did so; for
Aaron stretched out his hand with his

rod, and smote the dust of the earth,
and it became lice in man, and in
beast; all the dust of the land became
lice throughout all the land of Egypt.
18 And the magicians did so with their
enchantments to bring forth lice, but
they could not: so there were lice upon
man, and upon beast. 19 Then the ma-
gicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* the
finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was
hardened, and he hearkened not unto
them; as the LORD had said. 20 And
the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up
early in the morning, and stand before
Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the
water; and say unto him, Thus saith

the LORD, Let my people go, that they
may serve me. [21] Else, if thou wilt not
let my people go, behold, I will send
swarms *of flies* upon thee, and upon
thy servants, and upon thy people, and
into thy houses: and the houses of the
Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of*
flies, and also the ground whereon they
are.* [22] And I will sever in that day the
land of Goshen, in which my people
dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be
there; to the end thou mayest know
that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the
earth. [23] And I will put a division be-
tween my people and thy people: to

21. swarms...: or, a mixture of noisome beasts, etc.

morrow shall this sign be.* [24] And the
LORD did so; and there came a griev-
ous swarm *of flies* into the house of
Pharaoh, and *into* his servants' houses,
and into all the land of Egypt: the
land was corrupted by reason of the
swarm *of flies*.* [25] And Pharaoh called
for Moses and for Aaron, and said,
Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the
land. [26] And Moses said, It is not meet
so to do; for we shall sacrifice the
abomination of the Egyptians to the
LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice

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23. a division: Heb. a redemption. to morrow: or, by to morrow.
24. corrupted: or, destroyed.

the abomination of the Egyptians be-
fore their eyes, and will they not stone
us? [27] We will go three days' journey
into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the
LORD our God, as he shall command
us. [28] And Pharaoh said, I will let you
go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD
your God in the wilderness; only ye
shall not go very far away: intreat for
me. [29] And Moses said, Behold, I go
out from thee, and I will intreat the
LORD that the swarms *of flies* may de-
part from Pharaoh, from his servants,
and from his people, to morrow: but
let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any
more in not letting the people go to

sacrifice to the LORD. 30 And Moses
went out from Pharaoh, and intreated
the LORD. 31 And the LORD did ac-
cording to the word of Moses; and
he removed the swarms *of flies* from
Pharaoh, from his servants, and from
his people; there remained not one.
32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at
this time also, neither would he let the
people go.

9 Then the LORD said unto Moses,
Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him,
Thus saith the LORD God of the He-
brews, Let my people go, that they
may serve me. 2 For if thou refuse to let

them go, and wilt hold them still, 3 Be-
hold, the hand of the LORD is upon
thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon
the horses, upon the asses, upon the
camels, upon the oxen, and upon the
sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous
murrain. 4 And the LORD shall sever
between the cattle of Israel and the
cattle of Egypt: and there shall noth-
ing die of all *that is* the children's of
Israel. 5 And the LORD appointed a
set time, saying, To morrow the LORD
shall do this thing in the land. 6 And
the LORD did that thing on the mor-
row, and all the cattle of Egypt died:
but of the cattle of the children of Is-

rael died not one. 7 And Pharaoh sent,
and, behold, there was not one of the
cattle of the Israelites dead. And the
heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and
he did not let the people go. 8 And
the LORD said unto Moses and unto
Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes
of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle
it toward the heaven in the sight of
Pharaoh. 9 And it shall become small
dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall
be a boil breaking forth *with* blains
upon man, and upon beast, through-
out all the land of Egypt. 10 And they
took ashes of the furnace, and stood
before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled

it up toward heaven; and it became a
boil breaking forth *with* blains upon
man, and upon beast. [11] And the ma-
gicians could not stand before Moses
because of the boils; for the boil was
upon the magicians, and upon all the
Egyptians. [12] And the LORD hardened
the heart of Pharaoh, and he hear-
kened not unto them; as the LORD had
spoken unto Moses. [13] And the LORD
said unto Moses, Rise up early in the
morning, and stand before Pharaoh,
and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD
God of the Hebrews, Let my people
go, that they may serve me. [14] For I
will at this time send all my plagues

upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou
mayest know that *there is* none like me
in all the earth. [15] For now I will stretch
out my hand, that I may smite thee
and thy people with pestilence; and
thou shalt be cut off from the earth.
[16] And in very deed for this *cause* have I
raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my
power; and that my name may be de-
clared throughout all the earth.* [17] As
yet exaltest thou thyself against my
people, that thou wilt not let them go?
[18] Behold, to morrow about this time
I will cause it to rain a very grievous

9.16. raised...: Heb. made thee stand.

hail, such as hath not been in Egypt
since the foundation thereof even un-
til now. [19] Send therefore now, *and*
gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast
in the field; *for upon* every man and
beast which shall be found in the field,
and shall not be brought home, the
hail shall come down upon them, and
they shall die. [20] He that feared the
word of the LORD among the servants
of Pharaoh made his servants and his
cattle flee into the houses: [21] And he
that regarded not the word of the
LORD left his servants and his cattle in
the field.* [22] And the LORD said unto

21. regarded...: Heb. set not his heart unto.

Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail
in all the land of Egypt, upon man,
and upon beast, and upon every herb
of the field, throughout the land of
Egypt. 23 And Moses stretched forth
his rod toward heaven: and the LORD
sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran
along upon the ground; and the LORD
rained hail upon the land of Egypt.
24 So there was hail, and fire mingled
with the hail, very grievous, such as
there was none like it in all the land of
Egypt since it became a nation. 25 And
the hail smote throughout all the land
of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both

man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every
tree of the field. [26] Only in the land of
Goshen, where the children of Israel
were, was there no hail. [27] And Pharaoh
sent, and called for Moses and Aaron,
and said unto them, I have sinned this
time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I
and my people *are* wicked. [28] Intreat
the LORD (for *it is* enough) that there
be no *more* mighty thunderings and
hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall
stay no longer.* [29] And Moses said unto
him, As soon as I am gone out of the
city, I will spread abroad my hands

28. mighty...: Heb. voices of God.

unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall
cease, neither shall there be any more
hail; that thou mayest know how that
the earth *is* the LORD'S. [30] But as for
thee and thy servants, I know that ye
will not yet fear the LORD God. [31] And
the flax and the barley was smitten:
for the barley *was* in the ear, and the
flax *was* bolled. [32] But the wheat and
the rie were not smitten: for they *were*
not grown up.* [33] And Moses went out
of the city from Pharaoh, and spread
abroad his hands unto the LORD: and
the thunders and hail ceased, and the
rain was not poured upon the earth.

32. not grown...: Heb. hidden or, dark.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain
and the hail and the thunders were
ceased, he sinned yet more, and hard-
ened his heart, he and his servants.
35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hard-
ened, neither would he let the children
of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken
by Moses.*

10 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hard-
ened his heart, and the heart of his ser-
vants, that I might shew these my signs
before him: 2 And that thou mayest
tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy

35. by Moses: Heb. by the hand of Moses.

son's son, what things I have wrought
in Egypt, and my signs which I have
done among them; that ye may know
how that I *am* the LORD. 3 And Moses
and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and
said unto him, Thus saith the LORD
God of the Hebrews, How long wilt
thou refuse to humble thyself before
me? let my people go, that they may
serve me. 4 Else, if thou refuse to
let my people go, behold, to mor-
row will I bring the locusts into thy
coast: 5 And they shall cover the face
of the earth, that one cannot be able
to see the earth: and they shall eat
the residue of that which is escaped,

which remaineth unto you from the
hail, and shall eat every tree which
groweth for you out of the field:*
6 And they shall fill thy houses, and
the houses of all thy servants, and the
houses of all the Egyptians; which nei-
ther thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fa-
thers have seen, since the day that they
were upon the earth unto this day.
And he turned himself, and went out
from Pharaoh. 7 And Pharaoh's ser-
vants said unto him, How long shall
this man be a snare unto us? let the
men go, that they may serve the LORD
their God: knowest thou not yet that

10.5. face: Heb. eye.

Egypt is destroyed? 8 And Moses
and Aaron were brought again unto
Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go,
serve the LORD your God: *but* who *are*
they that shall go?* 9 And Moses said,
We will go with our young and with
our old, with our sons and with our
daughters, with our flocks and with
our herds will we go; for we *must hold*
a feast unto the LORD. 10 And he said
unto them, Let the LORD be so with
you, as I will let you go, and your lit-
tle ones: look *to it*; for evil *is* before
you. 11 Not so: go now ye *that are*
men, and serve the LORD; for that ye

8. who...: Heb. who and who, etc.

did desire. And they were driven out
from Pharaoh's presence. 12 And the
LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out
thine hand over the land of Egypt for
the locusts, that they may come up
upon the land of Egypt, and eat every
herb of the land, *even* all that the hail
hath left. 13 And Moses stretched forth
his rod over the land of Egypt, and the
LORD brought an east wind upon the
land all that day, and all *that* night; *and*
when it was morning, the east wind
brought the locusts. 14 And the locusts
went up over all the land of Egypt, and
rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very
grievous *were they*; before them there

were no such locusts as they, neither
after them shall be such. 15 For they
covered the face of the whole earth,
so that the land was darkened; and
they did eat every herb of the land,
and all the fruit of the trees which
the hail had left: and there remained
not any green thing in the trees, or in
the herbs of the field, through all the
land of Egypt. 16 Then Pharaoh called
for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he
said, I have sinned against the LORD
your God, and against you.* 17 Now
therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin
only this once, and intreat the LORD

16. called: Heb. hastened to call.

your God, that he may take away from
me this death only. 18 And he went
out from Pharaoh, and intreated the
LORD. 19 And the LORD turned a
mighty strong west wind, which took
away the locusts, and cast them into
the Red sea; there remained not one
locust in all the coasts of Egypt.* 20 But
the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart,
so that he would not let the chil-
dren of Israel go. 21 And the LORD
said unto Moses, Stretch out thine
hand toward heaven, that there may be
darkness over the land of Egypt, even

19. cast: Heb. fastened.

darkness *which* may be felt.* [22] And
Moses stretched forth his hand toward
heaven; and there was a thick dark-
ness in all the land of Egypt three days:
[23] They saw not one another, neither
rose any from his place for three days:
but all the children of Israel had light
in their dwellings. [24] And Pharaoh
called unto Moses, and said, Go ye,
serve the LORD; only let your flocks
and your herds be stayed: let your lit-
tle ones also go with you. [25] And Moses
said, Thou must give us also sacrifices
and burnt offerings, that we may sac-

21. even...: Heb. that one may feel darkness.

rifice unto the LORD our God.* [26] Our
cattle also shall go with us; there shall
not an hoof be left behind; for thereof
must we take to serve the LORD our
God; and we know not with what we
must serve the LORD, until we come
thither. [27] But the LORD hardened
Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let
them go. [28] And Pharaoh said unto
him, Get thee from me, take heed to
thyself, see my face no more; for in *that*
day thou seest my face thou shalt die.
[29] And Moses said, Thou hast spoken
well, I will see thy face again no more.

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25. us: Heb. into our hands.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon
Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards
he will let you go hence: when he shall
let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you
out hence altogether. 2 Speak now in
the ears of the people, and let every
man borrow of his neighbour, and ev-
ery woman of her neighbour, jewels
of silver, and jewels of gold. 3 And
the LORD gave the people favour in
the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover
the man Moses *was* very great in the
land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's
servants, and in the sight of the peo-

ple. 4 And Moses said, Thus saith the
LORD, About midnight will I go out
into the midst of Egypt: 5 And all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die,
from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sit-
teth upon his throne, even unto the
firstborn of the maidservant that *is* be-
hind the mill; and all the firstborn of
beasts. 6 And there shall be a great
cry throughout all the land of Egypt,
such as there was none like it, nor shall
be like it any more. 7 But against any
of the children of Israel shall not a
dog move his tongue, against man or
beast: that ye may know how that the
LORD doth put a difference between

the Egyptians and Israel. [8] And all
these thy servants shall come down
unto me, and bow down themselves
unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all
the people that follow thee: and after
that I will go out. And he went out
from Pharaoh in a great anger.* [9] And
the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh
shall not hearken unto you; that my
wonders may be multiplied in the land
of Egypt. [10] And Moses and Aaron did
all these wonders before Pharaoh: and
the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart,
so that he would not let the children

11.8. that follow...: Heb. that is at thy feet. a great...: Heb. heat of anger.

of Israel go out of his land.

12 And the LORD spake unto
Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
saying, 2 This month *shall be* unto you
the beginning of months: it *shall be*
the first month of the year to you.
3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of
Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this
month they shall take to them every
man a lamb, according to the house
of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:*
4 And if the household be too little
for the lamb, let him and his neigh-
bour next unto his house take *it* ac-

12.3. lamb: or, kid.

cording to the number of the souls;
every man according to his eating shall
make your count for the lamb. 5 Your
lamb shall be without blemish, a male
of the first year: ye shall take *it* out
from the sheep, or from the goats:*
6 And ye shall keep it up until the four-
teenth day of the same month: and the
whole assembly of the congregation
of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*
7 And they shall take of the blood,
and strike *it* on the two side posts and
on the upper door post of the houses,
wherein they shall eat it. 8 And they

5. of...: Heb. son of a year.
6. in...: Heb. between the two evenings.

shall eat the flesh in that night, roast
with fire, and unleavened bread; *and*
with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. 9 Eat
not of it raw, nor sodden at all with
water, but roast *with* fire; his head
with his legs, and with the purtenance
thereof. 10 And ye shall let nothing of
it remain until the morning; and that
which remaineth of it until the morn-
ing ye shall burn with fire. 11 And thus
shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded,
your shoes on your feet, and your staff
in your hand; and ye shall eat it in
haste: it *is* the LORD'S passover. 12 For
I will pass through the land of Egypt
this night, and will smite all the first-

born in the land of Egypt, both man
and beast; and against all the gods of
Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am*
the LORD.* 13 And the blood shall be to
you for a token upon the houses where
ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will
pass over you, and the plague shall not
be upon you to destroy *you*, when I
smite the land of Egypt.* 14 And this
day shall be unto you for a memorial;
and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD
throughout your generations; ye shall
keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.
15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened

12. gods: or, princes.
13. to destroy...: Heb. for a destruction.

bread; even the first day ye shall put
away leaven out of your houses: for
whosoever eateth leavened bread from
the first day until the seventh day, that
soul shall be cut off from Israel. 16 And
in the first day *there shall be* an holy
convocation, and in the seventh day
there shall be an holy convocation to
you; no manner of work shall be done
in them, save *that* which every man
must eat, that only may be done of
you.* 17 And ye shall observe *the feast of*
unleavened bread; for in this selfsame
day have I brought your armies out of
the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye

16. man: Heb. soul.

observe this day in your generations
by an ordinance for ever. 18 In the
first *month*, on the fourteenth day of
the month at even, ye shall eat unleav-
ened bread, until the one and twenti-
eth day of the month at even. 19 Seven
days shall there be no leaven found
in your houses: for whosoever eateth
that which is leavened, even that soul
shall be cut off from the congregation
of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or
born in the land. 20 Ye shall eat noth-
ing leavened; in all your habitations
shall ye eat unleavened bread. 21 Then
Moses called for all the elders of Is-
rael, and said unto them, Draw out

and take you a lamb according to your
families, and kill the passover.* [22] And
ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and
dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason,
and strike the lintel and the two side
posts with the blood that *is* in the ba-
son; and none of you shall go out at
the door of his house until the morn-
ing. [23] For the LORD will pass through
to smite the Egyptians; and when he
seeth the blood upon the lintel, and
on the two side posts, the LORD will
pass over the door, and will not suf-
fer the destroyer to come in unto your
houses to smite *you*. [24] And ye shall

21. lamb: or, kid.

observe this thing for an ordinance to
thee and to thy sons for ever. [25] And it
shall come to pass, when ye be come
to the land which the LORD will give
you, according as he hath promised,
that ye shall keep this service. [26] And it
shall come to pass, when your children
shall say unto you, What mean ye by
this service? [27] That ye shall say, It *is* the
sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who
passed over the houses of the children
of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the
Egyptians, and delivered our houses.
And the people bowed the head and
worshipped. [28] And the children of Is-
rael went away, and did as the LORD

had commanded Moses and Aaron, so
did they. [29] And it came to pass, that
at midnight the LORD smote all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt, from
the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his
throne unto the firstborn of the cap-
tive that *was* in the dungeon; and all
the firstborn of cattle.* [30] And Pharaoh
rose up in the night, he, and all his ser-
vants, and all the Egyptians; and there
was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was*
not a house where *there was* not one
dead. [31] And he called for Moses and
Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and*
get you forth from among my peo-

29. dungeon: Heb. house of the pit.

ple, both ye and the children of Is-
rael; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have
said. 32 Also take your flocks and your
herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and
bless me also. 33 And the Egyptians
were urgent upon the people, that they
might send them out of the land in
haste; for they said, We *be* all dead *men*.
34 And the people took their dough
before it was leavened, their knead-
ingtroughs being bound up in their
clothes upon their shoulders.* 35 And
the children of Israel did according
to the word of Moses; and they bor-
rowed of the Egyptians jewels of sil-

34. kneadingtroughs: or, dough.

ver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:
36 And the LORD gave the people fa-
vour in the sight of the Egyptians, so
that they lent unto them *such things*
as they required. And they spoiled the
Egyptians. 37 And the children of Is-
rael journeyed from Rameses to Suc-
coth, about six hundred thousand on
foot *that were* men, beside children.
38 And a mixed multitude went up also
with them; and flocks, and herds, *even*
very much cattle.* 39 And they baked
unleavened cakes of the dough which
they brought forth out of Egypt, for it
was not leavened; because they were

38. a mixed...: Heb. a great mixture.

thrust out of Egypt, and could not
tarry, neither had they prepared for
themselves any victual. 40 Now the so-
journing of the children of Israel, who
dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and
thirty years. 41 And it came to pass at
the end of the four hundred and thirty
years, even the selfsame day it came
to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD
went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It
is a night to be much observed unto
the LORD for bringing them out from
the land of Egypt: this *is* that night
of the LORD to be observed of all the
children of Israel in their generations.*

42. a night...: Heb. a night of observations.

43 And the LORD said unto Moses and
Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the
passover: There shall no stranger eat
thereof: 44 But every man's servant that
is bought for money, when thou hast
circumcised him, then shall he eat
thereof. 45 A foreigner and an hired
servant shall not eat thereof. 46 In one
house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not
carry forth ought of the flesh abroad
out of the house; neither shall ye break
a bone thereof. 47 All the congregation
of Israel shall keep it.* 48 And when a
stranger shall sojourn with thee, and
will keep the passover to the LORD,

47. keep...: Heb. do it.

let all his males be circumcised, and
then let him come near and keep it;
and he shall be as one that is born in
the land: for no uncircumcised person
shall eat thereof. [49] One law shall be to
him that is homeborn, and unto the
stranger that sojourneth among you.
[50] Thus did all the children of Israel;
as the LORD commanded Moses and
Aaron, so did they. [51] And it came to
pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD
did bring the children of Israel out of
the land of Egypt by their armies.

13 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] Sanctify unto me all

the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the
womb among the children of Israel,
both of man and of beast: it *is* mine.
3 And Moses said unto the people, Re-
member this day, in which ye came
out from Egypt, out of the house
of bondage; for by strength of hand
the LORD brought you out from this
place: there shall no leavened bread
be eaten.* 4 This day came ye out in
the month Abib. 5 And it shall be
when the LORD shall bring thee into
the land of the Canaanites, and the
Hittites, and the Amorites, and the
Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he

13.3. bondage: Heb. servants.

sware unto thy fathers to give thee,
a land flowing with milk and honey,
that thou shalt keep this service in this
month. 6 Seven days thou shalt eat un-
leavened bread, and in the seventh day
shall be a feast to the LORD. 7 Unleav-
ened bread shall be eaten seven days;
and there shall no leavened bread be
seen with thee, neither shall there be
leaven seen with thee in all thy quar-
ters. 8 And thou shalt shew thy son in
that day, saying, *This is done* because
of that *which* the LORD did unto me
when I came forth out of Egypt. 9 And
it shall be for a sign unto thee upon
thine hand, and for a memorial be-

tween thine eyes, that the LORD's law
may be in thy mouth: for with a strong
hand hath the LORD brought thee out
of Egypt. [10] Thou shalt therefore keep
this ordinance in his season from year
to year. [11] And it shall be when the
LORD shall bring thee into the land
of the Canaanites, as he sware unto
thee and to thy fathers, and shall give
it thee, [12] That thou shalt set apart unto
the LORD all that openeth the matrix,
and every firstling that cometh of a
beast which thou hast; the males *shall
be* the LORD's.* [13] And every firstling
of an ass thou shalt redeem with a

12. set...: Heb. cause to pass over.

lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it,
then thou shalt break his neck: and all
the firstborn of man among thy chil-
dren shalt thou redeem.* 14 And it shall
be when thy son asketh thee in time
to come, saying, What *is* this? that
thou shalt say unto him, By strength of
hand the LORD brought us out from
Egypt, from the house of bondage:*
15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh
would hardly let us go, that the LORD
slew all the firstborn in the land of
Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and
the firstborn of beast: therefore I sac-

13. lamb: or, kid.
14. in...: Heb. to morrow.

rifice to the LORD all that openeth the
matrix, being males; but all the first-
born of my children I redeem. 16 And
it shall be for a token upon thine hand,
and for frontlets between thine eyes:
for by strength of hand the LORD
brought us forth out of Egypt. 17 And
it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let
the people go, that God led them not
through the way of the land of the Phi-
listines, although that *was* near; for
God said, Lest peradventure the peo-
ple repent when they see war, and they
return to Egypt: 18 But God led the
people about, *through* the way of the
wilderness of the Red sea: and the chil-

dren of Israel went up harnessed out of
the land of Egypt.* [19] And Moses took
the bones of Joseph with him: for he
had straitly sworn the children of Is-
rael, saying, God will surely visit you;
and ye shall carry up my bones away
hence with you. [20] And they took their
journey from Succoth, and encamped
in Etham, in the edge of the wilder-
ness. [21] And the LORD went before
them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to
lead them the way; and by night in a
pillar of fire, to give them light; to go
by day and night: [22] He took not away
the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the

18. harnessed: or, by five in a rank.

pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. 3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. 4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that

the Egyptians may know that I *am*
the LORD. And they did so. 5 And
it was told the king of Egypt that the
people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh
and of his servants was turned against
the people, and they said, Why have
we done this, that we have let Israel
go from serving us? 6 And he made
ready his chariot, and took his peo-
ple with him: 7 And he took six hun-
dred chosen chariots, and all the char-
iots of Egypt, and captains over ev-
ery one of them. 8 And the LORD
hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of
Egypt, and he pursued after the chil-
dren of Israel: and the children of Is-

rael went out with an high hand. 9 But
the Egyptians pursued after them, all
the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh,
and his horsemen, and his army, and
overtook them encamping by the sea,
beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.
10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the
children of Israel lifted up their eyes,
and, behold, the Egyptians marched
after them; and they were sore afraid:
and the children of Israel cried out
unto the LORD. 11 And they said unto
Moses, Because *there were* no graves in
Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die
in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou
dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out

of Egypt? [12] *Is* not this the word that
we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let
us alone, that we may serve the Egyp-
tians? For *it had been* better for us
to serve the Egyptians, than that we
should die in the wilderness. [13] And
Moses said unto the people, Fear ye
not, stand still, and see the salvation
of the LORD, which he will shew to
you to day: for the Egyptians whom
ye have seen to day, ye shall see them
again no more for ever.* [14] The LORD
shall fight for you, and ye shall hold
your peace. [15] And the LORD said

14.13. for the...: or, for whereas ye have seen the Egyptians to day.

unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou
unto me? speak unto the children
of Israel, that they go forward: 16 But
lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out
thine hand over the sea, and divide
it: and the children of Israel shall go
on dry *ground* through the midst of
the sea. 17 And I, behold, I will harden
the hearts of the Egyptians, and they
shall follow them: and I will get me
honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all
his host, upon his chariots, and upon
his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians
shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I
have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh,
upon his chariots, and upon his horse-

men. [19] And the angel of God, which
went before the camp of Israel, re-
moved and went behind them; and the
pillar of the cloud went from before
their face, and stood behind them:
[20] And it came between the camp of the
Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and
it was a cloud and darkness *to them*,
but it gave light by night *to these*: so
that the one came not near the other
all the night. [21] And Moses stretched
out his hand over the sea; and the
LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a
strong east wind all that night, and
made the sea dry *land*, and the wa-
ters were divided. [22] And the children

of Israel went into the midst of the
sea upon the dry *ground*: and the wa-
ters *were* a wall unto them on their
right hand, and on their left. [23] And
the Egyptians pursued, and went in af-
ter them to the midst of the sea, *even*
all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and
his horsemen. [24] And it came to pass,
that in the morning watch the LORD
looked unto the host of the Egyptians
through the pillar of fire and of the
cloud, and troubled the host of the
Egyptians, [25] And took off their char-
iot wheels, that they drave them heav-
ily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us
flee from the face of Israel; for the

LORD fighteth for them against the
Egyptians.* [26] And the LORD said unto
Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the
sea, that the waters may come again
upon the Egyptians, upon their char-
iots, and upon their horsemen. [27] And
Moses stretched forth his hand over
the sea, and the sea returned to his
strength when the morning appeared;
and the Egyptians fled against it; and
the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in
the midst of the sea.* [28] And the wa-
ters returned, and covered the char-
iots, and the horsemen, *and* all the

25. that they...: or, and made them to go heavily.
27. overthrew: Heb. shook off.

host of Pharaoh that came into the
sea after them; there remained not so
much as one of them. [29] But the chil-
dren of Israel walked upon dry *land*
in the midst of the sea; and the wa-
ters *were* a wall unto them on their
right hand, and on their left. [30] Thus
the LORD saved Israel that day out of
the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel
saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea
shore. [31] And Israel saw that great work
which the LORD did upon the Egyp-
tians: and the people feared the LORD,
and believed the LORD, and his servant
Moses.*

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31. work: Heb. hand.

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD,
and spake, saying, I will sing unto the
LORD, for he hath triumphed glori-
ously: the horse and his rider hath he
thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD *is* my
strength and song, and he is become
my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will
prepare him an habitation; my father's
God, and I will exalt him. 3 The LORD
is a man of war: the LORD *is* his name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath
he cast into the sea: his chosen cap-
tains also are drowned in the Red sea.
5 The depths have covered them: they

sank into the bottom as a stone. 6 Thy
right hand, O LORD, is become glo-
rious in power: thy right hand, O
LORD, hath dashed in pieces the en-
emy. 7 And in the greatness of thine
excellency thou hast overthrown them
that rose up against thee: thou sen-
test forth thy wrath, *which* consumed
them as stubble. 8 And with the blast
of thy nostrils the waters were gath-
ered together, the floods stood up-
right as an heap, *and* the depths were
congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The
enemy said, I will pursue, I will over-
take, I will divide the spoil; my lust
shall be satisfied upon them; I will

draw my sword, my hand shall destroy
them.* [10] Thou didst blow with thy
wind, the sea covered them: they sank
as lead in the mighty waters. [11] Who
is like unto thee, O LORD, among
the gods? who *is* like thee, glorious
in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing
wonders?* [12] Thou stretchedst out thy
right hand, the earth swallowed them.
[13] Thou in thy mercy hast led forth
the people *which* thou hast redeemed:
thou hast guided *them* in thy strength
unto thy holy habitation. [14] The peo-
ple shall hear, *and* be afraid: sorrow

15.9. destroy: or, repossess.
11. gods: or, mighty ones?.

shall take hold on the inhabitants of
Palestina. [15] Then the dukes of Edom
shall be amazed; the mighty men of
Moab, trembling shall take hold upon
them; all the inhabitants of Canaan
shall melt away. [16] Fear and dread
shall fall upon them; by the greatness
of thine arm they shall be *as* still as
a stone; till thy people pass over, O
LORD, till the people pass over, *which*
thou hast purchased. [17] Thou shalt
bring them in, and plant them in the
mountain of thine inheritance, *in* the
place, O LORD, *which* thou hast made
for thee to dwell in, *in* the Sanctuary,
O Lord, *which* thy hands have estab-

lished. [18] The LORD shall reign for ever
and ever. [19] For the horse of Pharaoh
went in with his chariots and with his
horsemen into the sea, and the LORD
brought again the waters of the sea
upon them; but the children of Israel
went on dry *land* in the midst of the
sea. [20] And Miriam the prophetess, the
sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her
hand; and all the women went out af-
ter her with timbrels and with dances.
[21] And Miriam answered them, Sing ye
to the LORD, for he hath triumphed
gloriously; the horse and his rider hath
he thrown into the sea. [22] So Moses
brought Israel from the Red sea, and

they went out into the wilderness of
Shur; and they went three days in the
wilderness, and found no water. 23 And
when they came to Marah, they could
not drink of the waters of Marah, for
they *were* bitter: therefore the name
of it was called Marah.* 24 And the
people murmured against Moses, say-
ing, What shall we drink? 25 And he
cried unto the LORD; and the LORD
shewed him a tree, *which* when he had
cast into the waters, the waters were
made sweet: there he made for them
a statute and an ordinance, and there
he proved them, 26 And said, If thou

23. Marah: that is Bitterness.

wilt diligently hearken to the voice of
the LORD thy God, and wilt do that
which is right in his sight, and wilt
give ear to his commandments, and
keep all his statutes, I will put none of
these diseases upon thee, which I have
brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am*
the LORD that healeth thee. [27] And
they came to Elim, where *were* twelve
wells of water, and threescore and ten
palm trees: and they encamped there
by the waters.

16 And they took their journey
from Elim, and all the congregation
of the children of Israel came unto

the wilderness of Sin, which *is* be-
tween Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth
day of the second month after their
departing out of the land of Egypt.
2 And the whole congregation of the
children of Israel murmured against
Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:
3 And the children of Israel said unto
them, Would to God we had died by
the hand of the LORD in the land of
Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots,
and when we did eat bread to the full;
for ye have brought us forth into this
wilderness, to kill this whole assembly
with hunger. 4 Then said the LORD
unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread

from heaven for you; and the people
shall go out and gather a certain rate
every day, that I may prove them, whe-
ther they will walk in my law, or no.*
5 And it shall come to pass, that on the
sixth day they shall prepare *that* which
they bring in; and it shall be twice
as much as they gather daily. 6 And
Moses and Aaron said unto all the
children of Israel, At even, then ye shall
know that the LORD hath brought you
out from the land of Egypt: 7 And
in the morning, then ye shall see the
glory of the LORD; for that he heareth

16.4. a certain...: Heb. the portion of a day in his day.

your murmurings against the LORD:
and what *are* we, that ye murmur
against us? 8 And Moses said, *This*
shall be, when the LORD shall give you
in the evening flesh to eat, and in the
morning bread to the full; for that
the LORD heareth your murmurings
which ye murmur against him: and
what *are* we? your murmurings *are*
not against us, but against the LORD.
9 And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say
unto all the congregation of the chil-
dren of Israel, Come near before the
LORD: for he hath heard your mur-
murings. 10 And it came to pass, as
Aaron spake unto the whole congre-

gation of the children of Israel, that
they looked toward the wilderness,
and, behold, the glory of the LORD ap-
peared in the cloud. 11 And the LORD
spake unto Moses, saying, 12 I have
heard the murmurings of the children
of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At
even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morn-
ing ye shall be filled with bread; and ye
shall know that I *am* the LORD your
God. 13 And it came to pass, that at
even the quails came up, and covered
the camp: and in the morning the dew
lay round about the host. 14 And when
the dew that lay was gone up, behold,
upon the face of the wilderness *there*

lay a small round thing, *as* small as the
hoar frost on the ground. [15] And when
the children of Israel saw *it*, they said
one to another, It *is* manna: for they
wist not what it *was*. And Moses said
unto them, This *is* the bread which the
LORD hath given you to eat.* [16] This *is*
the thing which the LORD hath com-
manded, Gather of it every man ac-
cording to his eating, an omer for ev-
ery man, *according to* the number of
your persons; take ye every man for
them which *are* in his tents.* [17] And

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15. It is...: or, What is this? or, It is a portion.
16. for every...: Heb. by the poll, or, head. persons: Heb. souls.

the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. [18] And when they did mete *it* with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. [19] And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. [20] Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. [21] And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. [22] And it came to pass, *that*

on the sixth day they gathered twice
as much bread, two omers for one
man: and all the rulers of the congre-
gation came and told Moses. [23] And he
said unto them, This *is that* which the
LORD hath said, To morrow *is* the rest
of the holy sabbath unto the LORD:
bake *that* which ye will bake *to day*,
and seethe that ye will seethe; and that
which remaineth over lay up for you to
be kept until the morning. [24] And they
laid it up till the morning, as Moses
bade: and it did not stink, neither was
there any worm therein. [25] And Moses
said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a
sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye

shall not find it in the field. [26] Six days
ye shall gather it; but on the seventh
day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there
shall be none. [27] And it came to pass,
that there went out *some* of the peo-
ple on the seventh day for to gather,
and they found none. [28] And the LORD
said unto Moses, How long refuse ye
to keep my commandments and my
laws? [29] See, for that the LORD hath
given you the sabbath, therefore he
giveth you on the sixth day the bread
of two days; abide ye every man in his
place, let no man go out of his place
on the seventh day. [30] So the people
rested on the seventh day. [31] And the

house of Israel called the name thereof
Manna: and it *was* like coriander seed,
white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers
made with honey. 32 And Moses said,
This *is* the thing which the LORD com-
mandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept
for your generations; that they may see
the bread wherewith I have fed you
in the wilderness, when I brought you
forth from the land of Egypt. 33 And
Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot,
and put an omer full of manna therein,
and lay it up before the LORD, to be
kept for your generations. 34 As the
LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron
laid it up before the Testimony, to

be kept. [35] And the children of Israel
did eat manna forty years, until they
came to a land inhabited; they did eat
manna, until they came unto the bor-
ders of the land of Canaan. [36] Now an
omer *is* the tenth *part* of an ephah.

17 And all the congregation of the
children of Israel journeyed from the
wilderness of Sin, after their journeys,
according to the commandment of
the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim:
and *there was* no water for the people
to drink. [2] Wherefore the people did
chide with Moses, and said, Give us
water that we may drink. And Moses

said unto them, Why chide ye with
me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?
3 And the people thirsted there for wa-
ter; and the people murmured against
Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that*
thou hast brought us up out of Egypt,
to kill us and our children and our
cattle with thirst? 4 And Moses cried
unto the LORD, saying, What shall I
do unto this people? they be almost
ready to stone me. 5 And the LORD
said unto Moses, Go on before the
people, and take with thee of the el-
ders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith
thou smotest the river, take in thine
hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand

before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and
there shall come water out of it, that
the people may drink. And Moses did
so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7 And he called the name of the place
Massah, and Meribah, because of the
chiding of the children of Israel, and
because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?*
8 Then came Amalek, and fought with
Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said
unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and
go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow

17.7. Massah: that is, Temptation. Meribah: that is, Chiding, or, Strife.

I will stand on the top of the hill with
the rod of God in mine hand.* [10] So
Joshua did as Moses had said to him,
and fought with Amalek: and Moses,
Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of
the hill. [11] And it came to pass, when
Moses held up his hand, that Israel
prevailed: and when he let down his
hand, Amalek prevailed. [12] But Moses'
hands *were* heavy; and they took a
stone, and put *it* under him, and he
sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed
up his hands, the one on the one side,
and the other on the other side; and
his hands were steady until the going

9. Joshua: called Jesus.

down of the sun. [13] And Joshua dis-
comfited Amalek and his people with
the edge of the sword. [14] And the
LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for*
a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it*
in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly
put out the remembrance of Amalek
from under heaven. [15] And Moses built
an altar, and called the name of it Je-
hovahnissi:* [16] For he said, Because the
LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will*
have war with Amalek from genera-
tion to generation.*

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15. Jehovahnissi: that is, The LORD my banner.

16. Because...: or, Because the hand of Amalek is against the throne of the LORD, therefore, etc. the

18 When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all
that God had done for Moses, and
for Israel his people, *and* that the
LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;
2 Then Jethro, Moses' father in law,
took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he
had sent her back, 3 And her two sons;
of which the name of the one *was* Ger-
shom; for he said, I have been an alien
in a strange land:* 4 And the name of
the other *was* Eliezer; for the God
of my father, *said he, was* mine help,

LORD hath...: Heb. the hand upon the throne of the LORD.

18.3. Gershom: that is A stranger there.

and delivered me from the sword of
Pharaoh:* 5 And Jethro, Moses' father
in law, came with his sons and his wife
unto Moses into the wilderness, where
he encamped at the mount of God:
6 And he said unto Moses, I thy fa-
ther in law Jethro am come unto thee,
and thy wife, and her two sons with
her. 7 And Moses went out to meet
his father in law, and did obeisance,
and kissed him; and they asked each
other of *their* welfare; and they came
into the tent.* 8 And Moses told his
father in law all that the LORD had

4. Eliezer: that is, My God is an help.
7. welfare: Heb. peace.

done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyp-
tians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail
that had come upon them by the way,
and *how* the LORD delivered them.*
9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the good-
ness which the LORD had done to Is-
rael, whom he had delivered out of
the hand of the Egyptians. 10 And
Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who
hath delivered you out of the hand of
the Egyptians, and out of the hand of
Pharaoh, who hath delivered the peo-
ple from under the hand of the Egyp-
tians. 11 Now I know that the LORD
is greater than all gods: for in the

8. come...: Heb. found them.

thing wherein they dealt proudly *he*
was above them. 12 And Jethro, Moses'
father in law, took a burnt offering and
sacrifices for God: and Aaron came,
and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread
with Moses' father in law before God.
13 And it came to pass on the morrow,
that Moses sat to judge the people:
and the people stood by Moses from
the morning unto the evening. 14 And
when Moses' father in law saw all that
he did to the people, he said, What *is*
this thing that thou doest to the peo-
ple? why sittest thou thyself alone,
and all the people stand by thee from
morning unto even? 15 And Moses said

unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:
16 When they have a matter, they come
unto me; and I judge between one and
another, and I do make *them* know the
statutes of God, and his laws.* 17 And
Moses' father in law said unto him,
The thing that thou doest *is* not good.
18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both
thou, and this people that *is* with thee:
for this thing *is* too heavy for thee;
thou art not able to perform it thyself
alone.* 19 Hearken now unto my voice,
I will give thee counsel, and God shall

16. one...: Heb. a man and his fellow.
18. Thou wilt...: Heb. Fading thou wilt fade.

be with thee: Be thou for the people
to God-ward, that thou mayest bring
the causes unto God: [20] And thou shalt
teach them ordinances and laws, and
shalt shew them the way wherein they
must walk, and the work that they
must do. [21] Moreover thou shalt pro-
vide out of all the people able men,
such as fear God, men of truth, hat-
ing covetousness; and place *such* over
them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and*
rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and
rulers of tens: [22] And let them judge
the people at all seasons: and it shall
be, *that* every great matter they shall
bring unto thee, but every small mat-

ter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee. [23] If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee *so*, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace. [24] So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said. [25] And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. [26] And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small

matter they judged themselves. [27] And
Moses let his father in law depart; and
he went his way into his own land.

19 In the third month, when the
children of Israel were gone forth
out of the land of Egypt, the same
day came they *into* the wilderness of
Sinai. [2] For they were departed from
Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert
of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilder-
ness; and there Israel camped before
the mount. [3] And Moses went up
unto God, and the LORD called unto
him out of the mountain, saying, Thus
shalt thou say to the house of Jacob,

and tell the children of Israel; 4 Ye have
seen what I did unto the Egyptians,
and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings,
and brought you unto myself. 5 Now
therefore, if ye will obey my voice in-
deed, and keep my covenant, then ye
shall be a peculiar treasure unto me
above all people: for all the earth *is*
mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a
kingdom of priests, and an holy na-
tion. These *are* the words which thou
shalt speak unto the children of Is-
rael. 7 And Moses came and called for
the elders of the people, and laid be-
fore their faces all these words which
the LORD commanded him. 8 And

all the people answered together, and
said, All that the LORD hath spoken
we will do. And Moses returned the
words of the people unto the LORD.
9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo,
I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that
the people may hear when I speak with
thee, and believe thee for ever. And
Moses told the words of the people
unto the LORD. 10 And the LORD said
unto Moses, Go unto the people, and
sanctify them to day and to morrow,
and let them wash their clothes, 11 And
be ready against the third day: for the
third day the LORD will come down in
the sight of all the people upon mount

Sinai. [12] And thou shalt set bounds
unto the people round about, saying,
Take heed to yourselves, *that ye* go
not up into the mount, or touch the
border of it: whosoever toucheth the
mount shall be surely put to death:
[13] There shall not an hand touch it,
but he shall surely be stoned, or shot
through; whether *it be* beast or man,
it shall not live: when the trumpet
soundeth long, they shall come up to
the mount.* [14] And Moses went down
from the mount unto the people, and
sanctified the people; and they washed
their clothes. [15] And he said unto

19.13. trumpet: or, cornet.

the people, Be ready against the third
day: come not at *your* wives. [16] And
it came to pass on the third day in
the morning, that there were thun-
ders and lightnings, and a thick cloud
upon the mount, and the voice of the
trumpet exceeding loud; so that all
the people that *was* in the camp trem-
bled. [17] And Moses brought forth the
people out of the camp to meet with
God; and they stood at the nether
part of the mount. [18] And mount Sinai
was altogether on a smoke, because
the LORD descended upon it in fire:
and the smoke thereof ascended as the
smoke of a furnace, and the whole

mount quaked greatly. [19] And when
the voice of the trumpet sounded long,
and waxed louder and louder, Moses
spake, and God answered him by a
voice. [20] And the LORD came down
upon mount Sinai, on the top of the
mount: and the LORD called Moses
up to the top of the mount; and
Moses went up. [21] And the LORD
said unto Moses, Go down, charge
the people, lest they break through
unto the LORD to gaze, and many of
them perish.* [22] And let the priests also,
which come near to the LORD, sanc-
tify themselves, lest the LORD break

21. charge: Heb. contest.

forth upon them. [23] And Moses said
unto the LORD, The people cannot
come up to mount Sinai: for thou
chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about
the mount, and sanctify it. [24] And the
LORD said unto him, Away, get thee
down, and thou shalt come up, thou,
and Aaron with thee: but let not the
priests and the people break through
to come up unto the LORD, lest he
break forth upon them. [25] So Moses
went down unto the people, and spake
unto them.

20 And God spake all these words,
saying, [2] I *am* the LORD thy God,
which have brought thee out of the

land of Egypt, out of the house of
bondage.* 3 Thou shalt have no other
gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not
make unto thee any graven image, or
any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in
heaven above, or that *is* in the earth
beneath, or that *is* in the water un-
der the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow
down thyself to them, nor serve them:
for I the LORD thy God *am* a jeal-
ous God, visiting the iniquity of the
fathers upon the children unto the
third and fourth *generation* of them
that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy
unto thousands of them that love me,

20.2. bondage: Heb. servants.

and keep my commandments. 7 Thou
shalt not take the name of the LORD
thy God in vain; for the LORD will
not hold him guiltless that taketh his
name in vain. 8 Remember the sab-
bath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days
shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of
the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not
do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor
thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy
maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy
stranger that *is* within thy gates: 11 For
in six days the LORD made heaven and
earth, the sea, and all that in them
is, and rested the seventh day: where-

fore the LORD blessed the sabbath day,
and hallowed it. 12 Honour thy father
and thy mother: that thy days may be
long upon the land which the LORD
thy God giveth thee. 13 Thou shalt not
kill. 14 Thou shalt not commit adul-
tery. 15 Thou shalt not steal. 16 Thou
shalt not bear false witness against thy
neighbour. 17 Thou shalt not covet
thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not
covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his
manservant, nor his maidservant, nor
his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that
is thy neighbour's. 18 And all the peo-
ple saw the thunderings, and the light-
nings, and the noise of the trumpet,

and the mountain smoking: and when
the people saw *it*, they removed, and
stood afar off. [19] And they said unto
Moses, Speak thou with us, and we
will hear: but let not God speak with
us, lest we die. [20] And Moses said unto
the people, Fear not: for God is come
to prove you, and that his fear may
be before your faces, that ye sin not.
[21] And the people stood afar off, and
Moses drew near unto the thick dark-
ness where God *was*. [22] And the LORD
said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say
unto the children of Israel, Ye have
seen that I have talked with you from
heaven. [23] Ye shall not make with me

gods of silver, neither shall ye make
unto you gods of gold. 24 An altar of
earth thou shalt make unto me, and
shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt of-
ferings, and thy peace offerings, thy
sheep, and thine oxen: in all places
where I record my name I will come
unto thee, and I will bless thee. 25 And
if thou wilt make me an altar of stone,
thou shalt not build it of hewn stone:
for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou
hast polluted it.* 26 Neither shalt thou
go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy
nakedness be not discovered thereon.

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25. build...: Heb. build them with hewing.

21 Now these *are* the judgments
which thou shalt set before them. 2 If
thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years
he shall serve: and in the seventh he
shall go out free for nothing. 3 If he
came in by himself, he shall go out
by himself: if he were married, then
his wife shall go out with him.* 4 If his
master have given him a wife, and she
have born him sons or daughters; the
wife and her children shall be her mas-
ter's, and he shall go out by himself.
5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I
love my master, my wife, and my chil-

21.3. by himself: Heb. with his body.

dren; I will not go out free:* 6 Then
his master shall bring him unto the
judges; he shall also bring him to the
door, or unto the door post; and his
master shall bore his ear through with
an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.
7 And if a man sell his daughter to be
a maidservant, she shall not go out as
the menservants do. 8 If she please not
her master, who hath betrothed her
to himself, then shall he let her be re-
deemed: to sell her unto a strange na-
tion he shall have no power, seeing he
hath dealt deceitfully with her.* 9 And

5. shall...: Heb. saying shall say.
8. please...: Heb. be evil in the eyes of, etc.

if he have betrothed her unto his son,
he shall deal with her after the manner
of daughters. [10] If he take him another
wife; her food, her raiment, and her
duty of marriage, shall he not dimin-
ish. [11] And if he do not these three unto
her, then shall she go out free without
money. [12] He that smiteth a man, so
that he die, shall be surely put to death.
[13] And if a man lie not in wait, but God
deliver *him* into his hand; then I will
appoint thee a place whither he shall
flee. [14] But if a man come presumptu-
ously upon his neighbour, to slay him
with guile; thou shalt take him from
mine altar, that he may die. [15] And he

that smiteth his father, or his mother,
shall be surely put to death. [16] And he
that stealeth a man, and selleth him,
or if he be found in his hand, he shall
surely be put to death. [17] And he that
curseth his father, or his mother, shall
surely be put to death.* [18] And if men
strive together, and one smite another
with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he
die not, but keepeth *his* bed:* [19] If he
rise again, and walk abroad upon his
staff, then shall he that smote *him* be
quit: only he shall pay *for* the loss of his
time, and shall cause *him* to be thor-

17. curseth: or, revileth.
18. another: or, his neighbour.

oughly healed.* [20] And if a man smite
his servant, or his maid, with a rod,
and he die under his hand; he shall
be surely punished.* [21] Notwithstand-
ing, if he continue a day or two, he
shall not be punished: for he *is* his
money. [22] If men strive, and hurt a wo-
man with child, so that her fruit de-
part *from her*, and yet no mischief fol-
low: he shall be surely punished, ac-
cording as the woman's husband will
lay upon him; and he shall pay as the
judges *determine*. [23] And if *any* mischief
follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

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19. the loss...: Heb. his ceasing.
20. punished: Heb. avenged.

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand
for hand, foot for foot, 25 Burning for
burning, wound for wound, stripe for
stripe. 26 And if a man smite the eye
of his servant, or the eye of his maid,
that it perish; he shall let him go free
for his eye's sake. 27 And if he smite out
his manservant's tooth, or his maidser-
vant's tooth; he shall let him go free
for his tooth's sake. 28 If an ox gore a
man or a woman, that they die: then
the ox shall be surely stoned, and his
flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner
of the ox *shall be* quit. 29 But if the ox
were wont to push with his horn in
time past, and it hath been testified to

his owner, and he hath not kept him
in, but that he hath killed a man or a
woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his
owner also shall be put to death. 30 If
there be laid on him a sum of money,
then he shall give for the ransom of
his life whatsoever is laid upon him.
31 Whether he have gored a son, or have
gored a daughter, according to this
judgment shall it be done unto him.
32 If the ox shall push a manservant or
a maidservant; he shall give unto their
master thirty shekels of silver, and the
ox shall be stoned. 33 And if a man shall
open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit,
and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall

therein; [34] The owner of the pit shall
make *it* good, *and* give money unto
the owner of them; and the dead *beast*
shall be his. [35] And if one man's ox hurt
another's, that he die; then they shall
sell the live ox, and divide the money
of it; and the dead *ox* also they shall
divide. [36] Or if it be known that the ox
hath used to push in time past, and his
owner hath not kept him in; he shall
surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall
be his own.

22 If a man shall steal an ox, or a
sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall
restore five oxen for an ox, and four

sheep for a sheep.* [2] If a thief be found
breaking up, and be smitten that he
die, *there shall* no blood *be shed* for
him. [3] If the sun be risen upon him,
there shall be blood *shed* for him; *for* he
should make full restitution; if he have
nothing, then he shall be sold for his
theft. [4] If the theft be certainly found
in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or
ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.
[5] If a man shall cause a field or vine-
yard to be eaten, and shall put in his
beast, and shall feed in another man's
field; of the best of his own field, and
of the best of his own vineyard, shall

22.1. or a sheep: or, or a goat.

he make restitution. 6 If fire break
out, and catch in thorns, so that the
stacks of corn, or the standing corn,
or the field, be consumed *therewith*; he
that kindled the fire shall surely make
restitution. 7 If a man shall deliver
unto his neighbour money or stuff to
keep, and it be stolen out of the man's
house; if the thief be found, let him
pay double. 8 If the thief be not found,
then the master of the house shall be
brought unto the judges, *to see* whe-
ther he have put his hand unto his
neighbour's goods. 9 For all manner
of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass,
for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any man-

ner of lost thing, which *another* chal-
lengeth to be his, the cause of both
parties shall come before the judges;
and whom the judges shall condemn,
he shall pay double unto his neigh-
bour. 10 If a man deliver unto his neigh-
bour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or
any beast, to keep; and it die, or be
hurt, or driven away, no man seeing
it: 11 *Then* shall an oath of the LORD
be between them both, that he hath
not put his hand unto his neighbour's
goods; and the owner of it shall accept
thereof, and he shall not make *it* good.
12 And if it be stolen from him, he
shall make restitution unto the owner

thereof. [13] If it be torn in pieces, *then*
let him bring it *for* witness, *and* he
shall not make good that which was
torn. [14] And if a man borrow *ought* of
his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die,
the owner thereof *being* not with it, he
shall surely make *it* good. [15] *But* if the
owner thereof *be* with it, he shall not
make *it* good: if it *be* an hired *thing*, it
came for his hire. [16] And if a man en-
tice a maid that is not betrothed, and
lie with her, he shall surely endow her
to be his wife. [17] If her father utterly
refuse to give her unto him, he shall
pay money according to the dowry

of virgins.* [18] Thou shalt not suffer a
witch to live. [19] Whosoever lieth with
a beast shall surely be put to death.
[20] He that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save
unto the LORD only, he shall be ut-
terly destroyed. [21] Thou shalt neither
vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for
ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
[22] Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fa-
therless child. [23] If thou afflict them in
any wise, and they cry at all unto me,
I will surely hear their cry; [24] And my
wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you
with the sword; and your wives shall
be widows, and your children father-

17. pay: Heb. weigh.

less. [25] If thou lend money to *any of*
my people *that is* poor by thee, thou
shalt not be to him as an usurer, nei-
ther shalt thou lay upon him usury.
[26] If thou at all take thy neighbour's rai-
ment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it
unto him by that the sun goeth down:
[27] For that *is* his covering only, it *is* his
raiment for his skin: wherein shall he
sleep? and it shall come to pass, when
he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for
I *am* gracious. [28] Thou shalt not re-
vile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy
people.* [29] Thou shalt not delay *to offer*
the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy

28. gods: or, judges.

liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt
thou give unto me.* 30 Likewise shalt
thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy
sheep: seven days it shall be with his
dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give
it me. 31 And ye shall be holy men unto
me: neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is*
torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast
it to the dogs.

23 Thou shalt not raise a false re-
port: put not thine hand with the
wicked to be an unrighteous witness.*
2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to
do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a

29. the first...: Heb. thy fulness. liquors: Heb. tear.
23.1. raise: or, receive.

cause to decline after many to wrest
judgment:* 3 Neither shalt thou coun-
tenance a poor man in his cause. 4 If
thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass
going astray, thou shalt surely bring it
back to him again. 5 If thou see the ass
of him that hateth thee lying under his
burden, and wouldest forbear to help
him, thou shalt surely help with him.*
6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgment
of thy poor in his cause. 7 Keep thee
far from a false matter; and the inno-

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2. speak: Heb. answer.

5. and...: or, wilt thou cease to help him? or, and wouldest cease to leave thy business for him: thou shalt surely leave it to join with him.

cent and righteous slay thou not: for
I will not justify the wicked. 8 And
thou shalt take no gift: for the gift
blindeth the wise, and perverteth the
words of the righteous.* 9 Also thou
shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye
know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye
were strangers in the land of Egypt.*
10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land,
and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:
11 But the seventh *year* thou shalt let it
rest and lie still; that the poor of thy
people may eat: and what they leave
the beasts of the field shall eat. In

8. the wise: Heb. the seeing.
9. heart: Heb. soul.

like manner thou shalt deal with thy
vineyard, *and* with thy oliveyard.* 12 Six
days thou shalt do thy work, and on
the seventh day thou shalt rest: that
thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the
son of thy handmaid, and the stranger,
may be refreshed. 13 And in all *things*
that I have said unto you be circum-
spect: and make no mention of the
name of other gods, neither let it be
heard out of thy mouth. 14 Three times
thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the
year. 15 Thou shalt keep the feast of
unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat un-
leavened bread seven days, as I com-

11. oliveyard: or, olive trees.

manded thee, in the time appointed of
the month Abib; for in it thou camest
out from Egypt: and none shall appear
before me empty:) [16] And the feast of
harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours,
which thou hast sown in the field: and
the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the
end of the year, when thou hast gath-
ered in thy labours out of the field.
[17] Three times in the year all thy males
shall appear before the Lord GOD.
[18] Thou shalt not offer the blood of my
sacrifice with leavened bread; neither
shall the fat of my sacrifice remain un-
til the morning.* [19] The first of the first-

18. sacrifice: or, feast.

fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into
the house of the LORD thy God. Thou
shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's
milk. [20] Behold, I send an Angel be-
fore thee, to keep thee in the way, and
to bring thee into the place which I
have prepared. [21] Beware of him, and
obey his voice, provoke him not; for he
will not pardon your transgressions:
for my name *is* in him. [22] But if thou
shalt indeed obey his voice, and do
all that I speak; then I will be an en-
emy unto thine enemies, and an ad-
versary unto thine adversaries.* [23] For

22. an adversary...: or, I will afflict them that afflict thee.

mine Angel shall go before thee, and
bring thee in unto the Amorites, and
the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the
Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Je-
busites: and I will cut them off. 24 Thou
shalt not bow down to their gods, nor
serve them, nor do after their works:
but thou shalt utterly overthrow them,
and quite break down their images.
25 And ye shall serve the LORD your
God, and he shall bless thy bread, and
thy water; and I will take sickness away
from the midst of thee. 26 There shall
nothing cast their young, nor be bar-
ren, in thy land: the number of thy
days I will fulfil. 27 I will send my fear

before thee, and will destroy all the
people to whom thou shalt come, and
I will make all thine enemies turn their
backs unto thee.* 28 And I will send
hornets before thee, which shall drive
out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the
Hittite, from before thee. 29 I will not
drive them out from before thee in
one year; lest the land become deso-
late, and the beast of the field multiply
against thee. 30 By little and little I will
drive them out from before thee, un-
til thou be increased, and inherit the
land. 31 And I will set thy bounds from
the Red sea even unto the sea of the

27. backs: Heb. neck.

Philistines, and from the desert unto
the river: for I will deliver the inhabi-
tants of the land into your hand; and
thou shalt drive them out before thee.
32 Thou shalt make no covenant with
them, nor with their gods. 33 They shall
not dwell in thy land, lest they make
thee sin against me: for if thou serve
their gods, it will surely be a snare unto
thee.

24 And he said unto Moses, Come
up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron,
Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the
elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.
2 And Moses alone shall come near the
LORD: but they shall not come nigh;

neither shall the people go up with
him. 3 And Moses came and told the
people all the words of the LORD, and
all the judgments: and all the people
answered with one voice, and said, All
the words which the LORD hath said
will we do. 4 And Moses wrote all the
words of the LORD, and rose up early
in the morning, and builded an altar
under the hill, and twelve pillars, ac-
cording to the twelve tribes of Israel.
5 And he sent young men of the chil-
dren of Israel, which offered burnt of-
ferings, and sacrificed peace offerings
of oxen unto the LORD. 6 And Moses
took half of the blood, and put *it* in

basons; and half of the blood he sprin-
kled on the altar. 7 And he took the
book of the covenant, and read in the
audience of the people: and they said,
All that the LORD hath said will we
do, and be obedient. 8 And Moses
took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the
people, and said, Behold the blood of
the covenant, which the LORD hath
made with you concerning all these
words. 9 Then went up Moses, and
Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and sev-
enty of the elders of Israel: 10 And they
saw the God of Israel: and *there was*
under his feet as it were a paved work
of a sapphire stone, and as it were the

body of heaven in *his* clearness. [11] And
upon the nobles of the children of Is-
rael he laid not his hand: also they saw
God, and did eat and drink. [12] And the
LORD said unto Moses, Come up to
me into the mount, and be there: and
I will give thee tables of stone, and a
law, and commandments which I have
written; that thou mayest teach them.
[13] And Moses rose up, and his minister
Joshua: and Moses went up into the
mount of God. [14] And he said unto
the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until
we come again unto you: and, behold,
Aaron and Hur *are* with you: if any
man have any matters to do, let him

come unto them. [15] And Moses went
up into the mount, and a cloud cov-
ered the mount. [16] And the glory of
the LORD abode upon mount Sinai,
and the cloud covered it six days: and
the seventh day he called unto Moses
out of the midst of the cloud. [17] And
the sight of the glory of the LORD *was*
like devouring fire on the top of the
mount in the eyes of the children of Is-
rael. [18] And Moses went into the midst
of the cloud, and gat him up into the
mount: and Moses was in the mount
forty days and forty nights.

25 And the LORD spake unto

Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.* [3] And this *is* the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,* [4] And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,* [5] And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, [6] Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

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25.2. bring me: Heb. take for me. offering: or, heave offering.

3. offering: or, heave offering.

4. fine...: or, silk.

7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set
in the ephod, and in the breastplate.
8 And let them make me a sanctuary;
that I may dwell among them. 9 Ac-
cording to all that I shew thee, *after*
the pattern of the tabernacle, and the
pattern of all the instruments thereof,
even so shall ye make *it*. 10 And they
shall make an ark *of* shittim wood:
two cubits and a half *shall be* the length
thereof, and a cubit and a half the
breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half
the height thereof. 11 And thou shalt
overlay it with pure gold, within and
without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt
make upon it a crown of gold round

about. 12 And thou shalt cast four rings
of gold for it, and put *them* in the four
corners thereof; and two rings *shall be*
in the one side of it, and two rings
in the other side of it. 13 And thou
shalt make staves *of* shittim wood, and
overlay them with gold. 14 And thou
shalt put the staves into the rings by
the sides of the ark, that the ark may
be borne with them. 15 The staves shall
be in the rings of the ark: they shall
not be taken from it. 16 And thou shalt
put into the ark the testimony which I
shall give thee. 17 And thou shalt make
a mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits
and a half *shall be* the length thereof,

and a cubit and a half the breadth
thereof. 18 And thou shalt make two
cherubims *of* gold, *of* beaten work
shalt thou make them, in the two ends
of the mercy seat. 19 And make one
cherub on the one end, and the other
cherub on the other end: *even* of the
mercy seat shall ye make the cheru-
bims on the two ends thereof.* 20 And
the cherubims shall stretch forth *their*
wings on high, covering the mercy seat
with their wings, and their faces *shall*
look one to another; toward the mercy
seat shall the faces of the cherubims
be. 21 And thou shalt put the mercy

19. of...: or, of the matter of the mercy seat.

seat above upon the ark; and in the
ark thou shalt put the testimony that I
shall give thee. 22 And there I will meet
with thee, and I will commune with
thee from above the mercy seat, from
between the two cherubims which *are*
upon the ark of the testimony, of all
things which I will give thee in com-
mandment unto the children of Is-
rael. 23 Thou shalt also make a table *of*
shittim wood: two cubits *shall be* the
length thereof, and a cubit the breadth
thereof, and a cubit and a half the
height thereof. 24 And thou shalt over-
lay it with pure gold, and make thereto
a crown of gold round about. 25 And

thou shalt make unto it a border of an
hand breadth round about, and thou
shalt make a golden crown to the bor-
der thereof round about. [26] And thou
shalt make for it four rings of gold, and
put the rings in the four corners that
are on the four feet thereof. [27] Over
against the border shall the rings be
for places of the staves to bear the ta-
ble. [28] And thou shalt make the staves
of shittim wood, and overlay them
with gold, that the table may be borne
with them. [29] And thou shalt make
the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof,
and covers thereof, and bowls thereof,
to cover withal: *of* pure gold shalt

thou make them.* [30] And thou shalt set
upon the table shewbread before me
alway. [31] And thou shalt make a can-
dlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work
shall the candlestick be made: his
shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his
knops, and his flowers, shall be of the
same. [32] And six branches shall come
out of the sides of it; three branches
of the candlestick out of the one side,
and three branches of the candlestick
out of the other side: [33] Three bowls
made like unto almonds, *with* a knop
and a flower in one branch; and three
bowls made like almonds in the other

29. to...: or, to pour out withal.

branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so
in the six branches that come out of
the candlestick. 34 And in the can-
dlestick *shall be* four bowls made like
unto almonds, *with* their knops and
their flowers. 35 And *there shall be*
a knop under two branches of the
same, and a knop under two branches
of the same, and a knop under two
branches of the same, according to the
six branches that proceed out of the
candlestick. 36 Their knops and their
branches shall be of the same: all it
shall be one beaten work *of* pure gold.
37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps
thereof: and they shall light the lamps

thereof, that they may give light over
against it.* 38 And the tongs thereof,
and the snuffdishes thereof, *shall be of*
pure gold. 39 *Of* a talent of pure gold
shall he make it, with all these vessels.
40 And look that thou make *them* after
their pattern, which was shewed thee
in the mount.*

26 Moreover thou shalt make the
tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine
twined linen, and blue, and purple,
and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cun-

37. shall light: or, shall cause to ascend. it: Heb. the face of it.
40. which...: Heb. which thou wast caused to see.

ning work shalt thou make them.*
2 The length of one curtain *shall be*
eight and twenty cubits, and the
breadth of one curtain four cubits:
and every one of the curtains shall have
one measure. 3 The five curtains shall
be coupled together one to another;
and *other* five curtains *shall be* cou-
pled one to another. 4 And thou shalt
make loops of blue upon the edge of
the one curtain from the selvedge in
the coupling; and likewise shalt thou
make in the uttermost edge of *another*
curtain, in the coupling of the sec-

26.1. of cunning...: Heb. the work of a cunning workman, or, embroiderer.

ond. 5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in
the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt
thou make in the edge of the curtain
that *is* in the coupling of the second;
that the loops may take hold one of
another. 6 And thou shalt make fifty
taches of gold, and couple the curtains
together with the taches: and it shall
be one tabernacle. 7 And thou shalt
make curtains *of* goats' *hair* to be a
covering upon the tabernacle: eleven
curtains shalt thou make. 8 The length
of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits,
and the breadth of one curtain four
cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall
be all* of one measure. 9 And thou

shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves,
and shalt double the sixth curtain in
the forefront of the tabernacle. 10 And
thou shalt make fifty loops on the
edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops
in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second. 11 And thou shalt
make fifty taches of brass, and put
the taches into the loops, and couple
the tent together, that it may be one.*
12 And the remnant that remaineth of
the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over

11. tent: or, covering.

the backside of the tabernacle. [13] And
a cubit on the one side, and a cu-
bit on the other side of that which
remaineth in the length of the cur-
tains of the tent, it shall hang over the
sides of the tabernacle on this side and
on that side, to cover it.* [14] And thou
shalt make a covering for the tent *of*
rams' skins dyed red, and a covering
above *of* badgers' skins. [15] And thou
shalt make boards for the tabernacle
of shittim wood standing up. [16] Ten
cubits *shall be* the length of a board,
and a cubit and a half *shall be* the
breadth of one board. [17] Two tenons

13. of that...: Heb. in the remainder, or, surplus.

shall there be in one board, set in order
one against another: thus shalt thou
make for all the boards of the taberna-
cle.* 18 And thou shalt make the boards
for the tabernacle, twenty boards on
the south side southward. 19 And thou
shalt make forty sockets of silver under
the twenty boards; two sockets un-
der one board for his two tenons, and
two sockets under another board for
his two tenons. 20 And for the second
side of the tabernacle on the north side
there shall be twenty boards: 21 And
their forty sockets *of* silver; two sock-
ets under one board, and two sock-

17. tenons: Heb. hands.

ets under another board. [22] And for
the sides of the tabernacle westward
thou shalt make six boards. [23] And two
boards shalt thou make for the cor-
ners of the tabernacle in the two sides.
[24] And they shall be coupled together
beneath, and they shall be coupled to-
gether above the head of it unto one
ring: thus shall it be for them both;
they shall be for the two corners.*
[25] And they shall be eight boards, and
their sockets *of* silver, sixteen sockets;
two sockets under one board, and two
sockets under another board. [26] And
thou shalt make bars *of* shittim wood;

24. coupled: Heb. twinned.

five for the boards of the one side of
the tabernacle, 27 And five bars for the
boards of the other side of the taberna-
cle, and five bars for the boards of the
side of the tabernacle, for the two sides
westward. 28 And the middle bar in the
midst of the boards shall reach from
end to end. 29 And thou shalt overlay
the boards with gold, and make their
rings *of* gold *for* places for the bars:
and thou shalt overlay the bars with
gold. 30 And thou shalt rear up the
tabernacle according to the fashion
thereof which was shewed thee in the
mount. 31 And thou shalt make a vail *of*
blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine

twined linen of cunning work: with
cherubims shall it be made: 32 And
thou shalt hang it upon four pillars
of shittim *wood* overlaid with gold:
their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the
four sockets of silver. 33 And thou shalt
hang up the vail under the taches, that
thou mayest bring in thither within
the vail the ark of the testimony: and
the vail shall divide unto you between
the holy *place* and the most holy.
34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat
upon the ark of the testimony in the
most holy *place*. 35 And thou shalt
set the table without the vail, and the
candlestick over against the table on

the side of the tabernacle toward the
south: and thou shalt put the table
on the north side. 36 And thou shalt
make an hanging for the door of the
tent, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet,
and fine twined linen, wrought with
needlework. 37 And thou shalt make
for the hanging five pillars *of* shittim
wood, and overlay them with gold, *and*
their hooks *shall be of* gold: and thou
shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

27 And thou shalt make an al-
tar *of* shittim wood, five cubits long,
and five cubits broad; the altar shall
be foursquare: and the height thereof

shall be three cubits. [2] And thou shalt
make the horns of it upon the four
corners thereof: his horns shall be of
the same: and thou shalt overlay it
with brass. [3] And thou shalt make
his pans to receive his ashes, and his
shovels, and his basons, and his flesh-
hooks, and his firepans: all the ves-
sels thereof thou shalt make *of* brass.
[4] And thou shalt make for it a grate
of network *of* brass; and upon the net
shalt thou make four brasen rings in
the four corners thereof. [5] And thou
shalt put it under the compass of the
altar beneath, that the net may be even
to the midst of the altar. [6] And thou

shalt make staves for the altar, staves
of shittim wood, and overlay them
with brass. 7 And the staves shall be
put into the rings, and the staves shall
be upon the two sides of the altar, to
bear it. 8 Hollow with boards shalt
thou make it: as it was shewed thee
in the mount, so shall they make *it*.*
9 And thou shalt make the court of the
tabernacle: for the south side south-
ward *there shall be* hangings for the
court *of* fine twined linen of an hun-
dred cubits long for one side: 10 And
the twenty pillars thereof and their
twenty sockets *shall be of* brass; the

27.8. it was...: Heb. he shewed.

hooks of the pillars and their fillets
shall be of silver. [11] And likewise for
the north side in length *there shall be*
hangings of an hundred *cubits* long,
and his twenty pillars and their twenty
sockets *of* brass; the hooks of the pil-
lars and their fillets *of* silver. [12] And
for the breadth of the court on the
west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cu-
bits: their pillars ten, and their sockets
ten. [13] And the breadth of the court
on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty
cubits. [14] The hangings of one side *of*
the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their
pillars three, and their sockets three.
[15] And on the other side *shall be* hang-

ings fifteen *cubits*: their pillars three,
and their sockets three. [16] And for the
gate of the court *shall be* an hanging
of twenty cubits, *of* blue, and pur-
ple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen,
wrought with needlework: *and* their
pillars *shall be* four, and their sock-
ets four. [17] All the pillars round about
the court *shall be* filleted with silver;
their hooks *shall be of* silver, and their
sockets *of* brass. [18] The length of the
court *shall be* an hundred cubits, and
the breadth fifty every where, and the
height five cubits *of* fine twined linen,
and their sockets *of* brass.* [19] All the

18. fifty...: Heb. fifty by fifty.

vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, *shall be of* brass. [20] And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.* [21] In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which *is* before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

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20. to burn: Heb. to ascend up.

28 And take thou unto thee Aaron
thy brother, and his sons with him,
from among the children of Israel,
that he may minister unto me in the
priest's office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and
Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's
sons. 2 And thou shalt make holy gar-
ments for Aaron thy brother for glory
and for beauty. 3 And thou shalt speak
unto all *that are* wise hearted, whom
I have filled with the spirit of wis-
dom, that they may make Aaron's gar-
ments to consecrate him, that he may
minister unto me in the priest's office.
4 And these *are* the garments which

they shall make; a breastplate, and an
ephod, and a robe, and a broidered
coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they
shall make holy garments for Aaron
thy brother, and his sons, that he may
minister unto me in the priest's office.
5 And they shall take gold, and blue,
and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.
6 And they shall make the ephod *of*
gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, *of* scarlet,
and fine twined linen, with cunning
work. 7 It shall have the two shoulder-
pieces thereof joined at the two edges
thereof; and *so* it shall be joined to-
gether. 8 And the curious girdle of the
ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be of the

same, according to the work thereof;
even of gold, *of* blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and fine twined linen.* 9 And
thou shalt take two onyx stones, and
grave on them the names of the chil-
dren of Israel: 10 Six of their names on
one stone, and *the other* six names of
the rest on the other stone, according
to their birth. 11 With the work of an
engraver in stone, *like* the engravings
of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two
stones with the names of the children
of Israel: thou shalt make them to be
set in ouches of gold. 12 And thou shalt
put the two stones upon the shoul-

28.8. curious: or, embroidered.

ders of the ephod *for* stones of memo-
rial unto the children of Israel: and
Aaron shall bear their names before
the LORD upon his two shoulders for
a memorial. 13 And thou shalt make
ouches *of* gold; 14 And two chains *of*
pure gold at the ends; *of* wreathen
work shalt thou make them, and fas-
ten the wreathen chains to the ouches.
15 And thou shalt make the breastplate
of judgment with cunning work; af-
ter the work of the ephod thou shalt
make it; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* pur-
ple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined
linen, shalt thou make it. 16 Foursquare
it shall be *being* doubled; a span *shall*

be the length thereof, and a span *shall*
be the breadth thereof. [17] And thou
shalt set in it settings of stones, *even*
four rows of stones: *the first* row *shall*
be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbun-
cle: *this shall be* the first row.* [18] And
the second row *shall be* an emerald,
a sapphire, and a diamond. [19] And
the third row a ligure, an agate, and
an amethyst. [20] And the fourth row a
beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they
shall be set in gold in their inclos-
ings.* [21] And the stones shall be with

17. set...: Heb. fill in it fillings of stone. sardius: or, ruby.
20. inclosings: Heb. fillings.

the names of the children of Israel,
twelve, according to their names, *like*
the engravings of a signet; every one
with his name shall they be according
to the twelve tribes. [22] And thou shalt
make upon the breastplate chains at
the ends *of* wreathen work *of* pure
gold. [23] And thou shalt make upon the
breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt
put the two rings on the two ends of
the breastplate. [24] And thou shalt put
the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the
two rings *which are* on the ends of the
breastplate. [25] And *the other* two ends
of the two wreathen *chains* thou shalt
fasten in the two ouches, and put *them*

on the shoulderpieces of the ephod
before it. [26] And thou shalt make
two rings of gold, and thou shalt put
them upon the two ends of the breast-
plate in the border thereof, which *is* in
the side of the ephod inward. [27] And
two *other* rings of gold thou shalt
make, and shalt put them on the two
sides of the ephod underneath, toward
the forepart thereof, over against the
other coupling thereof, above the cu-
rious girdle of the ephod. [28] And they
shall bind the breastplate by the rings
thereof unto the rings of the ephod
with a lace of blue, that *it* may be
above the curious girdle of the ephod,

and that the breastplate be not loosed
from the ephod. [29] And Aaron shall
bear the names of the children of Israel
in the breastplate of judgment upon
his heart, when he goeth in unto the
holy *place*, for a memorial before the
LORD continually. [30] And thou shalt
put in the breastplate of judgment the
Urim and the Thummim; and they
shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he
goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron
shall bear the judgment of the chil-
dren of Israel upon his heart before the
LORD continually. [31] And thou shalt
make the robe of the ephod all *of* blue.
[32] And there shall be an hole in the

top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall
have a binding of woven work round
about the hole of it, as it were the hole
of an habergeon, that it be not rent.
33 And *beneath* upon the hem of it thou
shalt make pomegranates *of* blue, and
of purple, and *of* scarlet, round about
the hem thereof; and bells of gold be-
tween them round about:* 34 A golden
bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell
and a pomegranate, upon the hem of
the robe round about. 35 And it shall
be upon Aaron to minister: and his
sound shall be heard when he goeth in
unto the holy *place* before the LORD,

33. hem: or, skirts.

and when he cometh out, that he die
not. 36 And thou shalt make a plate *of*
pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the
engravings of a signet, HOLINESS
TO THE LORD. 37 And thou shalt
put it on a blue lace, that it may be
upon the mitre; upon the forefront
of the mitre it shall be. 38 And it
shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that
Aaron may bear the iniquity of the
holy things, which the children of Is-
rael shall hallow in all their holy gifts;
and it shall be always upon his fore-
head, that they may be accepted be-
fore the LORD. 39 And thou shalt em-
broider the coat of fine linen, and thou

shalt make the mitre *of* fine linen, and
thou shalt make the girdle *of* needle-
work. 40 And for Aaron's sons thou
shalt make coats, and thou shalt make
for them girdles, and bonnets shalt
thou make for them, for glory and
for beauty. 41 And thou shalt put
them upon Aaron thy brother, and
his sons with him; and shalt anoint
them, and consecrate them, and sanc-
tify them, that they may minister unto
me in the priest's office.* 42 And thou
shalt make them linen breeches to
cover their nakedness; from the loins

41. consecrate...: Heb. fill their hand.

even unto the thighs they shall reach:*
43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and
upon his sons, when they come in unto
the tabernacle of the congregation, or
when they come near unto the altar
to minister in the holy *place*; that they
bear not iniquity, and die: *it shall be* a
statute for ever unto him and his seed
after him.

29 And this *is* the thing that thou
shalt do unto them to hallow them,
to minister unto me in the priest's of-
fice: Take one young bullock, and
two rams without blemish, 2 And un-

42. their...: Heb. flesh of their nakedness. reach: Heb. be.

leavened bread, and cakes unleavened
tempered with oil, and wafers unleav-
ened anointed with oil: *of* wheaten
flour shalt thou make them. 3 And
thou shalt put them into one basket,
and bring them in the basket, with
the bullock and the two rams. 4 And
Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring
unto the door of the tabernacle of
the congregation, and shalt wash them
with water. 5 And thou shalt take
the garments, and put upon Aaron
the coat, and the robe of the ephod,
and the ephod, and the breastplate,
and gird him with the curious girdle
of the ephod: 6 And thou shalt put

the mitre upon his head, and put the
holy crown upon the mitre. 7 Then
shalt thou take the anointing oil, and
pour *it* upon his head, and anoint him.
8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and
put coats upon them. 9 And thou
shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron
and his sons, and put the bonnets on
them: and the priest's office shall be
theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou
shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.*
10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be
brought before the tabernacle of the
congregation: and Aaron and his sons

29.9. put: Heb. bind. consecrate: Heb. fill the hand of.

shall put their hands upon the head
of the bullock. [11] And thou shalt kill
the bullock before the LORD, *by* the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation. [12] And thou shalt take of the
blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon
the horns of the altar with thy finger,
and pour all the blood beside the bot-
tom of the altar. [13] And thou shalt take
all the fat that covereth the inwards,
and the caul *that is* above the liver, and
the two kidneys, and the fat that *is*
upon them, and burn *them* upon the
altar.* [14] But the flesh of the bullock,

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13. the caul: it seemeth by anatomy, and the Hebrew doctors, to be the midriff.

and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou
burn with fire without the camp: it *is*
a sin offering. 15 Thou shalt also take
one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall
put their hands upon the head of the
ram. 16 And thou shalt slay the ram,
and thou shalt take his blood, and
sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.
17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces,
and wash the inwards of him, and his
legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and
unto his head.* 18 And thou shalt burn
the whole ram upon the altar: it *is* a
burnt offering unto the LORD: it *is*
a sweet savour, an offering made by

17. unto: or, upon.

fire unto the LORD. [19] And thou shalt
take the other ram; and Aaron and his
sons shall put their hands upon the
head of the ram. [20] Then shalt thou
kill the ram, and take of his blood,
and put *it* upon the tip of the right
ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of
the right ear of his sons, and upon
the thumb of their right hand, and
upon the great toe of their right foot,
and sprinkle the blood upon the altar
round about. [21] And thou shalt take of
the blood that *is* upon the altar, and
of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it*
upon Aaron, and upon his garments,
and upon his sons, and upon the gar-

ments of his sons with him: and he
shall be hallowed, and his garments,
and his sons, and his sons' garments
with him. [22] Also thou shalt take of
the ram the fat and the rump, and the
fat that covereth the inwards, and the
caul *above* the liver, and the two kid-
neys, and the fat that *is* upon them,
and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of
consecration: [23] And one loaf of bread,
and one cake of oiled bread, and one
wafer out of the basket of the unleav-
ened bread that *is* before the LORD:
[24] And thou shalt put all in the hands
of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons;
and shalt wave them *for* a wave of-

fering before the LORD.* [25] And thou
shalt receive them of their hands, and
burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt
offering, for a sweet savour before the
LORD: it *is* an offering made by fire
unto the LORD. [26] And thou shalt take
the breast of the ram of Aaron's con-
secration, and wave it *for* a wave of-
fering before the LORD: and it shall
be thy part. [27] And thou shalt sanctify
the breast of the wave offering, and the
shoulder of the heave offering, which
is waved, and which is heaved up, of
the ram of the consecration, *even* of
that which *is* for Aaron, and of *that*

24. shalt wave: or, shalt shake to and fro.

which is for his sons: [28] And it shall
be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute
for ever from the children of Israel: for
it *is* an heave offering: and it shall be
an heave offering from the children of
Israel of the sacrifice of their peace of-
ferings, *even* their heave offering unto
the LORD. [29] And the holy garments of
Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to
be anointed therein, and to be conse-
crated in them. [30] *And* that son that
is priest in his stead shall put them
on seven days, when he cometh into
the tabernacle of the congregation to
minister in the holy *place*.* [31] And thou

30. that son: Heb. he of his sons.

shalt take the ram of the consecration,
and seethe his flesh in the holy place.
32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the
flesh of the ram, and the bread that *is*
in the basket, *by* the door of the taber-
nacle of the congregation. 33 And they
shall eat those things wherewith the
atonement was made, to consecrate
and to sanctify them: but a stranger
shall not eat *thereof*, because they *are*
holy. 34 And if ought of the flesh of the
consecrations, or of the bread, remain
unto the morning, then thou shalt
burn the remainder with fire: it shall
not be eaten, because it *is* holy. 35 And
thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to

his sons, according to all *things* which
I have commanded thee: seven days
shalt thou consecrate them. [36] And
thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for*
a sin offering for atonement: and thou
shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast
made an atonement for it, and thou
shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. [37] Seven
days thou shalt make an atonement
for the altar, and sanctify it; and it
shall be an altar most holy: whatso-
ever toucheth the altar shall be holy.
[38] Now this *is that* which thou shalt of-
fer upon the altar; two lambs of the
first year day by day continually. [39] The
one lamb thou shalt offer in the morn-

ing; and the other lamb thou shalt of-
fer at even: [40] And with the one lamb
a tenth deal of flour mingled with the
fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and
the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* a
drink offering. [41] And the other lamb
thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do
thereto according to the meat offer-
ing of the morning, and according to
the drink offering thereof, for a sweet
savour, an offering made by fire unto
the LORD. [42] *This shall be* a continual
burnt offering throughout your gen-
erations *at* the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation before the LORD:
where I will meet you, to speak there

unto thee. [43] And there I will meet with
the children of Israel, and *the taber-*
nacle shall be sanctified by my glory.*
[44] And I will sanctify the tabernacle of
the congregation, and the altar: I will
sanctify also both Aaron and his sons,
to minister to me in the priest's office.
[45] And I will dwell among the children
of Israel, and will be their God. [46] And
they shall know that I *am* the LORD
their God, that brought them forth
out of the land of Egypt, that I may
dwell among them: I *am* the LORD
their God.

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43. the tabernacle: or, Israel.

30 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: *of* shittim
wood shalt thou make it. 2 A cubit
shall be the length thereof, and a cubit
the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it
be: and two cubits *shall be* the height
thereof: the horns thereof *shall be* of
the same. 3 And thou shalt overlay it
with pure gold, the top thereof, and
the sides thereof round about, and the
horns thereof; and thou shalt make
unto it a crown of gold round about.*
4 And two golden rings shalt thou
make to it under the crown of it, by

30.3. top: Heb. roof. sides: Heb. walls.

the two corners thereof, upon the two
sides of it shalt thou make *it*; and they
shall be for places for the staves to bear
it withal.* 5 And thou shalt make the
staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay
them with gold. 6 And thou shalt put
it before the vail that *is* by the ark of the
testimony, before the mercy seat that
is over the testimony, where I will meet
with thee. 7 And Aaron shall burn
thereon sweet incense every morning:
when he dresseth the lamps, he shall
burn incense upon it.* 8 And when
Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he

4. corners: Heb. ribs.
7. sweet incense: Heb. incense of spices.

shall burn incense upon it, a perpet-
ual incense before the LORD through-
out your generations.* 9 Ye shall offer
no strange incense thereon, nor burnt
sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither
shall ye pour drink offering thereon.
10 And Aaron shall make an atonement
upon the horns of it once in a year
with the blood of the sin offering of
atonements: once in the year shall he
make atonement upon it throughout
your generations: it *is* most holy unto
the LORD. 11 And the LORD spake
unto Moses, saying, 12 When thou tak-

8. lighteth: or setteth up: Heb. causeth to ascend.
at even: Heb. between the two evenings.

est the sum of the children of Israel
after their number, then shall they
give every man a ransom for his soul
unto the LORD, when thou numberest
them; that there be no plague among
them, when *thou* numberest them.*
13 This they shall give, every one that
passeth among them that are num-
bered, half a shekel after the shekel of
the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty ger-
ahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering
of the LORD. 14 Every one that passeth
among them that are numbered, from
twenty years old and above, shall give

12. their number: Heb. them that are to be num-
bered.

an offering unto the LORD. [15] The rich
shall not give more, and the poor shall
not give less than half a shekel, when
they give an offering unto the LORD,
to make an atonement for your souls.*
[16] And thou shalt take the atonement
money of the children of Israel, and
shalt appoint it for the service of the
tabernacle of the congregation; that
it may be a memorial unto the chil-
dren of Israel before the LORD, to
make an atonement for your souls.
[17] And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, [18] Thou shalt also make a laver

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15. give more: Heb. multiply. give less: Heb. diminish.

of brass, and his foot *also of* brass, to
wash *withal*: and thou shalt put it be-
tween the tabernacle of the congre-
gation and the altar, and thou shalt
put water therein. 19 For Aaron and
his sons shall wash their hands and
their feet thereat: 20 When they go
into the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, they shall wash with water, that
they die not; or when they come near
to the altar to minister, to burn of-
fering made by fire unto the LORD:
21 So they shall wash their hands and
their feet, that they die not: and it
shall be a statute for ever to them,
even to him and to his seed through-

out their generations. [22] Moreover
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
[23] Take thou also unto thee principal
spices, of pure myrrh five hundred
shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half
so much, *even* two hundred and fifty
shekels, and of sweet calamus two hun-
dred and fifty *shekels*, [24] And of cassia
five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel
of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an
hin: [25] And thou shalt make it an oil
of holy ointment, an ointment com-
pound after the art of the apothecary:
it shall be an holy anointing oil.* [26] And
thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of

25. apothecary: or, perfumer.

the congregation therewith, and the
ark of the testimony, 27 And the ta-
ble and all his vessels, and the can-
dlestick and his vessels, and the altar
of incense, 28 And the altar of burnt
offering with all his vessels, and the
laver and his foot. 29 And thou shalt
sanctify them, that they may be most
holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall
be holy. 30 And thou shalt anoint
Aaron and his sons, and consecrate
them, that *they* may minister unto me
in the priest's office. 31 And thou shalt
speak unto the children of Israel, say-
ing, This shall be an holy anointing
oil unto me throughout your genera-

tions. [32] Upon man's flesh shall it not
be poured, neither shall ye make *any*
other like it, after the composition of
it: it *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy unto
you. [33] Whosoever compoundeth *any*
like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of
it upon a stranger, shall even be cut
off from his people. [34] And the LORD
said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet
spices, stacte, and onycha, and gal-
banum; *these* sweet spices with pure
frankincense: of each shall there be a
like *weight*: [35] And thou shalt make it
a perfume, a confection after the art
of the apothecary, tempered together,

pure *and* holy:* [36] And thou shalt beat
some of it very small, and put of it be-
fore the testimony in the tabernacle
of the congregation, where I will meet
with thee: it shall be unto you most
holy. [37] And *as for* the perfume which
thou shalt make, ye shall not make
to yourselves according to the com-
position thereof: it shall be unto thee
holy for the LORD. [38] Whosoever shall
make like unto that, to smell thereto,
shall even be cut off from his people.

31 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] See, I have called by

35. tempered...: Heb. salted.

name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son
of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: [3] And
I have filled him with the spirit of
God, in wisdom, and in understand-
ing, and in knowledge, and in all man-
ner of workmanship, [4] To devise cun-
ning works, to work in gold, and in
silver, and in brass, [5] And in cutting
of stones, to set *them*, and in carv-
ing of timber, to work in all manner
of workmanship. [6] And I, behold, I
have given with him Aholiab, the son
of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan:
and in the hearts of all that are wise
hearted I have put wisdom, that they
may make all that I have commanded

thee; 7 The tabernacle of the congre-
gation, and the ark of the testimony,
and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon,
and all the furniture of the tabernacle,*
8 And the table and his furniture, and
the pure candlestick with all his furni-
ture, and the altar of incense,* 9 And
the altar of burnt offering with all his
furniture, and the laver and his foot,*
10 And the cloths of service, and the
holy garments for Aaron the priest,
and the garments of his sons, to min-
ister in the priest's office, 11 And the

31.7. furniture: Heb. vessels.
8. furniture: Heb. vessels.
9. furniture: Heb. vessels.

anointing oil, and sweet incense for
the holy *place*: according to all that I
have commanded thee shall they do.
12 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 13 Speak thou also unto the chil-
dren of Israel, saying, Verily my sab-
baths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign be-
tween me and you throughout your
generations; that *ye* may know that I
am the LORD that doth sanctify you.
14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore;
for it *is* holy unto you: every one that
defileth it shall surely be put to death:
for whosoever doeth *any* work therein,
that soul shall be cut off from among
his people. 15 Six days may work be

done; but in the seventh *is* the sab-
bath of rest, holy to the LORD: whoso-
ever doeth *any* work in the sabbath
day, he shall surely be put to death.*
16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall
keep the sabbath, to observe the sab-
bath throughout their generations, *for*
a perpetual covenant. 17 It *is* a sign be-
tween me and the children of Israel for
ever: for *in* six days the LORD made
heaven and earth, and on the sev-
enth day he rested, and was refreshed.
18 And he gave unto Moses, when he
had made an end of communing with
him upon mount Sinai, two tables

15. holy: Heb. holiness.

of testimony, tables of stone, written
with the finger of God.

32 And when the people saw that
Moses delayed to come down out of
the mount, the people gathered them-
selves together unto Aaron, and said
unto him, Up, make us gods, which
shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses,
the man that brought us up out of the
land of Egypt, we wot not what is be-
come of him. 2 And Aaron said unto
them, Break off the golden earrings,
which *are* in the ears of your wives,
of your sons, and of your daughters,
and bring *them* unto me. 3 And all the

people brake off the golden earrings
which *were* in their ears, and brought
them unto Aaron. 4 And he received
them at their hand, and fashioned it
with a graving tool, after he had made
it a molten calf: and they said, These *be*
thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee
up out of the land of Egypt. 5 And
when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar be-
fore it; and Aaron made proclamation,
and said, To morrow *is* a feast to the
LORD. 6 And they rose up early on the
morrow, and offered burnt offerings,
and brought peace offerings; and the
people sat down to eat and to drink,
and rose up to play. 7 And the LORD

said unto Moses, Go, get thee down;
for thy people, which thou brought-
est out of the land of Egypt, have cor-
rupted *themselves*: 8 They have turned
aside quickly out of the way which I
commanded them: they have made
them a molten calf, and have wor-
shipped it, and have sacrificed there-
unto, and said, These *be* thy gods, O
Israel, which have brought thee up out
of the land of Egypt. 9 And the LORD
said unto Moses, I have seen this peo-
ple, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked peo-
ple: 10 Now therefore let me alone, that
my wrath may wax hot against them,
and that I may consume them: and

I will make of thee a great nation.
11 And Moses besought the LORD his
God, and said, LORD, why doth thy
wrath wax hot against thy people,
which thou hast brought forth out of
the land of Egypt with great power,
and with a mighty hand?* 12 Where-
fore should the Egyptians speak, and
say, For mischief did he bring them
out, to slay them in the mountains,
and to consume them from the face
of the earth? Turn from thy fierce
wrath, and repent of this evil against
thy people. 13 Remember Abraham,
Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom

32.11. the LORD: Heb. the face of the LORD.

thou swarest by thine own self, and
saidst unto them, I will multiply your
seed as the stars of heaven, and all this
land that I have spoken of will I give
unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it*
for ever. 14 And the LORD repented of
the evil which he thought to do unto
his people. 15 And Moses turned, and
went down from the mount, and the
two tables of the testimony *were* in
his hand: the tables *were* written on
both their sides; on the one side and
on the other *were* they written. 16 And
the tables *were* the work of God, and
the writing *was* the writing of God,
graven upon the tables. 17 And when

Joshua heard the noise of the people
as they shouted, he said unto Moses,
There is a noise of war in the camp.
18 And he said, *It is* not the voice of
them that shout for mastery, neither
is it the voice of *them that* cry for be-
ing overcome: *but* the noise of *them*
that sing do I hear.* 19 And it came to
pass, as soon as he came nigh unto
the camp, that he saw the calf, and
the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed
hot, and he cast the tables out of his
hands, and brake them beneath the
mount. 20 And he took the calf which
they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire,

18. being...: Heb. weakness.

and ground *it* to powder, and strawed
it upon the water, and made the chil-
dren of Israel drink *of it*. [21] And Moses
said unto Aaron, What did this people
unto thee, that thou hast brought so
great a sin upon them? [22] And Aaron
said, Let not the anger of my lord wax
hot: thou knowest the people, that
they *are set* on mischief. [23] For they
said unto me, Make us gods, which
shall go before us: for *as for* this Moses,
the man that brought us up out of the
land of Egypt, we wot not what is be-
come of him. [24] And I said unto them,
Whosoever hath any gold, let them
break *it* off. So they gave *it* me: then I

cast it into the fire, and there came out
this calf. [25] And when Moses saw that
the people *were* naked; (for Aaron had
made them naked unto *their* shame
among their enemies:)* [26] Then Moses
stood in the gate of the camp, and
said, Who *is* on the LORD's side? *let
him come* unto me. And all the sons
of Levi gathered themselves together
unto him. [27] And he said unto them,
Thus saith the LORD God of Israel,
Put every man his sword by his side,
and go in and out from gate to gate
throughout the camp, and slay every

25. their enemies: Heb. those that rose up against them.

man his brother, and every man his
companion, and every man his neigh-
bour. [28] And the children of Levi did
according to the word of Moses: and
there fell of the people that day about
three thousand men. [29] For Moses had
said, Consecrate yourselves to day to
the LORD, even every man upon his
son, and upon his brother; that he may
bestow upon you a blessing this day.*
[30] And it came to pass on the morrow,
that Moses said unto the people, Ye

29. For Moses...: or, And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, because every man hath been against his brother, etc. Consecrate...: Heb. Fill your hands.

have sinned a great sin: and now I will
go up unto the LORD; peradventure I
shall make an atonement for your sin.
31 And Moses returned unto the LORD,
and said, Oh, this people have sinned
a great sin, and have made them gods
of gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt for-
give their sin–; and if not, blot me, I
pray thee, out of thy book which thou
hast written. 33 And the LORD said
unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned
against me, him will I blot out of my
book. 34 Therefore now go, lead the
people unto *the place* of which I have
spoken unto thee: behold, mine An-
gel shall go before thee: nevertheless in

the day when I visit I will visit their sin
upon them. [35] And the LORD plagued
the people, because they made the calf,
which Aaron made.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Depart, *and* go up hence, thou and
the people which thou hast brought
up out of the land of Egypt, unto the
land which I sware unto Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy
seed will I give it: [2] And I will send an
angel before thee; and I will drive out
the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the
Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite,
and the Jebusite: [3] Unto a land flow-

ing with milk and honey: for I will not
go up in the midst of thee; for thou
art a stiffnecked people: lest I con-
sume thee in the way. 4 And when the
people heard these evil tidings, they
mourned: and no man did put on him
his ornaments. 5 For the LORD had
said unto Moses, Say unto the children
of Israel, Ye *are* a stiffnecked people: I
will come up into the midst of thee in
a moment, and consume thee: there-
fore now put off thy ornaments from
thee, that I may know what to do unto
thee. 6 And the children of Israel strip-
ped themselves of their ornaments by
the mount Horeb. 7 And Moses took

the tabernacle, and pitched it without
the camp, afar off from the camp, and
called it the Tabernacle of the congre-
gation. And it came to pass, *that* ev-
ery one which sought the LORD went
out unto the tabernacle of the congre-
gation, which *was* without the camp.
8 And it came to pass, when Moses
went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all
the people rose up, and stood every
man *at* his tent door, and looked af-
ter Moses, until he was gone into the
tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, as
Moses entered into the tabernacle, the
cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at*
the door of the tabernacle, and *the*

LORD talked with Moses. [10] And all
the people saw the cloudy pillar stand
at the tabernacle door: and all the
people rose up and worshipped, ev-
ery man *in* his tent door. [11] And the
LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as
a man speaketh unto his friend. And
he turned again into the camp: but
his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a
young man, departed not out of the
tabernacle. [12] And Moses said unto the
LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring
up this people: and thou hast not let
me know whom thou wilt send with
me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee
by name, and thou hast also found

grace in my sight. [13] Now therefore, I
pray thee, if I have found grace in thy
sight, shew me now thy way, that I may
know thee, that I may find grace in thy
sight: and consider that this nation *is*
thy people. [14] And he said, My pres-
ence shall go *with thee*, and I will give
thee rest. [15] And he said unto him, If
thy presence go not *with me*, carry us
not up hence. [16] For wherein shall it be
known here that I and thy people have
found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in
that thou goest with us? so shall we
be separated, I and thy people, from
all the people that *are* upon the face of
the earth. [17] And the LORD said unto

Moses, I will do this thing also that
thou hast spoken: for thou hast found
grace in my sight, and I know thee by
name. 18 And he said, I beseech thee,
shew me thy glory. 19 And he said, I
will make all my goodness pass before
thee, and I will proclaim the name of
the LORD before thee; and will be gra-
cious to whom I will be gracious, and
will shew mercy on whom I will shew
mercy. 20 And he said, Thou canst not
see my face: for there shall no man see
me, and live. 21 And the LORD said, Be-
hold, *there is* a place by me, and thou
shalt stand upon a rock: 22 And it shall
come to pass, while my glory passeth

by, that I will put thee in a clift of the
rock, and will cover thee with my hand
while I pass by: 23 And I will take away
mine hand, and thou shalt see my back
parts: but my face shall not be seen.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Hew thee two tables of stone like unto
the first: and I will write upon *these*
tables the words that were in the first
tables, which thou brakest. 2 And be
ready in the morning, and come up in
the morning unto mount Sinai, and
present thyself there to me in the top
of the mount. 3 And no man shall
come up with thee, neither let any man

be seen throughout all the mount; nei-
ther let the flocks nor herds feed be-
fore that mount. 4 And he hewed
two tables of stone like unto the first;
and Moses rose up early in the morn-
ing, and went up unto mount Sinai,
as the LORD had commanded him,
and took in his hand the two tables
of stone. 5 And the LORD descended
in the cloud, and stood with him
there, and proclaimed the name of the
LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by be-
fore him, and proclaimed, The LORD,
The LORD God, merciful and gra-
cious, longsuffering, and abundant in
goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy

for thousands, forgiving iniquity and
transgression and sin, and that will by
no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the
iniquity of the fathers upon the chil-
dren, and upon the children's children,
unto the third and to the fourth *gener-*
ation. 8 And Moses made haste, and
bowed his head toward the earth, and
worshipped. 9 And he said, If now I
have found grace in thy sight, O Lord,
let my Lord, I pray thee, go among
us; for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and
pardon our iniquity and our sin, and
take us for thine inheritance. 10 And
he said, Behold, I make a covenant:
before all thy people I will do mar-

vels, such as have not been done in
all the earth, nor in any nation: and
all the people among which thou *art*
shall see the work of the LORD: for it
is a terrible thing that I will do with
thee. 11 Observe thou that which I
command thee this day: behold, I
drive out before thee the Amorite, and
the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and
the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the
Jebusite. 12 Take heed to thyself, lest
thou make a covenant with the inhab-
itants of the land whither thou goest,
lest it be for a snare in the midst of
thee: 13 But ye shall destroy their al-
tars, break their images, and cut down

their groves:* 14 For thou shalt worship
no other god: for the LORD, whose
name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God: 15 Lest
thou make a covenant with the inhab-
itants of the land, and they go a whor-
ing after their gods, and do sacrifice
unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and
thou eat of his sacrifice; 16 And thou
take of their daughters unto thy sons,
and their daughters go a whoring af-
ter their gods, and make thy sons go a
whoring after their gods. 17 Thou shalt
make thee no molten gods. 18 The feast
of unleavened bread shalt thou keep.
Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened

34.13. images: Heb. statues.

bread, as I commanded thee, in the
time of the month Abib: for in the
month Abib thou camest out from
Egypt. 19 All that openeth the ma-
trix *is* mine; and every firstling among
thy cattle, *whether* ox or sheep, *that
is male*.* 20 But the firstling of an ass
thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and
if thou redeem *him* not, then shalt
thou break his neck. All the firstborn
of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And
none shall appear before me empty.*
21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the
seventh day thou shalt rest: in ear-

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19. sheep: or, kid.
20. lamb: or, kid.

ing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.
22 And thou shalt observe the feast of
weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat har-
vest, and the feast of ingathering at the
year's end.* 23 Thrice in the year shall all
your men children appear before the
Lord GOD, the God of Israel. 24 For
I will cast out the nations before thee,
and enlarge thy borders: neither shall
any man desire thy land, when thou
shalt go up to appear before the LORD
thy God thrice in the year. 25 Thou
shalt not offer the blood of my sacri-
fice with leaven; neither shall the sac-
rifice of the feast of the passover be

22. year's end: Heb. revolution of the year.

left unto the morning. [26] The first of
the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt
bring unto the house of the LORD thy
God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his
mother's milk. [27] And the LORD said
unto Moses, Write thou these words:
for after the tenor of these words I
have made a covenant with thee and
with Israel. [28] And he was there with
the LORD forty days and forty nights;
he did neither eat bread, nor drink
water. And he wrote upon the ta-
bles the words of the covenant, the
ten commandments.* [29] And it came
to pass, when Moses came down from

28. commandments: Heb. words.

mount Sinai with the two tables of tes-
timony in Moses' hand, when he came
down from the mount, that Moses
wist not that the skin of his face shone
while he talked with him. 30 And when
Aaron and all the children of Israel
saw Moses, behold, the skin of his
face shone; and they were afraid to
come nigh him. 31 And Moses called
unto them; and Aaron and all the
rulers of the congregation returned
unto him: and Moses talked with
them. 32 And afterward all the children
of Israel came nigh: and he gave them
in commandment all that the LORD
had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And *till* Moses had done speaking
with them, he put a vail on his face.
34 But when Moses went in before the
LORD to speak with him, he took the
vail off, until he came out. And he
came out, and spake unto the chil-
dren of Israel *that* which he was com-
manded. 35 And the children of Israel
saw the face of Moses, that the skin of
Moses' face shone: and Moses put the
vail upon his face again, until he went
in to speak with him.

35 And Moses gathered all the
congregation of the children of Israel
together, and said unto them, These

are the words which the LORD hath
commanded, that *ye* should do them.
2 Six days shall work be done, but on
the seventh day there shall be to you
an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the
LORD: whosoever doeth work therein
shall be put to death.* 3 Ye shall kindle
no fire throughout your habitations
upon the sabbath day. 4 And Moses
spake unto all the congregation of the
children of Israel, saying, This *is* the
thing which the LORD commanded,
saying, 5 Take ye from among you an
offering unto the LORD: whosoever *is*
of a willing heart, let him bring it, an

35.2. an...: Heb. holiness.

offering of the LORD; gold, and silver,
and brass, 6 And blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,
7 And rams' skins dyed red, and bad-
gers' skins, and shittim wood, 8 And
oil for the light, and spices for anoint-
ing oil, and for the sweet incense,
9 And onyx stones, and stones to be
set for the ephod, and for the breast-
plate. 10 And every wise hearted among
you shall come, and make all that the
LORD hath commanded; 11 The taber-
nacle, his tent, and his covering, his
taches, and his boards, his bars, his
pillars, and his sockets, 12 The ark, and
the staves thereof, *with* the mercy seat,

and the vail of the covering, 13 The ta-
ble, and his staves, and all his vessels,
and the shewbread, 14 The candlestick
also for the light, and his furniture,
and his lamps, with the oil for the
light, 15 And the incense altar, and his
staves, and the anointing oil, and the
sweet incense, and the hanging for the
door at the entering in of the taberna-
cle, 16 The altar of burnt offering, with
his brasen grate, his staves, and all his
vessels, the laver and his foot, 17 The
hangings of the court, his pillars, and
their sockets, and the hanging for the
door of the court, 18 The pins of the
tabernacle, and the pins of the court,

and their cords, [19] The cloths of ser-
vice, to do service in the holy *place*,
the holy garments for Aaron the priest,
and the garments of his sons, to min-
ister in the priest's office. [20] And all
the congregation of the children of
Israel departed from the presence of
Moses. [21] And they came, every one
whose heart stirred him up, and ev-
ery one whom his spirit made willing,
and they brought the LORD'S offering
to the work of the tabernacle of the
congregation, and for all his service,
and for the holy garments. [22] And they
came, both men and women, as many
as were willing hearted, *and* brought

bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and
tablets, all jewels of gold: and every
man that offered *offered* an offering
of gold unto the LORD. [23] And every
man, with whom was found blue, and
purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and
goats' *hair*, and red skins of rams, and
badgers' skins, brought *them*. [24] Ev-
ery one that did offer an offering of
silver and brass brought the LORD'S
offering: and every man, with whom
was found shittim wood for any work
of the service, brought *it*. [25] And all
the women that were wise hearted did
spin with their hands, and brought
that which they had spun, *both* of

blue, and of purple, *and* of scarlet, and
of fine linen. [26] And all the women
whose heart stirred them up in wis-
dom spun goats' *hair*. [27] And the rulers
brought onyx stones, and stones to be
set, for the ephod, and for the breast-
plate; [28] And spice, and oil for the light,
and for the anointing oil, and for the
sweet incense. [29] The children of Is-
rael brought a willing offering unto the
LORD, every man and woman, whose
heart made them willing to bring for
all manner of work, which the LORD
had commanded to be made by the
hand of Moses. [30] And Moses said unto
the children of Israel, See, the LORD

hath called by name Bezaleel the son
of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of
Judah; 31 And he hath filled him with
the spirit of God, in wisdom, in un-
derstanding, and in knowledge, and in
all manner of workmanship; 32 And to
devise curious works, to work in gold,
and in silver, and in brass, 33 And in the
cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in
carving of wood, to make any manner
of cunning work. 34 And he hath put
in his heart that he may teach, *both* he,
and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach,
of the tribe of Dan. 35 Them hath he
filled with wisdom of heart, to work
all manner of work, of the engraver,

and of the cunning workman, and of
the embroiderer, in blue, and in pur-
ple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of
the weaver, *even* of them that do any
work, and of those that devise cunning
work.

36 Then wrought Bezaleel and
Aholiab, and every wise hearted man,
in whom the LORD put wisdom and
understanding to know how to work
all manner of work for the service of
the sanctuary, according to all that the
LORD had commanded. 2 And Moses
called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and ev-
ery wise hearted man, in whose heart

the LORD had put wisdom, *even* every one whose heart stirred him up to
come unto the work to do it: 3 And
they received of Moses all the offer-
ing, which the children of Israel had
brought for the work of the service of
the sanctuary, to make it *withal.* And
they brought yet unto him free offer-
ings every morning. 4 And all the wise
men, that wrought all the work of the
sanctuary, came every man from his
work which they made; 5 And they
spake unto Moses, saying, The peo-
ple bring much more than enough for
the service of the work, which the
LORD commanded to make. 6 And

Moses gave commandment, and they
caused it to be proclaimed through-
out the camp, saying, Let neither man
nor woman make any more work for
the offering of the sanctuary. So the
people were restrained from bringing.
7 For the stuff they had was sufficient
for all the work to make it, and too
much. 8 And every wise hearted man
among them that wrought the work
of the tabernacle made ten curtains *of*
fine twined linen, and blue, and pur-
ple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of
cunning work made he them. 9 The
length of one curtain *was* twenty and
eight cubits, and the breadth of one

curtain four cubits: the curtains *were*
all of one size. [10] And he coupled the
five curtains one unto another: and
the other five curtains he coupled one
unto another. [11] And he made loops of
blue on the edge of one curtain from
the selvedge in the coupling: likewise
he made in the uttermost side of *an-*
other curtain, in the coupling of the
second. [12] Fifty loops made he in one
curtain, and fifty loops made he in
the edge of the curtain which *was* in
the coupling of the second: the loops
held one *curtain* to another. [13] And he
made fifty taches of gold, and coupled
the curtains one unto another with

the taches: so it became one taberna-
cle. 14 And he made curtains *of* goats'
hair for the tent over the tabernacle:
eleven curtains he made them. 15 The
length of one curtain *was* thirty cu-
bits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of
one curtain: the eleven curtains *were*
of one size. 16 And he coupled five
curtains by themselves, and six cur-
tains by themselves. 17 And he made
fifty loops upon the uttermost edge
of the curtain in the coupling, and
fifty loops made he upon the edge of
the curtain which coupleth the sec-
ond. 18 And he made fifty taches *of*
brass to couple the tent together, that

it might be one. [19] And he made a cov-
ering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed
red, and a covering *of* badgers' skins
above *that*. [20] And he made boards
for the tabernacle *of* shittim wood,
standing up. [21] The length of a board
was ten cubits, and the breadth of a
board one cubit and a half. [22] One
board had two tenons, equally distant
one from another: thus did he make
for all the boards of the tabernacle.
[23] And he made boards for the taber-
nacle; twenty boards for the south side
southward: [24] And forty sockets of sil-
ver he made under the twenty boards;
two sockets under one board for his

two tenons, and two sockets under an-
other board for his two tenons. [25] And
for the other side of the tabernacle,
which is toward the north corner, he
made twenty boards, [26] And their forty
sockets of silver; two sockets under
one board, and two sockets under an-
other board. [27] And for the sides of
the tabernacle westward he made six
boards. [28] And two boards made he
for the corners of the tabernacle in
the two sides. [29] And they were cou-
pled beneath, and coupled together at
the head thereof, to one ring: thus he
did to both of them in both the cor-

ners.* [30] And there were eight boards;
and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets
of silver, under every board two sock-
ets.* [31] And he made bars of shittim
wood; five for the boards of the one
side of the tabernacle, [32] And five bars
for the boards of the other side of the
tabernacle, and five bars for the boards
of the tabernacle for the sides west-
ward. [33] And he made the middle bar
to shoot through the boards from the
one end to the other. [34] And he over-
laid the boards with gold, and made

36.29. coupled: Heb. twinned.

30. under...: Heb. two sockets, two sockets under one board.

their rings *of* gold *to be* places for the
bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.
35 And he made a vail *of* blue, and pur-
ple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen:
with cherubims made he it of cunning
work. 36 And he made thereunto four
pillars *of* shittim *wood*, and overlaid
them with gold: their hooks *were of*
gold; and he cast for them four sock-
ets of silver. 37 And he made an hanging
for the tabernacle door *of* blue, and
purple, and scarlet, and fine twined
linen, of needlework;* 38 And the five
pillars of it with their hooks: and he

37. of needlework: Heb. the work of a needle-
worker or, embroiderer.

overlaid their chapiters and their fil-
lets with gold: but their five sockets
were of brass.

37 And Bezaleel made the ark *of*
shittim wood: two cubits and a half
was the length of it, and a cubit and
a half the breadth of it, and a cubit
and a half the height of it: 2 And he
overlaid it with pure gold within and
without, and made a crown of gold to
it round about. 3 And he cast for it
four rings of gold, *to be set* by the four
corners of it; even two rings upon the
one side of it, and two rings upon the
other side of it. 4 And he made staves

of shittim wood, and overlaid them
with gold. 5 And he put the staves into
the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear
the ark. 6 And he made the mercy seat
of pure gold: two cubits and a half *was*
the length thereof, and one cubit and
a half the breadth thereof. 7 And he
made two cherubims *of* gold, beaten
out of one piece made he them, on
the two ends of the mercy seat;* 8 One
cherub on the end on this side, and
another cherub on the *other* end on
that side: out of the mercy seat made
he the cherubims on the two ends

37.7. on...: or, out of, etc.

thereof.* 9 And the cherubims spread
out *their* wings on high, *and* covered
with their wings over the mercy seat,
with their faces one to another; *even*
to the mercy seatward were the faces
of the cherubims. 10 And he made
the table *of* shittim wood: two cu-
bits *was* the length thereof, and a cubit
the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a
half the height thereof: 11 And he over-
laid it with pure gold, and made there-
unto a crown of gold round about.
12 Also he made thereunto a border
of an handbreadth round about; and

8. on the end: or, out of, etc. on the other end: or, out of, etc.

made a crown of gold for the border
thereof round about. [13] And he cast
for it four rings of gold, and put the
rings upon the four corners that *were*
in the four feet thereof. [14] Over against
the border were the rings, the places
for the staves to bear the table. [15] And
he made the staves *of* shittim wood,
and overlaid them with gold, to bear
the table. [16] And he made the vessels
which *were* upon the table, his dishes,
and his spoons, and his bowls, and his
covers to cover withal, *of* pure gold.*
[17] And he made the candlestick *of* pure
gold: *of* beaten work made he the

16. to cover...: or, to pour out withal.

candlestick; his shaft, and his branch,
his bowls, his knops, and his flowers,
were of the same: [18] And six branches
going out of the sides thereof; three
branches of the candlestick out of the
one side thereof, and three branches of
the candlestick out of the other side
thereof: [19] Three bowls made after the
fashion of almonds in one branch, a
knop and a flower; and three bowls
made like almonds in another branch,
a knop and a flower: so throughout
the six branches going out of the can-
dlestick. [20] And in the candlestick *were*
four bowls made like almonds, his
knops, and his flowers: [21] And a knop

under two branches of the same, and a
knop under two branches of the same,
and a knop under two branches of the
same, according to the six branches
going out of it. 22 Their knops and
their branches were of the same: all
of it *was* one beaten work *of* pure
gold. 23 And he made his seven lamps,
and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes,
of pure gold. 24 *Of* a talent of pure
gold made he it, and all the vessels
thereof. 25 And he made the incense
altar *of* shittim wood: the length of it
was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cu-
bit; *it was* foursquare; and two cubits
was the height of it; the horns thereof

were of the same. [26] And he overlaid
it with pure gold, *both* the top of it,
and the sides thereof round about, and
the horns of it: also he made unto it a
crown of gold round about. [27] And he
made two rings of gold for it under
the crown thereof, by the two corners
of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be
places for the staves to bear it withal.
[28] And he made the staves *of* shittim
wood, and overlaid them with gold.
[29] And he made the holy anointing oil,
and the pure incense of sweet spices,
according to the work of the apothe-
cary.

38 And he made the altar of burnt
offering *of* shittim wood: five cubits
was the length thereof, and five cubits
the breadth thereof; *it was* foursquare;
and three cubits the height thereof.
2 And he made the horns thereof on
the four corners of it; the horns
thereof were of the same: and he over-
laid it with brass. 3 And he made
all the vessels of the altar, the pots,
and the shovels, and the basons, *and*
the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all
the vessels thereof made he *of* brass.
4 And he made for the altar a brasen
grate of network under the compass

thereof beneath unto the midst of it.
5 And he cast four rings for the four
ends of the grate of brass, *to be* places
for the staves. 6 And he made the
staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid
them with brass. 7 And he put the
staves into the rings on the sides of
the altar, to bear it withal; he made
the altar hollow with boards. 8 And
he made the laver *of* brass, and the
foot of it *of* brass, of the lookingglasses
of *the women* assembling, which as-
sembled *at* the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation.* 9 And he made

38.8. lookingglasses: or, brasen glasses. assembling: Heb. assembling by troops.

the court: on the south side south-
ward the hangings of the court *were of*
fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:
10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their
brasen sockets twenty; the hooks of
the pillars and their fillets *were of* sil-
ver. 11 And for the north side *the hang-
ings were* an hundred cubits, their pil-
lars *were* twenty, and their sockets of
brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars
and their fillets *of* silver. 12 And for
the west side *were* hangings of fifty cu-
bits, their pillars ten, and their sock-
ets ten; the hooks of the pillars and
their fillets *of* silver. 13 And for the
east side eastward fifty cubits. 14 The

hangings of the one side *of the gate*
were fifteen cubits; their pillars three,
and their sockets three. [15] And for the
other side of the court gate, on this
hand and that hand, *were* hangings of
fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and
their sockets three. [16] All the hangings
of the court round about *were* of fine
twined linen. [17] And the sockets for
the pillars *were of* brass; the hooks of
the pillars and their fillets *of* silver; and
the overlaying of their chapiters *of* sil-
ver; and all the pillars of the court *were*
filleted with silver. [18] And the hanging
for the gate of the court *was* needle-
work, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet,

and fine twined linen: and twenty cu-
bits *was* the length, and the height in
the breadth *was* five cubits, answerable
to the hangings of the court. [19] And
their pillars *were* four, and their sock-
ets *of* brass four; their hooks *of* silver,
and the overlaying of their chapiters
and their fillets *of* silver. [20] And all the
pins of the tabernacle, and of the court
round about, *were of* brass. [21] This
is the sum of the tabernacle, *even* of
the tabernacle of testimony, as it was
counted, according to the command-
ment of Moses, *for* the service of the
Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son
to Aaron the priest. [22] And Bezaleel

the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the
tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD
commanded Moses. [23] And with him
was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the
tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cun-
ning workman, and an embroiderer
in blue, and in purple, and in scar-
let, and fine linen. [24] All the gold that
was occupied for the work in all the
work of the holy *place*, even the gold
of the offering, was twenty and nine
talents, and seven hundred and thirty
shekels, after the shekel of the sanc-
tuary. [25] And the silver of them that
were numbered of the congregation
was an hundred talents, and a thou-

sand seven hundred and threescore
and fifteen shekels, after the shekel
of the sanctuary: 26 A bekah for ev-
ery man, *that is*, half a shekel, after
the shekel of the sanctuary, for ev-
ery one that went to be numbered,
from twenty years old and upward, for
six hundred thousand and three thou-
sand and five hundred and fifty *men*.*
27 And of the hundred talents of sil-
ver were cast the sockets of the sanc-
tuary, and the sockets of the vail; an
hundred sockets of the hundred tal-
ents, a talent for a socket. 28 And of the
thousand seven hundred seventy and

26. every man: Heb. a poll.

five shekels he made hooks for the pil-
lars, and overlaid their chapiters, and
filleted them. [29] And the brass of the
offering *was* seventy talents, and two
thousand and four hundred shekels.
[30] And therewith he made the sock-
ets to the door of the tabernacle of
the congregation, and the brasen al-
tar, and the brasen grate for it, and all
the vessels of the altar, [31] And the sock-
ets of the court round about, and the
sockets of the court gate, and all the
pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins
of the court round about.

39 And of the blue, and purple,

and scarlet, they made cloths of ser-
vice, to do service in the holy *place*, and
made the holy garments for Aaron; as
the LORD commanded Moses. 2 And
he made the ephod *of* gold, blue, and
purple, and scarlet, and fine twined
linen. 3 And they did beat the gold
into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires,
to work *it* in the blue, and in the
purple, and in the scarlet, and in the
fine linen, *with* cunning work. 4 They
made shoulderpieces for it, to couple
it together: by the two edges was it
coupled together. 5 And the curious
girdle of his ephod, that *was* upon it,
was of the same, according to the work

thereof; *of* gold, blue, and purple,
and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as
the LORD commanded Moses. 6 And
they wrought onyx stones inclosed in
ouches of gold, graven, as signets are
graven, with the names of the chil-
dren of Israel. 7 And he put them on
the shoulders of the ephod, *that they
should be* stones for a memorial to the
children of Israel; as the LORD com-
manded Moses. 8 And he made the
breastplate *of* cunning work, like the
work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and
purple, and scarlet, and fine twined
linen. 9 It was foursquare; they made
the breastplate double: a span *was* the

length thereof, and a span the breadth
thereof, *being* doubled. [10] And they set
in it four rows of stones: *the first* row
was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle:
this *was* the first row.* [11] And the sec-
ond row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a
diamond. [12] And the third row, a lig-
ure, an agate, and an amethyst. [13] And
the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and
a jasper: *they were* inclosed in ouches
of gold in their inclosings. [14] And the
stones *were* according to the names of
the children of Israel, twelve, accord-
ing to their names, *like* the engravings
of a signet, every one with his name,

39.10. sardius: or, ruby.

according to the twelve tribes. [15] And
they made upon the breastplate chains
at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure
gold. [16] And they made two ouches
of gold, and two gold rings; and put
the two rings in the two ends of the
breastplate. [17] And they put the two
wreathen chains of gold in the two
rings on the ends of the breastplate.
[18] And the two ends of the two wrea-
then chains they fastened in the two
ouches, and put them on the shoulder-
pieces of the ephod, before it. [19] And
they made two rings of gold, and put
them on the two ends of the breast-
plate, upon the border of it, which

was on the side of the ephod inward.
20 And they made two *other* golden
rings, and put them on the two sides
of the ephod underneath, toward the
forepart of it, over against the *other*
coupling thereof, above the curious
girdle of the ephod. 21 And they did
bind the breastplate by his rings unto
the rings of the ephod with a lace of
blue, that it might be above the curi-
ous girdle of the ephod, and that the
breastplate might not be loosed from
the ephod; as the LORD commanded
Moses. 22 And he made the robe of
the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* blue.
23 And *there was* an hole in the midst

of the robe, as the hole of an haber-
geon, *with* a band round about the
hole, that it should not rend. 24 And
they made upon the hems of the robe
pomegranates *of* blue, and purple, and
scarlet, *and* twined *linen*. 25 And they
made bells *of* pure gold, and put
the bells between the pomegranates
upon the hem of the robe, round
about between the pomegranates; 26 A
bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a
pomegranate, round about the hem
of the robe to minister *in*; as the
LORD commanded Moses. 27 And
they made coats *of* fine linen *of* wo-
ven work for Aaron, and for his

sons, [28] And a mitre *of* fine linen,
and goodly bonnets *of* fine linen, and
linen breeches *of* fine twined linen,
[29] And a girdle *of* fine twined linen,
and blue, and purple, and scarlet, *of*
needlework; as the LORD commanded
Moses. [30] And they made the plate
of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and
wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the en-
gravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO
THE LORD. [31] And they tied unto
it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high
upon the mitre; as the LORD com-
manded Moses. [32] Thus was all the
work of the tabernacle of the tent of
the congregation finished: and the

children of Israel did according to all
that the LORD commanded Moses,
so did they. 33 And they brought the
tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and
all his furniture, his taches, his boards,
his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,
34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed
red, and the covering of badgers' skins,
and the vail of the covering, 35 The
ark of the testimony, and the staves
thereof, and the mercy seat, 36 The ta-
ble, *and* all the vessels thereof, and
the shewbread, 37 The pure candlestick,
with the lamps thereof, *even with* the
lamps to be set in order, and all the ves-
sels thereof, and the oil for light, 38 And

the golden altar, and the anointing oil,
and the sweet incense, and the hanging
for the tabernacle door,* 39 The brasen
altar, and his grate of brass, his staves,
and all his vessels, the laver and his
foot, 40 The hangings of the court, his
pillars, and his sockets, and the hang-
ing for the court gate, his cords, and
his pins, and all the vessels of the ser-
vice of the tabernacle, for the tent of
the congregation, 41 The cloths of ser-
vice to do service in the holy *place*,
and the holy garments for Aaron the
priest, and his sons' garments, to min-
ister in the priest's office. 42 Accord-

38. the sweet...: Heb. the incense of sweet spices.

ing to all that the LORD commanded
Moses, so the children of Israel made
all the work. 43 And Moses did look
upon all the work, and, behold, they
had done it as the LORD had com-
manded, even so had they done it: and
Moses blessed them.

40 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 On the first day of
the first month shalt thou set up the
tabernacle of the tent of the congre-
gation. 3 And thou shalt put therein
the ark of the testimony, and cover the
ark with the vail. 4 And thou shalt
bring in the table, and set in order
the things that are to be set in or-

der upon it; and thou shalt bring in
the candlestick, and light the lamps
thereof.* 5 And thou shalt set the al-
tar of gold for the incense before the
ark of the testimony, and put the
hanging of the door to the taberna-
cle. 6 And thou shalt set the altar of
the burnt offering before the door of
the tabernacle of the tent of the con-
gregation. 7 And thou shalt set the
laver between the tent of the congre-
gation and the altar, and shalt put wa-
ter therein. 8 And thou shalt set up the
court round about, and hang up the
hanging at the court gate. 9 And thou

40.4. the things...: Heb. the order thereof.

shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint
the tabernacle, and all that *is* therein,
and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels
thereof: and it shall be holy. [10] And
thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt
offering, and all his vessels, and sanc-
tify the altar: and it shall be an altar
most holy.* [11] And thou shalt anoint
the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.
[12] And thou shalt bring Aaron and his
sons unto the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation, and wash them
with water. [13] And thou shalt put upon
Aaron the holy garments, and anoint
him, and sanctify him; that he may

10. most holy: Heb. holiness of holinesses.

minister unto me in the priest's of-
fice. [14] And thou shalt bring his sons,
and clothe them with coats: [15] And
thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst
anoint their father, that they may min-
ister unto me in the priest's office: for
their anointing shall surely be an ev-
erlasting priesthood throughout their
generations. [16] Thus did Moses: ac-
cording to all that the LORD com-
manded him, so did he. [17] And it
came to pass in the first month in the
second year, on the first *day* of the
month, *that* the tabernacle was reared
up. [18] And Moses reared up the taber-
nacle, and fastened his sockets, and

set up the boards thereof, and put in
the bars thereof, and reared up his pil-
lars. 19 And he spread abroad the tent
over the tabernacle, and put the cov-
ering of the tent above upon it; as
the LORD commanded Moses. 20 And
he took and put the testimony into
the ark, and set the staves on the ark,
and put the mercy seat above upon
the ark: 21 And he brought the ark
into the tabernacle, and set up the
vail of the covering, and covered the
ark of the testimony; as the LORD
commanded Moses. 22 And he put
the table in the tent of the congrega-
tion, upon the side of the tabernacle

northward, without the vail. [23] And
he set the bread in order upon it be-
fore the LORD; as the LORD had com-
manded Moses. [24] And he put the
candlestick in the tent of the con-
gregation, over against the table, on
the side of the tabernacle southward.
[25] And he lighted the lamps before
the LORD; as the LORD commanded
Moses. [26] And he put the golden al-
tar in the tent of the congregation be-
fore the vail: [27] And he burnt sweet
incense thereon; as the LORD com-
manded Moses. [28] And he set up the
hanging *at* the door of the taberna-
cle. [29] And he put the altar of burnt

offering *by* the door of the taberna-
cle of the tent of the congregation,
and offered upon it the burnt offer-
ing and the meat offering; as the LORD
commanded Moses. 30 And he set the
laver between the tent of the congre-
gation and the altar, and put water
there, to wash *withal*. 31 And Moses
and Aaron and his sons washed their
hands and their feet thereat: 32 When
they went into the tent of the congre-
gation, and when they came near unto
the altar, they washed; as the LORD
commanded Moses. 33 And he reared
up the court round about the taberna-
cle and the altar, and set up the hang-

ing of the court gate. So Moses fin-
ished the work. 34 Then a cloud cov-
ered the tent of the congregation, and
the glory of the LORD filled the taber-
nacle. 35 And Moses was not able to
enter into the tent of the congrega-
tion, because the cloud abode thereon,
and the glory of the LORD filled the
tabernacle. 36 And when the cloud was
taken up from over the tabernacle, the
children of Israel went onward in all
their journeys:* 37 But if the cloud were
not taken up, then they journeyed not
till the day that it was taken up. 38 For
the cloud of the LORD *was* upon the

36. went onward: Heb. journeyed.

tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

LEVITICUS

And the LORD called unto
Moses, and spake unto him
out of the tabernacle of the
congregation, saying, 2 Speak unto the
children of Israel, and say unto them,
If any man of you bring an offering
unto the LORD, ye shall bring your of-
fering of the cattle, *even* of the herd,
and of the flock. 3 If his offering *be* a
burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him of-
fer a male without blemish: he shall
offer it of his own voluntary will at

the door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation before the LORD. 4 And he
shall put his hand upon the head of the
burnt offering; and it shall be accepted
for him to make atonement for him.
5 And he shall kill the bullock before
the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's
sons, shall bring the blood, and sprin-
kle the blood round about upon the
altar that *is by* the door of the taberna-
cle of the congregation. 6 And he shall
flay the burnt offering, and cut it into
his pieces. 7 And the sons of Aaron
the priest shall put fire upon the altar,
and lay the wood in order upon the
fire: 8 And the priests, Aaron's sons,

shall lay the parts, the head, and the
fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on
the fire which *is* upon the altar: [9] But
his inwards and his legs shall he wash
in water: and the priest shall burn all
on the altar, *to be* a burnt sacrifice, an
offering made by fire, of a sweet savour
unto the LORD. [10] And if his offering
be of the flocks, *namely*, of the sheep,
or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he
shall bring it a male without blemish.
[11] And he shall kill it on the side of the
altar northward before the LORD: and
the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle
his blood round about upon the altar.
[12] And he shall cut it into his pieces,

with his head and his fat: and the priest
shall lay them in order on the wood
that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the
altar: [13] But he shall wash the inwards
and the legs with water: and the priest
shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the
altar: it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an offering
made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the
LORD. [14] And if the burnt sacrifice for
his offering to the LORD *be* of fowls,
then he shall bring his offering of tur-
tledoves, or of young pigeons. [15] And
the priest shall bring it unto the al-
tar, and wring off his head, and burn
it on the altar; and the blood thereof
shall be wrung out at the side of the al-

tar:* 16 And he shall pluck away his crop
with his feathers, and cast it beside the
altar on the east part, by the place of
the ashes:* 17 And he shall cleave it with
the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide
it asunder: and the priest shall burn it
upon the altar, upon the wood that *is*
upon the fire: it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an
offering made by fire, of a sweet savour
unto the LORD.

2 And when any will offer a meat
offering unto the LORD, his offering
shall be *of* fine flour; and he shall
pour oil upon it, and put frankincense

1.15. wring...: or, pinch off the head with the nail.
16. his feathers: or, the filth thereof.

thereon: [2] And he shall bring it to
Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall
take thereout his handful of the flour
thereof, and of the oil thereof, with
all the frankincense thereof; and the
priest shall burn the memorial of it
upon the altar, *to be* an offering made
by fire, of a sweet savour unto the
LORD: [3] And the remnant of the meat
offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons':
it is a thing most holy of the offerings
of the LORD made by fire. [4] And if
thou bring an oblation of a meat of-
fering baken in the oven, *it shall be*
unleavened cakes of fine flour min-
gled with oil, or unleavened wafers

anointed with oil. 5 And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering *baken* in a pan, it shall be *of* fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.* 6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it *is* a meat offering. 7 And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering *baken* in the frying-pan, it shall be made *of* fine flour with oil. 8 And thou shalt bring the meat offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar. 9 And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the

2.5. in a pan: or, on a flat plate, or, slice.

altar: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a
sweet savour unto the LORD. [10] And
that which is left of the meat offer-
ing *shall be* Aaron's and his sons': *it*
is a thing most holy of the offerings of
the LORD made by fire. [11] No meat of-
fering, which ye shall bring unto the
LORD, shall be made with leaven: for
ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey,
in any offering of the LORD made by
fire. [12] As for the oblation of the first-
fruits, ye shall offer them unto the
LORD: but they shall not be burnt on
the altar for a sweet savour.* [13] And ev-
ery oblation of thy meat offering shalt

12. be burnt: Heb. ascend.

thou season with salt; neither shalt
thou suffer the salt of the covenant of
thy God to be lacking from thy meat
offering: with all thine offerings thou
shalt offer salt. [14] And if thou offer a
meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the
LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat
offering of thy firstfruits green ears of
corn dried by the fire, *even* corn beaten
out of full ears. [15] And thou shalt
put oil upon it, and lay frankincense
thereon: it *is* a meat offering. [16] And
the priest shall burn the memorial of
it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof, and
part of the oil thereof, with all the
frankincense thereof: *it is* an offering

made by fire unto the LORD.

3 And if his oblation *be* a sacrifice
of peace offering, if he offer *it* of the
herd; whether *it be* a male or female,
he shall offer it without blemish before
the LORD. 2 And he shall lay his hand
upon the head of his offering, and kill
it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the
congregation: and Aaron's sons the
priests shall sprinkle the blood upon
the altar round about. 3 And he shall
offer of the sacrifice of the peace of-
fering an offering made by fire unto
the LORD; the fat that covereth the
inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon

the inwards,* 4 And the two kidneys,
and the fat that *is* on them, which *is*
by the flanks, and the caul above the
liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take
away.* 5 And Aaron's sons shall burn
it on the altar upon the burnt sacri-
fice, which *is* upon the wood that *is*
on the fire: *it is* an offering made by
fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.
6 And if his offering for a sacrifice of
peace offering unto the LORD *be* of the
flock; male or female, he shall offer it
without blemish. 7 If he offer a lamb

3.3. fat: or, suet.

4. caul...: or, midriff over the liver, and over the kidneys.

for his offering, then shall he offer it
before the LORD. 8 And he shall lay
his hand upon the head of his offer-
ing, and kill it before the tabernacle
of the congregation: and Aaron's sons
shall sprinkle the blood thereof round
about upon the altar. 9 And he shall
offer of the sacrifice of the peace offer-
ing an offering made by fire unto the
LORD; the fat thereof, *and* the whole
rump, it shall he take off hard by the
backbone; and the fat that covereth
the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon
the inwards, 10 And the two kidneys,
and the fat that *is* upon them, which
is by the flanks, and the caul above the

liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take
away. [11] And the priest shall burn it
upon the altar: *it is* the food of the
offering made by fire unto the LORD.
[12] And if his offering *be* a goat, then he
shall offer it before the LORD. [13] And
he shall lay his hand upon the head
of it, and kill it before the tabernacle
of the congregation: and the sons of
Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof
upon the altar round about. [14] And he
shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an
offering made by fire unto the LORD;
the fat that covereth the inwards, and
all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,
[15] And the two kidneys, and the fat that

is upon them, which *is* by the flanks,
and the caul above the liver, with the
kidneys, it shall he take away. [16] And
the priest shall burn them upon the al-
tar: *it is* the food of the offering made
by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat
is the LORD's. [17] *It shall be* a perpetual
statute for your generations through-
out all your dwellings, that ye eat nei-
ther fat nor blood.

4 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin
through ignorance against any of the
commandments of the LORD *concern-
ing things* which ought not to be done,

and shall do against any of them: 3 If
the priest that is anointed do sin ac-
cording to the sin of the people; then
let him bring for his sin, which he hath
sinned, a young bullock without blem-
ish unto the LORD for a sin offering.
4 And he shall bring the bullock unto
the door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation before the LORD; and shall
lay his hand upon the bullock's head,
and kill the bullock before the LORD.
5 And the priest that is anointed shall
take of the bullock's blood, and bring
it to the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion: 6 And the priest shall dip his fin-
ger in the blood, and sprinkle of the

blood seven times before the LORD,
before the vail of the sanctuary. 7 And
the priest shall put *some* of the blood
upon the horns of the altar of sweet in-
cense before the LORD, which *is* in the
tabernacle of the congregation; and
shall pour all the blood of the bul-
lock at the bottom of the altar of the
burnt offering, which *is at* the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation.
8 And he shall take off from it all the
fat of the bullock for the sin offering;
the fat that covereth the inwards, and
all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,
9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that
is upon them, which *is* by the flanks,

and the caul above the liver, with the
kidneys, it shall he take away, [10] As it
was taken off from the bullock of the
sacrifice of peace offerings: and the
priest shall burn them upon the altar
of the burnt offering. [11] And the skin
of the bullock, and all his flesh, with
his head, and with his legs, and his in-
wards, and his dung, [12] Even the whole
bullock shall he carry forth without
the camp unto a clean place, where the
ashes are poured out, and burn him on
the wood with fire: where the ashes are
poured out shall he be burnt.* [13] And

4.12. without...: Heb. to without the camp. where...: Heb. at the pouring out of the ashes.

if the whole congregation of Israel sin
through ignorance, and the thing be
hid from the eyes of the assembly, and
they have done *somewhat against* any
of the commandments of the LORD
concerning things which should not be
done, and are guilty; 14 When the sin,
which they have sinned against it, is
known, then the congregation shall
offer a young bullock for the sin, and
bring him before the tabernacle of
the congregation. 15 And the elders of
the congregation shall lay their hands
upon the head of the bullock before
the LORD: and the bullock shall be
killed before the LORD. 16 And the

priest that is anointed shall bring of
the bullock's blood to the tabernacle
of the congregation: [17] And the priest
shall dip his finger *in some* of the blood,
and sprinkle *it* seven times before the
LORD, *even* before the vail. [18] And he
shall put *some* of the blood upon the
horns of the altar which *is* before the
LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the
congregation, and shall pour out all
the blood at the bottom of the altar
of the burnt offering, which *is at* the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation. [19] And he shall take all his fat
from him, and burn *it* upon the altar.
[20] And he shall do with the bullock as

he did with the bullock for a sin of-
fering, so shall he do with this: and
the priest shall make an atonement for
them, and it shall be forgiven them.
21 And he shall carry forth the bullock
without the camp, and burn him as he
burned the first bullock: it *is* a sin of-
fering for the congregation. 22 When
a ruler hath sinned, and done *some-
what* through ignorance *against* any of
the commandments of the LORD his
God *concerning things* which should
not be done, and is guilty; 23 Or if his
sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to
his knowledge; he shall bring his of-
fering, a kid of the goats, a male with-

out blemish: [24] And he shall lay his
hand upon the head of the goat, and
kill it in the place where they kill the
burnt offering before the LORD: it *is*
a sin offering. [25] And the priest shall
take of the blood of the sin offering
with his finger, and put *it* upon the
horns of the altar of burnt offering,
and shall pour out his blood at the
bottom of the altar of burnt offering.
[26] And he shall burn all his fat upon
the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of
peace offerings: and the priest shall
make an atonement for him as con-
cerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven
him. [27] And if any one of the common

people sin through ignorance, while
he doeth *somewhat against* any of the
commandments of the LORD *concern-*
ing things which ought not to be done,
and be guilty;* [28] Or if his sin, which he
hath sinned, come to his knowledge:
then he shall bring his offering, a kid
of the goats, a female without blem-
ish, for his sin which he hath sinned.
[29] And he shall lay his hand upon the
head of the sin offering, and slay the
sin offering in the place of the burnt
offering. [30] And the priest shall take
of the blood thereof with his finger,

27. any one: Heb. any soul. common...: Heb. people of the land.

and put *it* upon the horns of the altar
of burnt offering, and shall pour out
all the blood thereof at the bottom of
the altar. [31] And he shall take away all
the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away
from off the sacrifice of peace offer-
ings; and the priest shall burn *it* upon
the altar for a sweet savour unto the
LORD; and the priest shall make an
atonement for him, and it shall be for-
given him. [32] And if he bring a lamb
for a sin offering, he shall bring it a fe-
male without blemish. [33] And he shall
lay his hand upon the head of the sin
offering, and slay it for a sin offering
in the place where they kill the burnt

offering. [34] And the priest shall take of
the blood of the sin offering with his
finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the
altar of burnt offering, and shall pour
out all the blood thereof at the bot-
tom of the altar: [35] And he shall take
away all the fat thereof, as the fat of
the lamb is taken away from the sac-
rifice of the peace offerings; and the
priest shall burn them upon the altar,
according to the offerings made by fire
unto the LORD: and the priest shall
make an atonement for his sin that he
hath committed, and it shall be for-
given him.

5 And if a soul sin, and hear the
voice of swearing, and *is* a witness,
whether he hath seen or known *of it*;
if he do not utter *it*, then he shall bear
his iniquity. 2 Or if a soul touch any
unclean thing, whether *it be* a carcase
of an unclean beast, or a carcase of
unclean cattle, or the carcase of un-
clean creeping things, and *if* it be hid-
den from him; he also shall be un-
clean, and guilty. 3 Or if he touch the
uncleanness of man, whatsoever un-
cleanness *it be* that a man shall be de-
filed withal, and it be hid from him;
when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall

be guilty. 4 Or if a soul swear, pro-
nouncing with *his* lips to do evil, or to
do good, whatsoever *it be* that a man
shall pronounce with an oath, and it
be hid from him; when he knoweth
of it, then he shall be guilty in one of
these. 5 And it shall be, when he shall
be guilty in one of these *things*, that
he shall confess that he hath sinned
in that *thing*: 6 And he shall bring
his trespass offering unto the LORD
for his sin which he hath sinned, a fe-
male from the flock, a lamb or a kid
of the goats, for a sin offering; and
the priest shall make an atonement for
him concerning his sin. 7 And if he

be not able to bring a lamb, then he
shall bring for his trespass, which he
hath committed, two turtledoves, or
two young pigeons, unto the LORD;
one for a sin offering, and the other
for a burnt offering.* 8 And he shall
bring them unto the priest, who shall
offer *that* which *is* for the sin offering
first, and wring off his head from his
neck, but shall not divide *it* asunder:
9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of
the sin offering upon the side of the
altar; and the rest of the blood shall
be wrung out at the bottom of the

5.7. he be...: Heb. his hand cannot reach to the sufficiency of a lamb.

altar: it *is* a sin offering. [10] And he
shall offer the second *for* a burnt of-
fering, according to the manner: and
the priest shall make an atonement for
him for his sin which he hath sinned,
and it shall be forgiven him.* [11] But if
he be not able to bring two turtle-
doves, or two young pigeons, then he
that sinned shall bring for his offering
the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour
for a sin offering; he shall put no oil
upon it, neither shall he put *any* frank-
incense thereon: for it *is* a sin offering.
[12] Then shall he bring it to the priest,
and the priest shall take his handful of

10. manner: or, ordinance.

it, *even* a memorial thereof, and burn
it on the altar, according to the of-
ferings made by fire unto the LORD:
it *is* a sin offering. 13 And the priest
shall make an atonement for him as
touching his sin that he hath sinned
in one of these, and it shall be for-
given him: and *the remnant* shall be
the priest's, as a meat offering. 14 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
15 If a soul commit a trespass, and sin
through ignorance, in the holy things
of the LORD; then he shall bring for his
trespass unto the LORD a ram without
blemish out of the flocks, with thy es-
timation by shekels of silver, after the

shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass
offering: [16] And he shall make amends
for the harm that he hath done in the
holy thing, and shall add the fifth part
thereto, and give it unto the priest: and
the priest shall make an atonement for
him with the ram of the trespass of-
fering, and it shall be forgiven him.
[17] And if a soul sin, and commit any
of these things which are forbidden
to be done by the commandments of
the LORD; though he wist *it* not, yet is
he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.
[18] And he shall bring a ram without
blemish out of the flock, with thy es-
timation, for a trespass offering, unto

the priest: and the priest shall make
an atonement for him concerning his
ignorance wherein he erred and wist *it*
not, and it shall be forgiven him. [19] It
is a trespass offering: he hath certainly
trespassed against the LORD.

6 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] If a soul sin, and com-
mit a trespass against the LORD, and lie
unto his neighbour in that which was
delivered him to keep, or in fellowship,
or in a thing taken away by violence,
or hath deceived his neighbour;* [3] Or

6.2. in fellowship: or, in dealing. fellowship: Heb.
putting of the hand.

have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely;
in any of all these that a man doeth,
sinning therein: 4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that
he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath
deceitfully gotten, or that which was
delivered him to keep, or the lost thing
which he found, 5 Or all that about
which he hath sworn falsely; he shall
even restore it in the principal, and
shall add the fifth part more thereto,
and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass

offering.* 6 And he shall bring his tres-
pass offering unto the LORD, a ram
without blemish out of the flock, with
thy estimation, for a trespass offer-
ing, unto the priest: 7 And the priest
shall make an atonement for him be-
fore the LORD: and it shall be forgiven
him for any thing of all that he hath
done in trespassing therein. 8 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
9 Command Aaron and his sons, say-
ing, This *is* the law of the burnt of-
fering: It *is* the burnt offering, be-
cause of the burning upon the altar

5. in the day...: or, in the day of his being found guilty: Heb. in the day of his trespass.

all night unto the morning, and the
fire of the altar shall be burning in it.*
10 And the priest shall put on his linen
garment, and his linen breeches shall
he put upon his flesh, and take up the
ashes which the fire hath consumed
with the burnt offering on the altar,
and he shall put them beside the altar.
11 And he shall put off his garments,
and put on other garments, and carry
forth the ashes without the camp unto
a clean place. 12 And the fire upon the
altar shall be burning in it; it shall not
be put out: and the priest shall burn
wood on it every morning, and lay the

9. because...: or, for the burning.

burnt offering in order upon it; and he
shall burn thereon the fat of the peace
offerings. [13] The fire shall ever be burn-
ing upon the altar; it shall never go out.
[14] And this *is* the law of the meat of-
fering: the sons of Aaron shall offer
it before the LORD, before the altar.
[15] And he shall take of it his handful,
of the flour of the meat offering, and
of the oil thereof, and all the frank-
incense which *is* upon the meat offer-
ing, and shall burn *it* upon the altar *for*
a sweet savour, *even* the memorial of
it, unto the LORD. [16] And the remain-
der thereof shall Aaron and his sons
eat: with unleavened bread shall it be

eaten in the holy place; in the court
of the tabernacle of the congregation
they shall eat it. 17 It shall not be baken
with leaven. I have given it *unto them*
for their portion of my offerings made
by fire; it *is* most holy, as *is* the sin
offering, and as the trespass offering.
18 All the males among the children of
Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute
for ever in your generations concern-
ing the offerings of the LORD made
by fire: every one that toucheth them
shall be holy. 19 And the LORD spake
unto Moses, saying, 20 This *is* the offer-
ing of Aaron and of his sons, which
they shall offer unto the LORD in the

day when he is anointed; the tenth part
of an ephah of fine flour for a meat of-
fering perpetual, half of it in the morn-
ing, and half thereof at night. [21] In a
pan it shall be made with oil; *and when
it is* baken, thou shalt bring it in: *and*
the baken pieces of the meat offering
shalt thou offer *for* a sweet savour unto
the LORD. [22] And the priest of his sons
that is anointed in his stead shall of-
fer it: *it is* a statute for ever unto the
LORD; it shall be wholly burnt. [23] For
every meat offering for the priest shall
be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.
[24] And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, [25] Speak unto Aaron and to his

sons, saying, This *is* the law of the sin
offering: In the place where the burnt
offering is killed shall the sin offering
be killed before the LORD: it *is* most
holy. [26] The priest that offereth it for
sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall
it be eaten, in the court of the taber-
nacle of the congregation. [27] Whatso-
ever shall touch the flesh thereof shall
be holy: and when there is sprinkled
of the blood thereof upon any gar-
ment, thou shalt wash that whereon it
was sprinkled in the holy place. [28] But
the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden
shall be broken: and if it be sodden in
a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured,

and rinsed in water. [29] All the males
among the priests shall eat thereof: it
is most holy. [30] And no sin offering,
whereof *any* of the blood is brought
into the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion to reconcile *withal* in the holy
place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt
in the fire.

7 Likewise this *is* the law of the
trespass offering: it *is* most holy. [2] In
the place where they kill the burnt of-
fering shall they kill the trespass offer-
ing: and the blood thereof shall he
sprinkle round about upon the altar.
[3] And he shall offer of it all the fat

thereof; the rump, and the fat that
covereth the inwards, 4 And the two
kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them,
which *is* by the flanks, and the caul
that is above the liver, with the kid-
neys, it shall he take away: 5 And the
priest shall burn them upon the al-
tar *for* an offering made by fire unto
the LORD: it *is* a trespass offering.
6 Every male among the priests shall
eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the
holy place: it *is* most holy. 7 As the
sin offering *is*, so *is* the trespass offer-
ing: *there is* one law for them: the
priest that maketh atonement there-
with shall have *it*. 8 And the priest that

offereth any man's burnt offering, *even*
the priest shall have to himself the skin
of the burnt offering which he hath
offered. 9 And all the meat offering
that is baken in the oven, and all that
is dressed in the fryingpan, and in the
pan, shall be the priest's that offereth
it.* 10 And every meat offering, mingled
with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of
Aaron have, one *as much* as another.
11 And this *is* the law of the sacrifice
of peace offerings, which he shall of-
fer unto the LORD. 12 If he offer it for a
thanksgiving, then he shall offer with
the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleav-

7.9. in the pan: or, on the flat plate or, slice.

ened cakes mingled with oil, and un-
leavened wafers anointed with oil, and
cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour,
fried. [13] Besides the cakes, he shall offer
for his offering leavened bread with the
sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace
offerings. [14] And of it he shall offer one
out of the whole oblation *for* an heave
offering unto the LORD, *and* it shall be
the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of
the peace offerings. [15] And the flesh of
the sacrifice of his peace offerings for
thanksgiving shall be eaten the same
day that it is offered; he shall not leave
any of it until the morning. [16] But if
the sacrifice of his offering *be* a vow, or

a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten
the same day that he offereth his sac-
rifice: and on the morrow also the re-
mainder of it shall be eaten: 17 But the
remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice
on the third day shall be burnt with
fire. 18 And if *any* of the flesh of the
sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten
at all on the third day, it shall not be
accepted, neither shall it be imputed
unto him that offereth it: it shall be an
abomination, and the soul that eateth
of it shall bear his iniquity. 19 And the
flesh that toucheth any unclean *thing*
shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt
with fire: and as for the flesh, all that

be clean shall eat thereof. [20] But the
soul that eateth *of* the flesh of the sac-
rifice of peace offerings, that *pertain*
unto the LORD, having his unclean-
ness upon him, even that soul shall be
cut off from his people. [21] Moreover
the soul that shall touch any unclean
thing, as the uncleanness of man, or
any unclean beast, or any abominable
unclean *thing*, and eat of the flesh of
the sacrifice of peace offerings, which
pertain unto the LORD, even that soul
shall be cut off from his people. [22] And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
[23] Speak unto the children of Israel, say-
ing, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of

ox, or of sheep, or of goat. [24] And
the fat of the beast that dieth of it-
self, and the fat of that which is torn
with beasts, may be used in any other
use: but ye shall in no wise eat of
it.* [25] For whosoever eateth the fat of
the beast, of which men offer an of-
fering made by fire unto the LORD,
even the soul that eateth *it* shall be
cut off from his people. [26] Moreover
ye shall eat no manner of blood, *whe-
ther it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of
your dwellings. [27] Whatsoever soul *it
be* that eateth any manner of blood,
even that soul shall be cut off from his

24. beast...: Heb. carcase.

people. [28] And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [29] Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, saying, He that offereth
the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto
the LORD shall bring his oblation unto
the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace
offerings. [30] His own hands shall bring
the offerings of the LORD made by fire,
the fat with the breast, it shall he bring,
that the breast may be waved *for* a wave
offering before the LORD. [31] And the
priest shall burn the fat upon the altar:
but the breast shall be Aaron's and his
sons'. [32] And the right shoulder shall ye
give unto the priest *for* an heave offer-
ing of the sacrifices of your peace offer-

ings. [33] He among the sons of Aaron,
that offereth the blood of the peace
offerings, and the fat, shall have the
right shoulder for *his* part. [34] For the
wave breast and the heave shoulder
have I taken of the children of Israel
from off the sacrifices of their peace
offerings, and have given them unto
Aaron the priest and unto his sons by
a statute for ever from among the chil-
dren of Israel. [35] This *is the portion* of
the anointing of Aaron, and of the
anointing of his sons, out of the offer-
ings of the LORD made by fire, in the
day *when* he presented them to min-
ister unto the LORD in the priest's of-

fice; [36] Which the LORD commanded
to be given them of the children of Is-
rael, in the day that he anointed them,
by a statute for ever throughout their
generations. [37] This *is* the law of the
burnt offering, of the meat offering,
and of the sin offering, and of the
trespass offering, and of the consecra-
tions, and of the sacrifice of the peace
offerings; [38] Which the LORD com-
manded Moses in mount Sinai, in the
day that he commanded the children
of Israel to offer their oblations unto
the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

8 And the LORD spake unto

Moses, saying, [2] Take Aaron and his
sons with him, and the garments, and
the anointing oil, and a bullock for the
sin offering, and two rams, and a bas-
ket of unleavened bread; [3] And gather
thou all the congregation together
unto the door of the tabernacle of the
congregation. [4] And Moses did as the
LORD commanded him; and the as-
sembly was gathered together unto the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation. [5] And Moses said unto the
congregation, This *is* the thing which
the LORD commanded to be done.
[6] And Moses brought Aaron and his
sons, and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat,
and girded him with the girdle, and
clothed him with the robe, and put
the ephod upon him, and he girded
him with the curious girdle of the
ephod, and bound *it* unto him there-
with. 8 And he put the breastplate
upon him: also he put in the breast-
plate the Urim and the Thummim.
9 And he put the mitre upon his head;
also upon the mitre, *even* upon his
forefront, did he put the golden plate,
the holy crown; as the LORD com-
manded Moses. 10 And Moses took the
anointing oil, and anointed the taber-
nacle and all that *was* therein, and

sanctified them. [11] And he sprinkled
thereof upon the altar seven times,
and anointed the altar and all his ves-
sels, both the laver and his foot, to
sanctify them. [12] And he poured of
the anointing oil upon Aaron's head,
and anointed him, to sanctify him.
[13] And Moses brought Aaron's sons,
and put coats upon them, and girded
them with girdles, and put bonnets
upon them; as the LORD commanded
Moses.* [14] And he brought the bul-
lock for the sin offering: and Aaron
and his sons laid their hands upon the
head of the bullock for the sin offer-

8.13. put bonnets: Heb. bound bonnets.

ing. 15 And he slew *it*; and Moses took
the blood, and put *it* upon the horns
of the altar round about with his fin-
ger, and purified the altar, and poured
the blood at the bottom of the altar,
and sanctified it, to make reconcilia-
tion upon it. 16 And he took all the
fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the
caul *above* the liver, and the two kid-
neys, and their fat, and Moses burned
it upon the altar. 17 But the bullock,
and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he
burnt with fire without the camp; as
the LORD commanded Moses. 18 And
he brought the ram for the burnt of-
fering: and Aaron and his sons laid

their hands upon the head of the ram.
19 And he killed *it*; and Moses sprin-
kled the blood upon the altar round
about. 20 And he cut the ram into
pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and
the pieces, and the fat. 21 And he
washed the inwards and the legs in wa-
ter; and Moses burnt the whole ram
upon the altar: it *was* a burnt sacri-
fice for a sweet savour, *and* an offer-
ing made by fire unto the LORD; as
the LORD commanded Moses. 22 And
he brought the other ram, the ram of
consecration: and Aaron and his sons
laid their hands upon the head of the
ram. 23 And he slew *it*; and Moses took

of the blood of it, and put *it* upon the
tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the
thumb of his right hand, and upon the
great toe of his right foot. [24] And he
brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put
of the blood upon the tip of their right
ear, and upon the thumbs of their
right hands, and upon the great toes
of their right feet: and Moses sprin-
kled the blood upon the altar round
about. [25] And he took the fat, and the
rump, and all the fat that *was* upon
the inwards, and the caul *above* the
liver, and the two kidneys, and their
fat, and the right shoulder: [26] And out
of the basket of unleavened bread, that

was before the LORD, he took one
unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled
bread, and one wafer, and put *them*
on the fat, and upon the right shoul-
der: [27] And he put all upon Aaron's
hands, and upon his sons' hands, and
waved them *for* a wave offering before
the LORD. [28] And Moses took them
from off their hands, and burnt *them*
on the altar upon the burnt offering:
they *were* consecrations for a sweet
savour: it *is* an offering made by fire
unto the LORD. [29] And Moses took the
breast, and waved it *for* a wave offer-
ing before the LORD: *for* of the ram
of consecration it was Moses' part; as

the LORD commanded Moses. [30] And
Moses took of the anointing oil, and
of the blood which *was* upon the al-
tar, and sprinkled *it* upon Aaron, *and*
upon his garments, and upon his sons,
and upon his sons' garments with him;
and sanctified Aaron, *and* his gar-
ments, and his sons, and his sons' gar-
ments with him. [31] And Moses said
unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the
flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of
the congregation: and there eat it with
the bread that *is* in the basket of con-
secrations, as I commanded, saying,
Aaron and his sons shall eat it. [32] And
that which remaineth of the flesh and

of the bread shall ye burn with fire.
33 And ye shall not go out of the door of
the tabernacle of the congregation *in*
seven days, until the days of your con-
secration be at an end: for seven days
shall he consecrate you. 34 As he hath
done this day, *so* the LORD hath com-
manded to do, to make an atonement
for you. 35 Therefore shall ye abide *at*
the door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation day and night seven days,
and keep the charge of the LORD, that
ye die not: for so I am commanded.
36 So Aaron and his sons did all things
which the LORD commanded by the
hand of Moses.

9 And it came to pass on the
eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron
and his sons, and the elders of Is-
rael; 2 And he said unto Aaron, Take
thee a young calf for a sin offering,
and a ram for a burnt offering, with-
out blemish, and offer *them* before the
LORD. 3 And unto the children of Is-
rael thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye
a kid of the goats for a sin offering;
and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first
year, without blemish, for a burnt of-
fering; 4 Also a bullock and a ram for
peace offerings, to sacrifice before the
LORD; and a meat offering mingled

with oil: for to day the LORD will ap-
pear unto you. 5 And they brought
that which Moses commanded before
the tabernacle of the congregation:
and all the congregation drew near
and stood before the LORD. 6 And
Moses said, This *is* the thing which
the LORD commanded that ye should
do: and the glory of the LORD shall
appear unto you. 7 And Moses said
unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and
offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt
offering, and make an atonement for
thyself, and for the people: and offer
the offering of the people, and make
an atonement for them; as the LORD

commanded. 8 Aaron therefore went
unto the altar, and slew the calf of
the sin offering, which *was* for himself.
9 And the sons of Aaron brought the
blood unto him: and he dipped his
finger in the blood, and put *it* upon
the horns of the altar, and poured out
the blood at the bottom of the altar:
10 But the fat, and the kidneys, and the
caul above the liver of the sin offer-
ing, he burnt upon the altar; as the
LORD commanded Moses. 11 And the
flesh and the hide he burnt with fire
without the camp. 12 And he slew the
burnt offering; and Aaron's sons pre-
sented unto him the blood, which he

sprinkled round about upon the altar.
13 And they presented the burnt offer-
ing unto him, with the pieces thereof,
and the head: and he burnt *them* upon
the altar. 14 And he did wash the in-
wards and the legs, and burnt *them*
upon the burnt offering on the altar.
15 And he brought the people's offer-
ing, and took the goat, which *was* the
sin offering for the people, and slew
it, and offered it for sin, as the first.
16 And he brought the burnt offering,
and offered it according to the man-
ner.* 17 And he brought the meat of-
fering, and took an handful thereof,

9.16. manner: or, ordinance.

and burnt *it* upon the altar, beside the
burnt sacrifice of the morning.* [18] He
slew also the bullock and the ram *for* a
sacrifice of peace offerings, which *was*
for the people: and Aaron's sons pre-
sented unto him the blood, which he
sprinkled upon the altar round about,
[19] And the fat of the bullock and of the
ram, the rump, and that which cov-
ereth *the inwards*, and the kidneys, and
the caul *above* the liver: [20] And they
put the fat upon the breasts, and he
burnt the fat upon the altar: [21] And the
breasts and the right shoulder Aaron
waved *for* a wave offering before the

17. took...: Heb. filled his hand out of it.

LORD; as Moses commanded. [22] And
Aaron lifted up his hand toward the
people, and blessed them, and came
down from offering of the sin offering,
and the burnt offering, and peace of-
ferings. [23] And Moses and Aaron went
into the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, and came out, and blessed the
people: and the glory of the LORD
appeared unto all the people. [24] And
there came a fire out from before the
LORD, and consumed upon the altar
the burnt offering and the fat: *which*
when all the people saw, they shouted,
and fell on their faces.

10 And Nadab and Abihu, the

sons of Aaron, took either of them his
censer, and put fire therein, and put
incense thereon, and offered strange
fire before the LORD, which he com-
manded them not. [2] And there went
out fire from the LORD, and devoured
them, and they died before the LORD.
[3] Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is*
it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be
sanctified in them that come nigh me,
and before all the people I will be glori-
fied. And Aaron held his peace. [4] And
Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan,
the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron,
and said unto them, Come near, carry
your brethren from before the sanctu-

ary out of the camp. 5 So they went
near, and carried them in their coats
out of the camp; as Moses had said.
6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and
unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his
sons, Uncover not your heads, neither
rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest
wrath come upon all the people: but
let your brethren, the whole house of
Israel, bewail the burning which the
LORD hath kindled. 7 And ye shall not
go out from the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation, lest ye die: for the
anointing oil of the LORD *is* upon you.
And they did according to the word
of Moses. 8 And the LORD spake unto

Aaron, saying, 9 Do not drink wine
nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons
with thee, when ye go into the taber-
nacle of the congregation, lest ye die:
it shall be a statute for ever throughout
your generations: 10 And that ye may
put difference between holy and un-
holy, and between unclean and clean;
11 And that ye may teach the children of
Israel all the statutes which the LORD
hath spoken unto them by the hand
of Moses. 12 And Moses spake unto
Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto
Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take
the meat offering that remaineth of
the offerings of the LORD made by fire,

and eat it without leaven beside the al-
tar: for it *is* most holy: [13] And ye shall
eat it in the holy place, because it *is* thy
due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices
of the LORD made by fire: for so I am
commanded. [14] And the wave breast
and heave shoulder shall ye eat in a
clean place; thou, and thy sons, and
thy daughters with thee: for *they be* thy
due, and thy sons' due, *which* are given
out of the sacrifices of peace offerings
of the children of Israel. [15] The heave
shoulder and the wave breast shall they
bring with the offerings made by fire
of the fat, to wave *it for* a wave of-
fering before the LORD; and it shall

be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by
a statute for ever; as the LORD hath
commanded. [16] And Moses diligently
sought the goat of the sin offering,
and, behold, it was burnt: and he was
angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the
sons of Aaron *which were* left *alive*, say-
ing, [17] Wherefore have ye not eaten the
sin offering in the holy place, seeing it
is most holy, and *God* hath given it you
to bear the iniquity of the congrega-
tion, to make atonement for them be-
fore the LORD? [18] Behold, the blood of
it was not brought in within the holy
place: ye should indeed have eaten it in
the holy *place*, as I commanded. [19] And

Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this
day have they offered their sin offer-
ing and their burnt offering before the
LORD; and such things have befallen
me: and *if* I had eaten the sin offering
to day, should it have been accepted
in the sight of the LORD? 20 And when
Moses heard *that*, he was content.

11 And the LORD spake unto
Moses and to Aaron, saying unto
them, 2 Speak unto the children of
Israel, saying, These *are* the beasts
which ye shall eat among all the beasts
that *are* on the earth. 3 Whatso-
ever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-

footed, *and* cheweth the cud, among
the beasts, that shall ye eat. 4 Never-
theless these shall ye not eat of them
that chew the cud, or of them that di-
vide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he
cheweth the cud, but divideth not the
hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. 5 And
the coney, because he cheweth the
cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is*
unclean unto you. 6 And the hare,
because he cheweth the cud, but di-
videth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto
you. 7 And the swine, though he di-
vide the hoof, and be clovenfooted,
yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* un-
clean to you. 8 Of their flesh shall

ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye
not touch; they *are* unclean to you.
9 These shall ye eat of all that *are* in
the waters: whatsoever hath fins and
scales in the waters, in the seas, and
in the rivers, them shall ye eat. 10 And
all that have not fins and scales in the
seas, and in the rivers, of all that move
in the waters, and of any living thing
which *is* in the waters, they *shall be* an
abomination unto you: 11 They shall
be even an abomination unto you;
ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye
shall have their carcases in abomina-
tion. 12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor
scales in the waters, that *shall be* an

abomination unto you. [13] And these
are they which ye shall have in abom-
ination among the fowls; they shall
not be eaten, they *are* an abomina-
tion: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and
the ospray, [14] And the vulture, and the
kite after his kind; [15] Every raven af-
ter his kind; [16] And the owl, and the
night hawk, and the cuckow, and the
hawk after his kind, [17] And the little
owl, and the cormorant, and the great
owl, [18] And the swan, and the pelican,
and the gier eagle, [19] And the stork, the
heron after her kind, and the lapwing,
and the bat. [20] All fowls that creep, go-
ing upon *all* four, *shall be* an abomina-

tion unto you. [21] Yet these may ye eat of
every flying creeping thing that goeth
upon *all* four, which have legs above
their feet, to leap withal upon the
earth; [22] *Even* these of them ye may eat;
the locust after his kind, and the bald
locust after his kind, and the beetle af-
ter his kind, and the grasshopper after
his kind. [23] But all *other* flying creeping
things, which have four feet, *shall be*
an abomination unto you. [24] And for
these ye shall be unclean: whosoever
toucheth the carcase of them shall be
unclean until the even. [25] And whoso-
ever beareth *ought* of the carcase of
them shall wash his clothes, and be un-

clean until the even. [26] *The carcases* of
every beast which divideth the hoof,
and *is* not clovenfooted, nor cheweth
the cud, *are* unclean unto you: every
one that toucheth them shall be un-
clean. [27] And whatsoever goeth upon
his paws, among all manner of beasts
that go on *all* four, those *are* unclean
unto you: whoso toucheth their car-
case shall be unclean until the even.
[28] And he that beareth the carcase of
them shall wash his clothes, and be
unclean until the even: they *are* un-
clean unto you. [29] These also *shall be*
unclean unto you among the creep-
ing things that creep upon the earth;

the weasel, and the mouse, and the
tortoise after his kind, 30 And the fer-
ret, and the chameleon, and the lizard,
and the snail, and the mole. 31 These
are unclean to you among all that
creep: whosoever doth touch them,
when they be dead, shall be unclean
until the even. 32 And upon whatso-
ever *any* of them, when they are dead,
doth fall, it shall be unclean; whe-
ther *it be* any vessel of wood, or rai-
ment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever ves-
sel *it be*, wherein *any* work is done, it
must be put into water, and it shall be
unclean until the even; so it shall be
cleansed. 33 And every earthen vessel,

whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and
ye shall break it. [34] Of all meat which
may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water cometh shall be unclean: and all
drink that may be drunk in every *such*
vessel shall be unclean. [35] And every
thing whereupon *any part* of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; *whether*
it be oven, or ranges for pots, they
shall be broken down: *for* they *are*
unclean, and shall be unclean unto
you. [36] Nevertheless a fountain or pit,
wherein there is plenty of water, shall be
clean: but that which toucheth their

carcase shall be unclean.* [37] And if *any*
part of their carcase fall upon any sow-
ing seed which is to be sown, it *shall be*
clean. [38] But if *any* water be put upon
the seed, and *any part* of their carcase
fall thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto
you. [39] And if any beast, of which ye
may eat, die; he that toucheth the car-
case thereof shall be unclean until the
even. [40] And he that eateth of the car-
case of it shall wash his clothes, and
be unclean until the even: he also that
beareth the carcase of it shall wash his
clothes, and be unclean until the even.

11.36. wherein...: Heb. a gathering together of waters.

41 And every creeping thing that creep-
eth upon the earth *shall be* an abomi-
nation; it shall not be eaten. 42 What-
soever goeth upon the belly, and what-
soever goeth upon *all* four, or whatso-
ever hath more feet among all creeping
things that creep upon the earth, them
ye shall not eat; for they *are* an abomi-
nation.* 43 Ye shall not make yourselves
abominable with any creeping thing
that creepeth, neither shall ye make
yourselves unclean with them, that ye
should be defiled thereby.* 44 For I *am*
the LORD your God: ye shall there-

42. hath...: Heb. doth multiply feet.
43. yourselves abominable: Heb. your souls, etc.

fore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall
be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall
ye defile yourselves with any manner
of creeping thing that creepeth upon
the earth. [45] For I *am* the LORD that
bringeth you up out of the land of
Egypt, to be your God: ye shall there-
fore be holy, for I *am* holy. [46] This *is* the
law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and
of every living creature that moveth in
the waters, and of every creature that
creepeth upon the earth: [47] To make
a difference between the unclean and
the clean, and between the beast that
may be eaten and the beast that may
not be eaten.

12 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, saying, If a woman have
conceived seed, and born a man child:
then she shall be unclean seven days;
according to the days of the separation
for her infirmity shall she be unclean.
3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his
foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 And
she shall then continue in the blood
of her purifying three and thirty days;
she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor
come into the sanctuary, until the days
of her purifying be fulfilled. 5 But if
she bear a maid child, then she shall

be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the
blood of her purifying threescore and
six days. 6 And when the days of her
purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for
a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of
the first year for a burnt offering, and
a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for
a sin offering, unto the door of the
tabernacle of the congregation, unto
the priest:* 7 Who shall offer it before
the LORD, and make an atonement for
her; and she shall be cleansed from
the issue of her blood. This *is* the law
for her that hath born a male or a fe-

12.6. of the first...: Heb. a son of his year.

male. [8] And if she be not able to bring
a lamb, then she shall bring two tur-
tles, or two young pigeons; the one for
the burnt offering, and the other for a
sin offering: and the priest shall make
an atonement for her, and she shall be
clean.*

13 And the LORD spake unto
Moses and Aaron, saying, [2] When a
man shall have in the skin of his flesh a
rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be
in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of
leprosy; then he shall be brought unto
Aaron the priest, or unto one of his

8. she be...: Heb. her hand find not sufficiency of.

sons the priests:* 3 And the priest shall
look on the plague in the skin of the
flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague
is turned white, and the plague in sight
be deeper than the skin of his flesh, it
is a plague of leprosy: and the priest
shall look on him, and pronounce him
unclean. 4 If the bright spot *be* white
in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be*
not deeper than the skin, and the hair
thereof be not turned white; then the
priest shall shut up *him that hath* the
plague seven days: 5 And the priest
shall look on him the seventh day:
and, behold, *if* the plague in his sight

13.2. rising: or, swelling.

be at a stay, *and* the plague spread not
in the skin; then the priest shall shut
him up seven days more: 6 And the
priest shall look on him again the sev-
enth day: and, behold, *if* the plague *be*
somewhat dark, *and* the plague spread
not in the skin, the priest shall pro-
nounce him clean: it *is but* a scab: and
he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.
7 But if the scab spread much abroad
in the skin, after that he hath been seen
of the priest for his cleansing, he shall
be seen of the priest again: 8 And *if*
the priest see that, behold, the scab
spreadeth in the skin, then the priest
shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a

leprosy. 9 When the plague of leprosy
is in a man, then he shall be brought
unto the priest; 10 And the priest shall
see *him*: and, behold, *if* the rising *be*
white in the skin, and it have turned
the hair white, and *there be* quick raw
flesh in the rising;* 11 It *is* an old lep-
rosy in the skin of his flesh, and the
priest shall pronounce him unclean,
and shall not shut him up: for he
is unclean. 12 And if a leprosy break
out abroad in the skin, and the lep-
rosy cover all the skin of *him that hath*
the plague from his head even to his
foot, wheresoever the priest looketh;

10. quick...: Heb. the quickening of living flesh.

13 Then the priest shall consider: and,
behold, *if* the leprosy have covered all
his flesh, he shall pronounce *him* clean
that hath the plague: it is all turned
white: he *is* clean. 14 But when raw
flesh appeareth in him, he shall be un-
clean. 15 And the priest shall see the
raw flesh, and pronounce him to be
unclean: *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it
is a leprosy. 16 Or if the raw flesh turn
again, and be changed unto white, he
shall come unto the priest; 17 And the
priest shall see him: and, behold, *if* the
plague be turned into white; then the
priest shall pronounce *him* clean *that*
hath the plague: he *is* clean. 18 The flesh

also, in which, *even* in the skin thereof,
was a boil, and is healed, [19] And in the
place of the boil there be a white ris-
ing, or a bright spot, white, and some-
what reddish, and it be shewed to the
priest; [20] And if, when the priest seeth
it, behold, it *be* in sight lower than the
skin, and the hair thereof be turned
white; the priest shall pronounce him
unclean: it *is* a plague of leprosy bro-
ken out of the boil. [21] But if the priest
look on it, and, behold, *there be* no
white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not
lower than the skin, but *be* somewhat
dark; then the priest shall shut him up
seven days: [22] And if it spread much

abroad in the skin, then the priest shall
pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague.
23 But if the bright spot stay in his place,
and spread not, it *is* a burning boil;
and the priest shall pronounce him
clean. 24 Or if there be *any* flesh, in
the skin whereof *there is* a hot burning,
and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a
white bright spot, somewhat reddish,
or white;* 25 Then the priest shall look
upon it: and, behold, *if* the hair in
the bright spot be turned white, and
it *be in* sight deeper than the skin; it
is a leprosy broken out of the burn-
ing: wherefore the priest shall pro-

24. a hot...: Heb. a burning of fire.

nounce him unclean: it *is* the plague
of leprosy. [26] But if the priest look
on it, and, behold, *there be* no white
hair in the bright spot, and it *be* no
lower than the *other* skin, but *be* some-
what dark; then the priest shall shut
him up seven days: [27] And the priest
shall look upon him the seventh day:
and if it be spread much abroad in the
skin, then the priest shall pronounce
him unclean: it *is* the plague of lep-
rosy. [28] And if the bright spot stay in
his place, *and* spread not in the skin,
but it *be* somewhat dark; it *is* a rising of
the burning, and the priest shall pro-
nounce him clean: for it *is* an inflam-

mation of the burning. [29] If a man or
woman have a plague upon the head
or the beard; [30] Then the priest shall
see the plague: and, behold, if it *be* in
sight deeper than the skin; *and there be*
in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest
shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a
dry scall, *even* a leprosy upon the head
or beard. [31] And if the priest look on
the plague of the scall, and, behold, it
be not in sight deeper than the skin,
and *that there is* no black hair in it;
then the priest shall shut up *him that*
hath the plague of the scall seven days:
[32] And in the seventh day the priest
shall look on the plague: and, behold,

if the scall spread not, and there be in
it no yellow hair, and the scall *be* not in
sight deeper than the skin; [33] He shall
be shaven, but the scall shall he not
shave; and the priest shall shut up *him*
that hath the scall seven days more:
[34] And in the seventh day the priest
shall look on the scall: and, behold,
if the scall be not spread in the skin,
nor *be* in sight deeper than the skin;
then the priest shall pronounce him
clean: and he shall wash his clothes,
and be clean. [35] But if the scall spread
much in the skin after his cleansing;
[36] Then the priest shall look on him:
and, behold, if the scall be spread in

the skin, the priest shall not seek for
yellow hair; he *is* unclean. [37] But if the
scall be in his sight at a stay, and *that*
there is black hair grown up therein;
the scall is healed, he *is* clean: and the
priest shall pronounce him clean. [38] If a
man also or a woman have in the skin
of their flesh bright spots, *even* white
bright spots; [39] Then the priest shall
look: and, behold, *if* the bright spots
in the skin of their flesh *be* darkish
white; it *is* a freckled spot *that* groweth
in the skin; he *is* clean. [40] And the
man whose hair is fallen off his head,
he *is* bald; *yet is* he clean.* [41] And he

40. hair...: Heb. head is pilled.

that hath his hair fallen off from the
part of his head toward his face, he *is*
forehead bald: *yet is* he clean. [42] And
if there be in the bald head, or bald
forehead, a white reddish sore; it *is* a
leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or
his bald forehead. [43] Then the priest
shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the
rising of the sore *be* white reddish in
his bald head, or in his bald forehead,
as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of
the flesh; [44] He is a leprous man, he
is unclean: the priest shall pronounce
him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in
his head. [45] And the leper in whom
the plague *is*, his clothes shall be rent,

and his head bare, and he shall put a
covering upon his upper lip, and shall
cry, Unclean, unclean. 46 All the days
wherein the plague *shall be* in him he
shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall
dwell alone; without the camp *shall*
his habitation *be*. 47 The garment also
that the plague of leprosy is in, *whe-
ther it be* a woollen garment, or a linen
garment; 48 Whether *it be* in the warp,
or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whe-
ther in a skin, or in any thing made
of skin;* 49 And if the plague be green-
ish or reddish in the garment, or in the
skin, either in the warp, or in the woof,

48. thing...: Heb. work of.

or in any thing of skin; it *is* a plague
of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto
the priest:* 50 And the priest shall look
upon the plague, and shut up *it that*
hath the plague seven days: 51 And he
shall look on the plague on the sev-
enth day: if the plague be spread in the
garment, either in the warp, or in the
woof, or in a skin, *or* in any work that
is made of skin; the plague *is* a fretting
leprosy; it *is* unclean. 52 He shall there-
fore burn that garment, whether warp
or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any
thing of skin, wherein the plague is:
for it *is* a fretting leprosy; it shall be

49. thing: Heb. vessel, or, instrument.

burnt in the fire. [53] And if the priest
shall look, and, behold, the plague be
not spread in the garment, either in the
warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of
skin; [54] Then the priest shall command
that they wash *the thing* wherein the
plague *is*, and he shall shut it up seven
days more: [55] And the priest shall look
on the plague, after that it is washed:
and, behold, *if* the plague have not
changed his colour, and the plague be
not spread; it *is* unclean; thou shalt
burn it in the fire; it *is* fret inward,
whether it *be* bare within or without.*

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55. whether...: Heb. whether it by bald in the head thereof, or in the forehead thereof.

56 And if the priest look, and, behold,
the plague *be* somewhat dark after the
washing of it; then he shall rend it out
of the garment, or out of the skin, or
out of the warp, or out of the woof:
57 And if it appear still in the garment,
either in the warp, or in the woof, or
in any thing of skin; it *is* a spreading
plague: thou shalt burn that wherein
the plague *is* with fire. 58 And the gar-
ment, either warp, or woof, or what-
soever thing of skin *it be*, which thou
shalt wash, if the plague be departed
from them, then it shall be washed the
second time, and shall be clean. 59 This
is the law of the plague of leprosy in

a garment of woollen or linen, either
in the warp, or woof, or any thing of
skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pro-
nounce it unclean.

14 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 This shall be the law
of the leper in the day of his cleansing:
He shall be brought unto the priest:
3 And the priest shall go forth out of
the camp; and the priest shall look,
and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy
be healed in the leper; 4 Then shall
the priest command to take for him
that is to be cleansed two birds alive
and clean, and cedar wood, and scar-

let, and hyssop:* 5 And the priest shall
command that one of the birds be
killed in an earthen vessel over running
water: 6 As for the living bird, he shall
take it, and the cedar wood, and the
scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip
them and the living bird in the blood
of the bird *that was* killed over the
running water: 7 And he shall sprin-
kle upon him that is to be cleansed
from the leprosy seven times, and shall
pronounce him clean, and shall let the
living bird loose into the open field.*
8 And he that is to be cleansed shall

14.4. birds: or, sparrows.
7. into...: Heb. upon the face of the field.

wash his clothes, and shave off all his
hair, and wash himself in water, that he
may be clean: and after that he shall
come into the camp, and shall tarry
abroad out of his tent seven days. 9 But
it shall be on the seventh day, that he
shall shave all his hair off his head and
his beard and his eyebrows, even all
his hair he shall shave off: and he shall
wash his clothes, also he shall wash his
flesh in water, and he shall be clean.
10 And on the eighth day he shall take
two he lambs without blemish, and
one ewe lamb of the first year with-
out blemish, and three tenth deals of
fine flour *for* a meat offering, mingled

with oil, and one log of oil.* [11] And the
priest that maketh *him* clean shall pre-
sent the man that is to be made clean,
and those things, before the LORD, *at*
the door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation: [12] And the priest shall take
one he lamb, and offer him for a tres-
pass offering, and the log of oil, and
wave them *for* a wave offering before
the LORD: [13] And he shall slay the lamb
in the place where he shall kill the sin
offering and the burnt offering, in the
holy place: for as the sin offering *is* the
priest's, *so is* the trespass offering: it *is*
most holy: [14] And the priest shall take

10. of the...: Heb. the daughter of her year.

some of the blood of the trespass offer-
ing, and the priest shall put *it* upon the
tip of the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot: [15] And the priest shall
take *some* of the log of oil, and pour
it into the palm of his own left hand:
[16] And the priest shall dip his right fin-
ger in the oil that *is* in his left hand,
and shall sprinkle of the oil with his
finger seven times before the LORD:
[17] And of the rest of the oil that *is* in
his hand shall the priest put upon the
tip of the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his

right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot, upon the blood of the
trespass offering: [18] And the remnant
of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he
shall pour upon the head of him that
is to be cleansed: and the priest shall
make an atonement for him before the
LORD. [19] And the priest shall offer
the sin offering, and make an atone-
ment for him that is to be cleansed
from his uncleanness; and afterward
he shall kill the burnt offering: [20] And
the priest shall offer the burnt offer-
ing and the meat offering upon the al-
tar: and the priest shall make an atone-
ment for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And if he *be* poor, and cannot get
so much; then he shall take one lamb
for a trespass offering to be waved, to
make an atonement for him, and one
tenth deal of fine flour mingled with
oil for a meat offering, and a log of oil;*
22 And two turtledoves, or two young
pigeons, such as he is able to get; and
the one shall be a sin offering, and
the other a burnt offering. 23 And he
shall bring them on the eighth day for
his cleansing unto the priest, unto the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation, before the LORD. 24 And the

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21. cannot...: Heb. his hand reach not. to be...: Heb. for a waving.

priest shall take the lamb of the tres-
pass offering, and the log of oil, and
the priest shall wave them *for* a wave
offering before the LORD: [25] And he
shall kill the lamb of the trespass of-
fering, and the priest shall take *some*
of the blood of the trespass offering,
and put *it* upon the tip of the right
ear of him that is to be cleansed, and
upon the thumb of his right hand, and
upon the great toe of his right foot:
[26] And the priest shall pour of the oil
into the palm of his own left hand:
[27] And the priest shall sprinkle with his
right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in
his left hand seven times before the

LORD: [28] And the priest shall put of
the oil that *is* in his hand upon the tip
of the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot, upon the place of the
blood of the trespass offering: [29] And
the rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's
hand he shall put upon the head of
him that is to be cleansed, to make an
atonement for him before the LORD.
[30] And he shall offer the one of the
turtledoves, or of the young pigeons,
such as he can get; [31] *Even* such as he
is able to get, the one *for* a sin of-
fering, and the other *for* a burnt of-

fering, with the meat offering: and
the priest shall make an atonement for
him that is to be cleansed before the
LORD. 32 This *is* the law *of him* in whom
is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is
not able to get *that which pertaineth* to
his cleansing. 33 And the LORD spake
unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
34 When ye be come into the land of
Canaan, which I give to you for a pos-
session, and I put the plague of leprosy
in a house of the land of your posses-
sion; 35 And he that owneth the house
shall come and tell the priest, saying,
It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a
plague in the house: 36 Then the priest

shall command that they empty the
house, before the priest go *into it* to
see the plague, that all that *is* in the
house be not made unclean: and af-
terward the priest shall go in to see
the house:* 37 And he shall look on the
plague, and, behold, *if* the plague *be*
in the walls of the house with hollow
strakes, greenish or reddish, which in
sight *are* lower than the wall; 38 Then
the priest shall go out of the house
to the door of the house, and shut up
the house seven days: 39 And the priest
shall come again the seventh day, and
shall look: and, behold, *if* the plague

36. empty: or, prepare.

be spread in the walls of the house;
40 Then the priest shall command that
they take away the stones in which
the plague *is*, and they shall cast them
into an unclean place without the city:
41 And he shall cause the house to be
scraped within round about, and they
shall pour out the dust that they scrape
off without the city into an unclean
place: 42 And they shall take other
stones, and put *them* in the place of
those stones; and he shall take other
morter, and shall plaister the house.
43 And if the plague come again, and
break out in the house, after that he
hath taken away the stones, and af-

ter he hath scraped the house, and af-
ter it is plaistered; 44 Then the priest
shall come and look, and, behold, *if*
the plague be spread in the house, it
is a fretting leprosy in the house: it *is*
unclean. 45 And he shall break down
the house, the stones of it, and the
timber thereof, and all the morter of
the house; and he shall carry *them*
forth out of the city into an unclean
place. 46 Moreover he that goeth into
the house all the while that it is shut up
shall be unclean until the even. 47 And
he that lieth in the house shall wash
his clothes; and he that eateth in the
house shall wash his clothes. 48 And if

the priest shall come in, and look *upon it*, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.* [49] And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: [50] And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water: [51] And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the

48. shall come...: Heb. in coming in shall come in, etc.

running water, and sprinkle the house
seven times: [52] And he shall cleanse the
house with the blood of the bird, and
with the running water, and with the
living bird, and with the cedar wood,
and with the hyssop, and with the scar-
let: [53] But he shall let go the living bird
out of the city into the open fields, and
make an atonement for the house: and
it shall be clean. [54] This *is* the law for all
manner of plague of leprosy, and scall,
[55] And for the leprosy of a garment, and
of a house, [56] And for a rising, and for a
scab, and for a bright spot: [57] To teach
when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean:

this *is* the law of leprosy.*

15 And the LORD spake unto
Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 Speak
unto the children of Israel, and say
unto them, When any man hath a run-
ning issue out of his flesh, *because of* his
issue he *is* unclean.* 3 And this shall
be his uncleanness in his issue: whe-
ther his flesh run with his issue, or his
flesh be stopped from his issue, it *is*
his uncleanness. 4 Every bed, whereon
he lieth that hath the issue, is un-
clean: and every thing, whereon he sit-

57. when it is unclean...: Heb. in the day of the unclean, and in the day of the clean.

15.2. running...: or, running of the reins.

teth, shall be unclean.* 5 And whoso-
ever toucheth his bed shall wash his
clothes, and bathe *himself* in water,
and be unclean until the even. 6 And
he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon
he sat that hath the issue shall wash
his clothes, and bathe *himself* in wa-
ter, and be unclean until the even.
7 And he that toucheth the flesh of
him that hath the issue shall wash his
clothes, and bathe *himself* in water,
and be unclean until the even. 8 And
if he that hath the issue spit upon him
that is clean; then he shall wash his
clothes, and bathe *himself* in water,

4. thing: Heb. vessel.

and be unclean until the even. 9 And
what saddle soever he rideth upon that
hath the issue shall be unclean. 10 And
whosoever toucheth any thing that
was under him shall be unclean un-
til the even: and he that beareth *any*
of those things shall wash his clothes,
and bathe *himself* in water, and be un-
clean until the even. 11 And whomso-
ever he toucheth that hath the issue,
and hath not rinsed his hands in wa-
ter, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean un-
til the even. 12 And the vessel of earth,
that he toucheth which hath the issue,
shall be broken: and every vessel of

wood shall be rinsed in water. [13] And
when he that hath an issue is cleansed
of his issue; then he shall number to
himself seven days for his cleansing,
and wash his clothes, and bathe his
flesh in running water, and shall be
clean. [14] And on the eighth day he shall
take to him two turtledoves, or two
young pigeons, and come before the
LORD unto the door of the taberna-
cle of the congregation, and give them
unto the priest: [15] And the priest shall
offer them, the one *for* a sin offering,
and the other *for* a burnt offering; and
the priest shall make an atonement
for him before the LORD for his issue.

16 And if any man's seed of copulation
go out from him, then he shall wash
all his flesh in water, and be unclean
until the even. 17 And every garment,
and every skin, whereon is the seed
of copulation, shall be washed with
water, and be unclean until the even.
18 The woman also with whom man
shall lie *with* seed of copulation, they
shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water,
and be unclean until the even. 19 And
if a woman have an issue, *and* her is-
sue in her flesh be blood, she shall be
put apart seven days: and whosoever
toucheth her shall be unclean until the

even.* [20] And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean. [21] And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. [22] And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. [23] And if it *be* on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even. [24] And if any man lie with her at all, and her flow-

19. put...: Heb. in her separation.

ers be upon him, he shall be unclean
seven days; and all the bed whereon he
lieth shall be unclean. [25] And if a wo-
man have an issue of her blood many
days out of the time of her separa-
tion, or if it run beyond the time of
her separation; all the days of the is-
sue of her uncleanness shall be as the
days of her separation: she *shall be* un-
clean. [26] Every bed whereon she lieth
all the days of her issue shall be unto
her as the bed of her separation: and
whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be
unclean, as the uncleanness of her sep-
aration. [27] And whosoever toucheth
those things shall be unclean, and shall

wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in
water, and be unclean until the even.
28 But if she be cleansed of her issue,
then she shall number to herself seven
days, and after that she shall be clean.
29 And on the eighth day she shall take
unto her two turtles, or two young pi-
geons, and bring them unto the priest,
to the door of the tabernacle of the
congregation. 30 And the priest shall
offer the one *for* a sin offering, and
the other *for* a burnt offering; and the
priest shall make an atonement for her
before the LORD for the issue of her
uncleanness. 31 Thus shall ye separate
the children of Israel from their un-

cleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that *is* among them. [32] This *is* the law of him that hath an issue, and *of him* whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith; [33] And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died; [2] And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times

into the holy *place* within the vail be-
fore the mercy seat, which *is* upon the
ark; that he die not: for I will appear in
the cloud upon the mercy seat. 3 Thus
shall Aaron come into the holy *place*:
with a young bullock for a sin offering,
and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He
shall put on the holy linen coat, and he
shall have the linen breeches upon his
flesh, and shall be girded with a linen
girdle, and with the linen mitre shall
he be attired: these *are* holy garments;
therefore shall he wash his flesh in wa-
ter, and *so* put them on. 5 And he shall
take of the congregation of the chil-
dren of Israel two kids of the goats for

a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt
offering. 6 And Aaron shall offer his
bullock of the sin offering, which *is*
for himself, and make an atonement
for himself, and for his house. 7 And
he shall take the two goats, and pre-
sent them before the LORD *at* the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation.
8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the
two goats; one lot for the LORD, and
the other lot for the scapegoat.* 9 And
Aaron shall bring the goat upon which
the LORD's lot fell, and offer him *for* a
sin offering.* 10 But the goat, on which

16.8. scapegoat: Heb. Azazel.
9. fell: Heb. went up.

the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall
be presented alive before the LORD,
to make an atonement with him, *and*
to let him go for a scapegoat into the
wilderness. [11] And Aaron shall bring
the bullock of the sin offering, which
is for himself, and shall make an atone-
ment for himself, and for his house,
and shall kill the bullock of the sin of-
fering which *is* for himself: [12] And he
shall take a censer full of burning coals
of fire from off the altar before the
LORD, and his hands full of sweet in-
cense beaten small, and bring *it* within
the vail: [13] And he shall put the incense
upon the fire before the LORD, that

the cloud of the incense may cover the
mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony,
that he die not: [14] And he shall take
of the blood of the bullock, and sprin-
kle *it* with his finger upon the mercy
seat eastward; and before the mercy
seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with
his finger seven times. [15] Then shall he
kill the goat of the sin offering, that
is for the people, and bring his blood
within the vail, and do with that blood
as he did with the blood of the bullock,
and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat,
and before the mercy seat: [16] And he
shall make an atonement for the holy
place, because of the uncleanness of the

children of Israel, and because of their
transgressions in all their sins: and so
shall he do for the tabernacle of the
congregation, that remaineth among
them in the midst of their unclean-
ness.* 17 And there shall be no man
in the tabernacle of the congregation
when he goeth in to make an atone-
ment in the holy *place*, until he come
out, and have made an atonement for
himself, and for his household, and for
all the congregation of Israel. 18 And
he shall go out unto the altar that *is*
before the LORD, and make an atone-
ment for it; and shall take of the blood

16. remaineth: Heb. dwelleth.

of the bullock, and of the blood of
the goat, and put *it* upon the horns
of the altar round about. [19] And he
shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with
his finger seven times, and cleanse it,
and hallow it from the uncleanness of
the children of Israel. [20] And when he
hath made an end of reconciling the
holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the
congregation, and the altar, he shall
bring the live goat: [21] And Aaron shall
lay both his hands upon the head of
the live goat, and confess over him all
the iniquities of the children of Israel,
and all their transgressions in all their
sins, putting them upon the head of

the goat, and shall send *him* away by
the hand of a fit man into the wilder-
ness:* [22] And the goat shall bear upon
him all their iniquities unto a land not
inhabited: and he shall let go the goat
in the wilderness.* [23] And Aaron shall
come into the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, and shall put off the linen
garments, which he put on when he
went into the holy *place*, and shall
leave them there: [24] And he shall wash
his flesh with water in the holy place,
and put on his garments, and come
forth, and offer his burnt offering, and

21. a fit...: Heb. a man of opportunity.
22. not...: Heb. of separation.

the burnt offering of the people, and
make an atonement for himself, and
for the people. [25] And the fat of the
sin offering shall he burn upon the al-
tar. [26] And he that let go the goat for
the scapegoat shall wash his clothes,
and bathe his flesh in water, and af-
terward come into the camp. [27] And
the bullock *for* the sin offering, and
the goat *for* the sin offering, whose
blood was brought in to make atone-
ment in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry
forth without the camp; and they shall
burn in the fire their skins, and their
flesh, and their dung. [28] And he that
burneth them shall wash his clothes,

and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.
29 And *this* shall be a statute for ever
unto you: *that* in the seventh month,
on the tenth *day* of the month, ye
shall afflict your souls, and do no work
at all, *whether it be* one of your own
country, or a stranger that sojourneth
among you: 30 For on that day shall
the priest make an atonement for you,
to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean
from all your sins before the LORD. 31 It
shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and
ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute
for ever. 32 And the priest, whom he
shall anoint, and whom he shall con-

secrate to minister in the priest's of-
fice in his father's stead, shall make
the atonement, and shall put on the
linen clothes, *even* the holy garments:*
33 And he shall make an atonement for
the holy sanctuary, and he shall make
an atonement for the tabernacle of the
congregation, and for the altar, and
he shall make an atonement for the
priests, and for all the people of the
congregation. 34 And this shall be an
everlasting statute unto you, to make
an atonement for the children of Israel
for all their sins once a year. And he
did as the LORD commanded Moses.

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32. consecrate: Heb. fill his hand.

17 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron,
and unto his sons, and unto all the
children of Israel, and say unto them;
This *is* the thing which the LORD hath
commanded, saying, 3 What man so-
ever *there be* of the house of Israel,
that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat,
in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of
the camp, 4 And bringeth it not unto
the door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, to offer an offering unto
the LORD before the tabernacle of the
LORD; blood shall be imputed unto
that man; he hath shed blood; and

that man shall be cut off from among
his people: 5 To the end that the chil-
dren of Israel may bring their sacri-
fices, which they offer in the open
field, even that they may bring them
unto the LORD, unto the door of the
tabernacle of the congregation, unto
the priest, and offer them *for* peace
offerings unto the LORD. 6 And the
priest shall sprinkle the blood upon
the altar of the LORD *at* the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation,
and burn the fat for a sweet savour
unto the LORD. 7 And they shall no
more offer their sacrifices unto devils,
after whom they have gone a whor-

ing. This shall be a statute for ever
unto them throughout their genera-
tions. 8 And thou shalt say unto them,
Whatsoever man *there be* of the house
of Israel, or of the strangers which so-
journ among you, that offereth a burnt
offering or sacrifice, 9 And bringeth it
not unto the door of the tabernacle of
the congregation, to offer it unto the
LORD; even that man shall be cut off
from among his people. 10 And what-
soever man *there be* of the house of Is-
rael, or of the strangers that sojourn
among you, that eateth any manner of
blood; I will even set my face against
that soul that eateth blood, and will

cut him off from among his people.
11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood:
and I have given it to you upon the
altar to make an atonement for your
souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh
an atonement for the soul. 12 There-
fore I said unto the children of Israel,
No soul of you shall eat blood, nei-
ther shall any stranger that sojourneth
among you eat blood. 13 And what-
soever man *there be* of the children
of Israel, or of the strangers that so-
journ among you, which hunteth and
catcheth any beast or fowl that may
be eaten; he shall even pour out the

blood thereof, and cover it with dust.*
14 For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood
of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore
I said unto the children of Israel, Ye
shall eat the blood of no manner of
flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood
thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be
cut off. 15 And every soul that eateth
that which died *of itself*, or that which
was torn *with beasts, whether it be* one
of your own country, or a stranger, he
shall both wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean until
the even: then shall he be clean.* 16 But

17.13. which...: Heb. that hunteth any hunting.
15. that which died...: Heb. a carcase.

if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh;
then he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, and say unto them, I am
the LORD your God. 3 After the do-
ings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye
dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the
doings of the land of Canaan, whither
I bring you, shall ye not do: neither
shall ye walk in their ordinances. 4 Ye
shall do my judgments, and keep mine
ordinances, to walk therein: I *am* the
LORD your God. 5 Ye shall therefore
keep my statutes, and my judgments:

which if a man do, he shall live in
them: I *am* the LORD. 6 None of you
shall approach to any that is near of
kin to him, to uncover *their* naked-
ness: I *am* the LORD.* 7 The nakedness
of thy father, or the nakedness of thy
mother, shalt thou not uncover: she
is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover
her nakedness. 8 The nakedness of thy
father's wife shalt thou not uncover:
it *is* thy father's nakedness. 9 The
nakedness of thy sister, the daugh-
ter of thy father, or daughter of thy
mother, *whether she be* born at home,
or born abroad, *even* their nakedness

18.6. near...: Heb. remainder of his flesh.

thou shalt not uncover. [10] The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs *is* thine own nakedness. [11] The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she *is* thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. [12] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she *is* thy father's near kinswoman. [13] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she *is* thy mother's near kinswoman. [14] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to

his wife: she *is* thine aunt. [15] Thou
shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy
daughter in law: she *is* thy son's wife;
thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
[16] Thou shalt not uncover the naked-
ness of thy brother's wife: it *is* thy
brother's nakedness. [17] Thou shalt not
uncover the nakedness of a woman
and her daughter, neither shalt thou
take her son's daughter, or her daugh-
ter's daughter, to uncover her naked-
ness; *for* they *are* her near kinswomen:
it *is* wickedness. [18] Neither shalt thou
take a wife to her sister, to vex *her*,
to uncover her nakedness, beside the

other in her life *time*.* [19] Also thou shalt
not approach unto a woman to un-
cover her nakedness, as long as she is
put apart for her uncleanness. [20] More-
over thou shalt not lie carnally with
thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself
with her. [21] And thou shalt not let
any of thy seed pass through *the fire*
to Molech, neither shalt thou pro-
fane the name of thy God: I *am* the
LORD.* [22] Thou shalt not lie with man-
kind, as with womankind: it *is* abom-
ination. [23] Neither shalt thou lie with
any beast to defile thyself therewith:

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18. a wife...: or, one wife to another.
21. Molech: Gr. Moloch.

neither shall any woman stand before
a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* con-
fusion. 24 Defile not ye yourselves in
any of these things: for in all these
the nations are defiled which I cast
out before you: 25 And the land is de-
filed: therefore I do visit the iniq-
uity thereof upon it, and the land it-
self vomiteth out her inhabitants. 26 Ye
shall therefore keep my statutes and
my judgments, and shall not commit
any of these abominations; *neither* any
of your own nation, nor any stranger
that sojourneth among you: 27 (For all
these abominations have the men of
the land done, which *were* before you,

and the land is defiled;) [28] That the
land spue not you out also, when ye
defile it, as it spued out the nations
that *were* before you. [29] For whoso-
ever shall commit any of these abom-
inations, even the souls that commit
them shall be cut off from among their
people. [30] Therefore shall ye keep mine
ordinance, that *ye* commit not *any one*
of these abominable customs, which
were committed before you, and that
ye defile not yourselves therein: I *am*
the LORD your God.

19 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto all the

congregation of the children of Israel,
and say unto them, Ye shall be holy:
for I the LORD your God *am* holy.
3 Ye shall fear every man his mother,
and his father, and keep my sabbaths:
I *am* the LORD your God. 4 Turn
ye not unto idols, nor make to your-
selves molten gods: I *am* the LORD
your God. 5 And if ye offer a sacrifice
of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye
shall offer it at your own will. 6 It shall
be eaten the same day ye offer it, and
on the morrow: and if ought remain
until the third day, it shall be burnt
in the fire. 7 And if it be eaten at all
on the third day, it *is* abominable; it

shall not be accepted. 8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. 10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I *am* the LORD your God. 11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. 12 And ye shall not

swear by my name falsely, neither shalt
thou profane the name of thy God: I
am the LORD. 13 Thou shalt not de-
fraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him*:
the wages of him that is hired shall
not abide with thee all night until the
morning. 14 Thou shalt not curse the
deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before
the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I
am the LORD. 15 Ye shall do no un-
righteousness in judgment: thou shalt
not respect the person of the poor,
nor honour the person of the mighty:
but in righteousness shalt thou judge
thy neighbour. 16 Thou shalt not go
up and down *as* a talebearer among

thy people: neither shalt thou stand
against the blood of thy neighbour:
I *am* the LORD. 17 Thou shalt not
hate thy brother in thine heart: thou
shalt in any wise rebuke thy neigh-
bour, and not suffer sin upon him.*
18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any
grudge against the children of thy peo-
ple, but thou shalt love thy neighbour
as thyself: I *am* the LORD. 19 Ye shall
keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let
thy cattle gender with a diverse kind:
thou shalt not sow thy field with min-
gled seed: neither shall a garment min-
gled of linen and woollen come upon

19.17. and...: or, that thou bear not sin for him.

thee. [20] And whosoever lieth carnally
with a woman, that *is* a bondmaid,
betrothed to an husband, and not at
all redeemed, nor freedom given her;
she shall be scourged; they shall not
be put to death, because she was not
free.* [21] And he shall bring his tres-
pass offering unto the LORD, unto the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation, *even* a ram for a trespass offer-
ing. [22] And the priest shall make an
atonement for him with the ram of the
trespass offering before the LORD for

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20. betrothed...: or, abused by any: Heb. reproached by (or, for) man. she shall...: or, they, etc: Heb. there shall be a scourging.

his sin which he hath done: and the
sin which he hath done shall be for-
given him. [23] And when ye shall come
into the land, and shall have planted
all manner of trees for food, then ye
shall count the fruit thereof as uncir-
cumcised: three years shall it be as un-
circumcised unto you: it shall not be
eaten of. [24] But in the fourth year all
the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise
the LORD *withal*.* [25] And in the fifth
year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof,
that it may yield unto you the increase
thereof: I *am* the LORD your God.
[26] Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the

24. holy...: Heb. holiness of praises to the LORD.

blood: neither shall ye use enchant-
ment, nor observe times. [27] Ye shall not
round the corners of your heads, nei-
ther shalt thou mar the corners of thy
beard. [28] Ye shall not make any cut-
tings in your flesh for the dead, nor
print any marks upon you: I *am* the
LORD. [29] Do not prostitute thy daugh-
ter, to cause her to be a whore; lest
the land fall to whoredom, and the
land become full of wickedness.* [30] Ye
shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence
my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD. [31] Re-
gard not them that have familiar spir-
its, neither seek after wizards, to be de-

29. prostitute: Heb. profane.

filed by them: I *am* the LORD your
God. [32] Thou shalt rise up before the
hoary head, and honour the face of
the old man, and fear thy God: I *am*
the LORD. [33] And if a stranger sojourn
with thee in your land, ye shall not vex
him.* [34] *But* the stranger that dwelleth
with you shall be unto you as one born
among you, and thou shalt love him
as thyself; for ye were strangers in the
land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your
God. [35] Ye shall do no unrighteousness
in judgment, in meteyard, in weight,
or in measure. [36] Just balances, just
weights, a just ephah, and a just hin,

33. vex: or, oppress.

shall ye have: I *am* the LORD your
God, which brought you out of the
land of Egypt.* 37 Therefore shall ye ob-
serve all my statutes, and all my judg-
ments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

20 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Again, thou shalt say
to the children of Israel, Whosoever *he*
be of the children of Israel, or of the
strangers that sojourn in Israel, that
giveth *any* of his seed unto Molech; he
shall surely be put to death: the peo-
ple of the land shall stone him with
stones. 3 And I will set my face against

36. weights: Heb. stones.

that man, and will cut him off from
among his people; because he hath
given of his seed unto Molech, to de-
file my sanctuary, and to profane my
holy name. 4 And if the people of the
land do any ways hide their eyes from
the man, when he giveth of his seed
unto Molech, and kill him not: 5 Then
I will set my face against that man, and
against his family, and will cut him off,
and all that go a whoring after him,
to commit whoredom with Molech,
from among their people. 6 And the
soul that turneth after such as have
familiar spirits, and after wizards, to
go a whoring after them, I will even

set my face against that soul, and will
cut him off from among his people.
7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be
ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.
8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and
do them: I *am* the LORD which sanc-
tify you. 9 For every one that curseth
his father or his mother shall be surely
put to death: he hath cursed his fa-
ther or his mother; his blood *shall be*
upon him. 10 And the man that com-
mitteth adultery with *another* man's
wife, *even he* that committeth adultery
with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer
and the adulteress shall surely be put to
death. 11 And the man that lieth with

his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. [12] And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood *shall be* upon them. [13] If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. [14] And if a man take a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among

you. [15] And if a man lie with a beast,
he shall surely be put to death: and
ye shall slay the beast. [16] And if a wo-
man approach unto any beast, and lie
down thereto, thou shalt kill the wo-
man, and the beast: they shall surely
be put to death; their blood *shall be*
upon them. [17] And if a man shall take
his sister, his father's daughter, or his
mother's daughter, and see her naked-
ness, and she see his nakedness; it *is* a
wicked thing; and they shall be cut off
in the sight of their people: he hath
uncovered his sister's nakedness; he
shall bear his iniquity. [18] And if a man
shall lie with a woman having her sick-

ness, and shall uncover her nakedness;
he hath discovered her fountain, and
she hath uncovered the fountain of her
blood: and both of them shall be cut
off from among their people.* 19 And
thou shalt not uncover the nakedness
of thy mother's sister, nor of thy fa-
ther's sister: for he uncovereth his near
kin: they shall bear their iniquity.*
20 And if a man shall lie with his un-
cle's wife, he hath uncovered his un-
cle's nakedness: they shall bear their
sin; they shall die childless. 21 And if
a man shall take his brother's wife, it

20.18. discovered: Heb. made naked.
19. uncovereth: Heb. hath made naked.

is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.* [22] Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out. [23] And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. [24] But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I *am* the LORD your God, which have

21. an...: Heb. a separation.

separated you from *other* people. [25] Ye
shall therefore put difference between
clean beasts and unclean, and between
unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall
not make your souls abominable by
beast, or by fowl, or by any manner
of living thing that creepeth on the
ground, which I have separated from
you as unclean.* [26] And ye shall be holy
unto me: for I the LORD *am* holy, and
have severed you from *other* people,
that ye should be mine. [27] A man also
or woman that hath a familiar spirit,
or that is a wizard, shall surely be put
to death: they shall stone them with

25. creepeth: or, moveth.

stones: their blood *shall be* upon them.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Speak unto the priests the sons of
Aaron, and say unto them, There shall
none be defiled for the dead among
his people: 2 But for his kin, that is
near unto him, *that is*, for his mother,
and for his father, and for his son, and
for his daughter, and for his brother,
3 And for his sister a virgin, that is
nigh unto him, which hath had no
husband; for her may he be defiled.
4 *But* he shall not defile himself, *be-
ing* a chief man among his people,

to profane himself.* 5 They shall not
make baldness upon their head, nei-
ther shall they shave off the corner of
their beard, nor make any cuttings in
their flesh. 6 They shall be holy unto
their God, and not profane the name
of their God: for the offerings of the
LORD made by fire, *and* the bread of
their God, they do offer: therefore
they shall be holy. 7 They shall not
take a wife *that is* a whore, or pro-
fane; neither shall they take a woman
put away from her husband: for he *is*
holy unto his God. 8 Thou shalt sanc-

21.4. he...: or, being an husband among his people, he shall not defile himself for his wife, etc.

tify him therefore; for he offereth the
bread of thy God: he shall be holy
unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanc-
tify you, *am* holy. 9 And the daugh-
ter of any priest, if she profane herself
by playing the whore, she profaneth
her father: she shall be burnt with
fire. 10 And *he that is* the high priest
among his brethren, upon whose head
the anointing oil was poured, and that
is consecrated to put on the garments,
shall not uncover his head, nor rend
his clothes; 11 Neither shall he go in to
any dead body, nor defile himself for
his father, or for his mother; 12 Nei-
ther shall he go out of the sanctuary,

nor profane the sanctuary of his God;
for the crown of the anointing oil of
his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD.
13 And he shall take a wife in her virgin-
ity. 14 A widow, or a divorced woman,
or profane, *or* an harlot, these shall he
not take: but he shall take a virgin of
his own people to wife. 15 Neither shall
he profane his seed among his people:
for I the LORD do sanctify him. 16 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whoso-
ever *he be* of thy seed in their gener-
ations that hath *any* blemish, let him
not approach to offer the bread of his

God.* [18] For whatsoever man *he be* that
hath a blemish, he shall not approach:
a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath
a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,
[19] Or a man that is brokenfooted, or
brokenhanded, [20] Or crookbackt, or a
dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye,
or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his
stones broken;* [21] No man that hath a
blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest
shall come nigh to offer the offerings
of the LORD made by fire: he hath a
blemish; he shall not come nigh to of-
fer the bread of his God. [22] He shall eat

17. bread: or, food.
20. a dwarf: or, too slender.

the bread of his God, *both* of the most
holy, and of the holy. [23] Only he shall
not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh
unto the altar, because he hath a blem-
ish; that he profane not my sanctuar-
ies: for I the LORD do sanctify them.
[24] And Moses told *it* unto Aaron, and
to his sons, and unto all the children
of Israel.

22 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto Aaron
and to his sons, that they separate
themselves from the holy things of the
children of Israel, and that they pro-
fane not my holy name *in those things*
which they hallow unto me: I *am*

the LORD. [3] Say unto them, Whoso-
ever *he be* of all your seed among your
generations, that goeth unto the holy
things, which the children of Israel
hallow unto the LORD, having his un-
cleanness upon him, that soul shall be
cut off from my presence: I *am* the
LORD. [4] What man soever of the seed
of Aaron *is* a leper, or hath a run-
ning issue; he shall not eat of the holy
things, until he be clean. And whoso
toucheth any thing *that is* unclean *by*
the dead, or a man whose seed goeth
from him;* [5] Or whosoever toucheth
any creeping thing, whereby he may

22.4. running...: Heb. running of the reins.

be made unclean, or a man of whom
he may take uncleanness, whatsoever
uncleanness he hath; 6 The soul which
hath touched any such shall be un-
clean until even, and shall not eat of
the holy things, unless he wash his
flesh with water. 7 And when the sun
is down, he shall be clean, and shall af-
terward eat of the holy things; because
it *is* his food. 8 That which dieth of it-
self, or is torn *with beasts*, he shall not
eat to defile himself therewith: I *am*
the LORD. 9 They shall therefore keep
mine ordinance, lest they bear sin for
it, and die therefore, if they profane it:
I the LORD do sanctify them. 10 There

shall no stranger eat *of* the holy thing:
a sojourner of the priest, or an hired
servant, shall not eat *of* the holy thing.
11 But if the priest buy *any* soul with
his money, he shall eat of it, and he
that is born in his house: they shall
eat of his meat.* 12 If the priest's daugh-
ter also be *married* unto a stranger, she
may not eat of an offering of the holy
things.* 13 But if the priest's daughter
be a widow, or divorced, and have
no child, and is returned unto her fa-
ther's house, as in her youth, she shall
eat of her father's meat: but there

11. with...: Heb. with the purchase of his money.
12. a stranger: Heb. a man a stranger.

shall no stranger eat thereof. [14] And
if a man eat *of* the holy thing un-
wittingly, then he shall put the fifth
part thereof unto it, and shall give *it*
unto the priest with the holy thing.
[15] And they shall not profane the holy
things of the children of Israel, which
they offer unto the LORD; [16] Or suffer
them to bear the iniquity of trespass,
when they eat their holy things: for
I the LORD do sanctify them.* [17] And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
[18] Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons,
and unto all the children of Israel, and

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16. suffer...: or, lade themselves with the iniquity of trespass in their eating.

say unto them, Whatsoever *he be* of
the house of Israel, or of the strangers
in Israel, that will offer his oblation
for all his vows, and for all his free-
will offerings, which they will offer
unto the LORD for a burnt offering;
19 *Ye shall offer* at your own will a male
without blemish, of the beeves, of the
sheep, or of the goats. 20 *But* whatso-
ever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not
offer: for it shall not be acceptable for
you. 21 And whosoever offereth a sacri-
fice of peace offerings unto the LORD
to accomplish *his* vow, or a freewill of-
fering in beeves or sheep, it shall be
perfect to be accepted; there shall be

no blemish therein.* 22 Blind, or bro-
ken, or maimed, or having a wen, or
scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer
these unto the LORD, nor make an of-
fering by fire of them upon the altar
unto the LORD. 23 Either a bullock or
a lamb that hath any thing superflu-
ous or lacking in his parts, that mayest
thou offer *for* a freewill offering; but
for a vow it shall not be accepted.*
24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that
which is bruised, or crushed, or bro-
ken, or cut; neither shall ye make *any*
offering thereof in your land. 25 Nei-

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21. sheep: or, goats.
23. lamb: or, kid.

ther from a stranger's hand shall ye of-
fer the bread of your God of any of
these; because their corruption *is* in
them, *and* blemishes *be* in them: they
shall not be accepted for you. [26] And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
[27] When a bullock, or a sheep, or a
goat, is brought forth, then it shall be
seven days under the dam; and from
the eighth day and thenceforth it shall
be accepted for an offering made by
fire unto the LORD. [28] And *whether
it be* cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it
and her young both in one day.* [29] And
when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanks-

28. ewe: or, she goat.

giving unto the LORD, offer *it* at your
own will. [30] On the same day it shall be
eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until
the morrow: I *am* the LORD. [31] There-
fore shall ye keep my commandments,
and do them: I *am* the LORD. [32] Nei-
ther shall ye profane my holy name;
but I will be hallowed among the chil-
dren of Israel: I *am* the LORD which
hallow you, [33] That brought you out of
the land of Egypt, to be your God: I
am the LORD.

23 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, and say unto them, *Con-*

cerning the feasts of the LORD, which
ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convoca-
tions, *even* these *are* my feasts. 3 Six
days shall work be done: but the sev-
enth day *is* the sabbath of rest, an
holy convocation; ye shall do no work
therein: it *is* the sabbath of the LORD
in all your dwellings. 4 These *are* the
feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convoca-
tions, which ye shall proclaim in their
seasons. 5 In the fourteenth *day* of the
first month at even *is* the LORD'S pass-
over. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the
same month *is* the feast of unleavened
bread unto the LORD: seven days ye
must eat unleavened bread. 7 In the

first day ye shall have an holy convo-
cation: ye shall do no servile work
therein. 8 But ye shall offer an offer-
ing made by fire unto the LORD seven
days: in the seventh day *is* an holy
convocation: ye shall do no servile
work *therein*. 9 And the LORD spake
unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the
children of Israel, and say unto them,
When ye be come into the land which
I give unto you, and shall reap the har-
vest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf
of the firstfruits of your harvest unto
the priest:* 11 And he shall wave the
sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted

23.10. sheaf: or, handful: Heb. omer.

for you: on the morrow after the sab-
bath the priest shall wave it. [12] And
ye shall offer that day when ye wave
the sheaf an he lamb without blem-
ish of the first year for a burnt offering
unto the LORD. [13] And the meat of-
fering thereof *shall be* two tenth deals
of fine flour mingled with oil, an of-
fering made by fire unto the LORD *for*
a sweet savour: and the drink offering
thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part*
of an hin. [14] And ye shall eat neither
bread, nor parched corn, nor green
ears, until the selfsame day that ye have
brought an offering unto your God: *it*
shall be a statute for ever throughout

your generations in all your dwellings.
15 And ye shall count unto you from
the morrow after the sabbath, from
the day that ye brought the sheaf of
the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall
be complete: 16 Even unto the mor-
row after the seventh sabbath shall ye
number fifty days; and ye shall offer
a new meat offering unto the LORD.
17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations
two wave loaves of two tenth deals:
they shall be of fine flour; they shall be
baken with leaven; *they are* the first-
fruits unto the LORD. 18 And ye shall
offer with the bread seven lambs with-
out blemish of the first year, and one

young bullock, and two rams: they
shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the
LORD, with their meat offering, and
their drink offerings, *even* an offering
made by fire, of sweet savour unto the
LORD. [19] Then ye shall sacrifice one
kid of the goats for a sin offering, and
two lambs of the first year for a sac-
rifice of peace offerings. [20] And the
priest shall wave them with the bread
of the firstfruits *for* a wave offering be-
fore the LORD, with the two lambs:
they shall be holy to the LORD for the
priest. [21] And ye shall proclaim on the
selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy
convocation unto you: ye shall do no

servile work *therein: it shall be* a statute
for ever in all your dwellings through-
out your generations. [22] And when ye
reap the harvest of your land, thou
shalt not make clean riddance of the
corners of thy field when thou reapest,
neither shalt thou gather any gleaning
of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them
unto the poor, and to the stranger:
I *am* the LORD your God. [23] And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
[24] Speak unto the children of Israel, say-
ing, In the seventh month, in the first
day of the month, shall ye have a sab-
bath, a memorial of blowing of trum-
pets, an holy convocation. [25] Ye shall

do no servile work *therein*: but ye shall
offer an offering made by fire unto the
LORD. [26] And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [27] Also on the tenth *day*
of this seventh month *there shall be* a
day of atonement: it shall be an holy
convocation unto you; and ye shall af-
flict your souls, and offer an offering
made by fire unto the LORD. [28] And ye
shall do no work in that same day: for
it *is* a day of atonement, to make an
atonement for you before the LORD
your God. [29] For whatsoever soul *it be*
that shall not be afflicted in that same
day, he shall be cut off from among
his people. [30] And whatsoever soul *it*

be that doeth any work in that same
day, the same soul will I destroy from
among his people. [31] Ye shall do no
manner of work: *it shall be* a statute
for ever throughout your generations
in all your dwellings. [32] It *shall be* unto
you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall af-
flict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the
month at even, from even unto even,
shall ye celebrate your sabbath.* [33] And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
[34] Speak unto the children of Israel, say-
ing, The fifteenth day of this seventh
month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles
for seven days unto the LORD. [35] On

32. celebrate: Heb. rest.

the first day *shall be* an holy convo-
cation: ye shall do no servile work
therein. [36] Seven days ye shall offer an
offering made by fire unto the LORD:
on the eighth day shall be an holy con-
vocation unto you; and ye shall of-
fer an offering made by fire unto the
LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and*
ye shall do no servile work *therein*.*
[37] These *are* the feasts of the LORD,
which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy con-
vocations, to offer an offering made
by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offer-
ing, and a meat offering, a sacrifice,
and drink offerings, every thing upon

36. solemn...: Heb. day of restraint.

his day: [38] Beside the sabbaths of the
LORD, and beside your gifts, and be-
side all your vows, and beside all your
freewill offerings, which ye give unto
the LORD. [39] Also in the fifteenth day
of the seventh month, when ye have
gathered in the fruit of the land, ye
shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven
days: on the first day *shall be* a sab-
bath, and on the eighth day *shall be*
a sabbath. [40] And ye shall take you
on the first day the boughs of goodly
trees, branches of palm trees, and the
boughs of thick trees, and willows of
the brook; and ye shall rejoice be-

fore the LORD your God seven days.*
41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the
LORD seven days in the year. *It shall*
be a statute for ever in your genera-
tions: ye shall celebrate it in the sev-
enth month. 42 Ye shall dwell in booths
seven days; all that are Israelites born
shall dwell in booths: 43 That your gen-
erations may know that I made the
children of Israel to dwell in booths,
when I brought them out of the land
of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.
44 And Moses declared unto the chil-
dren of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

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40. boughs of goodly trees: Heb. fruit of, etc.

24 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Command the chil-
dren of Israel, that they bring unto
thee pure oil olive beaten for the light,
to cause the lamps to burn continu-
ally.* 3 Without the vail of the testi-
mony, in the tabernacle of the congre-
gation, shall Aaron order it from the
evening unto the morning before the
LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute
for ever in your generations. 4 He
shall order the lamps upon the pure
candlestick before the LORD continu-
ally. 5 And thou shalt take fine flour,

24.2. to cause: Heb. to cause to ascend.

and bake twelve cakes thereof: two
tenth deals shall be in one cake. 6 And
thou shalt set them in two rows, six
on a row, upon the pure table before
the LORD. 7 And thou shalt put pure
frankincense upon *each* row, that it
may be on the bread for a memorial,
even an offering made by fire unto the
LORD. 8 Every sabbath he shall set it
in order before the LORD continually,
being taken from the children of Israel
by an everlasting covenant. 9 And it
shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they
shall eat it in the holy place: for it *is*
most holy unto him of the offerings of
the LORD made by fire by a perpetual

statute. [10] And the son of an Israelitish
woman, whose father *was* an Egyp-
tian, went out among the children
of Israel: and this son of the Israeli-
tish *woman* and a man of Israel strove
together in the camp; [11] And the Is-
raelitish woman's son blasphemed the
name *of the LORD*, and cursed. And
they brought him unto Moses: (and
his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the
daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)
[12] And they put him in ward, that the
mind of the LORD might be shewed
them.* [13] And the LORD spake unto

12. that...: Heb. to expound unto them according to the mouth of the LORD.

Moses, saying, [14] Bring forth him that
hath cursed without the camp; and let
all that heard *him* lay their hands upon
his head, and let all the congregation
stone him. [15] And thou shalt speak
unto the children of Israel, saying,
Whosoever curseth his God shall bear
his sin. [16] And he that blasphemeth the
name of the LORD, he shall surely be
put to death, *and* all the congregation
shall certainly stone him: as well the
stranger, as he that is born in the land,
when he blasphemeth the name *of the
LORD*, shall be put to death. [17] And
he that killeth any man shall surely be

put to death.* [18] And he that killeth
a beast shall make it good; beast for
beast.* [19] And if a man cause a blemish
in his neighbour; as he hath done, so
shall it be done to him; [20] Breach for
breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as
he hath caused a blemish in a man, so
shall it be done to him *again*. [21] And
he that killeth a beast, he shall restore
it: and he that killeth a man, he shall
be put to death. [22] Ye shall have one
manner of law, as well for the stranger,
as for one of your own country: for I
am the LORD your God. [23] And Moses

17. killeth...: Heb. smiteth the life of a man.
18. beast for...: Heb. life for life.

spake to the children of Israel, that
they should bring forth him that had
cursed out of the camp, and stone him
with stones. And the children of Israel
did as the LORD commanded Moses.

25 And the LORD spake unto
Moses in mount Sinai, saying, 2 Speak
unto the children of Israel, and say
unto them, When ye come into the
land which I give you, then shall the
land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.*
3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and
six years thou shalt prune thy vine-
yard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

25.2. keep: Heb. rest.

4 But in the seventh year shall be a
sabbath of rest unto the land, a sab-
bath for the LORD: thou shalt nei-
ther sow thy field, nor prune thy vine-
yard. 5 That which groweth of its own
accord of thy harvest thou shalt not
reap, neither gather the grapes of thy
vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest
unto the land.* 6 And the sabbath of
the land shall be meat for you; for
thee, and for thy servant, and for thy
maid, and for thy hired servant, and
for thy stranger that sojourneth with
thee, 7 And for thy cattle, and for the
beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the

5. of thy vine...: Heb. of thy separation.

increase thereof be meat. 8 And thou
shalt number seven sabbaths of years
unto thee, seven times seven years;
and the space of the seven sabbaths
of years shall be unto thee forty and
nine years. 9 Then shalt thou cause the
trumpet of the jubile to sound on the
tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the
day of atonement shall ye make the
trumpet sound throughout all your
land.* 10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth
year, and proclaim liberty throughout
all the land unto all the inhabitants
thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you;
and ye shall return every man unto

9. of the jubile: Heb. loud of sound.

his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. [11] A jubile
shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye
shall not sow, neither reap that which
groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the*
grapes in it of thy vine undressed. [12] For
it *is* the jubile; it shall be holy unto you:
ye shall eat the increase thereof out of
the field. [13] In the year of this jubile ye
shall return every man unto his possession. [14] And if thou sell ought unto
thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy
neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress
one another: [15] According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt
buy of thy neighbour, *and* according

unto the number of years of the fruits
he shall sell unto thee: 16 According to
the multitude of years thou shalt in-
crease the price thereof, and accord-
ing to the fewness of years thou shalt
diminish the price of it: for *accord-
ing* to the number *of the years* of the
fruits doth he sell unto thee. 17 Ye shall
not therefore oppress one another; but
thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the
LORD your God. 18 Wherefore ye shall
do my statutes, and keep my judg-
ments, and do them; and ye shall dwell
in the land in safety. 19 And the land
shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat
your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat
the seventh year? behold, we shall not
sow, nor gather in our increase: 21 Then
I will command my blessing upon you
in the sixth year, and it shall bring
forth fruit for three years. 22 And ye
shall sow the eighth year, and eat *yet*
of old fruit until the ninth year; until
her fruits come in ye shall eat *of* the
old *store*. 23 The land shall not be sold
for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye
are strangers and sojourners with me.*
24 And in all the land of your posses-
sion ye shall grant a redemption for

23. for ever: or, to be quite cut off: Heb. for cutting off.

the land. [25] If thy brother be waxen
poor, and hath sold away *some* of his
possession, and if any of his kin come
to redeem it, then shall he redeem that
which his brother sold. [26] And if the
man have none to redeem it, and him-
self be able to redeem it;* [27] Then let
him count the years of the sale thereof,
and restore the overplus unto the man
to whom he sold it; that he may re-
turn unto his possession. [28] But if he
be not able to restore *it* to him, then
that which is sold shall remain in the
hand of him that hath bought it until

26. himself...: Heb. his hand hath attained and found sufficiency.

the year of jubile: and in the jubile it
shall go out, and he shall return unto
his possession. 29 And if a man sell a
dwelling house in a walled city, then
he may redeem it within a whole year
after it is sold; *within* a full year may
he redeem it. 30 And if it be not re-
deemed within the space of a full year,
then the house that *is* in the walled
city shall be established for ever to him
that bought it throughout his genera-
tions: it shall not go out in the jubile.
31 But the houses of the villages which
have no wall round about them shall
be counted as the fields of the coun-
try: they may be redeemed, and they

shall go out in the jubile.* [32] Notwith-
standing the cities of the Levites, *and*
the houses of the cities of their pos-
session, may the Levites redeem at any
time. [33] And if a man purchase of the
Levites, then the house that was sold,
and the city of his possession, shall go
out in *the year of* jubile: for the houses
of the cities of the Levites *are* their
possession among the children of Is-
rael.* [34] But the field of the suburbs of
their cities may not be sold; for it *is*
their perpetual possession. [35] And if

31. they may...: Heb. redemption belongeth unto it.
33. a man...: or, one of the Levites redeem them.

thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen
in decay with thee; then thou shalt re-
lieve him: *yea, though he be* a stranger,
or a sojourner; that he may live with
thee.* 36 Take thou no usury of him, or
increase: but fear thy God; that thy
brother may live with thee. 37 Thou
shalt not give him thy money upon
usury, nor lend him thy victuals for in-
crease. 38 I *am* the LORD your God,
which brought you forth out of the
land of Egypt, to give you the land of
Canaan, *and* to be your God. 39 And
if thy brother *that dwelleth* by thee be

35. fallen...: Heb. his hand faileth. relieve: Heb. strengthen.

waxen poor, and be sold unto thee;
thou shalt not compel him to serve as
a bondservant:* [40] *But* as an hired ser-
vant, *and* as a sojourner, he shall be
with thee, *and* shall serve thee unto
the year of jubile: [41] And *then* shall he
depart from thee, *both* he and his chil-
dren with him, and shall return unto
his own family, and unto the posses-
sion of his fathers shall he return. [42] For
they *are* my servants, which I brought
forth out of the land of Egypt: they
shall not be sold as bondmen.* [43] Thou

39. compel...: Heb. serve thyself with him with the service, etc.
42. as...: Heb. with the sale of a bondman.

shalt not rule over him with rigour;
but shalt fear thy God. 44 Both thy
bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which
thou shalt have, *shall be* of the hea-
then that are round about you; of
them shall ye buy bondmen and bond-
maids. 45 Moreover of the children of
the strangers that do sojourn among
you, of them shall ye buy, and of their
families that *are* with you, which they
begat in your land: and they shall be
your possession. 46 And ye shall take
them as an inheritance for your chil-
dren after you, to inherit *them for* a
possession; they shall be your bond-
men for ever: but over your brethren

the children of Israel, ye shall not rule
one over another with rigour.* 47 And
if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by
thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by
him wax poor, and sell himself unto
the stranger *or* sojourner by thee, or
to the stock of the stranger's family:*
48 After that he is sold he may be re-
deemed again; one of his brethren may
redeem him: 49 Either his uncle, or his
uncle's son, may redeem him, or *any*
that is nigh of kin unto him of his
family may redeem him; or if he be

46. they...: Heb. ye shall serve yourselves with them.
47. wax rich...: Heb. his hand obtain, etc.

able, he may redeem himself. 50 And
he shall reckon with him that bought
him from the year that he was sold to
him unto the year of jubile: and the
price of his sale shall be according unto
the number of years, according to the
time of an hired servant shall it be
with him. 51 If *there be* yet many years
behind, according unto them he shall
give again the price of his redemption
out of the money that he was bought
for. 52 And if there remain but few
years unto the year of jubile, then he
shall count with him, *and* according
unto his years shall he give him again
the price of his redemption. 53 *And* as

a yearly hired servant shall he be with
him: *and the other* shall not rule with
rigour over him in thy sight. 54 And
if he be not redeemed in these *years*,
then he shall go out in the year of
jubile, *both* he, and his children with
him.* 55 For unto me the children of Is-
rael *are* servants; they *are* my servants
whom I brought forth out of the land
of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

26 Ye shall make you no idols nor
graven image, neither rear you up a
standing image, neither shall ye set
up *any* image of stone in your land,

54. in these...: or, by these means.

to bow down unto it: for I *am* the
LORD your God.* 2 Ye shall keep my
sabbaths, and reverence my sanctu-
ary: I *am* the LORD. 3 If ye walk in
my statutes, and keep my command-
ments, and do them; 4 Then I will
give you rain in due season, and the
land shall yield her increase, and the
trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
5 And your threshing shall reach unto
the vintage, and the vintage shall reach
unto the sowing time: and ye shall
eat your bread to the full, and dwell
in your land safely. 6 And I will give

26.1. standing...: or, pillar. image of...: or, figured stone: Heb. a stone of picture.

peace in the land, and ye shall lie down,
and none shall make *you* afraid: and I
will rid evil beasts out of the land, nei-
ther shall the sword go through your
land.* 7 And ye shall chase your en-
emies, and they shall fall before you
by the sword. 8 And five of you shall
chase an hundred, and an hundred of
you shall put ten thousand to flight:
and your enemies shall fall before you
by the sword. 9 For I will have re-
spect unto you, and make you fruit-
ful, and multiply you, and establish my
covenant with you. 10 And ye shall eat
old store, and bring forth the old be-

6. rid: Heb. cause to cease.

cause of the new. 11 And I will set my
tabernacle among you: and my soul
shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk
among you, and will be your God,
and ye shall be my people. 13 I *am* the
LORD your God, which brought you
forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye
should not be their bondmen; and I
have broken the bands of your yoke,
and made you go upright. 14 But if ye
will not hearken unto me, and will not
do all these commandments; 15 And if
ye shall despise my statutes, or if your
soul abhor my judgments, so that ye
will not do all my commandments, *but*
that ye break my covenant: 16 I also will

do this unto you; I will even appoint
over you terror, consumption, and the
burning ague, that shall consume the
eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and
ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your
enemies shall eat it.* 17 And I will set my
face against you, and ye shall be slain
before your enemies: they that hate
you shall reign over you; and ye shall
flee when none pursueth you. 18 And if
ye will not yet for all this hearken unto
me, then I will punish you seven times
more for your sins. 19 And I will break
the pride of your power; and I will
make your heaven as iron, and your

16. over: Heb. upon.

earth as brass: [20] And your strength
shall be spent in vain: for your land
shall not yield her increase, neither
shall the trees of the land yield their
fruits. [21] And if ye walk contrary unto
me, and will not hearken unto me; I
will bring seven times more plagues
upon you according to your sins.* [22] I
will also send wild beasts among you,
which shall rob you of your children,
and destroy your cattle, and make you
few in number; and your *high* ways
shall be desolate. [23] And if ye will not
be reformed by me by these things, but
will walk contrary unto me; [24] Then

21. contrary...: or, at all adventures with me.

will I also walk contrary unto you, and
will punish you yet seven times for
your sins. [25] And I will bring a sword
upon you, that shall avenge the quar-
rel of *my* covenant: and when ye are
gathered together within your cities,
I will send the pestilence among you;
and ye shall be delivered into the hand
of the enemy. [26] *And* when I have bro-
ken the staff of your bread, ten women
shall bake your bread in one oven, and
they shall deliver *you* your bread again
by weight: and ye shall eat, and not
be satisfied. [27] And if ye will not for all
this hearken unto me, but walk con-
trary unto me; [28] Then I will walk con-

trary unto you also in fury; and I, even
I, will chastise you seven times for your
sins. 29 And ye shall eat the flesh of
your sons, and the flesh of your daugh-
ters shall ye eat. 30 And I will destroy
your high places, and cut down your
images, and cast your carcases upon
the carcases of your idols, and my soul
shall abhor you. 31 And I will make
your cities waste, and bring your sanc-
tuaries unto desolation, and I will not
smell the savour of your sweet odours.
32 And I will bring the land into deso-
lation: and your enemies which dwell
therein shall be astonished at it. 33 And
I will scatter you among the heathen,

and will draw out a sword after you:
and your land shall be desolate, and
your cities waste. 34 Then shall the land
enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth
desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies'
land; *even* then shall the land rest, and
enjoy her sabbaths. 35 As long as it lieth
desolate it shall rest; because it did not
rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt
upon it. 36 And upon them that are
left *alive* of you I will send a faintness
into their hearts in the lands of their
enemies; and the sound of a shaken
leaf shall chase them; and they shall
flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they

shall fall when none pursueth.* 37 And
they shall fall one upon another, as it
were before a sword, when none pur-
sueth: and ye shall have no power to
stand before your enemies. 38 And ye
shall perish among the heathen, and
the land of your enemies shall eat you
up. 39 And they that are left of you
shall pine away in their iniquity in your
enemies' lands; and also in the iniq-
uities of their fathers shall they pine
away with them. 40 If they shall con-
fess their iniquity, and the iniquity of
their fathers, with their trespass which
they trespassed against me, and that

36. shaken: Heb. driven.

also they have walked contrary unto
me; 41 And *that* I also have walked con-
trary unto them, and have brought
them into the land of their enemies;
if then their uncircumcised hearts be
humbled, and they then accept of the
punishment of their iniquity: 42 Then
will I remember my covenant with Ja-
cob, and also my covenant with Isaac,
and also my covenant with Abraham
will I remember; and I will remem-
ber the land. 43 The land also shall be
left of them, and shall enjoy her sab-
baths, while she lieth desolate with-
out them: and they shall accept of
the punishment of their iniquity: be-

cause, even because they despised my
judgments, and because their soul ab-
horred my statutes. 44 And yet for all
that, when they be in the land of their
enemies, I will not cast them away, nei-
ther will I abhor them, to destroy them
utterly, and to break my covenant with
them: for I *am* the LORD their God.
45 But I will for their sakes remember
the covenant of their ancestors, whom
I brought forth out of the land of
Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that
I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.
46 These *are* the statutes and judgments
and laws, which the LORD made be-
tween him and the children of Israel

in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

27 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, and say unto them,
When a man shall make a singular
vow, the persons *shall be* for the LORD
by thy estimation. 3 And thy es-
timation shall be of the male from
twenty years old even unto sixty years
old, even thy estimation shall be fifty
shekels of silver, after the shekel of the
sanctuary. 4 And if it *be* a female, then
thy estimation shall be thirty shekels.
5 And if *it be* from five years old even
unto twenty years old, then thy esti-

mation shall be of the male twenty
shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
6 And if *it be* from a month old even
unto five years old, then thy estima-
tion shall be of the male five shekels
of silver, and for the female thy es-
timation *shall be* three shekels of sil-
ver. 7 And if *it be* from sixty years old
and above; if *it be* a male, then thy es-
timation shall be fifteen shekels, and
for the female ten shekels. 8 But if he
be poorer than thy estimation, then he
shall present himself before the priest,
and the priest shall value him; accord-
ing to his ability that vowed shall the
priest value him. 9 And if *it be* a beast,

whereof men bring an offering unto
the LORD, all that *any man* giveth of
such unto the LORD shall be holy.
10 He shall not alter it, nor change it,
a good for a bad, or a bad for a good:
and if he shall at all change beast for
beast, then it and the exchange thereof
shall be holy. 11 And if *it be* any unclean
beast, of which they do not offer a sac-
rifice unto the LORD, then he shall pre-
sent the beast before the priest: 12 And
the priest shall value it, whether it be
good or bad: as thou valuest it, *who*
art the priest, so shall it be.* 13 But if he

27.12. as...: Heb. according to thy estimation, O priest, etc.

will at all redeem it, then he shall add a
fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation.
14 And when a man shall sanctify his
house *to be* holy unto the LORD, then
the priest shall estimate it, whether it
be good or bad: as the priest shall es-
timate it, so shall it stand. 15 And if he
that sanctified it will redeem his house,
then he shall add the fifth *part* of the
money of thy estimation unto it, and
it shall be his. 16 And if a man shall
sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of
a field of his possession, then thy esti-
mation shall be according to the seed
thereof: an homer of barley seed *shall*

be valued at fifty shekels of silver.* [17] If
he sanctify his field from the year of
jubile, according to thy estimation it
shall stand. [18] But if he sanctify his field
after the jubile, then the priest shall
reckon unto him the money accord-
ing to the years that remain, even unto
the year of the jubile, and it shall be
abated from thy estimation. [19] And if
he that sanctified the field will in any
wise redeem it, then he shall add the
fifth *part* of the money of thy estima-
tion unto it, and it shall be assured to
him. [20] And if he will not redeem the
field, or if he have sold the field to an-

16. an...: or, the land of an homer, etc.

other man, it shall not be redeemed
any more. [21] But the field, when it
goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy
unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the
possession thereof shall be the priest's.
[22] And if *a man* sanctify unto the LORD
a field which he hath bought, which
is not of the fields of his possession;
[23] Then the priest shall reckon unto
him the worth of thy estimation, *even*
unto the year of the jubile: and he
shall give thine estimation in that day,
as a holy thing unto the LORD. [24] In
the year of the jubile the field shall re-
turn unto him of whom it was bought,
even to him to whom the possession

of the land *did belong*. [25] And all thy
estimations shall be according to the
shekel of the sanctuary: twenty ger-
ahs shall be the shekel. [26] Only the
firstling of the beasts, which should
be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall
sanctify it; whether *it be* ox, or sheep:
it *is* the LORD'S.* [27] And if *it be* of an un-
clean beast, then he shall redeem *it* ac-
cording to thine estimation, and shall
add a fifth *part* of it thereto: or if it be
not redeemed, then it shall be sold ac-
cording to thy estimation. [28] Notwith-
standing no devoted thing, that a man
shall devote unto the LORD of all that

26. firstling of: Heb. firstborn, etc.

he hath, *both* of man and beast, and of
the field of his possession, shall be sold
or redeemed: every devoted thing *is*
most holy unto the LORD. 29 None de-
voted, which shall be devoted of men,
shall be redeemed; *but* shall surely be
put to death. 30 And all the tithe of the
land, *whether* of the seed of the land, *or*
of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD'S:
it is holy unto the LORD. 31 And if
a man will at all redeem *ought* of his
tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth
part thereof. 32 And concerning the
tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even*
of whatsoever passeth under the rod,
the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it be
good or bad, neither shall he change
it: and if he change it at all, then both
it and the change thereof shall be holy;
it shall not be redeemed. 34 These *are*
the commandments, which the LORD
commanded Moses for the children of
Israel in mount Sinai.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

NUMBERS

And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their

polls; 3 From twenty years old and up-
ward, all that are able to go forth to
war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall
number them by their armies. 4 And
with you there shall be a man of ev-
ery tribe; every one head of the house
of his fathers. 5 And these *are* the
names of the men that shall stand with
you: of *the tribe of* Reuben; Elizur the
son of Shedeur. 6 Of Simeon; She-
lumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 7 Of
Judah; Nahshon the son of Ammi-
nadab. 8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the
son of Zuar. 9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the
son of Helon. 10 Of the children of
Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son

of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gamaliel
the son of Pedahzur. 11 Of Benjamin;
Abidan the son of Gideoni. 12 Of
Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishad-
dai. 13 Of Asher; Pagiel the son of
Ocran. 14 Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of
Deuel.* 15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the son
of Enan. 16 These *were* the renowned of
the congregation, princes of the tribes
of their fathers, heads of thousands in
Israel. 17 And Moses and Aaron took
these men which are expressed by *their*
names: 18 And they assembled all the
congregation together on the first *day*
of the second month, and they de-

1.14. Deuel: also called, Reuel.

clared their pedigrees after their fam-
ilies, by the house of their fathers, ac-
cording to the number of the names,
from twenty years old and upward,
by their polls. [19] As the LORD com-
manded Moses, so he numbered them
in the wilderness of Sinai. [20] And the
children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son,
by their generations, after their fami-
lies, by the house of their fathers, ac-
cording to the number of the names,
by their polls, every male from twenty
years old and upward, all that were able
to go forth to war; [21] Those that were
numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of
Reuben, *were* forty and six thousand

and five hundred. [22] Of the children
of Simeon, by their generations, after
their families, by the house of their
fathers, those that were numbered of
them, according to the number of the
names, by their polls, every male from
twenty years old and upward, all that
were able to go forth to war; [23] Those
that were numbered of them, *even* of
the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine
thousand and three hundred. [24] Of the
children of Gad, by their generations,
after their families, by the house of
their fathers, according to the number
of the names, from twenty years old
and upward, all that were able to go

forth to war; [25] Those that were num-
bered of them, *even* of the tribe of
Gad, *were* forty and five thousand six
hundred and fifty. [26] Of the children
of Judah, by their generations, after
their families, by the house of their fa-
thers, according to the number of the
names, from twenty years old and up-
ward, all that were able to go forth to
war; [27] Those that were numbered of
them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were*
threescore and fourteen thousand and
six hundred. [28] Of the children of Is-
sachar, by their generations, after their
families, by the house of their fathers,
according to the number of the names,

from twenty years old and upward,
all that were able to go forth to war;
29 Those that were numbered of them,
even of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty
and four thousand and four hundred.
30 Of the children of Zebulun, by their
generations, after their families, by the
house of their fathers, according to the
number of the names, from twenty
years old and upward, all that were able
to go forth to war; 31 Those that were
numbered of them, *even* of the tribe
of Zebulun, *were* fifty and seven thou-
sand and four hundred. 32 Of the chil-
dren of Joseph, *namely*, of the children
of Ephraim, by their generations, af-

ter their families, by the house of their
fathers, according to the number of
the names, from twenty years old and
upward, all that were able to go forth
to war; 33 Those that were numbered
of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim,
were forty thousand and five hundred.
34 Of the children of Manasseh, by their
generations, after their families, by the
house of their fathers, according to the
number of the names, from twenty
years old and upward, all that were
able to go forth to war; 35 Those that
were numbered of them, *even* of the
tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty and two
thousand and two hundred. 36 Of the

children of Benjamin, by their gen-
erations, after their families, by the
house of their fathers, according to the
number of the names, from twenty
years old and upward, all that were
able to go forth to war; 37 Those that
were numbered of them, *even* of the
tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five
thousand and four hundred. 38 Of the
children of Dan, by their generations,
after their families, by the house of
their fathers, according to the number
of the names, from twenty years old
and upward, all that were able to go
forth to war; 39 Those that were num-
bered of them, *even* of the tribe of

Dan, *were* threescore and two thou-
sand and seven hundred. [40] Of the chil-
dren of Asher, by their generations, af-
ter their families, by the house of their
fathers, according to the number of
the names, from twenty years old and
upward, all that were able to go forth
to war; [41] Those that were numbered
of them, *even* of the tribe of Asher,
were forty and one thousand and five
hundred. [42] Of the children of Naph-
tali, throughout their generations, af-
ter their families, by the house of their
fathers, according to the number of
the names, from twenty years old and
upward, all that were able to go forth

to war; [43] Those that were numbered
of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali,
were fifty and three thousand and four
hundred. [44] These *are* those that were
numbered, which Moses and Aaron
numbered, and the princes of Israel,
being twelve men: each one was for
the house of his fathers. [45] So were
all those that were numbered of the
children of Israel, by the house of
their fathers, from twenty years old
and upward, all that were able to go
forth to war in Israel; [46] Even all they
that were numbered were six hundred
thousand and three thousand and five
hundred and fifty. [47] But the Levites

after the tribe of their fathers were
not numbered among them. 48 For the
LORD had spoken unto Moses, say-
ing, 49 Only thou shalt not number the
tribe of Levi, neither take the sum
of them among the children of Israel:
50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites
over the tabernacle of testimony, and
over all the vessels thereof, and over
all things that *belong* to it: they shall
bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels
thereof; and they shall minister unto
it, and shall encamp round about the
tabernacle. 51 And when the taberna-
cle setteth forward, the Levites shall
take it down: and when the tabernacle

is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it
up: and the stranger that cometh nigh
shall be put to death. 52 And the chil-
dren of Israel shall pitch their tents, ev-
ery man by his own camp, and every
man by his own standard, through-
out their hosts. 53 But the Levites
shall pitch round about the tabernacle
of testimony, that there be no wrath
upon the congregation of the children
of Israel: and the Levites shall keep
the charge of the tabernacle of testi-
mony. 54 And the children of Israel did
according to all that the LORD com-
manded Moses, so did they.

2 And the LORD spake unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying, 2 Every man
of the children of Israel shall pitch by
his own standard, with the ensign of
their father's house: far off about the
tabernacle of the congregation shall
they pitch.* 3 And on the east side to-
ward the rising of the sun shall they
of the standard of the camp of Ju-
dah pitch throughout their armies:
and Nahshon the son of Amminadab
shall be captain of the children of Ju-
dah. 4 And his host, and those that
were numbered of them, *were* three-

2.2. far...: Heb. over against.

score and fourteen thousand and six
hundred. 5 And those that do pitch
next unto him *shall be* the tribe of
Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of
Zuar *shall be* captain of the children
of Issachar. 6 And his host, and those
that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty
and four thousand and four hundred.
7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab
the son of Helon *shall be* captain of
the children of Zebulun. 8 And his
host, and those that were numbered
thereof, *were* fifty and seven thou-
sand and four hundred. 9 All that
were numbered in the camp of Ju-
dah *were* an hundred thousand and

fourscore thousand and six thousand
and four hundred, throughout their
armies. These shall first set forth.
10 On the south side *shall be* the stan-
dard of the camp of Reuben accord-
ing to their armies: and the captain
of the children of Reuben *shall be*
Elizur the son of Shedeur. 11 And his
host, and those that were numbered
thereof, *were* forty and six thousand
and five hundred. 12 And those which
pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Si-
meon: and the captain of the children
of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son
of Zurishaddai. 13 And his host, and
those that were numbered of them,

were fifty and nine thousand and three
hundred. 14 Then the tribe of Gad:
and the captain of the sons of Gad
shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel.*
15 And his host, and those that were
numbered of them, *were* forty and five
thousand and six hundred and fifty.
16 All that were numbered in the camp
of Reuben *were* an hundred thousand
and fifty and one thousand and four
hundred and fifty, throughout their
armies. And they shall set forth in
the second rank. 17 Then the taberna-
cle of the congregation shall set for-
ward with the camp of the Levites in

14. Reuel: also called, Deuel.

the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every
man in his place by their standards.
18 On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of
the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud. 19 And his
host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty thousand and five
hundred. 20 And by him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain
of the children of Manasseh *shall be* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 21 And
his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and two

thousand and two hundred. [22] Then
the tribe of Benjamin: and the cap-
tain of the sons of Benjamin *shall be*
Abidan the son of Gideoni. [23] And his
host, and those that were numbered
of them, *were* thirty and five thou-
sand and four hundred. [24] All that were
numbered of the camp of Ephraim
were an hundred thousand and eight
thousand and an hundred, through-
out their armies. And they shall go
forward in the third rank. [25] The stan-
dard of the camp of Dan *shall be* on
the north side by their armies: and the
captain of the children of Dan *shall
be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And his host, and those that were
numbered of them, *were* threescore
and two thousand and seven hundred.
27 And those that encamp by him *shall*
be the tribe of Asher: and the cap-
tain of the children of Asher *shall be*
Pagiel the son of Ocran. 28 And his
host, and those that were numbered
of them, *were* forty and one thousand
and five hundred. 29 Then the tribe of
Naphtali: and the captain of the chil-
dren of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son
of Enan. 30 And his host, and those
that were numbered of them, *were*
fifty and three thousand and four hun-
dred. 31 All they that were numbered

in the camp of Dan *were* an hundred
thousand and fifty and seven thousand
and six hundred. They shall go hind-
most with their standards. [32] These
are those which were numbered of the
children of Israel by the house of their
fathers: all those that were numbered
of the camps throughout their hosts
were six hundred thousand and three
thousand and five hundred and fifty.
[33] But the Levites were not numbered
among the children of Israel; as the
LORD commanded Moses. [34] And the
children of Israel did according to all
that the LORD commanded Moses: so
they pitched by their standards, and

so they set forward, every one after
their families, according to the house
of their fathers.

3 These also *are* the generations
of Aaron and Moses in the day *that*
the LORD spake with Moses in mount
Sinai. 2 And these *are* the names
of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the
firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar. 3 These *are* the names of
the sons of Aaron, the priests which
were anointed, whom he consecrated
to minister in the priest's office.* 4 And
Nadab and Abihu died before the

3.3. whom...: Heb. whose hand he filled.

LORD, when they offered strange fire
before the LORD, in the wilderness of
Sinai, and they had no children: and
Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the
priest's office in the sight of Aaron
their father. 5 And the LORD spake
unto Moses, saying, 6 Bring the tribe
of Levi near, and present them be-
fore Aaron the priest, that they may
minister unto him. 7 And they shall
keep his charge, and the charge of the
whole congregation before the taber-
nacle of the congregation, to do the
service of the tabernacle. 8 And they
shall keep all the instruments of the
tabernacle of the congregation, and

the charge of the children of Israel, to
do the service of the tabernacle. 9 And
thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron
and to his sons: they *are* wholly given
unto him out of the children of Is-
rael. 10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron
and his sons, and they shall wait on
their priest's office: and the stranger
that cometh nigh shall be put to death.
11 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 12 And I, behold, I have taken
the Levites from among the children
of Israel instead of all the firstborn that
openeth the matrix among the chil-
dren of Israel: therefore the Levites
shall be mine; 13 Because all the first-

born *are* mine; *for* on the day that I
smote all the firstborn in the land of
Egypt I hallowed unto me all the first-
born in Israel, both man and beast:
mine shall they be: I *am* the LORD.
14 And the LORD spake unto Moses in
the wilderness of Sinai, saying, 15 Num-
ber the children of Levi after the house
of their fathers, by their families: ev-
ery male from a month old and up-
ward shalt thou number them. 16 And
Moses numbered them according to
the word of the LORD, as he was com-
manded.* 17 And these were the sons
of Levi by their names; Gershon, and

16. word: Heb. mouth.

Kohath, and Merari. [18] And these *are*
the names of the sons of Gershon
by their families; Libni, and Shimei.
[19] And the sons of Kohath by their
families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron,
and Uzziel. [20] And the sons of Merari
by their families; Mahli, and Mushi.
These *are* the families of the Levites
according to the house of their fa-
thers. [21] Of Gershon *was* the family
of the Libnites, and the family of the
Shimites: these *are* the families of the
Gershonites. [22] Those that were num-
bered of them, according to the num-
ber of all the males, from a month
old and upward, *even* those that were

numbered of them *were* seven thou-
sand and five hundred. [23] The families
of the Gershonites shall pitch behind
the tabernacle westward. [24] And the
chief of the house of the father of the
Gershonites *shall be* Eliasaph the son
of Lael. [25] And the charge of the sons
of Gershon in the tabernacle of the
congregation *shall be* the tabernacle,
and the tent, the covering thereof, and
the hanging for the door of the taber-
nacle of the congregation, [26] And the
hangings of the court, and the curtain
for the door of the court, which *is* by
the tabernacle, and by the altar round
about, and the cords of it for all the

service thereof. [27] And of Kohath *was*
the family of the Amramites, and the
family of the Izeharites, and the fam-
ily of the Hebronites, and the family
of the Uzzielites: these *are* the fami-
lies of the Kohathites. [28] In the num-
ber of all the males, from a month old
and upward, *were* eight thousand and
six hundred, keeping the charge of the
sanctuary. [29] The families of the sons of
Kohath shall pitch on the side of the
tabernacle southward. [30] And the chief
of the house of the father of the fam-
ilies of the Kohathites *shall be* Eliza-
phan the son of Uzziel. [31] And their
charge *shall be* the ark, and the table,

and the candlestick, and the altars, and
the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith
they minister, and the hanging, and all
the service thereof. 32 And Eleazar the
son of Aaron the priest *shall be* chief
over the chief of the Levites, *and have*
the oversight of them that keep the
charge of the sanctuary. 33 Of Merari
was the family of the Mahlites, and
the family of the Mushites: these *are*
the families of Merari. 34 And those
that were numbered of them, accord-
ing to the number of all the males,
from a month old and upward, *were*
six thousand and two hundred. 35 And
the chief of the house of the father

of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel
the son of Abihail: *these* shall pitch
on the side of the tabernacle north-
ward. [36] And *under* the custody and
charge of the sons of Merari *shall be*
the boards of the tabernacle, and the
bars thereof, and the pillars thereof,
and the sockets thereof, and all the
vessels thereof, and all that serveth
thereto,* [37] And the pillars of the court
round about, and their sockets, and
their pins, and their cords. [38] But those
that encamp before the tabernacle to-
ward the east, *even* before the taberna-
cle of the congregation eastward, *shall*

36. under...: Heb. the office of the charge.

be Moses, and Aaron and his sons,
keeping the charge of the sanctuary for
the charge of the children of Israel; and
the stranger that cometh nigh shall be
put to death. 39 All that were num-
bered of the Levites, which Moses and
Aaron numbered at the command-
ment of the LORD, throughout their
families, all the males from a month
old and upward, *were* twenty and two
thousand. 40 And the LORD said unto
Moses, Number all the firstborn of the
males of the children of Israel from
a month old and upward, and take
the number of their names. 41 And
thou shalt take the Levites for me (I

am the LORD) instead of all the first-
born among the children of Israel; and
the cattle of the Levites instead of
all the firstlings among the cattle of
the children of Israel. 42 And Moses
numbered, as the LORD commanded
him, all the firstborn among the chil-
dren of Israel. 43 And all the first-
born males by the number of names,
from a month old and upward, of
those that were numbered of them,
were twenty and two thousand two
hundred and threescore and thirteen.
44 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 45 Take the Levites instead of all
the firstborn among the children of Is-

rael, and the cattle of the Levites in-
stead of their cattle; and the Levites
shall be mine: I *am* the LORD. [46] And
for those that are to be redeemed of
the two hundred and threescore and
thirteen of the firstborn of the chil-
dren of Israel, which are more than
the Levites; [47] Thou shalt even take
five shekels apiece by the poll, after
the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou
take *them*: (the shekel *is* twenty ger-
ahs:) [48] And thou shalt give the money,
wherewith the odd number of them is
to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his
sons. [49] And Moses took the redemp-
tion money of them that were over and

above them that were redeemed by
the Levites: 50 Of the firstborn of the
children of Israel took he the money;
a thousand three hundred and three-
score and five *shekels*, after the shekel of
the sanctuary: 51 And Moses gave the
money of them that were redeemed
unto Aaron and to his sons, accord-
ing to the word of the LORD, as the
LORD commanded Moses.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying, 2 Take the
sum of the sons of Kohath from
among the sons of Levi, after their
families, by the house of their fathers,
3 From thirty years old and upward

even until fifty years old, all that en-
ter into the host, to do the work in
the tabernacle of the congregation.
4 This *shall be* the service of the sons
of Kohath in the tabernacle of the
congregation, *about* the most holy
things: 5 And when the camp set-
teth forward, Aaron shall come, and
his sons, and they shall take down
the covering vail, and cover the ark
of testimony with it: 6 And shall put
thereon the covering of badgers' skins,
and shall spread over *it* a cloth wholly
of blue, and shall put in the staves
thereof. 7 And upon the table of shew-
bread they shall spread a cloth of blue,

and put thereon the dishes, and the
spoons, and the bowls, and covers to
cover withal: and the continual bread
shall be thereon:* 8 And they shall
spread upon them a cloth of scarlet,
and cover the same with a covering
of badgers' skins, and shall put in the
staves thereof. 9 And they shall take
a cloth of blue, and cover the candle-
stick of the light, and his lamps, and
his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all
the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they
minister unto it: 10 And they shall put
it and all the vessels thereof within a
covering of badgers' skins, and shall

4.7. cover...: or, pour out withal.

put *it* upon a bar. [11] And upon the
golden altar they shall spread a cloth
of blue, and cover it with a covering
of badgers' skins, and shall put to the
staves thereof: [12] And they shall take
all the instruments of ministry, where-
with they minister in the sanctuary,
and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and
cover them with a covering of bad-
gers' skins, and shall put *them* on a
bar: [13] And they shall take away the
ashes from the altar, and spread a pur-
ple cloth thereon: [14] And they shall put
upon it all the vessels thereof, where-
with they minister about it, *even* the
censers, the fleshhooks, and the shov-

els, and the basons, all the vessels of
the altar; and they shall spread upon
it a covering of badgers' skins, and put
to the staves of it.* 15 And when Aaron
and his sons have made an end of cov-
ering the sanctuary, and all the vessels
of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set
forward; after that, the sons of Kohath
shall come to bear *it*: but they shall
not touch *any* holy thing, lest they
die. These *things are* the burden of
the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of
the congregation. 16 And to the office
of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest
pertaineth the oil for the light, and the

14. basons: or, bowls.

sweet incense, and the daily meat of-
fering, and the anointing oil, *and* the
oversight of all the tabernacle, and of
all that therein *is*, in the sanctuary, and
in the vessels thereof. 17 And the LORD
spake unto Moses and unto Aaron,
saying, 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of
the families of the Kohathites from
among the Levites: 19 But thus do unto
them, that they may live, and not die,
when they approach unto the most
holy things: Aaron and his sons shall
go in, and appoint them every one to
his service and to his burden: 20 But
they shall not go in to see when the
holy things are covered, lest they die.

21 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 22 Take also the sum of the sons
of Gershon, throughout the houses of
their fathers, by their families; 23 From
thirty years old and upward until fifty
years old shalt thou number them; all
that enter in to perform the service,
to do the work in the tabernacle of
the congregation.* 24 This *is* the service
of the families of the Gershonites, to
serve, and for burdens:* 25 And they
shall bear the curtains of the taber-
nacle, and the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, his covering, and the cover-

23. to perform...: Heb. to war the warfare.
24. burdens: or, carriage.

ing of the badgers' skins that *is* above
upon it, and the hanging for the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation,
26 And the hangings of the court, and
the hanging for the door of the gate of
the court, which *is* by the tabernacle
and by the altar round about, and their
cords, and all the instruments of their
service, and all that is made for them:
so shall they serve. 27 At the appoint-
ment of Aaron and his sons shall be
all the service of the sons of the Ger-
shonites, in all their burdens, and in
all their service: and ye shall appoint
unto them in charge all their burdens.*

27. appointment: Heb. mouth.

28 This *is* the service of the families of
the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle
of the congregation: and their charge
shall be under the hand of Ithamar
the son of Aaron the priest. 29 As for
the sons of Merari, thou shalt num-
ber them after their families, by the
house of their fathers; 30 From thirty
years old and upward even unto fifty
years old shalt thou number them,
every one that entereth into the ser-
vice, to do the work of the taberna-
cle of the congregation.* 31 And this
is the charge of their burden, accord-
ing to all their service in the taberna-

30. service: Heb. warfare.

cle of the congregation; the boards of
the tabernacle, and the bars thereof,
and the pillars thereof, and sockets
thereof, [32] And the pillars of the court
round about, and their sockets, and
their pins, and their cords, with all
their instruments, and with all their
service: and by name ye shall reckon
the instruments of the charge of their
burden. [33] This *is* the service of the
families of the sons of Merari, accord-
ing to all their service, in the taber-
nacle of the congregation, under the
hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the
priest. [34] And Moses and Aaron and
the chief of the congregation num-

bered the sons of the Kohathites after
their families, and after the house of
their fathers, [35] From thirty years old
and upward even unto fifty years old,
every one that entereth into the ser-
vice, for the work in the tabernacle
of the congregation: [36] And those that
were numbered of them by their fam-
ilies were two thousand seven hun-
dred and fifty. [37] These *were* they that
were numbered of the families of the
Kohathites, all that might do service
in the tabernacle of the congregation,
which Moses and Aaron did num-
ber according to the commandment
of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of
the sons of Gershon, throughout their
families, and by the house of their
fathers, 39 From thirty years old and
upward even unto fifty years old, ev-
ery one that entereth into the service,
for the work in the tabernacle of the
congregation, 40 Even those that were
numbered of them, throughout their
families, by the house of their fathers,
were two thousand and six hundred
and thirty. 41 These *are* they that were
numbered of the families of the sons of
Gershon, of all that might do service
in the tabernacle of the congregation,
whom Moses and Aaron did num-

ber according to the commandment
of the LORD. [42] And those that were
numbered of the families of the sons
of Merari, throughout their families,
by the house of their fathers, [43] From
thirty years old and upward even unto
fifty years old, every one that entereth
into the service, for the work in the
tabernacle of the congregation, [44] Even
those that were numbered of them af-
ter their families, were three thousand
and two hundred. [45] These *be* those
that were numbered of the families
of the sons of Merari, whom Moses
and Aaron numbered according to the
word of the LORD by the hand of

Moses. [46] All those that were num-
bered of the Levites, whom Moses and
Aaron and the chief of Israel num-
bered, after their families, and after the
house of their fathers, [47] From thirty
years old and upward even unto fifty
years old, every one that came to do
the service of the ministry, and the
service of the burden in the taberna-
cle of the congregation, [48] Even those
that were numbered of them, were
eight thousand and five hundred and
fourscore. [49] According to the com-
mandment of the LORD they were
numbered by the hand of Moses, every
one according to his service, and ac-

cording to his burden: thus were they
numbered of him, as the LORD com-
manded Moses.

5 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Command the chil-
dren of Israel, that they put out of the
camp every leper, and every one that
hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled
by the dead: 3 Both male and female
shall ye put out, without the camp
shall ye put them; that they defile not
their camps, in the midst whereof I
dwell. 4 And the children of Israel
did so, and put them out without the
camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses,

so did the children of Israel. 5 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
6 Speak unto the children of Israel,
When a man or woman shall commit
any sin that men commit, to do a tres-
pass against the LORD, and that per-
son be guilty; 7 Then they shall con-
fess their sin which they have done:
and he shall recompense his trespass
with the principal thereof, and add
unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give
it unto *him* against whom he hath
trespassed. 8 But if the man have
no kinsman to recompense the tres-
pass unto, let the trespass be recom-
pensed unto the LORD, *even* to the

priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him. 9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.* 10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his. 11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept

5.9. offering: or, heave offering.

close, and she be defiled, and *there be*
no witness against her, neither she be
taken *with the manner*; [14] And the spirit
of jealousy come upon him, and he
be jealous of his wife, and she be de-
filed: or if the spirit of jealousy come
upon him, and he be jealous of his
wife, and she be not defiled: [15] Then
shall the man bring his wife unto the
priest, and he shall bring her offering
for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of
barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon
it, nor put frankincense thereon; for
it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offer-
ing of memorial, bringing iniquity to
remembrance. [16] And the priest shall

bring her near, and set her before the
LORD: [17] And the priest shall take holy
water in an earthen vessel; and of the
dust that is in the floor of the taberna-
cle the priest shall take, and put *it* into
the water: [18] And the priest shall set the
woman before the LORD, and uncover
the woman's head, and put the offer-
ing of memorial in her hands, which
is the jealousy offering: and the priest
shall have in his hand the bitter wa-
ter that causeth the curse: [19] And the
priest shall charge her by an oath, and
say unto the woman, If no man have
lain with thee, and if thou hast not
gone aside to uncleanness *with another*

instead of thy husband, be thou free
from this bitter water that causeth the
curse:* [20] But if thou hast gone aside *to*
another instead of thy husband, and if
thou be defiled, and some man have
lain with thee beside thine husband:
[21] Then the priest shall charge the wo-
man with an oath of cursing, and the
priest shall say unto the woman, The
LORD make thee a curse and an oath
among thy people, when the LORD
doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy
belly to swell;* [22] And this water that

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19. with another...: or, being in the power of thy husband: Heb. under thy husband.
21. rot: Heb. fall.

causeth the curse shall go into thy
bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and
thy thigh to rot: And the woman shall
say, Amen, amen. [23] And the priest
shall write these curses in a book, and
he shall blot *them* out with the bit-
ter water: [24] And he shall cause the
woman to drink the bitter water that
causeth the curse: and the water that
causeth the curse shall enter into her,
and become bitter. [25] Then the priest
shall take the jealousy offering out of
the woman's hand, and shall wave the
offering before the LORD, and offer
it upon the altar: [26] And the priest
shall take an handful of the offering,

even the memorial thereof, and burn
it upon the altar, and afterward shall
cause the woman to drink the water.
27 And when he hath made her to drink
the water, then it shall come to pass,
that, if she be defiled, and have done
trespass against her husband, that the
water that causeth the curse shall en-
ter into her, *and become* bitter, and
her belly shall swell, and her thigh
shall rot: and the woman shall be a
curse among her people. 28 And if the
woman be not defiled, but be clean;
then she shall be free, and shall con-
ceive seed. 29 This *is* the law of jeal-
ousies, when a wife goeth aside *to an-*

other instead of her husband, and is de-
filed; [30] Or when the spirit of jealousy
cometh upon him, and he be jealous
over his wife, and shall set the woman
before the LORD, and the priest shall
execute upon her all this law. [31] Then
shall the man be guiltless from iniq-
uity, and this woman shall bear her in-
iquity.

6 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, and say unto them,
When either man or woman shall sep-
arate *themselves* to vow a vow of a
Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto

the LORD:* 3 He shall separate *himself*
from wine and strong drink, and shall
drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of
strong drink, neither shall he drink any
liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes,
or dried. 4 All the days of his separa-
tion shall he eat nothing that is made
of the vine tree, from the kernels even
to the husk.* 5 All the days of the vow
of his separation there shall no razor
come upon his head: until the days
be fulfilled, in the which he separateth

6.2. to separate...: or, to make themselves Nazarites.

4. separation: or, Nazariteship. vine...: Heb. vine of the wine.

himself unto the LORD, he shall be
holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair
of his head grow. 6 All the days that he
separateth *himself* unto the LORD he
shall come at no dead body. 7 He shall
not make himself unclean for his fa-
ther, or for his mother, for his brother,
or for his sister, when they die: be-
cause the consecration of his God *is*
upon his head.* 8 All the days of his
separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.
9 And if any man die very suddenly by
him, and he hath defiled the head of
his consecration; then he shall shave
his head in the day of his cleansing,

7. consecration: Heb. separation.

on the seventh day shall he shave it.
10 And on the eighth day he shall bring
two turtles, or two young pigeons, to
the priest, to the door of the taber-
nacle of the congregation: 11 And the
priest shall offer the one for a sin offer-
ing, and the other for a burnt offering,
and make an atonement for him, for
that he sinned by the dead, and shall
hallow his head that same day. 12 And
he shall consecrate unto the LORD the
days of his separation, and shall bring a
lamb of the first year for a trespass of-
fering: but the days that were before
shall be lost, because his separation

was defiled.* [13] And this *is* the law of the
Nazarite, when the days of his separa-
tion are fulfilled: he shall be brought
unto the door of the tabernacle of the
congregation: [14] And he shall offer his
offering unto the LORD, one he lamb
of the first year without blemish for a
burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of
the first year without blemish for a sin
offering, and one ram without blemish
for peace offerings, [15] And a basket of
unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour
mingled with oil, and wafers of un-
leavened bread anointed with oil, and
their meat offering, and their drink of-

12. be lost: Heb. fall.

ferings. [16] And the priest shall bring
them before the LORD, and shall offer
his sin offering, and his burnt offering:
[17] And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacri-
fice of peace offerings unto the LORD,
with the basket of unleavened bread:
the priest shall offer also his meat of-
fering, and his drink offering. [18] And
the Nazarite shall shave the head of his
separation *at* the door of the taberna-
cle of the congregation, and shall take
the hair of the head of his separation,
and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the
sacrifice of the peace offerings. [19] And
the priest shall take the sodden shoul-
der of the ram, and one unleavened

cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair of* his separation is shaven: [20] And the priest shall wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine. [21] This *is* the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, *and of* his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation. [22] And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons,
saying, On this wise ye shall bless the
children of Israel, saying unto them,
24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
25 The LORD make his face shine upon
thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The
LORD lift up his countenance upon
thee, and give thee peace. 27 And they
shall put my name upon the children
of Israel; and I will bless them.

7 And it came to pass on the
day that Moses had fully set up
the tabernacle, and had anointed it,
and sanctified it, and all the instru-
ments thereof, both the altar and all

the vessels thereof, and had anointed
them, and sanctified them; 2 That the
princes of Israel, heads of the house
of their fathers, who *were* the princes
of the tribes, and were over them
that were numbered, offered:* 3 And
they brought their offering before the
LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve
oxen; a wagon for two of the princes,
and for each one an ox: and they
brought them before the tabernacle.
4 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 5 Take *it* of them, that they may
be to do the service of the tabernacle of
the congregation; and thou shalt give

7.2. and were: Heb. who stood.

them unto the Levites, to every man
according to his service. 6 And Moses
took the wagons and the oxen, and
gave them unto the Levites. 7 Two
wagons and four oxen he gave unto the
sons of Gershon, according to their
service: 8 And four wagons and eight
oxen he gave unto the sons of Mer-
ari, according unto their service, under
the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron
the priest. 9 But unto the sons of Ko-
hath he gave none: because the ser-
vice of the sanctuary belonging unto
them *was that* they should bear upon
their shoulders. 10 And the princes
offered for dedicating of the altar in

the day that it was anointed, even the
princes offered their offering before
the altar. 11 And the LORD said unto
Moses, They shall offer their offering,
each prince on his day, for the dedicat-
ing of the altar. 12 And he that offered
his offering the first day was Nahshon
the son of Amminadab, of the tribe
of Judah: 13 And his offering *was* one
silver charger, the weight thereof *was*
an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one sil-
ver bowl of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them
were full of fine flour mingled with oil
for a meat offering: 14 One spoon of ten
shekels of gold, full of incense: 15 One

young bullock, one ram, one lamb
of the first year, for a burnt offering:
16 One kid of the goats for a sin offer-
ing: 17 And for a sacrifice of peace offer-
ings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats,
five lambs of the first year: this *was* the
offering of Nahshon the son of Am-
minadab. 18 On the second day Netha-
neel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar,
did offer: 19 He offered *for* his offering
one silver charger, the weight whereof
was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, after
the shekel of the sanctuary; both of
them full of fine flour mingled with
oil for a meat offering: 20 One spoon

of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
21 One young bullock, one ram, one
lamb of the first year, for a burnt of-
fering: 22 One kid of the goats for a sin
offering: 23 And for a sacrifice of peace
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he
goats, five lambs of the first year: this
was the offering of Nethaneel the son
of Zuar. 24 On the third day Eliab the
son of Helon, prince of the children of
Zebulun, *did offer*: 25 His offering *was*
one silver charger, the weight whereof
was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, after
the shekel of the sanctuary; both of
them full of fine flour mingled with

oil for a meat offering: [26] One golden
spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
[27] One young bullock, one ram, one
lamb of the first year, for a burnt of-
fering: [28] One kid of the goats for a sin
offering: [29] And for a sacrifice of peace
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he
goats, five lambs of the first year: this
was the offering of Eliab the son of
Helon. [30] On the fourth day Elizur
the son of Shedeur, prince of the chil-
dren of Reuben, *did offer*: [31] His offer-
ing *was* one silver charger of the weight
of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them

full of fine flour mingled with oil for
a meat offering: 32 One golden spoon
of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 33 One
young bullock, one ram, one lamb
of the first year, for a burnt offering:
34 One kid of the goats for a sin offer-
ing: 35 And for a sacrifice of peace offer-
ings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats,
five lambs of the first year: this *was* the
offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.
36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of
Zurishaddai, prince of the children of
Simeon, *did offer*: 37 His offering *was*
one silver charger, the weight whereof
was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, after

the shekel of the sanctuary; both of
them full of fine flour mingled with
oil for a meat offering: 38 One golden
spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
39 One young bullock, one ram, one
lamb of the first year, for a burnt of-
fering: 40 One kid of the goats for a
sin offering: 41 And for a sacrifice of
peace offerings, two oxen, five rams,
five he goats, five lambs of the first
year: this *was* the offering of Shelu-
miel the son of Zurishaddai. 42 On the
sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel,
prince of the children of Gad, *offered*:
43 His offering *was* one silver charger of
the weight of an hundred and thirty

shekels, a silver bowl of seventy shekels,
after the shekel of the sanctuary; both
of them full of fine flour mingled with
oil for a meat offering: 44 One golden
spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
45 One young bullock, one ram, one
lamb of the first year, for a burnt of-
fering: 46 One kid of the goats for a sin
offering: 47 And for a sacrifice of peace
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he
goats, five lambs of the first year: this
was the offering of Eliasaph the son
of Deuel. 48 On the seventh day El-
ishama the son of Ammihud, prince
of the children of Ephraim, *offered*:
49 His offering *was* one silver charger,

the weight whereof *was* an hundred
and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meat offer-
ing: 50 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*,
full of incense: 51 One young bullock,
one ram, one lamb of the first year,
for a burnt offering: 52 One kid of the
goats for a sin offering: 53 And for a sac-
rifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five
rams, five he goats, five lambs of the
first year: this *was* the offering of El-
ishama the son of Ammihud. 54 On the
eighth day *offered* Gamaliel the son
of Pedahzur, prince of the children of

Manasseh: [55] His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering: [56] One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: [57] One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering: [58] One kid of the goats for a sin offering: [59] And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. [60] On the ninth day Abidan the son

of Gideoni, prince of the children of
Benjamin, *offered*: [61] His offering *was*
one silver charger, the weight whereof
was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, after
the shekel of the sanctuary; both of
them full of fine flour mingled with
oil for a meat offering: [62] One golden
spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
[63] One young bullock, one ram, one
lamb of the first year, for a burnt of-
fering: [64] One kid of the goats for a
sin offering: [65] And for a sacrifice of
peace offerings, two oxen, five rams,
five he goats, five lambs of the first
year: this *was* the offering of Abidan

the son of Gideoni. 66 On the tenth
day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai,
prince of the children of Dan, *offered*:
67 His offering *was* one silver charger,
the weight whereof *was* an hundred
and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meat offer-
ing: 68 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*,
full of incense: 69 One young bullock,
one ram, one lamb of the first year,
for a burnt offering: 70 One kid of the
goats for a sin offering: 71 And for a
sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen,
five rams, five he goats, five lambs of

the first year: this *was* the offering
of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.
72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son
of Ocran, prince of the children of
Asher, *offered*: 73 His offering *was* one
silver charger, the weight whereof *was*
an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one sil-
ver bowl of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them
full of fine flour mingled with oil for
a meat offering: 74 One golden spoon
of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 75 One
young bullock, one ram, one lamb
of the first year, for a burnt offering:
76 One kid of the goats for a sin of-
fering: 77 And for a sacrifice of peace

offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he
goats, five lambs of the first year: this
was the offering of Pagiel the son of
Ocran. [78] On the twelfth day Ahira
the son of Enan, prince of the children
of Naphtali, *offered*: [79] His offering *was*
one silver charger, the weight whereof
was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, after
the shekel of the sanctuary; both of
them full of fine flour mingled with
oil for a meat offering: [80] One golden
spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
[81] One young bullock, one ram, one
lamb of the first year, for a burnt of-
fering: [82] One kid of the goats for a sin

offering: [83] And for a sacrifice of peace
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he
goats, five lambs of the first year: this
was the offering of Ahira the son of
Enan. [84] This *was* the dedication of the
altar, in the day when it was anointed,
by the princes of Israel: twelve charg-
ers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve
spoons of gold: [85] Each charger of sil-
ver *weighing* an hundred and thirty
shekels, each bowl seventy: all the silver
vessels *weighed* two thousand and four
hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the
sanctuary: [86] The golden spoons *were*
twelve, full of incense, *weighing* ten
shekels apiece, after the shekel of the

sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons
was an hundred and twenty *shekels*.
87 All the oxen for the burnt offering
were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve,
the lambs of the first year twelve, with
their meat offering: and the kids of the
goats for sin offering twelve. 88 And
all the oxen for the sacrifice of the
peace offerings *were* twenty and four
bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats
sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty.
This *was* the dedication of the altar, af-
ter that it was anointed. 89 And when
Moses was gone into the tabernacle of
the congregation to speak with him,
then he heard the voice of one speak-

ing unto him from off the mercy seat
that *was* upon the ark of testimony,
from between the two cherubims: and
he spake unto him.*

8 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron,
and say unto him, When thou light-
est the lamps, the seven lamps shall
give light over against the candlestick.
3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the
lamps thereof over against the can-
dlestick, as the LORD commanded
Moses. 4 And this work of the can-
dlestick *was of* beaten gold, unto the

89. with him: that is, with God.

shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof,
was beaten work: according unto the
pattern which the LORD had shewed
Moses, so he made the candlestick.
5 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 6 Take the Levites from among
the children of Israel, and cleanse
them. 7 And thus shalt thou do unto
them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water
of purifying upon them, and let them
shave all their flesh, and let them wash
their clothes, and *so* make themselves
clean.* 8 Then let them take a young
bullock with his meat offering, *even*

8.7. let them shave...: Heb. let them cause a razor to pass over, etc.

fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take
for a sin offering. 9 And thou shalt
bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou
shalt gather the whole assembly of
the children of Israel together: 10 And
thou shalt bring the Levites before
the LORD: and the children of Israel
shall put their hands upon the Levites:
11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites be-
fore the LORD *for* an offering of the
children of Israel, that they may exe-
cute the service of the LORD.* 12 And

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11. offer: Heb. wave. offering: Heb. wave offering. they...: Heb. they may be to execute, etc.

the Levites shall lay their hands upon
the heads of the bullocks: and thou
shalt offer the one *for* a sin offering,
and the other *for* a burnt offering, unto
the LORD, to make an atonement for
the Levites. 13 And thou shalt set the
Levites before Aaron, and before his
sons, and offer them *for* an offering
unto the LORD. 14 Thus shalt thou sep-
arate the Levites from among the chil-
dren of Israel: and the Levites shall be
mine. 15 And after that shall the Levites
go in to do the service of the taberna-
cle of the congregation: and thou shalt
cleanse them, and offer them *for* an
offering. 16 For they *are* wholly given

unto me from among the children of
Israel; instead of such as open every
womb, *even instead of* the firstborn of
all the children of Israel, have I taken
them unto me. 17 For all the firstborn
of the children of Israel *are* mine, *both*
man and beast: on the day that I smote
every firstborn in the land of Egypt
I sanctified them for myself. 18 And I
have taken the Levites for all the first-
born of the children of Israel. 19 And
I have given the Levites *as* a gift to
Aaron and to his sons from among the
children of Israel, to do the service of
the children of Israel in the tabernacle
of the congregation, and to make an

atonement for the children of Israel:
that there be no plague among the
children of Israel, when the children
of Israel come nigh unto the sanctu-
ary.* [20] And Moses, and Aaron, and all
the congregation of the children of Is-
rael, did to the Levites according unto
all that the LORD commanded Moses
concerning the Levites, so did the chil-
dren of Israel unto them. [21] And the
Levites were purified, and they washed
their clothes; and Aaron offered them
as an offering before the LORD; and
Aaron made an atonement for them
to cleanse them. [22] And after that

19. a gift: Heb. given.

went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them. [23] And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, [24] This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:* [25] And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service *thereof*, and shall serve no more:*

24. to...: Heb. to war the warfare of, etc.
25. cease...: Heb. return from the warfare of the

26 But shall minister with their breth-
ren in the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, to keep the charge, and shall do
no service. Thus shalt thou do unto
the Levites touching their charge.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses
in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first
month of the second year after they
were come out of the land of Egypt,
saying, 2 Let the children of Israel also
keep the passover at his appointed sea-
son. 3 In the fourteenth day of this
month, at even, ye shall keep it in his
appointed season: according to all the

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service.

rites of it, and according to all the cere-
monies thereof, shall ye keep it.* 4 And
Moses spake unto the children of Is-
rael, that they should keep the pass-
over. 5 And they kept the passover on
the fourteenth day of the first month
at even in the wilderness of Sinai: ac-
cording to all that the LORD com-
manded Moses, so did the children
of Israel. 6 And there were certain
men, who were defiled by the dead
body of a man, that they could not
keep the passover on that day: and
they came before Moses and before
Aaron on that day: 7 And those men

9.3. at even: Heb. between the two evenings.

said unto him, We *are* defiled by the
dead body of a man: wherefore are
we kept back, that we may not of-
fer an offering of the LORD in his ap-
pointed season among the children of
Israel? 8 And Moses said unto them,
Stand still, and I will hear what the
LORD will command concerning you.
9 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Is-
rael, saying, If any man of you or of
your posterity shall be unclean by rea-
son of a dead body, or *be* in a jour-
ney afar off, yet he shall keep the pass-
over unto the LORD. 11 The fourteenth
day of the second month at even they

shall keep it, *and* eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*. [12] They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it. [13] But the man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. [14] And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and ac-

cording to the manner thereof, so shall
he do: ye shall have one ordinance,
both for the stranger, and for him that
was born in the land. [15] And on the day
that the tabernacle was reared up the
cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*,
the tent of the testimony: and at even
there was upon the tabernacle as it
were the appearance of fire, until the
morning. [16] So it was alway: the cloud
covered it *by day*, and the appearance
of fire by night. [17] And when the cloud
was taken up from the tabernacle, then
after that the children of Israel jour-
neyed: and in the place where the
cloud abode, there the children of Is-

rael pitched their tents. [18] At the com-
mandment of the LORD the children
of Israel journeyed, and at the com-
mandment of the LORD they pitched:
as long as the cloud abode upon the
tabernacle they rested in their tents.
[19] And when the cloud tarried long
upon the tabernacle many days, then
the children of Israel kept the charge of
the LORD, and journeyed not.* [20] And
so it was, when the cloud was a few
days upon the tabernacle; according
to the commandment of the LORD
they abode in their tents, and accord-
ing to the commandment of the LORD

19. tarried...: Heb. prolonged.

they journeyed. [21] And *so* it was, when
the cloud abode from even unto the
morning, and *that* the cloud was taken
up in the morning, then they jour-
neyed: whether *it was* by day or by
night that the cloud was taken up, they
journeyed.* [22] Or *whether it were* two
days, or a month, or a year, that the
cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, re-
maining thereon, the children of Israel
abode in their tents, and journeyed
not: but when it was taken up, they
journeyed. [23] At the commandment of
the LORD they rested in the tents, and
at the commandment of the LORD

21. abode: Heb. was.

they journeyed: they kept the charge
of the LORD, at the commandment of
the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Make thee two trum-
pets of silver; of a whole piece shalt
thou make them: that thou mayest
use them for the calling of the as-
sembly, and for the journeying of the
camps. 3 And when they shall blow
with them, all the assembly shall as-
semble themselves to thee at the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation.
4 And if they blow *but* with one *trum-
pet*, then the princes, *which are* heads

of the thousands of Israel, shall gather
themselves unto thee. 5 When ye
blow an alarm, then the camps that
lie on the east parts shall go forward.
6 When ye blow an alarm the second
time, then the camps that lie on the
south side shall take their journey:
they shall blow an alarm for their jour-
neys. 7 But when the congregation is
to be gathered together, ye shall blow,
but ye shall not sound an alarm. 8 And
the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall
blow with the trumpets; and they shall
be to you for an ordinance for ever
throughout your generations. 9 And
if ye go to war in your land against

the enemy that oppresseth you, then
ye shall blow an alarm with the trum-
pets; and ye shall be remembered be-
fore the LORD your God, and ye shall
be saved from your enemies. [10] Also in
the day of your gladness, and in your
solemn days, and in the beginnings of
your months, ye shall blow with the
trumpets over your burnt offerings,
and over the sacrifices of your peace
offerings; that they may be to you for
a memorial before your God: I *am* the
LORD your God. [11] And it came to
pass on the twentieth *day* of the sec-
ond month, in the second year, that
the cloud was taken up from off the

tabernacle of the testimony. 12 And the
children of Israel took their journeys
out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the
cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.
13 And they first took their journey ac-
cording to the commandment of the
LORD by the hand of Moses. 14 In
the first *place* went the standard of the
camp of the children of Judah accord-
ing to their armies: and over his host
was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.
15 And over the host of the tribe of the
children of Issachar *was* Nethaneel the
son of Zuar. 16 And over the host of
the tribe of the children of Zebulun
was Eliab the son of Helon. 17 And

the tabernacle was taken down; and
the sons of Gershon and the sons of
Merari set forward, bearing the taber-
nacle. [18] And the standard of the camp
of Reuben set forward according to
their armies: and over his host *was*
Elizur the son of Shedeur. [19] And over
the host of the tribe of the children
of Simeon *was* Shelumiel the son of
Zurishaddai. [20] And over the host of
the tribe of the children of Gad *was*
Eliasaph the son of Deuel. [21] And
the Kohathites set forward, bearing
the sanctuary: and *the other* did set
up the tabernacle against they came.*

10.21. the other: that is, the Gershonites and the

22 And the standard of the camp of the
children of Ephraim set forward ac-
cording to their armies: and over his
host *was* Elishama the son of Am-
mihud. 23 And over the host of the
tribe of the children of Manasseh *was*
Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 24 And
over the host of the tribe of the chil-
dren of Benjamin *was* Abidan the son
of Gideoni. 25 And the standard of the
camp of the children of Dan set for-
ward, *which was* the rereward of all
the camps throughout their hosts: and
over his host *was* Ahiezer the son of
Ammishaddai. 26 And over the host

Merarites.

of the tribe of the children of Asher
was Pagiel the son of Ocran. [27] And
over the host of the tribe of the chil-
dren of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son
of Enan. [28] Thus *were* the journeyings
of the children of Israel according to
their armies, when they set forward.*
[29] And Moses said unto Hobab, the son
of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' fa-
ther in law, We are journeying unto the
place of which the LORD said, I will
give it you: come thou with us, and
we will do thee good: for the LORD
hath spoken good concerning Israel.
[30] And he said unto him, I will not go;

28. Thus: Heb. These.

but I will depart to mine own land,
and to my kindred. 31 And he said,
Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as
thou knowest how we are to encamp
in the wilderness, and thou mayest be
to us instead of eyes. 32 And it shall
be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall
be, that what goodness the LORD shall
do unto us, the same will we do unto
thee. 33 And they departed from the
mount of the LORD three days' jour-
ney: and the ark of the covenant of the
LORD went before them in the three
days' journey, to search out a resting
place for them. 34 And the cloud of the
LORD *was* upon them by day, when

they went out of the camp. [35] And it
came to pass, when the ark set forward,
that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and
let thine enemies be scattered; and let
them that hate thee flee before thee.
[36] And when it rested, he said, Return,
O LORD, unto the many thousands of
Israel.*

11 And *when* the people com-
plained, it displeased the LORD: and
the LORD heard *it*; and his anger
was kindled; and the fire of the
LORD burnt among them, and con-
sumed *them that were* in the utter-

36. many thousands: Heb. ten thousand thousands.

most parts of the camp.* 2 And the
people cried unto Moses; and when
Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire
was quenched.* 3 And he called the
name of the place Taberah: because
the fire of the LORD burnt among
them.* 4 And the mixt multitude that
was among them fell a lusting: and
the children of Israel also wept again,
and said, Who shall give us flesh to
eat?* 5 We remember the fish, which

11.1. complained: or, were as it were complainers. it displeased: Heb. it was evil in the ears of.
2. was...: Heb. sunk.
3. Taberah: that is, A burning.
4. fell...: Heb. lusted a lust. wept...: Heb. returned and wept.

we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucum-
bers, and the melons, and the leeks,
and the onions, and the garlick: 6 But
now our soul *is* dried away: *there is*
nothing at all, beside this manna, *be-*
fore our eyes. 7 And the manna *was* as
coriander seed, and the colour thereof
as the colour of bdellium.* 8 *And* the
people went about, and gathered *it*,
and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in
a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and
made cakes of it: and the taste of it
was as the taste of fresh oil. 9 And
when the dew fell upon the camp
in the night, the manna fell upon it.

7. colour thereof...: Heb. eye of it as the eye of.

10 Then Moses heard the people weep
throughout their families, every man
in the door of his tent: and the anger of
the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses
also was displeased. 11 And Moses
said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast
thou afflicted thy servant? and where-
fore have I not found favour in thy
sight, that thou layest the burden of
all this people upon me? 12 Have I
conceived all this people? have I be-
gotten them, that thou shouldest say
unto me, Carry them in thy bosom,
as a nursing father beareth the suck-
ing child, unto the land which thou
swarest unto their fathers? 13 Whence

should I have flesh to give unto all this
people? for they weep unto me, saying,
Give us flesh, that we may eat. 14 I am
not able to bear all this people alone,
because *it is* too heavy for me. 15 And if
thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray
thee, out of hand, if I have found fa-
vour in thy sight; and let me not see my
wretchedness. 16 And the LORD said
unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy
men of the elders of Israel, whom thou
knowest to be the elders of the peo-
ple, and officers over them; and bring
them unto the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, that they may stand there
with thee. 17 And I will come down

and talk with thee there: and I will
take of the spirit which *is* upon thee,
and will put *it* upon them; and they
shall bear the burden of the people
with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself
alone. 18 And say thou unto the people,
Sanctify yourselves against to morrow,
and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept
in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who
shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was* well
with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD
will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19 Ye
shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor
five days, neither ten days, nor twenty
days; 20 *But* even a whole month, un-
til it come out at your nostrils, and

it be loathsome unto you: because
that ye have despised the LORD which
is among you, and have wept before
him, saying, Why came we forth out of
Egypt?* 21 And Moses said, The people,
among whom I *am*, *are* six hundred
thousand footmen; and thou hast said,
I will give them flesh, that they may
eat a whole month. 22 Shall the flocks
and the herds be slain for them, to suf-
fice them? or shall all the fish of the
sea be gathered together for them, to
suffice them? 23 And the LORD said
unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed
short? thou shalt see now whether my

20. whole...: Heb. month of days.

word shall come to pass unto thee or
not. [24] And Moses went out, and told
the people the words of the LORD, and
gathered the seventy men of the el-
ders of the people, and set them round
about the tabernacle. [25] And the LORD
came down in a cloud, and spake unto
him, and took of the spirit that *was*
upon him, and gave *it* unto the sev-
enty elders: and it came to pass, *that*,
when the spirit rested upon them, they
prophesied, and did not cease. [26] But
there remained two *of the* men in the
camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad,
and the name of the other Medad:
and the spirit rested upon them; and

they *were* of them that were written,
but went not out unto the taberna-
cle: and they prophesied in the camp.
27 And there ran a young man, and told
Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do
prophesy in the camp. 28 And Joshua
the son of Nun, the servant of Moses,
one of his young men, answered and
said, My lord Moses, forbid them.
29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest
thou for my sake? would God that
all the LORD's people were prophets,
and that the LORD would put his spirit
upon them! 30 And Moses gat him
into the camp, he and the elders of Is-
rael. 31 And there went forth a wind

from the LORD, and brought quails
from the sea, and let *them* fall by the
camp, as it were a day's journey on
this side, and as it were a day's jour-
ney on the other side, round about the
camp, and as it were two cubits *high*
upon the face of the earth.* 32 And the
people stood up all that day, and all
that night, and all the next day, and
they gathered the quails: he that gath-
ered least gathered ten homers: and
they spread *them* all abroad for them-
selves round about the camp. 33 And
while the flesh *was* yet between their

31. as it were a day's...: Heb. as it were the way of a day.

teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of
the LORD was kindled against the peo-
ple, and the LORD smote the people
with a very great plague. 34 And he
called the name of that place Kibroth-
hattaavah: because there they buried
the people that lusted.* 35 *And* the peo-
ple journeyed from Kibrothhattaavah
unto Hazeroth; and abode at Haze-
roth.*

12 And Miriam and Aaron
spake against Moses because of the
Ethiopian woman whom he had mar-
ried: for he had married an Ethiopian

34. Kibrothhattaavah: that is, The graves of lust.
35. abode at: Heb. they were in.

woman.* [2] And they said, Hath the
LORD indeed spoken only by Moses?
hath he not spoken also by us? And
the LORD heard *it*. [3] (Now the man
Moses *was* very meek, above all the
men which *were* upon the face of the
earth.) [4] And the LORD spake sud-
denly unto Moses, and unto Aaron,
and unto Miriam, Come out ye three
unto the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion. And they three came out. [5] And
the LORD came down in the pillar of
the cloud, and stood *in* the door of
the tabernacle, and called Aaron and
Miriam: and they both came forth.

12.1. Ethiopian: or, Cushite. married: Heb. taken.

6 And he said, Hear now my words:
If there be a prophet among you, *I* the
LORD will make myself known unto
him in a vision, *and* will speak unto
him in a dream. 7 My servant Moses
is not so, who *is* faithful in all mine
house. 8 With him will I speak mouth
to mouth, even apparently, and not
in dark speeches; and the similitude
of the LORD shall he behold: where-
fore then were ye not afraid to speak
against my servant Moses? 9 And the
anger of the LORD was kindled against
them; and he departed. 10 And the
cloud departed from off the taber-
nacle; and, behold, Miriam *became*

leprous, *white* as snow: and Aaron
looked upon Miriam, and, behold, *she*
was leprous. [11] And Aaron said unto
Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee,
lay not the sin upon us, wherein we
have done foolishly, and wherein we
have sinned. [12] Let her not be as one
dead, of whom the flesh is half con-
sumed when he cometh out of his
mother's womb. [13] And Moses cried
unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now,
O God, I beseech thee. [14] And the
LORD said unto Moses, If her father
had but spit in her face, should she not
be ashamed seven days? let her be shut
out from the camp seven days, and af-

ter that let her be received in *again*.
15 And Miriam was shut out from the
camp seven days: and the people jour-
neyed not till Miriam was brought in
again. 16 And afterward the people re-
moved from Hazeroth, and pitched in
the wilderness of Paran.

13 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Send thou men, that
they may search the land of Canaan,
which I give unto the children of Is-
rael: of every tribe of their fathers shall
ye send a man, every one a ruler among
them. 3 And Moses by the command-
ment of the LORD sent them from the

wilderness of Paran: all those men *were*
heads of the children of Israel. 4 And
these *were* their names: of the tribe of
Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.
5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the
son of Hori. 6 Of the tribe of Judah,
Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7 Of the
tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.
8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the
son of Nun. 9 Of the tribe of Ben-
jamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10 Of the
tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of
Sodi. 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely*,
of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the
son of Susi. 12 Of the tribe of Dan, Am-
miel the son of Gemalli. 13 Of the tribe

of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.
14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the
son of Vophsi. 15 Of the tribe of Gad,
Geuel the son of Machi. 16 These *are*
the names of the men which Moses
sent to spy out the land. And Moses
called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.
17 And Moses sent them to spy out
the land of Canaan, and said unto
them, Get you up this *way* south-
ward, and go up into the mountain:
18 And see the land, what it *is*; and
the people that dwelleth therein, whe-
ther they *be* strong or weak, few or
many; 19 And what the land *is* that
they dwell in, whether it *be* good or

bad; and what cities *they be* that they
dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong
holds; [20] And what the land *is*, whe-
ther it *be* fat or lean, whether there be
wood therein, or not. And be ye of
good courage, and bring of the fruit
of the land. Now the time *was* the
time of the firstripe grapes. [21] So they
went up, and searched the land from
the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as
men come to Hamath. [22] And they as-
cended by the south, and came unto
Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and
Talmai, the children of Anak, *were*.
(Now Hebron was built seven years
before Zoan in Egypt.) [23] And they

came unto the brook of Eshcol, and
cut down from thence a branch with
one cluster of grapes, and they bare
it between two upon a staff; and *they*
brought of the pomegranates, and of
the figs.* 24 The place was called the
brook Eshcol, because of the cluster
of grapes which the children of Israel
cut down from thence.* 25 And they re-
turned from searching of the land af-
ter forty days. 26 And they went and
came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to
all the congregation of the children of

13.23. brook: or, valley.
24. brook: or, valley. Eshcol: that is, A cluster of grapes.

Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran,
to Kadesh; and brought back word
unto them, and unto all the congre-
gation, and shewed them the fruit of
the land. [27] And they told him, and
said, We came unto the land whither
thou sentest us, and surely it floweth
with milk and honey; and this *is* the
fruit of it. [28] Nevertheless the people *be*
strong that dwell in the land, and the
cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and
moreover we saw the children of Anak
there. [29] The Amalekites dwell in the
land of the south: and the Hittites,
and the Jebusites, and the Amorites,
dwell in the mountains: and the Ca-

naanites dwell by the sea, and by the
coast of Jordan. [30] And Caleb stilled
the people before Moses, and said, Let
us go up at once, and possess it; for
we are well able to overcome it. [31] But
the men that went up with him said,
We be not able to go up against the
people; for they *are* stronger than we.
[32] And they brought up an evil report
of the land which they had searched
unto the children of Israel, saying, The
land, through which we have gone to
search it, *is* a land that eateth up the
inhabitants thereof; and all the peo-
ple that we saw in it *are* men of a great

stature.* 33 And there we saw the giants,
the sons of Anak, *which come* of the gi-
ants: and we were in our own sight as
grasshoppers, and so we were in their
sight.

14 And all the congregation lifted
up their voice, and cried; and the peo-
ple wept that night. 2 And all the
children of Israel murmured against
Moses and against Aaron: and the
whole congregation said unto them,
Would God that we had died in the
land of Egypt! or would God we had
died in this wilderness! 3 And where-

32. men...: Heb. men of statures.

fore hath the LORD brought us unto
this land, to fall by the sword, that
our wives and our children should be
a prey? were it not better for us to re-
turn into Egypt? 4 And they said one
to another, Let us make a captain, and
let us return into Egypt. 5 Then Moses
and Aaron fell on their faces before
all the assembly of the congregation
of the children of Israel. 6 And Joshua
the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of
Jephunneh, *which were* of them that
searched the land, rent their clothes:
7 And they spake unto all the com-
pany of the children of Israel, saying,
The land, which we passed through to

search it, *is* an exceeding good land.
8 If the LORD delight in us, then he
will bring us into this land, and give
it us; a land which floweth with milk
and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against
the LORD, neither fear ye the people
of the land; for they *are* bread for us:
their defence is departed from them,
and the LORD *is* with us: fear them
not.* 10 But all the congregation bade
stone them with stones. And the glory
of the LORD appeared in the taberna-
cle of the congregation before all the
children of Israel. 11 And the LORD
said unto Moses, How long will this

14.9. defence: Heb. shadow.

people provoke me? and how long
will it be ere they believe me, for all
the signs which I have shewed among
them? 12 I will smite them with the
pestilence, and disinherit them, and
will make of thee a greater nation and
mightier than they. 13 And Moses said
unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians
shall hear *it*, (for thou broughtest up
this people in thy might from among
them;) 14 And they will tell *it* to the
inhabitants of this land: *for* they have
heard that thou LORD *art* among this
people, that thou LORD art seen face
to face, and *that* thy cloud standeth
over them, and *that* thou goest be-

fore them, by day time in a pillar of
a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.
15 Now *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people
as one man, then the nations which
have heard the fame of thee will speak,
saying, 16 Because the LORD was not
able to bring this people into the land
which he sware unto them, therefore
he hath slain them in the wilderness.
17 And now, I beseech thee, let the
power of my Lord be great, accord-
ing as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 The
LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great
mercy, forgiving iniquity and trans-
gression, and by no means clearing *the*
guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fa-

thers upon the children unto the third
and fourth *generation*. [19] Pardon, I be-
seech thee, the iniquity of this peo-
ple according unto the greatness of thy
mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this
people, from Egypt even until now.*
[20] And the LORD said, I have pardoned
according to thy word: [21] But *as* truly
as I live, all the earth shall be filled
with the glory of the LORD. [22] Be-
cause all those men which have seen
my glory, and my miracles, which I
did in Egypt and in the wilderness,
and have tempted me now these ten
times, and have not hearkened to my

19. until...: or, hitherto.

voice; 23 Surely they shall not see the
land which I sware unto their fathers,
neither shall any of them that pro-
voked me see it:* 24 But my servant
Caleb, because he had another spirit
with him, and hath followed me fully,
him will I bring into the land where-
into he went; and his seed shall pos-
sess it. 25 (Now the Amalekites and the
Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To
morrow turn you, and get you into the
wilderness by the way of the Red sea.
26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and
unto Aaron, saying, 27 How long *shall I*
bear with this evil congregation, which

23. Surely...: Heb. If they see the land.

murmur against me? I have heard the
murmurings of the children of Israel,
which they murmur against me. [28] Say
unto them, *As truly as* I live, saith
the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine
ears, so will I do to you: [29] Your car-
cases shall fall in this wilderness; and
all that were numbered of you, ac-
cording to your whole number, from
twenty years old and upward, which
have murmured against me, [30] Doubt-
less ye shall not come into the land,
concerning which I sware to make you
dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Je-
phunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.*

30. sware: Heb. lifted up my hand.

31 But your little ones, which ye said
should be a prey, them will I bring in,
and they shall know the land which ye
have despised. 32 But *as for* you, your
carcases, they shall fall in this wilder-
ness. 33 And your children shall wander
in the wilderness forty years, and bear
your whoredoms, until your carcases
be wasted in the wilderness.* 34 After
the number of the days in which ye
searched the land, *even* forty days, each
day for a year, shall ye bear your iniqui-
ties, *even* forty years, and ye shall know
my breach of promise.* 35 I the LORD

33. wander: or, feed.
34. breach...: or, changing of my purpose.

have said, I will surely do it unto all this
evil congregation, that are gathered
together against me: in this wilder-
ness they shall be consumed, and there
they shall die. 36 And the men, which
Moses sent to search the land, who
returned, and made all the congrega-
tion to murmur against him, by bring-
ing up a slander upon the land, 37 Even
those men that did bring up the evil re-
port upon the land, died by the plague
before the LORD. 38 But Joshua the
son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Je-
phunneh, *which were* of the men that
went to search the land, lived *still*.
39 And Moses told these sayings unto

all the children of Israel: and the peo-
ple mourned greatly. 40 And they rose
up early in the morning, and gat them
up into the top of the mountain, say-
ing, Lo, we *be here*, and will go up unto
the place which the LORD hath prom-
ised: for we have sinned. 41 And Moses
said, Wherefore now do ye transgress
the commandment of the LORD? but
it shall not prosper. 42 Go not up, for
the LORD *is* not among you; that ye be
not smitten before your enemies. 43 For
the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are*
there before you, and ye shall fall by
the sword: because ye are turned away
from the LORD, therefore the LORD

will not be with you. 44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. 45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hormah.

15 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you, 3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering,

or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or
in a freewill offering, or in your solemn
feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the
LORD, of the herd, or of the flock:*
4 Then shall he that offereth his offer-
ing unto the LORD bring a meat of-
fering of a tenth deal of flour min-
gled with the fourth *part* of an hin of
oil. 5 And the fourth *part* of an hin
of wine for a drink offering shalt thou
prepare with the burnt offering or sac-
rifice, for one lamb. 6 Or for a ram,
thou shalt prepare *for* a meat offering
two tenth deals of flour mingled with
the third *part* of an hin of oil. 7 And

15.3. performing: Heb. separating.

for a drink offering thou shalt offer the
third *part* of an hin of wine, *for* a sweet
savour unto the LORD. 8 And when
thou preparest a bullock *for* a burnt
offering, or *for* a sacrifice in perform-
ing a vow, or peace offerings unto the
LORD: 9 Then shall he bring with a
bullock a meat offering of three tenth
deals of flour mingled with half an hin
of oil. 10 And thou shalt bring for a
drink offering half an hin of wine, *for*
an offering made by fire, of a sweet
savour unto the LORD. 11 Thus shall
it be done for one bullock, or for one
ram, or for a lamb, or a kid. 12 Accord-
ing to the number that ye shall pre-

pare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number. 13 All that
are born of the country shall do these
things after this manner, in offering
an offering made by fire, of a sweet
savour unto the LORD. 14 And if a
stranger sojourn with you, or whoso-
ever *be* among you in your generations,
and will offer an offering made by fire,
of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye
do, so he shall do. 15 One ordinance
shall be both for you of the congre-
gation, and also for the stranger that
sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for
ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so
shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One law and one manner shall be for
you, and for the stranger that sojour-
neth with you. 17 And the LORD spake
unto Moses, saying, 18 Speak unto the
children of Israel, and say unto them,
When ye come into the land whither
I bring you, 19 Then it shall be, that,
when ye eat of the bread of the land,
ye shall offer up an heave offering unto
the LORD. 20 Ye shall offer up a cake of
the first of your dough *for* an heave of-
fering: as *ye do* the heave offering of
the threshingfloor, so shall ye heave
it. 21 Of the first of your dough ye
shall give unto the LORD an heave
offering in your generations. 22 And

if ye have erred, and not observed
all these commandments, which the
LORD hath spoken unto Moses, [23] *Even*
all that the LORD hath commanded
you by the hand of Moses, from the
day that the LORD commanded *Moses*,
and henceforward among your gener-
ations; [24] Then it shall be, if *ought* be
committed by ignorance without the
knowledge of the congregation, that
all the congregation shall offer one
young bullock for a burnt offering, for
a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his
meat offering, and his drink offering,
according to the manner, and one kid

of the goats for a sin offering.* [25] And
the priest shall make an atonement for
all the congregation of the children of
Israel, and it shall be forgiven them;
for it *is* ignorance: and they shall bring
their offering, a sacrifice made by fire
unto the LORD, and their sin offering
before the LORD, for their ignorance:
[26] And it shall be forgiven all the con-
gregation of the children of Israel, and
the stranger that sojourneth among
them; seeing all the people *were* in ig-
norance. [27] And if any soul sin through
ignorance, then he shall bring a she

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24. without...: Heb. from the eyes. manner: or, ordinance.

goat of the first year for a sin offer-
ing. [28] And the priest shall make an
atonement for the soul that sinneth
ignorantly, when he sinneth by igno-
rance before the LORD, to make an
atonement for him; and it shall be for-
given him. [29] Ye shall have one law for
him that sinneth through ignorance,
both for him that is born among the
children of Israel, and for the stranger
that sojourneth among them.* [30] But
the soul that doeth *ought* presump-
tuously, *whether he be* born in the
land, or a stranger, the same reproa-
cheth the LORD; and that soul shall be

29. sinneth: Heb. doth.

cut off from among his people.* [31] Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.
[32] And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. [33] And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. [34] And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. [35] And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be

30. presumptuously: Heb. with an high hand.

surely put to death: all the congrega-
tion shall stone him with stones with-
out the camp. 36 And all the con-
gregation brought him without the
camp, and stoned him with stones,
and he died; as the LORD commanded
Moses. 37 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 38 Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, and bid them that they
make them fringes in the borders of
their garments throughout their gen-
erations, and that they put upon the
fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:
39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe,
that ye may look upon it, and re-
member all the commandments of the

LORD, and do them; and that ye seek
not after your own heart and your own
eyes, after which ye use to go a whor-
ing: 40 That ye may remember, and do
all my commandments, and be holy
unto your God. 41 I *am* the LORD your
God, which brought you out of the
land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am*
the LORD your God.

16 Now Korah, the son of Izhar,
the son of Kohath, the son of Levi,
and Dathan and Abiram, the sons
of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth,
sons of Reuben, took *men*: 2 And
they rose up before Moses, with cer-

tain of the children of Israel, two hun-
dred and fifty princes of the assembly,
famous in the congregation, men of
renown: 3 And they gathered them-
selves together against Moses and
against Aaron, and said unto them,
Ye take too much upon you, seeing
all the congregation *are* holy, every
one of them, and the LORD *is* among
them: wherefore then lift ye up your-
selves above the congregation of the
LORD?* 4 And when Moses heard *it*,
he fell upon his face: 5 And he spake
unto Korah and unto all his company,
saying, Even to morrow the LORD will

16.3. Ye take...: Heb. It is much for you.

shew who *are* his, and *who is* holy;
and will cause *him* to come near unto
him: even *him* whom he hath chosen
will he cause to come near unto him.
6 This do; Take you censers, Korah,
and all his company; 7 And put fire
therein, and put incense in them be-
fore the LORD to morrow: and it shall
be *that* the man whom the LORD doth
choose, he *shall be* holy: *ye take* too
much upon you, ye sons of Levi. 8 And
Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray
you, ye sons of Levi: 9 *Seemeth it but*
a small thing unto you, that the God
of Israel hath separated you from the
congregation of Israel, to bring you

near to himself to do the service of the
tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand
before the congregation to minister
unto them? 10 And he hath brought
thee near *to him*, and all thy brethren
the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye
the priesthood also? 11 For which cause
both thou and all thy company *are*
gathered together against the LORD:
and what *is* Aaron, that ye murmur
against him? 12 And Moses sent to call
Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab:
which said, We will not come up: 13 *Is it*
a small thing that thou hast brought us
up out of a land that floweth with milk
and honey, to kill us in the wilderness,

except thou make thyself altogether
a prince over us? 14 Moreover thou
hast not brought us into a land that
floweth with milk and honey, or given
us inheritance of fields and vineyards:
wilt thou put out the eyes of these
men? we will not come up.* 15 And
Moses was very wroth, and said unto
the LORD, Respect not thou their of-
fering: I have not taken one ass from
them, neither have I hurt one of them.
16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou
and all thy company before the LORD,
thou, and they, and Aaron, to mor-
row: 17 And take every man his censer,

14. put...: Heb. bore out.

and put incense in them, and bring ye
before the LORD every man his censer,
two hundred and fifty censers; thou
also, and Aaron, each *of you* his censer.
18 And they took every man his censer,
and put fire in them, and laid incense
thereon, and stood in the door of the
tabernacle of the congregation with
Moses and Aaron. 19 And Korah gath-
ered all the congregation against them
unto the door of the tabernacle of the
congregation: and the glory of the
LORD appeared unto all the congre-
gation. 20 And the LORD spake unto
Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 21 Sep-
arate yourselves from among this con-

gregation, that I may consume them
in a moment. 22 And they fell upon
their faces, and said, O God, the
God of the spirits of all flesh, shall
one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth
with all the congregation? 23 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
24 Speak unto the congregation, saying,
Get you up from about the tabernacle
of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. 25 And
Moses rose up and went unto Dathan
and Abiram; and the elders of Israel
followed him. 26 And he spake unto the
congregation, saying, Depart, I pray
you, from the tents of these wicked
men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest

ye be consumed in all their sins. [27] So
they gat up from the tabernacle of Ko-
rah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every
side: and Dathan and Abiram came
out, and stood in the door of their
tents, and their wives, and their sons,
and their little children. [28] And Moses
said, Hereby ye shall know that the
LORD hath sent me to do all these
works; for *I have* not *done them* of
mine own mind. [29] If these men die
the common death of all men, or if
they be visited after the visitation of
all men; *then* the LORD hath not sent
me.* [30] But if the LORD make a new

29. the common...: Heb. as every man dieth.

thing, and the earth open her mouth,
and swallow them up, with all that *ap-*
pertain unto them, and they go down
quick into the pit; then ye shall under-
stand that these men have provoked
the LORD.* 31 And it came to pass, as
he had made an end of speaking all
these words, that the ground clave
asunder that *was* under them: 32 And
the earth opened her mouth, and swal-
lowed them up, and their houses, and
all the men that *appertained* unto Ko-
rah, and all *their* goods. 33 They, and all
that *appertained* to them, went down
alive into the pit, and the earth closed

30. make...: Heb. create a creature.

upon them: and they perished from
among the congregation. 34 And all Is-
rael that *were* round about them fled
at the cry of them: for they said, Lest
the earth swallow us up *also*. 35 And
there came out a fire from the LORD,
and consumed the two hundred and
fifty men that offered incense. 36 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron
the priest, that he take up the censers
out of the burning, and scatter thou
the fire yonder; for they are hallowed.
38 The censers of these sinners against
their own souls, let them make them
broad plates *for* a covering of the al-

tar: for they offered them before the
LORD, therefore they are hallowed:
and they shall be a sign unto the chil-
dren of Israel. 39 And Eleazar the priest
took the brasen censers, wherewith
they that were burnt had offered; and
they were made broad *plates for* a cov-
ering of the altar: 40 *To be* a memo-
rial unto the children of Israel, that
no stranger, which *is* not of the seed
of Aaron, come near to offer incense
before the LORD; that he be not as
Korah, and as his company: as the
LORD said to him by the hand of
Moses. 41 But on the morrow all the
congregation of the children of Israel

murmured against Moses and against
Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the peo-
ple of the LORD. 42 And it came to
pass, when the congregation was gath-
ered against Moses and against Aaron,
that they looked toward the taberna-
cle of the congregation: and, behold,
the cloud covered it, and the glory
of the LORD appeared. 43 And Moses
and Aaron came before the taberna-
cle of the congregation. 44 And the
LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 45 Get
you up from among this congrega-
tion, that I may consume them as in
a moment. And they fell upon their
faces. 46 And Moses said unto Aaron,

Take a censer, and put fire therein
from off the altar, and put on in-
cense, and go quickly unto the con-
gregation, and make an atonement for
them: for there is wrath gone out from
the LORD; the plague is begun. 47 And
Aaron took as Moses commanded,
and ran into the midst of the congre-
gation; and, behold, the plague was
begun among the people: and he put
on incense, and made an atonement
for the people. 48 And he stood be-
tween the dead and the living; and
the plague was stayed. 49 Now they
that died in the plague were fourteen
thousand and seven hundred, beside

them that died about the matter of
Korah. 50 And Aaron returned unto
Moses unto the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation: and the plague
was stayed.

17 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the chil-
dren of Israel, and take of every one
of them a rod according to the house
of *their* fathers, of all their princes ac-
cording to the house of their fathers
twelve rods: write thou every man's
name upon his rod. 3 And thou shalt
write Aaron's name upon the rod of
Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head

of the house of their fathers. 4 And
thou shalt lay them up in the taber-
nacle of the congregation before the
testimony, where I will meet with you.
5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the
man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall
blossom: and I will make to cease
from me the murmurings of the chil-
dren of Israel, whereby they murmur
against you. 6 And Moses spake unto
the children of Israel, and every one
of their princes gave him a rod apiece,
for each prince one, according to their
fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and
the rod of Aaron *was* among their

rods.* 7 And Moses laid up the rods
before the LORD in the tabernacle of
witness. 8 And it came to pass, that
on the morrow Moses went into the
tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the
rod of Aaron for the house of Levi
was budded, and brought forth buds,
and bloomed blossoms, and yielded
almonds. 9 And Moses brought out
all the rods from before the LORD
unto all the children of Israel: and
they looked, and took every man his
rod. 10 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Bring Aaron's rod again before the tes-

17.6. a rod...: Heb. a rod for one prince, a rod for one prince.

timony, to be kept for a token against
the rebels; and thou shalt quite take
away their murmurings from me, that
they die not.* 11 And Moses did *so*: as
the LORD commanded him, so did
he. 12 And the children of Israel spake
unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die,
we perish, we all perish. 13 Whosoever
cometh any thing near unto the taber-
nacle of the LORD shall die: shall we
be consumed with dying?

18 And the LORD said unto Aaron,
Thou and thy sons and thy father's
house with thee shall bear the iniquity

10. rebels: Heb. children of rebellion.

of the sanctuary: and thou and thy
sons with thee shall bear the iniquity
of your priesthood. 2 And thy breth-
ren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe
of thy father, bring thou with thee,
that they may be joined unto thee, and
minister unto thee: but thou and thy
sons with thee *shall minister* before the
tabernacle of witness. 3 And they shall
keep thy charge, and the charge of
all the tabernacle: only they shall not
come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary
and the altar, that neither they, nor ye
also, die. 4 And they shall be joined
unto thee, and keep the charge of the
tabernacle of the congregation, for all

the service of the tabernacle: and a
stranger shall not come nigh unto you.
5 And ye shall keep the charge of the
sanctuary, and the charge of the altar:
that there be no wrath any more upon
the children of Israel. 6 And I, behold,
I have taken your brethren the Levites
from among the children of Israel: to
you *they are* given *as* a gift for the
LORD, to do the service of the taber-
nacle of the congregation. 7 Therefore
thou and thy sons with thee shall keep
your priest's office for every thing of
the altar, and within the vail; and ye
shall serve: I have given your priest's
office *unto you* as a service of gift: and

the stranger that cometh nigh shall be
put to death. 8 And the LORD spake
unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given
thee the charge of mine heave offer-
ings of all the hallowed things of the
children of Israel; unto thee have I
given them by reason of the anointing,
and to thy sons, by an ordinance for
ever. 9 This shall be thine of the most
holy things, *reserved* from the fire: ev-
ery oblation of theirs, every meat of-
fering of theirs, and every sin offering
of theirs, and every trespass offering
of theirs, which they shall render unto
me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for
thy sons. 10 In the most holy *place* shalt

thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it
shall be holy unto thee. [11] And this *is*
thine; the heave offering of their gift,
with all the wave offerings of the chil-
dren of Israel: I have given them unto
thee, and to thy sons and to thy daugh-
ters with thee, by a statute for ever: ev-
ery one that is clean in thy house shall
eat of it. [12] All the best of the oil, and
all the best of the wine, and of the
wheat, the firstfruits of them which
they shall offer unto the LORD, them
have I given thee.* [13] *And* whatsoever is
first ripe in the land, which they shall
bring unto the LORD, shall be thine;

18.12. best: Heb. fat.

every one that is clean in thine house
shall eat *of* it. [14] Every thing devoted in
Israel shall be thine. [15] Every thing that
openeth the matrix in all flesh, which
they bring unto the LORD, *whether it*
be of men or beasts, shall be thine:
nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt
thou surely redeem, and the firstling
of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.
[16] And those that are to be redeemed
from a month old shalt thou redeem,
according to thine estimation, for the
money of five shekels, after the shekel
of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty ger-
ahs. [17] But the firstling of a cow, or the
firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a

goat, thou shalt not redeem; they *are*
holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood
upon the altar, and shalt burn their
fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a
sweet savour unto the LORD. 18 And
the flesh of them shall be thine, as
the wave breast and as the right shoul-
der are thine. 19 All the heave offer-
ings of the holy things, which the chil-
dren of Israel offer unto the LORD,
have I given thee, and thy sons and
thy daughters with thee, by a statute
for ever: it *is* a covenant of salt for
ever before the LORD unto thee and to
thy seed with thee. 20 And the LORD
spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have

no inheritance in their land, neither
shalt thou have any part among them:
I *am* thy part and thine inheritance
among the children of Israel. [21] And,
behold, I have given the children of
Levi all the tenth in Israel for an in-
heritance, for their service which they
serve, *even* the service of the taber-
nacle of the congregation. [22] Neither
must the children of Israel henceforth
come nigh the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, lest they bear sin, and die.*
[23] But the Levites shall do the service
of the tabernacle of the congregation,
and they shall bear their iniquity: *it*

22. and die: Heb. to die.

shall be a statute for ever throughout
your generations, that among the chil-
dren of Israel they have no inheritance.
24 But the tithes of the children of Is-
rael, which they offer *as* an heave of-
fering unto the LORD, I have given to
the Levites to inherit: therefore I have
said unto them, Among the children
of Israel they shall have no inheritance.
25 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 26 Thus speak unto the Levites,
and say unto them, When ye take of
the children of Israel the tithes which
I have given you from them for your
inheritance, then ye shall offer up an
heave offering of it for the LORD, *even*

a tenth *part* of the tithe. [27] And *this*
your heave offering shall be reckoned
unto you, as though *it were* the corn
of the threshingfloor, and as the ful-
ness of the winepress. [28] Thus ye also
shall offer an heave offering unto the
LORD of all your tithes, which ye re-
ceive of the children of Israel; and ye
shall give thereof the LORD'S heave of-
fering to Aaron the priest. [29] Out of
all your gifts ye shall offer every heave
offering of the LORD, of all the best
thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof
out of it.* [30] Therefore thou shalt say
unto them, When ye have heaved the

29. best: Heb. fat.

best thereof from it, then it shall be
counted unto the Levites as the in-
crease of the threshingfloor, and as the
increase of the winepress.* [31] And ye
shall eat it in every place, ye and your
households: for it *is* your reward for
your service in the tabernacle of the
congregation. [32] And ye shall bear no
sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved
from it the best of it: neither shall ye
pollute the holy things of the children
of Israel, lest ye die.

19 And the LORD spake unto
Moses and unto Aaron, saying, [2] This

30. best: Heb. fat.

is the ordinance of the law which
the LORD hath commanded, saying,
Speak unto the children of Israel, that
they bring thee a red heifer without
spot, wherein *is* no blemish, *and* upon
which never came yoke: 3 And ye shall
give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he
may bring her forth without the camp,
and *one* shall slay her before his face:
4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of
her blood with his finger, and sprinkle
of her blood directly before the taber-
nacle of the congregation seven times:
5 And *one* shall burn the heifer in his
sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her
blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

6 And the priest shall take cedar wood,
and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into
the midst of the burning of the heifer.
7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes,
and he shall bathe his flesh in water,
and afterward he shall come into the
camp, and the priest shall be unclean
until the even. 8 And he that burneth
her shall wash his clothes in water, and
bathe his flesh in water, and shall be
unclean until the even. 9 And a man
that is clean shall gather up the ashes
of the heifer, and lay *them* up with-
out the camp in a clean place, and it
shall be kept for the congregation of
the children of Israel for a water of

separation: it *is* a purification for sin.
10 And he that gathereth the ashes of
the heifer shall wash his clothes, and
be unclean until the even: and it shall
be unto the children of Israel, and unto
the stranger that sojourneth among
them, for a statute for ever. 11 He that
toucheth the dead body of any man
shall be unclean seven days.* 12 He shall
purify himself with it on the third day,
and on the seventh day he shall be
clean: but if he purify not himself the
third day, then the seventh day he shall
not be clean. 13 Whosoever toucheth
the dead body of any man that is dead,

19.11. man: Heb. soul of man.

and purifieth not himself, defileth the
tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul
shall be cut off from Israel: because the
water of separation was not sprinkled
upon him, he shall be unclean; his un-
cleanness *is* yet upon him. 14 This *is* the
law, when a man dieth in a tent: all
that come into the tent, and all that *is*
in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.
15 And every open vessel, which hath
no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean.
16 And whosoever toucheth one that is
slain with a sword in the open fields,
or a dead body, or a bone of a man,
or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.
17 And for an unclean *person* they shall

take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of
purification for sin, and running water
shall be put thereto in a vessel:* 18 And
a clean person shall take hyssop, and
dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon
the tent, and upon all the vessels, and
upon the persons that were there, and
upon him that touched a bone, or one
slain, or one dead, or a grave: 19 And
the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon
the unclean on the third day, and on
the seventh day: and on the seventh
day he shall purify himself, and wash
his clothes, and bathe himself in wa-

17. ashes: Heb. dust. running...: Heb. living waters shall be given.

ter, and shall be clean at even. [20] But
the man that shall be unclean, and
shall not purify himself, that soul shall
be cut off from among the congrega-
tion, because he hath defiled the sanc-
tuary of the LORD: the water of sep-
aration hath not been sprinkled upon
him; he *is* unclean. [21] And it shall be
a perpetual statute unto them, that
he that sprinkleth the water of separa-
tion shall wash his clothes; and he that
toucheth the water of separation shall
be unclean until even. [22] And whatso-
ever the unclean *person* toucheth shall
be unclean; and the soul that toucheth
it shall be unclean until even.

20 Then came the children of
Israel, *even* the whole congregation,
into the desert of Zin in the first
month: and the people abode in
Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and
was buried there. 2 And there was no
water for the congregation: and they
gathered themselves together against
Moses and against Aaron. 3 And the
people chode with Moses, and spake,
saying, Would God that we had died
when our brethren died before the
LORD! 4 And why have ye brought
up the congregation of the LORD into
this wilderness, that we and our cat-

tle should die there? 5 And wherefore
have ye made us to come up out of
Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil
place? it *is* no place of seed, or of
figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates;
neither *is* there any water to drink.
6 And Moses and Aaron went from
the presence of the assembly unto the
door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, and they fell upon their
faces: and the glory of the LORD ap-
peared unto them. 7 And the LORD
spake unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the
rod, and gather thou the assembly to-
gether, thou, and Aaron thy brother,
and speak ye unto the rock before their

eyes; and it shall give forth his water,
and thou shalt bring forth to them
water out of the rock: so thou shalt
give the congregation and their beasts
drink. 9 And Moses took the rod from
before the LORD, as he commanded
him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gath-
ered the congregation together before
the rock, and he said unto them, Hear
now, ye rebels; must we fetch you wa-
ter out of this rock? 11 And Moses
lifted up his hand, and with his rod
he smote the rock twice: and the wa-
ter came out abundantly, and the con-
gregation drank, and their beasts *also*.
12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and

Aaron, Because ye believed me not,
to sanctify me in the eyes of the chil-
dren of Israel, therefore ye shall not
bring this congregation into the land
which I have given them. 13 This *is* the
water of Meribah; because the chil-
dren of Israel strove with the LORD,
and he was sanctified in them.* 14 And
Moses sent messengers from Kadesh
unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy
brother Israel, Thou knowest all the
travail that hath befallen us:* 15 How
our fathers went down into Egypt, and
we have dwelt in Egypt a long time;

20.13. Meribah: that is, Strife.
14. befallen...: Heb. found us.

and the Egyptians vexed us, and our
fathers: [16] And when we cried unto
the LORD, he heard our voice, and
sent an angel, and hath brought us
forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we
are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost
of thy border: [17] Let us pass, I pray
thee, through thy country: we will
not pass through the fields, or through
the vineyards, neither will we drink *of*
the water of the wells: we will go by
the king's *high* way, we will not turn
to the right hand nor to the left, un-
til we have passed thy borders. [18] And
Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not
pass by me, lest I come out against thee

with the sword. [19] And the children
of Israel said unto him, We will go by
the high way: and if I and my cattle
drink of thy water, then I will pay for
it: I will only, without *doing* any thing
else, go through on my feet. [20] And
he said, Thou shalt not go through.
And Edom came out against him with
much people, and with a strong hand.
[21] Thus Edom refused to give Israel pas-
sage through his border: wherefore Is-
rael turned away from him. [22] And the
children of Israel, *even* the whole con-
gregation, journeyed from Kadesh,
and came unto mount Hor. [23] And the
LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron

in mount Hor, by the coast of the
land of Edom, saying, 24 Aaron shall
be gathered unto his people: for he
shall not enter into the land which
I have given unto the children of Is-
rael, because ye rebelled against my
word at the water of Meribah.* 25 Take
Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring
them up unto mount Hor: 26 And strip
Aaron of his garments, and put them
upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall
be gathered *unto his people*, and shall
die there. 27 And Moses did as the
LORD commanded: and they went up
into mount Hor in the sight of all the

24. word: Heb. mouth.

congregation. [28] And Moses stripped
Aaron of his garments, and put them
upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died
there in the top of the mount: and
Moses and Eleazar came down from
the mount. [29] And when all the con-
gregation saw that Aaron was dead,
they mourned for Aaron thirty days,
even all the house of Israel.

21 And *when* king Arad the Ca-
naanite, which dwelt in the south,
heard tell that Israel came by the way
of the spies; then he fought against
Israel, and took *some* of them prison-
ers. [2] And Israel vowed a vow unto the
LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed de-

liver this people into my hand, then I
will utterly destroy their cities. 3 And
the LORD hearkened to the voice of Is-
rael, and delivered up the Canaanites;
and they utterly destroyed them and
their cities: and he called the name of
the place Hormah.* 4 And they jour-
neyed from mount Hor by the way
of the Red sea, to compass the land
of Edom: and the soul of the people
was much discouraged because of the
way.* 5 And the people spake against
God, and against Moses, Wherefore
have ye brought us up out of Egypt

21.3. Hormah: that is, Utter destruction.
4. discouraged: or, grieved: Heb. shortened.

to die in the wilderness? for *there*
is no bread, neither *is there any* wa-
ter; and our soul loatheth this light
bread. 6 And the LORD sent fiery ser-
pents among the people, and they bit
the people; and much people of Is-
rael died. 7 Therefore the people came
to Moses, and said, We have sinned,
for we have spoken against the LORD,
and against thee; pray unto the LORD,
that he take away the serpents from
us. And Moses prayed for the peo-
ple. 8 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it
upon a pole: and it shall come to pass,
that every one that is bitten, when

he looketh upon it, shall live. 9 And
Moses made a serpent of brass, and
put it upon a pole, and it came to
pass, that if a serpent had bitten any
man, when he beheld the serpent of
brass, he lived. 10 And the children
of Israel set forward, and pitched in
Oboth. 11 And they journeyed from
Oboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in
the wilderness which *is* before Moab,
toward the sunrising.* 12 From thence
they removed, and pitched in the val-
ley of Zared. 13 From thence they re-
moved, and pitched on the other side
of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness

11. Ijeabarim: or, heaps of Abarim.

that cometh out of the coasts of the
Amorites: for Arnon *is* the border of
Moab, between Moab and the Amor-
ites. 14 Wherefore it is said in the book
of the wars of the LORD, What he did
in the Red sea, and in the brooks of
Arnon,* 15 And at the stream of the
brooks that goeth down to the dwell-
ing of Ar, and lieth upon the border of
Moab.* 16 And from thence *they went*
to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the
LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the
people together, and I will give them
water. 17 Then Israel sang this song,

14. What...: or, Vaheb in Suphah.
15. lieth: Heb. leaneth.

Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:*
18 The princes digged the well, the no-
bles of the people digged it, by *the*
direction of the lawgiver, with their
staves. And from the wilderness *they*
went to Mattanah: 19 And from Mat-
tanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel
to Bamoth: 20 And from Bamoth *in*
the valley, that *is* in the country of
Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which
looketh toward Jeshimon.* 21 And Is-
rael sent messengers unto Sihon king
of the Amorites, saying, 22 Let me pass

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17. Spring...: Heb. Ascend. sing: or, answer.
20. country: Heb. field. Pisgah: or, the hill. Jeshimon: or, the wilderness.

through thy land: we will not turn
into the fields, or into the vineyards;
we will not drink *of* the waters of the
well: *but* we will go along by the king's
high way, until we be past thy borders.
23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to
pass through his border: but Sihon
gathered all his people together, and
went out against Israel into the wilder-
ness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought
against Israel. 24 And Israel smote him
with the edge of the sword, and pos-
sessed his land from Arnon unto Jab-
bok, even unto the children of Am-
mon: for the border of the children
of Ammon *was* strong. 25 And Israel

took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in
all the cities of the Amorites, in Hes-
hbon, and in all the villages thereof.*
26 For Heshbon *was* the city of Si-
hon the king of the Amorites, who
had fought against the former king of
Moab, and taken all his land out of his
hand, even unto Arnon. 27 Wherefore
they that speak in proverbs say, Come
into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon
be built and prepared: 28 For there is
a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame
from the city of Sihon: it hath con-
sumed Ar of Moab, *and* the lords of
the high places of Arnon. 29 Woe to

25. villages: Heb. daughters.

thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his
sons that escaped, and his daughters,
into captivity unto Sihon king of the
Amorites. 30 We have shot at them;
Heshbon is perished even unto Di-
bon, and we have laid them waste even
unto Nophah, which *reacheth* unto
Medeba. 31 Thus Israel dwelt in the
land of the Amorites. 32 And Moses
sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took
the villages thereof, and drove out the
Amorites that *were* there. 33 And they
turned and went up by the way of
Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan
went out against them, he, and all his

people, to the battle at Edrei. [34] And
the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him
not: for I have delivered him into
thy hand, and all his people, and his
land; and thou shalt do to him as thou
didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites,
which dwelt at Heshbon. [35] So they
smote him, and his sons, and all his
people, until there was none left him
alive: and they possessed his land.

22 And the children of Israel set
forward, and pitched in the plains of
Moab on this side Jordan *by* Jericho.
[2] And Balak the son of Zippor saw
all that Israel had done to the Amor-

ites. 3 And Moab was sore afraid of the
people, because they *were* many: and
Moab was distressed because of the
children of Israel. 4 And Moab said
unto the elders of Midian, Now shall
this company lick up all *that are* round
about us, as the ox licketh up the grass
of the field. And Balak the son of
Zippor *was* king of the Moabites at
that time. 5 He sent messengers there-
fore unto Balaam the son of Beor to
Pethor, which *is* by the river of the
land of the children of his people, to
call him, saying, Behold, there is a peo-
ple come out from Egypt: behold,
they cover the face of the earth, and

they abide over against me:* 6 Come
now therefore, I pray thee, curse me
this people; for they *are* too mighty
for me: peradventure I shall prevail,
that we may smite them, and *that* I
may drive them out of the land: for
I wot that he whom thou blessest *is*
blessed, and he whom thou cursest is
cursed. 7 And the elders of Moab and
the elders of Midian departed with the
rewards of divination in their hand;
and they came unto Balaam, and spake
unto him the words of Balak. 8 And he
said unto them, Lodge here this night,
and I will bring you word again, as the

22.5. face: Heb. eye.

LORD shall speak unto me: and the
princes of Moab abode with Balaam.
9 And God came unto Balaam, and
said, What men *are* these with thee?
10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak
the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath
sent unto me, *saying*, 11 Behold, *there*
is a people come out of Egypt, which
covereth the face of the earth: come
now, curse me them; peradventure I
shall be able to overcome them, and
drive them out.* 12 And God said unto
Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them;
thou shalt not curse the people: for

11. I shall...: Heb. I shall prevail in fighting against him.

they *are* blessed. 13 And Balaam rose
up in the morning, and said unto the
princes of Balak, Get you into your
land: for the LORD refuseth to give me
leave to go with you. 14 And the princes
of Moab rose up, and they went unto
Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to
come with us. 15 And Balak sent yet
again princes, more, and more hon-
ourable than they. 16 And they came
to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith
Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing,
I pray thee, hinder thee from com-
ing unto me:* 17 For I will promote
thee unto very great honour, and I will

16. Let...: Heb. Be not thou hindered from, etc.

do whatsoever thou sayest unto me:
come therefore, I pray thee, curse me
this people. [18] And Balaam answered
and said unto the servants of Balak,
If Balak would give me his house full
of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond
the word of the LORD my God, to do
less or more. [19] Now therefore, I pray
you, tarry ye also here this night, that
I may know what the LORD will say
unto me more. [20] And God came unto
Balaam at night, and said unto him, If
the men come to call thee, rise up, *and*
go with them; but yet the word which
I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.
[21] And Balaam rose up in the morning,

and saddled his ass, and went with the
princes of Moab. [22] And God's anger
was kindled because he went: and the
angel of the LORD stood in the way for
an adversary against him. Now he was
riding upon his ass, and his two ser-
vants *were* with him. [23] And the ass saw
the angel of the LORD standing in the
way, and his sword drawn in his hand:
and the ass turned aside out of the way,
and went into the field: and Balaam
smote the ass, to turn her into the way.
[24] But the angel of the LORD stood in
a path of the vineyards, a wall *being*
on this side, and a wall on that side.
[25] And when the ass saw the angel of the

LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall,
and crushed Balaam's foot against the
wall: and he smote her again. [26] And
the angel of the LORD went further,
and stood in a narrow place, where *was*
no way to turn either to the right hand
or to the left. [27] And when the ass saw
the angel of the LORD, she fell down
under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was
kindled, and he smote the ass with
a staff. [28] And the LORD opened the
mouth of the ass, and she said unto
Balaam, What have I done unto thee,
that thou hast smitten me these three
times? [29] And Balaam said unto the
ass, Because thou hast mocked me:

I would there were a sword in mine
hand, for now would I kill thee. [30] And
the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I
thine ass, upon which thou hast rid-
den ever since *I was* thine unto this
day? was I ever wont to do so unto
thee? And he said, Nay.* [31] Then the
LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and
he saw the angel of the LORD stand-
ing in the way, and his sword drawn
in his hand: and he bowed down his
head, and fell flat on his face.* [32] And
the angel of the LORD said unto him,

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30. upon...: Heb. who hast ridden upon me. ever since...: or, ever since thou wast, etc.
31. fell...: or, bowed himself.

Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass
these three times? behold, I went out
to withstand thee, because *thy* way is
perverse before me:* 33 And the ass saw
me, and turned from me these three
times: unless she had turned from
me, surely now also I had slain thee,
and saved her alive. 34 And Balaam
said unto the angel of the LORD, I
have sinned; for I knew not that thou
stoodest in the way against me: now
therefore, if it displease thee, I will get
me back again.* 35 And the angel of the
LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the

32. to...: Heb. to be an adversary unto thee.
34. displease...: Heb. be evil in thine eyes.

men: but only the word that I shall
speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak.
So Balaam went with the princes of
Balak. 36 And when Balak heard that
Balaam was come, he went out to meet
him unto a city of Moab, which *is* in
the border of Arnon, which *is* in the
utmost coast. 37 And Balak said unto
Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto
thee to call thee? wherefore camest
thou not unto me? am I not able
indeed to promote thee to honour?
38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I
am come unto thee: have I now any
power at all to say any thing? the word
that God putteth in my mouth, that

shall I speak. 39 And Balaam went with
Balak, and they came unto Kirjathhu-
zoth.* 40 And Balak offered oxen and
sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the
princes that *were* with him. 41 And
it came to pass on the morrow, that
Balak took Balaam, and brought him
up into the high places of Baal, that
thence he might see the utmost *part*
of the people.

23 And Balaam said unto Balak,
Build me here seven altars, and pre-
pare me here seven oxen and seven
rams. 2 And Balak did as Balaam had

39. Kirjathhuzoth: or, a city of streets.

spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered
on *every* altar a bullock and a ram.
3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand
by thy burnt offering, and I will go:
peradventure the LORD will come to
meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth
me I will tell thee. And he went to
an high place.* 4 And God met Bal-
aam: and he said unto him, I have
prepared seven altars, and I have of-
fered upon *every* altar a bullock and
a ram. 5 And the LORD put a word
in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return
unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.
6 And he returned unto him, and, lo,

23.3. to an...: or, solitary.

he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and
all the princes of Moab. 7 And he took
up his parable, and said, Balak the king
of Moab hath brought me from Aram,
out of the mountains of the east, *say-*
ing, Come, curse me Jacob, and come,
defy Israel. 8 How shall I curse, whom
God hath not cursed? or how shall
I defy, *whom* the LORD hath not de-
fied? 9 For from the top of the rocks
I see him, and from the hills I behold
him: lo, the people shall dwell alone,
and shall not be reckoned among the
nations. 10 Who can count the dust of
Jacob, and the number of the fourth
part of Israel? Let me die the death

of the righteous, and let my last end
be like his!* 11 And Balak said unto
Balaam, What hast thou done unto
me? I took thee to curse mine ene-
mies, and, behold, thou hast blessed
them altogether. 12 And he answered
and said, Must I not take heed to speak
that which the LORD hath put in my
mouth? 13 And Balak said unto him,
Come, I pray thee, with me unto an-
other place, from whence thou mayest
see them: thou shalt see but the ut-
most part of them, and shalt not see
them all: and curse me them from
thence. 14 And he brought him into

10. me: Heb. my soul, or, my life.

the field of Zophim, to the top of Pis-
gah, and built seven altars, and offered
a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.*
15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here
by thy burnt offering, while I meet *the*
LORD yonder. 16 And the LORD met
Balaam, and put a word in his mouth,
and said, Go again unto Balak, and say
thus. 17 And when he came to him,
behold, he stood by his burnt offer-
ing, and the princes of Moab with him.
And Balak said unto him, What hath
the LORD spoken? 18 And he took up
his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak,
and hear; hearken unto me, thou son

14. Pisgah: or, the hill.

of Zippor: [19] God *is* not a man, that he
should lie; neither the son of man, that
he should repent: hath he said, and
shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken,
and shall he not make it good? [20] Be-
hold, I have received *commandment* to
bless: and he hath blessed; and I can-
not reverse it. [21] He hath not beheld
iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen
perverseness in Israel: the LORD his
God *is* with him, and the shout of a
king *is* among them. [22] God brought
them out of Egypt; he hath as it were
the strength of an unicorn. [23] Surely
there is no enchantment against Jacob,
neither *is there* any divination against

Israel: according to this time it shall be
said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath
God wrought!* 24 Behold, the people
shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up
himself as a young lion: he shall not
lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and
drink the blood of the slain. 25 And
Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse
them at all, nor bless them at all. 26 But
Balaam answered and said unto Balak,
Told not I thee, saying, All that the
LORD speaketh, that I must do? 27 And
Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray
thee, I will bring thee unto another
place; peradventure it will please God

23. against: or, in.

that thou mayest curse me them from
thence. [28] And Balak brought Balaam
unto the top of Peor, that looketh to-
ward Jeshimon. [29] And Balaam said
unto Balak, Build me here seven al-
tars, and prepare me here seven bul-
locks and seven rams. [30] And Balak did
as Balaam had said, and offered a bul-
lock and a ram on *every* altar.

24 And when Balaam saw that it
pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he
went not, as at other times, to seek
for enchantments, but he set his face
toward the wilderness.* [2] And Balaam

24.1. to seek...: Heb. to the meeting of.

lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel
abiding *in his tents* according to their
tribes; and the spirit of God came
upon him. 3 And he took up his
parable, and said, Balaam the son of
Beor hath said, and the man whose
eyes are open hath said:* 4 He hath
said, which heard the words of God,
which saw the vision of the Almighty,
falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes
open: 5 How goodly are thy tents,
O Jacob, *and* thy tabernacles, O Is-
rael! 6 As the valleys are they spread
forth, as gardens by the river's side,

3. whose...: Heb. who had his eyes shut, but now opened.

as the trees of lign aloes which the
LORD hath planted, *and* as cedar trees
beside the waters. 7 He shall pour
the water out of his buckets, and his
seed *shall be* in many waters, and his
king shall be higher than Agag, and
his kingdom shall be exalted. 8 God
brought him forth out of Egypt; he
hath as it were the strength of an uni-
corn: he shall eat up the nations his
enemies, and shall break their bones,
and pierce *them* through with his ar-
rows. 9 He couched, he lay down as
a lion, and as a great lion: who shall
stir him up? Blessed *is* he that bles-
seth thee, and cursed *is* he that curseth

thee. [10] And Balak's anger was kin-
dled against Balaam, and he smote his
hands together: and Balak said unto
Balaam, I called thee to curse mine
enemies, and, behold, thou hast alto-
gether blessed *them* these three times.
[11] Therefore now flee thou to thy place:
I thought to promote thee unto great
honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept
thee back from honour. [12] And Bal-
aam said unto Balak, Spake I not also
to thy messengers which thou sentest
unto me, saying, [13] If Balak would give
me his house full of silver and gold, I
cannot go beyond the commandment
of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad

of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD
saith, that will I speak? 14 And now, be-
hold, I go unto my people: come *there-
fore, and* I will advertise thee what this
people shall do to thy people in the
latter days. 15 And he took up his para-
ble, and said, Balaam the son of Beor
hath said, and the man whose eyes are
open hath said: 16 He hath said, which
heard the words of God, and knew the
knowledge of the most High, *which*
saw the vision of the Almighty, falling
into a trance, but having his eyes open:
17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall
behold him, but not nigh: there shall
come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre

shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite
the corners of Moab, and destroy all
the children of Sheth.* [18] And Edom
shall be a possession, Seir also shall be
a possession for his enemies; and Israel
shall do valiantly. [19] Out of Jacob shall
come he that shall have dominion, and
shall destroy him that remaineth of
the city. [20] And when he looked on
Amalek, he took up his parable, and
said, Amalek *was* the first of the na-
tions; but his latter end *shall be* that
he perish for ever.* [21] And he looked

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17. smite...: or, smite through the princes of.

20. the nations: the nations that warred against Israel. that...: or, even to destruction.

on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. 22 Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.* 23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! 24 And ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. 25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

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22. the Kenite: Heb. Kain. until...: or, how long shall it be ere Asshur carry thee away captive.

25 And Israel abode in Shit-
tim, and the people began to com-
mit whoredom with the daughters of
Moab. 2 And they called the people
unto the sacrifices of their gods: and
the people did eat, and bowed down
to their gods. 3 And Israel joined
himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger
of the LORD was kindled against Is-
rael. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Take all the heads of the people, and
hang them up before the LORD against
the sun, that the fierce anger of the
LORD may be turned away from Israel.
5 And Moses said unto the judges of

Israel, Slay ye every one his men that
were joined unto Baalpeor. 6 And,
behold, one of the children of Israel
came and brought unto his brethren
a Midianitish woman in the sight of
Moses, and in the sight of all the con-
gregation of the children of Israel, who
were weeping *before* the door of the
tabernacle of the congregation. 7 And
when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar,
the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*,
he rose up from among the congrega-
tion, and took a javelin in his hand;
8 And he went after the man of Is-
rael into the tent, and thrust both of
them through, the man of Israel, and

the woman through her belly. So the
plague was stayed from the children
of Israel. 9 And those that died in
the plague were twenty and four thou-
sand. 10 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of
Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest,
hath turned my wrath away from the
children of Israel, while he was zeal-
ous for my sake among them, that I
consumed not the children of Israel
in my jealousy.* 12 Wherefore say, Be-
hold, I give unto him my covenant
of peace: 13 And he shall have it, and
his seed after him, *even* the covenant

25.11. for...: Heb. with my zeal.

of an everlasting priesthood; because
he was zealous for his God, and made
an atonement for the children of Is-
rael. [14] Now the name of the Israelite
that was slain, *even* that was slain with
the Midianitish woman, *was* Zimri,
the son of Salu, a prince of a chief
house among the Simeonites.* [15] And
the name of the Midianitish woman
that was slain *was* Cozbi, the daugh-
ter of Zur; he *was* head over a people,
and of a chief house in Midian. [16] And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
[17] Vex the Midianites, and smite them:
[18] For they vex you with their wiles,

14. chief...: Heb. house of a father.

wherewith they have beguiled you in
the matter of Peor, and in the matter
of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of
Midian, their sister, which was slain in
the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

26 And it came to pass after the
plague, that the LORD spake unto
Moses and unto Eleazar the son of
Aaron the priest, saying, 2 Take the
sum of all the congregation of the
children of Israel, from twenty years
old and upward, throughout their fa-
thers' house, all that are able to go
to war in Israel. 3 And Moses and
Eleazar the priest spake with them in

the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jeri-
cho, saying, 4 *Take the sum of the people*,
from twenty years old and upward; as
the LORD commanded Moses and the
children of Israel, which went forth
out of the land of Egypt. 5 Reuben,
the eldest son of Israel: the children
of Reuben; Hanoch, *of whom cometh*
the family of the Hanochites: of
Pallu, the family of the Palluites: 6 Of
Hezron, the family of the Hezronites:
of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.
7 These *are* the families of the Reuben-
ites: and they that were numbered of
them were forty and three thousand
and seven hundred and thirty. 8 And

the sons of Pallu; Eliab. 9 And the
sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan,
and Abiram. This *is that* Dathan and
Abiram, *which were* famous in the con-
gregation, who strove against Moses
and against Aaron in the company of
Korah, when they strove against the
LORD: 10 And the earth opened her
mouth, and swallowed them up to-
gether with Korah, when that com-
pany died, what time the fire devoured
two hundred and fifty men: and they
became a sign. 11 Notwithstanding the
children of Korah died not. 12 The sons
of Simeon after their families: of Ne-
muel, the family of the Nemuelites: of

Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of
Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:*
13 Of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites:
of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.*
14 These *are* the families of the Sime-
onites, twenty and two thousand and
two hundred. 15 The children of Gad
after their families: of Zephon, the
family of the Zephonites: of Haggi,
the family of the Haggites: of Shuni,
the family of the Shunites:* 16 Of Ozni,
the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the

26.12. Nemuel: also called, Jemuel. Jachin: also called, Jarib.
13. Zerah: also called, Zohar.
15. Zephon: also called, Ziphion.

family of the Erites:* [17] Of Arod, the
family of the Arodites: of Areli, the
family of the Arelites.* [18] These *are* the
families of the children of Gad accord-
ing to those that were numbered of
them, forty thousand and five hun-
dred. [19] The sons of Judah *were* Er and
Onan: and Er and Onan died in the
land of Canaan. [20] And the sons of Ju-
dah after their families were; of Shelah,
the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez,
the family of the Pharzites: of Zerah,
the family of the Zarhites. [21] And the
sons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the

16. Ozni: or, Ezbon.
17. Arod: also called, Arodi.

family of the Hezronites: of Hamul,
the family of the Hamulites. 22 These
are the families of Judah according to
those that were numbered of them,
threescore and sixteen thousand and
five hundred. 23 *Of* the sons of Issachar
after their families: *of* Tola, the fam-
ily of the Tolaites: of Pua, the family of
the Punites:* 24 Of Jashub, the family of
the Jashubites: of Shimron, the fam-
ily of the Shimronites.* 25 These *are* the
families of Issachar according to those
that were numbered of them, three-
score and four thousand and three

23. Pua: or, Phuvah.
24. Jashub: or, Job.

hundred. [26] *Of* the sons of Zebulun
after their families: of Sered, the fam-
ily of the Sardites: of Elon, the fam-
ily of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the fam-
ily of the Jahleelites. [27] These *are* the
families of the Zebulunites according
to those that were numbered of them,
threescore thousand and five hundred.
[28] The sons of Joseph after their fami-
lies *were* Manasseh and Ephraim. [29] Of
the sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the
family of the Machirites: and Machir
begat Gilead: of Gilead *come* the fam-
ily of the Gileadites. [30] These *are* the
sons of Gilead: *of* Jeezer, the family
of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the fam-

ily of the Helekites:* [31] And *of* Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and
of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites: [32] And *of* Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and *of* Hepher,
the family of the Hepherites. [33] And Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no
sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were*
Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. [34] These *are* the families of
Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred. [35] These *are*
the sons of Ephraim after their fam-

30. Jeezer: also called Abiezer.

ilies: of Shuthelah, the family of the
Shuthalhites: of Becher, the family of
the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family
of the Tahanites.* 36 And these *are* the
sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family
of the Eranites. 37 These *are* the fam-
ilies of the sons of Ephraim accord-
ing to those that were numbered of
them, thirty and two thousand and
five hundred. These *are* the sons of
Joseph after their families. 38 The sons
of Benjamin after their families: of
Bela, the family of the Belaites: of
Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites:
of Ahiram, the family of the Ahi-

35. Becher: also called, Bered.

ramites:* [39] Of Shupham, the family
of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the
family of the Huphamites.* [40] And the
sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: *of*
Ard, the family of the Ardites: *and* of
Naaman, the family of the Naamites.*
[41] These *are* the sons of Benjamin af-
ter their families: and they that were
numbered of them *were* forty and five
thousand and six hundred. [42] These
are the sons of Dan after their fam-
ilies: of Shuham, the family of the

38. Ahiram: also called, Ehi, or, Aharah.
39. Shupham...Hupham: also called, Muppim and Huppim.
40. Ard: also called, Addar.

Shuhamites. These *are* the families
of Dan after their families.* 43 All the
families of the Shuhamites, accord-
ing to those that were numbered of
them, *were* threescore and four thou-
sand and four hundred. 44 *Of* the chil-
dren of Asher after their families: of
Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of
Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Be-
riah, the family of the Beriites. 45 Of
the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the fam-
ily of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the
family of the Malchielites. 46 And the
name of the daughter of Asher *was*
Sarah. 47 These *are* the families of the

42. Shuham: or, Hushim.

sons of Asher according to those that
were numbered of them; *who were* fifty
and three thousand and four hundred.
48 *Of* the sons of Naphtali after their
families: of Jahzeel, the family of the
Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the
Gunites: 49 Of Jezer, the family of the
Jezerites: of Shillem, the family of the
Shillemites.* 50 These *are* the families
of Naphtali according to their fam-
ilies: and they that were numbered
of them *were* forty and five thou-
sand and four hundred. 51 These *were*
the numbered of the children of Is-
rael, six hundred thousand and a thou-

49. Shillem: also called, Shallum.

sand seven hundred and thirty. 52 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
53 Unto these the land shall be divided
for an inheritance according to the
number of names. 54 To many thou
shalt give the more inheritance, and
to few thou shalt give the less inher-
itance: to every one shall his inheri-
tance be given according to those that
were numbered of him.* 55 Notwith-
standing the land shall be divided by
lot: according to the names of the
tribes of their fathers they shall in-
herit. 56 According to the lot shall the

54. give the more...: Heb. multiply his inheritance.
give the less...: Heb. diminish his inheritance.

possession thereof be divided between
many and few. 57 And these *are* they
that were numbered of the Levites af-
ter their families: of Gershon, the fam-
ily of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the
family of the Kohathites: of Merari,
the family of the Merarites. 58 These *are*
the families of the Levites: the family
of the Libnites, the family of the He-
bronites, the family of the Mahlites,
the family of the Mushites, the fam-
ily of the Korathites. And Kohath be-
gat Amram. 59 And the name of Am-
ram's wife *was* Jochebed, the daugh-
ter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to
Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Am-

ram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam
their sister. 60 And unto Aaron was
born Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar. 61 And Nadab and Abihu
died, when they offered strange fire
before the LORD. 62 And those that
were numbered of them were twenty
and three thousand, all males from a
month old and upward: for they were
not numbered among the children of
Israel, because there was no inheri-
tance given them among the children
of Israel. 63 These *are* they that were
numbered by Moses and Eleazar the
priest, who numbered the children of
Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan

near Jericho. 64 But among these there
was not a man of them whom Moses
and Aaron the priest numbered, when
they numbered the children of Israel
in the wilderness of Sinai. 65 For the
LORD had said of them, They shall
surely die in the wilderness. And there
was not left a man of them, save Caleb
the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the
son of Nun.

27 Then came the daughters of
Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the
son of Gilead, the son of Machir,
the son of Manasseh, of the fami-
lies of Manasseh the son of Joseph:

and these *are* the names of his daugh-
ters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and
Milcah, and Tirzah. [2] And they stood
before Moses, and before Eleazar the
priest, and before the princes and all
the congregation, *by* the door of the
tabernacle of the congregation, say-
ing, [3] Our father died in the wilder-
ness, and he was not in the company
of them that gathered themselves to-
gether against the LORD in the com-
pany of Korah; but died in his own
sin, and had no sons. [4] Why should
the name of our father be done away
from among his family, because he
hath no son? Give unto us *there-*

fore a possession among the brethren
of our father.* 5 And Moses brought
their cause before the LORD. 6 And
the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak
right: thou shalt surely give them a
possession of an inheritance among
their father's brethren; and thou shalt
cause the inheritance of their father
to pass unto them. 8 And thou shalt
speak unto the children of Israel, say-
ing, If a man die, and have no son, then
ye shall cause his inheritance to pass
unto his daughter. 9 And if he have
no daughter, then ye shall give his in-

27.4. done...: Heb. diminished.

heritance unto his brethren. [10] And if
he have no brethren, then ye shall give
his inheritance unto his father's breth-
ren. [11] And if his father have no breth-
ren, then ye shall give his inheritance
unto his kinsman that is next to him
of his family, and he shall possess it:
and it shall be unto the children of Is-
rael a statute of judgment, as the LORD
commanded Moses. [12] And the LORD
said unto Moses, Get thee up into
this mount Abarim, and see the land
which I have given unto the children
of Israel. [13] And when thou hast seen
it, thou also shalt be gathered unto
thy people, as Aaron thy brother was

gathered. [14] For ye rebelled against my
commandment in the desert of Zin, in
the strife of the congregation, to sanc-
tify me at the water before their eyes:
that *is* the water of Meribah in Kadesh
in the wilderness of Zin. [15] And Moses
spake unto the LORD, saying, [16] Let
the LORD, the God of the spirits of
all flesh, set a man over the congre-
gation, [17] Which may go out before
them, and which may go in before
them, and which may lead them out,
and which may bring them in; that the
congregation of the LORD be not as
sheep which have no shepherd. [18] And
the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee

Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom
is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon
him; [19] And set him before Eleazar the
priest, and before all the congrega-
tion; and give him a charge in their
sight. [20] And thou shalt put *some* of
thine honour upon him, that all the
congregation of the children of Israel
may be obedient. [21] And he shall stand
before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask
counsel for him after the judgment of
Urim before the LORD: at his word
shall they go out, and at his word they
shall come in, *both* he, and all the chil-
dren of Israel with him, even all the
congregation. [22] And Moses did as the

LORD commanded him: and he took
Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the
priest, and before all the congregation:
23 And he laid his hands upon him, and
gave him a charge, as the LORD com-
manded by the hand of Moses.

28 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Command the chil-
dren of Israel, and say unto them, My
offering, *and* my bread for my sacri-
fices made by fire, *for* a sweet savour
unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto
me in their due season.* 3 And thou
shalt say unto them, This *is* the of-

28.2. a sweet...: Heb. a savour of my rest.

fering made by fire which ye shall of-
fer unto the LORD; two lambs of the
first year without spot day by day, *for*
a continual burnt offering.* 4 The one
lamb shalt thou offer in the morning,
and the other lamb shalt thou offer at
even;* 5 And a tenth *part* of an ephah
of flour for a meat offering, mingled
with the fourth *part* of an hin of
beaten oil. 6 *It is* a continual burnt of-
fering, which was ordained in mount
Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice
made by fire unto the LORD. 7 And
the drink offering thereof *shall be* the

3. day by day: Heb. in a day.
4. at even: Heb. between the two evenings.

fourth *part* of an hin for the one lamb:
in the holy *place* shalt thou cause the
strong wine to be poured unto the
LORD *for* a drink offering. 8 And the
other lamb shalt thou offer at even:
as the meat offering of the morning,
and as the drink offering thereof, thou
shalt offer *it*, a sacrifice made by fire, of
a sweet savour unto the LORD. 9 And
on the sabbath day two lambs of the
first year without spot, and two tenth
deals of flour *for* a meat offering, min-
gled with oil, and the drink offering
thereof: 10 *This is* the burnt offering
of every sabbath, beside the contin-
ual burnt offering, and his drink offer-

ing. [11] And in the beginnings of your
months ye shall offer a burnt offering
unto the LORD; two young bullocks,
and one ram, seven lambs of the first
year without spot; [12] And three tenth
deals of flour *for* a meat offering, min-
gled with oil, for one bullock; and two
tenth deals of flour *for* a meat offering,
mingled with oil, for one ram; [13] And
a several tenth deal of flour mingled
with oil *for* a meat offering unto one
lamb; *for* a burnt offering of a sweet
savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto
the LORD. [14] And their drink offer-
ings shall be half an hin of wine unto
a bullock, and the third *part* of an hin

unto a ram, and a fourth *part* of an
hin unto a lamb: this *is* the burnt of-
fering of every month throughout the
months of the year. 15 And one kid of
the goats for a sin offering unto the
LORD shall be offered, beside the con-
tinual burnt offering, and his drink of-
fering. 16 And in the fourteenth day
of the first month *is* the passover of
the LORD. 17 And in the fifteenth day
of this month *is* the feast: seven days
shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 In
the first day *shall be* an holy convoca-
tion; ye shall do no manner of servile
work *therein*: 19 But ye shall offer a sac-
rifice made by fire *for* a burnt offering

unto the LORD; two young bullocks,
and one ram, and seven lambs of the
first year: they shall be unto you with-
out blemish: [20] And their meat offer-
ing *shall be of* flour mingled with oil:
three tenth deals shall ye offer for a
bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram;
[21] A several tenth deal shalt thou offer
for every lamb, throughout the seven
lambs: [22] And one goat *for* a sin of-
fering, to make an atonement for you.
[23] Ye shall offer these beside the burnt
offering in the morning, which *is* for a
continual burnt offering. [24] After this
manner ye shall offer daily, through-
out the seven days, the meat of the sac-

rifice made by fire, of a sweet savour
unto the LORD: it shall be offered be-
side the continual burnt offering, and
his drink offering. [25] And on the sev-
enth day ye shall have an holy con-
vocation; ye shall do no servile work.
[26] Also in the day of the firstfruits, when
ye bring a new meat offering unto the
LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall
have an holy convocation; ye shall do
no servile work: [27] But ye shall offer
the burnt offering for a sweet savour
unto the LORD; two young bullocks,
one ram, seven lambs of the first year;
[28] And their meat offering of flour min-
gled with oil, three tenth deals unto

one bullock, two tenth deals unto one
ram, [29] A several tenth deal unto one
lamb, throughout the seven lambs;
[30] *And* one kid of the goats, to make
an atonement for you. [31] Ye shall of-
fer *them* beside the continual burnt
offering, and his meat offering, (they
shall be unto you without blemish)
and their drink offerings.

29 And in the seventh month, on
the first *day* of the month, ye shall
have an holy convocation; ye shall do
no servile work: it is a day of blow-
ing the trumpets unto you. [2] And ye
shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet

savour unto the LORD; one young bul-
lock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the
first year without blemish: [3] And their
meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled
with oil, three tenth deals for a bul-
lock, *and* two tenth deals for a ram,
[4] And one tenth deal for one lamb,
throughout the seven lambs: [5] And
one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering,
to make an atonement for you: [6] Be-
side the burnt offering of the month,
and his meat offering, and the daily
burnt offering, and his meat offering,
and their drink offerings, according
unto their manner, for a sweet savour,
a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And ye shall have on the tenth *day* of
this seventh month an holy convoca-
tion; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye
shall not do any work *therein*: 8 But
ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the
LORD *for* a sweet savour; one young
bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of
the first year; they shall be unto you
without blemish: 9 And their meat of-
fering *shall be of* flour mingled with
oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, *and*
two tenth deals to one ram, 10 A sev-
eral tenth deal for one lamb, through-
out the seven lambs: 11 One kid of the
goats *for* a sin offering; beside the sin
offering of atonement, and the contin-

ual burnt offering, and the meat of-
fering of it, and their drink offerings.
12 And on the fifteenth day of the sev-
enth month ye shall have an holy con-
vocation; ye shall do no servile work,
and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD
seven days: 13 And ye shall offer a burnt
offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of
a sweet savour unto the LORD; thir-
teen young bullocks, two rams, *and*
fourteen lambs of the first year; they
shall be without blemish: 14 And their
meat offering *shall be of* flour min-
gled with oil, three tenth deals unto
every bullock of the thirteen bullocks,
two tenth deals to each ram of the

two rams, [15] And a several tenth deal
to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:
[16] And one kid of the goats *for* a sin
offering; beside the continual burnt
offering, his meat offering, and his
drink offering. [17] And on the second
day *ye shall offer* twelve young bul-
locks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the
first year without spot: [18] And their
meat offering and their drink offer-
ings for the bullocks, for the rams, and
for the lambs, *shall be* according to
their number, after the manner: [19] And
one kid of the goats *for* a sin offer-
ing; beside the continual burnt offer-
ing, and the meat offering thereof, and

their drink offerings. [20] And on the
third day eleven bullocks, two rams,
fourteen lambs of the first year with-
out blemish; [21] And their meat offer-
ing and their drink offerings for the
bullocks, for the rams, and for the
lambs, *shall be* according to their num-
ber, after the manner: [22] And one goat
for a sin offering; beside the contin-
ual burnt offering, and his meat of-
fering, and his drink offering. [23] And
on the fourth day ten bullocks, two
rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first
year without blemish: [24] Their meat
offering and their drink offerings for
the bullocks, for the rams, and for the

lambs, *shall be* according to their num-
ber, after the manner: [25] And one kid
of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside
the continual burnt offering, his meat
offering, and his drink offering. [26] And
on the fifth day nine bullocks, two
rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first
year without spot: [27] And their meat
offering and their drink offerings for
the bullocks, for the rams, and for the
lambs, *shall be* according to their num-
ber, after the manner: [28] And one goat
for a sin offering; beside the contin-
ual burnt offering, and his meat offer-
ing, and his drink offering. [29] And on
the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams,

and fourteen lambs of the first year
without blemish: [30] And their meat
offering and their drink offerings for
the bullocks, for the rams, and for the
lambs, *shall be* according to their num-
ber, after the manner: [31] And one goat
for a sin offering; beside the contin-
ual burnt offering, his meat offering,
and his drink offering. [32] And on the
seventh day seven bullocks, two rams,
and fourteen lambs of the first year
without blemish: [33] And their meat
offering and their drink offerings for
the bullocks, for the rams, and for the
lambs, *shall be* according to their num-
ber, after the manner: [34] And one goat

for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering. [35] On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein*: [36] But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish: [37] Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner: [38] And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his

drink offering. 39 These *things* ye shall
do unto the LORD in your set feasts,
beside your vows, and your freewill of-
ferings, for your burnt offerings, and
for your meat offerings, and for your
drink offerings, and for your peace of-
ferings.* 40 And Moses told the chil-
dren of Israel according to all that the
LORD commanded Moses.

30 And Moses spake unto the
heads of the tribes concerning the
children of Israel, saying, This *is* the
thing which the LORD hath com-
manded. 2 If a man vow a vow unto

29.39. do: or, offer.

the LORD, or swear an oath to bind
his soul with a bond; he shall not break
his word, he shall do according to all
that proceedeth out of his mouth.* 3 If
a woman also vow a vow unto the
LORD, and bind herself by a bond, *be-*
ing in her father's house in her youth;
4 And her father hear her vow, and
her bond wherewith she hath bound
her soul, and her father shall hold his
peace at her: then all her vows shall
stand, and every bond wherewith she
hath bound her soul shall stand. 5 But
if her father disallow her in the day
that he heareth; not any of her vows,

30.2. break: Heb. profane.

or of her bonds wherewith she hath
bound her soul, shall stand: and the
LORD shall forgive her, because her fa-
ther disallowed her. 6 And if she had
at all an husband, when she vowed, or
uttered ought out of her lips, where-
with she bound her soul;* 7 And her
husband heard *it,* and held his peace
at her in the day that he heard *it*: then
her vows shall stand, and her bonds
wherewith she bound her soul shall
stand. 8 But if her husband disallowed
her on the day that he heard *it*; then he
shall make her vow which she vowed,
and that which she uttered with her

6. she vowed: Heb. her vows were upon her.

lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of
none effect: and the LORD shall for-
give her. 9 But every vow of a widow,
and of her that is divorced, where-
with they have bound their souls, shall
stand against her. 10 And if she vowed
in her husband's house, or bound her
soul by a bond with an oath; 11 And
her husband heard *it*, and held his
peace at her, *and* disallowed her not:
then all her vows shall stand, and ev-
ery bond wherewith she bound her
soul shall stand. 12 But if her husband
hath utterly made them void on the
day he heard *them; then* whatsoever
proceeded out of her lips concerning

her vows, or concerning the bond of
her soul, shall not stand: her husband
hath made them void; and the LORD
shall forgive her. 13 Every vow, and ev-
ery binding oath to afflict the soul, her
husband may establish it, or her hus-
band may make it void. 14 But if her
husband altogether hold his peace at
her from day to day; then he estab-
lisheth all her vows, or all her bonds,
which *are* upon her: he confirmeth
them, because he held his peace at her
in the day that he heard *them*. 15 But if
he shall any ways make them void af-
ter that he hath heard *them*; then he
shall bear her iniquity. 16 These *are*

the statutes, which the LORD com-
manded Moses, between a man and
his wife, between the father and his
daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her
father's house.

31 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Avenge the children
of Israel of the Midianites: afterward
shalt thou be gathered unto thy peo-
ple. 3 And Moses spake unto the peo-
ple, saying, Arm some of yourselves
unto the war, and let them go against
the Midianites, and avenge the LORD
of Midian. 4 Of every tribe a thou-
sand, throughout all the tribes of Is-

rael, shall ye send to the war.* 5 So
there were delivered out of the thou-
sands of Israel, a thousand of *every*
tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.
6 And Moses sent them to the war,
a thousand of *every* tribe, them and
Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,
to the war, with the holy instruments,
and the trumpets to blow in his hand.
7 And they warred against the Midian-
ites, as the LORD commanded Moses;
and they slew all the males. 8 And they
slew the kings of Midian, beside the
rest of them that were slain; *namely*,

31.4. Of...: Heb. A thousand of a tribe, a thousand of a tribe.

Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur,
and Reba, five kings of Midian: Bal-
aam also the son of Beor they slew
with the sword. 9 And the children
of Israel took *all* the women of Mid-
ian captives, and their little ones, and
took the spoil of all their cattle, and all
their flocks, and all their goods. 10 And
they burnt all their cities wherein they
dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with
fire. 11 And they took all the spoil, and
all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.
12 And they brought the captives, and
the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses,
and Eleazar the priest, and unto the
congregation of the children of Is-

rael, unto the camp at the plains of
Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jeri-
cho. 13 And Moses, and Eleazar the
priest, and all the princes of the con-
gregation, went forth to meet them
without the camp. 14 And Moses was
wroth with the officers of the host,
with the captains over thousands, and
captains over hundreds, which came
from the battle.* 15 And Moses said
unto them, Have ye saved all the wo-
men alive? 16 Behold, these caused the
children of Israel, through the counsel
of Balaam, to commit trespass against
the LORD in the matter of Peor, and

14. battle: Heb. host of war.

there was a plague among the congre-
gation of the LORD. [17] Now therefore
kill every male among the little ones,
and kill every woman that hath known
man by lying with him.* [18] But all the
women children, that have not known
a man by lying with him, keep alive for
yourselves. [19] And do ye abide without
the camp seven days: whosoever hath
killed any person, and whosoever hath
touched any slain, purify *both* your-
selves and your captives on the third
day, and on the seventh day. [20] And
purify all *your* raiment, and all that is
made of skins, and all work of goats'

17. him: Heb. a male.

hair, and all things made of wood.*
21 And Eleazar the priest said unto the
men of war which went to the bat-
tle, This *is* the ordinance of the law
which the LORD commanded Moses;
22 Only the gold, and the silver, the
brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,
23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye
shall make *it* go through the fire, and
it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall
be purified with the water of separa-
tion: and all that abideth not the fire
ye shall make go through the water.
24 And ye shall wash your clothes on
the seventh day, and ye shall be clean,

20. that...: Heb. instrument, or, vessel of skins.

and afterward ye shall come into the
camp. [25] And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, [26] Take the sum of the
prey that was taken, *both* of man and
of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest,
and the chief fathers of the congre-
gation:* [27] And divide the prey into
two parts; between them that took
the war upon them, who went out to
battle, and between all the congrega-
tion: [28] And levy a tribute unto the
LORD of the men of war which went
out to battle: one soul of five hun-
dred, *both* of the persons, and of the
beeves, and of the asses, and of the

26. that...: Heb. of the captivity.

sheep: [29] Take *it* of their half, and give
it unto Eleazar the priest, *for* an heave
offering of the LORD. [30] And of the
children of Israel's half, thou shalt take
one portion of fifty, of the persons,
of the beeves, of the asses, and of the
flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give
them unto the Levites, which keep
the charge of the tabernacle of the
LORD.* [31] And Moses and Eleazar the
priest did as the LORD commanded
Moses. [32] And the booty, *being* the
rest of the prey which the men of war
had caught, was six hundred thou-
sand and seventy thousand and five

30. flocks: or, goats.

thousand sheep, 33 And threescore and
twelve thousand beeves, 34 And three-
score and one thousand asses, 35 And
thirty and two thousand persons in
all, of women that had not known
man by lying with him. 36 And the
half, *which was* the portion of them
that went out to war, was in num-
ber three hundred thousand and seven
and thirty thousand and five hundred
sheep: 37 And the LORD'S tribute of
the sheep was six hundred and three-
score and fifteen. 38 And the beeves
were thirty and six thousand; of which
the LORD'S tribute *was* threescore and
twelve. 39 And the asses *were* thirty

thousand and five hundred; of which
the LORD'S tribute *was* threescore and
one. [40] And the persons *were* sixteen
thousand; of which the LORD'S trib-
ute *was* thirty and two persons. [41] And
Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the
LORD'S heave offering, unto Eleazar
the priest, as the LORD commanded
Moses. [42] And of the children of Israel's
half, which Moses divided from the
men that warred, [43] (Now the half *that*
pertained unto the congregation was
three hundred thousand and thirty
thousand *and* seven thousand and five
hundred sheep, [44] And thirty and six
thousand beeves, [45] And thirty thou-

sand asses and five hundred, [46] And six-
teen thousand persons;) [47] Even of the
children of Israel's half, Moses took
one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of
beast, and gave them unto the Levites,
which kept the charge of the taberna-
cle of the LORD; as the LORD com-
manded Moses. [48] And the officers
which *were* over thousands of the host,
the captains of thousands, and cap-
tains of hundreds, came near unto
Moses: [49] And they said unto Moses,
Thy servants have taken the sum of
the men of war which *are* under our
charge, and there lacketh not one man

of us.* 50 We have therefore brought
an oblation for the LORD, what ev-
ery man hath gotten, of jewels of gold,
chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings,
and tablets, to make an atonement
for our souls before the LORD.* 51 And
Moses and Eleazar the priest took the
gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.
52 And all the gold of the offering that
they offered up to the LORD, of the
captains of thousands, and of the cap-
tains of hundreds, was sixteen thou-
sand seven hundred and fifty shekels.*

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49. charge: Heb. hand.
50. gotten: Heb. found.
52. offering: Heb. heave offering.

53 (*For* the men of war had taken spoil,
every man for himself.) 54 And Moses
and Eleazar the priest took the gold of
the captains of thousands and of hun-
dreds, and brought it into the taberna-
cle of the congregation, *for* a memo-
rial for the children of Israel before the
LORD.

32 Now the children of Reuben
and the children of Gad had a very
great multitude of cattle: and when
they saw the land of Jazer, and the land
of Gilead, that, behold, the place *was*
a place for cattle; 2 The children of
Gad and the children of Reuben came

and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar
the priest, and unto the princes of
the congregation, saying, 3 Ataroth,
and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah,
and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and She-
bam, and Nebo, and Beon,* 4 *Even* the
country which the LORD smote be-
fore the congregation of Israel, *is* a
land for cattle, and thy servants have
cattle: 5 Wherefore, said they, if we
have found grace in thy sight, let this
land be given unto thy servants for a
possession, *and* bring us not over Jor-
dan. 6 And Moses said unto the chil-

32.3. Nimrah: also called, Bethnimrah. Shebam: also called, Shibmah. Beon: also called, Baalmeon.

dren of Gad and to the children of
Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war,
and shall ye sit here? 7 And where-
fore discourage ye the heart of the chil-
dren of Israel from going over into
the land which the LORD hath given
them?* 8 Thus did your fathers, when
I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see
the land. 9 For when they went up
unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the
land, they discouraged the heart of
the children of Israel, that they should
not go into the land which the LORD
had given them. 10 And the LORD's
anger was kindled the same time, and

7. discourage: Heb. break.

he sware, saying, [11] Surely none of the
men that came up out of Egypt, from
twenty years old and upward, shall see
the land which I sware unto Abra-
ham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; be-
cause they have not wholly followed
me:* [12] Save Caleb the son of Jephun-
neh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son
of Nun: for they have wholly fol-
lowed the LORD. [13] And the LORD's
anger was kindled against Israel, and
he made them wander in the wilder-
ness forty years, until all the genera-
tion, that had done evil in the sight
of the LORD, was consumed. [14] And,

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11. wholly...: Heb. fulfilled after me.

behold, ye are risen up in your fathers'
stead, an increase of sinful men, to aug-
ment yet the fierce anger of the LORD
toward Israel. 15 For if ye turn away
from after him, he will yet again leave
them in the wilderness; and ye shall
destroy all this people. 16 And they
came near unto him, and said, We will
build sheepfolds here for our cattle,
and cities for our little ones: 17 But we
ourselves will go ready armed before
the children of Israel, until we have
brought them unto their place: and
our little ones shall dwell in the fenced
cities because of the inhabitants of the
land. 18 We will not return unto our

houses, until the children of Israel have
inherited every man his inheritance.
19 For we will not inherit with them on
yonder side Jordan, or forward; be-
cause our inheritance is fallen to us
on this side Jordan eastward. 20 And
Moses said unto them, If ye will do
this thing, if ye will go armed before
the LORD to war, 21 And will go all
of you armed over Jordan before the
LORD, until he hath driven out his en-
emies from before him, 22 And the land
be subdued before the LORD: then af-
terward ye shall return, and be guilt-
less before the LORD, and before Is-
rael; and this land shall be your pos-

session before the LORD. [23] But if ye
will not do so, behold, ye have sinned
against the LORD: and be sure your
sin will find you out. [24] Build you cities
for your little ones, and folds for your
sheep; and do that which hath pro-
ceeded out of your mouth. [25] And the
children of Gad and the children of
Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy
servants will do as my lord comman-
deth. [26] Our little ones, our wives, our
flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there
in the cities of Gilead: [27] But thy ser-
vants will pass over, every man armed
for war, before the LORD to battle, as
my lord saith. [28] So concerning them

Moses commanded Eleazar the priest,
and Joshua the son of Nun, and the
chief fathers of the tribes of the chil-
dren of Israel: [29] And Moses said unto
them, If the children of Gad and the
children of Reuben will pass with you
over Jordan, every man armed to bat-
tle, before the LORD, and the land
shall be subdued before you; then ye
shall give them the land of Gilead for
a possession: [30] But if they will not pass
over with you armed, they shall have
possessions among you in the land of
Canaan. [31] And the children of Gad
and the children of Reuben answered,
saying, As the LORD hath said unto

thy servants, so will we do. [32] We will
pass over armed before the LORD into
the land of Canaan, that the posses-
sion of our inheritance on this side Jor-
dan *may be* ours. [33] And Moses gave
unto them, *even* to the children of
Gad, and to the children of Reuben,
and unto half the tribe of Manasseh
the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Si-
hon king of the Amorites, and the
kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the
land, with the cities thereof in the
coasts, *even* the cities of the country
round about. [34] And the children of
Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and
Aroer, [35] And Atroth, Shophan, and

Jaazer, and Jogbehah,* 36 And Bethnimrah, and Bethharan, fenced cities:
and folds for sheep.* 37 And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and
Elealeh, and Kirjathaim, 38 And Nebo,
and Baalmeon, (their names being
changed,) and Shibmah: and gave
other names unto the cities which
they builded.* 39 And the children of
Machir the son of Manasseh went to
Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed
the Amorite which *was* in it. 40 And

35. Jaazer: also called, Jazer.
36. Bethnimrah: also called, Nimrah.
38. gave...: Heb. they called by names the names of the cities.

Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the
son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.
41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went
and took the small towns thereof, and
called them Havothjair. 42 And Nobah
went and took Kenath, and the vil-
lages thereof, and called it Nobah, af-
ter his own name.

33 These *are* the journeys of the
children of Israel, which went forth
out of the land of Egypt with their
armies under the hand of Moses and
Aaron. 2 And Moses wrote their go-
ings out according to their journeys
by the commandment of the LORD:

and these *are* their journeys accord-
ing to their goings out. 3 And they
departed from Rameses in the first
month, on the fifteenth day of the
first month; on the morrow after the
passover the children of Israel went
out with an high hand in the sight
of all the Egyptians. 4 For the Egyp-
tians buried all *their* firstborn, which
the LORD had smitten among them:
upon their gods also the LORD exe-
cuted judgments. 5 And the children
of Israel removed from Rameses, and
pitched in Succoth. 6 And they de-
parted from Succoth, and pitched in
Etham, which *is* in the edge of the

wilderness. 7 And they removed from
Etham, and turned again unto Pihahi-
roth, which *is* before Baalzephon: and
they pitched before Migdol. 8 And
they departed from before Pihahi-
roth, and passed through the midst
of the sea into the wilderness, and
went three days' journey in the wilder-
ness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.
9 And they removed from Marah, and
came unto Elim: and in Elim *were*
twelve fountains of water, and three-
score and ten palm trees; and they
pitched there. 10 And they removed
from Elim, and encamped by the Red
sea. 11 And they removed from the Red

sea, and encamped in the wilderness
of Sin. 12 And they took their journey
out of the wilderness of Sin, and en-
camped in Dophkah. 13 And they de-
parted from Dophkah, and encamped
in Alush. 14 And they removed from
Alush, and encamped at Rephidim,
where was no water for the people
to drink. 15 And they departed from
Rephidim, and pitched in the wilder-
ness of Sinai. 16 And they removed
from the desert of Sinai, and pitched
at Kibrothhattaavah.* 17 And they de-
parted from Kibrothhattaavah, and
encamped at Hazeroth. 18 And they

33.16. Kibrothhattaavah: that is, the graves of lust.

departed from Hazeroth, and pitched
in Rithmah. [19] And they departed
from Rithmah, and pitched at Rim-
monparez. [20] And they departed from
Rimmonparez, and pitched in Lib-
nah. [21] And they removed from Lib-
nah, and pitched at Rissah. [22] And they
journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in
Kehelathah. [23] And they went from
Kehelathah, and pitched in mount
Shapher. [24] And they removed from
mount Shapher, and encamped in
Haradah. [25] And they removed from
Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.
[26] And they removed from Makheloth,
and encamped at Tahath. [27] And they

departed from Tahath, and pitched
at Tarah. 28 And they removed from
Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah. 29 And
they went from Mithcah, and pitched
in Hashmonah. 30 And they de-
parted from Hashmonah, and en-
camped at Moseroth. 31 And they de-
parted from Moseroth, and pitched
in Benejaakan. 32 And they removed
from Benejaakan, and encamped at
Horhagidgad. 33 And they went from
Horhagidgad, and pitched in Jot-
bathah. 34 And they removed from
Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.
35 And they departed from Ebronah,
and encamped at Eziongaber. 36 And

they removed from Eziongaber, and
pitched in the wilderness of Zin,
which *is* Kadesh. 37 And they removed
from Kadesh, and pitched in mount
Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.
38 And Aaron the priest went up into
mount Hor at the commandment of
the LORD, and died there, in the for-
tieth year after the children of Israel
were come out of the land of Egypt, in
the first *day* of the fifth month. 39 And
Aaron *was* an hundred and twenty and
three years old when he died in mount
Hor. 40 And king Arad the Canaanite,
which dwelt in the south in the land
of Canaan, heard of the coming of the

children of Israel. 41 And they departed
from mount Hor, and pitched in Zal-
monah. 42 And they departed from
Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.
43 And they departed from Punon, and
pitched in Oboth. 44 And they de-
parted from Oboth, and pitched in
Ijeabarim, in the border of Moab.*
45 And they departed from Iim, and
pitched in Dibongad. 46 And they
removed from Dibongad, and en-
camped in Almondiblathaim. 47 And
they removed from Almondiblath-
aim, and pitched in the mountains of
Abarim, before Nebo. 48 And they de-

44. Ijeabarim: or, heaps of Abarim.

parted from the mountains of Abarim,
and pitched in the plains of Moab
by Jordan *near* Jericho. 49 And they
pitched by Jordan, from Bethjesimoth
even unto Abelshittim in the plains of
Moab.* 50 And the LORD spake unto
Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan
near Jericho, saying, 51 Speak unto the
children of Israel, and say unto them,
When ye are passed over Jordan into
the land of Canaan; 52 Then ye shall
drive out all the inhabitants of the land
from before you, and destroy all their
pictures, and destroy all their molten
images, and quite pluck down all their

49. Abelshittim: or, the plains of Shittim.

high places: [53] And ye shall dispossess
the inhabitants of the land, and dwell
therein: for I have given you the land
to possess it. [54] And ye shall divide the
land by lot for an inheritance among
your families: *and* to the more ye shall
give the more inheritance, and to the
fewer ye shall give the less inheritance:
every man's *inheritance* shall be in the
place where his lot falleth; according
to the tribes of your fathers ye shall
inherit.* [55] But if ye will not drive out
the inhabitants of the land from be-
fore you; then it shall come to pass,

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54. give the more...: Heb. multiply his inheritance.
give the less...: Heb. diminish his inheritance.

that those which ye let remain of them
shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns
in your sides, and shall vex you in the
land wherein ye dwell. 56 Moreover it
shall come to pass, *that* I shall do unto
you, as I thought to do unto them.

34 And the LORD spake unto
Moses, saying, 2 Command the chil-
dren of Israel, and say unto them,
When ye come into the land of Ca-
naan; (this *is* the land that shall fall
unto you for an inheritance, *even*
the land of Canaan with the coasts
thereof:) 3 Then your south quarter
shall be from the wilderness of Zin

along by the coast of Edom, and your
south border shall be the outmost
coast of the salt sea eastward: 4 And
your border shall turn from the south
to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass
on to Zin: and the going forth thereof
shall be from the south to Kadesh-
barnea, and shall go on to Hazaraddar,
and pass on to Azmon: 5 And the bor-
der shall fetch a compass from Azmon
unto the river of Egypt, and the goings
out of it shall be at the sea. 6 And *as for*
the western border, ye shall even have
the great sea for a border: this shall
be your west border. 7 And this shall
be your north border: from the great

sea ye shall point out for you mount
Hor: 8 From mount Hor ye shall point
out *your border* unto the entrance of
Hamath; and the goings forth of the
border shall be to Zedad: 9 And the
border shall go on to Ziphron, and
the goings out of it shall be at Haz-
arenan: this shall be your north bor-
der. 10 And ye shall point out your east
border from Hazarenan to Shepham:
11 And the coast shall go down from
Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of
Ain; and the border shall descend, and
shall reach unto the side of the sea of
Chinnereth eastward:* 12 And the bor-

34.11. side of the sea: Heb. shoulder of the sea.

der shall go down to Jordan, and the
goings out of it shall be at the salt sea:
this shall be your land with the coasts
thereof round about. 13 And Moses
commanded the children of Israel, say-
ing, This *is* the land which ye shall
inherit by lot, which the LORD com-
manded to give unto the nine tribes,
and to the half tribe: 14 For the tribe
of the children of Reuben according
to the house of their fathers, and the
tribe of the children of Gad accord-
ing to the house of their fathers, have
received *their inheritance*; and half the
tribe of Manasseh have received their
inheritance: 15 The two tribes and the

half tribe have received their inher-
itance on this side Jordan *near* Jeri-
cho eastward, toward the sunrising.
16 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 17 These *are* the names of the
men which shall divide the land unto
you: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the
son of Nun. 18 And ye shall take one
prince of every tribe, to divide the land
by inheritance. 19 And the names of the
men *are* these: Of the tribe of Judah,
Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 20 And
of the tribe of the children of Simeon,
Shemuel the son of Ammihud. 21 Of
the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son
of Chislon. 22 And the prince of the

tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the
son of Jogli. [23] The prince of the chil-
dren of Joseph, for the tribe of the chil-
dren of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of
Ephod. [24] And the prince of the tribe
of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel
the son of Shiphtan. [25] And the prince
of the tribe of the children of Zebulun,
Elizaphan the son of Parnach. [26] And
the prince of the tribe of the children
of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.
[27] And the prince of the tribe of the
children of Asher, Ahihud the son of
Shelomi. [28] And the prince of the tribe
of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel
the son of Ammihud. [29] These *are they*

whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

35 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. 3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. 4 And the sub-

urbs of the cities, which ye shall give
unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the
wall of the city and outward a thou-
sand cubits round about. 5 And ye
shall measure from without the city
on the east side two thousand cubits,
and on the south side two thousand
cubits, and on the west side two thou-
sand cubits, and on the north side two
thousand cubits; and the city *shall be*
in the midst: this shall be to them the
suburbs of the cities. 6 And among
the cities which ye shall give unto
the Levites *there shall be* six cities for
refuge, which ye shall appoint for the
manslayer, that he may flee thither:

and to them ye shall add forty and
two cities.* 7 *So* all the cities which ye
shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty
and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with
their suburbs. 8 And the cities which
ye shall give *shall be* of the possession
of the children of Israel: from *them*
that have many ye shall give many;
but from *them that have* few ye shall
give few: every one shall give of his
cities unto the Levites according to
his inheritance which he inheriteth.*
9 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, 10 Speak unto the children of

35.6. to them...: Heb. above them ye shall give.
8. he...: Heb. they inherit.

Israel, and say unto them, When ye
be come over Jordan into the land
of Canaan; 11 Then ye shall appoint
you cities to be cities of refuge for
you; that the slayer may flee thither,
which killeth any person at unawares.*
12 And they shall be unto you cities
for refuge from the avenger; that the
manslayer die not, until he stand be-
fore the congregation in judgment.
13 And of these cities which ye shall
give six cities shall ye have for refuge.
14 Ye shall give three cities on this side
Jordan, and three cities shall ye give
in the land of Canaan, *which* shall be

11. at...: Heb. by error.

cities of refuge. [15] These six cities shall
be a refuge, *both* for the children of
Israel, and for the stranger, and for
the sojourner among them: that ev-
ery one that killeth any person un-
awares may flee thither. [16] And if he
smite him with an instrument of iron,
so that he die, he *is* a murderer: the
murderer shall surely be put to death.
[17] And if he smite him with throwing a
stone, wherewith he may die, and he
die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer
shall surely be put to death.* [18] Or *if*
he smite him with an hand weapon
of wood, wherewith he may die, and

17. with...: Heb. with a stone of the hand.

he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer
shall surely be put to death. [19] The re-
venger of blood himself shall slay the
murderer: when he meeteth him, he
shall slay him. [20] But if he thrust him
of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of
wait, that he die; [21] Or in enmity smite
him with his hand, that he die: he
that smote *him* shall surely be put to
death; *for* he *is* a murderer: the re-
venger of blood shall slay the mur-
derer, when he meeteth him. [22] But
if he thrust him suddenly without en-
mity, or have cast upon him any thing
without laying of wait, [23] Or with any
stone, wherewith a man may die, see-

ing *him* not, and cast *it* upon him, that
he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither
sought his harm: [24] Then the congre-
gation shall judge between the slayer
and the revenger of blood according
to these judgments: [25] And the con-
gregation shall deliver the slayer out
of the hand of the revenger of blood,
and the congregation shall restore him
to the city of his refuge, whither he
was fled: and he shall abide in it unto
the death of the high priest, which was
anointed with the holy oil. [26] But if the
slayer shall at any time come without
the border of the city of his refuge,
whither he was fled; [27] And the re-

venger of blood find him without the
borders of the city of his refuge, and
the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he
shall not be guilty of blood:* 28 Because
he should have remained in the city of
his refuge until the death of the high
priest: but after the death of the high
priest the slayer shall return into the
land of his possession. 29 So these *things*
shall be for a statute of judgment unto
you throughout your generations in all
your dwellings. 30 Whoso killeth any
person, the murderer shall be put to
death by the mouth of witnesses: but
one witness shall not testify against

27. he...: Heb. no blood shall be to him.

any person *to cause him* to die. [31] Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for
the life of a murderer, which *is* guilty
of death: but he shall be surely put to
death.* [32] And ye shall take no satisfac-
tion for him that is fled to the city of
his refuge, that he should come again
to dwell in the land, until the death
of the priest. [33] So ye shall not pollute
the land wherein ye *are*: for blood it
defileth the land: and the land cannot
be cleansed of the blood that is shed
therein, but by the blood of him that
shed it.* [34] Defile not therefore the land

31. guilty...: Heb. faulty to die.
33. the land cannot...: Heb. there can be no cleans-

which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell:
for I the LORD dwell among the chil-
dren of Israel.

36 And the chief fathers of the
families of the children of Gilead, the
son of Machir, the son of Manasseh,
of the families of the sons of Joseph,
came near, and spake before Moses,
and before the princes, the chief fa-
thers of the children of Israel: 2 And
they said, The LORD commanded my
lord to give the land for an inher-
itance by lot to the children of Is-
rael: and my lord was commanded

ing for the land.

by the LORD to give the inheritance
of Zelophehad our brother unto his
daughters. 3 And if they be married
to any of the sons of the *other* tribes
of the children of Israel, then shall
their inheritance be taken from the
inheritance of our fathers, and shall
be put to the inheritance of the tribe
whereunto they are received: so shall
it be taken from the lot of our inher-
itance.* 4 And when the jubile of the
children of Israel shall be, then shall
their inheritance be put unto the in-
heritance of the tribe whereunto they
are received: so shall their inheritance

36.3. whereunto...: Heb. unto whom the shall be.

be taken away from the inheritance of
the tribe of our fathers.* 5 And Moses
commanded the children of Israel ac-
cording to the word of the LORD, say-
ing, The tribe of the sons of Joseph
hath said well. 6 This *is* the thing
which the LORD doth command con-
cerning the daughters of Zelophehad,
saying, Let them marry to whom they
think best; only to the family of the
tribe of their father shall they marry.*
7 So shall not the inheritance of the
children of Israel remove from tribe to
tribe: for every one of the children of

4. whereunto...: Heb. unto whom they shall be.
6. marry: Heb. be wives.

Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.* 8 And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers. 9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance. 10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad: 11 For Mahlah, Tirzah,

7. keep...: Heb. cleave to the, etc.

and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah,
the daughters of Zelophehad, were
married unto their father's brothers'
sons: 12 *And* they were married into the
families of the sons of Manasseh the
son of Joseph, and their inheritance
remained in the tribe of the family
of their father.* 13 These *are* the com-
mandments and the judgments, which
the LORD commanded by the hand of
Moses unto the children of Israel in
the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jeri-
cho.

12. into...: Heb. to some that were of the families.

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

DEUTERONOMY

These *be* the words which Moses
spake unto all Israel on this
side Jordan in the wilderness,
in the plain over against the Red *sea*,
between Paran, and Tophel, and La-
ban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.*
2 (*There are* eleven days' *journey* from
Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto
Kadeshbarnea.) 3 And it came to pass
in the fortieth year, in the eleventh

1.1. the Red...: or, Zuph.

month, on the first *day* of the month,
that Moses spake unto the children
of Israel, according unto all that the
LORD had given him in command-
ment unto them; 4 After he had slain
Sihon the king of the Amorites, which
dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king
of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth in
Edrei: 5 On this side Jordan, in the
land of Moab, began Moses to declare
this law, saying, 6 The LORD our God
spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye
have dwelt long enough in this mount:
7 Turn you, and take your journey, and
go to the mount of the Amorites, and
unto all *the places* nigh thereunto, in

the plain, in the hills, and in the vale,
and in the south, and by the sea side, to
the land of the Canaanites, and unto
Lebanon, unto the great river, the river
Euphrates.* 8 Behold, I have set the
land before you: go in and possess
the land which the LORD sware unto
your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Ja-
cob, to give unto them and to their
seed after them.* 9 And I spake unto
you at that time, saying, I am not
able to bear you myself alone: 10 The
LORD your God hath multiplied you,
and, behold, ye *are* this day as the

7. all...: Heb. all his neighbours.
8. set: Heb. given.

stars of heaven for multitude. [11] (The
LORD God of your fathers make you
a thousand times so many more as ye
are, and bless you, as he hath prom-
ised you!) [12] How can I myself alone
bear your cumbrance, and your bur-
den, and your strife? [13] Take you wise
men, and understanding, and known
among your tribes, and I will make
them rulers over you.* [14] And ye an-
swered me, and said, The thing which
thou hast spoken *is* good *for us* to do.
[15] So I took the chief of your tribes,
wise men, and known, and made them
heads over you, captains over thou-

13. Take: Heb. Give.

sands, and captains over hundreds,
and captains over fifties, and captains
over tens, and officers among your
tribes.* 16 And I charged your judges at
that time, saying, Hear *the causes* be-
tween your brethren, and judge righ-
teously between *every* man and his
brother, and the stranger *that is* with
him. 17 Ye shall not respect persons in
judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small
as well as the great; ye shall not be
afraid of the face of man; for the judg-
ment *is* God's: and the cause that is
too hard for you, bring *it* unto me,

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15. made: Heb. gave.

and I will hear it.* 18 And I commanded
you at that time all the things which
ye should do. 19 And when we de-
parted from Horeb, we went through
all that great and terrible wilderness,
which ye saw by the way of the moun-
tain of the Amorites, as the LORD our
God commanded us; and we came
to Kadeshbarnea. 20 And I said unto
you, Ye are come unto the mountain
of the Amorites, which the LORD our
God doth give unto us. 21 Behold, the
LORD thy God hath set the land be-
fore thee: go up *and* possess *it*, as the
LORD God of thy fathers hath said

17. respect...: Heb. acknowledge faces.

unto thee; fear not, neither be dis-
couraged. [22] And ye came near unto
me every one of you, and said, We
will send men before us, and they shall
search us out the land, and bring us
word again by what way we must go
up, and into what cities we shall come.
[23] And the saying pleased me well: and
I took twelve men of you, one of a
tribe: [24] And they turned and went up
into the mountain, and came unto the
valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.
[25] And they took of the fruit of the land
in their hands, and brought *it* down
unto us, and brought us word again,
and said, *It is* a good land which the

LORD our God doth give us. 26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but
rebelled against the commandment of
the LORD your God: 27 And ye mur-
mured in your tents, and said, Because
the LORD hated us, he hath brought
us forth out of the land of Egypt, to
deliver us into the hand of the Amor-
ites, to destroy us. 28 Whither shall
we go up? our brethren have discour-
aged our heart, saying, The people *is*
greater and taller than we; the cities
are great and walled up to heaven; and
moreover we have seen the sons of the
Anakims there.* 29 Then I said unto

28. discouraged: Heb. melted.

you, Dread not, neither be afraid of
them. 30 The LORD your God which
goeth before you, he shall fight for you,
according to all that he did for you in
Egypt before your eyes; 31 And in the
wilderness, where thou hast seen how
that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a
man doth bear his son, in all the way
that ye went, until ye came into this
place. 32 Yet in this thing ye did not
believe the LORD your God, 33 Who
went in the way before you, to search
you out a place to pitch your tents
in, in fire by night, to shew you by
what way ye should go, and in a cloud
by day. 34 And the LORD heard the

voice of your words, and was wroth,
and sware, saying, 35 Surely there shall
not one of these men of this evil gen-
eration see that good land, which I
sware to give unto your fathers, 36 Save
Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall
see it, and to him will I give the land
that he hath trodden upon, and to
his children, because he hath wholly
followed the LORD.* 37 Also the LORD
was angry with me for your sakes, say-
ing, Thou also shalt not go in thither.
38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which
standeth before thee, he shall go in
thither: encourage him: for he shall

36. wholly...: Heb. fulfilled to go after.

cause Israel to inherit it. [39] Moreover
your little ones, which ye said should
be a prey, and your children, which
in that day had no knowledge be-
tween good and evil, they shall go in
thither, and unto them will I give it,
and they shall possess it. [40] But *as for*
you, turn you, and take your journey
into the wilderness by the way of the
Red sea. [41] Then ye answered and said
unto me, We have sinned against the
LORD, we will go up and fight, ac-
cording to all that the LORD our God
commanded us. And when ye had
girded on every man his weapons of
war, ye were ready to go up into the

hill. 42 And the LORD said unto me,
Say unto them, Go not up, neither
fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye
be smitten before your enemies. 43 So I
spake unto you; and ye would not hear,
but rebelled against the command-
ment of the LORD, and went presump-
tuously up into the hill.* 44 And the
Amorites, which dwelt in that moun-
tain, came out against you, and chased
you, as bees do, and destroyed you in
Seir, *even* unto Hormah. 45 And ye re-
turned and wept before the LORD; but
the LORD would not hearken to your

43. went...: Heb. ye were presumptuous, and went up.

voice, nor give ear unto you. 46 So ye
abode in Kadesh many days, accord-
ing unto the days that ye abode *there*.

2 Then we turned, and took our
journey into the wilderness by the way
of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto
me: and we compassed mount Seir
many days. 2 And the LORD spake
unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed
this mountain long enough: turn you
northward. 4 And command thou the
people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through
the coast of your brethren the chil-
dren of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and
they shall be afraid of you: take ye

good heed unto yourselves therefore:
5 Meddle not with them; for I will not
give you of their land, no, not so much
as a foot breadth; because I have given
mount Seir unto Esau *for* a posses-
sion.* 6 Ye shall buy meat of them for
money, that ye may eat; and ye shall
also buy water of them for money, that
ye may drink. 7 For the LORD thy
God hath blessed thee in all the works
of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking
through this great wilderness: these
forty years the LORD thy God *hath*
been with thee; thou hast lacked noth-

2.5. no...: Heb. even to the treading of the sole of the foot.

ing. 8 And when we passed by from
our brethren the children of Esau,
which dwelt in Seir, through the way
of the plain from Elath, and from
Eziongaber, we turned and passed by
the way of the wilderness of Moab.
9 And the LORD said unto me, Dis-
tress not the Moabites, neither con-
tend with them in battle: for I will
not give thee of their land *for* a posses-
sion; because I have given Ar unto the
children of Lot *for* a possession.* 10 The
Emims dwelt therein in times past, a
people great, and many, and tall, as
the Anakims; 11 Which also were ac-

9. Distress...: or, Use no hostility against Moab.

counted giants, as the Anakims; but
the Moabites call them Emims. 12 The
Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime;
but the children of Esau succeeded
them, when they had destroyed them
from before them, and dwelt in their
stead; as Israel did unto the land of
his possession, which the LORD gave
unto them.* 13 Now rise up, *said I*, and
get you over the brook Zered. And
we went over the brook Zered.* 14 And
the space in which we came from
Kadeshbarnea, until we were come
over the brook Zered, *was* thirty and

12. succeeded: Heb. inherited. stead: or, room.
13. brook: or, valley.

eight years; until all the generation of
the men of war were wasted out from
among the host, as the LORD sware
unto them.* 15 For indeed the hand of
the LORD was against them, to destroy
them from among the host, until they
were consumed. 16 So it came to pass,
when all the men of war were con-
sumed and dead from among the peo-
ple, 17 That the LORD spake unto me,
saying, 18 Thou art to pass over through
Ar, the coast of Moab, this day: 19 And
when thou comest nigh over against
the children of Ammon, distress them
not, nor meddle with them: for I will

14. brook: or, valley.

not give thee of the land of the chil-
dren of Ammon *any* possession; be-
cause I have given it unto the chil-
dren of Lot *for* a possession. [20] (That
also was accounted a land of giants:
giants dwelt therein in old time; and
the Ammonites call them Zamzum-
mims;* [21] A people great, and many,
and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD
destroyed them before them; and they
succeeded them, and dwelt in their
stead: [22] As he did to the children
of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when
he destroyed the Horims from before
them; and they succeeded them, and

20. Zamzummims: also called, Zuzims.

dwelt in their stead even unto this
day: [23] And the Avims which dwelt
in Hazerim, *even* unto Azzah, the
Caphtorims, which came forth out of
Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt
in their stead.) [24] Rise ye up, take your
journey, and pass over the river Arnon:
behold, I have given into thine hand
Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon,
and his land: begin to possess *it*, and
contend with him in battle.* [25] This
day will I begin to put the dread of
thee and the fear of thee upon the na-
tions *that are* under the whole heaven,
who shall hear report of thee, and shall

24. begin...: Heb. begin, possess.

tremble, and be in anguish because of
thee. [26] And I sent messengers out of
the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Si-
hon king of Heshbon with words of
peace, saying, [27] Let me pass through
thy land: I will go along by the high
way, I will neither turn unto the right
hand nor to the left. [28] Thou shalt sell
me meat for money, that I may eat;
and give me water for money, that I
may drink: only I will pass through
on my feet; [29] (As the children of Esau
which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites
which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until
I shall pass over Jordan into the land
which the LORD our God giveth us.

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would
not let us pass by him: for the LORD
thy God hardened his spirit, and made
his heart obstinate, that he might de-
liver him into thy hand, as *appeareth*
this day. 31 And the LORD said unto
me, Behold, I have begun to give Si-
hon and his land before thee: begin to
possess, that thou mayest inherit his
land. 32 Then Sihon came out against
us, he and all his people, to fight at
Jahaz. 33 And the LORD our God de-
livered him before us; and we smote
him, and his sons, and all his people.
34 And we took all his cities at that time,
and utterly destroyed the men, and the

women, and the little ones, of every
city, we left none to remain:* [35] Only
the cattle we took for a prey unto our-
selves, and the spoil of the cities which
we took. [36] From Aroer, which *is* by
the brink of the river of Arnon, and
from the city that *is* by the river, even
unto Gilead, there was not one city
too strong for us: the LORD our God
delivered all unto us: [37] Only unto the
land of the children of Ammon thou
camest not, *nor* unto any place of the
river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the
mountains, nor unto whatsoever the

34. the men...: Heb. every city of men, and women, and little ones.

LORD our God forbad us.

3 Then we turned, and went up
the way to Bashan: and Og the king
of Bashan came out against us, he
and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear
him not: for I will deliver him, and all
his people, and his land, into thy hand;
and thou shalt do unto him as thou
didst unto Sihon king of the Amor-
ites, which dwelt at Heshbon. 3 So
the LORD our God delivered into our
hands Og also, the king of Bashan,
and all his people: and we smote him
until none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that
time, there was not a city which we
took not from them, threescore cities,
all the region of Argob, the kingdom
of Og in Bashan. 5 All these cities
were fenced with high walls, gates, and
bars; beside unwalled towns a great
many. 6 And we utterly destroyed
them, as we did unto Sihon king of
Heshbon, utterly destroying the men,
women, and children, of every city.
7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the
cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.
8 And we took at that time out of the
hand of the two kings of the Amorites
the land that *was* on this side Jordan,

from the river of Arnon unto mount
Hermon; 9 (*Which* Hermon the Sido-
nians call Sirion; and the Amorites call
it Shenir;) 10 All the cities of the plain,
and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto
Salchah and Edrei, cities of the king-
dom of Og in Bashan. 11 For only Og
king of Bashan remained of the rem-
nant of giants; behold, his bedstead
was a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in
Rabbath of the children of Ammon?
nine cubits *was* the length thereof,
and four cubits the breadth of it, after
the cubit of a man. 12 And this land,
which we possessed at that time, from
Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon,

and half mount Gilead, and the cities
thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites
and to the Gadites. 13 And the rest
of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the
kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half
tribe of Manasseh; all the region of
Argob, with all Bashan, which was
called the land of giants. 14 Jair the
son of Manasseh took all the country
of Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri
and Maachathi; and called them af-
ter his own name, Bashanhavothjair,
unto this day. 15 And I gave Gilead
unto Machir. 16 And unto the Reuben-
ites and unto the Gadites I gave from
Gilead even unto the river Arnon half

the valley, and the border even unto
the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of
the children of Ammon; 17 The plain
also, and Jordan, and the coast *thereof*,
from Chinnereth even unto the sea of
the plain, *even* the salt sea, under Ash-
dothpisgah eastward.* 18 And I com-
manded you at that time, saying, The
LORD your God hath given you this
land to possess it: ye shall pass over
armed before your brethren the chil-
dren of Israel, all *that are* meet for the
war.* 19 But your wives, and your lit-

3.17. Ashdothpisgah; or, the springs of Pisgah, or, the hill.

18. meet...: Heb. sons of power.

tle ones, and your cattle, (*for* I know
that ye have much cattle,) shall abide
in your cities which I have given you;
20 Until the LORD have given rest unto
your brethren, as well as unto you, and
until they also possess the land which
the LORD your God hath given them
beyond Jordan: and *then* shall ye re-
turn every man unto his possession,
which I have given you. 21 And I com-
manded Joshua at that time, saying,
Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD
your God hath done unto these two
kings: so shall the LORD do unto all
the kingdoms whither thou passest.
22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD

your God he shall fight for you. [23] And
I besought the LORD at that time, say-
ing, [24] O Lord GOD, thou hast begun
to shew thy servant thy greatness, and
thy mighty hand: for what God *is there*
in heaven or in earth, that can do ac-
cording to thy works, and according
to thy might? [25] I pray thee, let me
go over, and see the good land that
is beyond Jordan, that goodly moun-
tain, and Lebanon. [26] But the LORD
was wroth with me for your sakes, and
would not hear me: and the LORD said
unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no
more unto me of this matter. [27] Get
thee up into the top of Pisgah, and

lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.*
28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see. 29 So we abode in the valley over against Bethpeor.

4 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in

27. Pisgah: or, the hill.

and possess the land which the LORD
God of your fathers giveth you. 2 Ye
shall not add unto the word which I
command you, neither shall ye dimin-
ish *ought* from it, that ye may keep
the commandments of the LORD your
God which I command you. 3 Your
eyes have seen what the LORD did be-
cause of Baalpeor: for all the men that
followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God
hath destroyed them from among you.
4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD
your God *are* alive every one of you
this day. 5 Behold, I have taught you
statutes and judgments, even as the
LORD my God commanded me, that

ye should do so in the land whither
ye go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore
and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom
and your understanding in the sight of
the nations, which shall hear all these
statutes, and say, Surely this great na-
tion *is* a wise and understanding peo-
ple. 7 For what nation *is there so* great,
who *hath* God *so* nigh unto them, as
the LORD our God *is* in all *things that*
we call upon him *for*? 8 And what na-
tion *is there so* great, that hath statutes
and judgments *so* righteous as all this
law, which I set before you this day?
9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep
thy soul diligently, lest thou forget

the things which thine eyes have seen,
and lest they depart from thy heart all
the days of thy life: but teach them
thy sons, and thy sons' sons; [10] *Spe-*
cially the day that thou stoodest before
the LORD thy God in Horeb, when
the LORD said unto me, Gather me
the people together, and I will make
them hear my words, that they may
learn to fear me all the days that they
shall live upon the earth, and *that* they
may teach their children. [11] And ye
came near and stood under the moun-
tain; and the mountain burned with
fire unto the midst of heaven, with

darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.*
12 And the LORD spake unto you out
of the midst of the fire: ye heard the
voice of the words, but saw no simil-
itude; only *ye heard* a voice.* 13 And
he declared unto you his covenant,
which he commanded you to per-
form, *even* ten commandments; and
he wrote them upon two tables of
stone. 14 And the LORD commanded
me at that time to teach you statutes
and judgments, that ye might do them
in the land whither ye go over to pos-
sess it. 15 Take ye therefore good heed

4.11. midst: Heb. heart.
12. only...: Heb. save a voice.

unto yourselves; for ye saw no man-
ner of similitude on the day *that* the
LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of
the midst of the fire: [16] Lest ye corrupt
yourselves, and make you a graven im-
age, the similitude of any figure, the
likeness of male or female, [17] The like-
ness of any beast that *is* on the earth,
the likeness of any winged fowl that
flieth in the air, [18] The likeness of any
thing that creepeth on the ground, the
likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters
beneath the earth: [19] And lest thou lift
up thine eyes unto heaven, and when
thou seest the sun, and the moon, and
the stars, *even* all the host of heaven,

shouldest be driven to worship them,
and serve them, which the LORD thy
God hath divided unto all nations un-
der the whole heaven.* 20 But the LORD
hath taken you, and brought you forth
out of the iron furnace, *even* out of
Egypt, to be unto him a people of in-
heritance, as *ye are* this day. 21 Fur-
thermore the LORD was angry with
me for your sakes, and sware that I
should not go over Jordan, and that I
should not go in unto that good land,
which the LORD thy God giveth thee
for an inheritance: 22 But I must die in
this land, I must not go over Jordan:

19. divided: or, imparted.

but ye shall go over, and possess that
good land. [23] Take heed unto your-
selves, lest ye forget the covenant of the
LORD your God, which he made with
you, and make you a graven image, *or*
the likeness of any *thing*, which the
LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.
[24] For the LORD thy God *is* a consum-
ing fire, *even* a jealous God. [25] When
thou shalt beget children, and chil-
dren's children, and ye shall have re-
mained long in the land, and shall cor-
rupt *yourselves*, and make a graven im-
age, *or* the likeness of any *thing*, and
shall do evil in the sight of the LORD
thy God, to provoke him to anger:

[26] I call heaven and earth to witness
against you this day, that ye shall soon
utterly perish from off the land where-
unto ye go over Jordan to possess it;
ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it,
but shall utterly be destroyed. [27] And
the LORD shall scatter you among the
nations, and ye shall be left few in
number among the heathen, whither
the LORD shall lead you. [28] And there
ye shall serve gods, the work of men's
hands, wood and stone, which nei-
ther see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.
[29] But if from thence thou shalt seek
the LORD thy God, thou shalt find
him, if thou seek him with all thy heart

and with all thy soul. [30] When thou art
in tribulation, and all these things are
come upon thee, *even* in the latter days,
if thou turn to the LORD thy God,
and shalt be obedient unto his voice;*
[31] (For the LORD thy God *is* a mer-
ciful God;) he will not forsake thee,
neither destroy thee, nor forget the
covenant of thy fathers which he sware
unto them. [32] For ask now of the days
that are past, which were before thee,
since the day that God created man
upon the earth, and *ask* from the one
side of heaven unto the other, whether
there hath been *any such thing* as this

30. are...: Heb. have found thee.

great thing *is*, or hath been heard like
it? 33 Did *ever* people hear the voice
of God speaking out of the midst of
the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?
34 Or hath God assayed to go *and* take
him a nation from the midst of *an-*
other nation, by temptations, by signs,
and by wonders, and by war, and by a
mighty hand, and by a stretched out
arm, and by great terrors, according to
all that the LORD your God did for
you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 Unto
thee it was shewed, that thou might-
est know that the LORD he *is* God;
there is none else beside him. 36 Out
of heaven he made thee to hear his

voice, that he might instruct thee: and
upon earth he shewed thee his great
fire; and thou heardest his words out
of the midst of the fire. 37 And be-
cause he loved thy fathers, therefore
he chose their seed after them, and
brought thee out in his sight with his
mighty power out of Egypt; 38 To drive
out nations from before thee greater
and mightier than thou *art*, to bring
thee in, to give thee their land *for* an
inheritance, as *it is* this day. 39 Know
therefore this day, and consider *it* in
thine heart, that the LORD he *is* God
in heaven above, and upon the earth
beneath: *there is* none else. 40 Thou

shalt keep therefore his statutes, and
his commandments, which I com-
mand thee this day, that it may go well
with thee, and with thy children af-
ter thee, and that thou mayest prolong
thy days upon the earth, which the
LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.
41 Then Moses severed three cities on
this side Jordan toward the sunrising;
42 That the slayer might flee thither,
which should kill his neighbour un-
awares, and hated him not in times
past; and that fleeing unto one of these
cities he might live: 43 *Namely*, Bezer
in the wilderness, in the plain coun-
try, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth

in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan
in Bashan, of the Manassites. 44 And
this *is* the law which Moses set before
the children of Israel: 45 These *are* the
testimonies, and the statutes, and the
judgments, which Moses spake unto
the children of Israel, after they came
forth out of Egypt, 46 On this side Jor-
dan, in the valley over against Beth-
peor, in the land of Sihon king of
the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon,
whom Moses and the children of Is-
rael smote, after they were come forth
out of Egypt: 47 And they possessed
his land, and the land of Og king of
Bashan, two kings of the Amorites,

which *were* on this side Jordan toward
the sunrising; [48] From Aroer, which *is*
by the bank of the river Arnon, even
unto mount Sion, which *is* Hermon,
[49] And all the plain on this side Jor-
dan eastward, even unto the sea of the
plain, under the springs of Pisgah.

5 And Moses called all Israel, and
said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the
statutes and judgments which I speak
in your ears this day, that ye may learn
them, and keep, and do them.* [2] The
LORD our God made a covenant with
us in Horeb. [3] The LORD made not

5.1. keep...: Heb. keep to do them.

this covenant with our fathers, but
with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here
alive this day. 4 The LORD talked with
you face to face in the mount out of
the midst of the fire, 5 (I stood be-
tween the LORD and you at that time,
to shew you the word of the LORD:
for ye were afraid by reason of the fire,
and went not up into the mount;) say-
ing, 6 I *am* the LORD thy God, which
brought thee out of the land of Egypt,
from the house of bondage.* 7 Thou
shalt have none other gods before me.
8 Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven
image, *or* any likeness *of any thing* that

6. bondage: Heb. servants.

is in heaven above, or that *is* in the
earth beneath, or that *is* in the wa-
ters beneath the earth: 9 Thou shalt
not bow down thyself unto them, nor
serve them: for I the LORD thy God
am a jealous God, visiting the iniq-
uity of the fathers upon the children
unto the third and fourth *generation*
of them that hate me, 10 And shewing
mercy unto thousands of them that
love me and keep my commandments.
11 Thou shalt not take the name of the
LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD
will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh
his name in vain. 12 Keep the sab-
bath day to sanctify it, as the LORD

thy God hath commanded thee. [13] Six
days thou shalt labour, and do all thy
work: [14] But the seventh day *is* the sab-
bath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou
shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy
son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manser-
vant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine
ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cat-
tle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy
gates; that thy manservant and thy
maidservant may rest as well as thou.
[15] And remember that thou wast a ser-
vant in the land of Egypt, and *that*
the LORD thy God brought thee out
thence through a mighty hand and
by a stretched out arm: therefore the

LORD thy God commanded thee to
keep the sabbath day. 16 Honour thy
father and thy mother, as the LORD
thy God hath commanded thee; that
thy days may be prolonged, and that
it may go well with thee, in the land
which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
17 Thou shalt not kill. 18 Neither shalt
thou commit adultery. 19 Neither shalt
thou steal. 20 Neither shalt thou bear
false witness against thy neighbour.
21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neigh-
bour's wife, neither shalt thou covet
thy neighbour's house, his field, or his
manservant, or his maidservant, his ox,
or his ass, or any *thing* that *is* thy neigh-

bour's. [22] These words the LORD spake
unto all your assembly in the mount
out of the midst of the fire, of the
cloud, and of the thick darkness, with
a great voice: and he added no more.
And he wrote them in two tables of
stone, and delivered them unto me.
[23] And it came to pass, when ye heard
the voice out of the midst of the dark-
ness, (for the mountain did burn with
fire,) that ye came near unto me, *even*
all the heads of your tribes, and your el-
ders; [24] And ye said, Behold, the LORD
our God hath shewed us his glory and
his greatness, and we have heard his
voice out of the midst of the fire: we

have seen this day that God doth talk
with man, and he liveth. [25] Now there-
fore why should we die? for this great
fire will consume us: if we hear the
voice of the LORD our God any more,
then we shall die.* [26] For who *is there*
of all flesh, that hath heard the voice
of the living God speaking out of the
midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?
[27] Go thou near, and hear all that the
LORD our God shall say: and speak
thou unto us all that the LORD our
God shall speak unto thee; and we will
hear *it*, and do *it*. [28] And the LORD
heard the voice of your words, when

25. hear: Heb. add to hear.

ye spake unto me; and the LORD said
unto me, I have heard the voice of
the words of this people, which they
have spoken unto thee: they have well
said all that they have spoken. [29] O
that there were such an heart in them,
that they would fear me, and keep
all my commandments always, that it
might be well with them, and with
their children for ever! [30] Go say to
them, Get you into your tents again.
[31] But as for thee, stand thou here by
me, and I will speak unto thee all the
commandments, and the statutes, and
the judgments, which thou shalt teach
them, that they may do *them* in the

land which I give them to possess it.
32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as
the LORD your God hath commanded
you: ye shall not turn aside to the right
hand or to the left. 33 Ye shall walk
in all the ways which the LORD your
God hath commanded you, that ye
may live, and *that it may be* well with
you, and *that* ye may prolong *your* days
in the land which ye shall possess.

6 Now these *are* the command-
ments, the statutes, and the judg-
ments, which the LORD your God
commanded to teach you, that ye
might do *them* in the land whither ye

go to possess it:* 2 That thou might-
est fear the LORD thy God, to keep all
his statutes and his commandments,
which I command thee, thou, and thy
son, and thy son's son, all the days
of thy life; and that thy days may be
prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, O Is-
rael, and observe to do *it*; that it may
be well with thee, and that ye may
increase mightily, as the LORD God
of thy fathers hath promised thee, in
the land that floweth with milk and
honey. 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD
our God *is* one LORD: 5 And thou
shalt love the LORD thy God with all

6.1. go: Heb. pass over.

thine heart, and with all thy soul, and
with all thy might. 6 And these words,
which I command thee this day, shall
be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt
teach them diligently unto thy chil-
dren, and shalt talk of them when thou
sittest in thine house, and when thou
walkest by the way, and when thou li-
est down, and when thou risest up.*
8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign
upon thine hand, and they shall be as
frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And
thou shalt write them upon the posts
of thy house, and on thy gates. 10 And it
shall be, when the LORD thy God shall

7. teach: Heb. whet, or, sharpen.

have brought thee into the land which
he sware unto thy fathers, to Abra-
ham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give
thee great and goodly cities, which
thou buildedst not, 11 And houses full
of all good *things*, which thou filledst
not, and wells digged, which thou
diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees,
which thou plantedst not; when thou
shalt have eaten and be full; 12 *Then* be-
ware lest thou forget the LORD, which
brought thee forth out of the land of
Egypt, from the house of bondage.*
13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God,
and serve him, and shalt swear by his

12. bondage: Heb. bondmen or, servants.

name. [14] Ye shall not go after other
gods, of the gods of the people which
are round about you; [15] (For the LORD
thy God *is* a jealous God among you)
lest the anger of the LORD thy God be
kindled against thee, and destroy thee
from off the face of the earth. [16] Ye shall
not tempt the LORD your God, as ye
tempted *him* in Massah. [17] Ye shall dili-
gently keep the commandments of the
LORD your God, and his testimonies,
and his statutes, which he hath com-
manded thee. [18] And thou shalt do
that which is right and good in the
sight of the LORD: that it may be well
with thee, and that thou mayest go

in and possess the good land which
the LORD sware unto thy fathers, 19 To
cast out all thine enemies from before
thee, as the LORD hath spoken. 20 *And*
when thy son asketh thee in time to
come, saying, What *mean* the testi-
monies, and the statutes, and the judg-
ments, which the LORD our God hath
commanded you?* 21 Then thou shalt
say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's
bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD
brought us out of Egypt with a mighty
hand: 22 And the LORD shewed signs
and wonders, great and sore, upon
Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all

20. in...: Heb. to morrow.

his household, before our eyes:* 23 And
he brought us out from thence, that
he might bring us in, to give us the
land which he sware unto our fathers.
24 And the LORD commanded us to do
all these statutes, to fear the LORD
our God, for our good always, that
he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at
this day. 25 And it shall be our righ-
teousness, if we observe to do all these
commandments before the LORD our
God, as he hath commanded us.

7 When the LORD thy God shall
bring thee into the land whither thou

22. sore: Heb. evil.

goest to possess it, and hath cast out
many nations before thee, the Hittites,
and the Girgashites, and the Amorites,
and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites,
and the Hivites, and the Jebusites,
seven nations greater and mightier
than thou; 2 And when the LORD thy
God shall deliver them before thee;
thou shalt smite them, *and* utterly
destroy them; thou shalt make no
covenant with them, nor shew mercy
unto them: 3 Neither shalt thou make
marriages with them; thy daughter
thou shalt not give unto his son, nor
his daughter shalt thou take unto thy
son. 4 For they will turn away thy

son from following me, that they may
serve other gods: so will the anger of
the LORD be kindled against you, and
destroy thee suddenly. 5 But thus shall
ye deal with them; ye shall destroy
their altars, and break down their im-
ages, and cut down their groves, and
burn their graven images with fire.*
6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the
LORD thy God: the LORD thy God
hath chosen thee to be a special peo-
ple unto himself, above all people that
are upon the face of the earth. 7 The
LORD did not set his love upon you,
nor choose you, because ye were more

7.5. their images: Heb. their statues, or, pillars.

in number than any people; for ye
were the fewest of all people: 8 But
because the LORD loved you, and be-
cause he would keep the oath which he
had sworn unto your fathers, hath the
LORD brought you out with a mighty
hand, and redeemed you out of the
house of bondmen, from the hand of
Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know there-
fore that the LORD thy God, he *is*
God, the faithful God, which keepeth
covenant and mercy with them that
love him and keep his commandments
to a thousand generations; 10 And re-
payeth them that hate him to their
face, to destroy them: he will not be

slack to him that hateth him, he will
repay him to his face. 11 Thou shalt
therefore keep the commandments,
and the statutes, and the judgments,
which I command thee this day, to
do them. 12 Wherefore it shall come
to pass, if ye hearken to these judg-
ments, and keep, and do them, that the
LORD thy God shall keep unto thee
the covenant and the mercy which he
sware unto thy fathers:* 13 And he will
love thee, and bless thee, and multi-
ply thee: he will also bless the fruit of
thy womb, and the fruit of thy land,
thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil,

12. if: Heb. because.

the increase of thy kine, and the flocks
of thy sheep, in the land which he
sware unto thy fathers to give thee.
14 Thou shalt be blessed above all peo-
ple: there shall not be male or fe-
male barren among you, or among
your cattle. 15 And the LORD will take
away from thee all sickness, and will
put none of the evil diseases of Egypt,
which thou knowest, upon thee; but
will lay them upon all *them* that hate
thee. 16 And thou shalt consume all
the people which the LORD thy God
shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have
no pity upon them: neither shalt thou
serve their gods; for that *will be* a snare

unto thee. [17] If thou shalt say in thine
heart, These nations *are* more than I;
how can I dispossess them? [18] Thou
shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt
well remember what the LORD thy
God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all
Egypt; [19] The great temptations which
thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the
wonders, and the mighty hand, and
the stretched out arm, whereby the
LORD thy God brought thee out: so
shall the LORD thy God do unto all
the people of whom thou art afraid.
[20] Moreover the LORD thy God will
send the hornet among them, until
they that are left, and hide themselves

from thee, be destroyed. [21] Thou shalt
not be affrighted at them: for the
LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty
God and terrible. [22] And the LORD thy
God will put out those nations before
thee by little and little: thou mayest
not consume them at once, lest the
beasts of the field increase upon thee.*
[23] But the LORD thy God shall de-
liver them unto thee, and shall destroy
them with a mighty destruction, until
they be destroyed.* [24] And he shall de-
liver their kings into thine hand, and
thou shalt destroy their name from

22. put...: Heb. pluck off.
23. unto...: Heb. before thy face.

under heaven: there shall no man be
able to stand before thee, until thou
have destroyed them. [25] The graven im-
ages of their gods shall ye burn with
fire: thou shalt not desire the silver
or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it*
unto thee, lest thou be snared therein:
for it *is* an abomination to the LORD
thy God. [26] Neither shalt thou bring
an abomination into thine house, lest
thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou
shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt
utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

8 All the commandments which
I command thee this day shall ye ob-

serve to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land
which the LORD sware unto your fa-
thers. [2] And thou shalt remember all
the way which the LORD thy God led
thee these forty years in the wilder-
ness, to humble thee, *and* to prove
thee, to know what *was* in thine heart,
whether thou wouldest keep his com-
mandments, or no. [3] And he hum-
bled thee, and suffered thee to hunger,
and fed thee with manna, which thou
knewest not, neither did thy fathers
know; that he might make thee know
that man doth not live by bread only,
but by every *word* that proceedeth

out of the mouth of the LORD doth
man live. 4 Thy raiment waxed not
old upon thee, neither did thy foot
swell, these forty years. 5 Thou shalt
also consider in thine heart, that, as a
man chasteneth his son, *so* the LORD
thy God chasteneth thee. 6 There-
fore thou shalt keep the command-
ments of the LORD thy God, to walk
in his ways, and to fear him. 7 For the
LORD thy God bringeth thee into a
good land, a land of brooks of water,
of fountains and depths that spring
out of valleys and hills; 8 A land of
wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig
trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil

olive, and honey;* 9 A land wherein
thou shalt eat bread without scarce-
ness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in
it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and
out of whose hills thou mayest dig
brass. 10 When thou hast eaten and art
full, then thou shalt bless the LORD
thy God for the good land which he
hath given thee. 11 Beware that thou
forget not the LORD thy God, in not
keeping his commandments, and his
judgments, and his statutes, which I
command thee this day: 12 Lest *when*
thou hast eaten and art full, and hast
built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*;

8.8. of oil...: Heb. of olive tree of oil.

13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks
multiply, and thy silver and thy gold
is multiplied, and all that thou hast
is multiplied; 14 Then thine heart be
lifted up, and thou forget the LORD
thy God, which brought thee forth
out of the land of Egypt, from the
house of bondage; 15 Who led thee
through that great and terrible wilder-
ness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and
scorpions, and drought, where *there
was* no water; who brought thee forth
water out of the rock of flint; 16 Who
fed thee in the wilderness with manna,
which thy fathers knew not, that he
might humble thee, and that he might

prove thee, to do thee good at thy lat-
ter end; 17 And thou say in thine heart,
My power and the might of *mine* hand
hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou
shalt remember the LORD thy God:
for *it is* he that giveth thee power to
get wealth, that he may establish his
covenant which he sware unto thy fa-
thers, as *it is* this day. 19 And it shall be,
if thou do at all forget the LORD thy
God, and walk after other gods, and
serve them, and worship them, I tes-
tify against you this day that ye shall
surely perish. 20 As the nations which
the LORD destroyeth before your face,
so shall ye perish; because ye would

not be obedient unto the voice of the
LORD your God.

9 Hear, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass
over Jordan this day, to go in to pos-
sess nations greater and mightier than
thyself, cities great and fenced up to
heaven, 2 A people great and tall, the
children of the Anakims, whom thou
knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard
say, Who can stand before the chil-
dren of Anak! 3 Understand therefore
this day, that the LORD thy God *is*
he which goeth over before thee; *as* a
consuming fire he shall destroy them,
and he shall bring them down before

thy face: so shalt thou drive them out,
and destroy them quickly, as the LORD
hath said unto thee. 4 Speak not thou
in thine heart, after that the LORD
thy God hath cast them out from be-
fore thee, saying, For my righteousness
the LORD hath brought me in to pos-
sess this land: but for the wickedness
of these nations the LORD doth drive
them out from before thee. 5 Not for
thy righteousness, or for the upright-
ness of thine heart, dost thou go to
possess their land: but for the wicked-
ness of these nations the LORD thy
God doth drive them out from be-
fore thee, and that he may perform

the word which the LORD sware unto
thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Ja-
cob. 6 Understand therefore, that the
LORD thy God giveth thee not this
good land to possess it for thy righ-
teousness; for thou *art* a stiffnecked
people. 7 Remember, *and* forget not,
how thou provokedst the LORD thy
God to wrath in the wilderness: from
the day that thou didst depart out
of the land of Egypt, until ye came
unto this place, ye have been rebel-
lious against the LORD. 8 Also in Ho-
reb ye provoked the LORD to wrath,
so that the LORD was angry with you
to have destroyed you. 9 When I was

gone up into the mount to receive the
tables of stone, *even* the tables of the
covenant which the LORD made with
you, then I abode in the mount forty
days and forty nights, I neither did
eat bread nor drink water: [10] And the
LORD delivered unto me two tables of
stone written with the finger of God;
and on them *was written* according to
all the words, which the LORD spake
with you in the mount out of the midst
of the fire in the day of the assembly.
[11] And it came to pass at the end of
forty days and forty nights, *that* the
LORD gave me the two tables of stone,
even the tables of the covenant. [12] And

the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee
down quickly from hence; for thy peo-
ple which thou hast brought forth out
of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*;
they are quickly turned aside out of
the way which I commanded them;
they have made them a molten im-
age. 13 Furthermore the LORD spake
unto me, saying, I have seen this peo-
ple, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked peo-
ple: 14 Let me alone, that I may de-
stroy them, and blot out their name
from under heaven: and I will make
of thee a nation mightier and greater
than they. 15 So I turned and came
down from the mount, and the mount

burned with fire: and the two tables of
the covenant *were* in my two hands.
16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had
sinned against the LORD your God,
and had made you a molten calf: ye
had turned aside quickly out of the
way which the LORD had commanded
you. 17 And I took the two tables, and
cast them out of my two hands, and
brake them before your eyes. 18 And I
fell down before the LORD, as at the
first, forty days and forty nights: I
did neither eat bread, nor drink wa-
ter, because of all your sins which ye
sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight
of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot
displeasure, wherewith the LORD was
wroth against you to destroy you. But
the LORD hearkened unto me at that
time also. 20 And the LORD was very
angry with Aaron to have destroyed
him: and I prayed for Aaron also the
same time. 21 And I took your sin, the
calf which ye had made, and burnt it
with fire, and stamped it, *and* ground
it very small, *even* until it was as small
as dust: and I cast the dust thereof
into the brook that descended out of
the mount. 22 And at Taberah, and at
Massah, and at Kibrothhattaavah, ye
provoked the LORD to wrath. 23 Like-

wise when the LORD sent you from
Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and pos-
sess the land which I have given you;
then ye rebelled against the com-
mandment of the LORD your God,
and ye believed him not, nor hear-
kened to his voice. 24 Ye have been
rebellious against the LORD from the
day that I knew you. 25 Thus I fell down
before the LORD forty days and forty
nights, as I fell down *at the first*; be-
cause the LORD had said he would de-
stroy you. 26 I prayed therefore unto
the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD,
destroy not thy people and thine in-
heritance, which thou hast redeemed

through thy greatness, which thou
hast brought forth out of Egypt with
a mighty hand. [27] Remember thy ser-
vants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look
not unto the stubbornness of this peo-
ple, nor to their wickedness, nor to
their sin: [28] Lest the land whence thou
broughtest us out say, Because the
LORD was not able to bring them into
the land which he promised them,
and because he hated them, he hath
brought them out to slay them in the
wilderness. [29] Yet they *are* thy peo-
ple and thine inheritance, which thou
broughtest out by thy mighty power
and by thy stretched out arm.

10 At that time the LORD said
unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone
like unto the first, and come up unto
me into the mount, and make thee an
ark of wood. 2 And I will write on
the tables the words that were in the
first tables which thou brakest, and
thou shalt put them in the ark. 3 And
I made an ark *of* shittim wood, and
hewed two tables of stone like unto
the first, and went up into the mount,
having the two tables in mine hand.
4 And he wrote on the tables, accord-
ing to the first writing, the ten com-
mandments, which the LORD spake

unto you in the mount out of the
midst of the fire in the day of the as-
sembly: and the LORD gave them unto
me.* 5 And I turned myself and came
down from the mount, and put the
tables in the ark which I had made;
and there they be, as the LORD com-
manded me. 6 And the children of Is-
rael took their journey from Beeroth
of the children of Jaakan to Mosera:
there Aaron died, and there he was
buried; and Eleazar his son minis-
tered in the priest's office in his stead.
7 From thence they journeyed unto
Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to

10.4. commandments: Heb. words.

Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters. 8 At
that time the LORD separated the tribe
of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant
of the LORD, to stand before the LORD
to minister unto him, and to bless in
his name, unto this day. 9 Where-
fore Levi hath no part nor inheritance
with his brethren; the LORD *is* his in-
heritance, according as the LORD thy
God promised him. 10 And I stayed in
the mount, according to the first time,
forty days and forty nights; and the
LORD hearkened unto me at that time
also, *and* the LORD would not destroy
thee.* 11 And the LORD said unto me,

10. first...: or, former days.

Arise, take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess
the land, which I sware unto their fa-
thers to give unto them.* [12] And now,
Israel, what doth the LORD thy God
require of thee, but to fear the LORD
thy God, to walk in all his ways, and
to love him, and to serve the LORD
thy God with all thy heart and with
all thy soul, [13] To keep the command-
ments of the LORD, and his statutes,
which I command thee this day for
thy good? [14] Behold, the heaven and
the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD'S
thy God, the earth *also*, with all that

11. take...: Heb. go in journey.

therein *is*. [15] Only the LORD had a
delight in thy fathers to love them,
and he chose their seed after them,
even you above all people, as *it is* this
day. [16] Circumcise therefore the fore-
skin of your heart, and be no more
stiffnecked. [17] For the LORD your God
is God of gods, and Lord of lords,
a great God, a mighty, and a terri-
ble, which regardeth not persons, nor
taketh reward: [18] He doth execute the
judgment of the fatherless and widow,
and loveth the stranger, in giving him
food and raiment. [19] Love ye therefore
the stranger: for ye were strangers in
the land of Egypt. [20] Thou shalt fear

the LORD thy God; him shalt thou
serve, and to him shalt thou cleave,
and swear by his name. [21] He *is* thy
praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath
done for thee these great and terri-
ble things, which thine eyes have seen.
[22] Thy fathers went down into Egypt
with threescore and ten persons; and
now the LORD thy God hath made
thee as the stars of heaven for multi-
tude.

11 Therefore thou shalt love the
LORD thy God, and keep his charge,
and his statutes, and his judgments,
and his commandments, alway. [2] And
know ye this day: for *I speak* not with

your children which have not known,
and which have not seen the chas-
tisement of the LORD your God, his
greatness, his mighty hand, and his
stretched out arm, 3 And his miracles,
and his acts, which he did in the midst
of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of
Egypt, and unto all his land; 4 And
what he did unto the army of Egypt,
unto their horses, and to their char-
iots; how he made the water of the
Red sea to overflow them as they pur-
sued after you, and *how* the LORD hath
destroyed them unto this day; 5 And
what he did unto you in the wilder-
ness, until ye came into this place;

6 And what he did unto Dathan and
Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of
Reuben: how the earth opened her
mouth, and swallowed them up, and
their households, and their tents, and
all the substance that *was* in their pos-
session, in the midst of all Israel:* 7 But
your eyes have seen all the great acts of
the LORD which he did. 8 Therefore
shall ye keep all the commandments
which I command you this day, that ye
may be strong, and go in and possess
the land, whither ye go to possess it;
9 And that ye may prolong *your* days

11.6. substance...: or, living substance which followed them. was...: Heb. was at their feet.

in the land, which the LORD sware
unto your fathers to give unto them
and to their seed, a land that floweth
with milk and honey. 10 For the land,
whither thou goest in to possess it, *is*
not as the land of Egypt, from whence
ye came out, where thou sowedst thy
seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot,
as a garden of herbs: 11 But the land,
whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of
hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of
the rain of heaven: 12 A land which the
LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of
the LORD thy God *are* always upon it,
from the beginning of the year even

unto the end of the year.* 13 And it
shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken
diligently unto my commandments
which I command you this day, to
love the LORD your God, and to serve
him with all your heart and with all
your soul, 14 That I will give *you* the
rain of your land in his due season, the
first rain and the latter rain, that thou
mayest gather in thy corn, and thy
wine, and thine oil. 15 And I will send
grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that
thou mayest eat and be full.* 16 Take
heed to yourselves, that your heart be

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12. careth...: Heb. seeketh.
15. send: Heb. give.

not deceived, and ye turn aside, and
serve other gods, and worship them;
17 And *then* the LORD's wrath be kin-
dled against you, and he shut up the
heaven, that there be no rain, and that
the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye
perish quickly from off the good land
which the LORD giveth you. 18 There-
fore shall ye lay up these my words in
your heart and in your soul, and bind
them for a sign upon your hand, that
they may be as frontlets between your
eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them your
children, speaking of them when thou
sittest in thine house, and when thou
walkest by the way, when thou liest

down, and when thou risest up. [20] And
thou shalt write them upon the door
posts of thine house, and upon thy
gates: [21] That your days may be multi-
plied, and the days of your children, in
the land which the LORD sware unto
your fathers to give them, as the days
of heaven upon the earth. [22] For if
ye shall diligently keep all these com-
mandments which I command you,
to do them, to love the LORD your
God, to walk in all his ways, and to
cleave unto him; [23] Then will the LORD
drive out all these nations from be-
fore you, and ye shall possess greater
nations and mightier than yourselves.

24 Every place whereon the soles of your
feet shall tread shall be yours: from
the wilderness and Lebanon, from the
river, the river Euphrates, even unto
the uttermost sea shall your coast be.
25 There shall no man be able to stand
before you: *for* the LORD your God
shall lay the fear of you and the dread
of you upon all the land that ye shall
tread upon, as he hath said unto you.
26 Behold, I set before you this day a
blessing and a curse; 27 A blessing, if ye
obey the commandments of the LORD
your God, which I command you this
day: 28 And a curse, if ye will not obey
the commandments of the LORD your

God, but turn aside out of the way
which I command you this day, to go
after other gods, which ye have not
known. [29] And it shall come to pass,
when the LORD thy God hath brought
thee in unto the land whither thou
goest to possess it, that thou shalt put
the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and
the curse upon mount Ebal. [30] *Are* they
not on the other side Jordan, by the
way where the sun goeth down, in the
land of the Canaanites, which dwell in
the champaign over against Gilgal, be-
side the plains of Moreh? [31] For ye shall
pass over Jordan to go in to possess the
land which the LORD your God giveth

you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell
therein. 32 And ye shall observe to do
all the statutes and judgments which I
set before you this day.

12 These *are* the statutes and judg-
ments, which ye shall observe to do
in the land, which the LORD God of
thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all
the days that ye live upon the earth.
2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places,
wherein the nations which ye shall
possess served their gods, upon the
high mountains, and upon the hills,
and under every green tree:* 3 And ye

12.2. possess: or, inherit.

shall overthrow their altars, and break
their pillars, and burn their groves
with fire; and ye shall hew down the
graven images of their gods, and de-
stroy the names of them out of that
place.* 4 Ye shall not do so unto the
LORD your God. 5 But unto the
place which the LORD your God shall
choose out of all your tribes to put his
name there, *even* unto his habitation
shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt
come: 6 And thither ye shall bring
your burnt offerings, and your sacri-
fices, and your tithes, and heave of-
ferings of your hand, and your vows,

3. overthrow: Heb. break down.

and your freewill offerings, and the
firstlings of your herds and of your
flocks: 7 And there ye shall eat before
the LORD your God, and ye shall re-
joice in all that ye put your hand unto,
ye and your households, wherein the
LORD thy God hath blessed thee. 8 Ye
shall not do after all *the things* that we
do here this day, every man whatso-
ever *is* right in his own eyes. 9 For ye
are not as yet come to the rest and to
the inheritance, which the LORD your
God giveth you. 10 But *when* ye go over
Jordan, and dwell in the land which
the LORD your God giveth you to in-
herit, and *when* he giveth you rest from

all your enemies round about, so that
ye dwell in safety; 11 Then there shall
be a place which the LORD your God
shall choose to cause his name to dwell
there; thither shall ye bring all that I
command you; your burnt offerings,
and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the
heave offering of your hand, and all
your choice vows which ye vow unto
the LORD:* 12 And ye shall rejoice be-
fore the LORD your God, ye, and your
sons, and your daughters, and your
menservants, and your maidservants,
and the Levite that *is* within your
gates; forasmuch as he hath no part

11. your choice...: Heb. the choice of your vows.

nor inheritance with you. 13 Take heed
to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt
offerings in every place that thou seest:
14 But in the place which the LORD
shall choose in one of thy tribes, there
thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings,
and there thou shalt do all that I com-
mand thee. 15 Notwithstanding thou
mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates,
whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, ac-
cording to the blessing of the LORD
thy God which he hath given thee: the
unclean and the clean may eat thereof,
as of the roebuck, and as of the hart.
16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye
shall pour it upon the earth as wa-

ter. [17] Thou mayest not eat within thy
gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy
wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of
thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of
thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy
freewill offerings, or heave offering of
thine hand: [18] But thou must eat them
before the LORD thy God in the place
which the LORD thy God shall choose,
thou, and thy son, and thy daughter,
and thy manservant, and thy maidser-
vant, and the Levite that *is* within thy
gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the
LORD thy God in all that thou puttest
thine hands unto. [19] Take heed to thy-
self that thou forsake not the Levite

as long as thou livest upon the earth.*
20 When the LORD thy God shall en-
large thy border, as he hath promised
thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh,
because thy soul longeth to eat flesh;
thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy
soul lusteth after. 21 If the place which
the LORD thy God hath chosen to put
his name there be too far from thee,
then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of
thy flock, which the LORD hath given
thee, as I have commanded thee, and
thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever
thy soul lusteth after. 22 Even as the
roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou

19. as long...: Heb. all thy days.

shalt eat them: the unclean and the
clean shall eat *of* them alike. [23] Only
be sure that thou eat not the blood: for
the blood *is* the life; and thou mayest
not eat the life with the flesh.* [24] Thou
shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon
the earth as water. [25] Thou shalt not
eat it; that it may go well with thee,
and with thy children after thee, when
thou shalt do *that which is* right in the
sight of the LORD. [26] Only thy holy
things which thou hast, and thy vows,
thou shalt take, and go unto the place
which the LORD shall choose: [27] And
thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings,

23. be...: Heb. be strong.

the flesh and the blood, upon the altar
of the LORD thy God: and the blood
of thy sacrifices shall be poured out
upon the altar of the LORD thy God,
and thou shalt eat the flesh. 28 Ob-
serve and hear all these words which
I command thee, that it may go well
with thee, and with thy children af-
ter thee for ever, when thou doest *that*
which is good and right in the sight
of the LORD thy God. 29 When the
LORD thy God shall cut off the na-
tions from before thee, whither thou
goest to possess them, and thou suc-
ceedest them, and dwellest in their

land;* 30 Take heed to thyself that thou
be not snared by following them, af-
ter that they be destroyed from before
thee; and that thou enquire not after
their gods, saying, How did these na-
tions serve their gods? even so will
I do likewise.* 31 Thou shalt not do
so unto the LORD thy God: for ev-
ery abomination to the LORD, which
he hateth, have they done unto their
gods; for even their sons and their
daughters they have burnt in the fire

29. succeedest...: Heb. inheritest, or, possessest them.
30. by...: Heb. after them.

to their gods.* 32 What thing soever I
command you, observe to do it: thou
shalt not add thereto, nor diminish
from it.

13 If there arise among you a
prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and
giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And
the sign or the wonder come to pass,
whereof he spake unto thee, saying,
Let us go after other gods, which
thou hast not known, and let us serve
them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto
the words of that prophet, or that
dreamer of dreams: for the LORD

31. to the: Heb. of the.

your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with
all your heart and with all your soul.
4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your
God, and fear him, and keep his com-
mandments, and obey his voice, and
ye shall serve him, and cleave unto
him. 5 And that prophet, or that
dreamer of dreams, shall be put to
death; because he hath spoken to turn
you away from the LORD your God,
which brought you out of the land
of Egypt, and redeemed you out of
the house of bondage, to thrust thee
out of the way which the LORD thy
God commanded thee to walk in. So

shalt thou put the evil away from the
midst of thee.* 6 If thy brother, the
son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy
daughter, or the wife of thy bosom,
or thy friend, which *is* as thine own
soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us
go and serve other gods, which thou
hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;
7 *Namely*, of the gods of the people
which *are* round about you, nigh unto
thee, or far off from thee, from the
one end of the earth even unto the
other end of the earth; 8 Thou shalt
not consent unto him, nor hearken
unto him; neither shall thine eye pity

13.5. to turn...: Heb. revolt against the LORD.

him, neither shalt thou spare, neither
shalt thou conceal him: 9 But thou
shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall
be first upon him to put him to death,
and afterwards the hand of all the peo-
ple. 10 And thou shalt stone him with
stones, that he die; because he hath
sought to thrust thee away from the
LORD thy God, which brought thee
out of the land of Egypt, from the
house of bondage.* 11 And all Israel
shall hear, and fear, and shall do no
more any such wickedness as this is
among you. 12 If thou shalt hear *say* in
one of thy cities, which the LORD thy

10. bondage: Heb. bondmen.

God hath given thee to dwell there,
saying, 13 *Certain* men, the children of
Belial, are gone out from among you,
and have withdrawn the inhabitants of
their city, saying, Let us go and serve
other gods, which ye have not known;*
14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make
search, and ask diligently; and, behold,
if it be truth, *and* the thing certain, *that*
such abomination is wrought among
you; 15 Thou shalt surely smite the in-
habitants of that city with the edge of
the sword, destroying it utterly, and all
that *is* therein, and the cattle thereof,
with the edge of the sword. 16 And

13. the children...: or, naughty men.

thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into
the midst of the street thereof, and
shalt burn with fire the city, and all
the spoil thereof every whit, for the
LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap
for ever; it shall not be built again.
17 And there shall cleave nought of the
cursed thing to thine hand: that the
LORD may turn from the fierceness of
his anger, and shew thee mercy, and
have compassion upon thee, and mul-
tiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy
fathers;* 18 When thou shalt hearken
to the voice of the LORD thy God,
to keep all his commandments which

17. cursed: or, devoted.

I command thee this day, to do *that*
which is right in the eyes of the LORD
thy God.

14 Ye *are* the children of the LORD
your God: ye shall not cut yourselves,
nor make any baldness between your
eyes for the dead. 2 For thou *art* an
holy people unto the LORD thy God,
and the LORD hath chosen thee to be
a peculiar people unto himself, above
all the nations that *are* upon the earth.
3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable
thing. 4 These *are* the beasts which
ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and
the goat, 5 The hart, and the roebuck,

and the fallow deer, and the wild goat,
and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and
the chamois. 6 And every beast that
parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft
into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud
among the beasts, that ye shall eat.
7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of
them that chew the cud, or of them
that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the
camel, and the hare, and the coney: for
they chew the cud, but divide not the
hoof; *therefore* they *are* unclean unto
you. 8 And the swine, because it di-
videth the hoof, yet cheweth not the
cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye shall
not eat of their flesh, nor touch their

dead carcase. 9 These ye shall eat of all
that *are* in the waters: all that have fins
and scales shall ye eat: 10 And whatso-
ever hath not fins and scales ye may
not eat; it *is* unclean unto you. 11 *Of*
all clean birds ye shall eat. 12 But these
are they of which ye shall not eat: the
eagle, and the ossifrage, and the os-
pray, 13 And the glede, and the kite, and
the vulture after his kind, 14 And ev-
ery raven after his kind, 15 And the owl,
and the night hawk, and the cuckow,
and the hawk after his kind, 16 The lit-
tle owl, and the great owl, and the
swan, 17 And the pelican, and the gier
eagle, and the cormorant, 18 And the

stork, and the heron after her kind,
and the lapwing, and the bat. [19] And
every creeping thing that flieth *is* un-
clean unto you: they shall not be eaten.
[20] *But of* all clean fowls ye may eat. [21] Ye
shall not eat *of* any thing that dieth
of itself: thou shalt give it unto the
stranger that *is* in thy gates, that he
may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto
an alien: for thou *art* an holy people
unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt
not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.
[22] Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase
of thy seed, that the field bringeth
forth year by year. [23] And thou shalt
eat before the LORD thy God, in the

place which he shall choose to place
his name there, the tithe of thy corn,
of thy wine, and of thine oil, and
the firstlings of thy herds and of thy
flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear
the LORD thy God always. 24 And if
the way be too long for thee, so that
thou art not able to carry it; *or* if the
place be too far from thee, which the
LORD thy God shall choose to set his
name there, when the LORD thy God
hath blessed thee: 25 Then shalt thou
turn *it* into money, and bind up the
money in thine hand, and shalt go
unto the place which the LORD thy
God shall choose: 26 And thou shalt

bestow that money for whatsoever thy
soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for
sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink,
or for whatsoever thy soul desireth:
and thou shalt eat there before the
LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice,
thou, and thine household,* 27 And the
Levite that *is* within thy gates; thou
shalt not forsake him; for he hath no
part nor inheritance with thee. 28 At
the end of three years thou shalt bring
forth all the tithe of thine increase the
same year, and shalt lay *it* up within
thy gates: 29 And the Levite, (because
he hath no part nor inheritance with

14.26. desireth: Heb. asketh of thee.

thee,) and the stranger, and the father-
less, and the widow, which *are* within
thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and
be satisfied; that the LORD thy God
may bless thee in all the work of thine
hand which thou doest.

15 At the end of *every* seven years
thou shalt make a release. 2 And this *is*
the manner of the release: Every cred-
itor that lendeth *ought* unto his neigh-
bour shall release *it*; he shall not exact
it of his neighbour, or of his brother;
because it is called the LORD'S re-
lease.* 3 Of a foreigner thou mayest ex-

15.2. creditor: Heb. master of the lending of his

act *it again*: but *that* which is thine
with thy brother thine hand shall re-
lease; [4] Save when there shall be no
poor among you; for the LORD shall
greatly bless thee in the land which the
LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an in-
heritance to possess it:* [5] Only if thou
carefully hearken unto the voice of the
LORD thy God, to observe to do all
these commandments which I com-
mand thee this day. [6] For the LORD
thy God blesseth thee, as he prom-
ised thee: and thou shalt lend unto

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hand.

4. Save...: or, To the end that there be no poor among you.

many nations, but thou shalt not bor-
row; and thou shalt reign over many
nations, but they shall not reign over
thee. 7 If there be among you a poor
man of one of thy brethren within
any of thy gates in thy land which the
LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt
not harden thine heart, nor shut thine
hand from thy poor brother: 8 But
thou shalt open thine hand wide unto
him, and shalt surely lend him suffi-
cient for his need, *in that* which he
wanteth. 9 Beware that there be not
a thought in thy wicked heart, saying,
The seventh year, the year of release, is
at hand; and thine eye be evil against

thy poor brother, and thou givest him
nought; and he cry unto the LORD
against thee, and it be sin unto thee.*
10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine
heart shall not be grieved when thou
givest unto him: because that for this
thing the LORD thy God shall bless
thee in all thy works, and in all that
thou puttest thine hand unto. 11 For
the poor shall never cease out of the
land: therefore I command thee, say-
ing, Thou shalt open thine hand wide
unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to
thy needy, in thy land. 12 *And* if thy
brother, an Hebrew man, or an He-

9. thought: Heb. word. wicked: Heb. Belial.

brew woman, be sold unto thee, and
serve thee six years; then in the sev-
enth year thou shalt let him go free
from thee. 13 And when thou send-
est him out free from thee, thou shalt
not let him go away empty: 14 Thou
shalt furnish him liberally out of thy
flock, and out of thy floor, and out of
thy winepress: *of that* wherewith the
LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou
shalt give unto him. 15 And thou shalt
remember that thou wast a bondman
in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy
God redeemed thee: therefore I com-
mand thee this thing to day. 16 And
it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will

not go away from thee; because he
loveth thee and thine house, because
he is well with thee; 17 Then thou shalt
take an aul, and thrust *it* through his
ear unto the door, and he shall be
thy servant for ever. And also unto
thy maidservant thou shalt do like-
wise. 18 It shall not seem hard unto
thee, when thou sendest him away free
from thee; for he hath been worth a
double hired servant *to thee*, in serv-
ing thee six years: and the LORD thy
God shall bless thee in all that thou
doest. 19 All the firstling males that
come of thy herd and of thy flock
thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy

God: thou shalt do no work with the
firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the
firstling of thy sheep. [20] Thou shalt
eat *it* before the LORD thy God year
by year in the place which the LORD
shall choose, thou and thy household.
[21] And if there be *any* blemish therein,
as if it be lame, or blind, *or have* any
ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it
unto the LORD thy God. [22] Thou shalt
eat it within thy gates: the unclean and
the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the
roebuck, and as the hart. [23] Only thou
shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou
shalt pour it upon the ground as wa-
ter.

16 Observe the month of Abib,
and keep the passover unto the LORD
thy God: for in the month of Abib
the LORD thy God brought thee forth
out of Egypt by night. 2 Thou shalt
therefore sacrifice the passover unto
the LORD thy God, of the flock and
the herd, in the place which the LORD
shall choose to place his name there.
3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread
with it; seven days shalt thou eat
unleavened bread therewith, *even* the
bread of affliction; for thou camest
forth out of the land of Egypt in haste:
that thou mayest remember the day

when thou camest forth out of the
land of Egypt all the days of thy life.
4 And there shall be no leavened bread
seen with thee in all thy coast seven
days; neither shall there *any thing* of
the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the
first day at even, remain all night un-
til the morning. 5 Thou mayest not
sacrifice the passover within any of thy
gates, which the LORD thy God giveth
thee:* 6 But at the place which the
LORD thy God shall choose to place
his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice
the passover at even, at the going down
of the sun, at the season that thou

16.5. sacrifice: or, kill.

camest forth out of Egypt. 7 And thou
shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which
the LORD thy God shall choose: and
thou shalt turn in the morning, and
go unto thy tents. 8 Six days thou
shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the
seventh day *shall be* a solemn assem-
bly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt
do no work *therein*.* 9 Seven weeks
shalt thou number unto thee: begin
to number the seven weeks from *such
time as* thou beginnest *to put* the sickle
to the corn. 10 And thou shalt keep the
feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God
with a tribute of a freewill offering

8. solemn...: Heb. restraint.

of thine hand, which thou shalt give
unto the LORD thy God, according as
the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:*
11 And thou shalt rejoice before the
LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and
thy daughter, and thy manservant, and
thy maidservant, and the Levite that
is within thy gates, and the stranger,
and the fatherless, and the widow, that
are among you, in the place which the
LORD thy God hath chosen to place
his name there. 12 And thou shalt re-
member that thou wast a bondman in
Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do
these statutes. 13 Thou shalt observe

10. a tribute: or, sufficiency.

the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn
and thy wine:* 14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son,
and thy daughter, and thy manservant,
and thy maidservant, and the Levite,
the stranger, and the fatherless, and
the widow, that *are* within thy gates.
15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn
feast unto the LORD thy God in the
place which the LORD shall choose:
because the LORD thy God shall bless
thee in all thine increase, and in all the
works of thine hands, therefore thou
shalt surely rejoice. 16 Three times in

13. corn...: Heb. floor, and thy winepress.

a year shall all thy males appear be-
fore the LORD thy God in the place
which he shall choose; in the feast
of unleavened bread, and in the feast
of weeks, and in the feast of taber-
nacles: and they shall not appear be-
fore the LORD empty: 17 Every man
shall give as he is able, according to the
blessing of the LORD thy God which
he hath given thee.* 18 Judges and of-
ficers shalt thou make thee in all thy
gates, which the LORD thy God giveth
thee, throughout thy tribes: and they
shall judge the people with just judg-
ment. 19 Thou shalt not wrest judg-

17. as...: Heb. according to the gift of his hand.

ment; thou shalt not respect persons,
neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind
the eyes of the wise, and pervert the
words of the righteous.* [20] That which
is altogether just shalt thou follow,
that thou mayest live, and inherit the
land which the LORD thy God giveth
thee.* [21] Thou shalt not plant thee a
grove of any trees near unto the altar of
the LORD thy God, which thou shalt
make thee. [22] Neither shalt thou set
thee up *any* image; which the LORD
thy God hateth.*

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19. words: or, matters.
20. That which...: Heb. Justice, justice.
22. image: or, statue, or, pillar.

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto
the LORD thy God *any* bullock, or
sheep, wherein is blemish, *or* any evil-
favouredness: for that *is* an abomi-
nation unto the LORD thy God.* 2 If
there be found among you, within any
of thy gates which the LORD thy God
giveth thee, man or woman, that hath
wrought wickedness in the sight of the
LORD thy God, in transgressing his
covenant, 3 And hath gone and served
other gods, and worshipped them, ei-
ther the sun, or moon, or any of the
host of heaven, which I have not com-

17.1. sheep: or, goat.

manded; [4] And it be told thee, and
thou hast heard *of it*, and enquired dili-
gently, and, behold, *it be* true, *and* the
thing certain, *that* such abomination
is wrought in Israel: [5] Then shalt thou
bring forth that man or that woman,
which have committed that wicked
thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man
or that woman, and shalt stone them
with stones, till they die. [6] At the
mouth of two witnesses, or three wit-
nesses, shall he that is worthy of death
be put to death; *but* at the mouth
of one witness he shall not be put to
death. [7] The hands of the witnesses
shall be first upon him to put him to

death, and afterward the hands of all
the people. So thou shalt put the evil
away from among you. 8 If there arise a
matter too hard for thee in judgment,
between blood and blood, between
plea and plea, and between stroke and
stroke, *being* matters of controversy
within thy gates: then shalt thou arise,
and get thee up into the place which
the LORD thy God shall choose; 9 And
thou shalt come unto the priests the
Levites, and unto the judge that shall
be in those days, and enquire; and they
shall shew thee the sentence of judg-
ment: 10 And thou shalt do according
to the sentence, which they of that

place which the LORD shall choose
shall shew thee; and thou shalt ob-
serve to do according to all that they
inform thee: [11] According to the sen-
tence of the law which they shall teach
thee, and according to the judgment
which they shall tell thee, thou shalt
do: thou shalt not decline from the
sentence which they shall shew thee,
to the right hand, nor *to* the left. [12] And
the man that will do presumptuously,
and will not hearken unto the priest
that standeth to minister there before
the LORD thy God, or unto the judge,
even that man shall die: and thou shalt

put away the evil from Israel.* 13 And
all the people shall hear, and fear, and
do no more presumptuously. 14 When
thou art come unto the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee, and
shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein,
and shalt say, I will set a king over me,
like as all the nations that *are* about
me; 15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him*
king over thee, whom the LORD thy
God shall choose: *one* from among thy
brethren shalt thou set king over thee:
thou mayest not set a stranger over
thee, which *is* not thy brother. 16 But
he shall not multiply horses to him-

12. and will...: Heb. not to hearken.

self, nor cause the people to return to
Egypt, to the end that he should mul-
tiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD
hath said unto you, Ye shall hence-
forth return no more that way. 17 Nei-
ther shall he multiply wives to himself,
that his heart turn not away: neither
shall he greatly multiply to himself sil-
ver and gold. 18 And it shall be, when
he sitteth upon the throne of his king-
dom, that he shall write him a copy of
this law in a book out of *that which is*
before the priests the Levites: 19 And
it shall be with him, and he shall read
therein all the days of his life: that he
may learn to fear the LORD his God,

to keep all the words of this law and
these statutes, to do them: [20] That his
heart be not lifted up above his breth-
ren, and that he turn not aside from
the commandment, *to* the right hand,
or *to* the left: to the end that he may
prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he,
and his children, in the midst of Israel.

18 The priests the Levites, *and* all
the tribe of Levi, shall have no part
nor inheritance with Israel: they shall
eat the offerings of the LORD made by
fire, and his inheritance. [2] Therefore
shall they have no inheritance among
their brethren: the LORD *is* their in-

heritance, as he hath said unto them.
3 And this shall be the priest's due from
the people, from them that offer a
sacrifice, whether *it be* ox or sheep;
and they shall give unto the priest
the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and
the maw. 4 The firstfruit *also* of thy
corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil,
and the first of the fleece of thy sheep,
shalt thou give him. 5 For the LORD
thy God hath chosen him out of all
thy tribes, to stand to minister in
the name of the LORD, him and his
sons for ever. 6 And if a Levite come
from any of thy gates out of all Israel,
where he sojourned, and come with all

the desire of his mind unto the place
which the LORD shall choose; 7 Then
he shall minister in the name of the
LORD his God, as all his brethren the
Levites *do*, which stand there before
the LORD. 8 They shall have like por-
tions to eat, beside that which cometh
of the sale of his patrimony.* 9 When
thou art come into the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou
shalt not learn to do after the abomi-
nations of those nations. 10 There shall
not be found among you *any one* that
maketh his son or his daughter to pass
through the fire, *or* that useth divina-

18.8. that...: Heb. his sale by the fathers.

tion, *or* an observer of times, or an en-
chanter, or a witch, [11] Or a charmer,
or a consulter with familiar spirits, or
a wizard, or a necromancer. [12] For all
that do these things *are* an abomi-
nation unto the LORD: and because
of these abominations the LORD thy
God doth drive them out from before
thee. [13] Thou shalt be perfect with the
LORD thy God.* [14] For these nations,
which thou shalt possess, hearkened
unto observers of times, and unto di-
viners: but as for thee, the LORD thy
God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.*

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13. perfect: or, upright, or, sincere.
14. possess: or, inherit.

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto
thee a Prophet from the midst of thee,
of thy brethren, like unto me; unto
him ye shall hearken; 16 According to
all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy
God in Horeb in the day of the as-
sembly, saying, Let me not hear again
the voice of the LORD my God, nei-
ther let me see this great fire any more,
that I die not. 17 And the LORD said
unto me, They have well *spoken that*
which they have spoken. 18 I will raise
them up a Prophet from among their
brethren, like unto thee, and will put
my words in his mouth; and he shall
speak unto them all that I shall com-

mand him. [19] And it shall come to pass,
that whosoever will not hearken unto
my words which he shall speak in my
name, I will require *it* of him. [20] But
the prophet, which shall presume to
speak a word in my name, which I have
not commanded him to speak, or that
shall speak in the name of other gods,
even that prophet shall die. [21] And
if thou say in thine heart, How shall
we know the word which the LORD
hath not spoken? [22] When a prophet
speaketh in the name of the LORD, if
the thing follow not, nor come to pass,
that *is* the thing which the LORD hath
not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spo-

ken it presumptuously: thou shalt not
be afraid of him.

19 When the LORD thy God hath
cut off the nations, whose land the
LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou
succeedest them, and dwellest in their
cities, and in their houses;* 2 Thou
shalt separate three cities for thee in
the midst of thy land, which the LORD
thy God giveth thee to possess it.
3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and
divide the coasts of thy land, which
the LORD thy God giveth thee to in-
herit, into three parts, that every slayer

19.1. succeedest: Heb. inheritest, or, possessest.

may flee thither. [4] And this *is* the case
of the slayer, which shall flee thither,
that he may live: Whoso killeth his
neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated
not in time past;* [5] As when a man
goeth into the wood with his neigh-
bour to hew wood, and his hand fetch-
eth a stroke with the axe to cut down
the tree, and the head slippeth from
the helve, and lighteth upon his neigh-
bour, that he die; he shall flee unto
one of those cities, and live:* [6] Lest
the avenger of the blood pursue the

4. in...: Heb. from yesterday the third day.
5. head: Heb. iron. helve: Heb. wood. lighteth...: Heb. findeth.

slayer, while his heart is hot, and over-
take him, because the way is long, and
slay him; whereas he *was* not worthy
of death, inasmuch as he hated him
not in time past.* 7 Wherefore I com-
mand thee, saying, Thou shalt sepa-
rate three cities for thee. 8 And if the
LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as
he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and
give thee all the land which he prom-
ised to give unto thy fathers; 9 If thou
shalt keep all these commandments to
do them, which I command thee this
day, to love the LORD thy God, and to

6. slay...: Heb. smite him in life. in...: Heb. from yesterday the third day.

walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou
add three cities more for thee, beside
these three: [10] That innocent blood be
not shed in thy land, which the LORD
thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance,
and *so* blood be upon thee. [11] But if
any man hate his neighbour, and lie
in wait for him, and rise up against
him, and smite him mortally that he
die, and fleeth into one of these cities:*
[12] Then the elders of his city shall send
and fetch him thence, and deliver him
into the hand of the avenger of blood,
that he may die. [13] Thine eye shall not
pity him, but thou shalt put away *the*

11. mortally: Heb. in life.

guilt of innocent blood from Israel,
that it may go well with thee. [14] Thou
shalt not remove thy neighbour's land-
mark, which they of old time have set
in thine inheritance, which thou shalt
inherit in the land that the LORD thy
God giveth thee to possess it. [15] One
witness shall not rise up against a man
for any iniquity, or for any sin, in
any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth
of two witnesses, or at the mouth of
three witnesses, shall the matter be es-
tablished. [16] If a false witness rise up
against any man to testify against him
that which is wrong;* [17] Then both the

16. that...: or, falling away.

men, between whom the controversy
is, shall stand before the LORD, before
the priests and the judges, which shall
be in those days; [18] And the judges shall
make diligent inquisition: and, be-
hold, *if* the witness *be* a false witness,
and hath testified falsely against his
brother; [19] Then shall ye do unto him,
as he had thought to have done unto
his brother: so shalt thou put the evil
away from among you. [20] And those
which remain shall hear, and fear, and
shall henceforth commit no more any
such evil among you. [21] And thine eye
shall not pity; *but* life *shall go* for life,
eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for

hand, foot for foot.

20 When thou goest out to bat-
tle against thine enemies, and seest
horses, and chariots, *and* a people
more than thou, be not afraid of them:
for the LORD thy God *is* with thee,
which brought thee up out of the land
of Egypt. 2 And it shall be, when ye
are come nigh unto the battle, that the
priest shall approach and speak unto
the people, 3 And shall say unto them,
Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day
unto battle against your enemies: let
not your hearts faint, fear not, and do
not tremble, neither be ye terrified be-

cause of them;* 4 For the LORD your
God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight
for you against your enemies, to save
you. 5 And the officers shall speak
unto the people, saying, What man
is there that hath built a new house,
and hath not dedicated it? let him go
and return to his house, lest he die in
the battle, and another man dedicate
it. 6 And what man *is he* that hath
planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet*
eaten of it? let him *also* go and return
unto his house, lest he die in the bat-

20.3. faint: Heb. be tender. tremble: Heb. make haste.

tle, and another man eat of it.* 7 And
what man *is there* that hath betrothed
a wife, and hath not taken her? let him
go and return unto his house, lest he
die in the battle, and another man take
her. 8 And the officers shall speak fur-
ther unto the people, and they shall
say, What man *is there that is* fear-
ful and fainthearted? let him go and
return unto his house, lest his breth-
ren's heart faint as well as his heart.*
9 And it shall be, when the officers
have made an end of speaking unto
the people, that they shall make cap-

6. eaten...: Heb. made it common.
8. faint: Heb. melt.

tains of the armies to lead the people.*
10 When thou comest nigh unto a city
to fight against it, then proclaim peace
unto it. 11 And it shall be, if it make
thee answer of peace, and open unto
thee, then it shall be, *that* all the peo-
ple *that is* found therein shall be trib-
utaries unto thee, and they shall serve
thee. 12 And if it will make no peace
with thee, but will make war against
thee, then thou shalt besiege it: 13 And
when the LORD thy God hath deliv-
ered it into thine hands, thou shalt
smite every male thereof with the edge
of the sword: 14 But the women, and

9. to lead...: Heb. to be in the head of the people.

the little ones, and the cattle, and all
that is in the city, *even* all the spoil
thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself;
and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine
enemies, which the LORD thy God
hath given thee.* 15 Thus shalt thou do
unto all the cities *which are* very far
off from thee, which *are* not of the
cities of these nations. 16 But of the
cities of these people, which the LORD
thy God doth give thee *for* an inher-
itance, thou shalt save alive nothing
that breatheth: 17 But thou shalt ut-
terly destroy them; *namely*, the Hit-
tites, and the Amorites, the Canaan-

14. take: Heb. spoil.

ites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites,
and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy
God hath commanded thee: 18 That
they teach you not to do after all
their abominations, which they have
done unto their gods; so should ye sin
against the LORD your God. 19 When
thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in
making war against it to take it, thou
shalt not destroy the trees thereof by
forcing an axe against them: for thou
mayest eat of them, and thou shalt
not cut them down (for the tree of
the field *is* man's *life*) to employ *them*
in the siege:* 20 Only the trees which

19. for the...: or, for, O man, the tree of the field is

thou knowest that they *be* not trees for
meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them
down; and thou shalt build bulwarks
against the city that maketh war with
thee, until it be subdued.*

21 If *one* be found slain in the land
which the LORD thy God giveth thee
to possess it, lying in the field, *and*
it be not known who hath slain him:
2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall
come forth, and they shall measure
unto the cities which *are* round about
him that is slain: 3 And it shall be,

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to be employed in the siege. to employ...: Heb. to go from before thee.

20. it...: Heb. it come down.

that the city *which is* next unto the
slain man, even the elders of that city
shall take an heifer, which hath not
been wrought with, *and* which hath
not drawn in the yoke; 4 And the el-
ders of that city shall bring down the
heifer unto a rough valley, which is nei-
ther eared nor sown, and shall strike
off the heifer's neck there in the val-
ley: 5 And the priests the sons of Levi
shall come near; for them the LORD
thy God hath chosen to minister unto
him, and to bless in the name of the
LORD; and by their word shall every
controversy and every stroke be *tried*:*

21.5. word: Heb. mouth.

6 And all the elders of that city, *that*
are next unto the slain *man*, shall wash
their hands over the heifer that is be-
headed in the valley: 7 And they shall
answer and say, Our hands have not
shed this blood, neither have our eyes
seen *it*. 8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto
thy people Israel, whom thou hast re-
deemed, and lay not innocent blood
unto thy people of Israel's charge. And
the blood shall be forgiven them.* 9 So
shalt thou put away the *guilt of* in-
nocent blood from among you, when
thou shalt do *that which is* right in the
sight of the LORD. 10 When thou goest

8. unto thy people of: Heb. in the midst, etc.

forth to war against thine enemies,
and the LORD thy God hath deliv-
ered them into thine hands, and thou
hast taken them captive, 11 And seest
among the captives a beautiful wo-
man, and hast a desire unto her, that
thou wouldest have her to thy wife;
12 Then thou shalt bring her home to
thine house; and she shall shave her
head, and pare her nails;* 13 And she
shall put the raiment of her captiv-
ity from off her, and shall remain in
thine house, and bewail her father and
her mother a full month: and after
that thou shalt go in unto her, and

12. pare: or, suffer to grow: Heb. make, or, dress.

be her husband, and she shall be thy
wife. [14] And it shall be, if thou have
no delight in her, then thou shalt let
her go whither she will; but thou shalt
not sell her at all for money, thou shalt
not make merchandise of her, because
thou hast humbled her. [15] If a man have
two wives, one beloved, and another
hated, and they have born him chil-
dren, *both* the beloved and the hated;
and *if* the firstborn son be hers that
was hated: [16] Then it shall be, when he
maketh his sons to inherit *that* which
he hath, *that* he may not make the son
of the beloved firstborn before the son
of the hated, *which is indeed* the first-

born: [17] But he shall acknowledge the
son of the hated *for* the firstborn, by
giving him a double portion of all that
he hath: for he *is* the beginning of his
strength; the right of the firstborn *is*
his.* [18] If a man have a stubborn and
rebellious son, which will not obey
the voice of his father, or the voice of
his mother, and *that*, when they have
chastened him, will not hearken unto
them: [19] Then shall his father and his
mother lay hold on him, and bring
him out unto the elders of his city, and
unto the gate of his place; [20] And they
shall say unto the elders of his city,

17. that...: Heb. that is found with him.

This our son *is* stubborn and rebel-
lious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a
glutton, and a drunkard. [21] And all the
men of his city shall stone him with
stones, that he die: so shalt thou put
evil away from among you; and all Is-
rael shall hear, and fear. [22] And if a man
have committed a sin worthy of death,
and he be to be put to death, and thou
hang him on a tree: [23] His body shall
not remain all night upon the tree, but
thou shalt in any wise bury him that
day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed
of God;) that thy land be not defiled,
which the LORD thy God giveth thee

for an inheritance.*

22 Thou shalt not see thy brother's
ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thy-
self from them: thou shalt in any case
bring them again unto thy brother.
2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto
thee, or if thou know him not, then
thou shalt bring it unto thine own
house, and it shall be with thee un-
til thy brother seek after it, and thou
shalt restore it to him again. 3 In
like manner shalt thou do with his
ass; and so shalt thou do with his rai-
ment; and with all lost thing of thy

23. accursed...: Heb. the curse of God.

brother's, which he hath lost, and thou
hast found, shalt thou do likewise:
thou mayest not hide thyself. 4 Thou
shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox
fall down by the way, and hide thy-
self from them: thou shalt surely help
him to lift *them* up again. 5 The wo-
man shall not wear that which per-
taineth unto a man, neither shall a
man put on a woman's garment: for
all that do so *are* abomination unto
the LORD thy God. 6 If a bird's nest
chance to be before thee in the way
in any tree, or on the ground, *whe-
ther they be* young ones, or eggs, and
the dam sitting upon the young, or

upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the
dam with the young: 7 *But* thou shalt
in any wise let the dam go, and take
the young to thee; that it may be well
with thee, and *that* thou mayest pro-
long *thy* days. 8 When thou buildest
a new house, then thou shalt make
a battlement for thy roof, that thou
bring not blood upon thine house, if
any man fall from thence. 9 Thou
shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers
seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which
thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy
vineyard, be defiled.* 10 Thou shalt not
plow with an ox and an ass together.

22.9. fruit of thy seed: Heb. fulness of the seed.

[11] Thou shalt not wear a garment of
divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen to-
gether. [12] Thou shalt make thee fringes
upon the four quarters of thy vesture,
wherewith thou coverest *thyself*.* [13] If
any man take a wife, and go in unto
her, and hate her, [14] And give occa-
sions of speech against her, and bring
up an evil name upon her, and say, I
took this woman, and when I came to
her, I found her not a maid: [15] Then
shall the father of the damsel, and her
mother, take and bring forth *the tokens
of* the damsel's virginity unto the el-
ders of the city in the gate: [16] And the

12. quarters: Heb. wings.

damsel's father shall say unto the el-
ders, I gave my daughter unto this man
to wife, and he hateth her; 17 And, lo, he
hath given occasions of speech *against*
her, saying, I found not thy daughter
a maid; and yet these *are the tokens*
of my daughter's virginity. And they
shall spread the cloth before the elders
of the city. 18 And the elders of that
city shall take that man and chastise
him; 19 And they shall amerce him in
an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give
them unto the father of the damsel, be-
cause he hath brought up an evil name
upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall
be his wife; he may not put her away

all his days. [20] But if this thing be true,
and the tokens of virginity be not found
for the damsel: [21] Then they shall bring
out the damsel to the door of her fa-
ther's house, and the men of her city
shall stone her with stones that she
die: because she hath wrought folly
in Israel, to play the whore in her fa-
ther's house: so shalt thou put evil
away from among you. [22] If a man be
found lying with a woman married to
an husband, then they shall both of
them die, *both* the man that lay with
the woman, and the woman: so shalt
thou put away evil from Israel. [23] If a
damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed

unto an husband, and a man find her
in the city, and lie with her; [24] Then
ye shall bring them both out unto the
gate of that city, and ye shall stone
them with stones that they die; the
damsel, because she cried not, *being* in
the city; and the man, because he hath
humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou
shalt put away evil from among you.
[25] But if a man find a betrothed damsel
in the field, and the man force her, and
lie with her: then the man only that
lay with her shall die:* [26] But unto the
damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is*
in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death:

25. force: or, take strong hold of.

for as when a man riseth against his
neighbour, and slayeth him, even so *is*
this matter: [27] For he found her in the
field, *and* the betrothed damsel cried,
and *there was* none to save her. [28] If
a man find a damsel *that is* a virgin,
which is not betrothed, and lay hold
on her, and lie with her, and they be
found; [29] Then the man that lay with
her shall give unto the damsel's father
fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be
his wife; because he hath humbled her,
he may not put her away all his days.
[30] A man shall not take his father's wife,
nor discover his father's skirt.

23 He that is wounded in the
stones, or hath his privy member cut
off, shall not enter into the congrega-
tion of the LORD. 2 A bastard shall
not enter into the congregation of the
LORD; even to his tenth generation
shall he not enter into the congrega-
tion of the LORD. 3 An Ammonite or
Moabite shall not enter into the con-
gregation of the LORD; even to their
tenth generation shall they not enter
into the congregation of the LORD for
ever: 4 Because they met you not with
bread and with water in the way, when
ye came forth out of Egypt; and be-

cause they hired against thee Balaam
the son of Beor of Pethor of Meso-
potamia, to curse thee. 5 Nevertheless
the LORD thy God would not hear-
ken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy
God turned the curse into a bless-
ing unto thee, because the LORD thy
God loved thee. 6 Thou shalt not seek
their peace nor their prosperity all thy
days for ever.* 7 Thou shalt not ab-
hor an Edomite; for he *is* thy brother:
thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; be-
cause thou wast a stranger in his land.
8 The children that are begotten of
them shall enter into the congrega-

23.6. prosperity: Heb. good.

tion of the LORD in their third gen-
eration. 9 When the host goeth forth
against thine enemies, then keep thee
from every wicked thing. 10 If there
be among you any man, that is not
clean by reason of uncleanness that
chanceth him by night, then shall he
go abroad out of the camp, he shall not
come within the camp: 11 But it shall
be, when evening cometh on, he shall
wash *himself* with water: and when
the sun is down, he shall come into the
camp *again*.* 12 Thou shalt have a place
also without the camp, whither thou
shalt go forth abroad: 13 And thou

11. cometh...: Heb. turneth toward.

shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon;
and it shall be, when thou wilt ease
thyself abroad, thou shalt dig there-
with, and shalt turn back and cover
that which cometh from thee:* 14 For
the LORD thy God walketh in the
midst of thy camp, to deliver thee,
and to give up thine enemies before
thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy:
that he see no unclean thing in thee,
and turn away from thee.* 15 Thou shalt
not deliver unto his master the ser-
vant which is escaped from his mas-
ter unto thee: 16 He shall dwell with

13. wilt...: Heb. sittest down.
14. unclean...: Heb. nakedness of any thing.

thee, *even* among you, in that place
which he shall choose in one of thy
gates, where it liketh him best: thou
shalt not oppress him.* 17 There shall
be no whore of the daughters of Is-
rael, nor a sodomite of the sons of Is-
rael.* 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire
of a whore, or the price of a dog,
into the house of the LORD thy God
for any vow: for even both these *are*
abomination unto the LORD thy God.
19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to
thy brother; usury of money, usury of
victuals, usury of any thing that is lent

16. liketh...: Heb. is good for him.
17. whore: or, sodomitess.

upon usury: [20] Unto a stranger thou
mayest lend upon usury; but unto
thy brother thou shalt not lend upon
usury: that the LORD thy God may
bless thee in all that thou settest thine
hand to in the land whither thou goest
to possess it. [21] When thou shalt vow
a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou
shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD
thy God will surely require it of thee;
and it would be sin in thee. [22] But if
thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no
sin in thee. [23] That which is gone out of
thy lips thou shalt keep and perform;
even a freewill offering, according as
thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy

God, which thou hast promised with
thy mouth. [24] When thou comest into
thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou
mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own
pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in
thy vessel. [25] When thou comest into
the standing corn of thy neighbour,
then thou mayest pluck the ears with
thine hand; but thou shalt not move
a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing
corn.

24 When a man hath taken a wife,
and married her, and it come to pass
that she find no favour in his eyes, be-
cause he hath found some uncleanness
in her: then let him write her a bill of

divorcement, and give *it* in her hand,
and send her out of his house.* 2 And
when she is departed out of his house,
she may go and be another man's *wife*.
3 And *if* the latter husband hate her,
and write her a bill of divorcement,
and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth
her out of his house; or if the latter hus-
band die, which took her *to be* his wife;
4 Her former husband, which sent her
away, may not take her again to be his
wife, after that she is defiled; for that
is abomination before the LORD: and
thou shalt not cause the land to sin,

24.1. some...: Heb. matter of nakedness. divorcement: Heb. cutting off.

which the LORD thy God giveth thee
for an inheritance. 5 When a man hath
taken a new wife, he shall not go out to
war, neither shall he be charged with
any business: *but* he shall be free at
home one year, and shall cheer up his
wife which he hath taken.* 6 No man
shall take the nether or the upper mill-
stone to pledge: for he taketh *a man's*
life to pledge. 7 If a man be found
stealing any of his brethren of the chil-
dren of Israel, and maketh merchan-
dise of him, or selleth him; then that
thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil

5. neither...: Heb. not any thing shall pass upon him.

away from among you. 8 Take heed
in the plague of leprosy, that thou ob-
serve diligently, and do according to
all that the priests the Levites shall
teach you: as I commanded them,
so ye shall observe to do. 9 Remem-
ber what the LORD thy God did unto
Miriam by the way, after that ye were
come forth out of Egypt. 10 When
thou dost lend thy brother any thing,
thou shalt not go into his house to
fetch his pledge.* 11 Thou shalt stand
abroad, and the man to whom thou
dost lend shall bring out the pledge
abroad unto thee. 12 And if the man

10. lend...: Heb. lend the loan of any thing to, etc.

be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his
pledge: [13] In any case thou shalt de-
liver him the pledge again when the
sun goeth down, that he may sleep in
his own raiment, and bless thee: and
it shall be righteousness unto thee be-
fore the LORD thy God. [14] Thou shalt
not oppress an hired servant *that is*
poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy
brethren, or of thy strangers that *are*
in thy land within thy gates: [15] At his
day thou shalt give *him* his hire, nei-
ther shall the sun go down upon it; for
he *is* poor, and setteth his heart upon
it: lest he cry against thee unto the

LORD, and it be sin unto thee.* [16] The
fathers shall not be put to death for
the children, neither shall the children
be put to death for the fathers: ev-
ery man shall be put to death for his
own sin. [17] Thou shalt not pervert the
judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the
fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment
to pledge: [18] But thou shalt remember
that thou wast a bondman in Egypt,
and the LORD thy God redeemed thee
thence: therefore I command thee to
do this thing. [19] When thou cuttest
down thine harvest in thy field, and
hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou

15. setteth...: Heb. lifteth his soul unto it.

shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall
be for the stranger, for the fatherless,
and for the widow: that the LORD thy
God may bless thee in all the work
of thine hands. 20 When thou beatest
thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over
the boughs again: it shall be for the
stranger, for the fatherless, and for the
widow.* 21 When thou gatherest the
grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not
glean *it* afterward: it shall be for the
stranger, for the fatherless, and for the
widow.* 22 And thou shalt remember
that thou wast a bondman in the land

20. go...: Heb. bough it after thee.
21. afterward: Heb. after thee.

of Egypt: therefore I command thee
to do this thing.

25 If there be a controversy be-
tween men, and they come unto judg-
ment, that *the judges* may judge them;
then they shall justify the righteous,
and condemn the wicked. 2 And it
shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy
to be beaten, that the judge shall cause
him to lie down, and to be beaten be-
fore his face, according to his fault,
by a certain number. 3 Forty stripes
he may give him, *and* not exceed:
lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat
him above these with many stripes,

then thy brother should seem vile unto
thee. [4] Thou shalt not muzzle the ox
when he treadeth out *the corn*.* [5] If
brethren dwell together, and one of
them die, and have no child, the wife
of the dead shall not marry without
unto a stranger: her husband's brother
shall go in unto her, and take her to
him to wife, and perform the duty of
an husband's brother unto her.* [6] And
it shall be, *that* the firstborn which
she beareth shall succeed in the name
of his brother *which is* dead, that his
name be not put out of Israel. [7] And if

25.4. treadeth...: Heb. thresheth.
5. her husband's...: or, her next kinsman.

the man like not to take his brother's
wife, then let his brother's wife go up
to the gate unto the elders, and say,
My husband's brother refuseth to raise
up unto his brother a name in Israel,
he will not perform the duty of my
husband's brother.* 8 Then the elders
of his city shall call him, and speak
unto him: and *if* he stand *to it*, and
say, I like not to take her; 9 Then shall
his brother's wife come unto him in
the presence of the elders, and loose
his shoe from off his foot, and spit
in his face, and shall answer and say,
So shall it be done unto that man

7. brother's: or, next kinsman's.

that will not build up his brother's
house. 10 And his name shall be called
in Israel, The house of him that hath
his shoe loosed. 11 When men strive
together one with another, and the
wife of the one draweth near for to
deliver her husband out of the hand
of him that smiteth him, and put-
teth forth her hand, and taketh him
by the secrets: 12 Then thou shalt cut
off her hand, thine eye shall not pity
her. 13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag
divers weights, a great and a small.*
14 Thou shalt not have in thine house

13. divers...: Heb. a stone and a stone.

divers measures, a great and a small.*
15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and
just weight, a perfect and just mea-
sure shalt thou have: that thy days
may be lengthened in the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee. 16 For
all that do such things, *and* all that
do unrighteously, *are* an abomination
unto the LORD thy God. 17 Remem-
ber what Amalek did unto thee by the
way, when ye were come forth out of
Egypt; 18 How he met thee by the way,
and smote the hindmost of thee, *even*
all *that were* feeble behind thee, when
thou *wast* faint and weary; and he

14. divers...: Heb. an ephah and an ephah.

feared not God. [19] Therefore it shall be,
when the LORD thy God hath given
thee rest from all thine enemies round
about, in the land which the LORD thy
God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to
possess it, *that* thou shalt blot out the
remembrance of Amalek from under
heaven; thou shalt not forget *it*.

26 And it shall be, when thou
art come in unto the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee *for*
an inheritance, and possessest it, and
dwellest therein; [2] That thou shalt
take of the first of all the fruit of the
earth, which thou shalt bring of thy

land that the LORD thy God giveth
thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket, and
shalt go unto the place which the
LORD thy God shall choose to place
his name there. 3 And thou shalt go
unto the priest that shall be in those
days, and say unto him, I profess this
day unto the LORD thy God, that I
am come unto the country which the
LORD sware unto our fathers for to
give us. 4 And the priest shall take
the basket out of thine hand, and set
it down before the altar of the LORD
thy God. 5 And thou shalt speak and
say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian
ready to perish *was* my father, and he

went down into Egypt, and sojourned
there with a few, and became there a
nation, great, mighty, and populous:
6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us,
and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard
bondage: 7 And when we cried unto
the LORD God of our fathers, the
LORD heard our voice, and looked on
our affliction, and our labour, and our
oppression: 8 And the LORD brought
us forth out of Egypt with a mighty
hand, and with an outstretched arm,
and with great terribleness, and with
signs, and with wonders: 9 And he
hath brought us into this place, and
hath given us this land, *even* a land

that floweth with milk and honey.
10 And now, behold, I have brought the
firstfruits of the land, which thou, O
LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt
set it before the LORD thy God, and
worship before the LORD thy God:
11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good
thing which the LORD thy God hath
given unto thee, and unto thine house,
thou, and the Levite, and the stranger
that *is* among you. 12 When thou hast
made an end of tithing all the tithes
of thine increase the third year, *which*
is the year of tithing, and hast given
it unto the Levite, the stranger, the
fatherless, and the widow, that they

may eat within thy gates, and be filled;
13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD
thy God, I have brought away the hal-
lowed things out of *mine* house, and
also have given them unto the Levite,
and unto the stranger, to the father-
less, and to the widow, according to
all thy commandments which thou
hast commanded me: I have not trans-
gressed thy commandments, neither
have I forgotten *them*: 14 I have not
eaten thereof in my mourning, neither
have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any*
unclean *use*, nor given *ought* thereof
for the dead: *but* I have hearkened
to the voice of the LORD my God,

and have done according to all that
thou hast commanded me. [15] Look
down from thy holy habitation, from
heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and
the land which thou hast given us, as
thou swarest unto our fathers, a land
that floweth with milk and honey.
[16] This day the LORD thy God hath
commanded thee to do these statutes
and judgments: thou shalt therefore
keep and do them with all thine heart,
and with all thy soul. [17] Thou hast
avouched the LORD this day to be thy
God, and to walk in his ways, and to
keep his statutes, and his command-
ments, and his judgments, and to hear-

ken unto his voice: [18] And the LORD
hath avouched thee this day to be his
peculiar people, as he hath promised
thee, and that *thou* shouldest keep all
his commandments; [19] And to make
thee high above all nations which he
hath made, in praise, and in name, and
in honour; and that thou mayest be an
holy people unto the LORD thy God,
as he hath spoken.

27 And Moses with the elders of
Israel commanded the people, saying,
Keep all the commandments which I
command you this day. [2] And it shall
be on the day when ye shall pass over

Jordan unto the land which the LORD
thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt
set thee up great stones, and plaister
them with plaister: 3 And thou shalt
write upon them all the words of this
law, when thou art passed over, that
thou mayest go in unto the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land
that floweth with milk and honey; as
the LORD God of thy fathers hath
promised thee. 4 Therefore it shall be
when ye be gone over Jordan, *that* ye
shall set up these stones, which I com-
mand you this day, in mount Ebal, and
thou shalt plaister them with plais-
ter. 5 And there shalt thou build an

altar unto the LORD thy God, an al-
tar of stones: thou shalt not lift up
any iron *tool* upon them. 6 Thou shalt
build the altar of the LORD thy God
of whole stones: and thou shalt of-
fer burnt offerings thereon unto the
LORD thy God: 7 And thou shalt
offer peace offerings, and shalt eat
there, and rejoice before the LORD thy
God. 8 And thou shalt write upon the
stones all the words of this law very
plainly. 9 And Moses and the priests
the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying,
Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this
day thou art become the people of the
LORD thy God. 10 Thou shalt there-

fore obey the voice of the LORD thy
God, and do his commandments and
his statutes, which I command thee
this day. 11 And Moses charged the
people the same day, saying, 12 These
shall stand upon mount Gerizim to
bless the people, when ye are come
over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and
Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and
Benjamin: 13 And these shall stand
upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben,
Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan,
and Naphtali.* 14 And the Levites shall
speak, and say unto all the men of
Israel with a loud voice, 15 Cursed *be*

27.13. to curse: Heb. for a cursing.

the man that maketh *any* graven or
molten image, an abomination unto
the LORD, the work of the hands of
the craftsman, and putteth *it* in *a* se-
cret *place*. And all the people shall an-
swer and say, Amen. [16] Cursed *be* he
that setteth light by his father or his
mother. And all the people shall say,
Amen. [17] Cursed *be* he that removeth
his neighbour's landmark. And all the
people shall say, Amen. [18] Cursed *be* he
that maketh the blind to wander out
of the way. And all the people shall say,
Amen. [19] Cursed *be* he that perverteth
the judgment of the stranger, father-
less, and widow. And all the people

shall say, Amen. [20] Cursed *be* he that
lieth with his father's wife; because he
uncovereth his father's skirt. And all
the people shall say, Amen. [21] Cursed
be he that lieth with any manner of
beast. And all the people shall say,
Amen. [22] Cursed *be* he that lieth with
his sister, the daughter of his father, or
the daughter of his mother. And all
the people shall say, Amen. [23] Cursed
be he that lieth with his mother in
law. And all the people shall say,
Amen. [24] Cursed *be* he that smiteth
his neighbour secretly. And all the
people shall say, Amen. [25] Cursed *be*
he that taketh reward to slay an inno-

cent person. And all the people shall
say, Amen. [26] Cursed *be* he that con-
firmeth not *all* the words of this law
to do them. And all the people shall
say, Amen.

28 And it shall come to pass, if
thou shalt hearken diligently unto the
voice of the LORD thy God, to ob-
serve *and* to do all his commandments
which I command thee this day, that
the LORD thy God will set thee on
high above all nations of the earth:
[2] And all these blessings shall come on
thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt
hearken unto the voice of the LORD

thy God. 3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the
city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the
field. 4 Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy
body, and the fruit of thy ground, and
the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of
thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy
store.* 6 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when
thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou
be when thou goest out. 7 The LORD
shall cause thine enemies that rise up
against thee to be smitten before thy
face: they shall come out against thee
one way, and flee before thee seven
ways. 8 The LORD shall command the

28.5. store: or, dough, or, kneadingtroughs.

blessing upon thee in thy storehouses,
and in all that thou settest thine hand
unto; and he shall bless thee in the
land which the LORD thy God giveth
thee.* 9 The LORD shall establish thee
an holy people unto himself, as he hath
sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep
the commandments of the LORD thy
God, and walk in his ways. 10 And all
people of the earth shall see that thou
art called by the name of the LORD;
and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And
the LORD shall make thee plenteous
in goods, in the fruit of thy body,
and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in

8. storehouses: or, barns.

the fruit of thy ground, in the land
which the LORD sware unto thy fa-
thers to give thee.* 12 The LORD shall
open unto thee his good treasure, the
heaven to give the rain unto thy land in
his season, and to bless all the work of
thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto
many nations, and thou shalt not bor-
row. 13 And the LORD shall make thee
the head, and not the tail; and thou
shalt be above only, and thou shalt
not be beneath; if that thou hearken
unto the commandments of the LORD
thy God, which I command thee this
day, to observe and to do *them*: 14 And

11. in goods: or, for good. body: Heb. belly.

thou shalt not go aside from any of the
words which I command thee this day,
to the right hand, or *to* the left, to go
after other gods to serve them. [15] But
it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not
hearken unto the voice of the LORD
thy God, to observe to do all his com-
mandments and his statutes which I
command thee this day; that all these
curses shall come upon thee, and over-
take thee: [16] Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in
the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in
the field. [17] Cursed *shall be* thy bas-
ket and thy store. [18] Cursed *shall be*
the fruit of thy body, and the fruit
of thy land, the increase of thy kine,

and the flocks of thy sheep. [19] Cursed
shalt thou *be* when thou comest in,
and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou
goest out. [20] The LORD shall send
upon thee cursing, vexation, and re-
buke, in all that thou settest thine
hand unto for to do, until thou be de-
stroyed, and until thou perish quickly;
because of the wickedness of thy do-
ings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.*
[21] The LORD shall make the pestilence
cleave unto thee, until he have con-
sumed thee from off the land, whither
thou goest to possess it. [22] The LORD
shall smite thee with a consumption,

20. for...: Heb. which thou wouldest do.

and with a fever, and with an inflam-
mation, and with an extreme burning,
and with the sword, and with blasting,
and with mildew; and they shall pur-
sue thee until thou perish.* 23 And thy
heaven that *is* over thy head shall be
brass, and the earth that is under thee
shall be iron. 24 The LORD shall make
the rain of thy land powder and dust:
from heaven shall it come down upon
thee, until thou be destroyed. 25 The
LORD shall cause thee to be smitten
before thine enemies: thou shalt go
out one way against them, and flee
seven ways before them: and shalt be

22. sword: or, drought.

removed into all the kingdoms of the
earth.* 26 And thy carcase shall be meat
unto all fowls of the air, and unto the
beasts of the earth, and no man shall
fray *them* away. 27 The LORD will smite
thee with the botch of Egypt, and with
the emerods, and with the scab, and
with the itch, whereof thou canst not
be healed. 28 The LORD shall smite thee
with madness, and blindness, and as-
tonishment of heart: 29 And thou shalt
grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth
in darkness, and thou shalt not pros-
per in thy ways: and thou shalt be only
oppressed and spoiled evermore, and

25. removed: Heb. for a removing.

no man shall save *thee*. [30] Thou shalt
betroth a wife, and another man shall
lie with her: thou shalt build an house,
and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou
shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not
gather the grapes thereof.* [31] Thine ox
shall be slain before thine eyes, and
thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass
shall be violently taken away from be-
fore thy face, and shall not be restored
to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto
thine enemies, and thou shalt have
none to rescue *them*.* [32] Thy sons and

30. gather...: Heb. profane, or, use it as common meat.
31. shall not...: Heb. shall not return to thee.

thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look,
and fail *with longing* for them all the
day long: and *there shall be* no might in
thine hand. 33 The fruit of thy land, and
all thy labours, shall a nation which
thou knowest not eat up; and thou
shalt be only oppressed and crushed
alway: 34 So that thou shalt be mad
for the sight of thine eyes which thou
shalt see. 35 The LORD shall smite thee
in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore
botch that cannot be healed, from the
sole of thy foot unto the top of thy
head. 36 The LORD shall bring thee,
and thy king which thou shalt set over

thee, unto a nation which neither thou
nor thy fathers have known; and there
shalt thou serve other gods, wood and
stone. 37 And thou shalt become an as-
tonishment, a proverb, and a byword,
among all nations whither the LORD
shall lead thee. 38 Thou shalt carry
much seed out into the field, and shalt
gather *but* little in; for the locust shall
consume it. 39 Thou shalt plant vine-
yards, and dress *them*, but shalt nei-
ther drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the*
grapes; for the worms shall eat them.
40 Thou shalt have olive trees through-
out all thy coasts, but thou shalt not
anoint *thyself* with the oil; for thine

olive shall cast *his fruit*. [41] Thou shalt
beget sons and daughters, but thou
shalt not enjoy them; for they shall
go into captivity.* [42] All thy trees and
fruit of thy land shall the locust con-
sume.* [43] The stranger that *is* within
thee shall get up above thee very high;
and thou shalt come down very low.
[44] He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt
not lend to him: he shall be the head,
and thou shalt be the tail. [45] Moreover
all these curses shall come upon thee,
and shall pursue thee, and overtake
thee, till thou be destroyed; because

41. thou shalt not...: Heb. they shall not be thine.
42. consume: or, possess.

thou hearkenedst not unto the voice
of the LORD thy God, to keep his com-
mandments and his statutes which he
commanded thee: 46 And they shall be
upon thee for a sign and for a won-
der, and upon thy seed for ever. 47 Be-
cause thou servedst not the LORD thy
God with joyfulness, and with glad-
ness of heart, for the abundance of
all *things*; 48 Therefore shalt thou serve
thine enemies which the LORD shall
send against thee, in hunger, and in
thirst, and in nakedness, and in want
of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of
iron upon thy neck, until he have de-
stroyed thee. 49 The LORD shall bring

a nation against thee from far, from
the end of the earth, *as swift* as the ea-
gle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou
shalt not understand;* 50 A nation of
fierce countenance, which shall not re-
gard the person of the old, nor shew
favour to the young:* 51 And he shall
eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit
of thy land, until thou be destroyed:
which *also* shall not leave thee *either*
corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of
thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, un-
til he have destroyed thee. 52 And he
shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until

49. understand: Heb. hear.
50. of fierce...: Heb. strong of face.

thy high and fenced walls come down,
wherein thou trustedst, throughout all
thy land: and he shall besiege thee in
all thy gates throughout all thy land,
which the LORD thy God hath given
thee. 53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of
thine own body, the flesh of thy sons
and of thy daughters, which the LORD
thy God hath given thee, in the siege,
and in the straitness, wherewith thine
enemies shall distress thee:* 54 *So that*
the man *that is* tender among you, and
very delicate, his eye shall be evil to-
ward his brother, and toward the wife
of his bosom, and toward the remnant

53. body: Heb. belly.

of his children which he shall leave:
55 So that he will not give to any of
them of the flesh of his children whom
he shall eat: because he hath nothing
left him in the siege, and in the strait-
ness, wherewith thine enemies shall
distress thee in all thy gates. 56 The ten-
der and delicate woman among you,
which would not adventure to set the
sole of her foot upon the ground for
delicateness and tenderness, her eye
shall be evil toward the husband of her
bosom, and toward her son, and to-
ward her daughter, 57 And toward her
young one that cometh out from be-
tween her feet, and toward her chil-

dren which she shall bear: for she shall
eat them for want of all *things* secretly
in the siege and straitness, wherewith
thine enemy shall distress thee in thy
gates.* 58 If thou wilt not observe to
do all the words of this law that are
written in this book, that thou mayest
fear this glorious and fearful name,
THE LORD THY GOD; 59 Then the
LORD will make thy plagues wonder-
ful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even*
great plagues, and of long continu-
ance, and sore sicknesses, and of long
continuance. 60 Moreover he will bring
upon thee all the diseases of Egypt,

57. young one: Heb. afterbirth.

which thou wast afraid of; and they
shall cleave unto thee. [61] Also every
sickness, and every plague, which *is*
not written in the book of this law,
them will the LORD bring upon thee,
until thou be destroyed.* [62] And ye
shall be left few in number, whereas ye
were as the stars of heaven for multi-
tude; because thou wouldest not obey
the voice of the LORD thy God. [63] And
it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD
rejoiced over you to do you good, and
to multiply you; so the LORD will
rejoice over you to destroy you, and
to bring you to nought; and ye shall

61. bring: Heb. cause to ascend.

be plucked from off the land whither
thou goest to possess it. 64 And the
LORD shall scatter thee among all peo-
ple, from the one end of the earth
even unto the other; and there thou
shalt serve other gods, which neither
thou nor thy fathers have known, *even*
wood and stone. 65 And among these
nations shalt thou find no ease, nei-
ther shall the sole of thy foot have rest:
but the LORD shall give thee there a
trembling heart, and failing of eyes,
and sorrow of mind: 66 And thy life
shall hang in doubt before thee; and
thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt
have none assurance of thy life: 67 In

the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy *you*.

29 These *are* the words of the covenant, which the LORD com-

manded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. [2] And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; [3] The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: [4] Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. [5] And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon

you, and thy shoe is not waxen old
upon thy foot. 6 Ye have not eaten
bread, neither have ye drunk wine or
strong drink: that ye might know that
I *am* the LORD your God. 7 And when
ye came unto this place, Sihon the
king of Heshbon, and Og the king
of Bashan, came out against us unto
battle, and we smote them: 8 And
we took their land, and gave it for
an inheritance unto the Reubenites,
and to the Gadites, and to the half
tribe of Manasseh. 9 Keep therefore
the words of this covenant, and do
them, that ye may prosper in all that
ye do. 10 Ye stand this day all of you

before the LORD your God; your cap-
tains of your tribes, your elders, and
your officers, *with* all the men of Israel,
11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy
stranger that *is* in thy camp, from the
hewer of thy wood unto the drawer
of thy water: 12 That thou shouldest
enter into covenant with the LORD
thy God, and into his oath, which
the LORD thy God maketh with thee
this day:* 13 That he may establish thee
to day for a people unto himself, and
that he may be unto thee a God, as
he hath said unto thee, and as he
hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abra-

29.12. enter: Heb. pass.

ham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. [14] Nei-
ther with you only do I make this
covenant and this oath; [15] But with
him that standeth here with us this
day before the LORD our God, and
also with *him* that *is* not here with us
this day: [16] (For ye know how we have
dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how
we came through the nations which
ye passed by; [17] And ye have seen their
abominations, and their idols, wood
and stone, silver and gold, which *were*
among them:)* [18] Lest there should be
among you man, or woman, or family,
or tribe, whose heart turneth away this

17. idols: Heb. dungy gods.

day from the LORD our God, to go *and*
serve the gods of these nations; lest
there should be among you a root that
beareth gall and wormwood;* 19 And
it come to pass, when he heareth the
words of this curse, that he bless him-
self in his heart, saying, I shall have
peace, though I walk in the imagina-
tion of mine heart, to add drunken-
ness to thirst:* 20 The LORD will not
spare him, but then the anger of the
LORD and his jealousy shall smoke
against that man, and all the curses

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18. gall: or, a poisonous herb.
19. imagination: or, stubbornness. drunkenness...: Heb. the drunken to the thirsty.

that are written in this book shall lie
upon him, and the LORD shall blot out
his name from under heaven. 21 And
the LORD shall separate him unto evil
out of all the tribes of Israel, according
to all the curses of the covenant that
are written in this book of the law:*
22 So that the generation to come of
your children that shall rise up after
you, and the stranger that shall come
from a far land, shall say, when they see
the plagues of that land, and the sick-
nesses which the LORD hath laid upon
it;* 23 *And that* the whole land thereof

21. are: Heb. is.
22. which...: Heb. wherewith the LORD hath made

is brimstone, and salt, *and* burning,
that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor
any grass groweth therein, like the
overthrow of Sodom, and Gomor-
rah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the
LORD overthrew in his anger, and in
his wrath: 24 Even all nations shall
say, Wherefore hath the LORD done
thus unto this land? what *meaneth*
the heat of this great anger? 25 Then
men shall say, Because they have for-
saken the covenant of the LORD God
of their fathers, which he made with
them when he brought them forth
out of the land of Egypt: 26 For they

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it sick.

went and served other gods, and wor-
shipped them, gods whom they knew
not, and *whom* he had not given unto
them:* [27] And the anger of the LORD
was kindled against this land, to bring
upon it all the curses that are written
in this book: [28] And the LORD rooted
them out of their land in anger, and
in wrath, and in great indignation, and
cast them into another land, as *it is* this
day. [29] The secret *things belong* unto the
LORD our God: but those *things which
are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our
children for ever, that *we* may do all

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26. whom he...: or, who had not given to them any portion. given: Heb. divided.

the words of this law.

30 And it shall come to pass, when
all these things are come upon thee,
the blessing and the curse, which I
have set before thee, and thou shalt
call *them* to mind among all the na-
tions, whither the LORD thy God hath
driven thee, 2 And shalt return unto
the LORD thy God, and shalt obey
his voice according to all that I com-
mand thee this day, thou and thy chil-
dren, with all thine heart, and with all
thy soul; 3 That then the LORD thy
God will turn thy captivity, and have
compassion upon thee, and will return

and gather thee from all the nations,
whither the LORD thy God hath scat-
tered thee. 4 If *any* of thine be driven
out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven,
from thence will the LORD thy God
gather thee, and from thence will he
fetch thee: 5 And the LORD thy God
will bring thee into the land which
thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt
possess it; and he will do thee good,
and multiply thee above thy fathers.
6 And the LORD thy God will circum-
cise thine heart, and the heart of thy
seed, to love the LORD thy God with
all thine heart, and with all thy soul,
that thou mayest live. 7 And the LORD

thy God will put all these curses upon
thine enemies, and on them that hate
thee, which persecuted thee. 8 And
thou shalt return and obey the voice
of the LORD, and do all his command-
ments which I command thee this day.
9 And the LORD thy God will make
thee plenteous in every work of thine
hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in
the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit
of thy land, for good: for the LORD
will again rejoice over thee for good,
as he rejoiced over thy fathers: 10 If
thou shalt hearken unto the voice of
the LORD thy God, to keep his com-
mandments and his statutes which are

written in this book of the law, *and*
if thou turn unto the LORD thy God
with all thine heart, and with all thy
soul. [11] For this commandment which
I command thee this day, it *is* not hid-
den from thee, neither *is* it far off. [12] It
is not in heaven, that thou shouldest
say, Who shall go up for us to heaven,
and bring it unto us, that we may hear
it, and do it? [13] Neither *is* it beyond
the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who
shall go over the sea for us, and bring
it unto us, that we may hear it, and
do it? [14] But the word *is* very nigh
unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy
heart, that thou mayest do it. [15] See, I

have set before thee this day life and
good, and death and evil; [16] In that I
command thee this day to love the
LORD thy God, to walk in his ways,
and to keep his commandments and
his statutes and his judgments, that
thou mayest live and multiply: and
the LORD thy God shall bless thee in
the land whither thou goest to possess
it. [17] But if thine heart turn away, so
that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be
drawn away, and worship other gods,
and serve them; [18] I denounce unto
you this day, that ye shall surely per-
ish, *and that* ye shall not prolong *your*
days upon the land, whither thou pass-

est over Jordan to go to possess it. [19] I
call heaven and earth to record this
day against you, *that* I have set before
you life and death, blessing and curs-
ing: therefore choose life, that both
thou and thy seed may live: [20] That
thou mayest love the LORD thy God,
and that thou mayest obey his voice,
and that thou mayest cleave unto him:
for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy
days: that thou mayest dwell in the
land which the LORD sware unto thy
fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob, to give them.

31 And Moses went and spake

these words unto all Israel. [2] And
he said unto them, I *am* an hundred
and twenty years old this day; I can
no more go out and come in: also
the LORD hath said unto me, Thou
shalt not go over this Jordan. [3] The
LORD thy God, he will go over before
thee, *and* he will destroy these nations
from before thee, and thou shalt pos-
sess them: *and* Joshua, he shall go over
before thee, as the LORD hath said.
[4] And the LORD shall do unto them
as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings
of the Amorites, and unto the land of
them, whom he destroyed. [5] And the
LORD shall give them up before your

face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments
which I have commanded you. 6 Be
strong and of a good courage, fear not,
nor be afraid of them: for the LORD
thy God, he *it is* that doth go with
thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 7 And Moses called unto
Joshua, and said unto him in the sight
of all Israel, Be strong and of a good
courage: for thou must go with this
people unto the land which the LORD
hath sworn unto their fathers to give
them; and thou shalt cause them to
inherit it. 8 And the LORD, he *it is*
that doth go before thee; he will be

with thee, he will not fail thee, neither
forsake thee: fear not, neither be dis-
mayed. 9 And Moses wrote this law,
and delivered it unto the priests the
sons of Levi, which bare the ark of
the covenant of the LORD, and unto
all the elders of Israel. 10 And Moses
commanded them, saying, At the end
of *every* seven years, in the solemnity
of the year of release, in the feast of
tabernacles, 11 When all Israel is come
to appear before the LORD thy God in
the place which he shall choose, thou
shalt read this law before all Israel in
their hearing. 12 Gather the people to-
gether, men, and women, and chil-

dren, and thy stranger that *is* within
thy gates, that they may hear, and that
they may learn, and fear the LORD
your God, and observe to do all the
words of this law: 13 And *that* their
children, which have not known *any*
thing, may hear, and learn to fear the
LORD your God, as long as ye live in
the land whither ye go over Jordan to
possess it. 14 And the LORD said unto
Moses, Behold, thy days approach that
thou must die: call Joshua, and pre-
sent yourselves in the tabernacle of the
congregation, that I may give him a
charge. And Moses and Joshua went,
and presented themselves in the taber-

nacle of the congregation. [15] And the
LORD appeared in the tabernacle in
a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of
the cloud stood over the door of the
tabernacle. [16] And the LORD said unto
Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with
thy fathers; and this people will rise
up, and go a whoring after the gods of
the strangers of the land, whither they
go *to be* among them, and will forsake
me, and break my covenant which
I have made with them.* [17] Then my
anger shall be kindled against them
in that day, and I will forsake them,
and I will hide my face from them, and

31.16. sleep: Heb. lie down.

they shall be devoured, and many evils
and troubles shall befall them; so that
they will say in that day, Are not these
evils come upon us, because our God
is not among us?* [18] And I will surely
hide my face in that day for all the
evils which they shall have wrought, in
that they are turned unto other gods.
[19] Now therefore write ye this song for
you, and teach it the children of Is-
rael: put it in their mouths, that this
song may be a witness for me against
the children of Israel. [20] For when
I shall have brought them into the
land which I sware unto their fathers,

17. befall: Heb. find.

that floweth with milk and honey;
and they shall have eaten and filled
themselves, and waxen fat; then will
they turn unto other gods, and serve
them, and provoke me, and break my
covenant. 21 And it shall come to pass,
when many evils and troubles are be-
fallen them, that this song shall testify
against them as a witness; for it shall
not be forgotten out of the mouths of
their seed: for I know their imagina-
tion which they go about, even now,
before I have brought them into the
land which I sware.* 22 Moses there-
fore wrote this song the same day,

21. against: Heb. before. go...: Heb. do.

and taught it the children of Israel.
23 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun
a charge, and said, Be strong and of
a good courage: for thou shalt bring
the children of Israel into the land
which I sware unto them: and I will
be with thee. 24 And it came to pass,
when Moses had made an end of writ-
ing the words of this law in a book,
until they were finished, 25 That Moses
commanded the Levites, which bare
the ark of the covenant of the LORD,
saying, 26 Take this book of the law,
and put it in the side of the ark of the
covenant of the LORD your God, that
it may be there for a witness against

thee. [27] For I know thy rebellion, and
thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet
alive with you this day, ye have been
rebellious against the LORD; and how
much more after my death? [28] Gather
unto me all the elders of your tribes,
and your officers, that I may speak
these words in their ears, and call
heaven and earth to record against
them. [29] For I know that after my
death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves*,
and turn aside from the way which I
have commanded you; and evil will
befall you in the latter days; because ye
will do evil in the sight of the LORD,
to provoke him to anger through the

work of your hands. 30 And Moses
spake in the ears of all the congrega-
tion of Israel the words of this song,
until they were ended.

32 Give ear, O ye heavens, and
I will speak; and hear, O earth, the
words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine
shall drop as the rain, my speech shall
distil as the dew, as the small rain upon
the tender herb, and as the showers
upon the grass: 3 Because I will pub-
lish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye
greatness unto our God. 4 *He is* the
Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his
ways *are* judgment: a God of truth

and without iniquity, just and right *is*
he. 5 They have corrupted themselves,
their spot *is* not *the spot* of his chil-
dren: *they are* a perverse and crooked
generation.* 6 Do ye thus requite the
LORD, O foolish people and unwise?
is not he thy father *that* hath bought
thee? hath he not made thee, and es-
tablished thee? 7 Remember the days
of old, consider the years of many gen-
erations: ask thy father, and he will
shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell

32.5. They have...: Heb. He hath corrupted to himself. their...: or, that they are not his children, that is their blot.

thee.* 8 When the most High divided
to the nations their inheritance, when
he separated the sons of Adam, he set
the bounds of the people according to
the number of the children of Israel.
9 For the LORD's portion *is* his peo-
ple; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance.*
10 He found him in a desert land, and
in the waste howling wilderness; he
led him about, he instructed him, he
kept him as the apple of his eye.* 11 As
an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth
over her young, spreadeth abroad her

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7. many...: Heb. generation and generation.
9. lot: Heb. cord.
10. led: or, compassed.

wings, taketh them, beareth them on
her wings: [12] *So* the LORD alone did
lead him, and *there was* no strange god
with him. [13] He made him ride on
the high places of the earth, that he
might eat the increase of the fields;
and he made him to suck honey out
of the rock, and oil out of the flinty
rock; [14] Butter of kine, and milk of
sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams
of the breed of Bashan, and goats,
with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and
thou didst drink the pure blood of the
grape. [15] But Jeshurun waxed fat, and
kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art
grown thick, thou art covered *with fat-*

ness; then he forsook God *which* made
him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of
his salvation. [16] They provoked him to
jealousy with strange *gods*, with abom-
inations provoked they him to anger.
[17] They sacrificed unto devils, not to
God; to gods whom they knew not,
to new *gods that* came newly up, whom
your fathers feared not.* [18] Of the Rock
that begat thee thou art unmindful,
and hast forgotten God that formed
thee. [19] And when the LORD saw *it*, he
abhorred *them*, because of the provok-
ing of his sons, and of his daughters.*

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17. not to...: or, which were not God.
19. abhorred: or, despised.

[20] And he said, I will hide my face from
them, I will see what their end *shall be*:
for they *are* a very froward generation,
children in whom *is* no faith. [21] They
have moved me to jealousy with *that*
which is not God; they have provoked
me to anger with their vanities: and I
will move them to jealousy with *those*
which are not a people; I will provoke
them to anger with a foolish nation.
[22] For a fire is kindled in mine anger,
and shall burn unto the lowest hell,
and shall consume the earth with her
increase, and set on fire the founda-
tions of the mountains.* [23] I will heap

22. shall burn: or, hath burned. shall consume: or,

mischiefs upon them; I will spend
mine arrows upon them. [24] *They shall*
be burnt with hunger, and devoured
with burning heat, and with bitter de-
struction: I will also send the teeth
of beasts upon them, with the poison
of serpents of the dust.* [25] The sword
without, and terror within, shall de-
stroy both the young man and the vir-
gin, the suckling *also* with the man
of gray hairs.* [26] I said, I would scat-
ter them into corners, I would make

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hath consumed.

24. heat: Heb. coals.

25. within: Heb. from the chambers. destroy: Heb. bereave.

the remembrance of them to cease
from among men: [27] Were it not that
I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest
their adversaries should behave them-
selves strangely, *and* lest they should
say, Our hand *is* high, and the LORD
hath not done all this.* [28] For they *are* a
nation void of counsel, neither *is there*
any understanding in them. [29] O that
they were wise, *that* they understood
this, *that* they would consider their
latter end! [30] How should one chase
a thousand, and two put ten thou-
sand to flight, except their Rock had

27. Our...: or, Our high hand, and not the LORD hath done.

sold them, and the LORD had shut
them up? 31 For their rock *is* not as
our Rock, even our enemies them-
selves *being* judges. 32 For their vine
is of the vine of Sodom, and of the
fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are*
grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bit-
ter:* 33 Their wine *is* the poison of drag-
ons, and the cruel venom of asps. 34 *Is*
not this laid up in store with me, *and*
sealed up among my treasures? 35 To
me *belongeth* vengeance, and recom-
pence; their foot shall slide in *due*
time: for the day of their calamity
is at hand, and the things that shall

32. of the vine: or, worse than the vine.

come upon them make haste. [36] For
the LORD shall judge his people, and
repent himself for his servants, when
he seeth that *their* power is gone, and
there is none shut up, or left.* [37] And he
shall say, Where *are* their gods, *their*
rock in whom they trusted, [38] Which
did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and*
drank the wine of their drink offer-
ings? let them rise up and help you,
and be your protection.* [39] See now
that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no
god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I
wound, and I heal: neither *is there any*

36. power: Heb. hand.
38. your...: Heb. an hiding for you.

that can deliver out of my hand. [40] For
I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I
live for ever. [41] If I whet my glittering
sword, and mine hand take hold on
judgment; I will render vengeance to
mine enemies, and will reward them
that hate me. [42] I will make mine ar-
rows drunk with blood, and my sword
shall devour flesh; *and that* with the
blood of the slain and of the captives,
from the beginning of revenges upon
the enemy. [43] Rejoice, O ye nations,
with his people: for he will avenge the
blood of his servants, and will render
vengeance to his adversaries, and will
be merciful unto his land, *and* to his

people.* 44 And Moses came and spake
all the words of this song in the ears
of the people, he, and Hoshea the son
of Nun.* 45 And Moses made an end
of speaking all these words to all Is-
rael: 46 And he said unto them, Set
your hearts unto all the words which
I testify among you this day, which ye
shall command your children to ob-
serve to do, all the words of this law.
47 For it *is* not a vain thing for you;
because it *is* your life: and through
this thing ye shall prolong *your* days

43. Rejoice...: or, Praise his people, ye nations: or, Sing ye.
44. Hoshea: or, Joshua.

in the land, whither ye go over Jor-
dan to possess it. 48 And the LORD
spake unto Moses that selfsame day,
saying, 49 Get thee up into this moun-
tain Abarim, *unto* mount Nebo, which
is in the land of Moab, that *is* over
against Jericho; and behold the land
of Canaan, which I give unto the chil-
dren of Israel for a possession: 50 And
die in the mount whither thou goest
up, and be gathered unto thy people;
as Aaron thy brother died in mount
Hor, and was gathered unto his peo-
ple: 51 Because ye trespassed against me
among the children of Israel at the wa-
ters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilder-

ness of Zin; because ye sanctified me
not in the midst of the children of Is-
rael.* 52 Yet thou shalt see the land be-
fore *thee*; but thou shalt not go thither
unto the land which I give the children
of Israel.

33 And this *is* the blessing, where-
with Moses the man of God blessed
the children of Israel before his death.
2 And he said, The LORD came from
Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto
them; he shined forth from mount
Paran, and he came with ten thou-
sands of saints: from his right hand

51. Meribahkadesh: or, strife at Kadesh.

went a fiery law for them.* 3 Yea, he
loved the people; all his saints *are*
in thy hand: and they sat down at
thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy
words. 4 Moses commanded us a law,
even the inheritance of the congre-
gation of Jacob. 5 And he was king
in Jeshurun, when the heads of the
people *and* the tribes of Israel were
gathered together. 6 Let Reuben live,
and not die; and let *not* his men be
few. 7 And this *is the blessing* of Ju-
dah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the
voice of Judah, and bring him unto
his people: let his hands be sufficient

33.2. a fiery...: Heb. a fire of law.

for him; and be thou an help *to him*
from his enemies. 8 And of Levi he
said, *Let* thy Thummim and thy Urim
be with thy holy one, whom thou didst
prove at Massah, *and with* whom thou
didst strive at the waters of Meribah;
9 Who said unto his father and to his
mother, I have not seen him; nei-
ther did he acknowledge his breth-
ren, nor knew his own children: for
they have observed thy word, and kept
thy covenant. 10 They shall teach Ja-
cob thy judgments, and Israel thy law:
they shall put incense before thee, and
whole burnt sacrifice upon thine al-

tar.* [11] Bless, LORD, his substance, and
accept the work of his hands: smite
through the loins of them that rise
against him, and of them that hate
him, that they rise not again. [12] *And*
of Benjamin he said, The beloved of
the LORD shall dwell in safety by him;
and the LORD shall cover him all
the day long, and he shall dwell be-
tween his shoulders. [13] And of Joseph
he said, Blessed of the LORD *be* his
land, for the precious things of heaven,
for the dew, and for the deep that
coucheth beneath, [14] And for the pre-

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10. They shall teach: or, Let them teach. they shall put: or, let them put. before...: Heb. at thy nose.

cious fruits *brought forth* by the sun,
and for the precious things put forth
by the moon,* [15] And for the chief
things of the ancient mountains, and
for the precious things of the lasting
hills, [16] And for the precious things of
the earth and fulness thereof, and *for*
the good will of him that dwelt in the
bush: let *the blessing* come upon the
head of Joseph, and upon the top of
the head of him *that was* separated
from his brethren. [17] His glory *is like*
the firstling of his bullock, and his
horns *are like* the horns of unicorns:
with them he shall push the people to-

14. put: Heb. thrust. moon: Heb. moons.

gether to the ends of the earth: and
they *are* the ten thousands of Eph-
raim, and they *are* the thousands of
Manasseh.* 18 And of Zebulun he said,
Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out;
and, Issachar, in thy tents. 19 They shall
call the people unto the mountain;
there they shall offer sacrifices of righ-
teousness: for they shall suck *of* the
abundance of the seas, and *of* treasures
hid in the sand. 20 And of Gad he said,
Blessed *be* he that enlargeth Gad: he
dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm
with the crown of the head. 21 And he
provided the first part for himself, be-

17. unicorns: Heb. an unicorn.

cause there, *in* a portion of the law-
giver, *was he* seated; and he came with
the heads of the people, he executed
the justice of the LORD, and his judg-
ments with Israel.* [22] And of Dan he
said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp: he shall leap
from Bashan. [23] And of Naphtali he
said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour,
and full with the blessing of the LORD:
possess thou the west and the south.
[24] And of Asher he said, *Let* Asher *be*
blessed with children; let him be ac-
ceptable to his brethren, and let him
dip his foot in oil. [25] Thy shoes *shall be*
iron and brass; and as thy days, *so shall*

21. seated: Heb. cieled.

thy strength *be*.* [26] *There is* none like
unto the God of Jeshurun, *who* rideth
upon the heaven in thy help, and in
his excellency on the sky. [27] The eter-
nal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath
are the everlasting arms: and he shall
thrust out the enemy from before thee;
and shall say, Destroy *them*. [28] Israel
then shall dwell in safety alone: the
fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land
of corn and wine; also his heavens shall
drop down dew. [29] Happy *art* thou, O
Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people
saved by the LORD, the shield of thy
help, and who *is* the sword of thy ex-

25. Thy shoes: or, Under thy shoes.

cellency! and thine enemies shall be
found liars unto thee; and thou shalt
tread upon their high places.*

34 And Moses went up from the
plains of Moab unto the mountain of
Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that *is*
over against Jericho. And the LORD
shewed him all the land of Gilead,
unto Dan,* 2 And all Naphtali, and the
land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and
all the land of Judah, unto the utmost
sea, 3 And the south, and the plain of
the valley of Jericho, the city of palm

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29. found...: or, subdued.
34.1. Pisgah: or, the hill.

trees, unto Zoar. [4] And the LORD
said unto him, This *is* the land which I
sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and
unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto
thy seed: I have caused thee to see *it*
with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go
over thither. [5] So Moses the servant
of the LORD died there in the land of
Moab, according to the word of the
LORD. [6] And he buried him in a val-
ley in the land of Moab, over against
Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his
sepulchre unto this day. [7] And Moses
was an hundred and twenty years old
when he died: his eye was not dim, nor

his natural force abated.* 8 And the
children of Israel wept for Moses in the
plains of Moab thirty days: so the days
of weeping *and* mourning for Moses
were ended. 9 And Joshua the son of
Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom;
for Moses had laid his hands upon
him: and the children of Israel hear-
kened unto him, and did as the LORD
commanded Moses. 10 And there arose
not a prophet since in Israel like unto
Moses, whom the LORD knew face to
face, 11 In all the signs and the wonders,
which the LORD sent him to do in the
land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all

7. natural...: Heb. moisture. abated: Heb. fled.

his servants, and to all his land, [12] And
in all that mighty hand, and in all the
great terror which Moses shewed in
the sight of all Israel.

THE BOOK OF
JOSHUA

Now after the death of Moses
the servant of the LORD it
came to pass, that the LORD
spake unto Joshua the son of Nun,
Moses' minister, saying, 2 Moses my
servant is dead; now therefore arise,
go over this Jordan, thou, and all this
people, unto the land which I do give
to them, *even* to the children of Is-
rael. 3 Every place that the sole of your
foot shall tread upon, that have I given
unto you, as I said unto Moses. 4 From
the wilderness and this Lebanon even

unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites,
and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your
coast. 5 There shall not any man be
able to stand before thee all the days of
thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be
with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of a good
courage: for unto this people shalt
thou divide for an inheritance the
land, which I sware unto their fathers
to give them.* 7 Only be thou strong
and very courageous, that thou mayest

1.6. unto this...: or, thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land, etc.

observe to do according to all the law,
which Moses my servant commanded
thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand
or *to* the left, that thou mayest pros-
per whithersoever thou goest.* 8 This
book of the law shall not depart out
of thy mouth; but thou shalt medi-
tate therein day and night, that thou
mayest observe to do according to all
that is written therein: for then thou
shalt make thy way prosperous, and
then thou shalt have good success.*
9 Have not I commanded thee? Be
strong and of a good courage; be not

7. prosper: or, do wisely.
8. have...: or, do wisely.

afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for
the LORD thy God *is* with thee whith-
ersoever thou goest. [10] Then Joshua
commanded the officers of the peo-
ple, saying, [11] Pass through the host,
and command the people, saying, Pre-
pare you victuals; for within three days
ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in
to possess the land, which the LORD
your God giveth you to possess it.
[12] And to the Reubenites, and to the
Gadites, and to half the tribe of Man-
asseh, spake Joshua, saying, [13] Remem-
ber the word which Moses the servant
of the LORD commanded you, say-
ing, The LORD your God hath given

you rest, and hath given you this land.
14 Your wives, your little ones, and your
cattle, shall remain in the land which
Moses gave you on this side Jordan;
but ye shall pass before your brethren
armed, all the mighty men of valour,
and help them;* 15 Until the LORD have
given your brethren rest, as *he hath*
given you, and they also have possessed
the land which the LORD your God
giveth them: then ye shall return unto
the land of your possession, and en-
joy it, which Moses the LORD'S servant
gave you on this side Jordan toward
the sunrising. 16 And they answered

14. armed: Heb. marshalled by five.

Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go. [17] According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. [18] Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jeri-

cho. And they went, and came into
an harlot's house, named Rahab, and
lodged there.* 2 And it was told the
king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there
came men in hither to night of the
children of Israel to search out the
country. 3 And the king of Jericho
sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth
the men that are come to thee, which
are entered into thine house: for they
be come to search out all the coun-
try. 4 And the woman took the two
men, and hid them, and said thus,
There came men unto me, but I wist
not whence they *were*: 5 And it came

2.1. sent: or, had sent. lodged: Heb. lay.

to pass *about the time* of shutting of
the gate, when it was dark, that the
men went out: whither the men went
I wot not: pursue after them quickly;
for ye shall overtake them. 6 But she
had brought them up to the roof of the
house, and hid them with the stalks of
flax, which she had laid in order upon
the roof. 7 And the men pursued after
them the way to Jordan unto the fords:
and as soon as they which pursued
after them were gone out, they shut
the gate. 8 And before they were laid
down, she came up unto them upon
the roof; 9 And she said unto the men,
I know that the LORD hath given you

the land, and that your terror is fallen
upon us, and that all the inhabitants
of the land faint because of you.* 10 For
we have heard how the LORD dried up
the water of the Red sea for you, when
ye came out of Egypt; and what ye
did unto the two kings of the Amor-
ites, that *were* on the other side Jordan,
Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly de-
stroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard
these things, our hearts did melt, nei-
ther did there remain any more cour-
age in any man, because of you: for the
LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven

9. faint: Heb. melt.

above, and in earth beneath.* 12 Now
therefore, I pray you, swear unto me
by the LORD, since I have shewed you
kindness, that ye will also shew kind-
ness unto my father's house, and give
me a true token: 13 And *that* ye will
save alive my father, and my mother,
and my brethren, and my sisters, and
all that they have, and deliver our lives
from death. 14 And the men answered
her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not
this our business. And it shall be,
when the LORD hath given us the land,
that we will deal kindly and truly with

11. did there...: Heb. rose up.

thee.* [15] Then she let them down by
a cord through the window: for her
house *was* upon the town wall, and
she dwelt upon the wall. [16] And she
said unto them, Get you to the moun-
tain, lest the pursuers meet you; and
hide yourselves there three days, un-
til the pursuers be returned: and after-
ward may ye go your way. [17] And the
men said unto her, We *will be* blame-
less of this thine oath which thou hast
made us swear. [18] Behold, *when* we
come into the land, thou shalt bind
this line of scarlet thread in the win-
dow which thou didst let us down

14. for...: Heb. instead of you to die.

by: and thou shalt bring thy father,
and thy mother, and thy brethren, and
all thy father's household, home unto
thee.* [19] And it shall be, *that* whoso-
ever shall go out of the doors of thy
house into the street, his blood *shall*
be upon his head, and we *will be* guilt-
less: and whosoever shall be with thee
in the house, his blood *shall be* on our
head, if *any* hand be upon him. [20] And
if thou utter this our business, then
we will be quit of thine oath which
thou hast made us to swear. [21] And
she said, According unto your words,
so *be* it. And she sent them away,

18. bring: Heb. gather.

and they departed: and she bound the
scarlet line in the window. [22] And they
went, and came unto the mountain,
and abode there three days, until the
pursuers were returned: and the pur-
suers sought *them* throughout all the
way, but found *them* not. [23] So the two
men returned, and descended from
the mountain, and passed over, and
came to Joshua the son of Nun, and
told him all *things* that befell them:
[24] And they said unto Joshua, Truly the
LORD hath delivered into our hands
all the land; for even all the inhabi-
tants of the country do faint because

of us.*

3 And Joshua rose early in the
morning; and they removed from
Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and
all the children of Israel, and lodged
there before they passed over. 2 And it
came to pass after three days, that the
officers went through the host; 3 And
they commanded the people, saying,
When ye see the ark of the covenant
of the LORD your God, and the priests
the Levites bearing it, then ye shall re-
move from your place, and go after
it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between

24. faint: Heb. melt.

you and it, about two thousand cubits
by measure: come not near unto it,
that ye may know the way by which
ye must go: for ye have not passed
this way heretofore.* 5 And Joshua said
unto the people, Sanctify yourselves:
for to morrow the LORD will do won-
ders among you. 6 And Joshua spake
unto the priests, saying, Take up the
ark of the covenant, and pass over be-
fore the people. And they took up
the ark of the covenant, and went be-
fore the people. 7 And the LORD said
unto Joshua, This day will I begin to

3.4. heretofore: Heb. since yesterday, and the third day.

magnify thee in the sight of all Israel,
that they may know that, as I was with
Moses, *so* I will be with thee. 8 And
thou shalt command the priests that
bear the ark of the covenant, saying,
When ye are come to the brink of the
water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in
Jordan. 9 And Joshua said unto the
children of Israel, Come hither, and
hear the words of the LORD your God.
10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall
know that the living God *is* among
you, and *that* he will without fail drive
out from before you the Canaanites,
and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and
the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and

the Amorites, and the Jebusites. [11] Be-
hold, the ark of the covenant of the
Lord of all the earth passeth over be-
fore you into Jordan. [12] Now there-
fore take you twelve men out of the
tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a
man. [13] And it shall come to pass, as
soon as the soles of the feet of the
priests that bear the ark of the LORD,
the Lord of all the earth, shall rest
in the waters of Jordan, *that* the wa-
ters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the
waters that come down from above;
and they shall stand upon an heap.
[14] And it came to pass, when the peo-
ple removed from their tents, to pass

over Jordan, and the priests bearing
the ark of the covenant before the peo-
ple; [15] And as they that bare the ark
were come unto Jordan, and the feet
of the priests that bare the ark were
dipped in the brim of the water, (for
Jordan overfloweth all his banks all
the time of harvest,) [16] That the waters
which came down from above stood
and rose up upon an heap very far from
the city Adam, that *is* beside Zare-
tan: and those that came down toward
the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea,
failed, *and* were cut off: and the peo-
ple passed over right against Jericho.
[17] And the priests that bare the ark of

the covenant of the LORD stood firm
on dry ground in the midst of Jordan,
and all the Israelites passed over on
dry ground, until all the people were
passed clean over Jordan.

4 And it came to pass, when all
the people were clean passed over Jor-
dan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua,
saying, 2 Take you twelve men out of
the people, out of every tribe a man,
3 And command ye them, saying, Take
you hence out of the midst of Jordan,
out of the place where the priests' feet
stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall
carry them over with you, and leave

them in the lodging place, where ye
shall lodge this night. 4 Then Joshua
called the twelve men, whom he had
prepared of the children of Israel, out
of every tribe a man: 5 And Joshua
said unto them, Pass over before the
ark of the LORD your God into the
midst of Jordan, and take ye up every
man of you a stone upon his shoul-
der, according unto the number of the
tribes of the children of Israel: 6 That
this may be a sign among you, *that*
when your children ask *their fathers*
in time to come, saying, What *mean*
ye by these stones?* 7 Then ye shall

4.6. in time...: Heb. to morrow.

answer them, That the waters of Jor-
dan were cut off before the ark of the
covenant of the LORD; when it passed
over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were
cut off: and these stones shall be for
a memorial unto the children of Is-
rael for ever. 8 And the children of
Israel did so as Joshua commanded,
and took up twelve stones out of the
midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake
unto Joshua, according to the number
of the tribes of the children of Israel,
and carried them over with them unto
the place where they lodged, and laid
them down there. 9 And Joshua set up
twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in

the place where the feet of the priests
which bare the ark of the covenant
stood: and they are there unto this
day. 10 For the priests which bare the
ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until
every thing was finished that the LORD
commanded Joshua to speak unto the
people, according to all that Moses
commanded Joshua: and the people
hasted and passed over. 11 And it came
to pass, when all the people were clean
passed over, that the ark of the LORD
passed over, and the priests, in the
presence of the people. 12 And the chil-
dren of Reuben, and the children of
Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh,

passed over armed before the children
of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:
13 About forty thousand prepared for
war passed over before the LORD unto
battle, to the plains of Jericho.* 14 On
that day the LORD magnified Joshua in
the sight of all Israel; and they feared
him, as they feared Moses, all the days
of his life. 15 And the LORD spake
unto Joshua, saying, 16 Command the
priests that bear the ark of the testi-
mony, that they come up out of Jor-
dan. 17 Joshua therefore commanded
the priests, saying, Come ye up out of
Jordan. 18 And it came to pass, when

13. prepared: or, ready armed.

the priests that bare the ark of the
covenant of the LORD were come up
out of the midst of Jordan, *and* the
soles of the priests' feet were lifted up
unto the dry land, that the waters of
Jordan returned unto their place, and
flowed over all his banks, as *they did*
before.* 19 And the people came up out
of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first
month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the
east border of Jericho. 20 And those
twelve stones, which they took out
of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.
21 And he spake unto the children of Is-
rael, saying, When your children shall

18. lifted...: Heb. plucked up. flowed: Heb. went.

ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?* [22] Then
ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry
land. [23] For the LORD your God dried
up the waters of Jordan from before
you, until ye were passed over, as the
LORD your God did to the Red sea,
which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: [24] That all the
people of the earth might know the
hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty:
that ye might fear the LORD your God
for ever.*

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21. in time...: Heb. to morrow.
24. for ever: Heb. all days.

5 And it came to pass, when all the
kings of the Amorites, which *were* on
the side of Jordan westward, and all the
kings of the Canaanites, which *were* by
the sea, heard that the LORD had dried
up the waters of Jordan from before
the children of Israel, until we were
passed over, that their heart melted,
neither was there spirit in them any
more, because of the children of Israel.
2 At that time the LORD said unto
Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and
circumcise again the children of Israel
the second time.* 3 And Joshua made

5.2. sharp...: or, knives of flints.

him sharp knives, and circumcised the
children of Israel at the hill of the
foreskins.* 4 And this *is* the cause why
Joshua did circumcise: All the peo-
ple that came out of Egypt, *that were*
males, *even* all the men of war, died in
the wilderness by the way, after they
came out of Egypt. 5 Now all the peo-
ple that came out were circumcised:
but all the people *that were* born in
the wilderness by the way as they came
forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not
circumcised. 6 For the children of Is-
rael walked forty years in the wilder-

3. sharp...: or, knives of flints. the hill...: or, Gibeahhaaraloth.

ness, till all the people *that were* men
of war, which came out of Egypt, were
consumed, because they obeyed not
the voice of the LORD: unto whom the
LORD sware that he would not shew
them the land, which the LORD sware
unto their fathers that he would give
us, a land that floweth with milk and
honey. 7 And their children, *whom* he
raised up in their stead, them Joshua
circumcised: for they were uncircum-
cised, because they had not circum-
cised them by the way. 8 And it came
to pass, when they had done circum-
cising all the people, that they abode
in their places in the camp, till they

were whole.* 9 And the LORD said
unto Joshua, This day have I rolled
away the reproach of Egypt from off
you. Wherefore the name of the place
is called Gilgal unto this day.* 10 And
the children of Israel encamped in Gil-
gal, and kept the passover on the four-
teenth day of the month at even in
the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did
eat of the old corn of the land on the
morrow after the passover, unleavened
cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame
day. 12 And the manna ceased on the

8. they had...: Heb. the people had made an end to be circumcised.
9. Gilgal: that is Rolling.

morrow after they had eaten of the old
corn of the land; neither had the chil-
dren of Israel manna any more; but
they did eat of the fruit of the land of
Canaan that year. 13 And it came to
pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that
he lifted up his eyes and looked, and,
behold, there stood a man over against
him with his sword drawn in his hand:
and Joshua went unto him, and said
unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our
adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but *as*
captain of the host of the LORD am I
now come. And Joshua fell on his face
to the earth, and did worship, and said
unto him, What saith my lord unto

his servant?* 15 And the captain of the
LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose
thy shoe from off thy foot; for the
place whereon thou standest *is* holy.
And Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut
up because of the children of Israel:
none went out, and none came in.*
2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See,
I have given into thine hand Jericho,
and the king thereof, *and* the mighty
men of valour. 3 And ye shall com-
pass the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go
round about the city once. Thus shalt

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14. captain: or, prince.

6.1. was...: Heb. did shut up, and was shut up.

thou do six days. 4 And seven priests
shall bear before the ark seven trum-
pets of rams' horns: and the seventh
day ye shall compass the city seven
times, and the priests shall blow with
the trumpets. 5 And it shall come
to pass, that when they make a long
blast with the ram's horn, *and* when
ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all
the people shall shout with a great
shout; and the wall of the city shall
fall down flat, and the people shall
ascend up every man straight before
him.* 6 And Joshua the son of Nun
called the priests, and said unto them,

5. flat: Heb. under it.

Take up the ark of the covenant, and
let seven priests bear seven trumpets
of rams' horns before the ark of the
LORD. 7 And he said unto the peo-
ple, Pass on, and compass the city, and
let him that is armed pass on before
the ark of the LORD. 8 And it came
to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto
the people, that the seven priests bear-
ing the seven trumpets of rams' horns
passed on before the LORD, and blew
with the trumpets: and the ark of the
covenant of the LORD followed them.
9 And the armed men went before the
priests that blew with the trumpets,
and the rereward came after the ark,

the priests going on, and blowing with
the trumpets.* 10 And Joshua had com-
manded the people, saying, Ye shall
not shout, nor make any noise with
your voice, neither shall *any* word pro-
ceed out of your mouth, until the day
I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.*
11 So the ark of the LORD compassed
the city, going about *it* once: and they
came into the camp, and lodged in the
camp. 12 And Joshua rose early in the
morning, and the priests took up the
ark of the LORD. 13 And seven priests
bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns

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9. rereward: Heb. gathering host.
10. any noise...: Heb. your voice to be heard.

before the ark of the LORD went on
continually, and blew with the trum-
pets: and the armed men went be-
fore them; but the rereward came after
the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going
on, and blowing with the trumpets.
14 And the second day they compassed
the city once, and returned into the
camp: so they did six days. 15 And it
came to pass on the seventh day, that
they rose early about the dawning of
the day, and compassed the city after
the same manner seven times: only on
that day they compassed the city seven
times. 16 And it came to pass at the
seventh time, when the priests blew

with the trumpets, Joshua said unto
the people, Shout; for the LORD hath
given you the city. 17 And the city shall
be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are*
therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the
harlot shall live, she and all that *are*
with her in the house, because she hid
the messengers that we sent.* 18 And ye,
in any wise keep *yourselves* from the
accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves*
accursed, when ye take of the accursed
thing, and make the camp of Israel a
curse, and trouble it.* 19 But all the sil-
ver, and gold, and vessels of brass and

17. accursed: or, devoted.
18. accursed: or, devoted. a curse: or, devoted.

iron, *are* consecrated unto the LORD:
they shall come into the treasury of the
LORD.* [20] So the people shouted when
the priests blew with the trumpets: and
it came to pass, when the people heard
the sound of the trumpet, and the peo-
ple shouted with a great shout, that
the wall fell down flat, so that the peo-
ple went up into the city, every man
straight before him, and they took the
city.* [21] And they utterly destroyed all
that *was* in the city, both man and
woman, young and old, and ox, and
sheep, and ass, with the edge of the

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19. consecrated: Heb. holiness.
20. flat: Heb. under it.

sword. [22] But Joshua had said unto the
two men that had spied out the coun-
try, Go into the harlot's house, and
bring out thence the woman, and all
that she hath, as ye sware unto her.
[23] And the young men that were spies
went in, and brought out Rahab, and
her father, and her mother, and her
brethren, and all that she had; and
they brought out all her kindred, and
left them without the camp of Israel.*
[24] And they burnt the city with fire, and
all that *was* therein: only the silver,
and the gold, and the vessels of brass
and of iron, they put into the trea-

23. kindred: Heb. families.

sury of the house of the LORD. [25] And
Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive,
and her father's household, and all that
she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even*
unto this day; because she hid the mes-
sengers, which Joshua sent to spy out
Jericho. [26] And Joshua adjured *them* at
that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man
before the LORD, that riseth up and
buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay
the foundation thereof in his firstborn,
and in his youngest *son* shall he set up
the gates of it. [27] So the LORD was
with Joshua; and his fame was *noised*
throughout all the country.

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.* 2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai. 3 And they returned to

7.1. Achan: also called, Achar. Zabdi: also called, Zimri.

Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all
the people go up; but let about two or
three thousand men go up and smite
Ai; *and* make not all the people to
labour thither; for they *are but* few.*
4 So there went up thither of the peo-
ple about three thousand men: and
they fled before the men of Ai. 5 And
the men of Ai smote of them about
thirty and six men: for they chased
them *from* before the gate *even* unto
Shebarim, and smote them in the go-
ing down: wherefore the hearts of the

3. about...: Heb. about two thousand men, or, about three thousand men.

people melted, and became as water.*
6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell
to the earth upon his face before the
ark of the LORD until the eventide,
he and the elders of Israel, and put
dust upon their heads. 7 And Joshua
said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore
hast thou at all brought this people
over Jordan, to deliver us into the
hand of the Amorites, to destroy us?
would to God we had been content,
and dwelt on the other side Jordan!
8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Is-
rael turneth their backs before their

5. in...: or, in Morad.

enemies!* 9 For the Canaanites and
all the inhabitants of the land shall
hear *of it*, and shall environ us round,
and cut off our name from the earth:
and what wilt thou do unto thy great
name? 10 And the LORD said unto
Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore li-
est thou thus upon thy face?* 11 Israel
hath sinned, and they have also trans-
gressed my covenant which I com-
manded them: for they have even
taken of the accursed thing, and have
also stolen, and dissembled also, and
they have put *it* even among their own

8. backs: Heb. necks.
10. liest: Heb. fallest.

stuff. [12] Therefore the children of Is-
rael could not stand before their en-
emies, *but* turned *their* backs before
their enemies, because they were ac-
cursed: neither will I be with you any
more, except ye destroy the accursed
from among you. [13] Up, sanctify the
people, and say, Sanctify yourselves
against to morrow: for thus saith the
LORD God of Israel, *There is* an ac-
cursed thing in the midst of thee, O Is-
rael: thou canst not stand before thine
enemies, until ye take away the ac-
cursed thing from among you. [14] In the
morning therefore ye shall be brought
according to your tribes: and it shall

be, *that* the tribe which the LORD
taketh shall come according to the
families *thereof*; and the family which
the LORD shall take shall come by
households; and the household which
the LORD shall take shall come man
by man. 15 And it shall be, *that* he that
is taken with the accursed thing shall
be burnt with fire, he and all that he
hath: because he hath transgressed the
covenant of the LORD, and because
he hath wrought folly in Israel.* 16 So
Joshua rose up early in the morning,
and brought Israel by their tribes; and
the tribe of Judah was taken: 17 And he

15. folly: or, wickedness.

brought the family of Judah; and he
took the family of the Zarhites: and
he brought the family of the Zarhites
man by man; and Zabdi was taken:
18 And he brought his household man
by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi,
the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of
the tribe of Judah, was taken. 19 And
Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give,
I pray thee, glory to the LORD God
of Israel, and make confession unto
him; and tell me now what thou hast
done; hide *it* not from me. 20 And
Achan answered Joshua, and said, In-
deed I have sinned against the LORD
God of Israel, and thus and thus have I

done: [21] When I saw among the spoils
a goodly Babylonish garment, and two
hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge
of gold of fifty shekels weight, then
I coveted them, and took them; and,
behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the
midst of my tent, and the silver under
it.* [22] So Joshua sent messengers, and
they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it*
was hid in his tent, and the silver under
it. [23] And they took them out of the
midst of the tent, and brought them
unto Joshua, and unto all the chil-
dren of Israel, and laid them out be-

21. wedge: Heb. tongue.

fore the LORD.* 24 And Joshua, and all
Israel with him, took Achan the son of
Zerah, and the silver, and the garment,
and the wedge of gold, and his sons,
and his daughters, and his oxen, and
his asses, and his sheep, and his tent,
and all that he had: and they brought
them unto the valley of Achor. 25 And
Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled
us? the LORD shall trouble thee this
day. And all Israel stoned him with
stones, and burned them with fire, af-
ter they had stoned them with stones.
26 And they raised over him a great heap
of stones unto this day. So the LORD

23. laid: Heb. poured.

turned from the fierceness of his anger.
Wherefore the name of that place was
called, The valley of Achor, unto this
day.*

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua,
Fear not, neither be thou dismayed:
take all the people of war with thee,
and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have
given into thy hand the king of Ai,
and his people, and his city, and his
land: 2 And thou shalt do to Ai and
her king as thou didst unto Jericho and
her king: only the spoil thereof, and
the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a

26. Achor: that is, Trouble.

prey unto yourselves: lay thee an am-
bush for the city behind it. 3 So Joshua
arose, and all the people of war, to
go up against Ai: and Joshua chose
out thirty thousand mighty men of
valour, and sent them away by night.
4 And he commanded them, saying,
Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the
city, *even* behind the city: go not very
far from the city, but be ye all ready:
5 And I, and all the people that *are*
with me, will approach unto the city:
and it shall come to pass, when they
come out against us, as at the first,
that we will flee before them, 6 (For
they will come out after us) till we

have drawn them from the city; for
they will say, They flee before us, as at
the first: therefore we will flee before
them.* 7 Then ye shall rise up from the
ambush, and seize upon the city: for
the LORD your God will deliver it into
your hand. 8 And it shall be, when ye
have taken the city, *that* ye shall set
the city on fire: according to the com-
mandment of the LORD shall ye do.
See, I have commanded you. 9 Joshua
therefore sent them forth: and they
went to lie in ambush, and abode be-
tween Bethel and Ai, on the west side
of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night

8.6. drawn: Heb. pulled.

among the people. [10] And Joshua rose
up early in the morning, and num-
bered the people, and went up, he and
the elders of Israel, before the people
to Ai. [11] And all the people, *even the*
people of war that *were* with him, went
up, and drew nigh, and came before
the city, and pitched on the north side
of Ai: now *there was* a valley between
them and Ai. [12] And he took about
five thousand men, and set them to lie
in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on
the west side of the city.* [13] And when
they had set the people, *even* all the
host that *was* on the north of the city,

12. of...: or, of Ai.

and their liers in wait on the west of
the city, Joshua went that night into
the midst of the valley.* 14 And it came
to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*,
that they hasted and rose up early, and
the men of the city went out against
Israel to battle, he and all his people,
at a time appointed, before the plain;
but he wist not that *there were* liers in
ambush against him behind the city.
15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if
they were beaten before them, and fled
by the way of the wilderness. 16 And all
the people that *were* in Ai were called
together to pursue after them: and

13. liers...: Heb. lying in wait.

they pursued after Joshua, and were
drawn away from the city. 17 And there
was not a man left in Ai or Bethel,
that went not out after Israel: and
they left the city open, and pursued af-
ter Israel. 18 And the LORD said unto
Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in
thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it
into thine hand. And Joshua stretched
out the spear that *he had* in his hand
toward the city. 19 And the ambush
arose quickly out of their place, and
they ran as soon as he had stretched
out his hand: and they entered into
the city, and took it, and hasted and set
the city on fire. 20 And when the men

of Ai looked behind them, they saw,
and, behold, the smoke of the city as-
cended up to heaven, and they had no
power to flee this way or that way: and
the people that fled to the wilderness
turned back upon the pursuers.* 21 And
when Joshua and all Israel saw that the
ambush had taken the city, and that
the smoke of the city ascended, then
they turned again, and slew the men
of Ai. 22 And the other issued out of
the city against them; so they were in
the midst of Israel, some on this side,
and some on that side: and they smote
them, so that they let none of them re-

20. power: Heb. hand.

main or escape. [23] And the king of Ai
they took alive, and brought him to
Joshua. [24] And it came to pass, when
Israel had made an end of slaying all
the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the
wilderness wherein they chased them,
and when they were all fallen on the
edge of the sword, until they were con-
sumed, that all the Israelites returned
unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of
the sword. [25] And *so* it was, *that* all that
fell that day, both of men and women,
were twelve thousand, *even* all the men
of Ai. [26] For Joshua drew not his hand
back, wherewith he stretched out the
spear, until he had utterly destroyed all

the inhabitants of Ai. [27] Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took
for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which
he commanded Joshua. [28] And Joshua
burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever,
even a desolation unto this day. [29] And
the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was
down, Joshua commanded that they
should take his carcase down from the
tree, and cast it at the entering of the
gate of the city, and raise thereon a
great heap of stones, *that remaineth*
unto this day. [30] Then Joshua built an
altar unto the LORD God of Israel in

mount Ebal, [31] As Moses the servant of
the LORD commanded the children of
Israel, as it is written in the book of
the law of Moses, an altar of whole
stones, over which no man hath lift
up *any* iron: and they offered thereon
burnt offerings unto the LORD, and
sacrificed peace offerings. [32] And he
wrote there upon the stones a copy
of the law of Moses, which he wrote
in the presence of the children of Is-
rael. [33] And all Israel, and their elders,
and officers, and their judges, stood on
this side the ark and on that side before
the priests the Levites, which bare the
ark of the covenant of the LORD, as

well the stranger, as he that was born
among them; half of them over against
mount Gerizim, and half of them over
against mount Ebal; as Moses the ser-
vant of the LORD had commanded be-
fore, that they should bless the people
of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all
the words of the law, the blessings and
cursings, according to all that is writ-
ten in the book of the law. 35 There
was not a word of all that Moses com-
manded, which Joshua read not before
all the congregation of Israel, with the
women, and the little ones, and the
strangers that were conversant among

them.*

9 And it came to pass, when all the
kings which *were* on this side Jordan,
in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all
the coasts of the great sea over against
Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amor-
ite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the
Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof*;
2 That they gathered themselves to-
gether, to fight with Joshua and with
Israel, with one accord.* 3 And when
the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what
Joshua had done unto Jericho and to
Ai, 4 They did work wilily, and went

35. were...: Heb. walked.
9.2. accord: Heb. mouth.

and made as if they had been ambas-
sadors, and took old sacks upon their
asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent,
and bound up; 5 And old shoes and
clouted upon their feet, and old gar-
ments upon them; and all the bread of
their provision was dry *and* mouldy.
6 And they went to Joshua unto the
camp at Gilgal, and said unto him,
and to the men of Israel, We be come
from a far country: now therefore
make ye a league with us. 7 And the
men of Israel said unto the Hivites,
Peradventure ye dwell among us; and
how shall we make a league with you?
8 And they said unto Joshua, We *are*

thy servants. And Joshua said unto
them, Who *are* ye? and from whence
come ye? 9 And they said unto him,
From a very far country thy servants
are come because of the name of the
LORD thy God: for we have heard the
fame of him, and all that he did in
Egypt, 10 And all that he did to the two
kings of the Amorites, that *were* be-
yond Jordan, to Sihon king of Hesh-
bon, and to Og king of Bashan, which
was at Ashtaroth. 11 Wherefore our
elders and all the inhabitants of our
country spake to us, saying, Take vict-
uals with you for the journey, and go
to meet them, and say unto them, We

are your servants: therefore now make
ye a league with us.* [12] This our bread
we took hot *for* our provision out of
our houses on the day we came forth
to go unto you; but now, behold, it
is dry, and it is mouldy: [13] And these
bottles of wine, which we filled, *were*
new; and, behold, they be rent: and
these our garments and our shoes are
become old by reason of the very long
journey. [14] And the men took of their
victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the
mouth of the LORD.* [15] And Joshua

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11. with you: Heb. in your hand.

14. the men...: or, they received the men by reason of their victuals.

made peace with them, and made a
league with them, to let them live:
and the princes of the congregation
sware unto them. 16 And it came to
pass at the end of three days after they
had made a league with them, that
they heard that they *were* their neigh-
bours, and *that* they dwelt among
them. 17 And the children of Israel
journeyed, and came unto their cities
on the third day. Now their cities *were*
Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth,
and Kirjathjearim. 18 And the children
of Israel smote them not, because the
princes of the congregation had sworn
unto them by the LORD God of Is-

rael. And all the congregation mur-
mured against the princes. [19] But all
the princes said unto all the congre-
gation, We have sworn unto them by
the LORD God of Israel: now there-
fore we may not touch them. [20] This we
will do to them; we will even let them
live, lest wrath be upon us, because of
the oath which we sware unto them.
[21] And the princes said unto them, Let
them live; but let them be hewers of
wood and drawers of water unto all
the congregation; as the princes had
promised them. [22] And Joshua called
for them, and he spake unto them, say-
ing, Wherefore have ye beguiled us,

saying, We *are* very far from you; when
ye dwell among us? 23 Now therefore ye
are cursed, and there shall none of you
be freed from being bondmen, and
hewers of wood and drawers of wa-
ter for the house of my God.* 24 And
they answered Joshua, and said, Be-
cause it was certainly told thy servants,
how that the LORD thy God com-
manded his servant Moses to give you
all the land, and to destroy all the in-
habitants of the land from before you,
therefore we were sore afraid of our
lives because of you, and have done
this thing. 25 And now, behold, we

23. none...: Heb. not be cut off from you.

are in thine hand: as it seemeth good
and right unto thee to do unto us, do.
26 And so did he unto them, and de-
livered them out of the hand of the
children of Israel, that they slew them
not. 27 And Joshua made them that day
hewers of wood and drawers of water
for the congregation, and for the altar
of the LORD, even unto this day, in the
place which he should choose.*

10 Now it came to pass, when
Adonizedek king of Jerusalem had
heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and
had utterly destroyed it; as he had

27. made: Heb. gave, or, delivered to be.

done to Jericho and her king, so he
had done to Ai and her king; and how
the inhabitants of Gibeon had made
peace with Israel, and were among
them; 2 That they feared greatly, be-
cause Gibeon *was* a great city, as
one of the royal cities, and because
it *was* greater than Ai, and all the
men thereof *were* mighty.* 3 Where-
fore Adonizedek king of Jerusalem
sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and
unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto
Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir
king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto
me, and help me, that we may smite

10.2. royal...: Heb. cities of the kingdom.

Gibeon: for it hath made peace with
Joshua and with the children of Israel.
5 Therefore the five kings of the Amor-
ites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of
Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king
of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gath-
ered themselves together, and went up,
they and all their hosts, and encamped
before Gibeon, and made war against
it. 6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto
Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying,
Slack not thy hand from thy servants;
come up to us quickly, and save us,
and help us: for all the kings of the
Amorites that dwell in the mountains
are gathered together against us. 7 So

Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and
all the people of war with him, and all
the mighty men of valour. 8 And the
LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not:
for I have delivered them into thine
hand; there shall not a man of them
stand before thee. 9 Joshua therefore
came unto them suddenly, *and* went
up from Gilgal all night. 10 And the
LORD discomfited them before Israel,
and slew them with a great slaugh-
ter at Gibeon, and chased them along
the way that goeth up to Bethhoron,
and smote them to Azekah, and unto
Makkedah. 11 And it came to pass, as
they fled from before Israel, *and* were

in the going down to Bethhoron, that
the LORD cast down great stones from
heaven upon them unto Azekah, and
they died: *they were* more which died
with hailstones than *they* whom the
children of Israel slew with the sword.
12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in
the day when the LORD delivered up
the Amorites before the children of
Israel, and he said in the sight of Is-
rael, Sun, stand thou still upon Gi-
beon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of
Ajalon.* 13 And the sun stood still, and
the moon stayed, until the people had
avenged themselves upon their ene-

12. stand...: Heb. be silent.

mies. *Is* not this written in the book
of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the
midst of heaven, and hasted not to go
down about a whole day.* 14 And there
was no day like that before it or after
it, that the LORD hearkened unto the
voice of a man: for the LORD fought
for Israel. 15 And Joshua returned, and
all Israel with him, unto the camp to
Gilgal. 16 But these five kings fled, and
hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.
17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The
five kings are found hid in a cave at
Makkedah. 18 And Joshua said, Roll
great stones upon the mouth of the

13. Jasher: or, the upright?.

cave, and set men by it for to keep
them: [19] And stay ye not, *but* pursue af-
ter your enemies, and smite the hind-
most of them; suffer them not to en-
ter into their cities: for the LORD your
God hath delivered them into your
hand.* [20] And it came to pass, when
Joshua and the children of Israel had
made an end of slaying them with a
very great slaughter, till they were con-
sumed, that the rest *which* remained of
them entered into fenced cities. [21] And
all the people returned to the camp to
Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none
moved his tongue against any of the

19. smite...: Heb. cut off the tail.

children of Israel. [22] Then said Joshua,
Open the mouth of the cave, and bring
out those five kings unto me out of the
cave. [23] And they did so, and brought
forth those five kings unto him out
of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the
king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth,
the king of Lachish, *and* the king of
Eglon. [24] And it came to pass, when
they brought out those kings unto
Joshua, that Joshua called for all the
men of Israel, and said unto the cap-
tains of the men of war which went
with him, Come near, put your feet
upon the necks of these kings. And
they came near, and put their feet

upon the necks of them. [25] And Joshua
said unto them, Fear not, nor be dis-
mayed, be strong and of good cour-
age: for thus shall the LORD do to all
your enemies against whom ye fight.
[26] And afterward Joshua smote them,
and slew them, and hanged them on
five trees: and they were hanging upon
the trees until the evening. [27] And it
came to pass at the time of the go-
ing down of the sun, *that* Joshua com-
manded, and they took them down
off the trees, and cast them into the
cave wherein they had been hid, and
laid great stones in the cave's mouth,
which remain until this very day. [28] And

that day Joshua took Makkedah, and
smote it with the edge of the sword,
and the king thereof he utterly de-
stroyed, them, and all the souls that
were therein; he let none remain: and
he did to the king of Makkedah as he
did unto the king of Jericho. 29 Then
Joshua passed from Makkedah, and
all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and
fought against Libnah: 30 And the
LORD delivered it also, and the king
thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he
smote it with the edge of the sword,
and all the souls that *were* therein; he
let none remain in it; but did unto
the king thereof as he did unto the

king of Jericho. [31] And Joshua passed
from Libnah, and all Israel with him,
unto Lachish, and encamped against
it, and fought against it: [32] And the
LORD delivered Lachish into the hand
of Israel, which took it on the sec-
ond day, and smote it with the edge of
the sword, and all the souls that *were*
therein, according to all that he had
done to Libnah. [33] Then Horam king
of Gezer came up to help Lachish;
and Joshua smote him and his peo-
ple, until he had left him none re-
maining. [34] And from Lachish Joshua
passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with
him; and they encamped against it,

and fought against it: [35] And they took
it on that day, and smote it with the
edge of the sword, and all the souls
that *were* therein he utterly destroyed
that day, according to all that he had
done to Lachish. [36] And Joshua went
up from Eglon, and all Israel with him,
unto Hebron; and they fought against
it: [37] And they took it, and smote it
with the edge of the sword, and the
king thereof, and all the cities thereof,
and all the souls that *were* therein; he
left none remaining, according to all
that he had done to Eglon; but de-
stroyed it utterly, and all the souls that
were therein. [38] And Joshua returned,

and all Israel with him, to Debir; and
fought against it: 39 And he took it,
and the king thereof, and all the cities
thereof; and they smote them with
the edge of the sword, and utterly de-
stroyed all the souls that *were* therein;
he left none remaining: as he had done
to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to
the king thereof; as he had done also to
Libnah, and to her king. 40 So Joshua
smote all the country of the hills, and
of the south, and of the vale, and of
the springs, and all their kings: he left
none remaining, but utterly destroyed
all that breathed, as the LORD God
of Israel commanded. 41 And Joshua

smote them from Kadeshbarnea even
unto Gaza, and all the country of
Goshen, even unto Gibeon. 42 And all
these kings and their land did Joshua
take at one time, because the LORD
God of Israel fought for Israel. 43 And
Joshua returned, and all Israel with
him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin
king of Hazor had heard *those things*,
that he sent to Jobab king of Madon,
and to the king of Shimron, and to
the king of Achshaph, 2 And to the
kings that *were* on the north of the
mountains, and of the plains south of

Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in
the borders of Dor on the west, 3 *And*
to the Canaanite on the east and on
the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the
Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Je-
busite in the mountains, and *to* the
Hivite under Hermon in the land of
Mizpeh. 4 And they went out, they
and all their hosts with them, much
people, even as the sand that *is* upon
the sea shore in multitude, with horses
and chariots very many. 5 And when
all these kings were met together, they
came and pitched together at the wa-
ters of Merom, to fight against Israel.*

11.5. met...: Heb. assembled by appointment.

6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be
not afraid because of them: for to
morrow about this time will I deliver
them up all slain before Israel: thou
shalt hough their horses, and burn
their chariots with fire. 7 So Joshua
came, and all the people of war with
him, against them by the waters of
Merom suddenly; and they fell upon
them. 8 And the LORD delivered them
into the hand of Israel, who smote
them, and chased them unto great Zi-
don, and unto Misrephothmaim, and
unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward;
and they smote them, until they left

them none remaining.* 9 And Joshua
did unto them as the LORD bade him:
he houghed their horses, and burnt
their chariots with fire. 10 And Joshua
at that time turned back, and took
Hazor, and smote the king thereof
with the sword: for Hazor before-
time was the head of all those king-
doms. 11 And they smote all the souls
that *were* therein with the edge of the
sword, utterly destroying *them*: there
was not any left to breathe: and he
burnt Hazor with fire.* 12 And all the

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8. great Zidon: or, Zidonrabbah. Misrephoth-maim: or, Salt pits: Heb. Burnings of waters.
11. any...: Heb. any breath.

cities of those kings, and all the kings
of them, did Joshua take, and smote
them with the edge of the sword, *and*
he utterly destroyed them, as Moses
the servant of the LORD commanded.
13 But *as for* the cities that stood still
in their strength, Israel burned none
of them, save Hazor only; *that* did
Joshua burn.* 14 And all the spoil of
these cities, and the cattle, the chil-
dren of Israel took for a prey unto
themselves; but every man they smote
with the edge of the sword, until they
had destroyed them, neither left they
any to breathe. 15 As the LORD com-

13. in their...: Heb. on their heap.

manded Moses his servant, so did
Moses command Joshua, and so did
Joshua; he left nothing undone of all
that the LORD commanded Moses.*
16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills,
and all the south country, and all the
land of Goshen, and the valley, and
the plain, and the mountain of Is-
rael, and the valley of the same; 17 *Even*
from the mount Halak, that goeth
up to Seir, even unto Baalgad in the
valley of Lebanon under mount Her-
mon: and all their kings he took, and
smote them, and slew them.* 18 Joshua

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15. left...: Heb. removed nothing.
17. the mount...: or, the smooth mountain.

made war a long time with all those
kings. [19] There was not a city that made
peace with the children of Israel, save
the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon:
all *other* they took in battle. [20] For
it was of the LORD to harden their
hearts, that they should come against
Israel in battle, that he might destroy
them utterly, *and* that they might
have no favour, but that he might de-
stroy them, as the LORD commanded
Moses. [21] And at that time came
Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from
the mountains, from Hebron, from
Debir, from Anab, and from all the
mountains of Judah, and from all the

mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed
them utterly with their cities. [22] There
was none of the Anakims left in the
land of the children of Israel: only in
Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there
remained. [23] So Joshua took the whole
land, according to all that the LORD
said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for
an inheritance unto Israel according to
their divisions by their tribes. And the
land rested from war.

12 Now these *are* the kings of
the land, which the children of Israel
smote, and possessed their land on the
other side Jordan toward the rising of
the sun, from the river Arnon unto

mount Hermon, and all the plain on
the east: [2] Sihon king of the Amor-
ites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled
from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank
of the river Arnon, and from the mid-
dle of the river, and from half Gilead,
even unto the river Jabbok, *which is*
the border of the children of Ammon;
[3] And from the plain to the sea of
Chinneroth on the east, and unto the
sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on
the east, the way to Bethjeshimoth;
and from the south, under Ashdoth-
pisgah:* [4] And the coast of Og king

12.3. the south: or, Teman. Ashdothpisgah: or, the springs of Pisgah, or, the hill.

of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant
of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth
and at Edrei, 5 And reigned in mount
Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all
Bashan, unto the border of the Geshu-
rites and the Maachathites, and half
Gilead, the border of Sihon king of
Heshbon. 6 Them did Moses the ser-
vant of the LORD and the children
of Israel smite: and Moses the ser-
vant of the LORD gave it *for* a pos-
session unto the Reubenites, and the
Gadites, and the half tribe of Man-
asseh. 7 And these *are* the kings of
the country which Joshua and the chil-
dren of Israel smote on this side Jordan

on the west, from Baalgad in the val-
ley of Lebanon even unto the mount
Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which
Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for*
a possession according to their divi-
sions; 8 In the mountains, and in the
valleys, and in the plains, and in the
springs, and in the wilderness, and in
the south country; the Hittites, the
Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Per-
izzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites:
9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of
Ai, which *is* beside Bethel, one; 10 The
king of Jerusalem, one; the king of He-
bron, one; 11 The king of Jarmuth, one;
the king of Lachish, one; 12 The king

of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;
13 The king of Debir, one; the king of
Geder, one; 14 The king of Hormah,
one; the king of Arad, one; 15 The king
of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam,
one; 16 The king of Makkedah, one;
the king of Bethel, one; 17 The king
of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher,
one; 18 The king of Aphek, one; the
king of Lasharon, one;* 19 The king of
Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;
20 The king of Shimronmeron, one; the
king of Achshaph, one; 21 The king of
Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo,
one; 22 The king of Kedesh, one; the

18. Lasharon: or, Sharon.

king of Jokneam of Carmel, one; [23] The
king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one;
the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;
[24] The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings
thirty and one.

13 Now Joshua was old *and*
stricken in years; and the LORD said
unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken
in years, and there remaineth yet very
much land to be possessed.* [2] This
is the land that yet remaineth: all
the borders of the Philistines, and all
Geshuri, [3] From Sihor, which *is* before
Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron

13.1. to...: Heb. to possess it.

northward, *which* is counted to the
Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines;
the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites,
the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the
Ekronites; also the Avites: [4] From the
south, all the land of the Canaan-
ites, and Mearah that *is* beside the
Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the bor-
ders of the Amorites:* [5] And the land
of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, to-
ward the sunrising, from Baalgad un-
der mount Hermon unto the entering
into Hamath. [6] All the inhabitants of
the hill country from Lebanon unto
Misrephothmaim, *and* all the Sido-

4. Mearah: or, the cave.

nians, them will I drive out from be-
fore the children of Israel: only divide
thou it by lot unto the Israelites for
an inheritance, as I have commanded
thee. 7 Now therefore divide this land
for an inheritance unto the nine tribes,
and the half tribe of Manasseh, 8 With
whom the Reubenites and the Gadites
have received their inheritance, which
Moses gave them, beyond Jordan east-
ward, *even* as Moses the servant of the
LORD gave them; 9 From Aroer, that
is upon the bank of the river Arnon,
and the city that *is* in the midst of the
river, and all the plain of Medeba unto
Dibon; 10 And all the cities of Sihon

king of the Amorites, which reigned
in Heshbon, unto the border of the
children of Ammon; 11 And Gilead,
and the border of the Geshurites and
Maachathites, and all mount Her-
mon, and all Bashan unto Salcah; 12 All
the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which
reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei,
who remained of the remnant of the
giants: for these did Moses smite,
and cast them out. 13 Nevertheless
the children of Israel expelled not the
Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but
the Geshurites and the Maachathites
dwell among the Israelites until this
day. 14 Only unto the tribe of Levi

he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made
by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said
unto them. [15] And Moses gave unto
the tribe of the children of Reuben *in-*
heritance according to their families.
[16] And their coast was from Aroer, that
is on the bank of the river Arnon, and
the city that *is* in the midst of the
river, and all the plain by Medeba;
[17] Heshbon, and all her cities that *are*
in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-
baal, and Bethbaalmeon,* [18] And Ja-
hazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

17. Bamothbaal...: or, the high places of Baal, and house of Baalmeon.

19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and
Zarethshahar in the mount of the val-
ley, 20 And Bethpeor, and Ashdothpis-
gah, and Bethjeshimoth,* 21 And all the
cities of the plain, and all the king-
dom of Sihon king of the Amorites,
which reigned in Heshbon, whom
Moses smote with the princes of Mid-
ian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and
Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of
Sihon, dwelling in the country. 22 Bal-
aam also the son of Beor, the sooth-
sayer, did the children of Israel slay
with the sword among them that were

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20. Ashdothpisgah: or, springs of Pisgah, or, the hill.

slain by them.* [23] And the border of the
children of Reuben was Jordan, and
the border *thereof*. This *was* the in-
heritance of the children of Reuben
after their families, the cities and the
villages thereof. [24] And Moses gave *in-
heritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even*
unto the children of Gad according to
their families. [25] And their coast was
Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and
half the land of the children of Am-
mon, unto Aroer that *is* before Rab-
bah; [26] And from Heshbon unto Ra-
mathmizpeh, and Betonim; and from
Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

22. soothsayer: or, diviner.

27 And in the valley, Betharam, and
Bethnimrah, and Succoth, and Za-
phon, the rest of the kingdom of Si-
hon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *his*
border, *even* unto the edge of the sea
of Chinnereth on the other side Jor-
dan eastward. 28 This *is* the inheritance
of the children of Gad after their fami-
lies, the cities, and their villages. 29 And
Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half
tribe of Manasseh: and *this* was *the pos-
session* of the half tribe of the children
of Manasseh by their families. 30 And
their coast was from Mahanaim, all
Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king
of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair,

which *are* in Bashan, threescore cities:
31 And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and
Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in
Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the chil-
dren of Machir the son of Manasseh,
even to the one half of the children
of Machir by their families. 32 These
are the countries which Moses did dis-
tribute for inheritance in the plains
of Moab, on the other side Jordan,
by Jericho, eastward. 33 But unto the
tribe of Levi Moses gave not *any* in-
heritance: the LORD God of Israel *was*
their inheritance, as he said unto them.

14 And these *are the countries*

which the children of Israel inherited
in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar
the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun,
and the heads of the fathers of the
tribes of the children of Israel, dis-
tributed for inheritance to them. 2 By
lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD
commanded by the hand of Moses, for
the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe.
3 For Moses had given the inheritance
of two tribes and an half tribe on the
other side Jordan: but unto the Levites
he gave none inheritance among them.
4 For the children of Joseph were two
tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: there-
fore they gave no part unto the Levites

in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with
their suburbs for their cattle and for
their substance. 5 As the LORD com-
manded Moses, so the children of Is-
rael did, and they divided the land.
6 Then the children of Judah came
unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the
son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said
unto him, Thou knowest the thing
that the LORD said unto Moses the
man of God concerning me and thee
in Kadeshbarnea. 7 Forty years old
was I when Moses the servant of the
LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to
espy out the land; and I brought him
word again as *it was* in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went
up with me made the heart of the peo-
ple melt: but I wholly followed the
LORD my God. 9 And Moses sware
on that day, saying, Surely the land
whereon thy feet have trodden shall be
thine inheritance, and thy children's
for ever, because thou hast wholly fol-
lowed the LORD my God. 10 And
now, behold, the LORD hath kept me
alive, as he said, these forty and five
years, even since the LORD spake this
word unto Moses, while *the children
of* Israel wandered in the wilderness:
and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore

and five years old.* [11] As yet I *am as*
strong this day as *I was* in the day that
Moses sent me: as my strength *was*
then, even so *is* my strength now, for
war, both to go out, and to come in.
[12] Now therefore give me this moun-
tain, whereof the LORD spake in that
day; for thou heardest in that day how
the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the
cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be
the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall
be able to drive them out, as the LORD
said. [13] And Joshua blessed him, and
gave unto Caleb the son of Jephun-
neh Hebron for an inheritance. [14] He-

14.10. wandered: Heb. walked.

bron therefore became the inheritance
of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the
Kenezite unto this day, because that
he wholly followed the LORD God of
Israel. [15] And the name of Hebron be-
fore *was* Kirjatharba; *which Arba was* a
great man among the Anakims. And
the land had rest from war.

15 *This* then was the lot of the
tribe of the children of Judah by their
families; *even* to the border of Edom
the wilderness of Zin southward *was*
the uttermost part of the south coast.
[2] And their south border was from the
shore of the salt sea, from the bay that

looketh southward:* 3 And it went out
to the south side to Maalehacrabbim,
and passed along to Zin, and ascended
up on the south side unto Kadesh-
barnea, and passed along to Hezron,
and went up to Adar, and fetched a
compass to Karkaa:* 4 *From thence* it
passed toward Azmon, and went out
unto the river of Egypt; and the go-
ings out of that coast were at the sea:
this shall be your south coast. 5 And
the east border *was* the salt sea, *even*
unto the end of Jordan. And *their* bor-
der in the north quarter *was* from the

15.2. bay: Heb. tongue.
3. Maalehacrebbim: or, the going up to Acrabbim.

bay of the sea at the uttermost part
of Jordan: 6 And the border went up
to Bethhogla, and passed along by the
north of Betharabah; and the border
went up to the stone of Bohan the
son of Reuben: 7 And the border went
up toward Debir from the valley of
Achor, and so northward, looking to-
ward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up
to Adummim, which *is* on the south
side of the river: and the border passed
toward the waters of Enshemesh, and
the goings out thereof were at Enrogel:
8 And the border went up by the valley
of the son of Hinnom unto the south
side of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jeru-

salem: and the border went up to the
top of the mountain that *lieth* before
the valley of Hinnom westward, which
is at the end of the valley of the gi-
ants northward: 9 And the border was
drawn from the top of the hill unto
the fountain of the water of Nephtoah,
and went out to the cities of mount
Ephron; and the border was drawn to
Baalah, which *is* Kirjathjearim: 10 And
the border compassed from Baalah
westward unto mount Seir, and passed
along unto the side of mount Jearim,
which *is* Chesalon, on the north side,
and went down to Bethshemesh, and
passed on to Timnah: 11 And the bor-

der went out unto the side of Ekron
northward: and the border was drawn
to Shicron, and passed along to mount
Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel;
and the goings out of the border were
at the sea. 12 And the west border *was*
to the great sea, and the coast *thereof*.
This *is* the coast of the children of Ju-
dah round about according to their
families. 13 And unto Caleb the son
of Jephunneh he gave a part among
the children of Judah, according to
the commandment of the LORD to
Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father
of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.* 14 And

13. the city...: or, Kirjatharba.

Caleb drove thence the three sons of
Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Tal-
mai, the children of Anak. 15 And he
went up thence to the inhabitants of
Debir: and the name of Debir be-
fore *was* Kirjathsepher. 16 And Caleb
said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher,
and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah
my daughter to wife. 17 And Othniel
the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb,
took it: and he gave him Achsah his
daughter to wife. 18 And it came to
pass, as she came *unto him*, that she
moved him to ask of her father a field:
and she lighted off *her* ass; and Caleb
said unto her, What wouldest thou?

19 Who answered, Give me a bless-
ing; for thou hast given me a south
land; give me also springs of water.
And he gave her the upper springs,
and the nether springs. 20 This *is* the
inheritance of the tribe of the chil-
dren of Judah according to their fam-
ilies. 21 And the uttermost cities of
the tribe of the children of Judah to-
ward the coast of Edom southward
were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,
22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and
Adadah, 23 And Kedesh, and Hazor,
and Ithnan, 24 Ziph, and Telem, and
Bealoth, 25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and
Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor,

26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,
27 And Hazargaddah, and Heshmon,
and Bethpalet, 28 And Hazarshual, and
Beersheba, and Bizjothjah, 29 Baalah,
and Iim, and Azem, 30 And Eltolad,
and Chesil, and Hormah, 31 And Zik-
lag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,
32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain,
and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty
and nine, with their villages: 33 *And* in
the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and
Ashnah, 34 And Zanoah, and Engan-
nim, Tappuah, and Enam, 35 Jarmuth,
and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and
Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen

cities with their villages:* 37 Zenan,
and Hadashah, and Migdalgad, 38 And
Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel,
39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,
40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and
Kithlish, 41 And Gederoth, Bethdagon,
and Naamah, and Makkedah; six-
teen cities with their villages: 42 Lib-
nah, and Ether, and Ashan, 43 And
Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,
44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mare-
shah; nine cities with their villages:
45 Ekron, with her towns and her vil-
lages: 46 From Ekron even unto the sea,
all that *lay* near Ashdod, with their

36. and Gederothaim: or, or Gederothaim.

villages:* 47 Ashdod with her towns
and her villages, Gaza with her towns
and her villages, unto the river of
Egypt, and the great sea, and the bor-
der *thereof*: 48 And in the mountains,
Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, 49 And
Dannah, and Kirjathsannah, which
is Debir, 50 And Anab, and Eshte-
moh, and Anim, 51 And Goshen, and
Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with
their villages: 52 Arab, and Dumah,
and Eshean, 53 And Janum, and Beth-
tappuah, and Aphekah,* 54 And Hum-
tah, and Kirjatharba, which *is* Hebron,

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46. near: Heb. by the place of.
53. Janum: or, Janus.

and Zior; nine cities with their vil-
lages: 55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and
Juttah, 56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam,
and Zanoah, 57 Cain, Gibeah, and
Timnah; ten cities with their vil-
lages: 58 Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor,
59 And Maarath, and Bethanoth, and
Eltekon; six cities with their villages:
60 Kirjathbaal, which *is* Kirjathjearim,
and Rabbah; two cities with their vil-
lages: 61 In the wilderness, Betharabah,
Middin, and Secacah, 62 And Nibshan,
and the city of Salt, and Engedi; six
cities with their villages. 63 As for
the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jeru-
salem, the children of Judah could not

drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell
with the children of Judah at Jerusalem
unto this day.

16 And the lot of the children
of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho,
unto the water of Jericho on the east,
to the wilderness that goeth up from
Jericho throughout mount Bethel,*
2 And goeth out from Bethel to Luz,
and passeth along unto the borders of
Archi to Ataroth, 3 And goeth down
westward to the coast of Japhleti, unto
the coast of Bethhoron the nether, and
to Gezer: and the goings out thereof

16.1. fell: Heb. went forth.

are at the sea. [4] So the children of
Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took
their inheritance. [5] And the border of
the children of Ephraim according to
their families was *thus*: even the bor-
der of their inheritance on the east side
was Atarothaddar, unto Bethhoron
the upper; [6] And the border went out
toward the sea to Michmethah on
the north side; and the border went
about eastward unto Taanathshiloh,
and passed by it on the east to Janohah;
[7] And it went down from Janohah to
Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came
to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.
[8] The border went out from Tappuah

westward unto the river Kanah; and
the goings out thereof were at the sea.
This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of
the children of Ephraim by their fam-
ilies. 9 And the separate cities for the
children of Ephraim *were* among the
inheritance of the children of Man-
asseh, all the cities with their villages.
10 And they drave not out the Canaan-
ites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Ca-
naanites dwell among the Ephraimites
unto this day, and serve under tribute.

17 There was also a lot for the
tribe of Manasseh; for he *was* the first-
born of Joseph; *to wit*, for Machir the

firstborn of Manasseh, the father of
Gilead: because he was a man of war,
therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.
2 There was also *a lot* for the rest of the
children of Manasseh by their families;
for the children of Abiezer, and for the
children of Helek, and for the chil-
dren of Asriel, and for the children of
Shechem, and for the children of Hep-
her, and for the children of Shemida:
these *were* the male children of Man-
asseh the son of Joseph by their fam-
ilies.* 3 But Zelophehad, the son of
Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of
Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no

17.2. Abiezer: also called, Jeezer.

sons, but daughters: and these *are* the
names of his daughters, Mahlah, and
Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.
4 And they came near before Eleazar
the priest, and before Joshua the son
of Nun, and before the princes, say-
ing, The LORD commanded Moses
to give us an inheritance among our
brethren. Therefore according to the
commandment of the LORD he gave
them an inheritance among the breth-
ren of their father. 5 And there fell
ten portions to Manasseh, beside the
land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were*
on the other side Jordan; 6 Because
the daughters of Manasseh had an in-

heritance among his sons: and the
rest of Manasseh's sons had the land
of Gilead. 7 And the coast of Man-
asseh was from Asher to Michmethah,
that *lieth* before Shechem; and the
border went along on the right hand
unto the inhabitants of Entappuah.
8 *Now* Manasseh had the land of Tap-
puah: but Tappuah on the border of
Manasseh *belonged* to the children of
Ephraim; 9 And the coast descended
unto the river Kanah, southward of
the river: these cities of Ephraim *are*
among the cities of Manasseh: the
coast of Manasseh also *was* on the
north side of the river, and the out-

goings of it were at the sea:* [10] South-
ward *it was* Ephraim's, and north-
ward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is
his border; and they met together in
Asher on the north, and in Issachar
on the east. [11] And Manasseh had in
Issachar and in Asher Bethshean and
her towns, and Ibleam and her towns,
and the inhabitants of Dor and her
towns, and the inhabitants of Endor
and her towns, and the inhabitants of
Taanach and her towns, and the in-
habitants of Megiddo and her towns,
even three countries. [12] Yet the chil-
dren of Manasseh could not drive out

9. river Kanah: or, brook of reeds.

the inhabitants of those cities; but the
Canaanites would dwell in that land.
13 Yet it came to pass, when the children
of Israel were waxen strong, that they
put the Canaanites to tribute; but did
not utterly drive them out. 14 And the
children of Joseph spake unto Joshua,
saying, Why hast thou given me *but*
one lot and one portion to inherit, see-
ing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as
the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?
15 And Joshua answered them, If thou
be a great people, *then* get thee up to
the wood *country*, and cut down for
thyself there in the land of the Per-
izzites and of the giants, if mount Eph-

raim be too narrow for thee.* [16] And
the children of Joseph said, The hill is
not enough for us: and all the Canaan-
ites that dwell in the land of the valley
have chariots of iron, *both they* who *are*
of Bethshean and her towns, and *they*
who *are* of the valley of Jezreel. [17] And
Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph,
even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, say-
ing, Thou *art* a great people, and hast
great power: thou shalt not have one
lot *only*: [18] But the mountain shall be
thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt
cut it down: and the outgoings of it
shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out

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15. giants: or, Rephaims.

the Canaanites, though they have iron
chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

18 And the whole congregation
of the children of Israel assembled to-
gether at Shiloh, and set up the taber-
nacle of the congregation there. And
the land was subdued before them.
2 And there remained among the chil-
dren of Israel seven tribes, which
had not yet received their inheritance.
3 And Joshua said unto the children
of Israel, How long *are* ye slack to go
to possess the land, which the LORD
God of your fathers hath given you?
4 Give out from among you three men

for *each* tribe: and I will send them,
and they shall rise, and go through
the land, and describe it according to
the inheritance of them; and they shall
come *again* to me. 5 And they shall
divide it into seven parts: Judah shall
abide in their coast on the south, and
the house of Joseph shall abide in their
coasts on the north. 6 Ye shall there-
fore describe the land *into* seven parts,
and bring *the description* hither to me,
that I may cast lots for you here before
the LORD our God. 7 But the Levites
have no part among you; for the priest-
hood of the LORD *is* their inheritance:
and Gad, and Reuben, and half the

tribe of Manasseh, have received their
inheritance beyond Jordan on the east,
which Moses the servant of the LORD
gave them. 8 And the men arose, and
went away: and Joshua charged them
that went to describe the land, saying,
Go and walk through the land, and de-
scribe it, and come again to me, that I
may here cast lots for you before the
LORD in Shiloh. 9 And the men went
and passed through the land, and de-
scribed it by cities into seven parts in a
book, and came *again* to Joshua to the
host at Shiloh. 10 And Joshua cast lots
for them in Shiloh before the LORD:
and there Joshua divided the land unto

the children of Israel according to
their divisions. 11 And the lot of the
tribe of the children of Benjamin came
up according to their families: and
the coast of their lot came forth be-
tween the children of Judah and the
children of Joseph. 12 And their bor-
der on the north side was from Jor-
dan; and the border went up to the
side of Jericho on the north side, and
went up through the mountains west-
ward; and the goings out thereof were
at the wilderness of Bethaven. 13 And
the border went over from thence to-
ward Luz, to the side of Luz, which
is Bethel, southward; and the border

descended to Atarothadar, near the
hill that *lieth* on the south side of the
nether Bethhoron. 14 And the border
was drawn *thence*, and compassed the
corner of the sea southward, from the
hill that *lieth* before Bethhoron south-
ward; and the goings out thereof were
at Kirjathbaal, which *is* Kirjathjearim,
a city of the children of Judah: this
was the west quarter. 15 And the south
quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-
jearim, and the border went out on the
west, and went out to the well of wa-
ters of Nephtoah: 16 And the border
came down to the end of the moun-
tain that *lieth* before the valley of the

son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the
valley of the giants on the north, and
descended to the valley of Hinnom,
to the side of Jebusi on the south,
and descended to Enrogel, [17] And was
drawn from the north, and went forth
to Enshemesh, and went forth to-
ward Geliloth, which *is* over against
the going up of Adummim, and de-
scended to the stone of Bohan the son
of Reuben, [18] And passed along toward
the side over against Arabah north-
ward, and went down unto Arabah:*
[19] And the border passed along to the
side of Bethhoglah northward: and

18.18. Arabah: or, the plain.

the outgoings of the border were at the
north bay of the salt sea at the south
end of Jordan: this *was* the south
coast.* [20] And Jordan was the border of
it on the east side. This *was* the in-
heritance of the children of Benjamin,
by the coasts thereof round about,
according to their families. [21] Now
the cities of the tribe of the children
of Benjamin according to their fami-
lies were Jericho, and Bethhoglah, and
the valley of Keziz, [22] And Betharabah,
and Zemaraim, and Bethel, [23] And
Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah, [24] And
Chepharhaammonai, and Ophni, and

19. bay: Heb. tongue.

Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:
25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,
26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and
Mozah, 27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and
Taralah, 28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Je-
busi, which *is* Jerusalem, Gibeath, *and*
Kirjath; fourteen cities with their vil-
lages. This *is* the inheritance of the
children of Benjamin according to
their families.

19 And the second lot came forth
to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the
children of Simeon according to their
families: and their inheritance was
within the inheritance of the chil-

dren of Judah. [2] And they had in
their inheritance Beersheba, or Sheba,
and Moladah, [3] And Hazarshual, and
Balah, and Azem, [4] And Eltolad, and
Bethul, and Hormah, [5] And Ziklag,
and Bethmarcaboth, and Hazarsusah,
[6] And Bethlebaoth, and Sharuhen;
thirteen cities and their villages: [7] Ain,
Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four
cities and their villages: [8] And all the
villages that *were* round about these
cities to Baalathbeer, Ramath of the
south. This *is* the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Simeon ac-
cording to their families. [9] Out of the
portion of the children of Judah *was*

the inheritance of the children of Si-
meon: for the part of the children of
Judah was too much for them: there-
fore the children of Simeon had their
inheritance within the inheritance of
them. 10 And the third lot came up
for the children of Zebulun accord-
ing to their families: and the border
of their inheritance was unto Sarid:
11 And their border went up toward the
sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dab-
basheth, and reached to the river that
is before Jokneam; 12 And turned from
Sarid eastward toward the sunrising
unto the border of Chislothtabor,
and then goeth out to Daberath, and

goeth up to Japhia, [13] And from thence
passeth on along on the east to Gittah-
hepher, to Ittahkazin, and goeth out
to Remmonmethoar to Neah;* [14] And
the border compasseth it on the north
side to Hannathon: and the outgo-
ings thereof are in the valley of Jiph-
thahel: [15] And Kattath, and Nahallal,
and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethle-
hem: twelve cities with their villages.
[16] This *is* the inheritance of the children
of Zebulun according to their families,
these cities with their villages. [17] *And*
the fourth lot came out to Issachar,
for the children of Issachar according

19.13. methoar: or, which is drawn.

to their families. [18] And their border
was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth,
and Shunem, [19] And Hapharaim, and
Shion, and Anaharath, [20] And Rab-
bith, and Kishion, and Abez, [21] And
Remeth, and Engannim, and Enhad-
dah, and Bethpazzez; [22] And the coast
reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah,
and Bethshemesh; and the outgoings
of their border were at Jordan: six-
teen cities with their villages. [23] This
is the inheritance of the tribe of the
children of Issachar according to their
families, the cities and their villages.
[24] And the fifth lot came out for the
tribe of the children of Asher accord-

ing to their families. [25] And their
border was Helkath, and Hali, and
Beten, and Achshaph, [26] And Alamm-
elech, and Amad, and Misheal; and
reacheth to Carmel westward, and to
Shihorlibnath; [27] And turneth toward
the sunrising to Bethdagon, and rea-
cheth to Zebulun, and to the valley
of Jiphthahel toward the north side of
Bethemek, and Neiel, and goeth out
to Cabul on the left hand, [28] And He-
bron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and
Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon; [29] And
then the coast turneth to Ramah, and
to the strong city Tyre; and the coast
turneth to Hosah; and the outgo-

ings thereof are at the sea from the
coast to Achzib:* 30 Ummah also, and
Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two
cities with their villages. 31 This *is*
the inheritance of the tribe of the
children of Asher according to their
families, these cities with their vil-
lages. 32 The sixth lot came out to
the children of Naphtali, *even* for
the children of Naphtali according
to their families. 33 And their coast
was from Heleph, from Allon to Za-
anannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jab-
neel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings
thereof were at Jordan: 34 And *then* the

29. Tyre: Heb. Tzor.

coast turneth westward to Aznothtabor, and goeth out from thence to
Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun
on the south side, and reacheth to
Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising.
35 And the fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath,
and Chinnereth, 36 And Adamah, and
Ramah, and Hazor, 37 And Kedesh,
and Edrei, and Enhazor, 38 And Iron,
and Migdalel, Horem, and Bethanath,
and Bethshemesh; nineteen cities with
their villages. 39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of
Naphtali according to their families,

the cities and their villages. 40 *And*
the seventh lot came out for the tribe
of the children of Dan according to
their families. 41 And the coast of
their inheritance was Zorah, and Es-
htaol, and Irshemesh, 42 And Shaalab-
bin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah, 43 And
Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,
44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and
Baalath, 45 And Jehud, and Beneberak,
and Gathrimmon, 46 And Mejarkon,
and Rakkon, with the border before
Japho.* 47 And the coast of the chil-
dren of Dan went out *too little* for
them: therefore the children of Dan

46. before: or, over against. Japho: or, Joppa.

went up to fight against Leshem, and
took it, and smote it with the edge of
the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt
therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after
the name of Dan their father. 48 This
is the inheritance of the tribe of the
children of Dan according to their
families, these cities with their vil-
lages. 49 When they had made an end
of dividing the land for inheritance by
their coasts, the children of Israel gave
an inheritance to Joshua the son of
Nun among them: 50 According to the
word of the LORD they gave him the
city which he asked, *even* Timnath-
serah in mount Ephraim: and he built

the city, and dwelt therein. 51 These
are the inheritances, which Eleazar the
priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and
the heads of the fathers of the tribes
of the children of Israel, divided for an
inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the
LORD, at the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation. So they made an
end of dividing the country.

20 The LORD also spake unto
Joshua, saying, 2 Speak to the children
of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you
cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto
you by the hand of Moses: 3 That the
slayer that killeth *any* person unawares

and unwittingly may flee thither: and
they shall be your refuge from the
avenger of blood. 4 And when he that
doth flee unto one of those cities shall
stand at the entering of the gate of the
city, and shall declare his cause in the
ears of the elders of that city, they shall
take him into the city unto them, and
give him a place, that he may dwell
among them. 5 And if the avenger of
blood pursue after him, then they shall
not deliver the slayer up into his hand;
because he smote his neighbour un-
wittingly, and hated him not before-
time. 6 And he shall dwell in that
city, until he stand before the con-

gregation for judgment, *and* until the
death of the high priest that shall be
in those days: then shall the slayer re-
turn, and come unto his own city, and
unto his own house, unto the city from
whence he fled. 7 And they appointed
Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naph-
tali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim,
and Kirjatharba, which *is* Hebron, in
the mountain of Judah.* 8 And on the
other side Jordan by Jericho eastward,
they assigned Bezer in the wilderness
upon the plain out of the tribe of
Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out
of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in

20.7. appointed: Heb. sanctified.

Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.
9 These were the cities appointed for
all the children of Israel, and for the
stranger that sojourneth among them,
that whosoever killeth *any* person at
unawares might flee thither, and not
die by the hand of the avenger of
blood, until he stood before the con-
gregation.

21 Then came near the heads of
the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar
the priest, and unto Joshua the son of
Nun, and unto the heads of the fa-
thers of the tribes of the children of
Israel; 2 And they spake unto them at

Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying,
The LORD commanded by the hand
of Moses to give us cities to dwell in,
with the suburbs thereof for our cat-
tle. 3 And the children of Israel gave
unto the Levites out of their inher-
itance, at the commandment of the
LORD, these cities and their suburbs.
4 And the lot came out for the fam-
ilies of the Kohathites: and the chil-
dren of Aaron the priest, *which were*
of the Levites, had by lot out of the
tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of
Simeon, and out of the tribe of Ben-
jamin, thirteen cities. 5 And the rest
of the children of Kohath *had* by lot

out of the families of the tribe of Eph-
raim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and
out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten
cities. 6 And the children of Gershon
had by lot out of the families of the
tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of
Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali,
and out of the half tribe of Manasseh
in Bashan, thirteen cities. 7 The chil-
dren of Merari by their families *had*
out of the tribe of Reuben, and out
of the tribe of Gad, and out of the
tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 8 And
the children of Israel gave by lot unto
the Levites these cities with their sub-
urbs, as the LORD commanded by the

hand of Moses. 9 And they gave out of
the tribe of the children of Judah, and
out of the tribe of the children of Si-
meon, these cities which are *here* men-
tioned by name,* 10 Which the chil-
dren of Aaron, *being* of the families
of the Kohathites, *who were* of the
children of Levi, had: for theirs was
the first lot. 11 And they gave them
the city of Arba the father of Anak,
which *city is* Hebron, in the hill *coun-
try* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof
round about it.* 12 But the fields of the
city, and the villages thereof, gave they

21.9. mentioned: Heb. called.
11. the city...: or, Kirjatharba.

to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for
his possession. [13] Thus they gave to
the children of Aaron the priest He-
bron with her suburbs, *to be* a city
of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah
with her suburbs, [14] And Jattir with her
suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her sub-
urbs, [15] And Holon with her suburbs,
and Debir with her suburbs,* [16] And
Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with
her suburbs, *and* Bethshemesh with
her suburbs; nine cities out of those
two tribes.* [17] And out of the tribe of
Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs,

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15. Holon: also called, Hilen.
16. Ain: also called, Ashan.

Geba with her suburbs,* [18] Anathoth
with her suburbs, and Almon with her
suburbs; four cities.* [19] All the cities
of the children of Aaron, the priests,
were thirteen cities with their suburbs.
[20] And the families of the children of
Kohath, the Levites which remained
of the children of Kohath, even they
had the cities of their lot out of the
tribe of Ephraim. [21] For they gave them
Shechem with her suburbs in mount
Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for
the slayer; and Gezer with her sub-
urbs, [22] And Kibzaim with her suburbs,

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17. Geba: also called, Gaba.
18. Almon: also called, Alemeth.

and Bethhoron with her suburbs; four
cities. [23] And out of the tribe of Dan,
Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon
with her suburbs, [24] Aijalon with her
suburbs, Gathrimmon with her sub-
urbs; four cities. [25] And out of the
half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with
her suburbs, and Gathrimmon with
her suburbs; two cities. [26] All the
cities *were* ten with their suburbs for
the families of the children of Kohath
that remained. [27] And unto the chil-
dren of Gershon, of the families of the
Levites, out of the *other* half tribe of
Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan
with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge

for the slayer; and Beeshterah with
her suburbs; two cities. [28] And out
of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with
her suburbs, Dabareh with her sub-
urbs, [29] Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-
gannim with her suburbs; four cities.
[30] And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal
with her suburbs, Abdon with her sub-
urbs, [31] Helkath with her suburbs, and
Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.
[32] And out of the tribe of Naphtali,
Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to
be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and
Hammothdor with her suburbs, and
Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.
[33] All the cities of the Gershonites ac-

cording to their families *were* thirteen
cities with their suburbs. [34] And unto
the families of the children of Mer-
ari, the rest of the Levites, out of the
tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her
suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs,
[35] Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal
with her suburbs; four cities. [36] And
out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with
her suburbs, and Jahazah with her sub-
urbs, [37] Kedemoth with her suburbs,
and Mephaath with her suburbs; four
cities. [38] And out of the tribe of Gad,
Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to
be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and
Mahanaim with her suburbs, [39] Hesh-

bon with her suburbs, Jazer with her
suburbs; four cities in all. 40 So all
the cities for the children of Merari by
their families, which were remaining
of the families of the Levites, were *by*
their lot twelve cities. 41 All the cities
of the Levites within the possession of
the children of Israel *were* forty and
eight cities with their suburbs. 42 These
cities were every one with their sub-
urbs round about them: thus *were* all
these cities. 43 And the LORD gave
unto Israel all the land which he sware
to give unto their fathers; and they
possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And
the LORD gave them rest round about,

according to all that he sware unto
their fathers: and there stood not a
man of all their enemies before them;
the LORD delivered all their enemies
into their hand. 45 There failed not
ought of any good thing which the
LORD had spoken unto the house of
Israel; all came to pass.

22 Then Joshua called the Reuben-
ites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe
of Manasseh, 2 And said unto them,
Ye have kept all that Moses the ser-
vant of the LORD commanded you,
and have obeyed my voice in all that
I commanded you: 3 Ye have not left

your brethren these many days unto
this day, but have kept the charge
of the commandment of the LORD
your God. 4 And now the LORD your
God hath given rest unto your breth-
ren, as he promised them: therefore
now return ye, and get you unto your
tents, *and* unto the land of your pos-
session, which Moses the servant of
the LORD gave you on the other side
Jordan. 5 But take diligent heed to
do the commandment and the law,
which Moses the servant of the LORD
charged you, to love the LORD your
God, and to walk in all his ways, and
to keep his commandments, and to

cleave unto him, and to serve him
with all your heart and with all your
soul. 6 So Joshua blessed them, and
sent them away: and they went unto
their tents. 7 Now to the *one* half of
the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given
possession in Bashan: but unto the *other*
half thereof gave Joshua among their
brethren on this side Jordan westward.
And when Joshua sent them away also
unto their tents, then he blessed them,
8 And he spake unto them, saying, Re-
turn with much riches unto your tents,
and with very much cattle, with sil-
ver, and with gold, and with brass,
and with iron, and with very much

raiment: divide the spoil of your en-
emies with your brethren. 9 And the
children of Reuben and the children
of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh
returned, and departed from the chil-
dren of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is*
in the land of Canaan, to go unto the
country of Gilead, to the land of their
possession, whereof they were pos-
sessed, according to the word of the
LORD by the hand of Moses. 10 And
when they came unto the borders of
Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan,
the children of Reuben and the chil-
dren of Gad and the half tribe of Man-
asseh built there an altar by Jordan, a

great altar to see to. [11] And the chil-
dren of Israel heard say, Behold, the
children of Reuben and the children
of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh
have built an altar over against the land
of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan,
at the passage of the children of Is-
rael. [12] And when the children of Is-
rael heard *of it*, the whole congrega-
tion of the children of Israel gathered
themselves together at Shiloh, to go up
to war against them. [13] And the chil-
dren of Israel sent unto the children of
Reuben, and to the children of Gad,
and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into
the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of

Eleazar the priest, [14] And with him ten
princes, of each chief house a prince
throughout all the tribes of Israel; and
each one *was* an head of the house of
their fathers among the thousands of
Israel.* [15] And they came unto the chil-
dren of Reuben, and to the children
of Gad, and to the half tribe of Man-
asseh, unto the land of Gilead, and
they spake with them, saying, [16] Thus
saith the whole congregation of the
LORD, What trespass *is* this that ye
have committed against the God of Is-
rael, to turn away this day from follow-
ing the LORD, in that ye have builded

22.14. chief...: Heb. house of the father.

you an altar, that ye might rebel this
day against the LORD? [17] *Is* the iniquity
of Peor too little for us, from which
we are not cleansed until this day, al-
though there was a plague in the con-
gregation of the LORD, [18] But that ye
must turn away this day from follow-
ing the LORD? and it will be, *seeing*
ye rebel to day against the LORD, that
to morrow he will be wroth with the
whole congregation of Israel. [19] Not-
withstanding, if the land of your pos-
session *be* unclean, *then* pass ye over
unto the land of the possession of the
LORD, wherein the LORD'S tabernacle
dwelleth, and take possession among

us: but rebel not against the LORD,
nor rebel against us, in building you
an altar beside the altar of the LORD
our God. [20] Did not Achan the son
of Zerah commit a trespass in the ac-
cursed thing, and wrath fell on all
the congregation of Israel? and that
man perished not alone in his iniq-
uity. [21] Then the children of Reuben
and the children of Gad and the half
tribe of Manasseh answered, and said
unto the heads of the thousands of
Israel, [22] The LORD God of gods, the
LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and
Israel he shall know; if *it be* in rebel-
lion, or if in transgression against the

LORD, (save us not this day,) 23 That we
have built us an altar to turn from fol-
lowing the LORD, or if to offer thereon
burnt offering or meat offering, or if
to offer peace offerings thereon, let
the LORD himself require *it*; 24 And
if we have not *rather* done it for fear
of *this* thing, saying, In time to come
your children might speak unto our
children, saying, What have ye to do
with the LORD God of Israel?* 25 For
the LORD hath made Jordan a bor-
der between us and you, ye children of
Reuben and children of Gad; ye have
no part in the LORD: so shall your

24. In time...: Heb. To morrow.

children make our children cease from
fearing the LORD. [26] Therefore we said,
Let us now prepare to build us an al-
tar, not for burnt offering, nor for sac-
rifice: [27] But *that* it *may be* a witness be-
tween us, and you, and our generations
after us, that we might do the service of
the LORD before him with our burnt
offerings, and with our sacrifices, and
with our peace offerings; that your
children may not say to our children
in time to come, Ye have no part in
the LORD. [28] Therefore said we, that it
shall be, when they should *so* say to us
or to our generations in time to come,
that we may say *again*, Behold the pat-

tern of the altar of the LORD, which
our fathers made, not for burnt offer-
ings, nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a wit-
ness between us and you. [29] God forbid
that we should rebel against the LORD,
and turn this day from following the
LORD, to build an altar for burnt of-
ferings, for meat offerings, or for sac-
rifices, beside the altar of the LORD
our God that *is* before his tabernacle.
[30] And when Phinehas the priest, and
the princes of the congregation and
heads of the thousands of Israel which
were with him, heard the words that
the children of Reuben and the chil-
dren of Gad and the children of Man-

asseh spake, it pleased them.* 31 And
Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest
said unto the children of Reuben, and
to the children of Gad, and to the chil-
dren of Manasseh, This day we per-
ceive that the LORD *is* among us, be-
cause ye have not committed this tres-
pass against the LORD: now ye have
delivered the children of Israel out of
the hand of the LORD.* 32 And Phine-
has the son of Eleazar the priest, and
the princes, returned from the chil-
dren of Reuben, and from the chil-
dren of Gad, out of the land of Gilead,

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30. pleased...: Heb. was good in their eyes.
31. now: Heb. then.

unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. [33] And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt. [34] And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar *Ed*: for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God.*

23 And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given

34. Ed: that is, A witness.

rest unto Israel from all their ene-
mies round about, that Joshua waxed
old *and* stricken in age.* 2 And Joshua
called for all Israel, *and* for their el-
ders, and for their heads, and for their
judges, and for their officers, and said
unto them, I am old *and* stricken in
age: 3 And ye have seen all that the
LORD your God hath done unto all
these nations because of you; for the
LORD your God *is* he that hath fought
for you. 4 Behold, I have divided unto
you by lot these nations that remain,
to be an inheritance for your tribes,
from Jordan, with all the nations that

23.1. stricken...: Heb. come into days.

I have cut off, even unto the great sea
westward.* 5 And the LORD your God,
he shall expel them from before you,
and drive them from out of your sight;
and ye shall possess their land, as the
LORD your God hath promised unto
you. 6 Be ye therefore very courageous
to keep and to do all that is written in
the book of the law of Moses, that ye
turn not aside therefrom *to* the right
hand or *to* the left; 7 That ye come
not among these nations, these that re-
main among you; neither make men-
tion of the name of their gods, nor
cause to swear *by them*, neither serve

4. westward: Heb. at the sunset.

them, nor bow yourselves unto them:
8 But cleave unto the LORD your God,
as ye have done unto this day.* 9 For
the LORD hath driven out from be-
fore you great nations and strong: but
as for you, no man hath been able to
stand before you unto this day.* 10 One
man of you shall chase a thousand:
for the LORD your God, he *it is* that
fighteth for you, as he hath promised
you. 11 Take good heed therefore unto
yourselves, that ye love the LORD your
God.* 12 Else if ye do in any wise go

8. But cleave...: or, For if ye will cleave, etc.
9. For the LORD...: or, Then the LORD will drive.
11. yourselves: Heb. your souls.

back, and cleave unto the remnant of
these nations, *even* these that remain
among you, and shall make marriages
with them, and go in unto them, and
they to you: [13] Know for a certainty
that the LORD your God will no more
drive out *any of* these nations from
before you; but they shall be snares
and traps unto you, and scourges in
your sides, and thorns in your eyes, un-
til ye perish from off this good land
which the LORD your God hath given
you. [14] And, behold, this day I *am*
going the way of all the earth: and
ye know in all your hearts and in all
your souls, that not one thing hath

failed of all the good things which
the LORD your God spake concern-
ing you; all are come to pass unto
you, *and* not one thing hath failed
thereof. 15 Therefore it shall come
to pass, *that* as all good things are
come upon you, which the LORD your
God promised you; so shall the LORD
bring upon you all evil things, until
he have destroyed you from off this
good land which the LORD your God
hath given you. 16 When ye have trans-
gressed the covenant of the LORD your
God, which he commanded you, and
have gone and served other gods, and
bowed yourselves to them; then shall

the anger of the LORD be kindled
against you, and ye shall perish quickly
from off the good land which he hath
given unto you.

24 And Joshua gathered all the
tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called
for the elders of Israel, and for their
heads, and for their judges, and for
their officers; and they presented
themselves before God. 2 And Joshua
said unto all the people, Thus saith
the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers
dwelt on the other side of the flood
in old time, *even* Terah, the father
of Abraham, and the father of Na-

chor: and they served other gods.
3 And I took your father Abraham
from the other side of the flood, and
led him throughout all the land of
Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and
gave him Isaac. 4 And I gave unto
Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto
Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Ja-
cob and his children went down into
Egypt. 5 I sent Moses also and Aaron,
and I plagued Egypt, according to
that which I did among them: and
afterward I brought you out. 6 And
I brought your fathers out of Egypt:
and ye came unto the sea; and the
Egyptians pursued after your fathers

with chariots and horsemen unto the
Red sea. 7 And when they cried unto
the LORD, he put darkness between
you and the Egyptians, and brought
the sea upon them, and covered them;
and your eyes have seen what I have
done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the
wilderness a long season. 8 And I
brought you into the land of the
Amorites, which dwelt on the other
side Jordan; and they fought with you:
and I gave them into your hand, that
ye might possess their land; and I de-
stroyed them from before you. 9 Then
Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab,
arose and warred against Israel, and

sent and called Balaam the son of Beor
to curse you: [10] But I would not hear-
ken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed
you still: so I delivered you out of
his hand. [11] And ye went over Jor-
dan, and came unto Jericho: and the
men of Jericho fought against you, the
Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the
Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the
Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Je-
busites; and I delivered them into your
hand. [12] And I sent the hornet before
you, which drave them out from be-
fore you, *even* the two kings of the
Amorites; *but* not with thy sword, nor
with thy bow. [13] And I have given you

a land for which ye did not labour,
and cities which ye built not, and ye
dwell in them; of the vineyards and
oliveyards which ye planted not do ye
eat. [14] Now therefore fear the LORD,
and serve him in sincerity and in truth:
and put away the gods which your fa-
thers served on the other side of the
flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the
LORD. [15] And if it seem evil unto you
to serve the LORD, choose you this day
whom ye will serve; whether the gods
which your fathers served that *were*
on the other side of the flood, or the
gods of the Amorites, in whose land
ye dwell: but as for me and my house,

we will serve the LORD. [16] And the
people answered and said, God forbid
that we should forsake the LORD, to
serve other gods; [17] For the LORD our
God, he *it is* that brought us up and
our fathers out of the land of Egypt,
from the house of bondage, and which
did those great signs in our sight, and
preserved us in all the way wherein
we went, and among all the people
through whom we passed: [18] And the
LORD drave out from before us all
the people, even the Amorites which
dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also
serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.
[19] And Joshua said unto the people, Ye

cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an
holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will
not forgive your transgressions nor
your sins. [20] If ye forsake the LORD, and
serve strange gods, then he will turn
and do you hurt, and consume you, af-
ter that he hath done you good. [21] And
the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but
we will serve the LORD. [22] And Joshua
said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses
against yourselves that ye have chosen
you the LORD, to serve him. And they
said, *We are* witnesses. [23] Now there-
fore put away, *said he*, the strange gods
which *are* among you, and incline your
heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The
LORD our God will we serve, and his
voice will we obey. 25 So Joshua made a
covenant with the people that day, and
set them a statute and an ordinance in
Shechem. 26 And Joshua wrote these
words in the book of the law of God,
and took a great stone, and set it up
there under an oak, that *was* by the
sanctuary of the LORD. 27 And Joshua
said unto all the people, Behold, this
stone shall be a witness unto us; for it
hath heard all the words of the LORD
which he spake unto us: it shall be
therefore a witness unto you, lest ye
deny your God. 28 So Joshua let the

people depart, every man unto his in-
heritance. [29] And it came to pass af-
ter these things, that Joshua the son of
Nun, the servant of the LORD, died,
being an hundred and ten years old.
[30] And they buried him in the border
of his inheritance in Timnathserah,
which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the
north side of the hill of Gaash. [31] And
Israel served the LORD all the days
of Joshua, and all the days of the el-
ders that overlived Joshua, and which
had known all the works of the LORD,
that he had done for Israel.* [32] And the

24.31. overlived...: Heb. prolonged their days after Joshua.

bones of Joseph, which the children of
Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried
they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground
which Jacob bought of the sons of
Hamor the father of Shechem for an
hundred pieces of silver: and it be-
came the inheritance of the children
of Joseph.* 33 And Eleazar the son of
Aaron died; and they buried him in a
hill *that pertained to* Phinehas his son,
which was given him in mount Eph-
raim.

32. pieces...: or, lambs.

THE BOOK OF

JUDGES

Now after the death of Joshua
it came to pass, that the
children of Israel asked the
LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us
against the Canaanites first, to fight
against them? 2 And the LORD said,
Judah shall go up: behold, I have de-
livered the land into his hand. 3 And
Judah said unto Simeon his brother,
Come up with me into my lot, that we
may fight against the Canaanites; and
I likewise will go with thee into thy lot.
So Simeon went with him. 4 And Ju-

dah went up; and the LORD delivered
the Canaanites and the Perizzites into
their hand: and they slew of them in
Bezek ten thousand men. 5 And they
found Adonibezek in Bezek: and they
fought against him, and they slew the
Canaanites and the Perizzites. 6 But
Adonibezek fled; and they pursued af-
ter him, and caught him, and cut off
his thumbs and his great toes. 7 And
Adonibezek said, Threescore and ten
kings, having their thumbs and their
great toes cut off, gathered *their meat*
under my table: as I have done, so
God hath requited me. And they
brought him to Jerusalem, and there

he died.* 8 Now the children of Ju-
dah had fought against Jerusalem, and
had taken it, and smitten it with the
edge of the sword, and set the city on
fire. 9 And afterward the children of
Judah went down to fight against the
Canaanites, that dwelt in the moun-
tain, and in the south, and in the val-
ley.* 10 And Judah went against the Ca-
naanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now
the name of Hebron before *was* Kir-
jatharba:) and they slew Sheshai, and
Ahiman, and Talmai. 11 And from

1.7. their thumbs...: Heb. the thumbs of their hands and of their feet. gathered: or, gleaned.
9. valley: or, low country.

thence he went against the inhabitants
of Debir: and the name of Debir be-
fore *was* Kirjathsepher: 12 And Caleb
said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher,
and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah
my daughter to wife. 13 And Oth-
niel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger
brother, took it: and he gave him
Achsah his daughter to wife. 14 And
it came to pass, when she came *to
him*, that she moved him to ask of
her father a field: and she lighted
from off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto
her, What wilt thou? 15 And she said
unto him, Give me a blessing: for
thou hast given me a south land; give

me also springs of water. And Caleb
gave her the upper springs and the
nether springs. 16 And the children
of the Kenite, Moses' father in law,
went up out of the city of palm trees
with the children of Judah into the
wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the
south of Arad; and they went and
dwelt among the people. 17 And Judah
went with Simeon his brother, and
they slew the Canaanites that inhab-
ited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it.
And the name of the city was called
Hormah. 18 Also Judah took Gaza
with the coast thereof, and Askelon
with the coast thereof, and Ekron with

the coast thereof. [19] And the LORD was
with Judah; and he drave out *the inhab-*
itants of the mountain; but could not
drive out the inhabitants of the val-
ley, because they had chariots of iron.*
[20] And they gave Hebron unto Caleb,
as Moses said: and he expelled thence
the three sons of Anak. [21] And the chil-
dren of Benjamin did not drive out the
Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but
the Jebusites dwell with the children of
Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.
[22] And the house of Joseph, they also
went up against Bethel: and the LORD
was with them. [23] And the house of

19. drave...: or, possessed the mountain.

Joseph sent to descry Bethel. (Now
the name of the city before *was* Luz.)
24 And the spies saw a man come forth
out of the city, and they said unto him,
Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance
into the city, and we will shew thee
mercy. 25 And when he shewed them
the entrance into the city, they smote
the city with the edge of the sword;
but they let go the man and all his fam-
ily. 26 And the man went into the land
of the Hittites, and built a city, and
called the name thereof Luz: which *is*
the name thereof unto this day. 27 Nei-
ther did Manasseh drive out *the inhab-
itants of* Bethshean and her towns, nor

Taanach and her towns, nor the inhab-
itants of Dor and her towns, nor the
inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns,
nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and
her towns: but the Canaanites would
dwell in that land. 28 And it came to
pass, when Israel was strong, that they
put the Canaanites to tribute, and did
not utterly drive them out. 29 Neither
did Ephraim drive out the Canaan-
ites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Ca-
naanites dwelt in Gezer among them.
30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the
inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhab-
itants of Nahalol; but the Canaan-
ites dwelt among them, and became

tributaries. [31] Neither did Asher drive
out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the
inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab,
nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor
of Aphik, nor of Rehob: [32] But the
Asherites dwelt among the Canaan-
ites, the inhabitants of the land: for
they did not drive them out. [33] Neither
did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants
of Bethshemesh, nor the inhabitants
of Bethanath; but he dwelt among
the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the
land: nevertheless the inhabitants of
Bethshemesh and of Bethanath be-
came tributaries unto them. [34] And the
Amorites forced the children of Dan

into the mountain: for they would not
suffer them to come down to the val-
ley: 35 But the Amorites would dwell
in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in
Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house
of Joseph prevailed, so that they be-
came tributaries.* 36 And the coast of
the Amorites *was* from the going up
to Akrabbim, from the rock, and up-
ward.*

2 And an angel of the LORD came
up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I
made you to go up out of Egypt, and
have brought you unto the land which

35. prevailed: Heb. was heavy.
36. the going...: or, Maalehakrabbim.

I sware unto your fathers; and I said,
I will never break my covenant with
you.* [2] And ye shall make no league
with the inhabitants of this land; ye
shall throw down their altars: but ye
have not obeyed my voice: why have
ye done this? [3] Wherefore I also said,
I will not drive them out from be-
fore you; but they shall be *as thorns*
in your sides, and their gods shall be a
snare unto you. [4] And it came to pass,
when the angel of the LORD spake
these words unto all the children of
Israel, that the people lifted up their
voice, and wept. [5] And they called

2.1. angel: or, messenger.

the name of that place Bochim: and
they sacrificed there unto the LORD.*
6 And when Joshua had let the peo-
ple go, the children of Israel went ev-
ery man unto his inheritance to pos-
sess the land. 7 And the people served
the LORD all the days of Joshua, and
all the days of the elders that out-
lived Joshua, who had seen all the great
works of the LORD, that he did for
Israel.* 8 And Joshua the son of Nun,
the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an
hundred and ten years old. 9 And they
buried him in the border of his inher-

5. Bochim: that is, Weepers.
7. outlived: Heb. prolonged days after.

itance in Timnathheres, in the mount
of Ephraim, on the north side of the
hill Gaash.* 10 And also all that genera-
tion were gathered unto their fathers:
and there arose another generation af-
ter them, which knew not the LORD,
nor yet the works which he had done
for Israel. 11 And the children of Is-
rael did evil in the sight of the LORD,
and served Baalim: 12 And they for-
sook the LORD God of their fathers,
which brought them out of the land
of Egypt, and followed other gods, of
the gods of the people that *were* round
about them, and bowed themselves

9. Timnathhares: called elsewhere, Timnathserah.

unto them, and provoked the LORD to
anger. 13 And they forsook the LORD,
and served Baal and Ashtaroth. 14 And
the anger of the LORD was hot against
Israel, and he delivered them into the
hands of spoilers that spoiled them,
and he sold them into the hands of
their enemies round about, so that
they could not any longer stand be-
fore their enemies. 15 Whithersoever
they went out, the hand of the LORD
was against them for evil, as the LORD
had said, and as the LORD had sworn
unto them: and they were greatly
distressed. 16 Nevertheless the LORD
raised up judges, which delivered them

out of the hand of those that spoiled them.* [17] And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so. [18] And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them

16. delivered: Heb. saved.

and vexed them. [19] And it came to pass,
when the judge was dead, *that* they re-
turned, and corrupted *themselves* more
than their fathers, in following other
gods to serve them, and to bow down
unto them; they ceased not from their
own doings, nor from their stubborn
way.* [20] And the anger of the LORD
was hot against Israel; and he said,
Because that this people hath trans-
gressed my covenant which I com-
manded their fathers, and have not
hearkened unto my voice; [21] I also will
not henceforth drive out any from be-

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19. corrupted...: or, were corrupt. ceased...: Heb. let nothing fall of their.

fore them of the nations which Joshua
left when he died: 22 That through
them I may prove Israel, whether they
will keep the way of the LORD to walk
therein, as their fathers did keep *it*,
or not. 23 Therefore the LORD left
those nations, without driving them
out hastily; neither delivered he them
into the hand of Joshua.*

3 Now these *are* the nations which
the LORD left, to prove Israel by them,
even as many *of Israel* as had not known
all the wars of Canaan; 2 Only that
the generations of the children of Is-

23. left: or, suffered.

rael might know, to teach them war,
at the least such as before knew noth-
ing thereof; 3 *Namely*, five lords of
the Philistines, and all the Canaanites,
and the Sidonians, and the Hivites
that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from
mount Baalhermon unto the entering
in of Hamath. 4 And they were to
prove Israel by them, to know whether
they would hearken unto the com-
mandments of the LORD, which he
commanded their fathers by the hand
of Moses. 5 And the children of Is-
rael dwelt among the Canaanites, Hit-
tites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and
Hivites, and Jebusites: 6 And they

took their daughters to be their wives,
and gave their daughters to their sons,
and served their gods. 7 And the chil-
dren of Israel did evil in the sight
of the LORD, and forgat the LORD
their God, and served Baalim and the
groves. 8 Therefore the anger of the
LORD was hot against Israel, and he
sold them into the hand of Chushan-
rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and
the children of Israel served Chushan-
rishathaim eight years.* 9 And when
the children of Israel cried unto the
LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer
to the children of Israel, who deliv-

3.8. Mesopotamia: Heb. Aramnaharaim.

ered them, *even* Othniel the son of Ke-
naz, Caleb's younger brother.* [10] And
the Spirit of the LORD came upon
him, and he judged Israel, and went
out to war: and the LORD delivered
Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopo-
tamia into his hand; and his hand pre-
vailed against Chushanrishathaim.*
[11] And the land had rest forty years.
And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.
[12] And the children of Israel did evil
again in the sight of the LORD: and the
LORD strengthened Eglon the king of
Moab against Israel, because they had

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9. deliverer: Heb. saviour.
10. came: Heb. was. Mesopotamia: Heb. Aram.

done evil in the sight of the LORD.
13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and
went and smote Israel, and possessed
the city of palm trees. 14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king
of Moab eighteen years. 15 But when
the children of Israel cried unto the
LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him
the children of Israel sent a present
unto Eglon the king of Moab.* 16 But
Ehud made him a dagger which had

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15. a Benjamite: or, the son of Jemini. lefthanded: Heb. shut of his right hand.

two edges, of a cubit length; and he
did gird it under his raiment upon his
right thigh. 17 And he brought the pre-
sent unto Eglon king of Moab: and
Eglon *was* a very fat man. 18 And when
he had made an end to offer the pre-
sent, he sent away the people that bare
the present. 19 But he himself turned
again from the quarries that *were* by
Gilgal, and said, I have a secret er-
rand unto thee, O king: who said,
Keep silence. And all that stood by
him went out from him.* 20 And Ehud
came unto him; and he was sitting in
a summer parlour, which he had for

19. quarries: or, graven images.

himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a
message from God unto thee. And he
arose out of *his* seat.* 21 And Ehud put
forth his left hand, and took the dag-
ger from his right thigh, and thrust it
into his belly: 22 And the haft also went
in after the blade; and the fat closed
upon the blade, so that he could not
draw the dagger out of his belly; and
the dirt came out.* 23 Then Ehud went
forth through the porch, and shut the
doors of the parlour upon him, and
locked them. 24 When he was gone
out, his servants came; and when they

20. a summer...: Heb. a parlour of cooling.
22. the dirt...: or, it came out at the buttocks.

saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.* [25] And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth. [26] And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. [27] And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with

24. covereth...: or, doeth his easement.

him from the mount, and he before
them. [28] And he said unto them, Fol-
low after me: for the LORD hath deliv-
ered your enemies the Moabites into
your hand. And they went down after
him, and took the fords of Jordan to-
ward Moab, and suffered not a man to
pass over. [29] And they slew of Moab at
that time about ten thousand men, all
lusty, and all men of valour; and there
escaped not a man.* [30] So Moab was
subdued that day under the hand of
Israel. And the land had rest fourscore
years. [31] And after him was Shamgar
the son of Anath, which slew of the

29. lusty: Heb. fat.

Philistines six hundred men with an ox
goad: and he also delivered Israel.

4 And the children of Israel again
did evil in the sight of the LORD, when
Ehud was dead. 2 And the LORD
sold them into the hand of Jabin king
of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor;
the captain of whose host *was* Sisera,
which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gen-
tiles. 3 And the children of Israel cried
unto the LORD: for he had nine hun-
dred chariots of iron; and twenty years
he mightily oppressed the children of
Israel. 4 And Deborah, a prophetess,
the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Is-

rael at that time. 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into

thine hand. 8 And Barak said unto her,
If thou wilt go with me, then I will go:
but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I
will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely
go with thee: notwithstanding the
journey that thou takest shall not be
for thine honour; for the LORD shall
sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.
And Deborah arose, and went with
Barak to Kedesh. 10 And Barak called
Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and
he went up with ten thousand men at
his feet: and Deborah went up with
him. 11 Now Heber the Kenite, *which
was* of the children of Hobab the fa-
ther in law of Moses, had severed him-

self from the Kenites, and pitched his
tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which
is by Kedesh. 12 And they shewed Sis-
era that Barak the son of Abinoam
was gone up to mount Tabor. 13 And
Sisera gathered together all his chari-
ots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron,
and all the people that *were* with him,
from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto
the river of Kishon.* 14 And Deborah
said unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the
day in which the LORD hath deliv-
ered Sisera into thine hand: is not the
LORD gone out before thee? So Barak
went down from mount Tabor, and

4.13. together: Heb. by cry, or, proclamation.

ten thousand men after him. [15] And
the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all
his chariots, and all *his* host, with the
edge of the sword before Barak; so
that Sisera lighted down off *his* char-
iot, and fled away on his feet. [16] But
Barak pursued after the chariots, and
after the host, unto Harosheth of the
Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell
upon the edge of the sword; *and* there
was not a man left.* [17] Howbeit Sis-
era fled away on his feet to the tent of
Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for
there was peace between Jabin the king
of Hazor and the house of Heber the

16. a man: Heb. unto one.

Kenite. [18] And Jael went out to meet
Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my
lord, turn in to me; fear not. And
when he had turned in unto her into
the tent, she covered him with a man-
tle.* [19] And he said unto her, Give me,
I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I
am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of
milk, and gave him drink, and covered
him. [20] Again he said unto her, Stand
in the door of the tent, and it shall be,
when any man doth come and enquire
of thee, and say, Is there any man here?
that thou shalt say, No. [21] Then Jael
Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and

18. mantle: or, rug, or, blanket.

took an hammer in her hand, and went
softly unto him, and smote the nail
into his temples, and fastened it into
the ground: for he was fast asleep and
weary. So he died.* 22 And, behold, as
Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to
meet him, and said unto him, Come,
and I will shew thee the man whom
thou seekest. And when he came into
her *tent*, behold, Sisera lay dead, and
the nail *was* in his temples. 23 So God
subdued on that day Jabin the king of
Canaan before the children of Israel.
24 And the hand of the children of Is-
rael prospered, and prevailed against

21. and took: Heb. and put.

Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.*

5 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying, 2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. 3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing *praise* to the LORD God of Israel. 4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds

24. prospered...: Heb. going went and was hard.

also dropped water. 5 The mountains
melted from before the LORD, *even*
that Sinai from before the LORD God
of Israel.* 6 In the days of Shamgar
the son of Anath, in the days of Jael,
the highways were unoccupied, and
the travellers walked through byways.*
7 *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased,
they ceased in Israel, until that I Deb-
orah arose, that I arose a mother in Is-
rael. 8 They chose new gods; then *was*
war in the gates: was there a shield or
spear seen among forty thousand in Is-

5.5. melted: Heb. flowed.
6. travellers: Heb. walkers of paths. byways: Heb. crooked ways.

rael? 9 My heart *is* toward the gover-
nors of Israel, that offered themselves
willingly among the people. Bless ye
the LORD. 10 Speak, ye that ride on
white asses, ye that sit in judgment,
and walk by the way.* 11 *They that are*
delivered from the noise of archers
in the places of drawing water, there
shall they rehearse the righteous acts
of the LORD, *even* the righteous acts
toward the inhabitants of his villages
in Israel: then shall the people of the
LORD go down to the gates.* 12 Awake,
awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter

10. Speak: or, Meditate.
11. righteous...: Heb. righteousnesses.

a song: arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.
13 Then he made him that remaineth
have dominion over the nobles among
the people: the LORD made me have
dominion over the mighty. 14 Out
of Ephraim *was there* a root of them
against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin,
among thy people; out of Machir
came down governors, and out of Ze-
bulun they that handle the pen of
the writer.* 15 And the princes of Is-
sachar *were* with Deborah; even Is-
sachar, and also Barak: he was sent on
foot into the valley. For the divisions

14. handle: Heb. draw with.

of Reuben *there were* great thoughts
of heart.* [16] Why abodest thou among
the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings
of the flocks? For the divisions of
Reuben *there were* great searchings of
heart.* [17] Gilead abode beyond Jordan:
and why did Dan remain in ships?
Asher continued on the sea shore, and
abode in his breaches.* [18] Zebulun and
Naphtali *were* a people *that* jeoparded
their lives unto the death in the high
places of the field.* [19] The kings came

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15. foot: Heb. his feet. thoughts: Heb. impressions. For: or, In.
16. For: or, In.
17. shore: or, port. breaches: or, creeks.
18. jeoparded: Heb. exposed to reproach.

and fought, then fought the kings of
Canaan in Taanach by the waters of
Megiddo; they took no gain of money.
20 They fought from heaven; the stars
in their courses fought against Sis-
era.* 21 The river of Kishon swept them
away, that ancient river, the river
Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trod-
den down strength. 22 Then were the
horsehoofs broken by the means of
the pransings, the pransings of their
mighty ones.* 23 Curse ye Meroz, said
the angel of the LORD, curse ye bit-
terly the inhabitants thereof; because

20. courses: Heb. paths.
22. pransings: or, tramplings, or, plungings.

they came not to the help of the LORD,
to the help of the LORD against the
mighty. [24] Blessed above women shall
Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be,
blessed shall she be above women in
the tent. [25] He asked water, *and* she
gave *him* milk; she brought forth but-
ter in a lordly dish. [26] She put her
hand to the nail, and her right hand to
the workmen's hammer; and with the
hammer she smote Sisera, she smote
off his head, when she had pierced and
stricken through his temples.* [27] At her
feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down:
at her feet he bowed, he fell: where

26. with...: Heb. she hammered.

he bowed, there he fell down dead.*
28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a
window, and cried through the lattice,
Why is his chariot *so* long in coming?
why tarry the wheels of his chariots?
29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea,
she returned answer to herself,* 30 Have
they not sped? have they *not* divided
the prey; to every man a damsel *or* two;
to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey
of divers colours of needlework, of
divers colours of needlework on both
sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that*

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27. At: Heb. Between. dead: Heb. destroyed.
29. answer: Heb. her words.

take the spoil?* [31] So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him *be* as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

6 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. [2] And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and

30. every...: Heb. the head of a man.

strong holds.* 3 And *so* it was, when
Israel had sown, that the Midianites
came up, and the Amalekites, and the
children of the east, even they came up
against them; 4 And they encamped
against them, and destroyed the in-
crease of the earth, till thou come unto
Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel,
neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. 5 For
they came up with their cattle and
their tents, and they came as grasshop-
pers for multitude; *for* both they and
their camels were without number:
and they entered into the land to de-
stroy it. 6 And Israel was greatly im-

6.2. prevailed: Heb. was strong.

poverished because of the Midianites;
and the children of Israel cried unto
the LORD. 7 And it came to pass,
when the children of Israel cried unto
the LORD because of the Midianites,
8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto
the children of Israel, which said unto
them, Thus saith the LORD God of Is-
rael, I brought you up from Egypt, and
brought you forth out of the house of
bondage;* 9 And I delivered you out
of the hand of the Egyptians, and out
of the hand of all that oppressed you,
and drave them out from before you,
and gave you their land; 10 And I said

8. a prophet: Heb. a man a prophet.

unto you, I *am* the LORD your God;
fear not the gods of the Amorites, in
whose land ye dwell: but ye have not
obeyed my voice. 11 And there came
an angel of the LORD, and sat under
an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *per-*
tained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and
his son Gideon threshed wheat by the
winepress, to hide *it* from the Midian-
ites.* 12 And the angel of the LORD ap-
peared unto him, and said unto him,
The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty
man of valour. 13 And Gideon said
unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD

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11. Gideon: Gr. Gedeon. to hide...: Heb. to cause it to flee.

be with us, why then is all this be-
fallen us? and where *be* all his mira-
cles which our fathers told us of, say-
ing, Did not the LORD bring us up
from Egypt? but now the LORD hath
forsaken us, and delivered us into the
hands of the Midianites. 14 And the
LORD looked upon him, and said, Go
in this thy might, and thou shalt save
Israel from the hand of the Midian-
ites: have not I sent thee? 15 And he
said unto him, Oh my Lord, where-
with shall I save Israel? behold, my
family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am*
the least in my father's house.* 16 And

15. my family...: Heb. my thousand is the meanest.

the LORD said unto him, Surely I will
be with thee, and thou shalt smite the
Midianites as one man. 17 And he said
unto him, If now I have found grace
in thy sight, then shew me a sign that
thou talkest with me. 18 Depart not
hence, I pray thee, until I come unto
thee, and bring forth my present, and
set *it* before thee. And he said, I will
tarry until thou come again.* 19 And
Gideon went in, and made ready a
kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah
of flour: the flesh he put in a basket,
and he put the broth in a pot, and
brought *it* out unto him under the

18. present: or, meat offering.

oak, and presented *it*.* [20] And the an-
gel of God said unto him, Take the
flesh and the unleavened cakes, and
lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out
the broth. And he did so. [21] Then the
angel of the LORD put forth the end
of the staff that *was* in his hand, and
touched the flesh and the unleavened
cakes; and there rose up fire out of the
rock, and consumed the flesh and the
unleavened cakes. Then the angel of
the LORD departed out of his sight.
[22] And when Gideon perceived that he
was an angel of the LORD, Gideon
said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I

19. a kid: Heb. a kid of the goats.

have seen an angel of the LORD face to
face. [23] And the LORD said unto him,
Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt
not die. [24] Then Gideon built an altar
there unto the LORD, and called it Je-
hovahshalom: unto this day it *is* yet
in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.* [25] And
it came to pass the same night, that
the LORD said unto him, Take thy fa-
ther's young bullock, even the second
bullock of seven years old, and throw
down the altar of Baal that thy father
hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by
it:* [26] And build an altar unto the LORD

24. Jehovahshalom: that is, The LORD send peace.
25. even: or, and.

thy God upon the top of this rock, in
the ordered place, and take the sec-
ond bullock, and offer a burnt sacri-
fice with the wood of the grove which
thou shalt cut down.* 27 Then Gideon
took ten men of his servants, and did
as the LORD had said unto him: and
so it was, because he feared his father's
household, and the men of the city,
that he could not do *it* by day, that he
did *it* by night. 28 And when the men of
the city arose early in the morning, be-
hold, the altar of Baal was cast down,
and the grove was cut down that *was*

26. rock: Heb. strong place. In the ordered...: or, in an orderly manner.

by it, and the second bullock was of-
fered upon the altar *that was* built.
29 And they said one to another, Who
hath done this thing? And when they
enquired and asked, they said, Gideon
the son of Joash hath done this thing.
30 Then the men of the city said unto
Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may
die: because he hath cast down the al-
tar of Baal, and because he hath cut
down the grove that *was* by it. 31 And
Joash said unto all that stood against
him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save
him? he that will plead for him, let him
be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning:
if he *be* a god, let him plead for him-

self, because *one* hath cast down his al-
tar. [32] Therefore on that day he called
him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead
against him, because he hath thrown
down his altar.* [33] Then all the Mid-
ianites and the Amalekites and the
children of the east were gathered to-
gether, and went over, and pitched in
the valley of Jezreel. [34] But the Spirit of
the LORD came upon Gideon, and he
blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gath-
ered after him.* [35] And he sent mes-

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32. Jerubbaal: that is, Let Baal plead. Jerubbesheth: that is, Let the shameful thing plead.
34. came...: Heb. clothed. gathered: Heb. called.

sengers throughout all Manasseh; who
also was gathered after him: and he
sent messengers unto Asher, and unto
Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they
came up to meet them.* 36 And Gideon
said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel
by mine hand, as thou hast said, 37 Be-
hold, I will put a fleece of wool in the
floor; *and* if the dew be on the fleece
only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth
beside, then shall I know that thou wilt
save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast
said. 38 And it was so: for he rose up
early on the morrow, and thrust the
fleece together, and wringed the dew

35. gathered: Heb. called.

out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.
39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not
thine anger be hot against me, and I
will speak but this once: let me prove, I
pray thee, but this once with the fleece;
let it now be dry only upon the fleece,
and upon all the ground let there be
dew. 40 And God did so that night: for
it was dry upon the fleece only, and
there was dew on all the ground.

7 Then Jerubbaal, who *is* Gideon,
and all the people that *were* with him,
rose up early, and pitched beside the
well of Harod: so that the host of
the Midianites were on the north side

of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the
valley. 2 And the LORD said unto
Gideon, The people that *are* with
thee *are* too many for me to give the
Midianites into their hands, lest Is-
rael vaunt themselves against me, say-
ing, Mine own hand hath saved me.
3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in
the ears of the people, saying, Whoso-
ever *is* fearful and afraid, let him re-
turn and depart early from mount
Gilead. And there returned of the
people twenty and two thousand; and
there remained ten thousand. 4 And
the LORD said unto Gideon, The peo-
ple *are* yet *too* many; bring them down

unto the water, and I will try them
for thee there: and it shall be, *that*
of whom I say unto thee, This shall
go with thee, the same shall go with
thee; and of whomsoever I say unto
thee, This shall not go with thee, the
same shall not go. 5 So he brought
down the people unto the water: and
the LORD said unto Gideon, Every
one that lappeth of the water with
his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him
shalt thou set by himself; likewise ev-
ery one that boweth down upon his
knees to drink. 6 And the number of
them that lapped, *putting* their hand
to their mouth, were three hundred

men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. 7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place. 8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley. 9 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto

the host; for I have delivered it into
thine hand. [10] But if thou fear to go
down, go thou with Phurah thy ser-
vant down to the host: [11] And thou
shalt hear what they say; and afterward
shall thine hands be strengthened to
go down unto the host. Then went
he down with Phurah his servant unto
the outside of the armed men that
were in the host.* [12] And the Midianites
and the Amalekites and all the chil-
dren of the east lay along in the valley
like grasshoppers for multitude; and
their camels *were* without number, as
the sand by the sea side for multitude.

7.11. armed men: or, ranks by five.

13 And when Gideon was come, be-
hold, *there was* a man that told a dream
unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I
dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of
barley bread tumbled into the host of
Midian, and came unto a tent, and
smote it that it fell, and overturned it,
that the tent lay along. 14 And his fel-
low answered and said, This *is* noth-
ing else save the sword of Gideon the
son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into
his hand hath God delivered Midian,
and all the host. 15 And it was *so*,
when Gideon heard the telling of the
dream, and the interpretation thereof,
that he worshipped, and returned into

the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for
the LORD hath delivered into your
hand the host of Midian.* [16] And he
divided the three hundred men *into*
three companies, and he put a trum-
pet in every man's hand, with empty
pitchers, and lamps within the pitch-
ers.* [17] And he said unto them, Look
on me, and do likewise: and, behold,
when I come to the outside of the
camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall
ye do. [18] When I blow with a trumpet,
I and all that *are* with me, then blow

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15. interpretation: Heb. breaking.

16. a trumpet...: Heb. trumpets in the hand of all of them. lamps: or, firebrands, or, torches.

ye the trumpets also on every side of
all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the
LORD, and of Gideon. [19] So Gideon,
and the hundred men that *were* with
him, came unto the outside of the
camp in the beginning of the middle
watch; and they had but newly set the
watch: and they blew the trumpets,
and brake the pitchers that *were* in
their hands. [20] And the three compa-
nies blew the trumpets, and brake the
pitchers, and held the lamps in their
left hands, and the trumpets in their
right hands to blow *withal*: and they
cried, The sword of the LORD, and of
Gideon. [21] And they stood every man

in his place round about the camp:
and all the host ran, and cried, and
fled. 22 And the three hundred blew
the trumpets, and the LORD set every
man's sword against his fellow, even
throughout all the host: and the host
fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, *and* to
the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tab-
bath.* 23 And the men of Israel gath-
ered themselves together out of Naph-
tali, and out of Asher, and out of all
Manasseh, and pursued after the Midi-
anites. 24 And Gideon sent messengers
throughout all mount Ephraim, say-
ing, Come down against the Midian-

22. in: or, toward. border: Heb. lip.

ites, and take before them the waters
unto Bethbarah and Jordan. Then all
the men of Ephraim gathered them-
selves together, and took the waters
unto Bethbarah and Jordan. [25] And
they took two princes of the Midi-
anites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew
Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb
they slew at the winepress of Zeeb,
and pursued Midian, and brought the
heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on
the other side Jordan.

8 And the men of Ephraim said
unto him, Why hast thou served us
thus, that thou calledst us not, when

thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.* [2] And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? [3] God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.* [4] And Gideon came to Jordan, *and* passed over, he, and

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8.1. Why...: Heb. What thing is this thou hast done unto us. sharply: Heb. strongly.

3. anger: Heb. spirit.

the three hundred men that *were* with
him, faint, yet pursuing *them*. 5 And he
said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I
pray you, loaves of bread unto the peo-
ple that follow me; for they *be* faint,
and I am pursuing after Zebah and
Zalmunna, kings of Midian. 6 And
the princes of Succoth said, *Are* the
hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in
thine hand, that we should give bread
unto thine army? 7 And Gideon said,
Therefore when the LORD hath deliv-
ered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine
hand, then I will tear your flesh with
the thorns of the wilderness and with

briers.* 8 And he went up thence to
Penuel, and spake unto them likewise:
and the men of Penuel answered him
as the men of Succoth had answered
him. 9 And he spake also unto the
men of Penuel, saying, When I come
again in peace, I will break down this
tower. 10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna
were in Karkor, and their hosts with
them, about fifteen thousand *men*, all
that were left of all the hosts of the
children of the east: for there fell an
hundred and twenty thousand men
that drew sword.* 11 And Gideon went

7. tear: Heb. thresh.
10. men that...: or, every one drawing a sword.

up by the way of them that dwelt in
tents on the east of Nobah and Jog-
behah, and smote the host: for the
host was secure. 12 And when Zebah
and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after
them, and took the two kings of Mid-
ian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and dis-
comfited all the host.* 13 And Gideon
the son of Joash returned from battle
before the sun *was up*, 14 And caught
a young man of the men of Succoth,
and enquired of him: and he described
unto him the princes of Succoth, and
the elders thereof, *even* threescore and

12. discomfited: Heb. terrified.

seventeen men.* [15] And he came unto
the men of Succoth, and said, Behold
Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye
did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands
of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine
hand, that we should give bread unto
thy men *that are* weary? [16] And he took
the elders of the city, and thorns of the
wilderness and briers, and with them
he taught the men of Succoth.* [17] And
he beat down the tower of Penuel, and
slew the men of the city. [18] Then said
he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What
manner of men *were they* whom ye

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14. described: Heb. writ.
16. taught: Heb. made to know.

slew at Tabor? And they answered, As
thou *art*, so *were* they; each one re-
sembled the children of a king.* 19 And
he said, They *were* my brethren, *even*
the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD
liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I
would not slay you. 20 And he said
unto Jether his firstborn, Up, *and* slay
them. But the youth drew not his
sword: for he feared, because he *was*
yet a youth. 21 Then Zebah and Zal-
munna said, Rise thou, and fall upon
us: for as the man *is, so is* his strength.
And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah
and Zalmunna, and took away the or-

18. resembled...: Heb. according to the form, etc.

naments that *were* on their camels'
necks.* [22] Then the men of Israel said
unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both
thou, and thy son, and thy son's son
also: for thou hast delivered us from
the hand of Midian. [23] And Gideon
said unto them, I will not rule over
you, neither shall my son rule over you:
the LORD shall rule over you. [24] And
Gideon said unto them, I would de-
sire a request of you, that ye would
give me every man the earrings of his
prey. (For they had golden earrings,
because they *were* Ishmaelites.) [25] And
they answered, We will willingly give

21. ornaments: or, ornaments like the moon.

them. And they spread a garment, and
did cast therein every man the earrings
of his prey. [26] And the weight of the
golden earrings that he requested was
a thousand and seven hundred *shekels*
of gold; beside ornaments, and collars,
and purple raiment that *was* on the
kings of Midian, and beside the chains
that *were* about their camels' necks.*
[27] And Gideon made an ephod thereof,
and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah:
and all Israel went thither a whoring
after it: which thing became a snare
unto Gideon, and to his house. [28] Thus
was Midian subdued before the chil-

26. collars: or, sweet jewels.

dren of Israel, so that they lifted up
their heads no more. And the coun-
try was in quietness forty years in the
days of Gideon. 29 And Jerubbaal the
son of Joash went and dwelt in his own
house. 30 And Gideon had threescore
and ten sons of his body begotten: for
he had many wives.* 31 And his con-
cubine that *was* in Shechem, she also
bare him a son, whose name he called
Abimelech.* 32 And Gideon the son of
Joash died in a good old age, and was
buried in the sepulchre of Joash his
father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

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30. of his...: Heb. going out of his thigh.
31. called: Heb. set.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as
Gideon was dead, that the children of
Israel turned again, and went a whor-
ing after Baalim, and made Baalberith
their god. 34 And the children of Is-
rael remembered not the LORD their
God, who had delivered them out of
the hands of all their enemies on ev-
ery side: 35 Neither shewed they kind-
ness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*,
Gideon, according to all the goodness
which he had shewed unto Israel.

9 And Abimelech the son of
Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his
mother's brethren, and communed

with them, and with all the family of
the house of his mother's father, sa-
ying, 2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of
all the men of Shechem, Whether *is*
better for you, either that all the sons
of Jerubbaal, *which are* threescore and
ten persons, reign over you, or that one
reign over you? remember also that I
am your bone and your flesh.* 3 And
his mother's brethren spake of him in
the ears of all the men of Shechem
all these words: and their hearts in-
clined to follow Abimelech; for they
said, He *is* our brother.* 4 And they

9.2. Whether...: Heb. What is good? whether, etc.
3. to follow: Heb. after.

gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of
silver out of the house of Baalberith,
wherewith Abimelech hired vain and
light persons, which followed him.
5 And he went unto his father's house
at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the
sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and
ten persons, upon one stone: notwith-
standing yet Jotham the youngest son
of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid him-
self. 6 And all the men of Shechem
gathered together, and all the house of
Millo, and went, and made Abimelech
king, by the plain of the pillar that *was*
in Shechem.* 7 And when they told

6. plain: or, oak.

it to Jotham, he went and stood in
the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted
up his voice, and cried, and said unto
them, Hearken unto me, ye men of
Shechem, that God may hearken unto
you. 8 The trees went forth *on a time* to
anoint a king over them; and they said
unto the olive tree, Reign thou over
us. 9 But the olive tree said unto them,
Should I leave my fatness, wherewith
by me they honour God and man, and
go to be promoted over the trees?*
10 And the trees said to the fig tree,
Come thou, *and* reign over us. 11 But
the fig tree said unto them, Should I

9. go...: or, go up and down for other trees.

forsake my sweetness, and my good
fruit, and go to be promoted over the
trees? [12] Then said the trees unto the
vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us.
[13] And the vine said unto them, Should
I leave my wine, which cheereth God
and man, and go to be promoted over
the trees? [14] Then said all the trees
unto the bramble, Come thou, *and*
reign over us.* [15] And the bramble said
unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me
king over you, *then* come *and* put your
trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire
come out of the bramble, and devour
the cedars of Lebanon. [16] Now there-

14. bramble: or, thistle.

fore, if ye have done truly and sincerely,
in that ye have made Abimelech king,
and if ye have dealt well with Jerub-
baal and his house, and have done unto
him according to the deserving of his
hands; 17 (For my father fought for you,
and adventured his life far, and deliv-
ered you out of the hand of Midian:*
18 And ye are risen up against my fa-
ther's house this day, and have slain
his sons, threescore and ten persons,
upon one stone, and have made Abim-
elech, the son of his maidservant, king
over the men of Shechem, because
he *is* your brother;) 19 If ye then have

17. adventured...: Heb. cast his life.

dealt truly and sincerely with Jerub-
baal and with his house this day, *then*
rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him
also rejoice in you: [20] But if not, let
fire come out from Abimelech, and
devour the men of Shechem, and the
house of Millo; and let fire come out
from the men of Shechem, and from
the house of Millo, and devour Abim-
elech. [21] And Jotham ran away, and
fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there,
for fear of Abimelech his brother.
[22] When Abimelech had reigned three
years over Israel, [23] Then God sent
an evil spirit between Abimelech and
the men of Shechem; and the men

of Shechem dealt treacherously with
Abimelech: 24 That the cruelty *done* to
the threescore and ten sons of Jerub-
baal might come, and their blood be
laid upon Abimelech their brother,
which slew them; and upon the men
of Shechem, which aided him in the
killing of his brethren.* 25 And the men
of Shechem set liers in wait for him
in the top of the mountains, and they
robbed all that came along that way
by them: and it was told Abimelech.
26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came
with his brethren, and went over to
Shechem: and the men of Shechem

24. aided...: Heb. strengthened his hands to kill.

put their confidence in him. [27] And
they went out into the fields, and gath-
ered their vineyards, and trode *the*
grapes, and made merry, and went into
the house of their god, and did eat and
drink, and cursed Abimelech.* [28] And
Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who *is*
Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that
we should serve him? *is* not *he* the son
of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer?
serve the men of Hamor the father
of Shechem: for why should we serve
him? [29] And would to God this peo-
ple were under my hand! then would
I remove Abimelech. And he said to

27. merry: or, songs.

Abimelech, Increase thine army, and
come out. 30 And when Zebul the ruler
of the city heard the words of Gaal the
son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.*
31 And he sent messengers unto Abim-
elech privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the
son of Ebed and his brethren be come
to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify
the city against thee.* 32 Now there-
fore up by night, thou and the peo-
ple that *is* with thee, and lie in wait
in the field: 33 And it shall be, *that*
in the morning, as soon as the sun
is up, thou shalt rise early, and set

30. kindled: or, hot.
31. privily: Heb. craftily or, to Tormah.

upon the city: and, behold, *when* he
and the people that *is* with him come
out against thee, then mayest thou do
to them as thou shalt find occasion.*
34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the
people that *were* with him, by night,
and they laid wait against Shechem in
four companies. 35 And Gaal the son
of Ebed went out, and stood in the
entering of the gate of the city: and
Abimelech rose up, and the people
that *were* with him, from lying in wait.
36 And when Gaal saw the people, he
said to Zebul, Behold, there come peo-
ple down from the top of the moun-

33. as thou shalt...: Heb. as thine hand shall find.

tains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou
seest the shadow of the mountains as
if they were men. [37] And Gaal spake
again and said, See there come peo-
ple down by the middle of the land,
and another company come along by
the plain of Meonenim.* [38] Then said
Zebul unto him, Where *is* now thy
mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who *is*
Abimelech, that we should serve him?
is not this the people that thou hast
despised? go out, I pray now, and
fight with them. [39] And Gaal went
out before the men of Shechem, and

37. middle: Heb. navel. Meonenim: or, the regarders of times.

fought with Abimelech. 40 And Abim-
elech chased him, and he fled before
him, and many were overthrown *and*
wounded, *even* unto the entering of
the gate. 41 And Abimelech dwelt at
Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal
and his brethren, that they should not
dwell in Shechem. 42 And it came to
pass on the morrow, that the people
went out into the field; and they told
Abimelech. 43 And he took the peo-
ple, and divided them into three com-
panies, and laid wait in the field, and
looked, and, behold, the people *were*
come forth out of the city; and he
rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company
that *was* with him, rushed forward,
and stood in the entering of the gate
of the city: and the two *other* compa-
nies ran upon all *the people* that *were*
in the fields, and slew them. 45 And
Abimelech fought against the city all
that day; and he took the city, and
slew the people that *was* therein, and
beat down the city, and sowed it with
salt. 46 And when all the men of the
tower of Shechem heard *that*, they en-
tered into an hold of the house of the
god Berith. 47 And it was told Abim-
elech, that all the men of the tower
of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount
Zalmon, he and all the people that
were with him; and Abimelech took
an axe in his hand, and cut down a
bough from the trees, and took it,
and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said
unto the people that *were* with him,
What ye have seen me do, make haste,
and do as I *have done*.* 49 And all the
people likewise cut down every man
his bough, and followed Abimelech,
and put *them* to the hold, and set the
hold on fire upon them; so that all
the men of the tower of Shechem died
also, about a thousand men and wo-

48. me do: Heb. I have done.

men. 50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez,
and took it. 51 But there was a strong
tower within the city, and thither fled
all the men and women, and all they of
the city, and shut *it* to them, and gat
them up to the top of the tower. 52 And
Abimelech came unto the tower, and
fought against it, and went hard unto
the door of the tower to burn it with
fire. 53 And a certain woman cast a
piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's
head, and all to brake his skull. 54 Then
he called hastily unto the young man
his armourbearer, and said unto him,
Draw thy sword, and slay me, that

men say not of me, A woman slew
him. And his young man thrust him
through, and he died. 55 And when the
men of Israel saw that Abimelech was
dead, they departed every man unto
his place. 56 Thus God rendered the
wickedness of Abimelech, which he
did unto his father, in slaying his sev-
enty brethren: 57 And all the evil of the
men of Shechem did God render upon
their heads: and upon them came the
curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

10 And after Abimelech there
arose to defend Israel Tola the son
of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of

Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in
mount Ephraim.* 2 And he judged Is-
rael twenty and three years, and died,
and was buried in Shamir. 3 And after
him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged
Israel twenty and two years. 4 And
he had thirty sons that rode on thirty
ass colts, and they had thirty cities,
which are called Havothjair unto this
day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.*
5 And Jair died, and was buried in Ca-
mon. 6 And the children of Israel did
evil again in the sight of the LORD, and
served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the

10.1. defend: or, deliver: Heb. save.
4. Havothjair: or, the villages of Jair.

gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon,
and the gods of Moab, and the gods
of the children of Ammon, and the
gods of the Philistines, and forsook
the LORD, and served not him. 7 And
the anger of the LORD was hot against
Israel, and he sold them into the hands
of the Philistines, and into the hands
of the children of Ammon. 8 And
that year they vexed and oppressed the
children of Israel: eighteen years, all
the children of Israel that *were* on the
other side Jordan in the land of the
Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.* 9 More-
over the children of Ammon passed

8. oppressed: Heb. crushed.

over Jordan to fight also against Judah,
and against Benjamin, and against the
house of Ephraim; so that Israel was
sore distressed. [10] And the children
of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying,
We have sinned against thee, both be-
cause we have forsaken our God, and
also served Baalim. [11] And the LORD
said unto the children of Israel, *Did*
not *I deliver you* from the Egyptians,
and from the Amorites, from the chil-
dren of Ammon, and from the Philis-
tines? [12] The Zidonians also, and the
Amalekites, and the Maonites, did op-
press you; and ye cried to me, and I
delivered you out of their hand. [13] Yet

ye have forsaken me, and served other
gods: wherefore I will deliver you no
more. 14 Go and cry unto the gods
which ye have chosen; let them de-
liver you in the time of your tribu-
lation. 15 And the children of Israel
said unto the LORD, We have sinned:
do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth
good unto thee; deliver us only, we
pray thee, this day.* 16 And they put
away the strange gods from among
them, and served the LORD: and his
soul was grieved for the misery of
Israel.* 17 Then the children of Am-

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15. seemeth...: Heb. is good in thine eyes.
16. strange...: Heb. gods of strangers. grieved:

mon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of
Israel assembled themselves together,
and encamped in Mizpeh.* 18 And the
people *and* princes of Gilead said one
to another, What man *is he* that will
begin to fight against the children of
Ammon? he shall be head over all the
inhabitants of Gilead.

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite
was a mighty man of valour, and he
was the son of an harlot: and Gilead
begat Jephthah.* 2 And Gilead's wife

Heb. shortened.

17. gathered: Heb. cried.

11.1. Jephthah: called Jephthae. an harlot: Heb. a

bare him sons; and his wife's sons
grew up, and they thrust out Jeph-
thah, and said unto him, Thou shalt
not inherit in our father's house; for
thou *art* the son of a strange woman.
3 Then Jephthah fled from his breth-
ren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and
there were gathered vain men to Jeph-
thah, and went out with him.* 4 And
it came to pass in process of time,
that the children of Ammon made war
against Israel.* 5 And it was so, that
when the children of Ammon made

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woman an harlot.

3. from: Heb. from the face.

4. in process...: Heb. after days.

war against Israel, the elders of Gilead
went to fetch Jephthah out of the land
of Tob: 6 And they said unto Jeph-
thah, Come, and be our captain, that
we may fight with the children of Am-
mon. 7 And Jephthah said unto the el-
ders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and
expel me out of my father's house? and
why are ye come unto me now when
ye are in distress? 8 And the elders of
Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore
we turn again to thee now, that thou
mayest go with us, and fight against
the children of Ammon, and be our
head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.
9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of

Gilead, If ye bring me home again to
fight against the children of Ammon,
and the LORD deliver them before me,
shall I be your head? 10 And the el-
ders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The
LORD be witness between us, if we
do not so according to thy words.*
11 Then Jephthah went with the elders
of Gilead, and the people made him
head and captain over them: and Jeph-
thah uttered all his words before the
LORD in Mizpeh. 12 And Jephthah sent
messengers unto the king of the chil-
dren of Ammon, saying, What hast
thou to do with me, that thou art

10. witness...: Heb. the hearer between us.

come against me to fight in my land?
13 And the king of the children of Am-
mon answered unto the messengers of
Jephthah, Because Israel took away my
land, when they came up out of Egypt,
from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and
unto Jordan: now therefore restore
those *lands* again peaceably. 14 And
Jephthah sent messengers again unto
the king of the children of Ammon:
15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jeph-
thah, Israel took not away the land of
Moab, nor the land of the children of
Ammon: 16 But when Israel came up
from Egypt, and walked through the
wilderness unto the Red sea, and came

to Kadesh; [17] Then Israel sent messen-
gers unto the king of Edom, saying,
Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy
land: but the king of Edom would
not hearken *thereto*. And in like man-
ner they sent unto the king of Moab:
but he would not *consent*: and Is-
rael abode in Kadesh. [18] Then they
went along through the wilderness,
and compassed the land of Edom, and
the land of Moab, and came by the
east side of the land of Moab, and
pitched on the other side of Arnon,
but came not within the border of
Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of
Moab. [19] And Israel sent messengers

unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the
king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto
him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through
thy land into my place. 20 But Sihon
trusted not Israel to pass through his
coast: but Sihon gathered all his peo-
ple together, and pitched in Jahaz, and
fought against Israel. 21 And the LORD
God of Israel delivered Sihon and all
his people into the hand of Israel, and
they smote them: so Israel possessed
all the land of the Amorites, the in-
habitants of that country. 22 And they
possessed all the coasts of the Amor-
ites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok,
and from the wilderness even unto Jor-

dan. [23] So now the LORD God of Israel
hath dispossessed the Amorites from
before his people Israel, and shouldest
thou possess it? [24] Wilt not thou pos-
sess that which Chemosh thy god
giveth thee to possess? So whomso-
ever the LORD our God shall drive out
from before us, them will we possess.
[25] And now *art* thou any thing better
than Balak the son of Zippor, king of
Moab? did he ever strive against Is-
rael, or did he ever fight against them,
[26] While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and
her towns, and in Aroer and her towns,
and in all the cities that *be* along by
the coasts of Arnon, three hundred

years? why therefore did ye not re-
cover *them* within that time? [27] Where-
fore I have not sinned against thee, but
thou doest me wrong to war against
me: the LORD the Judge be judge this
day between the children of Israel and
the children of Ammon. [28] Howbeit
the king of the children of Ammon
hearkened not unto the words of Jeph-
thah which he sent him. [29] Then the
Spirit of the LORD came upon Jeph-
thah, and he passed over Gilead, and
Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of
Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead
he passed over *unto* the children of
Ammon. [30] And Jephthah vowed a

vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou
shalt without fail deliver the children
of Ammon into mine hands, [31] Then it
shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth
of the doors of my house to meet me,
when I return in peace from the chil-
dren of Ammon, shall surely be the
LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a
burnt offering.* [32] So Jephthah passed
over unto the children of Ammon to
fight against them; and the LORD de-
livered them into his hands. [33] And he
smote them from Aroer, even till thou

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31. whatsoever...: Heb. that which cometh forth, which shall come forth. and...: or, or I will offer it, etc.

come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities,
and unto the plain of the vineyards,
with a very great slaughter. Thus the
children of Ammon were subdued be-
fore the children of Israel.* 34 And Jeph-
thah came to Mizpeh unto his house,
and, behold, his daughter came out
to meet him with timbrels and with
dances: and she *was his* only child; be-
side her he had neither son nor daugh-
ter.* 35 And it came to pass, when he
saw her, that he rent his clothes, and
said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast

33. the plain: or, Abel.
34. beside...: or, he had not of his own either son or daughter: Heb. of himself.

brought me very low, and thou art one
of them that trouble me: for I have
opened my mouth unto the LORD,
and I cannot go back. 36 And she said
unto him, My father, *if* thou hast
opened thy mouth unto the LORD,
do to me according to that which
hath proceeded out of thy mouth;
forasmuch as the LORD hath taken
vengeance for thee of thine enemies,
even of the children of Ammon. 37 And
she said unto her father, Let this thing
be done for me: let me alone two
months, that I may go up and down
upon the mountains, and bewail my

virginity, I and my fellows.* 38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. 39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,* 40 *That* the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.*

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37. go up...: Heb. go and go down.
39. custom: or, ordinance.
40. yearly: Heb. from year to year. to lament: or,

12 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.* [2] And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. [3] And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not,

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to talk with.

12.1. gathered...: Heb. were called.

I put my life in my hands, and passed
over against the children of Ammon,
and the LORD delivered them into my
hand: wherefore then are ye come up
unto me this day, to fight against me?
4 Then Jephthah gathered together all
the men of Gilead, and fought with
Ephraim: and the men of Gilead
smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye
Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim
among the Ephraimites, *and* among
the Manassites. 5 And the Gileadites
took the passages of Jordan before the
Ephraimites: and it was *so*, that when
those Ephraimites which were escaped
said, Let me go over; that the men

of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an
Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; 6 Then
said they unto him, Say now Shibbo-
leth: and he said Sibboleth: for he
could not frame to pronounce *it* right.
Then they took him, and slew him at
the passages of Jordan: and there fell
at that time of the Ephraimites forty
and two thousand. 7 And Jephthah
judged Israel six years. Then died Jeph-
thah the Gileadite, and was buried in
one of the cities of Gilead. 8 And after
him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.
9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty
daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and
took in thirty daughters from abroad

for his sons. And he judged Israel
seven years. 10 Then died Ibzan, and
was buried at Bethlehem. 11 And after
him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel;
and he judged Israel ten years. 12 And
Elon the Zebulonite died, and was
buried in Aijalon in the country of Ze-
bulun. 13 And after him Abdon the son
of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.
14 And he had forty sons and thirty
nephews, that rode on threescore and
ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight
years.* 15 And Abdon the son of Hillel
the Pirathonite died, and was buried
in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in

14. nephews: Heb. sons' sons.

the mount of the Amalekites.

13 And the children of Israel did
evil again in the sight of the LORD;
and the LORD delivered them into the
hand of the Philistines forty years.*
2 And there was a certain man of Zo-
rah, of the family of the Danites,
whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife
was barren, and bare not. 3 And the
angel of the LORD appeared unto the
woman, and said unto her, Behold
now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not:
but thou shalt conceive, and bear a
son. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray

13.1. did evil...: Heb. added to commit, etc.

thee, and drink not wine nor strong
drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*:
5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear
a son; and no razor shall come on his
head: for the child shall be a Nazarite
unto God from the womb: and he
shall begin to deliver Israel out of the
hand of the Philistines. 6 Then the wo-
man came and told her husband, say-
ing, A man of God came unto me, and
his countenance *was* like the counte-
nance of an angel of God, very ter-
rible: but I asked him not whence
he *was*, neither told he me his name:
7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou
shalt conceive, and bear a son; and

now drink no wine nor strong drink,
neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the
child shall be a Nazarite to God from
the womb to the day of his death.
8 Then Manoah intreated the LORD,
and said, O my Lord, let the man
of God which thou didst send come
again unto us, and teach us what we
shall do unto the child that shall be
born. 9 And God hearkened to the
voice of Manoah; and the angel of
God came again unto the woman as
she sat in the field: but Manoah her
husband *was* not with her. 10 And
the woman made haste, and ran, and
shewed her husband, and said unto

him, Behold, the man hath appeared
unto me, that came unto me the *other*
day. [11] And Manoah arose, and went
after his wife, and came to the man,
and said unto him, *Art* thou the man
that spakest unto the woman? And
he said, I *am*. [12] And Manoah said,
Now let thy words come to pass. How
shall we order the child, and *how* shall
we do unto him?* [13] And the angel of
the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all
that I said unto the woman let her be-
ware. [14] She may not eat of any *thing*

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12. How shall we order...: Heb. What shall be the manner of the, etc. how shall we do...: or, what shall he do?: Heb. what shall be his work?.

that cometh of the vine, neither let her
drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any
unclean *thing*: all that I commanded
her let her observe. 15 And Manoah
said unto the angel of the LORD, I
pray thee, let us detain thee, until we
shall have made ready a kid for thee.*
16 And the angel of the LORD said unto
Manoah, Though thou detain me, I
will not eat of thy bread: and if thou
wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must
offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah
knew not that he *was* an angel of the
LORD. 17 And Manoah said unto the
angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name,

15. for thee: Heb. before thee.

that when thy sayings come to pass we
may do thee honour? 18 And the an-
gel of the LORD said unto him, Why
askest thou thus after my name, see-
ing it *is* secret?* 19 So Manoah took a
kid with a meat offering, and offered *it*
upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the*
angel did wondrously; and Manoah
and his wife looked on. 20 For it came
to pass, when the flame went up to-
ward heaven from off the altar, that
the angel of the LORD ascended in
the flame of the altar. And Manoah
and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on
their faces to the ground. 21 But the

18. secret: or, wonderful.

angel of the LORD did no more ap-
pear to Manoah and to his wife. Then
Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of
the LORD. [22] And Manoah said unto
his wife, We shall surely die, because
we have seen God. [23] But his wife said
unto him, If the LORD were pleased
to kill us, he would not have received
a burnt offering and a meat offering
at our hands, neither would he have
shewed us all these *things*, nor would
as at this time have told us *such things*
as these. [24] And the woman bare a son,
and called his name Samson: and the
child grew, and the LORD blessed him.
[25] And the Spirit of the LORD began to

move him at times in the camp of Dan
between Zorah and Eshtaol.*

14 And Samson went down to
Timnath, and saw a woman in Tim-
nath of the daughters of the Philis-
tines. 2 And he came up, and told
his father and his mother, and said,
I have seen a woman in Timnath
of the daughters of the Philistines:
now therefore get her for me to wife.
3 Then his father and his mother said
unto him, *Is there* never a woman
among the daughters of thy brethren,
or among all my people, that thou

25. the camp...: Heb. Mahanehdan.

goest to take a wife of the uncircum-
cised Philistines? And Samson said
unto his father, Get her for me; for
she pleaseth me well.* 4 But his father
and his mother knew not that it *was* of
the LORD, that he sought an occasion
against the Philistines: for at that time
the Philistines had dominion over Is-
rael. 5 Then went Samson down, and
his father and his mother, to Timnath,
and came to the vineyards of Tim-
nath: and, behold, a young lion roared
against him.* 6 And the Spirit of the
LORD came mightily upon him, and

14.3. pleaseth...: Heb. is right in mine eyes.
5. against...: Heb. in meeting him.

he rent him as he would have rent a kid,
and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he
told not his father or his mother what
he had done. 7 And he went down,
and talked with the woman; and she
pleased Samson well. 8 And after a
time he returned to take her, and he
turned aside to see the carcase of the
lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm
of bees and honey in the carcase of
the lion. 9 And he took thereof in his
hands, and went on eating, and came
to his father and mother, and he gave
them, and they did eat: but he told not
them that he had taken the honey out
of the carcase of the lion. 10 So his fa-

ther went down unto the woman: and
Samson made there a feast; for so used
the young men to do. [11] And it came
to pass, when they saw him, that they
brought thirty companions to be with
him. [12] And Samson said unto them, I
will now put forth a riddle unto you:
if ye can certainly declare it me within
the seven days of the feast, and find *it*
out, then I will give you thirty sheets
and thirty change of garments:* [13] But
if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye
give me thirty sheets and thirty change
of garments. And they said unto him,
Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear

12. sheets: or, shirts.

it.* 14 And he said unto them, Out of
the eater came forth meat, and out
of the strong came forth sweetness.
And they could not in three days ex-
pound the riddle. 15 And it came to
pass on the seventh day, that they said
unto Samson's wife, Entice thy hus-
band, that he may declare unto us the
riddle, lest we burn thee and thy fa-
ther's house with fire: have ye called
us to take that we have? *is it* not *so*?*
16 And Samson's wife wept before him,
and said, Thou dost but hate me, and
lovest me not: thou hast put forth a

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13. sheets: or, shirts.

15. take...: Heb. possess us, or, impoverish us?.

riddle unto the children of my people,
and hast not told *it* me. And he said
unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my
father nor my mother, and shall I tell
it thee? 17 And she wept before him
the seven days, while their feast lasted:
and it came to pass on the seventh day,
that he told her, because she lay sore
upon him: and she told the riddle to
the children of her people.* 18 And the
men of the city said unto him on the
seventh day before the sun went down,
What *is* sweeter than honey? and what
is stronger than a lion? And he said
unto them, If ye had not plowed with

17. the seven...: or, the rest of the seven days.

my heifer, ye had not found out my
riddle. [19] And the Spirit of the LORD
came upon him, and he went down
to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of
them, and took their spoil, and gave
change of garments unto them which
expounded the riddle. And his anger
was kindled, and he went up to his fa-
ther's house.* [20] But Samson's wife was
given to his companion, whom he had
used as his friend.

15 But it came to pass within a
while after, in the time of wheat har-
vest, that Samson visited his wife with

19. spoil: or, apparel.

a kid; and he said, I will go in to my
wife into the chamber. But her father
would not suffer him to go in. 2 And
her father said, I verily thought that
thou hadst utterly hated her; there-
fore I gave her to thy companion: *is*
not her younger sister fairer than she?
take her, I pray thee, instead of her.*
3 And Samson said concerning them,
Now shall I be more blameless than
the Philistines, though I do them a
displeasure.* 4 And Samson went and
caught three hundred foxes, and took

15.2. take...: Heb. let her be thine.

3. more...: or, blameless from the Philistines though, etc.

firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and
put a firebrand in the midst between
two tails.* 5 And when he had set the
brands on fire, he let *them* go into
the standing corn of the Philistines,
and burnt up both the shocks, and
also the standing corn, with the vine-
yards *and* olives. 6 Then the Philis-
tines said, Who hath done this? And
they answered, Samson, the son in
law of the Timnite, because he had
taken his wife, and given her to his
companion. And the Philistines came
up, and burnt her and her father with
fire. 7 And Samson said unto them,

4. firebrands: or, torches.

Though ye have done this, yet will I
be avenged of you, and after that I will
cease. 8 And he smote them hip and
thigh with a great slaughter: and he
went down and dwelt in the top of
the rock Etam. 9 Then the Philistines
went up, and pitched in Judah, and
spread themselves in Lehi. 10 And the
men of Judah said, Why are ye come
up against us? And they answered, To
bind Samson are we come up, to do
to him as he hath done to us. 11 Then
three thousand men of Judah went to
the top of the rock Etam, and said to
Samson, Knowest thou not that the
Philistines *are* rulers over us? what *is*

this *that* thou hast done unto us? And
he said unto them, As they did unto
me, so have I done unto them.* 12 And
they said unto him, We are come down
to bind thee, that we may deliver thee
into the hand of the Philistines. And
Samson said unto them, Swear unto
me, that ye will not fall upon me your-
selves. 13 And they spake unto him,
saying, No; but we will bind thee
fast, and deliver thee into their hand:
but surely we will not kill thee. And
they bound him with two new cords,
and brought him up from the rock.
14 *And* when he came unto Lehi, the

11. went: Heb. went down.

Philistines shouted against him: and
the Spirit of the LORD came might-
ily upon him, and the cords that *were*
upon his arms became as flax that was
burnt with fire, and his bands loosed
from off his hands.* 15 And he found a
new jawbone of an ass, and put forth
his hand, and took it, and slew a thou-
sand men therewith.* 16 And Samson
said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps
upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have
I slain a thousand men.* 17 And it came
to pass, when he had made an end of

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14. loosed: Heb. were melted.
15. new: Heb. moist.
16. heaps upon...: Heb. an heap, two heaps.

speaking, that he cast away the jaw-
bone out of his hand, and called that
place Ramathlehi.* 18 And he was sore
athirst, and called on the LORD, and
said, Thou hast given this great deliver-
ance into the hand of thy servant: and
now shall I die for thirst, and fall into
the hand of the uncircumcised? 19 But
God clave an hollow place that *was* in
the jaw, and there came water there-
out; and when he had drunk, his spirit
came again, and he revived: wherefore
he called the name thereof Enhakkore,

17. Ramathlehi: that is, the lifting up of the jaw-
bone, or, casting away of the jawbone.

which *is* in Lehi unto this day.* [20] And
he judged Israel in the days of the Phi-
listines twenty years.

16 Then went Samson to Gaza,
and saw there an harlot, and went in
unto her.* [2] *And it was told* the Gazites,
saying, Samson is come hither. And
they compassed *him* in, and laid wait
for him all night in the gate of the
city, and were quiet all the night, say-
ing, In the morning, when it is day,
we shall kill him. [3] And Samson lay
till midnight, and arose at midnight,

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19. Enhakkore: that is, the well of him that called or, cried. the jaw: or, Lehi, as called elsewhere.
16.1. harlot: Heb. a woman an harlot.

and took the doors of the gate of the
city, and the two posts, and went away
with them, bar and all, and put *them*
upon his shoulders, and carried them
up to the top of an hill that *is* before
Hebron.* 4 And it came to pass after-
ward, that he loved a woman in the val-
ley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah.*
5 And the lords of the Philistines came
up unto her, and said unto her, Entice
him, and see wherein his great strength
lieth, and by what *means* we may pre-
vail against him, that we may bind
him to afflict him: and we will give

3. bar...: Heb. with the bar.
4. in...: or, by the brook.

thee every one of us eleven hundred
pieces of silver.* 6 And Delilah said to
Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein
thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith
thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.
7 And Samson said unto her, If they
bind me with seven green withs that
were never dried, then shall I be weak,
and be as another man.* 8 Then the
lords of the Philistines brought up to
her seven green withs which had not
been dried, and she bound him with

5. afflict: or, humble.
7. green...: or, new cords: Heb. moist. another: Heb. one.

them.* 9 Now *there were* men lying in
wait, abiding with her in the cham-
ber. And she said unto him, The Phi-
listines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he
brake the withs, as a thread of tow is
broken when it toucheth the fire. So
his strength was not known.* 10 And
Delilah said unto Samson, Behold,
thou hast mocked me, and told me
lies: now tell me, I pray thee, where-
with thou mightest be bound. 11 And
he said unto her, If they bind me fast
with new ropes that never were occu-
pied, then shall I be weak, and be as an-

8. green...: or, new cords: Heb. moist.
9. toucheth: Heb. smelleth.

other man.* [12] Delilah therefore took
new ropes, and bound him therewith,
and said unto him, The Philistines *be*
upon thee, Samson. And *there were*
liers in wait abiding in the chamber.
And he brake them from off his arms
like a thread. [13] And Delilah said unto
Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked
me, and told me lies: tell me where-
with thou mightest be bound. And
he said unto her, If thou weavest the
seven locks of my head with the web.
[14] And she fastened *it* with the pin, and
said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon

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11. that never...: Heb. wherewith work hath not been done.

thee, Samson. And he awaked out of
his sleep, and went away with the pin
of the beam, and with the web. 15 And
she said unto him, How canst thou
say, I love thee, when thine heart *is*
not with me? thou hast mocked me
these three times, and hast not told me
wherein thy great strength *lieth*. 16 And
it came to pass, when she pressed him
daily with her words, and urged him,
so that his soul was vexed unto death;*
17 That he told her all his heart, and
said unto her, There hath not come
a razor upon mine head; for I *have*
been a Nazarite unto God from my

16. vexed: Heb. shortened.

mother's womb: if I be shaven, then
my strength will go from me, and I
shall become weak, and be like any
other man. 18 And when Delilah saw
that he had told her all his heart, she
sent and called for the lords of the Phi-
listines, saying, Come up this once, for
he hath shewed me all his heart. Then
the lords of the Philistines came up
unto her, and brought money in their
hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon
her knees; and she called for a man,
and she caused him to shave off the
seven locks of his head; and she began
to afflict him, and his strength went
from him. 20 And she said, The Phi-

listines *be* upon thee, Samson. And
he awoke out of his sleep, and said,
I will go out as at other times be-
fore, and shake myself. And he wist
not that the LORD was departed from
him. [21] But the Philistines took him,
and put out his eyes, and brought him
down to Gaza, and bound him with
fetters of brass; and he did grind in the
prison house.* [22] Howbeit the hair of
his head began to grow again after he
was shaven.* [23] Then the lords of the
Philistines gathered them together for
to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon

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21. put out: Heb. bored out.
22. after...: or, as when he was shaven.

their god, and to rejoice: for they said,
Our god hath delivered Samson our
enemy into our hand. [24] And when
the people saw him, they praised their
god: for they said, Our god hath de-
livered into our hands our enemy, and
the destroyer of our country, which
slew many of us.* [25] And it came to
pass, when their hearts were merry,
that they said, Call for Samson, that
he may make us sport. And they called
for Samson out of the prison house;
and he made them sport: and they set
him between the pillars.* [26] And Sam-

24. which...: Heb. and who multiplied our slain.
25. them: Heb. before them.

son said unto the lad that held him by
the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the
pillars whereupon the house standeth,
that I may lean upon them. [27] Now
the house was full of men and wo-
men; and all the lords of the Philis-
tines *were* there; and *there were* upon
the roof about three thousand men
and women, that beheld while Sam-
son made sport. [28] And Samson called
unto the LORD, and said, O Lord
GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and
strengthen me, I pray thee, only this
once, O God, that I may be at once
avenged of the Philistines for my two
eyes. [29] And Samson took hold of

the two middle pillars upon which
the house stood, and on which it was
borne up, of the one with his right
hand, and of the other with his left.*
30 And Samson said, Let me die with
the Philistines. And he bowed him-
self with *all his* might; and the house
fell upon the lords, and upon all the
people that *were* therein. So the dead
which he slew at his death were more
than *they* which he slew in his life.*
31 Then his brethren and all the house
of his father came down, and took
him, and brought *him* up, and buried

29. on which...: or, he leaned on them.
30. me: Heb. my soul.

him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the
buryingplace of Manoah his father.
And he judged Israel twenty years.

17 And there was a man of mount
Ephraim, whose name *was* Micah.
2 And he said unto his mother, The
eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that
were taken from thee, about which
thou cursedst, and spakest of also in
mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with
me; I took it. And his mother said,
Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.
3 And when he had restored the eleven
hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother,
his mother said, I had wholly dedi-

cated the silver unto the LORD from
my hand for my son, to make a graven
image and a molten image: now there-
fore I will restore it unto thee. 4 Yet he
restored the money unto his mother;
and his mother took two hundred
shekels of silver, and gave them to the
founder, who made thereof a graven
image and a molten image: and they
were in the house of Micah. 5 And the
man Micah had an house of gods, and
made an ephod, and teraphim, and
consecrated one of his sons, who be-
came his priest.* 6 In those days *there
was* no king in Israel, *but* every man

17.5. consecrated: Heb. filled the hand.

did *that which was* right in his own
eyes. 7 And there was a young man
out of Bethlehemjudah of the family
of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he
sojourned there. 8 And the man de-
parted out of the city from Bethle-
hemjudah to sojourn where he could
find *a place*: and he came to mount
Ephraim to the house of Micah, as
he journeyed.* 9 And Micah said unto
him, Whence comest thou? And he
said unto him, I *am* a Levite of Bethle-
hemjudah, and I go to sojourn where
I may find *a place*. 10 And Micah said
unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto

8. as he...: Heb. in making his way.

me a father and a priest, and I will give
thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year,
and a suit of apparel, and thy vict-
uals. So the Levite went in.* 11 And
the Levite was content to dwell with
the man; and the young man was unto
him as one of his sons. 12 And Micah
consecrated the Levite; and the young
man became his priest, and was in the
house of Micah. 13 Then said Micah,
Now know I that the LORD will do
me good, seeing I have a Levite to *my*
priest.

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10. a suit...: or, a double suit, etc: Heb. an order of garments.

18 In those days *there was* no king
in Israel: and in those days the tribe
of the Danites sought them an inheri-
tance to dwell in; for unto that day *all*
their inheritance had not fallen unto
them among the tribes of Israel. 2 And
the children of Dan sent of their family
five men from their coasts, men of val-
our, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to
spy out the land, and to search it; and
they said unto them, Go, search the
land: who when they came to mount
Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they
lodged there.* 3 When they *were* by

18.2. men of: Heb. sons of.

the house of Micah, they knew the
voice of the young man the Levite:
and they turned in thither, and said
unto him, Who brought thee hither?
and what makest thou in this *place*?
and what hast thou here? 4 And he
said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth
Micah with me, and hath hired me,
and I am his priest. 5 And they said
unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee,
of God, that we may know whether
our way which we go shall be prosper-
ous. 6 And the priest said unto them,
Go in peace: before the LORD *is* your
way wherein ye go. 7 Then the five
men departed, and came to Laish, and

saw the people that *were* therein, how
they dwelt careless, after the manner of
the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and
there was no magistrate in the land,
that might put *them* to shame in *any*
thing; and they *were* far from the Zi-
donians, and had no business with
any man.* 8 And they came unto their
brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and
their brethren said unto them, What
say ye? 9 And they said, Arise, that we
may go up against them: for we have
seen the land, and, behold, it *is* very
good: and *are* ye still? be not sloth-

7. Laish: called elsewhere, called Leshem. magistrate: Heb. possessor, or, heir of restraints.

ful to go, *and* to enter to possess the
land. [10] When ye go, ye shall come
unto a people secure, and to a large
land: for God hath given it into your
hands; a place where *there is* no want
of any thing that *is* in the earth. [11] And
there went from thence of the fam-
ily of the Danites, out of Zorah and
out of Eshtaol, six hundred men ap-
pointed with weapons of war.* [12] And
they went up, and pitched in Kir-
jathjearim, in Judah: wherefore they
called that place Mahanehdan unto
this day: behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-
jearim. [13] And they passed thence unto

11. appointed: Heb. girded.

mount Ephraim, and came unto the
house of Micah. 14 Then answered the
five men that went to spy out the coun-
try of Laish, and said unto their breth-
ren, Do ye know that there is in these
houses an ephod, and teraphim, and
a graven image, and a molten image?
now therefore consider what ye have
to do. 15 And they turned thitherward,
and came to the house of the young
man the Levite, *even* unto the house
of Micah, and saluted him.* 16 And the
six hundred men appointed with their
weapons of war, which *were* of the
children of Dan, stood by the enter-

15. saluted...: Heb. asked him of peace.

ing of the gate. [17] And the five men
that went to spy out the land went
up, *and* came in thither, *and* took
the graven image, and the ephod, and
the teraphim, and the molten image:
and the priest stood in the entering
of the gate with the six hundred men
that were appointed with weapons of
war. [18] And these went into Micah's
house, and fetched the carved image,
the ephod, and the teraphim, and the
molten image. Then said the priest
unto them, What do ye? [19] And they
said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay
thine hand upon thy mouth, and go
with us, and be to us a father and a

priest: *is it* better for thee to be a
priest unto the house of one man, or
that thou be a priest unto a tribe and
a family in Israel? [20] And the priest's
heart was glad, and he took the ephod,
and the teraphim, and the graven im-
age, and went in the midst of the peo-
ple. [21] So they turned and departed,
and put the little ones and the cattle
and the carriage before them. [22] *And*
when they were a good way from the
house of Micah, the men that *were*
in the houses near to Micah's house
were gathered together, and overtook
the children of Dan. [23] And they
cried unto the children of Dan. And

they turned their faces, and said unto
Micah, What aileth thee, that thou
comest with such a company?* 24 And
he said, Ye have taken away my gods
which I made, and the priest, and ye
are gone away: and what have I more?
and what *is* this *that* ye say unto me,
What aileth thee? 25 And the children
of Dan said unto him, Let not thy
voice be heard among us, lest angry fel-
lows run upon thee, and thou lose thy
life, with the lives of thy household.*
26 And the children of Dan went their
way: and when Micah saw that they

23. comest...: Heb. art gathered together?.
25. angry: Heb. bitter of soul.

were too strong for him, he turned
and went back unto his house. [27] And
they took *the things* which Micah had
made, and the priest which he had,
and came unto Laish, unto a people
that were at quiet and secure: and
they smote them with the edge of the
sword, and burnt the city with fire.
[28] And *there was* no deliverer, because
it *was* far from Zidon, and they had no
business with *any* man; and it was in
the valley that *lieth* by Bethrehob. And
they built a city, and dwelt therein.
[29] And they called the name of the city
Dan, after the name of Dan their fa-
ther, who was born unto Israel: how-

beit the name of the city *was* Laish at
the first. [30] And the children of Dan
set up the graven image: and Jonathan,
the son of Gershom, the son of Man-
asseh, he and his sons were priests to
the tribe of Dan until the day of the
captivity of the land. [31] And they set
them up Micah's graven image, which
he made, all the time that the house of
God was in Shiloh.

19 And it came to pass in those
days, when *there was* no king in Is-
rael, that there was a certain Levite so-
journing on the side of mount Eph-
raim, who took to him a concubine

out of Bethlehemjudah.* 2 And his
concubine played the whore against
him, and went away from him unto
her father's house to Bethlehemjudah,
and was there four whole months.*
3 And her husband arose, and went
after her, to speak friendly unto her,
and to bring her again, having his
servant with him, and a couple of
asses: and she brought him into her
father's house: and when the father
of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to

19.1. a concubine: Heb. a woman a concubine, or, a wife a concubine.

2. four whole months: or, a year and four month: Heb. days, four months.

meet him.* 4 And his father in law, the
damsel's father, retained him; and he
abode with him three days: so they did
eat and drink, and lodged there. 5 And
it came to pass on the fourth day, when
they arose early in the morning, that he
rose up to depart: and the damsel's fa-
ther said unto his son in law, Comfort
thine heart with a morsel of bread, and
afterward go your way.* 6 And they sat
down, and did eat and drink both of
them together: for the damsel's fa-
ther had said unto the man, Be con-
tent, I pray thee, and tarry all night,

3. friendly...: Heb. to her heart.
5. Comfort: Heb. Strengthen.

and let thine heart be merry. 7 And
when the man rose up to depart, his
father in law urged him: therefore he
lodged there again. 8 And he arose
early in the morning on the fifth day
to depart: and the damsel's father said,
Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And
they tarried until afternoon, and they
did eat both of them.* 9 And when
the man rose up to depart, he, and his
concubine, and his servant, his father
in law, the damsel's father, said unto
him, Behold, now the day draweth to-
ward evening, I pray you tarry all night:
behold, the day groweth to an end,

8. until afternoon: Heb. till the day declined.

lodge here, that thine heart may be
merry; and to morrow get you early on
your way, that thou mayest go home.*
10 But the man would not tarry that
night, but he rose up and departed,
and came over against Jebus, which
is Jerusalem; and *there were* with him
two asses saddled, his concubine also
was with him.* 11 *And* when they *were*
by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the
servant said unto his master, Come, I
pray thee, and let us turn in into this

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9. draweth: Heb. is weak. home: Heb. to thy tent. the day groweth to an end: Heb. it is the pitching time of the day.

10. over against: Heb. to over against.

city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.
12 And his master said unto him, We
will not turn aside hither into the city
of a stranger, that *is* not of the children
of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah.
13 And he said unto his servant, Come,
and let us draw near to one of these
places to lodge all night, in Gibeah,
or in Ramah. 14 And they passed on
and went their way; and the sun went
down upon them *when they were* by
Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin.
15 And they turned aside thither, to
go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah: and
when he went in, he sat him down in
a street of the city: for *there was* no

man that took them into his house to
lodging. 16 And, behold, there came
an old man from his work out of the
field at even, which *was* also of mount
Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah:
but the men of the place *were* Ben-
jamites. 17 And when he had lifted up
his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in
the street of the city: and the old man
said, Whither goest thou? and whence
comest thou? 18 And he said unto him,
We *are* passing from Bethlehemjudah
toward the side of mount Ephraim;
from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-
lehemjudah, but I *am now* going to
the house of the LORD; and there *is*

no man that receiveth me to house.*
19 Yet there is both straw and proven-
der for our asses; and there is bread
and wine also for me, and for thy hand-
maid, and for the young man *which is*
with thy servants: *there is* no want of
any thing. 20 And the old man said,
Peace *be* with thee; howsoever *let* all
thy wants *lie* upon me; only lodge not
in the street. 21 So he brought him into
his house, and gave provender unto
the asses: and they washed their feet,
and did eat and drink. 22 *Now* as they
were making their hearts merry, be-
hold, the men of the city, certain sons

18. receiveth: Heb. gathereth.

of Belial, beset the house round about,
and beat at the door, and spake to the
master of the house, the old man, sa-
ing, Bring forth the man that came
into thine house, that we may know
him. [23] And the man, the master of the
house, went out unto them, and said
unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay*, I
pray you, do not *so* wickedly; seeing
that this man is come into mine house,
do not this folly. [24] Behold, *here is* my
daughter a maiden, and his concubine;
them I will bring out now, and hum-
ble ye them, and do with them what
seemeth good unto you: but unto this

man do not so vile a thing.* [25] But the
men would not hearken to him: so the
man took his concubine, and brought
her forth unto them; and they knew
her, and abused her all the night until
the morning: and when the day be-
gan to spring, they let her go. [26] Then
came the woman in the dawning of the
day, and fell down at the door of the
man's house where her lord *was*, till it
was light. [27] And her lord rose up in
the morning, and opened the doors
of the house, and went out to go his
way: and, behold, the woman his con-
cubine was fallen down *at* the door of

24. so vile...: Heb. the matter of this folly.

the house, and her hands *were* upon
the threshold. [28] And he said unto her,
Up, and let us be going. But none an-
swered. Then the man took her *up*
upon an ass, and the man rose up, and
gat him unto his place. [29] And when
he was come into his house, he took
a knife, and laid hold on his concu-
bine, and divided her, *together* with her
bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her
into all the coasts of Israel. [30] And it
was so, that all that saw it said, There
was no such deed done nor seen from
the day that the children of Israel came
up out of the land of Egypt unto this
day: consider of it, take advice, and

speak *your minds*.

20 Then all the children of Israel
went out, and the congregation was
gathered together as one man, from
Dan even to Beersheba, with the land
of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.
2 And the chief of all the people, *even*
of all the tribes of Israel, presented
themselves in the assembly of the peo-
ple of God, four hundred thousand
footmen that drew sword. 3 (Now
the children of Benjamin heard that
the children of Israel were gone up to
Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Is-
rael, Tell *us*, how was this wickedness?

4 And the Levite, the husband of the
woman that was slain, answered and
said, I came into Gibeah that *belongeth*
to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to
lodge.* 5 And the men of Gibeah rose
against me, and beset the house round
about upon me by night, *and* thought
to have slain me: and my concubine
have they forced, that she is dead.*
6 And I took my concubine, and cut
her in pieces, and sent her throughout
all the country of the inheritance of
Israel: for they have committed lewd-
ness and folly in Israel. 7 Behold, ye

20.4. the Levite: Heb. the man the Levite.
5. forced: Heb. humbled.

are all children of Israel; give here your
advice and counsel. 8 And all the peo-
ple arose as one man, saying, We will
not any *of us* go to his tent, neither
will we any *of us* turn into his house.
9 But now this *shall be* the thing which
we will do to Gibeah; *we will go up*
by lot against it; 10 And we will take
ten men of an hundred throughout
all the tribes of Israel, and an hun-
dred of a thousand, and a thousand
out of ten thousand, to fetch victual
for the people, that they may do, when
they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, ac-
cording to all the folly that they have
wrought in Israel. 11 So all the men of

Israel were gathered against the city,
knit together as one man.* [12] And the
tribes of Israel sent men through all
the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What
wickedness *is* this that is done among
you? [13] Now therefore deliver *us* the
men, the children of Belial, which *are*
in Gibeah, that we may put them to
death, and put away evil from Israel.
But the children of Benjamin would
not hearken to the voice of their breth-
ren the children of Israel: [14] But the
children of Benjamin gathered them-
selves together out of the cities unto
Gibeah, to go out to battle against the

11. knit...: Heb. fellows.

children of Israel. [15] And the children
of Benjamin were numbered at that
time out of the cities twenty and six
thousand men that drew sword, be-
side the inhabitants of Gibeah, which
were numbered seven hundred chosen
men. [16] Among all this people *there*
were seven hundred chosen men left-
handed; every one could sling stones
at an hair *breadth*, and not miss. [17] And
the men of Israel, beside Benjamin,
were numbered four hundred thou-
sand men that drew sword: all these
were men of war. [18] And the children of
Israel arose, and went up to the house
of God, and asked counsel of God,

and said, Which of us shall go up first
to the battle against the children of
Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah
shall go up first. [19] And the children
of Israel rose up in the morning, and
encamped against Gibeah. [20] And the
men of Israel went out to battle against
Benjamin; and the men of Israel put
themselves in array to fight against
them at Gibeah. [21] And the children of
Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah,
and destroyed down to the ground of
the Israelites that day twenty and two
thousand men. [22] And the people the
men of Israel encouraged themselves,
and set their battle again in array in

the place where they put themselves
in array the first day. 23 (And the chil-
dren of Israel went up and wept before
the LORD until even, and asked coun-
sel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up
again to battle against the children of
Benjamin my brother? And the LORD
said, Go up against him.) 24 And the
children of Israel came near against the
children of Benjamin the second day.
25 And Benjamin went forth against
them out of Gibeah the second day,
and destroyed down to the ground
of the children of Israel again eigh-
teen thousand men; all these drew the
sword. 26 Then all the children of Israel,

and all the people, went up, and came
unto the house of God, and wept, and
sat there before the LORD, and fasted
that day until even, and offered burnt
offerings and peace offerings before
the LORD. [27] And the children of Is-
rael enquired of the LORD, (for the ark
of the covenant of God *was* there in
those days, [28] And Phinehas, the son of
Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood be-
fore it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet
again go out to battle against the chil-
dren of Benjamin my brother, or shall
I cease? And the LORD said, Go up;
for to morrow I will deliver them into
thine hand. [29] And Israel set liers in

wait round about Gibeah. [30] And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. [31] And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, *and* kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.* [32] And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down be-

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31. to smite...: Heb. to smite of the people wounded as at, etc. the house...: or, Bethel.

fore us, as at the first. But the chil-
dren of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw
them from the city unto the high-
ways. 33 And all the men of Israel rose
up out of their place, and put them-
selves in array at Baaltamar: and the
liers in wait of Israel came forth out of
their places, *even* out of the meadows
of Gibeah. 34 And there came against
Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out
of all Israel, and the battle was sore:
but they knew not that evil *was* near
them. 35 And the LORD smote Ben-
jamin before Israel: and the children
of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites
that day twenty and five thousand and

an hundred men: all these drew the
sword. 36 So the children of Benjamin
saw that they were smitten: for the
men of Israel gave place to the Ben-
jamites, because they trusted unto the
liers in wait which they had set be-
side Gibeah. 37 And the liers in wait
hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and
the liers in wait drew *themselves* along,
and smote all the city with the edge
of the sword.* 38 Now there was an ap-
pointed sign between the men of Is-
rael and the liers in wait, that they
should make a great flame with smoke

37. drew...: or, made a long sound with the trumpet.

rise up out of the city.* 39 And when
the men of Israel retired in the battle,
Benjamin began to smite *and* kill of
the men of Israel about thirty persons:
for they said, Surely they are smitten
down before us, as *in* the first battle.*
40 But when the flame began to arise up
out of the city with a pillar of smoke,
the Benjamites looked behind them,
and, behold, the flame of the city as-
cended up to heaven.* 41 And when the
men of Israel turned again, the men

38. sign: or, time. and: Heb. with. flame: Heb. elevation.
39. to smite...: Heb. to smite the wounded.
40. the flame of: Heb. the whole consumption of.

of Benjamin were amazed: for they
saw that evil was come upon them.*
42 Therefore they turned *their backs* be-
fore the men of Israel unto the way of
the wilderness; but the battle overtook
them; and them which *came* out of
the cities they destroyed in the midst
of them. 43 *Thus* they inclosed the
Benjamites round about, *and* chased
them, *and* trode them down with ease
over against Gibeah toward the sunris-
ing.* 44 And there fell of Benjamin eigh-
teen thousand men; all these *were* men

41. was come...: Heb. touched them.
43. with ease...: or, from Menuchah, etc. over...:
Heb. unto over against.

of valour. 45 And they turned and fled
toward the wilderness unto the rock of
Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in
the highways five thousand men; and
pursued hard after them unto Gidom,
and slew two thousand men of them.
46 So that all which fell that day of Ben-
jamin were twenty and five thousand
men that drew the sword; all these
were men of valour. 47 But six hundred
men turned and fled to the wilderness
unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in
the rock Rimmon four months. 48 And
the men of Israel turned again upon
the children of Benjamin, and smote
them with the edge of the sword, as

well the men of *every* city, as the beast,
and all that came to hand: also they
set on fire all the cities that they came
to.*

21 Now the men of Israel had
sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall
not any of us give his daughter unto
Benjamin to wife. 2 And the people
came to the house of God, and abode
there till even before God, and lifted
up their voices, and wept sore; 3 And
said, O Lord God of Israel, why is
this come to pass in Israel, that there
should be to day one tribe lacking in

48. came to hand: Heb. was found. they came...:
Heb. were found.

Israel? 4 And it came to pass on the
morrow, that the people rose early,
and built there an altar, and offered
burnt offerings and peace offerings.
5 And the children of Israel said, Who
is there among all the tribes of Israel
that came not up with the congrega-
tion unto the LORD? For they had
made a great oath concerning him that
came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh,
saying, He shall surely be put to death.
6 And the children of Israel repented
them for Benjamin their brother, and
said, There is one tribe cut off from
Israel this day. 7 How shall we do
for wives for them that remain, see-

ing we have sworn by the LORD that
we will not give them of our daugh-
ters to wives? 8 And they said, What
one *is there* of the tribes of Israel that
came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD?
And, behold, there came none to the
camp from Jabeshgilead to the assem-
bly. 9 For the people were numbered,
and, behold, *there were* none of the in-
habitants of Jabeshgilead there. 10 And
the congregation sent thither twelve
thousand men of the valiantest, and
commanded them, saying, Go and
smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead
with the edge of the sword, with the
women and the children. 11 And this

is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall
utterly destroy every male, and every
woman that hath lain by man.* 12 And
they found among the inhabitants of
Jabeshgilead four hundred young vir-
gins, that had known no man by lying
with any male: and they brought them
unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in
the land of Canaan.* 13 And the whole
congregation sent *some* to speak to the
children of Benjamin that *were* in the
rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably

21.11. hath lain...: Heb. knoweth the lying with man.

12. young...: Heb. young women virgins.

unto them.* 14 And Benjamin came
again at that time; and they gave them
wives which they had saved alive of
the women of Jabeshgilead: and yet
so they sufficed them not. 15 And the
people repented them for Benjamin,
because that the LORD had made a
breach in the tribes of Israel. 16 Then
the elders of the congregation said,
How shall we do for wives for them
that remain, seeing the women are
destroyed out of Benjamin? 17 And
they said, *There must be* an inheri-
tance for them that be escaped of Ben-

13. to speak...: Heb. and spake and called. call...: or, proclaim peace.

jamin, that a tribe be not destroyed
out of Israel. 18 Howbeit we may not
give them wives of our daughters: for
the children of Israel have sworn, say-
ing, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife
to Benjamin. 19 Then they said, Be-
hold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in
Shiloh yearly *in a place* which *is* on
the north side of Bethel, on the east
side of the highway that goeth up from
Bethel to Shechem, and on the south
of Lebonah.* 20 Therefore they com-
manded the children of Benjamin, say-

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19. yearly: Heb. from year to year. on the east...: or, toward the sunrising. of the highway: or, on the highway.

ing, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;
21 And see, and, behold, if the daugh-
ters of Shiloh come out to dance in
dances, then come ye out of the vine-
yards, and catch you every man his
wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go
to the land of Benjamin. 22 And it shall
be, when their fathers or their breth-
ren come unto us to complain, that
we will say unto them, Be favourable
unto them for our sakes: because we
reserved not to each man his wife in
the war: for ye did not give unto them
at this time, *that* ye should be guilty.*
23 And the children of Benjamin did

22. Be favourable...: or, Gratify us in them.

so, and took *them* wives, according to
their number, of them that danced,
whom they caught: and they went and
returned unto their inheritance, and
repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.
24 And the children of Israel departed
thence at that time, every man to his
tribe and to his family, and they went
out from thence every man to his in-
heritance. 25 In those days *there was* no
king in Israel: every man did *that which*
was right in his own eyes.

THE BOOK OF
RUTH

Now it came to pass in the days
when the judges ruled, that
there was a famine in the
land. And a certain man of Beth-
lehemjudah went to sojourn in the
country of Moab, he, and his wife,
and his two sons.* 2 And the name
of the man *was* Elimelech, and the
name of his wife Naomi, and the name
of his two sons Mahlon and Chil-
ion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah.
And they came into the country of

1.1. ruled: Heb. judged.

Moab, and continued there.* 3 And
Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and
she was left, and her two sons. 4 And
they took them wives of the women of
Moab; the name of the one *was* Or-
pah, and the name of the other Ruth:
and they dwelled there about ten years.
5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also
both of them; and the woman was
left of her two sons and her husband.
6 Then she arose with her daughters in
law, that she might return from the
country of Moab: for she had heard
in the country of Moab how that the
LORD had visited his people in giv-

2. continued: Heb. were.

ing them bread. 7 Wherefore she went
forth out of the place where she was,
and her two daughters in law with
her; and they went on the way to re-
turn unto the land of Judah. 8 And
Naomi said unto her two daughters in
law, Go, return each to her mother's
house: the LORD deal kindly with you,
as ye have dealt with the dead, and
with me. 9 The LORD grant you that
ye may find rest, each *of you* in the
house of her husband. Then she kissed
them; and they lifted up their voice,
and wept. 10 And they said unto her,
Surely we will return with thee unto
thy people. 11 And Naomi said, Turn

again, my daughters: why will ye go
with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons
in my womb, that they may be your
husbands? [12] Turn again, my daugh-
ters, go *your way*; for I am too old
to have an husband. If I should say,
I have hope, *if* I should have an hus-
band also to night, and should also
bear sons;* [13] Would ye tarry for them
till they were grown? would ye stay for
them from having husbands? nay, my
daughters; for it grieveth me much for
your sakes that the hand of the LORD
is gone out against me.* [14] And they

12. should have...: or were with an husband.
13. tarry: Heb. hope. it grieveth...: Heb. I have

lifted up their voice, and wept again:
and Orpah kissed her mother in law;
but Ruth clave unto her. [15] And she
said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone
back unto her people, and unto her
gods: return thou after thy sister in
law. [16] And Ruth said, Intreat me not
to leave thee, *or* to return from follow-
ing after thee: for whither thou goest,
I will go; and where thou lodgest, I
will lodge: thy people *shall be* my peo-
ple, and thy God my God:* [17] Where
thou diest, will I die, and there will
I be buried: the LORD do so to me,

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much bitterness.

16. Intreat...: or, Be not against me.

and more also, *if ought* but death part
thee and me. 18 When she saw that
she was stedfastly minded to go with
her, then she left speaking unto her.*
19 So they two went until they came to
Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when
they were come to Bethlehem, that all
the city was moved about them, and
they said, *Is* this Naomi? 20 And she
said unto them, Call me not Naomi,
call me Mara: for the Almighty hath
dealt very bitterly with me.* 21 I went
out full, and the LORD hath brought
me home again empty: why *then* call

18. was...: Heb. strengthened herself.
20. Naomi: that is, Pleasant. Mara: that is, Bitter.

ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath
testified against me, and the Almighty
hath afflicted me? 22 So Naomi re-
turned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her
daughter in law, with her, which re-
turned out of the country of Moab:
and they came to Bethlehem in the be-
ginning of barley harvest.

2 And Naomi had a kinsman
of her husband's, a mighty man of
wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and
his name *was* Boaz.* 2 And Ruth the
Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me
now go to the field, and glean ears of

2.1. Boaz: Gr. Booz.

corn after *him* in whose sight I shall
find grace. And she said unto her, Go,
my daughter. 3 And she went, and
came, and gleaned in the field after the
reapers: and her hap was to light on a
part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz,
who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.*
4 And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-
lehem, and said unto the reapers, The
LORD *be* with you. And they answered
him, The LORD bless thee. 5 Then
said Boaz unto his servant that was
set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is*
this? 6 And the servant that was set
over the reapers answered and said,

3. hap...: Heb. hap happened.

It *is* the Moabitish damsel that came
back with Naomi out of the country
of Moab: 7 And she said, I pray you, let
me glean and gather after the reapers
among the sheaves: so she came, and
hath continued even from the morn-
ing until now, that she tarried a little
in the house. 8 Then said Boaz unto
Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daugh-
ter? Go not to glean in another field,
neither go from hence, but abide here
fast by my maidens: 9 *Let* thine eyes *be*
on the field that they do reap, and go
thou after them: have I not charged
the young men that they shall not
touch thee? and when thou art athirst,

go unto the vessels, and drink of *that*
which the young men have drawn.
10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed
herself to the ground, and said unto
him, Why have I found grace in thine
eyes, that thou shouldest take knowl-
edge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger?
11 And Boaz answered and said unto
her, It hath fully been shewed me, all
that thou hast done unto thy mother
in law since the death of thine hus-
band: and *how* thou hast left thy fa-
ther and thy mother, and the land
of thy nativity, and art come unto a
people which thou knewest not here-
tofore. 12 The LORD recompense thy

work, and a full reward be given thee
of the LORD God of Israel, under
whose wings thou art come to trust.
13 Then she said, Let me find favour
in thy sight, my lord; for that thou
hast comforted me, and for that thou
hast spoken friendly unto thine hand-
maid, though I be not like unto one
of thine handmaidens.* 14 And Boaz
said unto her, At mealtime come thou
hither, and eat of the bread, and dip
thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat
beside the reapers: and he reached her
parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was
sufficed, and left. 15 And when she was

13. Let me...: or, I find. friendly: Heb. to the heart.

risen up to glean, Boaz commanded
his young men, saying, Let her glean
even among the sheaves, and reproach
her not:* 16 And let fall also *some* of
the handfuls of purpose for her, and
leave *them*, that she may glean *them*,
and rebuke her not. 17 So she gleaned
in the field until even, and beat out
that she had gleaned: and it was about
an ephah of barley. 18 And she took
it up, and went into the city: and
her mother in law saw what she had
gleaned: and she brought forth, and
gave to her that she had reserved af-
ter she was sufficed. 19 And her mother

15. reproach...: Heb. shame her not.

in law said unto her, Where hast thou
gleaned to day? and where wrought-
est thou? blessed be he that did take
knowledge of thee. And she shewed
her mother in law with whom she had
wrought, and said, The man's name
with whom I wrought to day *is* Boaz.
20 And Naomi said unto her daughter
in law, Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who
hath not left off his kindness to the liv-
ing and to the dead. And Naomi said
unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto
us, one of our next kinsmen.* 21 And
Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto
me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my

20. one of...: or, one that hath right to redeem.

young men, until they have ended all
my harvest. 22 And Naomi said unto
Ruth her daughter in law, *It is* good,
my daughter, that thou go out with
his maidens, that they meet thee not
in any other field.* 23 So she kept fast
by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto
the end of barley harvest and of wheat
harvest; and dwelt with her mother in
law.

3 Then Naomi her mother in law
said unto her, My daughter, shall I not
seek rest for thee, that it may be well
with thee? 2 And now *is* not Boaz

22. meet...: or, fall upon thee.

of our kindred, with whose maidens
thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth
barley to night in the threshingfloor.
3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint
thee, and put thy raiment upon thee,
and get thee down to the floor: *but*
make not thyself known unto the man,
until he shall have done eating and
drinking. 4 And it shall be, when he
lieth down, that thou shalt mark the
place where he shall lie, and thou shalt
go in, and uncover his feet, and lay
thee down; and he will tell thee what
thou shalt do.* 5 And she said unto
her, All that thou sayest unto me I

3.4. uncover: or, lift up the clothes that are on.

will do. 6 And she went down unto
the floor, and did according to all that
her mother in law bade her. 7 And
when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and
his heart was merry, he went to lie
down at the end of the heap of corn:
and she came softly, and uncovered his
feet, and laid her down. 8 And it came
to pass at midnight, that the man was
afraid, and turned himself: and, be-
hold, a woman lay at his feet.* 9 And
he said, Who *art* thou? And she an-
swered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid:
spread therefore thy skirt over thine
handmaid; for thou *art* a near kins-

8. turned: or, took hold on.

man.* [10] And he said, Blessed *be* thou
of the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou
hast shewed more kindness in the lat-
ter end than at the beginning, inas-
much as thou followedst not young
men, whether poor or rich. [11] And
now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to
thee all that thou requirest: for all the
city of my people doth know that thou
art a virtuous woman.* [12] And now it is
true that I *am thy* near kinsman: how-
beit there is a kinsman nearer than I.
[13] Tarry this night, and it shall be in the
morning, *that* if he will perform unto

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9. a near...: or, one that hath right to redeem.
11. city: Heb. gate.

thee the part of a kinsman, well; let
him do the kinsman's part: but if he
will not do the part of a kinsman to
thee, then will I do the part of a kins-
man to thee, *as* the LORD liveth: lie
down until the morning. 14 And she
lay at his feet until the morning: and
she rose up before one could know
another. And he said, Let it not be
known that a woman came into the
floor. 15 Also he said, Bring the vail
that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it.
And when she held it, he measured
six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on
her: and she went into the city.* 16 And

15. vail: or, sheet, or, apron.

when she came to her mother in law,
she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter?
And she told her all that the man had
done to her. [17] And she said, These six
measures of barley gave he me; for he
said to me, Go not empty unto thy
mother in law. [18] Then said she, Sit still,
my daughter, until thou know how the
matter will fall: for the man will not be
in rest, until he have finished the thing
this day.

4 Then went Boaz up to the gate,
and sat him down there: and, behold,
the kinsman of whom Boaz spake
came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such

a one! turn aside, sit down here. And
he turned aside, and sat down. [2] And
he took ten men of the elders of the
city, and said, Sit ye down here. And
they sat down. [3] And he said unto the
kinsman, Naomi, that is come again
out of the country of Moab, selleth a
parcel of land, which *was* our brother
Elimelech's: [4] And I thought to ad-
vertise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the
inhabitants, and before the elders of
my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, re-
deem *it*: but if thou wilt not redeem
it, then tell me, that I may know: for
there is none to redeem *it* beside thee;
and I *am* after thee. And he said, I will

redeem *it*.* 5 Then said Boaz, What
day thou buyest the field of the hand
of Naomi, thou must buy *it* also of
Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the
dead, to raise up the name of the dead
upon his inheritance. 6 And the kins-
man said, I cannot redeem *it* for my-
self, lest I mar mine own inheritance:
redeem thou my right to thyself; for
I cannot redeem *it*. 7 Now this *was*
the manner in former time in Israel
concerning redeeming and concern-
ing changing, for to confirm all things;
a man plucked off his shoe, and gave

4.4. I thought...: Heb. I said, I will reveal in thine ear.

it to his neighbour: and this *was* a
testimony in Israel. 8 Therefore the
kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy *it* for
thee. So he drew off his shoe. 9 And
Boaz said unto the elders, and *unto*
all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this
day, that I have bought all that *was*
Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's
and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.
10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the
wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to
be my wife, to raise up the name of
the dead upon his inheritance, that
the name of the dead be not cut off
from among his brethren, and from
the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses

this day. [11] And all the people that
were in the gate, and the elders, said,
We are witnesses. The LORD make
the woman that is come into thine
house like Rachel and like Leah, which
two did build the house of Israel: and
do thou worthily in Ephratah, and
be famous in Bethlehem:* [12] And let
thy house be like the house of Pharez,
whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the
seed which the LORD shall give thee
of this young woman. [13] So Boaz took
Ruth, and she was his wife: and when
he went in unto her, the LORD gave

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11. do thou...: or, get thee riches, or, power. be famous: Heb. proclaim thy name.

her conception, and she bare a son.
14 And the women said unto Naomi,
Blessed *be* the LORD, which hath not
left thee this day without a kinsman,
that his name may be famous in Is-
rael.* 15 And he shall be unto thee a
restorer of *thy* life, and a nourisher of
thine old age: for thy daughter in law,
which loveth thee, which is better to
thee than seven sons, hath born him.*
16 And Naomi took the child, and laid
it in her bosom, and became nurse

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14. left...: Heb. caused to cease unto thee. kinsman: or, redeemer.

15. a nourisher of: Heb. to nourish. thine...: Heb. thy gray hairs.

unto it. [17] And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David. [18] Now these *are* the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, [19] And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, [20] And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,* [21] And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, [22] And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

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20. Salmon: or, Salmah.

THE FIRST
BOOK OF SAMUEL,
OTHERWISE CALLED,
THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

Now there was a certain man
of Ramathaimzophim, of
mount Ephraim, and his
name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jero-
ham, the son of Elihu, the son of
Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:
2 And he had two wives; the name of
the one *was* Hannah, and the name
of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah
had children, but Hannah had no chil-
dren. 3 And this man went up out of

his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh.
And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and
Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were*
there.* 4 And when the time was that
Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah
his wife, and to all her sons and her
daughters, portions: 5 But unto Han-
nah he gave a worthy portion; for he
loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut
up her womb.* 6 And her adversary
also provoked her sore, for to make
her fret, because the LORD had shut

1.3. yearly: Heb. from year to year.
5. worthy: or, double.

up her womb.* 7 And *as* he did so
year by year, when she went up to the
house of the LORD, so she provoked
her; therefore she wept, and did not
eat.* 8 Then said Elkanah her husband
to her, Hannah, why weepest thou?
and why eatest thou not? and why
is thy heart grieved? *am* not I better
to thee than ten sons? 9 So Hannah
rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh,
and after they had drunk. Now Eli
the priest sat upon a seat by a post of
the temple of the LORD. 10 And she

6. provoked: Heb. angered.
7. when...: or, from the time that she, etc: Heb. from her going up.

was in bitterness of soul, and prayed
unto the LORD, and wept sore.* 11 And
she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD
of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on
the affliction of thine handmaid, and
remember me, and not forget thine
handmaid, but wilt give unto thine
handmaid a man child, then I will
give him unto the LORD all the days
of his life, and there shall no razor
come upon his head.* 12 And it came
to pass, as she continued praying be-
fore the LORD, that Eli marked her

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10. in...: Heb. bitter of soul.

11. a man...: Heb. seed of men.

mouth.* 13 Now Hannah, she spake in
her heart; only her lips moved, but
her voice was not heard: therefore
Eli thought she had been drunken.
14 And Eli said unto her, How long
wilt thou be drunken? put away thy
wine from thee. 15 And Hannah an-
swered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a
woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have
drunk neither wine nor strong drink,
but have poured out my soul before
the LORD.* 16 Count not thine hand-
maid for a daughter of Belial: for out
of the abundance of my complaint and

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12. continued...: Heb. multiplied to pray.
15. of a sorrowful...: Heb. hard of spirit.

grief have I spoken hitherto.* [17] Then
Eli answered and said, Go in peace:
and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy
petition that thou hast asked of him.
[18] And she said, Let thine handmaid
find grace in thy sight. So the wo-
man went her way, and did eat, and her
countenance was no more *sad*. [19] And
they rose up in the morning early, and
worshipped before the LORD, and re-
turned, and came to their house to
Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah
his wife; and the LORD remembered
her. [20] Wherefore it came to pass, when
the time was come about after Han-

16. complaint: or, meditation.

nah had conceived, that she bare a
son, and called his name Samuel, *say-*
ing, Because I have asked him of the
LORD.* [21] And the man Elkanah, and
all his house, went up to offer unto the
LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.
[22] But Hannah went not up; for she said
unto her husband, *I will not go up* un-
til the child be weaned, and *then* I will
bring him, that he may appear before
the LORD, and there abide for ever.
[23] And Elkanah her husband said unto
her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry
until thou have weaned him; only the

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20. when...: Heb. in revolution of days. Samuel: that is, Asked of God.

LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. [24] And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young. [25] And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli. [26] And she said, Oh my lord, *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. [27] For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: [28] Therefore also I have

lent him to the LORD; as long as he
liveth he shall be lent to the LORD.
And he worshipped the LORD there.*

2 And Hannah prayed, and said,
My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine
horn is exalted in the LORD: my
mouth is enlarged over mine ene-
mies; because I rejoice in thy salva-
tion. 2 *There is* none holy as the LORD:
for *there is* none beside thee: neither
is there any rock like our God. 3 Talk
no more so exceeding proudly; let *not*
arrogancy come out of your mouth:

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28. lent him: or, returned him, whom I have obtained by petition. he shall...: or, he whom I have obtained by petition shall be returned.

for the LORD *is* a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.* 4 The
bows of the mighty men *are* broken,
and they that stumbled are girded with
strength. 5 *They that were* full have
hired out themselves for bread; and
they that were hungry ceased: so that
the barren hath born seven; and she
that hath many children is waxed fee-
ble. 6 The LORD killeth, and maketh
alive: he bringeth down to the grave,
and bringeth up. 7 The LORD maketh
poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth
low, and lifteth up. 8 He raiseth up the
poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the

2.3. arrogancy: Heb. hard.

beggar from the dunghill, to set *them*
among princes, and to make them in-
herit the throne of glory: for the pil-
lars of the earth *are* the LORD'S, and he
hath set the world upon them. 9 He
will keep the feet of his saints, and the
wicked shall be silent in darkness; for
by strength shall no man prevail. 10 The
adversaries of the LORD shall be bro-
ken to pieces; out of heaven shall he
thunder upon them: the LORD shall
judge the ends of the earth; and he
shall give strength unto his king, and
exalt the horn of his anointed. 11 And
Elkanah went to Ramah to his house.
And the child did minister unto the

LORD before Eli the priest. [12] Now
the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial;
they knew not the LORD. [13] And the
priests' custom with the people *was,*
that, when any man offered sacrifice,
the priest's servant came, while the
flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook
of three teeth in his hand; [14] And he
struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or cal-
dron, or pot; all that the fleshhook
brought up the priest took for him-
self. So they did in Shiloh unto all the
Israelites that came thither. [15] Also be-
fore they burnt the fat, the priest's ser-
vant came, and said to the man that
sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the

priest; for he will not have sodden flesh
of thee, but raw. 16 And *if* any man said
unto him, Let them not fail to burn
the fat presently, and *then* take *as much*
as thy soul desireth; then he would an-
swer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give
it me now: and if not, I will take *it*
by force.* 17 Wherefore the sin of the
young men was very great before the
LORD: for men abhorred the offer-
ing of the LORD. 18 But Samuel min-
istered before the LORD, *being* a child,
girded with a linen ephod. 19 Moreover
his mother made him a little coat, and
brought *it* to him from year to year,

16. presently: Heb. as on the day.

when she came up with her husband
to offer the yearly sacrifice. [20] And
Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and
said, The LORD give thee seed of this
woman for the loan which is lent to
the LORD. And they went unto their
own home.* [21] And the LORD visited
Hannah, so that she conceived, and
bare three sons and two daughters.
And the child Samuel grew before the
LORD. [22] Now Eli was very old, and
heard all that his sons did unto all Is-
rael; and how they lay with the wo-
men that assembled *at* the door of

20. loan...: or, petition which she asked, etc.

the tabernacle of the congregation.*
23 And he said unto them, Why do ye
such things? for I hear of your evil
dealings by all this people.* 24 Nay, my
sons; for *it is* no good report that I
hear: ye make the LORD's people to
transgress.* 25 If one man sin against an-
other, the judge shall judge him: but if
a man sin against the LORD, who shall
intreat for him? Notwithstanding
they hearkened not unto the voice of
their father, because the LORD would
slay them. 26 And the child Samuel

22. assembled: Heb. assembled by troops.
23. of your...: or, evil words of you.
24. transgress: or, cry out.

grew on, and was in favour both with
the LORD, and also with men. [27] And
there came a man of God unto Eli, and
said unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
Did I plainly appear unto the house of
thy father, when they were in Egypt in
Pharaoh's house? [28] And did I choose
him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be*
my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to
burn incense, to wear an ephod before
me? and did I give unto the house
of thy father all the offerings made by
fire of the children of Israel? [29] Where-
fore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine
offering, which I have commanded *in*
my habitation; and honourest thy sons

above me, to make yourselves fat with
the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel
my people? [30] Wherefore the LORD
God of Israel saith, I said indeed *that*
thy house, and the house of thy fa-
ther, should walk before me for ever:
but now the LORD saith, Be it far
from me; for them that honour me
I will honour, and they that despise
me shall be lightly esteemed. [31] Be-
hold, the days come, that I will cut off
thine arm, and the arm of thy father's
house, that there shall not be an old
man in thine house. [32] And thou shalt
see an enemy *in my* habitation, in all
the wealth which *God* shall give Israel:

and there shall not be an old man in
thine house for ever.* 33 And the man
of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from
mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine
eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and
all the increase of thine house shall
die in the flower of their age.* 34 And
this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall
come upon thy two sons, on Hophni
and Phinehas; in one day they shall die
both of them. 35 And I will raise me up
a faithful priest, *that* shall do accord-

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32. an enemy...: or, the affliction of the tabernacle, for all the wealth which God would have given Israel.

33. in the flower...: Heb. men.

ing to *that* which *is* in mine heart and
in my mind: and I will build him a sure
house; and he shall walk before mine
anointed for ever. [36] And it shall come
to pass, *that* every one that is left in
thine house shall come *and* crouch to
him for a piece of silver and a morsel
of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray
thee, into one of the priests' offices,
that I may eat a piece of bread.*

3 And the child Samuel minis-
tered unto the LORD before Eli. And
the word of the LORD was precious

36. Put: Heb. Join. one of...: of, somewhat about the priesthood.

in those days; *there was* no open vi-
sion. [2] And it came to pass at that
time, when Eli *was* laid down in his
place, and his eyes began to wax dim,
that he could not see; [3] And ere the
lamp of God went out in the tem-
ple of the LORD, where the ark of
God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to*
sleep; [4] That the LORD called Samuel:
and he answered, Here *am* I. [5] And
he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I;
for thou calledst me. And he said, I
called not; lie down again. And he
went and lay down. [6] And the LORD
called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel
arose and went to Eli, and said, Here

am I; for thou didst call me. And
he answered, I called not, my son; lie
down again. 7 Now Samuel did not
yet know the LORD, neither was the
word of the LORD yet revealed unto
him.* 8 And the LORD called Samuel
again the third time. And he arose and
went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for
thou didst call me. And Eli perceived
that the LORD had called the child.
9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go,
lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee,
that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for

3.7. Now...: or, Thus did Samuel before he knew the LORD, and before the word of the LORD was revealed unto him.

thy servant heareth. So Samuel went
and lay down in his place. 10 And the
LORD came, and stood, and called as
at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then
Samuel answered, Speak; for thy ser-
vant heareth. 11 And the LORD said to
Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in
Israel, at which both the ears of every
one that heareth it shall tingle. 12 In
that day I will perform against Eli all
things which I have spoken concern-
ing his house: when I begin, I will also
make an end.* 13 For I have told him
that I will judge his house for ever for
the iniquity which he knoweth; be-

12. when...: Heb. beginning and ending.

cause his sons made themselves vile,
and he restrained them not.* [14] And
therefore I have sworn unto the house
of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house
shall not be purged with sacrifice nor
offering for ever. [15] And Samuel lay un-
til the morning, and opened the doors
of the house of the LORD. And Samuel
feared to shew Eli the vision. [16] Then
Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel,
my son. And he answered, Here *am* I.
[17] And he said, What *is* the thing that
the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray
thee hide *it* not from me: God do so

13. For I...: or, And I will tell him. vile: or, accursed. restrained...: Heb. frowned not upon them.

to thee, and more also, if thou hide
any thing from me of all the things
that he said unto thee.* [18] And Samuel
told him every whit, and hid noth-
ing from him. And he said, It *is* the
LORD: let him do what seemeth him
good.* [19] And Samuel grew, and the
LORD was with him, and did let none
of his words fall to the ground. [20] And
all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba
knew that Samuel *was* established *to
be* a prophet of the LORD.* [21] And the
LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for

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17. more also: so add. thing from: or, word from.
18. every...: Heb. all the things, or, words.
20. established: or, faithful.

the LORD revealed himself to Samuel
in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

4 And the word of Samuel came to
all Israel. Now Israel went out against
the Philistines to battle, and pitched
beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines
pitched in Aphek.* 2 And the Philis-
tines put themselves in array against
Israel: and when they joined battle,
Israel was smitten before the Philis-
tines: and they slew of the army in the
field about four thousand men.* 3 And
when the people were come into the

4.1. came: or, came to pass.
2. they joined...: Heb. the battle was spread. army:
Heb. array.

camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.* 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth *between* the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the

3. fetch: Heb. take unto us.

camp, all Israel shouted with a great
shout, so that the earth rang again.
6 And when the Philistines heard the
noise of the shout, they said, What
meaneth the noise of this great shout in
the camp of the Hebrews? And they
understood that the ark of the LORD
was come into the camp. 7 And the
Philistines were afraid, for they said,
God is come into the camp. And they
said, Woe unto us! for there hath not
been such a thing heretofore.* 8 Woe
unto us! who shall deliver us out of
the hand of these mighty Gods? these
are the Gods that smote the Egyp-

7. heretofore: Heb. yesterday, or, the third day.

tians with all the plagues in the wilder-
ness. 9 Be strong, and quit yourselves
like men, O ye Philistines, that ye
be not servants unto the Hebrews, as
they have been to you: quit yourselves
like men, and fight.* 10 And the Phi-
listines fought, and Israel was smitten,
and they fled every man into his tent:
and there was a very great slaughter;
for there fell of Israel thirty thousand
footmen. 11 And the ark of God was
taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni
and Phinehas, were slain.* 12 And there
ran a man of Benjamin out of the army,

9. quit...: Heb. be men.
11. were slain: Heb. died.

and came to Shiloh the same day with
his clothes rent, and with earth upon
his head. 13 And when he came, lo, Eli
sat upon a seat by the wayside watch-
ing: for his heart trembled for the ark
of God. And when the man came into
the city, and told *it*, all the city cried
out. 14 And when Eli heard the noise
of the crying, he said, What *meaneth*
the noise of this tumult? And the man
came in hastily, and told Eli. 15 Now
Eli was ninety and eight years old; and
his eyes were dim, that he could not
see.* 16 And the man said unto Eli, I *am*
he that came out of the army, and I fled

15. were dim: Heb. stood.

to day out of the army. And he said,
What is there done, my son?* 17 And
the messenger answered and said, Is-
rael is fled before the Philistines, and
there hath been also a great slaughter
among the people, and thy two sons
also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead,
and the ark of God is taken. 18 And it
came to pass, when he made mention
of the ark of God, that he fell from
off the seat backward by the side of
the gate, and his neck brake, and he
died: for he was an old man, and heavy.
And he had judged Israel forty years.
19 And his daughter in law, Phinehas'

16. is...: Heb. is the thing.

wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings
that the ark of God was taken, and that
her father in law and her husband were
dead, she bowed herself and travailed;
for her pains came upon her.* [20] And
about the time of her death the wo-
men that stood by her said unto her,
Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But
she answered not, neither did she re-
gard *it*.* [21] And she named the child
Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed
from Israel: because the ark of God

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19. be delivered: or, cry out. came: Heb. were turned.

20. neither...: Heb. set not her heart.

was taken, and because of her father in
law and her husband.* 22 And she said,
The glory is departed from Israel: for
the ark of God is taken.

5 And the Philistines took the ark
of God, and brought it from Ebenezer
unto Ashdod. 2 When the Philistines
took the ark of God, they brought
it into the house of Dagon, and set
it by Dagon. 3 And when they of
Ashdod arose early on the morrow,
behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his
face to the earth before the ark of the
LORD. And they took Dagon, and set

21. Ichabod: that is, Where is the glory? or, There is no glory.

him in his place again. 4 And when
they arose early on the morrow morn-
ing, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his
face to the ground before the ark of
the LORD; and the head of Dagon and
both the palms of his hands *were* cut
off upon the threshold; only *the stump
of* Dagon was left to him.* 5 Therefore
neither the priests of Dagon, nor any
that come into Dagon's house, tread
on the threshold of Dagon in Ash-
dod unto this day. 6 But the hand
of the LORD was heavy upon them of
Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and
smote them with emerods, *even* Ash-

5.4. the stump...: or, the fishy part.

dod and the coasts thereof. 7 And
when the men of Ashdod saw that *it*
was so, they said, The ark of the God
of Israel shall not abide with us: for his
hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon
our god. 8 They sent therefore and
gathered all the lords of the Philistines
unto them, and said, What shall we do
with the ark of the God of Israel? And
they answered, Let the ark of the God
of Israel be carried about unto Gath.
And they carried the ark of the God
of Israel about *thither*. 9 And it was *so*,
that, after they had carried it about,
the hand of the LORD was against the
city with a very great destruction: and

he smote the men of the city, both
small and great, and they had emerods
in their secret parts. 10 Therefore they
sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it
came to pass, as the ark of God came
to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out,
saying, They have brought about the
ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay
us and our people.* 11 So they sent and
gathered together all the lords of the
Philistines, and said, Send away the
ark of the God of Israel, and let it go
again to his own place, that it slay us
not, and our people: for there was a
deadly destruction throughout all the

10. us, to...: Heb. me to slay me and my.

city; the hand of God was very heavy
there.* 12 And the men that died not
were smitten with the emerods: and
the cry of the city went up to heaven.

6 And the ark of the LORD was
in the country of the Philistines seven
months. 2 And the Philistines called
for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of
the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall
send it to his place. 3 And they said,
If ye send away the ark of the God
of Israel, send it not empty; but in
any wise return him a trespass offer-

11. us not...: Heb. me not, and my.

ing: then ye shall be healed, and it
shall be known to you why his hand
is not removed from you. 4 Then said
they, What *shall be* the trespass of-
fering which we shall return to him?
They answered, Five golden emerods,
and five golden mice, *according to* the
number of the lords of the Philistines:
for one plague *was* on you all, and on
your lords.* 5 Wherefore ye shall make
images of your emerods, and images of
your mice that mar the land; and ye
shall give glory unto the God of Israel:
peradventure he will lighten his hand
from off you, and from off your gods,

6.4. you: Heb. them.

and from off your land. 6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as
the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened
their hearts? when he had wrought
wonderfully among them, did they
not let the people go, and they de-
parted?* 7 Now therefore make a new
cart, and take two milch kine, on
which there hath come no yoke, and
tie the kine to the cart, and bring their
calves home from them: 8 And take
the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon
the cart; and put the jewels of gold,
which ye return him *for* a trespass of-

6. wonderfully: or, reproachfully. the people: Heb. them.

fering, in a coffer by the side thereof;
and send it away, that it may go. 9 And
see, if it goeth up by the way of his
own coast to Bethshemesh, *then* he
hath done us this great evil: but if not,
then we shall know that *it is* not his
hand *that* smote us: it *was* a chance
that happened to us. 10 And the men
did so; and took two milch kine, and
tied them to the cart, and shut up their
calves at home: 11 And they laid the
ark of the LORD upon the cart, and
the coffer with the mice of gold and
the images of their emerods. 12 And
the kine took the straight way to the
way of Bethshemesh, *and* went along

the highway, lowing as they went, and
turned not aside *to* the right hand or
to the left; and the lords of the Phi-
listines went after them unto the bor-
der of Bethshemesh. 13 And *they of*
Bethshemesh *were* reaping their wheat
harvest in the valley: and they lifted
up their eyes, and saw the ark, and re-
joiced to see *it*. 14 And the cart came
into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite,
and stood there, where *there was* a
great stone: and they clave the wood
of the cart, and offered the kine a
burnt offering unto the LORD. 15 And
the Levites took down the ark of the
LORD, and the coffer that *was* with

it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*,
and put *them* on the great stone: and
the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt
offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the
same day unto the LORD. [16] And
when the five lords of the Philistines
had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron
the same day. [17] And these *are* the
golden emerods which the Philistines
returned *for* a trespass offering unto
the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza
one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for
Ekron one; [18] And the golden mice, *ac-
cording to* the number of all the cities
of the Philistines *belonging* to the five
lords, *both* of fenced cities, and of

country villages, even unto the great
stone of Abel, whereon they set down
the ark of the LORD: *which stone re-*
maineth unto this day in the field of
Joshua, the Bethshemite.* [19] And he
smote the men of Bethshemesh, be-
cause they had looked into the ark of
the LORD, even he smote of the peo-
ple fifty thousand and threescore and
ten men: and the people lamented,
because the LORD had smitten *many*
of the people with a great slaughter.
[20] And the men of Bethshemesh said,
Who is able to stand before this holy
LORD God? and to whom shall he

18. great...: or, great stone.

go up from us? [21] And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjathjearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

7 And the men of Kirjathjearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD. [2] And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. [3] And

Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. 5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. 6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there,

We have sinned against the LORD.
And Samuel judged the children of Is-
rael in Mizpeh. 7 And when the Philis-
tines heard that the children of Israel
were gathered together to Mizpeh, the
lords of the Philistines went up against
Israel. And when the children of Israel
heard *it*, they were afraid of the Phi-
listines. 8 And the children of Israel
said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto
the LORD our God for us, that he will
save us out of the hand of the Philis-
tines.* 9 And Samuel took a sucking
lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt offering

7.8. Cease...: Heb. Be not silent from us from crying.

wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel
cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the
LORD heard him.* 10 And as Samuel
was offering up the burnt offering, the
Philistines drew near to battle against
Israel: but the LORD thundered with
a great thunder on that day upon the
Philistines, and discomfited them; and
they were smitten before Israel. 11 And
the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh,
and pursued the Philistines, and smote
them, until *they came* under Bethcar.
12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it*
between Mizpeh and Shen, and called
the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hith-

9. heard: or, answered.

erto hath the LORD helped us.* [13] So
the Philistines were subdued, and they
came no more into the coast of Is-
rael: and the hand of the LORD was
against the Philistines all the days of
Samuel. [14] And the cities which the
Philistines had taken from Israel were
restored to Israel, from Ekron even
unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did
Israel deliver out of the hands of the
Philistines. And there was peace be-
tween Israel and the Amorites. [15] And
Samuel judged Israel all the days of
his life. [16] And he went from year to
year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal,

12. Ebenezer: that is, The stone of help.

and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all
those places.* 17 And his return *was* to
Ramah; for there *was* his house; and
there he judged Israel; and there he
built an altar unto the LORD.

8 And it came to pass, when
Samuel was old, that he made his sons
judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of
his firstborn was Joel; and the name
of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges
in Beersheba. 3 And his sons walked
not in his ways, but turned aside after
lucre, and took bribes, and perverted
judgment. 4 Then all the elders of Is-

16. in circuit: Heb. and he circuited.

rael gathered themselves together, and
came to Samuel unto Ramah, 5 And
said unto him, Behold, thou art old,
and thy sons walk not in thy ways:
now make us a king to judge us like all
the nations. 6 But the thing displeased
Samuel, when they said, Give us a king
to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto
the LORD.* 7 And the LORD said unto
Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the
people in all that they say unto thee:
for they have not rejected thee, but
they have rejected me, that I should
not reign over them. 8 According to
all the works which they have done

8.6. displeased: Heb. as evil in the eyes of.

since the day that I brought them
up out of Egypt even unto this day,
wherewith they have forsaken me, and
served other gods, so do they also
unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken
unto their voice: howbeit yet protest
solemnly unto them, and shew them
the manner of the king that shall reign
over them.* 10 And Samuel told all the
words of the LORD unto the people
that asked of him a king. 11 And he
said, This will be the manner of the
king that shall reign over you: He will

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9. hearken...: or, obey. howbeit...: or, not withstanding when thou hast solemnly protested against them then thou shalt.

take your sons, and appoint *them* for
himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his
horsemen; and *some* shall run before
his chariots. [12] And he will appoint
him captains over thousands, and cap-
tains over fifties; and *will set them* to
ear his ground, and to reap his har-
vest, and to make his instruments of
war, and instruments of his chariots.
[13] And he will take your daughters *to be*
confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and
to be bakers. [14] And he will take your
fields, and your vineyards, and your
oliveyards, *even* the best *of them*, and
give *them* to his servants. [15] And he will
take the tenth of your seed, and of your

vineyards, and give to his officers, and
to his servants.* 16 And he will take your
menservants, and your maidservants,
and your goodliest young men, and
your asses, and put *them* to his work.
17 He will take the tenth of your sheep:
and ye shall be his servants. 18 And ye
shall cry out in that day because of
your king which ye shall have chosen
you; and the LORD will not hear you
in that day. 19 Nevertheless the people
refused to obey the voice of Samuel;
and they said, Nay; but we will have
a king over us; 20 That we also may be
like all the nations; and that our king

15. officers: Heb. eunuchs.

may judge us, and go out before us, and
fight our battles. [21] And Samuel heard
all the words of the people, and he re-
hearsed them in the ears of the LORD.
[22] And the LORD said to Samuel, Hear-
ken unto their voice, and make them a
king. And Samuel said unto the men
of Israel, Go ye every man unto his
city.

9 Now there was a man of Ben-
jamin, whose name *was* Kish, the son
of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of
Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Ben-
jamite, a mighty man of power.* [2] And

9.1. a Benjamite: or, the son of a man of Jemini.

he had a son, whose name *was* Saul,
a choice young man, and a goodly:
and *there was* not among the children
of Israel a goodlier person than he:
from his shoulders and upward *he was*
higher than any of the people. 3 And
the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost.
And Kish said to Saul his son, Take
now one of the servants with thee,
and arise, go seek the asses. 4 And he
passed through mount Ephraim, and
passed through the land of Shalisha,
but they found *them* not: then they
passed through the land of Shalim,
and *there they were* not: and he passed

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power: or, substance.

through the land of the Benjamites,
but they found *them* not. 5 *And* when
they were come to the land of Zuph,
Saul said to his servant that *was* with
him, Come, and let us return; lest my
father leave *caring* for the asses, and
take thought for us. 6 And he said
unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this
city a man of God, and *he is* an hon-
ourable man; all that he saith cometh
surely to pass: now let us go thither;
peradventure he can shew us our way
that we should go. 7 Then said Saul to
his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, what
shall we bring the man? for the bread
is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not

a present to bring to the man of God:
what have we?* 8 And the servant an-
swered Saul again, and said, Behold, I
have here at hand the fourth part of a
shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the
man of God, to tell us our way.* 9 (Be-
foretime in Israel, when a man went to
enquire of God, thus he spake, Come,
and let us go to the seer: for *he that*
is now *called* a Prophet was before-
time called a Seer.) 10 Then said Saul
to his servant, Well said; come, let us
go. So they went unto the city where

7. is spent...: Heb. is gone out of, etc. have we: Heb. is with us?.
8. I have...: Heb. there is found in my hand.

the man of God *was*.* [11] *And* as they
went up the hill to the city, they found
young maidens going out to draw wa-
ter, and said unto them, Is the seer
here?* [12] And they answered them, and
said, He is; behold, *he is* before you:
make haste now, for he came to day to
the city; for *there is* a sacrifice of the
people to day in the high place:* [13] As
soon as ye be come into the city, ye
shall straightway find him, before he
go up to the high place to eat: for the
people will not eat until he come, be-

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10. Well said: Heb. Thy word is good.
11. the hill...: Heb. in the ascent of the city.
12. sacrifice: or, feast.

cause he doth bless the sacrifice; *and*
afterwards they eat that be bidden.
Now therefore get you up; for about
this time ye shall find him.* [14] And
they went up into the city: *and* when
they were come into the city, behold,
Samuel came out against them, for to
go up to the high place. [15] Now the
LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day
before Saul came, saying,* [16] To mor-
row about this time I will send thee
a man out of the land of Benjamin,
and thou shalt anoint him *to be* cap-
tain over my people Israel, that he may

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13. this time: Heb. to day.
15. told...: Heb. revealed the ear of Samuel.

save my people out of the hand of the
Philistines: for I have looked upon my
people, because their cry is come unto
me. [17] And when Samuel saw Saul, the
LORD said unto him, Behold the man
whom I spake to thee of! this same
shall reign over my people.* [18] Then
Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate,
and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where
the seer's house *is*. [19] And Samuel an-
swered Saul, and said, I *am* the seer:
go up before me unto the high place;
for ye shall eat with me to day, and to
morrow I will let thee go, and will tell
thee all that *is* in thine heart. [20] And

17. reign over: Heb. restrain in.

as for thine asses that were lost three
days ago, set not thy mind on them;
for they are found. And on whom *is*
all the desire of Israel? *Is it* not on
thee, and on all thy father's house?*
21 And Saul answered and said, *Am* not
I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the
tribes of Israel? and my family the least
of all the families of the tribe of Ben-
jamin? wherefore then speakest thou
so to me?* 22 And Samuel took Saul
and his servant, and brought them
into the parlour, and made them sit
in the chiefest place among them that

20. three...: Heb. to day three days.
21. so...: Heb. according to this word.

were bidden, which *were* about thirty
persons. [23] And Samuel said unto the
cook, Bring the portion which I gave
thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it
by thee. [24] And the cook took up the
shoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it,
and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel*
said, Behold that which is left! set
it before thee, *and* eat: for unto this
time hath it been kept for thee since I
said, I have invited the people. So Saul
did eat with Samuel that day.* [25] And
when they were come down from the
high place into the city, *Samuel* com-
muned with Saul upon the top of the

24. left: or, reserved.

house. [26] And they arose early: and it
came to pass about the spring of the
day, that Samuel called Saul to the top
of the house, saying, Up, that I may
send thee away. And Saul arose, and
they went out both of them, he and
Samuel, abroad. [27] *And* as they were
going down to the end of the city,
Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant
pass on before us, (and he passed on,)
but stand thou still a while, that I may
shew thee the word of God.*

10 Then Samuel took a vial of
oil, and poured *it* upon his head, and

27. a while: Heb. to day.

kissed him, and said, *Is it* not be-
cause the LORD hath anointed thee
to be captain over his inheritance?
2 When thou art departed from me
to day, then thou shalt find two men
by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of
Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say
unto thee, The asses which thou wen-
test to seek are found: and, lo, thy
father hath left the care of the asses,
and sorroweth for you, saying, What
shall I do for my son?* 3 Then shalt
thou go on forward from thence, and
thou shalt come to the plain of Ta-
bor, and there shall meet thee three

10.2. care: Heb. business.

men going up to God to Bethel, one
carrying three kids, and another car-
rying three loaves of bread, and an-
other carrying a bottle of wine: 4 And
they will salute thee, and give thee
two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt
receive of their hands.* 5 After that
thou shalt come to the hill of God,
where *is* the garrison of the Philis-
tines: and it shall come to pass, when
thou art come thither to the city, that
thou shalt meet a company of proph-
ets coming down from the high place
with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a
pipe, and a harp, before them; and

4. salute...: Heb. ask thee of peace.

they shall prophesy: 6 And the Spirit
of the LORD will come upon thee,
and thou shalt prophesy with them,
and shalt be turned into another man.
7 And let it be, when these signs are
come unto thee, *that* thou do as occa-
sion serve thee; for God *is* with thee.*
8 And thou shalt go down before me
to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come
down unto thee, to offer burnt offer-
ings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace
offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry,
till I come to thee, and shew thee what

7. And...: Heb. And it shall come to pass, that when these signs, etc. that...: Heb. do for thee as thine hand shall find.

thou shalt do. 9 And it was *so*, that
when he had turned his back to go
from Samuel, God gave him another
heart: and all those signs came to
pass that day.* 10 And when they came
thither to the hill, behold, a company
of prophets met him; and the Spirit of
God came upon him, and he proph-
esied among them. 11 And it came to
pass, when all that knew him before-
time saw that, behold, he prophesied
among the prophets, then the peo-
ple said one to another, What *is* this
that is come unto the son of Kish? *Is*

9. back: Heb. shoulder. gave: Heb. turned.

Saul also among the prophets?* 12 And
one of the same place answered and
said, But who *is* their father? There-
fore it became a proverb, *Is* Saul also
among the prophets?* 13 And when he
had made an end of prophesying, he
came to the high place. 14 And Saul's
uncle said unto him and to his ser-
vant, Whither went ye? And he said,
To seek the asses: and when we saw
that *they were* no where, we came to
Samuel. 15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell
me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto
you. 16 And Saul said unto his un-

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11. one...: Heb. a man to his neighbour.
12. of...: Heb. from thence.

cle, He told us plainly that the asses
were found. But of the matter of the
kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he
told him not. 17 And Samuel called
the people together unto the LORD
to Mizpeh; 18 And said unto the chil-
dren of Israel, Thus saith the LORD
God of Israel, I brought up Israel out
of Egypt, and delivered you out of
the hand of the Egyptians, and out
of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of
them that oppressed you: 19 And ye
have this day rejected your God, who
himself saved you out of all your ad-
versities and your tribulations; and
ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set

a king over us. Now therefore pre-
sent yourselves before the LORD by
your tribes, and by your thousands.
20 And when Samuel had caused all the
tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe
of Benjamin was taken. 21 When he
had caused the tribe of Benjamin to
come near by their families, the fam-
ily of Matri was taken, and Saul the
son of Kish was taken: and when they
sought him, he could not be found.
22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD
further, if the man should yet come
thither. And the LORD answered, Be-
hold, he hath hid himself among the
stuff. 23 And they ran and fetched him

thence: and when he stood among
the people, he was higher than any of
the people from his shoulders and up-
ward. 24 And Samuel said to all the
people, See ye him whom the LORD
hath chosen, that *there is* none like him
among all the people? And all the peo-
ple shouted, and said, God save the
king.* 25 Then Samuel told the people
the manner of the kingdom, and wrote
it in a book, and laid *it* up before the
LORD. And Samuel sent all the people
away, every man to his house. 26 And
Saul also went home to Gibeah; and
there went with him a band of men,

24. God...: Heb. Let the king live.

whose hearts God had touched. [27] But
the children of Belial said, How shall
this man save us? And they despised
him, and brought him no presents.
But he held his peace.*

11 Then Nahash the Ammonite
came up, and encamped against
Jabeshgilead: and all the men of
Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a
covenant with us, and we will serve
thee. [2] And Nahash the Ammonite
answered them, On this *condition* will
I make *a covenant* with you, that I
may thrust out all your right eyes, and

27. held...: or, was as though he had been deaf.

lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel.
3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto
him, Give us seven days' respite, that
we may send messengers unto all the
coasts of Israel: and then, if *there be*
no man to save us, we will come out
to thee.* 4 Then came the messengers
to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tid-
ings in the ears of the people: and all
the people lifted up their voices, and
wept. 5 And, behold, Saul came af-
ter the herd out of the field; and Saul
said, What *aileth* the people that they
weep? And they told him the tidings
of the men of Jabesh. 6 And the Spirit

11.3. Give...: Heb. Forbear us.

of God came upon Saul when he heard
those tidings, and his anger was kin-
dled greatly. 7 And he took a yoke of
oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and
sent *them* throughout all the coasts of
Israel by the hands of messengers, say-
ing, Whosoever cometh not forth af-
ter Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be
done unto his oxen. And the fear of
the LORD fell on the people, and they
came out with one consent.* 8 And
when he numbered them in Bezek, the
children of Israel were three hundred
thousand, and the men of Judah thirty
thousand. 9 And they said unto the

7. with...: Heb. as one man.

messengers that came, Thus shall ye
say unto the men of Jabeshgilead, To
morrow, by *that time* the sun be hot,
ye shall have help. And the messen-
gers came and shewed *it* to the men of
Jabesh; and they were glad.* [10] There-
fore the men of Jabesh said, To mor-
row we will come out unto you, and
ye shall do with us all that seemeth
good unto you. [11] And it was *so* on the
morrow, that Saul put the people in
three companies; and they came into
the midst of the host in the morning
watch, and slew the Ammonites un-
til the heat of the day: and it came to

9. help: or, deliverance.

pass, that they which remained were
scattered, so that two of them were
not left together. [12] And the people
said unto Samuel, Who *is* he that said,
Shall Saul reign over us? bring the
men, that we may put them to death.
[13] And Saul said, There shall not a man
be put to death this day: for to day
the LORD hath wrought salvation in
Israel. [14] Then said Samuel to the peo-
ple, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and
renew the kingdom there. [15] And all
the people went to Gilgal; and there
they made Saul king before the LORD
in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sac-
rifices of peace offerings before the

LORD; and there Saul and all the men
of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12 And Samuel said unto all Is-
rael, Behold, I have hearkened unto
your voice in all that ye said unto me,
and have made a king over you. 2 And
now, behold, the king walketh before
you: and I am old and grayheaded;
and, behold, my sons *are* with you:
and I have walked before you from my
childhood unto this day. 3 Behold,
here I *am*: witness against me before
the LORD, and before his anointed:
whose ox have I taken? or whose ass
have I taken? or whom have I de-

frauded? whom have I oppressed? or
of whose hand have I received *any*
bribe to blind mine eyes therewith?
and I will restore it you.* 4 And they
said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor
oppressed us, neither hast thou taken
ought of any man's hand. 5 And he
said unto them, The LORD *is* witness
against you, and his anointed *is* wit-
ness this day, that ye have not found
ought in my hand. And they an-
swered, *He is* witness. 6 And Samuel
said unto the people, *It is* the LORD
that advanced Moses and Aaron, and

12.3. bribe: Heb. ransom. to blind...: or, that I should hide mine eyes at him.

that brought your fathers up out of
the land of Egypt.* 7 Now therefore
stand still, that I may reason with you
before the LORD of all the righteous
acts of the LORD, which he did to you
and to your fathers.* 8 When Jacob
was come into Egypt, and your fathers
cried unto the LORD, then the LORD
sent Moses and Aaron, which brought
forth your fathers out of Egypt, and
made them dwell in this place. 9 And
when they forgat the LORD their God,
he sold them into the hand of Sisera,

6. advanced: or, made.
7. righteous...: Heb. righteousnesses, or, benefits.
to: Heb. with.

captain of the host of Hazor, and into
the hand of the Philistines, and into
the hand of the king of Moab, and
they fought against them. [10] And they
cried unto the LORD, and said, We
have sinned, because we have forsaken
the LORD, and have served Baalim and
Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out
of the hand of our enemies, and we
will serve thee. [11] And the LORD sent
Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah,
and Samuel, and delivered you out of
the hand of your enemies on every
side, and ye dwelled safe. [12] And when
ye saw that Nahash the king of the
children of Ammon came against you,

ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall
reign over us: when the LORD your
God *was* your king. [13] Now therefore
behold the king whom ye have cho-
sen, *and* whom ye have desired! and,
behold, the LORD hath set a king over
you. [14] If ye will fear the LORD, and
serve him, and obey his voice, and not
rebel against the commandment of
the LORD, then shall both ye and also
the king that reigneth over you con-
tinue following the LORD your God:*
[15] But if ye will not obey the voice of
the LORD, but rebel against the com-

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14. commandment: Heb. mouth. continue...: Heb. be after.

mandment of the LORD, then shall the
hand of the LORD be against you, as *it*
was against your fathers. [16] Now there-
fore stand and see this great thing,
which the LORD will do before your
eyes. [17] *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I
will call unto the LORD, and he shall
send thunder and rain; that ye may
perceive and see that your wickedness
is great, which ye have done in the
sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.
[18] So Samuel called unto the LORD;
and the LORD sent thunder and rain
that day: and all the people greatly
feared the LORD and Samuel. [19] And
all the people said unto Samuel, Pray

for thy servants unto the LORD thy
God, that we die not: for we have
added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask
us a king. [20] And Samuel said unto
the people, Fear not: ye have done
all this wickedness: yet turn not aside
from following the LORD, but serve
the LORD with all your heart; [21] And
turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go*
after vain *things*, which cannot profit
nor deliver; for they *are* vain. [22] For the
LORD will not forsake his people for
his great name's sake: because it hath
pleased the LORD to make you his peo-
ple. [23] Moreover as for me, God for-
bid that I should sin against the LORD

in ceasing to pray for you: but I will
teach you the good and the right way:*
24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in
truth with all your heart: for consider
how great *things* he hath done for you.*
25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye
shall be consumed, both ye and your
king.

13 Saul reigned one year; and when
he had reigned two years over Israel,*
2 Saul chose him three thousand *men*
of Israel; *whereof* two thousand were

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23. in: Heb. from.
24. how...: or, hat a great thing.
13.1. reigned one...: Heb. the son of one year in his reigning.

with Saul in Michmash and in mount
Bethel, and a thousand were with
Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and
the rest of the people he sent every
man to his tent. 3 And Jonathan smote
the garrison of the Philistines that *was*
in Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*.
And Saul blew the trumpet through-
out all the land, saying, Let the He-
brews hear.* 4 And all Israel heard say
that Saul had smitten a garrison of the
Philistines, and *that* Israel also was had
in abomination with the Philistines.
And the people were called together

3. Geba: or, the hill.

after Saul to Gilgal.* 5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together
to fight with Israel, thirty thousand
chariots, and six thousand horsemen,
and people as the sand which *is* on
the sea shore in multitude: and they
came up, and pitched in Michmash,
eastward from Bethaven. 6 When the
men of Israel saw that they were in a
strait, (for the people were distressed,)
then the people did hide themselves
in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks,
and in high places, and in pits. 7 And
some of the Hebrews went over Jordan
to the land of Gad and Gilead. As

4. was...: Heb. did stink.

for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all
the people followed him trembling.*
8 And he tarried seven days, accord-
ing to the set time that Samuel *had*
appointed: but Samuel came not to
Gilgal; and the people were scattered
from him. 9 And Saul said, Bring
hither a burnt offering to me, and
peace offerings. And he offered the
burnt offering. 10 And it came to pass,
that as soon as he had made an end
of offering the burnt offering, behold,
Samuel came; and Saul went out to
meet him, that he might salute him.*

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7. followed...: Heb. trembled after him.
10. salute: Heb. bless.

11 And Samuel said, What hast thou
done? And Saul said, Because I saw
that the people were scattered from
me, and *that* thou camest not within
the days appointed, and *that* the Phi-
listines gathered themselves together
at Michmash; 12 Therefore said I, The
Philistines will come down now upon
me to Gilgal, and I have not made
supplication unto the LORD: I forced
myself therefore, and offered a burnt
offering.* 13 And Samuel said to Saul,
Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast
not kept the commandment of the
LORD thy God, which he commanded

12. made...: Heb. intreated the face.

thee: for now would the LORD have
established thy kingdom upon Israel
for ever. 14 But now thy kingdom shall
not continue: the LORD hath sought
him a man after his own heart, and the
LORD hath commanded him *to be* cap-
tain over his people, because thou hast
not kept *that* which the LORD com-
manded thee. 15 And Samuel arose,
and gat him up from Gilgal unto
Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul num-
bered the people *that were* present
with him, about six hundred men.*
16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son,
and the people *that were* present with

15. present: Heb. found.

them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin:
but the Philistines encamped in Mich-
mash.* [17] And the spoilers came out of
the camp of the Philistines in three
companies: one company turned unto
the way *that leadeth to* Ophrah, unto
the land of Shual: [18] And another com-
pany turned the way *to* Bethhoron:
and another company turned *to* the
way of the border that looketh to the
valley of Zeboim toward the wilder-
ness. [19] Now there was no smith found
throughout all the land of Israel: for
the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews
make *them* swords or spears: [20] But all

16. present: Heb. found. Gibeah: Heb. Geba.

the Israelites went down to the Philis-
tines, to sharpen every man his share,
and his coulter, and his axe, and his
mattock. [21] Yet they had a file for the
mattocks, and for the coulters, and
for the forks, and for the axes, and
to sharpen the goads.* [22] So it came
to pass in the day of battle, that there
was neither sword nor spear found in
the hand of any of the people that
were with Saul and Jonathan: but with
Saul and with Jonathan his son was
there found. [23] And the garrison of the
Philistines went out to the passage of

21. a file: Heb. a file with mouths. sharpen: Heb. set.

Michmash.*

14 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that *is* on the other side. But he told not his father.*
2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which *is* in Migron: and the people that *were* with him *were* about six hundred men; 3 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the

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23. garrison: or, standing camp.
14.1. it came...: or, there was a day.

LORD'S priest in Shiloh, wearing an
ephod. And the people knew not
that Jonathan was gone.* 4 And be-
tween the passages, by which Jonathan
sought to go over unto the Philistines'
garrison, *there was* a sharp rock on
the one side, and a sharp rock on the
other side: and the name of the one
was Bozez, and the name of the other
Seneh. 5 The forefront of the one *was*
situate northward over against Mich-
mash, and the other southward over
against Gibeah.* 6 And Jonathan said
to the young man that bare his ar-

3. Ahiah: called Ahimelech.
5. forefront: Heb. tooth.

mour, Come, and let us go over unto
the garrison of these uncircumcised: it
may be that the LORD will work for us:
for *there is* no restraint to the LORD
to save by many or by few. 7 And
his armourbearer said unto him, Do
all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee;
behold, I *am* with thee according to
thy heart. 8 Then said Jonathan, Be-
hold, we will pass over unto *these* men,
and we will discover ourselves unto
them. 9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry
until we come to you; then we will
stand still in our place, and will not
go up unto them.* 10 But if they say

9. Tarry: Heb. Be still.

thus, Come up unto us; then we will
go up: for the LORD hath delivered
them into our hand: and this *shall be*
a sign unto us. [11] And both of them
discovered themselves unto the garri-
son of the Philistines: and the Philis-
tines said, Behold, the Hebrews come
forth out of the holes where they had
hid themselves. [12] And the men of the
garrison answered Jonathan and his ar-
mourbearer, and said, Come up to us,
and we will shew you a thing. And
Jonathan said unto his armourbearer,
Come up after me: for the LORD
hath delivered them into the hand of
Israel. [13] And Jonathan climbed up

upon his hands and upon his feet,
and his armourbearer after him: and
they fell before Jonathan; and his ar-
mourbearer slew after him. 14 And that
first slaughter, which Jonathan and his
armourbearer made, was about twenty
men, within as it were an half acre of
land, *which* a yoke *of oxen might plow*.*
15 And there was trembling in the host,
in the field, and among all the people:
the garrison, and the spoilers, they also
trembled, and the earth quaked: so it
was a very great trembling.* 16 And the
watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Ben-

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14. an...: or, half a furrow of an acre of land.
15. a very...: Heb. a trembling of God.

jamin looked; and, behold, the multi-
tude melted away, and they went on
beating down *one another*. [17] Then said
Saul unto the people that *were* with
him, Number now, and see who is
gone from us. And when they had
numbered, behold, Jonathan and his
armourbearer *were* not *there*. [18] And
Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the
ark of God. For the ark of God was
at that time with the children of Is-
rael. [19] And it came to pass, while
Saul talked unto the priest, that the
noise that *was* in the host of the Phi-
listines went on and increased: and
Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw

thine hand.* [20] And Saul and all the
people that *were* with him assembled
themselves, and they came to the bat-
tle: and, behold, every man's sword
was against his fellow, *and there was*
a very great discomfiture.* [21] Moreover
the Hebrews *that* were with the Philis-
tines before that time, which went up
with them into the camp *from the coun-
try* round about, even they also *turned*
to be with the Israelites that *were* with
Saul and Jonathan. [22] Likewise all the
men of Israel which had hid them-
selves in mount Ephraim, *when* they

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19. noise: or, tumult.

20. assembled...: Heb. were cried together.

heard that the Philistines fled, even
they also followed hard after them in
the battle. [23] So the LORD saved Israel
that day: and the battle passed over
unto Bethaven. [24] And the men of Is-
rael were distressed that day: for Saul
had adjured the people, saying, Cursed
be the man that eateth *any* food un-
til evening, that I may be avenged on
mine enemies. So none of the people
tasted *any* food. [25] And all *they of* the
land came to a wood; and there was
honey upon the ground. [26] And when
the people were come into the wood,
behold, the honey dropped; but no
man put his hand to his mouth: for the

people feared the oath. [27] But Jonathan
heard not when his father charged the
people with the oath: wherefore he
put forth the end of the rod that *was*
in his hand, and dipped it in an honey-
comb, and put his hand to his mouth;
and his eyes were enlightened. [28] Then
answered one of the people, and said,
Thy father straitly charged the peo-
ple with an oath, saying, Cursed *be*
the man that eateth *any* food this day.
And the people were faint.* [29] Then
said Jonathan, My father hath trou-
bled the land: see, I pray you, how
mine eyes have been enlightened, be-

28. faint: or, weary.

cause I tasted a little of this honey.
30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil
of their enemies which they found?
for had there not been now a much
greater slaughter among the Philis-
tines? 31 And they smote the Philis-
tines that day from Michmash to Ai-
jalon: and the people were very faint.
32 And the people flew upon the spoil,
and took sheep, and oxen, and calves,
and slew *them* on the ground: and the
people did eat *them* with the blood.
33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold,
the people sin against the LORD, in
that they eat with the blood. And he

said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great
stone unto me this day.* 34 And Saul
said, Disperse yourselves among the
people, and say unto them, Bring me
hither every man his ox, and every man
his sheep, and slay *them* here, and eat;
and sin not against the LORD in eat-
ing with the blood. And all the peo-
ple brought every man his ox with him
that night, and slew *them* there.* 35 And
Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the
same was the first altar that he built
unto the LORD.* 36 And Saul said, Let

33. transgressed: or, dealt treacherously.
34. with him: Heb. in his hand.
35. the same...: Heb. that altar he began to build

us go down after the Philistines by
night, and spoil them until the morn-
ing light, and let us not leave a man of
them. And they said, Do whatsoever
seemeth good unto thee. Then said
the priest, Let us draw near hither unto
God. 37 And Saul asked counsel of
God, Shall I go down after the Philis-
tines? wilt thou deliver them into the
hand of Israel? But he answered him
not that day. 38 And Saul said, Draw
ye near hither, all the chief of the peo-
ple: and know and see wherein this sin
hath been this day.* 39 For, *as* the LORD

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unto the LORD.

38. chief: Heb. corners.

liveth, which saveth Israel, though it
be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely
die. But *there was* not a man among all
the people *that* answered him. 40 Then
said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one
side, and I and Jonathan my son will
be on the other side. And the people
said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good
unto thee. 41 Therefore Saul said unto
the LORD God of Israel, Give a per-
fect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were
taken: but the people escaped.* 42 And
Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and
Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was

41. Give...: or, Shew the innocent. escaped: Heb. went forth.

taken. [43] Then Saul said to Jonathan,
Tell me what thou hast done. And
Jonathan told him, and said, I did but
taste a little honey with the end of
the rod that *was* in mine hand, *and*,
lo, I must die. [44] And Saul answered,
God do so and more also: for thou
shalt surely die, Jonathan. [45] And the
people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan
die, who hath wrought this great sal-
vation in Israel? God forbid: *as* the
LORD liveth, there shall not one hair
of his head fall to the ground; for
he hath wrought with God this day.
So the people rescued Jonathan, that
he died not. [46] Then Saul went up

from following the Philistines: and the
Philistines went to their own place.
47 So Saul took the kingdom over Is-
rael, and fought against all his ene-
mies on every side, against Moab, and
against the children of Ammon, and
against Edom, and against the kings
of Zobah, and against the Philistines:
and whithersoever he turned himself,
he vexed *them*. 48 And he gathered an
host, and smote the Amalekites, and
delivered Israel out of the hands of
them that spoiled them.* 49 Now the
sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui,
and Melchishua: and the names of his

48. gathered...: or, wrought mightily.

two daughters *were these*; the name
of the firstborn Merab, and the name
of the younger Michal: [50] And the
name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the
daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of
the captain of his host *was* Abner, the
son of Ner, Saul's uncle.* [51] And Kish
was the father of Saul; and Ner the fa-
ther of Abner *was* the son of Abiel.
[52] And there was sore war against the
Philistines all the days of Saul: and
when Saul saw any strong man, or any
valiant man, he took him unto him.

15 Samuel also said unto Saul, The

50. Abner: Heb. Abiner.

LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king
over his people, over Israel: now there-
fore hearken thou unto the voice of
the words of the LORD. [2] Thus saith
the LORD of hosts, I remember *that*
which Amalek did to Israel, how he
laid *wait* for him in the way, when he
came up from Egypt. [3] Now go and
smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all
that they have, and spare them not;
but slay both man and woman, in-
fant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel
and ass. [4] And Saul gathered the peo-
ple together, and numbered them in
Telaim, two hundred thousand foot-
men, and ten thousand men of Ju-

dah. 5 And Saul came to a city of
Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.*
6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go,
depart, get you down from among the
Amalekites, lest I destroy you with
them: for ye shewed kindness to all the
children of Israel, when they came up
out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed
from among the Amalekites. 7 And
Saul smote the Amalekites from Hav-
ilah *until* thou comest to Shur, that
is over against Egypt. 8 And he took
Agag the king of the Amalekites alive,
and utterly destroyed all the people
with the edge of the sword. 9 But Saul

15.5. laid...: or, fought.

and the people spared Agag, and the
best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and
of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all
that was good, and would not utterly
destroy them: but every thing *that was*
vile and refuse, that they destroyed ut-
terly.* [10] Then came the word of the
LORD unto Samuel, saying, [11] It repen-
teth me that I have set up Saul *to be*
king: for he is turned back from fol-
lowing me, and hath not performed
my commandments. And it grieved
Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD
all night. [12] And when Samuel rose
early to meet Saul in the morning, it

9. fatlings: or, second sort.

was told Samuel, saying, Saul came
to Carmel, and, behold, he set him
up a place, and is gone about, and
passed on, and gone down to Gil-
gal. 13 And Samuel came to Saul: and
Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou
of the LORD: I have performed the
commandment of the LORD. 14 And
Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this
bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and
the lowing of the oxen which I hear?
15 And Saul said, They have brought
them from the Amalekites: for the
people spared the best of the sheep and
of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD
thy God; and the rest we have utterly

destroyed. [16] Then Samuel said unto
Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what
the LORD hath said to me this night.
And he said unto him, Say on. [17] And
Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in
thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made*
the head of the tribes of Israel, and
the LORD anointed thee king over Is-
rael? [18] And the LORD sent thee on a
journey, and said, Go and utterly de-
stroy the sinners the Amalekites, and
fight against them until they be con-
sumed.* [19] Wherefore then didst thou
not obey the voice of the LORD, but
didst fly upon the spoil, and didst

18. they...: Heb. they consume them.

evil in the sight of the LORD? [20] And
Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have
obeyed the voice of the LORD, and
have gone the way which the LORD
sent me, and have brought Agag the
king of Amalek, and have utterly de-
stroyed the Amalekites. [21] But the peo-
ple took of the spoil, sheep and oxen,
the chief of the things which should
have been utterly destroyed, to sacri-
fice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.
[22] And Samuel said, Hath the LORD
as great delight in burnt offerings and
sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the
LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than
sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat

of rams. [23] For rebellion *is as* the sin
of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as*
iniquity and idolatry. Because thou
hast rejected the word of the LORD,
he hath also rejected thee from *being*
king.* [24] And Saul said unto Samuel,
I have sinned: for I have transgressed
the commandment of the LORD, and
thy words: because I feared the peo-
ple, and obeyed their voice. [25] Now
therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin,
and turn again with me, that I may
worship the LORD. [26] And Samuel
said unto Saul, I will not return with
thee: for thou hast rejected the word

23. witchcraft: Heb. divination.

of the LORD, and the LORD hath re-
jected thee from being king over Is-
rael. [27] And as Samuel turned about to
go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of
his mantle, and it rent. [28] And Samuel
said unto him, The LORD hath rent
the kingdom of Israel from thee this
day, and hath given it to a neighbour of
thine, *that is* better than thou. [29] And
also the Strength of Israel will not lie
nor repent: for he *is* not a man, that he
should repent.* [30] Then he said, I have
sinned: *yet* honour me now, I pray
thee, before the elders of my people,
and before Israel, and turn again with

29. Strength: or, Eternity, or, Victory.

me, that I may worship the LORD thy
God. [31] So Samuel turned again after
Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.
[32] Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to
me Agag the king of the Amalekites.
And Agag came unto him delicately.
And Agag said, Surely the bitterness
of death is past. [33] And Samuel said, As
thy sword hath made women childless,
so shall thy mother be childless among
women. And Samuel hewed Agag
in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.
[34] Then Samuel went to Ramah; and
Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of
Saul. [35] And Samuel came no more to
see Saul until the day of his death: nev-

ertheless Samuel mourned for Saul:
and the LORD repented that he had
made Saul king over Israel.

16 And the LORD said unto
Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn
for Saul, seeing I have rejected him
from reigning over Israel? fill thine
horn with oil, and go, I will send thee
to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have
provided me a king among his sons.
2 And Samuel said, How can I go?
if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And
the LORD said, Take an heifer with
thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice

to the LORD.* 3 And call Jesse to the
sacrifice, and I will shew thee what
thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint
unto me *him* whom I name unto
thee. 4 And Samuel did that which
the LORD spake, and came to Bethle-
hem. And the elders of the town trem-
bled at his coming, and said, Comest
thou peaceably?* 5 And he said, Peace-
ably: I am come to sacrifice unto the
LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come
with me to the sacrifice. And he sanc-
tified Jesse and his sons, and called
them to the sacrifice. 6 And it came

16.2. with thee: Heb. in thine hand.
4. combing: Heb. meeting.

to pass, when they were come, that he
looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the
LORD'S anointed *is* before him.* 7 But
the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not
on his countenance, or on the height
of his stature; because I have refused
him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man
seeth; for man looketh on the outward
appearance, but the LORD looketh on
the heart.* 8 Then Jesse called Abi-
nadab, and made him pass before
Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the
LORD chosen this. 9 Then Jesse made
Shammah to pass by. And he said,

6. Eliab: called Elihu.
7. outward...: Heb. eyes.

Neither hath the LORD chosen this.*
10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons
to pass before Samuel. And Samuel
said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not
chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto
Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he
said, There remaineth yet the young-
est, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.
And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and
fetch him: for we will not sit down till
he come hither.* 12 And he sent, and
brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy,
and withal of a beautiful countenance,
and goodly to look to. And the LORD

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9. Shammah: Shimeah, also called, Shimma.
11. down: Heb. round.

said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.*
13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil,
and anointed him in the midst of his
brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD
came upon David from that day for-
ward. So Samuel rose up, and went
to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the
LORD departed from Saul, and an evil
spirit from the LORD troubled him.*
15 And Saul's servants said unto him,
Behold now, an evil spirit from God
troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now
command thy servants, *which are* be-
fore thee, to seek out a man, *who is*

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12. of a...: Heb. fair of eyes.
14. troubled: or, terrified.

a cunning player on an harp: and it
shall come to pass, when the evil spirit
from God is upon thee, that he shall
play with his hand, and thou shalt be
well. [17] And Saul said unto his servants,
Provide me now a man that can play
well, and bring *him* to me. [18] Then an-
swered one of the servants, and said,
Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the
Bethlehemite, *that is* cunning in play-
ing, and a mighty valiant man, and a
man of war, and prudent in matters,
and a comely person, and the LORD
is with him.* [19] Wherefore Saul sent
messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send

18. matters: or, speech.

me David thy son, which *is* with the
sheep. [20] And Jesse took an ass *laden*
with bread, and a bottle of wine, and
a kid, and sent *them* by David his son
unto Saul. [21] And David came to Saul,
and stood before him: and he loved
him greatly; and he became his ar-
mourbearer. [22] And Saul sent to Jesse,
saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand
before me; for he hath found favour in
my sight. [23] And it came to pass, when
the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul,
that David took an harp, and played
with his hand: so Saul was refreshed,
and was well, and the evil spirit de-
parted from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.* 2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.* 3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between

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17.1. Ephesdammim: or, the coast of Dammim, called Pasdammim.

2. set...: Heb. ranged the battle.

them. [4] And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span. [5] And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass.* [6] And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.* [7] And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went

5. armed: Heb. clothed.
6. target: or, gorget.

before him. 8 And he stood and cried
unto the armies of Israel, and said unto
them, Why are ye come out to set *your*
battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine,
and ye servants to Saul? choose you a
man for you, and let him come down
to me. 9 If he be able to fight with me,
and to kill me, then will we be your ser-
vants: but if I prevail against him, and
kill him, then shall ye be our servants,
and serve us. 10 And the Philistine said,
I defy the armies of Israel this day; give
me a man, that we may fight together.
11 When Saul and all Israel heard those
words of the Philistine, they were dis-
mayed, and greatly afraid. 12 Now

David *was* the son of that Ephrathite
of Bethlehemjudah, whose name *was*
Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the
man went among men *for* an old man
in the days of Saul. 13 And the three
eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed
Saul to the battle: and the names of his
three sons that went to the battle *were*
Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him
Abinadab, and the third Shammah.
14 And David *was* the youngest: and
the three eldest followed Saul. 15 But
David went and returned from Saul to
feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.
16 And the Philistine drew near morn-
ing and evening, and presented him-

self forty days. [17] And Jesse said unto
David his son, Take now for thy breth-
ren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and
these ten loaves, and run to the camp
to thy brethren; [18] And carry these ten
cheeses unto the captain of *their* thou-
sand, and look how thy brethren fare,
and take their pledge.* [19] Now Saul,
and they, and all the men of Israel,
were in the valley of Elah, fighting with
the Philistines. [20] And David rose up
early in the morning, and left the sheep
with a keeper, and took, and went,
as Jesse had commanded him; and he

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18. cheeses: Heb. cheeses of milk. of...: Heb. of a thousand.

came to the trench, as the host was go-
ing forth to the fight, and shouted for
the battle.* [21] For Israel and the Philis-
tines had put the battle in array, army
against army. [22] And David left his car-
riage in the hand of the keeper of the
carriage, and ran into the army, and
came and saluted his brethren.* [23] And
as he talked with them, behold, there
came up the champion, the Philistine
of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the
armies of the Philistines, and spake ac-

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20. trench: or, place of the carriage. fight: or, battle array, or, place of fight.
22. his carriage: Heb. the vessels from upon him. saluted...: Heb. asked his brethren of peace.

cording to the same words: and David
heard *them*. [24] And all the men of Is-
rael, when they saw the man, fled from
him, and were sore afraid.* [25] And the
men of Israel said, Have ye seen this
man that is come up? surely to defy
Israel is he come up: and it shall be,
that the man who killeth him, the king
will enrich him with great riches, and
will give him his daughter, and make
his father's house free in Israel. [26] And
David spake to the men that stood by
him, saying, What shall be done to the
man that killeth this Philistine, and
taketh away the reproach from Israel?

24. from...: Heb. from his face.

for who *is* this uncircumcised Philis-
tine, that he should defy the armies
of the living God? [27] And the people
answered him after this manner, say-
ing, So shall it be done to the man
that killeth him. [28] And Eliab his el-
dest brother heard when he spake unto
the men; and Eliab's anger was kin-
dled against David, and he said, Why
camest thou down hither? and with
whom hast thou left those few sheep
in the wilderness? I know thy pride,
and the naughtiness of thine heart; for
thou art come down that thou might-
est see the battle. [29] And David said,
What have I now done? *Is there* not a

cause? [30] And he turned from him to-
ward another, and spake after the same
manner: and the people answered him
again after the former manner.* [31] And
when the words were heard which
David spake, they rehearsed *them* be-
fore Saul: and he sent for him.* [32] And
David said to Saul, Let no man's heart
fail because of him; thy servant will go
and fight with this Philistine. [33] And
Saul said to David, Thou art not able
to go against this Philistine to fight
with him: for thou *art but* a youth,
and he a man of war from his youth.

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30. manner: Heb. word.
31. sent...: Heb. took him.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy ser-
vant kept his father's sheep, and there
came a lion, and a bear, and took a
lamb out of the flock:* 35 And I went
out after him, and smote him, and de-
livered *it* out of his mouth: and when
he arose against me, I caught *him* by
his beard, and smote him, and slew
him. 36 Thy servant slew both the lion
and the bear: and this uncircumcised
Philistine shall be as one of them, see-
ing he hath defied the armies of the
living God. 37 David said moreover,
The LORD that delivered me out of the
paw of the lion, and out of the paw

34. lamb: or, kid.

of the bear, he will deliver me out of
the hand of this Philistine. And Saul
said unto David, Go, and the LORD
be with thee. [38] And Saul armed David
with his armour, and he put an hel-
met of brass upon his head; also he
armed him with a coat of mail.* [39] And
David girded his sword upon his ar-
mour, and he assayed to go; for he
had not proved *it*. And David said
unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for
I have not proved *them*. And David
put them off him. [40] And he took his
staff in his hand, and chose him five

38. armed David...: Heb. clothed David with his clothes.

smooth stones out of the brook, and
put them in a shepherd's bag which
he had, even in a scrip; and his sling
was in his hand: and he drew near
to the Philistine.* 41 And the Philistine
came on and drew near unto David;
and the man that bare the shield *went*
before him. 42 And when the Philistine
looked about, and saw David, he dis-
dained him: for he was *but* a youth,
and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.
43 And the Philistine said unto David,
Am I a dog, that thou comest to me
with staves? And the Philistine cursed
David by his gods. 44 And the Philis-

40. brook: or, valley. bag: Heb. vessel.

tine said to David, Come to me, and
I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of
the air, and to the beasts of the field.
45 Then said David to the Philistine,
Thou comest to me with a sword, and
with a spear, and with a shield: but I
come to thee in the name of the LORD
of hosts, the God of the armies of Is-
rael, whom thou hast defied. 46 This
day will the LORD deliver thee into
mine hand; and I will smite thee, and
take thine head from thee; and I will
give the carcases of the host of the
Philistines this day unto the fowls of
the air, and to the wild beasts of the
earth; that all the earth may know that

there is a God in Israel.* [47] And all this
assembly shall know that the LORD
saveth not with sword and spear: for
the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will
give you into our hands. [48] And it came
to pass, when the Philistine arose, and
came and drew nigh to meet David,
that David hasted, and ran toward the
army to meet the Philistine. [49] And
David put his hand in his bag, and
took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and
smote the Philistine in his forehead,
that the stone sunk into his forehead;
and he fell upon his face to the earth.
[50] So David prevailed over the Philis-

46. deliver...: Heb. shut thee up.

tine with a sling and with a stone, and
smote the Philistine, and slew him;
but *there was* no sword in the hand
of David. [51] Therefore David ran, and
stood upon the Philistine, and took his
sword, and drew it out of the sheath
thereof, and slew him, and cut off his
head therewith. And when the Phi-
listines saw their champion was dead,
they fled. [52] And the men of Israel and
of Judah arose, and shouted, and pur-
sued the Philistines, until thou come
to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron.
And the wounded of the Philistines
fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even
unto Gath, and unto Ekron. [53] And

the children of Israel returned from
chasing after the Philistines, and they
spoiled their tents. 54 And David took
the head of the Philistine, and brought
it to Jerusalem; but he put his ar-
mour in his tent. 55 And when Saul
saw David go forth against the Philis-
tine, he said unto Abner, the captain
of the host, Abner, whose son *is* this
youth? And Abner said, *As* thy soul
liveth, O king, I cannot tell. 56 And the
king said, Enquire thou whose son the
stripling *is*. 57 And as David returned
from the slaughter of the Philistine,
Abner took him, and brought him be-
fore Saul with the head of the Philis-

tine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to
him, Whose son *art* thou, *thou* young
man? And David answered, I *am* the
son of thy servant Jesse the Bethle-
hemite.
18 And it came to pass, when he
had made an end of speaking unto
Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit
with the soul of David, and Jonathan
loved him as his own soul. 2 And
Saul took him that day, and would let
him go no more home to his father's
house. 3 Then Jonathan and David
made a covenant, because he loved
him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan
stripped himself of the robe that *was*

upon him, and gave it to David, and
his garments, even to his sword, and
to his bow, and to his girdle. 5 And
David went out whithersoever Saul
sent him, *and* behaved himself wisely:
and Saul set him over the men of war,
and he was accepted in the sight of
all the people, and also in the sight
of Saul's servants.* 6 And it came to
pass as they came, when David was re-
turned from the slaughter of the Phi-
listine, that the women came out of
all cities of Israel, singing and danc-
ing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets,
with joy, and with instruments of mu-

18.5. behaved...: or, prospered.

sick.* 7 And the women answered *one*
another as they played, and said, Saul
hath slain his thousands, and David
his ten thousands. 8 And Saul was very
wroth, and the saying displeased him;
and he said, They have ascribed unto
David ten thousands, and to me they
have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what*
can he have more but the kingdom?*
9 And Saul eyed David from that day
and forward. 10 And it came to pass on
the morrow, that the evil spirit from
God came upon Saul, and he proph-

6. Philistine: or, Philistines. instruments...: Heb. three stringed instruments.
8. displeased him: Heb. was evil in his eyes.

esied in the midst of the house: and
David played with his hand, as at other
times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's
hand. 11 And Saul cast the javelin; for
he said, I will smite David even to
the wall *with it*. And David avoided
out of his presence twice. 12 And Saul
was afraid of David, because the LORD
was with him, and was departed from
Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him
from him, and made him his captain
over a thousand; and he went out and
came in before the people. 14 And
David behaved himself wisely in all his
ways; and the LORD *was* with him.*

14. behaved...: or, prospered.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he
behaved himself very wisely, he was
afraid of him. 16 But all Israel and
Judah loved David, because he went
out and came in before them. 17 And
Saul said to David, Behold my elder
daughter Merab, her will I give thee
to wife: only be thou valiant for me,
and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul
said, Let not mine hand be upon him,
but let the hand of the Philistines be
upon him.* 18 And David said unto
Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life,
or my father's family in Israel, that I
should be son in law to the king? 19 But

17. valiant: Heb. a son of valour.

it came to pass at the time when Merab
Saul's daughter should have been given
to David, that she was given unto
Adriel the Meholathite to wife. [20] And
Michal Saul's daughter loved David:
and they told Saul, and the thing
pleased him.* [21] And Saul said, I will
give him her, that she may be a snare
to him, and that the hand of the Phi-
listines may be against him. Where-
fore Saul said to David, Thou shalt
this day be my son in law in *the one
of* the twain. [22] And Saul commanded
his servants, *saying*, Commune with
David secretly, and say, Behold, the

20. pleased him: Heb. was right in his eyes.

king hath delight in thee, and all his
servants love thee: now therefore be
the king's son in law. [23] And Saul's ser-
vants spake those words in the ears of
David. And David said, Seemeth it
to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son
in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man,
and lightly esteemed? [24] And the ser-
vants of Saul told him, saying, On this
manner spake David.* [25] And Saul said,
Thus shall ye say to David, The king
desireth not any dowry, but an hun-
dred foreskins of the Philistines, to be
avenged of the king's enemies. But
Saul thought to make David fall by the

24. On...: Heb. According to these words.

hand of the Philistines. [26] And when
his servants told David these words, it
pleased David well to be the king's son
in law: and the days were not expired.*
[27] Wherefore David arose and went, he
and his men, and slew of the Philis-
tines two hundred men; and David
brought their foreskins, and they gave
them in full tale to the king, that he
might be the king's son in law. And
Saul gave him Michal his daughter
to wife. [28] And Saul saw and knew
that the LORD *was* with David, and
that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.
[29] And Saul was yet the more afraid of

26. expired: Heb. fulfilled.

David; and Saul became David's en-
emy continually. [30] Then the princes of
the Philistines went forth: and it came
to pass, after they went forth, *that*
David behaved himself more wisely
than all the servants of Saul; so that
his name was much set by.*

19 And Saul spake to Jonathan
his son, and to all his servants, that
they should kill David. [2] But Jonathan
Saul's son delighted much in David:
and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul
my father seeketh to kill thee: now
therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thy-

30. set by: Heb. precious.

self until the morning, and abide in a
secret *place*, and hide thyself: 3 And I
will go out and stand beside my father
in the field where thou *art*, and I will
commune with my father of thee; and
what I see, that I will tell thee. 4 And
Jonathan spake good of David unto
Saul his father, and said unto him,
Let not the king sin against his ser-
vant, against David; because he hath
not sinned against thee, and because
his works *have been* to thee-ward very
good: 5 For he did put his life in his
hand, and slew the Philistine, and the
LORD wrought a great salvation for all
Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice:

wherefore then wilt thou sin against
innocent blood, to slay David with-
out a cause? 6 And Saul hearkened
unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul
sware, *As* the LORD liveth, he shall
not be slain. 7 And Jonathan called
David, and Jonathan shewed him all
those things. And Jonathan brought
David to Saul, and he was in his pres-
ence, as in times past.* 8 And there
was war again: and David went out,
and fought with the Philistines, and
slew them with a great slaughter; and
they fled from him.* 9 And the evil

19.7. in times...: Heb. yesterday, third day.
8. him: Heb. his face.

spirit from the LORD was upon Saul,
as he sat in his house with his javelin
in his hand: and David played with
his hand. [10] And Saul sought to smite
David even to the wall with the javelin;
but he slipped away out of Saul's pres-
ence, and he smote the javelin into
the wall: and David fled, and escaped
that night. [11] Saul also sent messen-
gers unto David's house, to watch him,
and to slay him in the morning: and
Michal David's wife told him, saying, If
thou save not thy life to night, to mor-
row thou shalt be slain. [12] So Michal let
David down through a window: and
he went, and fled, and escaped. [13] And

Michal took an image, and laid *it* in
the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair*
for his bolster, and covered *it* with a
cloth.* 14 And when Saul sent messen-
gers to take David, she said, He *is* sick.
15 And Saul sent the messengers *again*
to see David, saying, Bring him up to
me in the bed, that I may slay him.
16 And when the messengers were come
in, behold, *there was* an image in the
bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his
bolster. 17 And Saul said unto Michal,
Why hast thou deceived me so, and
sent away mine enemy, that he is es-
caped? And Michal answered Saul, He

13. image: Heb. teraphim.

said unto me, Let me go; why should I
kill thee? 18 So David fled, and escaped,
and came to Samuel to Ramah, and
told him all that Saul had done to him.
And he and Samuel went and dwelt
in Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul,
saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in
Ramah. 20 And Saul sent messengers
to take David: and when they saw the
company of the prophets prophesy-
ing, and Samuel standing *as* appointed
over them, the Spirit of God was upon
the messengers of Saul, and they also
prophesied. 21 And when it was told
Saul, he sent other messengers, and
they prophesied likewise. And Saul

sent messengers again the third time,
and they prophesied also. [22] Then went
he also to Ramah, and came to a great
well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and
said, Where *are* Samuel and David?
And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth
in Ramah. [23] And he went thither to
Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of
God was upon him also, and he went
on, and prophesied, until he came to
Naioth in Ramah. [24] And he stripped
off his clothes also, and prophesied be-
fore Samuel in like manner, and lay
down naked all that day and all that
night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also

among the prophets?*

20 And David fled from Naioth
in Ramah, and came and said before
Jonathan, What have I done? what *is*
mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin be-
fore thy father, that he seeketh my life?
2 And he said unto him, God forbid;
thou shalt not die: behold, my father
will do nothing either great or small,
but that he will shew it me: and why
should my father hide this thing from
me? it *is* not *so*.* 3 And David sware
moreover, and said, Thy father cer-

24. lay: Heb. fell.
20.2. shew...: Heb. uncover mine ear.

tainly knoweth that I have found grace
in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not
Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved:
but truly *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy
soul liveth, *there is* but a step between
me and death. 4 Then said Jonathan
unto David, Whatsoever thy soul de-
sireth, I will even do *it* for thee.* 5 And
David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to
morrow *is* the new moon, and I should
not fail to sit with the king at meat:
but let me go, that I may hide myself
in the field unto the third *day* at even.
6 If thy father at all miss me, then say,

4. Whatsoever...: or, Say what is thy mind and I will do, etc. desireth: Heb. speaketh, or, thinketh.

David earnestly asked *leave* of me that
he might run to Bethlehem his city:
for *there is* a yearly sacrifice there for all
the family.* 7 If he say thus, *It is* well;
thy servant shall have peace: but if he
be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is
determined by him. 8 Therefore thou
shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for
thou hast brought thy servant into a
covenant of the LORD with thee: not-
withstanding, if there be in me iniq-
uity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest
thou bring me to thy father? 9 And
Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for
if I knew certainly that evil were de-

6. sacrifice: or, feast.

termined by my father to come upon
thee, then would not I tell it thee?
10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who
shall tell me? or what *if* thy father
answer thee roughly? 11 And Jonathan
said unto David, Come, and let us go
out into the field. And they went out
both of them into the field. 12 And
Jonathan said unto David, O LORD
God of Israel, when I have sounded
my father about to morrow any time,
or the third *day*, and, behold, *if there*
be good toward David, and I then
send not unto thee, and shew it thee;*

12. sounded: Heb. searched. shew...: Heb. uncover thine ear.

13 The LORD do so and much more
to Jonathan: but if it please my fa-
ther *to do* thee evil, then I will shew
it thee, and send thee away, that thou
mayest go in peace: and the LORD
be with thee, as he hath been with
my father.* 14 And thou shalt not only
while yet I live shew me the kindness
of the LORD, that I die not: 15 But
also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness
from my house for ever: no, not when
the LORD hath cut off the enemies of
David every one from the face of the
earth. 16 So Jonathan made *a covenant*
with the house of David, *saying*, Let

13. shew...: Heb. uncover thine ear.

the LORD even require *it* at the hand
of David's enemies.* 17 And Jonathan
caused David to swear again, because
he loved him: for he loved him as he
loved his own soul.* 18 Then Jonathan
said to David, To morrow *is* the new
moon: and thou shalt be missed, be-
cause thy seat will be empty.* 19 And
when thou hast stayed three days, *then*
thou shalt go down quickly, and come
to the place where thou didst hide thy-
self when the business was *in hand*, and
shalt remain by the stone Ezel.* 20 And

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16. made: Heb. cut.
17. because...: or, by his love toward him.
18. empty: Heb. missed.
19. quickly: or, diligently: Heb. greatly. Ezel: or,

I will shoot three arrows on the side
thereof, as though I shot at a mark.
21 And, behold, I will send a lad, *say-*
ing, Go, find out the arrows. If I ex-
pressly say unto the lad, Behold, the
arrows *are* on this side of thee, take
them; then come thou: for *there is*
peace to thee, and no hurt; *as* the
LORD liveth.* 22 But if I say thus unto
the young man, Behold, the arrows *are*
beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD
hath sent thee away. 23 And *as touching*
the matter which thou and I have spo-

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that sheweth the way. when the...: Heb. in the day of the business.

21. no hurt: Heb. not any thing.

ken of, behold, the LORD *be* between
thee and me for ever. [24] So David hid
himself in the field: and when the
new moon was come, the king sat him
down to eat meat. [25] And the king sat
upon his seat, as at other times, *even*
upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan
arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and
David's place was empty. [26] Neverthe-
less Saul spake not any thing that day:
for he thought, Something hath be-
fallen him, he *is* not clean; surely he *is*
not clean. [27] And it came to pass on
the morrow, *which was* the second *day*
of the month, that David's place was
empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan

his son, Wherefore cometh not the
son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday,
nor to day? [28] And Jonathan answered
Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me
to go to Bethlehem: [29] And he said, Let
me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a
sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he
hath commanded me *to be there*: and
now, if I have found favour in thine
eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and
see my brethren. Therefore he cometh
not unto the king's table. [30] Then Saul's
anger was kindled against Jonathan,
and he said unto him, Thou son of the
perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I
know that thou hast chosen the son of

Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto
the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?* 31 For as long as the son of Jesse
liveth upon the ground, thou shalt
not be established, nor thy kingdom.
Wherefore now send and fetch him
unto me, for he shall surely die.* 32 And
Jonathan answered Saul his father, and
said unto him, Wherefore shall he be
slain? what hath he done? 33 And
Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him:
whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

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30. Thou...: or, Thou perverse rebel: Heb. Son of perverse rebellion.

31. shall...: Heb. is the son of death.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in
fierce anger, and did eat no meat the
second day of the month: for he was
grieved for David, because his father
had done him shame. 35 And it came
to pass in the morning, that Jonathan
went out into the field at the time ap-
pointed with David, and a little lad
with him. 36 And he said unto his lad,
Run, find out now the arrows which I
shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an
arrow beyond him.* 37 And when the
lad was come to the place of the arrow
which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan
cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the

36. beyond...: Heb. to pass over him.

arrow beyond thee? [38] And Jonathan
cried after the lad, Make speed, haste,
stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered
up the arrows, and came to his master.
[39] But the lad knew not any thing: only
Jonathan and David knew the mat-
ter. [40] And Jonathan gave his artillery
unto his lad, and said unto him, Go,
carry *them* to the city.* [41] *And* as soon
as the lad was gone, David arose out
of *a place* toward the south, and fell
on his face to the ground, and bowed
himself three times: and they kissed
one another, and wept one with an-

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40. artillery: Heb. instruments. his lad: Heb. the lad that was his.

other, until David exceeded. 42 And
Jonathan said to David, Go in peace,
forasmuch as we have sworn both of
us in the name of the LORD, saying,
The LORD be between me and thee,
and between my seed and thy seed for
ever. And he arose and departed: and
Jonathan went into the city.*

21 Then came David to Nob to
Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech
was afraid at the meeting of David,
and said unto him, Why *art* thou
alone, and no man with thee?* 2 And

42. forasmuch...: or, the LORD be witness of that which etc.

21.1. Ahimelech: also called, called Ahiah.

David said unto Ahimelech the priest,
The king hath commanded me a busi-
ness, and hath said unto me, Let no
man know any thing of the business
whereabout I send thee, and what I
have commanded thee: and I have ap-
pointed *my* servants to such and such
a place. 3 Now therefore what is un-
der thine hand? give *me* five *loaves*
of bread in mine hand, or what there
is present.* 4 And the priest answered
David, and said, *There is* no common
bread under mine hand, but there is
hallowed bread; if the young men have
kept themselves at least from women.

3. present: Heb. found.

5 And David answered the priest, and
said unto him, Of a truth women *have*
been kept from us about these three
days, since I came out, and the ves-
sels of the young men are holy, and
the bread is in a manner common, yea,
though it were sanctified this day in
the vessel.* 6 So the priest gave him
hallowed *bread*: for there was no bread
there but the shewbread, that was
taken from before the LORD, to put
hot bread in the day when it was taken
away. 7 Now a certain man of the ser-
vants of Saul *was* there that day, de-

5. yea...: or, especially when this day there is other sanctified in the vessel.

tained before the LORD; and his name
was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest
of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul.
8 And David said unto Ahimelech,
And is there not here under thine hand
spear or sword? for I have neither
brought my sword nor my weapons
with me, because the king's business
required haste. 9 And the priest said,
The sword of Goliath the Philistine,
whom thou slewest in the valley of
Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapped in a
cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt
take that, take *it*: for *there is* no other
save that here. And David said, *There is*
none like that; give it me. 10 And David

arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul,
and went to Achish the king of Gath.
11 And the servants of Achish said unto
him, *Is* not this David the king of the
land? did they not sing one to an-
other of him in dances, saying, Saul
hath slain his thousands, and David
his ten thousands? 12 And David laid
up these words in his heart, and was
sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.
13 And he changed his behaviour be-
fore them, and feigned himself mad
in their hands, and scrabbled on the
doors of the gate, and let his spittle
fall down upon his beard.* 14 Then said

13. scrabbled: or, made marks.

Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the
man is mad: wherefore *then* have ye
brought him to me?* 15 Have I need of
mad men, that ye have brought this
fellow to play the mad man in my pres-
ence? shall this *fellow* come into my
house?

22 David therefore departed thence
and escaped to the cave Adullam: and
when his brethren and all his father's
house heard *it*, they went down thither
to him. 2 And every one *that was*
in distress, and every one that *was*
in debt, and every one *that was* dis-

14. is mad: or, playeth the mad man.

contented, gathered themselves unto
him; and he became a captain over
them: and there were with him about
four hundred men.* 3 And David went
thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he
said unto the king of Moab, Let my fa-
ther and my mother, I pray thee, come
forth, *and be* with you, till I know what
God will do for me. 4 And he brought
them before the king of Moab: and
they dwelt with him all the while that
David was in the hold. 5 And the
prophet Gad said unto David, Abide
not in the hold; depart, and get thee

22.2. was in debt: Heb. had a creditor. discontented: Heb. bitter of soul.

into the land of Judah. Then David
departed, and came into the forest
of Hareth. 6 When Saul heard that
David was discovered, and the men
that *were* with him, (now Saul abode
in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, hav-
ing his spear in his hand, and all his
servants *were* standing about him;)*
7 Then Saul said unto his servants that
stood about him, Hear now, ye Ben-
jamites; will the son of Jesse give every
one of you fields and vineyards, *and*
make you all captains of thousands,
and captains of hundreds; 8 That all
of you have conspired against me, and

6. tree...: or, grove in a high place.

there is none that sheweth me that my
son hath made a league with the son
of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that
is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me
that my son hath stirred up my ser-
vant against me, to lie in wait, as at
this day?* 9 Then answered Doeg the
Edomite, which was set over the ser-
vants of Saul, and said, I saw the son
of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahim-
elech the son of Ahitub. 10 And he en-
quired of the LORD for him, and gave
him victuals, and gave him the sword
of Goliath the Philistine. 11 Then the
king sent to call Ahimelech the priest,

8. sheweth...: Heb. uncovereth mine ear.

the son of Ahitub, and all his father's
house, the priests that *were* in Nob:
and they came all of them to the king.
12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of
Ahitub. And he answered, Here I *am*,
my lord.* 13 And Saul said unto him,
Why have ye conspired against me,
thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou
hast given him bread, and a sword, and
hast enquired of God for him, that he
should rise against me, to lie in wait,
as at this day? 14 Then Ahimelech an-
swered the king, and said, And who
is so faithful among all thy servants as
David, which is the king's son in law,

12. Here...: Heb. Behold me.

and goeth at thy bidding, and is hon-
ourable in thine house? [15] Did I then
begin to enquire of God for him? be
it far from me: let not the king im-
pute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to
all the house of my father: for thy ser-
vant knew nothing of all this, less or
more.* [16] And the king said, Thou shalt
surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all
thy father's house. [17] And the king said
unto the footmen that stood about
him, Turn, and slay the priests of the
LORD; because their hand also *is* with
David, and because they knew when
he fled, and did not shew it to me.

15. less...: Heb. little or great.

But the servants of the king would not
put forth their hand to fall upon the
priests of the LORD.* 18 And the king
said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon
the priests. And Doeg the Edomite
turned, and he fell upon the priests,
and slew on that day fourscore and five
persons that did wear a linen ephod.
19 And Nob, the city of the priests,
smote he with the edge of the sword,
both men and women, children and
sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and
sheep, with the edge of the sword.
20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech
the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar,

17. footmen: or, guard: Heb. runners.

escaped, and fled after David. [21] And
Abiathar shewed David that Saul had
slain the LORD's priests. [22] And David
said unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day,
when Doeg the Edomite *was* there,
that he would surely tell Saul: I have
occasioned *the death* of all the persons
of thy father's house. [23] Abide thou
with me, fear not: for he that seeketh
my life seeketh thy life: but with me
thou *shalt be* in safeguard.

23 Then they told David, saying,
Behold, the Philistines fight against
Keilah, and they rob the thresh-
ingfloors. [2] Therefore David enquired

of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and
smite these Philistines? And the LORD
said unto David, Go, and smite the
Philistines, and save Keilah. 3 And
David's men said unto him, Behold,
we be afraid here in Judah: how
much more then if we come to Keilah
against the armies of the Philistines?
4 Then David enquired of the LORD
yet again. And the LORD answered
him and said, Arise, go down to
Keilah; for I will deliver the Philis-
tines into thine hand. 5 So David and
his men went to Keilah, and fought
with the Philistines, and brought away
their cattle, and smote them with a

great slaughter. So David saved the
inhabitants of Keilah. 6 And it came
to pass, when Abiathar the son of
Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah,
that he came down *with* an ephod
in his hand. 7 And it was told Saul
that David was come to Keilah. And
Saul said, God hath delivered him into
mine hand; for he is shut in, by en-
tering into a town that hath gates and
bars. 8 And Saul called all the people
together to war, to go down to Keilah,
to besiege David and his men. 9 And
David knew that Saul secretly prac-
tised mischief against him; and he said
to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the

ephod. [10] Then said David, O LORD
God of Israel, thy servant hath cer-
tainly heard that Saul seeketh to come
to Keilah, to destroy the city for my
sake. [11] Will the men of Keilah deliver
me up into his hand? will Saul come
down, as thy servant hath heard? O
LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell
thy servant. And the LORD said, He
will come down. [12] Then said David,
Will the men of Keilah deliver me and
my men into the hand of Saul? And
the LORD said, They will deliver *thee*
up.* [13] Then David and his men, *which*
were about six hundred, arose and de-

23.12. deliver: Heb. shut up.

parted out of Keilah, and went whith-
ersoever they could go. And it was
told Saul that David was escaped from
Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.
14 And David abode in the wilderness
in strong holds, and remained in a
mountain in the wilderness of Ziph.
And Saul sought him every day, but
God delivered him not into his hand.
15 And David saw that Saul was come
out to seek his life: and David *was*
in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.
16 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and
went to David into the wood, and
strengthened his hand in God. 17 And
he said unto him, Fear not: for the

hand of Saul my father shall not find
thee; and thou shalt be king over Is-
rael, and I shall be next unto thee;
and that also Saul my father knoweth.
18 And they two made a covenant be-
fore the LORD: and David abode in
the wood, and Jonathan went to his
house. 19 Then came up the Ziphites
to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not
David hide himself with us in strong
holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachi-
lah, which *is* on the south of Jeshi-
mon?* 20 Now therefore, O king, come
down according to all the desire of thy

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19. on...: Heb. on the right hand. Jeshimon: or, the wilderness.

soul to come down; and our part *shall*
be to deliver him into the king's hand.
21 And Saul said, Blessed *be* ye of the
LORD; for ye have compassion on me.
22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know
and see his place where his haunt is,
and who hath seen him there: for it
is told me *that* he dealeth very sub-
tilly.* 23 See therefore, and take knowl-
edge of all the lurking places where he
hideth himself, and come ye again to
me with the certainty, and I will go
with you: and it shall come to pass,
if he be in the land, that I will search
him out throughout all the thousands

22. haunt...: Heb. foot shall be.

of Judah. [24] And they arose, and went
to Ziph before Saul: but David and his
men *were* in the wilderness of Maon,
in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.
[25] Saul also and his men went to seek
him. And they told David: where-
fore he came down into a rock, and
abode in the wilderness of Maon. And
when Saul heard *that*, he pursued af-
ter David in the wilderness of Maon.*
[26] And Saul went on this side of the
mountain, and David and his men on
that side of the mountain: and David
made haste to get away for fear of
Saul; for Saul and his men compassed

25. into...: or, from the rock.

David and his men round about to
take them. [27] But there came a messen-
ger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and
come; for the Philistines have invaded
the land.* [28] Wherefore Saul returned
from pursuing after David, and went
against the Philistines: therefore they
called that place Selahammahlekoth.*
[29] And David went up from thence, and
dwelt in strong holds at Engedi.

24 And it came to pass, when Saul
was returned from following the Phi-
listines, that it was told him, saying,

27. invaded...: Heb. spread themselves upon, etc.
28. Selahammahlekoth: that is, The rock of divisions.

Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of
Engedi.* 2 Then Saul took three thou-
sand chosen men out of all Israel, and
went to seek David and his men upon
the rocks of the wild goats. 3 And he
came to the sheepcotes by the way,
where *was* a cave; and Saul went in
to cover his feet: and David and his
men remained in the sides of the cave.
4 And the men of David said unto
him, Behold the day of which the
LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will de-
liver thine enemy into thine hand, that
thou mayest do to him as it shall seem
good unto thee. Then David arose,

24.1. following: Heb. after.

and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.* 5 And it came to pass afterward,
that David's heart smote him, because
he had cut off Saul's skirt. 6 And he
said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto
my master, the LORD'S anointed, to
stretch forth mine hand against him,
seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.
7 So David stayed his servants with
these words, and suffered them not
to rise against Saul. But Saul rose
up out of the cave, and went on *his*
way.* 8 David also arose afterward, and

4. Saul's...: Heb. the robe which was Saul's.
7. stayed: Heb. cut off.

went out of the cave, and cried after
Saul, saying, My lord the king. And
when Saul looked behind him, David
stooped with his face to the earth, and
bowed himself. 9 And David said to
Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's
words, saying, Behold, David seeketh
thy hurt? 10 Behold, this day thine eyes
have seen how that the LORD had de-
livered thee to day into mine hand in
the cave: and *some* bade *me* kill thee:
but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said,
I will not put forth mine hand against
my lord; for he *is* the LORD'S anointed.
11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the
skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in

that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and
killed thee not, know thou and see that
there is neither evil nor transgression
in mine hand, and I have not sinned
against thee; yet thou huntest my soul
to take it. 12 The LORD judge between
me and thee, and the LORD avenge me
of thee: but mine hand shall not be
upon thee. 13 As saith the proverb of
the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth
from the wicked: but mine hand shall
not be upon thee. 14 After whom is the
king of Israel come out? after whom
dost thou pursue? after a dead dog,
after a flea. 15 The LORD therefore be
judge, and judge between me and thee,

and see, and plead my cause, and de-
liver me out of thine hand.* [16] And it
came to pass, when David had made
an end of speaking these words unto
Saul, that Saul said, *Is* this thy voice,
my son David? And Saul lifted up
his voice, and wept. [17] And he said
to David, Thou *art* more righteous
than I: for thou hast rewarded me
good, whereas I have rewarded thee
evil. [18] And thou hast shewed this day
how that thou hast dealt well with
me: forasmuch as when the LORD had
delivered me into thine hand, thou

15. deliver: Heb. judge.

killedst me not.* [19] For if a man find his
enemy, will he let him go well away?
wherefore the LORD reward thee good
for that thou hast done unto me this
day. [20] And now, behold, I know well
that thou shalt surely be king, and that
the kingdom of Israel shall be estab-
lished in thine hand. [21] Swear now
therefore unto me by the LORD, that
thou wilt not cut off my seed after
me, and that thou wilt not destroy my
name out of my father's house. [22] And
David sware unto Saul. And Saul went
home; but David and his men gat
them up unto the hold.

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18. delivered: Heb. shut up.

25 And Samuel died; and all the
Israelites were gathered together, and
lamented him, and buried him in his
house at Ramah. And David arose,
and went down to the wilderness of
Paran. 2 And *there was* a man in Maon,
whose possessions *were* in Carmel;
and the man *was* very great, and he
had three thousand sheep, and a thou-
sand goats: and he was shearing his
sheep in Carmel.* 3 Now the name of
the man *was* Nabal; and the name of
his wife Abigail: and *she was* a wo-
man of good understanding, and of a

25.2. possessions: or, business.

beautiful countenance: but the man
was churlish and evil in his doings;
and he *was* of the house of Caleb.
4 And David heard in the wilderness
that Nabal did shear his sheep. 5 And
David sent out ten young men, and
David said unto the young men, Get
you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal,
and greet him in my name:* 6 And
thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in*
prosperity, Peace *be* both to thee, and
peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be*
unto all that thou hast. 7 And now
I have heard that thou hast shearers:
now thy shepherds which were with

5. greet...: Heb. ask him in my name of peace.

us, we hurt them not, neither was there
ought missing unto them, all the while
they were in Carmel.* 8 Ask thy young
men, and they will shew thee. Where-
fore let the young men find favour in
thine eyes: for we come in a good day:
give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh
to thine hand unto thy servants, and
to thy son David. 9 And when David's
young men came, they spake to Na-
bal according to all those words in
the name of David, and ceased.* 10 And
Nabal answered David's servants, and
said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the

7. hurt: Heb. shamed.
9. ceased: Heb. rested.

son of Jesse? there be many servants
now a days that break away every man
from his master. 11 Shall I then take
my bread, and my water, and my flesh
that I have killed for my shearers, and
give *it* unto men, whom I know not
whence they *be*?* 12 So David's young
men turned their way, and went again,
and came and told him all those say-
ings. 13 And David said unto his men,
Gird ye on every man his sword. And
they girded on every man his sword;
and David also girded on his sword:
and there went up after David about
four hundred men; and two hundred

11. flesh: Heb. slaughter.

abode by the stuff. 14 But one of the
young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife,
saying, Behold, David sent messen-
gers out of the wilderness to salute
our master; and he railed on them.*
15 But the men *were* very good unto us,
and we were not hurt, neither missed
we any thing, as long as we were con-
versant with them, when we were in
the fields:* 16 They were a wall unto us
both by night and day, all the while
we were with them keeping the sheep.
17 Now therefore know and consider
what thou wilt do; for evil is deter-

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14. railed...: Heb. flew upon them.
15. hurt: Heb. shamed.

mined against our master, and against
all his household: for he *is such* a son of
Belial, that *a man* cannot speak to him.
18 Then Abigail made haste, and took
two hundred loaves, and two bottles
of wine, and five sheep ready dressed,
and five measures of parched *corn*, and
an hundred clusters of raisins, and two
hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them*
on asses.* 19 And she said unto her ser-
vants, Go on before me; behold, I
come after you. But she told not her
husband Nabal. 20 And it was *so, as* she
rode on the ass, that she came down
by the covert of the hill, and, behold,

18. clusters: or, lumps.

David and his men came down against
her; and she met them. [21] Now David
had said, Surely in vain have I kept
all that this *fellow* hath in the wilder-
ness, so that nothing was missed of all
that *pertained* unto him: and he hath
requited me evil for good. [22] So and
more also do God unto the enemies
of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to
him by the morning light any that pis-
seth against the wall. [23] And when Abi-
gail saw David, she hasted, and lighted
off the ass, and fell before David on her
face, and bowed herself to the ground,
[24] And fell at his feet, and said, Upon
me, my lord, *upon* me *let this* iniquity

be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee,
speak in thine audience, and hear the
words of thine handmaid.* [25] Let not
my lord, I pray thee, regard this man
of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name
is, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and
folly *is* with him: but I thine hand-
maid saw not the young men of my
lord, whom thou didst send.* [26] Now
therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liveth,
and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD
hath withholden thee from coming to
shed blood, and from avenging thyself

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24. audience: Heb. ears.
25. regard: Heb. lay it to his heart. Nabal: that is, Fool.

with thine own hand, now let thine
enemies, and they that seek evil to
my lord, be as Nabal.* [27] And now this
blessing which thine handmaid hath
brought unto my lord, let it even be
given unto the young men that follow
my lord.* [28] I pray thee, forgive the tres-
pass of thine handmaid: for the LORD
will certainly make my lord a sure
house; because my lord fighteth the
battles of the LORD, and evil hath not
been found in thee *all* thy days. [29] Yet a
man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek

26. avenging...: Heb. saving thyself.
27. blessing: or, present. follow...: Heb. walk at the feet of, etc.

thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall
be bound in the bundle of life with
the LORD thy God; and the souls of
thine enemies, them shall he sling out,
as out of the middle of a sling.* 30 And
it shall come to pass, when the LORD
shall have done to my lord according
to all the good that he hath spoken
concerning thee, and shall have ap-
pointed thee ruler over Israel; 31 That
this shall be no grief unto thee, nor of-
fence of heart unto my lord, either that
thou hast shed blood causeless, or that
my lord hath avenged himself: but

29. as out...: Heb. in the midst of the bought of a sling.

when the LORD shall have dealt well
with my lord, then remember thine
handmaid.* 32 And David said to Abi-
gail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Is-
rael, which sent thee this day to meet
me: 33 And blessed *be* thy advice, and
blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me
this day from coming to *shed* blood,
and from avenging myself with mine
own hand. 34 For in very deed, *as* the
LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath
kept me back from hurting thee, ex-
cept thou hadst hasted and come to
meet me, surely there had not been
left unto Nabal by the morning light

31. no grief: Heb. no staggering, or, stumbling.

any that pisseth against the wall. [35] So
David received of her hand *that* which
she had brought him, and said unto
her, Go up in peace to thine house;
see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and
have accepted thy person. [36] And Abi-
gail came to Nabal; and, behold, he
held a feast in his house, like the feast
of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry
within him, for he *was* very drunken:
wherefore she told him nothing, less or
more, until the morning light. [37] But it
came to pass in the morning, when the
wine was gone out of Nabal, and his
wife had told him these things, that
his heart died within him, and he be-

came *as* a stone. [38] And it came to pass
about ten days *after*, that the LORD
smote Nabal, that he died. [39] And
when David heard that Nabal was
dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD,
that hath pleaded the cause of my re-
proach from the hand of Nabal, and
hath kept his servant from evil: for
the LORD hath returned the wicked-
ness of Nabal upon his own head. And
David sent and communed with Abi-
gail, to take her to him to wife. [40] And
when the servants of David were come
to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto
her, saying, David sent us unto thee,
to take thee to him to wife. [41] And she

arose, and bowed herself on *her* face to
the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine
handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet
of the servants of my lord. 42 And Abi-
gail hasted, and arose, and rode upon
an ass, with five damsels of hers that
went after her; and she went after the
messengers of David, and became his
wife.* 43 David also took Ahinoam of
Jezreel; and they were also both of
them his wives. 44 But Saul had given
Michal his daughter, David's wife, to
Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of
Gallim.*

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42. after her: Heb. at her feet.
44. Phalti: Phaltiel.

26 And the Ziphites came unto
Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not
David hide himself in the hill of
Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon?
2 Then Saul arose, and went down to
the wilderness of Ziph, having three
thousand chosen men of Israel with
him, to seek David in the wilderness
of Ziph. 3 And Saul pitched in the
hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Jeshi-
mon, by the way. But David abode in
the wilderness, and he saw that Saul
came after him into the wilderness.
4 David therefore sent out spies, and
understood that Saul was come in very

deed. 5 And David arose, and came
to the place where Saul had pitched:
and David beheld the place where Saul
lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the
captain of his host: and Saul lay in
the trench, and the people pitched
round about him.* 6 Then answered
David and said to Ahimelech the Hit-
tite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah,
brother to Joab, saying, Who will go
down with me to Saul to the camp?
And Abishai said, I will go down with
thee. 7 So David and Abishai came
to the people by night: and, behold,
Saul lay sleeping within the trench,

26.5. trench: or, midst of his carriages.

and his spear stuck in the ground at
his bolster: but Abner and the peo-
ple lay round about him. 8 Then said
Abishai to David, God hath deliv-
ered thine enemy into thine hand this
day: now therefore let me smite him,
I pray thee, with the spear even to
the earth at once, and I will not *smite*
him the second time.* 9 And David
said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for
who can stretch forth his hand against
the LORD's anointed, and be guilt-
less? 10 David said furthermore, *As*
the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite
him; or his day shall come to die; or

8. delivered: Heb. shut up.

he shall descend into battle, and per-
ish. [11] The LORD forbid that I should
stretch forth mine hand against the
LORD'S anointed: but, I pray thee, take
thou now the spear that *is* at his bol-
ster, and the cruse of water, and let us
go. [12] So David took the spear and the
cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and
they gat them away, and no man saw
it, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for
they *were* all asleep; because a deep
sleep from the LORD was fallen upon
them. [13] Then David went over to the
other side, and stood on the top of
an hill afar off; a great space *being* be-
tween them: [14] And David cried to

the people, and to Abner the son of
Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Ab-
ner? Then Abner answered and said,
Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king?
15 And David said to Abner, *Art* not
thou a *valiant* man? and who *is* like
to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast
thou not kept thy lord the king? for
there came one of the people in to de-
stroy the king thy lord. 16 This thing
is not good that thou hast done. *As*
the LORD liveth, ye *are* worthy to die,
because ye have not kept your master,
the LORD'S anointed. And now see
where the king's spear *is*, and the cruse

of water that *was* at his bolster.* [17] And
Saul knew David's voice, and said, *Is*
this thy voice, my son David? And
David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O
king. [18] And he said, Wherefore doth
my lord thus pursue after his servant?
for what have I done? or what evil
is in mine hand? [19] Now therefore, I
pray thee, let my lord the king hear
the words of his servant. If the LORD
have stirred thee up against me, let him
accept an offering: but if *they be* the
children of men, cursed *be* they be-
fore the LORD; for they have driven
me out this day from abiding in the

16. worthy to die: Heb. the sons of death.

inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go,
serve other gods.* 20 Now therefore, let
not my blood fall to the earth before
the face of the LORD: for the king
of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as
when one doth hunt a partridge in the
mountains. 21 Then said Saul, I have
sinned: return, my son David: for I
will no more do thee harm, because
my soul was precious in thine eyes this
day: behold, I have played the fool, and
have erred exceedingly. 22 And David
answered and said, Behold the king's
spear! and let one of the young men
come over and fetch it. 23 The LORD

19. accept: Heb. smell. abiding: Heb. cleaving.

render to every man his righteousness
and his faithfulness: for the LORD de-
livered thee into *my* hand to day, but
I would not stretch forth mine hand
against the LORD's anointed. 24 And,
behold, as thy life was much set by this
day in mine eyes, so let my life be much
set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let
him deliver me out of all tribulation.
25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be*
thou, my son David: thou shalt both
do great *things*, and also shalt still pre-
vail. So David went on his way, and
Saul returned to his place.

27 And David said in his heart, I

shall now perish one day by the hand
of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me
than that I should speedily escape into
the land of the Philistines; and Saul
shall despair of me, to seek me any
more in any coast of Israel: so shall I
escape out of his hand.* 2 And David
arose, and he passed over with the six
hundred men that *were* with him unto
Achish, the son of Maoch, king of
Gath. 3 And David dwelt with Achish
at Gath, he and his men, every man
with his household, *even* David with
his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreel-
itess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Na-

27.1. perish: Heb. be consumed.

bal's wife. 4 And it was told Saul that
David was fled to Gath: and he sought
no more again for him. 5 And David
said unto Achish, If I have now found
grace in thine eyes, let them give me
a place in some town in the country,
that I may dwell there: for why should
thy servant dwell in the royal city with
thee? 6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag
that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth
unto the kings of Judah unto this day.
7 And the time that David dwelt in the
country of the Philistines was a full
year and four months.* 8 And David

7. the time: Heb. the number of days. a full year: Heb. a year of days.

and his men went up, and invaded
the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and
the Amalekites: for those *nations were*
of old the inhabitants of the land, as
thou goest to Shur, even unto the
land of Egypt.* 9 And David smote
the land, and left neither man nor wo-
man alive, and took away the sheep,
and the oxen, and the asses, and the
camels, and the apparel, and returned,
and came to Achish. 10 And Achish
said, Whither have ye made a road
to day? And David said, Against the
south of Judah, and against the south
of the Jerahmeelites, and against the

8. Gezrites: or, Gerzites.

south of the Kenites.* [11] And David
saved neither man nor woman alive, to
bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they
should tell on us, saying, So did David,
and so *will be* his manner all the while
he dwelleth in the country of the Phi-
listines. [12] And Achish believed David,
saying, He hath made his people Israel
utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall
be my servant for ever.*

28 And it came to pass in those
days, that the Philistines gathered
their armies together for warfare, to

10. Whither...: or, Did you not make a road, etc.
12. utterly...: Heb. to stink.

fight with Israel. And Achish said
unto David, Know thou assuredly,
that thou shalt go out with me to bat-
tle, thou and thy men. [2] And David
said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know
what thy servant can do. And Achish
said to David, Therefore will I make
thee keeper of mine head for ever.
[3] Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel
had lamented him, and buried him in
Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul
had put away those that had famil-
iar spirits, and the wizards, out of the
land. [4] And the Philistines gathered
themselves together, and came and
pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered

all Israel together, and they pitched
in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the
host of the Philistines, he was afraid,
and his heart greatly trembled. 6 And
when Saul enquired of the LORD, the
LORD answered him not, neither by
dreams, nor by Urim, nor by proph-
ets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants,
Seek me a woman that hath a familiar
spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire
of her. And his servants said to him,
Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a
familiar spirit at Endor. 8 And Saul
disguised himself, and put on other
raiment, and he went, and two men
with him, and they came to the wo-

man by night: and he said, I pray thee,
divine unto me by the familiar spirit,
and bring me *him* up, whom I shall
name unto thee. 9 And the woman
said unto him, Behold, thou knowest
what Saul hath done, how he hath cut
off those that have familiar spirits, and
the wizards, out of the land: wherefore
then layest thou a snare for my life, to
cause me to die? 10 And Saul sware to
her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD
liveth, there shall no punishment hap-
pen to thee for this thing. 11 Then said
the woman, Whom shall I bring up
unto thee? And he said, Bring me up
Samuel. 12 And when the woman saw

Samuel, she cried with a loud voice:
and the woman spake to Saul, saying,
Why hast thou deceived me? for thou
art Saul. 13 And the king said unto
her, Be not afraid: for what sawest
thou? And the woman said unto Saul,
I saw gods ascending out of the earth.
14 And he said unto her, What form
is he of? And she said, An old man
cometh up; and he *is* covered with a
mantle. And Saul perceived that it
was Samuel, and he stooped with *his*
face to the ground, and bowed him-
self.* 15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why
hast thou disquieted me, to bring me

28.14. What...: Heb. What is his form?.

up? And Saul answered, I am sore
distressed; for the Philistines make
war against me, and God is departed
from me, and answereth me no more,
neither by prophets, nor by dreams:
therefore I have called thee, that thou
mayest make known unto me what I
shall do.* 16 Then said Samuel, Where-
fore then dost thou ask of me, seeing
the LORD is departed from thee, and
is become thine enemy? 17 And the
LORD hath done to him, as he spake
by me: for the LORD hath rent the
kingdom out of thine hand, and given

15. by prophets: Heb. by the hand of prophets.

it to thy neighbour, *even* to David:*
18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice
of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce
wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath
the LORD done this thing unto thee
this day. 19 Moreover the LORD will
also deliver Israel with thee into the
hand of the Philistines: and to mor-
row *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with
me: the LORD also shall deliver the
host of Israel into the hand of the
Philistines. 20 Then Saul fell straight-
way all along on the earth, and was
sore afraid, because of the words of
Samuel: and there was no strength in

17. to him: or, for himself. me: Heb. mine hand.

him; for he had eaten no bread all the
day, nor all the night.* [21] And the wo-
man came unto Saul, and saw that he
was sore troubled, and said unto him,
Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed
thy voice, and I have put my life in
my hand, and have hearkened unto
thy words which thou spakest unto
me. [22] Now therefore, I pray thee, hear-
ken thou also unto the voice of thine
handmaid, and let me set a morsel of
bread before thee; and eat, that thou
mayest have strength, when thou goest
on thy way. [23] But he refused, and said,

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20. fell...: Heb. made haste, and fell with the fulness of his stature.

I will not eat. But his servants, together
with the woman, compelled him; and
he hearkened unto their voice. So he
arose from the earth, and sat upon the
bed. 24 And the woman had a fat calf in
the house; and she hasted, and killed it,
and took flour, and kneaded *it*, and did
bake unleavened bread thereof: 25 And
she brought *it* before Saul, and before
his servants; and they did eat. Then
they rose up, and went away that night.

29 Now the Philistines gathered
together all their armies to Aphek:
and the Israelites pitched by a foun-
tain which *is* in Jezreel. 2 And the lords

of the Philistines passed on by hun-
dreds, and by thousands: but David
and his men passed on in the rereward
with Achish. 3 Then said the princes
of the Philistines, What *do* these He-
brews *here*? And Achish said unto the
princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this
David, the servant of Saul the king of
Israel, which hath been with me these
days, or these years, and I have found
no fault in him since he fell *unto me*
unto this day? 4 And the princes of the
Philistines were wroth with him; and
the princes of the Philistines said unto
him, Make this fellow return, that he
may go again to his place which thou

hast appointed him, and let him not
go down with us to battle, lest in the
battle he be an adversary to us: for
wherewith should he reconcile himself
unto his master? *should it* not *be* with
the heads of these men? 5 *Is* not this
David, of whom they sang one to an-
other in dances, saying, Saul slew his
thousands, and David his ten thou-
sands? 6 Then Achish called David,
and said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD
liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy
going out and thy coming in with me
in the host *is* good in my sight: for
I have not found evil in thee since
the day of thy coming unto me unto

this day: nevertheless the lords fa-
vour thee not.* 7 Wherefore now re-
turn, and go in peace, that thou dis-
please not the lords of the Philistines.*
8 And David said unto Achish, But
what have I done? and what hast thou
found in thy servant so long as I have
been with thee unto this day, that I
may not go fight against the enemies
of my lord the king?* 9 And Achish
answered and said to David, I know
that thou *art* good in my sight, as an

29.6. the lords...: Heb. thou art not good in the eyes of the lords.

7. displease...: Heb. do not evil in the eyes of the lords.

8. with...: Heb. before thee.

angel of God: notwithstanding the
princes of the Philistines have said, He
shall not go up with us to the bat-
tle. [10] Wherefore now rise up early in
the morning with thy master's servants
that are come with thee: and as soon as
ye be up early in the morning, and have
light, depart. [11] So David and his men
rose up early to depart in the morning,
to return into the land of the Philis-
tines. And the Philistines went up to
Jezreel.

30 And it came to pass, when
David and his men were come to
Ziklag on the third day, that the

Amalekites had invaded the south,
and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and
burned it with fire; 2 And had taken
the women captives, that *were* therein:
they slew not any, either great or small,
but carried *them* away, and went on
their way. 3 So David and his men
came to the city, and, behold, *it was*
burned with fire; and their wives, and
their sons, and their daughters, were
taken captives. 4 Then David and
the people that *were* with him lifted
up their voice and wept, until they
had no more power to weep. 5 And
David's two wives were taken captives,
Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abi-

gail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.
6 And David was greatly distressed; for
the people spake of stoning him, be-
cause the soul of all the people was
grieved, every man for his sons and
for his daughters: but David encour-
aged himself in the LORD his God.*
7 And David said to Abiathar the
priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee,
bring me hither the ephod. And Abi-
athar brought thither the ephod to
David. 8 And David enquired at the
LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this
troop? shall I overtake them? And
he answered him, Pursue: for thou

30.6. grieved: Heb. bitter.

shalt surely overtake *them*, and with-
out fail recover *all*. 9 So David went,
he and the six hundred men that *were*
with him, and came to the brook Be-
sor, where those that were left behind
stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and
four hundred men: for two hundred
abode behind, which were so faint that
they could not go over the brook Be-
sor. 11 And they found an Egyptian in
the field, and brought him to David,
and gave him bread, and he did eat;
and they made him drink water; 12 And
they gave him a piece of a cake of figs,
and two clusters of raisins: and when
he had eaten, his spirit came again

to him: for he had eaten no bread,
nor drunk *any* water, three days and
three nights. 13 And David said unto
him, To whom *belongest* thou? and
whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am*
a young man of Egypt, servant to an
Amalekite; and my master left me, be-
cause three days agone I fell sick. 14 We
made an invasion *upon* the south of the
Cherethites, and upon *the coast* which
belongeth to Judah, and upon the south
of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with
fire. 15 And David said to him, Canst
thou bring me down to this company?
And he said, Swear unto me by God,
that thou wilt neither kill me, nor de-

liver me into the hands of my master,
and I will bring thee down to this com-
pany. 16 And when he had brought
him down, behold, *they were* spread
abroad upon all the earth, eating and
drinking, and dancing, because of all
the great spoil that they had taken out
of the land of the Philistines, and out
of the land of Judah. 17 And David
smote them from the twilight even
unto the evening of the next day: and
there escaped not a man of them, save
four hundred young men, which rode
upon camels, and fled.* 18 And David
recovered all that the Amalekites had

17. the next...: Heb. their morrow.

carried away: and David rescued his
two wives. [19] And there was noth-
ing lacking to them, neither small nor
great, neither sons nor daughters, nei-
ther spoil, nor any *thing* that they
had taken to them: David recovered
all. [20] And David took all the flocks
and the herds, *which* they drave be-
fore those *other* cattle, and said, This
is David's spoil. [21] And David came to
the two hundred men, which were so
faint that they could not follow David,
whom they had made also to abide at
the brook Besor: and they went forth
to meet David, and to meet the people
that *were* with him: and when David

came near to the people, he saluted
them.* 22 Then answered all the wicked
men and *men* of Belial, of those that
went with David, and said, Because
they went not with us, we will not give
them *ought* of the spoil that we have
recovered, save to every man his wife
and his children, that they may lead
them away, and depart.* 23 Then said
David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren,
with that which the LORD hath given
us, who hath preserved us, and deliv-
ered the company that came against
us into our hand. 24 For who will hear-

21. saluted...: or, asked them how they did.
22. those: Heb. men.

ken unto you in this matter? but as
his part *is* that goeth down to the bat-
tle, so *shall* his part *be* that tarrieth by
the stuff: they shall part alike. 25 And
it was *so* from that day forward, that
he made it a statute and an ordinance
for Israel unto this day.* 26 And when
David came to Ziklag, he sent of the
spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even*
to his friends, saying, Behold a pre-
sent for you of the spoil of the ene-
mies of the LORD;* 27 To *them* which
were in Bethel, and to *them* which *were*
in south Ramoth, and to *them* which

25. forward: Heb. and forward.
26. present: Heb. blessing.

were in Jattir, [28] And to *them* which
were in Aroer, and to *them* which *were*
in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were*
in Eshtemoa, [29] And to *them* which
were in Rachal, and to *them* which *were*
in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and
to *them* which *were* in the cities of the
Kenites, [30] And to *them* which *were* in
Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in
Chorashan, and to *them* which *were* in
Athach, [31] And to *them* which *were* in
Hebron, and to all the places where
David himself and his men were wont
to haunt.

31 Now the Philistines fought

against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines,
and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.* 2 And the Philistines followed
hard upon Saul and upon his sons;
and the Philistines slew Jonathan,
and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's
sons. 3 And the battle went sore
against Saul, and the archers hit him;
and he was sore wounded of the
archers.* 4 Then said Saul unto his
armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and
thrust me through therewith; lest

31.1. slain: or, wounded.

3. and the archers: Heb. and the shooters, men with bows. hit...: Heb. found him.

these uncircumcised come and thrust
me through, and abuse me. But his ar-
mourbearer would not; for he was sore
afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword,
and fell upon it.* 5 And when his ar-
mourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he
fell likewise upon his sword, and died
with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three
sons, and his armourbearer, and all his
men, that same day together. 7 And
when the men of Israel that *were* on
the other side of the valley, and *they*
that *were* on the other side Jordan,
saw that the men of Israel fled, and
that Saul and his sons were dead, they

4. abuse...: or, mock me.

forsook the cities, and fled; and the
Philistines came and dwelt in them.
8 And it came to pass on the mor-
row, when the Philistines came to strip
the slain, that they found Saul and
his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.
9 And they cut off his head, and strip-
ped off his armour, and sent into the
land of the Philistines round about,
to publish *it in* the house of their
idols, and among the people. 10 And
they put his armour in the house of
Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body
to the wall of Bethshan. 11 And when
the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard
of that which the Philistines had done

to Saul;* 12 All the valiant men arose,
and went all night, and took the body
of Saul and the bodies of his sons from
the wall of Bethshan, and came to
Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And
they took their bones, and buried *them*
under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven
days.

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11. of that: or, concerning him that.

THE SECOND
BOOK OF SAMUEL,
OTHERWISE CALLED,
THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS

Now it came to pass after
the death of Saul, when
David was returned from
the slaughter of the Amalekites, and
David had abode two days in Ziklag;
2 It came even to pass on the third day,
that, behold, a man came out of the
camp from Saul with his clothes rent,
and earth upon his head: and *so* it was,
when he came to David, that he fell to

the earth, and did obeisance. 3 And
David said unto him, From whence
comest thou? And he said unto him,
Out of the camp of Israel am I es-
caped. 4 And David said unto him,
How went the matter? I pray thee,
tell me. And he answered, That the
people are fled from the battle, and
many of the people also are fallen and
dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son
are dead also.* 5 And David said unto
the young man that told him, How
knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan
his son be dead? 6 And the young man
that told him said, As I happened by

1.4. How...: Heb. What was, etc.

chance upon mount Gilboa, behold,
Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo,
the chariots and horsemen followed
hard after him. 7 And when he looked
behind him, he saw me, and called
unto me. And I answered, Here *am*
I.* 8 And he said unto me, Who *art*
thou? And I answered him, I *am* an
Amalekite. 9 He said unto me again,
Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay
me: for anguish is come upon me, be-
cause my life *is* yet whole in me.* 10 So
I stood upon him, and slew him, be-

7. Here...: Heb. Behold me.
9. anguish...: or, my coat of mail (or, my embroidered coat) hindereth me, that my, etc.

cause I was sure that he could not live
after that he was fallen: and I took
the crown that *was* upon his head,
and the bracelet that *was* on his arm,
and have brought them hither unto
my lord. [11] Then David took hold on
his clothes, and rent them; and like-
wise all the men that *were* with him:
[12] And they mourned, and wept, and
fasted until even, for Saul, and for
Jonathan his son, and for the people
of the LORD, and for the house of Is-
rael; because they were fallen by the
sword. [13] And David said unto the
young man that told him, Whence
art thou? And he answered, I *am*

the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.
14 And David said unto him, How wast
thou not afraid to stretch forth thine
hand to destroy the LORD'S anointed?
15 And David called one of the young
men, and said, Go near, *and* fall upon
him. And he smote him that he died.
16 And David said unto him, Thy blood
be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath
testified against thee, saying, I have
slain the LORD'S anointed. 17 And
David lamented with this lamenta-
tion over Saul and over Jonathan his
son: 18 (Also he bade them teach the
children of Judah *the use of* the bow:
behold, *it is* written in the book of

Jasher.)* [19] The beauty of Israel is slain
upon thy high places: how are the
mighty fallen! [20] Tell *it* not in Gath,
publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon;
lest the daughters of the Philistines
rejoice, lest the daughters of the un-
circumcised triumph. [21] Ye moun-
tains of Gilboa, *let there be* no dew,
neither *let there be* rain, upon you,
nor fields of offerings: for there the
shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,
the shield of Saul, *as though he had*
not *been* anointed with oil. [22] From
the blood of the slain, from the fat
of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan

18. of Jasher: or, of the upright.

turned not back, and the sword of
Saul returned not empty. [23] Saul and
Jonathan *were* lovely and pleasant in
their lives, and in their death they were
not divided: they were swifter than
eagles, they were stronger than lions.*
[24] Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet, with *other*
delights, who put on ornaments of
gold upon your apparel. [25] How are
the mighty fallen in the midst of the
battle! O Jonathan, *thou wast* slain in
thine high places. [26] I am distressed
for thee, my brother Jonathan: very
pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy

23. pleasant: or, sweet.

love to me was wonderful, passing the
love of women. 27 How are the mighty
fallen, and the weapons of war per-
ished!
2 And it came to pass after this,
that David enquired of the LORD, say-
ing, Shall I go up into any of the cities
of Judah? And the LORD said unto
him, Go up. And David said, Whither
shall I go up? And he said, Unto He-
bron. 2 So David went up thither,
and his two wives also, Ahinoam the
Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife
the Carmelite. 3 And his men that
were with him did David bring up, ev-
ery man with his household: and they

dwelt in the cities of Hebron. [4] And
the men of Judah came, and there
they anointed David king over the
house of Judah. And they told David,
saying, *That* the men of Jabeshgilead
were they that buried Saul. [5] And
David sent messengers unto the men
of Jabeshgilead, and said unto them,
Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have
shewed this kindness unto your lord,
even unto Saul, and have buried him.
[6] And now the LORD shew kindness
and truth unto you: and I also will
requite you this kindness, because ye
have done this thing. [7] Therefore now
let your hands be strengthened, and

be ye valiant: for your master Saul is
dead, and also the house of Judah have
anointed me king over them.* 8 But
Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's
host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul,
and brought him over to Mahanaim;*
9 And made him king over Gilead, and
over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel,
and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin,
and over all Israel. 10 Ishbosheth Saul's
son *was* forty years old when he began
to reign over Israel, and reigned two
years. But the house of Judah followed

2.7. be ye...: Heb. be ye the sons of valour.
8. Saul's host: Heb. the host which was Saul's.
Ishbosheth: or, Eshbaal.

David. [11] And the time that David was
king in Hebron over the house of Ju-
dah was seven years and six months.*
[12] And Abner the son of Ner, and the
servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul,
went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.
[13] And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the
servants of David, went out, and met
together by the pool of Gibeon: and
they sat down, the one on the one side
of the pool, and the other on the other
side of the pool.* [14] And Abner said to
Joab, Let the young men now arise,
and play before us. And Joab said,

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11. time: Heb. number of days.
13. together: Heb. them together.

Let them arise. [15] Then there arose and
went over by number twelve of Ben-
jamin, which *pertained* to Ishbosheth
the son of Saul, and twelve of the ser-
vants of David. [16] And they caught ev-
ery one his fellow by the head, and
thrust his sword in his fellow's side;
so they fell down together: where-
fore that place was called Helkath-
hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon.* [17] And
there was a very sore battle that day;
and Abner was beaten, and the men
of Israel, before the servants of David.
[18] And there were three sons of Zeruiah

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16. Helkathhazzurim: that is, The field of strong men.

there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel:
and Asahel *was as* light of foot as a
wild roe.* [19] And Asahel pursued after
Abner; and in going he turned not to
the right hand nor to the left from fol-
lowing Abner.* [20] Then Abner looked
behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asa-
hel? And he answered, I *am*. [21] And
Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to
thy right hand or to thy left, and lay
thee hold on one of the young men,
and take thee his armour. But Asa-
hel would not turn aside from follow-

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18. of foot: Heb. of his feet. as a wild...: Heb. as one of the roes that is in the field.

19. from...: Heb. from after Abner.

ing of him.* [22] And Abner said again
to Asahel, Turn thee aside from fol-
lowing me: wherefore should I smite
thee to the ground? how then should
I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?
[23] Howbeit he refused to turn aside:
wherefore Abner with the hinder end
of the spear smote him under the fifth
rib, that the spear came out behind
him; and he fell down there, and died
in the same place: and it came to
pass, *that* as many as came to the place
where Asahel fell down and died stood
still. [24] Joab also and Abishai pur-
sued after Abner: and the sun went

21. armour: or, spoil.

down when they were come to the hill
of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by
the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.
25 And the children of Benjamin gath-
ered themselves together after Abner,
and became one troop, and stood on
the top of an hill. 26 Then Abner called
to Joab, and said, Shall the sword de-
vour for ever? knowest thou not that
it will be bitterness in the latter end?
how long shall it be then, ere thou
bid the people return from following
their brethren? 27 And Joab said, *As*
God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken,
surely then in the morning the peo-
ple had gone up every one from fol-

lowing his brother.* [28] So Joab blew a
trumpet, and all the people stood still,
and pursued after Israel no more, nei-
ther fought they any more. [29] And Ab-
ner and his men walked all that night
through the plain, and passed over Jor-
dan, and went through all Bithron,
and they came to Mahanaim. [30] And
Joab returned from following Abner:
and when he had gathered all the peo-
ple together, there lacked of David's
servants nineteen men and Asahel.
[31] But the servants of David had smit-
ten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men,

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27. in the...: Heb. from the morning. gone...: or, gone away.

so that three hundred and threescore
men died. 32 And they took up Asahel,
and buried him in the sepulchre of his
father, which *was in* Bethlehem. And
Joab and his men went all night, and
they came to Hebron at break of day.

3 Now there was long war be-
tween the house of Saul and the house
of David: but David waxed stronger
and stronger, and the house of Saul
waxed weaker and weaker. 2 And
unto David were sons born in He-
bron: and his firstborn was Amnon,
of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3 And
his second, Chileab, of Abigail the

wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the
third, Absalom the son of Maacah the
daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;*
4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son
of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah
the son of Abital; 5 And the sixth,
Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These
were born to David in Hebron. 6 And
it came to pass, while there was war be-
tween the house of Saul and the house
of David, that Abner made himself
strong for the house of Saul. 7 And
Saul had a concubine, whose name *was*
Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Ish-
bosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast

3.3. Chileab: or, Daniel.

thou gone in unto my father's concu-
bine? 8 Then was Abner very wroth
for the words of Ishbosheth, and said,
Am I a dog's head, which against Judah
do shew kindness this day unto the
house of Saul thy father, to his breth-
ren, and to his friends, and have not
delivered thee into the hand of David,
that thou chargest me to day with a
fault concerning this woman? 9 So do
God to Abner, and more also, except,
as the LORD hath sworn to David,
even so I do to him; 10 To translate the
kingdom from the house of Saul, and
to set up the throne of David over Is-
rael and over Judah, from Dan even

to Beersheba. [11] And he could not an-
swer Abner a word again, because he
feared him. [12] And Abner sent mes-
sengers to David on his behalf, say-
ing, Whose *is* the land? saying *also*,
Make thy league with me, and, behold,
my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring
about all Israel unto thee. [13] And he
said, Well; I will make a league with
thee: but one thing I require of thee,
that is, Thou shalt not see my face,
except thou first bring Michal Saul's
daughter, when thou comest to see
my face.* [14] And David sent messen-
gers to Ishbosheth Saul's son, saying,

13. that is: Heb. saying.

Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I
espoused to me for an hundred fore-
skins of the Philistines. 15 And Ish-
bosheth sent, and took her from *her*
husband, *even* from Phaltiel the son
of Laish.* 16 And her husband went
with her along weeping behind her to
Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him,
Go, return. And he returned.* 17 And
Abner had communication with the
elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for
David in times past *to be* king over
you:* 18 Now then do *it*: for the LORD

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15. Phaltiel: also called, Phalti.
16. along...: Heb. going and weeping.
17. in times...: Heb. both yesterday and the third

hath spoken of David, saying, By the
hand of my servant David I will save
my people Israel out of the hand of
the Philistines, and out of the hand of
all their enemies. [19] And Abner also
spake in the ears of Benjamin: and
Abner went also to speak in the ears
of David in Hebron all that seemed
good to Israel, and that seemed good
to the whole house of Benjamin. [20] So
Abner came to David to Hebron, and
twenty men with him. And David
made Abner and the men that *were*
with him a feast. [21] And Abner said
unto David, I will arise and go, and will

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day.

gather all Israel unto my lord the king,
that they may make a league with thee,
and that thou mayest reign over all
that thine heart desireth. And David
sent Abner away; and he went in peace.
22 And, behold, the servants of David
and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop,
and brought in a great spoil with them:
but Abner *was* not with David in He-
bron; for he had sent him away, and he
was gone in peace. 23 When Joab and
all the host that *was* with him were
come, they told Joab, saying, Abner
the son of Ner came to the king, and he
hath sent him away, and he is gone in
peace. 24 Then Joab came to the king,

and said, What hast thou done? be-
hold, Abner came unto thee; why *is* it
that thou hast sent him away, and he
is quite gone? [25] Thou knowest Abner
the son of Ner, that he came to de-
ceive thee, and to know thy going out
and thy coming in, and to know all
that thou doest. [26] And when Joab was
come out from David, he sent mes-
sengers after Abner, which brought
him again from the well of Sirah: but
David knew *it* not. [27] And when Ab-
ner was returned to Hebron, Joab took
him aside in the gate to speak with
him quietly, and smote him there un-
der the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the

blood of Asahel his brother.* [28] And afterward when David heard *it*, he said,
I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before
the LORD for ever from the blood of
Abner the son of Ner:* [29] Let it rest on
the head of Joab, and on all his father's
house; and let there not fail from the
house of Joab one that hath an issue,
or that is a leper, or that leaneth on
a staff, or that falleth on the sword,
or that lacketh bread.* [30] So Joab and
Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel

27. quietly: or, peaceably.
28. blood: Heb. bloods.
29. fail: Heb. be cut off.

at Gibeon in the battle. [31] And David
said to Joab, and to all the people that
were with him, Rend your clothes, and
gird you with sackcloth, and mourn
before Abner. And king David *himself*
followed the bier.* [32] And they buried
Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted
up his voice, and wept at the grave of
Abner; and all the people wept. [33] And
the king lamented over Abner, and
said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? [34] Thy
hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet
put into fetters: as a man falleth be-
fore wicked men, *so* fellest thou. And

31. bier: Heb. bed.

all the people wept again over him.*
35 And when all the people came to
cause David to eat meat while it was
yet day, David sware, saying, So do
God to me, and more also, if I taste
bread, or ought else, till the sun be
down. 36 And all the people took no-
tice *of it*, and it pleased them: as what-
soever the king did pleased all the peo-
ple.* 37 For all the people and all Is-
rael understood that day that it was
not of the king to slay Abner the son
of Ner. 38 And the king said unto his
servants, Know ye not that there is a

34. wicked...: Heb. children of iniquity.
36. pleased them: Heb. was good in their eyes.

prince and a great man fallen this day
in Israel? [39] And I *am* this day weak,
though anointed king; and these men
the sons of Zeruiah *be* too hard for me:
the LORD shall reward the doer of evil
according to his wickedness.*

4 And when Saul's son heard that
Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands
were feeble, and all the Israelites were
troubled. [2] And Saul's son had two
men *that were* captains of bands: the
name of the one *was* Baanah, and the
name of the other Rechab, the sons
of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the chil-

39. weak: Heb. tender.

dren of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also
was reckoned to Benjamin:* 3 And the
Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were
sojourners there until this day.) 4 And
Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that*
was lame of *his* feet. He was five years
old when the tidings came of Saul
and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his
nurse took him up, and fled: and it
came to pass, as she made haste to flee,
that he fell, and became lame. And
his name *was* Mephibosheth.* 5 And
the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite,
Rechab and Baanah, went, and came

4.2. other: Heb. second.
4. Mephibosheth: or, Meribbaal.

about the heat of the day to the house
of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at
noon. 6 And they came thither into
the midst of the house, *as though* they
would have fetched wheat; and they
smote him under the fifth *rib*: and
Rechab and Baanah his brother es-
caped. 7 For when they came into the
house, he lay on his bed in his bed-
chamber, and they smote him, and
slew him, and beheaded him, and took
his head, and gat them away through
the plain all night. 8 And they brought
the head of Ishbosheth unto David
to Hebron, and said to the king, Be-
hold the head of Ishbosheth the son

of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy
life; and the LORD hath avenged my
lord the king this day of Saul, and
of his seed. 9 And David answered
Rechab and Baanah his brother, the
sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and
said unto them, *As* the LORD liveth,
who hath redeemed my soul out of all
adversity, 10 When one told me, sa-
ying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to
have brought good tidings, I took hold
of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who
thought that I would have given him a
reward for his tidings:* 11 How much

10. thinking...: Heb. he was in his own eyes as a bringer, etc. who...: or, which was the reward I gave

more, when wicked men have slain
a righteous person in his own house
upon his bed? shall I not therefore
now require his blood of your hand,
and take you away from the earth?
12 And David commanded his young
men, and they slew them, and cut off
their hands and their feet, and hanged
them up over the pool in Hebron. But
they took the head of Ishbosheth, and
buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in
Hebron.

5 Then came all the tribes of Israel
to David unto Hebron, and spake, say-

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him for his tidings.

ing, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy
flesh. [2] Also in time past, when Saul
was king over us, thou wast he that led-
dest out and broughtest in Israel: and
the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed
my people Israel, and thou shalt be a
captain over Israel. [3] So all the elders
of Israel came to the king to Hebron;
and king David made a league with
them in Hebron before the LORD: and
they anointed David king over Israel.
[4] David *was* thirty years old when he
began to reign, *and* he reigned forty
years. [5] In Hebron he reigned over Ju-
dah seven years and six months: and in
Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three

years over all Israel and Judah. 6 And
the king and his men went to Jeru-
salem unto the Jebusites, the inhabi-
tants of the land: which spake unto
David, saying, Except thou take away
the blind and the lame, thou shalt
not come in hither: thinking, David
cannot come in hither.* 7 Nevertheless
David took the strong hold of Zion:
the same *is* the city of David. 8 And
David said on that day, Whosoever
getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth
the Jebusites, and the lame and the
blind, *that are* hated of David's soul,
he shall be chief and captain. Where-

5.6. thinking...: or, saying David shall not, etc.

fore they said, The blind and the lame
shall not come into the house.* 9 So
David dwelt in the fort, and called it
the city of David. And David built
round about from Millo and inward.
10 And David went on, and grew great,
and the LORD God of hosts *was* with
him.* 11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent
messengers to David, and cedar trees,
and carpenters, and masons: and they
built David an house.* 12 And David
perceived that the LORD had estab-

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8. Wherefore...: or, Because they had said, even the blind and the lame.

10. went...: Heb. went, going and growing.

11. masons: Heb. hewers of the stone of the wall.

lished him king over Israel, and that he
had exalted his kingdom for his peo-
ple Israel's sake. 13 And David took
him more concubines and wives out
of Jerusalem, after he was come from
Hebron: and there were yet sons and
daughters born to David. 14 And these
be the names of those that were born
unto him in Jerusalem; Shammua,
and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solo-
mon, 15 Ibhar also, and Elishua, and
Nepheg, and Japhia, 16 And Elishama,
and Eliada, and Eliphalet. 17 But when
the Philistines heard that they had
anointed David king over Israel, all the
Philistines came up to seek David; and

David heard *of it*, and went down to
the hold. [18] The Philistines also came
and spread themselves in the valley
of Rephaim. [19] And David enquired
of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up
to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver
them into mine hand? And the LORD
said unto David, Go up: for I will
doubtless deliver the Philistines into
thine hand. [20] And David came to
Baalperazim, and David smote them
there, and said, The LORD hath bro-
ken forth upon mine enemies before
me, as the breach of waters. There-
fore he called the name of that place

Baalperazim.* [21] And there they left
their images, and David and his men
burned them.* [22] And the Philistines
came up yet again, and spread them-
selves in the valley of Rephaim. [23] And
when David enquired of the LORD, he
said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch
a compass behind them, and come
upon them over against the mulberry
trees. [24] And let it be, when thou hear-
est the sound of a going in the tops
of the mulberry trees, that then thou
shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the
LORD go out before thee, to smite the

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20. Baalperazim: that is, the plain of breaches.
21. burned...: or, took them away.

host of the Philistines. 25 And David
did so, as the LORD had commanded
him; and smote the Philistines from
Geba until thou come to Gazer.*

6 Again, David gathered together
all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty
thousand. 2 And David arose, and
went with all the people that *were* with
him from Baale of Judah, to bring up
from thence the ark of God, whose
name is called by the name of the
LORD of hosts that dwelleth *between*
the cherubims.* 3 And they set the

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25. Geba: also called, Gibeon.

6.2. Baale: or, Baalah, that is, Kirjathjearim. whose name...: or, at which the name, even the name of the

ark of God upon a new cart, and
brought it out of the house of Abi-
nadab that *was* in Gibeah: and Uzzah
and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave
the new cart.* 4 And they brought it
out of the house of Abinadab which
was at Gibeah, accompanying the ark
of God: and Ahio went before the
ark.* 5 And David and all the house
of Israel played before the LORD on
all manner of *instruments made of* fir
wood, even on harps, and on psalter-
ies, and on timbrels, and on cornets,

LORD of hosts, was called upon.
3. set: Heb. made to ride. Gibeah: or, the hill.
4. accompanying: Heb. with.

and on cymbals. 6 And when they
came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uz-
zah put forth *his hand* to the ark of
God, and took hold of it; for the
oxen shook *it*.* 7 And the anger of
the LORD was kindled against Uzzah;
and God smote him there for *his* er-
ror; and there he died by the ark of
God.* 8 And David was displeased, be-
cause the LORD had made a breach
upon Uzzah: and he called the name
of the place Perezuzzah to this day.*

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6. Nachon: also called Chidon. shook it: or, stumbled.

7. error: or, rashness.

8. made: Heb. broken. Perezuzzah: that is, the breach of Uzzah.

9 And David was afraid of the LORD
that day, and said, How shall the ark
of the LORD come to me? 10 So David
would not remove the ark of the LORD
unto him into the city of David: but
David carried it aside into the house
of Obededom the Gittite. 11 And the
ark of the LORD continued in the
house of Obededom the Gittite three
months: and the LORD blessed Obe-
dedom, and all his household. 12 And it
was told king David, saying, The LORD
hath blessed the house of Obededom,
and all that *pertaineth* unto him, be-
cause of the ark of God. So David
went and brought up the ark of God

from the house of Obededom into the
city of David with gladness. 13 And it
was *so*, that when they that bare the
ark of the LORD had gone six paces,
he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. 14 And
David danced before the LORD with
all *his* might; and David *was* girded
with a linen ephod. 15 So David and
all the house of Israel brought up the
ark of the LORD with shouting, and
with the sound of the trumpet. 16 And
as the ark of the LORD came into the
city of David, Michal Saul's daugh-
ter looked through a window, and saw
king David leaping and dancing before
the LORD; and she despised him in her

heart. [17] And they brought in the ark of
the LORD, and set it in his place, in the
midst of the tabernacle that David had
pitched for it: and David offered burnt
offerings and peace offerings before
the LORD.* [18] And as soon as David
had made an end of offering burnt of-
ferings and peace offerings, he blessed
the people in the name of the LORD
of hosts. [19] And he dealt among all the
people, *even* among the whole multi-
tude of Israel, as well to the women as
men, to every one a cake of bread, and
a good piece *of flesh*, and a flagon *of
wine*. So all the people departed ev-

17. pitched: Heb. stretched.

ery one to his house. [20] Then David
returned to bless his household. And
Michal the daughter of Saul came out
to meet David, and said, How glori-
ous was the king of Israel to day, who
uncovered himself to day in the eyes of
the handmaids of his servants, as one
of the vain fellows shamelessly uncov-
ereth himself!* [21] And David said unto
Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which
chose me before thy father, and be-
fore all his house, to appoint me ruler
over the people of the LORD, over Is-
rael: therefore will I play before the
LORD. [22] And I will yet be more vile

20. shamelessly: or, openly.

than thus, and will be base in mine
own sight: and of the maidservants
which thou hast spoken of, of them
shall I be had in honour.* 23 Therefore
Michal the daughter of Saul had no
child unto the day of her death.

7 And it came to pass, when the
king sat in his house, and the LORD
had given him rest round about from
all his enemies; 2 That the king said
unto Nathan the prophet, See now,
I dwell in an house of cedar, but the
ark of God dwelleth within curtains.
3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do

22. of the...: or, of the handmaids of my servants.

all that *is* in thine heart; for the LORD
is with thee. 4 And it came to pass
that night, that the word of the LORD
came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and
tell my servant David, Thus saith the
LORD, Shalt thou build me an house
for me to dwell in?* 6 Whereas I have
not dwelt in *any* house since the time
that I brought up the children of Is-
rael out of Egypt, even to this day, but
have walked in a tent and in a taber-
nacle. 7 In all *the places* wherein I have
walked with all the children of Israel
spake I a word with any of the tribes of
Israel, whom I commanded to feed my

7.5. my servant...: Heb. to my servant, to David.

people Israel, saying, Why build ye not
me an house of cedar?* 8 Now there-
fore so shalt thou say unto my servant
David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
I took thee from the sheepcote, from
following the sheep, to be ruler over
my people, over Israel:* 9 And I was
with thee whithersoever thou wentest,
and have cut off all thine enemies out
of thy sight, and have made thee a great
name, like unto the name of the great
men that *are* in the earth.* 10 Moreover
I will appoint a place for my people

7. any of...: any of the judges.
8. from following: Heb. from after.
9. out of...: Heb. from thy face.

Israel, and will plant them, that they
may dwell in a place of their own, and
move no more; neither shall the chil-
dren of wickedness afflict them any
more, as beforetime, [11] And as since the
time that I commanded judges *to be*
over my people Israel, and have caused
thee to rest from all thine enemies.
Also the LORD telleth thee that he will
make thee an house. [12] And when thy
days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep
with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed
after thee, which shall proceed out of
thy bowels, and I will establish his
kingdom. [13] He shall build an house
for my name, and I will stablish the

throne of his kingdom for ever. [14] I will
be his father, and he shall be my son.
If he commit iniquity, I will chasten
him with the rod of men, and with the
stripes of the children of men: [15] But
my mercy shall not depart away from
him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put
away before thee. [16] And thine house
and thy kingdom shall be established
for ever before thee: thy throne shall
be established for ever. [17] According
to all these words, and according to all
this vision, so did Nathan speak unto
David. [18] Then went king David in,
and sat before the LORD, and he said,
Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is*

my house, that thou hast brought me
hitherto? [19] And this was yet a small
thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD;
but thou hast spoken also of thy ser-
vant's house for a great while to come.
And *is* this the manner of man, O
Lord GOD?* [20] And what can David
say more unto thee? for thou, Lord
GOD, knowest thy servant. [21] For thy
word's sake, and according to thine
own heart, hast thou done all these
great things, to make thy servant know
them. [22] Wherefore thou art great, O
LORD God: for *there is* none like thee,
neither *is there any* God beside thee,

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19. manner: Heb. law.

according to all that we have heard
with our ears. [23] And what one na-
tion in the earth *is* like thy people, *even*
like Israel, whom God went to redeem
for a people to himself, and to make
him a name, and to do for you great
things and terrible, for thy land, before
thy people, which thou redeemedst
to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations
and their gods? [24] For thou hast con-
firmed to thyself thy people Israel *to*
be a people unto thee for ever: and
thou, LORD, art become their God.
[25] And now, O LORD God, the word
that thou hast spoken concerning thy
servant, and concerning his house, es-

tablish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast
said. [26] And let thy name be magnified
for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is*
the God over Israel: and let the house
of thy servant David be established
before thee. [27] For thou, O LORD of
hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to
thy servant, saying, I will build thee
an house: therefore hath thy servant
found in his heart to pray this prayer
unto thee.* [28] And now, O Lord GOD,
thou *art* that God, and thy words
be true, and thou hast promised this
goodness unto thy servant: [29] There-
fore now let it please thee to bless the

27. revealed: Heb. opened the ear.

house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it*: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.*

8 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines.* 2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to

29. let it...: Heb. be thou pleased and bless.
8.1. Methegammah: or, the bridle of Ammah.

keep alive. And *so* the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts. 3 David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates.* 4 And David took from him a thousand *chariots*, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots.* 5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and

3. Hadadezer: or, Hadarezer.
4. from...: or, of his.

twenty thousand men. 6 Then David
put garrisons in Syria of Damascus:
and the Syrians became servants to
David, *and* brought gifts. And the
LORD preserved David whithersoever
he went. 7 And David took the shields
of gold that were on the servants of
Hadadezer, and brought them to Je-
rusalem. 8 And from Betah, and from
Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king
David took exceeding much brass.
9 When Toi king of Hamath heard
that David had smitten all the host
of Hadadezer, 10 Then Toi sent Joram
his son unto king David, to salute
him, and to bless him, because he had

fought against Hadadezer, and smit-
ten him: for Hadadezer had wars with
Toi. And *Joram* brought with him ves-
sels of silver, and vessels of gold, and
vessels of brass:* [11] Which also king
David did dedicate unto the LORD,
with the silver and gold that he had
dedicated of all nations which he sub-
dued; [12] Of Syria, and of Moab, and
of the children of Ammon, and of the
Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the
spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king
of Zobah. [13] And David gat *him* a

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10. Joram: also called, Hadoram. salute...: Heb. ask him of peace. had wars...: Heb. was a man of wars with. brought...: Heb. in his hand were.

name when he returned from smiting
of the Syrians in the valley of salt, *be-*
ing eighteen thousand *men*.* 14 And he
put garrisons in Edom; throughout all
Edom put he garrisons, and all they of
Edom became David's servants. And
the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. 15 And David reigned
over all Israel; and David executed
judgment and justice unto all his people. 16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was*
over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son
of Ahilud *was* recorder;* 17 And Zadok

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13. smiting: Heb. his smiting.

16. recorder: or, remembrancer, or, writer of chronicles.

the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the
son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and
Seraiah *was* the scribe;* 18 And Benaiah
the son of Jehoiada *was over* both the
Cherethites and the Pelethites; and
David's sons were chief rulers.*

9 And David said, Is there yet any
that is left of the house of Saul, that I
may shew him kindness for Jonathan's
sake? 2 And *there was* of the house of
Saul a servant whose name *was* Ziba.
And when they had called him unto
David, the king said unto him, *Art*
thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant

17. scribe: or, secretary.
18. chief rulers: or, princes.

is he. 3 And the king said, *Is* there not
yet any of the house of Saul, that I may
shew the kindness of God unto him?
And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan
hath yet a son, *which is* lame on *his* feet.
4 And the king said unto him, Where
is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Be-
hold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the
son of Ammiel, in Lodebar. 5 Then
king David sent, and fetched him out
of the house of Machir, the son of
Ammiel, from Lodebar. 6 Now when
Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan,
the son of Saul, was come unto David,
he fell on his face, and did rever-
ence. And David said, Mephibosheth.

And he answered, Behold thy servant!*
7 And David said unto him, Fear not:
for I will surely shew thee kindness for
Jonathan thy father's sake, and will re-
store thee all the land of Saul thy fa-
ther; and thou shalt eat bread at my
table continually. 8 And he bowed
himself, and said, What *is* thy ser-
vant, that thou shouldest look upon
such a dead dog as I *am*? 9 Then the
king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and
said unto him, I have given unto thy
master's son all that pertained to Saul
and to all his house. 10 Thou there-
fore, and thy sons, and thy servants,

9.6. Mephibosheth: also called Meribbaal.

shall till the land for him, and thou
shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy mas-
ter's son may have food to eat: but
Mephibosheth thy master's son shall
eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba
had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
11 Then said Ziba unto the king, Ac-
cording to all that my lord the king
hath commanded his servant, so shall
thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth,
said the king, he shall eat at my table, as
one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephi-
bosheth had a young son, whose name
was Micha. And all that dwelt in
the house of Ziba *were* servants unto
Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth

dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

10 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that

David doth honour thy father, that he
hath sent comforters unto thee? hath
not David *rather* sent his servants unto
thee, to search the city, and to spy it
out, and to overthrow it?* 4 Where-
fore Hanun took David's servants, and
shaved off the one half of their beards,
and cut off their garments in the mid-
dle, *even* to their buttocks, and sent
them away. 5 When they told *it* unto
David, he sent to meet them, because
the men were greatly ashamed: and
the king said, Tarry at Jericho until
your beards be grown, and *then* re-
turn. 6 And when the children of Am-

10.3. Thinkest...: Heb. In thy eyes doth David.

mon saw that they stank before David,
the children of Ammon sent and hired
the Syrians of Bethrehob, and the Syr-
ians of Zoba, twenty thousand foot-
men, and of king Maacah a thousand
men, and of Ishtob twelve thousand
men.* 7 And when David heard of *it*,
he sent Joab, and all the host of the
mighty men. 8 And the children of
Ammon came out, and put the bat-
tle in array at the entering in of the
gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of
Rehob, and Ishtob, and Maacah, *were*
by themselves in the field. 9 When
Joab saw that the front of the battle

6. Ishtob: or, the men of Tob.

was against him before and behind,
he chose of all the choice *men* of Is-
rael, and put *them* in array against the
Syrians: [10] And the rest of the people
he delivered into the hand of Abishai
his brother, that he might put *them*
in array against the children of Am-
mon. [11] And he said, If the Syrians be
too strong for me, then thou shalt help
me: but if the children of Ammon be
too strong for thee, then I will come
and help thee. [12] Be of good cour-
age, and let us play the men for our
people, and for the cities of our God:
and the LORD do that which seemeth
him good. [13] And Joab drew nigh, and

the people that *were* with him, unto
the battle against the Syrians: and
they fled before him. [14] And when
the children of Ammon saw that the
Syrians were fled, then fled they also
before Abishai, and entered into the
city. So Joab returned from the chil-
dren of Ammon, and came to Jerusa-
lem. [15] And when the Syrians saw that
they were smitten before Israel, they
gathered themselves together. [16] And
Hadarezer sent, and brought out the
Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and
they came to Helam; and Shobach
the captain of the host of Hadarezer

went before them.* [17] And when it was
told David, he gathered all Israel to-
gether, and passed over Jordan, and
came to Helam. And the Syrians set
themselves in array against David, and
fought with him. [18] And the Syri-
ans fled before Israel; and David slew
the men of seven hundred chariots of
the Syrians, and forty thousand horse-
men, and smote Shobach the captain
of their host, who died there.* [19] And
when all the kings *that were* servants
to Hadarezer saw that they were smit-

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16. the river: that is, Euphrates. Shobach: or, Shophach.

18. horsemen: also called, footmen.

ten before Israel, they made peace with
Israel, and served them. So the Syrians
feared to help the children of Ammon
any more.

11 And it came to pass, after the
year was expired, at the time when
kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent
Joab, and his servants with him, and
all Israel; and they destroyed the chil-
dren of Ammon, and besieged Rab-
bah. But David tarried still at Jeru-
salem.* 2 And it came to pass in an
eveningtide, that David arose from off
his bed, and walked upon the roof

11.1. after...: Heb. at the return of the year.

of the king's house: and from the
roof he saw a woman washing herself;
and the woman *was* very beautiful to
look upon. 3 And David sent and en-
quired after the woman. And *one* said,
Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter
of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hit-
tite?* 4 And David sent messengers,
and took her; and she came in unto
him, and he lay with her; for she was
purified from her uncleanness: and
she returned unto her house.* 5 And
the woman conceived, and sent and

3. Bathsheba: or, Bathshuah.
4. for she...: or, and when she had purified herself, etc, she returned.

told David, and said, I *am* with child.
6 And David sent to Joab, *saying*, Send
me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent
Uriah to David. 7 And when Uriah
was come unto him, David demanded
of him how Joab did, and how the peo-
ple did, and how the war prospered.*
8 And David said to Uriah, Go down
to thy house, and wash thy feet. And
Uriah departed out of the king's house,
and there followed him a mess *of meat*
from the king.* 9 But Uriah slept at
the door of the king's house with all
the servants of his lord, and went not

7. how Joab...: Heb. of the peace of, etc.
8. followed...: Heb. went out after him.

down to his house. [10] And when they
had told David, saying, Uriah went
not down unto his house, David said
unto Uriah, Camest thou not from *thy*
journey? why *then* didst thou not go
down unto thine house? [11] And Uriah
said unto David, The ark, and Israel,
and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord
Joab, and the servants of my lord, are
encamped in the open fields; shall I
then go into mine house, to eat and
to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as*
thou livest, and *as* thy soul liveth, I
will not do this thing. [12] And David
said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also,
and to morrow I will let thee depart.

So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day,
and the morrow. 13 And when David
had called him, he did eat and drink
before him; and he made him drunk:
and at even he went out to lie on his
bed with the servants of his lord, but
went not down to his house. 14 And
it came to pass in the morning, that
David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent
it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he
wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah
in the forefront of the hottest battle,
and retire ye from him, that he may
be smitten, and die.* 16 And it came

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15. hottest: Heb. strong. from him: Heb. from after him.

to pass, when Joab observed the city,
that he assigned Uriah unto a place
where he knew that valiant men *were*.
17 And the men of the city went out,
and fought with Joab: and there fell
some of the people of the servants of
David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.
18 Then Joab sent and told David all
the things concerning the war; 19 And
charged the messenger, saying, When
thou hast made an end of telling the
matters of the war unto the king,
20 And if so be that the king's wrath
arise, and he say unto thee, Where-
fore approached ye so nigh unto the
city when ye did fight? knew ye not

that they would shoot from the wall?
21 Who smote Abimelech the son of
Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast
a piece of a millstone upon him from
the wall, that he died in Thebez? why
went ye nigh the wall? then say thou,
Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead
also.* 22 So the messenger went, and
came and shewed David all that Joab
had sent him for. 23 And the messenger
said unto David, Surely the men pre-
vailed against us, and came out unto
us into the field, and we were upon
them even unto the entering of the
gate. 24 And the shooters shot from

21. Jerubbesheth: also called, Jerubbaal.

off the wall upon thy servants; and
some of the king's servants be dead, and
thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead
also. [25] Then David said unto the mes-
senger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab,
Let not this thing displease thee, for
the sword devoureth one as well as an-
other: make thy battle more strong
against the city, and overthrow it: and
encourage thou him.* [26] And when the
wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her hus-
band was dead, she mourned for her
husband. [27] And when the mourning
was past, David sent and fetched her

25. displease...: Heb. be evil in thine eyes. one...: Heb. so and such.

to his house, and she became his wife,
and bare him a son. But the thing that
David had done displeased the LORD.*

12 And the LORD sent Nathan
unto David. And he came unto him,
and said unto him, There were two
men in one city; the one rich, and the
other poor. 2 The rich *man* had ex-
ceeding many flocks and herds: 3 But
the poor *man* had nothing, save one
little ewe lamb, which he had bought
and nourished up: and it grew up to-
gether with him, and with his chil-
dren; it did eat of his own meat, and

27. displeased: Heb. was evil in the eyes of.

drank of his own cup, and lay in his
bosom, and was unto him as a daugh-
ter.* 4 And there came a traveller unto
the rich man, and he spared to take of
his own flock and of his own herd, to
dress for the wayfaring man that was
come unto him; but took the poor
man's lamb, and dressed it for the man
that was come to him. 5 And David's
anger was greatly kindled against the
man; and he said to Nathan, *As* the
LORD liveth, the man that hath done
this *thing* shall surely die:* 6 And he
shall restore the lamb fourfold, be-

12.3. meat: Heb. morsel.
5. shall...: or, is worthy to die, or, is a son of death.

cause he did this thing, and because
he had no pity. 7 And Nathan said to
David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith
the LORD God of Israel, I anointed
thee king over Israel, and I delivered
thee out of the hand of Saul; 8 And I
gave thee thy master's house, and thy
master's wives into thy bosom, and
gave thee the house of Israel and of
Judah; and if *that had been* too lit-
tle, I would moreover have given unto
thee such and such things. 9 Where-
fore hast thou despised the command-
ment of the LORD, to do evil in his
sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hit-
tite with the sword, and hast taken his

wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him
with the sword of the children of Am-
mon. [10] Now therefore the sword shall
never depart from thine house; be-
cause thou hast despised me, and hast
taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to
be thy wife. [11] Thus saith the LORD,
Behold, I will raise up evil against thee
out of thine own house, and I will take
thy wives before thine eyes, and give
them unto thy neighbour, and he shall
lie with thy wives in the sight of this
sun. [12] For thou didst *it* secretly: but
I will do this thing before all Israel,
and before the sun. [13] And David said
unto Nathan, I have sinned against the

LORD. And Nathan said unto David,
The LORD also hath put away thy sin;
thou shalt not die. [14] Howbeit, because
by this deed thou hast given great oc-
casion to the enemies of the LORD
to blaspheme, the child also *that is*
born unto thee shall surely die. [15] And
Nathan departed unto his house. And
the LORD struck the child that Uriah's
wife bare unto David, and it was very
sick. [16] David therefore besought God
for the child; and David fasted, and
went in, and lay all night upon the
earth.* [17] And the elders of his house
arose, *and went* to him, to raise him

16. fasted: Heb. fasted a fast.

up from the earth: but he would not,
neither did he eat bread with them.
18 And it came to pass on the seventh
day, that the child died. And the ser-
vants of David feared to tell him that
the child was dead: for they said, Be-
hold, while the child was yet alive, we
spake unto him, and he would not
hearken unto our voice: how will he
then vex himself, if we tell him that the
child is dead?* 19 But when David saw
that his servants whispered, David per-
ceived that the child was dead: there-
fore David said unto his servants, Is the
child dead? And they said, He is dead.

18. vex: Heb. do hurt.

[20] Then David arose from the earth,
and washed, and anointed *himself*, and
changed his apparel, and came into the
house of the LORD, and worshipped:
then he came to his own house; and
when he required, they set bread be-
fore him, and he did eat. [21] Then said
his servants unto him, What thing *is*
this that thou hast done? thou didst
fast and weep for the child, *while it was*
alive; but when the child was dead,
thou didst rise and eat bread. [22] And
he said, While the child was yet alive,
I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can
tell *whether* GOD will be gracious to
me, that the child may live? [23] But now

he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can
I bring him back again? I shall go to
him, but he shall not return to me.
24 And David comforted Bathsheba his
wife, and went in unto her, and lay
with her: and she bare a son, and he
called his name Solomon: and the
LORD loved him. 25 And he sent by
the hand of Nathan the prophet; and
he called his name Jedidiah, because of
the LORD.* 26 And Joab fought against
Rabbah of the children of Ammon,
and took the royal city. 27 And Joab
sent messengers to David, and said, I
have fought against Rabbah, and have

25. Jedidiah: that is, Beloved of the LORD.

taken the city of waters. [28] Now there-
fore gather the rest of the people to-
gether, and encamp against the city,
and take it: lest I take the city, and it
be called after my name.* [29] And David
gathered all the people together, and
went to Rabbah, and fought against
it, and took it. [30] And he took their
king's crown from off his head, the
weight whereof *was* a talent of gold
with the precious stones: and it was
set on David's head. And he brought
forth the spoil of the city in great
abundance.* [31] And he brought forth

28. it be called...: Heb. my name be called upon it.
30. in great...: Heb. very great.

the people that *were* therein, and put
them under saws, and under harrows of
iron, and under axes of iron, and made
them pass through the brickkiln: and
thus did he unto all the cities of the
children of Ammon. So David and all
the people returned unto Jerusalem.

13 And it came to pass after this,
that Absalom the son of David had
a fair sister, whose name *was* Tamar;
and Amnon the son of David loved
her. 2 And Amnon was so vexed, that
he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for
she *was* a virgin; and Amnon thought
it hard for him to do any thing to

her.* 3 But Amnon had a friend, whose
name *was* Jonadab, the son of Shimeah
David's brother: and Jonadab *was* a
very subtil man. 4 And he said unto
him, Why *art* thou, *being* the king's
son, lean from day to day? wilt thou
not tell me? And Amnon said unto
him, I love Tamar, my brother Absa-
lom's sister.* 5 And Jonadab said unto
him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and
make thyself sick: and when thy fa-
ther cometh to see thee, say unto him,

13.2. Amnon thought...: Heb. it was marvellous, or, hidden in the eyes of Amnon.

4. lean: Heb. thin. from day...: Heb. morning by morning.

I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come,
and give me meat, and dress the meat
in my sight, that I may see *it*, and eat
it at her hand. 6 So Amnon lay down,
and made himself sick: and when the
king was come to see him, Amnon said
unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar
my sister come, and make me a couple
of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at
her hand. 7 Then David sent home to
Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother
Amnon's house, and dress him meat.
8 So Tamar went to her brother Am-
non's house; and he was laid down.
And she took flour, and kneaded *it*,
and made cakes in his sight, and did

bake the cakes.* 9 And she took a pan,
and poured *them* out before him; but
he refused to eat. And Amnon said,
Have out all men from me. And they
went out every man from him. 10 And
Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the
meat into the chamber, that I may
eat of thine hand. And Tamar took
the cakes which she had made, and
brought *them* into the chamber to
Amnon her brother. 11 And when she
had brought *them* unto him to eat, he
took hold of her, and said unto her,
Come lie with me, my sister. 12 And
she answered him, Nay, my brother,

8. flour: or, paste.

do not force me; for no such thing
ought to be done in Israel: do not
thou this folly.* 13 And I, whither shall I
cause my shame to go? and as for thee,
thou shalt be as one of the fools in Is-
rael. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak
unto the king; for he will not withhold
me from thee. 14 Howbeit he would
not hearken unto her voice: but, be-
ing stronger than she, forced her, and
lay with her. 15 Then Amnon hated her
exceedingly; so that the hatred where-
with he hated her *was* greater than the
love wherewith he had loved her. And

12. force...: Heb. humble me. no such...: Heb. it ought not so to be done.

Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.*
16 And she said unto him, *There is* no
cause: this evil in sending me away *is*
greater than the other that thou didst
unto me. But he would not hearken
unto her. 17 Then he called his ser-
vant that ministered unto him, and
said, Put now this *woman* out from
me, and bolt the door after her. 18 And
she had a garment of divers colours
upon her: for with such robes were
the king's daughters *that were* virgins
apparelled. Then his servant brought
her out, and bolted the door after her.
19 And Tamar put ashes on her head,

15. exceedingly: Heb. with great hatred greatly.

and rent her garment of divers colours
that *was* on her, and laid her hand on
her head, and went on crying. [20] And
Absalom her brother said unto her,
Hath Amnon thy brother been with
thee? but hold now thy peace, my sis-
ter: he *is* thy brother; regard not this
thing. So Tamar remained desolate in
her brother Absalom's house.* [21] But
when king David heard of all these
things, he was very wroth. [22] And Ab-
salom spake unto his brother Amnon
neither good nor bad: for Absalom
hated Amnon, because he had forced

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20. Amnon: Heb. Aminon. regard...: Heb. set not thy heart. desolate: Heb. and desolate.

his sister Tamar. [23] And it came to
pass after two full years, that Absalom
had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which
is beside Ephraim: and Absalom in-
vited all the king's sons. [24] And Absa-
lom came to the king, and said, Behold
now, thy servant hath sheepshearers;
let the king, I beseech thee, and his ser-
vants go with thy servant. [25] And the
king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let
us not all now go, lest we be chargeable
unto thee. And he pressed him: how-
beit he would not go, but blessed him.
[26] Then said Absalom, If not, I pray
thee, let my brother Amnon go with
us. And the king said unto him, Why

should he go with thee? [27] But Absa-
lom pressed him, that he let Amnon
and all the king's sons go with him.
[28] Now Absalom had commanded his
servants, saying, Mark ye now when
Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and
when I say unto you, Smite Amnon;
then kill him, fear not: have not I com-
manded you? be courageous, and be
valiant.* [29] And the servants of Absa-
lom did unto Amnon as Absalom had
commanded. Then all the king's sons
arose, and every man gat him up upon

28. have...: or, will you not, since I have commanded you?. valiant: Heb. sons of valour.

his mule, and fled.* 30 And it came to
pass, while they were in the way, that
tidings came to David, saying, Absa-
lom hath slain all the king's sons, and
there is not one of them left. 31 Then
the king arose, and tare his garments,
and lay on the earth; and all his ser-
vants stood by with their clothes rent.
32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah
David's brother, answered and said,
Let not my lord suppose *that* they
have slain all the young men the king's
sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by
the appointment of Absalom this hath
been determined from the day that he

29. gat...: Heb. rode.

forced his sister Tamar.* [33] Now there-
fore let not my lord the king take the
thing to his heart, to think that all the
king's sons are dead: for Amnon only
is dead. [34] But Absalom fled. And the
young man that kept the watch lifted
up his eyes, and looked, and, behold,
there came much people by the way of
the hill side behind him. [35] And Jon-
adab said unto the king, Behold, the
king's sons come: as thy servant said,
so it is.* [36] And it came to pass, as soon

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32. appointment: Heb. mouth. determined: or, settled.

35. as thy...: Heb. according to the word of thy servant.

as he had made an end of speaking,
that, behold, the king's sons came, and
lifted up their voice and wept: and the
king also and all his servants wept very
sore.* 37 But Absalom fled, and went
to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king
of Geshur. And *David* mourned for
his son every day.* 38 So Absalom fled,
and went to Geshur, and was there
three years. 39 And *the soul of* king
David longed to go forth unto Absa-
lom: for he was comforted concerning
Amnon, seeing he was dead.*

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36. very...: Heb. with a great weeping greatly.
37. Ammihud: or, Ammihur.
39. longed: or, was consumed.

14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah
perceived that the king's heart *was* to-
ward Absalom. 2 And Joab sent to
Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise wo-
man, and said unto her, I pray thee,
feign thyself to be a mourner, and put
on now mourning apparel, and anoint
not thyself with oil, but be as a wo-
man that had a long time mourned
for the dead: 3 And come to the king,
and speak on this manner unto him.
So Joab put the words in her mouth.
4 And when the woman of Tekoah
spake to the king, she fell on her face
to the ground, and did obeisance, and

said, Help, O king.* 5 And the king
said unto her, What aileth thee? And
she answered, I *am* indeed a widow
woman, and mine husband is dead.
6 And thy handmaid had two sons,
and they two strove together in the
field, and *there was* none to part them,
but the one smote the other, and slew
him.* 7 And, behold, the whole family
is risen against thine handmaid, and
they said, Deliver him that smote his
brother, that we may kill him, for the
life of his brother whom he slew; and
we will destroy the heir also: and so

14.4. Help: Heb. Save.
6. none...: Heb. no deliverer between them.

they shall quench my coal which is
left, and shall not leave to my husband
neither name nor remainder upon the
earth.* 8 And the king said unto the
woman, Go to thine house, and I will
give charge concerning thee. 9 And
the woman of Tekoah said unto the
king, My lord, O king, the iniquity
be on me, and on my father's house:
and the king and his throne *be* guilt-
less. 10 And the king said, Whosoever
saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me,
and he shall not touch thee any more.
11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the
king remember the LORD thy God,

7. upon...: Heb. upon the face of the earth.

that thou wouldest not suffer the re-
vengers of blood to destroy any more,
lest they destroy my son. And he said,
As the LORD liveth, there shall not one
hair of thy son fall to the earth.* 12 Then
the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I
pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord
the king. And he said, Say on. 13 And
the woman said, Wherefore then hast
thou thought such a thing against the
people of God? for the king doth
speak this thing as one which is faulty,
in that the king doth not fetch home
again his banished. 14 For we must

11. that...: Heb. that the revenger of blood do not multiply to destroy.

needs die, and *are* as water spilt on
the ground, which cannot be gathered
up again; neither doth God respect
any person: yet doth he devise means,
that his banished be not expelled from
him.* [15] Now therefore that I am come
to speak of this thing unto my lord
the king, *it is* because the people have
made me afraid: and thy handmaid
said, I will now speak unto the king;
it may be that the king will perform
the request of his handmaid. [16] For the
king will hear, to deliver his handmaid
out of the hand of the man *that would*

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14. neither...: or, because God hath not taken away his life, he hath also devised means, etc.

destroy me and my son together out of
the inheritance of God. [17] Then thine
handmaid said, The word of my lord
the king shall now be comfortable: for
as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the
king to discern good and bad: there-
fore the LORD thy God will be with
thee.* [18] Then the king answered and
said unto the woman, Hide not from
me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall
ask thee. And the woman said, Let
my lord the king now speak. [19] And
the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab
with thee in all this? And the woman

17. comfortable: Heb. for rest. to discern: Heb. to hear.

answered and said, *As* thy soul liveth,
my lord the king, none can turn to the
right hand or to the left from ought
that my lord the king hath spoken:
for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and
he put all these words in the mouth
of thine handmaid: [20] To fetch about
this form of speech hath thy servant
Joab done this thing: and my lord
is wise, according to the wisdom of
an angel of God, to know all *things*
that *are* in the earth. [21] And the king
said unto Joab, Behold now, I have
done this thing: go therefore, bring
the young man Absalom again. [22] And
Joab fell to the ground on his face,

and bowed himself, and thanked the
king: and Joab said, To day thy ser-
vant knoweth that I have found grace
in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that
the king hath fulfilled the request of
his servant.* 23 So Joab arose and went
to Geshur, and brought Absalom to
Jerusalem. 24 And the king said, Let
him turn to his own house, and let
him not see my face. So Absalom re-
turned to his own house, and saw not
the king's face. 25 But in all Israel there
was none to be so much praised as Ab-
salom for his beauty: from the sole of

22. thanked: Heb. blessed. his servant: or, thy servant.

his foot even to the crown of his head
there was no blemish in him.* [26] And
when he polled his head, (for it was at
every year's end that he polled *it*: be-
cause *the hair* was heavy on him, there-
fore he polled it:) he weighed the hair
of his head at two hundred shekels af-
ter the king's weight. [27] And unto Ab-
salom there were born three sons, and
one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar:
she was a woman of a fair countenance.
[28] So Absalom dwelt two full years in
Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face.
[29] Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to

25. But...: Heb. And as Absalom there was not a beautiful man in all Israel to praise greatly.

have sent him to the king; but he
would not come to him: and when he
sent again the second time, he would
not come. 30 Therefore he said unto his
servants, See, Joab's field is near mine,
and he hath barley there; go and set it
on fire. And Absalom's servants set the
field on fire.* 31 Then Joab arose, and
came to Absalom unto *his* house, and
said unto him, Wherefore have thy ser-
vants set my field on fire? 32 And Ab-
salom answered Joab, Behold, I sent
unto thee, saying, Come hither, that
I may send thee to the king, to say,
Wherefore am I come from Geshur?

30. near...: Heb. near my place.

it had been good for me *to have been*
there still: now therefore let me see the
king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity
in me, let him kill me. 33 So Joab came
to the king, and told him: and when he
had called for Absalom, he came to the
king, and bowed himself on his face to
the ground before the king: and the
king kissed Absalom.

15 And it came to pass after this,
that Absalom prepared him chariots
and horses, and fifty men to run before
him. 2 And Absalom rose up early,
and stood beside the way of the gate:
and it was *so*, that when any man that

had a controversy came to the king for
judgment, then Absalom called unto
him, and said, Of what city *art* thou?
And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of
the tribes of Israel.* 3 And Absalom
said unto him, See, thy matters *are*
good and right; but *there is* no man *de-*
puted of the king to hear thee.* 4 Ab-
salom said moreover, Oh that I were
made judge in the land, that every man
which hath any suit or cause might
come unto me, and I would do him
justice! 5 And it was *so*, that when any

15.2. came: Heb. to come.

3. there...: or, none will hear thee from the king downward.

man came nigh *to him* to do him obei-
sance, he put forth his hand, and took
him, and kissed him. 6 And on this
manner did Absalom to all Israel that
came to the king for judgment: so Ab-
salom stole the hearts of the men of Is-
rael. 7 And it came to pass after forty
years, that Absalom said unto the king,
I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow,
which I have vowed unto the LORD,
in Hebron. 8 For thy servant vowed a
vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria,
saying, If the LORD shall bring me
again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will
serve the LORD. 9 And the king said
unto him, Go in peace. So he arose,

and went to Hebron. [10] But Absalom
sent spies throughout all the tribes of
Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the
sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say,
Absalom reigneth in Hebron. [11] And
with Absalom went two hundred men
out of Jerusalem, *that were* called; and
they went in their simplicity, and they
knew not any thing. [12] And Absa-
lom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite,
David's counsellor, from his city, *even*
from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices.
And the conspiracy was strong; for the
people increased continually with Ab-
salom. [13] And there came a messen-
ger to David, saying, The hearts of the

men of Israel are after Absalom. 14 And
David said unto all his servants that
were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and
let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape
from Absalom: make speed to de-
part, lest he overtake us suddenly, and
bring evil upon us, and smite the city
with the edge of the sword.* 15 And the
king's servants said unto the king, Be-
hold, thy servants *are ready to do* what-
soever my lord the king shall appoint.*
16 And the king went forth, and all his
household after him. And the king left
ten women, *which were* concubines, to

14. bring: Heb. thrust.
15. appoint: Heb. choose.

keep the house.* 17 And the king went
forth, and all the people after him,
and tarried in a place that was far off.
18 And all his servants passed on beside
him; and all the Cherethites, and all
the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six
hundred men which came after him
from Gath, passed on before the king.
19 Then said the king to Ittai the Git-
tite, Wherefore goest thou also with
us? return to thy place, and abide with
the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and
also an exile. 20 Whereas thou camest
but yesterday, should I this day make
thee go up and down with us? see-

16. after...: Heb. at his feet.

ing I go whither I may, return thou,
and take back thy brethren: mercy
and truth *be* with thee.* [21] And Ittai an-
swered the king, and said, *As* the LORD
liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth,
surely in what place my lord the king
shall be, whether in death or life, even
there also will thy servant be. [22] And
David said to Ittai, Go and pass over.
And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and
all his men, and all the little ones that
were with him. [23] And all the coun-
try wept with a loud voice, and all the
people passed over: the king also him-
self passed over the brook Kidron, and

20. go up...: Heb. wander in going.

all the people passed over, toward the
way of the wilderness.* [24] And lo Zadok
also, and all the Levites *were* with him,
bearing the ark of the covenant of
God: and they set down the ark of
God; and Abiathar went up, until all
the people had done passing out of the
city. [25] And the king said unto Zadok,
Carry back the ark of God into the
city: if I shall find favour in the eyes
of the LORD, he will bring me again,
and shew me *both* it, and his habita-
tion: [26] But if he thus say, I have no
delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let
him do to me as seemeth good unto

23. Kidron: Gr. Cedron.

him. [27] The king said also unto Zadok
the priest, *Art not* thou a seer? return
into the city in peace, and your two
sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and
Jonathan the son of Abiathar. [28] See,
I will tarry in the plain of the wilder-
ness, until there come word from you
to certify me. [29] Zadok therefore and
Abiathar carried the ark of God again
to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.
[30] And David went up by the ascent of
mount Olivet, and wept as he went up,
and had his head covered, and he went
barefoot: and all the people that *was*
with him covered every man his head,
and they went up, weeping as they

went up.* [31] And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said,
O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel
of Ahithophel into foolishness. [32] And
it came to pass, that *when* David was
come to the top *of the mount*, where
he worshipped God, behold, Hushai
the Archite came to meet him with
his coat rent, and earth upon his head:
[33] Unto whom David said, If thou pass-
est on with me, then thou shalt be a
burden unto me: [34] But if thou return
to the city, and say unto Absalom, I
will be thy servant, O king; *as* I *have*

30. and wept...: Heb. going up and weeping.

been thy father's servant hitherto, so
will I now also *be* thy servant: then
mayest thou for me defeat the coun-
sel of Ahithophel. [35] And *hast thou*
not there with thee Zadok and Abi-
athar the priests? therefore it shall be,
that what thing soever thou shalt hear
out of the king's house, thou shalt tell
it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.
[36] Behold, *they have* there with them
their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's *son*,
and Jonathan Abiathar's *son*; and by
them ye shall send unto me every thing
that ye can hear. [37] So Hushai David's
friend came into the city, and Absa-
lom came into Jerusalem.

16 And when David was a little past the top *of the hill*, behold,
Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met
him, with a couple of asses saddled,
and upon them two hundred *loaves*
of bread, and an hundred bunches of
raisins, and an hundred of summer
fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2 And
the king said unto Ziba, What mean-
est thou by these? And Ziba said, The
asses *be* for the king's household to ride
on; and the bread and summer fruit
for the young men to eat; and the wine,
that such as be faint in the wilderness
may drink. 3 And the king said, And

where *is* thy master's son? And Ziba
said unto the king, Behold, he abideth
at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall
the house of Israel restore me the king-
dom of my father. 4 Then said the king
to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *per-*
tained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba
said, I humbly beseech thee *that* I may
find grace in thy sight, my lord, O
king.* 5 And when king David came
to Bahurim, behold, thence came out
a man of the family of the house of
Saul, whose name *was* Shimei, the son
of Gera: he came forth, and cursed

16.4. I humbly...: Heb. I do obeisance.

still as he came.* 6 And he cast stones
at David, and at all the servants of
king David: and all the people and
all the mighty men *were* on his right
hand and on his left. 7 And thus said
Shimei when he cursed, Come out,
come out, thou bloody man, and thou
man of Belial:* 8 The LORD hath re-
turned upon thee all the blood of the
house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast
reigned; and the LORD hath delivered
the kingdom into the hand of Absa-
lom thy son: and, behold, thou *art*

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5. he came forth...: or, he still came forth and cursed.

7. bloody...: Heb. man of blood.

taken in thy mischief, because thou *art*
a bloody man.* 9 Then said Abishai
the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why
should this dead dog curse my lord the
king? let me go over, I pray thee, and
take off his head. 10 And the king said,
What have I to do with you, ye sons
of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because
the LORD hath said unto him, Curse
David. Who shall then say, Where-
fore hast thou done so? 11 And David
said to Abishai, and to all his servants,
Behold, my son, which came forth of
my bowels, seeketh my life: how much
more now *may this* Benjamite *do it*?

8. behold...: Heb. behold thee in thy evil.

let him alone, and let him curse; for
the LORD hath bidden him. 12 It may
be that the LORD will look on mine
affliction, and that the LORD will re-
quite me good for his cursing this day.*
13 And as David and his men went by
the way, Shimei went along on the
hill's side over against him, and cursed
as he went, and threw stones at him,
and cast dust.* 14 And the king, and all
the people that *were* with him, came
weary, and refreshed themselves there.
15 And Absalom, and all the people the
men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and

12. affliction: or, tears: Heb. eye.
13. cast...: Heb. dusted him with dust.

Ahithophel with him. [16] And it came
to pass, when Hushai the Archite,
David's friend, was come unto Absa-
lom, that Hushai said unto Absalom,
God save the king, God save the king.*
[17] And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this
thy kindness to thy friend? why wen-
test thou not with thy friend? [18] And
Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but
whom the LORD, and this people, and
all the men of Israel, choose, his will I
be, and with him will I abide. [19] And
again, whom should I serve? *should I*
not *serve* in the presence of his son? as I
have served in thy father's presence, so

16. God...: Heb. Let the king live.

will I be in thy presence. [20] Then said
Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel
among you what we shall do. [21] And
Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in
unto thy father's concubines, which he
hath left to keep the house; and all Is-
rael shall hear that thou art abhorred
of thy father: then shall the hands of
all that *are* with thee be strong. [22] So
they spread Absalom a tent upon the
top of the house; and Absalom went
in unto his father's concubines in the
sight of all Israel. [23] And the counsel
of Ahithophel, which he counselled in
those days, *was* as if a man had en-
quired at the oracle of God: so *was* all

the counsel of Ahithophel both with
David and with Absalom.*

17 Moreover Ahithophel said
unto Absalom, Let me now choose
out twelve thousand men, and I will
arise and pursue after David this night:
2 And I will come upon him while he
is weary and weak handed, and will
make him afraid: and all the peo-
ple that *are* with him shall flee; and
I will smite the king only: 3 And I
will bring back all the people unto
thee: the man whom thou seekest
is as if all returned: *so* all the peo-

23. oracle: Heb. word.

ple shall be in peace. [4] And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.* [5] Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith.* [6] And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his saying? if not; speak thou.* [7] And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given *is* not

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17.4. pleased...: Heb. was right in the eyes of, etc.
5. what...: Heb. what is in his mouth.
6. his saying: Heb. his word?.

good at this time.* 8 For, said Hushai,
thou knowest thy father and his men,
that they *be* mighty men, and they *be*
chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed
of her whelps in the field: and thy
father *is* a man of war, and will not
lodge with the people.* 9 Behold, he
is hid now in some pit, or in some
other place: and it will come to pass,
when some of them be overthrown at
the first, that whosoever heareth it will
say, There is a slaughter among the
people that follow Absalom.* 10 And he

7. given: Heb. counselled.
8. chafed...: Heb. bitter of soul.
9. overthrown: Heb. fallen.

also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as
the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt:
for all Israel knoweth that thy father
is a mighty man, and *they* which *be*
with him *are* valiant men. [11] There-
fore I counsel that all Israel be gen-
erally gathered unto thee, from Dan
even to Beersheba, as the sand that
is by the sea for multitude; and that
thou go to battle in thine own person.*
[12] So shall we come upon him in some
place where he shall be found, and we
will light upon him as the dew falleth
on the ground: and of him and of all

11. that thou...: Heb. that thy face, or, presence go, etc.

the men that *are* with him there shall
not be left so much as one. [13] More-
over, if he be gotten into a city, then
shall all Israel bring ropes to that city,
and we will draw it into the river, un-
til there be not one small stone found
there. [14] And Absalom and all the men
of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai
the Archite *is* better than the coun-
sel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had
appointed to defeat the good coun-
sel of Ahithophel, to the intent that
the LORD might bring evil upon Absa-
lom.* [15] Then said Hushai unto Zadok
and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and

14. appointed: Heb. commanded.

thus did Ahithophel counsel Absa-
lom and the elders of Israel; and thus
and thus have I counselled. [16] Now
therefore send quickly, and tell David,
saying, Lodge not this night in the
plains of the wilderness, but speedily
pass over; lest the king be swallowed
up, and all the people that *are* with
him. [17] Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz
stayed by Enrogel; for they might not
be seen to come into the city: and a
wench went and told them; and they
went and told king David. [18] Never-
theless a lad saw them, and told Absa-
lom: but they went both of them away
quickly, and came to a man's house

in Bahurim, which had a well in his
court; whither they went down. [19] And
the woman took and spread a cover-
ing over the well's mouth, and spread
ground corn thereon; and the thing
was not known. [20] And when Absa-
lom's servants came to the woman to
the house, they said, Where *is* Ahi-
maaz and Jonathan? And the woman
said unto them, They be gone over the
brook of water. And when they had
sought and could not find *them*, they
returned to Jerusalem. [21] And it came
to pass, after they were departed, that
they came up out of the well, and went
and told king David, and said unto

David, Arise, and pass quickly over the
water: for thus hath Ahithophel coun-
selled against you. [22] Then David arose,
and all the people that *were* with him,
and they passed over Jordan: by the
morning light there lacked not one of
them that was not gone over Jordan.
[23] And when Ahithophel saw that his
counsel was not followed, he saddled
his ass, and arose, and gat him home
to his house, to his city, and put his
household in order, and hanged him-
self, and died, and was buried in the
sepulchre of his father.* [24] Then David

23. followed: Heb. done. put his...: Heb. gave charge concerning his house.

came to Mahanaim. And Absalom
passed over Jordan, he and all the men
of Israel with him. [25] And Absalom
made Amasa captain of the host in-
stead of Joab: which Amasa *was* a
man's son, whose name *was* Ithra an
Israelite, that went in to Abigail the
daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah
Joab's mother.* [26] So Israel and Absa-
lom pitched in the land of Gilead.
[27] And it came to pass, when David was
come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the
son of Nahash of Rabbah of the chil-
dren of Ammon, and Machir the son

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25. Ithra and Israelite: or, Jether an Ishmaelite. Abigail: Heb. Abigal. Nahash: or, Jesse.

of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai
the Gileadite of Rogelim, [28] Brought
beds, and basons, and earthen vessels,
and wheat, and barley, and flour, and
parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles,
and parched *pulse*,* [29] And honey, and
butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine,
for David, and for the people that
were with him, to eat: for they said,
The people *is* hungry, and weary, and
thirsty, in the wilderness.

18 And David numbered the peo-
ple that *were* with him, and set cap-
tains of thousands and captains of

28. basons: or, cups.

hundreds over them. [2] And David
sent forth a third part of the people
under the hand of Joab, and a third
part under the hand of Abishai the son
of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third
part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite.
And the king said unto the people, I
will surely go forth with you myself
also. [3] But the people answered, Thou
shalt not go forth: for if we flee away,
they will not care for us; neither if half
of us die, will they care for us: but now
thou art worth ten thousand of us:
therefore now *it is* better that thou suc-
cour us out of the city.* [4] And the king

18.3. care...: Heb. set their heart on us. worth...:

said unto them, What seemeth you
best I will do. And the king stood by
the gate side, and all the people came
out by hundreds and by thousands.
5 And the king commanded Joab and
Abishai and Ittai, saying, *Deal* gen-
tly for my sake with the young man,
even with Absalom. And all the peo-
ple heard when the king gave all the
captains charge concerning Absalom.
6 So the people went out into the field
against Israel: and the battle was in the
wood of Ephraim; 7 Where the people
of Israel were slain before the servants

Heb. as ten thousand of us. succour: Heb. be to succour or help.

of David, and there was there a great
slaughter that day of twenty thousand
men. 8 For the battle was there scat-
tered over the face of all the coun-
try: and the wood devoured more
people that day than the sword de-
voured.* 9 And Absalom met the ser-
vants of David. And Absalom rode
upon a mule, and the mule went under
the thick boughs of a great oak, and
his head caught hold of the oak, and
he was taken up between the heaven
and the earth; and the mule that *was*
under him went away. 10 And a cer-
tain man saw *it*, and told Joab, and

8. devoured: Heb. multiplied to devour.

said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged
in an oak. [11] And Joab said unto the
man that told him, And, behold, thou
sawest *him*, and why didst thou not
smite him there to the ground? and
I would have given thee ten *shekels* of
silver, and a girdle. [12] And the man said
unto Joab, Though I should receive
a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine
hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine
hand against the king's son: for in
our hearing the king charged thee and
Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that
none *touch* the young man Absalom.*

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12. receive: Heb. weigh upon mine hand. Beware...: Heb. Beware whosoever ye be of, etc.

13 Otherwise I should have wrought
falsehood against mine own life: for
there is no matter hid from the king,
and thou thyself wouldest have set thy-
self against *me*. 14 Then said Joab, I may
not tarry thus with thee. And he took
three darts in his hand, and thrust
them through the heart of Absalom,
while he *was* yet alive in the midst of
the oak.* 15 And ten young men that
bare Joab's armour compassed about
and smote Absalom, and slew him.
16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the
people returned from pursuing after
Israel: for Joab held back the people.

14. with...: Heb. before thee. midst: Heb. heart.

17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. 18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place. 19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies.* 20 And

19. avenged...: Heb. judged him from the hand,

Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not
bear tidings this day, but thou shalt
bear tidings another day: but this day
thou shalt bear no tidings, because the
king's son is dead.* 21 Then said Joab to
Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast
seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto
Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz
the son of Zadok yet again to Joab,
But howsoever, let me, I pray thee,
also run after Cushi. And Joab said,
Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, see-
ing that thou hast no tidings ready?*

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etc.

20. bear tidings this: Heb. be a man of tidings, etc.
22. howsoever: Heb. be what may. ready: or,

23 But howsoever, *said he*, let me run.
And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahi-
maaz ran by the way of the plain, and
overran Cushi. 24 And David sat be-
tween the two gates: and the watch-
man went up to the roof over the
gate unto the wall, and lifted up his
eyes, and looked, and behold a man
running alone. 25 And the watchman
cried, and told the king. And the king
said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in
his mouth. And he came apace, and
drew near. 26 And the watchman saw
another man running: and the watch-
man called unto the porter, and said,

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convenient.

Behold *another* man running alone.
And the king said, He also bringeth
tidings. [27] And the watchman said, Me
thinketh the running of the foremost
is like the running of Ahimaaz the son
of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a
good man, and cometh with good tid-
ings.* [28] And Ahimaaz called, and said
unto the king, All is well. And he fell
down to the earth upon his face before
the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD
thy God, which hath delivered up the
men that lifted up their hand against
my lord the king.* [29] And the king said,

27. Me...: Heb. I see the running.
28. All...: or, Peace be to thee: Heb. Peace. deliv-

Is the young man Absalom safe? And
Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent
the king's servant, and *me* thy servant,
I saw a great tumult, but I knew not
what *it was*.* 30 And the king said *unto*
him, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And
he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And,
behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said,
Tidings, my lord the king: for the
LORD hath avenged thee this day of all
them that rose up against thee.* 32 And
the king said unto Cushi, Is the young
man Absalom safe? And Cushi an-

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ered...: Heb. shut up.

29. Is...: Heb. Is there peace?.

31. Tidings: Heb. Tidings is brought.

swered, The enemies of my lord the
king, and all that rise against thee to
do *thee* hurt, be as *that* young man *is*.
33 And the king was much moved, and
went up to the chamber over the gate,
and wept: and as he went, thus he said,
O my son Absalom, my son, my son
Absalom! would God I had died for
thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

19 And it was told Joab, Behold,
the king weepeth and mourneth for
Absalom. 2 And the victory that day
was *turned* into mourning unto all the
people: for the people heard say that
day how the king was grieved for his

son.* [3] And the people gat them by
stealth that day into the city, as people
being ashamed steal away when they
flee in battle. [4] But the king covered
his face, and the king cried with a loud
voice, O my son Absalom, O Absa-
lom, my son, my son! [5] And Joab
came into the house to the king, and
said, Thou hast shamed this day the
faces of all thy servants, which this
day have saved thy life, and the lives
of thy sons and of thy daughters, and
the lives of thy wives, and the lives of
thy concubines; [6] In that thou lovest
thine enemies, and hatest thy friends.

19.2. victory: Heb. salvation, or, deliverance.

For thou hast declared this day, that
thou regardest neither princes nor ser-
vants: for this day I perceive, that if
Absalom had lived, and all we had
died this day, then it had pleased thee
well.* 7 Now therefore arise, go forth,
and speak comfortably unto thy ser-
vants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou
go not forth, there will not tarry one
with thee this night: and that will be
worse unto thee than all the evil that
befell thee from thy youth until now.*
8 Then the king arose, and sat in the

6. in...: Heb. By loving, etc. that thou regardest...: Heb. that princes or servants are not to thee.
7. comfortably...: Heb. to the heart of thy servants.

gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent. 9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?* 11 And king David sent to Zadok and

10. speak...: Heb. are ye silent?.

to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak
unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why
are ye the last to bring the king back
to his house? seeing the speech of all
Israel is come to the king, *even* to his
house. 12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* my
bones and my flesh: wherefore then
are ye the last to bring back the king?
13 And say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not
of my bone, and of my flesh? God do
so to me, and more also, if thou be not
captain of the host before me contin-
ually in the room of Joab. 14 And he
bowed the heart of all the men of Ju-
dah, even as *the heart of* one man; so
that they sent *this word* unto the king,

Return thou, and all thy servants. [15] So
the king returned, and came to Jor-
dan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to
go to meet the king, to conduct the
king over Jordan. [16] And Shimei the
son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was*
of Bahurim, hasted and came down
with the men of Judah to meet king
David. [17] And *there were* a thousand
men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba
the servant of the house of Saul, and
his fifteen sons and his twenty servants
with him; and they went over Jordan
before the king. [18] And there went over
a ferry boat to carry over the king's
household, and to do what he thought

good. And Shimei the son of Gera
fell down before the king, as he was
come over Jordan;* [19] And said unto
the king, Let not my lord impute iniq-
uity unto me, neither do thou remem-
ber that which thy servant did per-
versely the day that my lord the king
went out of Jerusalem, that the king
should take it to his heart. [20] For thy
servant doth know that I have sinned:
therefore, behold, I am come the first
this day of all the house of Joseph to go
down to meet my lord the king. [21] But
Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered
and said, Shall not Shimei be put to

18. what...: Heb. the good in his eyes.

death for this, because he cursed the
LORD'S anointed? [22] And David said,
What have I to do with you, ye sons
of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be
adversaries unto me? shall there any
man be put to death this day in Israel?
for do not I know that I *am* this day
king over Israel? [23] Therefore the king
said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die.
And the king sware unto him. [24] And
Mephibosheth the son of Saul came
down to meet the king, and had nei-
ther dressed his feet, nor trimmed his
beard, nor washed his clothes, from
the day the king departed until the day
he came *again* in peace. [25] And it came

to pass, when he was come to Jerusa-
lem to meet the king, that the king
said unto him, Wherefore wentest not
thou with me, Mephibosheth? [26] And
he answered, My lord, O king, my ser-
vant deceived me: for thy servant said,
I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride
thereon, and go to the king; because
thy servant *is* lame. [27] And he hath
slandered thy servant unto my lord the
king; but my lord the king *is* as an an-
gel of God: do therefore *what is* good
in thine eyes. [28] For all *of* my father's
house were but dead men before my
lord the king: yet didst thou set thy
servant among them that did eat at

thine own table. What right therefore
have I yet to cry any more unto the
king?* [29] And the king said unto him,
Why speakest thou any more of thy
matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba
divide the land. [30] And Mephibosheth
said unto the king, Yea, let him take
all, forasmuch as my lord the king
is come again in peace unto his own
house. [31] And Barzillai the Gileadite
came down from Rogelim, and went
over Jordan with the king, to conduct
him over Jordan. [32] Now Barzillai was
a very aged man, *even* fourscore years
old: and he had provided the king of

28. dead...: Heb. men of death.

sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim;
for he *was* a very great man. [33] And the
king said unto Barzillai, Come thou
over with me, and I will feed thee with
me in Jerusalem. [34] And Barzillai said
unto the king, How long have I to live,
that I should go up with the king unto
Jerusalem?* [35] I *am* this day fourscore
years old: *and* can I discern between
good and evil? can thy servant taste
what I eat or what I drink? can I
hear any more the voice of singing
men and singing women? wherefore
then should thy servant be yet a bur-

34. How...: Heb. How many days are the years of my life.

den unto my lord the king? [36] Thy ser-
vant will go a little way over Jordan
with the king: and why should the
king recompense it me with such a re-
ward? [37] Let thy servant, I pray thee,
turn back again, that I may die in mine
own city, *and be buried* by the grave of
my father and of my mother. But be-
hold thy servant Chimham; let him go
over with my lord the king; and do to
him what shall seem good unto thee.
[38] And the king answered, Chimham
shall go over with me, and I will do to
him that which shall seem good unto
thee: and whatsoever thou shalt re-

quire of me, *that* will I do for thee.*
39 And all the people went over Jordan.
And when the king was come over, the
king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him;
and he returned unto his own place.
40 Then the king went on to Gilgal,
and Chimham went on with him: and
all the people of Judah conducted the
king, and also half the people of Israel.*
41 And, behold, all the men of Israel
came to the king, and said unto the
king, Why have our brethren the men
of Judah stolen thee away, and have
brought the king, and his household,

38. require: Heb. choose.
40. Chimham: Heb. Chimhan.

and all David's men with him, over
Jordan? 42 And all the men of Judah
answered the men of Israel, Because
the king *is* near of kin to us: where-
fore then be ye angry for this matter?
have we eaten at all of the king's *cost*?
or hath he given us any gift? 43 And the
men of Israel answered the men of Ju-
dah, and said, We have ten parts in the
king, and we have also more *right* in
David than ye: why then did ye despise
us, that our advice should not be first
had in bringing back our king? And
the words of the men of Judah were
fiercer than the words of the men of

Israel.*

20 And there happened to be there
a man of Belial, whose name *was*
Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite:
and he blew a trumpet, and said, We
have no part in David, neither have
we inheritance in the son of Jesse: ev-
ery man to his tents, O Israel. 2 So
every man of Israel went up from af-
ter David, *and* followed Sheba the son
of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave
unto their king, from Jordan even to
Jerusalem. 3 And David came to his
house at Jerusalem; and the king took

43. despise...: Heb. set us at light.

the ten women *his* concubines, whom
he had left to keep the house, and put
them in ward, and fed them, but went
not in unto them. So they were shut
up unto the day of their death, living
in widowhood.* 4 Then said the king
to Amasa, Assemble me the men of
Judah within three days, and be thou
here present.* 5 So Amasa went to as-
semble *the men of* Judah: but he tar-
ried longer than the set time which
he had appointed him.* 6 And David

20.3. ward: Heb. an house of ward. shut...: Heb. bound. living...: Heb. in widowhood of life.
4. Assemble: Heb. Call.
5. Assemble: Heb. Call.

said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the
son of Bichri do us more harm than
did Absalom: take thou thy lord's ser-
vants, and pursue after him, lest he
get him fenced cities, and escape us.*
7 And there went out after him Joab's
men, and the Cherethites, and the
Pelethites, and all the mighty men:
and they went out of Jerusalem, to
pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.
8 When they *were* at the great stone
which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa went be-
fore them. And Joab's garment that he
had put on was girded unto him, and
upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened

6. escape...: Heb. deliver himself from our eyes.

upon his loins in the sheath thereof;
and as he went forth it fell out. 9 And
Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health,
my brother? And Joab took Amasa by
the beard with the right hand to kiss
him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to the
sword that *was* in Joab's hand: so he
smote him therewith in the fifth *rib*,
and shed out his bowels to the ground,
and struck him not again; and he died.
So Joab and Abishai his brother pur-
sued after Sheba the son of Bichri.*
11 And one of Joab's men stood by him,
and said, He that favoureth Joab, and
he that *is* for David, *let him go* af-

10. struck...: Heb. doubled not his stroke.

ter Joab. 12 And Amasa wallowed in
blood in the midst of the highway.
And when the man saw that all the
people stood still, he removed Amasa
out of the highway into the field, and
cast a cloth upon him, when he saw
that every one that came by him stood
still. 13 When he was removed out of
the highway, all the people went on
after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the
son of Bichri. 14 And he went through
all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and
to Bethmaachah, and all the Berites:
and they were gathered together, and
went also after him. 15 And they came
and besieged him in Abel of Beth-

maachah, and they cast up a bank
against the city, and it stood in the
trench: and all the people that *were*
with Joab battered the wall, to throw
it down.* [16] Then cried a wise woman
out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray
you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that
I may speak with thee. [17] And when he
was come near unto her, the woman
said, *Art* thou Joab? And he answered,
I *am he*. Then she said unto him, Hear
the words of thine handmaid. And he
answered, I do hear. [18] Then she spake,
saying, They were wont to speak in old

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15. in the trench: or, against the outmost wall. battered: Heb. marred to throw down.

time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter*.* [19] I *am one of them that are* peaceable *and* faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD? [20] And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. [21] The matter *is* not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against

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18. They were...: or, They plainly spoke in the beginning, saying, Surely they will ask of Abel, and so make and end.

David: deliver him only, and I will
depart from the city. And the wo-
man said unto Joab, Behold, his head
shall be thrown to thee over the wall.*
22 Then the woman went unto all the
people in her wisdom. And they cut
off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri,
and cast *it* out to Joab. And he blew
a trumpet, and they retired from the
city, every man to his tent. And Joab
returned to Jerusalem unto the king.*
23 Now Joab *was* over all the host of Is-
rael: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada
was over the Cherethites and over the

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21. by name: Heb. by his name.
22. retired: Heb. were scattered.

Pelethites: [24] And Adoram *was* over
the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son
of Ahilud *was* recorder:* [25] And Sheva
was scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar
were the priests: [26] And Ira also the
Jairite was a chief ruler about David.*

21 Then there was a famine in
the days of David three years, year af-
ter year; and David enquired of the
LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is*
for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, be-
cause he slew the Gibeonites.* [2] And
the king called the Gibeonites, and

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24. recorder: or, remembrancer.
26. a chief...: or, a prince.
21.1. enquired...: Heb. sought the face, etc.

said unto them; (now the Gibeonites
were not of the children of Israel,
but of the remnant of the Amorites;
and the children of Israel had sworn
unto them: and Saul sought to slay
them in his zeal to the children of Is-
rael and Judah.) 3 Wherefore David
said unto the Gibeonites, What shall
I do for you? and wherewith shall
I make the atonement, that ye may
bless the inheritance of the LORD?
4 And the Gibeonites said unto him,
We will have no silver nor gold of
Saul, nor of his house; neither for
us shalt thou kill any man in Israel.
And he said, What ye shall say, *that*

will I do for you.* 5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,* 6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*.* 7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul,

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4. We will...: or, It is not silver nor gold that we have to do with Saul or his house, neither pertains it to us to kill, etc.

5. devised...: or, cut us off.

6. whom...: or, chosen of the LORD.

because of the LORD's oath that *was*
between them, between David and
Jonathan the son of Saul. 8 But the
king took the two sons of Rizpah the
daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto
Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and
the five sons of Michal the daugh-
ter of Saul, whom she brought up for
Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meho-
lathite:* 9 And he delivered them into
the hands of the Gibeonites, and they
hanged them in the hill before the
LORD: and they fell *all* seven together,
and were put to death in the days of

8. Michal: or, the sister of Michal. brought...: Heb. to Adriel.

harvest, in the first *days*, in the be-
ginning of barley harvest. [10] And Riz-
pah the daughter of Aiah took sack-
cloth, and spread it for her upon the
rock, from the beginning of harvest
until water dropped upon them out of
heaven, and suffered neither the birds
of the air to rest on them by day, nor
the beasts of the field by night. [11] And
it was told David what Rizpah the
daughter of Aiah, the concubine of
Saul, had done. [12] And David went and
took the bones of Saul and the bones
of Jonathan his son from the men of
Jabeshgilead, which had stolen them
from the street of Bethshan, where the

Philistines had hanged them, when
the Philistines had slain Saul in Gil-
boa: [13] And he brought up from thence
the bones of Saul and the bones of
Jonathan his son; and they gathered
the bones of them that were hanged.
[14] And the bones of Saul and Jonathan
his son buried they in the country
of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepul-
chre of Kish his father: and they per-
formed all that the king commanded.
And after that God was intreated for
the land. [15] Moreover the Philistines
had yet war again with Israel; and
David went down, and his servants
with him, and fought against the Phi-

listines: and David waxed faint. [16] And
Ishbibenob, which *was* of the sons of
the giant, the weight of whose spear
weighed three hundred *shekels* of brass
in weight, he being girded with a new
sword, thought to have slain David.*
[17] But Abishai the son of Zeruiah suc-
coured him, and smote the Philistine,
and killed him. Then the men of
David sware unto him, saying, Thou
shalt go no more out with us to bat-
tle, that thou quench not the light of
Israel.* [18] And it came to pass after this,

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16. the giant: or, Rapha. spear: Heb. the staff, or, the head.

17. light: Heb. candle, or, lamp.

that there was again a battle with the
Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the
Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of
the sons of the giant.* 19 And there was
again a battle in Gob with the Philis-
tines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareo-
regim, a Bethlehemite, slew *the brother
of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of
whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.*
20 And there was yet a battle in Gath,
where was a man of *great* stature, that
had on every hand six fingers, and on
every foot six toes, four and twenty
in number; and he also was born to

18. the giant: or, Rapha. Saph: or, Sippai.
19. Jaareoregim: or, Jair.

the giant.* [21] And when he defied Is-
rael, Jonathan the son of Shimea the
brother of David slew him.* [22] These
four were born to the giant in Gath,
and fell by the hand of David, and by
the hand of his servants.

22 And David spake unto the
LORD the words of this song in the
day *that* the LORD had delivered him
out of the hand of all his enemies, and
out of the hand of Saul: [2] And he
said, The LORD *is* my rock, and my
fortress, and my deliverer; [3] The God

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20. the giant: or, Rapha.
21. defied: or, reproached. Shimea: also called, Shammah.

of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my
shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my high tower, and my refuge, my
saviour; thou savest me from violence.
4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* wor-
thy to be praised: so shall I be saved
from mine enemies. 5 When the waves
of death compassed me, the floods of
ungodly men made me afraid;* 6 The
sorrows of hell compassed me about;
the snares of death prevented me;* 7 In
my distress I called upon the LORD,
and cried to my God: and he did hear
my voice out of his temple, and my

22.5. waves: or, pangs. ungodly...: Heb. Belial.
6. sorrows: or, cords.

cry *did enter* into his ears. [8] Then the
earth shook and trembled; the foun-
dations of heaven moved and shook,
because he was wroth. [9] There went
up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire
out of his mouth devoured: coals were
kindled by it.* [10] He bowed the heav-
ens also, and came down; and darkness
was under his feet. [11] And he rode upon
a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen
upon the wings of the wind. [12] And he
made darkness pavilions round about
him, dark waters, *and* thick clouds of
the skies.* [13] Through the brightness

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9. out of his nostrils: Heb. by, etc.
12. dark...: Heb. binding of waters.

before him were coals of fire kindled.
14 The LORD thundered from heaven,
and the most High uttered his voice.
15 And he sent out arrows, and scat-
tered them; lightning, and discom-
fited them. 16 And the channels of the
sea appeared, the foundations of the
world were discovered, at the rebuk-
ing of the LORD, at the blast of the
breath of his nostrils. 17 He sent from
above, he took me; he drew me out of
many waters;* 18 He delivered me from
my strong enemy, *and* from them that
hated me: for they were too strong for
me. 19 They prevented me in the day

17. many: or, great.

of my calamity: but the LORD was my
stay. [20] He brought me forth also into
a large place: he delivered me, because
he delighted in me. [21] The LORD re-
warded me according to my righteous-
ness: according to the cleanness of my
hands hath he recompensed me. [22] For
I have kept the ways of the LORD, and
have not wickedly departed from my
God. [23] For all his judgments *were* be-
fore me: and *as for* his statutes, I did
not depart from them. [24] I was also up-
right before him, and have kept my-
self from mine iniquity.* [25] Therefore
the LORD hath recompensed me ac-

24. before: Heb. to.

cording to my righteousness; accord-
ing to my cleanness in his eye sight.*
26 With the merciful thou wilt shew
thyself merciful, *and* with the upright
man thou wilt shew thyself upright.
27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself
pure; and with the froward thou wilt
shew thyself unsavoury.* 28 And the af-
flicted people thou wilt save: but thine
eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou
mayest bring *them* down. 29 For thou
art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD
will lighten my darkness.* 30 For by thee

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25. in...: Heb. before his eyes.
27. shew thyself unsavoury: or, wrestle.
29. lamp: or, candle.

I have run through a troop: by my
God have I leaped over a wall.* [31] *As*
for God, his way *is* perfect; the word
of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to
all them that trust in him.* [32] For who
is God, save the LORD? and who *is*
a rock, save our God? [33] God *is* my
strength *and* power: and he maketh
my way perfect.* [34] He maketh my feet
like hinds' *feet*: and setteth me upon
my high places.* [35] He teacheth my
hands to war; so that a bow of steel

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30. run: or, broken.
31. tried: or, refined.
33. maketh: Heb. riddeth, or, looseth.
34. maketh: Heb. equalleth.

is broken by mine arms.* [36] Thou hast
also given me the shield of thy salva-
tion: and thy gentleness hath made me
great.* [37] Thou hast enlarged my steps
under me; so that my feet did not slip.*
[38] I have pursued mine enemies, and de-
stroyed them; and turned not again
until I had consumed them. [39] And I
have consumed them, and wounded
them, that they could not arise: yea,
they are fallen under my feet. [40] For
thou hast girded me with strength to
battle: them that rose up against me

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35. to war: Heb. for the war.
36. made...: Heb. multiplied me.
37. feet: Heb. ankles.

hast thou subdued under me.* [41] Thou
hast also given me the necks of mine
enemies, that I might destroy them
that hate me. [42] They looked, but *there*
was none to save; *even* unto the LORD,
but he answered them not. [43] Then
did I beat them as small as the dust
of the earth, I did stamp them as the
mire of the street, *and* did spread them
abroad. [44] Thou also hast delivered
me from the strivings of my people,
thou hast kept me *to be* head of the
heathen: a people *which* I knew not
shall serve me. [45] Strangers shall sub-
mit themselves unto me: as soon as

40. subdued: Heb. caused to bow.

they hear, they shall be obedient unto
me.* [46] Strangers shall fade away, and
they shall be afraid out of their close
places. [47] The LORD liveth; and blessed
be my rock; and exalted be the God of
the rock of my salvation. [48] It *is* God
that avengeth me, and that bringeth
down the people under me,* [49] And
that bringeth me forth from mine en-
emies: thou also hast lifted me up on
high above them that rose up against
me: thou hast delivered me from the
violent man. [50] Therefore I will give

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45. Strangers: Heb. Sons of the stranger. submit...: or, yield feigned obedience: Heb. lie.
48. avengeth: Heb. giveth avengement for.

thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the
heathen, and I will sing praises unto
thy name. [51] *He is* the tower of salva-
tion for his king: and sheweth mercy
to his anointed, unto David, and to his
seed for evermore.

23 Now these *be* the last words of
David. David the son of Jesse said, and
the man *who was* raised up on high,
the anointed of the God of Jacob, and
the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, [2] The
Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and
his word *was* in my tongue. [3] The God
of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake
to me, He that ruleth over men *must be*

just, ruling in the fear of God.* [4] And
he shall be as the light of the morn-
ing, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morn-
ing without clouds; *as* the tender grass
springing out of the earth by clear shin-
ing after rain. [5] Although my house *be*
not so with God; yet he hath made
with me an everlasting covenant, or-
dered in all *things*, and sure: for *this is*
all my salvation, and all *my* desire, al-
though he make *it* not to grow. [6] But
the sons of Belial *shall be* all of them
as thorns thrust away, because they
cannot be taken with hands: [7] But
the man *that* shall touch them must

23.3. He...: or, Be thou ruler, etc.

be fenced with iron and the staff of a
spear; and they shall be utterly burned
with fire in the *same* place.* 8 These *be*
the names of the mighty men whom
David had: The Tachmonite that sat
in the seat, chief among the captains;
the same *was* Adino the Eznite: *he*
lift up his spear against eight hundred,
whom he slew at one time.* 9 And af-
ter him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo
the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty
men with David, when they defied the
Philistines *that* were there gathered to-

7. fenced: Heb. filled.
8. The Tachmonite...: or, Joshebbassebet the Tachmonite, head of the three. whom he...: Heb. slain.

gether to battle, and the men of Is-
rael were gone away: [10] He arose, and
smote the Philistines until his hand
was weary, and his hand clave unto
the sword: and the LORD wrought a
great victory that day; and the peo-
ple returned after him only to spoil.
[11] And after him *was* Shammah the son
of Agee the Hararite. And the Phi-
listines were gathered together into a
troop, where was a piece of ground
full of lentiles: and the people fled
from the Philistines.* [12] But he stood in
the midst of the ground, and defended
it, and slew the Philistines: and the

11. into...: or, for foraging.

LORD wrought a great victory. [13] And
three of the thirty chief went down,
and came to David in the harvest time
unto the cave of Adullam: and the
troop of the Philistines pitched in the
valley of Rephaim.* [14] And David *was*
then in an hold, and the garrison of
the Philistines *was* then *in* Bethlehem.
[15] And David longed, and said, Oh that
one would give me drink of the water
of the well of Bethlehem, which *is* by
the gate! [16] And the three mighty men
brake through the host of the Philis-
tines, and drew water out of the well of
Bethlehem, that *was* by the gate, and

13. three...: or, the three captains over the thirty.

took *it*, and brought *it* to David: nev-
ertheless he would not drink thereof,
but poured it out unto the LORD.
17 And he said, Be it far from me, O
LORD, that I should do this: *is not*
this the blood of the men that went
in jeopardy of their lives? therefore
he would not drink it. These things
did these three mighty men. 18 And
Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of
Zeruiah, was chief among three. And
he lifted up his spear against three hun-
dred, *and* slew *them*, and had the name
among three.* 19 Was he not most hon-
ourable of three? therefore he was

18. and slew them: Heb. slain.

their captain: howbeit he attained
not unto the *first* three. [20] And Be-
naiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of
a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had
done many acts, he slew two lionlike
men of Moab: he went down also and
slew a lion in the midst of a pit in
time of snow:* [21] And he slew an Egyp-
tian, a goodly man: and the Egyp-
tian had a spear in his hand; but he
went down to him with a staff, and
plucked the spear out of the Egyp-
tian's hand, and slew him with his

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20. who...: Heb. great of acts. lionlike...: Heb. lion of God.

own spear.* [22] These *things* did Bena-
iah the son of Jehoiada, and had the
name among three mighty men. [23] He
was more honourable than the thirty,
but he attained not to the *first* three.
And David set him over his guard.*
[24] Asahel the brother of Joab *was* one
of the thirty; Elhanan the son of
Dodo of Bethlehem, [25] Shammah the
Harodite, Elika the Harodite, [26] Helez
the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh
the Tekoite, [27] Abiezer the Anethoth-

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21. a goodly...: Heb. a man of countenance, or, sight: also called, a man of great stature.

23. more...: or, honourable among the thirty. guard: or, council: Heb. at his command.

ite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, [28] Zal-
mon the Ahohite, Maharai the Ne-
tophathite, [29] Heleb the son of Baanah,
a Netophathite, Ittai the son of
Ribai out of Gibeah of the chil-
dren of Benjamin, [30] Benaiah the Pi-
rathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of
Gaash,* [31] Abialbon the Arbathite, Az-
maveth the Barhumite, [32] Eliahba the
Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen,
Jonathan, [33] Shammah the Hararite,
Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,
[34] Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son
of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of
Ahithophel the Gilonite, [35] Hezrai the

30. brooks: or, valleys.

Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, [36] Igal the
son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Ga-
dite, [37] Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai
the Beerothite, armourbearer to Joab
the son of Zeruiah, [38] Ira an Ithrite,
Gareb an Ithrite, [39] Uriah the Hittite:
thirty and seven in all.

24 And again the anger of the
LORD was kindled against Israel, and
he moved David against them to say,
Go, number Israel and Judah. [2] For
the king said to Joab the captain of the
host, which *was* with him, Go now
through all the tribes of Israel, from
Dan even to Beersheba, and number

ye the people, that I may know the
number of the people.* 3 And Joab
said unto the king, Now the LORD thy
God add unto the people, how many
soever they be, an hundredfold, and
that the eyes of my lord the king may
see *it*: but why doth my lord the king
delight in this thing? 4 Notwithstand-
ing the king's word prevailed against
Joab, and against the captains of the
host. And Joab and the captains of
the host went out from the presence
of the king, to number the people of
Israel. 5 And they passed over Jordan,
and pitched in Aroer, on the right side

24.2. Go: or, Compass.

of the city that *lieth* in the midst of
the river of Gad, and toward Jazer:*
6 Then they came to Gilead, and to
the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they
came to Danjaan, and about to Zi-
don,* 7 And came to the strong hold
of Tyre, and to all the cities of the
Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and
they went out to the south of Judah,
even to Beersheba. 8 So when they had
gone through all the land, they came
to Jerusalem at the end of nine months
and twenty days. 9 And Joab gave up

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5. river: or, valley.
6. land of Tahtimhodshi: or, nether land newly inhabited.

the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in
Israel eight hundred thousand valiant
men that drew the sword; and the men
of Judah *were* five hundred thousand
men. [10] And David's heart smote him
after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD,
I have sinned greatly in that I have
done: and now, I beseech thee, O
LORD, take away the iniquity of thy
servant; for I have done very foolishly.
[11] For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto
the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,
[12] Go and say unto David, Thus saith

the LORD, I offer thee three *things*;
choose thee one of them, that I may *do*
it unto thee. 13 So Gad came to David,
and told him, and said unto him, Shall
seven years of famine come unto thee
in thy land? or wilt thou flee three
months before thine enemies, while
they pursue thee? or that there be
three days' pestilence in thy land? now
advise, and see what answer I shall re-
turn to him that sent me. 14 And David
said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let
us fall now into the hand of the LORD;
for his mercies *are* great: and let me
not fall into the hand of man.* 15 So

14. are great: or, are many.

the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel
from the morning even to the time ap-
pointed: and there died of the people
from Dan even to Beersheba seventy
thousand men. 16 And when the an-
gel stretched out his hand upon Jeru-
salem to destroy it, the LORD repented
him of the evil, and said to the angel
that destroyed the people, It is enough:
stay now thine hand. And the an-
gel of the LORD was by the threshing-
place of Araunah the Jebusite.* 17 And
David spake unto the LORD when he
saw the angel that smote the people,
and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have

16. Araunah: also called, Ornan.

done wickedly: but these sheep, what
have they done? let thine hand, I
pray thee, be against me, and against
my father's house. 18 And Gad came
that day to David, and said unto him,
Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD
in the threshingfloor of Araunah the
Jebusite.* 19 And David, according to
the saying of Gad, went up as the
LORD commanded. 20 And Araunah
looked, and saw the king and his ser-
vants coming on toward him: and
Araunah went out, and bowed himself
before the king on his face upon the
ground. 21 And Araunah said, Where-

18. Araunah: Heb. Araniah.

fore is my lord the king come to his
servant? And David said, To buy the
threshingfloor of thee, to build an al-
tar unto the LORD, that the plague
may be stayed from the people. [22] And
Araunah said unto David, Let my lord
the king take and offer up what *seemeth*
good unto him: behold, *here be* oxen
for burnt sacrifice, and threshing in-
struments and *other* instruments of
the oxen for wood. [23] All these *things*
did Araunah, *as* a king, give unto the
king. And Araunah said unto the king,
The LORD thy God accept thee. [24] And
the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I
will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: nei-

ther will I offer burnt offerings unto
the LORD my God of that which doth
cost me nothing. So David bought the
threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty
shekels of silver. 25 And David built
there an altar unto the LORD, and of-
fered burnt offerings and peace offer-
ings. So the LORD was intreated for
the land, and the plague was stayed
from Israel.

THE FIRST

BOOK OF THE KINGS,

COMMONLY CALLED,

THE THIRD BOOK OF THE KINGS

Now king David was old *and* stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.* 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let

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1.1. stricken...: Heb. entered into days.

her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the
king may get heat.* 3 So they sought
for a fair damsel throughout all the
coasts of Israel, and found Abishag
a Shunammite, and brought her to
the king. 4 And the damsel *was* very
fair, and cherished the king, and min-
istered to him: but the king knew
her not. 5 Then Adonijah the son
of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I
will be king: and he prepared him
chariots and horsemen, and fifty men

2. Let there...: Heb. Let them seek. a young...: Heb. a damsel, a virgin. cherish...: Heb. be a cherisher unto him.

to run before him.* 6 And his father
had not displeased him at any time
in saying, Why hast thou done so?
and he also *was a* very goodly *man*;
and *his mother* bare him after Absa-
lom.* 7 And he conferred with Joab
the son of Zeruiah, and with Abi-
athar the priest: and they following
Adonijah helped *him*.* 8 But Zadok
the priest, and Benaiah the son of Je-
hoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and
Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men

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5. be king: Heb. reign.
6. at any...: Heb. from his days.
7. he...: Heb. his words were with. following...: Heb. helped after Adonijah.

which *belonged* to David, were not
with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah slew
sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the
stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by En-
rogel, and called all his brethren the
king's sons, and all the men of Judah
the king's servants:* 10 But Nathan the
prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty
men, and Solomon his brother, he
called not. 11 Wherefore Nathan spake
unto Bathsheba the mother of Solo-
mon, saying, Hast thou not heard that
Adonijah the son of Haggith doth
reign, and David our lord knoweth *it*
not? 12 Now therefore come, let me, I

9. Enrogel: or, the well Rogel.

pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou
mayest save thine own life, and the
life of thy son Solomon. 13 Go and
get thee in unto king David, and say
unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O
king, swear unto thine handmaid, say-
ing, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall
reign after me, and he shall sit upon
my throne? why then doth Adonijah
reign? 14 Behold, while thou yet talkest
there with the king, I also will come
in after thee, and confirm thy words.*
15 And Bathsheba went in unto the
king into the chamber: and the king
was very old; and Abishag the Shu-

14. confirm: Heb. fill up.

nammite ministered unto the king.
16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obei-
sance unto the king. And the king
said, What wouldest thou?* 17 And she
said unto him, My lord, thou swarest
by the LORD thy God unto thine
handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon
thy son shall reign after me, and he
shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now,
behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now,
my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not:
19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cat-
tle and sheep in abundance, and hath
called all the sons of the king, and
Abiathar the priest, and Joab the cap-

16. What...: Heb. What to thee?.

tain of the host: but Solomon thy ser-
vant hath he not called. [20] And thou,
my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel
are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell
them who shall sit on the throne of
my lord the king after him. [21] Other-
wise it shall come to pass, when my
lord the king shall sleep with his fa-
thers, that I and my son Solomon shall
be counted offenders.* [22] And, lo, while
she yet talked with the king, Nathan
the prophet also came in. [23] And they
told the king, saying, Behold Nathan
the prophet. And when he was come
in before the king, he bowed himself

21. offenders: Heb. sinners.

before the king with his face to the
ground. [24] And Nathan said, My lord,
O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall
reign after me, and he shall sit upon my
throne? [25] For he is gone down this day,
and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and
sheep in abundance, and hath called
all the king's sons, and the captains
of the host, and Abiathar the priest;
and, behold, they eat and drink before
him, and say, God save king Adoni-
jah.* [26] But me, *even* me thy servant, and
Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son
of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon,
hath he not called. [27] Is this thing done

25. God...: Heb. Let king Adonijah live.

by my lord the king, and thou hast
not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who
should sit on the throne of my lord
the king after him? [28] Then king David
answered and said, Call me Bathsheba.
And she came into the king's presence,
and stood before the king.* [29] And the
king sware, and said, *As* the LORD
liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out
of all distress, [30] Even as I sware unto
thee by the LORD God of Israel, say-
ing, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall
reign after me, and he shall sit upon my
throne in my stead; even so will I cer-
tainly do this day. [31] Then Bathsheba

28. into...: Heb. before the king.

bowed with *her* face to the earth, and
did reverence to the king, and said,
Let my lord king David live for ever.
32 And king David said, Call me Zadok
the priest, and Nathan the prophet,
and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And
they came before the king. 33 The king
also said unto them, Take with you
the servants of your lord, and cause
Solomon my son to ride upon mine
own mule, and bring him down to Gi-
hon:* 34 And let Zadok the priest and
Nathan the prophet anoint him there
king over Israel: and blow ye with the
trumpet, and say, God save king So-

33. mine...: Heb. which belongeth to me.

lomon. [35] Then ye shall come up after
him, that he may come and sit upon
my throne; for he shall be king in my
stead: and I have appointed him to
be ruler over Israel and over Judah.
[36] And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada an-
swered the king, and said, Amen: the
LORD God of my lord the king say so
too. [37] As the LORD hath been with my
lord the king, even so be he with So-
lomon, and make his throne greater
than the throne of my lord king David.
[38] So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the
prophet, and Benaiah the son of Je-
hoiada, and the Cherethites, and the
Pelethites, went down, and caused So-

lomon to ride upon king David's mule,
and brought him to Gihon. 39 And
Zadok the priest took an horn of oil
out of the tabernacle, and anointed
Solomon. And they blew the trumpet;
and all the people said, God save king
Solomon. 40 And all the people came
up after him, and the people piped
with pipes, and rejoiced with great
joy, so that the earth rent with the
sound of them.* 41 And Adonijah and
all the guests that *were* with him heard
it as they had made an end of eat-
ing. And when Joab heard the sound
of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is*

40. pipes: or, flutes.

this noise of the city being in an uproar? [42] And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. [43] And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. [44] And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: [45] And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have

anointed him king in Gihon: and they
are come up from thence rejoicing, so
that the city rang again. This *is* the
noise that ye have heard. 46 And also
Solomon sitteth on the throne of the
kingdom. 47 And moreover the king's
servants came to bless our lord king
David, saying, God make the name
of Solomon better than thy name,
and make his throne greater than thy
throne. And the king bowed himself
upon the bed. 48 And also thus said the
king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Is-
rael, which hath given *one* to sit on my
throne this day, mine eyes even seeing
it. 49 And all the guests that *were* with

Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and
went every man his way. 50 And Adoni-
jah feared because of Solomon, and
arose, and went, and caught hold on
the horns of the altar. 51 And it was
told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adoni-
jah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he
hath caught hold on the horns of the
altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear
unto me to day that he will not slay
his servant with the sword. 52 And So-
lomon said, If he will shew himself a
worthy man, there shall not an hair of
him fall to the earth: but if wickedness
shall be found in him, he shall die. 53 So
king Solomon sent, and they brought

him down from the altar. And he
came and bowed himself to king So-
lomon: and Solomon said unto him,
Go to thine house.

2 Now the days of David drew
nigh that he should die; and he
charged Solomon his son, saying, 2 I
go the way of all the earth: be thou
strong therefore, and shew thyself a
man; 3 And keep the charge of the
LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to
keep his statutes, and his command-
ments, and his judgments, and his tes-
timonies, as it is written in the law of
Moses, that thou mayest prosper in
all that thou doest, and whithersoever

thou turnest thyself:* 4 That the LORD
may continue his word which he spake
concerning me, saying, If thy children
take heed to their way, to walk before
me in truth with all their heart and
with all their soul, there shall not fail
thee (said he) a man on the throne of
Israel.* 5 Moreover thou knowest also
what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to
me, *and* what he did to the two cap-
tains of the hosts of Israel, unto Ab-
ner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa
the son of Jether, whom he slew, and
shed the blood of war in peace, and put

2.3. prosper: or, do wisely.
4. fail...: Heb. be cut off from thee from the throne.

the blood of war upon his girdle that
was about his loins, and in his shoes
that *were* on his feet.* 6 Do therefore
according to thy wisdom, and let not
his hoar head go down to the grave in
peace. 7 But shew kindness unto the
sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let
them be of those that eat at thy table:
for so they came to me when I fled be-
cause of Absalom thy brother. 8 And,
behold, *thou hast* with thee Shimei the
son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim,
which cursed me with a grievous curse
in the day when I went to Mahanaim:
but he came down to meet me at Jor-

5. shed: Heb. put.

dan, and I sware to him by the LORD,
saying, I will not put thee to death with
the sword.* 9 Now therefore hold him
not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man,
and knowest what thou oughtest to
do unto him; but his hoar head bring
thou down to the grave with blood.
10 So David slept with his fathers, and
was buried in the city of David. 11 And
the days that David reigned over Israel
were forty years: seven years reigned he
in Hebron, and thirty and three years
reigned he in Jerusalem. 12 Then sat
Solomon upon the throne of David
his father; and his kingdom was es-

8. grievous: Heb. strong.

tablished greatly. [13] And Adonijah the
son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the
mother of Solomon. And she said,
Comest thou peaceably? And he said,
Peaceably. [14] He said moreover, I have
somewhat to say unto thee. And she
said, Say on. [15] And he said, Thou
knowest that the kingdom was mine,
and *that* all Israel set their faces on
me, that I should reign: howbeit the
kingdom is turned about, and is be-
come my brother's: for it was his from
the LORD. [16] And now I ask one pe-
tition of thee, deny me not. And she
said unto him, Say on.* [17] And he said,

16. deny...: Heb. turn not away my face.

Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the
king, (for he will not say thee nay,)
that he give me Abishag the Shunam-
mite to wife. 18 And Bathsheba said,
Well; I will speak for thee unto the
king. 19 Bathsheba therefore went unto
king Solomon, to speak unto him for
Adonijah. And the king rose up to
meet her, and bowed himself unto
her, and sat down on his throne, and
caused a seat to be set for the king's
mother; and she sat on his right hand.
20 Then she said, I desire one small pe-
tition of thee; *I pray thee*, say me not
nay. And the king said unto her, Ask
on, my mother: for I will not say thee

nay. [21] And she said, Let Abishag the
Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy
brother to wife. [22] And king Solomon
answered and said unto his mother,
And why dost thou ask Abishag the
Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for
him the kingdom also; for he *is* mine
elder brother; even for him, and for
Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the
son of Zeruiah. [23] Then king Solomon
sware by the LORD, saying, God do
so to me, and more also, if Adoni-
jah have not spoken this word against
his own life. [24] Now therefore, *as* the
LORD liveth, which hath established
me, and set me on the throne of David

my father, and who hath made me an
house, as he promised, Adonijah shall
be put to death this day. [25] And king
Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah
the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon
him that he died. [26] And unto Abiathar
the priest said the king, Get thee to
Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for
thou *art* worthy of death: but I will
not at this time put thee to death, be-
cause thou barest the ark of the Lord
GOD before David my father, and be-
cause thou hast been afflicted in all
wherein my father was afflicted.* [27] So
Solomon thrust out Abiathar from

26. worthy...: Heb. a man of death.

being priest unto the LORD; that he
might fulfil the word of the LORD,
which he spake concerning the house
of Eli in Shiloh. 28 Then tidings came
to Joab: for Joab had turned after
Adonijah, though he turned not af-
ter Absalom. And Joab fled unto the
tabernacle of the LORD, and caught
hold on the horns of the altar. 29 And
it was told king Solomon that Joab
was fled unto the tabernacle of the
LORD; and, behold, *he is* by the altar.
Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son
of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.
30 And Benaiah came to the taberna-
cle of the LORD, and said unto him,

Thus saith the king, Come forth. And
he said, Nay; but I will die here. And
Benaiah brought the king word again,
saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he an-
swered me. [31] And the king said unto
him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon
him, and bury him; that thou mayest
take away the innocent blood, which
Joab shed, from me, and from the
house of my father. [32] And the LORD
shall return his blood upon his own
head, who fell upon two men more
righteous and better than he, and slew
them with the sword, my father David
not knowing *thereof, to wit*, Abner the
son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel,

and Amasa the son of Jether, captain
of the host of Judah. 33 Their blood
shall therefore return upon the head of
Joab, and upon the head of his seed for
ever: but upon David, and upon his
seed, and upon his house, and upon
his throne, shall there be peace for
ever from the LORD. 34 So Benaiah the
son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon
him, and slew him: and he was buried
in his own house in the wilderness.
35 And the king put Benaiah the son
of Jehoiada in his room over the host:
and Zadok the priest did the king put
in the room of Abiathar. 36 And the
king sent and called for Shimei, and

said unto him, Build thee an house in
Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not
forth thence any whither. 37 For it shall
be, *that* on the day thou goest out, and
passest over the brook Kidron, thou
shalt know for certain that thou shalt
surely die: thy blood shall be upon
thine own head. 38 And Shimei said
unto the king, The saying *is* good: as
my lord the king hath said, so will thy
servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Je-
rusalem many days. 39 And it came
to pass at the end of three years, that
two of the servants of Shimei ran away
unto Achish son of Maachah king of
Gath. And they told Shimei, saying,

Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath. [40] And
Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and
went to Gath to Achish to seek his ser-
vants: and Shimei went, and brought
his servants from Gath. [41] And it was
told Solomon that Shimei had gone
from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come
again. [42] And the king sent and called
for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I
not make thee to swear by the LORD,
and protested unto thee, saying, Know
for a certain, on the day thou goest
out, and walkest abroad any whither,
that thou shalt surely die? and thou
saidst unto me, The word *that* I have
heard *is* good. [43] Why then hast thou

not kept the oath of the LORD, and the
commandment that I have charged
thee with? 44 The king said more-
over to Shimei, Thou knowest all the
wickedness which thine heart is privy
to, that thou didst to David my fa-
ther: therefore the LORD shall return
thy wickedness upon thine own head;
45 And king Solomon *shall be* blessed,
and the throne of David shall be estab-
lished before the LORD for ever. 46 So
the king commanded Benaiah the son
of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell
upon him, that he died. And the king-
dom was established in the hand of
Solomon.

3 And Solomon made affinity
with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took
Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her
into the city of David, until he had
made an end of building his own
house, and the house of the LORD,
and the wall of Jerusalem round about.
2 Only the people sacrificed in high
places, because there was no house
built unto the name of the LORD, until
those days. 3 And Solomon loved the
LORD, walking in the statutes of David
his father: only he sacrificed and burnt
incense in high places. 4 And the
king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there;

for that *was* the great high place: a
thousand burnt offerings did Solo-
mon offer upon that altar. 5 In Gi-
beon the LORD appeared to Solomon
in a dream by night: and God said,
Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Solo-
mon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy
servant David my father great mercy,
according as he walked before thee
in truth, and in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart with thee; and
thou hast kept for him this great kind-
ness, that thou hast given him a son
to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.*
7 And now, O LORD my God, thou

3.6. mercy: or, bounty.

hast made thy servant king instead of
David my father: and I *am but* a lit-
tle child: I know not *how* to go out or
come in. 8 And thy servant *is* in the
midst of thy people which thou hast
chosen, a great people, that cannot be
numbered nor counted for multitude.
9 Give therefore thy servant an under-
standing heart to judge thy people,
that I may discern between good and
bad: for who is able to judge this thy
so great a people?* 10 And the speech
pleased the Lord, that Solomon had
asked this thing. 11 And God said
unto him, Because thou hast asked this

9. understanding: Heb. hearing.

thing, and hast not asked for thyself
long life; neither hast asked riches for
thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine
enemies; but hast asked for thyself
understanding to discern judgment;*
12 Behold, I have done according to thy
words: lo, I have given thee a wise and
an understanding heart; so that there
was none like thee before thee, neither
after thee shall any arise like unto thee.
13 And I have also given thee that which
thou hast not asked, both riches, and
honour: so that there shall not be any
among the kings like unto thee all thy

11. long life: Heb. many days. discern: Heb. hear.

days.* [14] And if thou wilt walk in my
ways, to keep my statutes and my com-
mandments, as thy father David did
walk, then I will lengthen thy days.
[15] And Solomon awoke; and, behold,
it was a dream. And he came to Je-
rusalem, and stood before the ark of
the covenant of the LORD, and offered
up burnt offerings, and offered peace
offerings, and made a feast to all his
servants. [16] Then came there two wo-
men, *that were* harlots, unto the king,
and stood before him. [17] And the one
woman said, O my lord, I and this wo-
man dwell in one house; and I was de-

13. shall...: or, hath not been.

livered of a child with her in the house.
18 And it came to pass the third day af-
ter that I was delivered, that this wo-
man was delivered also: and we *were*
together; *there was* no stranger with
us in the house, save we two in the
house. 19 And this woman's child died
in the night; because she overlaid it.
20 And she arose at midnight, and took
my son from beside me, while thine
handmaid slept, and laid it in her bo-
som, and laid her dead child in my bo-
som. 21 And when I rose in the morn-
ing to give my child suck, behold, it
was dead: but when I had considered
it in the morning, behold, it was not

my son, which I did bear. [22] And the
other woman said, Nay; but the liv-
ing *is* my son, and the dead *is* thy son.
And this said, No; but the dead *is* thy
son, and the living *is* my son. Thus
they spake before the king. [23] Then
said the king, The one saith, This *is*
my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the
dead: and the other saith, Nay; but
thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the
living. [24] And the king said, Bring me
a sword. And they brought a sword
before the king. [25] And the king said,
Divide the living child in two, and give
half to the one, and half to the other.
[26] Then spake the woman whose the

living child *was* unto the king, for her
bowels yearned upon her son, and she
said, O my lord, give her the living
child, and in no wise slay it. But the
other said, Let it be neither mine nor
thine, *but* divide *it*.* [27] Then the king
answered and said, Give her the living
child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the
mother thereof. [28] And all Israel heard
of the judgment which the king had
judged; and they feared the king: for
they saw that the wisdom of God *was*
in him, to do judgment.*

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26. yearned: Heb. were hot.
28. in him: Heb. in the midst of him.

4 So king Solomon was king over
all Israel. 2 And these *were* the princes
which he had; Azariah the son of
Zadok the priest,* 3 Elihoreph and
Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Je-
hoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the re-
corder.* 4 And Benaiah the son of Je-
hoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok
and Abiathar *were* the priests: 5 And
Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over
the officers: and Zabud the son of
Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the
king's friend: 6 And Ahishar *was* over

4.2. priest: or, chief officer.

3. scribes: or, secretaries. recorder: or, remembrancer.

the household: and Adoniram the
son of Abda *was* over the tribute.*
7 And Solomon had twelve officers
over all Israel, which provided victuals
for the king and his household: each
man his month in a year made pro-
vision. 8 And these *are* their names:
The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:*
9 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and
in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and
Elonbethhanan:* 10 The son of Hesed,
in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh,

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6. tribute: or, levy.
8. The son...: or, Ben-hur.
9. The son...: or, Ben-dekar.

and all the land of Hepher:* [11] The son
of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor;
which had Taphath the daughter of
Solomon to wife:* [12] Baana the son of
Ahilud; *to him pertained* Taanach and
Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which
is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from
Bethshean to Abelmeholah, *even* unto
the place that is beyond Jokneam: [13] The
son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to
him *pertained* the towns of Jair the son
of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to
him *also pertained* the region of Ar-
gob, which *is* in Bashan, threescore

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10. The son...: or, Ben-hesed.
11. The son...: or, Ben-abinadab.

great cities with walls and brasen bars:*
14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* Ma-
hanaim:* 15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali;
he also took Basmath the daughter of
Solomon to wife: 16 Baanah the son
of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth:
17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in
Issachar: 18 Shimei the son of Elah,
in Benjamin: 19 Geber the son of Uri
was in the country of Gilead, *in* the
country of Sihon king of the Amor-
ites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he*
was the only officer which *was* in the
land. 20 Judah and Israel *were* many, as

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13. The son...: or, Ben-geber.
14. Mahanaim: or, to Mahanaim.

the sand which *is* by the sea in multi-
tude, eating and drinking, and making
merry. [21] And Solomon reigned over
all kingdoms from the river unto the
land of the Philistines, and unto the
border of Egypt: they brought pre-
sents, and served Solomon all the days
of his life. [22] And Solomon's provi-
sion for one day was thirty measures of
fine flour, and threescore measures of
meal,* [23] Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen
out of the pastures, and an hundred
sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and
fallowdeer, and fatted fowl. [24] For he
had dominion over all *the region* on

22. provision: Heb. bread. measures: Heb. cors.

this side the river, from Tiphsah even
to Azzah, over all the kings on this
side the river: and he had peace on all
sides round about him. 25 And Judah
and Israel dwelt safely, every man un-
der his vine and under his fig tree, from
Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of
Solomon.* 26 And Solomon had forty
thousand stalls of horses for his char-
iots, and twelve thousand horsemen.
27 And those officers provided victual
for king Solomon, and for all that
came unto king Solomon's table, every
man in his month: they lacked noth-
ing. 28 Barley also and straw for the

25. safely: Heb. confidently.

horses and dromedaries brought they
unto the place where *the officers* were,
every man according to his charge.*
29 And God gave Solomon wisdom
and understanding exceeding much,
and largeness of heart, even as the sand
that *is* on the sea shore. 30 And So-
lomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom
of all the children of the east country,
and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31 For
he was wiser than all men; than Ethan
the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chal-
col, and Darda, the sons of Mahol:
and his fame was in all nations round
about. 32 And he spake three thousand

28. dromedaries: or, mules, or, swift beasts.

proverbs: and his songs were a thou-
sand and five. 33 And he spake of trees,
from the cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon
even unto the hyssop that springeth
out of the wall: he spake also of beasts,
and of fowl, and of creeping things,
and of fishes. 34 And there came of
all people to hear the wisdom of So-
lomon, from all kings of the earth,
which had heard of his wisdom.

5 And Hiram king of Tyre sent
his servants unto Solomon; for he had
heard that they had anointed him king
in the room of his father: for Hiram

was ever a lover of David.* 2 And So-
lomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 Thou
knowest how that David my father
could not build an house unto the
name of the LORD his God for the
wars which were about him on every
side, until the LORD put them under
the soles of his feet. 4 But now the
LORD my God hath given me rest on
every side, *so that there is* neither ad-
versary nor evil occurrent. 5 And, be-
hold, I purpose to build an house unto
the name of the LORD my God, as
the LORD spake unto David my father,
saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon

5.1. Hiram: also called, Huram.

thy throne in thy room, he shall build
an house unto my name.* 6 Now there-
fore command thou that they hew me
cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my
servants shall be with thy servants: and
unto thee will I give hire for thy ser-
vants according to all that thou shalt
appoint: for thou knowest that *there
is* not among us any that can skill to
hew timber like unto the Sidonians.*
7 And it came to pass, when Hiram
heard the words of Solomon, that he
rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be*
the LORD this day, which hath given

5. purpose: Heb. say.
6. appoint: Heb. say.

unto David a wise son over this great
people. 8 And Hiram sent to Solo-
mon, saying, I have considered the
things which thou sentest to me for:
and I will do all thy desire concerning
timber of cedar, and concerning tim-
ber of fir.* 9 My servants shall bring
them down from Lebanon unto the
sea: and I will convey them by sea in
floats unto the place that thou shalt
appoint me, and will cause them to
be discharged there, and thou shalt
receive *them*: and thou shalt accom-
plish my desire, in giving food for

8. considered: Heb. heard.

my household.* 10 So Hiram gave Solo-
mon cedar trees and fir trees *according*
to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave
Hiram twenty thousand measures of
wheat *for* food to his household, and
twenty measures of pure oil: thus
gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.*
12 And the LORD gave Solomon wis-
dom, as he promised him: and there
was peace between Hiram and Solo-
mon; and they two made a league to-
gether. 13 And king Solomon raised
a levy out of all Israel; and the levy

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9. appoint: Heb. send.
11. measures: Heb. cors.

was thirty thousand men.* [14] And he
sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand
a month by courses: a month they
were in Lebanon, *and* two months
at home: and Adoniram *was* over
the levy. [15] And Solomon had three-
score and ten thousand that bare bur-
dens, and fourscore thousand hewers
in the mountains; [16] Beside the chief
of Solomon's officers which *were* over
the work, three thousand and three
hundred, which ruled over the people
that wrought in the work. [17] And the
king commanded, and they brought
great stones, costly stones, *and* hewed

13. levy: Heb. tribute of men.

stones, to lay the foundation of the
house. [18] And Solomon's builders and
Hiram's builders did hew *them*, and
the stonesquarers: so they prepared
timber and stones to build the house.*
6 And it came to pass in the
four hundred and eightieth year after
the children of Israel were come out
of the land of Egypt, in the fourth
year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in
the month Zif, which *is* the second
month, that he began to build the
house of the LORD.* [2] And the house
which king Solomon built for the

18. stonesquares: or, Giblites.
6.1. began...: Heb. built.

LORD, the length thereof *was* three-
score cubits, and the breadth thereof
twenty *cubits*, and the height thereof
thirty cubits. 3 And the porch before
the temple of the house, twenty cu-
bits *was* the length thereof, accord-
ing to the breadth of the house; *and*
ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof be-
fore the house. 4 And for the house
he made windows of narrow lights.*
5 And against the wall of the house he
built chambers round about, *against*
the walls of the house round about,
both of the temple and of the oracle:

4. of...: or, broad within, and narrow without: or, skewed and closed.

and he made chambers round about:*
6 The nethermost chamber *was* five
cubits broad, and the middle *was* six
cubits broad, and the third *was* seven
cubits broad: for without *in the wall*
of the house he made narrowed rests
round about, that *the beams* should
not be fastened in the walls of the
house.* 7 And the house, when it was
in building, was built of stone made
ready before it was brought thither:
so that there was neither hammer nor

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5. against the wall: or, upon, or, joining to the wall. built chambers: Heb. built floors. made chambers: Heb. made ribs.

6. narrowed...: Heb. narrowings, or, rebatements.

axe *nor* any tool of iron heard in the
house, while it was in building. 8 The
door for the middle chamber *was* in
the right side of the house: and they
went up with winding stairs into the
middle *chamber*, and out of the mid-
dle into the third.* 9 So he built the
house, and finished it; and covered
the house with beams and boards of
cedar.* 10 And *then* he built chambers
against all the house, five cubits high:
and they rested on the house *with*
timber of cedar. 11 And the word of

8. side: Heb. shoulder.
9. with...: or, the vaultbeams and the panellings with cedar.

the LORD came to Solomon, saying,
12 *Concerning* this house which thou art
in building, if thou wilt walk in my
statutes, and execute my judgments,
and keep all my commandments to
walk in them; then will I perform my
word with thee, which I spake unto
David thy father: 13 And I will dwell
among the children of Israel, and will
not forsake my people Israel. 14 So So-
lomon built the house, and finished it.
15 And he built the walls of the house
within with boards of cedar, both the
floor of the house, and the walls of
the cieling: *and* he covered *them* on
the inside with wood, and covered

the floor of the house with planks of
fir.* [16] And he built twenty cubits on
the sides of the house, both the floor
and the walls with boards of cedar:
he even built *them* for it within, *even*
for the oracle, *even* for the most holy
place. [17] And the house, that *is*, the
temple before it, was forty cubits *long*.
[18] And the cedar of the house within
was carved with knops and open flow-
ers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone
seen.* [19] And the oracle he prepared in
the house within, to set there the ark

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15. both...: or, from the floor of the house unto the walls, etc.

18. knops: or, gourds. open: Heb. openings of.

of the covenant of the LORD. [20] And
the oracle in the forepart *was* twenty
cubits in length, and twenty cubits
in breadth, and twenty cubits in the
height thereof: and he overlaid it with
pure gold; and *so* covered the altar
which was of cedar.* [21] So Solomon
overlaid the house within with pure
gold: and he made a partition by the
chains of gold before the oracle; and
he overlaid it with gold. [22] And the
whole house he overlaid with gold, un-
til he had finished all the house: also
the whole altar that *was* by the oracle
he overlaid with gold. [23] And within

20. pure: Heb. shut up.

the oracle he made two cherubims *of*
olive tree, *each* ten cubits high.* [24] And
five cubits *was* the one wing of the
cherub, and five cubits the other wing
of the cherub: from the uttermost
part of the one wing unto the utter-
most part of the other *were* ten cubits.
[25] And the other cherub *was* ten cubits:
both the cherubims *were* of one mea-
sure and one size. [26] The height of the
one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was*
it of the other cherub. [27] And he set
the cherubims within the inner house:
and they stretched forth the wings of
the cherubims, so that the wing of

23. olive: or, oily: Heb. trees of oil.

the one touched the *one* wall, and the
wing of the other cherub touched the
other wall; and their wings touched
one another in the midst of the house.*
28 And he overlaid the cherubims with
gold. 29 And he carved all the walls
of the house round about with carved
figures of cherubims and palm trees
and open flowers, within and with-
out.* 30 And the floor of the house he
overlaid with gold, within and with-
out. 31 And for the entering of the or-
acle he made doors *of* olive tree: the

27. they...: or, the cherubims stretched forth their wings.
29. open flowers: Heb. openings of flowers.

lintel *and* side posts *were* a fifth part *of*
the wall.* [32] The two doors also *were of*
olive tree; and he carved upon them
carvings of cherubims and palm trees
and open flowers, and overlaid *them*
with gold, and spread gold upon the
cherubims, and upon the palm trees.*
[33] So also made he for the door of the
temple posts *of* olive tree, a fourth
part *of the wall*.* [34] And the two doors
were of fir tree: the two leaves of the
one door *were* folding, and the two

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31. a fifth...: or, fivesquare.
32. two...: or, leaves of the doors. open flowers: Heb. openings of flowers.
33. a fourth...: or, foursquare.

leaves of the other door *were* fold-
ing. 35 And he carved *thereon* cheru-
bims and palm trees and open flow-
ers: and covered *them* with gold fit-
ted upon the carved work. 36 And he
built the inner court with three rows
of hewed stone, and a row of cedar
beams. 37 In the fourth year was the
foundation of the house of the LORD
laid, in the month Zif: 38 And in the
eleventh year, in the month Bul, which
is the eighth month, was the house fin-
ished throughout all the parts thereof,
and according to all the fashion of it.
So was he seven years in building it.*

38. through out...: or, with all the parts thereof,

7 But Solomon was building his
own house thirteen years, and he fin-
ished all his house. 2 He built also
the house of the forest of Lebanon;
the length thereof *was* an hundred
cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty
cubits, and the height thereof thirty
cubits, upon four rows of cedar pil-
lars, with cedar beams upon the pil-
lars. 3 And *it was* covered with cedar
above upon the beams, that *lay* on
forty five pillars, fifteen *in* a row.*
4 And *there were* windows *in* three

and with all the ordinances thereof.
7.3. beams: Heb. ribs.

rows, and light *was* against light *in*
three ranks.* 5 And all the doors and
posts *were* square, with the windows:
and light *was* against light *in* three
ranks.* 6 And he made a porch of pil-
lars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits,
and the breadth thereof thirty cubits:
and the porch *was* before them: and
the *other* pillars and the thick beam
were before them.* 7 Then he made a
porch for the throne where he might
judge, *even* the porch of judgment:

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4. light was...: Heb. sight against sight.
5. doors...: or, spaces and pillars were square in prospect.
6. before them: or, according to them.

and *it was* covered with cedar from
one side of the floor to the other.*
8 And his house where he dwelt *had*
another court within the porch, *which*
was of the like work. Solomon made
also an house for Pharaoh's daughter,
whom he had taken *to wife*, like unto
this porch. 9 All these *were of* costly
stones, according to the measures of
hewed stones, sawed with saws, within
and without, even from the founda-
tion unto the coping, and *so* on the
outside toward the great court. 10 And
the foundation *was of* costly stones,
even great stones, stones of ten cu-

7. from...: Heb. from floor to floor.

bits, and stones of eight cubits. [11] And
above *were* costly stones, after the
measures of hewed stones, and cedars.
[12] And the great court round about *was*
with three rows of hewed stones, and
a row of cedar beams, both for the in-
ner court of the house of the LORD,
and for the porch of the house. [13] And
king Solomon sent and fetched Hi-
ram out of Tyre.* [14] He *was* a widow's
son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his
father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker
in brass: and he was filled with wis-
dom, and understanding, and cunning
to work all works in brass. And he

13. Hiram: also called, Huram.

came to king Solomon, and wrought
all his work.* [15] For he cast two pillars
of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece:
and a line of twelve cubits did com-
pass either of them about.* [16] And he
made two chapiters *of* molten brass,
to set upon the tops of the pillars:
the height of the one chapiter *was* five
cubits, and the height of the other
chapiter *was* five cubits: [17] *And* nets
of checker work, and wreaths of chain
work, for the chapiters which *were*
upon the top of the pillars; seven for
the one chapiter, and seven for the

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14. a widow's...: Heb. the son of a widow woman.
15. cast: Heb. fashioned.

other chapiter. [18] And he made the
pillars, and two rows round about
upon the one network, to cover the
chapiters that *were* upon the top, with
pomegranates: and so did he for the
other chapiter. [19] And the chapiters
that *were* upon the top of the pillars
were of lily work in the porch, four cu-
bits. [20] And the chapiters upon the two
pillars *had pomegranates* also above,
over against the belly which *was* by the
network: and the pomegranates *were*
two hundred in rows round about
upon the other chapiter. [21] And he set
up the pillars in the porch of the tem-
ple: and he set up the right pillar, and

called the name thereof Jachin: and
he set up the left pillar, and called the
name thereof Boaz.* 22 And upon the
top of the pillars *was* lily work: so was
the work of the pillars finished. 23 And
he made a molten sea, ten cubits from
the one brim to the other: *it was* round
all about, and his height *was* five cu-
bits: and a line of thirty cubits did
compass it round about.* 24 And under
the brim of it round about *there were*
knops compassing it, ten in a cubit,
compassing the sea round about: the

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21. Jachin: that is, He shall establish. Boaz: that is, In it is strength.

23. from...: Heb. from his brim to his brim.

knops *were* cast in two rows, when it
was cast. [25] It stood upon twelve oxen,
three looking toward the north, and
three looking toward the west, and
three looking toward the south, and
three looking toward the east: and the
sea *was set* above upon them, and all
their hinder parts *were* inward. [26] And
it *was* an hand breadth thick, and
the brim thereof was wrought like the
brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it
contained two thousand baths. [27] And
he made ten bases of brass; four cu-
bits *was* the length of one base, and
four cubits the breadth thereof, and
three cubits the height of it. [28] And

the work of the bases *was* on this *man-*
ner: they had borders, and the bor-
ders *were* between the ledges: [29] And
on the borders that *were* between the
ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cheru-
bims: and upon the ledges *there was*
a base above: and beneath the lions
and oxen *were* certain additions made
of thin work. [30] And every base had
four brasen wheels, and plates of brass:
and the four corners thereof had un-
dersetters: under the laver *were* under-
setters molten, at the side of every ad-
dition. [31] And the mouth of it within
the chapiter and above *was* a cubit:
but the mouth thereof *was* round *af-*

ter the work of the base, a cubit and
an half: and also upon the mouth
of it *were* gravings with their borders,
foursquare, not round. 32 And under
the borders *were* four wheels; and the
axletrees of the wheels *were joined* to
the base: and the height of a wheel
was a cubit and half a cubit.* 33 And
the work of the wheels *was* like the
work of a chariot wheel: their axle-
trees, and their naves, and their fel-
loes, and their spokes, *were* all molten.
34 And *there were* four undersetters to
the four corners of one base: *and* the
undersetters *were* of the very base it-

32. joined...: Heb. in the base.

self. [35] And in the top of the base *was*
there a round compass of half a cubit
high: and on the top of the base the
ledges thereof and the borders thereof
were of the same. [36] For on the plates of
the ledges thereof, and on the borders
thereof, he graved cherubims, lions,
and palm trees, according to the pro-
portion of every one, and additions
round about.* [37] After this *manner* he
made the ten bases: all of them had
one casting, one measure, *and* one size.
[38] Then made he ten lavers of brass: one
laver contained forty baths: *and* ev-
ery laver was four cubits: *and* upon

36. proportion: Heb. nakedness.

every one of the ten bases one laver.
39 And he put five bases on the right
side of the house, and five on the left
side of the house: and he set the sea
on the right side of the house east-
ward over against the south.* 40 And
Hiram made the lavers, and the shov-
els, and the basons. So Hiram made
an end of doing all the work that he
made king Solomon for the house of
the LORD:* 41 The two pillars, and the
two bowls of the chapiters that *were*
on the top of the two pillars; and the
two networks, to cover the two bowls

39. side: Heb. shoulder.
40. And Hiram: Heb. And Hirom.

of the chapiters which *were* upon the
top of the pillars; 42 And four hundred
pomegranates for the two networks,
even two rows of pomegranates for one
network, to cover the two bowls of the
chapiters that *were* upon the pillars;*
43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on
the bases; 44 And one sea, and twelve
oxen under the sea; 45 And the pots,
and the shovels, and the basons: and
all these vessels, which Hiram made
to king Solomon for the house of the
LORD, *were of* bright brass.* 46 In the
plain of Jordan did the king cast them,

42. upon...: Heb. upon the face of the pillars.
45. bright: Heb. made bright or, scoured.

in the clay ground between Succoth
and Zarthan.* 47 And Solomon left all
the vessels *unweighed*, because they
were exceeding many: neither was the
weight of the brass found out.* 48 And
Solomon made all the vessels that *per-*
tained unto the house of the LORD:
the altar of gold, and the table of
gold, whereupon the shewbread *was*,
49 And the candlesticks of pure gold,
five on the right *side*, and five on the
left, before the oracle, with the flowers,
and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,

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46. in...: Heb. in the thickness of the ground.
47. because...: Heb. for the exceeding multitude.
found: Heb. searched.

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and
the basons, and the spoons, and the
censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges
of gold, *both* for the doors of the inner
house, the most holy *place, and* for the
doors of the house, *to wit*, of the tem-
ple.* 51 So was ended all the work that
king Solomon made for the house of
the LORD. And Solomon brought in
the things which David his father had
dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold,
and the vessels, did he put among the
treasures of the house of the LORD.*

8 Then Solomon assembled the

50. censers: Heb. ash pans.
51. things...: Heb. holy things of David.

elders of Israel, and all the heads of
the tribes, the chief of the fathers of
the children of Israel, unto king So-
lomon in Jerusalem, that they might
bring up the ark of the covenant of
the LORD out of the city of David,
which *is* Zion.* 2 And all the men of
Israel assembled themselves unto king
Solomon at the feast in the month
Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month.
3 And all the elders of Israel came, and
the priests took up the ark. 4 And
they brought up the ark of the LORD,
and the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, and all the holy vessels that *were*

8.1. chief: Heb. princes.

in the tabernacle, even those did the
priests and the Levites bring up. 5 And
king Solomon, and all the congre-
gation of Israel, that were assembled
unto him, *were* with him before the
ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that
could not be told nor numbered for
multitude. 6 And the priests brought
in the ark of the covenant of the LORD
unto his place, into the oracle of the
house, to the most holy *place, even* un-
der the wings of the cherubims. 7 For
the cherubims spread forth *their* two
wings over the place of the ark, and
the cherubims covered the ark and the
staves thereof above. 8 And they drew

out the staves, that the ends of the
staves were seen out in the holy *place*
before the oracle, and they were not
seen without: and there they are unto
this day.* 9 *There was* nothing in the
ark save the two tables of stone, which
Moses put there at Horeb, when the
LORD made *a covenant* with the chil-
dren of Israel, when they came out
of the land of Egypt.* 10 And it came
to pass, when the priests were come
out of the holy *place*, that the cloud
filled the house of the LORD, 11 So that
the priests could not stand to minis-

8. ends: Heb. heads. holy...: or, ark.
9. when the: or, where the.

ter because of the cloud: for the glory
of the LORD had filled the house of
the LORD. [12] Then spake Solomon,
The LORD said that he would dwell
in the thick darkness. [13] I have surely
built thee an house to dwell in, a set-
tled place for thee to abide in for ever.
[14] And the king turned his face about,
and blessed all the congregation of Is-
rael: (and all the congregation of Israel
stood;) [15] And he said, Blessed *be* the
LORD God of Israel, which spake with
his mouth unto David my father, and
hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying,
[16] Since the day that I brought forth my
people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no

city out of all the tribes of Israel to
build an house, that my name might
be therein; but I chose David to be
over my people Israel. 17 And it was in
the heart of David my father to build
an house for the name of the LORD
God of Israel. 18 And the LORD said
unto David my father, Whereas it was
in thine heart to build an house unto
my name, thou didst well that it was in
thine heart. 19 Nevertheless thou shalt
not build the house; but thy son that
shall come forth out of thy loins, he
shall build the house unto my name.
20 And the LORD hath performed his
word that he spake, and I am risen up

in the room of David my father, and
sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD
promised, and have built an house for
the name of the LORD God of Is-
rael. [21] And I have set there a place
for the ark, wherein *is* the covenant
of the LORD, which he made with
our fathers, when he brought them
out of the land of Egypt. [22] And So-
lomon stood before the altar of the
LORD in the presence of all the con-
gregation of Israel, and spread forth
his hands toward heaven: [23] And he
said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no
God like thee, in heaven above, or on
earth beneath, who keepest covenant

and mercy with thy servants that walk
before thee with all their heart: [24] Who
hast kept with thy servant David my
father that thou promisedst him: thou
spakest also with thy mouth, and hast
fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this
day. [25] Therefore now, LORD God of
Israel, keep with thy servant David my
father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in
my sight to sit on the throne of Israel;
so that thy children take heed to their
way, that they walk before me as thou
hast walked before me.* [26] And now, O

25. fail...: Heb. be cut off unto thee a man from my sight. so that: Heb. only if.

God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee,
be verified, which thou spakest unto
thy servant David my father. [27] But will
God indeed dwell on the earth? be-
hold, the heaven and heaven of heav-
ens cannot contain thee; how much
less this house that I have builded?
[28] Yet have thou respect unto the prayer
of thy servant, and to his supplica-
tion, O LORD my God, to hearken
unto the cry and to the prayer, which
thy servant prayeth before thee to day:
[29] That thine eyes may be open toward
this house night and day, *even* toward
the place of which thou hast said, My
name shall be there: that thou mayest

hearken unto the prayer which thy ser-
vant shall make toward this place.*
30 And hearken thou to the supplica-
tion of thy servant, and of thy peo-
ple Israel, when they shall pray toward
this place: and hear thou in heaven
thy dwelling place: and when thou
hearest, forgive.* 31 If any man trespass
against his neighbour, and an oath be
laid upon him to cause him to swear,
and the oath come before thine al-
tar in this house:* 32 Then hear thou in

29. toward this place: or, in this place.
30. toward this place: or, in this place.
31. and an oath...: Heb. and he require an oath of him.

heaven, and do, and judge thy servants,
condemning the wicked, to bring his
way upon his head; and justifying the
righteous, to give him according to his
righteousness. 33 When thy people Is-
rael be smitten down before the en-
emy, because they have sinned against
thee, and shall turn again to thee,
and confess thy name, and pray, and
make supplication unto thee in this
house:* 34 Then hear thou in heaven,
and forgive the sin of thy people Israel,
and bring them again unto the land
which thou gavest unto their fathers.
35 When heaven is shut up, and there

33. in: or, toward.

is no rain, because they have sinned
against thee; if they pray toward this
place, and confess thy name, and turn
from their sin, when thou afflictest
them: [36] Then hear thou in heaven, and
forgive the sin of thy servants, and of
thy people Israel, that thou teach them
the good way wherein they should
walk, and give rain upon thy land,
which thou hast given to thy people
for an inheritance. [37] If there be in
the land famine, if there be pestilence,
blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be
caterpiller; if their enemy besiege them
in the land of their cities; whatsoever

plague, whatsoever sickness *there be*;*
38 What prayer and supplication soever
be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy peo-
ple Israel, which shall know every man
the plague of his own heart, and spread
forth his hands toward this house:
39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwell-
ing place, and forgive, and do, and give
to every man according to his ways,
whose heart thou knowest; (for thou,
even thou only, knowest the hearts of
all the children of men;) 40 That they
may fear thee all the days that they
live in the land which thou gavest unto
our fathers. 41 Moreover concerning a

37. cities: or, jurisdiction.

stranger, that *is* not of thy people Is-
rael, but cometh out of a far coun-
try for thy name's sake; 42 (For they
shall hear of thy great name, and of
thy strong hand, and of thy stretched
out arm;) when he shall come and
pray toward this house; 43 Hear thou in
heaven thy dwelling place, and do ac-
cording to all that the stranger calleth
to thee for: that all people of the earth
may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do*
thy people Israel; and that they may
know that this house, which I have
builded, is called by thy name.* 44 If thy
people go out to battle against their

43. this...: Heb. thy name is called upon this house.

enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send
them, and shall pray unto the LORD
toward the city which thou hast cho-
sen, and *toward* the house that I have
built for thy name:* 45 Then hear thou
in heaven their prayer and their suppli-
cation, and maintain their cause.* 46 If
they sin against thee, (for *there is* no
man that sinneth not,) and thou be an-
gry with them, and deliver them to the
enemy, so that they carry them away
captives unto the land of the enemy,
far or near; 47 *Yet* if they shall bethink
themselves in the land whither they

44. toward the city: Heb. the way of the city.
45. cause: or, right.

were carried captives, and repent, and
make supplication unto thee in the
land of them that carried them cap-
tives, saying, We have sinned, and have
done perversely, we have committed
wickedness;* 48 And *so* return unto thee
with all their heart, and with all their
soul, in the land of their enemies,
which led them away captive, and pray
unto thee toward their land, which
thou gavest unto their fathers, the
city which thou hast chosen, and the
house which I have built for thy name:
49 Then hear thou their prayer and
their supplication in heaven thy dwell-

47. bethink...: Heb. bring back to their heart.

ing place, and maintain their cause,*
50 And forgive thy people that have
sinned against thee, and all their trans-
gressions wherein they have trans-
gressed against thee, and give them
compassion before them who carried
them captive, that they may have com-
passion on them: 51 For they *be* thy
people, and thine inheritance, which
thou broughtest forth out of Egypt,
from the midst of the furnace of iron:
52 That thine eyes may be open unto
the supplication of thy servant, and
unto the supplication of thy people Is-
rael, to hearken unto them in all that

49. cause: or, right.

they call for unto thee. [53] For thou
didst separate them from among all
the people of the earth, *to be* thine
inheritance, as thou spakest by the
hand of Moses thy servant, when thou
broughtest our fathers out of Egypt,
O Lord GOD. [54] And it was *so*, that
when Solomon had made an end of
praying all this prayer and supplica-
tion unto the LORD, he arose from be-
fore the altar of the LORD, from kneel-
ing on his knees with his hands spread
up to heaven. [55] And he stood, and
blessed all the congregation of Israel
with a loud voice, saying, [56] Blessed *be*
the LORD, that hath given rest unto his

people Israel, according to all that he
promised: there hath not failed one
word of all his good promise, which
he promised by the hand of Moses his
servant.* 57 The LORD our God be with
us, as he was with our fathers: let him
not leave us, nor forsake us: 58 That he
may incline our hearts unto him, to
walk in all his ways, and to keep his
commandments, and his statutes, and
his judgments, which he commanded
our fathers. 59 And let these my words,
wherewith I have made supplication
before the LORD, be nigh unto the
LORD our God day and night, that

56. failed: Heb. fallen.

he maintain the cause of his servant,
and the cause of his people Israel at
all times, as the matter shall require:*
60 That all the people of the earth may
know that the LORD *is* God, *and that*
there is none else. 61 Let your heart
therefore be perfect with the LORD
our God, to walk in his statutes, and
to keep his commandments, as at this
day. 62 And the king, and all Israel
with him, offered sacrifice before the
LORD. 63 And Solomon offered a sac-
rifice of peace offerings, which he of-
fered unto the LORD, two and twenty
thousand oxen, and an hundred and

59. at all...: Heb. the thing of a day in his day.

twenty thousand sheep. So the king
and all the children of Israel dedicated
the house of the LORD. 64 The same
day did the king hallow the middle of
the court that *was* before the house of
the LORD: for there he offered burnt
offerings, and meat offerings, and the
fat of the peace offerings: because the
brasen altar that *was* before the LORD
was too little to receive the burnt of-
ferings, and meat offerings, and the fat
of the peace offerings. 65 And at that
time Solomon held a feast, and all Is-
rael with him, a great congregation,
from the entering in of Hamath unto
the river of Egypt, before the LORD

our God, seven days and seven days,
even fourteen days. [66] On the eighth
day he sent the people away: and they
blessed the king, and went unto their
tents joyful and glad of heart for all
the goodness that the LORD had done
for David his servant, and for Israel his
people.*

9 And it came to pass, when So-
lomon had finished the building of
the house of the LORD, and the king's
house, and all Solomon's desire which
he was pleased to do, [2] That the LORD
appeared to Solomon the second time,

66. blessed: or, thanked.

as he had appeared unto him at Gi-
beon. 3 And the LORD said unto him,
I have heard thy prayer and thy sup-
plication, that thou hast made before
me: I have hallowed this house, which
thou hast built, to put my name there
for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart
shall be there perpetually. 4 And if
thou wilt walk before me, as David
thy father walked, in integrity of heart,
and in uprightness, to do according
to all that I have commanded thee,
and wilt keep my statutes and my
judgments: 5 Then I will establish the
throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for
ever, as I promised to David thy fa-

ther, saying, There shall not fail thee
a man upon the throne of Israel. 6 *But*
if ye shall at all turn from following me,
ye or your children, and will not keep
my commandments *and* my statutes
which I have set before you, but go and
serve other gods, and worship them:
7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the
land which I have given them; and this
house, which I have hallowed for my
name, will I cast out of my sight; and
Israel shall be a proverb and a byword
among all people: 8 And at this house,
which is high, every one that passeth
by it shall be astonished, and shall
hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the

LORD done thus unto this land, and to
this house? 9 And they shall answer,
Because they forsook the LORD their
God, who brought forth their fathers
out of the land of Egypt, and have
taken hold upon other gods, and have
worshipped them, and served them:
therefore hath the LORD brought
upon them all this evil. 10 And it
came to pass at the end of twenty
years, when Solomon had built the
two houses, the house of the LORD,
and the king's house, 11 (*Now* Hiram
the king of Tyre had furnished So-
lomon with cedar trees and fir trees,
and with gold, according to all his de-

sire,) that then king Solomon gave Hi-
ram twenty cities in the land of Ga-
lilee. 12 And Hiram came out from
Tyre to see the cities which Solomon
had given him; and they pleased him
not.* 13 And he said, What cities *are*
these which thou hast given me, my
brother? And he called them the
land of Cabul unto this day.* 14 And
Hiram sent to the king sixscore tal-
ents of gold. 15 And this *is* the rea-
son of the levy which king Solomon
raised; for to build the house of the
LORD, and his own house, and Millo,

9.12. pleased...: Heb. were not right in his eyes.
13. Cabul: that is, displeasing, or, dirty.

and the wall of Jerusalem, and Ha-
zor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. [16] *For*
Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up,
and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire,
and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in
the city, and given it *for* a present unto
his daughter, Solomon's wife. [17] And
Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron
the nether, [18] And Baalath, and Tad-
mor in the wilderness, in the land,
[19] And all the cities of store that So-
lomon had, and cities for his chariots,
and cities for his horsemen, and that
which Solomon desired to build in Je-
rusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all

the land of his dominion.* [20] *And* all
the people *that were* left of the Amor-
ites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and
Jebusites, which *were* not of the chil-
dren of Israel, [21] Their children that
were left after them in the land, whom
the children of Israel also were not able
utterly to destroy, upon those did So-
lomon levy a tribute of bondservice
unto this day. [22] But of the children
of Israel did Solomon make no bond-
men: but they *were* men of war, and
his servants, and his princes, and his
captains, and rulers of his chariots,

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19. that which...: Heb. the desire of Solomon which he desired.

and his horsemen. [23] These *were* the
chief of the officers that *were* over So-
lomon's work, five hundred and fifty,
which bare rule over the people that
wrought in the work. [24] But Pharaoh's
daughter came up out of the city of
David unto her house which *Solomon*
had built for her: then did he build
Millo. [25] And three times in a year
did Solomon offer burnt offerings and
peace offerings upon the altar which
he built unto the LORD, and he burnt
incense upon the altar that *was* before
the LORD. So he finished the house.*
[26] And king Solomon made a navy of

25. upon the altar that: Heb. upon it, etc.

ships in Eziongeber, which *is* beside
Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in
the land of Edom.* 27 And Hiram sent
in the navy his servants, shipmen that
had knowledge of the sea, with the ser-
vants of Solomon. 28 And they came to
Ophir, and fetched from thence gold,
four hundred and twenty talents, and
brought *it* to king Solomon.

10 And when the queen of Sheba
heard of the fame of Solomon con-
cerning the name of the LORD, she
came to prove him with hard ques-
tions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem

26. shore: Heb. lip.

with a very great train, with camels
that bare spices, and very much gold,
and precious stones: and when she was
come to Solomon, she communed
with him of all that was in her heart.
3 And Solomon told her all her ques-
tions: there was not *any* thing hid
from the king, which he told her not.*
4 And when the queen of Sheba had
seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the
house that he had built, 5 And the
meat of his table, and the sitting of
his servants, and the attendance of his
ministers, and their apparel, and his
cupbearers, and his ascent by which

10.3. questions: Heb. words.

he went up unto the house of the
LORD; there was no more spirit in
her.* 6 And she said to the king, It
was a true report that I heard in mine
own land of thy acts and of thy wis-
dom.* 7 Howbeit I believed not the
words, until I came, and mine eyes
had seen *it*: and, behold, the half was
not told me: thy wisdom and prosper-
ity exceedeth the fame which I heard.*
8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these
thy servants, which stand continually

5. attendance: Heb. standing. cupbearers: or, butlers.
6. report: Heb. word. acts: or, sayings.
7. thy...: Heb. thou hast added wisdom and goodness to.

before thee, *and* that hear thy wis-
dom. 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God,
which delighted in thee, to set thee
on the throne of Israel: because the
LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore
made he thee king, to do judgment
and justice. 10 And she gave the king
an hundred and twenty talents of gold,
and of spices very great store, and pre-
cious stones: there came no more such
abundance of spices as these which
the queen of Sheba gave to king So-
lomon. 11 And the navy also of Hi-
ram, that brought gold from Ophir,
brought in from Ophir great plenty

of almug trees, and precious stones.*
12 And the king made of the almug
trees pillars for the house of the LORD,
and for the king's house, harps also and
psalteries for singers: there came no
such almug trees, nor were seen unto
this day.* 13 And king Solomon gave
unto the queen of Sheba all her de-
sire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that*
which Solomon gave her of his royal
bounty. So she turned and went to her
own country, she and her servants.*

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11. almug...: also called, algum trees.
12. pillars: or, rails: Heb. a prop.
13. of his...: Heb. according to the hand of king Solomon.

14 Now the weight of gold that came
to Solomon in one year was six hun-
dred threescore and six talents of gold,
15 Beside *that he had* of the merchant-
men, and of the traffick of the spice
merchants, and of all the kings of Ara-
bia, and of the governors of the coun-
try.* 16 And king Solomon made two
hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six
hundred *shekels* of gold went to one
target. 17 And *he made* three hundred
shields *of* beaten gold; three pound of
gold went to one shield: and the king
put them in the house of the forest of
Lebanon. 18 Moreover the king made

15. governors: or, captains.

a great throne of ivory, and overlaid
it with the best gold. 19 The throne
had six steps, and the top of the throne
was round behind: and *there were* stays
on either side on the place of the seat,
and two lions stood beside the stays.*
20 And twelve lions stood there on the
one side and on the other upon the
six steps: there was not the like made
in any kingdom.* 21 And all king So-
lomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold,
and all the vessels of the house of the
forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold;

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19. behind: Heb. on the hinder part thereof. stays: Heb. hands.

20. the like: Heb. so.

none *were of* silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.*
22 For the king had at sea a navy of
Tharshish with the navy of Hiram:
once in three years came the navy of
Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver,
ivory, and apes, and peacocks.* 23 So
king Solomon exceeded all the kings
of the earth for riches and for wis-
dom. 24 And all the earth sought to
Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which
God had put in his heart.* 25 And they
brought every man his present, vessels

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21. none...: or, there was no silver in them.
22. ivory: or, elephants' teeth.
24. sought to: Heb. sought the face of.

of silver, and vessels of gold, and gar-
ments, and armour, and spices, horses,
and mules, a rate year by year. [26] And
Solomon gathered together chariots
and horsemen: and he had a thou-
sand and four hundred chariots, and
twelve thousand horsemen, whom he
bestowed in the cities for chariots, and
with the king at Jerusalem. [27] And the
king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as
stones, and cedars made he *to be* as
the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale,
for abundance.* [28] And Solomon had
horses brought out of Egypt, and linen
yarn: the king's merchants received

27. made: Heb. gave.

the linen yarn at a price.* [29] And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt
for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an
horse for an hundred and fifty: and so
for all the kings of the Hittites, and for
the kings of Syria, did they bring *them*
out by their means.*

11 But king Solomon loved many
strange women, together with the
daughter of Pharaoh, women of the
Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zi-
donians, *and* Hittites;* [2] Of the na-

28. And Solomon...: Heb. And the going forth of the horses which was Solomon's.
29. by their...: Heb. by their hand.
11.1. together...: or, beside.

tions *concerning* which the LORD said
unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not
go in to them, neither shall they come
in unto you: *for* surely they will turn
away your heart after their gods: Solo-
mon clave unto these in love. 3 And he
had seven hundred wives, princesses,
and three hundred concubines: and
his wives turned away his heart. 4 For
it came to pass, when Solomon was
old, *that* his wives turned away his
heart after other gods: and his heart
was not perfect with the LORD his
God, as *was* the heart of David his fa-
ther. 5 For Solomon went after Ash-
toreth the goddess of the Zidonians,

and after Milcom the abomination of
the Ammonites.* 6 And Solomon did
evil in the sight of the LORD, and
went not fully after the LORD, as *did*
David his father.* 7 Then did Solomon
build an high place for Chemosh, the
abomination of Moab, in the hill that
is before Jerusalem, and for Molech,
the abomination of the children of
Ammon. 8 And likewise did he for
all his strange wives, which burnt in-
cense and sacrificed unto their gods.
9 And the LORD was angry with So-
lomon, because his heart was turned

5. Milcom: also called, Molech.
6. went...: Heb. fulfilled not after.

from the LORD God of Israel, which
had appeared unto him twice, [10] And
had commanded him concerning this
thing, that he should not go after other
gods: but he kept not that which the
LORD commanded. [11] Wherefore the
LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch
as this is done of thee, and thou hast
not kept my covenant and my statutes,
which I have commanded thee, I will
surely rend the kingdom from thee,
and will give it to thy servant.* [12] Not-
withstanding in thy days I will not do
it for David thy father's sake: *but* I
will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

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11. is done...: Heb. is with thee.

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the
kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to
thy son for David my servant's sake,
and for Jerusalem's sake which I have
chosen. 14 And the LORD stirred up
an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad
the Edomite: he *was* of the king's
seed in Edom. 15 For it came to pass,
when David was in Edom, and Joab
the captain of the host was gone up
to bury the slain, after he had smit-
ten every male in Edom; 16 (For six
months did Joab remain there with
all Israel, until he had cut off every
male in Edom:) 17 That Hadad fled,
he and certain Edomites of his father's

servants with him, to go into Egypt;
Hadad *being* yet a little child. [18] And
they arose out of Midian, and came to
Paran: and they took men with them
out of Paran, and they came to Egypt,
unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which
gave him an house, and appointed him
victuals, and gave him land. [19] And
Hadad found great favour in the sight
of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to
wife the sister of his own wife, the
sister of Tahpenes the queen. [20] And
the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genu-
bath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned
in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath
was in Pharaoh's household among the

sons of Pharaoh. [21] And when Hadad
heard in Egypt that David slept with
his fathers, and that Joab the cap-
tain of the host was dead, Hadad said
to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I
may go to mine own country.* [22] Then
Pharaoh said unto him, But what
hast thou lacked with me, that, be-
hold, thou seekest to go to thine own
country? And he answered, Noth-
ing: howbeit let me go in any wise.*
[23] And God stirred him up *another* ad-
versary, Rezon the son of Eliadah,
which fled from his lord Hadadezer

21. Let...: Heb. Send me away.
22. Nothing: Heb. Not.

king of Zobah: 24 And he gathered
men unto him, and became captain
over a band, when David slew them
of Zobah: and they went to Damas-
cus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in
Damascus. 25 And he was an adver-
sary to Israel all the days of Solomon,
beside the mischief that Hadad *did*:
and he abhorred Israel, and reigned
over Syria. 26 And Jeroboam the son
of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, So-
lomon's servant, whose mother's name
was Zeruah, a widow woman, even
he lifted up *his* hand against the king.
27 And this *was* the cause that he lifted
up *his* hand against the king: So-

lomon built Millo, *and* repaired the
breaches of the city of David his fa-
ther.* [28] And the man Jeroboam *was* a
mighty man of valour: and Solomon
seeing the young man that he was in-
dustrious, he made him ruler over all
the charge of the house of Joseph.*
[29] And it came to pass at that time
when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem,
that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite
found him in the way; and he had clad
himself with a new garment; and they
two *were* alone in the field: [30] And Ahi-

27. repaired: Heb. closed.
28. was industrious: Heb. did work. charge: Heb. burden.

jah caught the new garment that *was*
on him, and rent it *in* twelve pieces:
31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee
ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD,
the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend
the kingdom out of the hand of Solo-
mon, and will give ten tribes to thee:
32 (But he shall have one tribe for my
servant David's sake, and for Jerusa-
lem's sake, the city which I have cho-
sen out of all the tribes of Israel:) 33 Be-
cause that they have forsaken me, and
have worshipped Ashtoreth the god-
dess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the
god of the Moabites, and Milcom the
god of the children of Ammon, and

have not walked in my ways, to do
that which is right in mine eyes, and
to keep my statutes and my judgments,
as *did* David his father. [34] Howbeit I
will not take the whole kingdom out
of his hand: but I will make him prince
all the days of his life for David my
servant's sake, whom I chose, because
he kept my commandments and my
statutes: [35] But I will take the king-
dom out of his son's hand, and will
give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes. [36] And
unto his son will I give one tribe, that
David my servant may have a light al-
way before me in Jerusalem, the city
which I have chosen me to put my

name there.* [37] And I will take thee,
and thou shalt reign according to all
that thy soul desireth, and shalt be
king over Israel. [38] And it shall be, if
thou wilt hearken unto all that I com-
mand thee, and wilt walk in my ways,
and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep
my statutes and my commandments,
as David my servant did; that I will be
with thee, and build thee a sure house,
as I built for David, and will give Is-
rael unto thee. [39] And I will for this
afflict the seed of David, but not for
ever. [40] Solomon sought therefore to
kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose,

36. light: Heb. lamp, or, candle.

and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king
of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the
death of Solomon. 41 And the rest of
the acts of Solomon, and all that he
did, and his wisdom, *are* they not writ-
ten in the book of the acts of Solo-
mon?* 42 And the time that Solomon
reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was*
forty years.* 43 And Solomon slept with
his fathers, and was buried in the city
of David his father: and Rehoboam
his son reigned in his stead.*

12 And Rehoboam went to

41. acts: or, words, or, things.
42. time: Heb. days.
43. Rehoboam: Gr. Roboam.

Shechem: for all Israel were come to
Shechem to make him king. 2 And it
came to pass, when Jeroboam the son
of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard
of it, (for he was fled from the pres-
ence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam
dwelt in Egypt;) 3 That they sent and
called him. And Jeroboam and all the
congregation of Israel came, and spake
unto Rehoboam, saying, 4 Thy father
made our yoke grievous: now there-
fore make thou the grievous service of
thy father, and his heavy yoke which
he put upon us, lighter, and we will
serve thee. 5 And he said unto them,
Depart yet *for* three days, then come

again to me. And the people departed.
6 And king Rehoboam consulted with
the old men, that stood before Solo-
mon his father while he yet lived, and
said, How do ye advise that I may an-
swer this people? 7 And they spake
unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a
servant unto this people this day, and
wilt serve them, and answer them, and
speak good words to them, then they
will be thy servants for ever. 8 But he
forsook the counsel of the old men,
which they had given him, and con-
sulted with the young men that were
grown up with him, *and* which stood
before him: 9 And he said unto them,

What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? [10] And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. [11] And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with

scorpions. [12] So Jeroboam and all the
people came to Rehoboam the third
day, as the king had appointed, sa-
ing, Come to me again the third day.
[13] And the king answered the people
roughly, and forsook the old men's
counsel that they gave him;* [14] And
spake to them after the counsel of the
young men, saying, My father made
your yoke heavy, and I will add to
your yoke: my father *also* chastised
you with whips, but I will chastise you
with scorpions. [15] Wherefore the king
hearkened not unto the people; for
the cause was from the LORD, that he

12.13. roughly: Heb. hardly.

might perform his saying, which the
LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite
unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. [16] So
when all Israel saw that the king hear-
kened not unto them, the people an-
swered the king, saying, What portion
have we in David? neither *have we* in-
heritance in the son of Jesse: to your
tents, O Israel: now see to thine own
house, David. So Israel departed unto
their tents. [17] But *as for* the children
of Israel which dwelt in the cities of
Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.
[18] Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram,
who *was* over the tribute; and all Is-
rael stoned him with stones, that he

died. Therefore king Rehoboam made
speed to get him up to his chariot, to
flee to Jerusalem.* [19] So Israel rebelled
against the house of David unto this
day.* [20] And it came to pass, when all
Israel heard that Jeroboam was come
again, that they sent and called him
unto the congregation, and made him
king over all Israel: there was none
that followed the house of David, but
the tribe of Judah only. [21] And when
Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem,
he assembled all the house of Judah,
with the tribe of Benjamin, an hun-

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18. made...: Heb. strengthened himself.
19. rebelled: or, fell away.

dred and fourscore thousand chosen
men, which were warriors, to fight
against the house of Israel, to bring
the kingdom again to Rehoboam the
son of Solomon. 22 But the word of
God came unto Shemaiah the man of
God, saying, 23 Speak unto Rehoboam,
the son of Solomon, king of Judah,
and unto all the house of Judah and
Benjamin, and to the remnant of the
people, saying, 24 Thus saith the LORD,
Ye shall not go up, nor fight against
your brethren the children of Israel:
return every man to his house; for this
thing is from me. They hearkened
therefore to the word of the LORD,

and returned to depart, according to
the word of the LORD. [25] Then Jer-
oboam built Shechem in mount Eph-
raim, and dwelt therein; and went out
from thence, and built Penuel. [26] And
Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall
the kingdom return to the house of
David: [27] If this people go up to do
sacrifice in the house of the LORD at
Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this
people turn again unto their lord, *even*
unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and
they shall kill me, and go again to Re-
hoboam king of Judah. [28] Whereupon
the king took counsel, and made two
calves *of* gold, and said unto them, It

is too much for you to go up to Jerusa-
lem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which
brought thee up out of the land of
Egypt. [29] And he set the one in Bethel,
and the other put he in Dan. [30] And
this thing became a sin: for the people
went *to worship* before the one, *even*
unto Dan. [31] And he made an house
of high places, and made priests of the
lowest of the people, which were not
of the sons of Levi. [32] And Jeroboam
ordained a feast in the eighth month,
on the fifteenth day of the month, like
unto the feast that *is* in Judah, and he
offered upon the altar. So did he in
Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that

he had made: and he placed in Bethel
the priests of the high places which
he had made.* 33 So he offered upon
the altar which he had made in Bethel
the fifteenth day of the eighth month,
even in the month which he had de-
vised of his own heart; and ordained
a feast unto the children of Israel: and
he offered upon the altar, and burnt
incense.*

13 And, behold, there came a man
of God out of Judah by the word of

32. offered...: or, went up to the altar, etc. sacrificing: or, to sacrifice.
33. offered...: or, went up to the altar, etc. and burnt...: Heb. to burn incense.

the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam
stood by the altar to burn incense.*
2 And he cried against the altar in the
word of the LORD, and said, O al-
tar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Be-
hold, a child shall be born unto the
house of David, Josiah by name; and
upon thee shall he offer the priests
of the high places that burn incense
upon thee, and men's bones shall be
burnt upon thee. 3 And he gave a sign
the same day, saying, This *is* the sign
which the LORD hath spoken; Behold,
the altar shall be rent, and the ashes
that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

13.1. burn: or, offer.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.
5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.
6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me

again. And the man of God besought
the LORD, and the king's hand was re-
stored him again, and became as *it was*
before.* 7 And the king said unto the
man of God, Come home with me,
and refresh thyself, and I will give thee
a reward. 8 And the man of God said
unto the king, If thou wilt give me half
thine house, I will not go in with thee,
neither will I eat bread nor drink water
in this place: 9 For so was it charged
me by the word of the LORD, saying,
Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor
turn again by the same way that thou
camest. 10 So he went another way,

6. the LORD, and: Heb. the face of the LORD, etc.

and returned not by the way that he
came to Bethel. [11] Now there dwelt
an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons
came and told him all the works that
the man of God had done that day in
Bethel: the words which he had spo-
ken unto the king, them they told also
to their father. [12] And their father said
unto them, What way went he? For
his sons had seen what way the man
of God went, which came from Judah.
[13] And he said unto his sons, Saddle me
the ass. So they saddled him the ass:
and he rode thereon, [14] And went after
the man of God, and found him sit-
ting under an oak: and he said unto

him, *Art* thou the man of God that
camest from Judah? And he said, I
am. [15] Then he said unto him, Come
home with me, and eat bread. [16] And
he said, I may not return with thee, nor
go in with thee: neither will I eat bread
nor drink water with thee in this place:
[17] For it was said to me by the word of
the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor
drink water there, nor turn again to
go by the way that thou camest.* [18] He
said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as
thou *art*; and an angel spake unto me
by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring
him back with thee into thine house,

17. it...: Heb. a word was.

that he may eat bread and drink wa-
ter. *But* he lied unto him. [19] So he
went back with him, and did eat bread
in his house, and drank water. [20] And
it came to pass, as they sat at the ta-
ble, that the word of the LORD came
unto the prophet that brought him
back: [21] And he cried unto the man
of God that came from Judah, say-
ing, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch
as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of
the LORD, and hast not kept the com-
mandment which the LORD thy God
commanded thee, [22] But camest back,
and hast eaten bread and drunk water
in the place, of the which *the LORD*

did say to thee, Eat no bread, and
drink no water; thy carcase shall not
come unto the sepulchre of thy fa-
thers. [23] And it came to pass, after
he had eaten bread, and after he had
drunk, that he saddled for him the
ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he
had brought back. [24] And when he
was gone, a lion met him by the way,
and slew him: and his carcase was
cast in the way, and the ass stood by
it, the lion also stood by the carcase.
[25] And, behold, men passed by, and saw
the carcase cast in the way, and the
lion standing by the carcase: and they
came and told *it* in the city where the

old prophet dwelt. [26] And when the
prophet that brought him back from
the way heard *thereof*, he said, It *is*
the man of God, who was disobedient
unto the word of the LORD: therefore
the LORD hath delivered him unto
the lion, which hath torn him, and
slain him, according to the word of
the LORD, which he spake unto him.*
[27] And he spake to his sons, saying, Sad-
dle me the ass. And they saddled
him. [28] And he went and found his
carcase cast in the way, and the ass
and the lion standing by the carcase:
the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor

26. torn: Heb. broken.

torn the ass.* [29] And the prophet took
up the carcase of the man of God,
and laid it upon the ass, and brought
it back: and the old prophet came
to the city, to mourn and to bury
him. [30] And he laid his carcase in his
own grave; and they mourned over
him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! [31] And
it came to pass, after he had buried
him, that he spake to his sons, saying,
When I am dead, then bury me in the
sepulchre wherein the man of God *is*
buried; lay my bones beside his bones:
[32] For the saying which he cried by the
word of the LORD against the altar in

28. torn: Heb. broken.

Bethel, and against all the houses of
the high places which *are* in the cities
of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.
33 After this thing Jeroboam returned
not from his evil way, but made again
of the lowest of the people priests of
the high places: whosoever would, he
consecrated him, and he became *one*
of the priests of the high places.* 34 And
this thing became sin unto the house
of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to
destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah the son of

33. made...: Heb. returned and made. consecrated...: Heb. filled his hand.

Jeroboam fell sick. [2] And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which told me that *I should be* king over this people. [3] And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.* [4] And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for

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14.3. with...: Heb. in thine hand. cracknels: or, cakes. cruse: or, bottle.

his eyes were set by reason of his age.*
5 And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Be-
hold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to
ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is*
sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto
her: for it shall be, when she cometh
in, that she shall feign herself *to be* an-
other *woman*. 6 And it was *so*, when
Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as
she came in at the door, that he said,
Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why
feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for
I *am* sent to thee *with* heavy *tidings*.*
7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the

4. were...: Heb. stood for his hoariness.
6. heavy: Heb. hard.

LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I
exalted thee from among the people,
and made thee prince over my people
Israel, 8 And rent the kingdom away
from the house of David, and gave
it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been
as my servant David, who kept my
commandments, and who followed
me with all his heart, to do *that* only
which was right in mine eyes; 9 But
hast done evil above all that were be-
fore thee: for thou hast gone and made
thee other gods, and molten images,
to provoke me to anger, and hast cast
me behind thy back: 10 Therefore, be-
hold, I will bring evil upon the house

of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone. 11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*. 12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, be-

cause in him there is found *some* good
thing toward the LORD God of Israel
in the house of Jeroboam. [14] Moreover
the LORD shall raise him up a king over
Israel, who shall cut off the house of
Jeroboam that day: but what? even
now. [15] For the LORD shall smite Is-
rael, as a reed is shaken in the water,
and he shall root up Israel out of this
good land, which he gave to their fa-
thers, and shall scatter them beyond
the river, because they have made their
groves, provoking the LORD to anger.
[16] And he shall give Israel up because
of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin,
and who made Israel to sin. [17] And Jer-

oboam's wife arose, and departed, and
came to Tirzah: *and* when she came
to the threshold of the door, the child
died; 18 And they buried him; and all
Israel mourned for him, according to
the word of the LORD, which he spake
by the hand of his servant Ahijah the
prophet. 19 And the rest of the acts of
Jeroboam, how he warred, and how
he reigned, behold, they *are* written in
the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Israel. 20 And the days which Jer-
oboam reigned *were* two and twenty
years: and he slept with his fathers, and
Nadab his son reigned in his stead.*

20. slept: Heb. lay down.

[21] And Rehoboam the son of Solomon
reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty
and one years old when he began to
reign, and he reigned seventeen years
in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD
did choose out of all the tribes of Is-
rael, to put his name there. And his
mother's name *was* Naamah an Am-
monitess. [22] And Judah did evil in the
sight of the LORD, and they provoked
him to jealousy with their sins which
they had committed, above all that
their fathers had done. [23] For they also
built them high places, and images,
and groves, on every high hill, and

under every green tree.* [24] And there
were also sodomites in the land: *and*
they did according to all the abomina-
tions of the nations which the LORD
cast out before the children of Israel.
[25] And it came to pass in the fifth year
of king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king
of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:
[26] And he took away the treasures of
the house of the LORD, and the trea-
sures of the king's house; he even took
away all: and he took away all the
shields of gold which Solomon had
made. [27] And king Rehoboam made
in their stead brasen shields, and com-

23. images: or, standing images, or, statues.

mitted *them* unto the hands of the
chief of the guard, which kept the
door of the king's house.* [28] And it
was *so*, when the king went into the
house of the LORD, that the guard bare
them, and brought them back into
the guard chamber. [29] Now the rest of
the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he
did, *are* they not written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Ju-
dah? [30] And there was war between Re-
hoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.
[31] And Rehoboam slept with his fa-
thers, and was buried with his fathers
in the city of David. And his mother's

27. guard: Heb. runners.

name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.
And Abijam his son reigned in his
stead.*

15 Now in the eighteenth year
of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat
reigned Abijam over Judah. 2 Three
years reigned he in Jerusalem. And
his mother's name *was* Maachah, the
daughter of Abishalom.* 3 And he
walked in all the sins of his father,
which he had done before him: and his
heart was not perfect with the LORD
his God, as the heart of David his fa-

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31. Abijam: also called, Abijah: Gr. Abia.
15.2. Maachah...: also called, Michaiah the daughter of Uriel. Abishalom: also called, Absalom.

ther. [4] Nevertheless for David's sake
did the LORD his God give him a lamp
in Jerusalem, to set up his son after
him, and to establish Jerusalem:* [5] Be-
cause David did *that which was* right
in the eyes of the LORD, and turned
not aside from any *thing* that he com-
manded him all the days of his life,
save only in the matter of Uriah the
Hittite. [6] And there was war between
Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days
of his life. [7] Now the rest of the acts
of Abijam, and all that he did, *are*
they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? And

4. lamp: or, candle.

there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. 8 And Abijam slept with his
fathers; and they buried him in the
city of David: and Asa his son reigned
in his stead. 9 And in the twentieth
year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned
Asa over Judah. 10 And forty and one
years reigned he in Jerusalem. And
his mother's name *was* Maachah, the
daughter of Abishalom.* 11 And Asa
did *that which was* right in the eyes
of the LORD, as *did* David his father.
12 And he took away the sodomites out
of the land, and removed all the idols
that his fathers had made. 13 And also

10. mother's: that is, grandmother's.

Maachah his mother, even her he re-
moved from *being* queen, because she
had made an idol in a grove; and Asa
destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the
brook Kidron.* 14 But the high places
were not removed: nevertheless Asa's
heart was perfect with the LORD all
his days. 15 And he brought in the
things which his father had dedicated,
and the things which himself had ded-
icated, into the house of the LORD, sil-
ver, and gold, and vessels.* 16 And there
was war between Asa and Baasha king
of Israel all their days. 17 And Baasha

13. destroyed: Heb. cut off.
15. things: Heb. holy.

king of Israel went up against Judah,
and built Ramah, that he might not
suffer any to go out or come in to Asa
king of Judah. [18] Then Asa took all the
silver and the gold *that were* left in the
treasures of the house of the LORD,
and the treasures of the king's house,
and delivered them into the hand of
his servants: and king Asa sent them
to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon,
the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that
dwelt at Damascus, saying, [19] *There is* a
league between me and thee, *and* be-
tween my father and thy father: be-
hold, I have sent unto thee a present
of silver and gold; come and break thy

league with Baasha king of Israel, that
he may depart from me.* [20] So Ben-
hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and
sent the captains of the hosts which
he had against the cities of Israel, and
smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbeth-
maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all
the land of Naphtali. [21] And it came
to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof*,
that he left off building of Ramah,
and dwelt in Tirzah. [22] Then king Asa
made a proclamation throughout all
Judah; none *was* exempted: and they
took away the stones of Ramah, and
the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha

19. depart: Heb. go up.

had builded; and king Asa built with
them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.*
23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and
all his might, and all that he did, and
the cities which he built, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless
in the time of his old age he was dis-
eased in his feet. 24 And Asa slept with
his fathers, and was buried with his fa-
thers in the city of David his father:
and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his
stead.* 25 And Nadab the son of Jer-
oboam began to reign over Israel in the

22. exempted: Heb. free.
24. Jehoshaphat: Gr. Josaphat.

second year of Asa king of Judah, and
reigned over Israel two years.* [26] And
he did evil in the sight of the LORD,
and walked in the way of his father,
and in his sin wherewith he made Is-
rael to sin. [27] And Baasha the son of
Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, con-
spired against him; and Baasha smote
him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to
the Philistines; for Nadab and all Is-
rael laid siege to Gibbethon. [28] Even
in the third year of Asa king of Judah
did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his
stead. [29] And it came to pass, when he
reigned, *that* he smote all the house

25. began...: Heb. reigned.

of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam
any that breathed, until he had de-
stroyed him, according unto the say-
ing of the LORD, which he spake by
his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: 30 Be-
cause of the sins of Jeroboam which
he sinned, and which he made Israel
sin, by his provocation wherewith he
provoked the LORD God of Israel to
anger. 31 Now the rest of the acts of
Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Israel? 32 And there was
war between Asa and Baasha king of
Israel all their days. 33 In the third year
of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the

son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in
Tirzah, twenty and four years. [34] And
he did evil in the sight of the LORD,
and walked in the way of Jeroboam,
and in his sin wherewith he made Is-
rael to sin.

16 Then the word of the LORD
came to Jehu the son of Hanani
against Baasha, saying, [2] Forasmuch
as I exalted thee out of the dust, and
made thee prince over my people Is-
rael; and thou hast walked in the way
of Jeroboam, and hast made my people
Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger
with their sins; [3] Behold, I will take
away the posterity of Baasha, and the

posterity of his house; and will make
thy house like the house of Jeroboam
the son of Nebat. 4 Him that dieth of
Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat;
and him that dieth of his in the fields
shall the fowls of the air eat. 5 Now
the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what
he did, and his might, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Israel? 6 So Baasha
slept with his fathers, and was buried
in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned
in his stead. 7 And also by the hand
of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani
came the word of the LORD against
Baasha, and against his house, even for

all the evil that he did in the sight of
the LORD, in provoking him to anger
with the work of his hands, in being
like the house of Jeroboam; and be-
cause he killed him. 8 In the twenty
and sixth year of Asa king of Judah be-
gan Elah the son of Baasha to reign
over Israel in Tirzah, two years. 9 And
his servant Zimri, captain of half *his*
chariots, conspired against him, as he
was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk
in the house of Arza steward of *his*
house in Tirzah.* 10 And Zimri went
in and smote him, and killed him, in
the twenty and seventh year of Asa

16.9. steward...: Heb. which was over.

king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.
11 And it came to pass, when he began
to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne,
that he slew all the house of Baasha: he
left him not one that pisseth against
a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of
his friends.* 12 Thus did Zimri destroy
all the house of Baasha, according to
the word of the LORD, which he spake
against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,*
13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins
of Elah his son, by which they sinned,
and by which they made Israel to sin,
in provoking the LORD God of Israel

11. neither...: or, both his kinsmen and his friends.
12. by: Heb. by the hand of.

to anger with their vanities. [14] Now the
rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he
did, *are* they not written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
[15] In the twenty and seventh year of Asa
king of Judah did Zimri reign seven
days in Tirzah. And the people *were*
encamped against Gibbethon, which
belonged to the Philistines. [16] And
the people *that were* encamped heard
say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath
also slain the king: wherefore all Is-
rael made Omri, the captain of the
host, king over Israel that day in the
camp. [17] And Omri went up from
Gibbethon, and all Israel with him,

and they besieged Tirzah. 18 And it
came to pass, when Zimri saw that the
city was taken, that he went into the
palace of the king's house, and burnt
the king's house over him with fire, and
died, 19 For his sins which he sinned in
doing evil in the sight of the LORD,
in walking in the way of Jeroboam,
and in his sin which he did, to make
Israel to sin. 20 Now the rest of the
acts of Zimri, and his treason that he
wrought, *are* they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel? 21 Then were the people of Israel
divided into two parts: half of the peo-
ple followed Tibni the son of Ginath,

to make him king; and half followed
Omri. [22] But the people that followed
Omri prevailed against the people that
followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so
Tibni died, and Omri reigned. [23] In
the thirty and first year of Asa king
of Judah began Omri to reign over Is-
rael, twelve years: six years reigned he
in Tirzah. [24] And he bought the hill
Samaria of Shemer for two talents of
silver, and built on the hill, and called
the name of the city which he built, af-
ter the name of Shemer, owner of the
hill, Samaria.* [25] But Omri wrought
evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did

24. Samaria: Heb. Shomeron.

worse than all that *were* before him.
26 For he walked in all the way of Jer-
oboam the son of Nebat, and in his
sin wherewith he made Israel to sin,
to provoke the LORD God of Israel to
anger with their vanities. 27 Now the
rest of the acts of Omri which he did,
and his might that he shewed, *are* they
not written in the book of the chron-
icles of the kings of Israel? 28 So Omri
slept with his fathers, and was buried
in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned
in his stead. 29 And in the thirty and
eighth year of Asa king of Judah be-
gan Ahab the son of Omri to reign
over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri

reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty
and two years. 30 And Ahab the son
of Omri did evil in the sight of the
LORD above all that *were* before him.
31 And it came to pass, as if it had been
a light thing for him to walk in the
sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that
he took to wife Jezebel the daughter
of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and
went and served Baal, and worshipped
him.* 32 And he reared up an altar for
Baal in the house of Baal, which he had
built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made
a grove; and Ahab did more to pro-
voke the LORD God of Israel to anger

31. as if...: Heb. was it a light thing, etc.

than all the kings of Israel that were
before him. 34 In his days did Hiel
the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the
foundation thereof in Abiram his first-
born, and set up the gates thereof in his
youngest *son* Segub, according to the
word of the LORD, which he spake by
Joshua the son of Nun.

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who*
was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said
unto Ahab, *As* the LORD God of Israel
liveth, before whom I stand, there shall
not be dew nor rain these years, but ac-
cording to my word.* 2 And the word

17.1. Elijah: Heb. Elijahu: Gr. Elias.

of the LORD came unto him, saying,
3 Get thee hence, and turn thee east-
ward, and hide thyself by the brook
Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. 4 And
it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of
the brook; and I have commanded the
ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went
and did according unto the word of
the LORD: for he went and dwelt by
the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jor-
dan. 6 And the ravens brought him
bread and flesh in the morning, and
bread and flesh in the evening; and he
drank of the brook. 7 And it came
to pass after a while, that the brook
dried up, because there had been no

rain in the land.* 8 And the word of the
LORD came unto him, saying, 9 Arise,
get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth*
to Zidon, and dwell there: behold,
I have commanded a widow woman
there to sustain thee.* 10 So he arose
and went to Zarephath. And when he
came to the gate of the city, behold,
the widow woman *was* there gather-
ing of sticks: and he called to her,
and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a lit-
tle water in a vessel, that I may drink.
11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he
called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray

7. after...: Heb. at the end of days.
9. Zarephath: Gr. Sarepta.

thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
12 And she said, *As* the LORD thy God
liveth, I have not a cake, but an hand-
ful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil
in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gather-
ing two sticks, that I may go in and
dress it for me and my son, that we
may eat it, and die. 13 And Elijah said
unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou
hast said: but make me thereof a lit-
tle cake first, and bring *it* unto me,
and after make for thee and for thy
son. 14 For thus saith the LORD God
of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not
waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail,
until the day *that* the LORD sendeth

rain upon the earth.* [15] And she went
and did according to the saying of Eli-
jah: and she, and he, and her house,
did eat *many* days.* [16] *And* the barrel
of meal wasted not, neither did the
cruse of oil fail, according to the word
of the LORD, which he spake by Eli-
jah.* [17] And it came to pass after these
things, *that* the son of the woman, the
mistress of the house, fell sick; and his
sickness was so sore, that there was no
breath left in him. [18] And she said unto
Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O

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14. sendeth: Heb. giveth.
15. many...: or, a full year.
16. by: Heb. by the hand of.

thou man of God? art thou come unto
me to call my sin to remembrance, and
to slay my son? 19 And he said unto
her, Give me thy son. And he took
him out of her bosom, and carried him
up into a loft, where he abode, and
laid him upon his own bed. 20 And
he cried unto the LORD, and said, O
LORD my God, hast thou also brought
evil upon the widow with whom I so-
journ, by slaying her son? 21 And he
stretched himself upon the child three
times, and cried unto the LORD, and
said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let
this child's soul come into him again.*

21. stretched: Heb. measured. into...: Heb. into

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Eli-
jah; and the soul of the child came
into him again, and he revived. 23 And
Elijah took the child, and brought
him down out of the chamber into
the house, and delivered him unto his
mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son
liveth. 24 And the woman said to Eli-
jah, Now by this I know that thou *art*
a man of God, *and* that the word of
the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

18 And it came to pass *after* many
days, that the word of the LORD came
to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go,

his inward parts.

shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will
send rain upon the earth. 2 And Elijah
went to shew himself unto Ahab. And
there was a sore famine in Samaria.
3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which
was the governor of *his* house. (Now
Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:*
4 For it was *so*, when Jezebel cut off
the prophets of the LORD, that Oba-
diah took an hundred prophets, and
hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed
them with bread and water.)* 5 And
Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the

18.3. Obadiah: Heb. Obadiahu. the governor...: Heb. over his house.
4. Jezebel: Heb. Izebel.

land, unto all fountains of water, and
unto all brooks: peradventure we may
find grass to save the horses and mules
alive, that we lose not all the beasts.*
6 So they divided the land between
them to pass throughout it: Ahab
went one way by himself, and Obadiah
went another way by himself. 7 And as
Obadiah was in the way, behold, Eli-
jah met him: and he knew him, and fell
on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my
lord Elijah? 8 And he answered him,
I *am*: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Eli-
jah *is here*. 9 And he said, What have

5. that...: Heb. that we cut not off ourselves from the beasts.

I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver
thy servant into the hand of Ahab,
to slay me? [10] *As* the LORD thy God
liveth, there is no nation or kingdom,
whither my lord hath not sent to seek
thee: and when they said, *He is* not
there; he took an oath of the king-
dom and nation, that they found thee
not. [11] And now thou sayest, Go, tell
thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*. [12] And
it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am
gone from thee, that the Spirit of the
LORD shall carry thee whither I know
not; and *so* when I come and tell Ahab,
and he cannot find thee, he shall slay
me: but I thy servant fear the LORD

from my youth. 13 Was it not told my
lord what I did when Jezebel slew the
prophets of the LORD, how I hid an
hundred men of the LORD's prophets
by fifty in a cave, and fed them with
bread and water? 14 And now thou
sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah
is here: and he shall slay me. 15 And Eli-
jah said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth,
before whom I stand, I will surely shew
myself unto him to day. 16 So Oba-
diah went to meet Ahab, and told
him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.
17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw
Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art*
thou he that troubleth Israel? 18 And

he answered, I have not troubled Is-
rael; but thou, and thy father's house,
in that ye have forsaken the com-
mandments of the LORD, and thou
hast followed Baalim. [19] Now there-
fore send, *and* gather to me all Israel
unto mount Carmel, and the prophets
of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the
prophets of the groves four hundred,
which eat at Jezebel's table. [20] So Ahab
sent unto all the children of Israel, and
gathered the prophets together unto
mount Carmel. [21] And Elijah came
unto all the people, and said, How
long halt ye between two opinions? if
the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if

Baal, *then* follow him. And the people
answered him not a word.* [22] Then said
Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only,
remain a prophet of the LORD; but
Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and
fifty men. [23] Let them therefore give
us two bullocks; and let them choose
one bullock for themselves, and cut
it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and
put no fire *under*: and I will dress the
other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and
put no fire *under*: [24] And call ye on the
name of your gods, and I will call on
the name of the LORD: and the God
that answereth by fire, let him be God.

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21. opinions: or, thoughts?.

And all the people answered and said,
It is well spoken.* [25] And Elijah said
unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you
one bullock for yourselves, and dress
it first; for ye *are* many; and call on
the name of your gods, but put no
fire *under*. [26] And they took the bul-
lock which was given them, and they
dressed *it*, and called on the name of
Baal from morning even until noon,
saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was*
no voice, nor any that answered. And
they leaped upon the altar which was
made.* [27] And it came to pass at noon,

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24. It is...: Heb. The word is good.
26. hear: or, answer. answered: or, heard. leaped...:

that Elijah mocked them, and said,
Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he
is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is
in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleep-
eth, and must be awaked.* [28] And they
cried aloud, and cut themselves after
their manner with knives and lancets,
till the blood gushed out upon them.*
[29] And it came to pass, when midday
was past, and they prophesied until
the *time* of the offering of the *evening*
sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice,

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or, leaped up and down at the altar.

27. aloud: Heb. with a great voice. he is talking: or, he meditateth. is pursuing: Heb. hath a pursuit.

28. the blood...: Heb. poured out blood upon them.

nor any to answer, nor any that re-
garded.* [30] And Elijah said unto all the
people, Come near unto me. And all
the people came near unto him. And
he repaired the altar of the LORD *that*
was broken down. [31] And Elijah took
twelve stones, according to the num-
ber of the tribes of the sons of Jacob,
unto whom the word of the LORD
came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:
[32] And with the stones he built an al-
tar in the name of the LORD: and
he made a trench about the altar, as
great as would contain two measures

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29. offering: Heb. ascending. that regarded: Heb. attention.

of seed. [33] And he put the wood in
order, and cut the bullock in pieces,
and laid *him* on the wood, and said,
Fill four barrels with water, and pour
it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the
wood. [34] And he said, Do *it* the sec-
ond time. And they did *it* the sec-
ond time. And he said, Do *it* the third
time. And they did *it* the third time.
[35] And the water ran round about the
altar; and he filled the trench also with
water.* [36] And it came to pass at *the time
of* the offering of the *evening* sacri-
fice, that Elijah the prophet came near,
and said, LORD God of Abraham,

35. ran: Heb. went.

Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known
this day that thou *art* God in Israel,
and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I
have done all these things at thy word.
37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this
people may know that thou *art* the
LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned
their heart back again. 38 Then the fire
of the LORD fell, and consumed the
burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the
stones, and the dust, and licked up the
water that *was* in the trench. 39 And
when all the people saw *it*, they fell on
their faces: and they said, The LORD,
he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.
40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the

prophets of Baal; let not one of them
escape. And they took them: and Eli-
jah brought them down to the brook
Kishon, and slew them there.* 41 And
Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat
and drink; for *there is* a sound of abun-
dance of rain.* 42 So Ahab went up to
eat and to drink. And Elijah went up
to the top of Carmel; and he cast him-
self down upon the earth, and put his
face between his knees, 43 And said to
his servant, Go up now, look toward
the sea. And he went up, and looked,
and said, *There is* nothing. And he

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40. Take: or, Apprehend.

41. a sound...: or, a sound of a noise of rain.

said, Go again seven times. 44 And it
came to pass at the seventh time, that
he said, Behold, there ariseth a little
cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.
And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab,
Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down,
that the rain stop thee not.* 45 And it
came to pass in the mean while, that
the heaven was black with clouds and
wind, and there was a great rain. And
Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 46 And
the hand of the LORD was on Elijah;
and he girded up his loins, and ran be-
fore Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.*

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44. Prepare: Heb. Tie, or, Bind.
46. to the...: Heb. till thou come to Jezreel.

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that
Elijah had done, and withal how he
had slain all the prophets with the
sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messen-
ger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods
do *to me*, and more also, if I make not
thy life as the life of one of them by to
morrow about this time. 3 And when
he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his
life, and came to Beersheba, which *be-
longeth* to Judah, and left his servant
there. 4 But he himself went a day's
journey into the wilderness, and came
and sat down under a juniper tree: and
he requested for himself that he might

die; and said, It is enough; now, O
LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not
better than my fathers.* 5 And as he
lay and slept under a juniper tree, be-
hold, then an angel touched him, and
said unto him, Arise *and* eat. 6 And
he looked, and, behold, *there was* a
cake baken on the coals, and a cruse
of water at his head. And he did eat
and drink, and laid him down again.*
7 And the angel of the LORD came
again the second time, and touched
him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because
the journey *is* too great for thee. 8 And

19.4. for himself: Heb. for his life.
6. head: Heb. bolster.

he arose, and did eat and drink, and
went in the strength of that meat forty
days and forty nights unto Horeb the
mount of God. 9 And he came thither
unto a cave, and lodged there; and,
behold, the word of the LORD *came*
to him, and he said unto him, What
doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said,
I have been very jealous for the LORD
God of hosts: for the children of Israel
have forsaken thy covenant, thrown
down thine altars, and slain thy proph-
ets with the sword; and I, *even* I only,
am left; and they seek my life, to take
it away. 11 And he said, Go forth,
and stand upon the mount before the

LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed
by, and a great and strong wind rent
the mountains, and brake in pieces the
rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD
was not in the wind: and after the
wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was*
not in the earthquake: [12] And after the
earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was*
not in the fire: and after the fire a still
small voice. [13] And it was *so*, when Eli-
jah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face
in his mantle, and went out, and stood
in the entering in of the cave. And, be-
hold, *there came* a voice unto him, and
said, What doest thou here, Elijah?
[14] And he said, I have been very jealous

for the LORD God of hosts: because
the children of Israel have forsaken thy
covenant, thrown down thine altars,
and slain thy prophets with the sword;
and I, *even* I only, am left; and they
seek my life, to take it away. 15 And
the LORD said unto him, Go, return
on thy way to the wilderness of Dam-
ascus: and when thou comest, anoint
Hazael *to be* king over Syria: 16 And
Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou
anoint *to be* king over Israel: and El-
isha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeho-
lah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in
thy room.* 17 And it shall come to pass,

16. Elisha: Gr. Eliseus.

that him that escapeth the sword of
Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that
escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall
Elisha slay. 18 Yet I have left *me* seven
thousand in Israel, all the knees which
have not bowed unto Baal, and every
mouth which hath not kissed him.*
19 So he departed thence, and found
Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was*
plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* be-
fore him, and he with the twelfth: and
Elijah passed by him, and cast his man-
tle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen,
and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me,
I pray thee, kiss my father and my

18. I have...: or, I will leave.

mother, and *then* I will follow thee.
And he said unto him, Go back again:
for what have I done to thee?* [21] And
he returned back from him, and took
a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and
boiled their flesh with the instruments
of the oxen, and gave unto the people,
and they did eat. Then he arose, and
went after Elijah, and ministered unto
him.

20 And Benhadad the king of Syria
gathered all his host together: and
there were thirty and two kings with
him, and horses, and chariots: and

20. Go...: Heb. Go return.

he went up and besieged Samaria, and
warred against it. 2 And he sent mes-
sengers to Ahab king of Israel into the
city, and said unto him, Thus saith
Benhadad, 3 Thy silver and thy gold *is*
mine; thy wives also and thy children,
even the goodliest, *are* mine. 4 And
the king of Israel answered and said,
My lord, O king, according to thy say-
ing, I *am* thine, and all that I have.
5 And the messengers came again, and
said, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying,
Although I have sent unto thee, say-
ing, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver,
and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy
children; 6 Yet I will send my servants

unto thee to morrow about this time,
and they shall search thine house, and
the houses of thy servants; and it shall
be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in thine
eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand,
and take *it* away.* 7 Then the king of
Israel called all the elders of the land,
and said, Mark, I pray you, and see
how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he
sent unto me for my wives, and for
my children, and for my silver, and
for my gold; and I denied him not.*
8 And all the elders and all the peo-
ple said unto him, Hearken not *unto*

20.6. pleasant: Heb. desirable.
7. I denied...: Heb. I kept not back from him.

him, nor consent. 9 Wherefore he said
unto the messengers of Benhadad, Tell
my lord the king, All that thou didst
send for to thy servant at the first I will
do: but this thing I may not do. And
the messengers departed, and brought
him word again. 10 And Benhadad sent
unto him, and said, The gods do so
unto me, and more also, if the dust of
Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for
all the people that follow me.* 11 And
the king of Israel answered and said,
Tell *him*, Let not him that girdeth on
his harness boast himself as he that put-
teth it off. 12 And it came to pass,

10. follow...: Heb. are at my feet.

when *Benhadad* heard this message, as
he *was* drinking, he and the kings in
the pavilions, that he said unto his ser-
vants, Set *yourselves in array*. And they
set *themselves in array* against the city.*
13 And, behold, there came a prophet
unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus
saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this
great multitude? behold, I will de-
liver it into thine hand this day; and
thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.*
14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he

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12. message: Heb. word. pavilions: or, tents. Set yourselves...: or, Place the engines. And they placed the engines.

13. came: Heb. approached.

said, Thus saith the LORD, *Even* by
the young men of the princes of the
provinces. Then he said, Who shall
order the battle? And he answered,
Thou.* 15 Then he numbered the young
men of the princes of the provinces,
and they were two hundred and thirty
two: and after them he numbered all
the people, *even* all the children of Is-
rael, *being* seven thousand. 16 And they
went out at noon. But Benhadad *was*
drinking himself drunk in the pavil-
ions, he and the kings, the thirty and
two kings that helped him. 17 And the
young men of the princes of the prov-

14. young...: or, servants. order: Heb. bind, or, tie.

inces went out first; and Benhadad
sent out, and they told him, saying,
There are men come out of Samaria.
18 And he said, Whether they be come
out for peace, take them alive; or whe-
ther they be come out for war, take
them alive. 19 So these young men of
the princes of the provinces came out
of the city, and the army which fol-
lowed them. 20 And they slew every
one his man: and the Syrians fled; and
Israel pursued them: and Benhadad
the king of Syria escaped on an horse
with the horsemen. 21 And the king of
Israel went out, and smote the horses
and chariots, and slew the Syrians with

a great slaughter. [22] And the prophet
came to the king of Israel, and said
unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and
mark, and see what thou doest: for
at the return of the year the king of
Syria will come up against thee. [23] And
the servants of the king of Syria said
unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the
hills; therefore they were stronger than
we; but let us fight against them in the
plain, and surely we shall be stronger
than they. [24] And do this thing, Take
the kings away, every man out of his
place, and put captains in their rooms:
[25] And number thee an army, like the
army that thou hast lost, horse for

horse, and chariot for chariot: and we
will fight against them in the plain,
and surely we shall be stronger than
they. And he hearkened unto their
voice, and did so.* [26] And it came to
pass at the return of the year, that
Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and
went up to Aphek, to fight against Is-
rael.* [27] And the children of Israel were
numbered, and were all present, and
went against them: and the children of
Israel pitched before them like two lit-
tle flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled

25. that thou...: Heb. that was fallen.
26. to fight...: Heb. to the war with Israel.

the country.* [28] And there came a man
of God, and spake unto the king of Is-
rael, and said, Thus saith the LORD,
Because the Syrians have said, The
LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not
God of the valleys, therefore will I de-
liver all this great multitude into thine
hand, and ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD. [29] And they pitched one over
against the other seven days. And *so* it
was, that in the seventh day the battle
was joined: and the children of Israel
slew of the Syrians an hundred thou-
sand footmen in one day. [30] But the
rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and

27. were all...: or, were nourished.

there a wall fell upon twenty and seven
thousand of the men *that were* left.
And Benhadad fled, and came into the
city, into an inner chamber.* [31] And his
servants said unto him, Behold now,
we have heard that the kings of the
house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let
us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our
loins, and ropes upon our heads, and
go out to the king of Israel: peradven-
ture he will save thy life. [32] So they
girded sackcloth on their loins, and
put ropes on their heads, and came to
the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant

30. into an...: or, from chamber to chamber: Heb. into a chamber within a chamber.

Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live.
And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my
brother. [33] Now the men did diligently
observe whether *any thing would come*
from him, and did hastily catch *it*:
and they said, Thy brother Benhadad.
Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then
Benhadad came forth to him; and he
caused him to come up into the char-
iot. [34] And *Benhadad* said unto him,
The cities, which my father took from
thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt
make streets for thee in Damascus, as
my father made in Samaria. Then *said*
Ahab, I will send thee away with this
covenant. So he made a covenant with

him, and sent him away. [35] And a cer-
tain man of the sons of the prophets
said unto his neighbour in the word
of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee.
And the man refused to smite him.
[36] Then said he unto him, Because thou
hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD,
behold, as soon as thou art departed
from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as
soon as he was departed from him, a
lion found him, and slew him. [37] Then
he found another man, and said, Smite
me, I pray thee. And the man smote
him, so that in smiting he wounded
him.* [38] So the prophet departed, and

37. so that...: Heb. smiting and wounding.

waited for the king by the way, and
disguised himself with ashes upon his
face. 39 And as the king passed by,
he cried unto the king: and he said,
Thy servant went out into the midst of
the battle; and, behold, a man turned
aside, and brought a man unto me, and
said, Keep this man: if by any means
he be missing, then shall thy life be
for his life, or else thou shalt pay a
talent of silver.* 40 And as thy servant
was busy here and there, he was gone.
And the king of Israel said unto him,
So *shall* thy judgment *be*; thyself hast

39. pay: Heb. weigh.

decided *it*.* [41] And he hasted, and took
the ashes away from his face; and the
king of Israel discerned him that he
was of the prophets. [42] And he said
unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Be-
cause thou hast let go out of *thy* hand
a man whom I appointed to utter de-
struction, therefore thy life shall go for
his life, and thy people for his people.
[43] And the king of Israel went to his
house heavy and displeased, and came
to Samaria.

21 And it came to pass after these
things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had

40. he was...: Heb. he was not.

a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard
by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.
2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, sa-
ying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may
have it for a garden of herbs, because
it *is* near unto my house: and I will
give thee for it a better vineyard than
it; *or*, if it seem good to thee, I will give
thee the worth of it in money.* 3 And
Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD for-
bid it me, that I should give the inher-
itance of my fathers unto thee. 4 And
Ahab came into his house heavy and
displeased because of the word which
Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to

21.2. seem...: Heb. be good in thine eyes.

him: for he had said, I will not give
thee the inheritance of my fathers.
And he laid him down upon his bed,
and turned away his face, and would
eat no bread. 5 But Jezebel his wife
came to him, and said unto him, Why
is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no
bread? 6 And he said unto her, Be-
cause I spake unto Naboth the Jezreel-
ite, and said unto him, Give me thy
vineyard for money; or else, if it please
thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard
for it: and he answered, I will not give
thee my vineyard. 7 And Jezebel his
wife said unto him, Dost thou now
govern the kingdom of Israel? arise,

and eat bread, and let thine heart
be merry: I will give thee the vine-
yard of Naboth the Jezreelite. 8 So
she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and
sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the
letters unto the elders and to the no-
bles that *were* in his city, dwelling with
Naboth. 9 And she wrote in the let-
ters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set
Naboth on high among the people:*
10 And set two men, sons of Belial, be-
fore him, to bear witness against him,
saying, Thou didst blaspheme God
and the king. And *then* carry him
out, and stone him, that he may die.

9. on high...: Heb. in the top of the people.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the el-
ders and the nobles who were the in-
habitants in his city, did as Jezebel had
sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written
in the letters which she had sent unto
them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and
set Naboth on high among the people.
13 And there came in two men, chil-
dren of Belial, and sat before him: and
the men of Belial witnessed against
him, *even* against Naboth, in the pres-
ence of the people, saying, Naboth did
blaspheme God and the king. Then
they carried him forth out of the city,
and stoned him with stones, that he
died. 14 Then they sent to Jezebel, say-

ing, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.
15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel
heard that Naboth was stoned, and
was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab,
Arise, take possession of the vineyard
of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he re-
fused to give thee for money: for
Naboth is not alive, but dead. 16 And
it came to pass, when Ahab heard that
Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up
to go down to the vineyard of Naboth
the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.
17 And the word of the LORD came
to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18 Arise,
go down to meet Ahab king of Israel,
which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in

the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is
gone down to possess it. [19] And thou
shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus
saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and
also taken possession? And thou shalt
speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the
LORD, In the place where dogs licked
the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick
thy blood, even thine. [20] And Ahab
said to Elijah, Hast thou found me,
O mine enemy? And he answered,
I have found *thee*: because thou hast
sold thyself to work evil in the sight
of the LORD. [21] Behold, I will bring
evil upon thee, and will take away thy
posterity, and will cut off from Ahab

him that pisseth against the wall, and
him that is shut up and left in Israel,
22 And will make thine house like the
house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
and like the house of Baasha the son
of Ahijah, for the provocation where-
with thou hast provoked *me* to anger,
and made Israel to sin. 23 And of
Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying,
The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall
of Jezreel.* 24 Him that dieth of Ahab
in the city the dogs shall eat; and him
that dieth in the field shall the fowls
of the air eat. 25 But there was none
like unto Ahab, which did sell him-

23. wall: or, ditch.

self to work wickedness in the sight
of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife
stirred up.* [26] And he did very abom-
inably in following idols, according to
all *things* as did the Amorites, whom
the LORD cast out before the children
of Israel. [27] And it came to pass, when
Ahab heard those words, that he rent
his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his
flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth,
and went softly. [28] And the word of
the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite,
saying, [29] Seest thou how Ahab hum-
bleth himself before me? because he
humbleth himself before me, I will not

25. stirred...: or, incited.

bring the evil in his days: *but* in his
son's days will I bring the evil upon his
house.

22 And they continued three years
without war between Syria and Israel.
2 And it came to pass in the third year,
that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah
came down to the king of Israel. 3 And
the king of Israel said unto his servants,
Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is*
ours, and we *be* still, *and* take it not out
of the hand of the king of Syria?* 4 And
he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou
go with me to battle to Ramothgilead?

22.3. still...: Heb. silent from taking it.

And Jehoshaphat said to the king of
Israel, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as
thy people, my horses as thy horses.
5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king
of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the
word of the LORD to day. 6 Then
the king of Israel gathered the proph-
ets together, about four hundred men,
and said unto them, Shall I go against
Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I for-
bear? And they said, Go up; for the
Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of
the king. 7 And Jehoshaphat said, *Is*
there not here a prophet of the LORD
besides, that we might enquire of him?
8 And the king of Israel said unto Je-

hoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son of Imlah.* 10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.*

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9. officer: or, eunuch.
10. void...: Heb. floor.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
made him horns of iron: and he said,
Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt
thou push the Syrians, until thou have
consumed them. 12 And all the proph-
ets prophesied so, saying, Go up to
Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the
LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's
hand. 13 And the messenger that was
gone to call Micaiah spake unto him,
saying, Behold now, the words of the
prophets *declare* good unto the king
with one mouth: let thy word, I pray
thee, be like the word of one of them,
and speak *that which is* good. 14 And
Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth,

what the LORD saith unto me, that
will I speak. [15] So he came to the king.
And the king said unto him, Micaiah,
shall we go against Ramothgilead to
battle, or shall we forbear? And he
answered him, Go, and prosper: for
the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand
of the king. [16] And the king said unto
him, How many times shall I adjure
thee that thou tell me nothing but
that which is true in the name of the
LORD? [17] And he said, I saw all Israel
scattered upon the hills, as sheep that
have not a shepherd: and the LORD
said, These have no master: let them
return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Je-
hoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he
would prophesy no good concerning
me, but evil? 19 And he said, Hear
thou therefore the word of the LORD:
I saw the LORD sitting on his throne,
and all the host of heaven standing by
him on his right hand and on his left.
20 And the LORD said, Who shall per-
suade Ahab, that he may go up and
fall at Ramothgilead? And one said
on this manner, and another said on
that manner.* 21 And there came forth
a spirit, and stood before the LORD,
and said, I will persuade him. 22 And

20. persuade: or, deceive.

the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?
And he said, I will go forth, and I will
be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his
prophets. And he said, Thou shalt per-
suade *him*, and prevail also: go forth,
and do so. [23] Now therefore, behold,
the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the
mouth of all these thy prophets, and
the LORD hath spoken evil concern-
ing thee. [24] But Zedekiah the son of
Chenaanah went near, and smote Mi-
caiah on the cheek, and said, Which
way went the Spirit of the LORD from
me to speak unto thee? [25] And Mi-
caiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in
that day, when thou shalt go into an

inner chamber to hide thyself.* [26] And
the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah,
and carry him back unto Amon the
governor of the city, and to Joash the
king's son; [27] And say, Thus saith the
king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and
feed him with bread of affliction and
with water of affliction, until I come in
peace. [28] And Micaiah said, If thou re-
turn at all in peace, the LORD hath not
spoken by me. And he said, Hearken,
O people, every one of you. [29] So the
king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king
of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

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25. into...: or, from chamber to chamber: Heb. a chamber in a chamber.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Je-
hoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and
enter into the battle; but put thou
on thy robes. And the king of Israel
disguised himself, and went into the
battle.* 31 But the king of Syria com-
manded his thirty and two captains
that had rule over his chariots, saying,
Fight neither with small nor great, save
only with the king of Israel. 32 And it
came to pass, when the captains of the
chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they
said, Surely it *is* the king of Israel. And
they turned aside to fight against him:

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30. I will...: or, when he was to disguise himself, and enter into the battle.

and Jehoshaphat cried out. [33] And it
came to pass, when the captains of the
chariots perceived that it *was* not the
king of Israel, that they turned back
from pursuing him. [34] And a *certain*
man drew a bow at a venture, and
smote the king of Israel between the
joints of the harness: wherefore he said
unto the driver of his chariot, Turn
thine hand, and carry me out of the
host; for I am wounded.* [35] And the
battle increased that day: and the king
was stayed up in his chariot against

34. at a...: Heb. in his simplicity. joints...: Heb. joints and the breastplate. wounded: Heb. made sick.

the Syrians, and died at even: and
the blood ran out of the wound into
the midst of the chariot.* 36 And there
went a proclamation throughout the
host about the going down of the sun,
saying, Every man to his city, and ev-
ery man to his own country. 37 So
the king died, and was brought to
Samaria; and they buried the king in
Samaria.* 38 And *one* washed the char-
iot in the pool of Samaria; and the
dogs licked up his blood; and they
washed his armour; according unto

35. increased: Heb. ascended. midst: Heb. bosom.
37. was brought: Heb. came.

the word of the LORD which he spake.
39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and
all that he did, and the ivory house
which he made, and all the cities that
he built, *are* they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings
of Israel? 40 So Ahab slept with his
fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned
in his stead. 41 And Jehoshaphat the
son of Asa began to reign over Ju-
dah in the fourth year of Ahab king
of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat *was* thirty and
five years old when he began to reign;
and he reigned twenty and five years
in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of
Asa his father; he turned not aside
from it, doing *that which was* right
in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless
the high places were not taken away;
for the people offered and burnt in-
cense yet in the high places. 44 And Je-
hoshaphat made peace with the king
of Israel. 45 Now the rest of the acts
of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he
shewed, and how he warred, *are* they
not written in the book of the chron-
icles of the kings of Judah? 46 And the
remnant of the sodomites, which re-
mained in the days of his father Asa, he
took out of the land. 47 *There was* then

no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.
48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish
to go to Ophir for gold: but they
went not; for the ships were broken
at Eziongeber.* 49 Then said Ahaziah
the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let
my servants go with thy servants in
the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.
50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fa-
thers, and was buried with his fathers
in the city of David his father: and
Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.
51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to
reign over Israel in Samaria the seven-
teenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Ju-

48. made...: or, had ten ships.

dah, and reigned two years over Israel.
52 And he did evil in the sight of the
LORD, and walked in the way of his
father, and in the way of his mother,
and in the way of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, who made Israel to sin: 53 For he
served Baal, and worshipped him, and
provoked to anger the LORD God of
Israel, according to all that his father
had done.

THE SECOND

BOOK OF THE KINGS,

COMMONLY CALLED,

THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE KINGS

Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.
2 And Ahaziah fell down throug
a lattice in his upper chamber that *was*
in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent
messengers, and said unto them, Go,
enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron
whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Eli-
jah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet
the messengers of the king of Samaria,
and say unto them, *Is it* not because
there is not a God in Israel, *that* ye
go to enquire of Baalzebub the god
of Ekron? 4 Now therefore thus saith
the LORD, Thou shalt not come down
from that bed on which thou art gone
up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah de-
parted.* 5 And when the messengers
turned back unto him, he said unto
them, Why are ye now turned back?
6 And they said unto him, There came

1.4. Thou shalt...: Heb. The bed whither thou art gone up, thou shalt not come down from it.

a man up to meet us, and said unto us,
Go, turn again unto the king that sent
you, and say unto him, Thus saith the
LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a
God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to en-
quire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?
therefore thou shalt not come down
from that bed on which thou art gone
up, but shalt surely die. 7 And he said
unto them, What manner of man *was*
he which came up to meet you, and
told you these words?* 8 And they an-
swered him, *He was* an hairy man, and
girt with a girdle of leather about his
loins. And he said, It *is* Elijah the Tish-

7. What...: Heb. What was the manner of the man.

bite. 9 Then the king sent unto him a
captain of fifty with his fifty. And he
went up to him: and, behold, he sat on
the top of an hill. And he spake unto
him, Thou man of God, the king hath
said, Come down. 10 And Elijah an-
swered and said to the captain of fifty,
If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come
down from heaven, and consume thee
and thy fifty. And there came down
fire from heaven, and consumed him
and his fifty. 11 Again also he sent unto
him another captain of fifty with his
fifty. And he answered and said unto
him, O man of God, thus hath the
king said, Come down quickly. 12 And

Elijah answered and said unto them,
If I *be* a man of God, let fire come
down from heaven, and consume thee
and thy fifty. And the fire of God
came down from heaven, and con-
sumed him and his fifty. 13 And he
sent again a captain of the third fifty
with his fifty. And the third captain
of fifty went up, and came and fell on
his knees before Elijah, and besought
him, and said unto him, O man of
God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life
of these fifty thy servants, be precious
in thy sight.* 14 Behold, there came fire
down from heaven, and burnt up the

13. fell: Heb. bowed.

two captains of the former fifties with
their fifties: therefore let my life now
be precious in thy sight. 15 And the an-
gel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go
down with him: be not afraid of him.
And he arose, and went down with
him unto the king. 16 And he said unto
him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch
as thou hast sent messengers to en-
quire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron,
is it not because *there is* no God in Is-
rael to enquire of his word? therefore
thou shalt not come down off that bed
on which thou art gone up, but shalt
surely die. 17 So he died according to
the word of the LORD which Elijah

had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in
his stead in the second year of Jehoram
the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah;
because he had no son. [18] Now the rest
of the acts of Ahaziah which he did,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?

2 And it came to pass, when
the LORD would take up Elijah into
heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah
went with Elisha from Gilgal. [2] And
Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I
pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me
to Bethel. And Elisha said *unto him,*
As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul

liveth, I will not leave thee. So they
went down to Bethel. 3 And the sons
of the prophets that *were* at Bethel
came forth to Elisha, and said unto
him, Knowest thou that the LORD will
take away thy master from thy head to
day? And he said, Yea, I know *it*; hold
ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto
him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee;
for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho.
And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and
as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.
So they came to Jericho. 5 And the
sons of the prophets that *were* at Jeri-
cho came to Elisha, and said unto him,
Knowest thou that the LORD will take

away thy master from thy head to day?
And he answered, Yea, I know *it*; hold
ye your peace. 6 And Elijah said unto
him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the
LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And
he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy
soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And
they two went on. 7 And fifty men
of the sons of the prophets went, and
stood to view afar off: and they two
stood by Jordan.* 8 And Elijah took
his mantle, and wrapped *it* together,
and smote the waters, and they were
divided hither and thither, so that they
two went over on dry ground. 9 And

2.7. to view: Heb. in sight, or, over against.

it came to pass, when they were gone
over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask
what I shall do for thee, before I be
taken away from thee. And Elisha said,
I pray thee, let a double portion of thy
spirit be upon me. [10] And he said, Thou
hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*,
if thou see me *when I am* taken from
thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if
not, it shall not be *so*.* [11] And it came to
pass, as they still went on, and talked,
that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot
of fire, and horses of fire, and parted
them both asunder; and Elijah went

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10. Thou hast...: Heb. Thou hast done hard in asking.

up by a whirlwind into heaven. [12] And
Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father,
my father, the chariot of Israel, and the
horsemen thereof. And he saw him no
more: and he took hold of his own
clothes, and rent them in two pieces.
[13] He took up also the mantle of Elijah
that fell from him, and went back, and
stood by the bank of Jordan;* [14] And
he took the mantle of Elijah that fell
from him, and smote the waters, and
said, Where *is* the LORD God of Eli-
jah? and when he also had smitten the
waters, they parted hither and thither:
and Elisha went over. [15] And when

13. bank: Heb. lip.

the sons of the prophets which *were*
to view at Jericho saw him, they said,
The spirit of Elijah doth rest on El-
isha. And they came to meet him, and
bowed themselves to the ground be-
fore him. [16] And they said unto him,
Behold now, there be with thy servants
fifty strong men; let them go, we pray
thee, and seek thy master: lest perad-
venture the Spirit of the LORD hath
taken him up, and cast him upon some
mountain, or into some valley. And he
said, Ye shall not send.* [17] And when
they urged him till he was ashamed,

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16. strong...: Heb. sons of strength. some mountain: Heb. one of the mountains.

he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty
men; and they sought three days, but
found him not. 18 And when they came
again to him, (for he tarried at Jeri-
cho,) he said unto them, Did I not
say unto you, Go not? 19 And the men
of the city said unto Elisha, Behold,
I pray thee, the situation of this city
is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the
water *is* naught, and the ground bar-
ren.* 20 And he said, Bring me a new
cruse, and put salt therein. And they
brought *it* to him. 21 And he went
forth unto the spring of the waters,
and cast the salt in there, and said,

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19. barren: Heb. causing to miscarry.

Thus saith the LORD, I have healed
these waters; there shall not be from
thence any more death or barren *land*.
22 So the waters were healed unto this
day, according to the saying of Elisha
which he spake. 23 And he went up
from thence unto Bethel: and as he
was going up by the way, there came
forth little children out of the city,
and mocked him, and said unto him,
Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou
bald head. 24 And he turned back, and
looked on them, and cursed them in
the name of the LORD. And there
came forth two she bears out of the
wood, and tare forty and two children

of them. [25] And he went from thence
to mount Carmel, and from thence he
returned to Samaria.

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab
began to reign over Israel in Samaria
the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat
king of Judah, and reigned twelve
years. [2] And he wrought evil in the
sight of the LORD; but not like his fa-
ther, and like his mother: for he put
away the image of Baal that his father
had made.* [3] Nevertheless he cleaved
unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he

3.2. image: Heb. statue.

departed not therefrom. [4] And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster,
and rendered unto the king of Israel an
hundred thousand lambs, and an hun-
dred thousand rams, with the wool.
[5] But it came to pass, when Ahab was
dead, that the king of Moab rebelled
against the king of Israel. [6] And king
Jehoram went out of Samaria the same
time, and numbered all Israel. [7] And
he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the
king of Judah, saying, The king of
Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt
thou go with me against Moab to bat-
tle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as
thou *art*, my people as thy people, *and*

my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said,
Which way shall we go up? And he an-
swered, The way through the wilder-
ness of Edom. 9 So the king of Is-
rael went, and the king of Judah, and
the king of Edom: and they fetched
a compass of seven days' journey: and
there was no water for the host, and for
the cattle that followed them.* 10 And
the king of Israel said, Alas! that the
LORD hath called these three kings to-
gether, to deliver them into the hand
of Moab! 11 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is*
there not here a prophet of the LORD,
that we may enquire of the LORD by

9. that...: Heb. at their feet.

him? And one of the king of Is-
rael's servants answered and said, Here
is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which
poured water on the hands of Elijah.
12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of
the LORD is with him. So the king of
Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of
Edom went down to him. 13 And El-
isha said unto the king of Israel, What
have I to do with thee? get thee to
the prophets of thy father, and to the
prophets of thy mother. And the king
of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the
LORD hath called these three kings to-
gether, to deliver them into the hand
of Moab. 14 And Elisha said, *As* the

LORD of hosts liveth, before whom
I stand, surely, were it not that I re-
gard the presence of Jehoshaphat the
king of Judah, I would not look to-
ward thee, nor see thee. 15 But now
bring me a minstrel. And it came to
pass, when the minstrel played, that
the hand of the LORD came upon him.
16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD,
Make this valley full of ditches. 17 For
thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see
wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that
valley shall be filled with water, that
ye may drink, both ye, and your cat-
tle, and your beasts. 18 And this is *but*
a light thing in the sight of the LORD:

he will deliver the Moabites also into
your hand. [19] And ye shall smite ev-
ery fenced city, and every choice city,
and shall fell every good tree, and stop
all wells of water, and mar every good
piece of land with stones.* [20] And it
came to pass in the morning, when
the meat offering was offered, that, be-
hold, there came water by the way of
Edom, and the country was filled with
water. [21] And when all the Moabites
heard that the kings were come up
to fight against them, they gathered
all that were able to put on armour,

19. mar: Heb. grieve.

and upward, and stood in the border.*
22 And they rose up early in the morn-
ing, and the sun shone upon the wa-
ter, and the Moabites saw the water on
the other side *as* red as blood: 23 And
they said, This *is* blood: the kings
are surely slain, and they have smitten
one another: now therefore, Moab,
to the spoil.* 24 And when they came
to the camp of Israel, the Israelites
rose up and smote the Moabites, so
that they fled before them: but they
went forward smiting the Moabites,

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21. gathered: Heb. were cried together. put on...: Heb. gird himself with a girdle.
23. slain: Heb. destroyed.

even in *their* country.* [25] And they beat
down the cities, and on every good
piece of land cast every man his stone,
and filled it; and they stopped all the
wells of water, and felled all the good
trees: only in Kirharaseth left they the
stones thereof; howbeit the slingers
went about *it*, and smote it.* [26] And
when the king of Moab saw that the
battle was too sore for him, he took
with him seven hundred men that
drew swords, to break through *even*
unto the king of Edom: but they could

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24. they went...: or, they smote in it even smiting.
25. only in...: Heb. until he left its stones in Kirharaseth.

not. [27] Then he took his eldest son that
should have reigned in his stead, and
offered him *for* a burnt offering upon
the wall. And there was great indigna-
tion against Israel: and they departed
from him, and returned to *their own*
land.

4 Now there cried a certain wo-
man of the wives of the sons of the
prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy ser-
vant my husband is dead; and thou
knowest that thy servant did fear the
LORD: and the creditor is come to
take unto him my two sons to be
bondmen. [2] And Elisha said unto her,
What shall I do for thee? tell me, what

hast thou in the house? And she said,
Thine handmaid hath not any thing in
the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he
said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of
all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels;
borrow not a few.* 4 And when thou
art come in, thou shalt shut the door
upon thee and upon thy sons, and
shalt pour out into all those vessels,
and thou shalt set aside that which
is full. 5 So she went from him, and
shut the door upon her and upon her
sons, who brought *the vessels* to her;
and she poured out. 6 And it came to
pass, when the vessels were full, that

4.3. borrow not...: or, scant not.

she said unto her son, Bring me yet a
vessel. And he said unto her, *There is*
not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
7 Then she came and told the man
of God. And he said, Go, sell the
oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou
and thy children of the rest.* 8 And
it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to
Shunem, where *was* a great woman;
and she constrained him to eat bread.
And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed
by, he turned in thither to eat bread.*
9 And she said unto her husband, Be-

7. debt: or, creditor.
8. it fell on a day: Heb. there was a day. constrained him: Heb. laid hold on him.

hold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy
man of God, which passeth by us con-
tinually. 10 Let us make a little cham-
ber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let
us set for him there a bed, and a table,
and a stool, and a candlestick: and it
shall be, when he cometh to us, that
he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell
on a day, that he came thither, and
he turned into the chamber, and lay
there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his
servant, Call this Shunammite. And
when he had called her, she stood be-
fore him. 13 And he said unto him,
Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast
been careful for us with all this care;

what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest
thou be spoken for to the king, or to
the captain of the host? And she an-
swered, I dwell among mine own peo-
ple. 14 And he said, What then *is* to be
done for her? And Gehazi answered,
Verily she hath no child, and her hus-
band is old. 15 And he said, Call her.
And when he had called her, she stood
in the door. 16 And he said, About
this season, according to the time of
life, thou shalt embrace a son. And
she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of
God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.*
17 And the woman conceived, and bare

16. season: Heb. set time.

a son at that season that Elisha had
said unto her, according to the time of
life. [18] And when the child was grown,
it fell on a day, that he went out to his
father to the reapers. [19] And he said
unto his father, My head, my head.
And he said to a lad, Carry him to
his mother. [20] And when he had taken
him, and brought him to his mother,
he sat on her knees till noon, and *then*
died. [21] And she went up, and laid him
on the bed of the man of God, and
shut *the door* upon him, and went out.
[22] And she called unto her husband,
and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of
the young men, and one of the asses,

that I may run to the man of God, and
come again. [23] And he said, Wherefore
wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither
new moon, nor sabbath. And she said,
It shall be well.* [24] Then she saddled an
ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and
go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me,
except I bid thee.* [25] So she went and
came unto the man of God to mount
Carmel. And it came to pass, when the
man of God saw her afar off, that he
said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yon-
der is* that Shunammite: [26] Run now, I
pray thee, to meet her, and say unto

23. well: Heb. peace.
24. slack...: Heb. restrain not for me to ride.

her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with
thy husband? *is it* well with the child?
And she answered, *It is* well. 27 And
when she came to the man of God to
the hill, she caught him by the feet:
but Gehazi came near to thrust her
away. And the man of God said, Let
her alone; for her soul *is* vexed within
her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from
me, and hath not told me.* 28 Then she
said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did
I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then
he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins,
and take my staff in thine hand, and go
thy way: if thou meet any man, salute

27. him...: Heb. by his feet. vexed: Heb. bitter.

him not; and if any salute thee, answer
him not again: and lay my staff upon
the face of the child. 30 And the mother
of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth,
and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave
thee. And he arose, and followed her.
31 And Gehazi passed on before them,
and laid the staff upon the face of the
child; but *there was* neither voice, nor
hearing. Wherefore he went again to
meet him, and told him, saying, The
child is not awaked.* 32 And when El-
isha was come into the house, behold,
the child was dead, *and* laid upon his
bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut

31. hearing: Heb. attention.

the door upon them twain, and prayed
unto the LORD. 34 And he went up, and
lay upon the child, and put his mouth
upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his
eyes, and his hands upon his hands:
and he stretched himself upon the
child; and the flesh of the child waxed
warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked
in the house to and fro; and went up,
and stretched himself upon him: and
the child sneezed seven times, and the
child opened his eyes.* 36 And he called
Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunam-
mite. So he called her. And when she
was come in unto him, he said, Take

35. to and fro: Heb. once hither and one thither.

up thy son. [37] Then she went in, and
fell at his feet, and bowed herself to
the ground, and took up her son, and
went out. [38] And Elisha came again
to Gilgal: and *there was* a dearth in
the land; and the sons of the prophets
were sitting before him: and he said
unto his servant, Set on the great pot,
and seethe pottage for the sons of the
prophets. [39] And one went out into
the field to gather herbs, and found
a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild
gourds his lap full, and came and shred
them into the pot of pottage: for they
knew *them* not. [40] So they poured out
for the men to eat. And it came to

pass, as they were eating of the pot-
tage, that they cried out, and said, O
thou man of God, *there is* death in the
pot. And they could not eat *thereof*.
41 But he said, Then bring meal. And
he cast *it* into the pot; and he said,
Pour out for the people, that they may
eat. And there was no harm in the
pot.* 42 And there came a man from
Baalshalisha, and brought the man of
God bread of the firstfruits, twenty
loaves of barley, and full ears of corn
in the husk thereof. And he said, Give
unto the people, that they may eat.*

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41. harm: Heb. evil thing.
42. the husk...: or, his scrip, or, garment.

43 And his servitor said, What, should
I set this before an hundred men? He
said again, Give the people, that they
may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They
shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*. 44 So
he set *it* before them, and they did eat,
and left *thereof*, according to the word
of the LORD.

5 Now Naaman, captain of the
host of the king of Syria, was a great
man with his master, and honourable,
because by him the LORD had given
deliverance unto Syria: he was also a
mighty man in valour, *but he was* a

leper.* 2 And the Syrians had gone out
by companies, and had brought away
captive out of the land of Israel a lit-
tle maid; and she waited on Naaman's
wife.* 3 And she said unto her mis-
tress, Would God my lord *were* with
the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for
he would recover him of his leprosy.*
4 And *one* went in, and told his lord,
saying, Thus and thus said the maid
that *is* of the land of Israel. 5 And the
king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will

5.1. with: Heb. before. deliverance: or, victory. honourable: or, gracious: Heb. lifted up, or, accepted in countenance.

2. waited...: Heb. was before.

3. with: Heb. before. recover: Heb. gather in.

send a letter unto the king of Israel.
And he departed, and took with him
ten talents of silver, and six thousand
pieces of gold, and ten changes of rai-
ment.* 6 And he brought the letter to
the king of Israel, saying, Now when
this letter is come unto thee, behold,
I have *therewith* sent Naaman my ser-
vant to thee, that thou mayest recover
him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to
pass, when the king of Israel had read
the letter, that he rent his clothes, and
said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make
alive, that this man doth send unto
me to recover a man of his leprosy?

5. with...: Heb. in his hand.

wherefore consider, I pray you, and see
how he seeketh a quarrel against me.
8 And it was *so*, when Elisha the man
of God had heard that the king of Is-
rael had rent his clothes, that he sent to
the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou
rent thy clothes? let him come now to
me, and he shall know that there is a
prophet in Israel. 9 So Naaman came
with his horses and with his chariot,
and stood at the door of the house of
Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messen-
ger unto him, saying, Go and wash in
Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall
come again to thee, and thou shalt
be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth,

and went away, and said, Behold, I
thought, He will surely come out to
me, and stand, and call on the name
of the LORD his God, and strike his
hand over the place, and recover the
leper.* [12] *Are* not Abana and Pharpar,
rivers of Damascus, better than all the
waters of Israel? may I not wash in
them, and be clean? So he turned and
went away in a rage.* [13] And his ser-
vants came near, and spake unto him,
and said, My father, *if* the prophet had

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11. I thought: Heb. I said. strike: Heb. move up and down. I thought...: or, I said with myself, He will surely come out, etc.

12. Abana: or, Amana.

bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest
thou not have done *it*? how much
rather then, when he saith to thee,
Wash, and be clean? [14] Then went he
down, and dipped himself seven times
in Jordan, according to the saying of
the man of God: and his flesh came
again like unto the flesh of a little
child, and he was clean. [15] And he re-
turned to the man of God, he and all
his company, and came, and stood be-
fore him: and he said, Behold, now I
know that *there is* no God in all the
earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I
pray thee, take a blessing of thy ser-
vant. [16] But he said, *As* the LORD liveth,

before whom I stand, I will receive
none. And he urged him to take *it*;
but he refused. [17] And Naaman said,
Shall there not then, I pray thee, be
given to thy servant two mules' burden
of earth? for thy servant will hence-
forth offer neither burnt offering nor
sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the
LORD. [18] In this thing the LORD par-
don thy servant, *that* when my master
goeth into the house of Rimmon to
worship there, and he leaneth on my
hand, and I bow myself in the house of
Rimmon: when I bow down myself in
the house of Rimmon, the LORD par-
don thy servant in this thing. [19] And

he said unto him, Go in peace. So
he departed from him a little way.*
20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the
man of God, said, Behold, my mas-
ter hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in
not receiving at his hands that which
he brought: but, *as* the LORD liveth, I
will run after him, and take somewhat
of him. 21 So Gehazi followed after
Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him*
running after him, he lighted down
from the chariot to meet him, and
said, *Is* all well?* 22 And he said, All *is*
well. My master hath sent me, saying,

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19. a little...: Heb. a little piece of ground.
21. Is...: Heb. Is there peace?.

Behold, even now there be come to
me from mount Ephraim two young
men of the sons of the prophets: give
them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and
two changes of garments. [23] And Naa-
man said, Be content, take two talents.
And he urged him, and bound two tal-
ents of silver in two bags, with two
changes of garments, and laid *them*
upon two of his servants; and they bare
them before him. [24] And when he came
to the tower, he took *them* from their
hand, and bestowed *them* in the house:
and he let the men go, and they de-
parted.* [25] But he went in, and stood

24. tower: or, secret place.

before his master. And Elisha said
unto him, Whence *comest thou*, Ge-
hazi? And he said, Thy servant went
no whither.* [26] And he said unto him,
Went not mine heart *with thee*, when
the man turned again from his chariot
to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive
money, and to receive garments, and
oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep,
and oxen, and menservants, and maid-
servants? [27] The leprosy therefore of
Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and
unto thy seed for ever. And he went
out from his presence a leper *as white*
as snow.

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25. no whither: Heb. not hither or thither.

6 And the sons of the prophets
said unto Elisha, Behold now, the
place where we dwell with thee is too
strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee,
unto Jordan, and take thence every
man a beam, and let us make us a place
there, where we may dwell. And he an-
swered, Go ye. 3 And one said, Be con-
tent, I pray thee, and go with thy ser-
vants. And he answered, I will go. 4 So
he went with them. And when they
came to Jordan, they cut down wood.
5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe
head fell into the water: and he cried,
and said, Alas, master! for it was bor-

rowed.* 6 And the man of God said,
Where fell it? And he shewed him
the place. And he cut down a stick,
and cast *it* in thither; and the iron did
swim. 7 Therefore said he, Take *it* up
to thee. And he put out his hand,
and took it. 8 Then the king of Syria
warred against Israel, and took counsel
with his servants, saying, In such and
such a place *shall be* my camp.* 9 And
the man of God sent unto the king of
Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass
not such a place; for thither the Syr-
ians are come down. 10 And the king

6.5. axe head: Heb. iron.
8. camp: or, encamping.

of Israel sent to the place which the
man of God told him and warned him
of, and saved himself there, not once
nor twice. 11 Therefore the heart of
the king of Syria was sore troubled for
this thing; and he called his servants,
and said unto them, Will ye not shew
me which of us *is* for the king of Is-
rael? 12 And one of his servants said,
None, my lord, O king: but Elisha,
the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth
the king of Israel the words that thou
speakest in thy bedchamber.* 13 And
he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that
I may send and fetch him. And it

12. None: Heb. No.

was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in
Dothan. 14 Therefore sent he thither
horses, and chariots, and a great host:
and they came by night, and com-
passed the city about.* 15 And when the
servant of the man of God was risen
early, and gone forth, behold, an host
compassed the city both with horses
and chariots. And his servant said
unto him, Alas, my master! how shall
we do?* 16 And he answered, Fear not:
for they that *be* with us *are* more than
they that *be* with them. 17 And Elisha
prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee,

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14. great: Heb. heavy.
15. the servant: or, the minister.

open his eyes, that he may see. And the
LORD opened the eyes of the young
man; and he saw: and, behold, the
mountain *was* full of horses and char-
iots of fire round about Elisha. 18 And
when they came down to him, Elisha
prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite
this people, I pray thee, with blind-
ness. And he smote them with blind-
ness according to the word of Elisha.
19 And Elisha said unto them, This *is*
not the way, neither *is* this the city:
follow me, and I will bring you to the
man whom ye seek. But he led them to
Samaria.* 20 And it came to pass, when

19. follow...: Heb. come ye after me.

they were come into Samaria, that El-
isha said, LORD, open the eyes of these
men, that they may see. And the
LORD opened their eyes, and they saw;
and, behold, *they were* in the midst of
Samaria. 21 And the king of Israel said
unto Elisha, when he saw them, My fa-
ther, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite
them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt
not smite *them*: wouldest thou smite
those whom thou hast taken captive
with thy sword and with thy bow? set
bread and water before them, that they
may eat and drink, and go to their
master. 23 And he prepared great pro-
vision for them: and when they had

eaten and drunk, he sent them away,
and they went to their master. So
the bands of Syria came no more into
the land of Israel. 24 And it came to
pass after this, that Benhadad king of
Syria gathered all his host, and went
up, and besieged Samaria. 25 And there
was a great famine in Samaria: and,
behold, they besieged it, until an ass's
head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of
silver, and the fourth part of a cab
of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.
26 And as the king of Israel was pass-
ing by upon the wall, there cried a wo-
man unto him, saying, Help, my lord,
O king. 27 And he said, If the LORD

do not help thee, whence shall I help
thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of
the winepress?* [28] And the king said
unto her, What aileth thee? And she
answered, This woman said unto me,
Give thy son, that we may eat him to
day, and we will eat my son to mor-
row. [29] So we boiled my son, and did
eat him: and I said unto her on the
next day, Give thy son, that we may
eat him: and she hath hid her son.*
[30] And it came to pass, when the king
heard the words of the woman, that
he rent his clothes; and he passed by

27. If...: or, Let not the LORD save thee.
29. next: Heb. other.

upon the wall, and the people looked,
and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within
upon his flesh. [31] Then he said, God do
so and more also to me, if the head of
Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand
on him this day. [32] But Elisha sat in his
house, and the elders sat with him; and
the king sent a man from before him:
but ere the messenger came to him, he
said to the elders, See ye how this son
of a murderer hath sent to take away
mine head? look, when the messenger
cometh, shut the door, and hold him
fast at the door: *is* not the sound of
his master's feet behind him? [33] And
while he yet talked with them, be-

hold, the messenger came down unto
him: and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of
the LORD; what should I wait for the
LORD any longer?

7 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the
word of the LORD; Thus saith the
LORD, To morrow about this time
shall a measure of fine flour *be sold* for
a shekel, and two measures of barley
for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.
2 Then a lord on whose hand the king
leaned answered the man of God, and
said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make
windows in heaven, might this thing
be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt

see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat
thereof.* 3 And there were four leprous
men at the entering in of the gate: and
they said one to another, Why sit we
here until we die? 4 If we say, We will
enter into the city, then the famine *is*
in the city, and we shall die there: and
if we sit still here, we die also. Now
therefore come, and let us fall unto the
host of the Syrians: if they save us alive,
we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall
but die. 5 And they rose up in the twi-
light, to go unto the camp of the Syr-
ians: and when they were come to the

7.2. a lord...: Heb. a lord which belonged to the king leaning upon his hand.

uttermost part of the camp of Syria,
behold, *there was* no man there. 6 For
the Lord had made the host of the Syr-
ians to hear a noise of chariots, and a
noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great
host: and they said one to another, Lo,
the king of Israel hath hired against
us the kings of the Hittites, and the
kings of the Egyptians, to come upon
us. 7 Wherefore they arose and fled
in the twilight, and left their tents,
and their horses, and their asses, even
the camp as it *was*, and fled for their
life. 8 And when these lepers came to
the uttermost part of the camp, they
went into one tent, and did eat and

drink, and carried thence silver, and
gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it*;
and came again, and entered into an-
other tent, and carried thence *also*, and
went and hid *it*. 9 Then they said one
to another, We do not well: this day
is a day of good tidings, and we hold
our peace: if we tarry till the morning
light, some mischief will come upon
us: now therefore come, that we may
go and tell the king's household.* 10 So
they came and called unto the porter
of the city: and they told them, say-
ing, We came to the camp of the Syr-
ians, and, behold, *there was* no man

9. some...: Heb. we shall find punishment.

there, neither voice of man, but horses
tied, and asses tied, and the tents as
they *were*. [11] And he called the porters;
and they told *it* to the king's house
within. [12] And the king arose in the
night, and said unto his servants, I will
now shew you what the Syrians have
done to us. They know that we *be*
hungry; therefore are they gone out
of the camp to hide themselves in the
field, saying, When they come out of
the city, we shall catch them alive, and
get into the city. [13] And one of his ser-
vants answered and said, Let *some* take,
I pray thee, five of the horses that re-
main, which are left in the city, (be-

hold, they *are* as all the multitude of
Israel that are left in it: behold, *I say*,
they *are* even as all the multitude of
the Israelites that are consumed:) and
let us send and see.* 14 They took there-
fore two chariot horses; and the king
sent after the host of the Syrians, say-
ing, Go and see. 15 And they went af-
ter them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the
way *was* full of garments and vessels,
which the Syrians had cast away in
their haste. And the messengers re-
turned, and told the king. 16 And the
people went out, and spoiled the tents
of the Syrians. So a measure of fine

13. in the city: Heb. in it.

flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two
measures of barley for a shekel, accord-
ing to the word of the LORD. [17] And
the king appointed the lord on whose
hand he leaned to have the charge of
the gate: and the people trode upon
him in the gate, and he died, as the
man of God had said, who spake when
the king came down to him. [18] And it
came to pass as the man of God had
spoken to the king, saying, Two mea-
sures of barley for a shekel, and a mea-
sure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be
to morrow about this time in the gate
of Samaria: [19] And that lord answered
the man of God, and said, Now, be-

hold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. [20] And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

8 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. [2] And the woman arose, and did af-

ter the saying of the man of God: and
she went with her household, and so-
journed in the land of the Philistines
seven years. 3 And it came to pass at
the seven years' end, that the woman
returned out of the land of the Philis-
tines: and she went forth to cry unto
the king for her house and for her land.
4 And the king talked with Gehazi the
servant of the man of God, saying, Tell
me, I pray thee, all the great things that
Elisha hath done. 5 And it came to
pass, as he was telling the king how he
had restored a dead body to life, that,
behold, the woman, whose son he had
restored to life, cried to the king for

her house and for her land. And Ge-
hazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the
woman, and this *is* her son, whom El-
isha restored to life. 6 And when the
king asked the woman, she told him.
So the king appointed unto her a cer-
tain officer, saying, Restore all that *was*
hers, and all the fruits of the field since
the day that she left the land, even un-
til now.* 7 And Elisha came to Dam-
ascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria
was sick; and it was told him, say-
ing, The man of God is come hither.
8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take
a present in thine hand, and go, meet

8.6. officer: or, eunuch.

the man of God, and enquire of the
LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover
of this disease? 9 So Hazael went to
meet him, and took a present with
him, even of every good thing of Dam-
ascus, forty camels' burden, and came
and stood before him, and said, Thy
son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent
me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of
this disease?* 10 And Elisha said unto
him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest
certainly recover: howbeit the LORD
hath shewed me that he shall surely
die. 11 And he settled his countenance
stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and

9. with...: Heb. in his hand.

the man of God wept.* [12] And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. [13] And Hazael said, But what, *is* thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou *shalt be* king over Syria. [14] So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said

11. stedfastly: Heb. and set it.

Elisha to thee? And he answered, He
told me *that* thou shouldest surely re-
cover. 15 And it came to pass on the
morrow, that he took a thick cloth,
and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it*
on his face, so that he died: and Hazael
reigned in his stead. 16 And in the fifth
year of Joram the son of Ahab king of
Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of
Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat
king of Judah began to reign.* 17 Thirty
and two years old was he when he
began to reign; and he reigned eight
years in Jerusalem. 18 And he walked
in the way of the kings of Israel, as

16. began...: Heb. reigned.

did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did
evil in the sight of the LORD. [19] Yet
the LORD would not destroy Judah for
David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, *and*
to his children.* [20] In his days Edom
revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.
[21] So Joram went over to Zair, and all
the chariots with him: and he rose by
night, and smote the Edomites which
compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people
fled into their tents. [22] Yet Edom re-

19. light: Heb. candle, or, lamp.

volted from under the hand of Judah
unto this day. Then Libnah revolted
at the same time. 23 And the rest of
the acts of Joram, and all that he did,
are they not written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and
was buried with his fathers in the city
of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned
in his stead.* 25 In the twelfth year of
Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel
did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king
of Judah begin to reign. 26 Two and
twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when
he began to reign; and he reigned one

24. Ahaziah: also called, Azariah, and Jehoahaz.

year in Jerusalem. And his mother's
name *was* Athaliah, the daughter of
Omri king of Israel.* [27] And he walked
in the way of the house of Ahab, and
did evil in the sight of the LORD, as
did the house of Ahab: for he *was*
the son in law of the house of Ahab.
[28] And he went with Joram the son of
Ahab to the war against Hazael king
of Syria in Ramothgilead; and the Syr-
ians wounded Joram. [29] And king Jo-
ram went back to be healed in Jezreel
of the wounds which the Syrians had
given him at Ramah, when he fought
against Hazael king of Syria. And

26. daughter: or, granddaughter.

Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Ju-
dah went down to see Joram the son of
Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.*

9 And Elisha the prophet called
one of the children of the prophets,
and said unto him, Gird up thy loins,
and take this box of oil in thine hand,
and go to Ramothgilead: 2 And when
thou comest thither, look out there
Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of
Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise
up from among his brethren, and carry

29. which...: Heb. wherewith the Syrians had wounded. Ramah: called Ramoth. sick: Heb. wounded.

him to an inner chamber;* 3 Then take
the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head,
and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have
anointed thee king over Israel. Then
open the door, and flee, and tarry not.
4 So the young man, *even* the young
man the prophet, went to Ramoth-
gilead. 5 And when he came, behold,
the captains of the host *were* sitting;
and he said, I have an errand to thee,
O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which
of all us? And he said, To thee, O
captain. 6 And he arose, and went
into the house; and he poured the oil
on his head, and said unto him, Thus

9.2. inner...: Heb. chamber in a chamber.

saith the LORD God of Israel, I have
anointed thee king over the people of
the LORD, *even* over Israel. 7 And thou
shalt smite the house of Ahab thy mas-
ter, that I may avenge the blood of my
servants the prophets, and the blood
of all the servants of the LORD, at
the hand of Jezebel. 8 For the whole
house of Ahab shall perish: and I will
cut off from Ahab him that pisseth
against the wall, and him that is shut
up and left in Israel: 9 And I will make
the house of Ahab like the house of
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like
the house of Baasha the son of Ahi-
jah: 10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in

the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be*
none to bury *her*. And he opened the
door, and fled. [11] Then Jehu came forth
to the servants of his lord: and *one* said
unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came
this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said
unto them, Ye know the man, and his
communication. [12] And they said, *It is*
false; tell us now. And he said, Thus
and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus
saith the LORD, I have anointed thee
king over Israel. [13] Then they hasted,
and took every man his garment, and
put *it* under him on the top of the
stairs, and blew with trumpets, say-

ing, Jehu is king.* [14] So Jehu the son
of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi con-
spired against Joram. (Now Joram had
kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel,
because of Hazael king of Syria. [15] But
king Joram was returned to be healed
in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syr-
ians had given him, when he fought
with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu
said, If it be your minds, *then* let none
go forth *nor* escape out of the city to
go to tell *it* in Jezreel.* [16] So Jehu rode

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13. is king: Heb. reigneth.

15. Joram: Heb. Jehoram but not in verse sixteen. had given: Heb. smote. let none...: Heb. let no one who escapes go, etc.

in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for
Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king
of Judah was come down to see Jo-
ram. [17] And there stood a watchman
on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied
the company of Jehu as he came, and
said, I see a company. And Joram said,
Take an horseman, and send to meet
them, and let him say, *Is it* peace? [18] So
there went one on horseback to meet
him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it*
peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou
to do with peace? turn thee behind
me. And the watchman told, saying,
The messenger came to them, but he
cometh not again. [19] Then he sent out

a second on horseback, which came to
them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is*
it peace? And Jehu answered, What
hast thou to do with peace? turn
thee behind me. [20] And the watchman
told, saying, He came even unto them,
and cometh not again: and the driv-
ing *is* like the driving of Jehu the son
of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.*
[21] And Joram said, Make ready. And
his chariot was made ready. And Jo-
ram king of Israel and Ahaziah king
of Judah went out, each in his char-
iot, and they went out against Jehu,

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20. driving: or, marching. furiously: Heb. in madness.

and met him in the portion of Naboth
the Jezreelite.* [22] And it came to pass,
when Joram saw Jehu, that he said,
Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered,
What peace, so long as the whore-
doms of thy mother Jezebel and her
witchcrafts *are so* many? [23] And Jo-
ram turned his hands, and fled, and
said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O
Ahaziah. [24] And Jehu drew a bow with
his full strength, and smote Jehoram
between his arms, and the arrow went
out at his heart, and he sunk down in
his chariot.* [25] Then said *Jehu* to Bid-

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21. Make ready: Heb. Bind. met: Heb. found.
24. drew...: Heb. filled his hand with a bow. sunk:

kar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him
in the portion of the field of Naboth
the Jezreelite: for remember how that,
when I and thou rode together after
Ahab his father, the LORD laid this
burden upon him; [26] Surely I have seen
yesterday the blood of Naboth, and
the blood of his sons, saith the LORD;
and I will requite thee in this plat, saith
the LORD. Now therefore take *and*
cast him into the plat *of ground*, ac-
cording to the word of the LORD.*
[27] But when Ahaziah the king of Judah
saw *this*, he fled by the way of the gar-

Heb. bowed.

26. blood: Heb. bloods. plat: or, portion.

den house. And Jehu followed after
him, and said, Smite him also in the
chariot. *And they did so* at the going
up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And
he fled to Megiddo, and died there.
28 And his servants carried him in a
chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him
in his sepulchre with his fathers in the
city of David. 29 And in the eleventh
year of Joram the son of Ahab began
Ahaziah to reign over Judah. 30 And
when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel
heard *of it*; and she painted her face,
and tired her head, and looked out
at a window.* 31 And as Jehu entered

30. painted...: Heb. put her eyes in painting.

in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri
peace, who slew his master? [32] And
he lifted up his face to the window,
and said, Who *is* on my side? who?
And there looked out to him two *or*
three eunuchs.* [33] And he said, Throw
her down. So they threw her down:
and *some* of her blood was sprinkled
on the wall, and on the horses: and he
trode her under foot. [34] And when he
was come in, he did eat and drink, and
said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*,
and bury her: for she *is* a king's daugh-
ter. [35] And they went to bury her: but
they found no more of her than the

32. eunuchs: or, chamberlains.

skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her*
hands. [36] Wherefore they came again,
and told him. And he said, This *is*
the word of the LORD, which he spake
by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, say-
ing, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs
eat the flesh of Jezebel:* [37] And the car-
case of Jezebel shall be as dung upon
the face of the field in the portion of
Jezreel; *so* that they shall not say, This
is Jezebel.

10 And Ahab had seventy sons in
Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and
sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of

36. by: Heb. by the hand of.

Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that
brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,*
2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to
you, seeing your master's sons *are* with
you, and *there are* with you chariots
and horses, a fenced city also, and ar-
mour; 3 Look even out the best and
meetest of your master's sons, and set
him on his father's throne, and fight
for your master's house. 4 But they
were exceedingly afraid, and said, Be-
hold, two kings stood not before him:
how then shall we stand? 5 And he
that *was* over the house, and he that
was over the city, the elders also, and

10.1. them...: Heb. nourishers.

the bringers up *of the children*, sent to
Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and
will do all that thou shalt bid us; we
will not make any king: do thou *that*
which is good in thine eyes. 6 Then
he wrote a letter the second time to
them, saying, If ye *be* mine, and *if* ye
will hearken unto my voice, take ye the
heads of the men your master's sons,
and come to me to Jezreel by to mor-
row this time. Now the king's sons,
being seventy persons, *were* with the
great men of the city, which brought
them up.* 7 And it came to pass, when
the letter came to them, that they took

6. mine: Heb. for me.

the king's sons, and slew seventy per-
sons, and put their heads in baskets,
and sent him *them* to Jezreel. 8 And
there came a messenger, and told him,
saying, They have brought the heads
of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye
them in two heaps at the entering in
of the gate until the morning. 9 And
it came to pass in the morning, that
he went out, and stood, and said to
all the people, Ye *be* righteous: be-
hold, I conspired against my master,
and slew him: but who slew all these?
10 Know now that there shall fall unto
the earth nothing of the word of the
LORD, which the LORD spake con-

cerning the house of Ahab: for the
LORD hath done *that* which he spake
by his servant Elijah.* 11 So Jehu slew all
that remained of the house of Ahab in
Jezreel, and all his great men, and his
kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left
him none remaining.* 12 And he arose
and departed, and came to Samaria.
And as he *was* at the shearing house
in the way,* 13 Jehu met with the breth-
ren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said,
Who *are* ye? And they answered, We

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10. by: Heb. by the hand of.
11. kinsfolks: or, acquaintance.
12. shearing...: Heb. house of shepherds binding sheep.

are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we
go down to salute the children of the
king and the children of the queen.*
14 And he said, Take them alive. And
they took them alive, and slew them
at the pit of the shearing house, *even*
two and forty men; neither left he any
of them. 15 And when he was departed
thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the
son of Rechab *coming* to meet him:
and he saluted him, and said to him,
Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with
thy heart? And Jehonadab answered,
It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand.
And he gave *him* his hand; and he

13. to salute...: Heb. to the peace of, etc.

took him up to him into the chariot.* [16] And he said, Come with me,
and see my zeal for the LORD. So they
made him ride in his chariot. [17] And
when he came to Samaria, he slew all
that remained unto Ahab in Samaria,
till he had destroyed him, according
to the saying of the LORD, which he
spake to Elijah. [18] And Jehu gathered
all the people together, and said unto
them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but*
Jehu shall serve him much. [19] Now
therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his
priests; let none be wanting: for I have

15. lighted on: Heb. found. saluted: Heb. blessed.

a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whoso-
ever shall be wanting, he shall not live.
But Jehu did *it* in subtilty, to the in-
tent that he might destroy the wor-
shippers of Baal. [20] And Jehu said, Pro-
claim a solemn assembly for Baal. And
they proclaimed *it*.* [21] And Jehu sent
through all Israel: and all the worship-
pers of Baal came, so that there was
not a man left that came not. And
they came into the house of Baal; and
the house of Baal was full from one
end to another.* [22] And he said unto

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20. Proclaim: Heb. Sanctify.

21. full...: or, so full that they stood mouth to mouth.

him that *was* over the vestry, Bring
forth vestments for all the worshippers
of Baal. And he brought them forth
vestments. [23] And Jehu went, and Je-
honadab the son of Rechab, into the
house of Baal, and said unto the wor-
shippers of Baal, Search, and look that
there be here with you none of the ser-
vants of the LORD, but the worship-
pers of Baal only. [24] And when they
went in to offer sacrifices and burnt of-
ferings, Jehu appointed fourscore men
without, and said, *If* any of the men
whom I have brought into your hands
escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life
shall be for the life of him. [25] And it

came to pass, as soon as he had made
an end of offering the burnt offering,
that Jehu said to the guard and to the
captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let
none come forth. And they smote
them with the edge of the sword; and
the guard and the captains cast *them*
out, and went to the city of the house
of Baal.* 26 And they brought forth the
images out of the house of Baal, and
burned them.* 27 And they brake down
the image of Baal, and brake down the
house of Baal, and made it a draught
house unto this day. 28 Thus Jehu de-

25. the edge: Heb. the mouth.
26. images: Heb. statues.

stroyed Baal out of Israel. [29] Howbeit
from the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu
departed not from after them, *to wit*,
the golden calves that *were* in Bethel,
and that *were* in Dan. [30] And the
LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou
hast done well in executing *that which*
is right in mine eyes, *and* hast done
unto the house of Ahab according to
all that *was* in mine heart, thy chil-
dren of the fourth *generation* shall sit
on the throne of Israel. [31] But Jehu
took no heed to walk in the law of
the LORD God of Israel with all his
heart: for he departed not from the

sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel
to sin.* 32 In those days the LORD be-
gan to cut Israel short: and Hazael
smote them in all the coasts of Is-
rael;* 33 From Jordan eastward, all the
land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the
Reubenites, and the Manassites, from
Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon,
even Gilead and Bashan.* 34 Now the
rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that
he did, and all his might, *are* they
not written in the book of the chroni-

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31. took...: Heb. observed not.
32. to cut: Heb. to cut off the ends.
33. eastward: Heb. toward the rising of the sun.
even...: or, even to Gilead and Bashan.

cles of the kings of Israel? [35] And Jehu
slept with his fathers: and they buried
him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his
son reigned in his stead. [36] And the
time that Jehu reigned over Israel in
Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.*

11 And when Athaliah the mother
of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead,
she arose and destroyed all the seed
royal.* [2] But Jehosheba, the daughter
of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took
Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole
him from among the king's sons *which*

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36. the time: Heb. the days were.
11.1. seed...: Heb. seed of the kingdom.

were slain; and they hid him, *even* him
and his nurse, in the bedchamber from
Athaliah, so that he was not slain.*
3 And he was with her hid in the house
of the LORD six years. And Athaliah
did reign over the land. 4 And the
seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched
the rulers over hundreds, with the cap-
tains and the guard, and brought them
to him into the house of the LORD,
and made a covenant with them, and
took an oath of them in the house of
the LORD, and shewed them the king's
son. 5 And he commanded them, say-

2. Jehosheba: also called, Jehoshabeath. Joash: also called, Jehoash.

ing, This *is* the thing that ye shall do;
A third part of you that enter in on
the sabbath shall even be keepers of
the watch of the king's house; 6 And
a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur;
and a third part at the gate behind the
guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the
house, that it be not broken down.*
7 And two parts of all you that go forth
on the sabbath, even they shall keep
the watch of the house of the LORD
about the king.* 8 And ye shall com-
pass the king round about, every man
with his weapons in his hand: and he

6. that...: or, from breaking up.
7. parts: or, companies: Heb. hands.

that cometh within the ranges, let him
be slain: and be ye with the king as he
goeth out and as he cometh in. 9 And
the captains over the hundreds did ac-
cording to all *things* that Jehoiada the
priest commanded: and they took ev-
ery man his men that were to come in
on the sabbath, with them that should
go out on the sabbath, and came to
Jehoiada the priest. 10 And to the cap-
tains over hundreds did the priest give
king David's spears and shields, that
were in the temple of the LORD. 11 And
the guard stood, every man with his
weapons in his hand, round about the
king, from the right corner of the tem-

ple to the left corner of the temple,
along by the altar and the temple.*
12 And he brought forth the king's son,
and put the crown upon him, and
gave him the testimony; and they made
him king, and anointed him; and they
clapped their hands, and said, God
save the king.* 13 And when Athaliah
heard the noise of the guard *and* of
the people, she came to the people into
the temple of the LORD. 14 And when
she looked, behold, the king stood
by a pillar, as the manner *was*, and
the princes and the trumpeters by the

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11. corner: Heb. shoulder.
12. God...: Heb. Let the king live.

king, and all the people of the land re-
joiced, and blew with trumpets: and
Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried,
Treason, Treason. 15 But Jehoiada the
priest commanded the captains of the
hundreds, the officers of the host, and
said unto them, Have her forth with-
out the ranges: and him that followeth
her kill with the sword. For the priest
had said, Let her not be slain in the
house of the LORD. 16 And they laid
hands on her; and she went by the way
by the which the horses came into the
king's house: and there was she slain.
17 And Jehoiada made a covenant be-
tween the LORD and the king and the

people, that they should be the LORD'S
people; between the king also and the
people. [18] And all the people of the
land went into the house of Baal, and
brake it down; his altars and his im-
ages brake they in pieces thoroughly,
and slew Mattan the priest of Baal be-
fore the altars. And the priest ap-
pointed officers over the house of the
LORD.* [19] And he took the rulers over
hundreds, and the captains, and the
guard, and all the people of the land;
and they brought down the king from
the house of the LORD, and came by
the way of the gate of the guard to the

18. officers: Heb. offices.

king's house. And he sat on the throne
of the kings. [20] And all the people of
the land rejoiced, and the city was in
quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the
sword *beside* the king's house. [21] Seven
years old *was* Jehoash when he began
to reign.

12 In the seventh year of Jehu Je-
hoash began to reign; and forty years
reigned he in Jerusalem. And his
mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beer-
sheba. [2] And Jehoash did *that which*
was right in the sight of the LORD all
his days wherein Jehoiada the priest in-
structed him. [3] But the high places

were not taken away: the people still
sacrificed and burnt incense in the
high places. 4 And Jehoash said to the
priests, All the money of the dedicated
things that is brought into the house
of the LORD, *even* the money of ev-
ery one that passeth *the account*, the
money that every man is set at, *and*
all the money that cometh into any
man's heart to bring into the house of
the LORD,* 5 Let the priests take *it* to
them, every man of his acquaintance:

12.4. dedicated things: or, holy things: Heb. holinesses. that every...: Heb. of the souls of his estimation. cometh...: Heb. ascendeth upon the heart of a man.

and let them repair the breaches of the
house, wheresoever any breach shall
be found. 6 But it was *so, that* in the
three and twentieth year of king Je-
hoash the priests had not repaired the
breaches of the house.* 7 Then king Je-
hoash called for Jehoiada the priest,
and the *other* priests, and said unto
them, Why repair ye not the breaches
of the house? now therefore receive
no *more* money of your acquaintance,
but deliver it for the breaches of the
house. 8 And the priests consented
to receive no *more* money of the peo-
ple, neither to repair the breaches of

6. three...: Heb. twentieth year and third year.

the house. 9 But Jehoiada the priest
took a chest, and bored a hole in
the lid of it, and set it beside the al-
tar, on the right side as one cometh
into the house of the LORD: and the
priests that kept the door put therein
all the money *that was* brought into
the house of the LORD.* 10 And it was
so, when they saw that *there was* much
money in the chest, that the king's
scribe and the high priest came up,
and they put up in bags, and told the
money that was found in the house
of the LORD.* 11 And they gave the

9. door: Heb. threshold.
10. scribe: or, secretary. put...: Heb. bound up.

money, being told, into the hands of
them that did the work, that had the
oversight of the house of the LORD:
and they laid it out to the carpenters
and builders, that wrought upon the
house of the LORD,* 12 And to masons,
and hewers of stone, and to buy timber
and hewed stone to repair the breaches
of the house of the LORD, and for
all that was laid out for the house to
repair *it*.* 13 Howbeit there were not
made for the house of the LORD bowls
of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets,
any vessels of gold, or vessels of sil-

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11. laid...: Heb. brought it forth.
12. was...: Heb. went forth.

ver, of the money *that was* brought
into the house of the LORD: [14] But
they gave that to the workmen, and
repaired therewith the house of the
LORD. [15] Moreover they reckoned not
with the men, into whose hand they
delivered the money to be bestowed
on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.
[16] The trespass money and sin money
was not brought into the house of the
LORD: it was the priests'. [17] Then Haz-
ael king of Syria went up, and fought
against Gath, and took it: and Haz-
ael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.
[18] And Jehoash king of Judah took all
the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat,

and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers,
kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his
own hallowed things, and all the gold
that was found in the treasures of the
house of the LORD, and in the king's
house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of
Syria: and he went away from Jeru-
salem.* 19 And the rest of the acts of
Joash, and all that he did, *are* they
not written in the book of the chron-
icles of the kings of Judah? 20 And
his servants arose, and made a con-
spiracy, and slew Joash in the house
of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.*

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18. went...: Heb. went up.
20. the house...: or, Bethmillo.

21 For Jozachar the son of Shimeath,
and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his
servants, smote him, and he died; and
they buried him with his fathers in the
city of David: and Amaziah his son
reigned in his stead.

13 In the three and twentieth year
of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Ju-
dah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began
to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and*
reigned seventeen years.* 2 And he did
that which was evil in the sight of the
LORD, and followed the sins of Jer-
oboam the son of Nebat, which made

13.1. three...: Heb. twentieth year and third year.

Israel to sin; he departed not there-
from.* 3 And the anger of the LORD
was kindled against Israel, and he de-
livered them into the hand of Haz-
ael king of Syria, and into the hand
of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all
their days. 4 And Jehoahaz besought
the LORD, and the LORD hearkened
unto him: for he saw the oppression
of Israel, because the king of Syria
oppressed them. 5 (And the LORD
gave Israel a saviour, so that they went
out from under the hand of the Syri-
ans: and the children of Israel dwelt in

2. followed: Heb. walked after.

their tents, as beforetime.* 6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of
the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* walked therein: and there
remained the grove also in Samaria.)*
7 Neither did he leave of the people to
Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten
chariots, and ten thousand footmen;
for the king of Syria had destroyed
them, and had made them like the
dust by threshing. 8 Now the rest of
the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he
did, and his might, *are* they not writ-

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5. as beforetime: Heb. as yesterday, and third day.
6. walked: Heb. he walked. remained: Heb. stood.

ten in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel? 9 And Jehoahaz slept
with his fathers; and they buried him
in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned
in his stead.* 10 In the thirty and sev-
enth year of Joash king of Judah began
Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign
over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* six-
teen years. 11 And he did *that which
was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he
departed not from all the sins of Jer-
oboam the son of Nebat, who made Is-
rael sin: *but* he walked therein. 12 And
the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that
he did, and his might wherewith he

9. Joash: also called, Jehoash.

fought against Amaziah king of Judah,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13 And
Joash slept with his fathers; and Jer-
oboam sat upon his throne: and Joash
was buried in Samaria with the kings
of Israel. 14 Now Elisha was fallen sick
of his sickness whereof he died. And
Joash the king of Israel came down
unto him, and wept over his face, and
said, O my father, my father, the char-
iot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.
15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow
and arrows. And he took unto him
bow and arrows. 16 And he said to the
king of Israel, Put thine hand upon

the bow. And he put his hand *upon it*: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.* [17] And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed *them*. [18] And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. [19] And the man of God was wroth with him,

16. Put thine...: Heb. Make thine hand to ride.

and said, Thou shouldest have smitten
five or six times; then hadst thou smit-
ten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it*:
whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but*
thrice. [20] And Elisha died, and they
buried him. And the bands of the
Moabites invaded the land at the com-
ing in of the year. [21] And it came to
pass, as they were burying a man, that,
behold, they spied a band *of men*; and
they cast the man into the sepulchre
of Elisha: and when the man was let
down, and touched the bones of El-
isha, he revived, and stood up on his
feet.* [22] But Hazael king of Syria op-

21. was...: Heb. went down.

pressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.
23 And the LORD was gracious unto
them, and had compassion on them,
and had respect unto them, because of
his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob, and would not destroy them,
neither cast he them from his presence
as yet.* 24 So Hazael king of Syria died;
and Benhadad his son reigned in his
stead. 25 And Jehoash the son of Je-
hoahaz took again out of the hand of
Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities,
which he had taken out of the hand
of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three
times did Joash beat him, and recov-

23. presence: Heb. face.

ered the cities of Israel.*

14 In the second year of Joash
son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned
Amaziah the son of Joash king of
Judah. 2 He was twenty and five
years old when he began to reign, and
reigned twenty and nine years in Jeru-
salem. And his mother's name *was* Je-
hoaddan of Jerusalem. 3 And he did
that which was right in the sight of
the LORD, yet not like David his fa-
ther: he did according to all things as
Joash his father did. 4 Howbeit the
high places were not taken away: as

25. took...: Heb. returned and took.

yet the people did sacrifice and burnt
incense on the high places. 5 And it
came to pass, as soon as the kingdom
was confirmed in his hand, that he
slew his servants which had slain the
king his father. 6 But the children of
the murderers he slew not: accord-
ing unto that which is written in the
book of the law of Moses, wherein
the LORD commanded, saying, The fa-
thers shall not be put to death for the
children, nor the children be put to
death for the fathers; but every man
shall be put to death for his own sin.
7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt
ten thousand, and took Selah by war,

and called the name of it Joktheel unto
this day.* 8 Then Amaziah sent mes-
sengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoa-
haz son of Jehu, king of Israel, say-
ing, Come, let us look one another
in the face. 9 And Jehoash the king
of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Ju-
dah, saying, The thistle that *was* in
Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was*
in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daugh-
ter to my son to wife: and there passed
by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon,
and trode down the thistle. 10 Thou
hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine
heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this*,

14.7. Selah: or, the rock.

and tarry at home: for why shouldest
thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou
shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah
with thee?* 11 But Amaziah would not
hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel
went up; and he and Amaziah king of
Judah looked one another in the face
at Bethshemesh, which *belongeth* to Ju-
dah. 12 And Judah was put to the worse
before Israel; and they fled every man
to their tents.* 13 And Jehoash king of
Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the
son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at
Bethshemesh, and came to Jerusalem,

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10. at home: Heb. at thy house.
12. put...: Heb. smitten.

and brake down the wall of Jerusa-
lem from the gate of Ephraim unto
the corner gate, four hundred cubits.
14 And he took all the gold and silver,
and all the vessels that were found in
the house of the LORD, and in the trea-
sures of the king's house, and hostages,
and returned to Samaria. 15 Now the
rest of the acts of Jehoash which he
did, and his might, and how he fought
with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they
not written in the book of the chron-
icles of the kings of Israel? 16 And Je-
hoash slept with his fathers, and was
buried in Samaria with the kings of
Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned

in his stead. [17] And Amaziah the son
of Joash king of Judah lived after the
death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king
of Israel fifteen years. [18] And the rest
of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Judah? [19] Now they
made a conspiracy against him in Je-
rusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but
they sent after him to Lachish, and
slew him there. [20] And they brought
him on horses: and he was buried at
Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of
David. [21] And all the people of Judah
took Azariah, which *was* sixteen years
old, and made him king instead of

his father Amaziah.* 22 He built Elath,
and restored it to Judah, after that the
king slept with his fathers. 23 In the
fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of
Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son
of Joash king of Israel began to reign
in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one
years. 24 And he did *that which was*
evil in the sight of the LORD: he de-
parted not from all the sins of Jer-
oboam the son of Nebat, who made
Israel to sin. 25 He restored the coast
of Israel from the entering of Hamath
unto the sea of the plain, according
to the word of the LORD God of Is-

21. Azariah: also called, Uzziah.

rael, which he spake by the hand of
his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai,
the prophet, which *was* of Gathhep-
her. [26] For the LORD saw the affliction
of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for
there was not any shut up, nor any left,
nor any helper for Israel. [27] And the
LORD said not that he would blot out
the name of Israel from under heaven:
but he saved them by the hand of Jer-
oboam the son of Joash. [28] Now the
rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all
that he did, and his might, how he
warred, and how he recovered Dam-
ascus, and Hamath, *which belonged* to
Judah, for Israel, are they not written

in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel? [29] And Jeroboam slept
with his fathers, *even* with the kings of
Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned
in his stead.

15 In the twenty and seventh
year of Jeroboam king of Israel began
Azariah son of Amaziah king of Ju-
dah to reign.* [2] Sixteen years old was
he when he began to reign, and he
reigned two and fifty years in Jerusa-
lem. And his mother's name *was* Je-
choliah of Jerusalem. [3] And he did
that which was right in the sight of

15.1. Azariah: also called, Uzziah.

the LORD, according to all that his fa-
ther Amaziah had done; 4 Save that
the high places were not removed: the
people sacrificed and burnt incense
still on the high places. 5 And the
LORD smote the king, so that he was
a leper unto the day of his death, and
dwelt in a several house. And Jotham
the king's son *was* over the house, judg-
ing the people of the land. 6 And the
rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that
he did, *are* they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Judah? 7 So Azariah slept with his fa-
thers; and they buried him with his fa-
thers in the city of David: and Jotham

his son reigned in his stead. 8 In the
thirty and eighth year of Azariah king
of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jer-
oboam reign over Israel in Samaria six
months. 9 And he did *that which was*
evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fa-
thers had done: he departed not from
the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
who made Israel to sin. 10 And Shallum
the son of Jabesh conspired against
him, and smote him before the peo-
ple, and slew him, and reigned in his
stead. 11 And the rest of the acts of
Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in
the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Israel. 12 This *was* the word of the

LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne
of Israel unto the fourth *generation*.
And so it came to pass. 13 Shallum
the son of Jabesh began to reign in
the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah
king of Judah; and he reigned a full
month in Samaria.* 14 For Menahem
the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah,
and came to Samaria, and smote Shal-
lum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and
slew him, and reigned in his stead.
15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum,
and his conspiracy which he made,

13. Uzziah: Gr. Ozias. a full...: Heb. a month of days.

behold, they *are* written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Is-
rael. [16] Then Menahem smote Tiph-
sah, and all that *were* therein, and the
coasts thereof from Tirzah: because
they opened not *to him*, therefore he
smote *it; and* all the women therein
that were with child he ripped up. [17] In
the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah
king of Judah began Menahem the
son of Gadi to reign over Israel, *and*
reigned ten years in Samaria. [18] And
he did *that which was* evil in the sight
of the LORD: he departed not all his
days from the sins of Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 *And* Pul the king of Assyria came
against the land: and Menahem gave
Pul a thousand talents of silver, that
his hand might be with him to con-
firm the kingdom in his hand. 20 And
Menahem exacted the money of Is-
rael, *even* of all the mighty men of
wealth, of each man fifty shekels of sil-
ver, to give to the king of Assyria. So
the king of Assyria turned back, and
stayed not there in the land.* 21 And
the rest of the acts of Menahem, and
all that he did, *are* they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel? 22 And Menahem slept

20. exacted: Heb. caused to come forth.

with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son
reigned in his stead. [23] In the fiftieth
year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah
the son of Menahem began to reign
over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two
years. [24] And he did *that which was* evil
in the sight of the LORD: he departed
not from the sins of Jeroboam the son
of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. [25] But
Pekah the son of Remaliah, a cap-
tain of his, conspired against him, and
smote him in Samaria, in the palace
of the king's house, with Argob and
Arieh, and with him fifty men of the
Gileadites: and he killed him, and
reigned in his room. [26] And the rest

of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that
he did, behold, they *are* written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel. [27] In the two and fiftieth year
of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the
son of Remaliah began to reign over
Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty
years. [28] And he did *that which was*
evil in the sight of the LORD: he de-
parted not from the sins of Jeroboam
the son of Nebat, who made Israel to
sin. [29] In the days of Pekah king of Israel
came Tiglathpileser king of Assyria,
and took Ijon, and Abelbethmaachah,
and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor,
and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land

of Naphtali, and carried them captive
to Assyria. 30 And Hoshea the son of
Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah
the son of Remaliah, and smote him,
and slew him, and reigned in his stead,
in the twentieth year of Jotham the
son of Uzziah. 31 And the rest of the
acts of Pekah, and all that he did, be-
hold, they *are* written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Is-
rael. 32 In the second year of Pekah the
son of Remaliah king of Israel began
Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Ju-
dah to reign. 33 Five and twenty years
old was he when he began to reign, and
he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

And his mother's name *was* Jerusha,
the daughter of Zadok. 34 And he did
that which was right in the sight of the
LORD: he did according to all that his
father Uzziah had done. 35 Howbeit
the high places were not removed: the
people sacrificed and burned incense
still in the high places. He built the
higher gate of the house of the LORD.
36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham,
and all that he did, *are* they not writ-
ten in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah? 37 In those days
the LORD began to send against Judah
Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the
son of Remaliah. 38 And Jotham slept

with his fathers, and was buried with
his fathers in the city of David his fa-
ther: and Ahaz his son reigned in his
stead.

16 In the seventeenth year of
Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the
son of Jotham king of Judah began to
reign. 2 Twenty years old *was* Ahaz
when he began to reign, and reigned
sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not
that which was right in the sight of
the LORD his God, like David his fa-
ther. 3 But he walked in the way of
the kings of Israel, yea, and made his
son to pass through the fire, according
to the abominations of the heathen,

whom the LORD cast out from before
the children of Israel. 4 And he sac-
rificed and burnt incense in the high
places, and on the hills, and under ev-
ery green tree. 5 Then Rezin king of
Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king
of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war:
and they besieged Ahaz, but could not
overcome *him*. 6 At that time Rezin
king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria,
and drave the Jews from Elath: and the
Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there
unto this day.* 7 So Ahaz sent messen-
gers to Tiglathpileser king of Assyria,
saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son:

16.6. from Elath: Heb. from Eloth.

come up, and save me out of the hand
of the king of Syria, and out of the
hand of the king of Israel, which rise up
against me. 8 And Ahaz took the silver
and gold that was found in the house
of the LORD, and in the treasures of
the king's house, and sent *it for* a pre-
sent to the king of Assyria. 9 And the
king of Assyria hearkened unto him:
for the king of Assyria went up against
Damascus, and took it, and carried
the people of it captive to Kir, and
slew Rezin.* 10 And king Ahaz went to
Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king
of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at

9. Damascus: Heb. Dammesek.

Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.* 11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus. 12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. 13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his

10. Damascus: Heb. Dammesek.

peace offerings, upon the altar.* 14 And
he brought also the brasen altar, which
was before the LORD, from the fore-
front of the house, from between the
altar and the house of the LORD, and
put it on the north side of the altar.
15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah
the priest, saying, Upon the great al-
tar burn the morning burnt offering,
and the evening meat offering, and the
king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat of-
fering, with the burnt offering of all
the people of the land, and their meat
offering, and their drink offerings; and

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13. his peace offerings: Heb. the peace offerings which were his.

sprinkle upon it all the blood of the
burnt offering, and all the blood of the
sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be
for me to enquire *by*. [16] Thus did Urijah
the priest, according to all that king
Ahaz commanded. [17] And king Ahaz
cut off the borders of the bases, and
removed the laver from off them; and
took down the sea from off the brasen
oxen that *were* under it, and put it
upon a pavement of stones. [18] And the
covert for the sabbath that they had
built in the house, and the king's en-
try without, turned he from the house
of the LORD for the king of Assyria.
[19] Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz

which he did, *are* they not written in
the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah? 20 And Ahaz slept with his fa-
thers, and was buried with his fathers
in the city of David: and Hezekiah his
son reigned in his stead.

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king
of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah
to reign in Samaria over Israel nine
years. 2 And he did *that which was*
evil in the sight of the LORD, but not
as the kings of Israel that were before
him. 3 Against him came up Shal-
maneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea
became his servant, and gave him pre-

sents.* 4 And the king of Assyria found
conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent
messengers to So king of Egypt, and
brought no present to the king of As-
syria, as *he had done* year by year: there-
fore the king of Assyria shut him up,
and bound him in prison.* 5 Then the
king of Assyria came up throughout
all the land, and went up to Samaria,
and besieged it three years. 6 In the
ninth year of Hoshea the king of As-
syria took Samaria, and carried Israel
away into Assyria, and placed them in
Halah and in Habor *by* the river of

17.3. gave: Heb. rendered. presents: or, tribute.
4. present: or, tribute.

Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.
7 For *so* it was, that the children of Is-
rael had sinned against the LORD their
God, which had brought them up out
of the land of Egypt, from under the
hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and
had feared other gods, 8 And walked
in the statutes of the heathen, whom
the LORD cast out from before the
children of Israel, and of the kings of
Israel, which they had made. 9 And
the children of Israel did secretly *those*
things that *were* not right against the
LORD their God, and they built them
high places in all their cities, from the
tower of the watchmen to the fenced

city. [10] And they set them up images
and groves in every high hill, and un-
der every green tree:* [11] And there they
burnt incense in all the high places, as
did the heathen whom the LORD car-
ried away before them; and wrought
wicked things to provoke the LORD to
anger: [12] For they served idols, whereof
the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall
not do this thing. [13] Yet the LORD
testified against Israel, and against Ju-
dah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the
seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil
ways, and keep my commandments
and my statutes, according to all the

10. images: Heb. statues.

law which I commanded your fathers,
and which I sent to you by my ser-
vants the prophets.* 14 Notwithstand-
ing they would not hear, but hardened
their necks, like to the neck of their
fathers, that did not believe in the
LORD their God. 15 And they rejected
his statutes, and his covenant that he
made with their fathers, and his tes-
timonies which he testified against
them; and they followed vanity, and
became vain, and went after the hea-
then that *were* round about them, *con-
cerning* whom the LORD had charged
them, that they should not do like

13. by: Heb. by the hand of.

them. [16] And they left all the com-
mandments of the LORD their God,
and made them molten images, *even*
two calves, and made a grove, and
worshipped all the host of heaven,
and served Baal. [17] And they caused
their sons and their daughters to
pass through the fire, and used div-
ination and enchantments, and sold
themselves to do evil in the sight of
the LORD, to provoke him to anger.
[18] Therefore the LORD was very angry
with Israel, and removed them out of
his sight: there was none left but the
tribe of Judah only. [19] Also Judah kept
not the commandments of the LORD

their God, but walked in the statutes
of Israel which they made. [20] And the
LORD rejected all the seed of Israel,
and afflicted them, and delivered them
into the hand of spoilers, until he had
cast them out of his sight. [21] For he
rent Israel from the house of David;
and they made Jeroboam the son of
Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel
from following the LORD, and made
them sin a great sin. [22] For the chil-
dren of Israel walked in all the sins of
Jeroboam which he did; they departed
not from them; [23] Until the LORD re-
moved Israel out of his sight, as he
had said by all his servants the proph-

ets. So was Israel carried away out of
their own land to Assyria unto this
day. [24] And the king of Assyria brought
men from Babylon, and from Cuthah,
and from Ava, and from Hamath, and
from Sepharvaim, and placed *them*
in the cities of Samaria instead of
the children of Israel: and they pos-
sessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities
thereof. [25] And *so* it was at the begin-
ning of their dwelling there, *that* they
feared not the LORD: therefore the
LORD sent lions among them, which
slew *some* of them. [26] Wherefore they
spake to the king of Assyria, saying,
The nations which thou hast removed,

and placed in the cities of Samaria,
know not the manner of the God of
the land: therefore he hath sent li-
ons among them, and, behold, they
slay them, because they know not the
manner of the God of the land. [27] Then
the king of Assyria commanded, say-
ing, Carry thither one of the priests
whom ye brought from thence; and let
them go and dwell there, and let him
teach them the manner of the God of
the land. [28] Then one of the priests
whom they had carried away from
Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and
taught them how they should fear the
LORD. [29] Howbeit every nation made

gods of their own, and put *them* in the
houses of the high places which the
Samaritans had made, every nation in
their cities wherein they dwelt. [30] And
the men of Babylon made Succoth-
benoth, and the men of Cuth made
Nergal, and the men of Hamath made
Ashima, [31] And the Avites made Nib-
haz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites
burnt their children in fire to Adram-
melech and Anammelech, the gods
of Sepharvaim. [32] So they feared the
LORD, and made unto themselves of
the lowest of them priests of the high
places, which sacrificed for them in
the houses of the high places. [33] They

feared the LORD, and served their own
gods, after the manner of the nations
whom they carried away from thence.*
34 Unto this day they do after the for-
mer manners: they fear not the LORD,
neither do they after their statutes, or
after their ordinances, or after the law
and commandment which the LORD
commanded the children of Jacob,
whom he named Israel; 35 With whom
the LORD had made a covenant, and
charged them, saying, Ye shall not
fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to
them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to

33. whom...: or, who carried them away from thence.

them: [36] But the LORD, who brought
you up out of the land of Egypt with
great power and a stretched out arm,
him shall ye fear, and him shall ye
worship, and to him shall ye do sac-
rifice. [37] And the statutes, and the or-
dinances, and the law, and the com-
mandment, which he wrote for you,
ye shall observe to do for evermore;
and ye shall not fear other gods. [38] And
the covenant that I have made with
you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye
fear other gods. [39] But the LORD your
God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver
you out of the hand of all your ene-
mies. [40] Howbeit they did not hear-

ken, but they did after their former
manner. [41] So these nations feared the
LORD, and served their graven images,
both their children, and their chil-
dren's children: as did their fathers, so
do they unto this day.

18 Now it came to pass in the
third year of Hoshea son of Elah king
of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of
Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.*
[2] Twenty and five years old was he
when he began to reign; and he
reigned twenty and nine years in Je-
rusalem. His mother's name also

18.1. Hezekiah: he is called Ezekias.

was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.*
3 And he did *that which was* right in
the sight of the LORD, according to
all that David his father did. 4 He
removed the high places, and brake
the images, and cut down the groves,
and brake in pieces the brasen serpent
that Moses had made: for unto those
days the children of Israel did burn in-
cense to it: and he called it Nehush-
tan.* 5 He trusted in the LORD God
of Israel; so that after him was none
like him among all the kings of Ju-

2. Abi: also called, Abijah.
4. images: Heb. statues. Nehushtan: that is, A piece of brass.

dah, nor *any* that were before him.
6 For he clave to the LORD, *and* de-
parted not from following him, but
kept his commandments, which the
LORD commanded Moses.* 7 And the
LORD was with him; *and* he prospered
whithersoever he went forth: and he
rebelled against the king of Assyria,
and served him not. 8 He smote the
Philistines, *even* unto Gaza, and the
borders thereof, from the tower of the
watchmen to the fenced city.* 9 And
it came to pass in the fourth year of
king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh

6. from...: Heb. from after him.
8. Gaza: Heb. Azzah.

year of Hoshea son of Elah king of
Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of As-
syria came up against Samaria, and be-
sieged it. [10] And at the end of three
years they took it: *even* in the sixth
year of Hezekiah, that *is* the ninth year
of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was
taken. [11] And the king of Assyria did
carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put
them in Halah and in Habor *by* the
river of Gozan, and in the cities of
the Medes: [12] Because they obeyed not
the voice of the LORD their God, but
transgressed his covenant, *and* all that
Moses the servant of the LORD com-
manded, and would not hear *them*, nor

do *them*. [13] Now in the fourteenth year
of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib
king of Assyria come up against all
the fenced cities of Judah, and took
them.* [14] And Hezekiah king of Judah
sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish,
saying, I have offended; return from
me: that which thou puttest on me
will I bear. And the king of Assyria
appointed unto Hezekiah king of Ju-
dah three hundred talents of silver and
thirty talents of gold. [15] And Hezekiah
gave *him* all the silver that was found
in the house of the LORD, and in the
treasures of the king's house. [16] At that

13. Sennacherib: Heb. Sanherib.

time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from*
the doors of the temple of the LORD,
and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah
king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it
to the king of Assyria.* 17 And the king
of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris
and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king
Hezekiah with a great host against Je-
rusalem. And they went up and came
to Jerusalem. And when they were
come up, they came and stood by the
conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in
the highway of the fuller's field.* 18 And
when they had called to the king, there

16. it: Heb. them.
17. great: Heb. heavy.

came out to them Eliakim the son of
Hilkiah, which *was* over the house-
hold, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah
the son of Asaph the recorder.* 19 And
Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye
now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great
king, the king of Assyria, What con-
fidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?
20 Thou sayest, (but *they are but* vain
words,) *I have* counsel and strength
for the war. Now on whom dost thou
trust, that thou rebellest against me?*

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18. scribe: or, secretary.

20. sayest: or, talkest. vain...: Heb. word of the lips. I have...: or, but counsel and strength are for the war.

21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the
staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon
Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will
go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is*
Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that
trust on him.* 22 But if ye say unto me,
We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not
that he, whose high places and whose
altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and
hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye
shall worship before this altar in Jeru-
salem? 23 Now therefore, I pray thee,
give pledges to my lord the king of As-
syria, and I will deliver thee two thou-
sand horses, if thou be able on thy

21. trustest: Heb. trustest thee.

part to set riders upon them.* [24] How
then wilt thou turn away the face of
one captain of the least of my master's
servants, and put thy trust on Egypt
for chariots and for horsemen? [25] Am
I now come up without the LORD
against this place to destroy it? The
LORD said to me, Go up against this
land, and destroy it. [26] Then said Eli-
akim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna,
and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I
pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian
language; for we understand *it*: and
talk not with us in the Jews' language
in the ears of the people that *are* on the

23. pledges: or, hostages.

wall. [27] But Rabshakeh said unto them,
Hath my master sent me to thy mas-
ter, and to thee, to speak these words?
hath he not *sent me* to the men which
sit on the wall, that they may eat their
own dung, and drink their own piss
with you?* [28] Then Rabshakeh stood
and cried with a loud voice in the Jews'
language, and spake, saying, Hear the
word of the great king, the king of As-
syria: [29] Thus saith the king, Let not
Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not
be able to deliver you out of his hand:
[30] Neither let Hezekiah make you trust
in the LORD, saying, The LORD will

27. their own piss: Heb. the water of their feet.

surely deliver us, and this city shall
not be delivered into the hand of the
king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to
Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of
Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me
by a present, and come out to me,
and *then* eat ye every man of his own
vine, and every one of his fig tree, and
drink ye every one the waters of his
cistern:* 32 Until I come and take you
away to a land like your own land, a
land of corn and wine, a land of bread
and vineyards, a land of oil olive and
of honey, that ye may live, and not

31. Make...: or, Seek my favour: Heb. Make with me a blessing. cistern: or, pit.

die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah,
when he persuadeth you, saying, The
LORD will deliver us.* 33 Hath any of
the gods of the nations delivered at all
his land out of the hand of the king
of Assyria? 34 Where *are* the gods of
Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are*
the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and
Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out
of mine hand? 35 Who *are* they among
all the gods of the countries, that have
delivered their country out of mine
hand, that the LORD should deliver
Jerusalem out of mine hand? 36 But
the people held their peace, and an-

32. persuadeth: or, deceiveth.

swered him not a word: for the king's
commandment was, saying, Answer
him not. 37 Then came Eliakim the
son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the
household, and Shebna the scribe, and
Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to
Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and
told him the words of Rabshakeh.

19 And it came to pass, when
king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent
his clothes, and covered himself with
sackcloth, and went into the house of
the LORD. 2 And he sent Eliakim,
which *was* over the household, and
Shebna the scribe, and the elders of

the priests, covered with sackcloth, to
Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.
3 And they said unto him, Thus saith
Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trou-
ble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for
the children are come to the birth, and
there is not strength to bring forth.* 4 It
may be the LORD thy God will hear
all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the
king of Assyria his master hath sent to
reproach the living God; and will re-
prove the words which the LORD thy
God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy*
prayer for the remnant that are left.*

19.3. blasphemy: or, provocation.
4. left: Heb. found.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah
came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto
them, Thus shall ye say to your mas-
ter, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid
of the words which thou hast heard,
with which the servants of the king of
Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Be-
hold, I will send a blast upon him,
and he shall hear a rumour, and shall
return to his own land; and I will
cause him to fall by the sword in his
own land. 8 So Rabshakeh returned,
and found the king of Assyria warring
against Libnah: for he had heard that
he was departed from Lachish. 9 And
when he heard say of Tirhakah king

of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out
to fight against thee: he sent mes-
sengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,
10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king
of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in
whom thou trustest deceive thee, say-
ing, Jerusalem shall not be delivered
into the hand of the king of Assyria.
11 Behold, thou hast heard what the
kings of Assyria have done to all lands,
by destroying them utterly: and shalt
thou be delivered? 12 Have the gods
of the nations delivered them which
my fathers have destroyed; *as* Gozan,
and Haran, and Rezeph, and the chil-
dren of Eden which *were* in Thelasar?

13 Where *is* the king of Hamath, and
the king of Arpad, and the king of
the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and
Ivah? 14 And Hezekiah received the let-
ter of the hand of the messengers, and
read it: and Hezekiah went up into
the house of the LORD, and spread
it before the LORD. 15 And Hezekiah
prayed before the LORD, and said, O
LORD God of Israel, which dwellest
between the cherubims, thou art the
God, *even* thou alone, of all the king-
doms of the earth; thou hast made
heaven and earth. 16 LORD, bow down
thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine
eyes, and see: and hear the words of

Sennacherib, which hath sent him to
reproach the living God. 17 Of a truth,
LORD, the kings of Assyria have de-
stroyed the nations and their lands,
18 And have cast their gods into the fire:
for they *were* no gods, but the work of
men's hands, wood and stone: there-
fore they have destroyed them.* 19 Now
therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech
thee, save thou us out of his hand,
that all the kingdoms of the earth may
know that thou *art* the LORD God,
even thou only. 20 Then Isaiah the
son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, say-
ing, Thus saith the LORD God of Is-

18. cast: Heb. given.

rael, *That* which thou hast prayed to
me against Sennacherib king of As-
syria I have heard. [21] This *is* the word
that the LORD hath spoken concern-
ing him; The virgin the daughter of
Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed
thee to scorn; the daughter of Jeru-
salem hath shaken her head at thee.
[22] Whom hast thou reproached and
blasphemed? and against whom hast
thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up
thine eyes on high? *even* against the
Holy *One* of Israel. [23] By thy messen-
gers thou hast reproached the Lord,
and hast said, With the multitude of
my chariots I am come up to the

height of the mountains, to the sides
of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall
cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice fir
trees thereof: and I will enter into the
lodgings of his borders, *and into* the
forest of his Carmel.* 24 I have digged
and drunk strange waters, and with
the sole of my feet have I dried up all
the rivers of besieged places.* 25 Hast
thou not heard long ago *how* I have
done it, *and* of ancient times that I
have formed it? now have I brought
it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay

23. By: Heb. By the hand of. tall...: Heb. tallness, etc. of his Carmel: or, and his fruitful field.
24. besieged: or, fenced.

waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.*
26 Therefore their inhabitants were of
small power, they were dismayed and
confounded; they were *as* the grass
of the field, and *as* the green herb,
as the grass on the housetops, and *as*
corn blasted before it be grown up.*
27 But I know thy abode, and thy go-
ing out, and thy coming in, and thy
rage against me.* 28 Because thy rage
against me and thy tumult is come

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25. long...: or, how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste, and fenced cities to be ruinous heaps?.
26. of small...: Heb. short of hand.
27. abode: or, sitting.

up into mine ears, therefore I will put
my hook in thy nose, and my bridle
in thy lips, and I will turn thee back
by the way by which thou camest.
29 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee,
Ye shall eat this year such things as
grow of themselves, and in the second
year that which springeth of the same;
and in the third year sow ye, and reap,
and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits
thereof. 30 And the remnant that is es-
caped of the house of Judah shall yet
again take root downward, and bear
fruit upward.* 31 For out of Jerusalem

30. remnant...: Heb. escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.

shall go forth a remnant, and they that
escape out of mount Zion: the zeal
of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this.*
32 Therefore thus saith the LORD con-
cerning the king of Assyria, He shall
not come into this city, nor shoot an
arrow there, nor come before it with
shield, nor cast a bank against it. 33 By
the way that he came, by the same shall
he return, and shall not come into this
city, saith the LORD. 34 For I will de-
fend this city, to save it, for mine own
sake, and for my servant David's sake.
35 And it came to pass that night, that
the angel of the LORD went out, and

31. they...: Heb. the escaping.

smote in the camp of the Assyrians
an hundred fourscore and five thou-
sand: and when they arose early in
the morning, behold, they *were* all
dead corpses. 36 So Sennacherib king
of Assyria departed, and went and re-
turned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And
it came to pass, as he was worship-
ping in the house of Nisroch his god,
that Adrammelech and Sharezer his
sons smote him with the sword: and
they escaped into the land of Arme-
nia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned
in his stead.*

37. Armenia: Heb. Ararat.

20 In those days was Hezekiah sick
unto death. And the prophet Isa-
iah the son of Amoz came to him,
and said unto him, Thus saith the
LORD, Set thine house in order; for
thou shalt die, and not live.* 2 Then he
turned his face to the wall, and prayed
unto the LORD, saying, 3 I beseech
thee, O LORD, remember now how I
have walked before thee in truth and
with a perfect heart, and have done
that which is good in thy sight. And
Hezekiah wept sore.* 4 And it came

20.1. Set...: Heb. Give charge concerning thine house.

3. sore: Heb. with a great weeping.

to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into
the middle court, that the word of the
LORD came to him, saying,* 5 Turn
again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of
my people, Thus saith the LORD, the
God of David thy father, I have heard
thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: be-
hold, I will heal thee: on the third day
thou shalt go up unto the house of the
LORD. 6 And I will add unto thy days
fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and
this city out of the hand of the king
of Assyria; and I will defend this city
for mine own sake, and for my servant
David's sake. 7 And Isaiah said, Take a

4. court: or, city.

lump of figs. And they took and laid *it*
on the boil, and he recovered. 8 And
Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What *shall*
be the sign that the LORD will heal me,
and that I shall go up into the house of
the LORD the third day? 9 And Isaiah
said, This sign shalt thou have of the
LORD, that the LORD will do the thing
that he hath spoken: shall the shadow
go forward ten degrees, or go back ten
degrees? 10 And Hezekiah answered,
It is a light thing for the shadow to
go down ten degrees: nay, but let the
shadow return backward ten degrees.
11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto
the LORD: and he brought the shadow

ten degrees backward, by which it had
gone down in the dial of Ahaz.* 12 At
that time Berodachbaladan, the son
of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent let-
ters and a present unto Hezekiah: for
he had heard that Hezekiah had been
sick.* 13 And Hezekiah hearkened unto
them, and shewed them all the house
of his precious things, the silver, and
the gold, and the spices, and the pre-
cious ointment, and *all* the house of
his armour, and all that was found in
his treasures: there was nothing in his
house, nor in all his dominion, that

11. dial: Heb. degrees.
12. Berodachbaladan: or, Merodachbaladan.

Hezekiah shewed them not.* 14 Then
came Isaiah the prophet unto king
Hezekiah, and said unto him, What
said these men? and from whence
came they unto thee? And Hezekiah
said, They are come from a far coun-
try, *even* from Babylon. 15 And he said,
What have they seen in thine house?
And Hezekiah answered, All *the things*
that *are* in mine house have they seen:
there is nothing among my treasures
that I have not shewed them. 16 And
Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the
word of the LORD. 17 Behold, the days

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13. precious things: or, spicery. armour: or, jewels: Heb. vessels.

come, that all that *is* in thine house,
and that which thy fathers have laid
up in store unto this day, shall be car-
ried into Babylon: nothing shall be
left, saith the LORD. 18 And of thy sons
that shall issue from thee, which thou
shalt beget, shall they take away; and
they shall be eunuchs in the palace
of the king of Babylon. 19 Then said
Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the
word of the LORD which thou hast
spoken. And he said, *Is it* not *good*, if
peace and truth be in my days?* 20 And
the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and

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19. Is it...: or, Shall there not be peace and truth, etc.

all his might, and how he made a pool,
and a conduit, and brought water into
the city, *are* they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Judah? [21] And Hezekiah slept with his
fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned
in his stead.

21 Manasseh *was* twelve years old
when he began to reign, and reigned
fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And
his mother's name *was* Hephzibah.
[2] And he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD, after the abom-
inations of the heathen, whom the
LORD cast out before the children of
Israel. [3] For he built up again the

high places which Hezekiah his father
had destroyed; and he reared up al-
tars for Baal, and made a grove, as
did Ahab king of Israel; and wor-
shipped all the host of heaven, and
served them. 4 And he built altars in
the house of the LORD, of which the
LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my
name. 5 And he built altars for all the
host of heaven in the two courts of the
house of the LORD. 6 And he made
his son pass through the fire, and ob-
served times, and used enchantments,
and dealt with familiar spirits and wiz-
ards: he wrought much wickedness in
the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him*

to anger. 7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: 8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD

destroyed before the children of Is-
rael. [10] And the LORD spake by his ser-
vants the prophets, saying, [11] Because
Manasseh king of Judah hath done
these abominations, *and* hath done
wickedly above all that the Amorites
did, which *were* before him, and hath
made Judah also to sin with his idols:
[12] Therefore thus saith the LORD God
of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing *such*
evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that
whosoever heareth of it, both his ears
shall tingle. [13] And I will stretch over
Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the
plummet of the house of Ahab: and I
will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipeth

a dish, wiping *it*, and turning *it* up-
side down.* [14] And I will forsake the
remnant of mine inheritance, and de-
liver them into the hand of their ene-
mies; and they shall become a prey and
a spoil to all their enemies; [15] Because
they have done *that which was* evil in
my sight, and have provoked me to
anger, since the day their fathers came
forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.
[16] Moreover Manasseh shed innocent
blood very much, till he had filled Je-
rusalem from one end to another; be-
side his sin wherewith he made Judah

21.13. wiping...: Heb. he wipeth and turneth it upon the face thereof.

to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD.* [17] Now the rest
of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he
did, and his sin that he sinned, *are* they
not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [18] And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was
buried in the garden of his own house,
in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his
son reigned in his stead. [19] Amon *was*
twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years
in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was Meshullemeth, the daughter of
Haruz of Jotbah. [20] And he did *that*

16. from...: Heb. from mouth to mouth.

which was evil in the sight of the LORD,
as his father Manasseh did. [21] And
he walked in all the way that his fa-
ther walked in, and served the idols
that his father served, and worshipped
them: [22] And he forsook the LORD
God of his fathers, and walked not in
the way of the LORD. [23] And the ser-
vants of Amon conspired against him,
and slew the king in his own house.
[24] And the people of the land slew all
them that had conspired against king
Amon; and the people of the land
made Josiah his son king in his stead.
[25] Now the rest of the acts of Amon
which he did, *are* they not written in

the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah? [26] And he was buried in his
sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and
Josiah his son reigned in his stead.*

22 Josiah *was* eight years old when
he began to reign, and he reigned
thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And
his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the
daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. [2] And
he did *that which was* right in the sight
of the LORD, and walked in all the
way of David his father, and turned
not aside to the right hand or to the
left. [3] And it came to pass in the eigh-

26. Josiah: Gr. Josias.

teenth year of king Josiah, *that* the
king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah,
the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to
the house of the LORD, saying, [4] Go
up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he
may sum the silver which is brought
into the house of the LORD, which
the keepers of the door have gathered
of the people:* [5] And let them deliver
it into the hand of the doers of the
work, that have the oversight of the
house of the LORD: and let them give
it to the doers of the work which *is*
in the house of the LORD, to repair
the breaches of the house, [6] Unto car-

22.4. door: Heb. threshold.

penters, and builders, and masons, and
to buy timber and hewn stone to re-
pair the house. 7 Howbeit there was
no reckoning made with them of the
money that was delivered into their
hand, because they dealt faithfully.
8 And Hilkiah the high priest said
unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found
the book of the law in the house of the
LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book
to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 And
Shaphan the scribe came to the king,
and brought the king word again, and
said, Thy servants have gathered the
money that was found in the house,
and have delivered it into the hand of

them that do the work, that have the
oversight of the house of the LORD.*
10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the
king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath
delivered me a book. And Shaphan
read it before the king. 11 And it came
to pass, when the king had heard the
words of the book of the law, that
he rent his clothes. 12 And the king
commanded Hilkiah the priest, and
Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Ach-
bor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan
the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the
king's, saying,* 13 Go ye, enquire of the

9. gathered: Heb. melted.
12. Achbor: Abdon. Michaiah: or, Micah.

LORD for me, and for the people, and
for all Judah, concerning the words of
this book that is found: for great *is*
the wrath of the LORD that is kindled
against us, because our fathers have
not hearkened unto the words of this
book, to do according unto all that
which is written concerning us. 14 So
Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and
Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah,
went unto Huldah the prophetess, the
wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the
son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe;
(now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the
college;) and they communed with

her.* [15] And she said unto them, Thus
saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell
the man that sent you to me, [16] Thus
saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring
evil upon this place, and upon the in-
habitants thereof, *even* all the words
of the book which the king of Judah
hath read: [17] Because they have for-
saken me, and have burned incense
unto other gods, that they might pro-
voke me to anger with all the works of
their hands; therefore my wrath shall
be kindled against this place, and shall
not be quenched. [18] But to the king

14. wardrobe: Heb. garments. in the...: or, in the second part.

of Judah which sent you to enquire
of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him,
Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As*
touching the words which thou hast
heard; [19] Because thine heart was ten-
der, and thou hast humbled thyself be-
fore the LORD, when thou heardest
what I spake against this place, and
against the inhabitants thereof, that
they should become a desolation and
a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and
wept before me; I also have heard *thee*,
saith the LORD. [20] Behold therefore, I
will gather thee unto thy fathers, and
thou shalt be gathered into thy grave
in peace; and thine eyes shall not see

all the evil which I will bring upon
this place. And they brought the king
word again.

23 And the king sent, and they
gathered unto him all the elders of
Judah and of Jerusalem. 2 And the
king went up into the house of the
LORD, and all the men of Judah and
all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with
him, and the priests, and the proph-
ets, and all the people, both small and
great: and he read in their ears all the
words of the book of the covenant
which was found in the house of the

LORD.* 3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the
LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to
keep his commandments and his tes-
timonies and his statutes with all *their*
heart and all *their* soul, to perform the
words of this covenant that were writ-
ten in this book. And all the people
stood to the covenant. 4 And the king
commanded Hilkiah the high priest,
and the priests of the second order,
and the keepers of the door, to bring
forth out of the temple of the LORD
all the vessels that were made for Baal,
and for the grove, and for all the host

23.2. both...: Heb. from small even unto great.

of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. 5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.* 6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD,

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5. put...: Heb. caused to cease. idolatrous...: Heb. Chemarim. planets: or, twelve signs or, constellations.

without Jerusalem, unto the brook
Kidron, and burned it at the brook
Kidron, and stamped *it* small to pow-
der, and cast the powder thereof upon
the graves of the children of the peo-
ple. 7 And he brake down the houses
of the sodomites, that *were* by the
house of the LORD, where the women
wove hangings for the grove.* 8 And
he brought all the priests out of the
cities of Judah, and defiled the high
places where the priests had burned in-
cense, from Geba to Beersheba, and
brake down the high places of the
gates that *were* in the entering in of

7. hangings: Heb. houses.

the gate of Joshua the governor of the
city, which *were* on a man's left hand
at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless
the priests of the high places came not
up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusa-
lem, but they did eat of the unleavened
bread among their brethren. 10 And he
defiled Topheth, which *is* in the val-
ley of the children of Hinnom, that no
man might make his son or his daugh-
ter to pass through the fire to Molech.
11 And he took away the horses that the
kings of Judah had given to the sun,
at the entering in of the house of the
LORD, by the chamber of Nathanm-
elech the chamberlain, which *was* in

the suburbs, and burned the chariots
of the sun with fire.* 12 And the al-
tars that *were* on the top of the up-
per chamber of Ahaz, which the kings
of Judah had made, and the altars
which Manasseh had made in the two
courts of the house of the LORD, did
the king beat down, and brake *them*
down from thence, and cast the dust of
them into the brook Kidron.* 13 And
the high places that *were* before Jeru-
salem, which *were* on the right hand of
the mount of corruption, which Solo-
mon the king of Israel had builded for

11. chamberlain: or, eunuch, or, officer.
12. brake...: or, ran from thence.

Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zi-
donians, and for Chemosh the abom-
ination of the Moabites, and for Mil-
com the abomination of the children
of Ammon, did the king defile.* 14 And
he brake in pieces the images, and
cut down the groves, and filled their
places with the bones of men.* 15 More-
over the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and*
the high place which Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, who made Israel to
sin, had made, both that altar and
the high place he brake down, and
burned the high place, *and* stamped

13. the mount...: that is, the mount of Olives.
14. images: Heb. statues.

it small to powder, and burned the
grove. [16] And as Josiah turned him-
self, he spied the sepulchres that *were*
there in the mount, and sent, and took
the bones out of the sepulchres, and
burned *them* upon the altar, and pol-
luted it, according to the word of the
LORD which the man of God pro-
claimed, who proclaimed these words.
[17] Then he said, What title *is* that that
I see? And the men of the city told
him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man
of God, which came from Judah, and
proclaimed these things that thou hast
done against the altar of Bethel. [18] And
he said, Let him alone; let no man

move his bones. So they let his bones
alone, with the bones of the prophet
that came out of Samaria.* [19] And all
the houses also of the high places that
were in the cities of Samaria, which
the kings of Israel had made to pro-
voke *the LORD* to anger, Josiah took
away, and did to them according to
all the acts that he had done in Bethel.
[20] And he slew all the priests of the high
places that *were* there upon the altars,
and burned men's bones upon them,
and returned to Jerusalem.* [21] And the
king commanded all the people, say-

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18. bones alone: Heb. bones to escape.
20. slew: or, sacrificed.

ing, Keep the passover unto the LORD
your God, as *it is* written in the book
of this covenant. [22] Surely there was
not holden such a passover from the
days of the judges that judged Israel,
nor in all the days of the kings of Is-
rael, nor of the kings of Judah; [23] But
in the eighteenth year of king Josiah,
wherein this passover was holden to
the LORD in Jerusalem. [24] Moreover
the *workers with* familiar spirits, and
the wizards, and the images, and the
idols, and all the abominations that
were spied in the land of Judah and in
Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he
might perform the words of the law

which were written in the book that
Hilkiah the priest found in the house
of the LORD.* 25 And like unto him was
there no king before him, that turned
to the LORD with all his heart, and
with all his soul, and with all his might,
according to all the law of Moses; nei-
ther after him arose there *any* like him.
26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned
not from the fierceness of his great
wrath, wherewith his anger was kin-
dled against Judah, because of all the
provocations that Manasseh had pro-
voked him withal.* 27 And the LORD

24. images: or, teraphim.
26. provocations: Heb. angers.

said, I will remove Judah also out of my
sight, as I have removed Israel, and will
cast off this city Jerusalem which I have
chosen, and the house of which I said,
My name shall be there. [28] Now the
rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he
did, *are* they not written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
[29] In his days Pharaohnechoh king of
Egypt went up against the king of As-
syria to the river Euphrates: and king
Josiah went against him; and he slew
him at Megiddo, when he had seen
him. [30] And his servants carried him
in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and
brought him to Jerusalem, and buried

him in his own sepulchre. And the
people of the land took Jehoahaz the
son of Josiah, and anointed him, and
made him king in his father's stead.
31 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years
old when he began to reign; and he
reigned three months in Jerusalem.
And his mother's name *was* Hamu-
tal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib-
nah.* 32 And he did *that which was* evil
in the sight of the LORD, according to
all that his fathers had done. 33 And
Pharaohnechoh put him in bands at
Riblah in the land of Hamath, that
he might not reign in Jerusalem; and

31. Jehoahaz: also called, Shallum.

put the land to a tribute of an hundred
talents of silver, and a talent of gold.*
34 And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim
the son of Josiah king in the room
of Josiah his father, and turned his
name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoa-
haz away: and he came to Egypt, and
died there. 35 And Jehoiakim gave the
silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but
he taxed the land to give the money
according to the commandment of
Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the
gold of the people of the land, of every
one according to his taxation, to give

33. that...: or, because he reigned. put the...: Heb. set a fine upon the land.

it unto Pharaohnechoh. [36] Jehoiakim
was twenty and five years old when he
began to reign; and he reigned eleven
years in Jerusalem. And his mother's
name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of
Pedaiah of Rumah. [37] And he did *that*
which was evil in the sight of the LORD,
according to all that his fathers had
done.

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon came up, and Je-
hoiakim became his servant three
years: then he turned and rebelled
against him. [2] And the LORD sent
against him bands of the Chaldees,
and bands of the Syrians, and bands

of the Moabites, and bands of the
children of Ammon, and sent them
against Judah to destroy it, accord-
ing to the word of the LORD, which
he spake by his servants the proph-
ets.* 3 Surely at the commandment of
the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to
remove *them* out of his sight, for the
sins of Manasseh, according to all that
he did; 4 And also for the innocent
blood that he shed: for he filled Je-
rusalem with innocent blood; which
the LORD would not pardon. 5 Now
the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and
all that he did, *are* they not written in

24.2. by: Heb. by the hand of.

the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah? 6 So Jehoiakim slept with
his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son
reigned in his stead. 7 And the king
of Egypt came not again any more out
of his land: for the king of Babylon
had taken from the river of Egypt unto
the river Euphrates all that pertained
to the king of Egypt. 8 Jehoiachin
was eighteen years old when he be-
gan to reign, and he reigned in Jeru-
salem three months. And his mother's
name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of
Elnathan of Jerusalem.* 9 And he did
that which was evil in the sight of the

8. Jehoiachin: also called Jeconiah and Coniah.

LORD, according to all that his father
had done. 10 At that time the servants
of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
came up against Jerusalem, and the
city was besieged.* 11 And Nebuchad-
nezzar king of Babylon came against
the city, and his servants did besiege
it. 12 And Jehoiachin the king of Ju-
dah went out to the king of Babylon,
he, and his mother, and his servants,
and his princes, and his officers: and
the king of Babylon took him in the
eighth year of his reign.* 13 And he car-

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10. was...: Heb. came into siege.

12. officers: or, eunuchs. his reign: Nebuchadnezzar's eighth year.

ried out thence all the treasures of the
house of the LORD, and the treasures
of the king's house, and cut in pieces
all the vessels of gold which Solomon
king of Israel had made in the tem-
ple of the LORD, as the LORD had
said. 14 And he carried away all Jeru-
salem, and all the princes, and all the
mighty men of valour, *even* ten thou-
sand captives, and all the craftsmen
and smiths: none remained, save the
poorest sort of the people of the land.
15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to
Babylon, and the king's mother, and
the king's wives, and his officers, and
the mighty of the land, *those* carried he

into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.* [16] And all the men of might, *even*
seven thousand, and craftsmen and
smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong
and apt for war, even them the king
of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. [17] And the king of Babylon made
Mattaniah his father's brother king in
his stead, and changed his name to
Zedekiah. [18] Zedekiah *was* twenty and
one years old when he began to reign,
and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was*
Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of
Libnah. [19] And he did *that which was*

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15. officers: or, eunuchs.

evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.
20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

25 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.
2 And the city was besieged unto the

eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3 And
on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month
the famine prevailed in the city, and
there was no bread for the people of
the land. 4 And the city was broken
up, and all the men of war *fled* by night
by the way of the gate between two
walls, which *is* by the king's garden:
(now the Chaldees *were* against the
city round about:) and *the king* went
the way toward the plain. 5 And the
army of the Chaldees pursued after the
king, and overtook him in the plains
of Jericho: and all his army were scat-
tered from him. 6 So they took the
king, and brought him up to the king

of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave
judgment upon him.* 7 And they slew
the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes,
and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and
bound him with fetters of brass, and
carried him to Babylon.* 8 And in the
fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the
month, which *is* the nineteenth year
of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Baby-
lon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the
guard, a servant of the king of Baby-
lon, unto Jerusalem:* 9 And he burnt
the house of the LORD, and the king's

25.6. gave...: Heb. spake judgment with him.
7. put...: Heb. made blind.
8. captain...: or, chief marshal.

house, and all the houses of Jerusalem,
and every great *man's* house burnt he
with fire. [10] And all the army of the
Chaldees, that *were with* the captain
of the guard, brake down the walls
of Jerusalem round about. [11] Now the
rest of the people *that were* left in the
city, and the fugitives that fell away to
the king of Babylon, with the remnant
of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan
the captain of the guard carry away.*
[12] But the captain of the guard left of
the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers
and husbandmen. [13] And the pillars
of brass that *were* in the house of the

11. fugitives: Heb. fallen away.

LORD, and the bases, and the brasen
sea that *was* in the house of the LORD,
did the Chaldees break in pieces, and
carried the brass of them to Babylon.
14 And the pots, and the shovels, and
the snuffers, and the spoons, and all
the vessels of brass wherewith they
ministered, took they away. 15 And
the firepans, and the bowls, *and* such
things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and
of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the
guard took away. 16 The two pillars,
one sea, and the bases which Solo-
mon had made for the house of the
LORD; the brass of all these vessels was

without weight.* 17 The height of the
one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the
chapiter upon it *was* brass: and the
height of the chapiter three cubits; and
the wreathen work, and pomegranates
upon the chapiter round about, all of
brass: and like unto these had the sec-
ond pillar with wreathen work. 18 And
the captain of the guard took Sera-
iah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the
second priest, and the three keepers
of the door:* 19 And out of the city
he took an officer that was set over
the men of war, and five men of them

16. one...: Heb. the one sea.
18. door: Heb. threshold.

that were in the king's presence, which
were found in the city, and the princi-
pal scribe of the host, which mustered
the people of the land, and threescore
men of the people of the land *that were*
found in the city:* [20] And Nebuzaradan
captain of the guard took these, and
brought them to the king of Babylon
to Riblah: [21] And the king of Baby-
lon smote them, and slew them at Ri-
blah in the land of Hamath. So Ju-
dah was carried away out of their land.
[22] And *as for* the people that remained

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19. officer: or, eunuch. were in...: Heb. saw the king's face. principal...: or, scribe of the captain of the host.

in the land of Judah, whom Neb-
uchadnezzar king of Babylon had left,
even over them he made Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,
ruler. [23] And when all the captains
of the armies, they and their men,
heard that the king of Babylon had
made Gedaliah governor, there came
to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the
son of Careah, and Seraiah the son
of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and
Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite,
they and their men. [24] And Gedaliah
sware to them, and to their men, and
said unto them, Fear not to be the ser-

vants of the Chaldees: dwell in the
land, and serve the king of Babylon;
and it shall be well with you. 25 But
it came to pass in the seventh month,
that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah,
the son of Elishama, of the seed royal,
came, and ten men with him, and
smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the
Jews and the Chaldees that were with
him at Mizpah.* 26 And all the peo-
ple, both small and great, and the cap-
tains of the armies, arose, and came
to Egypt: for they were afraid of the
Chaldees. 27 And it came to pass in
the seven and thirtieth year of the

25. royal: Heb. of the kingdom.

captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah,
in the twelfth month, on the seven
and twentieth *day* of the month, *that*
Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the
year that he began to reign did lift up
the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah
out of prison; [28] And he spake kindly
to him, and set his throne above the
throne of the kings that *were* with him
in Babylon;* [29] And changed his prison
garments: and he did eat bread con-
tinually before him all the days of his
life. [30] And his allowance *was* a contin-
ual allowance given him of the king, a
daily rate for every day, all the days of

28. kindly...: Heb. good things with him.

his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE
CHRONICLES

Adam, Sheth, Enosh, 2 Kenan,
Mahalaleel, Jered, 3 Henoch,
Methuselah, Lamech, 4 Noah,
Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5 The sons
of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and
Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and
Meshech, and Tiras. 6 And the sons
of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath,
and Togarmah.* 7 And the sons of Ja-
van; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim,
and Dodanim.* 8 The sons of Ham;

1.6. Riphath: or, Diphath as it is in some copies.
7. Dodanim: or, Rodanim, according to some

Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.
9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and
Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and
Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah;
Sheba, and Dedan. 10 And Cush be-
gat Nimrod: he began to be mighty
upon the earth. 11 And Mizraim begat
Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim,
and Naphtuhim, 12 And Pathrusim,
and Casluhim, (of whom came the
Philistines,) and Caphthorim. 13 And
Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn,
and Heth, 14 The Jebusite also, and
the Amorite, and the Girgashite,
15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite,

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and the Sinite, [16] And the Arvadite,
and the Zemarite, and the Hamath-
ite. [17] The sons of Shem; Elam, and
Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and
Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether,
and Meshech.* [18] And Arphaxad begat
Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. [19] And
unto Eber were born two sons: the
name of the one *was* Peleg; because
in his days the earth was divided: and
his brother's name *was* Joktan.* [20] And
Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph,
and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, [21] Hado-
ram also, and Uzal, and Diklah, [22] And

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17. Meshech: or, Mash.
19. Peleg: that is, division.

Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, [23] And
Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All
these *were* the sons of Joktan. [24] Shem,
Arphaxad, Shelah, [25] Eber, Peleg, Reu,
[26] Serug, Nahor, Terah, [27] Abram; the
same *is* Abraham. [28] The sons of Abra-
ham; Isaac, and Ishmael. [29] These *are*
their generations: The firstborn of
Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and
Adbeel, and Mibsam, [30] Mishma, and
Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,*
[31] Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These
are the sons of Ishmael. [32] Now the
sons of Keturah, Abraham's concu-
bine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan,

30. Hadad: also called, Hadar.

and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak,
and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan;
Sheba, and Dedan. 33 And the sons
of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and
Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All
these *are* the sons of Keturah. 34 And
Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of
Isaac; Esau and Israel. 35 The sons of
Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and
Jaalam, and Korah. 36 The sons of
Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi,
and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and
Amalek.* 37 The sons of Reuel; Na-
hath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
38 And the sons of Seir; Lotan, and

36. Zephi: or, Zepho.

Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and
Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. [39] And
the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Homam:
and Timna *was* Lotan's sister.* [40] The
sons of Shobal; Alian, and Manahath,
and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And
the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.*
[41] The sons of Anah; Dishon. And
the sons of Dishon; Amram, and Es-
hban, and Ithran, and Cheran.* [42] The
sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, *and*
Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and

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39. Homam: or, Hemam.
40. Alian: also called, Alvan. Shephi: also called, Shepho.
41. Amram: or, Hemdan.

Aran.* [43] Now these *are* the kings that
reigned in the land of Edom before
any king reigned over the children
of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and
the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.
[44] And when Bela was dead, Jobab the
son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his
stead. [45] And when Jobab was dead,
Husham of the land of the Teman-
ites reigned in his stead. [46] And when
Husham was dead, Hadad the son of
Bedad, which smote Midian in the
field of Moab, reigned in his stead:
and the name of his city *was* Avith.
[47] And when Hadad was dead, Sam-

42. Jakan: or, Akan.

lah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.
48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul
of Rehoboth by the river reigned in
his stead. 49 And when Shaul was dead,
Baalhanan the son of Achbor reigned
in his stead. 50 And when Baalhanan
was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead:
and the name of his city *was* Pai;
and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel,
the daughter of Matred, the daugh-
ter of Mezahab.* 51 Hadad died also.
And the dukes of Edom were; duke
Timnah, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth,
52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke
Pinon, 53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman,

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50. Hadad: or, Hadar. Pai: or, Pau.

duke Mibzar, 54 Duke Magdiel, duke
Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

2 These *are* the sons of Israel;
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Is-
sachar, and Zebulun,* 2 Dan, Joseph,
and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and
Asher. 3 The sons of Judah; Er, and
Onan, and Shelah: *which* three were
born unto him of the daughter of
Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the
firstborn of Judah, was evil in the
sight of the LORD; and he slew him.
4 And Tamar his daughter in law bare
him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons

2.1. Israel: or, Jacob.

of Judah *were* five. 5 The sons of
Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul. 6 And
the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan,
and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara:
five of them in all.* 7 And the sons
of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Is-
rael, who transgressed in the thing
accursed.* 8 And the sons of Ethan;
Azariah. 9 The sons also of Hezron,
that were born unto him; Jerahmeel,
and Ram, and Chelubai.* 10 And Ram
begat Amminadab; and Amminadab
begat Nahshon, prince of the chil-

6. Zimri: or, Zabdi. Dara: or, Darda.
7. Achar: or, Achan.
9. Ram: Gr. Aram.

dren of Judah; [11] And Nahshon begat
Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,* [12] And
Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat
Jesse, [13] And Jesse begat his firstborn
Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and
Shimma the third,* [14] Nethaneel the
fourth, Raddai the fifth, [15] Ozem the
sixth, David the seventh: [16] Whose sis-
ters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. And
the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab,
and Asahel, three. [17] And Abigail bare
Amasa: and the father of Amasa *was*
Jether the Ishmeelite.* [18] And Caleb

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11. Salma: also called, Salmon.
13. Shimma: or, Shammah.
17. Jether...: also called, Ithra an Israelite.

the son of Hezron begat *children* of
Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth: her
sons *are* these; Jesher, and Shobab, and
Ardon. [19] And when Azubah was dead,
Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which
bare him Hur. [20] And Hur begat Uri,
and Uri begat Bezaleel. [21] And after-
ward Hezron went in to the daugh-
ter of Machir the father of Gilead,
whom he married when he *was* three-
score years old; and she bare him
Segub.* [22] And Segub begat Jair, who
had three and twenty cities in the land
of Gilead. [23] And he took Geshur, and
Aram, with the towns of Jair, from

21. married: Heb. took.

them, with Kenath, and the towns
thereof, *even* threescore cities. All
these *belonged to* the sons of Machir
the father of Gilead. 24 And after that
Hezron was dead in Calebephratah,
then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him
Ashur the father of Tekoa. 25 And
the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn
of Hezron were, Ram the firstborn,
and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem,
and Ahijah. 26 Jerahmeel had also an-
other wife, whose name *was* Atarah;
she *was* the mother of Onam. 27 And
the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jer-
ahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and
Eker. 28 And the sons of Onam were,

Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of
Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. [29] And
the name of the wife of Abishur *was*
Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and
Molid. [30] And the sons of Nadab;
Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died
without children. [31] And the sons of
Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi;
Sheshan. And the children of She-
shan; Ahlai. [32] And the sons of Jada
the brother of Shammai; Jether, and
Jonathan: and Jether died without
children. [33] And the sons of Jonathan;
Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons
of Jerahmeel. [34] Now Sheshan had
no sons, but daughters. And She-

shan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose
name *was* Jarha. [35] And Sheshan gave
his daughter to Jarha his servant to
wife; and she bare him Attai. [36] And
Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan be-
gat Zabad, [37] And Zabad begat Ephlal,
and Ephlal begat Obed, [38] And Obed
begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,
[39] And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez
begat Eleasah, [40] And Eleasah begat
Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,
[41] And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and
Jekamiah begat Elishama. [42] Now the
sons of Caleb the brother of Jerah-
meel *were*, Mesha his firstborn, which
was the father of Ziph; and the sons

of Mareshah the father of Hebron.
43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah,
and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.
44 And Shema begat Raham, the fa-
ther of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat
Shammai. 45 And the son of Sham-
mai *was* Maon: and Maon *was* the fa-
ther of Bethzur. 46 And Ephah, Caleb's
concubine, bare Haran, and Moza,
and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.
47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem,
and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet,
and Ephah, and Shaaph. 48 Maachah,
Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and
Tirhanah. 49 She bare also Shaaph the
father of Madmannah, Sheva the fa-

ther of Machbenah, and the father
of Gibea: and the daughter of Caleb
was Achsah. [50] These were the sons
of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-
born of Ephratah; Shobal the father
of Kirjathjearim,* [51] Salma the father
of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of
Bethgader. [52] And Shobal the father of
Kirjathjearim had sons; Haroeh, *and*
half of the Manahethites.* [53] And the
families of Kirjathjearim; the Ithrites,
and the Puhites, and the Shumath-
ites, and the Mishraites; of them

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50. Ephratah: also called, Ephreth.

52. Haroeh: or, Reaiah. half...: or, half of the Menuchites, or, Hatsihammenuchoth.

came the Zareathites, and the Esh-
taulites. [54] The sons of Salma; Bethle-
hem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth,
the house of Joab, and half of the Man-
ahethites, the Zorites.* [55] And the fam-
ilies of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez;
the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and*
Suchathites. These *are* the Kenites
that came of Hemath, the father of the
house of Rechab.

3 Now these were the sons of
David, which were born unto him
in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of
Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second

54. Ataroth...: or, Atarites, or, crowns of the house of Joab.

Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:*
2 The third, Absalom the son of
Maachah the daughter of Talmai king
of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the
son of Haggith: 3 The fifth, Shepha-
tiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by
Eglah his wife. 4 *These* six were born
unto him in Hebron; and there he
reigned seven years and six months:
and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and
three years. 5 And these were born
unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and
Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,
four, of Bathshua the daughter of Am-

3.1. Daniel: or, Chileab.

miel:* 6 Ibhar also, and Elishama, and
Eliphelet,* 7 And Nogah, and Nepheg,
and Japhia, 8 And Elishama, and Eli-
ada, and Eliphelet, nine.* 9 *These were*
all the sons of David, beside the
sons of the concubines, and Tamar
their sister. 10 And Solomon's son
was Rehoboam, Abia his son, Asa
his son, Jehoshaphat his son,* 11 Jo-
ram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash
his son,* 12 Amaziah his son, Azariah

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5. Shimea: or, Shammua. Bathshua: or, Bathsheba. Ammiel: or, Eliam.
6. Elishama: also called, Elishua.
8. Eliada: or, Beeliada.
10. Abia: or, Abijam.
11. Ahaziah: or, Azariah.

his son, Jotham his son,* 13 Ahaz his
son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his
son, 14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.
15 And the sons of Josiah *were*, the first-
born Johanan, the second Jehoiakim,
the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shal-
lum.* 16 And the sons of Jehoiakim:
Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.*
17 And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir,
Salathiel his son,* 18 Malchiram also,
and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah,
Hoshama, and Nedabiah. 19 And the

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12. Azariah: or, Uzziah.

15. Johanan: or, Jehoahaz. Jehoiakim: or, Eliakim. Zedekiah: or, Mattaniah.

16. Jeconiah: also called, Jehoiachin or Coniah.

17. Salathiel: Heb. Shealtiel.

sons of Pedaiah *were*, Zerubbabel, and
Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel;
Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Sh-
elomith their sister: [20] And Hashubah,
and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasa-
diah, Jushabhesed, five. [21] And the
sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesa-
iah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons
of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the
sons of Shechaniah. [22] And the sons of
Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons
of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and
Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.
[23] And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai,
and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.*

23. Hezekiah: Heb. Hiskijah.

24 And the sons of Elioenai *were*, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and
Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah,
and Anani, seven.

4 The sons of Judah; Pharez,
Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and
Shobal.* 2 And Reaiah the son of
Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These
are the families of the Zorathites.*
3 And these *were of* the father of
Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister
was Hazelelponi: 4 And Penuel the fa-

4.1. Carmi: also called, Chelubai or Caleb.
2. Reaiah: or, Haroeh.

ther of Gedor, and Ezer the father of
Hushah. These *are* the sons of Hur,
the firstborn of Ephratah, the father
of Bethlehem. 5 And Ashur the fa-
ther of Tekoa had two wives, Helah
and Naarah. 6 And Naarah bare him
Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni,
and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons
of Naarah. 7 And the sons of Helah
were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.
8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobe-
bah, and the families of Aharhel the
son of Harum. 9 And Jabez was more
honourable than his brethren: and
his mother called his name Jabez, say-

ing, Because I bare him with sorrow.*
10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest
bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast,
and that thine hand might be with me,
and that thou wouldest keep *me* from
evil, that it may not grieve me! And
God granted him that which he requested.* 11 And Chelub the brother
of Shuah begat Mehir, which *was* the
father of Eshton. 12 And Eshton begat Bethrapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Irnahash. These *are*

9. Jabez: that is, Sorrowful.
10. Oh...: Heb. If thou wilt, etc. keep...: Heb. do me.

the men of Rechah.* 13 And the sons
of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and
the sons of Othniel; Hathath.* 14 And
Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Sera-
iah begat Joab, the father of the val-
ley of Charashim; for they were crafts-
men.* 15 And the sons of Caleb the son
of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam:
and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz.*
16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and

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12. Irnahash: or, the city of Nahash.

13. Hathath...: or, Hathath, and Meonothai, who begat, etc.

14. valley: or, inhabitants of the valley. Charashim: that is, craftsmen. Hathath...: or, Hathath, and Meonothai, who begat, etc.

15. even Kenaz: or, Uknaz.

Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. 17 And the
sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered,
and Epher, and Jalon: and she bare
Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah
the father of Eshtemoa. 18 And his
wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of
Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho,
and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.
And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the
daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered
took.* 19 And the sons of *his* wife Ho-
diah the sister of Naham, the father
of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa
the Maachathite.* 20 And the sons of

18. Jehudijah: or, the Jewess.
19. Hodiah: or, Jehudijah, mentioned before.

Shimon *were*, Amnon, and Rinnah,
Benhanan, and Tilon. And the sons
of Ishi *were*, Zoheth, and Benzoheth.
21 The sons of Shelah the son of Ju-
dah *were*, Er the father of Lecah, and
Laadah the father of Mareshah, and
the families of the house of them that
wrought fine linen, of the house of
Ashbea, 22 And Jokim, and the men of
Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who
had the dominion in Moab, and Jashu-
bilehem. And *these are* ancient things.
23 These *were* the potters, and those
that dwelt among plants and hedges:
there they dwelt with the king for his
work. 24 The sons of Simeon *were*, Ne-

muel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, *and*
Shaul:* [25] Shallum his son, Mibsam his
son, Mishma his son. [26] And the sons
of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur
his son, Shimei his son. [27] And Shimei
had sixteen sons and six daughters; but
his brethren had not many children,
neither did all their family multiply,
like to the children of Judah.* [28] And
they dwelt at Beersheba, and Mo-
ladah, and Hazarshual, [29] And at Bil-
hah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad,* [30] And

24. Nemuel: or, Jemuel. Jarib, Zerah: or, Jachin Zohar.
27. like...: Heb. unto.
29. Bilhah: or, Balah. Tolad: or, Eltolad.

at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at
Ziklag, 31 And at Bethmarcaboth, and
Hazarsusim, and at Bethbirei, and at
Shaaraim. These *were* their cities unto
the reign of David.* 32 And their vil-
lages *were*, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon,
and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:*
33 And all their villages that *were* round
about the same cities, unto Baal. These
were their habitations, and their ge-
nealogy.* 34 And Meshobab, and Jam-
lech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

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31. Hazarsusim: or, Hazarsusah.
32. Etam: or, Ether.
33. Baal: or, Baalathbeer. their genealogy: or, as they divided themselves by nations among them.

35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josib-
iah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,
36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and
Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel,
and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, 37 And Ziza
the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon,
the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri,
the son of Shemaiah; 38 These men-
tioned by *their* names *were* princes in
their families: and the house of their
fathers increased greatly.* 39 And they
went to the entrance of Gedor, *even*
unto the east side of the valley, to seek
pasture for their flocks. 40 And they
found fat pasture and good, and the

38. mentioned: Heb. coming.

land *was* wide, and quiet, and peace-
able; for *they* of Ham had dwelt there
of old. [41] And these written by name
came in the days of Hezekiah king
of Judah, and smote their tents, and
the habitations that were found there,
and destroyed them utterly unto this
day, and dwelt in their rooms: because
there was pasture there for their flocks.
[42] And *some* of them, *even* of the sons
of Simeon, five hundred men, went to
mount Seir, having for their captains
Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah,
and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. [43] And they
smote the rest of the Amalekites that
were escaped, and dwelt there unto

this day.

5 Now the sons of Reuben the
firstborn of Israel, (for he *was* the first-
born; but, forasmuch as he defiled his
father's bed, his birthright was given
unto the sons of Joseph the son of Is-
rael: and the genealogy is not to be
reckoned after the birthright. 2 For Ju-
dah prevailed above his brethren, and
of him *came* the chief ruler; but the
birthright *was* Joseph's:)* 3 The sons, *I*
say, of Reuben the firstborn of Israel
were, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and
Carmi. 4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah

5.2. chief...: or, prince.

his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
5 Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his
son, 6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-
pilneser king of Assyria carried away
captive: he *was* prince of the Reuben-
ites.* 7 And his brethren by their fam-
ilies, when the genealogy of their gen-
erations was reckoned, *were* the chief,
Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8 And Bela the
son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the
son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even
unto Nebo and Baalmeon:* 9 And
eastward he inhabited unto the en-
tering in of the wilderness from the

6. Tilgathpilneser: also called, Tiglathpileser.
8. Shema: or, Shemaiah.

river Euphrates: because their cattle
were multiplied in the land of Gilead.
10 And in the days of Saul they made
war with the Hagarites, who fell by
their hand: and they dwelt in their
tents throughout all the east *land* of
Gilead.* 11 And the children of Gad
dwelt over against them, in the land of
Bashan unto Salchah: 12 Joel the chief,
and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and
Shaphat in Bashan. 13 And their breth-
ren of the house of their fathers *were*,
Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba,
and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and

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10. throughout...: Heb. upon all the face of the east.

Heber, seven. [14] These *are* the children
of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of
Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of
Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son
of Jahdo, the son of Buz; [15] Ahi the
son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief
of the house of their fathers. [16] And
they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and
in her towns, and in all the suburbs
of Sharon, upon their borders.* [17] All
these were reckoned by genealogies in
the days of Jotham king of Judah, and
in the days of Jeroboam king of Is-
rael. [18] The sons of Reuben, and the
Gadites, and half the tribe of Man-

16. their...: Heb. their goings forth.

asseh, of valiant men, men able to
bear buckler and sword, and to shoot
with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four
and forty thousand seven hundred
and threescore, that went out to the
war.* [19] And they made war with the
Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish,
and Nodab. [20] And they were helped
against them, and the Hagarites were
delivered into their hand, and all that
were with them: for they cried to God
in the battle, and he was intreated
of them; because they put their trust
in him. [21] And they took away their
cattle; of their camels fifty thousand,

18. valiant...: Heb. sons of valour.

and of sheep two hundred and fifty
thousand, and of asses two thousand,
and of men an hundred thousand.*
22 For there fell down many slain, be-
cause the war *was* of God. And they
dwelt in their steads until the captiv-
ity. 23 And the children of the half tribe
of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they
increased from Bashan unto Baalher-
mon and Senir, and unto mount Her-
mon. 24 And these *were* the heads of
the house of their fathers, even Epher,
and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and
Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel,

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21. took...: Heb. led captive. men: Heb. souls of men.

mighty men of valour, famous men,
and heads of the house of their fa-
thers.* [25] And they transgressed against
the God of their fathers, and went a
whoring after the gods of the people of
the land, whom God destroyed before
them. [26] And the God of Israel stirred
up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria,
and the spirit of Tilgathpilneser king
of Assyria, and he carried them away,
even the Reubenites, and the Gadites,
and the half tribe of Manasseh, and
brought them unto Halah, and Ha-
bor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan,
unto this day.

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24. famous...: Heb. men of names.

6 The sons of Levi; Gershon, Ko-
hath, and Merari.* 2 And the sons
of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and He-
bron, and Uzziel. 3 And the chil-
dren of Amram; Aaron, and Moses,
and Miriam. The sons also of
Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar,
and Ithamar. 4 Eleazar begat Phine-
has, Phinehas begat Abishua, 5 And
Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat
Uzzi, 6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and
Zerahiah begat Meraioth, 7 Meraioth
begat Amariah, and Amariah begat
Ahitub, 8 And Ahitub begat Zadok,

6.1. Gershon: or, Gershom.

and Zadok begat Ahimaaz, 9 And
Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah
begat Johanan, 10 And Johanan be-
gat Azariah, (he *it is* that executed
the priest's office in the temple that
Solomon built in Jerusalem:)* 11 And
Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah
begat Ahitub, 12 And Ahitub begat
Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum,*
13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and
Hilkiah begat Azariah, 14 And Azariah
begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Je-
hozadak, 15 And Jehozadak went *into*
captivity, when the LORD carried away

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10. in the temple: Heb. in the house.
12. Shallum: or, Meshullam.

Judah and Jerusalem by the hand
of Nebuchadnezzar. [16] The sons of
Levi; Gershom, Kohath, and Mer-
ari.* [17] And these *be* the names of the
sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei.
[18] And the sons of Kohath *were*, Am-
ram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and
Uzziel. [19] The sons of Merari; Mahli,
and Mushi. And these *are* the fami-
lies of the Levites according to their
fathers. [20] Of Gershom; Libni his son,
Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, [21] Joah
his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son,
Jeaterai his son.* [22] The sons of Kohath;

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16. Gershom: or, Gershon.
21. Joah: or, Ethan. Iddo: or, Adaiah. Jeaterai:

Amminadab his son, Korah his son,
Assir his son,* [23] Elkanah his son, and
Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,
[24] Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah
his son, and Shaul his son. [25] And the
sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahi-
moth. [26] *As for* Elkanah: the sons of
Elkanah; Zophai his son, and Nahath
his son,* [27] Eliab his son, Jeroham his
son, Elkanah his son. [28] And the sons
of Samuel; the firstborn Vashni, and
Abiah.* [29] The sons of Merari; Mahli,

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also called, Ethni.

22. Amminadab: or, Izhar.

26. Zophai: or, Zuph.

28. Vashni: called also Joel.

Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza
his son, 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his
son, Asaiah his son. 31 And these *are*
they whom David set over the service
of song in the house of the LORD, af-
ter that the ark had rest. 32 And they
ministered before the dwelling place
of the tabernacle of the congregation
with singing, until Solomon had built
the house of the LORD in Jerusalem:
and *then* they waited on their office
according to their order. 33 And these
are they that waited with their chil-
dren. Of the sons of the Kohathites:
Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the

son of Shemuel,* [34] The son of Elka-
nah, the son of Jeroham, the son of
Eliel, the son of Toah, [35] The son of
Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of
Mahath, the son of Amasai, [36] The son
of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of
Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, [37] The
son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son
of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, [38] The
son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the
son of Levi, the son of Israel. [39] And
his brother Asaph, who stood on his
right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Be-
rachiah, the son of Shimea, [40] The son
of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the

33. waited: Heb. stood.

son of Malchiah, [41] The son of Ethni,
the son of Zerah, the son of Ada-
iah, [42] The son of Ethan, the son of
Zimmah, the son of Shimei, [43] The son
of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the
son of Levi. [44] And their brethren the
sons of Merari *stood* on the left hand:
Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of
Abdi, the son of Malluch,* [45] The son
of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the
son of Hilkiah, [46] The son of Amzi,
the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,
[47] The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi,
the son of Merari, the son of Levi.
[48] Their brethren also the Levites *were*

44. Kishi: or, Kushaiah.

appointed unto all manner of service
of the tabernacle of the house of God.
49 But Aaron and his sons offered upon
the altar of the burnt offering, and on
the altar of incense, *and were appointed*
for all the work of the *place* most holy,
and to make an atonement for Israel,
according to all that Moses the ser-
vant of God had commanded. 50 And
these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his
son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,
51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah
his son, 52 Meraioth his son, Amariah
his son, Ahitub his son, 53 Zadok his
son, Ahimaaz his son. 54 Now these
are their dwelling places throughout

their castles in their coasts, of the
sons of Aaron, of the families of the
Kohathites: for theirs was the lot.
55 And they gave them Hebron in the
land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof
round about it. 56 But the fields of
the city, and the villages thereof, they
gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave
the cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron,
the city of refuge, and Libnah with
her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshte-
moa, with their suburbs, 58 And Hilen
with her suburbs, Debir with her sub-
urbs,* 59 And Ashan with her suburbs,

58. Hilen: or, Holon.

and Bethshemesh with her suburbs:*
60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin;
Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth
with her suburbs, and Anathoth with
her suburbs. All their cities through-
out their families *were* thirteen cities.*
61 And unto the sons of Kohath, *which
were* left of the family of that tribe,
were cities given out of the half tribe,
namely, out of the half *tribe* of Man-
asseh, by lot, ten cities. 62 And to
the sons of Gershom throughout their
families out of the tribe of Issachar,
and out of the tribe of Asher, and out

59. Ashan: or, Ain.
60. Alemeth: or, Almon.

of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the
tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen
cities. 63 Unto the sons of Merari *were*
given by lot, throughout their families,
out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of
the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe
of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64 And the
children of Israel gave to the Levites
these cities with their suburbs. 65 And
they gave by lot out of the tribe of
the children of Judah, and out of the
tribe of the children of Simeon, and
out of the tribe of the children of Ben-
jamin, these cities, which are called
by *their* names. 66 And *the residue* of
the families of the sons of Kohath had

cities of their coasts out of the tribe
of Ephraim. 67 And they gave unto
them, *of* the cities of refuge, Shechem
in mount Ephraim with her suburbs;
they gave also Gezer with her suburbs,
68 And Jokmeam with her suburbs, and
Bethhoron with her suburbs, 69 And
Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-
rimmon with her suburbs: 70 And out
of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner
with her suburbs, and Bileam with her
suburbs, for the family of the rem-
nant of the sons of Kohath. 71 Unto
the sons of Gershom *were given* out
of the family of the half tribe of Man-
asseh, Golan in Bashan with her sub-

urbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:
72 And out of the tribe of Issachar;
Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath
with her suburbs, 73 And Ramoth with
her suburbs, and Anem with her sub-
urbs: 74 And out of the tribe of Asher;
Mashal with her suburbs, and Ab-
don with her suburbs, 75 And Hukok
with her suburbs, and Rehob with her
suburbs: 76 And out of the tribe of
Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her
suburbs, and Hammon with her sub-
urbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.
77 Unto the rest of the children of Mer-
ari *were given* out of the tribe of Ze-
bulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Ta-

bor with her suburbs: [78] And on the
other side Jordan by Jericho, on the
east side of Jordan, *were given them*
out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in
the wilderness with her suburbs, and
Jahzah with her suburbs, [79] Kedemoth
also with her suburbs, and Mephaath
with her suburbs: [80] And out of the
tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with
her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her
suburbs, [81] And Heshbon with her sub-
urbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

7 Now the sons of Issachar *were*,
Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron,
four. [2] And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and

Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and
Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fa-
ther's house, *to wit*, of Tola: *they were*
valiant men of might in their genera-
tions; whose number *was* in the days of
David two and twenty thousand and
six hundred. 3 And the sons of Uzzi;
Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Mi-
chael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah,
five: all of them chief men. 4 And
with them, by their generations, af-
ter the house of their fathers, *were*
bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty
thousand *men*: for they had many
wives and sons. 5 And their breth-
ren among all the families of Issachar

were valiant men of might, reckoned
in all by their genealogies fourscore
and seven thousand. 6 *The sons* of
Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Je-
diael, three. 7 And the sons of Bela;
Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jeri-
moth, and Iri, five; heads of the house
of *their* fathers, mighty men of val-
our; and were reckoned by their ge-
nealogies twenty and two thousand
and thirty and four. 8 And the sons
of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and
Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and
Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth,
and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of
Becher. 9 And the number of them,

after their genealogy by their gener-
ations, heads of the house of their
fathers, mighty men of valour, *was*
twenty thousand and two hundred.
10 The sons also of Jediael; Bilhan: and
the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Ben-
jamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and
Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahisha-
har. 11 All these the sons of Jediael,
by the heads of their fathers, mighty
men of valour, *were* seventeen thou-
sand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to
go out for war *and* battle. 12 Shup-
pim also, and Huppim, the children
of Ir, *and* Hushim, the sons of Aher.*

7.12. Ir: or, Iri. Aher: or, Ahiram.

13 The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and
Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the
sons of Bilhah. 14 The sons of Man-
asseh; Ashriel, whom she bare: (*but* his
concubine the Aramitess bare Machir
the father of Gilead: 15 And Machir
took to wife *the sister* of Huppim
and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was*
Maachah;) and the name of the sec-
ond *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophe-
had had daughters. 16 And Maachah
the wife of Machir bare a son, and she
called his name Peresh; and the name
of his brother *was* Sheresh; and his
sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. 17 And
the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These

were the sons of Gilead, the son of
Machir, the son of Manasseh. [18] And
his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod,
and Abiezer, and Mahalah. [19] And
the sons of Shemida were, Ahian,
and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.
[20] And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah,
and Bered his son, and Tahath his son,
and Eladah his son, and Tahath his
son, [21] And Zabad his son, and Shuthe-
lah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom
the men of Gath *that were* born in
that land slew, because they came
down to take away their cattle. [22] And
Ephraim their father mourned many
days, and his brethren came to com-

fort him. [23] And when he went in to
his wife, she conceived, and bare a
son, and he called his name Beriah,
because it went evil with his house.
[24] (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who
built Bethhoron the nether, and the
upper, and Uzzensherah.) [25] And
Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph,
and Telah his son, and Tahan his
son, [26] Laadan his son, Ammihud his
son, Elishama his son, [27] Non his son,
Jehoshua his son.* [28] And their pos-
sessions and habitations *were*, Bethel
and the towns thereof, and eastward
Naaran, and westward Gezer, with

27. Non: or, Nun.

the towns thereof; Shechem also and
the towns thereof, unto Gaza and
the towns thereof:* [29] And by the bor-
ders of the children of Manasseh,
Bethshean and her towns, Taanach
and her towns, Megiddo and her
towns, Dor and her towns. In these
dwelt the children of Joseph the son
of Israel.* [30] The sons of Asher; Im-
nah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Be-
riah, and Serah their sister. [31] And the
sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel,
who *is* the father of Birzavith. [32] And
Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer,

28. towns: Heb. daughters. unto Gaza: or, Adassa.
29. towns: Heb. daughters.

and Hotham, and Shua their sister.
33 And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and
Bimhal, and Ashvath. These *are* the
children of Japhlet. 34 And the sons
of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehub-
bah, and Aram. 35 And the sons of his
brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna,
and Shelesh, and Amal. 36 The sons
of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and
Shual, and Beri, and Imrah, 37 Bezer,
and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah,
and Ithran, and Beera. 38 And the sons
of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and
Ara. 39 And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and
Haniel, and Rezia. 40 All these *were* the
children of Asher, heads of *their* fa-

ther's house, choice *and* mighty men
of valour, chief of the princes. And
the number throughout the genealogy
of them that were apt to the war *and*
to battle *was* twenty and six thousand
men.

8 Now Benjamin begat Bela his
firstborn, Ashbel the second, and
Aharah the third, 2 Nohah the fourth,
and Rapha the fifth. 3 And the sons of
Bela were, Addar, and Gera, and Abi-
hud,* 4 And Abishua, and Naaman,
and Ahoah, 5 And Gera, and She-
phuphan, and Huram.* 6 And these

8.3. Addar: or, Ard.
5. Shephuphan: or, Shupham.

are the sons of Ehud: these are the
heads of the fathers of the inhabi-
tants of Geba, and they removed them
to Manahath: 7 And Naaman, and
Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them,
and begat Uzza, and Ahihud. 8 And
Shaharaim begat *children* in the coun-
try of Moab, after he had sent them
away; Hushim and Baara *were* his
wives. 9 And he begat of Hodesh his
wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and
Malcham, 10 And Jeuz, and Shachia,
and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads
of the fathers. 11 And of Hushim he
begat Abitub, and Elpaal. 12 The sons
of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and

Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod,
with the towns thereof: 13 Beriah also,
and Shema, who *were* heads of the
fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon,
who drove away the inhabitants of
Gath: 14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jere-
moth, 15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and
Ader, 16 And Michael, and Ispah, and
Joha, the sons of Beriah; 17 And Zeba-
diah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and
Heber, 18 Ishmerai also, and Jezliah,
and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; 19 And
Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, 20 And
Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, 21 And
Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath,

the sons of Shimhi;* 22 And Ishpan, and
Heber, and Eliel, 23 And Abdon, and
Zichri, and Hanan, 24 And Hananiah,
and Elam, and Antothijah, 25 And
Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of
Shashak; 26 And Shamsherai, and She-
hariah, and Athaliah, 27 And Jaresiah,
and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jero-
ham. 28 These *were* heads of the fathers,
by their generations, chief *men*. These
dwelt in Jerusalem. 29 And at Gibeon
dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose
wife's name *was* Maachah:* 30 And his
firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and

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21. Shimhi: or, Shema.
29. father...: also called Jehiel.

Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, [31] And
Gedor, and Ahio, and Zacher.* [32] And
Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these
also dwelt with their brethren in Jeru-
salem, over against them.* [33] And Ner
begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and
Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua,
and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.* [34] And
the son of Jonathan *was* Meribbaal;
and Meribbaal begat Micah.* [35] And
the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and

31. Zacher: or, Zechariah.
32. Shimeah: or, Shimeam.
33. Abinadab: also called, Ishui. Eshbaal: or, Ishbosheth.
34. Meribbaal: or, Mephibosheth.

Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz.* [36] And
Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah
begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and
Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,* [37] And
Moza begat Binea: Rapha *was* his
son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:*
[38] And Azel had six sons, whose names
are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ish-
mael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and
Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.
[39] And the sons of Eshek his brother
were, Ulam his firstborn, Jehush the
second, and Eliphelet the third. [40] And

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35. Tarea: or, Tahrea.
36. Jehoadah: also called, Jarah.
37. Rapha: also called, Rephaiah.

the sons of Ulam were mighty men of
valour, archers, and had many sons,
and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty.
All these *are* of the sons of Benjamin.

9 So all Israel were reckoned by
genealogies; and, behold, they *were*
written in the book of the kings of
Israel and Judah, *who* were carried
away to Babylon for their transgres-
sion. 2 Now the first inhabitants that
dwelt in their possessions in their cities
were, the Israelites, the priests, Levites,
and the Nethinims. 3 And in Jeru-
salem dwelt of the children of Judah,
and of the children of Benjamin, and

of the children of Ephraim, and Man-
asseh; 4 Uthai the son of Ammihud,
the son of Omri, the son of Imri,
the son of Bani, of the children of
Pharez the son of Judah. 5 And of
the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn,
and his sons. 6 And of the sons of
Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six
hundred and ninety. 7 And of the
sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of
Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the
son of Hasenuah, 8 And Ibneiah the
son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of
Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshul-
lam the son of Shephathiah, the son
of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; 9 And

their brethren, according to their gen-
erations, nine hundred and fifty and
six. All these men *were* chief of the
fathers in the house of their fathers.
10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Je-
hoiarib, and Jachin, 11 And Azariah the
son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam,
the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth,
the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the
house of God;* 12 And Adaiah the son
of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son
of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of
Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of
Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith,
the son of Immer; 13 And their breth-

9.11. Azariah: also called, Seraiah.

ren, heads of the house of their fa-
thers, a thousand and seven hundred
and threescore; very able men for the
work of the service of the house of
God.* 14 And of the Levites; Shema-
iah the son of Hasshub, the son of
Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of
the sons of Merari; 15 And Bakbakkar,
Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the
son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the
son of Asaph; 16 And Obadiah the son
of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son
of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of
Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt
in the villages of the Netophathites.

13. very...: Heb. mighty men of valour.

17 And the porters *were*, Shallum, and
Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman,
and their brethren: Shallum *was* the
chief; 18 Who hitherto *waited* in the
king's gate eastward: they *were* porters
in the companies of the children of
Levi. 19 And Shallum the son of Kore,
the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
and his brethren, of the house of his fa-
ther, the Korahites, *were* over the work
of the service, keepers of the gates of
the tabernacle: and their fathers, *be-
ing* over the host of the LORD, *were*
keepers of the entry.* 20 And Phine-
has the son of Eleazar was the ruler

19. gates: Heb. thresholds.

over them in time past, *and* the LORD
was with him. [21] *And* Zechariah the
son of Meshelemiah *was* porter of the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation. [22] All these *which were* cho-
sen to be porters in the gates *were* two
hundred and twelve. These were reck-
oned by their genealogy in their vil-
lages, whom David and Samuel the
seer did ordain in their set office.* [23] So
they and their children *had* the over-
sight of the gates of the house of the
LORD, *namely*, the house of the taber-
nacle, by wards. [24] In four quarters
were the porters, toward the east, west,

22. did...: Heb. founded. set...: or, trust.

north, and south. [25] And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come after seven days from time to time with them. [26] For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.* [27] And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them. [28] And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.* [29] *Some*

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26. set...: or, trust. chambers: or, storehouses.
28. bring...: Heb. bring them in by tale, and carry

of them also *were* appointed to oversee
the vessels, and all the instruments of
the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and
the wine, and the oil, and the frank-
incense, and the spices.* 30 And *some*
of the sons of the priests made the
ointment of the spices. 31 And Mat-
tithiah, *one* of the Levites, who *was*
the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite,
had the set office over the things that
were made in the pans.* 32 And *other*
of their brethren, of the sons of the
Kohathites, *were* over the shewbread,

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them out by tale.

29. instruments: or, vessels.

31. set...: or, trust. in...: or, on flat plates, or, slices.

to prepare *it* every sabbath.* [33] And
these *are* the singers, chief of the fa-
thers of the Levites, *who remaining*
in the chambers *were* free: for they
were employed in *that* work day and
night.* [34] These chief fathers of the
Levites *were* chief throughout their
generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.
[35] And in Gibeon dwelt the father of
Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was*
Maachah: [36] And his firstborn son Ab-
don, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and
Ner, and Nadab, [37] And Gedor, and
Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

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32. shewbread: Heb. bread of ordering.
33. they...: Heb. upon them.

38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And
they also dwelt with their brethren
at Jerusalem, over against their breth-
ren. 39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish
begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan,
and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and
Eshbaal. 40 And the son of Jonathan
was Meribbaal: and Meribbaal begat
Micah. 41 And the sons of Micah *were*,
Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and
Ahaz*. 42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and
Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth,
and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;
43 And Moza begat Binea; and Repha-
iah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his
son. 44 And Azel had six sons, whose

names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru,
and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Oba-
diah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons
of Azel.

10 Now the Philistines fought
against Israel; and the men of Is-
rael fled from before the Philistines,
and fell down slain in mount Gil-
boa.* 2 And the Philistines followed
hard after Saul, and after his sons;
and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and
Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons
of Saul.* 3 And the battle went sore
against Saul, and the archers hit him,

10.1. slain: or, wounded.
2. Abinadab: also called, Ishui.

and he was wounded of the archers.*
4 Then said Saul to his armourbearer,
Draw thy sword, and thrust me
through therewith; lest these uncir-
cumcised come and abuse me. But
his armourbearer would not; for he
was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword,
and fell upon it.* 5 And when his ar-
mourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he
fell likewise on the sword, and died.
6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and
all his house died together. 7 And
when all the men of Israel that *were* in

3. and the archers: Heb. and the shooters with bows. hit: Heb. found.
4. abuse me: or, mock me.

the valley saw that they fled, and that
Saul and his sons were dead, then they
forsook their cities, and fled: and the
Philistines came and dwelt in them.
8 And it came to pass on the morrow,
when the Philistines came to strip the
slain, that they found Saul and his sons
fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And when
they had stripped him, they took his
head, and his armour, and sent into the
land of the Philistines round about, to
carry tidings unto their idols, and to
the people. 10 And they put his armour
in the house of their gods, and fas-
tened his head in the temple of Dagon.
11 And when all Jabeshgilead heard all

that the Philistines had done to Saul,
12 They arose, all the valiant men, and
took away the body of Saul, and the
bodies of his sons, and brought them
to Jabesh, and buried their bones un-
der the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven
days. 13 So Saul died for his transgres-
sion which he committed against the
LORD, *even* against the word of the
LORD, which he kept not, and also
for asking *counsel* of *one that had* a fa-
miliar spirit, to enquire *of it*;* 14 And
enquired not of the LORD: therefore
he slew him, and turned the kingdom

13. committed: Heb. transgressed.

unto David the son of Jesse.*

11 Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.
2 And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.*
3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in

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14. Jesse: Heb. Isai.

11.2. in time...: Heb. both yesterday and the third day. feed: or, rule.

Hebron before the LORD; and they
anointed David king over Israel, ac-
cording to the word of the LORD
by Samuel.* 4 And David and all Is-
rael went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus;
where the Jebusites *were*, the inhabi-
tants of the land. 5 And the inhab-
itants of Jebus said to David, Thou
shalt not come hither. Nevertheless
David took the castle of Zion, which
is the city of David. 6 And David
said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites
first shall be chief and captain. So
Joab the son of Zeruiah went first

3. by: Heb. by the hand of.

up, and was chief.* 7 And David dwelt
in the castle; therefore they called it
the city of David.* 8 And he built the
city round about, even from Millo
round about: and Joab repaired the
rest of the city.* 9 So David waxed
greater and greater: for the LORD of
hosts *was* with him.* 10 These also *are*
the chief of the mighty men whom
David had, who strengthened them-
selves with him in his kingdom, *and*
with all Israel, to make him king, ac-

6. chief: Heb. head.
7. it: that is, Zion.
8. repaired: Heb. revived.
9. waxed...: Heb. went in going and increasing.

cording to the word of the LORD con-
cerning Israel.* 11 And this *is* the num-
ber of the mighty men whom David
had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the
chief of the captains: he lifted up his
spear against three hundred slain *by*
him at one time.* 12 And after him *was*
Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Aho-
hite, who *was one* of the three mighties.
13 He was with David at Pasdammim,
and there the Philistines were gath-
ered together to battle, where was a
parcel of ground full of barley; and
the people fled from before the Phi-

10. strengthened...: or, held strongly with him.
11. an Hachmonite: or, son of Hachmoni.

listines.* [14] And they set themselves in
the midst of *that* parcel, and deliv-
ered it, and slew the Philistines; and
the LORD saved *them* by a great de-
liverance.* [15] Now three of the thirty
captains went down to the rock to
David, into the cave of Adullam; and
the host of the Philistines encamped in
the valley of Rephaim.* [16] And David
was then in the hold, and the Philis-
tines' garrison *was* then at Bethlehem.
[17] And David longed, and said, Oh that
one would give me drink of the water

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13. Pasdammim: also called, Ephesdammim.
14. set...: or, stood. deliverance: or, salvation.
15. three...: or, three captains over the thirty.

of the well of Bethlehem, that *is* at the
gate! [18] And the three brake through
the host of the Philistines, and drew
water out of the well of Bethlehem,
that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and
brought *it* to David: but David would
not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the
LORD, [19] And said, My God forbid it
me, that I should do this thing: shall I
drink the blood of these men that have
put their lives in jeopardy? for with
the jeopardy of their lives they brought
it. Therefore he would not drink it.
These things did these three might-
iest.* [20] And Abishai the brother of

19. that have...: Heb. with their lives?.

Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred,
he slew *them*, and had a name among
the three. [21] Of the three, he was more
honourable than the two; for he was
their captain: howbeit he attained not
to the *first* three. [22] Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of
Kabzeel, who had done many acts; he
slew two lionlike men of Moab: also
he went down and slew a lion in a pit in
a snowy day.* [23] And he slew an Egyp-
tian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits
high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a
spear like a weaver's beam; and he went

22. who had...: Heb. great of deeds.

down to him with a staff, and plucked
the spear out of the Egyptian's hand,
and slew him with his own spear.*
24 These *things* did Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada, and had the name among the
three mighties. 25 Behold, he was hon-
ourable among the thirty, but attained
not to the *first* three: and David set
him over his guard. 26 Also the valiant
men of the armies *were*, Asahel the
brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of
Dodo of Bethlehem, 27 Shammoth the
Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,* 28 Ira the

23. great...: Heb. measure.
27. Shammoth: or, Shammah. Harorite: or, Harodite. Pelonite: or, Paltite.

son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the
Antothite, [29] Sibbecai the Hushathite,
Ilai the Ahohite,* [30] Maharai the Ne-
tophathite, Heled the son of Baanah
the Netophathite,* [31] Ithai the son of
Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the
children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pi-
rathonite, [32] Hurai of the brooks of
Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,* [33] Az-
maveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the
Shaalbonite, [34] The sons of Hashem
the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of

29. Sibbecai: or, Mebunnai. Ilai: or, Zalmon.
30. Heled: or, Heleb.
32. Hurai: or, Hiddai. Abiel: or, Abialbon.

Shage the Hararite,* [35] Ahiam the son
of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son
of Ur,* [36] Hepher the Mecherathite,
Ahijah the Pelonite, [37] Hezro the
Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,
[38] Joel the brother of Nathan, Mib-
har the son of Haggeri,* [39] Zelek the
Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite,
the armourbearer of Joab the son of
Zeruiah, [40] Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the
Ithrite, [41] Uriah the Hittite, Zabad
the son of Ahlai, [42] Adina the son

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34. Hashem: or, Jashen.
35. Sacar: or, Sharar. Eliphal: or, Eliphelet. Ur: or, Ahasbai.
38. the son...: or, the Haggerite.

of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of
the Reubenites, and thirty with him,
43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and
Joshaphat the Mithnite, 44 Uzzia the
Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the
sons of Hothan the Aroerite, 45 Je-
diael the son of Shimri, and Joha
his brother, the Tizite,* 46 Eliel the
Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah,
the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the
Moabite, 47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel
the Mesobaite.

12 Now these *are* they that came
to David to Ziklag, while he yet

45. son...: or, Shimrite.

kept himself close because of Saul the
son of Kish: and they *were* among
the mighty men, helpers of the war.*
2 *They were* armed with bows, and
could use both the right hand and
the left in *hurling* stones and *shoot-*
ing arrows out of a bow, *even* of
Saul's brethren of Benjamin. 3 The
chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the
sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and
Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth;
and Berachah, and Jehu the Antoth-
ite,* 4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a
mighty man among the thirty, and

12.1. while...: Heb. being yet shut up.
3. Shemaah: or, Hasmaah.

over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Ja-
haziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the
Gederathite, [5] Eluzai, and Jerimoth,
and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and
Shephatiah the Haruphite, [6] Elkanah,
and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer,
and Jashobeam, the Korhites, [7] And
Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jero-
ham of Gedor. [8] And of the Ga-
dites there separated themselves unto
David into the hold to the wilder-
ness men of might, *and* men of war
fit for the battle, that could handle
shield and buckler, whose faces *were
like* the faces of lions, and *were* as

swift as the roes upon the mountains;*
9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second,
Eliab the third, 10 Mishmannah the
fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11 Attai the
sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12 Johanan the
eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 13 Jeremiah
the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.
14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, cap-
tains of the host: one of the least
was over an hundred, and the greatest
over a thousand.* 15 These *are* they that
went over Jordan in the first month,

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8. of war: Heb. of the host. as swift...: Heb. as the roes upon the mountains to make haste.

14. one...: or, one that was least could resist an hundred, and the greatest a thousand.

when it had overflown all his banks;
and they put to flight all *them* of the
valleys, *both* toward the east, and to-
ward the west.* 16 And there came of
the children of Benjamin and Judah
to the hold unto David. 17 And David
went out to meet them, and answered
and said unto them, If ye be come
peaceably unto me to help me, mine
heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye*
be come to betray me to mine enemies,
seeing *there is* no wrong in mine hands,
the God of our fathers look *thereon*,
and rebuke *it*.* 18 Then the spirit came

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15. overflown: Heb. filled over.

17. to meet...: Heb. before them. be knit: Heb. be

upon Amasai, *who was* chief of the
captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*,
David, and on thy side, thou son of
Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and
peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God
helpeth thee. Then David received
them, and made them captains of the
band.* 19 And there fell *some* of Man-
asseh to David, when he came with
the Philistines against Saul to battle:
but they helped them not: for the
lords of the Philistines upon advise-
ment sent him away, saying, He will
fall to his master Saul to *the jeopardy*

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one. wrong: or, violence.
18. came...: Heb. clothed.

of our heads.* [20] As he went to Ziklag,
there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah,
and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael,
and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai,
captains of the thousands that *were* of
Manasseh. [21] And they helped David
against the band *of the rovers*: for they
were all mighty men of valour, and
were captains in the host.* [22] For at *that*
time day by day there came to David
to help him, until *it was* a great host,
like the host of God. [23] And these *are*
the numbers of the bands *that were*
ready armed to the war, *and* came to

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19. to the...: Heb. on our heads.
21. against...: or, with a band.

David to Hebron, to turn the king-
dom of Saul to him, according to the
word of the LORD.* 24 The children of
Judah that bare shield and spear *were*
six thousand and eight hundred, ready
armed to the war.* 25 Of the children
of Simeon, mighty men of valour for
the war, seven thousand and one hun-
dred. 26 Of the children of Levi four
thousand and six hundred. 27 And Je-
hoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites,
and with him *were* three thousand and
seven hundred; 28 And Zadok, a young
man mighty of valour, and of his fa-

23. bands: or, captains, or, men: Heb. heads.
24. armed: or, prepared.

ther's house twenty and two captains.
29 And of the children of Benjamin,
the kindred of Saul, three thousand:
for hitherto the greatest part of them
had kept the ward of the house of
Saul.* 30 And of the children of Eph-
raim twenty thousand and eight hun-
dred, mighty men of valour, famous
throughout the house of their fathers.*
31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh
eighteen thousand, which were ex-
pressed by name, to come and make
David king. 32 And of the children

29. kindred: Heb. brethren. the greatest...: Heb. a multitude of them.
30. famous: Heb. men of names.

of Issachar, *which were men* that had
understanding of the times, to know
what Israel ought to do; the heads of
them *were* two hundred; and all their
brethren *were* at their commandment.
33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to
battle, expert in war, with all instru-
ments of war, fifty thousand, which
could keep rank: *they were* not of dou-
ble heart.* 34 And of Naphtali a thou-
sand captains, and with them with
shield and spear thirty and seven thou-
sand. 35 And of the Danites expert in

33. expert...: or, rangers of battle, or, ranged in battle. keep...: or, set the battle in array. not...: Heb. without a heart and a heart.

war twenty and eight thousand and six
hundred. [36] And of Asher, such as went
forth to battle, expert in war, forty
thousand.* [37] And on the other side of
Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Ga-
dites, and of the half tribe of Man-
asseh, with all manner of instruments
of war for the battle, an hundred and
twenty thousand. [38] All these men of
war, that could keep rank, came with
a perfect heart to Hebron, to make
David king over all Israel: and all the
rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to
make David king. [39] And there they
were with David three days, eating and

36. expert: or, keeping their rank.

drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. [40] Moreover they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.*

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, *and* with every leader. [2] And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *that*

40. meat...: or, victual of meal.

it be of the LORD our God, let us send
abroad unto our brethren every where,
that are left in all the land of Israel,
and with them *also* to the priests and
Levites *which are* in their cities *and*
suburbs, that they may gather them-
selves unto us:* 3 And let us bring
again the ark of our God to us: for
we enquired not at it in the days of
Saul.* 4 And all the congregation said
that they would do so: for the thing
was right in the eyes of all the peo-
ple. 5 So David gathered all Israel

13.2. send...: Heb. break forth and send. in their...: Heb. in the cities of their suburbs.
3. bring...: Heb. bring about.

together, from Shihor of Egypt even
unto the entering of Hemath, to bring
the ark of God from Kirjathjearim.
6 And David went up, and all Israel,
to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjathjearim,
which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up
thence the ark of God the LORD,
that dwelleth *between* the cherubims,
whose name is called *on it*. 7 And they
carried the ark of God in a new cart
out of the house of Abinadab: and
Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.* 8 And
David and all Israel played before God
with all *their* might, and with singing,
and with harps, and with psalteries,

7. carried...: Heb. made the ark to ride.

and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.* 9 And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.* 10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. 11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called

8. singing: Heb. songs.
9. Chidon: also called Nachon. stumbled: or, shook it.

Perezuzza to this day.* 12 And David
was afraid of God that day, saying,
How shall I bring the ark of God *home*
to me? 13 So David brought not the ark
home to himself to the city of David,
but carried it aside into the house of
Obededom the Gittite.* 14 And the ark
of God remained with the family of
Obededom in his house three months.
And the LORD blessed the house of
Obededom, and all that he had.

14 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent
messengers to David, and timber of
cedars, with masons and carpenters, to

11. Perezuzza: that is, The breach of Uzza.
13. brought: Heb. removed.

build him an house. 2 And David per-
ceived that the LORD had confirmed
him king over Israel, for his kingdom
was lifted up on high, because of his
people Israel. 3 And David took more
wives at Jerusalem: and David be-
gat more sons and daughters.* 4 Now
these *are* the names of *his* children
which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua,
and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,
5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and El-
palet, 6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and
Japhia, 7 And Elishama, and Beeliada,
and Eliphalet.* 8 And when the Philis-

14.3. more: Heb. yet.
7. Beeliada: also called, Eliada.

tines heard that David was anointed
king over all Israel, all the Philistines
went up to seek David. And David
heard *of it*, and went out against them.
9 And the Philistines came and spread
themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
10 And David enquired of God, say-
ing, Shall I go up against the Philis-
tines? and wilt thou deliver them into
mine hand? And the LORD said unto
him, Go up; for I will deliver them
into thine hand. 11 So they came up to
Baalperazim; and David smote them
there. Then David said, God hath bro-
ken in upon mine enemies by mine
hand like the breaking forth of wa-

ters: therefore they called the name of
that place Baalperazim.* [12] And when
they had left their gods there, David
gave a commandment, and they were
burned with fire. [13] And the Philistines
yet again spread themselves abroad in
the valley. [14] Therefore David enquired
again of God; and God said unto
him, Go not up after them; turn away
from them, and come upon them over
against the mulberry trees. [15] And it
shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound
of going in the tops of the mulberry
trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to
battle: for God is gone forth before

11. Baalperazim: that is, A place of breaches.

thee to smite the host of the Philis-
tines. [16] David therefore did as God
commanded him: and they smote the
host of the Philistines from Gibeon
even to Gazer.* [17] And the fame of
David went out into all lands; and the
LORD brought the fear of him upon all
nations.

15 And *David* made him houses
in the city of David, and prepared a
place for the ark of God, and pitched
for it a tent. [2] Then David said, None
ought to carry the ark of God but
the Levites: for them hath the LORD

16. Gibeon: also called, Geba.

chosen to carry the ark of God, and
to minister unto him for ever.* 3 And
David gathered all Israel together to
Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the
LORD unto his place, which he had
prepared for it. 4 And David assem-
bled the children of Aaron, and the
Levites: 5 Of the sons of Kohath;
Uriel the chief, and his brethren an
hundred and twenty:* 6 Of the sons
of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his
brethren two hundred and twenty:
7 Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the

15.2. None...: Heb. It is not to carry the ark of God, but for the Levites.
5. brethren: or, kinsmen.

chief, and his brethren an hundred and
thirty: 8 Of the sons of Elizaphan;
Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren
two hundred: 9 Of the sons of He-
bron; Eliel the chief, and his breth-
ren fourscore: 10 Of the sons of Uzziel;
Amminadab the chief, and his breth-
ren an hundred and twelve. 11 And
David called for Zadok and Abiathar
the priests, and for the Levites, for
Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and
Eliel, and Amminadab, 12 And said
unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the
fathers of the Levites: sanctify your-
selves, *both* ye and your brethren, that
ye may bring up the ark of the LORD

God of Israel unto *the place that* I have
prepared for it. 13 For because ye *did*
it not at the first, the LORD our God
made a breach upon us, for that we
sought him not after the due order.
14 So the priests and the Levites sanc-
tified themselves to bring up the ark
of the LORD God of Israel. 15 And the
children of the Levites bare the ark
of God upon their shoulders with the
staves thereon, as Moses commanded
according to the word of the LORD.
16 And David spake to the chief of the
Levites to appoint their brethren *to be*
the singers with instruments of mu-
sick, psalteries and harps and cym-

bals, sounding, by lifting up the voice
with joy. 17 So the Levites appointed
Heman the son of Joel; and of his
brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah;
and of the sons of Merari their breth-
ren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah;
18 And with them their brethren of
the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben,
and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and
Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Bena-
iah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah,
and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and
Obededom, and Jeiel, the porters.
19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and
Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with
cymbals of brass; 20 And Zechariah,

and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Je-
hiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maa-
seiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries
on Alamoth; [21] And Mattithiah, and
Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obe-
dedom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with
harps on the Sheminith to excel.*
[22] And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites,
was for song: he instructed about the
song, because he *was* skilful.* [23] And
Berechiah and Elkanah *were* door-
keepers for the ark. [24] And Sheba-
niah, and Jehoshaphat, and Netha-

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21. on the...: or, on the eighth to oversee.
22. was for...: or, was for the carriage: he instructed about the carriage. song: Heb. lifting up.

neel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and
Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did
blow with the trumpets before the ark
of God: and Obededom and Jehiah
were doorkeepers for the ark. [25] So
David, and the elders of Israel, and
the captains over thousands, went to
bring up the ark of the covenant of
the LORD out of the house of Obe-
dedom with joy. [26] And it came to
pass, when God helped the Levites
that bare the ark of the covenant of
the LORD, that they offered seven bul-
locks and seven rams. [27] And David
was clothed with a robe of fine linen,
and all the Levites that bare the ark,

and the singers, and Chenaniah the
master of the song with the singers:
David also *had* upon him an ephod
of linen.* [28] Thus all Israel brought up
the ark of the covenant of the LORD
with shouting, and with sound of the
cornet, and with trumpets, and with
cymbals, making a noise with psalter-
ies and harps. [29] And it came to pass,
as the ark of the covenant of the LORD
came to the city of David, that Michal
the daughter of Saul looking out at a
window saw king David dancing and
playing: and she despised him in her
heart.

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27. song: or, carriage.

16 So they brought the ark of God,
and set it in the midst of the tent
that David had pitched for it: and
they offered burnt sacrifices and peace
offerings before God. 2 And when
David had made an end of offering
the burnt offerings and the peace of-
ferings, he blessed the people in the
name of the LORD. 3 And he dealt
to every one of Israel, both man and
woman, to every one a loaf of bread,
and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon
of wine. 4 And he appointed *certain*
of the Levites to minister before the
ark of the LORD, and to record, and

to thank and praise the LORD God
of Israel: 5 Asaph the chief, and next
to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemi-
ramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah,
and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obede-
dom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with
harps; but Asaph made a sound with
cymbals;* 6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel
the priests with trumpets continually
before the ark of the covenant of God.
7 Then on that day David delivered
first *this psalm* to thank the LORD
into the hand of Asaph and his breth-
ren. 8 Give thanks unto the LORD,

16.5. with psalteries...: Heb. with instruments of psalteries and harps.

call upon his name, make known his
deeds among the people. 9 Sing unto
him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of
all his wondrous works. 10 Glory ye in
his holy name: let the heart of them
rejoice that seek the LORD. 11 Seek the
LORD and his strength, seek his face
continually. 12 Remember his marvel-
lous works that he hath done, his won-
ders, and the judgments of his mouth;
13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye chil-
dren of Jacob, his chosen ones. 14 He *is*
the LORD our God; his judgments *are*
in all the earth. 15 Be ye mindful al-
ways of his covenant; the word *which*
he commanded to a thousand genera-

tions; [16] *Even of the covenant* which he
made with Abraham, and of his oath
unto Isaac; [17] And hath confirmed the
same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Is-
rael *for* an everlasting covenant, [18] Say-
ing, Unto thee will I give the land of
Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;*
[19] When ye were but few, even a few,
and strangers in it.* [20] And *when* they
went from nation to nation, and from
one kingdom to another people; [21] He
suffered no man to do them wrong:
yea, he reproved kings for their sakes,
[22] *Saying,* Touch not mine anointed,

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18. the lot: Heb. the cord.
19. few, even: Heb. men of number, etc.

and do my prophets no harm. [23] Sing
unto the LORD, all the earth; shew
forth from day to day his salvation.
[24] Declare his glory among the hea-
then; his marvellous works among all
nations. [25] For great *is* the LORD, and
greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be
feared above all gods. [26] For all the
gods of the people *are* idols: but the
LORD made the heavens. [27] Glory and
honour *are* in his presence; strength
and gladness *are* in his place. [28] Give
unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the
people, give unto the LORD glory and
strength. [29] Give unto the LORD the
glory *due* unto his name: bring an

offering, and come before him: wor-
ship the LORD in the beauty of holi-
ness. 30 Fear before him, all the earth:
the world also shall be stable, that it
be not moved. 31 Let the heavens be
glad, and let the earth rejoice: and
let *men* say among the nations, The
LORD reigneth. 32 Let the sea roar, and
the fulness thereof: let the fields re-
joice, and all that *is* therein. 33 Then
shall the trees of the wood sing out
at the presence of the LORD, because
he cometh to judge the earth. 34 O
give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is*
good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our

salvation, and gather us together, and
deliver us from the heathen, that we
may give thanks to thy holy name, *and*
glory in thy praise. [36] Blessed *be* the
LORD God of Israel for ever and ever.
And all the people said, Amen, and
praised the LORD. [37] So he left there
before the ark of the covenant of the
LORD Asaph and his brethren, to min-
ister before the ark continually, as ev-
ery day's work required: [38] And Obe-
dedom with their brethren, threescore
and eight; Obededom also the son
of Jeduthun and Hosah *to be* porters:
[39] And Zadok the priest, and his breth-
ren the priests, before the tabernacle

of the LORD in the high place that
was at Gibeon, [40] To offer burnt of-
ferings unto the LORD upon the al-
tar of the burnt offering continually
morning and evening, and *to do* ac-
cording to all that is written in the law
of the LORD, which he commanded
Israel;* [41] And with them Heman and
Jeduthun, and the rest that were cho-
sen, who were expressed by name,
to give thanks to the LORD, because
his mercy *endureth* for ever; [42] And
with them Heman and Jeduthun with
trumpets and cymbals for those that

40. morning...: Heb. in the morning, and in the evening.

should make a sound, and with musi-
cal instruments of God. And the sons
of Jeduthun *were* porters.* 43 And all
the people departed every man to his
house: and David returned to bless his
house.

17 Now it came to pass, as David
sat in his house, that David said to
Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in
an house of cedars, but the ark of the
covenant of the LORD *remaineth* un-
der curtains. 2 Then Nathan said unto
David, Do all that *is* in thine heart;
for God *is* with thee. 3 And it came

42. porters: Heb. for the gate.

to pass the same night, that the word
of God came to Nathan, saying, 4 Go
and tell David my servant, Thus saith
the LORD, Thou shalt not build me
an house to dwell in: 5 For I have not
dwelt in an house since the day that
I brought up Israel unto this day; but
have gone from tent to tent, and from
one tabernacle *to another*.* 6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake
I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my
people, saying, Why have ye not built
me an house of cedars? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my ser-

17.5. have gone: Heb. have been.

vant David, Thus saith the LORD of
hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote,
even from following the sheep, that
thou shouldest be ruler over my peo-
ple Israel:* 8 And I have been with thee
whithersoever thou hast walked, and
have cut off all thine enemies from be-
fore thee, and have made thee a name
like the name of the great men that *are*
in the earth. 9 Also I will ordain a place
for my people Israel, and will plant
them, and they shall dwell in their
place, and shall be moved no more;
neither shall the children of wicked-
ness waste them any more, as at the

7. from following: Heb. from after.

beginning, [10] And since the time that
I commanded judges *to be* over my
people Israel. Moreover I will subdue
all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell
thee that the LORD will build thee an
house. [11] And it shall come to pass,
when thy days be expired that thou
must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I
will raise up thy seed after thee, which
shall be of thy sons; and I will estab-
lish his kingdom. [12] He shall build me
an house, and I will stablish his throne
for ever. [13] I will be his father, and he
shall be my son: and I will not take
my mercy away from him, as I took *it*
from *him* that was before thee: [14] But I

will settle him in mine house and in my
kingdom for ever: and his throne shall
be established for evermore. 15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan
speak unto David. 16 And David the
king came and sat before the LORD,
and said, Who *am* I, O LORD God,
and what *is* mine house, that thou
hast brought me hitherto? 17 And *yet*
this was a small thing in thine eyes,
O God; for thou hast *also* spoken of
thy servant's house for a great while to
come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. 18 What can David

speak more to thee for the honour of
thy servant? for thou knowest thy ser-
vant. [19] O LORD, for thy servant's sake,
and according to thine own heart, hast
thou done all this greatness, in mak-
ing known all *these* great things.* [20] O
LORD, *there is* none like thee, neither *is*
there any God beside thee, according
to all that we have heard with our ears.
[21] And what one nation in the earth
is like thy people Israel, whom God
went to redeem *to be* his own people, to
make thee a name of greatness and ter-
ribleness, by driving out nations from
before thy people, whom thou hast re-

19. great...: Heb. greatnesses.

deemed out of Egypt? [22] For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God. [23] Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said. [24] Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let* the house of David thy servant *be* established before thee. [25] For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant

hath found *in his heart* to pray be-
fore thee.* 26 And now, LORD, thou art
God, and hast promised this goodness
unto thy servant: 27 Now therefore let
it please thee to bless the house of thy
servant, that it may be before thee for
ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and *it*
shall be blessed for ever.*

18 Now after this it came to pass,
that David smote the Philistines, and
subdued them, and took Gath and
her towns out of the hand of the
Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab;
and the Moabites became David's ser-

25. hast...: Heb. hast revealed the ear of thy servant.
27. let...: or, it hath pleased thee.

vants, *and* brought gifts. 3 And David
smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto
Hamath, as he went to stablish his
dominion by the river Euphrates.*
4 And David took from him a thou-
sand chariots, and seven thousand
horsemen, and twenty thousand foot-
men: David also houghed all the char-
iot *horses*, but reserved of them an
hundred chariots.* 5 And when the
Syrians of Damascus came to help
Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew
of the Syrians two and twenty thou-

18.3. Hadarezer: or, Hadadezer.
4. seven...: or, seven hundred.

sand men.* 6 Then David put *garrisons*
in Syriadamascus; and the Syrians be-
came David's servants, *and* brought
gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David
whithersoever he went. 7 And David
took the shields of gold that were
on the servants of Hadarezer, and
brought them to Jerusalem. 8 Like-
wise from Tibhath, and from Chun,
cities of Hadarezer, brought David
very much brass, wherewith Solomon
made the brasen sea, and the pil-
lars, and the vessels of brass.* 9 Now

5. Damascus: Heb. Darmesek.
8. Tibhath...: called in the book of Samuel Betah, and Berothai.

when Tou king of Hamath heard how
David had smitten all the host of
Hadarezer king of Zobah;* 10 He sent
Hadoram his son to king David, to
enquire of his welfare, and to con-
gratulate him, because he had fought
against Hadarezer, and smitten him;
(for Hadarezer had war with Tou;)
and *with him* all manner of vessels of
gold and silver and brass.* 11 Them also
king David dedicated unto the LORD,
with the silver and the gold that he

9. Tou: also called, Toi.
10. Hadoram: also called, Joram. to enquire...: or, to salute. to congratulate: Heb. to bless. had war: Heb. was the man of wars.

brought from all *these* nations; from
Edom, and from Moab, and from the
children of Ammon, and from the
Philistines, and from Amalek. 12 More-
over Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew
of the Edomites in the valley of salt
eighteen thousand.* 13 And he put gar-
risons in Edom; and all the Edom-
ites became David's servants. Thus the
LORD preserved David whithersoever
he went. 14 So David reigned over all
Israel, and executed judgment and jus-
tice among all his people. 15 And Joab
the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host;
and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, re-

12. Abishai: Heb. Abshai.

corder.* [16] And Zadok the son of Ahi-
tub, and Abimelech the son of Abi-
athar, *were* the priests; and Shavsha
was scribe;* [17] And Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and
the Pelethites; and the sons of David
were chief about the king.*

19 Now it came to pass after this,
that Nahash the king of the children
of Ammon died, and his son reigned
in his stead. [2] And David said, I will
shew kindness unto Hanun the son

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15. recorder: or, remembrancer.

16. Abimelech: also called, Ahimelech. Shavsha: also called Seraiah or Shisha.

17. about...: Heb. at the hand of the king.

of Nahash, because his father shewed
kindness to me. And David sent mes-
sengers to comfort him concerning his
father. So the servants of David came
into the land of the children of Am-
mon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3 But
the princes of the children of Ammon
said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that
David doth honour thy father, that he
hath sent comforters unto thee? are
not his servants come unto thee for
to search, and to overthrow, and to
spy out the land?* 4 Wherefore Ha-
nun took David's servants, and shaved

19.3. Thinkest...: Heb. In thine eyes doth David, etc.

them, and cut off their garments in
the midst hard by their buttocks, and
sent them away. 5 Then there went *cer-*
tain, and told David how the men were
served. And he sent to meet them: for
the men were greatly ashamed. And
the king said, Tarry at Jericho until
your beards be grown, and *then* re-
turn. 6 And when the children of Am-
mon saw that they had made them-
selves odious to David, Hanun and
the children of Ammon sent a thou-
sand talents of silver to hire them char-
iots and horsemen out of Mesopota-
mia, and out of Syriamaachah, and out

of Zobah.* 7 So they hired thirty and
two thousand chariots, and the king
of Maachah and his people; who came
and pitched before Medeba. And the
children of Ammon gathered them-
selves together from their cities, and
came to battle. 8 And when David
heard *of it*, he sent Joab, and all the host
of the mighty men. 9 And the children
of Ammon came out, and put the bat-
tle in array before the gate of the city:
and the kings that were come *were* by
themselves in the field. 10 Now when
Joab saw that the battle was set against
him before and behind, he chose out

6. odious: Heb. to stink.

of all the choice of Israel, and put *them*
in array against the Syrians.* 11 And the
rest of the people he delivered unto
the hand of Abishai his brother, and
they set *themselves* in array against the
children of Ammon.* 12 And he said,
If the Syrians be too strong for me,
then thou shalt help me: but if the
children of Ammon be too strong for
thee, then I will help thee. 13 Be of good
courage, and let us behave ourselves
valiantly for our people, and for the
cities of our God: and let the LORD

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10. the battle...: Heb. the face of the battle wars.
choice: or, young men.
11. Abishai: Heb. Abshai.

do *that which is* good in his sight. [14] So
Joab and the people that *were* with him
drew nigh before the Syrians unto the
battle; and they fled before him. [15] And
when the children of Ammon saw that
the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled
before Abishai his brother, and en-
tered into the city. Then Joab came
to Jerusalem. [16] And when the Syrians
saw that they were put to the worse be-
fore Israel, they sent messengers, and
drew forth the Syrians that *were* be-
yond the river: and Shophach the cap-
tain of the host of Hadarezer *went* be-
fore them.* [17] And it was told David;

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16. river: that is, Euphrates. Shophach: also called,

and he gathered all Israel, and passed
over Jordan, and came upon them, and
set *the battle* in array against them. So
when David had put the battle in ar-
ray against the Syrians, they fought
with him. [18] But the Syrians fled be-
fore Israel; and David slew of the Syr-
ians seven thousand *men which fought
in* chariots, and forty thousand foot-
men, and killed Shophach the captain
of the host. [19] And when the servants
of Hadarezer saw that they were put
to the worse before Israel, they made
peace with David, and became his ser-
vants: neither would the Syrians help

Shobach.

the children of Ammon any more.

20 And it came to pass, that after
the year was expired, at the time that
kings go out *to battle*, Joab led forth
the power of the army, and wasted
the country of the children of Am-
mon, and came and besieged Rabbah.
But David tarried at Jerusalem. And
Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.*
2 And David took the crown of their
king from off his head, and found it to
weigh a talent of gold, and *there were*
precious stones in it; and it was set
upon David's head: and he brought

20.1. after...: Heb. at the return of the year.

also exceeding much spoil out of the
city.* 3 And he brought out the peo-
ple that *were* in it, and cut *them* with
saws, and with harrows of iron, and
with axes. Even so dealt David with
all the cities of the children of Am-
mon. And David and all the peo-
ple returned to Jerusalem. 4 And it
came to pass after this, that there arose
war at Gezer with the Philistines; at
which time Sibbechai the Hushathite
slew Sippai, *that was* of the children
of the giant: and they were subdued.*

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2. to weigh: Heb. the weight of.

4. arose: or, continued: Heb. stood. Gezer: also called, Gob. Sippai: also called, Saph. the giant:

5 And there was war again with the
Philistines; and Elhanan the son of
Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Go-
liath the Gittite, whose spear staff *was*
like a weaver's beam.* 6 And yet again
there was war at Gath, where was a
man of *great* stature, whose fingers and
toes *were* four and twenty, six *on each*
hand, and six *on each foot*: and he
also was the son of the giant.* 7 But
when he defied Israel, Jonathan the
son of Shimea David's brother slew

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or, Rapha.

5. Jair: also called, Jaareoregim.

6. great...: Heb. measure. the son...: Heb born to the giant, or, Rapha.

him.* 8 These were born unto the gi-
ant in Gath; and they fell by the hand
of David, and by the hand of his ser-
vants.

21 And Satan stood up against Is-
rael, and provoked David to number
Israel. 2 And David said to Joab and
to the rulers of the people, Go, num-
ber Israel from Beersheba even to Dan;
and bring the number of them to me,
that I may know *it*. 3 And Joab an-
swered, The LORD make his people an
hundred times so many more as they
be: but, my lord the king, *are* they

7. defied: or, reproached. Shimea: also called Shammah.

not all my lord's servants? why then
doth my lord require this thing? why
will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?
4 Nevertheless the king's word pre-
vailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab
departed, and went throughout all Is-
rael, and came to Jerusalem. 5 And
Joab gave the sum of the number of
the people unto David. And all *they*
of Israel were a thousand thousand
and an hundred thousand men that
drew sword: and Judah *was* four hun-
dred threescore and ten thousand men
that drew sword. 6 But Levi and Ben-
jamin counted he not among them:
for the king's word was abominable to

Joab. 7 And God was displeased with
this thing; therefore he smote Israel.*
8 And David said unto God, I have
sinned greatly, because I have done
this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do
away the iniquity of thy servant; for I
have done very foolishly. 9 And the
LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer,
saying, 10 Go and tell David, saying,
Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three
things: choose thee one of them, that I
may do *it* unto thee.* 11 So Gad came to
David, and said unto him, Thus saith

21.7. And...: Heb. And it was evil in the eyes of the LORD concerning this thing.

10. offer: Heb. stretch out.

the LORD, Choose thee* 12 Either three
years' famine; or three months to be
destroyed before thy foes, while that
the sword of thine enemies overtaketh
thee; or else three days the sword of
the LORD, even the pestilence, in the
land, and the angel of the LORD de-
stroying throughout all the coasts of
Israel. Now therefore advise thyself
what word I shall bring again to him
that sent me. 13 And David said unto
Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall
now into the hand of the LORD; for
very great *are* his mercies: but let me

11. Choose...: Heb. Take to thee.

not fall into the hand of man.* [14] So
the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel:
and there fell of Israel seventy thou-
sand men. [15] And God sent an angel
unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as
he was destroying, the LORD beheld,
and he repented him of the evil, and
said to the angel that destroyed, It is
enough, stay now thine hand. And the
angel of the LORD stood by the thresh-
ingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.* [16] And
David lifted up his eyes, and saw the
angel of the LORD stand between the
earth and the heaven, having a drawn

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13. very great: or, very many.
15. Ornan: also called, Araunah.

sword in his hand stretched out over
Jerusalem. Then David and the elders
of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth,
fell upon their faces. [17] And David said
unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded
the people to be numbered? even I
it is that have sinned and done evil
indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what
have they done? let thine hand, I pray
thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and
on my father's house; but not on thy
people, that they should be plagued.
[18] Then the angel of the LORD com-
manded Gad to say to David, that
David should go up, and set up an altar
unto the LORD in the threshingfloor

of Ornan the Jebusite. [19] And David
went up at the saying of Gad, which he
spake in the name of the LORD. [20] And
Ornan turned back, and saw the an-
gel; and his four sons with him hid
themselves. Now Ornan was thresh-
ing wheat.* [21] And as David came to
Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David,
and went out of the threshingfloor,
and bowed himself to David with *his*
face to the ground. [22] Then David said
to Ornan, Grant me the place of *this*
threshingfloor, that I may build an al-

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20. And Ornan...: or, When Ornan turned back and saw the angel, then he and his four sons with him hid themselves.

tar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt
grant it me for the full price: that the
plague may be stayed from the people.*
23 And Ornan said unto David, Take
it to thee, and let my lord the king
do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo,
I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt of-
ferings, and the threshing instruments
for wood, and the wheat for the meat
offering; I give it all. 24 And king David
said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily
buy it for the full price: for I will not
take *that* which *is* thine for the LORD,
nor offer burnt offerings without cost.
25 So David gave to Ornan for the place

22. Grant: Heb. Give.

six hundred shekels of gold by weight.
[26] And David built there an altar unto
the LORD, and offered burnt offer-
ings and peace offerings, and called
upon the LORD; and he answered him
from heaven by fire upon the altar of
burnt offering. [27] And the LORD com-
manded the angel; and he put up his
sword again into the sheath thereof.
[28] At that time when David saw that the
LORD had answered him in the thresh-
ingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then
he sacrificed there. [29] For the taberna-
cle of the LORD, which Moses made
in the wilderness, and the altar of the
burnt offering, *were* at that season in

the high place at Gibeon. 30 But David
could not go before it to enquire of
God: for he was afraid because of the
sword of the angel of the LORD.

22 Then David said, This *is* the
house of the LORD God, and this *is*
the altar of the burnt offering for Is-
rael. 2 And David commanded to
gather together the strangers that *were*
in the land of Israel; and he set ma-
sons to hew wrought stones to build
the house of God. 3 And David pre-
pared iron in abundance for the nails
for the doors of the gates, and for the
joinings; and brass in abundance with-

out weight; [4] Also cedar trees in abun-
dance: for the Zidonians and they of
Tyre brought much cedar wood to
David. [5] And David said, Solomon
my son *is* young and tender, and the
house *that is* to be builded for the
LORD *must be* exceeding magnifical,
of fame and of glory throughout all
countries: I will *therefore* now make
preparation for it. So David prepared
abundantly before his death. [6] Then
he called for Solomon his son, and
charged him to build an house for the
LORD God of Israel. [7] And David said
to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was
in my mind to build an house unto the

name of the LORD my God: 8 But the
word of the LORD came to me, saying,
Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and
hast made great wars: thou shalt not
build an house unto my name, because
thou hast shed much blood upon the
earth in my sight. 9 Behold, a son shall
be born to thee, who shall be a man
of rest; and I will give him rest from
all his enemies round about: for his
name shall be Solomon, and I will give
peace and quietness unto Israel in his
days.* 10 He shall build an house for my
name; and he shall be my son, and I
will be his father; and I will establish

22.9. Solomon: that is, Peaceable.

the throne of his kingdom over Israel
for ever. [11] Now, my son, the LORD be
with thee; and prosper thou, and build
the house of the LORD thy God, as he
hath said of thee. [12] Only the LORD
give thee wisdom and understanding,
and give thee charge concerning Israel,
that thou mayest keep the law of the
LORD thy God. [13] Then shalt thou
prosper, if thou takest heed to ful-
fil the statutes and judgments which
the LORD charged Moses with con-
cerning Israel: be strong, and of good
courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.
[14] Now, behold, in my trouble I have
prepared for the house of the LORD an

hundred thousand talents of gold, and
a thousand thousand talents of silver;
and of brass and iron without weight;
for it is in abundance: timber also
and stone have I prepared; and thou
mayest add thereto.* 15 Moreover *there*
are workmen with thee in abundance,
hewers and workers of stone and tim-
ber, and all manner of cunning men
for every manner of work.* 16 Of the
gold, the silver, and the brass, and the
iron, *there is* no number. Arise *there-*
fore, and be doing, and the LORD be
with thee. 17 David also commanded

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14. trouble: or, poverty.

15. workers...: that is, masons and carpenters.

all the princes of Israel to help Solo-
mon his son, *saying*, [18] *Is* not the LORD
your God with you? and hath he *not*
given you rest on every side? for he
hath given the inhabitants of the land
into mine hand; and the land is sub-
dued before the LORD, and before his
people. [19] Now set your heart and your
soul to seek the LORD your God; arise
therefore, and build ye the sanctuary
of the LORD God, to bring the ark
of the covenant of the LORD, and the
holy vessels of God, into the house
that is to be built to the name of the
LORD.

23 So when David was old and
full of days, he made Solomon his son
king over Israel. 2 And he gathered
together all the princes of Israel, with
the priests and the Levites. 3 Now the
Levites were numbered from the age
of thirty years and upward: and their
number by their polls, man by man,
was thirty and eight thousand. 4 Of
which, twenty and four thousand *were*
to set forward the work of the house
of the LORD; and six thousand *were*
officers and judges:* 5 Moreover four
thousand *were* porters; and four thou-

23.4. set...: or, oversee.

sand praised the LORD with the in-
struments which I made, *said David*,
to praise *therewith*. 6 And David di-
vided them into courses among the
sons of Levi, *namely*, Gershon, Ko-
hath, and Merari.* 7 Of the Gershon-
ites *were*, Laadan, and Shimei.* 8 The
sons of Laadan; the chief *was* Je-
hiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.
9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and
Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were*
the chief of the fathers of Laadan.
10 And the sons of Shimei *were*, Jahath,
Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These

6. courses: Heb. divisions.
7. Laadan: or, Libni.

four *were* the sons of Shimei.* [11] And
Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the
second: but Jeush and Beriah had
not many sons; therefore they were in
one reckoning, according to *their* fa-
ther's house.* [12] The sons of Kohath;
Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel,
four. [13] The sons of Amram; Aaron
and Moses: and Aaron was separated,
that he should sanctify the most holy
things, he and his sons for ever, to burn
incense before the LORD, to minister
unto him, and to bless in his name
for ever. [14] Now *concerning* Moses the

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10. Zina: or, Zizah.
11. had...: Heb. did not multiply sons.

man of God, his sons were named of
the tribe of Levi. [15] The sons of Moses
were, Gershom, and Eliezer. [16] Of
the sons of Gershom, Shebuel *was*
the chief.* [17] And the sons of Eliezer
were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer
had none other sons; but the sons of
Rehabiah were very many.* [18] Of the
sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief.*
[19] Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the
first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the
third, and Jekameam the fourth. [20] Of

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16. Shebuel: also called, Shubael.
17. the chief: or, the first. very many: Heb. highly multiplied.
18. Shelomith: also called, Shelomoth.

the sons of Uzziel; Michah the first,
and Jesiah the second. [21] The sons of
Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons
of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish. [22] And
Eleazar died, and had no sons, but
daughters: and their brethren the sons
of Kish took them.* [23] The sons of
Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jere-
moth, three. [24] These *were* the sons of
Levi after the house of their fathers;
even the chief of the fathers, as they
were counted by number of names by
their polls, that did the work for the
service of the house of the LORD, from
the age of twenty years and upward.

22. brethren: or, kinsmen.

[25] For David said, The LORD God of
Israel hath given rest unto his peo-
ple, that they may dwell in Jerusalem
for ever:* [26] And also unto the Levites;
they shall no *more* carry the taberna-
cle, nor any vessels of it for the ser-
vice thereof. [27] For by the last words
of David the Levites *were* numbered
from twenty years old and above:*
[28] Because their office *was* to wait on
the sons of Aaron for the service of
the house of the LORD, in the courts,
and in the chambers, and in the puri-
fying of all holy things, and the work

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25. that...: or, and he dwelleth in Jerusalem, etc.
27. numbered: Heb. number.

of the service of the house of God;*
29 Both for the shewbread, and for the
fine flour for meat offering, and for the
unleavened cakes, and for *that which is*
baked in the pan, and for that which
is fried, and for all manner of measure
and size;* 30 And to stand every morn-
ing to thank and praise the LORD,
and likewise at even; 31 And to offer all
burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the
sabbaths, in the new moons, and on
the set feasts, by number, according
to the order commanded unto them,

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28. their...: Heb. their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron.
29. pan: or, flat plate.

continually before the LORD: [32] And
that they should keep the charge of
the tabernacle of the congregation,
and the charge of the holy *place*, and
the charge of the sons of Aaron their
brethren, in the service of the house of
the LORD.

24 Now *these are* the divisions
of the sons of Aaron. The sons of
Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar,
and Ithamar. [2] But Nadab and Abihu
died before their father, and had
no children: therefore Eleazar and
Ithamar executed the priest's office.
[3] And David distributed them, both
Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and

Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service. 4 And there were more chief men
found of the sons of Eleazar than of
the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they
divided. Among the sons of Eleazar
there were sixteen chief men of the
house of *their* fathers, and eight among
the sons of Ithamar according to the
house of their fathers. 5 Thus were
they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors *of the house* of
God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and
of the sons of Ithamar. 6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one*

of the Levites, wrote them before the
king, and the princes, and Zadok the
priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abi-
athar, and *before* the chief of the fa-
thers of the priests and Levites: one
principal household being taken for
Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.*
7 Now the first lot came forth to Je-
hoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 8 The
third to Harim, the fourth to Se-
orim, 9 The fifth to Malchijah, the
sixth to Mijamin, 10 The seventh to
Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 11 The
ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Sheca-
niah, 12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the

24.6. principal...: Heb. house of the father.

twelfth to Jakim, 13 The thirteenth to
Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,
14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth
to Immer, 15 The seventeenth to Hezir,
the eighteenth to Aphses, 16 The nine-
teenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth
to Jehezekel, 17 The one and twenti-
eth to Jachin, the two and twentieth
to Gamul, 18 The three and twentieth
to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to
Maaziah. 19 These *were* the orderings
of them in their service to come into
the house of the LORD, according to
their manner, under Aaron their fa-
ther, as the LORD God of Israel had
commanded him. 20 And the rest of

the sons of Levi *were these*: Of the sons
of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of
Shubael; Jehdeiah.* [21] Concerning Re-
habiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the
first *was* Isshiah. [22] Of the Izharites;
Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth;
Jahath.* [23] And the sons *of Hebron*; Je-
riah *the first*, Amariah the second, Ja-
haziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.
[24] *Of* the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of
the sons of Michah; Shamir. [25] The
brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the
sons of Isshiah; Zechariah. [26] The sons
of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi: the

20. Shubael: also called, Shebuel.
22. Shelomoth: also called, Shelomith.

sons of Jaaziah; Beno. [27] The sons of
Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham,
and Zaccur, and Ibri. [28] Of Mahli *came*
Eleazar, who had no sons. [29] Concern-
ing Kish: the son of Kish *was* Jer-
ahmeel. [30] The sons also of Mushi;
Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These
were the sons of the Levites after the
house of their fathers. [31] These like-
wise cast lots over against their breth-
ren the sons of Aaron in the presence
of David the king, and Zadok, and
Ahimelech, and the chief of the fa-
thers of the priests and Levites, even
the principal fathers over against their
younger brethren.

25 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: 2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king.* 3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Je-

25.2. Asarelah: otherwise called Jesharelah. according...: Heb. by the hands of the king.

duthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Je-
shaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah,
six, under the hands of their fa-
ther Jeduthun, who prophesied with
a harp, to give thanks and to praise
the LORD.* 4 Of Heman: the sons of
Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel,
Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah,
Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Ro-
mamtiezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi,
Hothir, *and* Mahazioth:* 5 All these
were the sons of Heman the king's seer
in the words of God, to lift up the

3. Zeri: or, Izri.
4. Uzziel: also called, Azareel. Shebuel: also called, Shubael.

horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.* 6 All these *were* under the hands of their father for song *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.* 7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight. 8 And they cast lots, ward against *ward*, as well the small as the great, the

5. words: or, matters.
6. according...: Heb. by the hands of the king.

teacher as the scholar. 9 Now the first
lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph:
the second to Gedaliah, who with his
brethren and sons *were* twelve: 10 The
third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons, and his
brethren, *were* twelve: 11 The fourth to
Izri, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve: 12 The fifth to Nethaniah, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
13 The sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve: 14 The
seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons, and
his brethren, *were* twelve: 15 The eighth
to Jeshaiah, *he*, his sons, and his breth-
ren, *were* twelve: 16 The ninth to Mat-
taniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren,

were twelve: [17] The tenth to Shimei, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
[18] The eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve: [19] The
twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons, and
his brethren, *were* twelve: [20] The thir-
teenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons, and
his brethren, *were* twelve: [21] The four-
teenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons, and
his brethren, *were* twelve: [22] The fif-
teenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his sons, and
his brethren, *were* twelve: [23] The six-
teenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons, and
his brethren, *were* twelve: [24] The seven-
teenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve: [25] The

eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve: [26] The
nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve: [27] The
twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve: [28] The
one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
[29] The two and twentieth to Giddalti,
he, his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve: [30] The three and twentieth to
Mahazioth, *he*, his sons, and his breth-
ren, *were* twelve: [31] The four and twen-
tieth to Romamtiezer, *he*, his sons, and
his brethren, *were* twelve.

26 Concerning the divisions of
the porters: Of the Korhites *was*
Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of
the sons of Asaph.* 2 And the sons
of Meshelemiah *were*, Zechariah the
firstborn, Jediael the second, Zeba-
diah the third, Jathniel the fourth,
3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth,
Elioenai the seventh. 4 Moreover the
sons of Obededom *were*, Shemaiah
the firstborn, Jehozabad the second,
Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth,
and Nethaneel the fifth, 5 Ammiel the

26.1. Meshelemiah: also called, Shelemiah. Asaph: also called, Ebiasaph.

sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai
the eighth: for God blessed him.*
6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were
sons born, that ruled throughout the
house of their father: for they *were*
mighty men of valour. 7 The sons of
Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and
Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were*
strong men, Elihu, and Semachiah.
8 All these of the sons of Obededom:
they and their sons and their breth-
ren, able men for strength for the
service, *were* threescore and two of
Obededom. 9 And Meshelemiah had
sons and brethren, strong men, eigh-

5. him: that is, Obededom.

teen. [10] Also Hosah, of the children
of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief,
(for *though* he was not the firstborn,
yet his father made him the chief;)
[11] Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the
third, Zechariah the fourth: all the
sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thir-
teen. [12] Among these *were* the divi-
sions of the porters, *even* among the
chief men, *having* wards one against
another, to minister in the house of
the LORD. [13] And they cast lots, as
well the small as the great, according
to the house of their fathers, for ev-
ery gate.* [14] And the lot eastward fell

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13. as well...: or, as well for the small as for the

to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah
his son, a wise counsellor, they cast
lots; and his lot came out northward.*
15 To Obededom southward; and to
his sons the house of Asuppim.* 16 To
Shuppim and Hosah *the lot came forth*
westward, with the gate Shallecheth,
by the causeway of the going up, ward
against ward. 17 Eastward *were* six
Levites, northward four a day, south-
ward four a day, and toward Asuppim
two *and* two. 18 At Parbar westward,
four at the causeway, *and* two at Par-

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great.

14. Shelemiah: also called Meshelemiah.

15. Asuppim: Heb. gatherings.

bar. [19] These *are* the divisions of the
porters among the sons of Kore, and
among the sons of Merari. [20] And of
the Levites, Ahijah *was* over the trea-
sures of the house of God, and over
the treasures of the dedicated things.*
[21] *As concerning* the sons of Laadan; the
sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief
fathers, *even* of Laadan the Gershon-
ite, *were* Jehieli.* [22] The sons of Jehieli;
Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which
were* over the treasures of the house of
the LORD. [23] Of the Amramites, *and*

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20. dedicated...: Heb. holy things.
21. Laadan: also called, Libni. Jehieli: also called, Jehiel.

the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the
Uzzielites: [24] And Shebuel the son of
Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler
of the treasures. [25] And his brethren
by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Je-
shaiah his son, and Joram his son, and
Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.
[26] Which Shelomith and his brethren
were over all the treasures of the ded-
icated things, which David the king,
and the chief fathers, the captains over
thousands and hundreds, and the cap-
tains of the host, had dedicated. [27] Out
of the spoils won in battles did they
dedicate to maintain the house of the

LORD.* [28] And all that Samuel the seer,
and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner
the son of Ner, and Joab the son of
Zeruiah, had dedicated; *and* whoso-
ever had dedicated *any thing, it was*
under the hand of Shelomith, and
of his brethren. [29] Of the Izharites,
Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the
outward business over Israel, for of-
ficers and judges. [30] *And* of the He-
bronites, Hashabiah and his brethren,
men of valour, a thousand and seven
hundred, *were* officers among them of
Israel on this side Jordan westward in
all the business of the LORD, and in

27. spoils...: Heb. battles and spoils.

the service of the king.* 31 Among the
Hebronites *was* Jerijah the chief, *even*
among the Hebronites, according to
the generations of his fathers. In the
fortieth year of the reign of David they
were sought for, and there were found
among them mighty men of valour
at Jazer of Gilead. 32 And his breth-
ren, men of valour, *were* two thou-
sand and seven hundred chief fathers,
whom king David made rulers over
the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the
half tribe of Manasseh, for every mat-
ter pertaining to God, and affairs of

30. officers...: Heb. over the charge.

the king.*

27 Now the children of Israel after
their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers
and captains of thousands and hun-
dreds, and their officers that served
the king in any matter of the courses,
which came in and went out month
by month throughout all the months
of the year, of every course *were*
twenty and four thousand. 2 Over the
first course for the first month *was*
Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in
his course *were* twenty and four thou-
sand. 3 Of the children of Perez *was*

32. affairs: Heb. thing.

the chief of all the captains of the host
for the first month. [4] And over the
course of the second month *was* Do-
dai an Ahohite, and of his course *was*
Mikloth also the ruler: in his course
likewise *were* twenty and four thou-
sand.* [5] The third captain of the host
for the third month *was* Benaiah the
son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in
his course *were* twenty and four thou-
sand.* [6] This *is that* Benaiah, *who was*
mighty *among* the thirty, and above
the thirty: and in his course *was* Am-
mizabad his son. [7] The fourth *cap-*

27.4. Dodai: also called, Dodo.
5. chief...: or, principal officer.

tain for the fourth month *was* Asa-
hel the brother of Joab, and Zeba-
diah his son after him: and in his
course *were* twenty and four thousand.
8 The fifth captain for the fifth month
was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in
his course *were* twenty and four thou-
sand. 9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth
month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the
Tekoite: and in his course *were* twenty
and four thousand. 10 The seventh *cap-*
tain for the seventh month *was* Helez
the Pelonite, of the children of Eph-
raim: and in his course *were* twenty
and four thousand. 11 The eighth *cap-*
tain for the eighth month *was* Sibbe-

cai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites:
and in his course *were* twenty and
four thousand. 12 The ninth *captain*
for the ninth month *was* Abiezer the
Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and
in his course *were* twenty and four
thousand. 13 The tenth *captain* for the
tenth month *was* Maharai the Ne-
tophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his
course *were* twenty and four thousand.
14 The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh
month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of
the children of Ephraim: and in his
course *were* twenty and four thousand.
15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth
month *was* Heldai the Netophathite,

of Othniel: and in his course *were*
twenty and four thousand.* [16] Further-
more over the tribes of Israel: the
ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer
the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites,
Shephatiah the son of Maachah: [17] Of
the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Ke-
muel: of the Aaronites, Zadok: [18] Of
Judah, Elihu, *one* of the brethren of
David: of Issachar, Omri the son of
Michael:* [19] Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the
son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeri-
moth the son of Azriel: [20] Of the chil-
dren of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of

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15. Heldai: also called, Heled.
18. Elihu: also called, Eliab.

Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh,
Joel the son of Pedaiah: [21] Of the half
tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the
son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel
the son of Abner: [22] Of Dan, Azareel
the son of Jeroham. These *were* the
princes of the tribes of Israel. [23] But
David took not the number of them
from twenty years old and under: be-
cause the LORD had said he would
increase Israel like to the stars of the
heavens. [24] Joab the son of Zeruiah be-
gan to number, but he finished not,
because there fell wrath for it against
Israel; neither was the number put in
the account of the chronicles of king

David.* [25] And over the king's treasures
was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and
over the storehouses in the fields, in
the cities, and in the villages, and in
the castles, *was* Jehonathan the son
of Uzziah: [26] And over them that did
the work of the field for tillage of the
ground *was* Ezri the son of Chelub:
[27] And over the vineyards *was* Shimei
the Ramathite: over the increase of
the vineyards for the wine cellars *was*
Zabdi the Shiphmite:* [28] And over the
olive trees and the sycomore trees that

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24. was: Heb. ascended.
27. over the increase...: Heb. over that which was of the vineyards.

were in the low plains *was* Baalhanan
the Gederite: and over the cellars of
oil *was* Joash: [29] And over the herds
that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sha-
ronite: and over the herds *that were*
in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son
of Adlai: [30] Over the camels also *was*
Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses
was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: [31] And
over the flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite.
All these *were* the rulers of the sub-
stance which *was* king David's. [32] Also
Jonathan David's uncle was a counsel-
lor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Je-
hiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with

the king's sons:* 33 And Ahithophel
was the king's counsellor: and Hushai
the Archite *was* the king's companion:
34 And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada
the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and
the general of the king's army *was* Joab.

28 And David assembled all the
princes of Israel, the princes of the
tribes, and the captains of the com-
panies that ministered to the king by
course, and the captains over the thou-
sands, and captains over the hundreds,
and the stewards over all the substance
and possession of the king, and of his

32. scribe: or, secretary. son...: or, Hachmonite.

sons, with the officers, and with the
mighty men, and with all the valiant
men, unto Jerusalem.* [2] Then David
the king stood up upon his feet, and
said, Hear me, my brethren, and my
people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart
to build an house of rest for the ark of
the covenant of the LORD, and for the
footstool of our God, and had made
ready for the building: [3] But God
said unto me, Thou shalt not build
an house for my name, because thou
hast been a man of war, and hast shed

28.1. possession: or, cattle. and of...: or, and his sons. officers: or, eunuchs.

blood.* 4 Howbeit the LORD God of
Israel chose me before all the house
of my father to be king over Israel for
ever: for he hath chosen Judah *to be*
the ruler; and of the house of Judah,
the house of my father; and among
the sons of my father he liked me to
make *me* king over all Israel: 5 And of
all my sons, (for the LORD hath given
me many sons,) he hath chosen Solo-
mon my son to sit upon the throne of
the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.
6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy
son, he shall build my house and my
courts: for I have chosen him *to be* my

3. blood: Heb. bloods.

son, and I will be his father. 7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for
ever, if he be constant to do my com-
mandments and my judgments, as at
this day.* 8 Now therefore in the sight
of all Israel the congregation of the
LORD, and in the audience of our God,
keep and seek for all the command-
ments of the LORD your God: that ye
may possess this good land, and leave
it for an inheritance for your children
after you for ever. 9 And thou, Solo-
mon my son, know thou the God of
thy father, and serve him with a per-
fect heart and with a willing mind: for

7. constant: Heb. strong.

the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the
thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be
found of thee; but if thou forsake him,
he will cast thee off for ever. 10 Take
heed now; for the LORD hath chosen
thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it*. 11 Then
David gave to Solomon his son the
pattern of the porch, and of the houses
thereof, and of the treasuries thereof,
and of the upper chambers thereof,
and of the inner parlours thereof, and
of the place of the mercy seat, 12 And
the pattern of all that he had by the
spirit, of the courts of the house of

the LORD, and of all the chambers
round about, of the treasuries of the
house of God, and of the treasuries of
the dedicated things:* 13 Also for the
courses of the priests and the Levites,
and for all the work of the service of
the house of the LORD, and for all the
vessels of service in the house of the
LORD. 14 *He gave* of gold by weight for
things of gold, for all instruments of
all manner of service; *silver also* for all
instruments of silver by weight, for all
instruments of every kind of service:
15 Even the weight for the candlesticks
of gold, and for their lamps of gold,

12. of all that...: Heb. of all that was with him.

by weight for every candlestick, and
for the lamps thereof: and for the can-
dlesticks of silver by weight, *both* for
the candlestick, and *also* for the lamps
thereof, according to the use of every
candlestick. [16] And by weight *he gave*
gold for the tables of shewbread, for
every table; and *likewise* silver for the
tables of silver: [17] Also pure gold for
the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the
cups: and for the golden basons *he gave*
gold by weight for every bason; and
likewise silver by weight for every bason
of silver: [18] And for the altar of incense
refined gold by weight; and gold for
the pattern of the chariot of the cheru-

bims, that spread out *their wings*, and
covered the ark of the covenant of the
LORD. [19] All *this, said David*, the LORD
made me understand in writing by *his*
hand upon me, *even* all the works of
this pattern. [20] And David said to So-
lomon his son, Be strong and of good
courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be
dismayed: for the LORD God, *even* my
God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail
thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast
finished all the work for the service of
the house of the LORD. [21] And, be-
hold, the courses of the priests and the
Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for
all the service of the house of God: and

there shall be with thee for all manner
of workmanship every willing skilful
man, for any manner of service: also
the princes and all the people *will be*
wholly at thy commandment.

29 Furthermore David the king
said unto all the congregation, Solo-
mon my son, whom alone God hath
chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and
the work *is* great: for the palace *is*
not for man, but for the LORD God.
2 Now I have prepared with all my
might for the house of my God the
gold for *things to be made* of gold, and
the silver for *things* of silver, and the

brass for *things* of brass, the iron for
things of iron, and wood for *things* of
wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set,
glistering stones, and of divers colours,
and all manner of precious stones, and
marble stones in abundance. 3 More-
over, because I have set my affection
to the house of my God, I have of
mine own proper good, of gold and
silver, *which* I have given to the house
of my God, over and above all that
I have prepared for the holy house,
4 *Even* three thousand talents of gold,
of the gold of Ophir, and seven thou-
sand talents of refined silver, to overlay
the walls of the houses *withal*: 5 The

gold for *things* of gold, and the silver
for *things* of silver, and for all man-
ner of work *to be made* by the hands
of artificers. And who *then* is will-
ing to consecrate his service this day
unto the LORD?* 6 Then the chief of
the fathers and princes of the tribes of
Israel, and the captains of thousands
and of hundreds, with the rulers of the
king's work, offered willingly, 7 And
gave for the service of the house of
God of gold five thousand talents and
ten thousand drams, and of silver ten
thousand talents, and of brass eigh-
teen thousand talents, and one hun-

29.5. consecrate his service: Heb. fill his hand.

dred thousand talents of iron. 8 And
they with whom *precious* stones were
found gave *them* to the treasure of
the house of the LORD, by the hand
of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 Then the
people rejoiced, for that they offered
willingly, because with perfect heart
they offered willingly to the LORD:
and David the king also rejoiced with
great joy. 10 Wherefore David blessed
the LORD before all the congregation:
and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD
God of Israel our father, for ever and
ever. 11 Thine, O LORD, *is* the great-
ness, and the power, and the glory, and
the victory, and the majesty: for all

that is in the heaven and in the earth *is*
thine; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD,
and thou art exalted as head above all.
12 Both riches and honour *come* of thee,
and thou reignest over all; and in thine
hand *is* power and might; and in thine
hand *it is* to make great, and to give
strength unto all. 13 Now therefore,
our God, we thank thee, and praise
thy glorious name. 14 But who *am* I,
and what *is* my people, that we should
be able to offer so willingly after this
sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of
thine own have we given thee.* 15 For

14. be able: Heb. retain, or, obtain strength. in thine...: Heb. of thine hand.

we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our
days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and
there is none abiding.* [16] O LORD our
God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine
holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and
is all thine own. [17] I know also, my
God, that thou triest the heart, and
hast pleasure in uprightness. As for
me, in the uprightness of mine heart I
have willingly offered all these things:
and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer

15. abiding: Heb. expectation.

willingly unto thee.* [18] O LORD God
of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our
fathers, keep this for ever in the imag-
ination of the thoughts of the heart
of thy people, and prepare their heart
unto thee:* [19] And give unto Solomon
my son a perfect heart, to keep thy
commandments, thy testimonies, and
thy statutes, and to do all *these things*,
and to build the palace, *for* the which
I have made provision. [20] And David
said to all the congregation, Now bless
the LORD your God. And all the con-
gregation blessed the LORD God of

17. present: Heb. found.
18. prepare: or, stablish.

their fathers, and bowed down their
heads, and worshipped the LORD, and
the king. [21] And they sacrificed sacri-
fices unto the LORD, and offered burnt
offerings unto the LORD, on the mor-
row after that day, *even* a thousand bul-
locks, a thousand rams, *and* a thou-
sand lambs, with their drink offerings,
and sacrifices in abundance for all Is-
rael: [22] And did eat and drink before
the LORD on that day with great glad-
ness. And they made Solomon the son
of David king the second time, and
anointed *him* unto the LORD *to be* the
chief governor, and Zadok *to be* priest.
[23] Then Solomon sat on the throne of

the LORD as king instead of David his
father, and prospered; and all Israel
obeyed him. 24 And all the princes, and
the mighty men, and all the sons like-
wise of king David, submitted them-
selves unto Solomon the king.* 25 And
the LORD magnified Solomon exceed-
ingly in the sight of all Israel, and be-
stowed upon him *such* royal majesty
as had not been on any king before
him in Israel. 26 Thus David the son
of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 And
the time that he reigned over Israel
was forty years; seven years reigned

24. submitted...: Heb. gave the hand under Solomon.

he in Hebron, and thirty and three
years reigned he in Jerusalem. [28] And
he died in a good old age, full of days,
riches, and honour: and Solomon his
son reigned in his stead. [29] Now the
acts of David the king, first and last,
behold, they *are* written in the book
of Samuel the seer, and in the book of
Nathan the prophet, and in the book
of Gad the seer,* [30] With all his reign
and his might, and the times that went
over him, and over Israel, and over all
the kingdoms of the countries.

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29. book: or, history: Heb. words.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE
CHRONICLES

And Solomon the son of David
was strengthened in his king-
dom, and the LORD his God
was with him, and magnified him
exceedingly. 2 Then Solomon spake
unto all Israel, to the captains of thou-
sands and of hundreds, and to the
judges, and to every governor in all Is-
rael, the chief of the fathers. 3 So So-
lomon, and all the congregation with
him, went to the high place that *was*
at Gibeon; for there was the taberna-
cle of the congregation of God, which

Moses the servant of the LORD had
made in the wilderness. 4 But the ark
of God had David brought up from
Kirjathjearim to *the place which* David
had prepared for it: for he had pitched
a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5 Moreover
the brasen altar, that Bezaleel the son
of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he
put before the tabernacle of the LORD:
and Solomon and the congregation
sought unto it.* 6 And Solomon went
up thither to the brasen altar before
the LORD, which *was* at the taberna-
cle of the congregation, and offered a
thousand burnt offerings upon it. 7 In

1.5. he put: or, was there.

that night did God appear unto Solo-
mon, and said unto him, Ask what I
shall give thee. 8 And Solomon said
unto God, Thou hast shewed great
mercy unto David my father, and hast
made me to reign in his stead. 9 Now,
O LORD God, let thy promise unto
David my father be established: for
thou hast made me king over a people
like the dust of the earth in multitude.*
10 Give me now wisdom and knowl-
edge, that I may go out and come in
before this people: for who can judge
this thy people, *that is so* great? 11 And
God said to Solomon, Because this

9. like...: Heb. much as the dust of the earth.

was in thine heart, and thou hast not
asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor
the life of thine enemies, neither yet
hast asked long life; but hast asked wis-
dom and knowledge for thyself, that
thou mayest judge my people, over
whom I have made thee king: 12 Wis-
dom and knowledge *is* granted unto
thee; and I will give thee riches, and
wealth, and honour, such as none of
the kings have had that *have been* be-
fore thee, neither shall there any after
thee have the like. 13 Then Solomon
came *from his journey* to the high place
that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from
before the tabernacle of the congrega-

tion, and reigned over Israel. [14] And
Solomon gathered chariots and horse-
men: and he had a thousand and four
hundred chariots, and twelve thou-
sand horsemen, which he placed in
the chariot cities, and with the king
at Jerusalem. [15] And the king made sil-
ver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous*
as stones, and cedar trees made he as
the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale
for abundance.* [16] And Solomon had
horses brought out of Egypt, and linen
yarn: the king's merchants received
the linen yarn at a price.* [17] And they

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15. made: Heb. gave.

16. Solomon...: Heb. the going forth of the horses

fetched up, and brought forth out of
Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels*
of silver, and an horse for an hun-
dred and fifty: and so brought they
out *horses* for all the kings of the Hit-
tites, and for the kings of Syria, by their
means.*

2 And Solomon determined to
build an house for the name of the
LORD, and an house for his king-
dom. 2 And Solomon told out three-
score and ten thousand men to bear
burdens, and fourscore thousand to
hew in the mountain, and three thou-

which was Solomon's.
17. means: Heb. hand.

sand and six hundred to oversee them.
3 And Solomon sent to Huram the
king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal
with David my father, and didst send
him cedars to build him an house to
dwell therein, *even so deal with me*.*
4 Behold, I build an house to the name
of the LORD my God, to dedicate
it to him, *and* to burn before him
sweet incense, and for the continual
shewbread, and for the burnt offer-
ings morning and evening, on the sab-
baths, and on the new moons, and
on the solemn feasts of the LORD our
God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to

2.3. Huram: or, Hiram.

Israel.* 5 And the house which I build
is great: for great *is* our God above all
gods. 6 But who is able to build him an
house, seeing the heaven and heaven
of heavens cannot contain him? who
am I then, that I should build him an
house, save only to burn sacrifice be-
fore him?* 7 Send me now therefore a
man cunning to work in gold, and in
silver, and in brass, and in iron, and
in purple, and crimson, and blue, and
that can skill to grave with the cunning
men that *are* with me in Judah and in

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4. sweet...: Heb. incense of spices.

6. is able: Heb. hath retained, or, obtained strength.

Jerusalem, whom David my father did
provide.* 8 Send me also cedar trees, fir
trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon:
for I know that thy servants can skill
to cut timber in Lebanon; and, be-
hold, my servants *shall be* with thy ser-
vants,* 9 Even to prepare me timber
in abundance: for the house which I
am about to build *shall be* wonderful
great.* 10 And, behold, I will give to thy
servants, the hewers that cut timber,
twenty thousand measures of beaten
wheat, and twenty thousand measures

7. to grave: Heb. to grave gravings.
8. algum: also called, almuggim.
9. wonderful...: Heb. great and wonderful.

of barley, and twenty thousand baths
of wine, and twenty thousand baths of
oil. [11] Then Huram the king of Tyre an-
swered in writing, which he sent to So-
lomon, Because the LORD hath loved
his people, he hath made thee king
over them. [12] Huram said moreover,
Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel,
that made heaven and earth, who hath
given to David the king a wise son, en-
dued with prudence and understand-
ing, that might build an house for the
LORD, and an house for his kingdom.*
[13] And now I have sent a cunning man,

12. endued...: Heb. knowing prudence and understanding.

endued with understanding, of Hu-
ram my father's, [14] The son of a woman
of the daughters of Dan, and his father
was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in
gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in
stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue,
and in fine linen, and in crimson; also
to grave any manner of graving, and
to find out every device which shall
be put to him, with thy cunning men,
and with the cunning men of my lord
David thy father. [15] Now therefore the
wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the
wine, which my lord hath spoken of,
let him send unto his servants: [16] And
we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as

much as thou shalt need: and we will
bring it to thee in floats by sea to
Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Je-
rusalem.* [17] And Solomon numbered
all the strangers that *were* in the land of
Israel, after the numbering wherewith
David his father had numbered them;
and they were found an hundred and
fifty thousand and three thousand and
six hundred.* [18] And he set threescore
and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers
of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to
be* hewers in the mountain, and three

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16. as much...: Heb according to all thy need. Joppa: Heb. Japho.

17. the strangers: Heb. the men the strangers.

thousand and six hundred overseers to
set the people a work.

3 Then Solomon began to build
the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in
mount Moriah, where *the LORD* ap-
peared unto David his father, in the
place that David had prepared in the
threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.*
2 And he began to build in the second
day of the second month, in the fourth
year of his reign. 3 Now these *are the*
things wherein Solomon was instructed
for the building of the house of God.

3.1. where...: or, which was seen of David his father.
Ornan: also called, Araunah.

The length by cubits after the first
measure *was* threescore cubits, and
the breadth twenty cubits.* 4 And the
porch that *was* in the front *of the house*,
the length *of it was* according to the
breadth of the house, twenty cubits,
and the height *was* an hundred and
twenty: and he overlaid it within with
pure gold. 5 And the greater house
he cieled with fir tree, which he over-
laid with fine gold, and set thereon
palm trees and chains. 6 And he gar-
nished the house with precious stones
for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of

3. instructed: Heb. founded.

Parvaim.* 7 He overlaid also the house,
the beams, the posts, and the walls
thereof, and the doors thereof, with
gold; and graved cherubims on the
walls. 8 And he made the most holy
house, the length whereof *was* accord-
ing to the breadth of the house, twenty
cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty
cubits: and he overlaid it with fine
gold, *amounting* to six hundred tal-
ents. 9 And the weight of the nails *was*
fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid
the upper chambers with gold. 10 And
in the most holy house he made two
cherubims of image work, and over-

6. garnished: Heb. covered.

laid them with gold.* 11 And the wings
of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits
long: one wing *of the one cherub was*
five cubits, reaching to the wall of the
house: and the other wing *was likewise*
five cubits, reaching to the wing of the
other cherub. 12 And *one* wing of the
other cherub *was* five cubits, reach-
ing to the wall of the house: and the
other wing *was* five cubits *also*, join-
ing to the wing of the other cherub.
13 The wings of these cherubims spread
themselves forth twenty cubits: and
they stood on their feet, and their

10. image...: or, (as some think) of moveable work.

faces *were* inward.* 14 And he made the
vail *of* blue, and purple, and crimson,
and fine linen, and wrought cheru-
bims thereon.* 15 Also he made before
the house two pillars of thirty and five
cubits high, and the chapiter that *was*
on the top of each of them *was* five
cubits.* 16 And he made chains, *as* in
the oracle, and put *them* on the heads
of the pillars; and made an hundred
pomegranates, and put *them* on the
chains. 17 And he reared up the pil-
lars before the temple, one on the right

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13. inward: or, toward the house.
14. wrought: Heb. caused to ascend.
15. high: Heb. long.

hand, and the other on the left; and
called the name of that on the right
hand Jachin, and the name of that on
the left Boaz.*

4 Moreover he made an altar
of brass, twenty cubits the length
thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth
thereof, and ten cubits the height
thereof. 2 Also he made a molten
sea of ten cubits from brim to brim,
round in compass, and five cubits the
height thereof; and a line of thirty
cubits did compass it round about.*

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17. Jachin: that is, He shall establish. Boaz: that is, In it is strength.

4.2. from...: Heb. from his brim to his brim.

3 And under it *was* the similitude of
oxen, which did compass it round
about: ten in a cubit, compassing the
sea round about. Two rows of oxen
were cast, when it was cast. 4 It stood
upon twelve oxen, three looking to-
ward the north, and three looking to-
ward the west, and three looking to-
ward the south, and three looking to-
ward the east: and the sea *was set* above
upon them, and all their hinder parts
were inward. 5 And the thickness of
it *was* an handbreadth, and the brim
of it like the work of the brim of a
cup, with flowers of lilies; *and* it re-

ceived and held three thousand baths.*
6 He made also ten lavers, and put five
on the right hand, and five on the
left, to wash in them: such things as
they offered for the burnt offering they
washed in them; but the sea *was* for
the priests to wash in.* 7 And he made
ten candlesticks of gold according to
their form, and set *them* in the tem-
ple, five on the right hand, and five
on the left. 8 He made also ten ta-
bles, and placed *them* in the temple,
five on the right side, and five on the
left. And he made an hundred ba-

5. with flowers...: or, like a lilyflower.
6. such...: Heb. the work of burnt offering.

sons of gold.* 9 Furthermore he made
the court of the priests, and the great
court, and doors for the court, and
overlaid the doors of them with brass.
10 And he set the sea on the right side
of the east end, over against the south.
11 And Huram made the pots, and the
shovels, and the basons. And Hu-
ram finished the work that he was to
make for king Solomon for the house
of God;* 12 *To wit*, the two pillars, and
the pommels, and the chapiters *which
were* on the top of the two pillars,

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8. basons: or, bowls.

11. basons: or, bowls. finished: Heb. finished to make.

and the two wreaths to cover the two
pommels of the chapiters which *were*
on the top of the pillars; [13] And four
hundred pomegranates on the two
wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on
each wreath, to cover the two pom-
mels of the chapiters which *were* upon
the pillars.* [14] He made also bases, and
lavers made he upon the bases;* [15] One
sea, and twelve oxen under it. [16] The
pots also, and the shovels, and the
fleshhooks, and all their instruments,
did Huram his father make to king
Solomon for the house of the LORD

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13. upon: Heb. upon the face of.
14. lavers: or, caldrons.

of bright brass.* [17] In the plain of Jor-
dan did the king cast them, in the clay
ground between Succoth and Zere-
dathah.* [18] Thus Solomon made all
these vessels in great abundance: for
the weight of the brass could not be
found out. [19] And Solomon made all
the vessels that *were for* the house of
God, the golden altar also, and the ta-
bles whereon the shewbread *was set*;
[20] Moreover the candlesticks with their
lamps, that they should burn after the
manner before the oracle, of pure gold;
[21] And the flowers, and the lamps, and

16. bright: Heb. made bright, or, scoured.
17. clay...: Heb. thicknesses of the ground.

the tongs, *made he of* gold, *and* that
perfect gold;* 22 And the snuffers, and
the basons, and the spoons, and the
censers, *of* pure gold: and the entry of
the house, the inner doors thereof for
the most holy *place*, and the doors of
the house of the temple, *were of* gold.*

5 Thus all the work that Solomon
made for the house of the LORD was
finished: and Solomon brought in *all*
the things that David his father had
dedicated; and the silver, and the gold,
and all the instruments, put he among

21. perfect...: Heb. perfections of gold.
22. basons: or, bowls.

the treasures of the house of God.
2 Then Solomon assembled the elders
of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes,
the chief of the fathers of the children
of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up
the ark of the covenant of the LORD
out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.
3 Wherefore all the men of Israel as-
sembled themselves unto the king in
the feast which *was* in the seventh
month. 4 And all the elders of Israel
came; and the Levites took up the ark.
5 And they brought up the ark, and the
tabernacle of the congregation, and all
the holy vessels that *were* in the taber-
nacle, these did the priests *and* the

Levites bring up. 6 Also king Solo-
mon, and all the congregation of Is-
rael that were assembled unto him be-
fore the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen,
which could not be told nor num-
bered for multitude. 7 And the priests
brought in the ark of the covenant
of the LORD unto his place, to the
oracle of the house, into the most
holy *place, even* under the wings of
the cherubims: 8 For the cherubims
spread forth *their* wings over the place
of the ark, and the cherubims covered
the ark and the staves thereof above.
9 And they drew out the staves *of the
ark*, that the ends of the staves were

seen from the ark before the oracle;
but they were not seen without. And
there it is unto this day.* 10 *There was*
nothing in the ark save the two ta-
bles which Moses put *therein* at Horeb,
when the LORD made *a covenant* with
the children of Israel, when they came
out of Egypt.* 11 And it came to pass,
when the priests were come out of the
holy *place*: (for all the priests *that were*
present were sanctified, *and* did not
then wait by course:* 12 Also the Levites
which were the singers, all of them of

5.9. there...: or, they are there.
10. when the LORD: or, where, etc.
11. present: Heb. found.

Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with
their sons and their brethren, *being* ar-
rayed in white linen, having cymbals
and psalteries and harps, stood at the
east end of the altar, and with them an
hundred and twenty priests sounding
with trumpets:) [13] It came even to pass,
as the trumpeters and singers *were* as
one, to make one sound to be heard
in praising and thanking the LORD;
and when they lifted up *their* voice
with the trumpets and cymbals and
instruments of musick, and praised
the LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for
his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then*
the house was filled with a cloud, *even*

the house of the LORD; 14 So that the
priests could not stand to minister by
reason of the cloud: for the glory of
the LORD had filled the house of God.
6 Then said Solomon, The LORD
hath said that he would dwell in the
thick darkness. 2 But I have built an
house of habitation for thee, and a
place for thy dwelling for ever. 3 And
the king turned his face, and blessed
the whole congregation of Israel: and
all the congregation of Israel stood.
4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD
God of Israel, who hath with his hands
fulfilled *that* which he spake with his
mouth to my father David, saying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth
my people out of the land of Egypt
I chose no city among all the tribes
of Israel to build an house in, that my
name might be there; neither chose I
any man to be a ruler over my peo-
ple Israel: 6 But I have chosen Jerusa-
lem, that my name might be there; and
have chosen David to be over my peo-
ple Israel. 7 Now it was in the heart
of David my father to build an house
for the name of the LORD God of Is-
rael. 8 But the LORD said to David my
father, Forasmuch as it was in thine
heart to build an house for my name,
thou didst well in that it was in thine

heart: 9 Notwithstanding thou shalt
not build the house; but thy son which
shall come forth out of thy loins, he
shall build the house for my name.
10 The LORD therefore hath performed
his word that he hath spoken: for I
am risen up in the room of David
my father, and am set on the throne
of Israel, as the LORD promised, and
have built the house for the name of
the LORD God of Israel. 11 And in
it have I put the ark, wherein *is* the
covenant of the LORD, that he made
with the children of Israel. 12 And he
stood before the altar of the LORD in
the presence of all the congregation

of Israel, and spread forth his hands:
13 For Solomon had made a brasen scaf-
fold, of five cubits long, and five cubits
broad, and three cubits high, and had
set it in the midst of the court: and
upon it he stood, and kneeled down
upon his knees before all the congre-
gation of Israel, and spread forth his
hands toward heaven,* 14 And said, O
LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God
like thee in the heaven, nor in the
earth; which keepest covenant, and
shewest mercy unto thy servants, that
walk before thee with all their hearts:
15 Thou which hast kept with thy ser-

6.13. long...: Heb. the length thereof, etc.

vant David my father that which thou
hast promised him; and spakest with
thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with
thine hand, as *it is* this day. [16] Now
therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep
with thy servant David my father that
which thou hast promised him, say-
ing, There shall not fail thee a man in
my sight to sit upon the throne of Is-
rael; yet so that thy children take heed
to their way to walk in my law, as
thou hast walked before me.* [17] Now
then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy
word be verified, which thou hast spo-
ken unto thy servant David. [18] But

16. There...: Heb. There shall not a man be cut off.

will God in very deed dwell with men
on the earth? behold, heaven and
the heaven of heavens cannot contain
thee; how much less this house which
I have built! [19] Have respect therefore
to the prayer of thy servant, and to
his supplication, O LORD my God, to
hearken unto the cry and the prayer
which thy servant prayeth before thee:
[20] That thine eyes may be open upon
this house day and night, upon the
place whereof thou hast said that thou
wouldest put thy name there; to hear-
ken unto the prayer which thy servant
prayeth toward this place.* [21] Hear-

20. toward...: or, in this place.

ken therefore unto the supplications
of thy servant, and of thy people Is-
rael, which they shall make toward
this place: hear thou from thy dwell-
ing place, *even* from heaven; and when
thou hearest, forgive.* [22] If a man sin
against his neighbour, and an oath be
laid upon him to make him swear,
and the oath come before thine al-
tar in this house;* [23] Then hear thou
from heaven, and do, and judge thy
servants, by requiting the wicked, by
recompensing his way upon his own

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21. make: Heb. pray.
22. and an oath...: Heb. and he require an oath of him.

head; and by justifying the righteous,
by giving him according to his righ-
teousness. [24] And if thy people Israel
be put to the worse before the en-
emy, because they have sinned against
thee; and shall return and confess thy
name, and pray and make supplica-
tion before thee in this house;* [25] Then
hear thou from the heavens, and for-
give the sin of thy people Israel, and
bring them again unto the land which
thou gavest to them and to their fa-
thers. [26] When the heaven is shut up,
and there is no rain, because they have
sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray to-

24. be put...: or, be smitten. in: or, toward.

ward this place, and confess thy name,
and turn from their sin, when thou
dost afflict them; [27] Then hear thou
from heaven, and forgive the sin of
thy servants, and of thy people Israel,
when thou hast taught them the good
way, wherein they should walk; and
send rain upon thy land, which thou
hast given unto thy people for an in-
heritance. [28] If there be dearth in the
land, if there be pestilence, if there be
blasting, or mildew, locusts, or cater-
pillers; if their enemies besiege them
in the cities of their land; whatsoever
sore or whatsoever sickness *there be*:*

28. in the cities...: Heb. in the land of their gates.

29 *Then* what prayer *or* what supplication soever shall be made of any man,
or of all thy people Israel, when every
one shall know his own sore and his
own grief, and shall spread forth his
hands in this house:* 30 Then hear thou
from heaven thy dwelling place, and
forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart
thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:)
31 That they may fear thee, to walk in
thy ways, so long as they live in the land
which thou gavest unto our fathers.*

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29. in: or, toward.

31. so long...: Heb. all the days which. in the land:

32 Moreover concerning the stranger,
which is not of thy people Israel, but is
come from a far country for thy great
name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and
thy stretched out arm; if they come
and pray in this house; 33 Then hear
thou from the heavens, *even* from thy
dwelling place, and do according to all
that the stranger calleth to thee for;
that all people of the earth may know
thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy
people Israel, and may know that this
house which I have built is called by
thy name.* 34 If thy people go out to

Heb. upon the face of the land.

33. this...: Heb. thy name is called upon this house.

war against their enemies by the way
that thou shalt send them, and they
pray unto thee toward this city which
thou hast chosen, and the house which
I have built for thy name; [35] Then hear
thou from the heavens their prayer
and their supplication, and maintain
their cause.* [36] If they sin against thee,
(for *there is* no man which sinneth
not,) and thou be angry with them,
and deliver them over before *their* en-
emies, and they carry them away cap-
tives unto a land far off or near;* [37] Yet

35. cause: or, right.
36. they carry them away captives: Heb. they that take them captives carry them away.

if they bethink themselves in the land
whither they are carried captive, and
turn and pray unto thee in the land of
their captivity, saying, We have sinned,
we have done amiss, and have dealt
wickedly;* 38 If they return to thee with
all their heart and with all their soul
in the land of their captivity, whither
they have carried them captives, and
pray toward their land, which thou
gavest unto their fathers, and *toward*
the city which thou hast chosen, and
toward the house which I have built
for thy name: 39 Then hear thou from
the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling

37. bethink...: Heb. bring back to their heart.

place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.* 40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.* 41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. 42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of

39. cause: or, right.
40. unto...: Heb. to the prayer of this place.

David thy servant.

7 Now when Solomon had made
an end of praying, the fire came down
from heaven, and consumed the burnt
offering and the sacrifices; and the
glory of the LORD filled the house.
2 And the priests could not enter into
the house of the LORD, because the
glory of the LORD had filled the
LORD'S house. 3 And when all the
children of Israel saw how the fire
came down, and the glory of the LORD
upon the house, they bowed them-
selves with their faces to the ground
upon the pavement, and worshipped,

and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he*
is good; for his mercy *endureth* for
ever. 4 Then the king and all the
people offered sacrifices before the
LORD. 5 And king Solomon offered
a sacrifice of twenty and two thou-
sand oxen, and an hundred and twenty
thousand sheep: so the king and all
the people dedicated the house of
God. 6 And the priests waited on
their offices: the Levites also with
instruments of musick of the LORD,
which David the king had made to
praise the LORD, because his mercy *en-*
dureth for ever, when David praised
by their ministry; and the priests

sounded trumpets before them, and
all Israel stood.* 7 Moreover Solomon
hallowed the middle of the court that
was before the house of the LORD: for
there he offered burnt offerings, and
the fat of the peace offerings, because
the brasen altar which Solomon had
made was not able to receive the burnt
offerings, and the meat offerings, and
the fat. 8 Also at the same time Solo-
mon kept the feast seven days, and all
Israel with him, a very great congrega-
tion, from the entering in of Hamath
unto the river of Egypt. 9 And in the
eighth day they made a solemn as-

7.6. by their...: Heb. by their hand.

sembly: for they kept the dedication
of the altar seven days, and the feast
seven days.* [10] And on the three and
twentieth day of the seventh month he
sent the people away into their tents,
glad and merry in heart for the good-
ness that the LORD had shewed unto
David, and to Solomon, and to Is-
rael his people. [11] Thus Solomon fin-
ished the house of the LORD, and the
king's house: and all that came into
Solomon's heart to make in the house
of the LORD, and in his own house,
he prosperously effected. [12] And the
LORD appeared to Solomon by night,

9. a solemn...: Heb. a restraint.

and said unto him, I have heard thy
prayer, and have chosen this place to
myself for an house of sacrifice. 13 If
I shut up heaven that there be no
rain, or if I command the locusts to
devour the land, or if I send pesti-
lence among my people; 14 If my peo-
ple, which are called by my name, shall
humble themselves, and pray, and seek
my face, and turn from their wicked
ways; then will I hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin, and will heal
their land.* 15 Now mine eyes shall be
open, and mine ears attent unto the

14. which...: Heb. upon whom my name is called.

prayer *that is made* in this place.* [16] For
now have I chosen and sanctified this
house, that my name may be there for
ever: and mine eyes and mine heart
shall be there perpetually. [17] And as for
thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as
David thy father walked, and do ac-
cording to all that I have commanded
thee, and shalt observe my statutes and
my judgments; [18] Then will I stablish
the throne of thy kingdom, accord-
ing as I have covenanted with David
thy father, saying, There shall not fail
thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.* [19] But if

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15. unto...: Heb. to the prayer of this place.
18. There...: Heb. There shall not be cut off to thee.

ye turn away, and forsake my statutes
and my commandments, which I have
set before you, and shall go and serve
other gods, and worship them; [20] Then
will I pluck them up by the roots out
of my land which I have given them;
and this house, which I have sancti-
fied for my name, will I cast out of
my sight, and will make it *to be* a
proverb and a byword among all na-
tions. [21] And this house, which is high,
shall be an astonishment to every one
that passeth by it; so that he shall
say, Why hath the LORD done thus
unto this land, and unto this house?
[22] And it shall be answered, Because

they forsook the LORD God of their
fathers, which brought them forth out
of the land of Egypt, and laid hold
on other gods, and worshipped them,
and served them: therefore hath he
brought all this evil upon them.

8 And it came to pass at the end
of twenty years, wherein Solomon had
built the house of the LORD, and his
own house, 2 That the cities which
Huram had restored to Solomon, So-
lomon built them, and caused the chil-
dren of Israel to dwell there. 3 And
Solomon went to Hamathzobah, and
prevailed against it. 4 And he built

Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the
store cities, which he built in Hamath.
5 Also he built Bethhoron the up-
per, and Bethhoron the nether, fenced
cities, with walls, gates, and bars;
6 And Baalath, and all the store cities
that Solomon had, and all the char-
iot cities, and the cities of the horse-
men, and all that Solomon desired to
build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon,
and throughout all the land of his do-
minion.* 7 *As for* all the people *that
were* left of the Hittites, and the Amor-
ites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites,

8.6. all that...: Heb. all the desire of Solomon which he desired to build.

and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Is-
rael, 8 *But* of their children, who were
left after them in the land, whom the
children of Israel consumed not, them
did Solomon make to pay tribute un-
til this day. 9 But of the children of
Israel did Solomon make no servants
for his work; but they *were* men of war,
and chief of his captains, and captains
of his chariots and horsemen. 10 And
these *were* the chief of king Solomon's
officers, *even* two hundred and fifty,
that bare rule over the people. 11 And
Solomon brought up the daughter of
Pharaoh out of the city of David unto
the house that he had built for her: for

he said, My wife shall not dwell in the
house of David king of Israel, because
the places are holy, whereunto the ark
of the LORD hath come.* [12] Then Solo-
mon offered burnt offerings unto the
LORD on the altar of the LORD, which
he had built before the porch, [13] Even
after a certain rate every day, offer-
ing according to the commandment
of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the
new moons, and on the solemn feasts,
three times in the year, *even* in the feast
of unleavened bread, and in the feast
of weeks, and in the feast of taberna-
cles. [14] And he appointed, according

11. holy: Heb. holiness.

to the order of David his father, the
courses of the priests to their service,
and the Levites to their charges, to
praise and minister before the priests,
as the duty of every day required: the
porters also by their courses at ev-
ery gate: for so had David the man
of God commanded.* 15 And they de-
parted not from the commandment of
the king unto the priests and Levites
concerning any matter, or concerning
the treasures. 16 Now all the work of
Solomon was prepared unto the day
of the foundation of the house of the

14. so had David...: Heb. so was the command-
ment of David the man of God.

LORD, and until it was finished. *So*
the house of the LORD was perfected.
17 Then went Solomon to Eziongeber,
and to Eloth, at the sea side in the land
of Edom.* 18 And Huram sent him by
the hands of his servants ships, and ser-
vants that had knowledge of the sea;
and they went with the servants of So-
lomon to Ophir, and took thence four
hundred and fifty talents of gold, and
brought *them* to king Solomon.

9 And when the queen of Sheba
heard of the fame of Solomon, she
came to prove Solomon with hard

17. Eloth: also called, Elath.

questions at Jerusalem, with a very
great company, and camels that bare
spices, and gold in abundance, and
precious stones: and when she was
come to Solomon, she communed
with him of all that was in her heart.
2 And Solomon told her all her ques-
tions: and there was nothing hid
from Solomon which he told her not.
3 And when the queen of Sheba had
seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the
house that he had built, 4 And the
meat of his table, and the sitting of
his servants, and the attendance of his
ministers, and their apparel; his cup-
bearers also, and their apparel; and his

ascent by which he went up into the
house of the LORD; there was no more
spirit in her.* 5 And she said to the
king, *It was* a true report which I heard
in mine own land of thine acts, and
of thy wisdom:* 6 Howbeit I believed
not their words, until I came, and mine
eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the one
half of the greatness of thy wisdom
was not told me: *for* thou exceedest
the fame that I heard. 7 Happy *are* thy
men, and happy *are* these thy servants,
which stand continually before thee,
and hear thy wisdom. 8 Blessed be

9.4. cupbearers: or, butlers.
5. report: Heb. word. acts: or, sayings.

the LORD thy God, which delighted
in thee to set thee on his throne, *to*
be king for the LORD thy God: be-
cause thy God loved Israel, to estab-
lish them for ever, therefore made he
thee king over them, to do judgment
and justice. 9 And she gave the king an
hundred and twenty talents of gold,
and of spices great abundance, and
precious stones: neither was there any
such spice as the queen of Sheba gave
king Solomon. 10 And the servants
also of Huram, and the servants of
Solomon, which brought gold from
Ophir, brought algum trees and pre-

cious stones.* 11 And the king made *of*
the algum trees terraces to the house
of the LORD, and to the king's palace,
and harps and psalteries for singers:
and there were none such seen before
in the land of Judah.* 12 And king So-
lomon gave to the queen of Sheba all
her desire, whatsoever she asked, be-
side *that* which she had brought unto
the king. So she turned, and went away
to her own land, she and her servants.
13 Now the weight of gold that came to
Solomon in one year was six hundred
and threescore and six talents of gold;

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10. algum...: also called, almug trees.
11. terraces: or, stairs: Heb. highways.

14 Beside *that which* chapmen and mer-
chants brought. And all the kings of
Arabia and governors of the country
brought gold and silver to Solomon.*
15 And king Solomon made two hun-
dred targets *of* beaten gold: six hun-
dred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one
target. 16 And three hundred shields
made he of beaten gold: three hun-
dred *shekels* of gold went to one shield.
And the king put them in the house of
the forest of Lebanon. 17 Moreover the
king made a great throne of ivory, and
overlaid it with pure gold. 18 And *there
were* six steps to the throne, with a

14. governors: or, captains.

footstool of gold, *which were* fastened
to the throne, and stays on each side of
the sitting place, and two lions stand-
ing by the stays:* [19] And twelve lions
stood there on the one side and on the
other upon the six steps. There was not
the like made in any kingdom. [20] And
all the drinking vessels of king Solo-
mon *were of* gold, and all the vessels
of the house of the forest of Lebanon
were of pure gold: none *were of* sil-
ver; it was *not* any thing accounted
of in the days of Solomon.* [21] For the

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18. stays: Heb. hands.

20. pure: Heb. shut up. none were of silver: or, there was no silver in them.

king's ships went to Tarshish with the
servants of Huram: every three years
once came the ships of Tarshish bring-
ing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes,
and peacocks.* 22 And king Solomon
passed all the kings of the earth in
riches and wisdom. 23 And all the kings
of the earth sought the presence of
Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that
God had put in his heart. 24 And they
brought every man his present, ves-
sels of silver, and vessels of gold, and
raiment, harness, and spices, horses,
and mules, a rate year by year. 25 And
Solomon had four thousand stalls for

21. ivory: or, elephants' teeth.

horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in
the chariot cities, and with the king at
Jerusalem. [26] And he reigned over all
the kings from the river even unto the
land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.* [27] And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar
trees made he as the sycomore trees
that *are* in the low plains in abundance.* [28] And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out
of all lands. [29] Now the rest of the
acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they

26. river: that is, Euphrates.
27. made silver: Heb. gave silver.

not written in the book of Nathan the
prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahi-
jah the Shilonite, and in the visions of
Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son
of Nebat?* 30 And Solomon reigned in
Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
31 And Solomon slept with his fathers,
and he was buried in the city of David
his father: and Rehoboam his son
reigned in his stead.

10 And Rehoboam went to
Shechem: for to Shechem were all Is-
rael come to make him king. 2 And it
came to pass, when Jeroboam the son

29. book: Heb. words.

of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither
he had fled from the presence of Solo-
mon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam
returned out of Egypt. 3 And they
sent and called him. So Jeroboam
and all Israel came and spake to Re-
hoboam, saying, 4 Thy father made
our yoke grievous: now therefore ease
thou somewhat the grievous servitude
of thy father, and his heavy yoke that
he put upon us, and we will serve thee.
5 And he said unto them, Come again
unto me after three days. And the peo-
ple departed. 6 And king Rehoboam
took counsel with the old men that
had stood before Solomon his father

while he yet lived, saying, What coun-
sel give ye *me* to return answer to this
people? 7 And they spake unto him,
saying, If thou be kind to this peo-
ple, and please them, and speak good
words to them, they will be thy ser-
vants for ever. 8 But he forsook the
counsel which the old men gave him,
and took counsel with the young men
that were brought up with him, that
stood before him. 9 And he said unto
them, What advice give ye that we may
return answer to this people, which
have spoken to me, saying, Ease some-
what the yoke that thy father did put
upon us? 10 And the young men that

were brought up with him spake unto
him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer
the people that spake unto thee, sa-
ying, Thy father made our yoke heavy,
but make thou *it* somewhat lighter
for us; thus shalt thou say unto them,
My little *finger* shall be thicker than
my father's loins. 11 For whereas my
father put a heavy yoke upon you, I
will put more to your yoke: my father
chastised you with whips, but I *will*
chastise you with scorpions.* 12 So Jer-
oboam and all the people came to Re-
hoboam on the third day, as the king
bade, saying, Come again to me on the

10.11. my father put: Heb. my father laded.

third day. 13 And the king answered
them roughly; and king Rehoboam
forsook the counsel of the old men,
14 And answered them after the advice
of the young men, saying, My father
made your yoke heavy, but I will add
thereto: my father chastised you with
whips, but I *will chastise you* with scor-
pions. 15 So the king hearkened not
unto the people: for the cause was of
God, that the LORD might perform
his word, which he spake by the hand
of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam
the son of Nebat. 16 And when all Israel
saw that the king would not hearken
unto them, the people answered the

king, saying, What portion have we in
David? and *we have* none inheritance
in the son of Jesse: every man to your
tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to
thine own house. So all Israel went to
their tents. 17 But *as for* the children of
Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah,
Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then
king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that
was over the tribute; and the children
of Israel stoned him with stones, that
he died. But king Rehoboam made
speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to
flee to Jerusalem.* 19 And Israel rebelled
against the house of David unto this

18. made speed: Heb. strengthened himself.

day.

11 And when Rehoboam was
come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the
house of Judah and Benjamin an hun-
dred and fourscore thousand chosen
men, which were warriors, to fight
against Israel, that he might bring the
kingdom again to Rehoboam. 2 But
the word of the LORD came to She-
maiah the man of God, saying, 3 Speak
unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon,
king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah
and Benjamin, saying, 4 Thus saith the
LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight
against your brethren: return every

man to his house: for this thing is done
of me. And they obeyed the words
of the LORD, and returned from going
against Jeroboam. 5 And Rehoboam
dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for
defence in Judah. 6 He built even
Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,
7 And Bethzur, and Shoco, and Adul-
lam, 8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and
Ziph, 9 And Adoraim, and Lachish,
and Azekah, 10 And Zorah, and Ai-
jalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah
and in Benjamin fenced cities. 11 And
he fortified the strong holds, and put
captains in them, and store of victual,
and of oil and wine. 12 And in every

several city *he put* shields and spears,
and made them exceeding strong, hav-
ing Judah and Benjamin on his side.
13 And the priests and the Levites that
were in all Israel resorted to him out
of all their coasts.* 14 For the Levites
left their suburbs and their possession,
and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for
Jeroboam and his sons had cast them
off from executing the priest's office
unto the LORD: 15 And he ordained
him priests for the high places, and for
the devils, and for the calves which he
had made. 16 And after them out of

11.13. resorted...: Heb. presented themselves to him.

all the tribes of Israel such as set their
hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel
came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto
the LORD God of their fathers. 17 So
they strengthened the kingdom of Ju-
dah, and made Rehoboam the son of
Solomon strong, three years: for three
years they walked in the way of David
and Solomon. 18 And Rehoboam took
him Mahalath the daughter of Jeri-
moth the son of David to wife, *and*
Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son
of Jesse; 19 Which bare him children;
Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.
20 And after her he took Maachah
the daughter of Absalom; which bare

him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and
Shelomith.* [21] And Rehoboam loved
Maachah the daughter of Absalom
above all his wives and his concubines:
(for he took eighteen wives, and three-
score concubines; and begat twenty
and eight sons, and threescore daugh-
ters.) [22] And Rehoboam made Abi-
jah the son of Maachah the chief, *to
be* ruler among his brethren: for *he
thought* to make him king. [23] And he
dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his
children throughout all the countries
of Judah and Benjamin, unto every

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20. Maachah: she is also called Michaiah the daughter of Uriel.

fenced city: and he gave them victual
in abundance. And he desired many
wives.*

12 And it came to pass, when Re-
hoboam had established the kingdom,
and had strengthened himself, he for-
sook the law of the LORD, and all
Israel with him. 2 And it came to
pass, *that* in the fifth year of king Re-
hoboam Shishak king of Egypt came
up against Jerusalem, because they
had transgressed against the LORD,
3 With twelve hundred chariots, and
threescore thousand horsemen: and

23. many wives: Heb. a multitude of wives.

the people *were* without number that
came with him out of Egypt; the Lu-
bims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopi-
ans. 4 And he took the fenced cities
which *pertained* to Judah, and came
to Jerusalem. 5 Then came Shema-
iah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to*
the princes of Judah, that were gath-
ered together to Jerusalem because of
Shishak, and said unto them, Thus
saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me,
and therefore have I also left you in
the hand of Shishak. 6 Whereupon
the princes of Israel and the king hum-
bled themselves; and they said, The
LORD *is* righteous. 7 And when the

LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came
to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not
destroy them, but I will grant them
some deliverance; and my wrath shall
not be poured out upon Jerusalem by
the hand of Shishak.* 8 Nevertheless
they shall be his servants; that they
may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.
9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up
against Jerusalem, and took away the
treasures of the house of the LORD,
and the treasures of the king's house;

12.7. some: or, a little while.

he took all: he carried away also the
shields of gold which Solomon had
made. [10] Instead of which king Re-
hoboam made shields of brass, and
committed *them* to the hands of the
chief of the guard, that kept the en-
trance of the king's house. [11] And when
the king entered into the house of the
LORD, the guard came and fetched
them, and brought them again into
the guard chamber. [12] And when he
humbled himself, the wrath of the
LORD turned from him, that he would
not destroy *him* altogether: and also
in Judah things went well.* [13] So king

12. and also...: or, and yet in Judah there where

Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam *was* one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. 14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.* 15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the

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good things.

14. prepared: or, fixed.

seer concerning genealogies? And
there were wars between Rehoboam
and Jeroboam continually.* 16 And Re-
hoboam slept with his fathers, and was
buried in the city of David: and Abi-
jah his son reigned in his stead.*

13 Now in the eighteenth year of
king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign
over Judah. 2 He reigned three years
in Jerusalem. His mother's name also
was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of
Gibeah. And there was war between
Abijah and Jeroboam. 3 And Abijah

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15. book: Heb. words.
16. Abijah: also called, Abijam.

set the battle in array with an army
of valiant men of war, *even* four hun-
dred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam
also set the battle in array against him
with eight hundred thousand chosen
men, *being* mighty men of valour.*
4 And Abijah stood up upon mount
Zemaraim, which *is* in mount Eph-
raim, and said, Hear me, thou Jer-
oboam, and all Israel; 5 Ought ye not
to know that the LORD God of Israel
gave the kingdom over Israel to David
for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by
a covenant of salt? 6 Yet Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon

13.3. Abijah set: Heb. Abijah bound together.

the son of David, is risen up, and hath
rebelled against his lord. 7 And there
are gathered unto him vain men, the
children of Belial, and have strength-
ened themselves against Rehoboam
the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam
was young and tenderhearted, and
could not withstand them. 8 And now
ye think to withstand the kingdom of
the LORD in the hand of the sons of
David; and ye *be* a great multitude,
and *there are* with you golden calves,
which Jeroboam made you for gods.
9 Have ye not cast out the priests of
the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the
Levites, and have made you priests af-

ter the manner of the nations of *other*
lands? so that whosoever cometh to
consecrate himself with a young bul-
lock and seven rams, *the same* may
be a priest of *them that are* no gods.*
10 But as for us, the LORD *is* our God,
and we have not forsaken him; and
the priests, which minister unto the
LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and
the Levites *wait* upon *their* business:
11 And they burn unto the LORD ev-
ery morning and every evening burnt
sacrifices and sweet incense: the shew-
bread also *set they in order* upon the
pure table; and the candlestick of gold

9. to consecrate...: Heb. to fill his hand.

with the lamps thereof, to burn every
evening: for we keep the charge of the
LORD our God; but ye have forsaken
him. 12 And, behold, God himself *is*
with us for *our* captain, and his priests
with sounding trumpets to cry alarm
against you. O children of Israel, fight
ye not against the LORD God of your
fathers; for ye shall not prosper. 13 But
Jeroboam caused an ambushment to
come about behind them: so they
were before Judah, and the ambush-
ment *was* behind them. 14 And when
Judah looked back, behold, the bat-
tle *was* before and behind: and they
cried unto the LORD, and the priests

sounded with the trumpets. 15 Then
the men of Judah gave a shout: and as
the men of Judah shouted, it came to
pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all
Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 And
the children of Israel fled before Judah:
and God delivered them into their
hand. 17 And Abijah and his people
slew them with a great slaughter: so
there fell down slain of Israel five hun-
dred thousand chosen men. 18 Thus
the children of Israel were brought un-
der at that time, and the children of
Judah prevailed, because they relied
upon the LORD God of their fathers.
19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam,

and took cities from him, Bethel with
the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with
the towns thereof, and Ephrain with
the towns thereof. [20] Neither did Jer-
oboam recover strength again in the
days of Abijah: and the LORD struck
him, and he died. [21] But Abijah waxed
mighty, and married fourteen wives,
and begat twenty and two sons, and
sixteen daughters. [22] And the rest of
the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and
his sayings, *are* written in the story of
the prophet Iddo.

14 So Abijah slept with his fathers,
and they buried him in the city of

David: and Asa his son reigned in his
stead. In his days the land was quiet ten
years. 2 And Asa did *that which was*
good and right in the eyes of the LORD
his God: 3 For he took away the altars
of the strange *gods*, and the high places,
and brake down the images, and cut
down the groves:* 4 And commanded
Judah to seek the LORD God of their
fathers, and to do the law and the com-
mandment. 5 Also he took away out of
all the cities of Judah the high places
and the images: and the kingdom
was quiet before him.* 6 And he built

14.3. images: Heb. statues.
5. images: Heb. sun images.

fenced cities in Judah: for the land
had rest, and he had no war in those
years; because the LORD had given
him rest. 7 Therefore he said unto Ju-
dah, Let us build these cities, and make
about *them* walls, and towers, gates,
and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before
us; because we have sought the LORD
our God, we have sought *him*, and he
hath given us rest on every side. So
they built and prospered. 8 And Asa
had an army *of men* that bare targets
and spears, out of Judah three hundred
thousand; and out of Benjamin, that
bare shields and drew bows, two hun-
dred and fourscore thousand: all these

were mighty men of valour. 9 And
there came out against them Zerah the
Ethiopian with an host of a thousand
thousand, and three hundred chari-
ots; and came unto Mareshah. 10 Then
Asa went out against him, and they
set the battle in array in the valley of
Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 And Asa
cried unto the LORD his God, and
said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee
to help, whether with many, or with
them that have no power: help us, O
LORD our God; for we rest on thee,
and in thy name we go against this
multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our

God; let not man prevail against thee.*
12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians
before Asa, and before Judah; and the
Ethiopians fled. 13 And Asa and the
people that *were* with him pursued
them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians
were overthrown, that they could not
recover themselves; for they were de-
stroyed before the LORD, and before
his host; and they carried away very
much spoil.* 14 And they smote all the
cities round about Gerar; for the fear
of the LORD came upon them: and
they spoiled all the cities; for there was

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11. man: or, mortal man.
13. destroyed: Heb. broken.

exceeding much spoil in them. 15 They
smote also the tents of cattle, and car-
ried away sheep and camels in abun-
dance, and returned to Jerusalem.

15 And the Spirit of God came
upon Azariah the son of Oded: 2 And
he went out to meet Asa, and said
unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Ju-
dah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with
you, while ye be with him; and if ye
seek him, he will be found of you;
but if ye forsake him, he will forsake
you.* 3 Now for a long season Israel
hath been without the true God, and

15.2. to meet...: Heb. before Asa.

without a teaching priest, and without
law. 4 But when they in their trou-
ble did turn unto the LORD God of
Israel, and sought him, he was found
of them. 5 And in those times *there*
was no peace to him that went out,
nor to him that came in, but great
vexations *were* upon all the inhabi-
tants of the countries. 6 And nation
was destroyed of nation, and city of
city: for God did vex them with all
adversity.* 7 Be ye strong therefore,
and let not your hands be weak: for
your work shall be rewarded. 8 And
when Asa heard these words, and the

6. destroyed: Heb. beaten in pieces.

prophecy of Oded the prophet, he
took courage, and put away the abom-
inable idols out of all the land of Judah
and Benjamin, and out of the cities
which he had taken from mount Eph-
raim, and renewed the altar of the
LORD, that *was* before the porch of
the LORD.* 9 And he gathered all Ju-
dah and Benjamin, and the strangers
with them out of Ephraim and Man-
asseh, and out of Simeon: for they
fell to him out of Israel in abundance,
when they saw that the LORD his God
was with him. 10 So they gathered
themselves together at Jerusalem in

8. abominable...: Heb. abominations.

the third month, in the fifteenth year
of the reign of Asa. [11] And they of-
fered unto the LORD the same time,
of the spoil *which* they had brought,
seven hundred oxen and seven thou-
sand sheep.* [12] And they entered into
a covenant to seek the LORD God of
their fathers with all their heart and
with all their soul; [13] That whosoever
would not seek the LORD God of Is-
rael should be put to death, whether
small or great, whether man or wo-
man. [14] And they sware unto the LORD
with a loud voice, and with shouting,
and with trumpets, and with cornets.

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11. the same...: Heb. in that day.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath:
for they had sworn with all their heart,
and sought him with their whole de-
sire; and he was found of them: and
the LORD gave them rest round about.
16 And also *concerning* Maachah the
mother of Asa the king, he removed
her from *being* queen, because she had
made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut
down her idol, and stamped *it*, and
burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.* 17 But
the high places were not taken away
out of Israel: nevertheless the heart
of Asa was perfect all his days. 18 And

16. mother: that is, grandmother. idol: Heb. horror.

he brought into the house of God the
things that his father had dedicated,
and that he himself had dedicated, sil-
ver, and gold, and vessels. [19] And there
was no *more* war unto the five and thir-
tieth year of the reign of Asa.

16 In the six and thirtieth year of
the reign of Asa Baasha king of Is-
rael came up against Judah, and built
Ramah, to the intent that he might let
none go out or come in to Asa king
of Judah. [2] Then Asa brought out sil-
ver and gold out of the treasures of the
house of the LORD and of the king's
house, and sent to Benhadad king of

Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,* 3 *There is* a league between me
and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have
sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy
league with Baasha king of Israel, that
he may depart from me. 4 And Ben-
hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and
sent the captains of his armies against
the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon,
and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the
store cities of Naphtali.* 5 And it came
to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that
he left off building of Ramah, and let

16.2. Damascus: Heb. Darmesek.
4. his: Heb. which were his.

his work cease. 6 Then Asa the king
took all Judah; and they carried away
the stones of Ramah, and the timber
thereof, wherewith Baasha was build-
ing; and he built therewith Geba and
Mizpah. 7 And at that time Hanani
the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and
said unto him, Because thou hast re-
lied on the king of Syria, and not relied
on the LORD thy God, therefore is the
host of the king of Syria escaped out of
thine hand. 8 Were not the Ethiopians
and the Lubims a huge host, with very
many chariots and horsemen? yet, be-
cause thou didst rely on the LORD,

he delivered them into thine hand.*
9 For the eyes of the LORD run to
and fro throughout the whole earth,
to shew himself strong in the behalf
of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward
him. Herein thou hast done foolishly:
therefore from henceforth thou shalt
have wars.* 10 Then Asa was wroth with
the seer, and put him in a prison house;
for *he was* in a rage with him because
of this *thing*. And Asa oppressed *some*
of the people the same time.* 11 And,
behold, the acts of Asa, first and last,

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8. a huge: Heb. in abundance.
9. to shew...: or, strongly to hold with them, etc.
10. oppressed: Heb. crushed.

lo, they *are* written in the book of the
kings of Judah and Israel. [12] And Asa in
the thirty and ninth year of his reign
was diseased in his feet, until his dis-
ease *was* exceeding *great*: yet in his
disease he sought not to the LORD,
but to the physicians. [13] And Asa slept
with his fathers, and died in the one
and fortieth year of his reign. [14] And
they buried him in his own sepulchres,
which he had made for himself in the
city of David, and laid him in the bed
which was filled with sweet odours
and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by
the apothecaries' art: and they made a

very great burning for him.*

17 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. 3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;* 4 But sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his command-

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14. had made: Heb. had digged.
17.3. of...: or, of his father, and of David.

ments, and not after the doings of Is-
rael. 5 Therefore the LORD stablished
the kingdom in his hand; and all Ju-
dah brought to Jehoshaphat presents;
and he had riches and honour in abun-
dance.* 6 And his heart was lifted up
in the ways of the LORD: moreover he
took away the high places and groves
out of Judah.* 7 Also in the third year
of his reign he sent to his princes, *even*
to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to
Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to
Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Ju-
dah. 8 And with them *he sent* Levites,

5. brought: Heb. gave.
6. was...: that is, was encouraged.

even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and
Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemi-
ramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adoni-
jah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah,
Levites; and with them Elishama and
Jehoram, priests. 9 And they taught in
Judah, and *had* the book of the law of
the LORD with them, and went about
throughout all the cities of Judah, and
taught the people. 10 And the fear of
the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms
of the lands that *were* round about Ju-
dah, so that they made no war against
Jehoshaphat.* 11 Also *some* of the Phi-
listines brought Jehoshaphat presents,

10. fell: Heb. was.

and tribute silver; and the Arabians
brought him flocks, seven thousand
and seven hundred rams, and seven
thousand and seven hundred he goats.
12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great ex-
ceedingly; and he built in Judah cas-
tles, and cities of store.* 13 And he had
much business in the cities of Judah:
and the men of war, mighty men of
valour, *were* in Jerusalem. 14 And these
are the numbers of them according
to the house of their fathers: Of Ju-
dah, the captains of thousands; Adnah
the chief, and with him mighty men
of valour three hundred thousand.

12. castles: or, palaces.

15 And next to him *was* Jehohanan the
captain, and with him two hundred
and fourscore thousand.* 16 And next
him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri,
who willingly offered himself unto
the LORD; and with him two hun-
dred thousand mighty men of valour.
17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty
man of valour, and with him armed
men with bow and shield two hundred
thousand. 18 And next him *was* Jehoz-
abad, and with him an hundred and
fourscore thousand ready prepared for
the war. 19 These waited on the king,
beside *those* whom the king put in the

15. next...: Heb. at his hand.

fenced cities throughout all Judah.

18 Now Jehoshaphat had riches
and honour in abundance, and joined
affinity with Ahab. 2 And after *cer-*
tain years he went down to Ahab to
Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and
oxen for him in abundance, and for
the people that *he had* with him, and
persuaded him to go up *with him*
to Ramothgilead.* 3 And Ahab king
of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king
of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to
Ramothgilead? And he answered him,
I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as

18.2. after...: Heb. at the end of years.

thy people; and *we will be* with thee
in the war. 4 And Jehoshaphat said
unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray
thee, at the word of the LORD to day.
5 Therefore the king of Israel gath-
ered together of prophets four hun-
dred men, and said unto them, Shall
we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or
shall I forbear? And they said, Go up;
for God will deliver *it* into the king's
hand. 6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there*
not here a prophet of the LORD be-
sides, that we might enquire of him?*
7 And the king of Israel said unto Je-
hoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by

6. besides: Heb. yet, or, more.

whom we may enquire of the LORD:
but I hate him; for he never proph-
esied good unto me, but always evil:
the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla.
And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the
king say so. 8 And the king of Is-
rael called for one *of his* officers, and
said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of
Imla.* 9 And the king of Israel and Je-
hoshaphat king of Judah sat either of
them on his throne, clothed in *their*
robes, and they sat in a void place at
the entering in of the gate of Samaria;
and all the prophets prophesied be-

8. officers: or, eunuchs. Fetch...: Heb. Hasten.

fore them.* [10] And Zedekiah the son
of Chenaanah had made him horns of
iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD,
With these thou shalt push Syria un-
til they be consumed.* [11] And all the
prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up
to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the
LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of
the king. [12] And the messenger that
went to call Micaiah spake to him, say-
ing, Behold, the words of the proph-
ets *declare* good to the king with one
assent; let thy word therefore, I pray
thee, be like one of theirs, and speak

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9. void...: or, floor.
10. they...: Heb. thou consume them.

thou good.* 13 And Micaiah said, *As*
the LORD liveth, even what my God
saith, that will I speak. 14 And when
he was come to the king, the king
said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go
to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I
forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and
prosper, and they shall be delivered
into your hand. 15 And the king said
to him, How many times shall I ad-
jure thee that thou say nothing but the
truth to me in the name of the LORD?
16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scat-
tered upon the mountains, as sheep
that have no shepherd: and the LORD

12. with...: Heb. with one mouth.

said, These have no master; let them
return *therefore* every man to his house
in peace. [17] And the king of Israel said
to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee
that he would not prophesy good unto
me, but evil?* [18] Again he said, There-
fore hear the word of the LORD; I saw
the LORD sitting upon his throne, and
all the host of heaven standing on his
right hand and *on* his left. [19] And the
LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab
king of Israel, that he may go up and
fall at Ramothgilead? And one spake
saying after this manner, and another
saying after that manner. [20] Then there

17. but evil: or, but for evil.

came out a spirit, and stood before
the LORD, and said, I will entice him.
And the LORD said unto him, Where-
with? [21] And he said, I will go out,
and be a lying spirit in the mouth of
all his prophets. And *the LORD* said,
Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt
also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.
[22] Now therefore, behold, the LORD
hath put a lying spirit in the mouth
of these thy prophets, and the LORD
hath spoken evil against thee. [23] Then
Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came
near, and smote Micaiah upon the
cheek, and said, Which way went the
Spirit of the LORD from me to speak

unto thee? [24] And Micaiah said, Be-
hold, thou shalt see on that day when
thou shalt go into an inner chamber
to hide thyself.* [25] Then the king of Is-
rael said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry
him back to Amon the governor of the
city, and to Joash the king's son; [26] And
say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow*
in the prison, and feed him with bread
of affliction and with water of afflic-
tion, until I return in peace. [27] And Mi-
caiah said, If thou certainly return in
peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken
by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye

24. into...: or, from chamber to chamber: Heb. a chamber in a chamber.

people. [28] So the king of Israel and Je-
hoshaphat the king of Judah went up
to Ramothgilead. [29] And the king of
Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will dis-
guise myself, and will go to the bat-
tle; but put thou on thy robes. So
the king of Israel disguised himself;
and they went to the battle. [30] Now
the king of Syria had commanded the
captains of the chariots that *were* with
him, saying, Fight ye not with small or
great, save only with the king of Israel.
[31] And it came to pass, when the cap-
tains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat,
that they said, It *is* the king of Israel.
Therefore they compassed about him

to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out,
and the LORD helped him; and God
moved them *to depart* from him. 32 For
it came to pass, that, when the cap-
tains of the chariots perceived that it
was not the king of Israel, they turned
back again from pursuing him.* 33 And
a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture,
and smote the king of Israel between
the joints of the harness: therefore he
said to his chariot man, Turn thine
hand, that thou mayest carry me out
of the host; for I am wounded.* 34 And

32. from...: Heb. from after him.

33. at a venture: Heb. in his simplicity. wounded: Heb. made sick. between...: Heb. between the

the battle increased that day: howbeit
the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in
his chariot against the Syrians until the
even: and about the time of the sun
going down he died.

19 And Jehoshaphat the king of
Judah returned to his house in peace
to Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of
Hanani the seer went out to meet
him, and said to king Jehoshaphat,
Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and
love them that hate the LORD? there-
fore *is* wrath upon thee from before
the LORD. 3 Nevertheless there are

joints and between the breastplate.

good things found in thee, in that
thou hast taken away the groves out of
the land, and hast prepared thine heart
to seek God. 4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt
at Jerusalem: and he went out again
through the people from Beersheba to
mount Ephraim, and brought them
back unto the LORD God of their fa-
thers.* 5 And he set judges in the land
throughout all the fenced cities of Ju-
dah, city by city, 6 And said to the
judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye
judge not for man, but for the LORD,
who *is* with you in the judgment.*

19.4. he went...: Heb. he returned and went out.
6. in...: Heb. in the matter of judgment.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the
LORD be upon you; take heed and do
it: for *there is* no iniquity with the
LORD our God, nor respect of per-
sons, nor taking of gifts. 8 Moreover
in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the
Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the
chief of the fathers of Israel, for the
judgment of the LORD, and for con-
troversies, when they returned to Je-
rusalem. 9 And he charged them, say-
ing, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the
LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect
heart. 10 And what cause soever shall
come to you of your brethren that
dwell in their cities, between blood

and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and *so* wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass. [11] And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.*

11. Deal...: Heb. Take courage and do.

20 It came to pass after this
also, *that* the children of Moab, and
the children of Ammon, and with
them *other* beside the Ammonites,
came against Jehoshaphat to battle.
2 Then there came some that told Je-
hoshaphat, saying, There cometh a
great multitude against thee from be-
yond the sea on this side Syria; and, be-
hold, they *be* in Hazazontamar, which
is Engedi. 3 And Jehoshaphat feared,
and set himself to seek the LORD,
and proclaimed a fast throughout all
Judah.* 4 And Judah gathered them-

20.3. himself: Heb. his face.

selves together, to ask *help* of the
LORD: even out of all the cities of
Judah they came to seek the LORD.
5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the con-
gregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in
the house of the LORD, before the
new court, 6 And said, O LORD God
of our fathers, *art* not thou God in
heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all
the kingdoms of the heathen? and
in thine hand *is there not* power and
might, so that none is able to with-
stand thee? 7 *Art* not thou our God,
who didst drive out the inhabitants
of this land before thy people Israel,
and gavest it to the seed of Abra-

ham thy friend for ever?* 8 And they
dwelt therein, and have built thee a
sanctuary therein for thy name, sa-
ying, 9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us,
as the sword, judgment, or pestilence,
or famine, we stand before this house,
and in thy presence, (for thy name *is*
in this house,) and cry unto thee in
our affliction, then thou wilt hear and
help. 10 And now, behold, the children
of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir,
whom thou wouldest not let Israel in-
vade, when they came out of the land
of Egypt, but they turned from them,
and destroyed them not; 11 Behold, *I*

7. who: Heb. thou.

say, how they reward us, to come to
cast us out of thy possession, which
thou hast given us to inherit. [12] O our
God, wilt thou not judge them? for
we have no might against this great
company that cometh against us; nei-
ther know we what to do: but our
eyes *are* upon thee. [13] And all Judah
stood before the LORD, with their lit-
tle ones, their wives, and their chil-
dren. [14] Then upon Jahaziel the son of
Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son
of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite
of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit
of the LORD in the midst of the con-
gregation; [15] And he said, Hearken ye,

all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus
saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid
nor dismayed by reason of this great
multitude; for the battle *is* not yours,
but God's. 16 To morrow go ye down
against them: behold, they come up
by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find
them at the end of the brook, before
the wilderness of Jeruel.* 17 Ye shall not
need to fight in this *battle*: set your-
selves, stand ye *still*, and see the sal-
vation of the LORD with you, O Ju-
dah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be
dismayed; to morrow go out against

16. cliff: Heb. ascent. brook: or, valley.

them: for the LORD *will be* with you.
18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head
with *his* face to the ground: and all
Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem fell before the LORD, worshipping
the LORD. 19 And the Levites, of the
children of the Kohathites, and of the
children of the Korhites, stood up to
praise the LORD God of Israel with a
loud voice on high. 20 And they rose
early in the morning, and went forth
into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as
they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood
and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye in-
habitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the
LORD your God, so shall ye be estab-

lished; believe his prophets, so shall ye
prosper. [21] And when he had consulted
with the people, he appointed singers
unto the LORD, and that should praise
the beauty of holiness, as they went
out before the army, and to say, Praise
the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for
ever.* [22] And when they began to sing
and to praise, the LORD set ambush-
ments against the children of Am-
mon, Moab, and mount Seir, which
were come against Judah; and they
were smitten.* [23] For the children of

21. that...: Heb. praisers.
22. And when...: Heb. And in the time that they, etc. to sing...: Heb. in singing and praise. they

Ammon and Moab stood up against
the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly
to slay and destroy *them*: and when
they had made an end of the inhab-
itants of Seir, every one helped to
destroy another.* 24 And when Judah
came toward the watch tower in the
wilderness, they looked unto the mul-
titude, and, behold, they *were* dead
bodies fallen to the earth, and none es-
caped.* 25 And when Jehoshaphat and
his people came to take away the spoil
of them, they found among them in

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were...: or, they smote one another.

23. to destroy: Heb. for the destruction.

24. none...: Heb. there was not an escaping.

abundance both riches with the dead
bodies, and precious jewels, which
they stripped off for themselves, more
than they could carry away: and they
were three days in gathering of the
spoil, it was so much. [26] And on
the fourth day they assembled them-
selves in the valley of Berachah; for
there they blessed the LORD: there-
fore the name of the same place was
called, The valley of Berachah, unto
this day.* [27] Then they returned, every
man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Je-
hoshaphat in the forefront of them,
to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for

26. Berachah: that is, blessing.

the LORD had made them to rejoice
over their enemies.* [28] And they came
to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps
and trumpets unto the house of the
LORD. [29] And the fear of God was
on all the kingdoms of *those* coun-
tries, when they had heard that the
LORD fought against the enemies of Is-
rael. [30] So the realm of Jehoshaphat was
quiet: for his God gave him rest round
about. [31] And Jehoshaphat reigned
over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years
old when he began to reign, and he
reigned twenty and five years in Jeru-
salem. And his mother's name *was*

27. forefront: Heb. head.

Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. [32] And
he walked in the way of Asa his fa-
ther, and departed not from it, doing
that which was right in the sight of the
LORD. [33] Howbeit the high places were
not taken away: for as yet the peo-
ple had not prepared their hearts unto
the God of their fathers. [34] Now the
rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first
and last, behold, they *are* written in
the book of Jehu the son of Hanani,
who *is* mentioned in the book of the
kings of Israel.* [35] And after this did Je-
hoshaphat king of Judah join himself

34. book of Jehu: Heb. words, etc. is mentioned: Heb. was made to ascend.

with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did
very wickedly: 36 And he joined him-
self with him to make ships to go to
Tarshish: and they made the ships in
Eziongeber. 37 Then Eliezer the son
of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied
against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because
thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah,
the LORD hath broken thy works.
And the ships were broken, that they
were not able to go to Tarshish.

21 Now Jehoshaphat slept with his
fathers, and was buried with his fathers
in the city of David. And Jehoram
his son reigned in his stead. 2 And he

had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat,
Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah,
and Azariah, and Michael, and Shep-
hatiah: all these *were* the sons of Je-
hoshaphat king of Israel. 3 And their
father gave them great gifts of silver,
and of gold, and of precious things,
with fenced cities in Judah: but the
kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because
he *was* the firstborn. 4 Now when Je-
horam was risen up to the kingdom
of his father, he strengthened him-
self, and slew all his brethren with the
sword, and *divers* also of the princes
of Israel. 5 Jehoram *was* thirty and
two years old when he began to reign,

and he reigned eight years in Jerusa-
lem. 6 And he walked in the way of
the kings of Israel, like as did the house
of Ahab: for he had the daughter of
Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that*
which was evil in the eyes of the LORD.
7 Howbeit the LORD would not de-
stroy the house of David, because of
the covenant that he had made with
David, and as he promised to give a
light to him and to his sons for ever.*
8 In his days the Edomites revolted
from under the dominion of Judah,
and made themselves a king.* 9 Then

21.7. light: Heb. lamp, or, candle.
8. dominion: Heb. hand.

Jehoram went forth with his princes,
and all his chariots with him: and
he rose up by night, and smote the
Edomites which compassed him in,
and the captains of the chariots. [10] So
the Edomites revolted from under the
hand of Judah unto this day. The same
time *also* did Libnah revolt from un-
der his hand; because he had forsaken
the LORD God of his fathers. [11] More-
over he made high places in the moun-
tains of Judah, and caused the inhab-
itants of Jerusalem to commit forni-
cation, and compelled Judah *thereto*.
[12] And there came a writing to him
from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus

saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked
in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father,
nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 13 But hast walked in the way of
the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also
hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *which were* better than thyself:
14 Behold, with a great plague will the
LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:*
15 And thou *shalt have* great sickness by

14. a great...: Heb. a great stroke.

disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels
fall out by reason of the sickness day by
day. [16] Moreover the LORD stirred up
against Jehoram the spirit of the Phi-
listines, and of the Arabians, that *were*
near the Ethiopians: [17] And they came
up into Judah, and brake into it, and
carried away all the substance that was
found in the king's house, and his sons
also, and his wives; so that there was
never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the
youngest of his sons.* [18] And after all
this the LORD smote him in his bow-
els with an incurable disease. [19] And it

17. carried...: Heb. carried captive. Jehoahaz: also called, Ahaziah, or, Azariah.

came to pass, that in process of time,
after the end of two years, his bowels
fell out by reason of his sickness: so
he died of sore diseases. And his peo-
ple made no burning for him, like the
burning of his fathers. [20] Thirty and
two years old was he when he began
to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem
eight years, and departed without be-
ing desired. Howbeit they buried him
in the city of David, but not in the
sepulchres of the kings.*

22 And the inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem made Ahaziah his youngest son

20. without...: Heb. without desire.

king in his stead: for the band of
men that came with the Arabians to
the camp had slain all the eldest. So
Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of
Judah reigned. [2] Forty and two years
old *was* Ahaziah when he began to
reign, and he reigned one year in Je-
rusalem. His mother's name also *was*
Athaliah the daughter of Omri. [3] He
also walked in the ways of the house
of Ahab: for his mother was his coun-
sellor to do wickedly. [4] Wherefore he
did evil in the sight of the LORD like
the house of Ahab: for they were his
counsellors after the death of his fa-
ther to his destruction. [5] He walked

also after their counsel, and went with
Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel
to war against Hazael king of Syria at
Ramothgilead: and the Syrians smote
Joram. 6 And he returned to be healed
in Jezreel because of the wounds which
were given him at Ramah, when he
fought with Hazael king of Syria. And
Azariah the son of Jehoram king of
Judah went down to see Jehoram the
son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he
was sick.* 7 And the destruction of
Ahaziah was of God by coming to
Joram: for when he was come, he

22.6. which...: Heb. wherewith they wounded him. Azariah: also called, Ahaziah, or, Jehoahaz.

went out with Jehoram against Jehu
the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD
had anointed to cut off the house of
Ahab.* 8 And it came to pass, that,
when Jehu was executing judgment
upon the house of Ahab, and found
the princes of Judah, and the sons of
the brethren of Ahaziah, that minis-
tered to Ahaziah, he slew them. 9 And
he sought Ahaziah: and they caught
him, (for he was hid in Samaria,)
and brought him to Jehu: and when
they had slain him, they buried him:
Because, said they, he *is* the son of
Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD

7. destruction: Heb. treading down.

with all his heart. So the house of
Ahaziah had no power to keep still
the kingdom. [10] But when Athaliah
the mother of Ahaziah saw that her
son was dead, she arose and destroyed
all the seed royal of the house of Ju-
dah. [11] But Jehoshabeath, the daugh-
ter of the king, took Joash the son of
Ahaziah, and stole him from among
the king's sons that were slain, and put
him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So
Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Je-
horam, the wife of Jehoiada the priest,
(for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid
him from Athaliah, so that she slew

him not.* 12 And he was with them hid
in the house of God six years: and
Athaliah reigned over the land.

23 And in the seventh year Je-
hoiada strengthened himself, and
took the captains of hundreds, Azariah
the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the
son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the
son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son
of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of
Zichri, into covenant with him. 2 And
they went about in Judah, and gath-
ered the Levites out of all the cities
of Judah, and the chief of the fathers

11. Jehoshabeath: also called, Jehosheba.

of Israel, and they came to Jerusa-
lem. 3 And all the congregation made
a covenant with the king in the house
of God. And he said unto them, Be-
hold, the king's son shall reign, as the
LORD hath said of the sons of David.
4 This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A
third part of you entering on the sab-
bath, of the priests and of the Levites,
shall be porters of the doors;* 5 And a
third part *shall be* at the king's house;
and a third part at the gate of the foun-
dation: and all the people *shall be* in
the courts of the house of the LORD.
6 But let none come into the house of

23.4. doors: Heb. thresholds.

the LORD, save the priests, and they
that minister of the Levites; they shall
go in, for they *are* holy: but all the peo-
ple shall keep the watch of the LORD.
7 And the Levites shall compass the
king round about, every man with his
weapons in his hand; and whosoever
else cometh into the house, he shall
be put to death: but be ye with the
king when he cometh in, and when he
goeth out. 8 So the Levites and all Ju-
dah did according to all things that
Jehoiada the priest had commanded,
and took every man his men that were
to come in on the sabbath, with them
that were to go *out* on the sabbath:

for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not
the courses. 9 Moreover Jehoiada the
priest delivered to the captains of hun-
dreds spears, and bucklers, and shields,
that *had been* king David's, which *were*
in the house of God. 10 And he set
all the people, every man having his
weapon in his hand, from the right
side of the temple to the left side of the
temple, along by the altar and the tem-
ple, by the king round about.* 11 Then
they brought out the king's son, and
put upon him the crown, and *gave him*
the testimony, and made him king.
And Jehoiada and his sons anointed

10. side: Heb. shoulder. temple: Heb. house.

him, and said, God save the king.*
12 Now when Athaliah heard the noise
of the people running and praising
the king, she came to the people into
the house of the LORD: 13 And she
looked, and, behold, the king stood
at his pillar at the entering in, and
the princes and the trumpets by the
king: and all the people of the land
rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets,
also the singers with instruments of
musick, and such as taught to sing
praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes,
and said, Treason, Treason.* 14 Then Je-

11. God...: Heb. Let the king live.
13. Treason: Heb. Conspiracy.

hoiada the priest brought out the cap-
tains of hundreds that were set over
the host, and said unto them, Have
her forth of the ranges: and whoso
followeth her, let him be slain with
the sword. For the priest said, Slay
her not in the house of the LORD.
15 So they laid hands on her; and when
she was come to the entering of the
horse gate by the king's house, they
slew her there. 16 And Jehoiada made
a covenant between him, and between
all the people, and between the king,
that they should be the LORD'S people.
17 Then all the people went to the house
of Baal, and brake it down, and brake

his altars and his images in pieces, and
slew Mattan the priest of Baal before
the altars. [18] Also Jehoiada appointed
the offices of the house of the LORD
by the hand of the priests the Levites,
whom David had distributed in the
house of the LORD, to offer the burnt
offerings of the LORD, as *it is* writ-
ten in the law of Moses, with rejoicing
and with singing, *as it was ordained* by
David.* [19] And he set the porters at the
gates of the house of the LORD, that
none *which was* unclean in any thing
should enter in. [20] And he took the
captains of hundreds, and the nobles,

18. as it was...: Heb. by the hands of David.

and the governors of the people, and
all the people of the land, and brought
down the king from the house of the
LORD: and they came through the
high gate into the king's house, and set
the king upon the throne of the king-
dom. 21 And all the people of the land
rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after
that they had slain Athaliah with the
sword.

24 Joash *was* seven years old when
he began to reign, and he reigned forty
years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
also *was* Zibiah of Beersheba. 2 And
Joash did *that which was* right in the
sight of the LORD all the days of Je-

hoiada the priest. 3 And Jehoiada took
for him two wives; and he begat sons
and daughters. 4 And it came to pass
after this, *that* Joash was minded to re-
pair the house of the LORD.* 5 And
he gathered together the priests and
the Levites, and said to them, Go out
unto the cities of Judah, and gather of
all Israel money to repair the house of
your God from year to year, and see
that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit
the Levites hastened *it* not. 6 And the
king called for Jehoiada the chief, and
said unto him, Why hast thou not re-
quired of the Levites to bring in out

24.4. to repair: Heb. to renew.

of Judah and out of Jerusalem the col-
lection, *according to the commandment*
of Moses the servant of the LORD, and
of the congregation of Israel, for the
tabernacle of witness? 7 For the sons
of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had
broken up the house of God; and also
all the dedicated things of the house
of the LORD did they bestow upon
Baalim. 8 And at the king's command-
ment they made a chest, and set it
without at the gate of the house of
the LORD. 9 And they made a procla-
mation through Judah and Jerusalem,
to bring in to the LORD the collec-
tion *that* Moses the servant of God

laid upon Israel in the wilderness.*
10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast
into the chest, until they had made an
end. 11 Now it came to pass, that at
what time the chest was brought unto
the king's office by the hand of the
Levites, and when they saw that *there*
was much money, the king's scribe and
the high priest's officer came and emp-
tied the chest, and took it, and car-
ried it to his place again. Thus they
did day by day, and gathered money
in abundance. 12 And the king and
Jehoiada gave it to such as did the

9. a proclamation: Heb. a voice.

work of the service of the house of the
LORD, and hired masons and carpen-
ters to repair the house of the LORD,
and also such as wrought iron and
brass to mend the house of the LORD.
13 So the workmen wrought, and the
work was perfected by them, and they
set the house of God in his state, and
strengthened it.* 14 And when they had
finished *it*, they brought the rest of
the money before the king and Je-
hoiada, whereof were made vessels for
the house of the LORD, *even* vessels
to minister, and to offer *withal*, and

13. the work...: Heb. the healing went up upon the work.

spoons, and vessels of gold and silver.
And they offered burnt offerings in
the house of the LORD continually all
the days of Jehoiada.* 15 But Jehoiada
waxed old, and was full of days when
he died; an hundred and thirty years
old *was he* when he died. 16 And they
buried him in the city of David among
the kings, because he had done good
in Israel, both toward God, and to-
ward his house. 17 Now after the death
of Jehoiada came the princes of Ju-
dah, and made obeisance to the king.
Then the king hearkened unto them.
18 And they left the house of the LORD

14. to offer...: or, pestils.

God of their fathers, and served groves
and idols: and wrath came upon Ju-
dah and Jerusalem for this their tres-
pass. 19 Yet he sent prophets to them,
to bring them again unto the LORD;
and they testified against them: but
they would not give ear. 20 And the
Spirit of God came upon Zechariah
the son of Jehoiada the priest, which
stood above the people, and said unto
them, Thus saith God, Why transgress
ye the commandments of the LORD,
that ye cannot prosper? because ye
have forsaken the LORD, he hath also
forsaken you.* 21 And they conspired

20. came...: Heb. clothed.

against him, and stoned him with
stones at the commandment of the
king in the court of the house of the
LORD. [22] Thus Joash the king remem-
bered not the kindness which Jehoiada
his father had done to him, but slew
his son. And when he died, he said,
The LORD look upon *it*, and require
it. [23] And it came to pass at the end of
the year, *that* the host of Syria came up
against him: and they came to Judah
and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the
princes of the people from among the
people, and sent all the spoil of them
unto the king of Damascus.* [24] For the

23. at the...: Heb. in the revolution of the year.

army of the Syrians came with a small
company of men, and the LORD deliv-
ered a very great host into their hand,
because they had forsaken the LORD
God of their fathers. So they executed
judgment against Joash. [25] And when
they were departed from him, (for
they left him in great diseases,) his own
servants conspired against him for the
blood of the sons of Jehoiada the
priest, and slew him on his bed, and
he died: and they buried him in the
city of David, but they buried him not
in the sepulchres of the kings. [26] And
these are they that conspired against

Damascus: Heb. Darmesek.

him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an
Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son
of Shimrith a Moabitess.* [27] Now *con-*
cerning his sons, and the greatness of
the burdens *laid* upon him, and the
repairing of the house of God, behold,
they *are* written in the story of the
book of the kings. And Amaziah his
son reigned in his stead.*

25 Amaziah *was* twenty and five
years old *when* he began to reign, and
he reigned twenty and nine years in
Jerusalem. And his mother's name

26. Zabad: or, Jozacher. Shimrith: or, Shomer.
27. repairing: Heb. founding. story: or, commentary.

was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. 2 And he
did *that which was* right in the sight
of the LORD, but not with a perfect
heart. 3 Now it came to pass, when
the kingdom was established to him,
that he slew his servants that had killed
the king his father.* 4 But he slew not
their children, but *did* as *it is* writ-
ten in the law in the book of Moses,
where the LORD commanded, saying,
The fathers shall not die for the chil-
dren, neither shall the children die for
the fathers, but every man shall die
for his own sin. 5 Moreover Amaziah
gathered Judah together, and made

25.3. established...: Heb. confirmed upon him.

them captains over thousands, and
captains over hundreds, according to
the houses of *their* fathers, through-
out all Judah and Benjamin: and he
numbered them from twenty years old
and above, and found them three hun-
dred thousand choice *men, able* to go
forth to war, that could handle spear
and shield. 6 He hired also an hun-
dred thousand mighty men of valour
out of Israel for an hundred talents
of silver. 7 But there came a man of
God to him, saying, O king, let not
the army of Israel go with thee; for the
LORD *is* not with Israel, *to wit, with*
all the children of Ephraim. 8 But if

thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the
battle: God shall make thee fall be-
fore the enemy: for God hath power
to help, and to cast down. 9 And
Amaziah said to the man of God, But
what shall we do for the hundred tal-
ents which I have given to the army of
Israel? And the man of God answered,
The LORD is able to give thee much
more than this.* 10 Then Amaziah sep-
arated them, *to wit*, the army that was
come to him out of Ephraim, to go
home again: wherefore their anger
was greatly kindled against Judah, and

9. army: Heb. band.

they returned home in great anger.*
11 And Amaziah strengthened himself,
and led forth his people, and went to
the valley of salt, and smote of the
children of Seir ten thousand. 12 And
other ten thousand *left* alive did the
children of Judah carry away captive,
and brought them unto the top of the
rock, and cast them down from the
top of the rock, that they all were bro-
ken in pieces. 13 But the soldiers of
the army which Amaziah sent back,
that they should not go with him to
battle, fell upon the cities of Judah,

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10. home again: Heb. to their place. in great...: Heb. in heat of anger.

from Samaria even unto Bethhoron,
and smote three thousand of them,
and took much spoil.* 14 Now it came
to pass, after that Amaziah was come
from the slaughter of the Edomites,
that he brought the gods of the chil-
dren of Seir, and set them up *to be* his
gods, and bowed down himself before
them, and burned incense unto them.
15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD
was kindled against Amaziah, and he
sent unto him a prophet, which said
unto him, Why hast thou sought after
the gods of the people, which could
not deliver their own people out of

13. the soldiers...: Heb. the sons of the band.

thine hand? [16] And it came to pass,
as he talked with him, that *the king*
said unto him, Art thou made of the
king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest
thou be smitten? Then the prophet
forbare, and said, I know that God
hath determined to destroy thee, be-
cause thou hast done this, and hast not
hearkened unto my counsel.* [17] Then
Amaziah king of Judah took advice,
and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoa-
haz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel,
saying, Come, let us see one another
in the face. [18] And Joash king of Israel
sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying,

16. determined: Heb. counselled.

The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to
the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying,
Give thy daughter to my son to wife:
and there passed by a wild beast that
was in Lebanon, and trode down the
thistle.* [19] Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast
smitten the Edomites; and thine heart
lifteth thee up to boast: abide now
at home; why shouldest thou meddle
to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall,
even thou, and Judah with thee? [20] But
Amaziah would not hear; for it *came*
of God, that he might deliver them
into the hand *of their enemies*, because

18. thistle: or, furze bush, or, thorn. a wild...: Heb. a beast of the field.

they sought after the gods of Edom.
21 So Joash the king of Israel went up;
and they saw one another in the face,
both he and Amaziah king of Judah, at
Bethshemesh, which *belongeth* to Ju-
dah. 22 And Judah was put to the worse
before Israel, and they fled every man
to his tent.* 23 And Joash the king of Is-
rael took Amaziah king of Judah, the
son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at
Bethshemesh, and brought him to Je-
rusalem, and brake down the wall of
Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim
to the corner gate, four hundred cu-

22. put...: Heb. smitten.

bits.* [24] And *he took* all the gold and
the silver, and all the vessels that were
found in the house of God with Obe-
dedom, and the treasures of the king's
house, the hostages also, and returned
to Samaria. [25] And Amaziah the son
of Joash king of Judah lived after the
death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of
Israel fifteen years. [26] Now the rest of
the acts of Amaziah, first and last, be-
hold, *are* they not written in the book
of the kings of Judah and Israel? [27] Now
after the time that Amaziah did turn
away from following the LORD they
made a conspiracy against him in Je-

23. the corner...: Heb. the gate of it that looketh.

rusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but
they sent to Lachish after him, and
slew him there.* 28 And they brought
him upon horses, and buried him with
his fathers in the city of Judah.*

26 Then all the people of Judah
took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years
old, and made him king in the room of
his father Amaziah.* 2 He built Eloth,
and restored it to Judah, after that the
king slept with his fathers. 3 Sixteen
years old *was* Uzziah when he began

27. from...: Heb. from after. made...: Heb. conspired a conspiracy.
28. Judah: that is, the city of David.
26.1. Uzziah: or, Azariah.

to reign, and he reigned fifty and two
years in Jerusalem. His mother's name
also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem. 4 And
he did *that which was* right in the sight
of the LORD, according to all that his
father Amaziah did. 5 And he sought
God in the days of Zechariah, who had
understanding in the visions of God:
and as long as he sought the LORD,
God made him to prosper.* 6 And he
went forth and warred against the Phi-
listines, and brake down the wall of
Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and
the wall of Ashdod, and built cities
about Ashdod, and among the Philis-

5. in the visions...: Heb. in the seeing of God.

tines.* 7 And God helped him against
the Philistines, and against the Ara-
bians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the
Mehunims. 8 And the Ammonites
gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name
spread abroad *even* to the entering in
of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself*
exceedingly.* 9 Moreover Uzziah built
towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate,
and at the valley gate, and at the turn-
ing *of the wall*, and fortified them.*
10 Also he built towers in the desert,
and digged many wells: for he had

6. about...: or, in the country of Ashdod.
8. spread...: Heb. went.
9. fortified: or, repaired.

much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.* [11] Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains. [12] The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred. [13] And under

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10. digged...: or, cut out many cisterns. Carmel: or, fruitful fields. husbandry: Heb. ground.

their hand *was* an army, three hundred
thousand and seven thousand and five
hundred, that made war with mighty
power, to help the king against the en-
emy.* 14 And Uzziah prepared for them
throughout all the host shields, and
spears, and helmets, and habergeons,
and bows, and slings *to cast* stones.*
15 And he made in Jerusalem engines,
invented by cunning men, to be on
the towers and upon the bulwarks, to
shoot arrows and great stones withal.
And his name spread far abroad; for
he was marvellously helped, till he was

13. an army: Heb. the power of an army.
14. slings...: Heb. stones of slings.

strong.* [16] But when he was strong, his
heart was lifted up to *his* destruction:
for he transgressed against the LORD
his God, and went into the temple
of the LORD to burn incense upon
the altar of incense. [17] And Azariah
the priest went in after him, and with
him fourscore priests of the LORD,
that were valiant men: [18] And they
withstood Uzziah the king, and said
unto him, *It appertaineth* not unto
thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the
LORD, but to the priests the sons of
Aaron, that are consecrated to burn
incense: go out of the sanctuary; for

15. spread: Heb. went forth.

thou hast trespassed; neither *shall it*
be for thine honour from the LORD
God. [19] Then Uzziah was wroth, and
had a censer in his hand to burn in-
cense: and while he was wroth with
the priests, the leprosy even rose up in
his forehead before the priests in the
house of the LORD, from beside the
incense altar. [20] And Azariah the chief
priest, and all the priests, looked upon
him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in
his forehead, and they thrust him out
from thence; yea, himself hasted also
to go out, because the LORD had smit-
ten him. [21] And Uzziah the king was
a leper unto the day of his death, and

dwelt in a several house, *being* a leper;
for he was cut off from the house of the
LORD: and Jotham his son *was* over
the king's house, judging the people of
the land.* [22] Now the rest of the acts
of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the
prophet, the son of Amoz, write. [23] So
Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they
buried him with his fathers in the field
of the burial which *belonged* to the
kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and
Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

27 Jotham *was* twenty and five
years old when he began to reign, and

21. several: Heb. free.

he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.
His mother's name also *was* Jerushah,
the daughter of Zadok. 2 And he did
that which was right in the sight of the
LORD, according to all that his father
Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not
into the temple of the LORD. And
the people did yet corruptly. 3 He
built the high gate of the house of
the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel
he built much.* 4 Moreover he built
cities in the mountains of Judah, and
in the forests he built castles and tow-
ers. 5 He fought also with the king of
the Ammonites, and prevailed against

27.3. Ophel: or, the tower.

them. And the children of Ammon
gave him the same year an hundred tal-
ents of silver, and ten thousand mea-
sures of wheat, and ten thousand of
barley. So much did the children of
Ammon pay unto him, both the sec-
ond year, and the third.* 6 So Jotham
became mighty, because he prepared
his ways before the LORD his God.*
7 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham,
and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they
are written in the book of the kings
of Israel and Judah. 8 He was five and
twenty years old when he began to

5. So...: Heb. This.
6. prepared: or, established.

reign, and reigned sixteen years in Je-
rusalem. 9 And Jotham slept with his
fathers, and they buried him in the city
of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in
his stead.

28 Ahaz *was* twenty years old
when he began to reign, and he
reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but
he did not *that which was* right in
the sight of the LORD, like David his
father: 2 For he walked in the ways
of the kings of Israel, and made also
molten images for Baalim. 3 More-
over he burnt incense in the valley of
the son of Hinnom, and burnt his chil-
dren in the fire, after the abominations

of the heathen whom the LORD had
cast out before the children of Israel.*
4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense
in the high places, and on the hills,
and under every green tree. 5 Where-
fore the LORD his God delivered him
into the hand of the king of Syria; and
they smote him, and carried away a
great multitude of them captives, and
brought *them* to Damascus. And he
was also delivered into the hand of the
king of Israel, who smote him with a
great slaughter.* 6 For Pekah the son
of Remaliah slew in Judah an hun-

28.3. burnt...: or, offered sacrifice.
5. Damascus: Heb. Darmesek.

dred and twenty thousand in one day,
which were all valiant men; because
they had forsaken the LORD God of
their fathers.* 7 And Zichri, a mighty
man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the
king's son, and Azrikam the governor
of the house, and Elkanah *that was*
next to the king.* 8 And the children
of Israel carried away captive of their
brethren two hundred thousand, wo-
men, sons, and daughters, and took
also away much spoil from them, and
brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a
prophet of the LORD was there, whose

6. valiant...: Heb. sons of valour.
7. next...: Heb. the second to the king.

name *was* Oded: and he went out be-
fore the host that came to Samaria,
and said unto them, Behold, because
the LORD God of your fathers was
wroth with Judah, he hath delivered
them into your hand, and ye have slain
them in a rage *that* reacheth up unto
heaven. [10] And now ye purpose to keep
under the children of Judah and Jeru-
salem for bondmen and bondwomen
unto you: *but are there* not with you,
even with you, sins against the LORD
your God? [11] Now hear me therefore,
and deliver the captives again, which
ye have taken captive of your breth-
ren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD *is*

upon you. [12] Then certain of the heads
of the children of Ephraim, Azariah
the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son
of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the
son of Shallum, and Amasa the son
of Hadlai, stood up against them that
came from the war, [13] And said unto
them, Ye shall not bring in the cap-
tives hither: for whereas we have of-
fended against the LORD *already*, ye
intend to add *more* to our sins and to
our trespass: for our trespass is great,
and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel.
[14] So the armed men left the captives
and the spoil before the princes and
all the congregation. [15] And the men

which were expressed by name rose
up, and took the captives, and with
the spoil clothed all that were naked
among them, and arrayed them, and
shod them, and gave them to eat and
to drink, and anointed them, and car-
ried all the feeble of them upon asses,
and brought them to Jericho, the city
of palm trees, to their brethren: then
they returned to Samaria. 16 At that
time did king Ahaz send unto the
kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For
again the Edomites had come and
smitten Judah, and carried away cap-
tives.* 18 The Philistines also had in-

17. captives: Heb. a captivity.

vaded the cities of the low country,
and of the south of Judah, and had
taken Bethshemesh, and Ajalon, and
Gederoth, and Shocho with the vil-
lages thereof, and Timnah with the
villages thereof, Gimzo also and the
villages thereof: and they dwelt there.
19 For the LORD brought Judah low be-
cause of Ahaz king of Israel; for he
made Judah naked, and transgressed
sore against the LORD. 20 And Tilgath-
pilneser king of Assyria came unto
him, and distressed him, but strength-
ened him not. 21 For Ahaz took away a
portion *out* of the house of the LORD,
and *out* of the house of the king, and

of the princes, and gave *it* unto the
king of Assyria: but he helped him
not. 22 And in the time of his distress
did he trespass yet more against the
LORD: this *is that* king Ahaz. 23 For
he sacrificed unto the gods of Dam-
ascus, which smote him: and he said,
Because the gods of the kings of Syria
help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to
them, that they may help me. But they
were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.*
24 And Ahaz gathered together the ves-
sels of the house of God, and cut in
pieces the vessels of the house of God,
and shut up the doors of the house

23. Damascus: Heb. Darmesek.

of the LORD, and he made him altars
in every corner of Jerusalem. [25] And
in every several city of Judah he made
high places to burn incense unto other
gods, and provoked to anger the LORD
God of his fathers.* [26] Now the rest of
his acts and of all his ways, first and last,
behold, they *are* written in the book
of the kings of Judah and Israel. [27] And
Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they
buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusa-
lem: but they brought him not into
the sepulchres of the kings of Israel:
and Hezekiah his son reigned in his
stead.

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25. to burn: or, to offer.

29 Hezekiah began to reign *when*
he was five and twenty years old, and
he reigned nine and twenty years in Je-
rusalem. And his mother's name *was*
Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.
2 And he did *that which was* right in
the sight of the LORD, according to
all that David his father had done.
3 He in the first year of his reign, in
the first month, opened the doors of
the house of the LORD, and repaired
them. 4 And he brought in the priests
and the Levites, and gathered them to-
gether into the east street, 5 And said
unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanc-

tify now yourselves, and sanctify the
house of the LORD God of your fa-
thers, and carry forth the filthiness
out of the holy *place*. 6 For our fa-
thers have trespassed, and done *that*
which was evil in the eyes of the LORD
our God, and have forsaken him, and
have turned away their faces from the
habitation of the LORD, and turned
their backs.* 7 Also they have shut up
the doors of the porch, and put out
the lamps, and have not burned in-
cense nor offered burnt offerings in
the holy *place* unto the God of Israel.
8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD

29.6. turned their...: Heb. given the neck.

was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he
hath delivered them to trouble, to as-
tonishment, and to hissing, as ye see
with your eyes.* 9 For, lo, our fathers
have fallen by the sword, and our sons
and our daughters and our wives *are*
in captivity for this. 10 Now *it is* in
mine heart to make a covenant with
the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce
wrath may turn away from us. 11 My
sons, be not now negligent: for the
LORD hath chosen you to stand before
him, to serve him, and that ye should
minister unto him, and burn incense.*

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8. trouble: Heb. commotion.
11. be not...: or, be not now deceived. burn...: or,

12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath the
son of Amasai, and Joel the son of
Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites:
and of the sons of Merari, Kish the
son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of
Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah
the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son
of Joah: 13 And of the sons of Eliza-
phan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the
sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mat-
taniah: 14 And of the sons of Heman;
Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons
of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.
15 And they gathered their brethren,
and sanctified themselves, and came,

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offer sacrifice.

according to the commandment of
the king, by the words of the LORD, to
cleanse the house of the LORD.* [16] And
the priests went into the inner part of
the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*,
and brought out all the uncleanness
that they found in the temple of the
LORD into the court of the house of
the LORD. And the Levites took *it*,
to carry *it* out abroad into the brook
Kidron. [17] Now they began on the first
day of the first month to sanctify, and
on the eighth day of the month came
they to the porch of the LORD: so they
sanctified the house of the LORD in

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15. by the words...: or, in the business of the LORD.

eight days; and in the sixteenth day
of the first month they made an end.
18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the
king, and said, We have cleansed all
the house of the LORD, and the al-
tar of burnt offering, with all the ves-
sels thereof, and the shewbread table,
with all the vessels thereof. 19 More-
over all the vessels, which king Ahaz in
his reign did cast away in his transgres-
sion, have we prepared and sanctified,
and, behold, they *are* before the altar
of the LORD. 20 Then Hezekiah the
king rose early, and gathered the rulers
of the city, and went up to the house
of the LORD. 21 And they brought

seven bullocks, and seven rams, and
seven lambs, and seven he goats, for
a sin offering for the kingdom, and
for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And
he commanded the priests the sons
of Aaron to offer *them* on the al-
tar of the LORD. 22 So they killed
the bullocks, and the priests received
the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the al-
tar: likewise, when they had killed the
rams, they sprinkled the blood upon
the altar: they killed also the lambs,
and they sprinkled the blood upon
the altar. 23 And they brought forth
the he goats *for* the sin offering be-
fore the king and the congregation;

and they laid their hands upon them:*
24 And the priests killed them, and they
made reconciliation with their blood
upon the altar, to make an atone-
ment for all Israel: for the king com-
manded *that* the burnt offering and
the sin offering *should be made* for all
Israel. 25 And he set the Levites in the
house of the LORD with cymbals, with
psalteries, and with harps, according
to the commandment of David, and
of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan
the prophet: for *so was* the command-
ment of the LORD by his prophets.*

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23. forth: Heb. near.
25. commandment of the LORD: Heb. command-

[26] And the Levites stood with the in-
struments of David, and the priests
with the trumpets. [27] And Hezekiah
commanded to offer the burnt of-
fering upon the altar. And when
the burnt offering began, the song of
the LORD began *also* with the trum-
pets, and with the instruments *or-
dained* by David king of Israel.* [28] And
all the congregation worshipped, and
the singers sang, and the trumpeters
sounded: *and* all *this continued* until

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ment by the hand of the LORD. by: Heb. by the hand of.

27. when: Heb. in the time. the instruments: Heb. hands of instruments.

the burnt offering was finished.* [29] And
when they had made an end of offer-
ing, the king and all that were present
with him bowed themselves, and wor-
shipped.* [30] Moreover Hezekiah the
king and the princes commanded the
Levites to sing praise unto the LORD
with the words of David, and of Asaph
the seer. And they sang praises with
gladness, and they bowed their heads
and worshipped. [31] Then Hezekiah an-
swered and said, Now ye have con-
secrated yourselves unto the LORD,
come near and bring sacrifices and

28. singers: Heb. song.
29. present: Heb. found.

thank offerings into the house of the
LORD. And the congregation brought
in sacrifices and thank offerings; and
as many as were of a free heart burnt
offerings.* 32 And the number of the
burnt offerings, which the congrega-
tion brought, was threescore and ten
bullocks, an hundred rams, *and* two
hundred lambs: all these *were* for a
burnt offering to the LORD. 33 And
the consecrated things *were* six hun-
dred oxen and three thousand sheep.
34 But the priests were too few, so that
they could not flay all the burnt of-
ferings: wherefore their brethren the

31. consecrated...: or, filled your hand.

Levites did help them, till the work
was ended, and until the *other* priests
had sanctified themselves: for the
Levites *were* more upright in heart to
sanctify themselves than the priests.*
35 And also the burnt offerings *were* in
abundance, with the fat of the peace
offerings, and the drink offerings for
every burnt offering. So the service
of the house of the LORD was set in
order. 36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and
all the people, that God had prepared
the people: for the thing was *done* sud-
denly.

34. did help...: Heb. strengthened them.

30 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also
to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they
should come to the house of the LORD
at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto
the LORD God of Israel. 2 For the king
had taken counsel, and his princes,
and all the congregation in Jerusa-
lem, to keep the passover in the sec-
ond month. 3 For they could not
keep it at that time, because the priests
had not sanctified themselves suffi-
ciently, neither had the people gath-
ered themselves together to Jerusalem.
4 And the thing pleased the king and

all the congregation.* 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time in such sort* as it was written. 6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Is-

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30.4. pleased...: Heb. was right in the eyes of the king.

rael, and he will return to the rem-
nant of you, that are escaped out of the
hand of the kings of Assyria.* 7 And be
not ye like your fathers, and like your
brethren, which trespassed against the
LORD God of their fathers, *who* there-
fore gave them up to desolation, as
ye see. 8 Now be ye not stiffnecked,
as your fathers *were, but* yield your-
selves unto the LORD, and enter into
his sanctuary, which he hath sancti-
fied for ever: and serve the LORD your
God, that the fierceness of his wrath
may turn away from you.* 9 For if ye

6. from: Heb. from the hand.
8. be ye...: Heb. harden not your necks. yield...:

turn again unto the LORD, your bretheren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him. [10] So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. [11] Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. [12] Also

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Heb. give the hand.

in Judah the hand of God was to give
them one heart to do the command-
ment of the king and of the princes,
by the word of the LORD. 13 And there
assembled at Jerusalem much people
to keep the feast of unleavened bread
in the second month, a very great
congregation. 14 And they arose and
took away the altars that *were* in Je-
rusalem, and all the altars for incense
took they away, and cast *them* into the
brook Kidron. 15 Then they killed the
passover on the fourteenth *day* of the
second month: and the priests and
the Levites were ashamed, and sanc-
tified themselves, and brought in the

burnt offerings into the house of the
LORD. [16] And they stood in their place
after their manner, according to the
law of Moses the man of God: the
priests sprinkled the blood, *which they*
received of the hand of the Levites.*
[17] For *there were* many in the congre-
gation that were not sanctified: there-
fore the Levites had the charge of the
killing of the passovers for every one
that was not clean, to sanctify *them*
unto the LORD. [18] For a multitude
of the people, *even* many of Ephraim,
and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun,
had not cleansed themselves, yet did

16. their place: Heb. their standing.

they eat the passover otherwise than
it was written. But Hezekiah prayed
for them, saying, The good LORD par-
don every one [19] *That* prepareth his
heart to seek God, the LORD God of
his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed*
according to the purification of the
sanctuary. [20] And the LORD hearkened
to Hezekiah, and healed the people.
[21] And the children of Israel that were
present at Jerusalem kept the feast
of unleavened bread seven days with
great gladness: and the Levites and the
priests praised the LORD day by day,
singing with loud instruments unto

the LORD.* 22 And Hezekiah spake
comfortably unto all the Levites that
taught the good knowledge of the
LORD: and they did eat throughout
the feast seven days, offering peace of-
ferings, and making confession to the
LORD God of their fathers.* 23 And
the whole assembly took counsel to
keep other seven days: and they kept
other seven days with gladness. 24 For
Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the
congregation a thousand bullocks and
seven thousand sheep; and the princes

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21. present: Heb. found. loud...: Heb. instruments of strength.
22. comfortably...: Heb. to the heart of all.

gave to the congregation a thousand
bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and
a great number of priests sanctified
themselves.* [25] And all the congrega-
tion of Judah, with the priests and the
Levites, and all the congregation that
came out of Israel, and the strangers
that came out of the land of Israel,
and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. [26] So
there was great joy in Jerusalem: for
since the time of Solomon the son of
David king of Israel *there was* not the
like in Jerusalem. [27] Then the priests
the Levites arose and blessed the peo-

24. did give: Heb. lifted up, or, offered. gave: Heb. lifted up, or, offered.

ple: and their voice was heard, and
their prayer came *up* to his holy dwell-
ing place, *even* unto heaven.*

31 Now when all this was fin-
ished, all Israel that were present went
out to the cities of Judah, and brake
the images in pieces, and cut down
the groves, and threw down the high
places and the altars out of all Judah
and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and
Manasseh, until they had utterly de-
stroyed them all. Then all the chil-
dren of Israel returned, every man to
his possession, into their own cities.*

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27. his holy...: Heb. the habitation of his holiness.
31.1. present: Heb. found. images: Heb. statues.

2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses
of the priests and the Levites after
their courses, every man according to
his service, the priests and Levites for
burnt offerings and for peace offer-
ings, to minister, and to give thanks,
and to praise in the gates of the tents
of the LORD. 3 *He appointed* also the
king's portion of his substance for the
burnt offerings, *to wit*, for the morn-
ing and evening burnt offerings, and
the burnt offerings for the sabbaths,
and for the new moons, and for the
set feasts, as *it is* written in the law
of the LORD. 4 Moreover he com-

until...: Heb. until to make and end.

manded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests
and the Levites, that they might be
encouraged in the law of the LORD.
5 And as soon as the commandment
came abroad, the children of Israel
brought in abundance the firstfruits of
corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of
all the increase of the field; and the
tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.*
6 And *concerning* the children
of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the
cities of Judah, they also brought in
the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the
tithe of holy things which were con-

5. came...: Heb. brake forth. honey: or, dates.

secrated unto the LORD their God,
and laid *them* by heaps.* 7 In the third
month they began to lay the founda-
tion of the heaps, and finished *them*
in the seventh month. 8 And when
Hezekiah and the princes came and
saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD,
and his people Israel. 9 Then Hezekiah
questioned with the priests and the
Levites concerning the heaps. 10 And
Azariah the chief priest of the house of
Zadok answered him, and said, Since
the people began to bring the offer-
ings into the house of the LORD, we
have had enough to eat, and have left

6. by heaps: Heb. heaps, heaps.

plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his
people; and that which is left *is* this
great store. [11] Then Hezekiah com-
manded to prepare chambers in the
house of the LORD; and they prepared
them,* [12] And brought in the offer-
ings and the tithes and the dedicated
things faithfully: over which Conon-
iah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei
his brother *was* the next. [13] And Je-
hiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and
Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad,
and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Ma-
hath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers un-
der the hand of Cononiah and Shimei

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11. chambers: or, storehouses.

his brother, at the commandment of
Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the
ruler of the house of God.* 14 And
Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the
porter toward the east, *was* over the
freewill offerings of God, to distribute
the oblations of the LORD, and the
most holy things. 15 And next him
were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua,
and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in
their set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great
as to the small:* 16 Beside their ge-

13. under...: Heb. at the hand.
15. next...: Heb. at his hand. set...: or, trust.

nealogy of males, from three years
old and upward, *even* unto every one
that entereth into the house of the
LORD, his daily portion for their ser-
vice in their charges according to their
courses; 17 Both to the genealogy of the
priests by the house of their fathers,
and the Levites from twenty years old
and upward, in their charges by their
courses; 18 And to the genealogy of all
their little ones, their wives, and their
sons, and their daughters, through all
the congregation: for in their set of-
fice they sanctified themselves in ho-
liness:* 19 Also of the sons of Aaron

18. set...: or, trust.

the priests, *which were* in the fields
of the suburbs of their cities, in ev-
ery several city, the men that were ex-
pressed by name, to give portions to
all the males among the priests, and
to all that were reckoned by genealo-
gies among the Levites. [20] And thus
did Hezekiah throughout all Judah,
and wrought *that which was* good and
right and truth before the LORD his
God. [21] And in every work that he be-
gan in the service of the house of God,
and in the law, and in the command-
ments, to seek his God, he did *it* with
all his heart, and prospered.

32 After these things, and the
establishment thereof, Sennacherib
king of Assyria came, and entered
into Judah, and encamped against the
fenced cities, and thought to win them
for himself.* 2 And when Hezekiah
saw that Sennacherib was come, and
that he was purposed to fight against
Jerusalem,* 3 He took counsel with
his princes and his mighty men to
stop the waters of the fountains which
were without the city: and they did
help him. 4 So there was gathered

32.1. to win...: Heb. to break them up.
2. he was...: Heb. his face was to war.

much people together, who stopped
all the fountains, and the brook that
ran through the midst of the land, sa-
ying, Why should the kings of Assyria
come, and find much water?* 5 Also he
strengthened himself, and built up all
the wall that was broken, and raised
it up to the towers, and another wall
without, and repaired Millo *in* the city
of David, and made darts and shields
in abundance.* 6 And he set captains
of war over the people, and gathered
them together to him in the street of
the gate of the city, and spake com-

4. ran: Heb. overflowed.
5. darts: or, swords, or, weapons.

fortably to them, saying,* 7 Be strong
and courageous, be not afraid nor dis-
mayed for the king of Assyria, nor for
all the multitude that *is* with him: for
there be more with us than with him:
8 With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with
us *is* the LORD our God to help us, and
to fight our battles. And the people
rested themselves upon the words of
Hezekiah king of Judah.* 9 After this
did Sennacherib king of Assyria send
his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *him-
self laid siege* against Lachish, and all his
power with him,) unto Hezekiah king

6. spake...: Heb. he spoke to their heart.
8. rested...: Heb. leaned.

of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were*
at Jerusalem, saying,* 10 Thus saith Sen-
nacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do
ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in
Jerusalem?* 11 Doth not Hezekiah per-
suade you to give over yourselves to
die by famine and by thirst, saying,
The LORD our God shall deliver us
out of the hand of the king of As-
syria? 12 Hath not the same Hezekiah
taken away his high places and his al-
tars, and commanded Judah and Je-
rusalem, saying, Ye shall worship be-
fore one altar, and burn incense upon

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9. power: Heb. dominion.
10. siege: or, strong hold.

it? 13 Know ye not what I and my fa-
thers have done unto all the people of
other lands? were the gods of the na-
tions of those lands any ways able to
deliver their lands out of mine hand?
14 Who *was there* among all the gods of
those nations that my fathers utterly
destroyed, that could deliver his peo-
ple out of mine hand, that your God
should be able to deliver you out of
mine hand? 15 Now therefore let not
Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade
you on this manner, neither yet be-
lieve him: for no god of any nation
or kingdom was able to deliver his
people out of mine hand, and out of

the hand of my fathers: how much
less shall your God deliver you out of
mine hand? 16 And his servants spake
yet *more* against the LORD God, and
against his servant Hezekiah. 17 He
wrote also letters to rail on the LORD
God of Israel, and to speak against
him, saying, As the gods of the na-
tions of *other* lands have not deliv-
ered their people out of mine hand, so
shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver
his people out of mine hand. 18 Then
they cried with a loud voice in the
Jews' speech unto the people of Je-
rusalem that *were* on the wall, to af-
fright them, and to trouble them; that

they might take the city. [19] And they
spake against the God of Jerusalem,
as against the gods of the people of
the earth, *which were* the work of the
hands of man. [20] And for this *cause*
Hezekiah the king, and the prophet
Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and
cried to heaven. [21] And the LORD sent
an angel, which cut off all the mighty
men of valour, and the leaders and cap-
tains in the camp of the king of As-
syria. So he returned with shame of
face to his own land. And when he was
come into the house of his god, they
that came forth of his own bowels slew

him there with the sword.* 22 Thus the
LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhab-
itants of Jerusalem from the hand of
Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and
from the hand of all *other*, and guided
them on every side. 23 And many
brought gifts unto the LORD to Jeru-
salem, and presents to Hezekiah king
of Judah: so that he was magnified in
the sight of all nations from thence-
forth.* 24 In those days Hezekiah was
sick to the death, and prayed unto the
LORD: and he spake unto him, and he

21. slew...: Heb. made him fall.
23. presents: Heb. precious things.

gave him a sign.* [25] But Hezekiah ren-
dered not again according to the ben-
efit *done* unto him; for his heart was
lifted up: therefore there was wrath
upon him, and upon Judah and Jeru-
salem. [26] Notwithstanding Hezekiah
humbled himself for the pride of his
heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the
LORD came not upon them in the days
of Hezekiah.* [27] And Hezekiah had ex-
ceeding much riches and honour: and
he made himself treasuries for silver,
and for gold, and for precious stones,

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24. gave...: or, wrought a miracle for him.
26. pride: Heb. lifting up.

and for spices, and for shields, and for
all manner of pleasant jewels;* [28] Store-
houses also for the increase of corn,
and wine, and oil; and stalls for all
manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.
[29] Moreover he provided him cities,
and possessions of flocks and herds in
abundance: for God had given him
substance very much. [30] This same
Hezekiah also stopped the upper wa-
tercourse of Gihon, and brought it
straight down to the west side of the
city of David. And Hezekiah pros-
pered in all his works. [31] Howbeit in
the business of the ambassadors of the

27. pleasant...: Heb. instruments of desire.

princes of Babylon, who sent unto him
to enquire of the wonder that was *done*
in the land, God left him, to try him,
that he might know all *that was* in his
heart.* [32] Now the rest of the acts of
Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold,
they *are* written in the vision of Isa-
iah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and*
in the book of the kings of Judah and
Israel.* [33] And Hezekiah slept with his
fathers, and they buried him in the
chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons
of David: and all Judah and the in-
habitants of Jerusalem did him hon-

31. ambassadors: Heb. interpreters.
32. goodness: Heb. kindnesses.

our at his death. And Manasseh his
son reigned in his stead.*

33 Manasseh *was* twelve years old
when he began to reign, and he
reigned fifty and five years in Jerusa-
lem: 2 But did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD, like unto the
abominations of the heathen, whom
the LORD had cast out before the chil-
dren of Israel. 3 For he built again
the high places which Hezekiah his fa-
ther had broken down, and he reared
up altars for Baalim, and made groves,
and worshipped all the host of heaven,

33. chiefest: or, highest.

and served them.* 4 Also he built al-
tars in the house of the LORD, whereof
the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall
my name be for ever. 5 And he built
altars for all the host of heaven in
the two courts of the house of the
LORD. 6 And he caused his children
to pass through the fire in the valley
of the son of Hinnom: also he ob-
served times, and used enchantments,
and used witchcraft, and dealt with a
familiar spirit, and with wizards: he
wrought much evil in the sight of the
LORD, to provoke him to anger. 7 And
he set a carved image, the idol which

33.3. he built...: Heb. he returned and built.

he had made, in the house of God, of
which God had said to David and to
Solomon his son, In this house, and
in Jerusalem, which I have chosen be-
fore all the tribes of Israel, will I put
my name for ever: 8 Neither will I any
more remove the foot of Israel from
out of the land which I have appointed
for your fathers; so that they will take
heed to do all that I have commanded
them, according to the whole law and
the statutes and the ordinances by the
hand of Moses. 9 So Manasseh made
Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
to err, *and* to do worse than the hea-
then, whom the LORD had destroyed

before the children of Israel. [10] And
the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to
his people: but they would not hear-
ken. [11] Wherefore the LORD brought
upon them the captains of the host of
the king of Assyria, which took Man-
asseh among the thorns, and bound
him with fetters, and carried him to
Babylon.* [12] And when he was in afflic-
tion, he besought the LORD his God,
and humbled himself greatly before
the God of his fathers, [13] And prayed
unto him: and he was intreated of
him, and heard his supplication, and

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11. of the king: Heb. which were the king's. fetters: or, chains.

brought him again to Jerusalem into
his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew
that the LORD he *was* God. 14 Now
after this he built a wall without the
city of David, on the west side of Gi-
hon, in the valley, even to the en-
tering in at the fish gate, and com-
passed about Ophel, and raised it up
a very great height, and put captains
of war in all the fenced cities of Ju-
dah.* 15 And he took away the strange
gods, and the idol out of the house of
the LORD, and all the altars that he
had built in the mount of the house
of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and

14. Ophel: or, the tower.

cast *them* out of the city. [16] And he
repaired the altar of the LORD, and
sacrificed thereon peace offerings and
thank offerings, and commanded Ju-
dah to serve the LORD God of Israel.
[17] Nevertheless the people did sacrifice
still in the high places, *yet* unto the
LORD their God only. [18] Now the rest
of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer
unto his God, and the words of the
seers that spake to him in the name of
the LORD God of Israel, behold, they
are written in the book of the kings
of Israel. [19] His prayer also, and *how*
God was intreated of him, and all his
sin, and his trespass, and the places

wherein he built high places, and set
up groves and graven images, before he
was humbled: behold, they *are* writ-
ten among the sayings of the seers.*
20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers,
and they buried him in his own house:
and Amon his son reigned in his stead.
21 Amon *was* two and twenty years old
when he began to reign, and reigned
two years in Jerusalem. 22 But he did
that which was evil in the sight of the
LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for
Amon sacrificed unto all the carved
images which Manasseh his father had
made, and served them; 23 And hum-

19. the seers: or, Hosai.

bled not himself before the LORD,
as Manasseh his father had humbled
himself; but Amon trespassed more
and more.* 24 And his servants con-
spired against him, and slew him in his
own house. 25 But the people of the
land slew all them that had conspired
against king Amon; and the people of
the land made Josiah his son king in
his stead.

34 Josiah *was* eight years old when
he began to reign, and he reigned in Je-
rusalem one and thirty years. 2 And he
did *that which was* right in the sight of

23. trespassed more and more: Heb. multiplied trespass.

the LORD, and walked in the ways of
David his father, and declined *neither*
to the right hand, nor to the left. 3 For
in the eighth year of his reign, while he
was yet young, he began to seek after
the God of David his father: and in the
twelfth year he began to purge Judah
and Jerusalem from the high places,
and the groves, and the carved images,
and the molten images. 4 And they
brake down the altars of Baalim in his
presence; and the images, that *were* on
high above them, he cut down; and
the groves, and the carved images, and
the molten images, he brake in pieces,
and made dust *of them*, and strowed

it upon the graves of them that had
sacrificed unto them.* 5 And he burnt
the bones of the priests upon their al-
tars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusa-
lem. 6 And *so did he* in the cities of
Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon,
even unto Naphtali, with their mat-
tocks round about.* 7 And when he
had broken down the altars and the
groves, and had beaten the graven im-
ages into powder, and cut down all
the idols throughout all the land of Is-
rael, he returned to Jerusalem.* 8 Now

34.4. the images: or, the sun images.
6. mattocks: or, mauls.
7. into...: Heb. to make powder.

in the eighteenth year of his reign,
when he had purged the land, and the
house, he sent Shaphan the son of Aza-
liah, and Maaseiah the governor of the
city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the
recorder, to repair the house of the
LORD his God. 9 And when they came
to Hilkiah the high priest, they deliv-
ered the money that was brought into
the house of God, which the Levites
that kept the doors had gathered of
the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim,
and of all the remnant of Israel, and of
all Judah and Benjamin; and they re-
turned to Jerusalem. 10 And they put
it in the hand of the workmen that

had the oversight of the house of the
LORD, and they gave it to the work-
men that wrought in the house of the
LORD, to repair and amend the house:
11 Even to the artificers and builders
gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and
timber for couplings, and to floor the
houses which the kings of Judah had
destroyed.* 12 And the men did the
work faithfully: and the overseers of
them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the
Levites, of the sons of Merari; and
Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons
of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward;
and *other of* the Levites, all that could

11. to floor: or, to rafter.

skill of instruments of musick. 13 Also
they were over the bearers of burdens,
and *were* overseers of all that wrought
the work in any manner of service:
and of the Levites *there were* scribes,
and officers, and porters. 14 And when
they brought out the money that was
brought into the house of the LORD,
Hilkiah the priest found a book of
the law of the LORD *given* by Moses.*
15 And Hilkiah answered and said to
Shaphan the scribe, I have found the
book of the law in the house of the
LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the
book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan car-

14. by: Heb. by the hand of.

ried the book to the king, and brought
the king word back again, saying, All
that was committed to thy servants,
they do *it*.* 17 And they have gathered
together the money that was found in
the house of the LORD, and have deliv-
ered it into the hand of the overseers,
and to the hand of the workmen.*
18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the
king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath
given me a book. And Shaphan read it
before the king.* 19 And it came to pass,

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16. to thy...: Heb. to the hand of, etc.
17. gathered together: Heb. poured out, or, melted.
18. it: Heb. in it.

when the king had heard the words of
the law, that he rent his clothes. [20] And
the king commanded Hilkiah, and
Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Ab-
don the son of Micah, and Shaphan
the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the
king's, saying,* [21] Go, enquire of the
LORD for me, and for them that are
left in Israel and in Judah, concerning
the words of the book that is found:
for great *is* the wrath of the LORD
that is poured out upon us, because
our fathers have not kept the word of
the LORD, to do after all that is writ-
ten in this book. [22] And Hilkiah, and

20. Abdon: or, Achbor.

they that the king *had appointed*, went
to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of
Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son
of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe;
(now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the col-
lege:) and they spake to her to that *ef-*
fect.* [23] And she answered them, Thus
saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye
the man that sent you to me, [24] Thus
saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring
evil upon this place, and upon the in-
habitants thereof, *even* all the curses
that are written in the book which

22. Hasrah: also called, Harhas. wardrobe: Heb. garments. in the college: or, in the school, or, in the second part.

they have read before the king of Ju-
dah: [25] Because they have forsaken me,
and have burned incense unto other
gods, that they might provoke me to
anger with all the works of their hands;
therefore my wrath shall be poured
out upon this place, and shall not be
quenched. [26] And as for the king of Ju-
dah, who sent you to enquire of the
LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus
saith the LORD God of Israel *concern-
ing* the words which thou hast heard;
[27] Because thine heart was tender, and
thou didst humble thyself before God,
when thou heardest his words against
this place, and against the inhabitants

thereof, and humbledst thyself before
me, and didst rend thy clothes, and
weep before me; I have even heard
thee also, saith the LORD. [28] Behold,
I will gather thee to thy fathers, and
thou shalt be gathered to thy grave
in peace, neither shall thine eyes see
all the evil that I will bring upon this
place, and upon the inhabitants of the
same. So they brought the king word
again. [29] Then the king sent and gath-
ered together all the elders of Judah
and Jerusalem. [30] And the king went
up into the house of the LORD, and all
the men of Judah, and the inhabitants
of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the

Levites, and all the people, great and
small: and he read in their ears all the
words of the book of the covenant that
was found in the house of the LORD.*
31 And the king stood in his place, and
made a covenant before the LORD, to
walk after the LORD, and to keep his
commandments, and his testimonies,
and his statutes, with all his heart, and
with all his soul, to perform the words
of the covenant which are written in
this book. 32 And he caused all that
were present in Jerusalem and Ben-
jamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabi-
tants of Jerusalem did according to the

30. great...: Heb. from great even to small.

covenant of God, the God of their fa-
thers.* 33 And Josiah took away all the
abominations out of all the countries
that *pertained* to the children of Israel,
and made all that were present in Is-
rael to serve, *even* to serve the LORD
their God. *And* all his days they de-
parted not from following the LORD,
the God of their fathers.*

35 Moreover Josiah kept a passover
unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they
killed the passover on the fourteenth
day of the first month. 2 And he set
the priests in their charges, and en-

32. present: Heb. found.
33. present: Heb. found. from...: Heb. from after.

couraged them to the service of the
house of the LORD, 3 And said unto
the Levites that taught all Israel, which
were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy
ark in the house which Solomon the
son of David king of Israel did build;
it shall not *be* a burden upon *your*
shoulders: serve now the LORD your
God, and his people Israel, 4 And pre-
pare *yourselves* by the houses of your
fathers, after your courses, according
to the writing of David king of Israel,
and according to the writing of Solo-
mon his son. 5 And stand in the holy
place according to the divisions of the
families of the fathers of your breth-

ren the people, and *after* the division
of the families of the Levites.* 6 So kill
the passover, and sanctify yourselves,
and prepare your brethren, that *they*
may do according to the word of the
LORD by the hand of Moses. 7 And
Josiah gave to the people, of the flock,
lambs and kids, all for the passover of-
ferings, for all that were present, to the
number of thirty thousand, and three
thousand bullocks: these *were* of the
king's substance.* 8 And his princes

35.5. the families of the fathers: Heb. the house of the fathers. the people: Heb. the sons of the people.

7. gave: Heb. offered.

gave willingly unto the people, to the
priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah
and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the
house of God, gave unto the priests for
the passover offerings two thousand
and six hundred *small cattle*, and three
hundred oxen.* 9 Conaniah also, and
Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his breth-
ren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Joz-
abad, chief of the Levites, gave unto
the Levites for passover offerings five
thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred
oxen.* 10 So the service was prepared,
and the priests stood in their place,

8. gave willingly: Heb. offered, etc.
9. gave: Heb. offered.

and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.
11 And they killed the passover, and the
priests sprinkled *the blood* from their
hands, and the Levites flayed *them*.
12 And they removed the burnt offer-
ings, that they might give according
to the divisions of the families of the
people, to offer unto the LORD, as *it*
is written in the book of Moses. And
so *did they* with the oxen. 13 And they
roasted the passover with fire accord-
ing to the ordinance: but the *other*
holy *offerings* sod they in pots, and
in caldrons, and in pans, and divided

them speedily among all the people.*
14 And afterward they made ready for
themselves, and for the priests: be-
cause the priests the sons of Aaron
were busied in offering of burnt of-
ferings and the fat until night; there-
fore the Levites prepared for them-
selves, and for the priests the sons of
Aaron. 15 And the singers the sons
of Asaph *were* in their place, accord-
ing to the commandment of David,
and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun
the king's seer; and the porters *waited*
at every gate; they might not depart
from their service; for their brethren

13. divided...: Heb. made them run.

the Levites prepared for them.* [16] So
all the service of the LORD was pre-
pared the same day, to keep the pass-
over, and to offer burnt offerings upon
the altar of the LORD, according to the
commandment of king Josiah. [17] And
the children of Israel that were present
kept the passover at that time, and the
feast of unleavened bread seven days.*
[18] And there was no passover like to
that kept in Israel from the days of
Samuel the prophet; neither did all
the kings of Israel keep such a pass-
over as Josiah kept, and the priests,

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15. place: Heb. station.
17. present: Heb. found.

and the Levites, and all Judah and Is-
rael that were present, and the inhabi-
tants of Jerusalem.* 19 In the eighteenth
year of the reign of Josiah was this pass-
over kept. 20 After all this, when Josiah
had prepared the temple, Necho king
of Egypt came up to fight against
Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah
went out against him.* 21 But he sent
ambassadors to him, saying, What
have I to do with thee, thou king of Ju-
dah? *I come* not against thee this day,
but against the house wherewith I have
war: for God commanded me to make

18. present: Heb. found.
20. temple: Heb. house.

haste: forbear thee from *meddling with*
God, who *is* with me, that he destroy
thee not.* 22 Nevertheless Josiah would
not turn his face from him, but dis-
guised himself, that he might fight
with him, and hearkened not unto the
words of Necho from the mouth of
God, and came to fight in the valley
of Megiddo. 23 And the archers shot
at king Josiah; and the king said to
his servants, Have me away; for I am
sore wounded.* 24 His servants there-
fore took him out of that chariot, and
put him in the second chariot that he

21. the house...: Heb. the house of my war.
23. wounded: Heb. made sick.

had; and they brought him to Jerusa-
lem, and he died, and was buried in *one*
of the sepulchres of his fathers. And
all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for
Josiah.* [25] And Jeremiah lamented for
Josiah: and all the singing men and the
singing women spake of Josiah in their
lamentations to this day, and made
them an ordinance in Israel: and, be-
hold, they *are* written in the lamen-
tations. [26] Now the rest of the acts of
Josiah, and his goodness, according to
that which was written in the law of the
LORD,* [27] And his deeds, first and last,

24. in one...: or, among the sepulchres.
26. goodness: Heb. kindnesses.

behold, they *are* written in the book
of the kings of Israel and Judah.

36 Then the people of the land
took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and
made him king in his father's stead in
Jerusalem. 2 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and
three years old when he began to reign,
and he reigned three months in Jerusa-
lem. 3 And the king of Egypt put him
down at Jerusalem, and condemned
the land in an hundred talents of silver
and a talent of gold.* 4 And the king of
Egypt made Eliakim his brother king
over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned

36.3. put...: Heb. removed him.

his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho
took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried
him to Egypt. 5 Jehoiakim *was* twenty
and five years old when he began to
reign, and he reigned eleven years in
Jerusalem: and he did *that which was*
evil in the sight of the LORD his God.
6 Against him came up Nebuchadnez-
zar king of Babylon, and bound him
in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.*
7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the
vessels of the house of the LORD to
Babylon, and put them in his tem-
ple at Babylon. 8 Now the rest of the
acts of Jehoiakim, and his abomina-

6. fetters: or, chains.

tions which he did, and that which was
found in him, behold, they *are* written
in the book of the kings of Israel and
Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned
in his stead.* 9 Jehoiachin *was* eight
years old when he began to reign, and
he reigned three months and ten days
in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was*
evil in the sight of the LORD. 10 And
when the year was expired, king Neb-
uchadnezzar sent, and brought him
to Babylon, with the goodly vessels
of the house of the LORD, and made
Zedekiah his brother king over Judah

8. Jehoiachin: also called, Jeconiah, or, Coniah.

and Jerusalem.* [11] Zedekiah *was* one
and twenty years old when he began
to reign, and reigned eleven years in
Jerusalem. [12] And he did *that which*
was evil in the sight of the LORD his
God, *and* humbled not himself before
Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from
the mouth of the LORD. [13] And he
also rebelled against king Nebuchad-
nezzar, who had made him swear by
God: but he stiffened his neck, and
hardened his heart from turning unto
the LORD God of Israel. [14] Moreover

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10. when...: Heb. at the return of the year. goodly...: Heb. vessels of desire. Zedekiah...: or, Mattaniah, his father's brother.

all the chief of the priests, and the
people, transgressed very much after
all the abominations of the heathen;
and polluted the house of the LORD
which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.
15 And the LORD God of their fathers
sent to them by his messengers, ris-
ing up betimes, and sending; because
he had compassion on his people,
and on his dwelling place:* 16 But they
mocked the messengers of God, and
despised his words, and misused his
prophets, until the wrath of the LORD
arose against his people, till *there was*

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15. by: Heb. by the hand of. betimes: that is, continually and carefully.

no remedy.* [17] Therefore he brought
upon them the king of the Chaldees,
who slew their young men with the
sword in the house of their sanctuary,
and had no compassion upon young
man or maiden, old man, or him that
stooped for age: he gave *them* all into
his hand. [18] And all the vessels of the
house of God, great and small, and the
treasures of the house of the LORD,
and the treasures of the king, and of
his princes; all *these* he brought to
Babylon. [19] And they burnt the house
of God, and brake down the wall of
Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces

16. remedy: Heb. healing.

thereof with fire, and destroyed all the
goodly vessels thereof. 20 And them
that had escaped from the sword car-
ried he away to Babylon; where they
were servants to him and his sons un-
til the reign of the kingdom of Persia:*
21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the
mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had
enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she
lay desolate she kept sabbath, to ful-
fil threescore and ten years. 22 Now in
the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,
that the word of the LORD *spoken* by
the mouth of Jeremiah might be ac-
complished, the LORD stirred up the

20. them...: Heb. the remainder from the sword.

spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he
made a proclamation throughout all
his kingdom, and *put it* also in writ-
ing, saying, [23] Thus saith Cyrus king of
Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth
hath the LORD God of heaven given
me; and he hath charged me to build
him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in
Judah. Who *is there* among you of all
his people? The LORD his God *be* with
him, and let him go up.

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Now in the first year of Cyrus
king of Persia, that the word
of the LORD by the mouth of
Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD
stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king
of Persia, that he made a proclama-
tion throughout all his kingdom, and
put it also in writing, saying,* 2 Thus
saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD
God of heaven hath given me all the
kingdoms of the earth; and he hath
charged me to build him an house at
Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. 3 Who

1.1. made...: Heb. caused a voice to pass.

is there among you of all his people?
his God be with him, and let him go
up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and
build the house of the LORD God of
Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jeru-
salem. 4 And whosoever remaineth in
any place where he sojourneth, let the
men of his place help him with silver,
and with gold, and with goods, and
with beasts, beside the freewill offering
for the house of God that *is* in Jerusa-
lem.* 5 Then rose up the chief of the
fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and
the priests, and the Levites, with all
them whose spirit God had raised, to

4. help...: Heb. lift him up.

go up to build the house of the LORD
which *is* in Jerusalem. 6 And all they
that *were* about them strengthened
their hands with vessels of silver, with
gold, with goods, and with beasts, and
with precious things, beside all *that*
was willingly offered.* 7 Also Cyrus
the king brought forth the vessels of
the house of the LORD, which Neb-
uchadnezzar had brought forth out of
Jerusalem, and had put them in the
house of his gods; 8 Even those did
Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by
the hand of Mithredath the treasurer,
and numbered them unto Sheshbaz-

6. strengthened...: that is, helped them.

zar, the prince of Judah. 9 And this *is*
the number of them: thirty chargers
of gold, a thousand chargers of silver,
nine and twenty knives, 10 Thirty ba-
sons of gold, silver basons of a second
sort four hundred and ten, *and* other
vessels a thousand. 11 All the vessels of
gold and of silver *were* five thousand
and four hundred. All *these* did Shesh-
bazzar bring up with *them of* the cap-
tivity that were brought up from Baby-
lon unto Jerusalem.*

2 Now these *are* the children of
the province that went up out of the

11. the captivity: Heb. the transportation.

captivity, of those which had been car-
ried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the
king of Babylon had carried away unto
Babylon, and came again unto Jeru-
salem and Judah, every one unto his
city; 2 Which came with Zerubbabel:
Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah,
Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Re-
hum, Baanah. The number of the
men of the people of Israel:* 3 The chil-
dren of Parosh, two thousand an hun-
dred seventy and two. 4 The children
of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy

2.2. Seraiah: also called, Azariah. Reelaiah: or, Raamiah. Mispar: or, Mispereth. Rehum: or, Nehum.

and two. 5 The children of Arah, seven
hundred seventy and five. 6 The chil-
dren of Pahathmoab, of the children of
Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight
hundred and twelve. 7 The children of
Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty
and four. 8 The children of Zattu,
nine hundred forty and five. 9 The
children of Zaccai, seven hundred and
threescore. 10 The children of Bani, six
hundred forty and two.* 11 The chil-
dren of Bebai, six hundred twenty
and three. 12 The children of Azgad,
a thousand two hundred twenty and
two. 13 The children of Adonikam,

10. Bani: also called, Binnui.

six hundred sixty and six. 14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. 15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four. 16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. 17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three. 18 The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve.* 19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three. 20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.* 21 The children of Bethlehem, an hundred twenty and three. 22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six. 23 The men of

18. Jorah: also called, Hariph.
20. Gibbar: also called, Gibeon.

Anathoth, an hundred twenty and
eight. 24 The children of Azmaveth,
forty and two.* 25 The children of Kir-
jatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth,
seven hundred and forty and three.
26 The children of Ramah and Gaba,
six hundred twenty and one. 27 The
men of Michmas, an hundred twenty
and two. 28 The men of Bethel and
Ai, two hundred twenty and three.
29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.
30 The children of Magbish, an hun-
dred fifty and six. 31 The children
of the other Elam, a thousand two
hundred fifty and four. 32 The chil-

24. Azmaveth: also called, Bethazmaveth.

dren of Harim, three hundred and
twenty. 33 The children of Lod, Ha-
did, and Ono, seven hundred twenty
and five.* 34 The children of Jericho,
three hundred forty and five. 35 The
children of Senaah, three thousand
and six hundred and thirty. 36 The
priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the
house of Jeshua, nine hundred sev-
enty and three. 37 The children of Im-
mer, a thousand fifty and two. 38 The
children of Pashur, a thousand two
hundred forty and seven. 39 The chil-
dren of Harim, a thousand and seven-
teen. 40 The Levites: the children of

33. Hadid: or, Harid, as it is in some copies.

Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children
of Hodaviah, seventy and four.* 41 The
singers: the children of Asaph, an hun-
dred twenty and eight. 42 The children
of the porters: the children of Shal-
lum, the children of Ater, the children
of Talmon, the children of Akkub,
the children of Hatita, the children
of Shobai, *in* all an hundred thirty
and nine. 43 The Nethinims: the chil-
dren of Ziha, the children of Hasupha,
the children of Tabbaoth, 44 The chil-
dren of Keros, the children of Siaha,
the children of Padon,* 45 The children

40. Hodaviah: also called, Judah or Hodevah.
44. Siaha: also called, Sia.

of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah,
the children of Akkub, 46 The children
of Hagab, the children of Shalmai,
the children of Hanan,* 47 The chil-
dren of Giddel, the children of Ga-
har, the children of Reaiah, 48 The chil-
dren of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,
the children of Gazzam, 49 The chil-
dren of Uzza, the children of Paseah,
the children of Besai, 50 The children of
Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the
children of Nephusim,* 51 The children
of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha,
the children of Harhur, 52 The children

46. Shalmai: also called, Shamlai.
50. Nephusim: also called, Nephishesim.

of Bazluth, the children of Mehida,
the children of Harsha,* 53 The chil-
dren of Barkos, the children of Sis-
era, the children of Thamah, 54 The
children of Neziah, the children of
Hatipha. 55 The children of Solomon's
servants: the children of Sotai, the
children of Sophereth, the children of
Peruda,* 56 The children of Jaalah, the
children of Darkon, the children of
Giddel, 57 The children of Shephatiah,
the children of Hattil, the children of
Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of

52. Bazluth: also called, Bazlith.
55. Peruda: also called, Perida.

Ami.* [58] All the Nethinims, and the
children of Solomon's servants, *were*
three hundred ninety and two. [59] And
these *were* they which went up from
Telmelah, Telharsa, Cherub, Addan,
and Immer: but they could not shew
their father's house, and their seed,
whether they *were* of Israel:* [60] The
children of Delaiah, the children of
Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six
hundred fifty and two. [61] And of the
children of the priests: the children
of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the
children of Barzillai; which took a wife

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57. Ami: also called, Amon.

59. Addan: also called, Addon. seed: or, pedigree.

of the daughters of Barzillai the Gilea-
dite, and was called after their name:
62 These sought their register *among*
those that were reckoned by geneal-
ogy, but they were not found: there-
fore were they, as polluted, put from
the priesthood.* 63 And the Tirshatha
said unto them, that they should not
eat of the most holy things, till there
stood up a priest with Urim and
with Thummim.* 64 The whole con-
gregation together *was* forty and two
thousand three hundred *and* three-

62. were they...: Heb. they were polluted from the priesthood.
63. Tirshatha: or, governor.

score, [65] Beside their servants and their
maids, of whom *there were* seven thou-
sand three hundred thirty and seven:
and *there were* among them two hun-
dred singing men and singing wo-
men. [66] Their horses *were* seven hun-
dred thirty and six; their mules, two
hundred forty and five; [67] Their camels,
four hundred thirty and five; *their*
asses, six thousand seven hundred and
twenty. [68] And *some* of the chief of the
fathers, when they came to the house
of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, of-
fered freely for the house of God to
set it up in his place: [69] They gave af-
ter their ability unto the treasure of

the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. 70 So the priests, and the Levites, and *some* of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

3 And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the

son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and
builded the altar of the God of Is-
rael, to offer burnt offerings thereon,
as *it is* written in the law of Moses the
man of God.* 3 And they set the altar
upon his bases; for fear *was* upon them
because of the people of those coun-
tries: and they offered burnt offerings
thereon unto the LORD, *even* burnt of-
ferings morning and evening. 4 They
kept also the feast of tabernacles, as *it
is* written, and *offered* the daily burnt
offerings by number, according to the
custom, as the duty of every day re-

3.2. Jeshua: also called, Joshua. Zerubbabel: Gr. Zorobabel. Shealtiel: Gr. Salathiel.

quired;* 5 And afterward *offered* the
continual burnt offering, both of the
new moons, and of all the set feasts
of the LORD that were consecrated,
and of every one that willingly offered
a freewill offering unto the LORD.
6 From the first day of the seventh
month began they to offer burnt of-
ferings unto the LORD. But the foun-
dation of the temple of the LORD was
not *yet* laid.* 7 They gave money also
unto the masons, and to the carpen-

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4. as the duty...: Heb. the matter of the day in his day.

6. the foundation...: Heb. the temple of the LORD was not yet founded.

ters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto
them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre,
to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to
the sea of Joppa, according to the grant
that they had of Cyrus king of Per-
sia.* 8 Now in the second year of their
coming unto the house of God at Je-
rusalem, in the second month, began
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and
Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the
remnant of their brethren the priests
and the Levites, and all they that were
come out of the captivity unto Jerusa-
lem; and appointed the Levites, from
twenty years old and upward, to set

7. carpenters: or, workmen.

forward the work of the house of the
LORD. 9 Then stood Jeshua *with* his
sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and
his sons, the sons of Judah, together,
to set forward the workmen in the
house of God: the sons of Henadad,
with their sons and their brethren the
Levites.* 10 And when the builders laid
the foundation of the temple of the
LORD, they set the priests in their ap-
parel with trumpets, and the Levites
the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to
praise the LORD, after the ordinance
of David king of Israel. 11 And they

9. Judah: also called, Hodaviah. together: Heb. as one.

sang together by course in praising and
giving thanks unto the LORD; because
he is good, for his mercy *endureth* for
ever toward Israel. And all the people
shouted with a great shout, when they
praised the LORD, because the foun-
dation of the house of the LORD was
laid. 12 But many of the priests and
Levites and chief of the fathers, *who*
were ancient men, that had seen the
first house, when the foundation of
this house was laid before their eyes,
wept with a loud voice; and many
shouted aloud for joy: 13 So that the
people could not discern the noise of
the shout of joy from the noise of the

weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

4 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;* 2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither. 3 But Zerub-

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4.1. the children...: Heb. the sons of the transportation.

babel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the
chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto
them, Ye have nothing to do with us
to build an house unto our God; but
we ourselves together will build unto
the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus
the king of Persia hath commanded
us. 4 Then the people of the land
weakened the hands of the people of
Judah, and troubled them in build-
ing, 5 And hired counsellors against
them, to frustrate their purpose, all
the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even
until the reign of Darius king of Per-
sia. 6 And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in
the beginning of his reign, wrote they

unto him an accusation against the
inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.*
7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote
Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the
rest of their companions, unto Ar-
taxerxes king of Persia; and the writ-
ing of the letter *was* written in the
Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the
Syrian tongue.* 8 Rehum the chancel-
lor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a
letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes
the king in this sort:* 9 Then *wrote*

6. Ahasuerus: Heb. Ahashverosh.
7. Bishlam: or, in peace. companions: Heb. societies.
8. scribe: or, secretary.

Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai
the scribe, and the rest of their com-
panions; the Dinaites, the Apharsath-
chites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites,
the Archevites, the Babylonians, the
Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the
Elamites,* 10 And the rest of the na-
tions whom the great and noble As-
nappar brought over, and set in the
cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are*
on this side the river, and at such a
time.* 11 This *is* the copy of the let-
ter that they sent unto him, *even* unto
Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the

9. companions: Chaldee, societies.
10. at such...: Chaldee, Cheeneth.

men on this side the river, and at such
a time. [12] Be it known unto the king,
that the Jews which came up from
thee to us are come unto Jerusalem,
building the rebellious and the bad
city, and have set up the walls *thereof*,
and joined the foundations.* [13] Be it
known now unto the king, that, if this
city be builded, and the walls set up
again, then will they not pay toll, trib-
ute, and custom, and *so* thou shalt
endamage the revenue of the kings.*
[14] Now because we have maintenance

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12. set up: or, finished. joined: Chaldee, sewed together.

13. pay: Chaldee, give. revenue: or, strength.

from *the king's* palace, and it was not
meet for us to see the king's dishon-
our, therefore have we sent and cer-
tified the king;* 15 That search may be
made in the book of the records of
thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the
book of the records, and know that
this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurt-
ful unto kings and provinces, and that
they have moved sedition within the
same of old time: for which cause was
this city destroyed.* 16 We certify the

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14. we have...: Chaldee, we are salted with the salt of the palace.

15. moved: Chaldee, made. within...: Chaldee, in the midst thereof.

king that, if this city be builded *again*,
and the walls thereof set up, by this
means thou shalt have no portion on
this side the river. 17 *Then* sent the king
an answer unto Rehum the chancellor,
and *to* Shimshai the scribe, and *to* the
rest of their companions that dwell in
Samaria, and *unto* the rest beyond the
river, Peace, and at such a time.* 18 The
letter which ye sent unto us hath been
plainly read before me. 19 And I com-
manded, and search hath been made,
and it is found that this city of old
time hath made insurrection against
kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition

17. companions: Chaldee, societies.

have been made therein.* [20] There have
been mighty kings also over Jerusalem,
which have ruled over all *countries* be-
yond the river; and toll, tribute, and
custom, was paid unto them. [21] Give
ye now commandment to cause these
men to cease, and that this city be
not builded, until *another* command-
ment shall be given from me.* [22] Take
heed now that ye fail not to do this:
why should damage grow to the hurt
of the kings? [23] Now when the copy
of king Artaxerxes' letter *was* read be-

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19. I commanded: Chaldee, by me a decree is set.
made insurrection: Chaldee, lifted up itself.
21. Give...: Chaldee, Make a decree.

fore Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe,
and their companions, they went up
in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews,
and made them to cease by force and
power.* 24 Then ceased the work of the
house of God which *is* at Jerusalem.
So it ceased unto the second year of
the reign of Darius king of Persia.

5 Then the prophets, Haggai the
prophet, and Zechariah the son of
Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that
were in Judah and Jerusalem in the
name of the God of Israel, *even* unto
them. 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the

23. by force...: Chaldee, by arm and power.

son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son
of Jozadak, and began to build the
house of God which *is* at Jerusalem:
and with them *were* the prophets of
God helping them. 3 At the same time
came to them Tatnai, governor on this
side the river, and Shetharboznai, and
their companions, and said thus unto
them, Who hath commanded you to
build this house, and to make up this
wall? 4 Then said we unto them af-
ter this manner, What are the names
of the men that make this building?*
5 But the eye of their God was upon
the elders of the Jews, that they could

5.4. make: Chaldee, build.

not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they
returned answer by letter concerning
this *matter*. 6 The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side
the river, and Shetharboznai, and his
companions the Apharsachites, which
were on this side the river, sent unto
Darius the king: 7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein was written
thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.*
8 Be it known unto the king, that we
went into the province of Judea, to
the house of the great God, which is
builded with great stones, and tim-

7. wherein: Chaldee, in the midst whereof.

ber is laid in the walls, and this work
goeth fast on, and prospereth in their
hands.* 9 Then asked we those elders,
and said unto them thus, Who com-
manded you to build this house, and
to make up these walls? 10 We asked
their names also, to certify thee, that
we might write the names of the men
that *were* the chief of them. 11 And
thus they returned us answer, saying,
We are the servants of the God of
heaven and earth, and build the house
that was builded these many years ago,
which a great king of Israel builded
and set up. 12 But after that our fathers

8. great...: Chaldee, stones of rolling.

had provoked the God of heaven unto
wrath, he gave them into the hand
of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Baby-
lon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this
house, and carried the people away
into Babylon. 13 But in the first year
of Cyrus the king of Babylon *the same*
king Cyrus made a decree to build
this house of God. 14 And the vessels
also of gold and silver of the house
of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took
out of the temple that *was* in Jerusa-
lem, and brought them into the tem-
ple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the
king take out of the temple of Baby-
lon, and they were delivered unto *one*,

whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom
he had made governor;* [15] And said
unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry
them into the temple that *is* in Jeru-
salem, and let the house of God be
builded in his place. [16] Then came the
same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foun-
dation of the house of God which *is*
in Jerusalem: and since that time even
until now hath it been in building, and
yet it is not finished. [17] Now therefore,
if *it seem* good to the king, let there
be search made in the king's treasure
house, which *is* there at Babylon, whe-
ther it be *so*, that a decree was made

14. governor: or, deputy.

of Cyrus the king to build this house
of God at Jerusalem, and let the king
send his pleasure to us concerning this
matter.

6 Then Darius the king made a de-
cree, and search was made in the house
of the rolls, where the treasures were
laid up in Babylon.* 2 And there was
found at Achmetha, in the palace that
is in the province of the Medes, a roll,
and therein *was* a record thus writ-
ten:* 3 In the first year of Cyrus the
king *the same* Cyrus the king made a

6.1. rolls: Chaldee, books. laid up: Chaldee, made to descend.

2. Achmetha: or, Ecbatana, or, in a coffer.

decree *concerning* the house of God at
Jerusalem, Let the house be builded,
the place where they offered sacrifices,
and let the foundations thereof be
strongly laid; the height thereof three-
score cubits, *and* the breadth thereof
threescore cubits; 4 *With* three rows of
great stones, and a row of new tim-
ber: and let the expenses be given out
of the king's house: 5 And also let the
golden and silver vessels of the house
of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took
forth out of the temple which *is* at Je-
rusalem, and brought unto Babylon,
be restored, and brought again unto
the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *ev-*

ery one to his place, and place *them*
in the house of God.* 6 Now *there-*
fore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river,
Shetharboznai, and your companions
the Apharsachites, which *are* beyond
the river, be ye far from thence:* 7 Let
the work of this house of God alone;
let the governor of the Jews and the
elders of the Jews build this house of
God in his place. 8 Moreover I make
a decree what ye shall do to the el-
ders of these Jews for the building
of this house of God: that of the
king's goods, *even* of the tribute be-

5. brought again: Chaldee, go.
6. your...: Chaldee, their societies.

yond the river, forthwith expenses be
given unto these men, that they be
not hindered.* 9 And that which they
have need of, both young bullocks,
and rams, and lambs, for the burnt of-
ferings of the God of heaven, wheat,
salt, wine, and oil, according to the ap-
pointment of the priests which *are* at
Jerusalem, let it be given them day by
day without fail: 10 That they may of-
fer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the
God of heaven, and pray for the life of
the king, and of his sons.* 11 Also I have

8. I make...: Chaldee, by me a decree is made. hindered: Chaldee, made to cease.
10. of sweet...: Chaldee, of rest.

made a decree, that whosoever shall
alter this word, let timber be pulled
down from his house, and being set
up, let him be hanged thereon; and let
his house be made a dunghill for this.*
12 And the God that hath caused his
name to dwell there destroy all kings
and people, that shall put to their hand
to alter *and* to destroy this house of
God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius
have made a decree; let it be done with
speed. 13 Then Tatnai, governor on
this side the river, Shetharboznai, and
their companions, according to that
which Darius the king had sent, so

11. let him...: Chaldee, let him be destroyed.

they did speedily. 14 And the elders of
the Jews builded, and they prospered
through the prophesying of Haggai
the prophet and Zechariah the son of
Iddo. And they builded, and finished
it, according to the commandment of
the God of Israel, and according to the
commandment of Cyrus, and Darius,
and Artaxerxes king of Persia.* 15 And
this house was finished on the third
day of the month Adar, which was in
the sixth year of the reign of Darius
the king. 16 And the children of Is-
rael, the priests, and the Levites, and
the rest of the children of the captiv-

14. commandment: Chaldee, decree.

ity, kept the dedication of this house
of God with joy,* 17 And offered at the
dedication of this house of God an
hundred bullocks, two hundred rams,
four hundred lambs; and for a sin of-
fering for all Israel, twelve he goats, ac-
cording to the number of the tribes
of Israel. 18 And they set the priests
in their divisions, and the Levites in
their courses, for the service of God,
which *is* at Jerusalem; as it is written in
the book of Moses.* 19 And the chil-
dren of the captivity kept the pass-

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16. the children of the captivity: Chaldee, the sons of the transportation.

18. as it is...: Chaldee, according to the writing.

over upon the fourteenth *day* of the
first month. [20] For the priests and the
Levites were purified together, all of
them *were* pure, and killed the pass-
over for all the children of the captiv-
ity, and for their brethren the priests,
and for themselves. [21] And the chil-
dren of Israel, which were come again
out of captivity, and all such as had
separated themselves unto them from
the filthiness of the heathen of the
land, to seek the LORD God of Israel,
did eat, [22] And kept the feast of unleav-
ened bread seven days with joy: for
the LORD had made them joyful, and
turned the heart of the king of Assyria

unto them, to strengthen their hands
in the work of the house of God, the
God of Israel.

7 Now after these things, in the
reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra
the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah,
the son of Hilkiah, 2 The son of Shal-
lum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahi-
tub, 3 The son of Amariah, the son of
Azariah, the son of Meraioth, 4 The
son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the
son of Bukki, 5 The son of Abishua,
the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar,
the son of Aaron the chief priest:
6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and

he *was* a ready scribe in the law of
Moses, which the LORD God of Is-
rael had given: and the king granted
him all his request, according to the
hand of the LORD his God upon him.
7 And there went up *some* of the chil-
dren of Israel, and of the priests, and
the Levites, and the singers, and the
porters, and the Nethinims, unto Je-
rusalem, in the seventh year of Artax-
erxes the king. 8 And he came to Je-
rusalem in the fifth month, which *was*
in the seventh year of the king. 9 For
upon the first *day* of the first month
began he to go up from Babylon, and
on the first *day* of the fifth month

came he to Jerusalem, according to
the good hand of his God upon him.*
10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to
seek the law of the LORD, and to do
it, and to teach in Israel statutes and
judgments. 11 Now this *is* the copy of
the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave
unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, *even* a
scribe of the words of the command-
ments of the LORD, and of his statutes
to Israel. 12 Artaxerxes, king of kings,
unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law
of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*,

7.9. began...: Heb. was the foundation of the going up.

and at such a time.* [13] I make a decree,
that all they of the people of Israel,
and *of* his priests and Levites, in my
realm, which are minded of their own
freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with
thee. [14] Forasmuch as thou art sent of
the king, and of his seven counsellors,
to enquire concerning Judah and Je-
rusalem, according to the law of thy
God which *is* in thine hand;* [15] And
to carry the silver and gold, which the
king and his counsellors have freely of-
fered unto the God of Israel, whose

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12. unto...: or, to Ezra the priest, a perfect scribe of the law of the God of heaven, peace, etc.

14. of the king: Chaldee, from before the king.

habitation *is* in Jerusalem, [16] And all
the silver and gold that thou canst find
in all the province of Babylon, with the
freewill offering of the people, and of
the priests, offering willingly for the
house of their God which *is* in Jeru-
salem: [17] That thou mayest buy speed-
ily with this money bullocks, rams,
lambs, with their meat offerings and
their drink offerings, and offer them
upon the altar of the house of your
God which *is* in Jerusalem. [18] And
whatsoever shall seem good to thee,
and to thy brethren, to do with the rest
of the silver and the gold, that do after
the will of your God. [19] The vessels also

that are given thee for the service of the
house of thy God, *those* deliver thou
before the God of Jerusalem. [20] And
whatsoever more shall be needful for
the house of thy God, which thou
shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow
it out of the king's treasure house.
[21] And I, *even* I Artaxerxes the king,
do make a decree to all the treasurers
which *are* beyond the river, that what-
soever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the
law of the God of heaven, shall require
of you, it be done speedily, [22] Unto an
hundred talents of silver, and to an
hundred measures of wheat, and to
an hundred baths of wine, and to an

hundred baths of oil, and salt without
prescribing *how much*.* [23] Whatsoever
is commanded by the God of heaven,
let it be diligently done for the house
of the God of heaven: for why should
there be wrath against the realm of the
king and his sons?* [24] Also we certify
you, that touching any of the priests
and Levites, singers, porters, Nethin-
ims, or ministers of this house of God,
it shall not be lawful to impose toll,
tribute, or custom, upon them. [25] And
thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy

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22. measures: Chaldee, cors.
23. Whatsoever...: Chaldee, Whatsoever is of the decree.

God, that *is* in thine hand, set magis-
trates and judges, which may judge all
the people that *are* beyond the river,
all such as know the laws of thy God;
and teach ye them that know *them*
not. [26] And whosoever will not do the
law of thy God, and the law of the
king, let judgment be executed speed-
ily upon him, whether *it be* unto death,
or to banishment, or to confiscation of
goods, or to imprisonment.* [27] Blessed
be the LORD God of our fathers, which
hath put *such a thing* as this in the
king's heart, to beautify the house of
the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem: [28] And

26. to banishment: Chaldee, to rooting out.

hath extended mercy unto me before
the king, and his counsellors, and be-
fore all the king's mighty princes. And
I was strengthened as the hand of the
LORD my God *was* upon me, and I
gathered together out of Israel chief
men to go up with me.

8 These *are* now the chief of their
fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of
them that went up with me from
Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes
the king. 2 Of the sons of Phine-
has; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar;
Daniel: of the sons of David; Hat-
tush. 3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of

the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and
with him were reckoned by geneal-
ogy of the males an hundred and fifty.
4 Of the sons of Pahathmoab; Elihoe-
nai the son of Zerahiah, and with him
two hundred males. 5 Of the sons of
Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and
with him three hundred males. 6 Of
the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son
of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.
7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah
the son of Athaliah, and with him
seventy males. 8 And of the sons of
Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Mi-
chael, and with him fourscore males.
9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the

son of Jehiel, and with him two hun-
dred and eighteen males. [10] And of
the sons of Shelomith; the son of
Josiphiah, and with him an hundred
and threescore males. [11] And of the
sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of
Bebai, and with him twenty and eight
males. [12] And of the sons of Azgad;
Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and
with him an hundred and ten males.*
[13] And of the last sons of Adonikam,
whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel,
and Shemaiah, and with them three-
score males. [14] Of the sons also of
Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with

8.12. the son...: or, the youngest son.

them seventy males.* [15] And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.* [16] Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. [17] And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia,

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14. Zabbud: or, Zaccur, as some read.
15. abode: or, pitched.

and I told them what they should say
unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the
Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that
they should bring unto us ministers
for the house of our God.* [18] And by
the good hand of our God upon us
they brought us a man of understand-
ing, of the sons of Mahli, the son
of Levi, the son of Israel; and Shere-
biah, with his sons and his brethren,
eighteen; [19] And Hashabiah, and with
him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari,
his brethren and their sons, twenty;
[20] Also of the Nethinims, whom David
and the princes had appointed for the

17. I told...: Heb. I put words in their mouth.

service of the Levites, two hundred
and twenty Nethinims: all of them
were expressed by name. [21] Then I
proclaimed a fast there, at the river
of Ahava, that we might afflict our-
selves before our God, to seek of him
a right way for us, and for our lit-
tle ones, and for all our substance.
[22] For I was ashamed to require of the
king a band of soldiers and horsemen
to help us against the enemy in the
way: because we had spoken unto the
king, saying, The hand of our God *is*
upon all them for good that seek him;
but his power and his wrath *is* against
all them that forsake him. [23] So we

fasted and besought our God for this:
and he was intreated of us. [24] Then
I separated twelve of the chief of the
priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten
of their brethren with them, [25] And
weighed unto them the silver, and the
gold, and the vessels, *even* the offer-
ing of the house of our God, which
the king, and his counsellors, and his
lords, and all Israel *there* present, had
offered: [26] I even weighed unto their
hand six hundred and fifty talents of
silver, and silver vessels an hundred
talents, *and* of gold an hundred tal-
ents; [27] Also twenty basons of gold, of
a thousand drams; and two vessels of

fine copper, precious as gold.* [28] And I
said unto them, Ye *are* holy unto the
LORD; the vessels *are* holy also; and
the silver and the gold *are* a freewill
offering unto the LORD God of your
fathers. [29] Watch ye, and keep *them*,
until ye weigh *them* before the chief of
the priests and the Levites, and chief
of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem,
in the chambers of the house of the
LORD. [30] So took the priests and the
Levites the weight of the silver, and the
gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to
Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

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27. fine...: Heb. yellow, or, shining brass. precious: Heb. desirable.

31 Then we departed from the river of
Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first
month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the
hand of our God was upon us, and
he delivered us from the hand of the
enemy, and of such as lay in wait by
the way. 32 And we came to Jerusalem,
and abode there three days. 33 Now on
the fourth day was the silver and the
gold and the vessels weighed in the
house of our God by the hand of Mer-
emoth the son of Uriah the priest; and
with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phine-
has; and with them *was* Jozabad the
son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of
Binnui, Levites; 34 By number *and* by

weight of every one: and all the weight
was written at that time. [35] *Also* the
children of those that had been carried
away, which were come out of the cap-
tivity, offered burnt offerings unto the
God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all
Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and
seven lambs, twelve he goats *for* a sin
offering: all *this was* a burnt offering
unto the LORD. [36] And they delivered
the king's commissions unto the king's
lieutenants, and to the governors on
this side the river: and they furthered
the people, and the house of God.

9 Now when these things were

done, the princes came to me, saying,
The people of Israel, and the priests,
and the Levites, have not separated
themselves from the people of the
lands, *doing* according to their abom-
inations, *even* of the Canaanites, the
Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites,
the Ammonites, the Moabites, the
Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For
they have taken of their daughters for
themselves, and for their sons: so that
the holy seed have mingled themselves
with the people of *those* lands: yea, the
hand of the princes and rulers hath
been chief in this trespass. 3 And when
I heard this thing, I rent my garment

and my mantle, and plucked off the
hair of my head and of my beard, and
sat down astonied. 4 Then were as-
sembled unto me every one that trem-
bled at the words of the God of Is-
rael, because of the transgression of
those that had been carried away; and I
sat astonied until the evening sacrifice.
5 And at the evening sacrifice I arose up
from my heaviness; and having rent my
garment and my mantle, I fell upon my
knees, and spread out my hands unto
the LORD my God,* 6 And said, O my
God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up
my face to thee, my God: for our iniq-

9.5. heaviness: or, affliction.

uities are increased over *our* head, and
our trespass is grown up unto the heav-
ens.* 7 Since the days of our fathers
have we *been* in a great trespass unto
this day; and for our iniquities have we,
our kings, *and* our priests, been deliv-
ered into the hand of the kings of the
lands, to the sword, to captivity, and
to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as
it is this day. 8 And now for a little
space grace hath been *shewed* from the
LORD our God, to leave us a remnant
to escape, and to give us a nail in his
holy place, that our God may lighten
our eyes, and give us a little reviving

6. trespass: or, guiltiness.

in our bondage.* 9 For we *were* bond-
men; yet our God hath not forsaken
us in our bondage, but hath extended
mercy unto us in the sight of the kings
of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up
the house of our God, and to repair the
desolations thereof, and to give us a
wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.* 10 And
now, O our God, what shall we say af-
ter this? for we have forsaken thy com-
mandments, 11 Which thou hast com-
manded by thy servants the proph-
ets, saying, The land, unto which ye

8. space: Heb. moment. a nail: or, a pin: that is, a constant and sure abode.
9. to repair: Heb. to set up.

go to possess it, is an unclean land
with the filthiness of the people of the
lands, with their abominations, which
have filled it from one end to another
with their uncleanness.* 12 Now there-
fore give not your daughters unto their
sons, neither take their daughters unto
your sons, nor seek their peace or their
wealth for ever: that ye may be strong,
and eat the good of the land, and leave
it for an inheritance to your children
for ever. 13 And after all that is come
upon us for our evil deeds, and for
our great trespass, seeing that thou our

11. by: Heb. by the hand of. from...: Heb. from mouth to mouth.

God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this;* 14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping? 15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

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13. hast punished...: Heb. hast withheld beneath our iniquities.

10 Now when Ezra had prayed,
and when he had confessed, weeping
and casting himself down before the
house of God, there assembled unto
him out of Israel a very great congre-
gation of men and women and chil-
dren: for the people wept very sore.*
2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one*
of the sons of Elam, answered and said
unto Ezra, We have trespassed against
our God, and have taken strange wives
of the people of the land: yet now
there is hope in Israel concerning this
thing. 3 Now therefore let us make a

10.1. wept...: Heb. wept a great weeping.

covenant with our God to put away
all the wives, and such as are born of
them, according to the counsel of my
lord, and of those that tremble at the
commandment of our God; and let it
be done according to the law.* 4 Arise;
for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we
also *will be* with thee: be of good cour-
age, and do *it*. 5 Then arose Ezra, and
made the chief priests, the Levites, and
all Israel, to swear that they should
do according to this word. And they
sware. 6 Then Ezra rose up from be-
fore the house of God, and went into
the chamber of Johanan the son of

3. to put...: Heb. to bring forth.

Eliashib: and *when* he came thither,
he did eat no bread, nor drink water:
for he mourned because of the trans-
gression of them that had been car-
ried away. 7 And they made procla-
mation throughout Judah and Jerusa-
lem unto all the children of the captiv-
ity, that they should gather themselves
together unto Jerusalem; 8 And that
whosoever would not come within
three days, according to the counsel of
the princes and the elders, all his sub-
stance should be forfeited, and him-
self separated from the congregation
of those that had been carried away.*

8. forfeited: Heb. devoted.

9 Then all the men of Judah and Ben-
jamin gathered themselves together
unto Jerusalem within three days. It
was the ninth month, on the twen-
tieth *day* of the month; and all the
people sat in the street of the house of
God, trembling because of *this* matter,
and for the great rain.* 10 And Ezra the
priest stood up, and said unto them,
Ye have transgressed, and have taken
strange wives, to increase the trespass
of Israel.* 11 Now therefore make con-
fession unto the LORD God of your fa-

9. the great...: Heb. the showers.
10. have taken: Heb. have caused to dwell, or, have brought back.

thers, and do his pleasure: and separate
yourselves from the people of the land,
and from the strange wives. [12] Then all
the congregation answered and said
with a loud voice, As thou hast said,
so must we do. [13] But the people *are*
many, and *it is* a time of much rain,
and we are not able to stand without,
neither *is this* a work of one day or two:
for we are many that have transgressed
in this thing.* [14] Let now our rulers of
all the congregation stand, and let all
them which have taken strange wives
in our cities come at appointed times,

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13. we are many...: or, we have greatly offended in this thing.

and with them the elders of every city,
and the judges thereof, until the fierce
wrath of our God for this matter be
turned from us.* 15 Only Jonathan the
son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of
Tikvah were employed about this *mat-*
ter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai
the Levite helped them.* 16 And the
children of the captivity did so. And
Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of
the fathers, after the house of their fa-
thers, and all of them by *their* names,
were separated, and sat down in the
first day of the tenth month to exam-

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14. for this...: or, till this matter be dispatched.
15. were...: Heb. stood.

ine the matter. [17] And they made an
end with all the men that had taken
strange wives by the first day of the
first month. [18] And among the sons
of the priests there were found that
had taken strange wives: *namely*, of the
sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and
his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer,
and Jarib, and Gedaliah. [19] And they
gave their hands that they would put
away their wives; and *being* guilty, *they*
offered a ram of the flock for their tres-
pass. [20] And of the sons of Immer;
Hanani, and Zebadiah. [21] And of the
sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah,
and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioe-
nai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel,
Jozabad, and Elasah. 23 Also of the
Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Ke-
laiah, (the same *is* Kelita,) Pethahiah,
Judah, and Eliezer. 24 Of the singers
also; Eliashib: and of the porters;
Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25 More-
over of Israel: of the sons of Parosh;
Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah,
and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchi-
jah, and Benaiah. 26 And of the sons
of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and
Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and
Eliah. 27 And of the sons of Zattu;
Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jer-

emoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. [28] Of
the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan,
Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai. [29] And
of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Mal-
luch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal,
and Ramoth. [30] And of the sons of
Pahathmoab; Adna, and Chelal, Be-
naiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel,
and Binnui, and Manasseh. [31] And
of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishi-
jah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,
[32] Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah.
[33] Of the sons of Hashum; Matte-
nai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jere-
mai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei. [34] Of
the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram,

and Uel, [35] Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chel-
luh, [36] Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,
[37] Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,
[38] And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, [39] And
Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Ada-
iah, [40] Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,*
[41] Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,
[42] Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph. [43] Of
the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah,
Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Be-
naiah. [44] All these had taken strange
wives: and *some* of them had wives by
whom they had children.

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40. Machnadebai: or, Mabnadebai, according to some copies.

THE

BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

The words of Nehemiah the son
of Hachaliah. And it came to
pass in the month Chisleu, in
the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan
the palace, 2 That Hanani, one of my
brethren, came, he and *certain* men
of Judah; and I asked them concern-
ing the Jews that had escaped, which
were left of the captivity, and concern-
ing Jerusalem. 3 And they said unto
me, The remnant that are left of the
captivity there in the province *are* in

great affliction and reproach: the wall
of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and
the gates thereof are burned with fire.
4 And it came to pass, when I heard
these words, that I sat down and wept,
and mourned *certain* days, and fasted,
and prayed before the God of heaven,
5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD
God of heaven, the great and terri-
ble God, that keepeth covenant and
mercy for them that love him and ob-
serve his commandments: 6 Let thine
ear now be attentive, and thine eyes
open, that thou mayest hear the prayer
of thy servant, which I pray before thee
now, day and night, for the children of

Israel thy servants, and confess the sins
of the children of Israel, which we have
sinned against thee: both I and my fa-
ther's house have sinned. 7 We have
dealt very corruptly against thee, and
have not kept the commandments,
nor the statutes, nor the judgments,
which thou commandedst thy servant
Moses. 8 Remember, I beseech thee,
the word that thou commandedst thy
servant Moses, saying, *If* ye transgress,
I will scatter you abroad among the
nations: 9 But *if* ye turn unto me,
and keep my commandments, and do
them; though there were of you cast
out unto the uttermost part of the

heaven, *yet* will I gather them from
thence, and will bring them unto the
place that I have chosen to set my
name there. [10] Now these *are* thy ser-
vants and thy people, whom thou hast
redeemed by thy great power, and by
thy strong hand. [11] O Lord, I beseech
thee, let now thine ear be attentive to
the prayer of thy servant, and to the
prayer of thy servants, who desire to
fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee,
thy servant this day, and grant him
mercy in the sight of this man. For
I was the king's cupbearer.

2 And it came to pass in the month

Nisan, in the twentieth year of Ar-
taxerxes the king, *that* wine *was* be-
fore him: and I took up the wine,
and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had
not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.
2 Wherefore the king said unto me,
Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing
thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else*
but sorrow of heart. Then I was very
sore afraid, 3 And said unto the king,
Let the king live for ever: why should
not my countenance be sad, when the
city, the place of my fathers' sepul-
chres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof
are consumed with fire? 4 Then the
king said unto me, For what dost thou

make request? So I prayed to the God
of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king,
If it please the king, and if thy ser-
vant have found favour in thy sight,
that thou wouldest send me unto Ju-
dah, unto the city of my fathers' sepul-
chres, that I may build it. 6 And the
king said unto me, (the queen also sit-
ting by him,) For how long shall thy
journey be? and when wilt thou re-
turn? So it pleased the king to send
me; and I set him a time.* 7 Moreover I
said unto the king, If it please the king,
let letters be given me to the gover-
nors beyond the river, that they may

2.6. queen: Heb. wife.

convey me over till I come into Judah;
8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper
of the king's forest, that he may give
me timber to make beams for the gates
of the palace which *appertained* to the
house, and for the wall of the city, and
for the house that I shall enter into.
And the king granted me, according
to the good hand of my God upon me.
9 Then I came to the governors beyond
the river, and gave them the king's let-
ters. Now the king had sent captains
of the army and horsemen with me.
10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and
Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite,
heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly

that there was come a man to seek the
welfare of the children of Israel. [11] So I
came to Jerusalem, and was there three
days. [12] And I arose in the night, I and
some few men with me; neither told
I *any* man what my God had put in
my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither
was there any beast with me, save the
beast that I rode upon. [13] And I went
out by night by the gate of the valley,
even before the dragon well, and to
the dung port, and viewed the walls of
Jerusalem, which were broken down,
and the gates thereof were consumed
with fire. [14] Then I went on to the gate
of the fountain, and to the king's pool:

but *there was* no place for the beast *that*
was under me to pass. [15] Then went
I up in the night by the brook, and
viewed the wall, and turned back, and
entered by the gate of the valley, and
so returned. [16] And the rulers knew not
whither I went, or what I did; neither
had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to
the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to
the rulers, nor to the rest that did the
work. [17] Then said I unto them, Ye see
the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusa-
lem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof
are burned with fire: come, and let us
build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we
be no more a reproach. [18] Then I told

them of the hand of my God which
was good upon me; as also the king's
words that he had spoken unto me.
And they said, Let us rise up and build.
So they strengthened their hands for
this good *work*. [19] But when Sanballat
the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant,
the Ammonite, and Geshem the Ara-
bian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn,
and despised us, and said, What *is* this
thing that ye do? will ye rebel against
the king? [20] Then answered I them, and
said unto them, The God of heaven, he
will prosper us; therefore we his ser-
vants will arise and build: but ye have
no portion, nor right, nor memorial,

in Jerusalem.

3 Then Eliashib the high priest
rose up with his brethren the priests,
and they builded the sheep gate; they
sanctified it, and set up the doors of
it; even unto the tower of Meah they
sanctified it, unto the tower of Hana-
neel. 2 And next unto him builded
the men of Jericho. And next to
them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.*
3 But the fish gate did the sons of
Hassenaah build, who *also* laid the
beams thereof, and set up the doors
thereof, the locks thereof, and the

3.2. next unto...: Heb. at his hand.

bars thereof. 4 And next unto them
repaired Meremoth the son of Uri-
jah, the son of Koz. And next unto
them repaired Meshullam the son of
Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel.
And next unto them repaired Zadok
the son of Baana. 5 And next unto
them the Tekoites repaired; but their
nobles put not their necks to the work
of their Lord. 6 Moreover the old gate
repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah,
and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah;
they laid the beams thereof, and set
up the doors thereof, and the locks
thereof, and the bars thereof. 7 And
next unto them repaired Melatiah the

Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronoth-
ite, the men of Gibeon, and of Miz-
pah, unto the throne of the governor
on this side the river. 8 Next unto him
repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah,
of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also
repaired Hananiah the son of *one of*
the apothecaries, and they fortified Je-
rusalem unto the broad wall.* 9 And
next unto them repaired Rephaiah the
son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of
Jerusalem. 10 And next unto them re-
paired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph,
even over against his house. And next
unto him repaired Hattush the son of

8. fortified...: or, left Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

Hashabniah. [11] Malchijah the son of
Harim, and Hashub the son of Pa-
hathmoab, repaired the other piece,
and the tower of the furnaces.* [12] And
next unto him repaired Shallum the
son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half
part of Jerusalem, he and his daugh-
ters. [13] The valley gate repaired Ha-
nun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah;
they built it, and set up the doors
thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars
thereof, and a thousand cubits on the
wall unto the dung gate. [14] But the
dung gate repaired Malchiah the son
of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-

11. other...: Heb. second measure.

haccerem; he built it, and set up the
doors thereof, the locks thereof, and
the bars thereof. 15 But the gate of the
fountain repaired Shallun the son of
Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah;
he built it, and covered it, and set up
the doors thereof, the locks thereof,
and the bars thereof, and the wall of
the pool of Siloah by the king's garden,
and unto the stairs that go down from
the city of David. 16 After him repaired
Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler
of the half part of Bethzur, unto *the*
place over against the sepulchres of
David, and to the pool that was made,
and unto the house of the mighty.

17 After him repaired the Levites, Re-
hum the son of Bani. Next unto him
repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the
half part of Keilah, in his part. 18 After
him repaired their brethren, Bavai the
son of Henadad, the ruler of the half
part of Keilah. 19 And next to him re-
paired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler
of Mizpah, another piece over against
the going up to the armoury at the
turning *of the wall*. 20 After him Baruch
the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired
the other piece, from the turning *of
the wall* unto the door of the house of
Eliashib the high priest.* 21 After him

20. Zabbai: also called, Zaccai.

repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah
the son of Koz another piece, from the
door of the house of Eliashib even to
the end of the house of Eliashib. 22 And
after him repaired the priests, the men
of the plain. 23 After him repaired Ben-
jamin and Hashub over against their
house. After him repaired Azariah
the son of Maaseiah the son of Ana-
niah by his house. 24 After him re-
paired Binnui the son of Henadad an-
other piece, from the house of Azariah
unto the turning *of the wall*, even unto
the corner. 25 Palal the son of Uzai,
over against the turning *of the wall*,
and the tower which lieth out from

the king's high house, that *was* by the
court of the prison. After him Peda-
iah the son of Parosh. [26] Moreover
the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto
the place over against the water gate
toward the east, and the tower that
lieth out.* [27] After them the Tekoites
repaired another piece, over against
the great tower that lieth out, even
unto the wall of Ophel. [28] From above
the horse gate repaired the priests, ev-
ery one over against his house. [29] Af-
ter them repaired Zadok the son of
Immer over against his house. After

26. dwelt...: or, which dwelt in Ophel, repaired unto. Ophel: or, tower.

him repaired also Shemaiah the son
of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east
gate. [30] After him repaired Hananiah
the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the
sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. Af-
ter him repaired Meshullam the son
of Berechiah over against his cham-
ber. [31] After him repaired Malchiah
the goldsmith's son unto the place of
the Nethinims, and of the merchants,
over against the gate Miphkad, and to
the going up of the corner.* [32] And be-
tween the going up of the corner unto
the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths

31. going...: or, corner chamber.

and the merchants.*

4 But it came to pass, that when
Sanballat heard that we builded the
wall, he was wroth, and took great
indignation, and mocked the Jews.
2 And he spake before his brethren and
the army of Samaria, and said, What
do these feeble Jews? will they fortify
themselves? will they sacrifice? will
they make an end in a day? will they
revive the stones out of the heaps of
the rubbish which are burned?* 3 Now
Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him,
and he said, Even that which they

32. going...: or, corner chamber.
4.2. fortify...: Heb. leave to themselves.

build, if a fox go up, he shall even break
down their stone wall. 4 Hear, O our
God; for we are despised: and turn
their reproach upon their own head,
and give them for a prey in the land
of captivity:* 5 And cover not their in-
iquity, and let not their sin be blot-
ted out from before thee: for they
have provoked *thee* to anger before
the builders. 6 So built we the wall;
and all the wall was joined together
unto the half thereof: for the people
had a mind to work. 7 But it came
to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and To-
biah, and the Arabians, and the Am-

4. despised: Heb. despite.

monites, and the Ashdodites, heard
that the walls of Jerusalem were made
up, *and* that the breaches began to be
stopped, then they were very wroth,*
8 And conspired all of them together
to come *and* to fight against Jerusa-
lem, and to hinder it.* 9 Nevertheless
we made our prayer unto our God,
and set a watch against them day and
night, because of them. 10 And Judah
said, The strength of the bearers of
burdens is decayed, and *there is* much
rubbish; so that we are not able to
build the wall. 11 And our adversaries

7. were made up: Heb. ascended.
8. to hinder...: Heb. to make an error to it.

said, They shall not know, neither see,
till we come in the midst among them,
and slay them, and cause the work to
cease. 12 And it came to pass, that
when the Jews which dwelt by them
came, they said unto us ten times,
From all places whence ye shall return
unto us *they will be upon you*.* 13 There-
fore set I in the lower places behind
the wall, *and* on the higher places, I
even set the people after their fam-
ilies with their swords, their spears,
and their bows.* 14 And I looked, and

12. From all...: or, That from all places ye must return to us.

13. in the...: Heb. from the lower parts of the place,

rose up, and said unto the nobles, and
to the rulers, and to the rest of the
people, Be not ye afraid of them: re-
member the Lord, *which is* great and
terrible, and fight for your brethren,
your sons, and your daughters, your
wives, and your houses. 15 And it came
to pass, when our enemies heard that
it was known unto us, and God had
brought their counsel to nought, that
we returned all of us to the wall, ev-
ery one unto his work. 16 And it came
to pass from that time forth, *that* the
half of my servants wrought in the
work, and the other half of them held

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etc.

both the spears, the shields, and the
bows, and the habergeons; and the
rulers *were* behind all the house of Ju-
dah. 17 They which builded on the wall,
and they that bare burdens, with those
that laded, *every one* with one of his
hands wrought in the work, and with
the other *hand* held a weapon. 18 For
the builders, every one had his sword
girded by his side, and *so* builded. And
he that sounded the trumpet *was* by
me.* 19 And I said unto the nobles, and
to the rulers, and to the rest of the peo-
ple, The work *is* great and large, and
we are separated upon the wall, one far

18. by his side: Heb. on his loins.

from another. [20] In what place *therefore*
ye hear the sound of the trumpet, re-
sort ye thither unto us: our God shall
fight for us. [21] So we laboured in the
work: and half of them held the spears
from the rising of the morning till the
stars appeared. [22] Likewise at the same
time said I unto the people, Let every
one with his servant lodge within Je-
rusalem, that in the night they may be
a guard to us, and labour on the day.
[23] So neither I, nor my brethren, nor
my servants, nor the men of the guard
which followed me, none of us put off
our clothes, *saving that* every one put

them off for washing.*

5 And there was a great cry of the
people and of their wives against their
brethren the Jews. 2 For there were
that said, We, our sons, and our daugh-
ters, *are* many: therefore we take up
corn *for them*, that we may eat, and
live. 3 *Some* also there were that said,
We have mortgaged our lands, vine-
yards, and houses, that we might buy
corn, because of the dearth. 4 There
were also that said, We have borrowed
money for the king's tribute, *and that*

23. saving...: or, every one went with his weapon for water.

upon our lands and vineyards. 5 Yet
now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our
brethren, our children as their chil-
dren: and, lo, we bring into bondage
our sons and our daughters to be ser-
vants, and *some* of our daughters are
brought unto bondage *already*: nei-
ther *is it* in our power *to redeem them*;
for other men have our lands and vine-
yards. 6 And I was very angry when
I heard their cry and these words.
7 Then I consulted with myself, and
I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers,
and said unto them, Ye exact usury,
every one of his brother. And I set a

great assembly against them.* 8 And I
said unto them, We after our ability
have redeemed our brethren the Jews,
which were sold unto the heathen; and
will ye even sell your brethren? or shall
they be sold unto us? Then held they
their peace, and found nothing *to an-*
swer. 9 Also I said, It *is* not good that
ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear
of our God because of the reproach of
the heathen our enemies? 10 I likewise,
and my brethren, and my servants,
might exact of them money and corn:
I pray you, let us leave off this usury.
11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this

5.7. I consulted...: Heb. my heart consulted in me.

day, their lands, their vineyards, their
oliveyards, and their houses, also the
hundredth *part* of the money, and of
the corn, the wine, and the oil, that
ye exact of them. [12] Then said they,
We will restore *them*, and will require
nothing of them; so will we do as thou
sayest. Then I called the priests, and
took an oath of them, that they should
do according to this promise. [13] Also I
shook my lap, and said, So God shake
out every man from his house, and
from his labour, that performeth not
this promise, even thus be he shaken
out, and emptied. And all the con-
gregation said, Amen, and praised the

LORD. And the people did accord-
ing to this promise.* 14 Moreover from
the time that I was appointed to be
their governor in the land of Judah,
from the twentieth year even unto the
two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes
the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my
brethren have not eaten the bread of
the governor. 15 But the former gov-
ernors that *had been* before me were
chargeable unto the people, and had
taken of them bread and wine, beside
forty shekels of silver; yea, even their
servants bare rule over the people: but
so did not I, because of the fear of God.

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13. emptied: Heb. empty, or, void.

16 Yea, also I continued in the work
of this wall, neither bought we any
land: and all my servants *were* gath-
ered thither unto the work. 17 More-
over *there were* at my table an hundred
and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside
those that came unto us from among
the heathen that *are* about us. 18 Now
that which was prepared *for me* daily
was one ox *and* six choice sheep; also
fowls were prepared for me, and once
in ten days store of all sorts of wine:
yet for all this required not I the bread
of the governor, because the bondage
was heavy upon this people. 19 Think
upon me, my God, for good, *according*

to all that I have done for this people.

6 Now it came to pass, when San-
ballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the
Arabian, and the rest of our enemies,
heard that I had builded the wall, and
that there was no breach left therein;
(though at that time I had not set up
the doors upon the gates;) 2 That San-
ballat and Geshem sent unto me, say-
ing, Come, let us meet together in *some*
one of the villages in the plain of Ono.
But they thought to do me mischief.
3 And I sent messengers unto them,
saying, I *am* doing a great work, so that
I cannot come down: why should the

work cease, whilst I leave it, and come
down to you? 4 Yet they sent unto me
four times after this sort; and I an-
swered them after the same manner.
5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto
me in like manner the fifth time with
an open letter in his hand; 6 Wherein
was written, It is reported among the
heathen, and Gashmu saith *it, that*
thou and the Jews think to rebel: for
which cause thou buildest the wall,
that thou mayest be their king, accord-
ing to these words.* 7 And thou hast
also appointed prophets to preach of
thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a

6.6. Gashmu: also called, Geshem.

king in Judah: and now shall it be re-
ported to the king according to these
words. Come now therefore, and let
us take counsel together. 8 Then I
sent unto him, saying, There are no
such things done as thou sayest, but
thou feignest them out of thine own
heart. 9 For they all made us afraid,
saying, Their hands shall be weakened
from the work, that it be not done.
Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my
hands. 10 Afterward I came unto the
house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah
the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut
up; and he said, Let us meet together in
the house of God, within the temple,

and let us shut the doors of the temple:
for they will come to slay thee; yea, in
the night will they come to slay thee.
11 And I said, Should such a man as I
flee? and who *is there*, that, *being* as I
am, would go into the temple to save
his life? I will not go in. 12 And, lo, I
perceived that God had not sent him;
but that he pronounced this prophecy
against me: for Tobiah and Sanbal-
lat had hired him. 13 Therefore *was*
he hired, that I should be afraid, and
do so, and sin, and *that* they might
have *matter* for an evil report, that they
might reproach me. 14 My God, think
thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat ac-

cording to these their works, and on
the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest
of the prophets, that would have put
me in fear. 15 So the wall was finished in
the twenty and fifth *day* of *the month*
Elul, in fifty and two days. 16 And it
came to pass, that when all our ene-
mies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen
that *were* about us saw *these things*, they
were much cast down in their own
eyes: for they perceived that this work
was wrought of our God. 17 Moreover
in those days the nobles of Judah sent
many letters unto Tobiah, and *the let-
ters* of Tobiah came unto them.* 18 For

17. sent...: Heb. multiplied their letters passing to

there were many in Judah sworn unto
him, because he *was* the son in law of
Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his
son Johanan had taken the daughter
of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.
19 Also they reported his good deeds
before me, and uttered my words to
him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put
me in fear.*

7 Now it came to pass, when the
wall was built, and I had set up the
doors, and the porters and the singers
and the Levites were appointed, 2 That
I gave my brother Hanani, and Hana-

Tobiah.

19. words: or, matters.

niah the ruler of the palace, charge
over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faith-
ful man, and feared God above many.
3 And I said unto them, Let not the
gates of Jerusalem be opened until
the sun be hot; and while they stand
by, let them shut the doors, and bar
them: and appoint watches of the in-
habitants of Jerusalem, every one in
his watch, and every one *to be* over
against his house. 4 Now the city *was*
large and great: but the people *were*
few therein, and the houses *were* not
builded.* 5 And my God put into mine
heart to gather together the nobles,

7.4. large: Heb. broad in spaces.

and the rulers, and the people, that
they might be reckoned by genealogy.
And I found a register of the genealogy
of them which came up at the first, and
found written therein, 6 These *are* the
children of the province, that went up
out of the captivity, of those that had
been carried away, whom Nebuchad-
nezzar the king of Babylon had car-
ried away, and came again to Jerusa-
lem and to Judah, every one unto his
city; 7 Who came with Zerubbabel,
Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah,
Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mis-
pereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The
number, *I say*, of the men of the

people of Israel *was this*;* 8 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. 9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. 10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two. 11 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen. 12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. 14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. 15 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty

7. Azariah: also called, Seraiah.

and eight.* 16 The children of Bebai, six
hundred twenty and eight. 17 The chil-
dren of Azgad, two thousand three
hundred twenty and two. 18 The chil-
dren of Adonikam, six hundred three-
score and seven. 19 The children of
Bigvai, two thousand threescore and
seven. 20 The children of Adin, six hun-
dred fifty and five. 21 The children of
Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.
22 The children of Hashum, three hun-
dred twenty and eight. 23 The chil-
dren of Bezai, three hundred twenty
and four. 24 The children of Hariph, an

15. Binnui: also called, Bani.

hundred and twelve.* 25 The children of
Gibeon, ninety and five.* 26 The men
of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hun-
dred fourscore and eight. 27 The men
of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and
eight. 28 The men of Bethazmaveth,
forty and two.* 29 The men of Kir-
jathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth,
seven hundred forty and three.* 30 The
men of Ramah and Geba, six hun-
dred twenty and one. 31 The men of
Michmas, an hundred and twenty and

24. Hariph: also called, Jora.
25. Gibeon: also called, Gibbar.
28. Bethazmaveth: also called, Azmaveth.
29. Kirjathjearim: also called, Kirjatharim.

two. [32] The men of Bethel and Ai,
an hundred twenty and three. [33] The
men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.
[34] The children of the other Elam, a
thousand two hundred fifty and four.
[35] The children of Harim, three hun-
dred and twenty. [36] The children of
Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
[37] The children of Lod, Hadid, and
Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.
[38] The children of Senaah, three thou-
sand nine hundred and thirty. [39] The
priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the
house of Jeshua, nine hundred sev-
enty and three. [40] The children of Im-
mer, a thousand fifty and two. [41] The

children of Pashur, a thousand two
hundred forty and seven. 42 The chil-
dren of Harim, a thousand and seven-
teen. 43 The Levites: the children of
Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the chil-
dren of Hodevah, seventy and four.*
44 The singers: the children of Asaph,
an hundred forty and eight. 45 The
porters: the children of Shallum, the
children of Ater, the children of Tal-
mon, the children of Akkub, the chil-
dren of Hatita, the children of Shobai,
an hundred thirty and eight. 46 The
Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the
children of Hashupha, the children

43. Hodevah: also called, Hodaviah or Judah.

of Tabbaoth, 47 The children of Keros,
the children of Sia, the children of
Padon, 48 The children of Lebana, the
children of Hagaba, the children of
Shalmai, 49 The children of Hanan, the
children of Giddel, the children of Ga-
har, 50 The children of Reaiah, the chil-
dren of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,
51 The children of Gazzam, the chil-
dren of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,
52 The children of Besai, the children
of Meunim, the children of Nephish-
esim, 53 The children of Bakbuk, the
children of Hakupha, the children
of Harhur, 54 The children of Bazlith,
the children of Mehida, the children

of Harsha, [55] The children of Barkos,
the children of Sisera, the children of
Tamah, [56] The children of Neziah, the
children of Hatipha. [57] The children
of Solomon's servants: the children
of Sotai, the children of Sophereth,
the children of Perida, [58] The chil-
dren of Jaala, the children of Darkon,
the children of Giddel, [59] The children
of Shephatiah, the children of Hat-
til, the children of Pochereth of Ze-
baim, the children of Amon.* [60] All
the Nethinims, and the children of
Solomon's servants, *were* three hun-
dred ninety and two. [61] And these

59. Amon: also called, Ami.

were they which went up *also* from
Telmelah, Telharesha, Cherub, Ad-
don, and Immer: but they could not
shew their father's house, nor their
seed, whether they *were* of Israel.*
62 The children of Delaiah, the children
of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda,
six hundred forty and two. 63 And
of the priests: the children of Haba-
iah, the children of Koz, the children
of Barzillai, which took *one* of the
daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to
wife, and was called after their name.
64 These sought their register *among*
those that were reckoned by geneal-

61. seed: or, pedigree.

ogy, but it was not found: therefore
were they, as polluted, put from the
priesthood. 65 And the Tirshatha said
unto them, that they should not eat of
the most holy things, till there stood
up a priest with Urim and Thum-
mim.* 66 The whole congregation to-
gether *was* forty and two thousand
three hundred and threescore, 67 Be-
side their manservants and their maid-
servants, of whom *there were* seven
thousand three hundred thirty and
seven: and they had two hundred
forty and five singing men and singing
women. 68 Their horses, seven hun-

65. the Tirshatha: also called, the governor.

dred thirty and six: their mules, two
hundred forty and five: 69 *Their* camels,
four hundred thirty and five: six thou-
sand seven hundred and twenty asses.
70 And some of the chief of the fathers
gave unto the work. The Tirshatha
gave to the treasure a thousand drams
of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and
thirty priests' garments.* 71 And *some*
of the chief of the fathers gave to the
treasure of the work twenty thousand
drams of gold, and two thousand and
two hundred pound of silver. 72 And
that which the rest of the people gave
was twenty thousand drams of gold,

70. some: Heb. part..

and two thousand pound of silver, and
threescore and seven priests' garments.
73 So the priests, and the Levites, and
the porters, and the singers, and *some*
of the people, and the Nethinims, and
all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and
when the seventh month came, the
children of Israel *were* in their cities.
8 And all the people gathered
themselves together as one man into
the street that *was* before the water
gate; and they spake unto Ezra the
scribe to bring the book of the law
of Moses, which the LORD had com-
manded to Israel. 2 And Ezra the
priest brought the law before the con-

gregation both of men and women,
and all that could hear with under-
standing, upon the first day of the sev-
enth month.* 3 And he read therein
before the street that *was* before the
water gate from the morning until
midday, before the men and the wo-
men, and those that could understand;
and the ears of all the people *were*
attentive unto the book of the law.*
4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a
pulpit of wood, which they had made
for the purpose; and beside him stood
Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah,

8.2. that...: Heb. that understood in hearing.
3. from...: Heb. from the light.

and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maa-
seiah, on his right hand; and on his
left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and
Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hash-
badana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam.*
5 And Ezra opened the book in the
sight of all the people; (for he was
above all the people;) and when he
opened it, all the people stood up:*
6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great
God. And all the people answered,
Amen, Amen, with lifting up their
hands: and they bowed their heads,
and worshipped the LORD with *their*

4. pulpit...: Heb. tower of wood.
5. sight: Heb. eyes.

faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, and
Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub,
Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Ke-
lita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah,
and the Levites, caused the people to
understand the law: and the people
stood in their place. 8 So they read in
the book in the law of God distinctly,
and gave the sense, and caused *them*
to understand the reading. 9 And Ne-
hemiah, which *is* the Tirshatha, and
Ezra the priest the scribe, and the
Levites that taught the people, said
unto all the people, This day *is* holy
unto the LORD your God; mourn not,
nor weep. For all the people wept,

when they heard the words of the
law.* [10] Then he said unto them, Go
your way, eat the fat, and drink the
sweet, and send portions unto them
for whom nothing is prepared: for *this*
day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be
ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your
strength. [11] So the Levites stilled all the
people, saying, Hold your peace, for
the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved.
[12] And all the people went their way to
eat, and to drink, and to send por-
tions, and to make great mirth, be-
cause they had understood the words
that were declared unto them. [13] And

9. the Tirshatha: or, the governor.

on the second day were gathered to-
gether the chief of the fathers of all
the people, the priests, and the Levites,
unto Ezra the scribe, even to under-
stand the words of the law.* 14 And
they found written in the law which
the LORD had commanded by Moses,
that the children of Israel should dwell
in booths in the feast of the seventh
month:* 15 And that they should pub-
lish and proclaim in all their cities, and
in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the
mount, and fetch olive branches, and

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13. to understand...: or, that they might instruct in the words of the law.

14. by: Heb. by the hand of.

pine branches, and myrtle branches,
and palm branches, and branches of
thick trees, to make booths, as *it is*
written. [16] So the people went forth,
and brought *them*, and made them-
selves booths, every one upon the roof
of his house, and in their courts, and in
the courts of the house of God, and in
the street of the water gate, and in the
street of the gate of Ephraim. [17] And
all the congregation of them that were
come again out of the captivity made
booths, and sat under the booths: for
since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun
unto that day had not the children of
Israel done so. And there was very

great gladness. [18] Also day by day, from
the first day unto the last day, he read
in the book of the law of God. And
they kept the feast seven days; and on
the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly,
according unto the manner.*

9 Now in the twenty and fourth
day of this month the children of
Israel were assembled with fasting,
and with sackclothes, and earth upon
them. [2] And the seed of Israel sep-
arated themselves from all strangers,
and stood and confessed their sins,

18. a solemn...: Heb. a restraint.

and the iniquities of their fathers.*
3 And they stood up in their place,
and read in the book of the law
of the LORD their God *one* fourth
part of the day; and *another* fourth
part they confessed, and worshipped
the LORD their God. 4 Then stood
up upon the stairs, of the Levites,
Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah,
Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani,
and cried with a loud voice unto the
LORD their God.* 5 Then the Levites,
Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashab-
niah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah,

9.2. strangers: Heb. strange children.
4. stairs: or, scaffold.

and Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and*
bless the LORD your God for ever
and ever: and blessed be thy glorious
name, which is exalted above all bless-
ing and praise. 6 Thou, *even* thou, *art*
LORD alone; thou hast made heaven,
the heaven of heavens, with all their
host, the earth, and all *things* that *are*
therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein,
and thou preservest them all; and
the host of heaven worshippeth thee.
7 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who
didst choose Abram, and broughtest
him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees,
and gavest him the name of Abra-
ham; 8 And foundest his heart faith-

ful before thee, and madest a covenant
with him to give the land of the Ca-
naanites, the Hittites, the Amorites,
and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites,
and the Girgashites, to give *it, I say*,
to his seed, and hast performed thy
words; for thou *art* righteous: 9 And
didst see the affliction of our fathers
in Egypt, and heardest their cry by
the Red sea; 10 And shewedst signs and
wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all
his servants, and on all the people of
his land: for thou knewest that they
dealt proudly against them. So didst
thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day.
11 And thou didst divide the sea be-

fore them, so that they went through
the midst of the sea on the dry land;
and their persecutors thou threwest
into the deeps, as a stone into the
mighty waters. 12 Moreover thou led-
dest them in the day by a cloudy pil-
lar; and in the night by a pillar of fire,
to give them light in the way wherein
they should go. 13 Thou camest down
also upon mount Sinai, and spakest
with them from heaven, and gavest
them right judgments, and true laws,
good statutes and commandments:*
14 And madest known unto them thy
holy sabbath, and commandedst them

13. true...: Heb. laws of truth.

precepts, statutes, and laws, by the
hand of Moses thy servant: [15] And
gavest them bread from heaven for
their hunger, and broughtest forth wa-
ter for them out of the rock for their
thirst, and promisedst them that they
should go in to possess the land which
thou hadst sworn to give them.* [16] But
they and our fathers dealt proudly, and
hardened their necks, and hearkened
not to thy commandments, [17] And re-
fused to obey, neither were mindful of
thy wonders that thou didst among
them; but hardened their necks, and

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15. which...: Heb. which thou hadst lift up thine hand to give them.

in their rebellion appointed a captain
to return to their bondage: but thou
art a God ready to pardon, gracious
and merciful, slow to anger, and of
great kindness, and forsookest them
not.* [18] Yea, when they had made them
a molten calf, and said, This *is* thy God
that brought thee up out of Egypt,
and had wrought great provocations;
[19] Yet thou in thy manifold mercies for-
sookest them not in the wilderness:
the pillar of the cloud departed not
from them by day, to lead them in
the way; neither the pillar of fire by
night, to shew them light, and the way

17. a God...: Heb. a God of pardons.

wherein they should go. [20] Thou gavest
also thy good spirit to instruct them,
and withheldest not thy manna from
their mouth, and gavest them water
for their thirst. [21] Yea, forty years didst
thou sustain them in the wilderness, *so*
that they lacked nothing; their clothes
waxed not old, and their feet swelled
not. [22] Moreover thou gavest them
kingdoms and nations, and didst di-
vide them into corners: so they pos-
sessed the land of Sihon, and the land
of the king of Heshbon, and the land
of Og king of Bashan. [23] Their children
also multipliedst thou as the stars of
heaven, and broughtest them into the

land, concerning which thou hadst
promised to their fathers, that they
should go in to possess *it*. [24] So the
children went in and possessed the
land, and thou subduedst before them
the inhabitants of the land, the Ca-
naanites, and gavest them into their
hands, with their kings, and the people
of the land, that they might do with
them as they would.* [25] And they took
strong cities, and a fat land, and pos-
sessed houses full of all goods, wells
digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and
fruit trees in abundance: so they did
eat, and were filled, and became fat,

24. as they...: Heb. according to their will.

and delighted themselves in thy great
goodness.* [26] Nevertheless they were
disobedient, and rebelled against thee,
and cast thy law behind their backs,
and slew thy prophets which testi-
fied against them to turn them to
thee, and they wrought great provo-
cations. [27] Therefore thou deliveredst
them into the hand of their enemies,
who vexed them: and in the time of
their trouble, when they cried unto
thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven;
and according to thy manifold mer-
cies thou gavest them saviours, who
saved them out of the hand of their

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25. wells: or, cisterns. fruit...: Heb. tree of food.

enemies. [28] But after they had rest,
they did evil again before thee: there-
fore leftest thou them in the hand
of their enemies, so that they had
the dominion over them: yet when
they returned, and cried unto thee,
thou heardest *them* from heaven; and
many times didst thou deliver them
according to thy mercies;* [29] And testi-
fiedst against them, that thou might-
est bring them again unto thy law: yet
they dealt proudly, and hearkened not
unto thy commandments, but sinned
against thy judgments, (which if a man
do, he shall live in them;) and with-

28. they did...: Heb. they returned to do evil.

drew the shoulder, and hardened their
neck, and would not hear.* [30] Yet many
years didst thou forbear them, and tes-
tifiedst against them by thy spirit in
thy prophets: yet would they not give
ear: therefore gavest thou them into
the hand of the people of the lands.*
[31] Nevertheless for thy great mercies'
sake thou didst not utterly consume
them, nor forsake them; for thou *art*
a gracious and merciful God. [32] Now
therefore, our God, the great, the

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29. withdrew...: Heb. they gave a withdrawing shoulder.

30. forbear...: Heb. protract over them. in thy...: Heb. in the hand of thy prophets.

mighty, and the terrible God, who
keepest covenant and mercy, let not all
the trouble seem little before thee, that
hath come upon us, on our kings, on
our princes, and on our priests, and on
our prophets, and on our fathers, and
on all thy people, since the time of the
kings of Assyria unto this day.* 33 How-
beit thou *art* just in all that is brought
upon us; for thou hast done right,
but we have done wickedly: 34 Nei-
ther have our kings, our princes, our
priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law,
nor hearkened unto thy command-

32. trouble: Heb. weariness. that...: Heb. that hath found us.

ments and thy testimonies, wherewith
thou didst testify against them. [35] For
they have not served thee in their king-
dom, and in thy great goodness that
thou gavest them, and in the large
and fat land which thou gavest before
them, neither turned they from their
wicked works. [36] Behold, we *are* ser-
vants this day, and *for* the land that
thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the
fruit thereof and the good thereof, be-
hold, we *are* servants in it: [37] And it
yieldeth much increase unto the kings
whom thou hast set over us because
of our sins: also they have dominion
over our bodies, and over our cattle,

at their pleasure, and we *are* in great
distress. [38] And because of all this we
make a sure *covenant*, and write *it*; and
our princes, Levites, *and* priests, seal
unto it.*

10 Now those that sealed *were*,
Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son
of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,* [2] Sera-
iah, Azariah, Jeremiah, [3] Pashur,
Amariah, Malchijah, [4] Hattush, She-
baniah, Malluch, [5] Harim, Mere-
moth, Obadiah, [6] Daniel, Ginnethon,
Baruch, [7] Meshullam, Abijah, Mi-

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38. seal: Heb. are at the sealing, or, sealed.
10.1. those...: Heb. at the sealings. the Tirshatha: or, the governor.

jamin, [8] Maaziah, Bilgai, Shema-
iah: these *were* the priests. [9] And
the Levites: both Jeshua the son
of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons
of Henadad, Kadmiel; [10] And their
brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Ke-
lita, Pelaiah, Hanan, [11] Micha, Re-
hob, Hashabiah, [12] Zaccur, Sherebiah,
Shebaniah, [13] Hodijah, Bani, Ben-
inu. [14] The chief of the people;
Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu,
Bani, [15] Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, [16] Adoni-
jah, Bigvai, Adin, [17] Ater, Hizkijah,
Azzur, [18] Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
[19] Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, [20] Mag-
piash, Meshullam, Hezir, [21] Meshez-

abeel, Zadok, Jaddua, [22] Pelatiah,
Hanan, Anaiah, [23] Hoshea, Hana-
niah, Hashub, [24] Hallohesh, Pileha,
Shobek, [25] Rehum, Hashabnah, Maa-
seiah, [26] And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
[27] Malluch, Harim, Baanah. [28] And
the rest of the people, the priests, the
Levites, the porters, the singers, the
Nethinims, and all they that had sep-
arated themselves from the people of
the lands unto the law of God, their
wives, their sons, and their daugh-
ters, every one having knowledge, and
having understanding; [29] They clave to
their brethren, their nobles, and en-
tered into a curse, and into an oath, to

walk in God's law, which was given by
Moses the servant of God, and to ob-
serve and do all the commandments of
the LORD our Lord, and his judgments
and his statutes;* 30 And that we would
not give our daughters unto the peo-
ple of the land, nor take their daugh-
ters for our sons: 31 And *if* the peo-
ple of the land bring ware or any vict-
uals on the sabbath day to sell, *that*
we would not buy it of them on the
sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that*
we would leave the seventh year, and
the exaction of every debt.* 32 Also we

29. by: Heb. by the hand of.
31. every...: Heb. every hand.

made ordinances for us, to charge our-
selves yearly with the third part of a
shekel for the service of the house of
our God; 33 For the shewbread, and for
the continual meat offering, and for
the continual burnt offering, of the
sabbaths, of the new moons, for the
set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and
for the sin offerings to make an atone-
ment for Israel, and *for* all the work of
the house of our God. 34 And we cast
the lots among the priests, the Levites,
and the people, for the wood offering,
to bring *it* into the house of our God,
after the houses of our fathers, at times
appointed year by year, to burn upon

the altar of the LORD our God, as *it*
is written in the law: [35] And to bring
the firstfruits of our ground, and the
firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year
by year, unto the house of the LORD:
[36] Also the firstborn of our sons, and of
our cattle, as *it is* written in the law,
and the firstlings of our herds and of
our flocks, to bring to the house of
our God, unto the priests that minister
in the house of our God: [37] And *that*
we should bring the firstfruits of our
dough, and our offerings, and the fruit
of all manner of trees, of wine and of
oil, unto the priests, to the chambers
of the house of our God; and the tithes

of our ground unto the Levites, that
the same Levites might have the tithes
in all the cities of our tillage. [38] And
the priest the son of Aaron shall be
with the Levites, when the Levites take
tithes: and the Levites shall bring up
the tithe of the tithes unto the house
of our God, to the chambers, into the
treasure house. [39] For the children of
Israel and the children of Levi shall
bring the offering of the corn, of the
new wine, and the oil, unto the cham-
bers, where *are* the vessels of the sanc-
tuary, and the priests that minister,
and the porters, and the singers: and
we will not forsake the house of our

God.

11 And the rulers of the people
dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the peo-
ple also cast lots, to bring one of ten to
dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and
nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities. 2 And
the people blessed all the men, that
willingly offered themselves to dwell at
Jerusalem. 3 Now these *are* the chief
of the province that dwelt in Jerusa-
lem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt
every one in his possession in their
cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, and the
Levites, and the Nethinims, and the
children of Solomon's servants. 4 And
at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the chil-

dren of Judah, and of the children of
Benjamin. Of the children of Judah;
Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of
Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the
son of Shephatiah, the son of Maha-
laleel, of the children of Perez;* 5 And
Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son
of Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the
son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the
son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.
6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Je-
rusalem *were* four hundred threescore
and eight valiant men. 7 And these
are the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the
son of Meshullam, the son of Joed,

11.4. Perez: also called, Pharez.

the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kola-
iah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of
Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. 8 And af-
ter him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred
twenty and eight. 9 And Joel the son
of Zichri *was* their overseer: and Ju-
dah the son of Senuah *was* second over
the city. 10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the
son of Joiarib, Jachin. 11 Seraiah the
son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam,
the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth,
the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the
house of God. 12 And their brethren
that did the work of the house *were*
eight hundred twenty and two: and
Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of

Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of
Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son
of Malchiah, 13 And his brethren, chief
of the fathers, two hundred forty and
two: and Amashai the son of Azareel,
the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshille-
moth, the son of Immer, 14 And their
brethren, mighty men of valour, an
hundred twenty and eight: and their
overseer *was* Zabdiel, the son of *one of*
the great men.* 15 Also of the Levites:
Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son
of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the
son of Bunni; 16 And Shabbethai and
Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites,

14. the son...: or, the son of Haggedolim.

had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.* [17] And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of
Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. [18] All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred fourscore and four. [19] Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, *were* an hundred seventy and two.* [20] And the residue of

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16. had...: Heb. were over.
19. the gates: Heb. at the gates.

Israel, of the priests, *and* the Levites,
were in all the cities of Judah, every one
in his inheritance. [21] But the Nethin-
ims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and
Gispa *were* over the Nethinims.* [22] The
overseer also of the Levites at Jeru-
salem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the
son of Hashabiah, the son of Matta-
niah, the son of Micha. Of the sons
of Asaph, the singers *were* over the
business of the house of God. [23] For
it was the king's commandment con-
cerning them, that a certain portion
should be for the singers, due for ev-

21. Ophel: or, the tower.

ery day.* [24] And Pethahiah the son of
Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah
the son of Judah, *was* at the king's
hand in all matters concerning the
people.* [25] And for the villages, with
their fields, *some* of the children of Ju-
dah dwelt at Kirjatharba, and *in* the
villages thereof, and at Dibon, and *in*
the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel,
and *in* the villages thereof, [26] And at
Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-
phelet, [27] And at Hazarshual, and at
Beersheba, and *in* the villages thereof,
[28] And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and

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23. a certain...: or, a sure ordinance.
24. Zerah: also called, Zarah.

in the villages thereof, [29] And at En-
rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jar-
muth, [30] Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their
villages, at Lachish, and the fields
thereof, at Azekah, and *in* the vil-
lages thereof. And they dwelt from
Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom.
[31] The children also of Benjamin from
Geba *dwelt* at Michmash, and Aija,
and Bethel, and *in* their villages,* [32] *And*
at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, [33] Hazor,
Ramah, Gittaim, [34] Hadid, Zeboim,
Neballat, [35] Lod, and Ono, the valley of
craftsmen. [36] And of the Levites *were*
divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

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31. from: or, of. at: or, to.

12 Now these *are* the priests and
the Levites that went up with Zerub-
babel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua:
Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2 Amariah,
Malluch, Hattush,* 3 Shechaniah, Re-
hum, Meremoth,* 4 Iddo, Ginnetho,
Abijah,* 5 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,*
6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, 7 Sal-
lu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These
were the chief of the priests and of

12.2. Malluch: also called, Melicu.

3. Shechaniah: also called, Shebaniah. Rehum: also called, Harim. Meremoth: also called, Meraioth.

4. Ginnetho: also called, Ginnethon.

5. Miamin: also called, Miniamin. Maadiah: also called, Moadiah.

their brethren in the days of Jeshua.*
8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Bin-
nui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and*
Mattaniah, *which was* over the thanks-
giving, he and his brethren.* 9 Also
Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren,
were over against them in the watches.
10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim
also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat
Joiada, 11 And Joiada begat Jonathan,
and Jonathan begat Jaddua. 12 And
in the days of Joiakim were priests,
the chief of the fathers: of Sera-

7. Sallu: also called, Sallai.
8. the thanksgiving: that is, the psalms of thanks-
giving.

iah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah,
Jehohanan; 14 Of Melicu, Jonathan;
of Shebaniah, Joseph; 15 Of Harim,
Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; 16 Of Iddo,
Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of
Moadiah, Piltai; 18 Of Bilgah, Sham-
mua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 19 And
of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah,
Nethaneel. 22 The Levites in the days
of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and
Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the fa-
thers: also the priests, to the reign

of Darius the Persian. [23] The sons of
Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were*
written in the book of the chroni-
cles, even until the days of Johanan
the son of Eliashib. [24] And the chief
of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah,
and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with
their brethren over against them, to
praise *and* to give thanks, according
to the commandment of David the
man of God, ward over against ward.
[25] Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Oba-
diah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub,
were porters keeping the ward at the
thresholds of the gates.* [26] These *were*

25. thresholds: or, treasuries, or, assemblies.

in the days of Joiakim the son of
Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the
days of Nehemiah the governor, and
of Ezra the priest, the scribe. [27] And
at the dedication of the wall of Jerusa-
lem they sought the Levites out of all
their places, to bring them to Jerusa-
lem, to keep the dedication with glad-
ness, both with thanksgivings, and
with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries,
and with harps. [28] And the sons of the
singers gathered themselves together,
both out of the plain country round
about Jerusalem, and from the villages
of Netophathi; [29] Also from the house
of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba

and Azmaveth: for the singers had
builded them villages round about Je-
rusalem. 30 And the priests and the
Levites purified themselves, and puri-
fied the people, and the gates, and the
wall. 31 Then I brought up the princes
of Judah upon the wall, and appointed
two great *companies of them that gave*
thanks, *whereof one* went on the right
hand upon the wall toward the dung
gate: 32 And after them went Hosha-
iah, and half of the princes of Judah,
33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,
34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shema-
iah, and Jeremiah, 35 And *certain* of the
priests' sons with trumpets; *namely*,

Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son
of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah,
the son of Michaiah, the son of Zac-
cur, the son of Asaph: 36 And his breth-
ren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai,
Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah,
Hanani, with the musical instruments
of David the man of God, and Ezra the
scribe before them. 37 And at the foun-
tain gate, which was over against them,
they went up by the stairs of the city
of David, at the going up of the wall,
above the house of David, even unto
the water gate eastward. 38 And the
other *company of them that gave* thanks
went over against *them*, and I after

them, and the half of the people upon
the wall, from beyond the tower of
the furnaces even unto the broad wall;
39 And from above the gate of Ephraim,
and above the old gate, and above the
fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel,
and the tower of Meah, even unto the
sheep gate: and they stood still in the
prison gate. 40 So stood the two *com-*
panies of them that gave thanks in the
house of God, and I, and the half of the
rulers with me: 41 And the priests; Eli-
akim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah,
Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah,
with trumpets; 42 And Maaseiah, and
Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and

Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam,
and Ezer. And the singers sang loud,
with Jezrahiah *their* overseer.* [43] Also
that day they offered great sacrifices,
and rejoiced: for God had made them
rejoice with great joy: the wives also
and the children rejoiced: so that the
joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar
off. [44] And at that time were some
appointed over the chambers for the
treasures, for the offerings, for the
firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather
into them out of the fields of the cities
the portions of the law for the priests
and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the

42. sang...: Heb. made their voice to be heard.

priests and for the Levites that waited.*
45 And both the singers and the porters
kept the ward of their God, and the
ward of the purification, according to
the commandment of David, *and* of
Solomon his son. 46 For in the days
of David and Asaph of old *there were*
chief of the singers, and songs of praise
and thanksgiving unto God. 47 And all
Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and
in the days of Nehemiah, gave the por-
tions of the singers and the porters, ev-
ery day his portion: and they sancti-

44. of the law: that is, appointed by the law. for Judah...: Heb. for the joy of Judah. waited: Heb. stood.

fied *holy things* unto the Levites; and
the Levites sanctified *them* unto the
children of Aaron.*

13 On that day they read in the
book of Moses in the audience of the
people; and therein was found written,
that the Ammonite and the Moabite
should not come into the congrega-
tion of God for ever;* 2 Because they
met not the children of Israel with
bread and with water, but hired Bal-
aam against them, that he should curse
them: howbeit our God turned the

47. sanctified: that is, set apart.
13.1. they...: Heb. there was read. audience: Heb. ears.

curse into a blessing. 3 Now it came
to pass, when they had heard the
law, that they separated from Israel
all the mixed multitude. 4 And be-
fore this, Eliashib the priest, having
the oversight of the chamber of the
house of our God, *was* allied unto To-
biah:* 5 And he had prepared for him
a great chamber, where aforetime they
laid the meat offerings, the frankin-
cense, and the vessels, and the tithes
of the corn, the new wine, and the
oil, which was commanded *to be given*
to the Levites, and the singers, and
the porters; and the offerings of the

4. having...: Heb. being set over.

priests.* 6 But in all this *time* was not I
at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirti-
eth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon
came I unto the king, and after cer-
tain days obtained I leave of the king:*
7 And I came to Jerusalem, and under-
stood of the evil that Eliashib did for
Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in
the courts of the house of God. 8 And
it grieved me sore: therefore I cast
forth all the household stuff of Tobiah
out of the chamber. 9 Then I com-

5. which...: Heb. the commandment of the Levites.

6. after...: Heb. at the end of days. obtained...: or, I earnestly requested.

manded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.
10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given *them*: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.
11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.*
12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine

11. place: Heb. standing.

and the oil unto the treasuries.* [13] And
I made treasurers over the treasuries,
Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the
scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah:
and next to them *was* Hanan the
son of Zaccur, the son of Matta-
niah: for they were counted faithful,
and their office *was* to distribute unto
their brethren.* [14] Remember me, O
my God, concerning this, and wipe
not out my good deeds that I have
done for the house of my God, and

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12. treasuries: or, storehouses.

13. treasuries: or, storehouses. next...: Heb. at their hand. their office...: Heb. it was upon them.

for the offices thereof.* 15 In those days
saw I in Judah *some* treading wine
presses on the sabbath, and bringing in
sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine,
grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* bur-
dens, which they brought into Jerusa-
lem on the sabbath day: and I testified
against them in the day wherein they
sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men of
Tyre also therein, which brought fish,
and all manner of ware, and sold on
the sabbath unto the children of Ju-
dah, and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I con-
tended with the nobles of Judah, and

14. good...: Heb. kindnesses. offices: or, observations.

said unto them, What evil thing *is* this
that ye do, and profane the sabbath
day? [18] Did not your fathers thus, and
did not our God bring all this evil
upon us, and upon this city? yet ye
bring more wrath upon Israel by pro-
faning the sabbath. [19] And it came to
pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem
began to be dark before the sabbath,
I commanded that the gates should
be shut, and charged that they should
not be opened till after the sabbath:
and *some* of my servants set I at the
gates, *that* there should no burden be
brought in on the sabbath day. [20] So
the merchants and sellers of all kind of

ware lodged without Jerusalem once
or twice. [21] Then I testified against
them, and said unto them, Why lodge
ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I
will lay hands on you. From that time
forth came they no *more* on the sab-
bath.* [22] And I commanded the Levites
that they should cleanse themselves,
and *that* they should come *and* keep
the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.
Remember me, O my God, *concern-
ing* this also, and spare me according
to the greatness of thy mercy.* [23] In
those days also saw I Jews *that* had

21. about: Heb. before.
22. greatness: or, multitude.

married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon,
and of Moab:* [24] And their children
spake half in the speech of Ashdod,
and could not speak in the Jews' lan-
guage, but according to the language
of each people.* [25] And I contended
with them, and cursed them, and
smote certain of them, and plucked
off their hair, and made them swear
by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your
daughters unto their sons, nor take
their daughters unto your sons, or for

23. had...: Heb. had made to dwell with them.
24. could...: Heb. they discerned not to speak. of each...: Heb. of people and people.

yourselves.* [26] Did not Solomon king
of Israel sin by these things? yet among
many nations was there no king like
him, who was beloved of his God, and
God made him king over all Israel:
nevertheless even him did outlandish
women cause to sin. [27] Shall we then
hearken unto you to do all this great
evil, to transgress against our God in
marrying strange wives? [28] And *one* of
the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib
the high priest, *was* son in law to San-
ballat the Horonite: therefore I chased
him from me. [29] Remember them, O
my God, because they have defiled the

25. cursed: or, reviled.

priesthood, and the covenant of the
priesthood, and of the Levites.* 30 Thus
cleansed I them from all strangers, and
appointed the wards of the priests and
the Levites, every one in his business;
31 And for the wood offering, at times
appointed, and for the firstfruits. Re-
member me, O my God, for good.

29. because...: Heb. for the defilings.

THE
BOOK OF ESTHER

Now it came to pass in the days
of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Aha-
suerus which reigned, from
India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hun-
dred and seven and twenty provinces:)
2 *That* in those days, when the king
Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his
kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the
palace, 3 In the third year of his reign,
he made a feast unto all his princes and
his servants; the power of Persia and
Media, the nobles and princes of the
provinces, *being* before him: 4 When

he shewed the riches of his glorious
kingdom and the honour of his excel-
lent majesty many days, *even* an hun-
dred and fourscore days. 5 And when
these days were expired, the king made
a feast unto all the people that were
present in Shushan the palace, both
unto great and small, seven days, in
the court of the garden of the king's
palace;* 6 *Where were* white, green,
and blue, *hangings*, fastened with cords
of fine linen and purple to silver rings
and pillars of marble: the beds *were
of* gold and silver, upon a pavement
of red, and blue, and white, and black,

1.5. present: Heb. found.

marble.* 7 And they gave *them* drink
in vessels of gold, (the vessels being
diverse one from another,) and royal
wine in abundance, according to the
state of the king.* 8 And the drink-
ing *was* according to the law; none
did compel: for so the king had ap-
pointed to all the officers of his house,
that they should do according to ev-
ery man's pleasure. 9 Also Vashti
the queen made a feast for the wo-
men *in* the royal house which *belonged*

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6. blue, hangings: or, violet, etc. of red...: or, of porphyre, and marble and alabaster, and stone of blue colour.

7. royal...: Heb. wine of the kingdom. state: Heb. hand.

to king Ahasuerus. [10] On the seventh day, when the heart of the king
was merry with wine, he commanded
Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha,
and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the
seven chamberlains that served in the
presence of Ahasuerus the king,* [11] To
bring Vashti the queen before the king
with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for
she *was* fair to look on.* [12] But the
queen Vashti refused to come at the
king's commandment by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very

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10. chamberlains: or, eunuchs.

11. fair...: Heb. good of countenance.

wroth, and his anger burned in him.*
13 Then the king said to the wise men,
which knew the times, (for so *was* the
king's manner toward all that knew
law and judgment: 14 And the next
unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Ad-
matha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and*
Memucan, the seven princes of Per-
sia and Media, which saw the king's
face, *and* which sat the first in the
kingdom;) 15 What shall we do unto
the queen Vashti according to law,
because she hath not performed the
commandment of the king Ahasuerus

12. by his...: Heb. which was by the hand of his eunuchs.

by the chamberlains?* [16] And Memu-
can answered before the king and the
princes, Vashti the queen hath not
done wrong to the king only, but also
to all the princes, and to all the peo-
ple that *are* in all the provinces of
the king Ahasuerus. [17] For *this* deed
of the queen shall come abroad unto
all women, so that they shall despise
their husbands in their eyes, when it
shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus
commanded Vashti the queen to be
brought in before him, but she came
not. [18] *Likewise* shall the ladies of Per-
sia and Media say this day unto all the

15. What...: Heb. What to do.

king's princes, which have heard of the
deed of the queen. Thus *shall there*
arise too much contempt and wrath.
19 If it please the king, let there go a
royal commandment from him, and
let it be written among the laws of the
Persians and the Medes, that it be not
altered, That Vashti come no more be-
fore king Ahasuerus; and let the king
give her royal estate unto another that
is better than she.* 20 And when the
king's decree which he shall make shall
be published throughout all his em-

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19. If it...: Heb. If it be good with the king. unto...: Heb. unto her companion. from him: Heb. from before him. be not...: Heb. pass not away.

pire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall
give to their husbands honour, both
to great and small. [21] And the say-
ing pleased the king and the princes;
and the king did according to the
word of Memucan:* [22] For he sent let-
ters into all the king's provinces, into
every province according to the writ-
ing thereof, and to every people after
their language, that every man should
bear rule in his own house, and that *it*
should be published according to the
language of every people.*

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21. pleased...: Heb. was good in the eyes of the king.
22. that it...: Heb. that one should publish it ac-

2 After these things, when the
wrath of king Ahasuerus was appea-
sed, he remembered Vashti, and what
she had done, and what was decreed
against her. 2 Then said the king's ser-
vants that ministered unto him, Let
there be fair young virgins sought for
the king: 3 And let the king appoint
officers in all the provinces of his king-
dom, that they may gather together all
the fair young virgins unto Shushan
the palace, to the house of the wo-
men, unto the custody of Hege the
king's chamberlain, keeper of the wo-

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cording to the language of his people.

men; and let their things for purifi-
cation be given *them*:* 4 And let the
maiden which pleaseth the king be
queen instead of Vashti. And the
thing pleased the king; and he did
so. 5 *Now* in Shushan the palace there
was a certain Jew, whose name *was*
Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of
Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;
6 Who had been carried away from Je-
rusalem with the captivity which had
been carried away with Jeconiah king
of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the

2.3. unto the...: Heb. unto the hand. Hege: also called, Hegai.

king of Babylon had carried away.*
7 And he brought up Hadassah, that
is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for
she had neither father nor mother,
and the maid *was* fair and beauti-
ful; whom Mordecai, when her father
and mother were dead, took for his
own daughter.* 8 So it came to pass,
when the king's commandment and
his decree was heard, and when many
maidens were gathered together unto
Shushan the palace, to the custody of
Hegai, that Esther was brought also

6. Jeconiah: also called, Jehoiachin.
7. brought...: Heb. nourished. fair...: Heb. fair of form, and good of countenance.

unto the king's house, to the custody
of Hegai, keeper of the women. [9] And
the maiden pleased him, and she ob-
tained kindness of him; and he speed-
ily gave her her things for purification,
with such things as belonged to her,
and seven maidens, *which were* meet to
be given her, out of the king's house:
and he preferred her and her maids
unto the best *place* of the house of the
women.* [10] Esther had not shewed her
people nor her kindred: for Mordecai
had charged her that she should not
shew *it*. [11] And Mordecai walked every

9. such...: Heb. her portions. preferred: Heb. changed.

day before the court of the women's
house, to know how Esther did, and
what should become of her.* 12 Now
when every maid's turn was come to
go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she
had been twelve months, according
to the manner of the women, (for so
were the days of their purifications ac-
complished, *to wit*, six months with
oil of myrrh, and six months with
sweet odours, and with *other* things for
the purifying of the women;) 13 Then
thus came *every* maiden unto the king;
whatsoever she desired was given her
to go with her out of the house of the

11. to know...: Heb. to know the peace.

women unto the king's house. [14] In
the evening she went, and on the
morrow she returned into the second
house of the women, to the custody
of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain,
which kept the concubines: she came
in unto the king no more, except the
king delighted in her, and that she
were called by name. [15] Now when
the turn of Esther, the daughter of
Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who
had taken her for his daughter, was
come to go in unto the king, she re-
quired nothing but what Hegai the
king's chamberlain, the keeper of the
women, appointed. And Esther ob-

tained favour in the sight of all them
that looked upon her. 16 So Esther
was taken unto king Ahasuerus into
his house royal in the tenth month,
which *is* the month Tebeth, in the sev-
enth year of his reign. 17 And the king
loved Esther above all the women, and
she obtained grace and favour in his
sight more than all the virgins; so that
he set the royal crown upon her head,
and made her queen instead of Vashti.*
18 Then the king made a great feast unto
all his princes and his servants, *even* Es-
ther's feast; and he made a release to
the provinces, and gave gifts, accord-

17. favour: or, kindness. in his...: Heb. before him.

ing to the state of the king.* [19] And
when the virgins were gathered to-
gether the second time, then Morde-
cai sat in the king's gate. [20] Esther
had not *yet* shewed her kindred nor
her people; as Mordecai had charged
her: for Esther did the command-
ment of Mordecai, like as when she
was brought up with him. [21] In those
days, while Mordecai sat in the king's
gate, two of the king's chamberlains,
Bigthan and Teresh, of those which
kept the door, were wroth, and sought
to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.*

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18. release: Heb. rest.

21. Bigthan: also called, Bigthana. the door: Heb.

22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen;
and Esther certified the king *thereof* in
Mordecai's name. 23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was
found out; therefore they were both
hanged on a tree: and it was written in
the book of the chronicles before the
king.

3 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of
Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above
all the princes that *were* with him.

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the threshold.

2 And all the king's servants, that *were*
in the king's gate, bowed, and rever-
enced Haman: for the king had so
commanded concerning him. But
Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* rev-
erence. 3 Then the king's servants,
which *were* in the king's gate, said unto
Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the
king's commandment? 4 Now it came
to pass, when they spake daily unto
him, and he hearkened not unto them,
that they told Haman, to see whether
Mordecai's matters would stand: for
he had told them that he *was* a Jew.
5 And when Haman saw that Morde-
cai bowed not, nor did him reverence,

then was Haman full of wrath. 6 And
he thought scorn to lay hands on
Mordecai alone; for they had shewed
him the people of Mordecai: where-
fore Haman sought to destroy all the
Jews that *were* throughout the whole
kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the peo-
ple of Mordecai. 7 In the first month,
that *is*, the month Nisan, in the twelfth
year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur,
that *is*, the lot, before Haman from day
to day, and from month to month, *to*
the twelfth *month*, that *is*, the month
Adar. 8 And Haman said unto king
Ahasuerus, There is a certain people
scattered abroad and dispersed among

the people in all the provinces of thy
kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse
from all people; neither keep they the
king's laws: therefore it *is* not for the
king's profit to suffer them.* 9 If it
please the king, let it be written that
they may be destroyed: and I will pay
ten thousand talents of silver to the
hands of those that have the charge
of the business, to bring *it* into the
king's treasuries.* 10 And the king took
his ring from his hand, and gave it unto
Haman the son of Hammedatha the

3.8. for the...: Heb. meet or, equal, etc.
9. that they...: Heb. to destroy them. pay: Heb. weigh.

Agagite, the Jews' enemy.* [11] And the
king said unto Haman, The silver *is*
given to thee, the people also, to do
with them as it seemeth good to thee.
[12] Then were the king's scribes called on
the thirteenth day of the first month,
and there was written according to
all that Haman had commanded unto
the king's lieutenants, and to the gov-
ernors that *were* over every province,
and to the rulers of every people of ev-
ery province according to the writing
thereof, and *to* every people after their
language; in the name of king Aha-
suerus was it written, and sealed with

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10. enemy: or, oppressor.

the king's ring.* 13 And the letters were
sent by posts into all the king's prov-
inces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause
to perish, all Jews, both young and old,
little children and women, in one day,
even upon the thirteenth *day* of the
twelfth month, which is the month
Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them
for a prey. 14 The copy of the writ-
ing for a commandment to be given
in every province was published unto
all people, that they should be ready
against that day. 15 The posts went
out, being hastened by the king's com-
mandment, and the decree was given

12. scribes: or, secretaries.

in Shushan the palace. And the king
and Haman sat down to drink; but the
city Shushan was perplexed.

4 When Mordecai perceived all
that was done, Mordecai rent his
clothes, and put on sackcloth with
ashes, and went out into the midst of
the city, and cried with a loud and
a bitter cry; 2 And came even before
the king's gate: for none *might* en-
ter into the king's gate clothed with
sackcloth. 3 And in every province,
whithersoever the king's command-
ment and his decree came, *there was*
great mourning among the Jews, and

fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and
many lay in sackcloth and ashes.* 4 So
Esther's maids and her chamberlains
came and told *it* her. Then was
the queen exceedingly grieved; and
she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai,
and to take away his sackcloth from
him: but he received *it* not.* 5 Then
called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the
king's chamberlains, whom he had ap-
pointed to attend upon her, and gave
him a commandment to Mordecai, to

4.3. many...: Heb. sackcloth and ashes were laid under many.

4. chamberlains: Heb. eunuchs.

know what it *was*, and why it *was*.*
6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai
unto the street of the city, which *was*
before the king's gate. 7 And Morde-
cai told him of all that had happened
unto him, and of the sum of the money
that Haman had promised to pay to
the king's treasuries for the Jews, to de-
stroy them. 8 Also he gave him the
copy of the writing of the decree that
was given at Shushan to destroy them,
to shew *it* unto Esther, and to de-
clare *it* unto her, and to charge her
that she should go in unto the king,
to make supplication unto him, and to

5. appointed...: Heb. set before her.

make request before him for her peo-
ple. 9 And Hatach came and told Es-
ther the words of Mordecai. 10 Again
Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave
him commandment unto Mordecai;
11 All the king's servants, and the people
of the king's provinces, do know, that
whosoever, whether man or woman,
shall come unto the king into the in-
ner court, who is not called, *there is* one
law of his to put *him* to death, except
such to whom the king shall hold out
the golden sceptre, that he may live:
but I have not been called to come in
unto the king these thirty days. 12 And
they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to an-
swer Esther, Think not with thyself
that thou shalt escape in the king's
house, more than all the Jews. 14 For
if thou altogether holdest thy peace
at this time, *then* shall there enlarge-
ment and deliverance arise to the Jews
from another place; but thou and thy
father's house shall be destroyed: and
who knoweth whether thou art come
to the kingdom for *such* a time as
this?* 15 Then Esther bade *them* return
Mordecai *this answer*, 16 Go, gather to-
gether all the Jews that are present in
Shushan, and fast ye for me, and nei-

14. enlargement: Heb. respiration.

ther eat nor drink three days, night or
day: I also and my maidens will fast
likewise; and so will I go in unto the
king, which *is* not according to the
law: and if I perish, I perish.* [17] So
Mordecai went his way, and did ac-
cording to all that Esther had com-
manded him.*

5 Now it came to pass on the third
day, that Esther put on *her* royal *ap-
parel*, and stood in the inner court
of the king's house, over against the
king's house: and the king sat upon his
royal throne in the royal house, over

16. present: Heb. found.
17. went...: Heb. passed.

against the gate of the house. [2] And
it was so, when the king saw Esther
the queen standing in the court, *that*
she obtained favour in his sight: and
the king held out to Esther the golden
sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Es-
ther drew near, and touched the top
of the sceptre. [3] Then said the king
unto her, What wilt thou, queen Es-
ther? and what *is* thy request? it shall
be even given thee to the half of the
kingdom. [4] And Esther answered, If *it*
seem good unto the king, let the king
and Haman come this day unto the
banquet that I have prepared for him.
[5] Then the king said, Cause Haman to

make haste, that he may do as Esther
hath said. So the king and Haman
came to the banquet that Esther had
prepared. 6 And the king said unto Es-
ther at the banquet of wine, What *is*
thy petition? and it shall be granted
thee: and what *is* thy request? even
to the half of the kingdom it shall be
performed. 7 Then answered Esther,
and said, My petition and my request
is; 8 If I have found favour in the sight
of the king, and if it please the king to
grant my petition, and to perform my
request, let the king and Haman come
to the banquet that I shall prepare for
them, and I will do to morrow as the

king hath said.* 9 Then went Haman
forth that day joyful and with a glad
heart: but when Haman saw Morde-
cai in the king's gate, that he stood
not up, nor moved for him, he was
full of indignation against Mordecai.
10 Nevertheless Haman refrained him-
self: and when he came home, he sent
and called for his friends, and Zeresh
his wife.* 11 And Haman told them of
the glory of his riches, and the multi-
tude of his children, and all *the things*
wherein the king had promoted him,
and how he had advanced him above

5.8. perform: Heb. do.
10. called...: Heb. caused to come.

the princes and servants of the king.
12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther
the queen did let no man come in with
the king unto the banquet that she had
prepared but myself; and to morrow
am I invited unto her also with the
king. 13 Yet all this availeth me noth-
ing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew
sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then said
Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto
him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cu-
bits high, and to morrow speak thou
unto the king that Mordecai may be
hanged thereon: then go thou in mer-
rily with the king unto the banquet.
And the thing pleased Haman; and he

caused the gallows to be made.*

6 On that night could not the king
sleep, and he commanded to bring the
book of records of the chronicles; and
they were read before the king.* 2 And
it was found written, that Mordecai
had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two
of the king's chamberlains, the keep-
ers of the door, who sought to lay
hand on the king Ahasuerus.* 3 And
the king said, What honour and dig-
nity hath been done to Mordecai for

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14. gallows: Heb. tree.
6.1. could...: Heb. the king's sleep fled away.
2. Bigthana: also called, Bigthan. door: Heb. threshold.

this? Then said the king's servants that
ministered unto him, There is noth-
ing done for him. 4 And the king said,
Who *is* in the court? Now Haman was
come into the outward court of the
king's house, to speak unto the king
to hang Mordecai on the gallows that
he had prepared for him. 5 And the
king's servants said unto him, Behold,
Haman standeth in the court. And
the king said, Let him come in. 6 So
Haman came in. And the king said
unto him, What shall be done unto
the man whom the king delighteth
to honour? Now Haman thought in
his heart, To whom would the king

delight to do honour more than to
myself?* 7 And Haman answered the
king, For the man whom the king de-
lighteth to honour,* 8 Let the royal
apparel be brought which the king
useth to wear, and the horse that the
king rideth upon, and the crown royal
which is set upon his head:* 9 And let
this apparel and horse be delivered to
the hand of one of the king's most no-

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6. whom the king...: Heb. in whose honour the king delighteth.
7. whom the king...: Heb. in whose honour the king delighteth.
8. Let...: Heb. Let them bring the royal apparel. which the king...: Heb. wherewith the king clotheth himself.

ble princes, that they may array the
man *withal* whom the king delighteth
to honour, and bring him on horse-
back through the street of the city, and
proclaim before him, Thus shall it be
done to the man whom the king de-
lighteth to honour.* 10 Then the king
said to Haman, Make haste, *and* take
the apparel and the horse, as thou hast
said, and do even so to Mordecai the
Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let
nothing fail of all that thou hast spo-
ken.* 11 Then took Haman the apparel
and the horse, and arrayed Morde-

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9. bring...: Heb. cause him to ride.
10. let...: Heb. suffer not a whit to fall.

cai, and brought him on horseback
through the street of the city, and pro-
claimed before him, Thus shall it be
done unto the man whom the king
delighteth to honour. 12 And Morde-
cai came again to the king's gate. But
Haman hasted to his house mourning,
and having his head covered. 13 And
Haman told Zeresh his wife and all
his friends every *thing* that had be-
fallen him. Then said his wise men and
Zeresh his wife unto him, If Morde-
cai *be* of the seed of the Jews, before
whom thou hast begun to fall, thou
shalt not prevail against him, but shalt
surely fall before him. 14 And while

they *were* yet talking with him, came
the king's chamberlains, and hasted to
bring Haman unto the banquet that
Esther had prepared.

7 So the king and Haman came
to banquet with Esther the queen.*
2 And the king said again unto Esther
on the second day at the banquet of
wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Es-
ther? and it shall be granted thee: and
what *is* thy request? and it shall be per-
formed, *even* to the half of the king-
dom. 3 Then Esther the queen an-
swered and said, If I have found favour

7.1. to banquet: Heb. to drink.

in thy sight, O king, and if it please the
king, let my life be given me at my pe-
tition, and my people at my request:
4 For we are sold, I and my people, to
be destroyed, to be slain, and to per-
ish. But if we had been sold for bond-
men and bondwomen, I had held my
tongue, although the enemy could not
countervail the king's damage.* 5 Then
the king Ahasuerus answered and said
unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and
where is he, that durst presume in his
heart to do so?* 6 And Esther said, The

4. to be destroyed...: Heb. that they should destroy, and kill, and cause to perish.
5. that...: Heb. whose heart hath filled him.

adversary and enemy *is* this wicked
Haman. Then Haman was afraid be-
fore the king and the queen.* 7 And
the king arising from the banquet of
wine in his wrath *went* into the palace
garden: and Haman stood up to make
request for his life to Esther the queen;
for he saw that there was evil deter-
mined against him by the king. 8 Then
the king returned out of the palace
garden into the place of the banquet of
wine; and Haman was fallen upon the
bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said
the king, Will he force the queen also

6. The adversary: Heb. The man adversary. before: or, at the presence of.

before me in the house? As the word
went out of the king's mouth, they
covered Haman's face.* 9 And Har-
bonah, one of the chamberlains, said
before the king, Behold also, the gal-
lows fifty cubits high, which Haman
had made for Mordecai, who had spo-
ken good for the king, standeth in the
house of Haman. Then the king said,
Hang him thereon.* 10 So they hanged
Haman on the gallows that he had
prepared for Mordecai. Then was the
king's wrath pacified.

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8. before me: Heb. with me.
9. gallows: Heb. tree.

8 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the
Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen.
And Mordecai came before the king;
for Esther had told what he *was* unto
her. 2 And the king took off his ring,
which he had taken from Haman, and
gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set
Mordecai over the house of Haman.
3 And Esther spake yet again before
the king, and fell down at his feet, and
besought him with tears to put away
the mischief of Haman the Agagite,
and his device that he had devised

against the Jews.* 4 Then the king held
out the golden sceptre toward Esther.
So Esther arose, and stood before the
king, 5 And said, If it please the king,
and if I have found favour in his sight,
and the thing *seem* right before the
king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let
it be written to reverse the letters de-
vised by Haman the son of Hamme-
datha the Agagite, which he wrote to
destroy the Jews which *are* in all the
king's provinces:* 6 For how can I en-

8.3. and besought...: Heb. and she wept, and besought him.

5. devised: Heb. the device. which he...: or, who wrote.

dure to see the evil that shall come
unto my people? or how can I en-
dure to see the destruction of my kin-
dred?* 7 Then the king Ahasuerus said
unto Esther the queen and to Morde-
cai the Jew, Behold, I have given Es-
ther the house of Haman, and him
they have hanged upon the gallows,
because he laid his hand upon the
Jews. 8 Write ye also for the Jews, as
it liketh you, in the king's name, and
seal *it* with the king's ring: for the writ-
ing which is written in the king's name,
and sealed with the king's ring, may no
man reverse. 9 Then were the king's

6. endure...: Heb. be able that I may see.

scribes called at that time in the third
month, that *is*, the month Sivan, on
the three and twentieth *day* thereof;
and it was written according to all
that Mordecai commanded unto the
Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the
deputies and rulers of the provinces
which *are* from India unto Ethiopia,
an hundred twenty and seven prov-
inces, unto every province according
to the writing thereof, and unto ev-
ery people after their language, and
to the Jews according to their writ-
ing, and according to their language.
10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus'
name, and sealed *it* with the king's

ring, and sent letters by posts on horse-
back, *and* riders on mules, camels,
and young dromedaries: [11] Wherein
the king granted the Jews which *were*
in every city to gather themselves to-
gether, and to stand for their life, to
destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish,
all the power of the people and prov-
ince that would assault them, *both* lit-
tle ones and women, and *to take* the
spoil of them for a prey, [12] Upon one
day in all the provinces of king Aha-
suerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth
day of the twelfth month, which *is* the
month Adar. [13] The copy of the writ-
ing for a commandment to be given

in every province *was* published unto
all people, and that the Jews should be
ready against that day to avenge them-
selves on their enemies.* 14 *So* the posts
that rode upon mules *and* camels went
out, being hastened and pressed on
by the king's commandment. And
the decree was given at Shushan the
palace. 15 And Mordecai went out
from the presence of the king in royal
apparel of blue and white, and with a
great crown of gold, and with a gar-
ment of fine linen and purple: and the
city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.*

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13. published: Heb. revealed.
15. blue: or, violet.

16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and
joy, and honour. 17 And in every prov-
ince, and in every city, whithersoever
the king's commandment and his de-
cree came, the Jews had joy and glad-
ness, a feast and a good day. And many
of the people of the land became Jews;
for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, that
is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth
day of the same, when the king's com-
mandment and his decree drew near
to be put in execution, in the day
that the enemies of the Jews hoped to
have power over them, (though it was

turned to the contrary, that the Jews
had rule over them that hated them;)
2 The Jews gathered themselves to-
gether in their cities throughout all the
provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to
lay hand on such as sought their hurt:
and no man could withstand them; for
the fear of them fell upon all people.
3 And all the rulers of the provinces,
and the lieutenants, and the deputies,
and officers of the king, helped the
Jews; because the fear of Mordecai
fell upon them.* 4 For Mordecai *was*
great in the king's house, and his fame

9.3. officers...: Heb. those which did the business that belonged to the king.

went out throughout all the provinces:
for this man Mordecai waxed greater
and greater. 5 Thus the Jews smote all
their enemies with the stroke of the
sword, and slaughter, and destruction,
and did what they would unto those
that hated them.* 6 And in Shushan
the palace the Jews slew and destroyed
five hundred men. 7 And Parshan-
datha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,
8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Ari-
datha, 9 And Parmashta, and Arisai,
and Aridai, and Vajezatha, 10 The ten
sons of Haman the son of Hamme-
datha, the enemy of the Jews, slew

5. what...: Heb. according to their will.

they; but on the spoil laid they not
their hand. [11] On that day the number
of those that were slain in Shushan the
palace was brought before the king.*
[12] And the king said unto Esther the
queen, The Jews have slain and de-
stroyed five hundred men in Shushan
the palace, and the ten sons of Haman;
what have they done in the rest of the
king's provinces? now what *is* thy pe-
tition? and it shall be granted thee:
or what *is* thy request further? and it
shall be done. [13] Then said Esther, If
it please the king, let it be granted to
the Jews which *are* in Shushan to do to

11. was...: Heb. came.

morrow also according unto this day's
decree, and let Haman's ten sons be
hanged upon the gallows.* 14 And the
king commanded it so to be done: and
the decree was given at Shushan; and
they hanged Haman's ten sons. 15 For
the Jews that *were* in Shushan gathered
themselves together on the fourteenth
day also of the month Adar, and slew
three hundred men at Shushan; but
on the prey they laid not their hand.
16 But the other Jews that *were* in the
king's provinces gathered themselves
together, and stood for their lives, and
had rest from their enemies, and slew

13. let Haman's...: Heb. let men hang, etc.

of their foes seventy and five thou-
sand, but they laid not their hands
on the prey, [17] On the thirteenth day
of the month Adar; and on the four-
teenth day of the same rested they, and
made it a day of feasting and gladness.*
[18] But the Jews that *were* at Shushan
assembled together on the thirteenth
day thereof, and on the fourteenth
thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of
the same they rested, and made it a
day of feasting and gladness. [19] There-
fore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt
in the unwalled towns, made the four-
teenth day of the month Adar *a day*

17. of the same: Heb. in it.

of gladness and feasting, and a good
day, and of sending portions one to
another. [20] And Mordecai wrote these
things, and sent letters unto all the
Jews that *were* in all the provinces of
the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh and far,
[21] To stablish *this* among them, that
they should keep the fourteenth day
of the month Adar, and the fifteenth
day of the same, yearly, [22] As the days
wherein the Jews rested from their
enemies, and the month which was
turned unto them from sorrow to joy,
and from mourning into a good day:
that they should make them days of
feasting and joy, and of sending por-

tions one to another, and gifts to the
poor. [23] And the Jews undertook to
do as they had begun, and as Morde-
cai had written unto them; [24] Because
Haman the son of Hammedatha, the
Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews,
had devised against the Jews to de-
stroy them, and had cast Pur, that *is*,
the lot, to consume them, and to de-
stroy them;* [25] But when *Esther* came
before the king, he commanded by
letters that his wicked device, which
he devised against the Jews, should
return upon his own head, and that
he and his sons should be hanged on

24. consume: Heb. crush.

the gallows.* [26] Wherefore they called
these days Purim after the name of
Pur. Therefore for all the words of
this letter, and *of that* which they
had seen concerning this matter, and
which had come unto them,* [27] The
Jews ordained, and took upon them,
and upon their seed, and upon all such
as joined themselves unto them, so
as it should not fail, that they would
keep these two days according to their
writing, and according to their *ap-
pointed* time every year;* [28] And *that*

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25. when...: Heb. when she came.
26. Pur: that is, Lot.
27. fail: Heb. pass.

these days *should be* remembered and
kept throughout every generation, ev-
ery family, every province, and every
city; and *that* these days of Purim
should not fail from among the Jews,
nor the memorial of them perish from
their seed.* [29] Then Esther the queen,
the daughter of Abihail, and Morde-
cai the Jew, wrote with all author-
ity, to confirm this second letter of
Purim.* [30] And he sent the letters unto
all the Jews, to the hundred twenty
and seven provinces of the kingdom
of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace

28. fail: Heb. pass. perish: Heb. be ended.
29. authority: Heb. strength.

and truth, [31] To confirm these days of
Purim in their times *appointed*, accord-
ing as Mordecai the Jew and Esther
the queen had enjoined them, and as
they had decreed for themselves and
for their seed, the matters of the fast-
ings and their cry.* [32] And the decree
of Esther confirmed these matters of
Purim; and it was written in the book.

10 And the king Ahasuerus laid a
tribute upon the land, and *upon* the
isles of the sea. [2] And all the acts of
his power and of his might, and the
declaration of the greatness of Morde-

31. themselves: Heb. their souls.

cai, whereunto the king advanced him,
are they not written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of Media
and Persia?* 3 For Mordecai the Jew
was next unto king Ahasuerus, and
great among the Jews, and accepted of
the multitude of his brethren, seeking
the wealth of his people, and speaking
peace to all his seed.

10.2. advanced...: Heb. made him great.

THE
BOOK OF JOB

There was a man in the land of
Uz, whose name *was* Job; and
that man was perfect and up-
right, and one that feared God, and
eschewed evil. 2 And there were born
unto him seven sons and three daugh-
ters. 3 His substance also was seven
thousand sheep, and three thousand
camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen,
and five hundred she asses, and a very
great household; so that this man was
the greatest of all the men of the east.*

1.3. substance: or, cattle. household: or, hus-

4 And his sons went and feasted *in their*
houses, every one his day; and sent and
called for their three sisters to eat and
to drink with them. 5 And it was so,
when the days of *their* feasting were
gone about, that Job sent and sanc-
tified them, and rose up early in the
morning, and offered burnt offerings
according to the number of them all:
for Job said, It may be that my sons
have sinned, and cursed God in their
hearts. Thus did Job continually.*
6 Now there was a day when the sons
of God came to present themselves be-

bandry. men: Heb. sons.
5. continually: Heb. all the days.

fore the LORD, and Satan came also
among them.* 7 And the LORD said
unto Satan, Whence comest thou?
Then Satan answered the LORD, and
said, From going to and fro in the
earth, and from walking up and down
in it. 8 And the LORD said unto Satan,
Hast thou considered my servant Job,
that *there is* none like him in the earth,
a perfect and an upright man, one
that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*
9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and
said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

6. Satan: Heb. the adversary. among: Heb. in the midst of.
8. considered: Heb. set thy heart on.

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about
him, and about his house, and about
all that he hath on every side? thou
hast blessed the work of his hands, and
his substance is increased in the land.*
11 But put forth thine hand now, and
touch all that he hath, and he will curse
thee to thy face.* 12 And the LORD said
unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath
is in thy power; only upon himself
put not forth thine hand. So Satan
went forth from the presence of the
LORD.* 13 And there was a day when his

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10. substance: or, cattle.
11. and he...: Heb. if he curse thee not to thy face.
12. power: Heb. hand.

sons and his daughters *were* eating and
drinking wine in their eldest brother's
house: [14] And there came a messen-
ger unto Job, and said, The oxen were
plowing, and the asses feeding beside
them: [15] And the Sabeans fell *upon*
them, and took them away; yea, they
have slain the servants with the edge
of the sword; and I only am escaped
alone to tell thee. [16] While he *was*
yet speaking, there came also another,
and said, The fire of God is fallen
from heaven, and hath burned up the
sheep, and the servants, and consumed
them; and I only am escaped alone to

tell thee.* [17] While he *was* yet speak-
ing, there came also another, and said,
The Chaldeans made out three bands,
and fell upon the camels, and have
carried them away, yea, and slain the
servants with the edge of the sword;
and I only am escaped alone to tell
thee.* [18] While he *was* yet speaking,
there came also another, and said, Thy
sons and thy daughters *were* eating and
drinking wine in their eldest brother's
house: [19] And, behold, there came a
great wind from the wilderness, and
smote the four corners of the house,

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16. The fire...: or, A great fire.
17. fell: Heb. rushed.

and it fell upon the young men, and
they are dead; and I only am escaped
alone to tell thee.* [20] Then Job arose,
and rent his mantle, and shaved his
head, and fell down upon the ground,
and worshipped,* [21] And said, Naked
came I out of my mother's womb, and
naked shall I return thither: the LORD
gave, and the LORD hath taken away;
blessed be the name of the LORD. [22] In
all this Job sinned not, nor charged
God foolishly.*

2 Again there was a day when the

19. from...: Heb. from aside, etc.
20. mantle: or, robe.
22. charged...: or, attributed folly to God.

sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan
came also among them to present
himself before the LORD. 2 And the
LORD said unto Satan, From whence
comest thou? And Satan answered the
LORD, and said, From going to and fro
in the earth, and from walking up and
down in it. 3 And the LORD said unto
Satan, Hast thou considered my ser-
vant Job, that *there is* none like him
in the earth, a perfect and an upright
man, one that feareth God, and es-
cheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast
his integrity, although thou movedst
me against him, to destroy him with-

out cause.* 4 And Satan answered the
LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all
that a man hath will he give for his life.
5 But put forth thine hand now, and
touch his bone and his flesh, and he
will curse thee to thy face. 6 And the
LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he *is*
in thine hand; but save his life.* 7 So
went Satan forth from the presence of
the LORD, and smote Job with sore
boils from the sole of his foot unto his
crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd
to scrape himself withal; and he sat
down among the ashes. 9 Then said his

2.3. to destroy...: Heb. to swallow him up.
6. but: or, only.

wife unto him, Dost thou still retain
thine integrity? curse God, and die.
10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest
as one of the foolish women speaketh.
What? shall we receive good at the
hand of God, and shall we not receive
evil? In all this did not Job sin with his
lips. 11 Now when Job's three friends
heard of all this evil that was come
upon him, they came every one from
his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite,
and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar
the Naamathite: for they had made
an appointment together to come to
mourn with him and to comfort him.
12 And when they lifted up their eyes

afar off, and knew him not, they lifted
up their voice, and wept; and they rent
every one his mantle, and sprinkled
dust upon their heads toward heaven.
13 So they sat down with him upon the
ground seven days and seven nights,
and none spake a word unto him: for
they saw that *his* grief was very great.

3 After this opened Job his mouth,
and cursed his day. 2 And Job spake,
and said,* 3 Let the day perish wherein
I was born, and the night *in which* it
was said, There is a man child con-
ceived. 4 Let that day be darkness; let

3.2. spake: Heb. answered.

not God regard it from above, neither
let the light shine upon it. 5 Let dark-
ness and the shadow of death stain
it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the
blackness of the day terrify it.* 6 As
for that night, let darkness seize upon
it; let it not be joined unto the days
of the year, let it not come into the
number of the months.* 7 Lo, let that
night be solitary, let no joyful voice
come therein. 8 Let them curse it that
curse the day, who are ready to raise

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5. stain: or, challenge. let the...: or, let them terrify it, as those who have a bitter day.

6. let it not be...: or, let it not rejoice among the days.

up their mourning.* 9 Let the stars of
the twilight thereof be dark; let it look
for light, but *have* none; neither let
it see the dawning of the day:* 10 Be-
cause it shut not up the doors of my
mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from
mine eyes. 11 Why died I not from the
womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost
when I came out of the belly? 12 Why
did the knees prevent me? or why
the breasts that I should suck? 13 For
now should I have lain still and been
quiet, I should have slept: then had I
been at rest, 14 With kings and coun-

8. their...: or, leviathan.
9. the dawning...: Heb. the eyelids of the morning.

sellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves; 15 Or with
princes that had gold, who filled their
houses with silver: 16 Or as an hidden
untimely birth I had not been; as in-
fants *which* never saw light. 17 There
the wicked cease *from* troubling; and
there the weary be at rest.* 18 *There* the
prisoners rest together; they hear not
the voice of the oppressor. 19 The small
and great are there; and the servant *is*
free from his master. 20 Wherefore is
light given to him that is in misery, and
life unto the bitter *in* soul; 21 Which
long for death, but it *cometh* not; and

17. weary: Heb. wearied in strength.

dig for it more than for hid treasures;*
22 Which rejoice exceedingly, *and* are
glad, when they can find the grave?
23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way
is hid, and whom God hath hedged
in? 24 For my sighing cometh before
I eat, and my roarings are poured out
like the waters.* 25 For the thing which
I greatly feared is come upon me, and
that which I was afraid of is come unto
me.* 26 I was not in safety, neither had
I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble

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21. long: Heb. wait.
24. I eat: Heb. my meat.
25. the thing...: Heb. I feared a fear, and it came upon me.

came.

4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite an-
swered and said, 2 *If* we assay to
commune with thee, wilt thou be
grieved? but who can withhold him-
self from speaking?* 3 Behold, thou
hast instructed many, and thou hast
strengthened the weak hands. 4 Thy
words have upholden him that was
falling, and thou hast strengthened
the feeble knees. 5 But now it is
come upon thee, and thou faintest;
it toucheth thee, and thou art trou-
bled. 6 *Is* not *this* thy fear, thy confi-

4.2. to...: Heb. a word. withhold...: Heb. refrain from words?.

dence, thy hope, and the uprightness
of thy ways? 7 Remember, I pray thee,
who *ever* perished, being innocent?
or where were the righteous cut off?
8 Even as I have seen, they that plow
iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the
same. 9 By the blast of God they per-
ish, and by the breath of his nostrils
are they consumed.* 10 The roaring of
the lion, and the voice of the fierce
lion, and the teeth of the young lions,
are broken. 11 The old lion perisheth
for lack of prey, and the stout lion's
whelps are scattered abroad. 12 Now a
thing was secretly brought to me, and

9. by the breath...: that is, by his anger.

mine ear received a little thereof.* 13 In
thoughts from the visions of the night,
when deep sleep falleth on men, 14 Fear
came upon me, and trembling, which
made all my bones to shake.* 15 Then a
spirit passed before my face; the hair of
my flesh stood up: 16 It stood still, but
I could not discern the form thereof:
an image *was* before mine eyes, *there*
was silence, and I heard a voice, *say-*
ing,* 17 Shall mortal man be more just
than God? shall a man be more pure
than his maker? 18 Behold, he put no

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12. secretly: Heb. by stealth.
14. came...: Heb. met. all: Heb. the multitude of.
16. there...: or, I heard a still voice.

trust in his servants; and his angels
he charged with folly:* 19 How much
less *in* them that dwell in houses of
clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust,
which are crushed before the moth?
20 They are destroyed from morning to
evening: they perish for ever with-
out any regarding *it*.* 21 Doth not their
excellency *which is* in them go away?
they die, even without wisdom.

5 Call now, if there be any that
will answer thee; and to which of the

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18. and his...: or, nor in his angels, in whom he put light.
20. destroyed: Heb. beaten in pieces.

saints wilt thou turn?* 2 For wrath kil-
leth the foolish man, and envy slayeth
the silly one.* 3 I have seen the fool-
ish taking root: but suddenly I cursed
his habitation. 4 His children are far
from safety, and they are crushed in
the gate, neither *is there* any to de-
liver *them*. 5 Whose harvest the hun-
gry eateth up, and taketh it even out of
the thorns, and the robber swalloweth
up their substance. 6 Although afflic-
tion cometh not forth of the dust,
neither doth trouble spring out of

5.1. turn: or, look?.
2. envy: or, indignation.

the ground;* 7 Yet man is born unto
trouble, as the sparks fly upward.* 8 I
would seek unto God, and unto God
would I commit my cause: 9 Which
doeth great things and unsearchable;
marvellous things without number:*
10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and
sendeth waters upon the fields:* 11 To
set up on high those that be low; that
those which mourn may be exalted
to safety. 12 He disappointeth the de-

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6. affliction: or, iniquity.
7. trouble: or, labour. sparks...: Heb. the sons of the burning coal lift up to fly.
9. unsearchable: Heb. there is no search. without...: Heb. till there be no number.
10. fields: Heb. outplaces.

vices of the crafty, so that their hands
cannot perform *their* enterprise.* 13 He
taketh the wise in their own crafti-
ness: and the counsel of the froward
is carried headlong. 14 They meet with
darkness in the daytime, and grope in
the noonday as in the night.* 15 But he
saveth the poor from the sword, from
their mouth, and from the hand of the
mighty. 16 So the poor hath hope, and
iniquity stoppeth her mouth. 17 Be-
hold, happy *is* the man whom God
correcteth: therefore despise not thou
the chastening of the Almighty: 18 For

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12. their enterprise: or, any thing.
14. meet...: or, run into.

he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he
woundeth, and his hands make whole.
19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles:
yea, in seven there shall no evil touch
thee. 20 In famine he shall redeem
thee from death: and in war from the
power of the sword.* 21 Thou shalt be
hid from the scourge of the tongue:
neither shalt thou be afraid of destruc-
tion when it cometh.* 22 At destruction
and famine thou shalt laugh: neither
shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of
the earth. 23 For thou shalt be in league
with the stones of the field: and the

20. power: Heb. hands.
21. from...: or, when the tongue scourgeth.

beasts of the field shall be at peace with
thee. [24] And thou shalt know that thy
tabernacle *shall be* in peace; and thou
shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not
sin.* [25] Thou shalt know also that thy
seed *shall be* great, and thine offspring
as the grass of the earth.* [26] Thou shalt
come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as
a shock of corn cometh in in his sea-
son.* [27] Lo this, we have searched it, so
it *is*; hear it, and know thou *it* for thy
good.*

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24. thy tabernacle...: or, peace is thy tabernacle. sin: or, err.
25. great: or, much.
26. cometh in: Heb. ascendeth.
27. for...: Heb. for thyself.

6 But Job answered and said, 2 Oh
that my grief were throughly weighed,
and my calamity laid in the balances
together!* 3 For now it would be heav-
ier than the sand of the sea: therefore
my words are swallowed up.* 4 For the
arrows of the Almighty *are* within me,
the poison whereof drinketh up my
spirit: the terrors of God do set them-
selves in array against me. 5 Doth the
wild ass bray when he hath grass? or
loweth the ox over his fodder?* 6 Can

6.2. laid: Heb. lifted up.
3. my words...: that is, I want words to express my grief.
5. when he...: Heb. at grass?.

that which is unsavoury be eaten with-
out salt? or is there *any* taste in the
white of an egg? 7 The things *that* my
soul refused to touch *are* as my sor-
rowful meat. 8 Oh that I might have
my request; and that God would grant
me the thing that I long for!* 9 Even
that it would please God to destroy
me; that he would let loose his hand,
and cut me off! 10 Then should I yet
have comfort; yea, I would harden my-
self in sorrow: let him not spare; for
I have not concealed the words of the
Holy One. 11 What *is* my strength, that
I should hope? and what *is* mine end,

8. the thing...: Heb. my expectation.

that I should prolong my life? [12] *Is* my
strength the strength of stones? or *is*
my flesh of brass?* [13] *Is* not my help in
me? and is wisdom driven quite from
me? [14] To him that is afflicted pity
should be shewed from his friend; but
he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.*
[15] My brethren have dealt deceitfully as
a brook, *and* as the stream of brooks
they pass away; [16] Which are blackish
by reason of the ice, *and* wherein the
snow is hid: [17] What time they wax
warm, they vanish: when it is hot,

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12. of brass: Heb. brasen?.
14. is afflicted: Heb. melteth.

they are consumed out of their place.*
18 The paths of their way are turned
aside; they go to nothing, and per-
ish. 19 The troops of Tema looked, the
companies of Sheba waited for them.
20 They were confounded because they
had hoped; they came thither, and
were ashamed. 21 For now ye are noth-
ing; ye see *my* casting down, and are
afraid.* 22 Did I say, Bring unto me?
or, Give a reward for me of your sub-
stance? 23 Or, Deliver me from the en-

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17. vanish: Heb. are cut off. when...: Heb. in the heat thereof. consumed: Heb. extinguished.

21. ye are...: or, ye are like to them: Heb. to it. nothing: Heb. not.

emy's hand? or, Redeem me from the
hand of the mighty? [24] Teach me, and
I will hold my tongue: and cause me
to understand wherein I have erred.
[25] How forcible are right words! but
what doth your arguing reprove? [26] Do
ye imagine to reprove words, and the
speeches of one that is desperate, *which
are* as wind? [27] Yea, ye overwhelm the
fatherless, and ye dig *a pit* for your
friend.* [28] Now therefore be content,
look upon me; for *it is* evident unto
you if I lie.* [29] Return, I pray you, let it
not be iniquity; yea, return again, my

27. ye overwhelm: Heb. ye cause to fall upon.
28. evident...: Heb. before your face.

righteousness *is* in it.* 30 Is there iniq-
uity in my tongue? cannot my taste
discern perverse things?*

7 *Is there* not an appointed time
to man upon earth? *are not* his days
also like the days of an hireling?* 2 As a
servant earnestly desireth the shadow,
and as an hireling looketh for *the re-
ward of* his work:* 3 So am I made to
possess months of vanity, and weari-
some nights are appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say, When shall

29. in it: that is, in this matter.
30. my taste: Heb. my palate.
7.1. an appointed...: or, a warfare.
2. earnestly...: Heb. gapeth after.

I arise, and the night be gone? and
I am full of tossings to and fro unto
the dawning of the day.* 5 My flesh
is clothed with worms and clods of
dust; my skin is broken, and become
loathsome. 6 My days are swifter than
a weaver's shuttle, and are spent with-
out hope. 7 O remember that my life
is wind: mine eye shall no more see
good.* 8 The eye of him that hath seen
me shall see me no *more*: thine eyes *are*
upon me, and I *am* not.* 9 *As* the cloud

4. the night...: Heb. the evening be measured?.
7. shall...: Heb. shall not return. see: to see, that is, to enjoy.
8. I am...: that is, I can live no longer.

is consumed and vanisheth away: so
he that goeth down to the grave shall
come up no *more*. [10] He shall return
no more to his house, neither shall his
place know him any more. [11] There-
fore I will not refrain my mouth; I will
speak in the anguish of my spirit; I
will complain in the bitterness of my
soul. [12] *Am* I a sea, or a whale, that thou
settest a watch over me? [13] When I say,
My bed shall comfort me, my couch
shall ease my complaint; [14] Then thou
scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest
me through visions: [15] So that my soul
chooseth strangling, *and* death rather

than my life.* [16] I loathe *it*; I would
not live alway: let me alone; for my
days *are* vanity. [17] What *is* man, that
thou shouldest magnify him? and that
thou shouldest set thine heart upon
him? [18] And *that* thou shouldest visit
him every morning, *and* try him every
moment? [19] How long wilt thou not
depart from me, nor let me alone till
I swallow down my spittle? [20] I have
sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O
thou preserver of men? why hast thou
set me as a mark against thee, so that
I am a burden to myself? [21] And why
dost thou not pardon my transgres-

15. life: Heb. bones.

sion, and take away mine iniquity? for
now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou
shalt seek me in the morning, but I
shall not *be*.

8 Then answered Bildad the
Shuhite, and said, 2 How long wilt
thou speak these *things*? and *how long*
shall the words of thy mouth *be like*
a strong wind? 3 Doth God pervert
judgment? or doth the Almighty per-
vert justice? 4 If thy children have
sinned against him, and he have cast
them away for their transgression;* 5 If
thou wouldest seek unto God betimes,

8.4. for...: Heb. in the hand of their transgression.

and make thy supplication to the Al-
mighty; 6 If thou *wert* pure and up-
right; surely now he would awake for
thee, and make the habitation of thy
righteousness prosperous. 7 Though
thy beginning was small, yet thy lat-
ter end should greatly increase. 8 For
enquire, I pray thee, of the former
age, and prepare thyself to the search
of their fathers: 9 (For we *are but of*
yesterday, and know nothing, because
our days upon earth *are* a shadow:)*
10 Shall not they teach thee, *and* tell
thee, and utter words out of their
heart? 11 Can the rush grow up with-

9. nothing: Heb. not.

out mire? can the flag grow without
water? 12 Whilst it *is* yet in his green-
ness, *and* not cut down, it withereth
before any *other* herb. 13 So *are* the
paths of all that forget God; and the
hypocrite's hope shall perish: 14 Whose
hope shall be cut off, and whose trust
shall be a spider's web.* 15 He shall lean
upon his house, but it shall not stand:
he shall hold it fast, but it shall not
endure. 16 He *is* green before the sun,
and his branch shooteth forth in his
garden. 17 His roots are wrapped about
the heap, *and* seeth the place of stones.
18 If he destroy him from his place,

14. web: Heb. house.

then *it* shall deny him, *saying*, I have
not seen thee. [19] Behold, this *is* the
joy of his way, and out of the earth
shall others grow. [20] Behold, God will
not cast away a perfect *man*, neither
will he help the evil doers:* [21] Till he
fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy
lips with rejoicing.* [22] They that hate
thee shall be clothed with shame; and
the dwelling place of the wicked shall
come to nought.*

9 Then Job answered and said, [2] I
know *it is* so of a truth: but how

20. help...: Heb. take the ungodly by the hand.
21. rejoicing: Heb. shouting for joy.
22. shall come...: Heb. shall not be.

should man be just with God?* 3 If he
will contend with him, he cannot an-
swer him one of a thousand. 4 *He is*
wise in heart, and mighty in strength:
who hath hardened *himself* against
him, and hath prospered? 5 Which
removeth the mountains, and they
know not: which overturneth them in
his anger. 6 Which shaketh the earth
out of her place, and the pillars thereof
tremble. 7 Which commandeth the
sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up
the stars. 8 Which alone spreadeth
out the heavens, and treadeth upon

9.2. with God: or, before God?.

the waves of the sea.* 9 Which maketh
Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and
the chambers of the south.* 10 Which
doeth great things past finding out;
yea, and wonders without number.
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him*
not: he passeth on also, but I per-
ceive him not. 12 Behold, he taketh
away, who can hinder him? who will
say unto him, What doest thou?* 13 *If*
God will not withdraw his anger, the
proud helpers do stoop under him.*

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8. waves: Heb. heights.
9. Arcturus...: Heb. Ash, Cesil, and Cimah.
12. hinder...: Heb. turn him away?.
13. proud...: Heb. helpers of pride, or, strength.

14 How much less shall I answer him,
and choose out my words *to reason*
with him? 15 Whom, though I were
righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I
would make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had answered
me; *yet* would I not believe that he
had hearkened unto my voice. 17 For
he breaketh me with a tempest, and
multiplieth my wounds without cause.
18 He will not suffer me to take my
breath, but filleth me with bitterness.
19 If *I speak* of strength, lo, *he is* strong:
and if of judgment, who shall set me a
time *to plead*? 20 If I justify myself, mine
own mouth shall condemn me: *if I*

say, I *am* perfect, it shall also prove me
perverse. [21] *Though* I *were* perfect, *yet*
would I not know my soul: I would de-
spise my life. [22] This *is* one *thing*, there-
fore I said *it*, He destroyeth the perfect
and the wicked. [23] If the scourge slay
suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of
the innocent. [24] The earth is given into
the hand of the wicked: he covereth
the faces of the judges thereof; if not,
where, *and* who *is* he? [25] Now my days
are swifter than a post: they flee away,
they see no good. [26] They are passed
away as the swift ships: as the eagle
that hasteth to the prey.* [27] If I say, I

26. swift...: or, ships of Ebeh: Heb. ships of desire.

will forget my complaint, I will leave
off my heaviness, and comfort *myself*:
28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know
that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
29 *If* I be wicked, why then labour I in
vain? 30 If I wash myself with snow wa-
ter, and make my hands never so clean;
31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch,
and mine own clothes shall abhor me.*
32 For *he is* not a man, as I *am, that*
I should answer him, *and* we should
come together in judgment. 33 Nei-
ther is there any daysman betwixt us,
that might lay his hand upon us both.*

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31. abhor...: or, make me to be abhorred.
33. any...: Heb. one that should argue. daysman:

34 Let him take his rod away from me,
and let not his fear terrify me: 35 *Then*
would I speak, and not fear him; but *it*
is not so with me.*

10 My soul is weary of my life; I
will leave my complaint upon myself; I
will speak in the bitterness of my soul.*
2 I will say unto God, Do not con-
demn me; shew me wherefore thou
contendest with me. 3 *Is it* good unto
thee that thou shouldest oppress, that
thou shouldest despise the work of
thine hands, and shine upon the coun-

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or, umpire.

35. it is...: Heb. I am not so with myself.

10.1. weary...: or, cut off while I live.

sel of the wicked?* 4 Hast thou eyes
of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?
5 *Are* thy days as the days of man? *are*
thy years as man's days, 6 That thou en-
quirest after mine iniquity, and search-
est after my sin? 7 Thou knowest that
I am not wicked; and *there is* none
that can deliver out of thine hand.*
8 Thine hands have made me and fash-
ioned me together round about; yet
thou dost destroy me.* 9 Remember,
I beseech thee, that thou hast made
me as the clay; and wilt thou bring

3. work: Heb. labour.
7. Thou...: Heb. It is upon thy knowledge.
8. have...: Heb. took pains about me.

me into dust again? [10] Hast thou not
poured me out as milk, and curdled
me like cheese? [11] Thou hast clothed
me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced
me with bones and sinews.* [12] Thou
hast granted me life and favour, and
thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
[13] And these *things* hast thou hid in
thine heart: I know that this *is* with
thee. [14] If I sin, then thou markest
me, and thou wilt not acquit me from
mine iniquity. [15] If I be wicked, woe
unto me; and *if* I be righteous, *yet*
will I not lift up my head. *I am* full
of confusion; therefore see thou mine

11. fenced: Heb. hedged.

affliction; [16] For it increaseth. Thou
huntest me as a fierce lion: and again
thou shewest thyself marvellous upon
me. [17] Thou renewest thy witnesses
against me, and increasest thine in-
dignation upon me; changes and war
are against me.* [18] Wherefore then hast
thou brought me forth out of the
womb? Oh that I had given up the
ghost, and no eye had seen me! [19] I
should have been as though I had not
been; I should have been carried from
the womb to the grave. [20] *Are* not my
days few? cease *then, and* let me alone,
that I may take comfort a little, [21] Be-

17. witnesses: that is, plagues.

fore I go *whence* I shall not return, *even*
to the land of darkness and the shadow
of death; 22 A land of darkness, as dark-
ness *itself; and* of the shadow of death,
without any order, and *where* the light
is as darkness.

11 Then answered Zophar the
Naamathite, and said, 2 Should not
the multitude of words be answered?
and should a man full of talk be justi-
fied?* 3 Should thy lies make men hold
their peace? and when thou mock-
est, shall no man make thee ashamed?*
4 For thou hast said, My doctrine *is*

11.2. full...: Heb. of lips.
3. lies: or, devices.

pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.
5 But oh that God would speak, and
open his lips against thee; 6 And that
he would shew thee the secrets of
wisdom, that *they are* double to that
which is! Know therefore that God
exacteth of thee *less* than thine iniq-
uity *deserveth*. 7 Canst thou by search-
ing find out God? canst thou find out
the Almighty unto perfection? 8 *It*
is as high as heaven; what canst thou
do? deeper than hell; what canst
thou know?* 9 The measure thereof
is longer than the earth, and broader
than the sea. 10 If he cut off, and shut

8. as high...: Heb. the heights of heaven.

up, or gather together, then who can
hinder him?* [11] For he knoweth vain
men: he seeth wickedness also; will
he not then consider *it*? [12] For vain
man would be wise, though man be
born *like* a wild ass's colt.* [13] If thou
prepare thine heart, and stretch out
thine hands toward him; [14] If iniquity
be in thine hand, put it far away, and
let not wickedness dwell in thy taber-
nacles. [15] For then shalt thou lift up
thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt
be stedfast, and shalt not fear: [16] Be-

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10. cut...: or, make a change. hinder...: Heb. turn him away?.

12. vain: Heb. empty.

cause thou shalt forget *thy* misery, *and*
remember *it* as waters *that* pass away:
17 And *thine* age shall be clearer than
the noonday; thou shalt shine forth,
thou shalt be as the morning.* 18 And
thou shalt be secure, because there is
hope; yea, thou shalt dig *about thee,*
and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.
19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none
shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many shall
make suit unto thee.* 20 But the eyes of
the wicked shall fail, and they shall not
escape, and their hope *shall be as* the

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17. be cleared...: Heb. arise above.
19. make suit...: Heb. intreat thy face.

giving up of the ghost.*

12 And Job answered and said,
2 No doubt but ye *are* the people, and
wisdom shall die with you. 3 But I
have understanding as well as you; I *am*
not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth
not such things as these?* 4 I am *as*
one mocked of his neighbour, who
calleth upon God, and he answereth
him: the just upright *man is* laughed
to scorn. 5 He that is ready to slip

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20. they shall...: Heb. flight shall perish from them. the giving...: or, a puff of breath.

12.3. understanding: Heb. an heart. I am...: Heb. I fall not lower than you. who...: Heb. with whom are not such as these?.

with *his* feet *is as* a lamp despised in
the thought of him that is at ease.
6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper,
and they that provoke God are secure;
into whose hand God bringeth *abun-*
dantly. 7 But ask now the beasts, and
they shall teach thee; and the fowls of
the air, and they shall tell thee: 8 Or
speak to the earth, and it shall teach
thee: and the fishes of the sea shall de-
clare unto thee. 9 Who knoweth not
in all these that the hand of the LORD
hath wrought this? 10 In whose hand *is*
the soul of every living thing, and the
breath of all mankind.* 11 Doth not the

10. soul: or, life. all...: Heb. all flesh of man.

ear try words? and the mouth taste his
meat?* 12 With the ancient *is* wisdom;
and in length of days understanding.
13 With him *is* wisdom and strength,
he hath counsel and understanding.*
14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it
cannot be built again: he shutteth up
a man, and there can be no open-
ing.* 15 Behold, he withholdeth the wa-
ters, and they dry up: also he sendeth
them out, and they overturn the earth.
16 With him *is* strength and wisdom:
the deceived and the deceiver *are* his.

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11. mouth: Heb. palate.
13. With...: that is, With God.
14. up: Heb. upon.

17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled,
and maketh the judges fools. 18 He
looseth the bond of kings, and gird-
eth their loins with a girdle. 19 He
leadeth princes away spoiled, and over-
throweth the mighty. 20 He removeth
away the speech of the trusty, and
taketh away the understanding of the
aged.* 21 He poureth contempt upon
princes, and weakeneth the strength
of the mighty.* 22 He discovereth deep
things out of darkness, and bringeth
out to light the shadow of death. 23 He

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20. speech...: Heb. lip of the faithful.

21. weakeneth...: or, looseth the girdle of the strong.

increaseth the nations, and destroyeth
them: he enlargeth the nations, and
straiteneth them *again*.* [24] He taketh
away the heart of the chief of the peo-
ple of the earth, and causeth them to
wander in a wilderness *where there is* no
way. [25] They grope in the dark without
light, and he maketh them to stagger
like *a* drunken *man*.*

13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*,
mine ear hath heard and understood
it. [2] What ye know, *the same* do I
know also: I *am* not inferior unto
you. [3] Surely I would speak to the Al-

23. straiteneth: Heb. leadeth in.
25. stagger: Heb. wander.

mighty, and I desire to reason with
God. 4 But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye
are all physicians of no value. 5 O that
ye would altogether hold your peace!
and it should be your wisdom. 6 Hear
now my reasoning, and hearken to the
pleadings of my lips. 7 Will ye speak
wickedly for God? and talk deceit-
fully for him? 8 Will ye accept his per-
son? will ye contend for God? 9 Is it
good that he should search you out?
or as one man mocketh another, do
ye *so* mock him? 10 He will surely re-
prove you, if ye do secretly accept per-
sons. 11 Shall not his excellency make
you afraid? and his dread fall upon

you? [12] Your remembrances *are* like
unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of
clay. [13] Hold your peace, let me alone,
that I may speak, and let come on me
what *will*.* [14] Wherefore do I take my
flesh in my teeth, and put my life in
mine hand? [15] Though he slay me, yet
will I trust in him: but I will maintain
mine own ways before him.* [16] He also
shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite
shall not come before him. [17] Hear
diligently my speech, and my decla-
ration with your ears. [18] Behold now,
I have ordered *my* cause; I know that

13.13. Hold...: Heb. Be silent from me.
15. maintain: Heb. prove, or, argue.

I shall be justified. [19] Who *is* he *that*
will plead with me? for now, if I
hold my tongue, I shall give up the
ghost. [20] Only do not two *things* unto
me: then will I not hide myself from
thee. [21] Withdraw thine hand far from
me: and let not thy dread make me
afraid. [22] Then call thou, and I will
answer: or let me speak, and answer
thou me. [23] How many *are* mine iniq-
uities and sins? make me to know my
transgression and my sin. [24] Where-
fore hidest thou thy face, and hold-
est me for thine enemy? [25] Wilt thou
break a leaf driven to and fro? and
wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? [26] For

thou writest bitter things against me,
and makest me to possess the iniqui-
ties of my youth. 27 Thou puttest my
feet also in the stocks, and lookest nar-
rowly unto all my paths; thou settest a
print upon the heels of my feet.* 28 And
he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a
garment that is moth eaten.

14 Man *that is* born of a woman
is of few days, and full of trouble.*
2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is
cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow,
and continueth not. 3 And dost thou

27. lookest...: Heb. observest. heels: Heb. roots.
14.1. few...: Heb. short of days.

open thine eyes upon such an one,
and bringest me into judgment with
thee? 4 Who can bring a clean *thing*
out of an unclean? not one.* 5 See-
ing his days *are* determined, the num-
ber of his months *are* with thee, thou
hast appointed his bounds that he
cannot pass; 6 Turn from him, that
he may rest, till he shall accomplish,
as an hireling, his day.* 7 For there
is hope of a tree, if it be cut down,
that it will sprout again, and that the
tender branch thereof will not cease.
8 Though the root thereof wax old in

4. can...: Heb. will give.
6. rest: Heb. cease.

the earth, and the stock thereof die in
the ground; 9 *Yet* through the scent
of water it will bud, and bring forth
boughs like a plant. 10 But man di-
eth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth
up the ghost, and where *is* he?* 11 *As*
the waters fail from the sea, and the
flood decayeth and drieth up: 12 So
man lieth down, and riseth not: till
the heavens *be* no more, they shall not
awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.
13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the
grave, that thou wouldest keep me se-
cret, until thy wrath be past, that thou
wouldest appoint me a set time, and

10. wasteth...: Heb. is weakened, or, cut off.

remember me! [14] If a man die, shall
he live *again*? all the days of my ap-
pointed time will I wait, till my change
come. [15] Thou shalt call, and I will
answer thee: thou wilt have a desire
to the work of thine hands. [16] For
now thou numberest my steps: dost
thou not watch over my sin? [17] My
transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and
thou sewest up mine iniquity. [18] And
surely the mountain falling cometh
to nought, and the rock is removed
out of his place.* [19] The waters wear
the stones: thou washest away the
things which grow *out* of the dust

18. cometh...: Heb. fadeth.

of the earth; and thou destroyest the
hope of man.* [20] Thou prevailest for
ever against him, and he passeth: thou
changest his countenance, and sendest
him away. [21] His sons come to hon-
our, and he knoweth *it* not; and they
are brought low, but he perceiveth *it*
not of them. [22] But his flesh upon him
shall have pain, and his soul within
him shall mourn.

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Te-
manite, and said, [2] Should a wise man
utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly
with the east wind?* [3] Should he rea-

19. washest...: Heb. overflowest.
15.2. vain...: Heb. knowledge of wind.

son with unprofitable talk? or with
speeches wherewith he can do no
good? 4 Yea, thou castest off fear,
and restrainest prayer before God.*
5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniq-
uity, and thou choosest the tongue of
the crafty.* 6 Thine own mouth con-
demneth thee, and not I: yea, thine
own lips testify against thee. 7 *Art*
thou the first man *that* was born?
or wast thou made before the hills?
8 Hast thou heard the secret of God?
and dost thou restrain wisdom to thy-
self? 9 What knowest thou, that we

4. castest...: Heb. makest void. prayer: or, speech.
5. uttereth: Heb. teacheth.

know not? *what* understandest thou,
which *is* not in us? 10 With us *are*
both the grayheaded and very aged
men, much elder than thy father. 11 *Are*
the consolations of God small with
thee? is there any secret thing with
thee? 12 Why doth thine heart carry
thee away? and what do thy eyes
wink at, 13 That thou turnest thy spirit
against God, and lettest *such* words go
out of thy mouth? 14 What *is* man,
that he should be clean? and *he which*
is born of a woman, that he should
be righteous? 15 Behold, he putteth
no trust in his saints; yea, the heav-
ens are not clean in his sight. 16 How

much more abominable and filthy *is*
man, which drinketh iniquity like wa-
ter? [17] I will shew thee, hear me; and
that *which* I have seen I will declare;
[18] Which wise men have told from their
fathers, and have not hid *it*: [19] Unto
whom alone the earth was given, and
no stranger passed among them. [20] The
wicked man travaileth with pain all
his days, and the number of years is
hidden to the oppressor. [21] A dread-
ful sound *is* in his ears: in prosperity
the destroyer shall come upon him.*
[22] He believeth not that he shall return
out of darkness, and he is waited for

21. A dreadful...: Heb. A sound of fears.

of the sword. [23] He wandereth abroad
for bread, *saying*, Where *is it*? he
knoweth that the day of darkness is
ready at his hand. [24] Trouble and an-
guish shall make him afraid; they shall
prevail against him, as a king ready to
the battle. [25] For he stretcheth out his
hand against God, and strengtheneth
himself against the Almighty. [26] He
runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck,
upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:
[27] Because he covereth his face with his
fatness, and maketh collops of fat on
his flanks. [28] And he dwelleth in des-
olate cities, *and* in houses which no
man inhabiteth, which are ready to be-

come heaps. [29] He shall not be rich,
neither shall his substance continue,
neither shall he prolong the perfec-
tion thereof upon the earth. [30] He shall
not depart out of darkness; the flame
shall dry up his branches, and by the
breath of his mouth shall he go away.
[31] Let not him that is deceived trust in
vanity: for vanity shall be his recom-
pence. [32] It shall be accomplished be-
fore his time, and his branch shall not
be green.* [33] He shall shake off his un-
ripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off
his flower as the olive. [34] For the con-
gregation of hypocrites *shall be* deso-

32. accomplished: or, cut off.

late, and fire shall consume the taber-
nacles of bribery. 35 They conceive
mischief, and bring forth vanity, and
their belly prepareth deceit.*

16 Then Job answered and said, 2 I
have heard many such things: miser-
able comforters *are* ye all.* 3 Shall vain
words have an end? or what embold-
eneth thee that thou answerest?* 4 I
also could speak as ye *do*: if your soul
were in my soul's stead, I could heap
up words against you, and shake mine
head at you. 5 *But* I would strengthen

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35. vanity: or, iniquity.
16.2. miserable: or, troublesome.
3. vain...: Heb. words of wind.

you with my mouth, and the moving
of my lips should asswage *your grief*.
6 Though I speak, my grief is not as-
swaged: and *though* I forbear, what
am I eased?* 7 But now he hath made
me weary: thou hast made desolate
all my company. 8 And thou hast
filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a wit-
ness *against me*: and my leanness ris-
ing up in me beareth witness to my
face. 9 He teareth *me* in his wrath, who
hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with
his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his
eyes upon me. 10 They have gaped
upon me with their mouth; they have

6. what...: Heb. what goeth from me?.

smitten me upon the cheek reproach-
fully; they have gathered themselves
together against me. 11 God hath de-
livered me to the ungodly, and turned
me over into the hands of the wicked.*
12 I was at ease, but he hath broken
me asunder: he hath also taken *me*
by my neck, and shaken me to pieces,
and set me up for his mark. 13 His
archers compass me round about, he
cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth
not spare; he poureth out my gall upon
the ground. 14 He breaketh me with
breach upon breach, he runneth upon
me like a giant. 15 I have sewed sack-

11. hath...: Heb. hath shut me up.

cloth upon my skin, and defiled my
horn in the dust. [16] My face is foul
with weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the
shadow of death; [17] Not for *any* injus-
tice in mine hands: also my prayer *is*
pure. [18] O earth, cover not thou my
blood, and let my cry have no place.
[19] Also now, behold, my witness *is* in
heaven, and my record *is* on high.*
[20] My friends scorn me: *but* mine eye
poureth out *tears* unto God.* [21] O that
one might plead for a man with God,
as a man *pleadeth* for his neighbour!*

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19. on high: Heb. in the high places.
20. scorn me: Heb. are my scorners.
21. neighbour: or, friend.

22 When a few years are come, then I
shall go the way *whence* I shall not re-
turn.*

17 My breath is corrupt, my days
are extinct, the graves *are ready* for
me.* 2 *Are there* not mockers with me?
and doth not mine eye continue in
their provocation?* 3 Lay down now,
put me in a surety with thee; who *is* he
that will strike hands with me? 4 For
thou hast hid their heart from under-
standing: therefore shalt thou not ex-
alt *them*. 5 He that speaketh flattery

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22. a few...: Heb. years of number.
17.1. breath...: or, spirit is spent.
2. continue: Heb. lodge.

to *his* friends, even the eyes of his chil-
dren shall fail. 6 He hath made me also
a byword of the people; and aforetime
I was as a tabret.* 7 Mine eye also is dim
by reason of sorrow, and all my mem-
bers *are* as a shadow.* 8 Upright *men*
shall be astonied at this, and the inno-
cent shall stir up himself against the
hypocrite. 9 The righteous also shall
hold on his way, and he that hath clean
hands shall be stronger and stronger.*
10 But as for you all, do ye return, and
come now: for I cannot find *one* wise

6. aforetime: or, before them.
7. my members: or, my thoughts.
9. be...: Heb. add strength.

man among you. [11] My days are past,
my purposes are broken off, *even* the
thoughts of my heart.* [12] They change
the night into day: the light *is* short
because of darkness.* [13] If I wait, the
grave *is* mine house: I have made my
bed in the darkness. [14] I have said to
corruption, Thou *art* my father: to the
worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my
sister.* [15] And where *is* now my hope?
as for my hope, who shall see it? [16] They
shall go down to the bars of the pit,
when *our* rest together *is* in the dust.

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11. the thoughts: Heb. the possessions.
12. short: Heb. near.
14. said: Heb. cried, or, called.

18 Then answered Bildad the
Shuhite, and said, 2 How long *will*
it be ere ye make an end of words?
mark, and afterwards we will speak.
3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
and reputed vile in your sight? 4 He
teareth himself in his anger: shall the
earth be forsaken for thee? and shall
the rock be removed out of his place?*
5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall
be put out, and the spark of his fire
shall not shine. 6 The light shall be
dark in his tabernacle, and his can-

18.4. himself: Heb. his soul.

dle shall be put out with him.* 7 The
steps of his strength shall be strait-
ened, and his own counsel shall cast
him down. 8 For he is cast into a
net by his own feet, and he walketh
upon a snare. 9 The gin shall take *him*
by the heel, *and* the robber shall pre-
vail against him. 10 The snare *is* laid
for him in the ground, and a trap for
him in the way.* 11 Terrors shall make
him afraid on every side, and shall
drive him to his feet.* 12 His strength
shall be hungerbitten, and destruc-

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6. candle: or, lamp.
10. laid: Heb. hidden.
11. drive: Heb. scatter.

tion *shall be* ready at his side. [13] It
shall devour the strength of his skin:
even the firstborn of death shall de-
vour his strength.* [14] His confidence
shall be rooted out of his tabernacle,
and it shall bring him to the king of
terrors. [15] It shall dwell in his taberna-
cle, because *it is* none of his: brimstone
shall be scattered upon his habitation.
[16] His roots shall be dried up beneath,
and above shall his branch be cut off.
[17] His remembrance shall perish from
the earth, and he shall have no name
in the street. [18] He shall be driven from
light into darkness, and chased out of

13. strength: Heb. bars.

the world.* 19 He shall neither have son
nor nephew among his people, nor
any remaining in his dwellings. 20 They
that come after *him* shall be astonied
at his day, as they that went before
were affrighted.* 21 Surely such *are* the
dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the
place *of him that* knoweth not God.

19 Then Job answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul,
and break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached
me: ye are not ashamed *that* ye make

18. He...: Heb. They shall drive him.
20. went...: or, lived with him. were...: Heb. laid hold on horror.

yourselves strange to me.* 4 And be
it indeed *that* I have erred, mine er-
ror remaineth with myself. 5 If in-
deed ye will magnify *yourselves* against
me, and plead against me my reproach:
6 Know now that God hath over-
thrown me, and hath compassed me
with his net. 7 Behold, I cry out of
wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud,
but *there is* no judgment.* 8 He hath
fenced up my way that I cannot pass,
and he hath set darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and
taken the crown *from* my head. 10 He

19.3. make...: or, harden yourselves against me.
7. wrong: or, violence.

hath destroyed me on every side, and
I am gone: and mine hope hath he
removed like a tree. 11 He hath also
kindled his wrath against me, and he
counteth me unto him as *one of* his
enemies. 12 His troops come together,
and raise up their way against me,
and encamp round about my taber-
nacle. 13 He hath put my brethren
far from me, and mine acquaintance
are verily estranged from me. 14 My
kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar
friends have forgotten me. 15 They that
dwell in mine house, and my maids,
count me for a stranger: I am an alien
in their sight. 16 I called my servant,

and he gave *me* no answer; I intreated
him with my mouth. [17] My breath is
strange to my wife, though I intreated
for the children's *sake* of mine own
body.* [18] Yea, young children despised
me; I arose, and they spake against
me.* [19] All my inward friends abhorred
me: and they whom I loved are turned
against me.* [20] My bone cleaveth to my
skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped
with the skin of my teeth.* [21] Have
pity upon me, have pity upon me, O

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17. mine...: Heb. my belly.
18. young...: or, the wicked.
19. my...: Heb. the men of my secret.
20. and to: or, as to.

ye my friends; for the hand of God
hath touched me. [22] Why do ye per-
secute me as God, and are not satisfied
with my flesh? [23] Oh that my words
were now written! oh that they were
printed in a book!* [24] That they were
graven with an iron pen and lead in
the rock for ever! [25] For I know *that*
my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall
stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:
[26] And *though* after my skin *worms* de-
stroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I
see God:* [27] Whom I shall see for my-

23. Oh...: Heb. Who will give, etc.
26. And...: or, After I shall awake, though this body be destroyed, yet out of my flesh.

self, and mine eyes shall behold, and
not another; *though* my reins be con-
sumed within me.* [28] But ye should say,
Why persecute we him, seeing the root
of the matter is found in me?* [29] Be ye
afraid of the sword: for wrath *bringeth*
the punishments of the sword, that ye
may know *there is* a judgment.

20 Then answered Zophar the
Naamathite, and said, [2] Therefore do
my thoughts cause me to answer, and

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27. another: Heb. a stranger. though...: or, my reins within me are consumed with earnest desire (for that day). within...: Heb. in my bosom.
28. seeing...: or, and what root of matter is found in me?.

for *this* I make haste.* 3 I have heard the
check of my reproach, and the spirit
of my understanding causeth me to
answer. 4 Knowest thou *not* this of
old, since man was placed upon earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked
is short, and the joy of the hypocrite
but for a moment?* 6 Though his ex-
cellency mount up to the heavens, and
his head reach unto the clouds;* 7 *Yet*
he shall perish for ever like his own
dung: they which have seen him shall
say, Where *is* he? 8 He shall fly away

20.2. I make...: Heb. my haste is in me.
5. short: Heb. from near.
6. clouds: Heb. cloud.

as a dream, and shall not be found:
yea, he shall be chased away as a vi-
sion of the night. 9 The eye also *which*
saw him shall *see him* no more; neither
shall his place any more behold him.
10 His children shall seek to please the
poor, and his hands shall restore their
goods.* 11 His bones are full *of the sin* of
his youth, which shall lie down with
him in the dust. 12 Though wicked-
ness be sweet in his mouth, *though* he
hide it under his tongue; 13 *Though* he
spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it

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10. His children...: or, The poor shall oppress his children.

still within his mouth:* 14 *Yet* his meat
in his bowels is turned, *it is* the gall
of asps within him. 15 He hath swal-
lowed down riches, and he shall vomit
them up again: God shall cast them
out of his belly. 16 He shall suck the
poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall
slay him. 17 He shall not see the rivers,
the floods, the brooks of honey and
butter.* 18 That which he laboured for
shall he restore, and shall not swallow
it down: according to *his* substance
shall the restitution *be*, and he shall

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13. within...: Heb. in the midst of his palate.
17. the floods...: or, streaming brooks.

not rejoice *therein*.* [19] Because he hath
oppressed *and* hath forsaken the poor;
because he hath violently taken away an
house which he builded not;* [20] Surely
he shall not feel quietness in his belly,
he shall not save of that which he de-
sired.* [21] There shall none of his meat
be left; therefore shall no man look
for his goods.* [22] In the fulness of his
sufficiency he shall be in straits: ev-
ery hand of the wicked shall come
upon him.* [23] *When* he is about to fill

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18. his...: Heb. the substance of his exchange.
19. oppressed: Heb. crushed.
20. feel: Heb. know.
21. none...: or, be none left for his meat.
22. wicked: or, troublesome.

his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of
his wrath upon him, and shall rain *it*
upon him while he is eating. [24] He shall
flee from the iron weapon, *and* the
bow of steel shall strike him through.
[25] It is drawn, and cometh out of the
body; yea, the glittering sword cometh
out of his gall: terrors *are* upon him.
[26] All darkness *shall be* hid in his secret
places: a fire not blown shall consume
him; it shall go ill with him that is left
in his tabernacle. [27] The heaven shall
reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall
rise up against him. [28] The increase of
his house shall depart, *and his goods*
shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 This *is* the portion of a wicked man
from God, and the heritage appointed
unto him by God.*

21 But Job answered and said,
2 Hear diligently my speech, and let
this be your consolations. 3 Suffer me
that I may speak; and after that I have
spoken, mock on. 4 As for me, *is* my
complaint to man? and if *it were so*,
why should not my spirit be troubled?*
5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay
your hand upon *your* mouth.* 6 Even
when I remember I am afraid, and

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29. appointed...: Heb. of his decree from God.
21.4. troubled: Heb. shortened?.
5. Mark...: Heb. Look unto me.

trembling taketh hold on my flesh.
7 Wherefore do the wicked live, be-
come old, yea, are mighty in power?
8 Their seed is established in their sight
with them, and their offspring be-
fore their eyes. 9 Their houses *are*
safe from fear, neither *is* the rod of
God upon them.* 10 Their bull gen-
dereth, and faileth not; their cow cal-
veth, and casteth not her calf. 11 They
send forth their little ones like a flock,
and their children dance. 12 They take
the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the
sound of the organ. 13 They spend their
days in wealth, and in a moment go

9. safe...: Heb. peace from.

down to the grave.* [14] Therefore they
say unto God, Depart from us; for
we desire not the knowledge of thy
ways. [15] What *is* the Almighty, that
we should serve him? and what pro-
fit should we have, if we pray unto
him? [16] Lo, their good *is* not in their
hand: the counsel of the wicked is
far from me. [17] How oft is the can-
dle of the wicked put out! and *how oft*
cometh their destruction upon them!
God distributeth sorrows in his anger.*
[18] They are as stubble before the wind,
and as chaff that the storm carrieth

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13. in wealth: or, in mirth.
17. candle: or, lamp.

away.* [19] God layeth up his iniquity
for his children: he rewardeth him,
and he shall know *it*.* [20] His eyes shall
see his destruction, and he shall drink
of the wrath of the Almighty. [21] For
what pleasure *hath* he in his house after
him, when the number of his months
is cut off in the midst? [22] Shall *any*
teach God knowledge? seeing he jud-
geth those that are high. [23] One di-
eth in his full strength, being wholly
at ease and quiet.* [24] His breasts are

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18. carrieth: Heb. stealeth.

19. his iniquity: that is, the punishment of his iniquity.

23. his...: Heb. his very, or, the strength of, his perfection.

full of milk, and his bones are moist-
ened with marrow.* 25 And another di-
eth in the bitterness of his soul, and
never eateth with pleasure. 26 They
shall lie down alike in the dust, and the
worms shall cover them. 27 Behold, I
know your thoughts, and the devices
which ye wrongfully imagine against
me. 28 For ye say, Where *is* the house of
the prince? and where *are* the dwelling
places of the wicked?* 29 Have ye not
asked them that go by the way? and
do ye not know their tokens, 30 That
the wicked is reserved to the day of de-

24. breasts: or, milk pails.
28. the dwelling...: Heb. the tent of the tabernacles.

struction? they shall be brought forth
to the day of wrath.* 31 Who shall de-
clare his way to his face? and who shall
repay him *what* he hath done? 32 Yet
shall he be brought to the grave, and
shall remain in the tomb.* 33 The clods
of the valley shall be sweet unto him,
and every man shall draw after him,
as *there are* innumerable before him.
34 How then comfort ye me in vain, see-
ing in your answers there remaineth
falsehood?*

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30. wrath: Heb. wraths.
32. grave: Heb. graves. remain...: Heb. watch in the heap.
34. falsehood: Heb. transgression?.

22 Then Eliphaz the Temanite an-
swered and said, 2 Can a man be prof-
itable unto God, as he that is wise
may be profitable unto himself?* 3 *Is*
it any pleasure to the Almighty, that
thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to*
him, that thou makest thy ways per-
fect? 4 Will he reprove thee for fear
of thee? will he enter with thee into
judgment? 5 *Is* not thy wickedness
great? and thine iniquities infinite?
6 For thou hast taken a pledge from
thy brother for nought, and stripped

22.2. as he...: or, if he may be profitable, doth his good success depend thereon?.

the naked of their clothing.* 7 Thou
hast not given water to the weary to
drink, and thou hast withholden bread
from the hungry. 8 But *as for* the
mighty man, he had the earth; and the
honourable man dwelt in it.* 9 Thou
hast sent widows away empty, and
the arms of the fatherless have been
broken. 10 Therefore snares *are* round
about thee, and sudden fear troubleth
thee; 11 Or darkness, *that* thou canst
not see; and abundance of waters cover
thee. 12 *Is* not God in the height of

6. the naked...: Heb. the clothes of the naked.
8. mighty...: Heb. man of arm. honourable...: Heb. eminent, or, accepted for countenance.

heaven? and behold the height of
the stars, how high they are!* 13 And
thou sayest, How doth God know?
can he judge through the dark cloud?*
14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to him,
that he seeth not; and he walketh in
the circuit of heaven. 15 Hast thou
marked the old way which wicked
men have trodden? 16 Which were cut
down out of time, whose foundation
was overflown with a flood:* 17 Which
said unto God, Depart from us: and

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12. height of the stars: Heb. head of the stars.
13. How: or, What.
16. whose...: Heb. a flood was poured upon their foundation.

what can the Almighty do for them?*
18 Yet he filled their houses with good
things: but the counsel of the wicked is
far from me. 19 The righteous see *it*, and
are glad: and the innocent laugh them
to scorn. 20 Whereas our substance
is not cut down, but the remnant of
them the fire consumeth.* 21 Acquaint
now thyself with him, and be at peace:
thereby good shall come unto thee.*
22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from
his mouth, and lay up his words in

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17. for: or, to.

20. substance: or, estate. the remnant...: or, their excellency.

21. him: that is, God.

thine heart. [23] If thou return to the Al-
mighty, thou shalt be built up, thou
shalt put away iniquity far from thy
tabernacles. [24] Then shalt thou lay up
gold as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as
the stones of the brooks.* [25] Yea, the Al-
mighty shall be thy defence, and thou
shalt have plenty of silver.* [26] For then
shalt thou have thy delight in the Al-
mighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto
God. [27] Thou shalt make thy prayer
unto him, and he shall hear thee, and
thou shalt pay thy vows. [28] Thou shalt

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24. as dust: or, on the dust.

25. defence: or, gold. plenty...: Heb. silver of strength.

also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall
shine upon thy ways. 29 When *men* are
cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is*
lifting up; and he shall save the humble
person.* 30 He shall deliver the island of
the innocent: and it is delivered by the
pureness of thine hands.*

23 Then Job answered and said,
2 Even to day *is* my complaint bitter:
my stroke is heavier than my groan-
ing.* 3 Oh that I knew where I might

29. the humble...: Heb. him that hath low eyes.
30. He shall...: or, The innocent shall deliver the island.
23.2. stroke: Heb. hand.

find him! *that* I might come *even* to
his seat! 4 I would order *my* cause be-
fore him, and fill my mouth with ar-
guments. 5 I would know the words
which he would answer me, and un-
derstand what he would say unto me.
6 Will he plead against me with *his*
great power? No; but he would put
strength in me. 7 There the righteous
might dispute with him; so should I
be delivered for ever from my judge.
8 Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not
there; and backward, but I cannot per-
ceive him: 9 On the left hand, where
he doth work, but I cannot behold
him: he hideth himself on the right

hand, that I cannot see *him*: [10] But he
knoweth the way that I take: *when* he
hath tried me, I shall come forth as
gold.* [11] My foot hath held his steps,
his way have I kept, and not declined.
[12] Neither have I gone back from the
commandment of his lips; I have es-
teemed the words of his mouth more
than my necessary *food*.* [13] But he *is* in
one *mind*, and who can turn him? and
what his soul desireth, even *that* he
doeth. [14] For he performeth *the thing*
that is appointed for me: and many

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10. that...: Heb. that is with me.

12. esteemed: Heb. hid, or, laid up. my...: or, my appointed portion.

such *things are* with him. 15 Therefore
am I troubled at his presence: when
I consider, I am afraid of him. 16 For
God maketh my heart soft, and the
Almighty troubleth me: 17 Because I
was not cut off before the darkness,
neither hath he covered the darkness
from my face.

24 Why, seeing times are not hid-
den from the Almighty, do they that
know him not see his days? 2 *Some*
remove the landmarks; they violently
take away flocks, and feed *thereof*.*
3 They drive away the ass of the fa-

24.2. feed...: or, feed them.

therless, they take the widow's ox for
a pledge. 4 They turn the needy out
of the way: the poor of the earth hide
themselves together. 5 Behold, *as* wild
asses in the desert, go they forth to
their work; rising betimes for a prey:
the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them
and for *their* children. 6 They reap
every one his corn in the field: and
they gather the vintage of the wicked.*
7 They cause the naked to lodge with-
out clothing, that *they have* no cover-
ing in the cold. 8 They are wet with the
showers of the mountains, and em-

6. corn: Heb. mingled corn, or, dredge. they gather...: Heb. the wicked gather the vintage.

brace the rock for want of a shelter.
9 They pluck the fatherless from the
breast, and take a pledge of the poor.
10 They cause *him* to go naked with-
out clothing, and they take away the
sheaf *from* the hungry; 11 *Which* make
oil within their walls, *and* tread *their*
winepresses, and suffer thirst. 12 Men
groan from out of the city, and the
soul of the wounded crieth out: yet
God layeth not folly *to them*. 13 They
are of those that rebel against the light;
they know not the ways thereof, nor
abide in the paths thereof. 14 The mur-
derer rising with the light killeth the
poor and needy, and in the night is as

a thief. [15] The eye also of the adulterer
waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye
shall see me: and disguiseth *his* face.*
[16] In the dark they dig through houses,
which they had marked for themselves
in the daytime: they know not the
light. [17] For the morning *is* to them
even as the shadow of death: if *one*
know *them, they are in* the terrors of
the shadow of death. [18] He *is* swift as
the waters; their portion is cursed in
the earth: he beholdeth not the way
of the vineyards. [19] Drought and heat
consume the snow waters: *so doth* the

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15. disguiseth...: Heb. setteth his face in secret.

grave *those which* have sinned.* [20] The
womb shall forget him; the worm shall
feed sweetly on him; he shall be no
more remembered; and wickedness
shall be broken as a tree. [21] He evil en-
treateth the barren *that* beareth not:
and doeth not good to the widow.
[22] He draweth also the mighty with his
power: he riseth up, and no *man* is sure
of life.* [23] *Though* it be given him *to be*
in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his
eyes *are* upon their ways. [24] They are
exalted for a little while, but are gone
and brought low; they are taken out of

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19. consume: Heb. violently take.
22. no...: or, he trusteth not his own life.

the way as all *other*, and cut off as the
tops of the ears of corn.* 25 And if *it be*
not *so* now, who will make me a liar,
and make my speech nothing worth?

25 Then answered Bildad the
Shuhite, and said, 2 Dominion and
fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in
his high places. 3 Is there any number
of his armies? and upon whom doth
not his light arise? 4 How then can
man be justified with God? or how
can he be clean *that is* born of a wo-
man? 5 Behold even to the moon, and

24. are gone: Heb. are not. taken...: Heb. closed up.

it shineth not; yea, the stars are not
pure in his sight. 6 How much less
man, *that is* a worm? and the son of
man, *which is* a worm?

26 But Job answered and said,
2 How hast thou helped *him that is*
without power? *how* savest thou the
arm *that hath* no strength? 3 How hast
thou counselled *him that hath* no wis-
dom? and *how* hast thou plentifully
declared the thing as it is? 4 To whom
hast thou uttered words? and whose
spirit came from thee? 5 Dead *things*
are formed from under the waters,

and the inhabitants thereof.* 6 Hell
is naked before him, and destruction
hath no covering. 7 He stretcheth
out the north over the empty place,
and hangeth the earth upon nothing.
8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick
clouds; and the cloud is not rent un-
der them. 9 He holdeth back the face
of his throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud
upon it. 10 He hath compassed the wa-
ters with bounds, until the day and
night come to an end.* 11 The pillars of
heaven tremble and are astonished at

26.5. and the...: or, with the inhabitants.
10. until...: Heb. until the end of light with darkness.

his reproof. 12 He divideth the sea with
his power, and by his understanding
he smiteth through the proud.* 13 By
his spirit he hath garnished the heav-
ens; his hand hath formed the crooked
serpent. 14 Lo, these *are* parts of his
ways: but how little a portion is heard
of him? but the thunder of his power
who can understand?

27 Moreover Job continued his
parable, and said,* 2 *As* God liveth,
who hath taken away my judgment;
and the Almighty, *who* hath vexed

12. the proud: Heb. pride.
27.1. continued: Heb. added to take up.

my soul;* 3 All the while my breath
is in me, and the spirit of God *is* in
my nostrils;* 4 My lips shall not speak
wickedness, nor my tongue utter de-
ceit. 5 God forbid that I should justify
you: till I die I will not remove mine in-
tegrity from me. 6 My righteousness I
hold fast, and will not let it go: my
heart shall not reproach *me* so long
as I live.* 7 Let mine enemy be as the
wicked, and he that riseth up against
me as the unrighteous. 8 For what *is*

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2. vexed...: Heb. made my soul bitter.
3. the spirit...: that is, the breath which God gave him.
6. so long...: Heb. from my days.

the hope of the hypocrite, though he
hath gained, when God taketh away
his soul? 9 Will God hear his cry when
trouble cometh upon him? 10 Will he
delight himself in the Almighty? will
he always call upon God? 11 I will teach
you by the hand of God: *that* which
is with the Almighty will I not con-
ceal.* 12 Behold, all ye yourselves have
seen *it*; why then are ye thus altogether
vain? 13 This *is* the portion of a wicked
man with God, and the heritage of op-
pressors, *which* they shall receive of the
Almighty. 14 If his children be multi-
plied, *it is* for the sword: and his off-

11. by...: or, being in the hand, etc.

spring shall not be satisfied with bread.
15 Those that remain of him shall be
buried in death: and his widows shall
not weep. 16 Though he heap up sil-
ver as the dust, and prepare raiment as
the clay; 17 He may prepare *it*, but the
just shall put *it* on, and the innocent
shall divide the silver. 18 He buildeth
his house as a moth, and as a booth
that the keeper maketh. 19 The rich
man shall lie down, but he shall not be
gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is*
not. 20 Terrors take hold on him as wa-
ters, a tempest stealeth him away in the
night. 21 The east wind carrieth him
away, and he departeth: and as a storm

hurleth him out of his place. 22 For *God*
shall cast upon him, and not spare: he
would fain flee out of his hand.* 23 *Men*
shall clap their hands at him, and shall
hiss him out of his place.

28 Surely there is a vein for the sil-
ver, and a place for gold *where* they
fine *it*.* 2 Iron is taken out of the
earth, and brass *is* molten *out of* the
stone.* 3 He setteth an end to dark-
ness, and searcheth out all perfection:
the stones of darkness, and the shadow
of death. 4 The flood breaketh out

22. he...: Heb. in fleeing he would flee.
28.1. vein: or, mine.
2. earth: or, dust.

from the inhabitant; *even the waters*
forgotten of the foot: they are dried
up, they are gone away from men.
5 *As for* the earth, out of it cometh
bread: and under it is turned up as
it were fire. 6 The stones of it *are*
the place of sapphires: and it hath
dust of gold.* 7 *There is* a path which
no fowl knoweth, and which the vul-
ture's eye hath not seen: 8 The lion's
whelps have not trodden it, nor the
fierce lion passed by it. 9 He put-
teth forth his hand upon the rock;
he overturneth the mountains by the

6. dust...: or, gold ore.

roots.* 10 He cutteth out rivers among
the rocks; and his eye seeth every pre-
cious thing. 11 He bindeth the floods
from overflowing; and *the thing that is*
hid bringeth he forth to light.* 12 But
where shall wisdom be found? and
where *is* the place of understanding?
13 Man knoweth not the price thereof;
neither is it found in the land of the
living. 14 The depth saith, It *is* not in
me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.
15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither
shall silver be weighed *for* the price

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9. rock: or, flint.

11. overflowing: Heb. weeping.

thereof.* [16] It cannot be valued with the
gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx,
or the sapphire. [17] The gold and the
crystal cannot equal it: and the ex-
change of it *shall not be for* jewels of
fine gold.* [18] No mention shall be made
of coral, or of pearls: for the price of
wisdom *is* above rubies.* [19] The topaz
of Ethiopia shall not equal it, nei-
ther shall it be valued with pure gold.
[20] Whence then cometh wisdom? and
where *is* the place of understanding?
[21] Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all

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15. It...: Heb. Fine gold shall not be given for it.
17. jewels...: or, vessels of.
18. coral: or, Ramoth.

living, and kept close from the fowls
of the air.* 22 Destruction and death
say, We have heard the fame thereof
with our ears. 23 God understandeth
the way thereof, and he knoweth the
place thereof. 24 For he looketh to the
ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the
whole heaven; 25 To make the weight
for the winds; and he weigheth the wa-
ters by measure. 26 When he made a
decree for the rain, and a way for the
lightning of the thunder: 27 Then did
he see it, and declare it; he prepared it,
yea, and searched it out.* 28 And unto

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21. air: or, heaven.
27. declare...: or, number it.

man he said, Behold, the fear of the
Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart
from evil *is* understanding.

29 Moreover Job continued his
parable, and said,* 2 Oh that I were
as *in* months past, as *in* the days *when*
God preserved me; 3 When his candle
shined upon my head, *and when* by his
light I walked *through* darkness;* 4 As I
was in the days of my youth, when the
secret of God *was* upon my taberna-
cle; 5 When the Almighty *was* yet with
me, *when* my children *were* about me;

29.1. continued: Heb. added to take up.
3. candle: or, lamp.

6 When I washed my steps with but-
ter, and the rock poured me out rivers
of oil;* 7 When I went out to the gate
through the city, *when* I prepared my
seat in the street! 8 The young men saw
me, and hid themselves: and the aged
arose, *and* stood up. 9 The princes
refrained talking, and laid *their* hand
on their mouth. 10 The nobles held
their peace, and their tongue cleaved
to the roof of their mouth.* 11 When
the ear heard *me*, then it blessed me;
and when the eye saw *me*, it gave wit-

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6. me: Heb. with me.
10. The nobles...: Heb. The voice of the nobles was hid.

ness to me: [12] Because I delivered the
poor that cried, and the fatherless, and
him that had none to help him. [13] The
blessing of him that was ready to per-
ish came upon me: and I caused the
widow's heart to sing for joy. [14] I put
on righteousness, and it clothed me:
my judgment *was* as a robe and a dia-
dem. [15] I was eyes to the blind, and feet
was I to the lame. [16] I *was* a father to the
poor: and the cause *which* I knew not I
searched out. [17] And I brake the jaws of
the wicked, and plucked the spoil out
of his teeth.* [18] Then I said, I shall die in

17. the jaws: Heb. the jawteeth, or, the grinders.
plucked: Heb. cast.

my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days
as the sand. [19] My root *was* spread out
by the waters, and the dew lay all night
upon my branch.* [20] My glory *was* fresh
in me, and my bow was renewed in my
hand.* [21] Unto me *men* gave ear, and
waited, and kept silence at my coun-
sel. [22] After my words they spake not
again; and my speech dropped upon
them. [23] And they waited for me as
for the rain; and they opened their
mouth wide *as* for the latter rain. [24] *If* I
laughed on them, they believed *it* not;
and the light of my countenance they

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19. spread...: Heb. opened.
20. fresh: Heb. new. renewed: Heb. changed.

cast not down. [25] I chose out their way,
and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in
the army, as one *that* comforteth the
mourners.

30 But now *they that are* younger
than I have me in derision, whose fa-
thers I would have disdained to have
set with the dogs of my flock.* [2] Yea,
whereto *might* the strength of their
hands *profit* me, in whom old age
was perished? [3] For want and famine
they were solitary; fleeing into the
wilderness in former time desolate and
waste.* [4] Who cut up mallows by the

30.1. younger...: Heb. of fewer days than I.
3. solitary: or, dark as the night. in...: Heb.

bushes, and juniper roots *for* their
meat. 5 They were driven forth from
among *men*, (they cried after them as
after a thief;) 6 To dwell in the clifts
of the valleys, *in* caves of the earth,
and *in* the rocks.* 7 Among the bushes
they brayed; under the nettles they
were gathered together. 8 *They were*
children of fools, yea, children of base
men: they were viler than the earth.*
9 And now am I their song, yea, I am
their byword. 10 They abhor me, they
flee far from me, and spare not to spit

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yesternight.
6. caves: Heb. holes.
8. base...: Heb. men of no name.

in my face.* 11 Because he hath loosed
my cord, and afflicted me, they have
also let loose the bridle before me.
12 Upon *my* right *hand* rise the youth;
they push away my feet, and they raise
up against me the ways of their de-
struction. 13 They mar my path, they
set forward my calamity, they have no
helper. 14 They came *upon me* as a wide
breaking in *of waters*: in the desolation
they rolled themselves *upon me*. 15 Ter-
rors are turned upon me: they pursue
my soul as the wind: and my welfare
passeth away as a cloud.* 16 And now

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10. and...: Heb. and withhold not spittle from.
15. my soul: Heb. my principal one.

my soul is poured out upon me; the
days of affliction have taken hold upon
me. [17] My bones are pierced in me in
the night season: and my sinews take
no rest. [18] By the great force *of my dis-*
ease is my garment changed: it bindeth
me about as the collar of my coat. [19] He
hath cast me into the mire, and I am
become like dust and ashes. [20] I cry
unto thee, and thou dost not hear me:
I stand up, and thou regardest me *not*.
[21] Thou art become cruel to me: with
thy strong hand thou opposest thyself
against me.* [22] Thou liftest me up to

21. become...: Heb. turned to be cruel. thy...: Heb. the strength of thy hand.

the wind; thou causest me to ride *upon*
it, and dissolvest my substance.* [23] For I
know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death,
and *to* the house appointed for all liv-
ing. [24] Howbeit he will not stretch out
his hand to the grave, though they cry
in his destruction.* [25] Did not I weep
for him that was in trouble? was *not*
my soul grieved for the poor?* [26] When
I looked for good, then evil came *unto*
me: and when I waited for light, there
came darkness. [27] My bowels boiled,
and rested not: the days of afflic-

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22. substance: or, wisdom.
24. grave: Heb. heap.
25. in trouble: Heb. hard of day?.

tion prevented me. [28] I went mourn-
ing without the sun: I stood up, *and*
I cried in the congregation. [29] I am a
brother to dragons, and a companion
to owls.* [30] My skin is black upon me,
and my bones are burned with heat.
[31] My harp also is *turned* to mourning,
and my organ into the voice of them
that weep.

31 I made a covenant with mine
eyes; why then should I think upon
a maid? [2] For what portion of God
is there from above? and *what* inheri-
tance of the Almighty from on high?

29. owls: or, ostriches.

3 *Is* not destruction to the wicked? and
a strange *punishment* to the workers of
iniquity? 4 Doth not he see my ways,
and count all my steps? 5 If I have
walked with vanity, or if my foot hath
hasted to deceit; 6 Let me be weighed
in an even balance, that God may
know mine integrity.* 7 If my step hath
turned out of the way, and mine heart
walked after mine eyes, and if any blot
hath cleaved to mine hands; 8 *Then* let
me sow, and let another eat; yea, let
my offspring be rooted out. 9 If mine
heart have been deceived by a woman,

31.6. Let...: Heb. Let him weigh me in balances of justice.

or *if* I have laid wait at my neighbour's
door; [10] *Then* let my wife grind unto an-
other, and let others bow down upon
her. [11] For this *is* an heinous crime;
yea, it *is* an iniquity *to be punished*
by the judges. [12] For it *is* a fire *that*
consumeth to destruction, and would
root out all mine increase. [13] If I did
despise the cause of my manservant or
of my maidservant, when they con-
tended with me; [14] What then shall I
do when God riseth up? and when
he visiteth, what shall I answer him?
[15] Did not he that made me in the
womb make him? and did not one

fashion us in the womb?* [16] If I have
withheld the poor from *their* desire, or
have caused the eyes of the widow to
fail; [17] Or have eaten my morsel my-
self alone, and the fatherless hath not
eaten thereof; [18] (For from my youth
he was brought up with me, as *with*
a father, and I have guided her from
my mother's womb;)* [19] If I have seen
any perish for want of clothing, or any
poor without covering; [20] If his loins
have not blessed me, and *if* he were *not*
warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

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15. did not one...: or, did he not fashion us in one womb?.

18. her: that is, the widow.

[21] If I have lifted up my hand against
the fatherless, when I saw my help in
the gate: [22] *Then* let mine arm fall from
my shoulder blade, and mine arm be
broken from the bone.* [23] For destruc-
tion *from* God *was* a terror to me, and
by reason of his highness I could not
endure. [24] If I have made gold my hope,
or have said to the fine gold, *Thou*
art my confidence; [25] If I rejoiced be-
cause my wealth *was* great, and be-
cause mine hand had gotten much;*
[26] If I beheld the sun when it shined,

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22. bone: or, chanelbone.
25. gotten...: Heb. found much.

or the moon walking *in* brightness;*
27 And my heart hath been secretly en-
ticed, or my mouth hath kissed my
hand:* 28 This also *were* an iniquity *to be*
punished by the judge: for I should have
denied the God *that is* above. 29 If I re-
joiced at the destruction of him that
hated me, or lifted up myself when evil
found him: 30 Neither have I suffered
my mouth to sin by wishing a curse
to his soul.* 31 If the men of my taber-
nacle said not, Oh that we had of his

26. sun: Heb. light. in...: Heb. bright.
27. my mouth...: Heb. my hand hath kissed my mouth.
30. mouth: Heb. palate.

flesh! we cannot be satisfied. [32] The
stranger did not lodge in the street:
but I opened my doors to the trav-
eller.* [33] If I covered my transgressions
as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in
my bosom:* [34] Did I fear a great multi-
tude, or did the contempt of families
terrify me, that I kept silence, *and* went
not out of the door? [35] Oh that one
would hear me! behold, my desire *is,*
that the Almighty would answer me,
and *that* mine adversary had written
a book.* [36] Surely I would take it upon

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32. traveller: or, way.
33. as Adam: or, after the manner of men.
35. my...: or, my sign is that the Almighty will.

my shoulder, *and* bind it *as* a crown
to me. [37] I would declare unto him
the number of my steps; as a prince
would I go near unto him. [38] If my
land cry against me, or that the fur-
rows likewise thereof complain;* [39] If
I have eaten the fruits thereof with-
out money, or have caused the owners
thereof to lose their life:* [40] Let thistles
grow instead of wheat, and cockle in-
stead of barley. The words of Job are
ended.*

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38. complain: Heb. weep.
39. fruits: Heb. strength. the owners...: Heb. the soul of the owners thereof to expire, or, breathe out.
40. cockle: or, noisome weeds.

32 So these three men ceased to
answer Job, because he *was* righteous
in his own eyes.* 2 Then was kindled
the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel
the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram:
against Job was his wrath kindled, be-
cause he justified himself rather than
God.* 3 Also against his three friends
was his wrath kindled, because they
had found no answer, and *yet* had
condemned Job. 4 Now Elihu had
waited till Job had spoken, because
they *were* elder than he.* 5 When Elihu

32.1. to...: Heb. from answering.
2. himself: Heb. his soul.
4. waited...: Heb. expected Job in words. elder:

saw that *there was* no answer in the
mouth of *these* three men, then his
wrath was kindled. 6 And Elihu the
son of Barachel the Buzite answered
and said, I *am* young, and ye *are* very
old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst
not shew you mine opinion.* 7 I said,
Days should speak, and multitude of
years should teach wisdom. 8 But *there*
is a spirit in man: and the inspiration
of the Almighty giveth them under-
standing. 9 Great men are not *always*
wise: neither do the aged understand
judgment. 10 Therefore I said, Hear-

Heb. elder for days.

6. young: Heb. few of days. durst...: Heb. feared.

ken to me; I also will shew mine opin-
ion. [11] Behold, I waited for your words;
I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye
searched out what to say.* [12] Yea, I at-
tended unto you, and, behold, *there*
was none of you that convinced Job,
or that answered his words: [13] Lest ye
should say, We have found out wis-
dom: God thrusteth him down, not
man. [14] Now he hath not directed *his*
words against me: neither will I an-
swer him with your speeches.* [15] They
were amazed, they answered no more:

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11. reasons: Heb. understandings. what...: Heb. words.

14. directed: or, ordered.

they left off speaking.* [16] When I had
waited, (for they spake not, but stood
still, *and* answered no more;) [17] *I said*,
I will answer also my part, I also will
shew mine opinion. [18] For I am full
of matter, the spirit within me con-
straineth me.* [19] Behold, my belly *is* as
wine *which* hath no vent; it is ready to
burst like new bottles.* [20] I will speak,
that I may be refreshed: I will open my
lips and answer.* [21] Let me not, I pray

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15. left...: Heb. removed speeches from themselves.

18. matter: Heb. words. spirit...: Heb. spirit of my belly.

19. hath...: Heb. is not opened.

20. be...: Heb. breathe.

you, accept any man's person, neither
let me give flattering titles unto man.
22 For I know not to give flattering ti-
tles; *in so doing* my maker would soon
take me away.

33 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee,
hear my speeches, and hearken to all
my words. 2 Behold, now I have
opened my mouth, my tongue hath
spoken in my mouth.* 3 My words
shall be of the uprightness of my heart:
and my lips shall utter knowledge
clearly. 4 The Spirit of God hath made
me, and the breath of the Almighty

33.2. in my mouth: Heb. in my palate.

hath given me life. 5 If thou canst an-
swer me, set *thy words* in order be-
fore me, stand up. 6 Behold, I *am* ac-
cording to thy wish in God's stead: I
also am formed out of the clay.* 7 Be-
hold, my terror shall not make thee
afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy
upon thee. 8 Surely thou hast spo-
ken in mine hearing, and I have heard
the voice of *thy* words, *saying*,* 9 I am
clean without transgression, I *am* in-
nocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.
10 Behold, he findeth occasions against
me, he counteth me for his enemy,

6. wish: Heb. mouth. formed: Heb. cut.
8. hearing: Heb. ears.

11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he
marketh all my paths. 12 Behold, *in*
this thou art not just: I will answer
thee, that God is greater than man.
13 Why dost thou strive against him?
for he giveth not account of any of
his matters.* 14 For God speaketh once,
yea twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
when deep sleep falleth upon men, in
slumberings upon the bed; 16 Then he
openeth the ears of men, and sealeth
their instruction,* 17 That he may with-
draw man *from his* purpose, and hide

13. he giveth...: Heb. he answereth not.
16. he...: Heb. he revealeth, or, uncovereth.

pride from man.* [18] He keepeth back
his soul from the pit, and his life from
perishing by the sword.* [19] He is chas-
tened also with pain upon his bed, and
the multitude of his bones with strong
pain: [20] So that his life abhorreth bread,
and his soul dainty meat.* [21] His flesh
is consumed away, that it cannot be
seen; and his bones *that* were not seen
stick out. [22] Yea, his soul draweth near
unto the grave, and his life to the de-
stroyers. [23] If there be a messenger
with him, an interpreter, one among

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17. purpose: Heb. work.
18. from perishing: Heb. from passing.
20. dainty...: Heb. meat of desire.

a thousand, to shew unto man his up-
rightness: [24] Then he is gracious unto
him, and saith, Deliver him from go-
ing down to the pit: I have found a ran-
som.* [25] His flesh shall be fresher than
a child's: he shall return to the days of
his youth:* [26] He shall pray unto God,
and he will be favourable unto him:
and he shall see his face with joy: for
he will render unto man his righteous-
ness. [27] He looketh upon men, and *if*
any say, I have sinned, and perverted
that which was right, and it profited

24. a ransom: or, an atonement.
25. a child's: Heb. childhood.

me not;* [28] He will deliver his soul from
going into the pit, and his life shall see
the light.* [29] Lo, all these *things* wor-
keth God oftentimes with man,* [30] To
bring back his soul from the pit, to be
enlightened with the light of the liv-
ing. [31] Mark well, O Job, hearken unto
me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.
[32] If thou hast any thing to say, answer
me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.
[33] If not, hearken unto me: hold thy
peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

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27. He...: or, He shall look upon men, and say.
28. He...: or, He hath delivered my soul, etc, and my life.
29. oftentimes: Heb. twice and thrice.

34 Furthermore Elihu answered
and said, 2 Hear my words, O ye
wise *men*; and give ear unto me, ye
that have knowledge. 3 For the ear
trieth words, as the mouth tasteth
meat.* 4 Let us choose to us judg-
ment: let us know among ourselves
what *is* good. 5 For Job hath said, I
am righteous: and God hath taken
away my judgment. 6 Should I lie
against my right? my wound *is* incur-
able without transgression.* 7 What
man *is* like Job, *who* drinketh up scorn-

34.3. mouth: Heb. palate.
6. my wound: Heb. mine arrow.

ing like water? 8 Which goeth in
company with the workers of iniq-
uity, and walketh with wicked men.
9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man
nothing that he should delight him-
self with God. 10 Therefore hearken
unto me, ye men of understanding:
far be it from God, *that he should do*
wickedness; and *from* the Almighty,
that he should commit iniquity.* 11 For
the work of a man shall he render
unto him, and cause every man to find
according to *his* ways. 12 Yea, surely
God will not do wickedly, neither
will the Almighty pervert judgment.

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10. men...: Heb. men of heart.

13 Who hath given him a charge over
the earth? or who hath disposed the
whole world?* 14 If he set his heart upon
man, *if* he gather unto himself his
spirit and his breath;* 15 All flesh shall
perish together, and man shall turn
again unto dust. 16 If now *thou hast* un-
derstanding, hear this: hearken to the
voice of my words. 17 Shall even he that
hateth right govern? and wilt thou
condemn him that is most just?* 18 *Is
it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* wicked?
and to princes, *Ye are* ungodly? 19 *How*

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13. the whole: Heb. all of it?.
14. man: Heb. him.
17. govern: Heb. bind?.

much less to him that accepteth not the
persons of princes, nor regardeth the
rich more than the poor? for they
all *are* the work of his hands. [20] In a
moment shall they die, and the peo-
ple shall be troubled at midnight, and
pass away: and the mighty shall be
taken away without hand.* [21] For his
eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he
seeth all his goings. [22] *There is* no dark-
ness, nor shadow of death, where the
workers of iniquity may hide them-
selves. [23] For he will not lay upon man
more *than right*; that he should en-

20. the mighty...: Heb. they shall take away the mighty.

ter into judgment with God.* 24 He
shall break in pieces mighty men with-
out number, and set others in their
stead.* 25 Therefore he knoweth their
works, and he overturneth *them* in the
night, so that they are destroyed.* 26 He
striketh them as wicked men in the
open sight of others;* 27 Because they
turned back from him, and would not
consider any of his ways:* 28 So that
they cause the cry of the poor to come
unto him, and he heareth the cry of

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23. enter: Heb. go.
24. number: Heb. searching out.
25. destroyed: Heb. crushed.
26. open...: Heb. place of beholders.
27. him: Heb. after him.

the afflicted. [29] When he giveth quiet-
ness, who then can make trouble? and
when he hideth *his* face, who then can
behold him? whether *it be done* against
a nation, or against a man only: [30] That
the hypocrite reign not, lest the peo-
ple be ensnared. [31] Surely it is meet to
be said unto God, I have borne *chas-
tisement*, I will not offend *any more*:
[32] *That which* I see not teach thou me:
if I have done iniquity, I will do no
more. [33] *Should it be* according to thy
mind? he will recompense it, whether
thou refuse, or whether thou choose;
and not I: therefore speak what thou

knowest.* [34] Let men of understanding
tell me, and let a wise man hearken
unto me.* [35] Job hath spoken without
knowledge, and his words *were* with-
out wisdom. [36] My desire *is that* Job
may be tried unto the end because of
his answers for wicked men.* [37] For he
addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clap-
peth *his hands* among us, and multi-
plieth his words against God.

35 Elihu spake moreover, and said,
[2] Thinkest thou this to be right, *that*
thou saidst, My righteousness *is* more

33. according...: Heb. from with thee?.
34. of...: Heb. of heart.
36. My...: or, My father, let Job be tried.

than God's? 3 For thou saidst, What
advantage will it be unto thee? *and*,
What profit shall I have, *if I be cleansed*
from my sin?* 4 I will answer thee, and
thy companions with thee.* 5 Look
unto the heavens, and see; and be-
hold the clouds *which* are higher than
thou. 6 If thou sinnest, what doest
thou against him? or *if* thy transgres-
sions be multiplied, what doest thou
unto him? 7 If thou be righteous, what
givest thou him? or what receiveth he
of thine hand? 8 Thy wickedness *may*
hurt a man as thou *art*; and thy righ-

35.3. if...: or, by it more than by my sin.
4. answer...: Heb. return to thee words.

teousness *may profit* the son of man.
9 By reason of the multitude of op-
pressions they make *the oppressed* to
cry: they cry out by reason of the
arm of the mighty. 10 But none saith,
Where *is* God my maker, who giveth
songs in the night; 11 Who teacheth
us more than the beasts of the earth,
and maketh us wiser than the fowls
of heaven? 12 There they cry, but none
giveth answer, because of the pride of
evil men. 13 Surely God will not hear
vanity, neither will the Almighty re-
gard it. 14 Although thou sayest thou
shalt not see him, *yet* judgment *is* be-
fore him; therefore trust thou in him.

15 But now, because *it is* not *so*, he hath
visited in his anger; yet he knoweth
it not in great extremity:* 16 There-
fore doth Job open his mouth in vain;
he multiplieth words without knowl-
edge.

36 Elihu also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew
thee that *I have* yet to speak on God's
behalf.* 3 I will fetch my knowledge
from afar, and will ascribe righteous-
ness to my Maker. 4 For truly my
words *shall* not *be* false: he that is per-

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15. he hath: that is, God hath. he knoweth: that is, Job knoweth.

36.2. I have...: Heb. there are yet words for God.

fect in knowledge *is* with thee. 5 Be-
hold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth
not *any: he is* mighty in strength *and*
wisdom.* 6 He preserveth not the life
of the wicked: but giveth right to the
poor.* 7 He withdraweth not his eyes
from the righteous: but with kings *are*
they on the throne; yea, he doth es-
tablish them for ever, and they are ex-
alted. 8 And if *they be* bound in fet-
ters, *and* be holden in cords of afflic-
tion; 9 Then he sheweth them their
work, and their transgressions that
they have exceeded. 10 He openeth

5. wisdom: Heb. heart.
6. poor: or, afflicted.

also their ear to discipline, and com-
mandeth that they return from iniq-
uity. 11 If they obey and serve *him*,
they shall spend their days in prosper-
ity, and their years in pleasures. 12 But
if they obey not, they shall perish by
the sword, and they shall die with-
out knowledge.* 13 But the hypocrites
in heart heap up wrath: they cry not
when he bindeth them. 14 They die
in youth, and their life *is* among the
unclean.* 15 He delivereth the poor in
his affliction, and openeth their ears in

12. perish: Heb. pass away.
14. They...: Heb. Their soul dieth. unclean: or, sodomites.

oppression.* [16] Even so would he have
removed thee out of the strait *into* a
broad place, where *there is* no strait-
ness; and that which should be set
on thy table *should be* full of fatness.*
[17] But thou hast fulfilled the judgment
of the wicked: judgment and justice
take hold *on thee*.* [18] Because *there is*
wrath, *beware* lest he take thee away
with *his* stroke: then a great ransom
cannot deliver thee.* [19] Will he esteem
thy riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the

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15. poor: or, afflicted.
16. that...: Heb. the rest of thy table.
17. take...: or, should uphold thee.
18. deliver...: Heb. turn thee aside.

forces of strength. [20] Desire not the
night, when people are cut off in their
place. [21] Take heed, regard not iniq-
uity: for this hast thou chosen rather
than affliction. [22] Behold, God ex-
alteth by his power: who teacheth
like him? [23] Who hath enjoined him
his way? or who can say, Thou hast
wrought iniquity? [24] Remember that
thou magnify his work, which men be-
hold. [25] Every man may see it; man
may behold *it* afar off. [26] Behold, God
is great, and we know *him* not, nei-
ther can the number of his years be
searched out. [27] For he maketh small
the drops of water: they pour down

rain according to the vapour thereof:
28 Which the clouds do drop *and* dis-
til upon man abundantly. 29 Also can
any understand the spreadings of the
clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle?
30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon
it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.*
31 For by them judgeth he the people;
he giveth meat in abundance. 32 With
clouds he covereth the light; and com-
mandeth it *not to shine* by *the cloud* that
cometh betwixt. 33 The noise thereof
sheweth concerning it, the cattle also
concerning the vapour.*

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30. bottom: Heb. roots.
33. the vapour: Heb. that which goeth up.

37 At this also my heart trem-
bleth, and is moved out of his place.
2 Hear attentively the noise of his
voice, and the sound *that* goeth out
of his mouth.* 3 He directeth it under
the whole heaven, and his lightning
unto the ends of the earth.* 4 After it
a voice roareth: he thundereth with
the voice of his excellency; and he will
not stay them when his voice is heard.
5 God thundereth marvellously with
his voice; great things doeth he, which
we cannot comprehend. 6 For he saith

37.2. Hear...: Heb. Hear in hearing.
3. lightning: Heb. light. ends: Heb. wings.

to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth;
likewise to the small rain, and to the
great rain of his strength.* 7 He sealeth
up the hand of every man; that all
men may know his work. 8 Then
the beasts go into dens, and remain
in their places. 9 Out of the south
cometh the whirlwind: and cold out
of the north.* 10 By the breath of God
frost is given: and the breadth of the
waters is straitened. 11 Also by water-
ing he wearieth the thick cloud: he

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6. likewise...: Heb. and to the shower of rain, and to the showers of rain of his strength.
9. south: Heb. chamber. north: Heb. scattering winds.

scattereth his bright cloud:* 12 And it
is turned round about by his counsels:
that they may do whatsoever he com-
mandeth them upon the face of the
world in the earth. 13 He causeth it
to come, whether for correction, or
for his land, or for mercy.* 14 Hear-
ken unto this, O Job: stand still,
and consider the wondrous works of
God. 15 Dost thou know when God
disposed them, and caused the light
of his cloud to shine? 16 Dost thou
know the balancings of the clouds, the
wondrous works of him which is per-

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11. his...: Heb. the cloud of his light.
13. correction: Heb. a rod.

fect in knowledge? 17 How thy gar-
ments *are* warm, when he quieteth the
earth by the south *wind*? 18 Hast thou
with him spread out the sky, *which is*
strong, *and* as a molten looking glass?
19 Teach us what we shall say unto him;
for we cannot order *our speech* by rea-
son of darkness. 20 Shall it be told him
that I speak? if a man speak, surely
he shall be swallowed up. 21 And now
men see not the bright light which *is*
in the clouds: but the wind passeth,
and cleanseth them. 22 Fair weather
cometh out of the north: with God
is terrible majesty.* 23 *Touching* the Al-

22. Fair...: Heb. Gold.

mighty, we cannot find him out: *he is*
excellent in power, and in judgment,
and in plenty of justice: he will not
afflict. [24] Men do therefore fear him:
he respecteth not any *that are* wise of
heart.

38 Then the LORD answered Job
out of the whirlwind, and said, [2] Who
is this that darkeneth counsel by words
without knowledge? [3] Gird up now
thy loins like a man; for I will demand
of thee, and answer thou me.* [4] Where
wast thou when I laid the founda-
tions of the earth? declare, if thou

38.3. answer...: Heb. make me know.

hast understanding.* 5 Who hath laid
the measures thereof, if thou knowest?
or who hath stretched the line upon
it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations
thereof fastened? or who laid the cor-
ner stone thereof;* 7 When the morn-
ing stars sang together, and all the sons
of God shouted for joy? 8 Or *who* shut
up the sea with doors, when it brake
forth, *as if* it had issued out of the
womb? 9 When I made the cloud the
garment thereof, and thick darkness
a swaddlingband for it, 10 And brake

4. hast...: Heb. knowest understanding.
6. foundations: Heb. sockets. fastened: Heb. made to sink?.

up for it my decreed *place*, and set
bars and doors,* 11 And said, Hitherto
shalt thou come, but no further: and
here shall thy proud waves be stayed?*
12 Hast thou commanded the morn-
ing since thy days; *and* caused the
dayspring to know his place; 13 That
it might take hold of the ends of
the earth, that the wicked might be
shaken out of it?* 14 It is turned as clay *to*
the seal; and they stand as a garment.
15 And from the wicked their light is
withholden, and the high arm shall be

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10. brake...: or, established my decree upon it.
11. thy...: Heb. the pride of thy waves.
13. ends: Heb. wings.

broken. [16] Hast thou entered into the
springs of the sea? or hast thou walked
in the search of the depth? [17] Have
the gates of death been opened unto
thee? or hast thou seen the doors of
the shadow of death? [18] Hast thou per-
ceived the breadth of the earth? de-
clare if thou knowest it all. [19] Where
is the way *where* light dwelleth? and
as for darkness, where *is* the place
thereof, [20] That thou shouldest take it
to the bound thereof, and that thou
shouldest know the paths *to* the house
thereof?* [21] Knowest thou *it*, because
thou wast then born? or *because* the

20. to the bound: or, at, etc.

number of thy days *is* great? [22] Hast
thou entered into the treasures of the
snow? or hast thou seen the treasures
of the hail, [23] Which I have reserved
against the time of trouble, against
the day of battle and war? [24] By what
way is the light parted, *which* scat-
tereth the east wind upon the earth?
[25] Who hath divided a watercourse for
the overflowing of waters, or a way for
the lightning of thunder; [26] To cause
it to rain on the earth, *where* no man
is; on the wilderness, wherein *there is*
no man; [27] To satisfy the desolate and
waste *ground*; and to cause the bud
of the tender herb to spring forth?

[28] Hath the rain a father? or who hath
begotten the drops of dew? [29] Out of
whose womb came the ice? and the
hoary frost of heaven, who hath gen-
dered it? [30] The waters are hid as *with*
a stone, and the face of the deep is
frozen.* [31] Canst thou bind the sweet
influences of Pleiades, or loose the
bands of Orion?* [32] Canst thou bring
forth Mazzaroth in his season? or
canst thou guide Arcturus with his
sons?* [33] Knowest thou the ordinances

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30. is...: Heb. is taken.

31. Pleiades: or, the seven stars: Heb. Cimah. Orion: Heb. Cesil?.

32. Mazzaroth: or, the twelve signs. guide: Heb. guide them.

of heaven? canst thou set the do-
minion thereof in the earth? [34] Canst
thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
that abundance of waters may cover
thee? [35] Canst thou send lightnings,
that they may go, and say unto thee,
Here we *are*?* [36] Who hath put wis-
dom in the inward parts? or who
hath given understanding to the heart?
[37] Who can number the clouds in wis-
dom? or who can stay the bottles
of heaven,* [38] When the dust groweth
into hardness, and the clods cleave fast

35. Here...: Heb. Behold us?.
37. stay: Heb. cause to lie down.

together?* [39] Wilt thou hunt the prey
for the lion? or fill the appetite of the
young lions,* [40] When they couch in
their dens, *and* abide in the covert to
lie in wait? [41] Who provideth for the
raven his food? when his young ones
cry unto God, they wander for lack of
meat.

39 Knowest thou the time when
the wild goats of the rock bring forth?
or canst thou mark when the hinds
do calve? [2] Canst thou number the
months *that* they fulfil? or know-

38. groweth...: or, is turned into mire: Heb. is poured.
39. the appetite: Heb. the life.

est thou the time when they bring
forth? 3 They bow themselves, they
bring forth their young ones, they cast
out their sorrows. 4 Their young ones
are in good liking, they grow up with
corn; they go forth, and return not
unto them. 5 Who hath sent out the
wild ass free? or who hath loosed the
bands of the wild ass? 6 Whose house
I have made the wilderness, and the
barren land his dwellings.* 7 He scor-
neth the multitude of the city, nei-
ther regardeth he the crying of the
driver.* 8 The range of the mountains

39.6. barren...: Heb. salt places.
7. of the driver: Heb. of the exactor.

is his pasture, and he searcheth after
every green thing. 9 Will the unicorn
be willing to serve thee, or abide by
thy crib? 10 Canst thou bind the uni-
corn with his band in the furrow? or
will he harrow the valleys after thee?
11 Wilt thou trust him, because his
strength *is* great? or wilt thou leave
thy labour to him? 12 Wilt thou be-
lieve him, that he will bring home
thy seed, and gather *it into* thy barn?
13 *Gavest thou* the goodly wings unto
the peacocks? or wings and feath-
ers unto the ostrich?* 14 Which leaveth

13. wings and...: or, the feathers of the stork and ostrich.

her eggs in the earth, and warmeth
them in dust, 15 And forgetteth that
the foot may crush them, or that the
wild beast may break them. 16 She is
hardened against her young ones, as
though *they were* not hers: her labour
is in vain without fear; 17 Because God
hath deprived her of wisdom, neither
hath he imparted to her understand-
ing. 18 What time she lifteth up her-
self on high, she scorneth the horse
and his rider. 19 Hast thou given the
horse strength? hast thou clothed
his neck with thunder? 20 Canst thou
make him afraid as a grasshopper? the

glory of his nostrils *is* terrible.* [21] He
paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in
his strength: he goeth on to meet
the armed men.* [22] He mocketh at
fear, and is not affrighted; neither tur-
neth he back from the sword. [23] The
quiver rattleth against him, the glitter-
ing spear and the shield. [24] He swal-
loweth the ground with fierceness and
rage: neither believeth he that *it is*
the sound of the trumpet. [25] He saith
among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he
smelleth the battle afar off, the thun-

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20. terrible: Heb. terror.
21. He paweth: or, His feet dig. the armed...: Heb. the armour.

der of the captains, and the shout-
ing. [26] Doth the hawk fly by thy wis-
dom, *and* stretch her wings toward the
south? [27] Doth the eagle mount up at
thy command, and make her nest on
high?* [28] She dwelleth and abideth on
the rock, upon the crag of the rock,
and the strong place. [29] From thence
she seeketh the prey, *and* her eyes be-
hold afar off. [30] Her young ones also
suck up blood: and where the slain *are*,
there *is* she.

40 Moreover the LORD answered
Job, and said, [2] Shall he that con-

27. at...: Heb. by thy mouth.

tendeth with the Almighty instruct
him? he that reproveth God, let him
answer it. 3 Then Job answered the
LORD, and said, 4 Behold, I am vile;
what shall I answer thee? I will lay
mine hand upon my mouth. 5 Once
have I spoken; but I will not answer:
yea, twice; but I will proceed no fur-
ther. 6 Then answered the LORD unto
Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I
will demand of thee, and declare thou
unto me. 8 Wilt thou also disannul
my judgment? wilt thou condemn me,
that thou mayest be righteous? 9 Hast
thou an arm like God? or canst thou

thunder with a voice like him? [10] Deck
thyself now *with* majesty and excel-
lency; and array thyself with glory and
beauty. [11] Cast abroad the rage of thy
wrath: and behold every one *that is*
proud, and abase him. [12] Look on ev-
ery one *that is* proud, *and* bring him
low; and tread down the wicked in
their place. [13] Hide them in the dust
together; *and* bind their faces in se-
cret. [14] Then will I also confess unto
thee that thine own right hand can
save thee. [15] Behold now behemoth,
which I made with thee; he eateth
grass as an ox.* [16] Lo now, his strength

40.15. behemoth: an extinct animal of some kind.

is in his loins, and his force *is* in the
navel of his belly. [17] He moveth his tail
like a cedar: the sinews of his stones
are wrapped together.* [18] His bones *are*
as strong pieces of brass; his bones *are*
like bars of iron. [19] He *is* the chief of
the ways of God: he that made him
can make his sword to approach *unto*
him. [20] Surely the mountains bring
him forth food, where all the beasts
of the field play. [21] He lieth under the
shady trees, in the covert of the reed,
and fens. [22] The shady trees cover him
with their shadow; the willows of the
brook compass him about. [23] Behold,

17. He...: or, He setteth up.

he drinketh up a river, *and* hasteth not:
he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan
into his mouth.* 24 He taketh it with
his eyes: *his* nose pierceth through
snares.*

41 Canst thou draw out leviathan
with an hook? or his tongue with
a cord *which* thou lettest down?*
2 Canst thou put an hook into his
nose? or bore his jaw through with
a thorn? 3 Will he make many suppli-
cations unto thee? will he speak soft

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23. be drinketh up: Heb. he oppresseth.

24. He...: or, Will any take him in his sight, or, bore his nose with a gin?.

41.1. leviathan: an extinct animal of some kind. which...: Heb. which thou drownest?.

words unto thee? 4 Will he make a
covenant with thee? wilt thou take
him for a servant for ever? 5 Wilt
thou play with him as *with* a bird?
or wilt thou bind him for thy maid-
ens? 6 Shall the companions make a
banquet of him? shall they part him
among the merchants? 7 Canst thou
fill his skin with barbed irons? or
his head with fish spears? 8 Lay thine
hand upon him, remember the bat-
tle, do no more. 9 Behold, the hope
of him is in vain: shall not *one* be
cast down even at the sight of him?
10 None *is so* fierce that dare stir him
up: who then is able to stand before

me? [11] Who hath prevented me, that
I should repay *him? whatsoever is* un-
der the whole heaven is mine. [12] I will
not conceal his parts, nor his power,
nor his comely proportion. [13] Who
can discover the face of his garment?
or who can come *to him* with his
double bridle?* [14] Who can open the
doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible
round about. [15] *His* scales *are his* pride,
shut up together *as with* a close seal.*
[16] One is so near to another, that no
air can come between them. [17] They
are joined one to another, they stick

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13. with: or, within.

15. scales: Heb. strong pieces of shields.

together, that they cannot be sun-
dered. [18] By his neesings a light doth
shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids
of the morning. [19] Out of his mouth
go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire
leap out. [20] Out of his nostrils goeth
smoke, as *out* of a seething pot or cal-
dron. [21] His breath kindleth coals, and
a flame goeth out of his mouth. [22] In
his neck remaineth strength, and sor-
row is turned into joy before him.*
[23] The flakes of his flesh are joined to-
gether: they are firm in themselves;
they cannot be moved.* [24] His heart

22. is turned into joy: Heb. rejoiceth.
23. flakes: Heb. fallings.

is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a
piece of the nether *millstone*. [25] When
he raiseth up himself, the mighty are
afraid: by reason of breakings they pu-
rify themselves. [26] The sword of him
that layeth at him cannot hold: the
spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.*
[27] He esteemeth iron as straw, *and* brass
as rotten wood. [28] The arrow cannot
make him flee: slingstones are turned
with him into stubble. [29] Darts are
counted as stubble: he laugheth at
the shaking of a spear. [30] Sharp stones
are under him: he spreadeth sharp

26. habergeon: or, breastplate.

pointed things upon the mire.* [31] He
maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he
maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.
[32] He maketh a path to shine after him;
one would think the deep *to be* hoary.
[33] Upon earth there is not his like, who
is made without fear.* [34] He beholdeth
all high *things*: he *is* a king over all the
children of pride.

42 Then Job answered the LORD,
and said, [2] I know that thou canst do
every *thing*, and *that* no thought can

30. Sharp stones: Heb. Sharp pieces of potsherd.
33. is made without fear: or, behave themselves without fear.

be withholden from thee.* 3 Who *is*
he that hideth counsel without knowl-
edge? therefore have I uttered that I
understood not; things too wonderful
for me, which I knew not. 4 Hear, I be-
seech thee, and I will speak: I will de-
mand of thee, and declare thou unto
me. 5 I have heard of thee by the hear-
ing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth
thee. 6 Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and
repent in dust and ashes. 7 And it was
so, that after the LORD had spoken
these words unto Job, the LORD said
to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is

42.2. no thought can be...: or, no thought of thine can be hindered.

kindled against thee, and against thy
two friends: for ye have not spoken of
me *the thing that is* right, as my servant
Job *hath*. [8] Therefore take unto you
now seven bullocks and seven rams,
and go to my servant Job, and offer up
for yourselves a burnt offering; and my
servant Job shall pray for you: for him
will I accept: lest I deal with you *after*
your folly, in that ye have not spoken
of me *the thing which is* right, like my
servant Job.* [9] So Eliphaz the Teman-
ite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar
the Naamathite went, and did accord-
ing as the LORD commanded them:

8. him: Heb. his face, or, person.

the LORD also accepted Job.* 10 And
the LORD turned the captivity of Job,
when he prayed for his friends: also the
LORD gave Job twice as much as he
had before.* 11 Then came there unto
him all his brethren, and all his sisters,
and all they that had been of his ac-
quaintance before, and did eat bread
with him in his house: and they be-
moaned him, and comforted him over
all the evil that the LORD had brought
upon him: every man also gave him a
piece of money, and every one an ear-

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9. Job: Heb. the face of Job.
10. gave...: Heb. added all that had been to Job unto the double.

ring of gold. 12 So the LORD blessed
the latter end of Job more than his be-
ginning: for he had fourteen thousand
sheep, and six thousand camels, and a
thousand yoke of oxen, and a thou-
sand she asses. 13 He had also seven
sons and three daughters. 14 And he
called the name of the first, Jemima;
and the name of the second, Kezia;
and the name of the third, Kerenhap-
puch. 15 And in all the land were no
women found *so* fair as the daughters
of Job: and their father gave them in-
heritance among their brethren. 16 Af-
ter this lived Job an hundred and forty
years, and saw his sons, and his sons'

sons, *even* four generations. [17] So Job
died, *being* old and full of days.

THE
BOOK OF PSALMS

Blessed *is* the man that walketh
not in the counsel of the un-
godly, nor standeth in the way
of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of
the scornful.* [2] But his delight *is* in
the law of the LORD; and in his law
doth he meditate day and night. [3] And
he shall be like a tree planted by the
rivers of water, that bringeth forth his
fruit in his season; his leaf also shall
not wither; and whatsoever he doeth

1.1. ungodly: or, wicked.

shall prosper.* 4 The ungodly *are* not
so: but *are* like the chaff which the
wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the un-
godly shall not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth
the way of the righteous: but the way
of the ungodly shall perish.

2 Why do the heathen rage, and
the people imagine a vain thing?*
2 The kings of the earth set them-
selves, and the rulers take counsel to-
gether, against the LORD, and against

3. wither: Heb. fade.

2.1. rage: or, tumultuously assemble. imagine: Heb. meditate.

his anointed, *saying*, [3] Let us break
their bands asunder, and cast away
their cords from us. [4] He that sitteth
in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord
shall have them in derision. [5] Then
shall he speak unto them in his wrath,
and vex them in his sore displeasure.*
[6] Yet have I set my king upon my holy
hill of Zion.* [7] I will declare the de-
cree: the LORD hath said unto me,
Thou *art* my Son; this day have I be-
gotten thee.* [8] Ask of me, and I shall

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5. vex: or, trouble.
6. set: Heb. anointed. upon...: Heb. upon Zion, the hill of my holiness.
7. the decree: or, for a decree.

give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheri-
tance, and the uttermost parts of the
earth *for* thy possession. 9 Thou shalt
break them with a rod of iron; thou
shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's
vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye
kings: be instructed, ye judges of the
earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and
rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the
way, when his wrath is kindled but a
little. Blessed *are* all they that put their
trust in him.

3 A Psalm of David, when he fled
from Absalom his son. LORD, how

are they increased that trouble me!
many *are* they that rise up against me.
2 Many *there be* which say of my soul,
There is no help for him in God. Se-
lah. 3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield
for me; my glory, and the lifter up of
mine head.* 4 I cried unto the LORD
with my voice, and he heard me out of
his holy hill. Selah. 5 I laid me down
and slept; I awaked; for the LORD
sustained me. 6 I will not be afraid
of ten thousands of people, that have
set *themselves* against me round about.
7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God:
for thou hast smitten all mine enemies

3.3. for: or, about.

upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken
the teeth of the ungodly. 8 Salvation
belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing
is upon thy people. Selah.

4 To the chief Musician on
Neginoth, A Psalm of David. Hear me
when I call, O God of my righteous-
ness: thou hast enlarged me *when I*
was in distress; have mercy upon me,
and hear my prayer.* 2 O ye sons of
men, how long *will ye turn* my glory
into shame? *how long* will ye love
vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.

4.1. chief...: or, overseer. have...: or, be gracious unto me.

3 But know that the LORD hath set
apart him that is godly for himself: the
LORD will hear when I call unto him.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune
with your own heart upon your bed,
and be still. Selah. 5 Offer the sac-
rifices of righteousness, and put your
trust in the LORD. 6 *There be* many
that say, Who will shew us *any* good?
LORD, lift thou up the light of thy
countenance upon us. 7 Thou hast put
gladness in my heart, more than in the
time *that* their corn and their wine in-
creased. 8 I will both lay me down in
peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only
makest me dwell in safety.

5 To the chief Musician upon Ne-
hiloth, A Psalm of David. Give ear
to my words, O LORD, consider my
meditation. 2 Hearken unto the voice
of my cry, my King, and my God: for
unto thee will I pray. 3 My voice shalt
thou hear in the morning, O LORD;
in the morning will I direct *my prayer*
unto thee, and will look up. 4 For
thou *art* not a God that hath plea-
sure in wickedness: neither shall evil
dwell with thee. 5 The foolish shall
not stand in thy sight: thou hatest
all workers of iniquity.* 6 Thou shalt

5.5. in...: Heb. before thine eyes.

destroy them that speak leasing: the
LORD will abhor the bloody and de-
ceitful man.* 7 But as for me, I will
come *into* thy house in the multitude
of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I wor-
ship toward thy holy temple.* 8 Lead
me, O LORD, in thy righteousness be-
cause of mine enemies; make thy way
straight before my face.* 9 For *there is*
no faithfulness in their mouth; their
inward part *is* very wickedness; their
throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flat-
ter with their tongue.* 10 Destroy thou

6. bloody...: Heb. man of bloods and deceit.
7. thy holy...: Heb. the temple of thy holiness.
8. mine...: Heb. those which observe me.
9. faithfulness: or, stedfastness. very...: Heb.

them, O God; let them fall by their
own counsels; cast them out in the
multitude of their transgressions; for
they have rebelled against thee.* 11 But
let all those that put their trust in thee
rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, be-
cause thou defendest them: let them
also that love thy name be joyful in
thee.* 12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the
righteous; with favour wilt thou com-

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wickednesses. their mouth: Heb. his mouth, that is, the mouth of any of them.

10. Destroy...: or, Make them guilty. by...: or, from their counsels.

11. defendest...: Heb. coverest over, or, protectest them.

pass him as *with* a shield.*

6 To the chief Musician on
Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm
of David. O LORD, rebuke me not in
thine anger, neither chasten me in thy
hot displeasure.* 2 Have mercy upon
me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD,
heal me; for my bones are vexed. 3 My
soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O
LORD, how long? 4 Return, O LORD,
deliver my soul: oh save me for thy
mercies' sake. 5 For in death *there is*
no remembrance of thee: in the grave

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12. compass: Heb. crown.
6.1. Sheminith: or, the eighth.

who shall give thee thanks? 6 I am
weary with my groaning; all the night
make I my bed to swim; I water my
couch with my tears.* 7 Mine eye is
consumed because of grief; it waxeth
old because of all mine enemies. 8 De-
part from me, all ye workers of in-
iquity; for the LORD hath heard the
voice of my weeping. 9 The LORD
hath heard my supplication; the LORD
will receive my prayer. 10 Let all mine
enemies be ashamed and sore vexed:
let them return *and* be ashamed sud-
denly.

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6. all...: or, every night.

7 Shiggaion of David, which he
sang unto the LORD, concerning the
words of Cush the Benjamite. O
LORD my God, in thee do I put my
trust: save me from all them that per-
secute me, and deliver me:* 2 Lest he
tear my soul like a lion, rending *it*
in pieces, while *there is* none to de-
liver.* 3 O LORD my God, if I have
done this; if there be iniquity in my
hands; 4 If I have rewarded evil unto
him that was at peace with me; (yea, I
have delivered him that without cause

7.1. words: or, business.
2. none...: Heb. not a deliverer.

is mine enemy:) 5 Let the enemy per-
secute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him
tread down my life upon the earth,
and lay mine honour in the dust. Se-
lah. 6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger,
lift up thyself because of the rage of
mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the
judgment *that* thou hast commanded.
7 So shall the congregation of the peo-
ple compass thee about: for their sakes
therefore return thou on high. 8 The
LORD shall judge the people: judge
me, O LORD, according to my righ-
teousness, and according to mine in-
tegrity *that is* in me. 9 Oh let the
wickedness of the wicked come to an

end; but establish the just: for the
righteous God trieth the hearts and
reins. [10] My defence *is* of God, which
saveth the upright in heart.* [11] God
judgeth the righteous, and God is an-
gry *with the wicked* every day.* [12] If he
turn not, he will whet his sword; he
hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
[13] He hath also prepared for him the
instruments of death; he ordaineth his
arrows against the persecutors. [14] Be-
hold, he travaileth with iniquity, and
hath conceived mischief, and brought
forth falsehood. [15] He made a pit, and

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10. My...: Heb. My buckler is upon God.
11. judgeth...: or, is a righteous judge.

digged it, and is fallen into the ditch
which he made.* [16] His mischief shall
return upon his own head, and his vio-
lent dealing shall come down upon his
own pate. [17] I will praise the LORD ac-
cording to his righteousness: and will
sing praise to the name of the LORD
most high.

8 To the chief Musician upon Git-
tith, A Psalm of David. O LORD our
Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all
the earth! who hast set thy glory above
the heavens. [2] Out of the mouth
of babes and sucklings hast thou or-

15. He made a pit: Heb. He hath digged a pit.

dained strength because of thine ene-
mies, that thou mightest still the en-
emy and the avenger.* 3 When I con-
sider thy heavens, the work of thy fin-
gers, the moon and the stars, which
thou hast ordained; 4 What is man,
that thou art mindful of him? and
the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him a little lower
than the angels, and hast crowned
him with glory and honour. 6 Thou
madest him to have dominion over the
works of thy hands; thou hast put all
things under his feet: 7 All sheep and

8.2. ordained: Heb. founded.

oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;*
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the
sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through
the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD our
Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all
the earth!

9 To the chief Musician upon
Muthlabben, A Psalm of David. I will
praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole
heart; I will shew forth all thy mar-
vellous works. 2 I will be glad and re-
joice in thee: I will sing praise to thy
name, O thou most High. 3 When
mine enemies are turned back, they

7. All...: Heb. Flocks and oxen all of them.

shall fall and perish at thy presence.
4 For thou hast maintained my right
and my cause; thou satest in the throne
judging right.* 5 Thou hast rebuked
the heathen, thou hast destroyed the
wicked, thou hast put out their name
for ever and ever. 6 O thou en-
emy, destructions are come to a per-
petual end: and thou hast destroyed
cities; their memorial is perished with
them.* 7 But the LORD shall endure
for ever: he hath prepared his throne

9.4. maintained...: Heb. made my judgment. judging right: Heb. judging in righteousness.

6. O thou...: or, The destructions of the enemy are come to a perpetual end: and their cities hast thou destroyed, etc.

for judgment. 8 And he shall judge the
world in righteousness, he shall min-
ister judgment to the people in up-
rightness. 9 The LORD also will be
a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge
in times of trouble.* 10 And they that
know thy name will put their trust in
thee: for thou, LORD, hast not for-
saken them that seek thee. 11 Sing
praises to the LORD, which dwelleth
in Zion: declare among the people his
doings. 12 When he maketh inquisi-
tion for blood, he remembereth them:
he forgetteth not the cry of the hum-

9. a refuge: Heb. an high place.

ble.* 13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD;
consider my trouble *which I suffer* of
them that hate me, thou that liftest
me up from the gates of death: 14 That
I may shew forth all thy praise in the
gates of the daughter of Zion: I will
rejoice in thy salvation. 15 The hea-
then are sunk down in the pit *that* they
made: in the net which they hid is
their own foot taken. 16 The LORD is
known *by* the judgment *which* he ex-
ecuteth: the wicked is snared in the
work of his own hands. Higgaion. Se-
lah.* 17 The wicked shall be turned into

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12. humble: or, afflicted.
16. Higgaion: that is, Meditation.

hell, *and* all the nations that forget
God. [18] For the needy shall not alway
be forgotten: the expectation of the
poor shall *not* perish for ever. [19] Arise,
O LORD; let not man prevail: let the
heathen be judged in thy sight. [20] Put
them in fear, O LORD: *that* the na-
tions may know themselves *to be but*
men. Selah.

10 Why standest thou afar off, O
LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in
times of trouble? [2] The wicked in
his pride doth persecute the poor: let
them be taken in the devices that

they have imagined.* 3 For the wicked
boasteth of his heart's desire, and bles-
seth the covetous, *whom* the LORD ab-
horreth.* 4 The wicked, through the
pride of his countenance, will not
seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his
thoughts.* 5 His ways are always griev-
ous; thy judgments *are* far above out
of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he
puffeth at them. 6 He hath said in
his heart, I shall not be moved: for

10.2. The wicked...: Heb. In the pride of the wicked he doth persecute.

3. heart's: Heb. soul's. blesseth...: or, the covetous blesseth himself, he abhorreth the LORD.

4. God is...: or, all his thoughts are, There is no God.

I shall never *be* in adversity.* 7 His
mouth is full of cursing and deceit
and fraud: under his tongue *is* mis-
chief and vanity.* 8 He sitteth in the
lurking places of the villages: in the
secret places doth he murder the in-
nocent: his eyes are privily set against
the poor.* 9 He lieth in wait secretly
as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait
to catch the poor: he doth catch the
poor, when he draweth him into his
net.* 10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth

6. never: Heb. unto generation and generation.
7. deceit: Heb. deceits. vanity: or, iniquity.
8. are...: Heb. hide themselves.
9. secretly: Heb. in the secret places.

himself, that the poor may fall by his
strong ones.* 11 He hath said in his
heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth
his face; he will never see *it*. 12 Arise,
O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand:
forget not the humble.* 13 Wherefore
doth the wicked contemn God? he
hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not
require *it*. 14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou
beholdest mischief and spite, to re-
quite *it* with thy hand: the poor com-
mitteth himself unto thee; thou art

10. He...: Heb. He breaketh himself. by...: or, into his strong parts.
12. humble: or, afflicted.

the helper of the fatherless.* [15] Break
thou the arm of the wicked and the
evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till*
thou find none. [16] The LORD *is* King
for ever and ever: the heathen are per-
ished out of his land. [17] LORD, thou
hast heard the desire of the humble:
thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt
cause thine ear to hear:* [18] To judge the
fatherless and the oppressed, that the
man of the earth may no more op-
press.*

11 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm*

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14. committeth: Heb. leaveth.
17. prepare: or, establish.
18. oppress: or, terrify.

of David. In the LORD put I my trust:
how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to
your mountain? 2 For, lo, the wicked
bend *their* bow, they make ready their
arrow upon the string, that they may
privily shoot at the upright in heart.*
3 If the foundations be destroyed, what
can the righteous do? 4 The LORD *is* in
his holy temple, the LORD'S throne *is*
in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids
try, the children of men. 5 The LORD
trieth the righteous: but the wicked
and him that loveth violence his soul
hateth. 6 Upon the wicked he shall
rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an

11.2. privily: Heb. in darkness.

horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.* 7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

12 To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David. Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.* 2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.* 3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue

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6. an horrible...: or, a burning tempest.
12.1. upon...: or, upon the eighth. Help: or, Save.
2. a double...: Heb. an heart and an heart.

that speaketh proud things:* 4 Who
have said, With our tongue will we
prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is*
lord over us?* 5 For the oppression of
the poor, for the sighing of the needy,
now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will
set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth
at him.* 6 The words of the LORD *are*
pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace
of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou
shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt
preserve them from this generation for
ever.* 8 The wicked walk on every side,

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3. proud: Heb. great.
4. are...: Heb. are with us.
5. puffeth...: or, would ensnare him.
7. them from: Heb. him, etc: that is, every one of

when the vilest men are exalted.*

13 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. How long wilt thou forget
me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt
thou hide thy face from me?* 2 How
long shall I take counsel in my soul,
having sorrow in my heart daily? how
long shall mine enemy be exalted over
me? 3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD
my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep
the *sleep of* death; 4 Lest mine enemy
say, I have prevailed against him; *and*
those that trouble me rejoice when I

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them, etc.

8. men: Heb. of the sons of the men.

13.1. chief...: or, overseer.

am moved. 5 But I have trusted in thy
mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy sal-
vation. 6 I will sing unto the LORD,
because he hath dealt bountifully with
me.

14 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm*
of David. The fool hath said in his
heart, *There is* no God. They are
corrupt, they have done abominable
works, *there is* none that doeth good.
2 The LORD looked down from heaven
upon the children of men, to see if
there were any that did understand,
and seek God. 3 They are all gone
aside, they are *all* together become
filthy: *there is* none that doeth good,

no, not one.* 4 Have all the workers
of iniquity no knowledge? who eat
up my people *as* they eat bread, and
call not upon the LORD. 5 There were
they in great fear: for God *is* in the
generation of the righteous.* 6 Ye have
shamed the counsel of the poor, be-
cause the LORD *is* his refuge. 7 Oh that
the salvation of Israel *were come* out of
Zion! when the LORD bringeth back
the captivity of his people, Jacob shall
rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.*

15 A Psalm of David. LORD, who

14.3. filthy: Heb. stinking.
5. were...: Heb. they feared a fear.
7. Oh...: Heb. Who will give.

shall abide in thy tabernacle? who
shall dwell in thy holy hill?* 2 He that
walketh uprightly, and worketh righ-
teousness, and speaketh the truth in
his heart. 3 *He that* backbiteth not
with his tongue, nor doeth evil to
his neighbour, nor taketh up a re-
proach against his neighbour.* 4 In
whose eyes a vile person is contemned;
but he honoureth them that fear the
LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own*
hurt, and changeth not. 5 *He that* put-
teth not out his money to usury, nor
taketh reward against the innocent.

15.1. abide: Heb. sojourn.
3. taketh...: or, receiveth, or, endureth.

He that doeth these *things* shall never
be moved.

16 Michtam of David. Preserve
me, O God: for in thee do I put my
trust.* 2 *O my soul*, thou hast said unto
the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: my
goodness *extendeth* not to thee; 3 *But*
to the saints that *are* in the earth, and
to the excellent, in whom *is* all my de-
light. 4 Their sorrows shall be mul-
tiplied *that* hasten *after* another *god*:
their drink offerings of blood will I
not offer, nor take up their names into
my lips.* 5 The LORD *is* the portion

16.1. Michtam: or, A golden Psalm.
4. hasten...: or, give gifts to another.

of mine inheritance and of my cup:
thou maintainest my lot.* 6 The lines
are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*;
yea, I have a goodly heritage. 7 I will
bless the LORD, who hath given me
counsel: my reins also instruct me in
the night seasons. 8 I have set the
LORD always before me: because *he*
is at my right hand, I shall not be
moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad,
and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also
shall rest in hope.* 10 For thou wilt not
leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou
suffer thine Holy One to see corrup-

5. of mine...: Heb. of my part.
9. rest...: Heb. dwell confidently.

tion. [11] Thou wilt shew me the path of
life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at
thy right hand *there are* pleasures for
evermore.

17 A Prayer of David. Hear the
right, O LORD, attend unto my cry,
give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth*
not out of feigned lips.* [2] Let my sen-
tence come forth from thy presence;
let thine eyes behold the things that
are equal. [3] Thou hast proved mine
heart; thou hast visited *me* in the
night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt
find nothing; I am purposed *that* my

17.1. the right: Heb. justice. not...: Heb. without lips of deceit.

mouth shall not transgress. [4] Concerning the works of men, by the word
of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths
of the destroyer. [5] Hold up my go-
ings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps
slip not.* [6] I have called upon thee, for
thou wilt hear me, O God: incline
thine ear unto me, *and hear* my speech.
[7] Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness,
O thou that savest by thy right hand
them which put their trust *in thee*
from those that rise up *against them*.*
[8] Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide

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5. slip...: Heb. be not moved.

7. by thy...: or, them which trust in thee from those that rise up against thy right hand.

me under the shadow of thy wings,
9 From the wicked that oppress me,
from my deadly enemies, *who* com-
pass me about.* 10 They are inclosed in
their own fat: with their mouth they
speak proudly. 11 They have now com-
passed us in our steps: they have set
their eyes bowing down to the earth;
12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his
prey, and as it were a young lion lurk-
ing in secret places.* 13 Arise, O LORD,
disappoint him, cast him down: de-

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9. oppress: Heb. waste. my...: Heb. my enemies against the soul.

12. Like...: Heb. The likeness of him (that is, of every one of them) is as a lion that desireth to ravin. lurking: Heb. sitting.

liver my soul from the wicked, *which*
is thy sword:* 14 From men *which are*
thy hand, O LORD, from men of the
world, *which have* their portion in *this*
life, and whose belly thou fillest with
thy hid *treasure*: they are full of chil-
dren, and leave the rest of their *sub-*
stance to their babes.* 15 As for me, I
will behold thy face in righteousness:
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with
thy likeness.

18 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm*

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13. disappoint...: Heb. prevent his face. which is: or, by.

14. which are: or, by. they...: or, their children are full.

of David, the servant of the LORD,
who spake unto the LORD the words
of this song in the day *that* the LORD
delivered him from the hand of all
his enemies, and from the hand of
Saul: And he said, I will love thee, O
LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD *is* my
rock, and my fortress, and my deliv-
erer; my God, my strength, in whom
I will trust; my buckler, and the horn
of my salvation, *and* my high tower.*
3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is wor-
thy* to be praised: so shall I be saved
from mine enemies. 4 The sorrows of
death compassed me, and the floods of

18.2. my strength: Heb. my rock.

ungodly men made me afraid.* 5 The
sorrows of hell compassed me about:
the snares of death prevented me.* 6 In
my distress I called upon the LORD,
and cried unto my God: he heard
my voice out of his temple, and my
cry came before him, *even* into his
ears. 7 Then the earth shook and trem-
bled; the foundations also of the hills
moved and were shaken, because he
was wroth. 8 There went up a smoke
out of his nostrils, and fire out of his
mouth devoured: coals were kindled

4. ungodly men: Heb. Belial.
5. sorrows: or, cords.

by it.* 9 He bowed the heavens also,
and came down: and darkness *was* un-
der his feet. 10 And he rode upon a
cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly
upon the wings of the wind. 11 He
made darkness his secret place; his
pavilion round about him *were* dark
waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.
12 At the brightness *that was* before him
his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and
coals of fire. 13 The LORD also thun-
dered in the heavens, and the Highest
gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of
fire. 14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and
scattered them; and he shot out light-

8. out of his nostrils: Heb. by his, etc.

nings, and discomfited them. [15] Then
the channels of waters were seen, and
the foundations of the world were dis-
covered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the
blast of the breath of thy nostrils. [16] He
sent from above, he took me, he drew
me out of many waters.* [17] He deliv-
ered me from my strong enemy, and
from them which hated me: for they
were too strong for me. [18] They pre-
vented me in the day of my calamity:
but the LORD was my stay. [19] He
brought me forth also into a large
place; he delivered me, because he de-
lighted in me. [20] The LORD rewarded

16. many: or, great.

me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands
hath he recompensed me. [21] For I have
kept the ways of the LORD, and have
not wickedly departed from my God.
[22] For all his judgments *were* before me,
and I did not put away his statutes
from me. [23] I was also upright before
him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.* [24] Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness
of my hands in his eyesight.* [25] With
the merciful thou wilt shew thyself

23. before: Heb. with.
24. in...: Heb. before his eyes.

merciful; with an upright man thou
wilt shew thyself upright; [26] With the
pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and
with the froward thou wilt shew thy-
self froward.* [27] For thou wilt save the
afflicted people; but wilt bring down
high looks. [28] For thou wilt light my
candle: the LORD my God will en-
lighten my darkness.* [29] For by thee I
have run through a troop; and by my
God have I leaped over a wall.* [30] *As*
for God, his way *is* perfect: the word
of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler

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26. shew thyself froward: or, wrestle.
28. candle: or, lamp.
29. run...: or, broken.

to all those that trust in him.* [31] For
who *is* God save the LORD? or who
is a rock save our God? [32] *It is* God
that girdeth me with strength, and
maketh my way perfect. [33] He maketh
my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me
upon my high places. [34] He teacheth
my hands to war, so that a bow of
steel is broken by mine arms. [35] Thou
hast also given me the shield of thy
salvation: and thy right hand hath
holden me up, and thy gentleness hath
made me great.* [36] Thou hast enlarged

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30. tried: or, refined.

35. thy gentleness...: or, with thy meekness thou hast multiplied me.

my steps under me, that my feet did
not slip.* 37 I have pursued mine ene-
mies, and overtaken them: neither did
I turn again till they were consumed.
38 I have wounded them that they were
not able to rise: they are fallen under
my feet. 39 For thou hast girded me
with strength unto the battle: thou
hast subdued under me those that rose
up against me.* 40 Thou hast also given
me the necks of mine enemies; that
I might destroy them that hate me.
41 They cried, but *there was* none to
save *them: even* unto the LORD, but

36. my feet: Heb. mine ankles.
39. subdued: Heb. caused to bow.

he answered them not. [42] Then did
I beat them small as the dust before
the wind: I did cast them out as the
dirt in the streets. [43] Thou hast deliv-
ered me from the strivings of the peo-
ple; *and* thou hast made me the head
of the heathen: a people *whom* I have
not known shall serve me. [44] As soon
as they hear of me, they shall obey
me: the strangers shall submit them-
selves unto me.* [45] The strangers shall
fade away, and be afraid out of their

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44. As soon...: Heb. At the hearing of the ear. submit...: or, yield feigned obedience. strangers: Heb. sons of the stranger.

close places.* 46 The LORD liveth; and
blessed *be* my rock; and let the God
of my salvation be exalted. 47 *It is* God
that avengeth me, and subdueth the
people under me.* 48 He delivereth me
from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest
me up above those that rise up against
me: thou hast delivered me from the
violent man.* 49 Therefore will I give
thanks unto thee, O LORD, among
the heathen, and sing praises unto thy
name.* 50 Great deliverance giveth he

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45. strangers: Heb. sons of the stranger.
47. avengeth: Heb. giveth avengements for. subdueth: or, destroyeth.
48. violent...: Heb. man of violence.
49. give...: or, confess.

to his king; and sheweth mercy to his
anointed, to David, and to his seed for
evermore.

19 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. The heavens declare the
glory of God; and the firmament
sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto
day uttereth speech, and night unto
night sheweth knowledge. 3 *There is*
no speech nor language, *where* their
voice is not heard.* 4 Their line is gone
out through all the earth, and their
words to the end of the world. In
them hath he set a tabernacle for the

19.3. where...: or, without these their voice is heard: Heb. without their voice heard.

sun,* 5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth
as a strong man to run a race. 6 His
going forth *is* from the end of the
heaven, and his circuit unto the ends
of it: and there is nothing hid from the
heat thereof. 7 The law of the LORD *is*
perfect, converting the soul: the tes-
timony of the LORD *is* sure, making
wise the simple.* 8 The statutes of the
LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart:
the commandment of the LORD *is*
pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear
of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for

4. line: or, rule, or, direction.
7. law: or, doctrine. converting: or, restoring.

ever: the judgments of the LORD *are*
true *and* righteous altogether.* [10] More
to be desired *are they* than gold, yea,
than much fine gold: sweeter also than
honey and the honeycomb.* [11] More-
over by them is thy servant warned:
and in keeping of them *there is* great
reward. [12] Who can understand *his*
errors? cleanse thou me from secret
faults. [13] Keep back thy servant also
from presumptuous *sins*; let them not
have dominion over me: then shall
I be upright, and I shall be innocent

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9. true: Heb. truth.
10. the honeycomb: Heb. the dropping of honeycomb.

from the great transgression.* 14 Let the
words of my mouth, and the medita-
tion of my heart, be acceptable in thy
sight, O LORD, my strength, and my
redeemer.*

20 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. The LORD hear thee in the
day of trouble; the name of the God of
Jacob defend thee;* 2 Send thee help
from the sanctuary, and strengthen
thee out of Zion;* 3 Remember all thy
offerings, and accept thy burnt sac-

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13. the great: or, much.
14. strength: Heb. rock.
20.1. defend...: Heb. set thee on an high place.
2. thee help: Heb. thy help. strengthen: Heb. support.

rifice; Selah.* [4] Grant thee according
to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy
counsel. [5] We will rejoice in thy sal-
vation, and in the name of our God
we will set up *our* banners: the LORD
fulfil all thy petitions. [6] Now know
I that the LORD saveth his anointed;
he will hear him from his holy heaven
with the saving strength of his right
hand.* [7] Some *trust* in chariots, and
some in horses: but we will remem-
ber the name of the LORD our God.
[8] They are brought down and fallen:

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3. accept: Heb. turn to ashes: or, make fat.
6. his holy...: Heb. the heaven of his holiness.
with...: Heb. by the strength of the salvation of.

but we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us
when we call.

21 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. The king shall joy in thy
strength, O LORD; and in thy sal-
vation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 Thou hast given him his heart's de-
sire, and hast not withholden the re-
quest of his lips. Selah. 3 For thou
preventest him with the blessings of
goodness: thou settest a crown of pure
gold on his head. 4 He asked life
of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even*
length of days for ever and ever. 5 His
glory *is* great in thy salvation: hon-

our and majesty hast thou laid upon
him. 6 For thou hast made him most
blessed for ever: thou hast made him
exceeding glad with thy countenance.*
7 For the king trusteth in the LORD,
and through the mercy of the most
High he shall not be moved. 8 Thine
hand shall find out all thine enemies:
thy right hand shall find out those that
hate thee. 9 Thou shalt make them as
a fiery oven in the time of thine anger:
the LORD shall swallow them up in his
wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

21.6. made him most...: Heb. set him to be blessings. made him exceeding...: Heb. make him glad with joy.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from
the earth, and their seed from among
the children of men. 11 For they in-
tended evil against thee: they imag-
ined a mischievous device, *which* they
are not able *to perform*. 12 Therefore
shalt thou make them turn their back,
when thou shalt make ready *thine ar-
rows* upon thy strings against the face
of them.* 13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in
thine own strength: *so* will we sing and
praise thy power.

22 To the chief Musician upon Ai-

12. shalt thou...: or, thou shalt set them as a butt.
back: Heb. shoulder.

jeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. My
God, my God, why hast thou forsaken
me? *why art thou so* far from helping
me, *and from* the words of my roar-
ing?* 2 O my God, I cry in the day-
time, but thou hearest not; and in
the night season, and am not silent.*
3 But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that in-
habitest the praises of Israel. 4 Our
fathers trusted in thee: they trusted,
and thou didst deliver them. 5 They
cried unto thee, and were delivered:
they trusted in thee, and were not con-

22.1. Aijeleth...: or, the hind of the morning. help-
ing...: Heb. my salvation.
2. am...: Heb. there is no silence to me.

founded. 6 But I *am* a worm, and no
man; a reproach of men, and despised
of the people. 7 All they that see me
laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the
lip, they shake the head, *saying*,* 8 He
trusted on the LORD *that* he would
deliver him: let him deliver him, see-
ing he delighted in him.* 9 But thou
art he that took me out of the womb:
thou didst make me hope *when I was*
upon my mother's breasts.* 10 I was cast
upon thee from the womb: thou *art*

7. shoot...: Heb. open.
8. He trusted...: Heb. He rolled himself on. see-
ing...: or, if he delight in.
9. didst...: or, kept me in safety.

my God from my mother's belly. [11] Be
not far from me; for trouble *is* near;
for *there is* none to help.* [12] Many bulls
have compassed me: strong *bulls* of
Bashan have beset me round. [13] They
gaped upon me *with* their mouths,
as a ravening and a roaring lion.* [14] I
am poured out like water, and all my
bones are out of joint: my heart is like
wax; it is melted in the midst of my
bowels.* [15] My strength is dried up like
a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to

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11. none...: Heb. not a helper.

13. gaped...: Heb. opened their mouths against me.

14. out of...: or, sundered.

my jaws; and thou hast brought me
into the dust of death. [16] For dogs
have compassed me: the assembly of
the wicked have inclosed me: they
pierced my hands and my feet. [17] I may
tell all my bones: they look *and* stare
upon me. [18] They part my garments
among them, and cast lots upon my
vesture. [19] But be not thou far from me,
O Lord: O my strength, haste thee
to help me. [20] Deliver my soul from
the sword; my darling from the power
of the dog.* [21] Save me from the lion's
mouth: for thou hast heard me from

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20. my darling: Heb. my only one. power: Heb. hand.

the horns of the unicorns. [22] I will de-
clare thy name unto my brethren: in
the midst of the congregation will I
praise thee. [23] Ye that fear the LORD,
praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glo-
rify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of
Israel. [24] For he hath not despised nor
abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
neither hath he hid his face from him;
but when he cried unto him, he heard.
[25] My praise *shall be* of thee in the great
congregation: I will pay my vows be-
fore them that fear him. [26] The meek
shall eat and be satisfied: they shall
praise the LORD that seek him: your
heart shall live for ever. [27] All the ends

of the world shall remember and turn
unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of
the nations shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD'S: and
he *is* the governor among the nations.
29 All *they that be* fat upon earth shall
eat and worship: all they that go down
to the dust shall bow before him: and
none can keep alive his own soul. 30 A
seed shall serve him; it shall be ac-
counted to the Lord for a generation.
31 They shall come, and shall declare his
righteousness unto a people that shall
be born, that he hath done *this*.

23 A Psalm of David. The LORD

is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures: he leadeth me beside the
still waters.* 3 He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righ-
teousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea,
though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me. 5 Thou pre-
parest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

23.2. green...: Heb. pastures of tender grass. still...: Heb. waters of quietness.

5. anointest: Heb. makest fat.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I
will dwell in the house of the LORD
for ever.*

24 A Psalm of David. The earth
is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof;
the world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the
LORD? or who shall stand in his holy
place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and
a pure heart; who hath not lifted up
his soul unto vanity, nor sworn de-

6. for ever: Heb. to length of days.

ceitfully.* 5 He shall receive the bless-
ing from the LORD, and righteousness
from the God of his salvation. 6 This
is the generation of them that seek
him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Se-
lah.* 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD
strong and mighty, the LORD mighty
in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O ye
gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlast-
ing doors; and the King of glory shall
come in. 10 Who is this King of glory?

24.4. He...: Heb. The clean of hands.
6. O Jacob: or, O God of Jacob.

The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of
glory. Selah.

25 *A Psalm* of David. Unto thee,
O LORD, do I lift up my soul. 2 O
my God, I trust in thee: let me not
be ashamed, let not mine enemies tri-
umph over me. 3 Yea, let none that
wait on thee be ashamed: let them
be ashamed which transgress without
cause. 4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD;
teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy
truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the
God of my salvation; on thee do I wait
all the day. 6 Remember, O LORD, thy
tender mercies and thy lovingkind-

nesses; for they *have been* ever of old.*
7 Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions: according to
thy mercy remember thou me for thy
goodness' sake, O LORD. 8 Good and
upright *is* the LORD: therefore will
he teach sinners in the way. 9 The
meek will he guide in judgment: and
the meek will he teach his way. 10 All
the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and
truth unto such as keep his covenant
and his testimonies. 11 For thy name's
sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity;
for it *is* great. 12 What man *is* he that
feareth the LORD? him shall he teach

25.6. tender...: Heb. bowels.

in the way *that* he shall choose. [13] His
soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed
shall inherit the earth.* [14] The secret of
the LORD *is* with them that fear him;
and he will shew them his covenant.*
[15] Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD;
for he shall pluck my feet out of the
net.* [16] Turn thee unto me, and have
mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and
afflicted. [17] The troubles of my heart
are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of
my distresses. [18] Look upon mine af-

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13. dwell...: Heb. lodge in goodness.
14. and...: or, and his covenant to make them know it.
15. pluck: Heb. bring forth.

fliction and my pain; and forgive all
my sins. [19] Consider mine enemies; for
they are many; and they hate me with
cruel hatred.* [20] O keep my soul, and
deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for
I put my trust in thee. [21] Let integrity
and uprightness preserve me; for I wait
on thee. [22] Redeem Israel, O God, out
of all his troubles.

26 *A Psalm* of David. Judge me,
O LORD; for I have walked in mine
integrity: I have trusted also in the
LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide. [2] Ex-
amine me, O LORD, and prove me; try

19. cruel...: Heb. hatred of violence.

my reins and my heart. [3] For thy lov-
ingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and
I have walked in thy truth. [4] I have
not sat with vain persons, neither will
I go in with dissemblers. [5] I have hated
the congregation of evil doers; and
will not sit with the wicked. [6] I will
wash mine hands in innocency: so
will I compass thine altar, O LORD:
[7] That I may publish with the voice of
thanksgiving, and tell of all thy won-
drous works. [8] LORD, I have loved
the habitation of thy house, and the
place where thine honour dwelleth.*

26.8. where...: Heb. of the tabernacle of thy honour.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor
my life with bloody men:* 10 In whose
hands *is* mischief, and their right hand
is full of bribes.* 11 But as for me, I will
walk in mine integrity: redeem me,
and be merciful unto me. 12 My foot
standeth in an even place: in the con-
gregations will I bless the LORD.

27 *A Psalm* of David. The LORD
is my light and my salvation; whom
shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength
of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked, *even* mine ene-

9. Gather...: or, Take not away. bloody...: Heb. men of blood.
10. full...: Heb. filled with.

mies and my foes, came upon me to
eat up my flesh, they stumbled and
fell.* 3 Though an host should encamp
against me, my heart shall not fear:
though war should rise against me, in
this *will* I *be* confident. 4 One *thing*
have I desired of the LORD, that will
I seek after; that I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all the days of my
life, to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to enquire in his temple.* 5 For
in the time of trouble he shall hide
me in his pavilion: in the secret of
his tabernacle shall he hide me; he

27.2. came...: Heb. approached against me.
4. the beauty: or, the delight.

shall set me up upon a rock. [6] And
now shall mine head be lifted up above
mine enemies round about me: there-
fore will I offer in his tabernacle sac-
rifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will
sing praises unto the LORD.* [7] Hear,
O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice:
have mercy also upon me, and answer
me. [8] *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my
face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face,
LORD, will I seek.* [9] Hide not thy face
far from me; put not thy servant away
in anger: thou hast been my help; leave

6. joy: Heb. shouting.
8. When...: or, My heart said unto thee, Let my face seek thy face, etc.

me not, neither forsake me, O God
of my salvation. [10] When my father
and my mother forsake me, then the
LORD will take me up.* [11] Teach me thy
way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain
path, because of mine enemies.* [12] De-
liver me not over unto the will of mine
enemies: for false witnesses are risen
up against me, and such as breathe out
cruelty. [13] *I had fainted*, unless I had be-
lieved to see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living. [14] Wait on
the LORD: be of good courage, and

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10. take...: Heb. gather me.

11. a plain...: Heb. a way of plainness. mine...: Heb. those which observe me.

he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I
say, on the LORD.

28 *A Psalm* of David. Unto thee
will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not
silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to
me, I become like them that go down
into the pit.* 2 Hear the voice of my
supplications, when I cry unto thee,
when I lift up my hands toward thy
holy oracle.* 3 Draw me not away with
the wicked, and with the workers of
iniquity, which speak peace to their
neighbours, but mischief *is* in their

28.1. to me: Heb. from me.
2. thy...: or, the oracle of thy sanctuary.

hearts. [4] Give them according to their
deeds, and according to the wicked-
ness of their endeavours: give them af-
ter the work of their hands; render to
them their desert. [5] Because they re-
gard not the works of the LORD, nor
the operation of his hands, he shall
destroy them, and not build them
up. [6] Blessed *be* the LORD, because he
hath heard the voice of my supplica-
tions. [7] The LORD *is* my strength and
my shield; my heart trusted in him,
and I am helped: therefore my heart
greatly rejoiceth; and with my song
will I praise him. [8] The LORD *is* their
strength, and he *is* the saving strength

of his anointed.* 9 Save thy people,
and bless thine inheritance: feed them
also, and lift them up for ever.*

29 A Psalm of David. Give unto
the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the
LORD glory and strength.* 2 Give unto
the LORD the glory due unto his name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness.* 3 The voice of the LORD *is*
upon the waters: the God of glory
thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many

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8. their: or, his. saving...: Heb. strength of salvations.
9. feed: or, rule.
29.1. ye mighty: Heb. ye sons of the mighty.
2. the glory...: Heb. the honour of his name. in...: or, in his glorious sanctuary.

waters.* 4 The voice of the LORD *is*
powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* full
of majesty.* 5 The voice of the LORD
breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD
breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He
maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young uni-
corn. 7 The voice of the LORD di-
videth the flames of fire.* 8 The voice
of the LORD shaketh the wilderness;
the LORD shaketh the wilderness of
Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD

3. many: or, great.
4. powerful: Heb. in power. full...: Heb. in majesty.
7. divideth: Heb. cutteth out.

maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.*
10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood;
yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
11 The LORD will give strength unto his
people; the LORD will bless his people
with peace.

30 A Psalm *and* Song *at* the dedication of the house of David. I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted
me up, and hast not made my foes to
rejoice over me. 2 O LORD my God, I

9. to calve: or, to be in pain. doth...: or, every whit of it uttereth, etc.

cried unto thee, and thou hast healed
me. [3] O LORD, thou hast brought up
my soul from the grave: thou hast kept
me alive, that I should not go down to
the pit. [4] Sing unto the LORD, O ye
saints of his, and give thanks at the re-
membrance of his holiness.* [5] For his
anger *endureth but* a moment; in his fa-
vour *is* life: weeping may endure for a
night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.*
[6] And in my prosperity I said, I shall
never be moved. [7] LORD, by thy fa-

30.4. at...: or, to the memorial.

5. his anger...: Heb. there is but a moment in his anger. for a night: Heb. in the evening. joy: Heb. singing.

vour thou hast made my mountain to
stand strong: thou didst hide thy face,
and I was troubled.* 8 I cried to thee,
O LORD; and unto the LORD I made
supplication. 9 What profit *is there* in
my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise thee? shall it de-
clare thy truth? 10 Hear, O LORD, and
have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou
my helper. 11 Thou hast turned for me
my mourning into dancing: thou hast
put off my sackcloth, and girded me
with gladness; 12 To the end that *my*
glory may sing praise to thee, and not
be silent. O LORD my God, I will give

7. made...: Heb. settled strength for my mountain.

thanks unto thee for ever.*

31 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. In thee, O LORD, do I put
my trust; let me never be ashamed: de-
liver me in thy righteousness. 2 Bow
down thine ear to me; deliver me
speedily: be thou my strong rock, for
an house of defence to save me.* 3 For
thou *art* my rock and my fortress;
therefore for thy name's sake lead me,
and guide me. 4 Pull me out of the
net that they have laid privily for me:
for thou *art* my strength. 5 Into thine
hand I commit my spirit: thou hast

12. my glory: that is, my tongue, or, my soul.
31.2. my...: Heb. to me for rock of strength.

redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.
6 I have hated them that regard lying
vanities: but I trust in the LORD. 7 I
will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:
for thou hast considered my trouble;
thou hast known my soul in adversi-
ties; 8 And hast not shut me up into
the hand of the enemy: thou hast set
my feet in a large room. 9 Have mercy
upon me, O LORD, for I am in trou-
ble: mine eye is consumed with grief,
yea, my soul and my belly. 10 For my life
is spent with grief, and my years with
sighing: my strength faileth because of
mine iniquity, and my bones are con-
sumed. 11 I was a reproach among all

mine enemies, but especially among
my neighbours, and a fear to mine ac-
quaintance: they that did see me with-
out fled from me. 12 I am forgotten as
a dead man out of mind: I am like a
broken vessel.* 13 For I have heard the
slander of many: fear *was* on every
side: while they took counsel together
against me, they devised to take away
my life. 14 But I trusted in thee, O
LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God. 15 My
times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from
the hand of mine enemies, and from
them that persecute me. 16 Make thy
face to shine upon thy servant: save

12. a broken...: Heb. a vessel that perisheth.

me for thy mercies' sake. [17] Let me not
be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called
upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed,
and let them be silent in the grave.*
[18] Let the lying lips be put to silence;
which speak grievous things proudly
and contemptuously against the righ-
teous.* [19] *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness,
which thou hast laid up for them that
fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for
them that trust in thee before the sons
of men! [20] Thou shalt hide them in
the secret of thy presence from the
pride of man: thou shalt keep them

17. silent...: or, cut off for.
18. grievous...: Heb. a hard thing.

secretly in a pavilion from the strife of
tongues. [21] Blessed *be* the LORD: for he
hath shewed me his marvellous kind-
ness in a strong city.* [22] For I said in my
haste, I am cut off from before thine
eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the
voice of my supplications when I cried
unto thee. [23] O love the LORD, all ye
his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the
faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the
proud doer. [24] Be of good courage, and
he shall strengthen your heart, all ye
that hope in the LORD.

32 *A Psalm* of David, Maschil.

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21. strong: or, fenced.

Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* for-
given, *whose* sin *is* covered.* [2] Blessed
is the man unto whom the LORD
imputeth not iniquity, and in whose
spirit *there is* no guile. [3] When I kept
silence, my bones waxed old through
my roaring all the day long. [4] For day
and night thy hand was heavy upon
me: my moisture is turned into the
drought of summer. Selah. [5] I ac-
knowledged my sin unto thee, and
mine iniquity have I not hid. I said,
I will confess my transgressions unto
the LORD; and thou forgavest the in-

32.1. A Psalm...: or, A Psalm of David giving instruction.

iquity of my sin. Selah. 6 For this shall
every one that is godly pray unto thee
in a time when thou mayest be found:
surely in the floods of great waters
they shall not come nigh unto him.*
7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt
preserve me from trouble; thou shalt
compass me about with songs of de-
liverance. Selah. 8 I will instruct thee
and teach thee in the way which thou
shalt go: I will guide thee with mine
eye.* 9 Be ye not as the horse, *or* as
the mule, *which* have no understand-

6. when...: Heb. of finding.
8. guide...: Heb. counsel thee, mine eye shall be upon thee.

ing: whose mouth must be held in
with bit and bridle, lest they come near
unto thee. [10] Many sorrows *shall be* to
the wicked: but he that trusteth in
the LORD, mercy shall compass him
about. [11] Be glad in the LORD, and re-
joice, ye righteous: and shout for joy,
all *ye that are* upright in heart.

33 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righ-
teous: *for* praise is comely for the up-
right. [2] Praise the LORD with harp:
sing unto him with the psaltery *and*
an instrument of ten strings. [3] Sing
unto him a new song; play skilfully
with a loud noise. [4] For the word of

the LORD *is* right; and all his works
are done in truth. 5 He loveth righ-
teousness and judgment: the earth is
full of the goodness of the LORD.* 6 By
the word of the LORD were the heav-
ens made; and all the host of them by
the breath of his mouth. 7 He gath-
ereth the waters of the sea together as
an heap: he layeth up the depth in
storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear
the LORD: let all the inhabitants of
the world stand in awe of him. 9 For
he spake, and it was *done*; he com-
manded, and it stood fast. 10 The LORD
bringeth the counsel of the heathen

33.5. goodness: or, mercy.

to nought: he maketh the devices of
the people of none effect.* 11 The coun-
sel of the LORD standeth for ever, the
thoughts of his heart to all genera-
tions.* 12 Blessed *is* the nation whose
God *is* the LORD; *and* the people
whom he hath chosen for his own in-
heritance. 13 The LORD looketh from
heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of
men. 14 From the place of his habi-
tation he looketh upon all the in-
habitants of the earth. 15 He fash-
ioneth their hearts alike; he consid-
ereth all their works. 16 There is no king

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10. bringeth: Heb. maketh frustrate.
11. to all...: Heb. to generation and generation.

saved by the multitude of an host: a
mighty man is not delivered by much
strength. [17] An horse *is* a vain thing for
safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by
his great strength. [18] Behold, the eye of
the LORD *is* upon them that fear him,
upon them that hope in his mercy;
[19] To deliver their soul from death, and
to keep them alive in famine. [20] Our
soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our
help and our shield. [21] For our heart
shall rejoice in him, because we have
trusted in his holy name. [22] Let thy
mercy, O LORD, be upon us, accord-
ing as we hope in thee.

34 *A Psalm* of David, when he
changed his behaviour before Abim-
elech; who drove him away, and he
departed. I will bless the LORD at all
times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in
my mouth.* 2 My soul shall make her
boast in the LORD: the humble shall
hear *thereof*, and be glad. 3 O mag-
nify the LORD with me, and let us ex-
alt his name together. 4 I sought the
LORD, and he heard me, and delivered
me from all my fears. 5 They looked
unto him, and were lightened: and

34.1. Abimelech: or, Achish.

their faces were not ashamed.* 6 This
poor man cried, and the LORD heard
him, and saved him out of all his trou-
bles. 7 The angel of the LORD encam-
peth round about them that fear him,
and delivereth them. 8 O taste and see
that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the
man *that* trusteth in him. 9 O fear
the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is*
no want to them that fear him. 10 The
young lions do lack, and suffer hunger:
but they that seek the LORD shall not
want any good *thing*. 11 Come, ye chil-
dren, hearken unto me: I will teach
you the fear of the LORD. 12 What man

5. were lightened: or, they flowed unto him.

is he that desireth life, *and* loveth *many*
days, that he may see good? [13] Keep
thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from
speaking guile. [14] Depart from evil,
and do good; seek peace, and pur-
sue it. [15] The eyes of the LORD *are*
upon the righteous, and his ears *are*
open unto their cry. [16] The face of the
LORD *is* against them that do evil, to
cut off the remembrance of them from
the earth. [17] *The righteous* cry, and the
LORD heareth, and delivereth them
out of all their troubles. [18] The LORD
is nigh unto them that are of a bro-
ken heart; and saveth such as be of a

contrite spirit.* [19] Many *are* the afflic-
tions of the righteous: but the LORD
delivereth him out of them all. [20] He
keepeth all his bones: not one of them
is broken. [21] Evil shall slay the wicked:
and they that hate the righteous shall
be desolate.* [22] The LORD redeemeth
the soul of his servants: and none of
them that trust in him shall be deso-
late.*

35 *A Psalm* of David. Plead *my*
cause, O LORD, with them that strive

18. unto...: Heb. to the broken of heart. of a contrite...: Heb. contrite of spirit.
21. desolate: or, guilty.
22. desolate: or, guilty.

with me: fight against them that fight
against me. [2] Take hold of shield and
buckler, and stand up for mine help.
[3] Draw out also the spear, and stop *the*
way against them that persecute me:
say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.
[4] Let them be confounded and put to
shame that seek after my soul: let them
be turned back and brought to confu-
sion that devise my hurt. [5] Let them
be as chaff before the wind: and let the
angel of the LORD chase *them*. [6] Let
their way be dark and slippery: and
let the angel of the LORD persecute
them.* [7] For without cause have they

35.6. dark...: Heb. darkness and slipperiness.

hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which*
without cause they have digged for my
soul. [8] Let destruction come upon
him at unawares; and let his net that
he hath hid catch himself: into that
very destruction let him fall.* [9] And
my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it
shall rejoice in his salvation. [10] All my
bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto
thee, which deliverest the poor from
him that is too strong for him, yea,
the poor and the needy from him that
spoileth him? [11] False witnesses did rise
up; they laid to my charge *things* that

8. at...: Heb. which he knoweth not of.

I knew not.* [12] They rewarded me evil
for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.*
[13] But as for me, when they were sick,
my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled
my soul with fasting; and my prayer
returned into mine own bosom.* [14] I
behaved myself as though *he had been*
my friend *or* brother: I bowed down
heavily, as one that mourneth *for his*
mother.* [15] But in mine adversity they
rejoiced, and gathered themselves to-

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11. False...: Heb. Witnesses of wrong. they...: Heb. they asked me.

12. spoiling: Heb. depriving.

13. humbled: or, afflicted.

14. behaved myself: Heb. walked. as though...: Heb. as a friend, as a brother to me.

gether: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:* [16] With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. [17] Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.* [18] I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.* [19] Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink

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15. adversity: Heb. halting.
17. darling: Heb. only one.
18. much: Heb. strong.

with the eye that hate me without a
cause.* [20] For they speak not peace: but
they devise deceitful matters against
them that are quiet in the land. [21] Yea,
they opened their mouth wide against
me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath
seen *it*. [22] *This* thou hast seen, O LORD:
keep not silence: O Lord, be not far
from me. [23] Stir up thyself, and awake
to my judgment, *even* unto my cause,
my God and my Lord. [24] Judge me,
O LORD my God, according to thy
righteousness; and let them not re-
joice over me. [25] Let them not say in
their hearts, Ah, so would we have it:

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19. wrongfully: Heb. falsely.

let them not say, We have swallowed
him up.* [26] Let them be ashamed and
brought to confusion together that re-
joice at mine hurt: let them be clothed
with shame and dishonour that mag-
nify *themselves* against me. [27] Let them
shout for joy, and be glad, that favour
my righteous cause: yea, let them say
continually, Let the LORD be magni-
fied, which hath pleasure in the pros-
perity of his servant.* [28] And my tongue
shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of
thy praise all the day long.

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25. Ah...: Heb. Ah, ah, our soul.
27. righteous...: Heb. righteousness.

36 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm*
of David the servant of the LORD.
The transgression of the wicked saith
within my heart, *that there is* no fear
of God before his eyes. 2 For he flat-
tereth himself in his own eyes, until
his iniquity be found to be hateful.*
3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity
and deceit: he hath left off to be wise,
and to do good. 4 He deviseth mis-
chief upon his bed; he setteth himself
in a way *that is* not good; he abhor-
reth not evil.* 5 Thy mercy, O LORD,

36.2. until...: Heb. to find his iniquity to hate.
4. mischief: or, vanity.

is in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness
reacheth unto the clouds. 6 Thy righ-
teousness *is* like the great mountains;
thy judgments *are* a great deep: O
LORD, thou preservest man and beast.*
7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness,
O God! therefore the children of men
put their trust under the shadow of
thy wings.* 8 They shall be abundantly
satisfied with the fatness of thy house;
and thou shalt make them drink of
the river of thy pleasures.* 9 For with
thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light

6. the...: Heb. the mountains of God.
7. excellent: Heb. precious.
8. abundantly...: Heb. watered.

shall we see light. [10] O continue thy
lovingkindness unto them that know
thee; and thy righteousness to the up-
right in heart.* [11] Let not the foot of
pride come against me, and let not
the hand of the wicked remove me.
[12] There are the workers of iniquity
fallen: they are cast down, and shall
not be able to rise.

37 *A Psalm* of David. Fret not
thyself because of evildoers, neither
be thou envious against the workers
of iniquity. [2] For they shall soon be
cut down like the grass, and wither as

10. continue: Heb. draw out at length.

the green herb. [3] Trust in the LORD,
and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in
the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*
[4] Delight thyself also in the LORD;
and he shall give thee the desires of
thine heart. [5] Commit thy way unto
the LORD; trust also in him; and he
shall bring *it* to pass.* [6] And he shall
bring forth thy righteousness as the
light, and thy judgment as the noon-
day. [7] Rest in the LORD, and wait pa-
tiently for him: fret not thyself be-
cause of him who prospereth in his
way, because of the man who bringeth

37.3. verily: Heb. in truth, or, stableness.
5. Commit...: Heb. Roll thy way upon.

wicked devices to pass.* 8 Cease from
anger, and forsake wrath: fret not
thyself in any wise to do evil. 9 For
evildoers shall be cut off: but those
that wait upon the LORD, they shall
inherit the earth. 10 For yet a lit-
tle while, and the wicked *shall* not
be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider
his place, and it *shall* not *be*. 11 But
the meek shall inherit the earth; and
shall delight themselves in the abun-
dance of peace. 12 The wicked plotteth
against the just, and gnasheth upon
him with his teeth.* 13 The Lord shall

7. Rest in: Heb. Be silent to.
12. plotteth: or, practiseth.

laugh at him: for he seeth that his
day is coming. 14 The wicked have
drawn out the sword, and have bent
their bow, to cast down the poor
and needy, *and* to slay such as be of
upright conversation.* 15 Their sword
shall enter into their own heart, and
their bows shall be broken. 16 A lit-
tle that a righteous man hath *is* bet-
ter than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be
broken: but the LORD upholdeth the
righteous. 18 The LORD knoweth the
days of the upright: and their inher-
itance shall be for ever. 19 They shall

14. such...: Heb. the upright of way.

not be ashamed in the evil time: and
in the days of famine they shall be sat-
isfied. [20] But the wicked shall perish,
and the enemies of the LORD *shall be*
as the fat of lambs: they shall con-
sume; into smoke shall they consume
away.* [21] The wicked borroweth, and
payeth not again: but the righteous
sheweth mercy, and giveth. [22] For *such*
as be blessed of him shall inherit the
earth; and *they that be* cursed of him
shall be cut off. [23] The steps of a *good*
man are ordered by the LORD: and
he delighteth in his way.* [24] Though he

20. the fat: Heb. the preciousness.
23. ordered: or, established.

fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:
for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his
hand. [25] I have been young, and *now* am
old; yet have I not seen the righteous
forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
[26] *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and
his seed *is* blessed.* [27] Depart from evil,
and do good; and dwell for evermore.
[28] For the LORD loveth judgment, and
forsaketh not his saints; they are pre-
served for ever: but the seed of the
wicked shall be cut off. [29] The righ-
teous shall inherit the land, and dwell
therein for ever. [30] The mouth of the
righteous speaketh wisdom, and his

26. ever: Heb. all the day.

tongue talketh of judgment. [31] The law
of his God *is* in his heart; none of his
steps shall slide.* [32] The wicked watch-
eth the righteous, and seeketh to slay
him. [33] The LORD will not leave him
in his hand, nor condemn him when
he is judged. [34] Wait on the LORD, and
keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to
inherit the land: when the wicked are
cut off, thou shalt see *it*. [35] I have seen
the wicked in great power, and spread-
ing himself like a green bay tree.* [36] Yet
he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not:

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31. steps: or, goings.

35. a green...: or, a green tree that groweth in his own soil.

yea, I sought him, but he could not be
found. [37] Mark the perfect *man*, and
behold the upright: for the end of *that*
man *is* peace. [38] But the transgressors
shall be destroyed together: the end
of the wicked shall be cut off. [39] But
the salvation of the righteous *is* of the
LORD: *he is* their strength in the time
of trouble. [40] And the LORD shall help
them, and deliver them: he shall de-
liver them from the wicked, and save
them, because they trust in him.

38 A Psalm of David, to bring to
remembrance. O LORD, rebuke me
not in thy wrath: neither chasten me

in thy hot displeasure. 2 For thine ar-
rows stick fast in me, and thy hand
presseth me sore. 3 *There is* no sound-
ness in my flesh because of thine anger;
neither *is there any* rest in my bones
because of my sin.* 4 For mine iniq-
uities are gone over mine head: as an
heavy burden they are too heavy for
me. 5 My wounds stink *and* are cor-
rupt because of my foolishness. 6 I am
troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I
go mourning all the day long.* 7 For
my loins are filled with a loathsome
disease: and *there is* no soundness in

38.3. rest: Heb. peace, or, health.
6. troubled: Heb. wried.

my flesh. 8 I am feeble and sore bro-
ken: I have roared by reason of the dis-
quietness of my heart. 9 Lord, all my
desire *is* before thee; and my groaning
is not hid from thee. 10 My heart pan-
teth, my strength faileth me: as for the
light of mine eyes, it also is gone from
me.* 11 My lovers and my friends stand
aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen
stand afar off.* 12 They also that seek af-
ter my life lay snares *for me*: and they
that seek my hurt speak mischievous
things, and imagine deceits all the day

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10. is gone...: Heb. is not with me.

11. sore: Heb. stroke. my kinsmen: or, my neighbours.

long. [13] But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not;
and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth
not his mouth. [14] Thus I was as a
man that heareth not, and in whose
mouth *are* no reproofs. [15] For in thee,
O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O
Lord my God.* [16] For I said, *Hear me*,
lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over
me: when my foot slippeth, they mag-
nify *themselves* against me. [17] For I *am*
ready to halt, and my sorrow *is* con-
tinually before me.* [18] For I will declare
mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my
sin. [19] But mine enemies *are* lively, *and*

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15. in...: or, thee do I wait for. hear: or, answer.
17. to halt: Heb. for halting.

they are strong: and they that hate me
wrongfully are multiplied.* [20] They also
that render evil for good are mine ad-
versaries; because I follow *the thing that*
good *is*. [21] Forsake me not, O LORD: O
my God, be not far from me. [22] Make
haste to help me, O Lord my salva-
tion.*

39 To the chief Musician, *even* to
Jeduthun, A Psalm of David. I said, I
will take heed to my ways, that I sin
not with my tongue: I will keep my
mouth with a bridle, while the wicked

19. are lively...: Heb. being living, are strong.
22. to...: Heb. for my help.

is before me.* 2 I was dumb with si-
lence, I held my peace, *even* from good;
and my sorrow was stirred.* 3 My heart
was hot within me, while I was mus-
ing the fire burned: *then* spake I with
my tongue, 4 LORD, make me to know
mine end, and the measure of my days,
what it *is; that* I may know how frail
I *am*.* 5 Behold, thou hast made my
days *as* an handbreadth; and mine age
is as nothing before thee: verily every
man at his best state *is* altogether van-

39.1. my mouth...: Heb. a bridle, or, muzzle for my mouth.

2. stirred: Heb. troubled.

4. how...: or, what time I have here.

ity. Selah.* 6 Surely every man walketh
in a vain shew: surely they are disqui-
eted in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and
knoweth not who shall gather them.*
7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my
hope *is* in thee. 8 Deliver me from all
my transgressions: make me not the
reproach of the foolish. 9 I was dumb,
I opened not my mouth; because thou
didst *it*. 10 Remove thy stroke away
from me: I am consumed by the blow
of thine hand.* 11 When thou with re-
bukes dost correct man for iniquity,

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5. at...: Heb. settled.
6. a vain...: Heb. an image.
10. blow: Heb. conflict.

thou makest his beauty to consume
away like a moth: surely every man *is*
vanity. Selah.* [12] Hear my prayer, O
LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold
not thy peace at my tears: for I *am*
a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner,
as all my fathers *were*. [13] O spare me,
that I may recover strength, before I
go hence, and be no more.

40 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. I waited patiently for the
LORD; and he inclined unto me, and
heard my cry.* [2] He brought me up

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11. his...: Heb. that which is to be desired in him to melt away.

40.1. I waited...: Heb. In waiting I waited.

also out of an horrible pit, out of the
miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock,
and established my goings.* 3 And he
hath put a new song in my mouth, *even*
praise unto our God: many shall see *it*,
and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the
LORD his trust, and respecteth not
the proud, nor such as turn aside to
lies. 5 Many, O LORD my God, *are*
thy wonderful works *which* thou hast
done, and thy thoughts *which are* to
us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up
in order unto thee: *if* I would declare
and speak *of them*, they are more than

2. an...: Heb. a pit of noise.

can be numbered.* 6 Sacrifice and of-
fering thou didst not desire; mine ears
hast thou opened: burnt offering and
sin offering hast thou not required.*
7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the
volume of the book *it is* written of
me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my
God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.*
9 I have preached righteousness in the
great congregation: lo, I have not re-
frained my lips, O LORD, thou know-
est. 10 I have not hid thy righteousness

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5. they can not...: or, none can order them unto thee.
6. opened: Heb. digged.
8. within...: Heb. in the midst of my bowels.

within my heart; I have declared thy
faithfulness and thy salvation: I have
not concealed thy lovingkindness and
thy truth from the great congregation.
11 Withhold not thou thy tender mer-
cies from me, O LORD: let thy lov-
ingkindness and thy truth continually
preserve me. 12 For innumerable evils
have compassed me about: mine in-
iquities have taken hold upon me, so
that I am not able to look up; they
are more than the hairs of mine head:
therefore my heart faileth me.* 13 Be
pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O
LORD, make haste to help me. 14 Let

12. falleth: Heb. forsaketh.

them be ashamed and confounded to-
gether that seek after my soul to de-
stroy it; let them be driven backward
and put to shame that wish me evil.
15 Let them be desolate for a reward
of their shame that say unto me, Aha,
aha. 16 Let all those that seek thee re-
joice and be glad in thee: let such as
love thy salvation say continually, The
LORD be magnified. 17 But I *am* poor
and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon
me: thou *art* my help and my deliv-
erer; make no tarrying, O my God.

41 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. Blessed *is* he that consid-

ereth the poor: the LORD will deliver
him in time of trouble.* 2 The LORD
will preserve him, and keep him alive;
and he shall be blessed upon the earth:
and thou wilt not deliver him unto the
will of his enemies.* 3 The LORD will
strengthen him upon the bed of lan-
guishing: thou wilt make all his bed in
his sickness.* 4 I said, LORD, be mer-
ciful unto me: heal my soul; for I
have sinned against thee. 5 Mine en-
emies speak evil of me, When shall

41.1. the poor: or, the weak, or, sick. in time...: Heb. in the day of evil.

2. thou...: or, do not thou deliver.

3. make: Heb. turn.

he die, and his name perish? 6 And
if he come to see *me*, he speaketh van-
ity: his heart gathereth iniquity to it-
self; *when* he goeth abroad, he tel-
leth *it*. 7 All that hate me whisper
together against me: against me do
they devise my hurt.* 8 An evil disease,
say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and
now that he lieth he shall rise up no
more.* 9 Yea, mine own familiar friend,
in whom I trusted, which did eat of my
bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against
me.* 10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful

7. my...: Heb. evil to me.
8. An...: Heb. A thing of Belial.
9. mine...: Heb. the man of my peace. lifted...:

unto me, and raise me up, that I may
requite them. [11] By this I know that
thou favourest me, because mine en-
emy doth not triumph over me. [12] And
as for me, thou upholdest me in mine
integrity, and settest me before thy
face for ever. [13] Blessed *be* the LORD
God of Israel from everlasting, and to
everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

42 To the chief Musician, Maschil,
for the sons of Korah. As the hart
panteth after the water brooks, so pan-
teth my soul after thee, O God.* [2] My

Heb. magnified.

42.1. Maschil...: or, A Psalm giving instruction of

soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God? 4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for*

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the sons, etc. panteth: Heb. brayeth.

the help of his countenance.* 6 O my
God, my soul is cast down within me:
therefore will I remember thee from
the land of Jordan, and of the Her-
monites, from the hill Mizar.* 7 Deep
calleth unto deep at the noise of thy
waterspouts: all thy waves and thy bil-
lows are gone over me. 8 *Yet* the LORD
will command his lovingkindness in
the daytime, and in the night his song
shall be with me, *and* my prayer unto
the God of my life. 9 I will say unto
God my rock, Why hast thou forgot-

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5. cast: Heb. bowed. praise: or, give thanks. for the...: or, his presence is salvation.
6. the hill...: or, the little hill.

ten me? why go I mourning because
of the oppression of the enemy? [10] *As*
with a sword in my bones, mine ene-
mies reproach me; while they say daily
unto me, Where *is* thy God?* [11] Why
art thou cast down, O my soul? and
why art thou disquieted within me?
hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise
him, *who is* the health of my counte-
nance, and my God.

43 Judge me, O God, and plead
my cause against an ungodly nation:
O deliver me from the deceitful and

10. sword: or, killing.

unjust man.* 2 For thou *art* the God
of my strength: why dost thou cast
me off? why go I mourning because
of the oppression of the enemy? 3 O
send out thy light and thy truth: let
them lead me; let them bring me unto
thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.
4 Then will I go unto the altar of God,
unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon
the harp will I praise thee, O God my
God.* 5 Why art thou cast down, O
my soul? and why art thou disquieted
within me? hope in God: for I shall

43.1. ungodly: or, unmerciful. the deceitful...: Heb. a man of deceit and iniquity.

4. my exceeding...: Heb. the gladness of my joy.

yet praise him, *who is* the health of my
countenance, and my God.

44 To the chief Musician for the
sons of Korah, Maschil. We have
heard with our ears, O God, our fa-
thers have told us, *what* work thou
didst in their days, in the times of
old. 2 *How* thou didst drive out the
heathen with thy hand, and plantedst
them; *how* thou didst afflict the peo-
ple, and cast them out. 3 For they
got not the land in possession by their
own sword, neither did their own arm
save them: but thy right hand, and
thine arm, and the light of thy coun-

tenance, because thou hadst a favour
unto them. 4 Thou art my King, O
God: command deliverances for Ja-
cob. 5 Through thee will we push
down our enemies: through thy name
will we tread them under that rise up
against us. 6 For I will not trust in
my bow, neither shall my sword save
me. 7 But thou hast saved us from our
enemies, and hast put them to shame
that hated us. 8 In God we boast all
the day long, and praise thy name for
ever. Selah. 9 But thou hast cast off,
and put us to shame; and goest not
forth with our armies. 10 Thou mak-
est us to turn back from the enemy:

and they which hate us spoil for them-
selves. [11] Thou hast given us like sheep
appointed for meat; and hast scattered
us among the heathen.* [12] Thou sell-
est thy people for nought, and dost
not increase *thy wealth* by their price.*
[13] Thou makest us a reproach to our
neighbours, a scorn and a derision to
them that are round about us. [14] Thou
makest us a byword among the hea-
then, a shaking of the head among the
people. [15] My confusion *is* continu-
ally before me, and the shame of my
face hath covered me, [16] For the voice

44.11. like...: Heb. as sheep of meat.
12. for...: Heb. without riches.

of him that reproacheth and blas-
phemeth; by reason of the enemy and
avenger. [17] All this is come upon us;
yet have we not forgotten thee, neither
have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
[18] Our heart is not turned back, nei-
ther have our steps declined from thy
way;* [19] Though thou hast sore broken
us in the place of dragons, and cov-
ered us with the shadow of death. [20] If
we have forgotten the name of our
God, or stretched out our hands to a
strange god; [21] Shall not God search
this out? for he knoweth the secrets
of the heart. [22] Yea, for thy sake are we

18. steps: or, goings.

killed all the day long; we are counted
as sheep for the slaughter. [23] Awake,
why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast
us not off for ever. [24] Wherefore hidest
thou thy face, *and* forgettest our af-
fliction and our oppression? [25] For our
soul is bowed down to the dust: our
belly cleaveth unto the earth. [26] Arise
for our help, and redeem us for thy
mercies' sake.*

45 To the chief Musician upon
Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah,
Maschil, A Song of loves. My heart
is inditing a good matter: I speak of

26. for our...: Heb. a help for us.

the things which I have made touch-
ing the king: my tongue *is* the pen
of a ready writer.* 2 Thou art fairer
than the children of men: grace is
poured into thy lips: therefore God
hath blessed thee for ever. 3 Gird thy
sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty,
with thy glory and thy majesty. 4 And
in thy majesty ride prosperously be-
cause of truth and meekness *and* righ-
teousness; and thy right hand shall
teach thee terrible things.* 5 Thine ar-
rows *are* sharp in the heart of the

45.1. Maschil: or, of instruction. is inditing: Heb. boileth, or, bubbleth up.

4. ride...: Heb. prosper thou, ride thou.

king's enemies; *whereby* the people
fall under thee. 6 Thy throne, O
God, *is* for ever and ever: the scep-
tre of thy kingdom *is* a right scep-
tre. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and
hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy
God, hath anointed thee with the oil
of gladness above thy fellows. 8 All
thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes,
and cassia, out of the ivory palaces,
whereby they have made thee glad.
9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy
honourable women: upon thy right
hand did stand the queen in gold of
Ophir. 10 Hearken, O daughter, and
consider, and incline thine ear; forget

also thine own people, and thy father's
house; [11] So shall the king greatly de-
sire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and
worship thou him. [12] And the daugh-
ter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift;
even the rich among the people shall
intreat thy favour.* [13] The king's daugh-
ter *is* all glorious within: her cloth-
ing *is* of wrought gold. [14] She shall be
brought unto the king in raiment of
needlework: the virgins her compan-
ions that follow her shall be brought
unto thee. [15] With gladness and rejoic-
ing shall they be brought: they shall
enter into the king's palace. [16] Instead

12. favour: Heb. face.

of thy fathers shall be thy children,
whom thou mayest make princes in
all the earth. 17 I will make thy name
to be remembered in all generations:
therefore shall the people praise thee
for ever and ever.

46 To the chief Musician for the
sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.
God *is* our refuge and strength, a very
present help in trouble.* 2 Therefore
will not we fear, though the earth
be removed, and though the moun-
tains be carried into the midst of the
sea;* 3 *Though* the waters thereof roar

46.1. for: or, of.
2. midst...: Heb. heart of the seas.

and be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.
Selah. 4 *There is* a river, the streams
whereof shall make glad the city of
God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High. 5 God *is* in
the midst of her; she shall not be
moved: God shall help her, *and that*
right early.* 6 The heathen raged, the
kingdoms were moved: he uttered his
voice, the earth melted. 7 The LORD
of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob
is our refuge. Selah.* 8 Come, behold
the works of the LORD, what desola-

5. and...: Heb. when the morning appeareth.
7. our...: Heb. an high place for us.

tions he hath made in the earth. 9 He
maketh wars to cease unto the end of
the earth; he breaketh the bow, and
cutteth the spear in sunder; he bur-
neth the chariot in the fire. 10 Be still,
and know that I *am* God: I will be
exalted among the heathen, I will be
exalted in the earth. 11 The LORD of
hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is*
our refuge. Selah.

47 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
for the sons of Korah. O clap your
hands, all ye people; shout unto God
with the voice of triumph.* 2 For the

47.1. for: or, of.

LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a
great King over all the earth. 3 He
shall subdue the people under us, and
the nations under our feet. 4 He shall
choose our inheritance for us, the ex-
cellency of Jacob whom he loved. Se-
lah. 5 God is gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing
praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God *is* the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.*
8 God reigneth over the heathen: God
sitteth upon the throne of his holi-
ness. 9 The princes of the people are

7. with: or, every one that hath.

gathered together, *even* the people of
the God of Abraham: for the shields
of the earth *belong* unto God: he is
greatly exalted.*

48 A Song *and* Psalm for the sons
of Korah. Great *is* the LORD, and
greatly to be praised in the city of our
God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.*
2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the
whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the
sides of the north, the city of the great
King. 3 God is known in her palaces
for a refuge. 4 For, lo, the kings were

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9. princes...: or, voluntary of the people are gathered unto the people of the God of Abraham.

48.1. for: or, of.

assembled, they passed by together.
5 They saw *it, and* so they marvelled;
they were troubled, *and* hasted away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there, *and*
pain, as of a woman in travail. 7 Thou
breakest the ships of Tarshish with an
east wind. 8 As we have heard, so have
we seen in the city of the LORD of
hosts, in the city of our God: God
will establish it for ever. Selah. 9 We
have thought of thy lovingkindness, O
God, in the midst of thy temple. 10 According to thy name, O God, so *is*
thy praise unto the ends of the earth:
thy right hand is full of righteousness. 11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the

daughters of Judah be glad, because
of thy judgments. 12 Walk about Zion,
and go round about her: tell the tow-
ers thereof. 13 Mark ye well her bul-
warks, consider her palaces; that ye
may tell *it* to the generation follow-
ing.* 14 For this God *is* our God for
ever and ever: he will be our guide *even*
unto death.

49 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
for the sons of Korah. Hear this, all
ye people; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of
the world:* 2 Both low and high, rich

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13. Mark...: Heb. Set your heart to. consider: or, raise up.

49.1. for: or, of.

and poor, together. [3] My mouth shall
speak of wisdom; and the meditation
of my heart *shall be* of understand-
ing. [4] I will incline mine ear to a para-
ble: I will open my dark saying upon
the harp. [5] Wherefore should I fear
in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity
of my heels shall compass me about?
[6] They that trust in their wealth, and
boast themselves in the multitude of
their riches; [7] None *of them* can by any
means redeem his brother, nor give to
God a ransom for him: [8] (For the re-
demption of their soul *is* precious, and
it ceaseth for ever:) [9] That he should
still live for ever, *and* not see corrup-

tion. [10] For he seeth *that* wise men
die, likewise the fool and the brutish
person perish, and leave their wealth
to others. [11] Their inward thought *is,*
that their houses *shall continue* for ever,
and their dwelling places to all gener-
ations; they call *their* lands after their
own names.* [12] Nevertheless man *being*
in honour abideth not: he is like the
beasts *that* perish. [13] This their way *is*
their folly: yet their posterity approve
their sayings. Selah.* [14] Like sheep they
are laid in the grave; death shall feed
on them; and the upright shall have

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11. all...: Heb. generation and generation.
13. approve...: Heb. delight in their mouth.

dominion over them in the morning;
and their beauty shall consume in the
grave from their dwelling.* 15 But God
will redeem my soul from the power
of the grave: for he shall receive me.
Selah.* 16 Be not thou afraid when one
is made rich, when the glory of his
house is increased; 17 For when he dieth
he shall carry nothing away: his glory
shall not descend after him. 18 Though
while he lived he blessed his soul: and
men will praise thee, when thou doest

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14. beauty: or, strength. in the grave from...: or, the grave being an habitation to every one of them.
15. power: Heb. hand. the grave: or, hell.

well to thyself.* [19] He shall go to the
generation of his fathers; they shall
never see light.* [20] Man *that is* in hon-
our, and understandeth not, is like the
beasts *that* perish.

50 A Psalm of Asaph. The mighty
God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken,
and called the earth from the ris-
ing of the sun unto the going down
thereof.* [2] Out of Zion, the perfection
of beauty, God hath shined. [3] Our
God shall come, and shall not keep si-
lence: a fire shall devour before him,

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18. while...: Heb. in his life.
19. He...: Heb. The soul shall.
50.1. of...: or, for Asaph.

and it shall be very tempestuous round
about him. [4] He shall call to the heav-
ens from above, and to the earth, that
he may judge his people. [5] Gather my
saints together unto me; those that
have made a covenant with me by sac-
rifice. [6] And the heavens shall declare
his righteousness: for God *is* judge
himself. Selah. [7] Hear, O my peo-
ple, and I will speak; O Israel, and I
will testify against thee: I *am* God,
even thy God. [8] I will not reprove
thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt of-
ferings, *to have been* continually be-
fore me. [9] I will take no bullock out
of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy

folds. 10 For every beast of the forest
is mine, *and* the cattle upon a thou-
sand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of
the mountains: and the wild beasts of
the field *are* mine.* 12 If I were hungry,
I would not tell thee: for the world *is*
mine, and the fulness thereof. 13 Will
I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the
blood of goats? 14 Offer unto God
thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto
the most High: 15 And call upon me
in the day of trouble: I will deliver
thee, and thou shalt glorify me. 16 But
unto the wicked God saith, What hast
thou to do to declare my statutes, or

11. mine: Heb. with me.

that thou shouldest take my covenant
in thy mouth? 17 Seeing thou hat-
est instruction, and castest my words
behind thee. 18 When thou sawest
a thief, then thou consentedst with
him, and hast been partaker with adul-
terers.* 19 Thou givest thy mouth to
evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.*
20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy
brother; thou slanderest thine own
mother's son. 21 These *things* hast
thou done, and I kept silence; thou
thoughtest that I was altogether *such*
an one as thyself: *but* I will reprove

18. hast...: Heb. thy portion was with.
19. givest: Heb. sendest.

thee, and set *them* in order before thine
eyes. [22] Now consider this, ye that for-
get God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and
there be none to deliver. [23] Whoso of-
fereth praise glorifieth me: and to him
that ordereth *his* conversation *aright*
will I shew the salvation of God.*

51 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David, when Nathan the prophet
came unto him, after he had gone in
to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me,
O God, according to thy lovingkind-
ness: according unto the multitude of
thy tender mercies blot out my trans-

23. that...: Heb. that disposeth his way.

gressions. [2] Wash me throughly from
mine iniquity, and cleanse me from
my sin. [3] For I acknowledge my trans-
gressions: and my sin *is* ever before
me. [4] Against thee, thee only, have I
sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight:
that thou mightest be justified when
thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou
judgest. [5] Behold, I was shapen in
iniquity; and in sin did my mother
conceive me.* [6] Behold, thou desirest
truth in the inward parts: and in the
hidden *part* thou shalt make me to
know wisdom. [7] Purge me with hys-
sop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and

51.5. conceive...: Heb. warm me.

I shall be whiter than snow. [8] Make
me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the
bones *which* thou hast broken may re-
joice. [9] Hide thy face from my sins,
and blot out all mine iniquities. [10] Cre-
ate in me a clean heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit within me.* [11] Cast
me not away from thy presence; and
take not thy holy spirit from me. [12] Re-
store unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.
[13] *Then* will I teach transgressors thy
ways; and sinners shall be converted
unto thee. [14] Deliver me from blood-
guiltiness, O God, thou God of my

10. right: or, constant.

salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing
aloud of thy righteousness.* [15] O Lord,
open thou my lips; and my mouth
shall shew forth thy praise. [16] For thou
desirest not sacrifice; else would I give
it: thou delightest not in burnt of-
fering.* [17] The sacrifices of God *are* a
broken spirit: a broken and a contrite
heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
[18] Do good in thy good pleasure unto
Zion: build thou the walls of Jeru-
salem. [19] Then shalt thou be pleased
with the sacrifices of righteousness,
with burnt offering and whole burnt

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14. bloodguiltiness: Heb. bloods.
16. else...: or, that I should.

offering: then shall they offer bullocks
upon thine altar.

52 To the chief Musician, Maschil,
A Psalm of David, when Doeg the
Edomite came and told Saul, and said
unto him, David is come to the house
of Ahimelech. Why boastest thou
thyself in mischief, O mighty man?
the goodness of God *endureth* con-
tinually. 2 Thy tongue deviseth mis-
chiefs; like a sharp razor, working de-
ceitfully. 3 Thou lovest evil more than
good; *and* lying rather than to speak
righteousness. Selah. 4 Thou lovest
all devouring words, O *thou* deceit-

ful tongue.* 5 God shall likewise de-
stroy thee for ever, he shall take thee
away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwell-
ing place, and root thee out of the land
of the living. Selah.* 6 The righteous
also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh
at him: 7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made
not God his strength; but trusted
in the abundance of his riches, *and*
strengthened himself in his wicked-
ness.* 8 But I *am* like a green olive tree
in the house of God: I trust in the
mercy of God for ever and ever. 9 I will

52.4. O thou...: or, and the deceitful tongue.
5. destroy...: Heb. beat thee down.
7. wickedness: or, substance.

praise thee for ever, because thou hast
done *it*: and I will wait on thy name;
for *it is* good before thy saints.

53 To the chief Musician upon
Mahalath, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.
The fool hath said in his heart, *There is*
no God. Corrupt are they, and have
done abominable iniquity: *there is*
none that doeth good. 2 God looked
down from heaven upon the children
of men, to see if there were *any* that did
understand, that did seek God. 3 Ev-
ery one of them is gone back: they are
altogether become filthy; *there is* none
that doeth good, no, not one. 4 Have

the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God. 5 There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.* 6 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.*

53.5. were...: Heb. they feared a fear.
6. Oh that...: Heb. Who will give salvation, etc.

54 To the chief Musician on
Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David,
when the Ziphims came and said to
Saul, Doth not David hide himself
with us? Save me, O God, by thy
name, and judge me by thy strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear
to the words of my mouth. 3 For
strangers are risen up against me, and
oppressors seek after my soul: they
have not set God before them. Se-
lah. 4 Behold, God *is* mine helper:
the Lord *is* with them that uphold my
soul. 5 He shall reward evil unto mine

enemies: cut them off in thy truth.*
6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will
praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is*
good. 7 For he hath delivered me out
of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen
his desire upon mine enemies.

55 To the chief Musician on
Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.
Give ear to my prayer, O God; and
hide not thyself from my supplication.
2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I
mourn in my complaint, and make a
noise; 3 Because of the voice of the en-
emy, because of the oppression of the

54.5. mine...: Heb. those that observe me.

wicked: for they cast iniquity upon
me, and in wrath they hate me. 4 My
heart is sore pained within me: and
the terrors of death are fallen upon
me. 5 Fearfulness and trembling are
come upon me, and horror hath over-
whelmed me.* 6 And I said, Oh that I
had wings like a dove! *for then* would
I fly away, and be at rest. 7 Lo, *then*
would I wander far off, *and* remain in
the wilderness. Selah. 8 I would has-
ten my escape from the windy storm
and tempest. 9 Destroy, O Lord, *and*
divide their tongues: for I have seen
violence and strife in the city. 10 Day

55.5. overwhelmed: Heb. covered.

and night they go about it upon the
walls thereof: mischief also and sor-
row *are* in the midst of it. [11] Wicked-
ness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and
guile depart not from her streets. [12] For
it was not an enemy *that* reproached
me; then I could have borne *it*: neither
was it he that hated me *that* did mag-
nify *himself* against me; then I would
have hid myself from him: [13] But *it was*
thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and
mine acquaintance.* [14] We took sweet
counsel together, *and* walked unto
the house of God in company.* [15] Let

13. mine equal: Heb. according to my rank.
14. We...: Heb. Who sweetened counsel.

death seize upon them, *and* let them
go down quick into hell: for wicked-
ness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among
them.* [16] As for me, I will call upon
God; and the LORD shall save me.
[17] Evening, and morning, and at noon,
will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall
hear my voice. [18] He hath delivered my
soul in peace from the battle *that was*
against me: for there were many with
me. [19] God shall hear, and afflict them,
even he that abideth of old. Selah.
Because they have no changes, there-
fore they fear not God.* [20] He hath put

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15. hell: or, the grave.

19. Because...: or, With whom also there be no

forth his hands against such as be at
peace with him: he hath broken his
covenant.* [21] *The words* of his mouth
were smoother than butter, but war
was in his heart: his words were softer
than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.
[22] Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and
he shall sustain thee: he shall never suf-
fer the righteous to be moved.* [23] But
thou, O God, shalt bring them down
into the pit of destruction: bloody and
deceitful men shall not live out half
their days; but I will trust in thee.*

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changes, yet they.
20. broken: Heb. profaned.
22. burden: or, gift.
23. bloody...: Heb. men of bloods and deceit.

56 To the chief Musician upon
Jonathelemrechokim, Michtam of
David, when the Philistines took him
in Gath. Be merciful unto me, O God:
for man would swallow me up; he
fighting daily oppresseth me.* 2 Mine
enemies would daily swallow *me* up:
for *they be* many that fight against me,
O thou most High.* 3 What time I am
afraid, I will trust in thee. 4 In God I
will praise his word, in God I have put
my trust; I will not fear what flesh can
do unto me. 5 Every day they wrest my

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shall...: Heb. shall not half their days.

56.1. Michtam...: or, A golden Psalm of David.

2. enemies: Heb. observers.

words: all their thoughts *are* against
me for evil. 6 They gather themselves
together, they hide themselves, they
mark my steps, when they wait for my
soul. 7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
in *thine* anger cast down the people, O
God. 8 Thou tellest my wanderings:
put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are*
they not in thy book? 9 When I cry
unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn
back: this I know; for God *is* for me.
10 In God will I praise *his* word: in the
LORD will I praise *his* word. 11 In God
have I put my trust: I will not be afraid
what man can do unto me. 12 Thy vows
are upon me, O God: I will render

praises unto thee. [13] For thou hast de-
livered my soul from death: *wilt* not
thou deliver my feet from falling, that
I may walk before God in the light of
the living?

57 To the chief Musician, Altas-
chith, Michtam of David, when he
fled from Saul in the cave. Be mer-
ciful unto me, O God, be merciful
unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee:
yea, in the shadow of thy wings will
I make my refuge, until *these* calami-
ties be overpast.* [2] I will cry unto God
most high; unto God that performeth

57.1. Altaschith: or, Destroy not.

all things for me. 3 He shall send from
heaven, and save me *from* the reproach
of him that would swallow me up. Se-
lah. God shall send forth his mercy
and his truth.* 4 My soul *is* among li-
ons: *and* I lie *even among* them that are
set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose
teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their
tongue a sharp sword. 5 Be thou ex-
alted, O God, above the heavens; *let*
thy glory *be* above all the earth. 6 They
have prepared a net for my steps; my
soul is bowed down: they have digged
a pit before me, into the midst whereof
they are fallen *themselves*. Selah. 7 My

3. from the...: or, he reproacheth him that.

heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and give praise.* 8 Awake up,
my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I
myself will awake early. 9 I will praise
thee, O Lord, among the people: I
will sing unto thee among the nations.
10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heav-
ens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the
heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the
earth.

58 To the chief Musician, Altas-
chith, Michtam of David. Do ye in-
deed speak righteousness, O congre-

7. fixed: or, prepared.

gation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye
sons of men?* 2 Yea, in heart ye work
wickedness; ye weigh the violence of
your hands in the earth. 3 The wicked
are estranged from the womb: they go
astray as soon as they be born, speak-
ing lies.* 4 Their poison *is* like the poi-
son of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf
adder *that* stoppeth her ear;* 5 Which
will not hearken to the voice of charm-
ers, charming never so wisely.* 6 Break

58.1. Altaschith...: or, Destroy not, A golden Psalm of David.

3. as soon...: Heb. from the belly.

4. like the poison: Heb. according to the likeness, etc. adder: or, asp.

5. charming...: or, be the charmer never so cun-

their teeth, O God, in their mouth:
break out the great teeth of the young
lions, O LORD. 7 Let them melt away
as waters *which* run continually: *when*
he bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows,
let them be as cut in pieces. 8 As a
snail *which* melteth, let *every one of*
them pass away: *like* the untimely birth
of a woman, *that* they may not see
the sun. 9 Before your pots can feel
the thorns, he shall take them away
as with a whirlwind, both living, and
in *his* wrath.* 10 The righteous shall re-
joice when he seeth the vengeance: he

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9. both...: Heb. as living as wrath.

shall wash his feet in the blood of the
wicked. [11] So that a man shall say, Ver-
ily *there is* a reward for the righteous:
verily he is a God that judgeth in the
earth.*

59 To the chief Musician, Altas-
chith, Michtam of David; when Saul
sent, and they watched the house to
kill him. Deliver me from mine en-
emies, O my God: defend me from
them that rise up against me.* [2] De-
liver me from the workers of iniquity,
and save me from bloody men. [3] For,

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11. a reward...: Heb. fruit of the, etc.

59.1. Altaschith...: or, Destroy not, A golden Psalm of David. defend...: Heb. set me on high.

lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the
mighty are gathered against me; not
for my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O
LORD. 4 They run and prepare them-
selves without *my* fault: awake to help
me, and behold.* 5 Thou therefore, O
LORD God of hosts, the God of Is-
rael, awake to visit all the heathen: be
not merciful to any wicked transgres-
sors. Selah. 6 They return at evening:
they make a noise like a dog, and go
round about the city. 7 Behold, they
belch out with their mouth: swords
are in their lips: for who, *say they*,
doth hear? 8 But thou, O LORD, shalt

4. help: Heb. meet.

laugh at them; thou shalt have all the
heathen in derision. 9 *Because of* his
strength will I wait upon thee: for God
is my defence.* 10 The God of my mercy
shall prevent me: God shall let me see
my desire upon mine enemies.* 11 Slay
them not, lest my people forget: scat-
ter them by thy power; and bring them
down, O Lord our shield. 12 *For* the sin
of their mouth *and* the words of their
lips let them even be taken in their
pride: and for cursing and lying *which*
they speak. 13 Consume *them* in wrath,
consume *them*, that they *may* not *be*:

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9. defence: Heb. high place.
10. enemies: Heb. observers.

and let them know that God ruleth
in Jacob unto the ends of the earth.
Selah. [14] And at evening let them re-
turn; *and* let them make a noise like
a dog, and go round about the city.
[15] Let them wander up and down for
meat, and grudge if they be not sat-
isfied.* [16] But I will sing of thy power;
yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in
the morning: for thou hast been my
defence and refuge in the day of my
trouble. [17] Unto thee, O my strength,
will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and*
the God of my mercy.

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15. for meat: Heb. to eat. and grudge...: or, if they be not satisfied, then they will stay all night.

60 To the chief Musician upon
Shushaneduth, Michtam of David, to
teach; when he strove with Aramna-
haraim and with Aramzobah, when
Joab returned, and smote of Edom
in the valley of salt twelve thousand.
O God, thou hast cast us off, thou
hast scattered us, thou hast been dis-
pleased; O turn thyself to us again.*
2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble;
thou hast broken it: heal the breaches
thereof; for it shaketh. 3 Thou hast
shewed thy people hard things: thou

60.1. Michtam: or, A golden Psalm. scattered: Heb. broken.

hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. [4] Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah. [5] That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me. [6] God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. [7] Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver; [8] Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.* [9] Who will bring

8. triumph...: or, triumph thou over me: (by an

me *into* the strong city? who will lead
me into Edom?* [10] *Wilt* not thou, O
God, *which* hadst cast us off? and
thou, O God, *which* didst not go out
with our armies? [11] Give us help from
trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.*
[12] Through God we shall do valiantly:
for he *it is that* shall tread down our
enemies.

61 To the chief Musician upon
Neginah, *A Psalm* of David. Hear my
cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
[2] From the end of the earth will I cry

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irony).

9. strong...: Heb. city of strength?.

11. help of man: Heb. salvation, etc.

unto thee, when my heart is over-
whelmed: lead me to the rock *that*
is higher than I. 3 For thou hast been
a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower
from the enemy. 4 I will abide in thy
tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the
covert of thy wings. Selah.* 5 For thou,
O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast
given *me* the heritage of those that fear
thy name. 6 Thou wilt prolong the
king's life: *and* his years as many gen-
erations.* 7 He shall abide before God
for ever: O prepare mercy and truth,

61.4. trust: or, make my refuge.
6. Thou...: Heb. Thou shalt add days to the days of the king. as...: Heb. as generation and generation.

which may preserve him. 8 So will I
sing praise unto thy name for ever, that
I may daily perform my vows.

62 To the chief Musician, to Je-
duthun, A Psalm of David. Truly my
soul waiteth upon God: from him
cometh my salvation.* 2 He only *is* my
rock and my salvation; *he is* my de-
fence; I shall not be greatly moved.*
3 How long will ye imagine mischief
against a man? ye shall be slain all of
you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as*
a tottering fence. 4 They only consult

62.1. Truly: or, Only. waiteth: Heb. is silent.
2. defence: Heb. high place.

to cast *him* down from his excellency:
they delight in lies: they bless with
their mouth, but they curse inwardly.
Selah.* 5 My soul, wait thou only upon
God; for my expectation *is* from him.
6 He only *is* my rock and my salva-
tion: *he is* my defence; I shall not be
moved. 7 In God *is* my salvation and
my glory: the rock of my strength, *and*
my refuge, *is* in God. 8 Trust in him
at all times; *ye* people, pour out your
heart before him: God *is* a refuge for
us. Selah. 9 Surely men of low de-
gree *are* vanity, *and* men of high de-
gree *are* a lie: to be laid in the bal-

4. inwardly: Heb. in their inward parts.

ance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than
vanity.* [10] Trust not in oppression, and
become not vain in robbery: if riches
increase, set not your heart *upon them*.
[11] God hath spoken once; twice have I
heard this; that power *belongeth* unto
God.* [12] Also unto thee, O Lord, *be-*
longeth mercy: for thou renderest to
every man according to his work.

63 A Psalm of David, when he was
in the wilderness of Judah. O God,
thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee:
my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh

9. altogether: or, alike.
11. power: or, strength.

longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty
land, where no water is;* 2 To see thy
power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen
thee in the sanctuary. 3 Because thy
lovingkindness *is* better than life, my
lips shall praise thee. 4 Thus will I
bless thee while I live: I will lift up my
hands in thy name. 5 My soul shall be
satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness;
and my mouth shall praise *thee* with
joyful lips:* 6 When I remember thee
upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in
the *night* watches. 7 Because thou hast
been my help, therefore in the shadow

63.1. thirsty: Heb. weary. where...: without water.
5. marrow: Heb. fatness.

of thy wings will I rejoice. [8] My soul
followeth hard after thee: thy right
hand upholdeth me. [9] But those *that*
seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into
the lower parts of the earth. [10] They
shall fall by the sword: they shall be
a portion for foxes.* [11] But the king
shall rejoice in God; every one that
sweareth by him shall glory: but the
mouth of them that speak lies shall be
stopped.

64 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
of David. Hear my voice, O God,

10. They shall fall...: Heb. They shall make him run out like water by the hands of.

in my prayer: preserve my life from
fear of the enemy. [2] Hide me from
the secret counsel of the wicked; from
the insurrection of the workers of in-
iquity: [3] Who whet their tongue like
a sword, *and* bend *their bows to shoot*
their arrows, *even* bitter words: [4] That
they may shoot in secret at the per-
fect: suddenly do they shoot at him,
and fear not. [5] They encourage them-
selves *in* an evil matter: they com-
mune of laying snares privily; they say,
Who shall see them?* [6] They search
out iniquities; they accomplish a dili-

64.5. matter: or, speech. of...: Heb. to hide his snares.

gent search: both the inward *thought*
of every one *of them*, and the heart, *is*
deep.* 7 But God shall shoot at them
with an arrow; suddenly shall they be
wounded.* 8 So they shall make their
own tongue to fall upon themselves:
all that see them shall flee away. 9 And
all men shall fear, and shall declare
the work of God; for they shall wisely
consider of his doing. 10 The righteous
shall be glad in the LORD, and shall
trust in him; and all the upright in

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6. they...: or, we are consumed by that which they have throughly searched. a diligent...: Heb. a search searched.

7. shall they...: Heb. their wound shall be.

heart shall glory.

65 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
and Song of David. Praise waiteth for
thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee
shall the vow be performed.* 2 O thou
that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all
flesh come. 3 Iniquities prevail against
me: *as for* our transgressions, thou
shalt purge them away.* 4 Blessed *is the
man whom* thou choosest, and caus-
est to approach *unto thee, that* he may
dwell in thy courts: we shall be satis-
fied with the goodness of thy house,

65.1. waiteth: Heb. is silent.
3. iniquities: Heb. Words, or, Matters of iniquities.

even of thy holy temple. [5] *By* terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea: [6] Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power: [7] Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. [8] They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.* [9] Thou visitest the earth, and water-

8. rejoice: or, sing.

est it: thou greatly enrichest it with
the river of God, *which* is full of water:
thou preparest them corn, when thou
hast so provided for it.* 10 Thou wa-
terest the ridges thereof abundantly:
thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou
makest it soft with showers: thou
blessest the springing thereof.* 11 Thou
crownest the year with thy goodness;
and thy paths drop fatness.* 12 They
drop *upon* the pastures of the wilder-
ness: and the little hills rejoice on ev-

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9. and...: or, after thou hadst made it to desire rain.
10. settlest: or, causest rain to descend into. makest...: Heb. dissolvest it.
11. with: Heb. of.

ery side.* 13 The pastures are clothed
with flocks; the valleys also are cov-
ered over with corn; they shout for joy,
they also sing.

66 To the chief Musician, A Song
or Psalm. Make a joyful noise unto
God, all ye lands:* 2 Sing forth the
honour of his name: make his praise
glorious. 3 Say unto God, How ter-
rible *art thou in* thy works! through
the greatness of thy power shall thine
enemies submit themselves unto thee.*
4 All the earth shall worship thee, and

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12. rejoice...: Heb. are girded with joy.
66.1. all...: Heb. all the earth.
3. submit...: or, yield feigned obedience: Heb. lie.

shall sing unto thee; they shall sing
to thy name. Selah. 5 Come and see
the works of God: *he is* terrible *in*
his doing toward the children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry *land*: they
went through the flood on foot: there
did we rejoice in him. 7 He ruleth
by his power for ever; his eyes behold
the nations: let not the rebellious ex-
alt themselves. Selah. 8 O bless our
God, ye people, and make the voice of
his praise to be heard: 9 Which hold-
eth our soul in life, and suffereth not
our feet to be moved.* 10 For thou, O
God, hast proved us: thou hast tried

9. holdeth: Heb. putteth.

us, as silver is tried. [11] Thou broughtest
us into the net; thou laidst affliction
upon our loins. [12] Thou hast caused
men to ride over our heads; we went
through fire and through water: but
thou broughtest us out into a wealthy
place.* [13] I will go into thy house with
burnt offerings: I will pay thee my
vows, [14] Which my lips have uttered,
and my mouth hath spoken, when I
was in trouble.* [15] I will offer unto thee
burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the in-
cense of rams; I will offer bullocks with

12. wealthy: Heb. moist.
14. uttered: Heb. opened.

goats. Selah.* [16] Come *and* hear, all ye
that fear God, and I will declare what
he hath done for my soul. [17] I cried
unto him with my mouth, and he was
extolled with my tongue. [18] If I regard
iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not
hear *me*: [19] *But* verily God hath heard
me; he hath attended to the voice of
my prayer. [20] Blessed *be* God, which
hath not turned away my prayer, nor
his mercy from me.

67 To the chief Musician on
Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song. God be
merciful unto us, and bless us; *and*

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15. fatlings: Heb. marrow.

cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.*
2 That thy way may be known upon
earth, thy saving health among all na-
tions. 3 Let the people praise thee, O
God; let all the people praise thee. 4 O
let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
for thou shalt judge the people righ-
teously, and govern the nations upon
earth. Selah.* 5 Let the people praise
thee, O God; let all the people praise
thee. 6 *Then* shall the earth yield her
increase; *and* God, *even* our own God,
shall bless us. 7 God shall bless us; and
all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

67.1. upon: Heb. with.
4. govern: Heb. lead.

68 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
or Song of David. Let God arise, let
his enemies be scattered: let them also
that hate him flee before him.* 2 As
smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them*
away: as wax melteth before the fire, *so*
let the wicked perish at the presence of
God. 3 But let the righteous be glad;
let them rejoice before God: yea, let
them exceedingly rejoice.* 4 Sing unto
God, sing praises to his name: ex-
tol him that rideth upon the heavens
by his name JAH, and rejoice before

68.1. before...: Heb. from his face.
3. exceedingly...: Heb. rejoice with gladness.

him. 5 A father of the fatherless, and a
judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy
habitation. 6 God setteth the soli-
tary in families: he bringeth out those
which are bound with chains: but the
rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.* 7 O
God, when thou wentest forth before
thy people, when thou didst march
through the wilderness; Selah: 8 The
earth shook, the heavens also dropped
at the presence of God: *even* Sinai it-
self *was moved* at the presence of God,
the God of Israel. 9 Thou, O God,
didst send a plentiful rain, whereby
thou didst confirm thine inheritance,

6. in families: Heb. in a house.

when it was weary.* [10] Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God,
hast prepared of thy goodness for the
poor. [11] The Lord gave the word: great
was the company of those that published *it*.* [12] Kings of armies did flee
apace: and she that tarried at home
divided the spoil.* [13] Though ye have
lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be*
as the wings of a dove covered with
silver, and her feathers with yellow
gold. [14] When the Almighty scattered

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9. send: Heb. shake out. confirm: Heb. confirm it.

11. company: Heb. army.

12. did...: Heb. did flee, did flee.

kings in it, it was *white* as snow in
Salmon.* 15 The hill of God *is as* the
hill of Bashan; an high hill *as* the hill
of Bashan. 16 Why leap ye, ye high
hills? *this is* the hill *which* God de-
sireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will
dwell *in it* for ever. 17 The chariots of
God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thou-
sands of angels: the Lord *is* among
them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.*
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou
hast led captivity captive: thou hast re-
ceived gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebel-
lious also, that the LORD God might

14. in it...: or, for her, she.
17. even...: or, even many thousands.

dwell *among them*.* [19] Blessed *be* the
Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with bene-*
fits, even the God of our salvation. Se-
lah. [20] *He that is* our God *is* the God
of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord
belong the issues from death. [21] But
God shall wound the head of his en-
emies, *and* the hairy scalp of such an
one as goeth on still in his trespasses.
[22] The Lord said, I will bring again from
Bashan, I will bring *my people* again
from the depths of the sea: [23] That thy
foot may be dipped in the blood of
thine enemies, *and* the tongue of thy

18. for men: Heb. in the man.

dogs in the same.* [24] They have seen
thy goings, O God; *even* the goings
of my God, my King, in the sanctu-
ary. [25] The singers went before, the
players on instruments *followed* after;
among *them were* the damsels play-
ing with timbrels. [26] Bless ye God
in the congregations, *even* the Lord,
from the fountain of Israel.* [27] There
is little Benjamin *with* their ruler, the
princes of Judah *and* their council, the
princes of Zebulun, *and* the princes
of Naphtali.* [28] Thy God hath com-

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23. dipped: or, red.
26. from...: or, ye that are of the fountain of Israel.
27. and their...: or, with their company.

manded thy strength: strengthen, O
God, that which thou hast wrought
for us. [29] Because of thy temple at
Jerusalem shall kings bring presents
unto thee. [30] Rebuke the company of
spearmen, the multitude of the bulls,
with the calves of the people, *till ev-*
ery one submit himself with pieces of
silver: scatter thou the people *that* de-
light in war.* [31] Princes shall come out
of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch
out her hands unto God. [32] Sing unto
God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O
sing praises unto the Lord; Selah: [33] To

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30. the company...: or, the beasts of the reeds. scatter...: or, he scattereth.

him that rideth upon the heavens of
heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he
doth send out his voice, *and that* a
mighty voice.* [34] Ascribe ye strength
unto God: his excellency *is* over Is-
rael, and his strength *is* in the clouds.*
[35] O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy
holy places: the God of Israel *is* he
that giveth strength and power unto
his people. Blessed *be* God.

69 To the chief Musician upon
Shoshannim, *A Psalm* of David. Save
me, O God; for the waters are come

33. send...: Heb. give.
34. clouds: or, heavens.

in unto *my* soul. [2] I sink in deep mire,
where *there is* no standing: I am come
into deep waters, where the floods
overflow me.* [3] I am weary of my cry-
ing: my throat is dried: mine eyes
fail while I wait for my God. [4] They
that hate me without a cause are more
than the hairs of mine head: they that
would destroy me, *being* mine ene-
mies wrongfully, are mighty: then I
restored *that* which I took not away.
[5] O God, thou knowest my foolish-
ness; and my sins are not hid from

69.2. deep mire: Heb. the mire of depth. deep waters: Heb. depth of waters.

thee.* 6 Let not them that wait on thee,
O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed
for my sake: let not those that seek
thee be confounded for my sake, O
God of Israel. 7 Because for thy sake I
have borne reproach; shame hath cov-
ered my face. 8 I am become a stranger
unto my brethren, and an alien unto
my mother's children. 9 For the zeal of
thine house hath eaten me up; and the
reproaches of them that reproached
thee are fallen upon me. 10 When I
wept, *and chastened* my soul with fast-
ing, that was to my reproach. 11 I made
sackcloth also my garment; and I be-

5. sins: Heb. guiltiness.

came a proverb to them. [12] They that
sit in the gate speak against me; and I
was the song of the drunkards.* [13] But
as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O
LORD, *in* an acceptable time: O God,
in the multitude of thy mercy hear me,
in the truth of thy salvation. [14] Deliver
me out of the mire, and let me not
sink: let me be delivered from them
that hate me, and out of the deep wa-
ters. [15] Let not the waterflood overflow
me, neither let the deep swallow me
up, and let not the pit shut her mouth
upon me. [16] Hear me, O LORD; for thy
lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me

12. drunkards: Heb. drinkers of strong drink.

according to the multitude of thy ten-
der mercies. [17] And hide not thy face
from thy servant; for I am in trouble:
hear me speedily.* [18] Draw nigh unto
my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me be-
cause of mine enemies. [19] Thou hast
known my reproach, and my shame,
and my dishonour: mine adversaries
are all before thee. [20] Reproach hath
broken my heart; and I am full of heav-
iness: and I looked *for some* to take
pity, but *there was* none; and for com-
forters, but I found none.* [21] They gave
me also gall for my meat; and in my

17. hear...: Heb. make haste to hear me.
20. to take...: Heb. to lament with me.

thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
22 Let their table become a snare before
them: and *that which should have been*
for *their* welfare, *let it become* a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they
see not; and make their loins continu-
ally to shake. 24 Pour out thine indigna-
tion upon them, and let thy wrathful
anger take hold of them. 25 Let their
habitation be desolate; *and* let none
dwell in their tents.* 26 For they perse-
cute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and
they talk to the grief of those whom

25. their habitation: Heb. their palace. let none...: Heb. let there not be a dweller.

thou hast wounded.* [27] Add iniquity
unto their iniquity: and let them not
come into thy righteousness.* [28] Let
them be blotted out of the book of
the living, and not be written with the
righteous. [29] But I *am* poor and sor-
rowful: let thy salvation, O God, set
me up on high. [30] I will praise the
name of God with a song, and will
magnify him with thanksgiving. [31] *This*
also shall please the LORD better than
an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and
hoofs. [32] The humble shall see *this, and*
be glad: and your heart shall live that

26. those...: Heb. thy wounded.
27. iniquity unto...: or, punishment of iniquity, etc.

seek God.* 33 For the LORD heareth the
poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let the heaven and earth praise him,
the seas, and every thing that moveth
therein.* 35 For God will save Zion, and
will build the cities of Judah: that they
may dwell there, and have it in pos-
session. 36 The seed also of his servants
shall inherit it: and they that love his
name shall dwell therein.

70 To the chief Musician, *A Psalm*
of David, to bring to remembrance.
Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

32. humble: or, meek.
34. moveth: Heb. creepeth.

make haste to help me, O LORD.* 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt. 3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha. 4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. 5 But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

70.1. to help...: Heb. to my help.

71 In thee, O LORD, do I put my
trust: let me never be put to confu-
sion. 2 Deliver me in thy righteous-
ness, and cause me to escape: incline
thine ear unto me, and save me. 3 Be
thou my strong habitation, whereunto
I may continually resort: thou hast
given commandment to save me; for
thou *art* my rock and my fortress.*
4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the
hand of the wicked, out of the hand of
the unrighteous and cruel man. 5 For
thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou*

71.3. Be...: Heb. Be thou to me for a rock of habitation.

art my trust from my youth. 6 By
thee have I been holden up from the
womb: thou art he that took me out
of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall*
be continually of thee. 7 I am as a
wonder unto many; but thou *art* my
strong refuge. 8 Let my mouth be
filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy hon-
our all the day. 9 Cast me not off in the
time of old age; forsake me not when
my strength faileth. 10 For mine ene-
mies speak against me; and they that
lay wait for my soul take counsel to-
gether,* 11 Saying, God hath forsaken
him: persecute and take him; for *there*

10. lay...: Heb. watch, or, observe.

is none to deliver *him*. [12] O God, be
not far from me: O my God, make
haste for my help. [13] Let them be con-
founded *and* consumed that are adver-
saries to my soul; let them be covered
with reproach and dishonour that seek
my hurt. [14] But I will hope continu-
ally, and will yet praise thee more and
more. [15] My mouth shall shew forth
thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all
the day; for I know not the numbers
thereof. [16] I will go in the strength of the
Lord GOD: I will make mention of
thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.
[17] O God, thou hast taught me from
my youth: and hitherto have I de-

clared thy wondrous works. [18] Now
also when I am old and grayheaded,
O God, forsake me not; until I have
shewed thy strength unto *this* genera-
tion, *and* thy power to every one *that*
is to come.* [19] Thy righteousness also,
O God, *is* very high, who hast done
great things: O God, who *is* like unto
thee! [20] *Thou*, which hast shewed me
great and sore troubles, shalt quicken
me again, and shalt bring me up again
from the depths of the earth. [21] Thou
shalt increase my greatness, and com-
fort me on every side. [22] I will also

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18. when...: Heb. unto old age and gray hairs. thy strength: Heb. thine arm.

praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy
truth, O my God: unto thee will I
sing with the harp, O thou Holy One
of Israel.* [23] My lips shall greatly re-
joice when I sing unto thee; and my
soul, which thou hast redeemed. [24] My
tongue also shall talk of thy righteous-
ness all the day long: for they are con-
founded, for they are brought unto
shame, that seek my hurt.

72 *A Psalm* for Solomon. Give
the king thy judgments, O God, and
thy righteousness unto the king's son.*

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22. the psaltery: Heb. the instrument of psaltery.
72.1. for: or, of.

2 He shall judge thy people with righ-
teousness, and thy poor with judg-
ment. 3 The mountains shall bring
peace to the people, and the little hills,
by righteousness. 4 He shall judge
the poor of the people, he shall save
the children of the needy, and shall
break in pieces the oppressor. 5 They
shall fear thee as long as the sun and
moon endure, throughout all genera-
tions. 6 He shall come down like rain
upon the mown grass: as showers *that*
water the earth. 7 In his days shall the
righteous flourish; and abundance of
peace so long as the moon endureth.*

7. so long...: Heb. till there be no moon.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea
to sea, and from the river unto the ends
of the earth. 9 They that dwell in the
wilderness shall bow before him; and
his enemies shall lick the dust. 10 The
kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall
bring presents: the kings of Sheba and
Seba shall offer gifts. 11 Yea, all kings
shall fall down before him: all na-
tions shall serve him. 12 For he shall
deliver the needy when he crieth; the
poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.
13 He shall spare the poor and needy,
and shall save the souls of the needy.
14 He shall redeem their soul from de-
ceit and violence: and precious shall

their blood be in his sight. [15] And he
shall live, and to him shall be given of
the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be
made for him continually; *and* daily
shall he be praised.* [16] There shall be
an handful of corn in the earth upon
the top of the mountains; the fruit
thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and
they of the city shall flourish like grass
of the earth. [17] His name shall en-
dure for ever: his name shall be con-
tinued as long as the sun: and *men*
shall be blessed in him: all nations
shall call him blessed.* [18] Blessed *be* the

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15. shall be given: Heb. one shall give.
17. endure: Heb. be. his name shall be...: Heb.

LORD God, the God of Israel, who
only doeth wondrous things. [19] And
blessed *be* his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled *with*
his glory; Amen, and Amen. [20] The
prayers of David the son of Jesse are
ended.

73 A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God
is good to Israel, *even* to such as are
of a clean heart.* [2] But as for me, my
feet were almost gone; my steps had
well nigh slipped. [3] For I was envi-

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shall be as a son to continue his father's name for ever.

73.1. Truly: or, Yet. of...: Heb. clean of heart. of: or, for.

ous at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.* 5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.* 6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment. 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.* 8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they

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4. firm: Heb. fat.

5. in...: Heb. in the trouble of other men. like: Heb. with.

7. have...: Heb. pass the thoughts of the heart.

speak loftily. 9 They set their mouth
against the heavens, and their tongue
walketh through the earth. 10 There-
fore his people return hither: and wa-
ters of a full *cup* are wrung out to
them. 11 And they say, How doth God
know? and is there knowledge in the
most High? 12 Behold, these *are* the
ungodly, who prosper in the world;
they increase *in* riches. 13 Verily I have
cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed
my hands in innocency. 14 For all the
day long have I been plagued, and
chastened every morning.* 15 If I say, I
will speak thus; behold, I should of-

14. chastened: Heb. my chastisement was.

fend *against* the generation of thy chil-
dren. [16] When I thought to know this,
it *was* too painful for me;* [17] Until I
went into the sanctuary of God; *then*
understood I their end. [18] Surely thou
didst set them in slippery places: thou
castedst them down into destruction.
[19] How are they *brought* into desola-
tion, as in a moment! they are ut-
terly consumed with terrors. [20] As a
dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord,
when thou awakest, thou shalt de-
spise their image. [21] Thus my heart
was grieved, and I was pricked in my
reins. [22] So foolish *was* I, and ignorant:

16. too...: Heb. labour in mine eyes.

I was *as* a beast before thee.* [23] Nev-
ertheless I *am* continually with thee:
thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.
[24] Thou shalt guide me with thy coun-
sel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.
[25] Whom have I in heaven *but thee*? and
there is none upon earth *that* I desire
beside thee. [26] My flesh and my heart
faileth: *but* God *is* the strength of my
heart, and my portion for ever.* [27] For,
lo, they that are far from thee shall per-
ish: thou hast destroyed all them that
go a whoring from thee. [28] But *it is*
good for me to draw near to God: I

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22. ignorant: Heb. I knew not. before Heb. with.
26. strength: Heb. rock.

have put my trust in the Lord GOD,
that I may declare all thy works.

74 Maschil of Asaph. O God, why
hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth
thine anger smoke against the sheep of
thy pasture?* 2 Remember thy congre-
gation, *which* thou hast purchased of
old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which*
thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion,
wherein thou hast dwelt.* 3 Lift up thy
feet unto the perpetual desolations;
even all *that* the enemy hath done
wickedly in the sanctuary. 4 Thine en-

74.1. Maschil...: or, A Psalm for Asaph to give instruction.

2. rod: or, tribe.

emies roar in the midst of thy congre-
gations; they set up their ensigns *for*
signs. 5 *A man* was famous according
as he had lifted up axes upon the thick
trees. 6 But now they break down the
carved work thereof at once with axes
and hammers. 7 They have cast fire
into thy sanctuary, they have defiled
by casting down the dwelling place of
thy name to the ground.* 8 They said
in their hearts, Let us destroy them to-
gether: they have burned up all the
synagogues of God in the land.* 9 We

7. They have cast...: Heb. They have sent thy sanctuary unto the fire.
8. destroy: Heb. break.

see not our signs: *there is* no more
any prophet: neither *is there* among
us any that knoweth how long. [10] O
God, how long shall the adversary re-
proach? shall the enemy blaspheme
thy name for ever? [11] Why withdrawest
thou thy hand, even thy right hand?
pluck *it* out of thy bosom. [12] For God
is my King of old, working salvation
in the midst of the earth. [13] Thou didst
divide the sea by thy strength: thou
brakest the heads of the dragons in the
waters.* [14] Thou brakest the heads of
leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to*
be meat to the people inhabiting the

13. divide: Heb. break. dragons: or, whales.

wilderness. [15] Thou didst cleave the
fountain and the flood: thou driedst
up mighty rivers.* [16] The day *is* thine,
the night also *is* thine: thou hast pre-
pared the light and the sun. [17] Thou
hast set all the borders of the earth:
thou hast made summer and winter.*
[18] Remember this, *that* the enemy hath
reproached, O LORD, and *that* the
foolish people have blasphemed thy
name. [19] O deliver not the soul of thy
turtledove unto the multitude *of the
wicked*: forget not the congregation of
thy poor for ever. [20] Have respect unto

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15. mighty...: Heb. rivers of strength.
17. made: Heb. made them.

the covenant: for the dark places of
the earth are full of the habitations of
cruelty. [21] O let not the oppressed re-
turn ashamed: let the poor and needy
praise thy name. [22] Arise, O God, plead
thine own cause: remember how the
foolish man reproacheth thee daily.
[23] Forget not the voice of thine ene-
mies: the tumult of those that rise up
against thee increaseth continually.*

75 To the chief Musician, Altas-
chith, A Psalm *or* Song of Asaph.
Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks,
unto thee do we give thanks: for *that*

23. increaseth: Heb. ascendeth.

thy name is near thy wondrous works
declare.* 2 When I shall receive the
congregation I will judge uprightly.*
3 The earth and all the inhabitants
thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pil-
lars of it. Selah. 4 I said unto the fools,
Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked,
Lift not up the horn: 5 Lift not up
your horn on high: speak *not with* a
stiff neck. 6 For promotion *cometh* nei-
ther from the east, nor from the west,
nor from the south.* 7 But God *is* the
judge: he putteth down one, and set-

75.1. Altaschith: or, Destroy not. of: or, for.
2. receive...: or, take a set time.
6. south: Heb. desert.

teth up another. [8] For in the hand
of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the
wine is red; it is full of mixture; and
he poureth out of the same: but the
dregs thereof, all the wicked of the
earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink
them. [9] But I will declare for ever; I
will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
[10] All the horns of the wicked also will I
cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous
shall be exalted.

76 To the chief Musician on
Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song of Asaph.
In Judah *is* God known: his name *is*

great in Israel.* 2 In Salem also is his
tabernacle, and his dwelling place in
Zion. 3 There brake he the arrows of
the bow, the shield, and the sword,
and the battle. Selah. 4 Thou *art* more
glorious *and* excellent than the moun-
tains of prey. 5 The stouthearted are
spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and
none of the men of might have found
their hands. 6 At thy rebuke, O God
of Jacob, both the chariot and horse
are cast into a dead sleep. 7 Thou,
even thou, *art* to be feared: and who
may stand in thy sight when once thou
art angry? 8 Thou didst cause judg-

76.1. of: or, for.

ment to be heard from heaven; the
earth feared, and was still, 9 When
God arose to judgment, to save all the
meek of the earth. Selah. 10 Surely the
wrath of man shall praise thee: the re-
mainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.
11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your
God: let all that be round about him
bring presents unto him that ought to
be feared.* 12 He shall cut off the spirit
of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of
the earth.

77 To the chief Musician, to Je-
duthun, A Psalm of Asaph. I cried

11. unto him...: Heb. to fear.

unto God with my voice, *even* unto
God with my voice; and he gave ear
unto me.* 2 In the day of my trou-
ble I sought the Lord: my sore ran
in the night, and ceased not: my
soul refused to be comforted.* 3 I re-
membered God, and was troubled: I
complained, and my spirit was over-
whelmed. Selah. 4 Thou holdest mine
eyes waking: I am so troubled that
I cannot speak. 5 I have considered
the days of old, the years of ancient
times. 6 I call to remembrance my
song in the night: I commune with

77.1. of: or, for.
2. sore: Heb. hand.

mine own heart: and my spirit made
diligent search. 7 Will the Lord cast
off for ever? and will he be favour-
able no more? 8 Is his mercy clean
gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail
for evermore?* 9 Hath God forgotten
to be gracious? hath he in anger shut
up his tender mercies? Selah. 10 And
I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will
remember* the years of the right hand
of the most High. 11 I will remember
the works of the LORD: surely I will
remember thy wonders of old. 12 I will
meditate also of all thy work, and talk

8. for evermore: Heb. to generation and generation?.

of thy doings. [13] Thy way, O God, *is* in
the sanctuary: who *is so* great a God
as *our* God? [14] Thou *art* the God that
doest wonders: thou hast declared thy
strength among the people. [15] Thou
hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy peo-
ple, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Se-
lah. [16] The waters saw thee, O God,
the waters saw thee; they were afraid:
the depths also were troubled. [17] The
clouds poured out water: the skies sent
out a sound: thine arrows also went
abroad.* [18] The voice of thy thunder
was in the heaven: the lightnings light-
ened the world: the earth trembled

17. poured...: Heb. were poured forth with water.

and shook. [19] Thy way *is* in the sea, and
thy path in the great waters, and thy
footsteps are not known. [20] Thou led-
dest thy people like a flock by the hand
of Moses and Aaron.

78 Maschil of Asaph. Give ear,
O my people, *to* my law: incline your
ears to the words of my mouth.* [2] I
will open my mouth in a parable: I
will utter dark sayings of old: [3] Which
we have heard and known, and our fa-
thers have told us. [4] We will not hide
them from their children, shewing to
the generation to come the praises of

78.1. Maschil...: or, A Psalm for Asaph to give instruction.

the LORD, and his strength, and his
wonderful works that he hath done.
5 For he established a testimony in Ja-
cob, and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers,
that they should make them known
to their children: 6 That the genera-
tion to come might know *them, even*
the children *which* should be born;
who should arise and declare *them* to
their children: 7 That they might set
their hope in God, and not forget the
works of God, but keep his command-
ments: 8 And might not be as their
fathers, a stubborn and rebellious gen-
eration; a generation *that* set not their

heart aright, and whose spirit was not
stedfast with God.* 9 The children of
Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* carrying
bows, turned back in the day of bat-
tle.* 10 They kept not the covenant of
God, and refused to walk in his law;
11 And forgat his works, and his won-
ders that he had shewed them. 12 Mar-
vellous things did he in the sight of
their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in*
the field of Zoan. 13 He divided the
sea, and caused them to pass through;
and he made the waters to stand as
an heap. 14 In the daytime also he led

8. that...: Heb. that prepared not their heart.
9. carrying: Heb. throwing forth.

them with a cloud, and all the night
with a light of fire. 15 He clave the
rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them*
drink as *out of* the great depths. 16 He
brought streams also out of the rock,
and caused waters to run down like
rivers. 17 And they sinned yet more
against him by provoking the most
High in the wilderness. 18 And they
tempted God in their heart by ask-
ing meat for their lust. 19 Yea, they
spake against God; they said, Can
God furnish a table in the wilder-
ness?* 20 Behold, he smote the rock,
that the waters gushed out, and the

19. furnish: Heb. order.

streams overflowed; can he give bread
also? can he provide flesh for his peo-
ple? [21] Therefore the LORD heard *this*,
and was wroth: so a fire was kindled
against Jacob, and anger also came
up against Israel; [22] Because they be-
lieved not in God, and trusted not in
his salvation: [23] Though he had com-
manded the clouds from above, and
opened the doors of heaven, [24] And
had rained down manna upon them
to eat, and had given them of the corn
of heaven. [25] Man did eat angels' food:
he sent them meat to the full.* [26] He

25. Man...: or, Every one did eat the bread of the mighty.

caused an east wind to blow in the
heaven: and by his power he brought
in the south wind.* 27 He rained flesh
also upon them as dust, and feath-
ered fowls like as the sand of the sea:*
28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of
their camp, round about their habita-
tions. 29 So they did eat, and were well
filled: for he gave them their own de-
sire; 30 They were not estranged from
their lust. But while their meat *was* yet
in their mouths, 31 The wrath of God
came upon them, and slew the fattest
of them, and smote down the chosen

26. to blow: Heb. to go.
27. feathered...: Heb. fowl of wing.

men of Israel.* [32] For all this they sinned
still, and believed not for his won-
drous works. [33] Therefore their days
did he consume in vanity, and their
years in trouble. [34] When he slew them,
then they sought him: and they re-
turned and enquired early after God.
[35] And they remembered that God *was*
their rock, and the high God their re-
deemer. [36] Nevertheless they did flatter
him with their mouth, and they lied
unto him with their tongues. [37] For
their heart was not right with him, nei-
ther were they stedfast in his covenant.

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31. smote...: Heb. made to bow. Chosen...: or, young men.

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, for-
gave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them*
not: yea, many a time turned he his
anger away, and did not stir up all
his wrath. 39 For he remembered that
they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth
away, and cometh not again. 40 How
oft did they provoke him in the wilder-
ness, *and* grieve him in the desert!*
41 Yea, they turned back and tempted
God, and limited the Holy One of
Israel. 42 They remembered not his
hand, *nor* the day when he delivered
them from the enemy.* 43 How he had

40. provoke: or, rebel against.
42. from...: or, from affliction.

wrought his signs in Egypt, and his
wonders in the field of Zoan:* 44 And
had turned their rivers into blood; and
their floods, that they could not drink.
45 He sent divers sorts of flies among
them, which devoured them; and
frogs, which destroyed them. 46 He
gave also their increase unto the cater-
piller, and their labour unto the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
and their sycomore trees with frost.*
48 He gave up their cattle also to the
hail, and their flocks to hot thunder-

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43. wrought: Heb. set.
47. destroyed: Heb. killed. frost: or, great hail-stones.

bolts.* [49] He cast upon them the fierce-
ness of his anger, wrath, and indigna-
tion, and trouble, by sending evil an-
gels *among them*. [50] He made a way
to his anger; he spared not their soul
from death, but gave their life over
to the pestilence;* [51] And smote all the
firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their*
strength in the tabernacles of Ham:
[52] But made his own people to go forth
like sheep, and guided them in the
wilderness like a flock. [53] And he led
them on safely, so that they feared not:

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48. gave...: Heb. shut up. hot...: or, lightnings.
50. He made...: Heb. He weighed a path. life...: or, beasts to the murrain.

but the sea overwhelmed their ene-
mies.* 54 And he brought them to the
border of his sanctuary, *even to* this
mountain, *which* his right hand had
purchased. 55 He cast out the heathen
also before them, and divided them
an inheritance by line, and made the
tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and provoked the
most high God, and kept not his testi-
monies: 57 But turned back, and dealt
unfaithfully like their fathers: they
were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with
their high places, and moved him

53. overwhelmed: Heb. covered.

to jealousy with their graven images.
59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth,
and greatly abhorred Israel: 60 So that
he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
the tent *which* he placed among men;
61 And delivered his strength into cap-
tivity, and his glory into the enemy's
hand. 62 He gave his people over also
unto the sword; and was wroth with
his inheritance. 63 The fire consumed
their young men; and their maidens
were not given to marriage.* 64 Their
priests fell by the sword; and their wid-
ows made no lamentation. 65 Then the
Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and*

63. given...: Heb. praised.

like a mighty man that shouteth by
reason of wine. 66 And he smote his en-
emies in the hinder parts: he put them
to a perpetual reproach. 67 Moreover
he refused the tabernacle of Joseph,
and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:
68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the
mount Zion which he loved. 69 And
he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*,
like the earth which he hath estab-
lished for ever.* 70 He chose David also
his servant, and took him from the
sheepfolds: 71 From following the ewes
great with young he brought him to
feed Jacob his people, and Israel his in-

69. established: Heb. founded.

heritance.* 72 So he fed them accord-
ing to the integrity of his heart; and
guided them by the skilfulness of his
hands.

79 A Psalm of Asaph. O God,
the heathen are come into thine in-
heritance; thy holy temple have they
defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on
heaps.* 2 The dead bodies of thy ser-
vants have they given *to be* meat unto
the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of
thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like wa-
ter round about Jerusalem; and *there*

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71. following: Heb. after.
79.1. of: or, for.

was none to bury *them*. 4 We are be-
come a reproach to our neighbours,
a scorn and derision to them that are
round about us. 5 How long, LORD?
wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy
jealousy burn like fire? 6 Pour out thy
wrath upon the heathen that have not
known thee, and upon the kingdoms
that have not called upon thy name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob, and
laid waste his dwelling place. 8 O re-
member not against us former iniqui-
ties: let thy tender mercies speedily
prevent us: for we are brought very
low.* 9 Help us, O God of our salva-

8. former...: or, the iniquities of them that were

tion, for the glory of thy name: and
deliver us, and purge away our sins, for
thy name's sake. [10] Wherefore should
the heathen say, Where *is* their God?
let him be known among the heathen
in our sight *by* the revenging of the
blood of thy servants *which is* shed.*
[11] Let the sighing of the prisoner come
before thee; according to the greatness
of thy power preserve thou those that
are appointed to die;* [12] And render
unto our neighbours sevenfold into

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before us.

10. revenging: Heb. vengeance.

11. thy...: Heb. thine arm. preserve...: Heb. reserve the children of death.

their bosom their reproach, where-
with they have reproached thee, O
Lord. 13 So we thy people and sheep
of thy pasture will give thee thanks for
ever: we will shew forth thy praise to
all generations.*

80 To the chief Musician upon
Shoshannimeduth, A Psalm of As-
aph. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
thou that dwellest *between* the cheru-
bims, shine forth.* 2 Before Ephraim
and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up

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13. to all...: Heb. to generation and generation.
80.1. of: or, for.

thy strength, and come *and* save us.*
3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy
face to shine; and we shall be saved.
4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt
thou be angry against the prayer of thy
people?* 5 Thou feedest them with the
bread of tears; and givest them tears to
drink in great measure. 6 Thou mak-
est us a strife unto our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh among them-
selves. 7 Turn us again, O God of
hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and
we shall be saved. 8 Thou hast brought
a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out

2. come...: Heb. come for salvation to us.
4. be...: Heb. smoke.

the heathen, and planted it. 9 Thou
preparedst *room* before it, and didst
cause it to take deep root, and it filled
the land. 10 The hills were covered
with the shadow of it, and the boughs
thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.*
11 She sent out her boughs unto the
sea, and her branches unto the river.
12 Why hast thou *then* broken down
her hedges, so that all they which pass
by the way do pluck her? 13 The boar
out of the wood doth waste it, and
the wild beast of the field doth de-
vour it. 14 Return, we beseech thee,
O God of hosts: look down from

10. goodly...: Heb. cedars of God.

heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;
15 And the vineyard which thy right
hand hath planted, and the branch
that thou madest strong for thyself.
16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down:
they perish at the rebuke of thy coun-
tenance. 17 Let thy hand be upon the
man of thy right hand, upon the son
of man *whom* thou madest strong for
thyself. 18 So will not we go back from
thee: quicken us, and we will call upon
thy name. 19 Turn us again, O Lord
God of hosts, cause thy face to shine;
and we shall be saved.

81 To the chief Musician upon
Gittith, *A Psalm* of Asaph. Sing aloud

unto God our strength: make a joy-
ful noise unto the God of Jacob.*
2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the
timbrel, the pleasant harp with the
psaltery. 3 Blow up the trumpet in
the new moon, in the time appointed,
on our solemn feast day. 4 For this
was a statute for Israel, *and* a law of
the God of Jacob. 5 This he ordained
in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he
went out through the land of Egypt:
where I heard a language *that* I under-
stood not.* 6 I removed his shoulder
from the burden: his hands were de-

81.1. of Asaph: or, for Asaph.
5. through: or, against.

livered from the pots.* 7 Thou calledst
in trouble, and I delivered thee; I an-
swered thee in the secret place of thun-
der: I proved thee at the waters of
Meribah. Selah.* 8 Hear, O my peo-
ple, and I will testify unto thee: O
Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
9 There shall no strange god be in thee;
neither shalt thou worship any strange
god. 10 I *am* the LORD thy God, which
brought thee out of the land of Egypt:
open thy mouth wide, and I will fill
it. 11 But my people would not hear-
ken to my voice; and Israel would

6. were...: Heb. passed away.
7. Meribah: or, Strife.

none of me. [12] So I gave them up
unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they
walked in their own counsels.* [13] Oh
that my people had hearkened unto
me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!
[14] I should soon have subdued their en-
emies, and turned my hand against
their adversaries. [15] The haters of the
LORD should have submitted them-
selves unto him: but their time should
have endured for ever.* [16] He should
have fed them also with the finest of

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12. unto...: or, to the hardness of their hearts, or, imagination.

15. submitted...: or, yielded feigned obedience: Heb. lied.

the wheat: and with honey out of the
rock should I have satisfied thee.*

82 A Psalm of Asaph. God
standeth in the congregation of the
mighty; he judgeth among the gods.*
2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and
accept the persons of the wicked? Se-
lah. 3 Defend the poor and father-
less: do justice to the afflicted and
needy.* 4 Deliver the poor and needy:
rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They know not, neither will they un-
derstand; they walk on in darkness: all

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16. finest...: Heb. fat of wheat.
82.1. of Asaph: or, for Asaph.
3. Defend: Heb. Judge.

the foundations of the earth are out
of course.* 6 I have said, Ye *are* gods;
and all of you *are* children of the most
High. 7 But ye shall die like men, and
fall like one of the princes. 8 Arise, O
God, judge the earth: for thou shalt
inherit all nations.

83 A Song *or* Psalm of Asaph.
Keep not thou silence, O God: hold
not thy peace, and be not still, O
God.* 2 For, lo, thine enemies make
a tumult: and they that hate thee
have lifted up the head. 3 They have
taken crafty counsel against thy peo-

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5. out...: Heb. moved.
83.1. of Asaph: or, for Asaph.

ple, and consulted against thy hidden
ones. 4 They have said, Come, and let
us cut them off from *being* a nation;
that the name of Israel may be no more
in remembrance. 5 For they have con-
sulted together with one consent: they
are confederate against thee:* 6 The
tabernacles of Edom, and the Ish-
maelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;
the Philistines with the inhabitants of
Tyre; 8 Assur also is joined with them:
they have holpen the children of Lot.
Selah.* 9 Do unto them as *unto* the

5. consent: Heb. heart.
8. holpen: Heb. been an arm to.

Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at
the brook of Kison: [10] *Which* perished
at Endor: they became *as* dung for the
earth. [11] Make their nobles like Oreb,
and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as
Zebah, and as Zalmunna: [12] Who said,
Let us take to ourselves the houses
of God in possession. [13] O my God,
make them like a wheel; as the stub-
ble before the wind. [14] As the fire bur-
neth a wood, and as the flame set-
teth the mountains on fire; [15] So perse-
cute them with thy tempest, and make
them afraid with thy storm. [16] Fill
their faces with shame; that they may
seek thy name, O LORD. [17] Let them

be confounded and troubled for ever;
yea, let them be put to shame, and per-
ish: 18 That *men* may know that thou,
whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art*
the most high over all the earth.

84 To the chief Musician upon
Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Ko-
rah. How amiable *are* thy tabernacles,
O LORD of hosts!* 2 My soul longeth,
yea, even fainteth for the courts of
the LORD: my heart and my flesh cri-
eth out for the living God. 3 Yea, the
sparrow hath found an house, and the
swallow a nest for herself, where she

84.1. for the sons: or, of the sons.

may lay her young, *even* thine altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King, and my
God. 4 Blessed *are* they that dwell
in thy house: they will be still prais-
ing thee. Selah. 5 Blessed *is* the man
whose strength *is* in thee; in whose
heart *are* the ways *of them*. 6 *Who* pass-
ing through the valley of Baca make it
a well; the rain also filleth the pools.*
7 They go from strength to strength,
every one of them in Zion appeareth be-
fore God.* 8 O LORD God of hosts,
hear my prayer: give ear, O God of

6. Baca...: or, mulberry trees make him a well, etc.
filleth: Heb. covereth.
7. strength to...: or, company to company.

Jacob. Selah. [9] Behold, O God our
shield, and look upon the face of thine
anointed. [10] For a day in thy courts *is*
better than a thousand. I had rather be
a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
than to dwell in the tents of wicked-
ness.* [11] For the LORD God *is* a sun and
shield: the LORD will give grace and
glory: no good *thing* will he withhold
from them that walk uprightly. [12] O
LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that
trusteth in thee.

85 To the chief Musician, A Psalm
for the sons of Korah. LORD, thou

10. I had...: Heb. I would choose rather to sit at the threshold.

hast been favourable unto thy land:
thou hast brought back the captivity
of Jacob.* 2 Thou hast forgiven the in-
iquity of thy people, thou hast cov-
ered all their sin. Selah. 3 Thou hast
taken away all thy wrath: thou hast
turned *thyself* from the fierceness of
thine anger.* 4 Turn us, O God of our
salvation, and cause thine anger to-
ward us to cease. 5 Wilt thou be angry
with us for ever? wilt thou draw out
thine anger to all generations? 6 Wilt
thou not revive us again: that thy

85.1. for the sons: or, of the sons. favourable: or, well pleased.

3. thyself...: or, thine anger from waxing hot.

people may rejoice in thee? 7 Shew
us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant
us thy salvation. 8 I will hear what
God the LORD will speak: for he will
speak peace unto his people, and to
his saints: but let them not turn again
to folly. 9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh
them that fear him; that glory may
dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and truth
are met together; righteousness and
peace have kissed *each other*. 11 Truth
shall spring out of the earth; and
righteousness shall look down from
heaven. 12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that
which is* good; and our land shall yield
her increase. 13 Righteousness shall go

before him; and shall set *us* in the way
of his steps.

86 A Prayer of David. Bow down
thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am*
poor and needy.* 2 Preserve my soul;
for I *am* holy: O thou my God, save
thy servant that trusteth in thee.* 3 Be
merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry
unto thee daily.* 4 Rejoice the soul of
thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do
I lift up my soul. 5 For thou, Lord, *art*
good, and ready to forgive; and plen-

86.1. A Prayer...: or, A Prayer, being a psalm of David.

2. holy: or, one whom thou favourest.

3. daily: or, all the day.

teous in mercy unto all them that call
upon thee. 6 Give ear, O LORD, unto
my prayer; and attend to the voice of
my supplications. 7 In the day of my
trouble I will call upon thee: for thou
wilt answer me. 8 Among the gods
there is none like unto thee, O Lord;
neither *are there any works* like unto
thy works. 9 All nations whom thou
hast made shall come and worship be-
fore thee, O Lord; and shall glorify
thy name. 10 For thou *art* great, and
doest wondrous things: thou *art* God
alone. 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I
will walk in thy truth: unite my heart
to fear thy name. 12 I will praise thee,

O Lord my God, with all my heart:
and I will glorify thy name for ever-
more. 13 For great *is* thy mercy toward
me: and thou hast delivered my soul
from the lowest hell.* 14 O God, the
proud are risen against me, and the
assemblies of violent *men* have sought
after my soul; and have not set thee be-
fore them.* 15 But thou, O Lord, *art* a
God full of compassion, and gracious,
longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy
and truth. 16 O turn unto me, and
have mercy upon me; give thy strength
unto thy servant, and save the son of

13. hell: or, grave.
14. violent: Heb. terrible.

thine handmaid. [17] Shew me a token
for good; that they which hate me may
see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou,
LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted
me.

87 A Psalm *or* Song for the sons
of Korah. His foundation *is* in the
holy mountains.* [2] The LORD loveth
the gates of Zion more than all the
dwellings of Jacob. [3] Glorious things
are spoken of thee, O city of God.
Selah. [4] I will make mention of Ra-
hab and Babylon to them that know
me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with

87.1. for the sons: or, of the sons.

Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.
5 And of Zion it shall be said, This
and that man was born in her: and
the highest himself shall establish her.
6 The LORD shall count, when he
writeth up the people, *that* this *man*
was born there. Selah. 7 As well the
singers as the players on instruments
shall be there: all my springs *are* in thee.

88 A Song *or* Psalm for the sons
of Korah, to the chief Musician upon
Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of He-
man the Ezrahite. O LORD God of my
salvation, I have cried day *and* night

before thee:* 2 Let my prayer come
before thee: incline thine ear unto
my cry; 3 For my soul is full of trou-
bles: and my life draweth nigh unto
the grave. 4 I am counted with them
that go down into the pit: I am as
a man *that hath* no strength: 5 Free
among the dead, like the slain that
lie in the grave, whom thou remem-
berest no more: and they are cut off
from thy hand.* 6 Thou hast laid me
in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the
deeps. 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon

88.1. for the sons: or, of the sons. Maschil...: or, A Psalm of Heman the Ezrahite, giving instruction.
5. from: or, by.

me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all
thy waves. Selah. 8 Thou hast put away
mine acquaintance far from me; thou
hast made me an abomination unto
them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come
forth. 9 Mine eye mourneth by rea-
son of affliction: LORD, I have called
daily upon thee, I have stretched out
my hands unto thee. 10 Wilt thou shew
wonders to the dead? shall the dead
arise *and* praise thee? Selah. 11 Shall
thy lovingkindness be declared in the
grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruc-
tion? 12 Shall thy wonders be known
in the dark? and thy righteousness in
the land of forgetfulness? 13 But unto

thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the
morning shall my prayer prevent thee.
14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul?
why hidest thou thy face from me? 15 I
am afflicted and ready to die from *my*
youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am
distracted. 16 Thy fierce wrath goeth
over me; thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me daily like
water; they compassed me about to-
gether.* 18 Lover and friend hast thou
put far from me, *and* mine acquain-
tance into darkness.

89 Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

17. daily: or, all the day.

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD
for ever: with my mouth will I make
known thy faithfulness to all genera-
tions.* 2 For I have said, Mercy shall
be built up for ever: thy faithfulness
shalt thou establish in the very heav-
ens. 3 I have made a covenant with
my chosen, I have sworn unto David
my servant, 4 Thy seed will I estab-
lish for ever, and build up thy throne
to all generations. Selah. 5 And the
heavens shall praise thy wonders, O
LORD: thy faithfulness also in the con-

89.1. Maschil...: or, A Psalm for Ethan the Ezrahite, to give instruction. to all...: Heb. to generation and generation.

gregation of the saints. 6 For who in
the heaven can be compared unto the
LORD? *who* among the sons of the
mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the as-
sembly of the saints, and to be had
in reverence of all *them that are* about
him. 8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a
strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy
faithfulness round about thee? 9 Thou
rulest the raging of the sea: when the
waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as
one that is slain; thou hast scattered
thine enemies with thy strong arm.*

10. Rahab: or, Egypt. thy...: Heb. the arm of thy

11 The heavens *are* thine, the earth also
is thine: *as for* the world and the ful-
ness thereof, thou hast founded them.*
12 The north and the south thou hast
created them: Tabor and Hermon
shall rejoice in thy name. 13 Thou hast
a mighty arm: strong is thy hand,
and high is thy right hand.* 14 Justice
and judgment *are* the habitation of
thy throne: mercy and truth shall go
before thy face.* 15 Blessed *is* the peo-
ple that know the joyful sound: they

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strength.

11. the fulness...: or, all it containeth.

13. a...: Heb. an arm with might.

14. habitation: or, establishment.

shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy
countenance. [16] In thy name shall they
rejoice all the day: and in thy righ-
teousness shall they be exalted. [17] For
thou *art* the glory of their strength:
and in thy favour our horn shall be
exalted. [18] For the LORD *is* our de-
fence; and the Holy One of Israel *is*
our king.* [19] Then thou spakest in vi-
sion to thy holy one, and saidst, I have
laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I
have exalted *one* chosen out of the peo-
ple. [20] I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him:

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18. the LORD...: or, our shield is of the LORD, and our king is of the Holy One of Israel.

21 With whom my hand shall be estab-
lished: mine arm also shall strengthen
him. 22 The enemy shall not exact upon
him; nor the son of wickedness afflict
him. 23 And I will beat down his foes
before his face, and plague them that
hate him. 24 But my faithfulness and
my mercy *shall be* with him: and in
my name shall his horn be exalted. 25 I
will set his hand also in the sea, and his
right hand in the rivers. 26 He shall cry
unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God,
and the rock of my salvation. 27 Also
I will make him *my* firstborn, higher
than the kings of the earth. 28 My
mercy will I keep for him for evermore,

and my covenant shall stand fast with
him. [29] His seed also will I make *to en-*
dure for ever, and his throne as the days
of heaven. [30] If his children forsake my
law, and walk not in my judgments;
[31] If they break my statutes, and keep
not my commandments;* [32] Then will
I visit their transgression with the rod,
and their iniquity with stripes. [33] Nev-
ertheless my lovingkindness will I not
utterly take from him, nor suffer my
faithfulness to fail.* [34] My covenant will
I not break, nor alter the thing that

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31. break: Heb. profane.
33. will...: Heb. I will not make void from him. to fall: Heb. to lie.

is gone out of my lips. [35] Once have I
sworn by my holiness that I will not lie
unto David.* [36] His seed shall endure
for ever, and his throne as the sun be-
fore me. [37] It shall be established for
ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful wit-
ness in heaven. Selah. [38] But thou hast
cast off and abhorred, thou hast been
wroth with thine anointed. [39] Thou
hast made void the covenant of thy
servant: thou hast profaned his crown
by casting it to the ground. [40] Thou hast
broken down all his hedges; thou hast
brought his strong holds to ruin. [41] All
that pass by the way spoil him: he is

35. that...: Heb. if I lie.

a reproach to his neighbours. [42] Thou
hast set up the right hand of his adver-
saries; thou hast made all his enemies
to rejoice. [43] Thou hast also turned the
edge of his sword, and hast not made
him to stand in the battle. [44] Thou
hast made his glory to cease, and cast
his throne down to the ground.* [45] The
days of his youth hast thou shortened:
thou hast covered him with shame.
Selah. [46] How long, LORD? wilt thou
hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath
burn like fire? [47] Remember how short
my time is: wherefore hast thou made
all men in vain? [48] What man *is he that*

44. glory: Heb. brightness.

liveth, and shall not see death? shall he
deliver his soul from the hand of the
grave? Selah. [49] Lord, where *are* thy
former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou
swarest unto David in thy truth? [50] Re-
member, Lord, the reproach of thy
servants; *how* I do bear in my bosom
the reproach of all the mighty people;
[51] Wherewith thine enemies have re-
proached, O LORD; wherewith they
have reproached the footsteps of thine
anointed. [52] Blessed *be* the LORD for
evermore. Amen, and Amen.

90 A Prayer of Moses the man of
God. Lord, thou hast been our dwell-

ing place in all generations.* 2 Before
the mountains were brought forth, or
ever thou hadst formed the earth and
the world, even from everlasting to
everlasting, thou *art* God. 3 Thou
turnest man to destruction; and sayest,
Return, ye children of men. 4 For a
thousand years in thy sight *are but*
as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a
watch in the night.* 5 Thou carriest
them away as with a flood; they are
as a sleep: in the morning *they are*

90.1. A Prayer...: or, A Prayer, being a Psalm of Moses. in...: Heb. in generation and generation.
4. when...: or, when he hath passed them.

like grass *which* groweth up.* 6 In the
morning it flourisheth, and groweth
up; in the evening it is cut down, and
withereth. 7 For we are consumed by
thine anger, and by thy wrath are we
troubled. 8 Thou hast set our iniq-
uities before thee, our secret *sins* in
the light of thy countenance. 9 For
all our days are passed away in thy
wrath: we spend our years as a tale
that is told.* 10 The days of our years *are*
threescore years and ten; and if by rea-
son of strength *they be* fourscore years,

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5. groweth...: or, is changed.
9. passed...: Heb. turned away. as a...: or, as a meditation.

yet *is* their strength labour and sor-
row; for it is soon cut off, and we fly
away.* [11] Who knoweth the power of
thine anger? even according to thy
fear, *so is* thy wrath. [12] So teach *us* to
number our days, that we may apply
our hearts unto wisdom.* [13] Return, O
LORD, how long? and let it repent thee
concerning thy servants. [14] O satisfy us
early with thy mercy; that we may re-
joice and be glad all our days. [15] Make
us glad according to the days *wherein*
thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years

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10. The days...: Heb. As for the days of our years, in them are seventy years.

12. apply: Heb. cause to come.

wherein we have seen evil. [16] Let thy
work appear unto thy servants, and thy
glory unto their children. [17] And let
the beauty of the LORD our God be
upon us: and establish thou the work
of our hands upon us; yea, the work of
our hands establish thou it.

91 He that dwelleth in the secret
place of the most High shall abide un-
der the shadow of the Almighty.* [2] I
will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge
and my fortress: my God; in him
will I trust. [3] Surely he shall deliver
thee from the snare of the fowler, *and*

91.1. abide: Heb. lodge.

from the noisome pestilence. 4 He
shall cover thee with his feathers, and
under his wings shalt thou trust: his
truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the ter-
ror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that*
flieth by day; 6 *Nor* for the pestilence
that walketh in darkness; *nor* for the
destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and
ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it
shall not come nigh thee. 8 Only with
thine eyes shalt thou behold and see
the reward of the wicked. 9 Because
thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my
refuge, *even* the most High, thy habi-

tation; [10] There shall no evil befall thee,
neither shall any plague come nigh thy
dwelling. [11] For he shall give his angels
charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy
ways. [12] They shall bear thee up in *their*
hands, lest thou dash thy foot against
a stone. [13] Thou shalt tread upon the
lion and adder: the young lion and the
dragon shalt thou trample under feet.*
[14] Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him: I will set
him on high, because he hath known
my name. [15] He shall call upon me, and
I will answer him: I *will be* with him in
trouble; I will deliver him, and honour

13. adder: or, asp.

him. [16] With long life will I satisfy him,
and shew him my salvation.*

92 A Psalm *or* Song for the sab-
bath day. *It is a* good *thing* to give
thanks unto the LORD, and to sing
praises unto thy name, O most High:
[2] To shew forth thy lovingkindness in
the morning, and thy faithfulness ev-
ery night,* [3] Upon an instrument of
ten strings, and upon the psaltery;
upon the harp with a solemn sound.*
[4] For thou, LORD, hast made me glad

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16. long...: Heb. length of days.
92.2. every...: Heb. in the nights.
3. the harp...: or, the solemn sound with the harp.
a solemn...: Heb. Higgaion.

through thy work: I will triumph in
the works of thy hands. 5 O LORD,
how great are thy works! *and* thy
thoughts are very deep. 6 A brutish
man knoweth not; neither doth a fool
understand this. 7 When the wicked
spring as the grass, and when all the
workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is*
that they shall be destroyed for ever:
8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for
evermore. 9 For, lo, thine enemies, O
LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall per-
ish; all the workers of iniquity shall be
scattered. 10 But my horn shalt thou
exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall
be anointed with fresh oil. 11 Mine eye

also shall see *my desire* on mine ene-
mies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire*
of the wicked that rise up against me.
12 The righteous shall flourish like the
palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in
Lebanon. 13 Those that be planted in
the house of the LORD shall flourish
in the courts of our God. 14 They shall
still bring forth fruit in old age; they
shall be fat and flourishing;* 15 To shew
that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock,
and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

93 The LORD reigneth, he is
clothed with majesty; the LORD is

14. flourishing: Heb. green.

clothed with strength, *wherewith* he
hath girded himself: the world also
is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
2 Thy throne *is* established of old: thou
art from everlasting.* 3 The floods
have lifted up, O LORD, the floods
have lifted up their voice; the floods
lift up their waves. 4 The LORD on
high *is* mightier than the noise of
many waters, *yea, than* the mighty
waves of the sea. 5 Thy testimonies
are very sure: holiness becometh thine
house, O LORD, for ever.*

94 O LORD God, to whom

93.2. of old: Heb. from then.
5. for ever: Heb. to length of days.

vengeance belongeth; O God, to
whom vengeance belongeth, shew
thyself.* 2 Lift up thyself, thou judge
of the earth: render a reward to the
proud. 3 LORD, how long shall the
wicked, how long shall the wicked tri-
umph? 4 *How long* shall they utter *and*
speak hard things? *and* all the workers
of iniquity boast themselves? 5 They
break in pieces thy people, O LORD,
and afflict thine heritage. 6 They slay
the widow and the stranger, and mur-
der the fatherless. 7 Yet they say, The
LORD shall not see, neither shall the

94.1. God...: Heb. God of revenges. shew...: Heb. shine forth.

God of Jacob regard *it*. [8] Understand,
ye brutish among the people: and *ye*
fools, when will ye be wise? [9] He
that planted the ear, shall he not hear?
he that formed the eye, shall he not
see? [10] He that chastiseth the heathen,
shall not he correct? he that teacheth
man knowledge, *shall not he know*?
[11] The LORD knoweth the thoughts of
man, that they *are* vanity. [12] Blessed
is the man whom thou chastenest, O
LORD, and teachest him out of thy
law; [13] That thou mayest give him rest
from the days of adversity, until the
pit be digged for the wicked. [14] For
the LORD will not cast off his people,

neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 But judgment shall return unto righ-
teousness: and all the upright in heart
shall follow it.* 16 Who will rise up for
me against the evildoers? *or* who will
stand up for me against the workers of
iniquity? 17 Unless the LORD *had been*
my help, my soul had almost dwelt in
silence.* 18 When I said, My foot slip-
peth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me
up. 19 In the multitude of my thoughts
within me thy comforts delight my
soul. 20 Shall the throne of iniquity
have fellowship with thee, which fram-

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15. shall follow...: Heb. shall be after it.
17. almost: or, quickly.

eth mischief by a law? [21] They gather
themselves together against the soul
of the righteous, and condemn the in-
nocent blood. [22] But the LORD is my
defence; and my God *is* the rock of
my refuge. [23] And he shall bring upon
them their own iniquity, and shall cut
them off in their own wickedness; *yea*,
the LORD our God shall cut them off.

95 O come, let us sing unto the
LORD: let us make a joyful noise to
the rock of our salvation. [2] Let us
come before his presence with thanks-
giving, and make a joyful noise unto

him with psalms.* 3 For the LORD *is*
a great God, and a great King above
all gods. 4 In his hand *are* the deep
places of the earth: the strength of
the hills *is* his also.* 5 The sea *is* his,
and he made it: and his hands formed
the dry *land*.* 6 O come, let us wor-
ship and bow down: let us kneel be-
fore the LORD our maker. 7 For he *is*
our God; and we *are* the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To
day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden

95.2. come...: Heb. prevent his face.
4. In...: Heb. In whose. the strength...: or, the heights of the hills are his.
5. The sea...: Heb. Whose the sea is.

not your heart, as in the provocation,
and as *in* the day of temptation in
the wilderness:* 9 When your fathers
tempted me, proved me, and saw my
work. 10 Forty years long was I grieved
with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a
people that do err in their heart, and
they have not known my ways: 11 Unto
whom I sware in my wrath that they
should not enter into my rest.*

96 O sing unto the LORD a new
song: sing unto the LORD, all the
earth. 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his

8. provocation: Heb. contention.
11. that...: Heb. if they enter into my rest.

name; shew forth his salvation from
day to day. 3 Declare his glory among
the heathen, his wonders among all
people. 4 For the LORD *is* great, and
greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared
above all gods. 5 For all the gods of
the nations *are* idols: but the LORD
made the heavens. 6 Honour and
majesty *are* before him: strength and
beauty *are* in his sanctuary. 7 Give
unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the
people, give unto the LORD glory and
strength. 8 Give unto the LORD the
glory *due unto* his name: bring an
offering, and come into his courts.*

96.8. due...: Heb. of his name.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty
of holiness: fear before him, all the
earth.* 10 Say among the heathen *that*
the LORD reigneth: the world also
shall be established that it shall not be
moved: he shall judge the people righ-
teously. 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and
let the earth be glad; let the sea roar,
and the fulness thereof.* 12 Let the field
be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then
shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
13 Before the LORD: for he cometh,
for he cometh to judge the earth: he
shall judge the world with righteous-

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9. in the...: or, in the glorious sanctuary.
11. the fulness...: or, all it containeth.

ness, and the people with his truth.

97 The LORD reigneth; let the
earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles
be glad *thereof*.* 2 Clouds and darkness
are round about him: righteousness
and judgment *are* the habitation of
his throne.* 3 A fire goeth before him,
and burneth up his enemies round
about. 4 His lightnings enlightened
the world: the earth saw, and trem-
bled. 5 The hills melted like wax at the
presence of the LORD, at the presence
of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The

97.1. multitude...: Heb. many, or, great isles.
2. habitation: or, establishment.

heavens declare his righteousness, and
all the people see his glory. 7 Con-
founded be all they that serve graven
images, that boast themselves of idols:
worship him, all *ye* gods. 8 Zion heard,
and was glad; and the daughters of Ju-
dah rejoiced because of thy judgments,
O LORD. 9 For thou, LORD, *art* high
above all the earth: thou art exalted
far above all gods. 10 Ye that love the
LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the
souls of his saints; he delivereth them
out of the hand of the wicked. 11 Light
is sown for the righteous, and glad-
ness for the upright in heart. 12 Re-
joice in the LORD, ye righteous; and

give thanks at the remembrance of his
holiness.*

98 A Psalm. O sing unto the LORD
a new song; for he hath done marvel-
lous things: his right hand, and his
holy arm, hath gotten him the vic-
tory. 2 The LORD hath made known
his salvation: his righteousness hath
he openly shewed in the sight of the
heathen.* 3 He hath remembered his
mercy and his truth toward the house
of Israel: all the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our God. 4 Make
a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the

12. at...: or, to the memorial.
98.2. openly...: or, revealed.

earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice,
and sing praise. 5 Sing unto the LORD
with the harp; with the harp, and the
voice of a psalm. 6 With trumpets and
sound of cornet make a joyful noise
before the LORD, the King. 7 Let the
sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the
world, and they that dwell therein.*
8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let
the hills be joyful together 9 Before
the LORD; for he cometh to judge
the earth: with righteousness shall he
judge the world, and the people with
equity.

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7. the fulness...: or, all it containeth.

99 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.*
2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is*
high above all the people. 3 Let them
praise thy great and terrible name; *for*
it *is* holy. 4 The king's strength also
loveth judgment; thou dost establish
equity, thou executest judgment and
righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt ye the
LORD our God, and worship at his
footstool; *for* he *is* holy.* 6 Moses and
Aaron among his priests, and Samuel

99.1. be moved: Heb. stagger.
5. he is...: or, it is holy.

among them that call upon his name;
they called upon the LORD, and he an-
swered them. 7 He spake unto them
in the cloudy pillar: they kept his
testimonies, and the ordinance *that*
he gave them. 8 Thou answeredst
them, O LORD our God: thou wast a
God that forgavest them, though thou
tookest vengeance of their inventions.
9 Exalt the LORD our God, and wor-
ship at his holy hill; for the LORD our
God *is* holy.

100 A Psalm of praise. Make a
joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye

lands.* 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with
singing. 3 Know ye that the LORD he
is God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and
not we ourselves; *we are* his people,
and the sheep of his pasture.* 4 Enter
into his gates with thanksgiving, *and*
into his courts with praise: be thank-
ful unto him, *and* bless his name. 5 For
the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* ever-
lasting; and his truth *endureth* to all
generations.*

100.1. praise: or, thanksgiving. all...: Heb. all the earth.

3. and not...: or, and his we are.

5. to all...: Heb. to generation and generation.

101 A Psalm of David. I will sing
of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O
LORD, will I sing. 2 I will behave my-
self wisely in a perfect way. O when
wilt thou come unto me? I will walk
within my house with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no wicked thing before mine
eyes: I hate the work of them that
turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.*
4 A froward heart shall depart from
me: I will not know a wicked *person*.
5 Whoso privily slandereth his neigh-
bour, him will I cut off: him that hath
an high look and a proud heart will

101.3. wicked...: Heb. thing of Belial.

not I suffer. 6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon
the faithful of the land, that they may
dwell with me: he that walketh in a
perfect way, he shall serve me.* 7 He
that worketh deceit shall not dwell
within my house: he that telleth lies
shall not tarry in my sight.* 8 I will
early destroy all the wicked of the land;
that I may cut off all wicked doers
from the city of the LORD.

102 A Prayer of the afflicted, when
he is overwhelmed, and poureth out
his complaint before the LORD. Hear
my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry

6. in a...: or, perfect in the way.
7. shall not tarry: Heb. shall not be established.

come unto thee.* 2 Hide not thy face
from me in the day *when* I am in trou-
ble; incline thine ear unto me: in
the day *when* I call answer me speed-
ily. 3 For my days are consumed like
smoke, and my bones are burned as
an hearth.* 4 My heart is smitten, and
withered like grass; so that I forget
to eat my bread. 5 By reason of the
voice of my groaning my bones cleave
to my skin.* 6 I am like a pelican of
the wilderness: I am like an owl of
the desert. 7 I watch, and am as a

102.1. of: or, for.
3. like...: or, (as some read) into smoke.
5. skin: or, flesh.

sparrow alone upon the house top.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the
day; *and* they that are mad against
me are sworn against me. 9 For I have
eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my
drink with weeping, 10 Because of thine
indignation and thy wrath: for thou
hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
11 My days *are* like a shadow that de-
clineth; and I am withered like grass.
12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for
ever; and thy remembrance unto all
generations. 13 Thou shalt arise, *and*
have mercy upon Zion: for the time
to favour her, yea, the set time, is
come. 14 For thy servants take plea-

sure in her stones, and favour the dust
thereof. [15] So the heathen shall fear the
name of the LORD, and all the kings
of the earth thy glory. [16] When the
LORD shall build up Zion, he shall
appear in his glory. [17] He will regard
the prayer of the destitute, and not de-
spise their prayer. [18] This shall be writ-
ten for the generation to come: and
the people which shall be created shall
praise the LORD. [19] For he hath looked
down from the height of his sanctu-
ary; from heaven did the LORD be-
hold the earth; [20] To hear the groan-
ing of the prisoner; to loose those that

are appointed to death;* [21] To declare
the name of the LORD in Zion, and
his praise in Jerusalem; [22] When the
people are gathered together, and the
kingdoms, to serve the LORD. [23] He
weakened my strength in the way; he
shortened my days.* [24] I said, O my
God, take me not away in the midst
of my days: thy years *are* through-
out all generations. [25] Of old hast
thou laid the foundation of the earth:
and the heavens *are* the work of thy
hands. [26] They shall perish, but thou
shalt endure: yea, all of them shall

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20. those...: Heb. the children of death.
23. weakened: Heb. afflicted.

wax old like a garment; as a vesture
shalt thou change them, and they shall
be changed:* 27 But thou *art* the same,
and thy years shall have no end. 28 The
children of thy servants shall continue,
and their seed shall be established be-
fore thee.

103 *A Psalm* of David. Bless the
LORD, O my soul: and all that is
within me, *bless* his holy name. 2 Bless
the LORD, O my soul, and forget not
all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all
thine iniquities; who healeth all thy
diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life

26. endure: Heb. stand.

from destruction; who crowneth thee
with lovingkindness and tender mer-
cies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with
good *things; so that* thy youth is re-
newed like the eagle's. 6 The LORD ex-
ecuteth righteousness and judgment
for all that are oppressed. 7 He made
known his ways unto Moses, his acts
unto the children of Israel. 8 The
LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to
anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He
will not always chide: neither will he
keep *his anger* for ever. 10 He hath
not dealt with us after our sins; nor
rewarded us according to our iniqui-
ties. 11 For as the heaven is high above

the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward
them that fear him.* 12 As far as the east
is from the west, *so* far hath he removed
our transgressions from us. 13 Like as a
father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD
pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he
knoweth our frame; he remembereth
that we *are* dust. 15 *As for* man, his days
are as grass: as a flower of the field,
so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind pas-
seth over it, and it is gone; and the
place thereof shall know it no more.*
17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from

103.11. as...: Heb. according to the height of the heaven.

16. it is...: Heb. it is not.

everlasting to everlasting upon them
that fear him, and his righteousness
unto children's children; 18 To such as
keep his covenant, and to those that
remember his commandments to do
them. 19 The LORD hath prepared his
throne in the heavens; and his king-
dom ruleth over all. 20 Bless the LORD,
ye his angels, that excel in strength,
that do his commandments, hearken-
ing unto the voice of his word.* 21 Bless
ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* minis-
ters of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless
the LORD, all his works in all places of
his dominion: bless the LORD, O my

20. that excel...: Heb. mighty in strength.

soul.

104 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O
LORD my God, thou art very great;
thou art clothed with honour and
majesty. 2 Who coverest *thyself* with
light as *with* a garment: who stretchest
out the heavens like a curtain: 3 Who
layeth the beams of his chambers in
the waters: who maketh the clouds
his chariot: who walketh upon the
wings of the wind: 4 Who maketh his
angels spirits; his ministers a flaming
fire: 5 *Who* laid the foundations of the
earth, *that* it should not be removed
for ever.* 6 Thou coveredst it with the

104.5. Who...: Heb. He hath founded the earth

deep as *with* a garment: the waters
stood above the mountains. 7 At thy
rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy
thunder they hasted away. 8 They go
up by the mountains; they go down by
the valleys unto the place which thou
hast founded for them.* 9 Thou hast
set a bound that they may not pass
over; that they turn not again to cover
the earth. 10 He sendeth the springs
into the valleys, *which* run among the
hills.* 11 They give drink to every beast

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upon her bases.

8. They go up...: or, The mountains ascend, the valleys descend.

10. He: Heb. Who. run: Heb. walk.

of the field: the wild asses quench
their thirst.* 12 By them shall the fowls
of the heaven have their habitation,
which sing among the branches.* 13 He
watereth the hills from his chambers:
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of
thy works. 14 He causeth the grass to
grow for the cattle, and herb for the
service of man: that he may bring
forth food out of the earth; 15 And
wine *that* maketh glad the heart of
man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine,
and bread *which* strengtheneth man's

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11. quench: Heb. break.
12. sing: Heb. give a voice.

heart.* [16] The trees of the LORD are full
of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which
he hath planted; [17] Where the birds
make their nests: *as for* the stork,
the fir trees *are* her house. [18] The
high hills *are* a refuge for the wild
goats; *and* the rocks for the conies.
[19] He appointed the moon for sea-
sons: the sun knoweth his going
down. [20] Thou makest darkness, and
it is night: wherein all the beasts of the
forest do creep *forth*.* [21] The young li-

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15. oil...: Heb. to make his face shine with oil, or, more than oil.

20. beasts...: Heb. beasts thereof do trample on the forest.

ons roar after their prey, and seek their
meat from God. [22] The sun ariseth,
they gather themselves together, and
lay them down in their dens. [23] Man
goeth forth unto his work and to his
labour until the evening. [24] O LORD,
how manifold are thy works! in wis-
dom hast thou made them all: the
earth is full of thy riches. [25] *So is* this
great and wide sea, wherein *are* things
creeping innumerable, both small and
great beasts. [26] There go the ships:
there is that leviathan, *whom* thou hast
made to play therein.* [27] These wait all
upon thee; that thou mayest give *them*

26. made: Heb. formed.

their meat in due season. [28] *That* thou
givest them they gather: thou open-
est thine hand, they are filled with
good. [29] Thou hidest thy face, they
are troubled: thou takest away their
breath, they die, and return to their
dust. [30] Thou sendest forth thy spirit,
they are created: and thou renewest
the face of the earth. [31] The glory of
the LORD shall endure for ever: the
LORD shall rejoice in his works.* [32] He
looketh on the earth, and it trembleth:
he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
[33] I will sing unto the LORD as long as I
live: I will sing praise to my God while

31. endure: Heb. be.

I have my being. 34 My meditation of
him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the
LORD. 35 Let the sinners be consumed
out of the earth, and let the wicked be
no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my
soul. Praise ye the LORD.

105 O give thanks unto the LORD;
call upon his name: make known his
deeds among the people. 2 Sing unto
him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of
all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in
his holy name: let the heart of them
rejoice that seek the LORD. 4 Seek the
LORD, and his strength: seek his face
evermore. 5 Remember his marvel-

lous works that he hath done; his won-
ders, and the judgments of his mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
ye children of Jacob his chosen. 7 He
is the LORD our God: his judgments
are in all the earth. 8 He hath re-
membered his covenant for ever, the
word *which* he commanded to a thou-
sand generations. 9 Which *covenant*
he made with Abraham, and his oath
unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same
unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel
for an everlasting covenant: 11 Say-
ing, Unto thee will I give the land of
Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:*

105.11. lot: Heb. cord.

12 When they were *but* a few men in
number; yea, very few, and strangers
in it. 13 When they went from one na-
tion to another, from *one* kingdom to
another people; 14 He suffered no man
to do them wrong: yea, he reproved
kings for their sakes; 15 *Saying,* Touch
not mine anointed, and do my proph-
ets no harm. 16 Moreover he called for
a famine upon the land: he brake the
whole staff of bread. 17 He sent a man
before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold
for a servant: 18 Whose feet they hurt
with fetters: he was laid in iron:* 19 Un-
til the time that his word came: the

18. he...: Heb. his soul came into iron.

word of the LORD tried him. [20] The
king sent and loosed him; *even* the
ruler of the people, and let him go free.
[21] He made him lord of his house, and
ruler of all his substance:* [22] To bind his
princes at his pleasure; and teach his
senators wisdom. [23] Israel also came
into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in
the land of Ham. [24] And he increased
his people greatly; and made them
stronger than their enemies. [25] He
turned their heart to hate his people,
to deal subtilly with his servants. [26] He
sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron
whom he had chosen. [27] They shewed

21. substance: Heb. possession.

his signs among them, and wonders
in the land of Ham.* 28 He sent dark-
ness, and made it dark; and they re-
belled not against his word. 29 He
turned their waters into blood, and
slew their fish. 30 Their land brought
forth frogs in abundance, in the cham-
bers of their kings. 31 He spake, and
there came divers sorts of flies, *and*
lice in all their coasts. 32 He gave them
hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their
land.* 33 He smote their vines also and
their fig trees; and brake the trees of
their coasts. 34 He spake, and the lo-

27. his...: Heb. words of his signs.
32. them...: Heb. their rain hail.

custs came, and caterpillers, and that
without number, 35 And did eat up all
the herbs in their land, and devoured
the fruit of their ground. 36 He smote
also all the firstborn in their land,
the chief of all their strength. 37 He
brought them forth also with silver
and gold: and *there was* not one fee-
ble *person* among their tribes. 38 Egypt
was glad when they departed: for the
fear of them fell upon them. 39 He
spread a cloud for a covering; and fire
to give light in the night. 40 *The people*
asked, and he brought quails, and sat-
isfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters

gushed out; they ran in the dry places
like a river. [42] For he remembered his
holy promise, *and* Abraham his ser-
vant. [43] And he brought forth his peo-
ple with joy, *and* his chosen with glad-
ness:* [44] And gave them the lands of the
heathen: and they inherited the labour
of the people; [45] That they might ob-
serve his statutes, and keep his laws.
Praise ye the LORD.*

106 Praise ye the LORD. O give
thanks unto the LORD; for *he is*
good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.*

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43. gladness: Heb. singing.
45. Praise...: Heb. Hallelujah.
106.1. Praise...: Heb. Hallelujah.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of
the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his
praise? 3 Blessed *are* they that keep
judgment, *and* he that doeth righ-
teousness at all times. 4 Remember
me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou*
bearest unto thy people: O visit me
with thy salvation; 5 That I may see
the good of thy chosen, that I may
rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
that I may glory with thine inheri-
tance. 6 We have sinned with our fa-
thers, we have committed iniquity, we
have done wickedly. 7 Our fathers un-
derstood not thy wonders in Egypt;
they remembered not the multitude of

thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the
sea, *even* at the Red sea. 8 Neverthe-
less he saved them for his name's sake,
that he might make his mighty power
to be known. 9 He rebuked the Red
sea also, and it was dried up: so he led
them through the depths, as through
the wilderness. 10 And he saved them
from the hand of him that hated *them*,
and redeemed them from the hand of
the enemy. 11 And the waters covered
their enemies: there was not one of
them left. 12 Then believed they his
words; they sang his praise. 13 They
soon forgat his works; they waited not

for his counsel:* 14 But lusted exceed-
ingly in the wilderness, and tempted
God in the desert.* 15 And he gave
them their request; but sent leanness
into their soul. 16 They envied Moses
also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint
of the LORD. 17 The earth opened and
swallowed up Dathan, and covered the
company of Abiram. 18 And a fire was
kindled in their company; the flame
burned up the wicked. 19 They made
a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the
molten image. 20 Thus they changed

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13. They soon...: Heb. They made haste, they forgat.

14. lusted...: Heb. lusted a lust.

their glory into the similitude of an ox
that eateth grass. [21] They forgat God
their saviour, which had done great
things in Egypt; [22] Wondrous works in
the land of Ham, *and* terrible things
by the Red sea. [23] Therefore he said
that he would destroy them, had not
Moses his chosen stood before him in
the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest
he should destroy *them*. [24] Yea, they
despised the pleasant land, they be-
lieved not his word:* [25] But murmured
in their tents, *and* hearkened not unto
the voice of the LORD. [26] Therefore
he lifted up his hand against them,

24. the pleasant...: Heb. a land of desire.

to overthrow them in the wilderness:*
27 To overthrow their seed also among
the nations, and to scatter them in
the lands.* 28 They joined themselves
also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sac-
rifices of the dead. 29 Thus they pro-
voked *him* to anger with their inven-
tions: and the plague brake in upon
them. 30 Then stood up Phinehas, and
executed judgment: and *so* the plague
was stayed. 31 And that was counted
unto him for righteousness unto all
generations for evermore. 32 They an-
gered *him* also at the waters of strife,

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26. to overthrow: Heb. to make them fall.
27. to overthrow: Heb. to make them fall.

so that it went ill with Moses for
their sakes: 33 Because they provoked
his spirit, so that he spake unadvis-
edly with his lips. 34 They did not de-
stroy the nations, concerning whom
the LORD commanded them: 35 But
were mingled among the heathen, and
learned their works. 36 And they served
their idols: which were a snare unto
them. 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons
and their daughters unto devils, 38 And
shed innocent blood, *even* the blood
of their sons and of their daughters,
whom they sacrificed unto the idols
of Canaan: and the land was pol-
luted with blood. 39 Thus were they de-

filed with their own works, and went
a whoring with their own inventions.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD
kindled against his people, insomuch
that he abhorred his own inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand
of the heathen; and they that hated
them ruled over them. 42 Their ene-
mies also oppressed them, and they
were brought into subjection under
their hand. 43 Many times did he de-
liver them; but they provoked *him*
with their counsel, and were brought
low for their iniquity.* 44 Nevertheless
he regarded their affliction, when he

43. brought...: or, impoverished, or, weakened.

heard their cry: [45] And he remembered
for them his covenant, and repented
according to the multitude of his mer-
cies. [46] He made them also to be pitied
of all those that carried them cap-
tives. [47] Save us, O LORD our God, and
gather us from among the heathen, to
give thanks unto thy holy name, *and*
to triumph in thy praise. [48] Blessed *be*
the LORD God of Israel from everlast-
ing to everlasting: and let all the peo-
ple say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.*

107 O give thanks unto the LORD,
for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth*

48. Praise...: Heb. Hallelujah.

for ever. [2] Let the redeemed of the
LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed
from the hand of the enemy; [3] And
gathered them out of the lands, from
the east, and from the west, from the
north, and from the south.* [4] They
wandered in the wilderness in a soli-
tary way; they found no city to dwell
in. [5] Hungry and thirsty, their soul
fainted in them. [6] Then they cried
unto the LORD in their trouble, *and*
he delivered them out of their dis-
tresses. [7] And he led them forth by
the right way, that they might go to
a city of habitation. [8] Oh that *men*

107.3. south: Heb. sea.

would praise the LORD *for* his good-
ness, and *for* his wonderful works to
the children of men! 9 For he satis-
fieth the longing soul, and filleth the
hungry soul with goodness. 10 Such as
sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, *being* bound in affliction and
iron; 11 Because they rebelled against
the words of God, and contemned the
counsel of the most High: 12 There-
fore he brought down their heart with
labour; they fell down, and *there was*
none to help. 13 Then they cried unto
the LORD in their trouble, *and* he
saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness

and the shadow of death, and brake
their bands in sunder. [15] Oh that *men*
would praise the LORD *for* his good-
ness, and *for* his wonderful works to
the children of men! [16] For he hath
broken the gates of brass, and cut the
bars of iron in sunder. [17] Fools be-
cause of their transgression, and be-
cause of their iniquities, are afflicted.
[18] Their soul abhorreth all manner of
meat; and they draw near unto the
gates of death. [19] Then they cry unto
the LORD in their trouble, *and* he
saveth them out of their distresses.
[20] He sent his word, and healed them,
and delivered *them* from their destruc-

tions. [21] Oh that *men* would praise
the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for*
his wonderful works to the children of
men! [22] And let them sacrifice the sac-
rifices of thanksgiving, and declare his
works with rejoicing.* [23] They that go
down to the sea in ships, that do busi-
ness in great waters; [24] These see the
works of the LORD, and his wonders in
the deep. [25] For he commandeth, and
raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth
up the waves thereof.* [26] They mount
up to the heaven, they go down again
to the depths: their soul is melted be-

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22. rejoicing: Heb. singing.
25. raiseth: Heb. maketh to stand.

cause of trouble. [27] They reel to and
fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
and are at their wits' end.* [28] Then they
cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
and he bringeth them out of their
distresses. [29] He maketh the storm a
calm, so that the waves thereof are
still. [30] Then are they glad because they
be quiet; so he bringeth them unto
their desired haven. [31] Oh that *men*
would praise the LORD *for* his good-
ness, and *for* his wonderful works to
the children of men! [32] Let them ex-
alt him also in the congregation of
the people, and praise him in the as-

27. are...: Heb. all their wisdom is swallowed up.

sembly of the elders. 33 He turneth
rivers into a wilderness, and the water-
springs into dry ground; 34 A fruitful
land into barrenness, for the wicked-
ness of them that dwell therein.* 35 He
turneth the wilderness into a stand-
ing water, and dry ground into water-
springs. 36 And there he maketh the
hungry to dwell, that they may prepare
a city for habitation; 37 And sow the
fields, and plant vineyards, which may
yield fruits of increase. 38 He blesseth
them also, so that they are multiplied
greatly; and suffereth not their cattle
to decrease. 39 Again, they are min-

34. barrenness: Heb. saltiness.

ished and brought low through op-
pression, affliction, and sorrow. [40] He
poureth contempt upon princes, and
causeth them to wander in the wilder-
ness, *where there is* no way.* [41] Yet set-
teth he the poor on high from afflic-
tion, and maketh *him* families like a
flock.* [42] The righteous shall see *it*, and
rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her
mouth. [43] Whoso *is* wise, and will
observe these *things*, even they shall
understand the lovingkindness of the
LORD.

108 A Song *or* Psalm of David.

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40. wilderness: or, void place.
41. from: or, after.

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing
and give praise, even with my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself*
will awake early. 3 I will praise thee,
O LORD, among the people: and I will
sing praises unto thee among the na-
tions. 4 For thy mercy *is* great above
the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth*
unto the clouds.* 5 Be thou exalted,
O God, above the heavens: and thy
glory above all the earth; 6 That thy
beloved may be delivered: save *with*
thy right hand, and answer me. 7 God
hath spoken in his holiness; I will re-
joice, I will divide Shechem, and mete

108.4. clouds: or, skies.

out the valley of Succoth. 8 Gilead *is*
mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also
is the strength of mine head; Judah *is*
my lawgiver; 9 Moab *is* my washpot;
over Edom will I cast out my shoe;
over Philistia will I triumph. 10 Who
will bring me into the strong city? who
will lead me into Edom? 11 *Wilt* not
thou, O God, *who* hast cast us off?
and wilt not thou, O God, go forth
with our hosts? 12 Give us help from
trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly:
for he *it is that* shall tread down our
enemies.

109 To the chief Musician, A
Psalm of David. Hold not thy peace,
O God of my praise; 2 For the mouth
of the wicked and the mouth of the
deceitful are opened against me: they
have spoken against me with a lying
tongue.* 3 They compassed me about
also with words of hatred; and fought
against me without a cause. 4 For my
love they are my adversaries: but I *give*
myself unto prayer. 5 And they have
rewarded me evil for good, and ha-
tred for my love. 6 Set thou a wicked

109.2. of the deceitful: Heb. of deceit. are opened: Heb. have opened themselves.

man over him: and let Satan stand at
his right hand.* 7 When he shall be
judged, let him be condemned: and
let his prayer become sin.* 8 Let his
days be few; *and* let another take his
office.* 9 Let his children be fatherless,
and his wife a widow. 10 Let his chil-
dren be continually vagabonds, and
beg: let them seek *their bread* also out
of their desolate places. 11 Let the ex-
tortioner catch all that he hath; and
let the strangers spoil his labour. 12 Let
there be none to extend mercy unto

6. Satan: or, an adversary.
7. be condemned: Heb. go out guilty, or, wicked.
8. office: or, charge.

him: neither let there be any to favour
his fatherless children. 13 Let his pos-
terity be cut off; *and* in the genera-
tion following let their name be blot-
ted out. 14 Let the iniquity of his fa-
thers be remembered with the LORD;
and let not the sin of his mother be
blotted out. 15 Let them be before the
LORD continually, that he may cut off
the memory of them from the earth.
16 Because that he remembered not to
shew mercy, but persecuted the poor
and needy man, that he might even
slay the broken in heart. 17 As he loved
cursing, so let it come unto him: as he
delighted not in blessing, so let it be

far from him. [18] As he clothed himself
with cursing like as with his garment,
so let it come into his bowels like wa-
ter, and like oil into his bones.* [19] Let it
be unto him as the garment *which* cov-
ereth him, and for a girdle wherewith
he is girded continually. [20] *Let* this *be*
the reward of mine adversaries from
the LORD, and of them that speak evil
against my soul. [21] But do thou for me,
O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake:
because thy mercy *is* good, deliver
thou me. [22] For I *am* poor and needy,
and my heart is wounded within me.
[23] I am gone like the shadow when it

18. into his bowels: Heb. within him.

declineth: I am tossed up and down
as the locust. [24] My knees are weak
through fasting; and my flesh faileth
of fatness. [25] I became also a reproach
unto them: *when* they looked upon
me they shaked their heads. [26] Help
me, O LORD my God: O save me
according to thy mercy: [27] That they
may know that this *is* thy hand; *that*
thou, LORD, hast done it. [28] Let them
curse, but bless thou: when they arise,
let them be ashamed; but let thy ser-
vant rejoice. [29] Let mine adversaries
be clothed with shame, and let them
cover themselves with their own con-
fusion, as with a mantle. [30] I will greatly

praise the LORD with my mouth; yea,
I will praise him among the multitude.
31 For he shall stand at the right hand of
the poor, to save *him* from those that
condemn his soul.*

110 A Psalm of David. The LORD
said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my
right hand, until I make thine ene-
mies thy footstool. 2 The LORD shall
send the rod of thy strength out of
Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine
enemies. 3 Thy people *shall be* will-
ing in the day of thy power, in the
beauties of holiness from the womb

31. those...: Heb. the judges of.

of the morning: thou hast the dew of
thy youth.* 4 The LORD hath sworn,
and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest
for ever after the order of Melchize-
dek. 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall
strike through kings in the day of his
wrath. 6 He shall judge among the
heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the
dead bodies; he shall wound the heads
over many countries.* 7 He shall drink
of the brook in the way: therefore shall
he lift up the head.

111 Praise ye the LORD. I will

110.3. from...: or, more than the womb of the morning: thou shalt have, etc.
6. many: or, great.

praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, and
in the congregation.* 2 The works of
the LORD *are* great, sought out of all
them that have pleasure therein. 3 His
work *is* honourable and glorious: and
his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 He hath made his wonderful works
to be remembered: the LORD *is* gra-
cious and full of compassion. 5 He
hath given meat unto them that fear
him: he will ever be mindful of his
covenant.* 6 He hath shewed his peo-
ple the power of his works, that he may

111.1. Praise ye...: Heb. Hallelujah.
5. meat: Heb. prey.

give them the heritage of the heathen.
7 The works of his hands *are* verity and
judgment; all his commandments *are*
sure. 8 They stand fast for ever and
ever, *and are* done in truth and up-
rightness.* 9 He sent redemption unto
his people: he hath commanded his
covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is*
his name. 10 The fear of the LORD *is* the
beginning of wisdom: a good under-
standing have all they that do *his com-
mandments*: his praise endureth for
ever.*

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8. stand...: Heb. are established.
10. a good...: or, good success. his commandments: Heb. them.

112 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is*
the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that*
delighteth greatly in his command-
ments.* 2 His seed shall be mighty
upon earth: the generation of the
upright shall be blessed. 3 Wealth
and riches *shall be* in his house: and
his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 Unto the upright there ariseth light
in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and
full of compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man sheweth favour, and
lendeth: he will guide his affairs with

112.1. Praise...: Heb. Hallelujah.

discretion.* 6 Surely he shall not be
moved for ever: the righteous shall
be in everlasting remembrance. 7 He
shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his
heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
8 His heart *is* established, he shall not
be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon
his enemies. 9 He hath dispersed, he
hath given to the poor; his righteous-
ness endureth for ever; his horn shall
be exalted with honour. 10 The wicked
shall see *it*, and be grieved; he shall
gnash with his teeth, and melt away:
the desire of the wicked shall perish.

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5. discretion: Heb. judgment.

113 Praise ye the LORD. Praise,
O ye servants of the LORD, praise the
name of the LORD.* 2 Blessed be the
name of the LORD from this time
forth and for evermore. 3 From the
rising of the sun unto the going down
of the same the LORD'S name *is* to be
praised. 4 The LORD *is* high above all
nations, *and* his glory above the heav-
ens. 5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our
God, who dwelleth on high,* 6 Who
humbleth *himself* to behold *the things
that are* in heaven, and in the earth!

113.1. Praise ye...: Heb. Hallelujah.
5. dwelleth...: Heb. exalteth himself to dwell.

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the
dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the
dunghill; 8 That he may set *him* with
princes, *even* with the princes of his
people. 9 He maketh the barren wo-
man to keep house, *and to be* a joy-
ful mother of children. Praise ye the
LORD.*

114 When Israel went out of
Egypt, the house of Jacob from a peo-
ple of strange language; 2 Judah was
his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan was
driven back. 4 The mountains skipped

9. to keep...: Heb. to dwell in an house.

like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.
5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that
thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou
wast driven back? 6 Ye mountains, *that*
ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills,
like lambs? 7 Tremble, thou earth, at
the presence of the Lord, at the pres-
ence of the God of Jacob; 8 Which
turned the rock *into* a standing water,
the flint into a fountain of waters.

115 Not unto us, O Lord, not
unto us, but unto thy name give glory,
for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where *is* now their God? 3 But our

God *is* in the heavens: he hath done
whatsoever he hath pleased. 4 Their
idols *are* silver and gold, the work of
men's hands. 5 They have mouths, but
they speak not: eyes have they, but
they see not: 6 They have ears, but they
hear not: noses have they, but they
smell not: 7 They have hands, but they
handle not: feet have they, but they
walk not: neither speak they through
their throat. 8 They that make them
are like unto them; *so is* every one that
trusteth in them. 9 O Israel, trust thou
in the LORD: he *is* their help and their
shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in
the LORD: he *is* their help and their

shield. [11] Ye that fear the LORD, trust
in the LORD: he *is* their help and their
shield. [12] The LORD hath been mindful
of us: he will bless *us*; he will bless the
house of Israel; he will bless the house
of Aaron. [13] He will bless them that
fear the LORD, *both* small and great.*
[14] The LORD shall increase you more
and more, you and your children. [15] Ye
are blessed of the LORD which made
heaven and earth. [16] The heaven, *even*
the heavens, *are* the LORD'S: but the
earth hath he given to the children of
men. [17] The dead praise not the LORD,
neither any that go down into silence.

115.13. and: Heb. with.

18 But we will bless the LORD from this
time forth and for evermore. Praise
the LORD.

116 I love the LORD, because he
hath heard my voice *and* my supplica-
tions. 2 Because he hath inclined his
ear unto me, therefore will I call upon
him as long as I live.* 3 The sorrows of
death compassed me, and the pains of
hell gat hold upon me: I found trou-
ble and sorrow.* 4 Then called I upon
the name of the LORD; O LORD, I
beseech thee, deliver my soul. 5 Gra-
cious *is* the LORD, and righteous; yea,

116.2. as long...: Heb. in my days.
3. gat...: Heb. found me.

our God *is* merciful. 6 The LORD pre-
serveth the simple: I was brought low,
and he helped me. 7 Return unto thy
rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath
dealt bountifully with thee. 8 For thou
hast delivered my soul from death,
mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from
falling. 9 I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living. 10 I believed,
therefore have I spoken: I was greatly
afflicted: 11 I said in my haste, All men
are liars. 12 What shall I render unto
the LORD *for* all his benefits toward
me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of the LORD.
14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD

now in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is*
the death of his saints. 16 O LORD,
truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant,
and the son of thine handmaid: thou
hast loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to
thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and
will call upon the name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD
now in the presence of all his people,
19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in
the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise
ye the LORD.

117 O praise the LORD, all ye na-
tions: praise him, all ye people. 2 For

his merciful kindness is great toward
us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth*
for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

118 O give thanks unto the LORD;
for *he is* good: because his mercy *en-*
dureth for ever. 2 Let Israel now say,
that his mercy *endureth* for ever. 3 Let
the house of Aaron now say, that his
mercy *endureth* for ever. 4 Let them
now that fear the LORD say, that his
mercy *endureth* for ever. 5 I called
upon the LORD in distress: the LORD
answered me, *and set me* in a large
place.* 6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will

118.5. in distress: Heb. out of distress.

not fear: what can man do unto me?*
7 The LORD taketh my part with them
that help me: therefore shall I see *my*
desire upon them that hate me. 8 *It*
is better to trust in the LORD than to
put confidence in man. 9 *It is* better
to trust in the LORD than to put con-
fidence in princes. 10 All nations com-
passed me about: but in the name of
the LORD will I destroy them.* 11 They
compassed me about; yea, they com-
passed me about: but in the name of
the LORD I will destroy them. 12 They
compassed me about like bees; they

6. on...: Heb. for me.
10. destroy...: Heb. cut them off.

are quenched as the fire of thorns: for
in the name of the LORD I will de-
stroy them.* 13 Thou hast thrust sore at
me that I might fall: but the LORD
helped me. 14 The LORD *is* my strength
and song, and is become my salva-
tion. 15 The voice of rejoicing and sal-
vation *is* in the tabernacles of the righ-
teous: the right hand of the LORD
doeth valiantly. 16 The right hand of
the LORD is exalted: the right hand
of the LORD doeth valiantly. 17 I shall
not die, but live, and declare the works
of the LORD. 18 The LORD hath chas-
tened me sore: but he hath not given

12. destroy: Heb. cut down.

me over unto death. [19] Open to me
the gates of righteousness: I will go
into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:
[20] This gate of the LORD, into which
the righteous shall enter. [21] I will praise
thee: for thou hast heard me, and
art become my salvation. [22] The stone
which the builders refused is become
the head *stone* of the corner. [23] This is
the LORD's doing; it *is* marvellous in
our eyes.* [24] This *is* the day *which* the
LORD hath made; we will rejoice and
be glad in it. [25] Save now, I beseech
thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech
thee, send now prosperity. [26] Blessed

23. the LORD's...: Heb. from the LORD.

be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of
the house of the LORD. [27] God *is* the
LORD, which hath shewed us light:
bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto
the horns of the altar. [28] Thou *art* my
God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my
God, I will exalt thee. [29] O give thanks
unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his
mercy *endureth* for ever.

119 ALEPH. Blessed *are* the un-
defiled in the way, who walk in the
law of the LORD.* [2] Blessed *are* they
that keep his testimonies, *and that*

119.1. undefiled: or, perfect, or, sincere.

seek him with the whole heart. 3 They
also do no iniquity: they walk in
his ways. 4 Thou hast commanded
us to keep thy precepts diligently.
5 O that my ways were directed to
keep thy statutes! 6 Then shall I
not be ashamed, when I have respect
unto all thy commandments. 7 I will
praise thee with uprightness of heart,
when I shall have learned thy righ-
teous judgments.* 8 I will keep thy
statutes: O forsake me not utterly.
9 BETH. Wherewithal shall a young
man cleanse his way? by taking heed
thereto according to thy word. 10 With

7. thy...: Heb. judgments of thy righteousness.

my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not wander from thy com-
mandments. 11 Thy word have I hid in
mine heart, that I might not sin against
thee. 12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD:
teach me thy statutes. 13 With my lips
have I declared all the judgments of
thy mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the
way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in
all riches. 15 I will meditate in thy pre-
cepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word. 17 GIMEL.
Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that*
I may live, and keep thy word. 18 Open
thou mine eyes, that I may behold

wondrous things out of thy law.* 19 I
am a stranger in the earth: hide not
thy commandments from me. 20 My
soul breaketh for the longing *that it*
hath unto thy judgments at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are*
cursed, which do err from thy com-
mandments. 22 Remove from me re-
proach and contempt; for I have kept
thy testimonies. 23 Princes also did sit
and speak against me: *but* thy servant
did meditate in thy statutes. 24 Thy
testimonies also *are* my delight *and*
my counsellors.* 25 DALETH. My soul

18. Open: Heb. Reveal.
24. my counsellors: Heb. men of my counsel.

cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou
me according to thy word. [26] I have
declared my ways, and thou heardest
me: teach me thy statutes. [27] Make
me to understand the way of thy pre-
cepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous
works. [28] My soul melteth for heavi-
ness: strengthen thou me according
unto thy word.* [29] Remove from me
the way of lying: and grant me thy
law graciously. [30] I have chosen the
way of truth: thy judgments have I
laid *before me*. [31] I have stuck unto thy
testimonies: O LORD, put me not to
shame. [32] I will run the way of thy com-

28. melteth: Heb. droppeth.

mandments, when thou shalt enlarge
my heart. 33 HE. Teach me, O LORD,
the way of thy statutes; and I shall
keep it *unto* the end. 34 Give me un-
derstanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole
heart. 35 Make me to go in the path of
thy commandments; for therein do I
delight. 36 Incline my heart unto thy
testimonies, and not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding
vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy
way.* 38 Stablish thy word unto thy ser-
vant, who *is devoted* to thy fear. 39 Turn
away my reproach which I fear: for thy

37. Turn...: Heb. Make to pass.

judgments *are* good. [40] Behold, I have
longed after thy precepts: quicken me
in thy righteousness. [41] VAU. Let thy
mercies come also unto me, O LORD,
even thy salvation, according to thy
word. [42] So shall I have wherewith
to answer him that reproacheth me:
for I trust in thy word.* [43] And take
not the word of truth utterly out of
my mouth; for I have hoped in thy
judgments. [44] So shall I keep thy law
continually for ever and ever. [45] And
I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy

42. So...: or, So shall I answer him that reproveth me in a thing.

precepts.* 46 I will speak of thy testi-
monies also before kings, and will not
be ashamed. 47 And I will delight my-
self in thy commandments, which I
have loved. 48 My hands also will I lift
up unto thy commandments, which
I have loved; and I will meditate in
thy statutes. 49 ZAIN. Remember the
word unto thy servant, upon which
thou hast caused me to hope. 50 This
is my comfort in my affliction: for
thy word hath quickened me. 51 The
proud have had me greatly in derision:
yet have I not declined from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of old,

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45. at liberty: Heb. at large.

O LORD; and have comforted myself.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me be-
cause of the wicked that forsake thy
law. 54 Thy statutes have been my songs
in the house of my pilgrimage. 55 I
have remembered thy name, O LORD,
in the night, and have kept thy law.
56 This I had, because I kept thy pre-
cepts. 57 CHETH. *Thou art* my por-
tion, O LORD: I have said that I would
keep thy words. 58 I intreated thy fa-
vour with *my* whole heart: be merciful
unto me according to thy word.* 59 I
thought on my ways, and turned my
feet unto thy testimonies. 60 I made

58. favour: Heb. face.

haste, and delayed not to keep thy
commandments. [61] The bands of the
wicked have robbed me: *but* I have
not forgotten thy law.* [62] At midnight
I will rise to give thanks unto thee be-
cause of thy righteous judgments. [63] I
am a companion of all *them* that fear
thee, and of them that keep thy pre-
cepts. [64] The earth, O LORD, is full
of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.
[65] TETH. Thou hast dealt well with
thy servant, O LORD, according unto
thy word. [66] Teach me good judgment
and knowledge: for I have believed
thy commandments. [67] Before I was

61. bands: or, companies.

afflicted I went astray: but now have
I kept thy word. 68 Thou *art* good,
and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against
me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with
my whole heart. 70 Their heart is as
fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.
71 *It is* good for me that I have been af-
flicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth *is* better unto
me than thousands of gold and silver.
73 JOD. Thy hands have made me and
fashioned me: give me understand-
ing, that I may learn thy command-
ments. 74 They that fear thee will be
glad when they see me; because I have

hoped in thy word. 75 I know, O LORD,
that thy judgments *are* right, and *that*
thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.*
76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kind-
ness be for my comfort, according to
thy word unto thy servant.* 77 Let thy
tender mercies come unto me, that I
may live: for thy law *is* my delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they
dealt perversely with me without a
cause: *but* I will meditate in thy pre-
cepts. 79 Let those that fear thee turn
unto me, and those that have known
thy testimonies. 80 Let my heart be

75. right: Heb. righteousness.
76. for...: Heb. to comfort me.

sound in thy statutes; that I be not
ashamed. 81 CAPH. My soul fainteth
for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy
word. 82 Mine eyes fail for thy word,
saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in
the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy
statutes. 84 How many *are* the days of
thy servant? when wilt thou execute
judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
which *are* not after thy law. 86 All thy
commandments *are* faithful: they per-
secute me wrongfully; help thou me.*
87 They had almost consumed me upon

86. faithful: Heb. faithfulness.

earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy lovingkind-
ness; so shall I keep the testimony of
thy mouth. 89 LAMED. For ever, O
LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all genera-
tions: thou hast established the earth,
and it abideth.* 91 They continue this
day according to thine ordinances: for
all *are* thy servants. 92 Unless thy law
had been my delights, I should then
have perished in mine affliction. 93 I
will never forget thy precepts: for with
them thou hast quickened me. 94 I *am*

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90. unto...: Heb. to generation and generation. abideth: Heb. standeth.

thine, save me; for I have sought thy
precepts. 95 The wicked have waited for
me to destroy me: *but* I will consider
thy testimonies. 96 I have seen an end
of all perfection: *but* thy command-
ment *is* exceeding broad. 97 MEM. O
how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation
all the day. 98 Thou through thy com-
mandments hast made me wiser than
mine enemies: for they *are* ever with
me.* 99 I have more understanding than
all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are*
my meditation. 100 I understand more
than the ancients, because I keep thy
precepts. 101 I have refrained my feet

98. they...: Heb. it is ever with me.

from every evil way, that I might keep
thy word. [102]I have not departed from
thy judgments: for thou hast taught
me. [103]How sweet are thy words unto
my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to
my mouth!* [104]Through thy precepts I
get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. [105]NUN. Thy word *is* a
lamp unto my feet, and a light unto
my path.* [106]I have sworn, and I will
perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. [107]I am afflicted very
much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word. [108]Accept, I be-

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103. taste: Heb. palate.
105. lamp: or, candle.

seech thee, the freewill offerings of my
mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy
judgments. [109]My soul *is* continually
in my hand: yet do I not forget thy
law. [110]The wicked have laid a snare
for me: yet I erred not from thy pre-
cepts. [111]Thy testimonies have I taken
as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the
rejoicing of my heart. [112]I have inclined
mine heart to perform thy statutes al-
way, *even unto* the end.* [113]SAMECH.
I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do
I love. [114]Thou *art* my hiding place
and my shield: I hope in thy word.
[115]Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I

112. to perform: Heb. to do.

will keep the commandments of my
God. [116]Uphold me according unto
thy word, that I may live: and let me
not be ashamed of my hope. [117]Hold
thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I
will have respect unto thy statutes con-
tinually. [118]Thou hast trodden down
all them that err from thy statutes:
for their deceit *is* falsehood. [119]Thou
puttest away all the wicked of the earth
like dross: therefore I love thy testi-
monies.* [120]My flesh trembleth for fear
of thee; and I am afraid of thy judg-
ments. [121]AIN. I have done judgment
and justice: leave me not to mine op-

119. puttest...: Heb. causest to cease.

pressors. [122]Be surety for thy servant
for good: let not the proud oppress
me. [123]Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,
and for the word of thy righteous-
ness. [124]Deal with thy servant accord-
ing unto thy mercy, and teach me thy
statutes. [125]I *am* thy servant; give me
understanding, that I may know thy
testimonies. [126]*It is* time for *thee*, LORD,
to work: *for* they have made void thy
law. [127]Therefore I love thy command-
ments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
[128]Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts
concerning all *things to be* right; *and* I
hate every false way. [129]PE. Thy testi-
monies *are* wonderful: therefore doth

my soul keep them. 130 The entrance of
thy words giveth light; it giveth under-
standing unto the simple. 131 I opened
my mouth, and panted: for I longed
for thy commandments. 132 Look thou
upon me, and be merciful unto me,
as thou usest to do unto those that
love thy name.* 133 Order my steps in
thy word: and let not any iniquity
have dominion over me. 134 Deliver
me from the oppression of man: so
will I keep thy precepts. 135 Make thy
face to shine upon thy servant; and
teach me thy statutes. 136 Rivers of

132. as thou...: Heb. according to the custom toward those, etc.

waters run down mine eyes, because
they keep not thy law. 137TZADDI.
Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and up-
right *are* thy judgments. 138Thy tes-
timonies *that* thou hast commanded
are righteous and very faithful.* 139My
zeal hath consumed me, because mine
enemies have forgotten thy words.*
140Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy
servant loveth it.* 141I *am* small and de-
spised: *yet* do not I forget thy pre-
cepts. 142Thy righteousness *is* an ev-

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138. righteous: Heb. righteousness. faithful: Heb. faithfulness.

139. consumed...: Heb. cut me off.

140. pure: Heb. tried, or, refined.

erlasting righteousness, and thy law *is*
the truth. 143 Trouble and anguish have
taken hold on me: *yet* thy command-
ments *are* my delights.* 144 The righ-
teousness of thy testimonies *is* ever-
lasting: give me understanding, and
I shall live. 145 KOPH. I cried with
my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I
will keep thy statutes. 146 I cried unto
thee; save me, and I shall keep thy tes-
timonies.* 147 I prevented the dawning
of the morning, and cried: I hoped
in thy word. 148 Mine eyes prevent the
night watches, that I might meditate

143. taken...: Heb. found me.
146. and I...: or, that I may keep.

in thy word. [149]Hear my voice ac-
cording unto thy lovingkindness: O
LORD, quicken me according to thy
judgment. [150]They draw nigh that fol-
low after mischief: they are far from
thy law. [151]Thou *art* near, O LORD;
and all thy commandments *are* truth.
[152]Concerning thy testimonies, I have
known of old that thou hast founded
them for ever. [153]RESH. Consider
mine affliction, and deliver me: for
I do not forget thy law. [154]Plead my
cause, and deliver me: quicken me ac-
cording to thy word. [155]Salvation *is*
far from the wicked: for they seek
not thy statutes. [156]Great *are* thy ten-

der mercies, O LORD: quicken me
according to thy judgments.* 157 Many
are my persecutors and mine enemies;
yet do I not decline from thy testi-
monies. 158 I beheld the transgressors,
and was grieved; because they kept not
thy word. 159 Consider how I love thy
precepts: quicken me, O LORD, ac-
cording to thy lovingkindness. 160 Thy
word *is* true *from* the beginning: and
every one of thy righteous judgments
endureth for ever.* 161 SCHIN. Princes
have persecuted me without a cause:

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156. Great: or, Many.

160. Thy word...: Heb. The beginning of thy word is true.

but my heart standeth in awe of thy
word. 162 I rejoice at thy word, as one
that findeth great spoil. 163 I hate and
abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee
because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love thy
law: and nothing shall offend them.*
166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation,
and done thy commandments. 167 My
soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I
love them exceedingly. 168 I have kept
thy precepts and thy testimonies: for
all my ways *are* before thee. 169 TAU.

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165. nothing...: Heb. they shall have no stumbling-block.

Let my cry come near before thee, O
LORD: give me understanding accord-
ing to thy word. [170]Let my supplication
come before thee: deliver me accord-
ing to thy word. [171]My lips shall utter
praise, when thou hast taught me thy
statutes. [172]My tongue shall speak of
thy word: for all thy commandments
are righteousness. [173]Let thine hand
help me; for I have chosen thy pre-
cepts. [174]I have longed for thy salvation,
O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.
[175]Let my soul live, and it shall praise
thee; and let thy judgments help me.
[176]I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
seek thy servant; for I do not forget

thy commandments.

120 A Song of degrees. In my
distress I cried unto the LORD, and
he heard me. [2] Deliver my soul, O
LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a de-
ceitful tongue. [3] What shall be given
unto thee? or what shall be done unto
thee, thou false tongue?* [4] Sharp ar-
rows of the mighty, with coals of ju-
niper.* [5] Woe is me, that I sojourn in
Mesech, *that* I dwell in the tents of

120.3. What shall be given...: or, What shall the deceitful tongue give unto thee? or, what shall is profit thee?. done: Heb. added.

4. Sharp...: or, It is as the sharp arrows of the mighty man, with coals of juniper.

Kedar! 6 My soul hath long dwelt
with him that hateth peace. 7 I *am for*
peace: but when I speak, they *are* for
war.*

121 A Song of degrees. I will lift up
mine eyes unto the hills, from whence
cometh my help.* 2 My help *cometh*
from the LORD, which made heaven
and earth. 3 He will not suffer thy foot
to be moved: he that keepeth thee
will not slumber. 4 Behold, he that
keepeth Israel shall neither slumber
nor sleep. 5 The LORD *is* thy keeper:

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7. for peace: or, a man of peace.

121.1. I will...: or, Shall I lift up mine eyes to the hills? whence should my help come?.

the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right
hand. 6 The sun shall not smite thee
by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The
LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul. 8 The LORD
shall preserve thy going out and thy
coming in from this time forth, and
even for evermore.

122 A Song of degrees of David.
I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD.
2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates,
O Jerusalem. 3 Jerusalem is builded
as a city that is compact together:
4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes
of the LORD, unto the testimony of Is-

rael, to give thanks unto the name of
the LORD. 5 For there are set thrones
of judgment, the thrones of the house
of David.* 6 Pray for the peace of Je-
rusalem: they shall prosper that love
thee. 7 Peace be within thy walls, *and*
prosperity within thy palaces. 8 For
my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.
9 Because of the house of the LORD
our God I will seek thy good.

123 A Song of degrees. Unto
thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that
dwellest in the heavens. 2 Behold, as

122.5. are...: Heb. do sit.

the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand
of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a
maiden unto the hand of her mistress;
so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our
God, until that he have mercy upon
us. 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD,
have mercy upon us: for we are exceed-
ingly filled with contempt. 4 Our soul
is exceedingly filled with the scorning
of those that are at ease, *and* with the
contempt of the proud.

124 A Song of degrees of David.
If *it had not been* the LORD who was
on our side, now may Israel say; 2 If
it had not been the LORD who was on

our side, when men rose up against
us: 3 Then they had swallowed us up
quick, when their wrath was kindled
against us: 4 Then the waters had over-
whelmed us, the stream had gone over
our soul: 5 Then the proud waters had
gone over our soul. 6 Blessed *be* the
LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey
to their teeth. 7 Our soul is escaped as
a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
the snare is broken, and we are es-
caped. 8 Our help *is* in the name of the
LORD, who made heaven and earth.

125 A Song of degrees. They that
trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount

Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but*
abideth for ever. [2] As the moun-
tains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the
LORD *is* round about his people from
henceforth even for ever. [3] For the rod
of the wicked shall not rest upon the
lot of the righteous; lest the righteous
put forth their hands unto iniquity.*
[4] Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be*
good, and *to them that are* upright in
their hearts. [5] As for such as turn aside
unto their crooked ways, the LORD
shall lead them forth with the work-
ers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon
Israel.

125.3. the wicked: Heb. wickedness.

126 A Song of degrees. When
the LORD turned again the captiv-
ity of Zion, we were like them that
dream.* 2 Then was our mouth filled
with laughter, and our tongue with
singing: then said they among the
heathen, The LORD hath done great
things for them.* 3 The LORD hath
done great things for us; *whereof* we
are glad. 4 Turn again our captiv-
ity, O LORD, as the streams in the
south. 5 They that sow in tears shall
reap in joy.* 6 He that goeth forth and

126.1. turned...: Heb. returned the returning.
2. hath...: Heb. hath magnified to do with them.
5. joy: or, singing.

weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall
doubtless come again with rejoicing,
bringing his sheaves *with him*.*

127 A Song of degrees for Solo-
mon. Except the LORD build the
house, they labour in vain that build
it: except the LORD keep the city, the
watchman waketh *but* in vain.* 2 *It is*
vain for you to rise up early, to sit up
late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for*
so he giveth his beloved sleep. 3 Lo,
children *are* an heritage of the LORD:
and the fruit of the womb *is his* re-

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6. precious...: or, seed basket.

127.1. for...: or, of Solomon. that...: Heb. that are builders of it in it.

ward. 4 As arrows *are* in the hand of
a mighty man; so *are* children of the
youth. 5 Happy *is* the man that hath
his quiver full of them: they shall not
be ashamed, but they shall speak with
the enemies in the gate.*

128 A Song of degrees. Blessed *is*
every one that feareth the LORD; that
walketh in his ways. 2 For thou shalt
eat the labour of thine hands: happy
shalt thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with
thee. 3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful
vine by the sides of thine house: thy

5. his...: Heb. filled his quiver with them. speak...: or, subdue, or, destroy.

children like olive plants round about
thy table. 4 Behold, that thus shall
the man be blessed that feareth the
LORD. 5 The LORD shall bless thee out
of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of
Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 Yea,
thou shalt see thy children's children,
and peace upon Israel.

129 A Song of degrees. Many a
time have they afflicted me from my
youth, may Israel now say:* 2 Many a
time have they afflicted me from my
youth: yet they have not prevailed

129.1. Many...: or, Much.

against me.* 3 The plowers plowed
upon my back: they made long their
furrows. 4 The LORD *is* righteous:
he hath cut asunder the cords of the
wicked. 5 Let them all be confounded
and turned back that hate Zion. 6 Let
them be as the grass *upon* the house-
tops, which withereth afore it groweth
up: 7 Wherewith the mower filleth
not his hand; nor he that bindeth
sheaves his bosom. 8 Neither do they
which go by say, The blessing of the
LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in
the name of the LORD.

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2. Many...: or, Much.

130 A Song of degrees. Out of
the depths have I cried unto thee, O
LORD. 2 Lord, hear my voice: let
thine ears be attentive to the voice of
my supplications. 3 If thou, LORD,
shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord,
who shall stand? 4 But *there is* forgive-
ness with thee, that thou mayest be
feared. 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul
doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more
than they that watch for the morn-
ing: *I say, more than* they that watch
for the morning.* 7 Let Israel hope in

130.6. I say...: or, which watch unto.

the LORD: for with the LORD *there is*
mercy, and with him *is* plenteous re-
demption. 8 And he shall redeem Is-
rael from all his iniquities.

131 A Song of degrees of David.
LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor
mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise
myself in great matters, or in things
too high for me.* 2 Surely I have be-
haved and quieted myself, as a child
that is weaned of his mother: my soul
is even as a weaned child.* 3 Let Israel
hope in the LORD from henceforth

131.1. exercise...: Heb. walk. high: Heb. wonderful.
2. myself: Heb. my soul.

and for ever.*

132 A Song of degrees. LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:
2 How he sware unto the LORD, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;
3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,
5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.*
6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacles: we

3. henceforth: Heb. now.
132.5. an habitation: Heb. habitations.

will worship at his footstool. 8 Arise,
O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the
ark of thy strength. 9 Let thy priests
be clothed with righteousness; and let
thy saints shout for joy. 10 For thy ser-
vant David's sake turn not away the
face of thine anointed. 11 The LORD
hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he
will not turn from it; Of the fruit of
thy body will I set upon thy throne.*
12 If thy children will keep my covenant
and my testimony that I shall teach
them, their children shall also sit upon
thy throne for evermore. 13 For the
LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath de-

11. body: Heb. belly.

sired *it* for his habitation. [14] This *is* my
rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have
desired it. [15] I will abundantly bless
her provision: I will satisfy her poor
with bread.* [16] I will also clothe her
priests with salvation: and her saints
shall shout aloud for joy. [17] There will I
make the horn of David to bud: I have
ordained a lamp for mine anointed.*
[18] His enemies will I clothe with shame:
but upon himself shall his crown flour-
ish.

133 A Song of degrees of David.
Behold, how good and how pleasant

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15. abundantly: or, surely.
17. lamp: or, candle.

it is for brethren to dwell together in
unity!* [2] *It is* like the precious oint-
ment upon the head, that ran down
upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard:
that went down to the skirts of his
garments; [3] As the dew of Hermon,
and as the dew that descended upon
the mountains of Zion: for there the
LORD commanded the blessing, *even*
life for evermore.

134 A Song of degrees. Behold,
bless ye the LORD, all *ye* servants of
the LORD, which by night stand in
the house of the LORD. [2] Lift up your

133.1. together...: Heb. even together.

hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the
LORD.* 3 The LORD that made heaven
and earth bless thee out of Zion.

135 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye
the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O
ye servants of the LORD. 2 Ye that
stand in the house of the LORD, in
the courts of the house of our God,
3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD *is*
good: sing praises unto his name; for *it*
is pleasant. 4 For the LORD hath cho-
sen Jacob unto himself, *and* Israel for
his peculiar treasure. 5 For I know that
the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord

134.2. the sanctuary: or, holiness.

is above all gods. 6 Whatsoever the
LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven,
and in earth, in the seas, and all deep
places. 7 He causeth the vapours to
ascend from the ends of the earth;
he maketh lightnings for the rain; he
bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.
8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
both of man and beast.* 9 *Who* sent
tokens and wonders into the midst
of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and
upon all his servants. 10 Who smote
great nations, and slew mighty kings;
11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og
king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms

135.8. both...: Heb. from man unto beast.

of Canaan: [12] And gave their land *for*
an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his
people. [13] Thy name, O LORD, *en-*
dureth for ever; *and* thy memorial,
O LORD, throughout all generations.*
[14] For the LORD will judge his people,
and he will repent himself concerning
his servants. [15] The idols of the heathen
are silver and gold, the work of men's
hands. [16] They have mouths, but they
speak not; eyes have they, but they see
not; [17] They have ears, but they hear
not; neither is there *any* breath in their
mouths. [18] They that make them are

13. throughout...: Heb. to generation and generation.

like unto them: *so is* every one that
trusteth in them. [19] Bless the LORD,
O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O
house of Aaron: [20] Bless the LORD, O
house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD,
bless the LORD. [21] Blessed be the LORD
out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusa-
lem. Praise ye the LORD.

136 O give thanks unto the LORD;
for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever. [2] O give thanks unto the
God of gods: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever. [3] O give thanks to the Lord
of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever. [4] To him who alone doeth great

wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever. 5 To him that by wisdom made
the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever. 6 To him that stretched out the
earth above the waters: for his mercy
endureth for ever. 7 To him that made
great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever: 8 The sun to rule by day: for his
mercy *endureth* for ever:* 9 The moon
and stars to rule by night: for his mercy
endureth for ever. 10 To him that smote
Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy
endureth for ever: 11 And brought out
Israel from among them: for his mercy
endureth for ever: 12 With a strong

136.8. to rule...: Heb. for the rulings by day.

hand, and with a stretched out arm:
for his mercy *endureth* for ever. [13] To
him which divided the Red sea into
parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
[14] And made Israel to pass through the
midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever: [15] But overthrew Pharaoh and his
host in the Red sea: for his mercy *en-*
dureth for ever.* [16] To him which led
his people through the wilderness: for
his mercy *endureth* for ever. [17] To him
which smote great kings: for his mercy
endureth for ever: [18] And slew famous
kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
[19] Sihon king of the Amorites: for his

15. overthrew: Heb. shaked off.

mercy *endureth* for ever: [20] And Og
the king of Bashan: for his mercy
endureth for ever: [21] And gave their
land for an heritage: for his mercy
endureth for ever: [22] *Even* an heritage
unto Israel his servant: for his mercy
endureth for ever. [23] Who remembered
us in our low estate: for his mercy *en-*
dureth for ever: [24] And hath redeemed
us from our enemies: for his mercy
endureth for ever. [25] Who giveth food
to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever. [26] O give thanks unto the God
of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for
ever.

137 By the rivers of Babylon, there
we sat down, yea, we wept, when we
remembered Zion. 2 We hanged our
harps upon the willows in the midst
thereof. 3 For there they that carried
us away captive required of us a song;
and they that wasted us *required of*
us mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the
songs of Zion.* 4 How shall we sing
the LORD's song in a strange land?*
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my
right hand forget *her cunning*. 6 If I
do not remember thee, let my tongue

137.3. a song: Heb. the words of a song. wasted...: Heb. laid us on heaps.
4. strange...: Heb. land of a stranger?.

cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I
prefer not Jerusalem above my chief
joy.* 7 Remember, O LORD, the chil-
dren of Edom in the day of Jerusa-
lem; who said, Rase *it*, rase *it, even* to
the foundation thereof.* 8 O daughter
of Babylon, who art to be destroyed;
happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee
as thou hast served us.* 9 Happy *shall
he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little
ones against the stones.*

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6. my chief...: Heb. the head of my joy.
7. Rase it: Heb. Make bare.
8. destroyed: Heb. wasted. rewardeth...: Heb. recompenseth unto thee thy deed which thou didst to us.
9. the stones: Heb. the rock.

138 *A Psalm* of David. I will
praise thee with my whole heart: be-
fore the gods will I sing praise unto
thee. 2 I will worship toward thy holy
temple, and praise thy name for thy
lovingkindness and for thy truth: for
thou hast magnified thy word above
all thy name. 3 In the day when I cried
thou answeredst me, *and* strength-
enedst me *with* strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise
thee, O LORD, when they hear the
words of thy mouth. 5 Yea, they shall
sing in the ways of the LORD: for great
is the glory of the LORD. 6 Though the

LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto
the lowly: but the proud he knoweth
afar off. 7 Though I walk in the midst
of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou
shalt stretch forth thine hand against
the wrath of mine enemies, and thy
right hand shall save me. 8 The LORD
will perfect *that which* concerneth me:
thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever:
forsake not the works of thine own
hands.

139 To the chief Musician, A
Psalm of David. O LORD, thou
hast searched me, and known *me*.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and

mine uprising, thou understandest my
thought afar off. 3 Thou compass-
est my path and my lying down, and
art acquainted *with* all my ways.* 4 For
there is not a word in my tongue, *but*,
lo, O LORD, thou knowest it alto-
gether. 5 Thou hast beset me behind
and before, and laid thine hand upon
me. 6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonder-
ful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain*
unto it. 7 Whither shall I go from
thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from
thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into
heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my
bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*. 9 *If*

139.3. compassest: or, winnowest.

I take the wings of the morning, *and*
dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me,
and thy right hand shall hold me. 11 If
I say, Surely the darkness shall cover
me; even the night shall be light about
me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not
from thee; but the night shineth as
the day: the darkness and the light *are*
both alike *to thee*.* 13 For thou hast pos-
sessed my reins: thou hast covered me
in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise
thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonder-
fully made: marvellous *are* thy works;

12. hideth...: Heb. darkeneth not. the darkness and...: Heb. as is the darkness, so is the light.

and *that* my soul knoweth right well.*
15 My substance was not hid from thee,
when I was made in secret, *and* curi-
ously wrought in the lowest parts of
the earth.* 16 Thine eyes did see my
substance, yet being unperfect; and in
thy book all *my members* were writ-
ten, *which* in continuance were fash-
ioned, when *as yet there was* none of
them.* 17 How precious also are thy
thoughts unto me, O God! how great
is the sum of them! 18 *If* I should

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14. right...: Heb. greatly.
15. substance: or, strength, or, body.
16. all...: Heb. all of them. which...: or, what days they should be fashioned.

count them, they are more in num-
ber than the sand: when I awake, I
am still with thee. [19] Surely thou wilt
slay the wicked, O God: depart from
me therefore, ye bloody men. [20] For
they speak against thee wickedly, *and*
thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.
[21] Do not I hate them, O LORD, that
hate thee? and am not I grieved with
those that rise up against thee? [22] I
hate them with perfect hatred: I count
them mine enemies. [23] Search me, O
God, and know my heart: try me, and
know my thoughts: [24] And see if *there*
be any wicked way in me, and lead me

in the way everlasting.*

140 To the chief Musician, A
Psalm of David. Deliver me, O LORD,
from the evil man: preserve me from
the violent man;* 2 Which imagine
mischiefs in *their* heart; continually
are they gathered together *for* war.
3 They have sharpened their tongues
like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under
their lips. Selah. 4 Keep me, O LORD,
from the hands of the wicked; pre-
serve me from the violent man; who
have purposed to overthrow my go-

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24. wicked...: Heb. way of pain, or, grief.
140.1. violent...: Heb. man of violences.

ings. 5 The proud have hid a snare for
me, and cords; they have spread a net
by the wayside; they have set gins for
me. Selah. 6 I said unto the LORD,
Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of
my supplications, O LORD. 7 O GOD
the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
thou hast covered my head in the day
of battle. 8 Grant not, O LORD, the
desires of the wicked: further not his
wicked device; *lest* they exalt them-
selves. Selah.* 9 *As for* the head of
those that compass me about, let the
mischief of their own lips cover them.
10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let

8. lest...: or, let them not be exalted.

them be cast into the fire; into deep
pits, that they rise not up again. [11] Let
not an evil speaker be established in
the earth: evil shall hunt the violent
man to overthrow *him*.* [12] I know that
the LORD will maintain the cause of
the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.
[13] Surely the righteous shall give thanks
unto thy name: the upright shall dwell
in thy presence.

141 A Psalm of David. LORD, I
cry unto thee: make haste unto me;
give ear unto my voice, when I cry

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11. an...: or, an evil speaker (Heb. a man of tongue), a wicked man of violence, he established in the earth: let him be hunted to his overthrow.

unto thee. 2 Let my prayer be set forth
before thee *as* incense; *and* the lift-
ing up of my hands *as* the evening
sacrifice.* 3 Set a watch, O LORD, be-
fore my mouth; keep the door of my
lips. 4 Incline not my heart to *any*
evil thing, to practise wicked works
with men that work iniquity: and let
me not eat of their dainties. 5 Let
the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a
kindness: and let him reprove me; *it
shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not
break my head: for yet my prayer also
shall be in their calamities.* 6 When

141.2. set...: Heb. directed.

5. me: it shall be a...: or, me kindly, and reprove

their judges are overthrown in stony
places, they shall hear my words; for
they are sweet. 7 Our bones are scat-
tered at the grave's mouth, as when
one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon
the earth. 8 But mine eyes *are* unto
thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is
my trust; leave not my soul destitute.*
9 Keep me from the snares *which* they
have laid for me, and the gins of the
workers of iniquity. 10 Let the wicked
fall into their own nets, whilst that I
withal escape.*

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me; let not their precious oil break, etc.
8. leave...: Heb. make not my soul bare.
10. escape: Heb. pass over.

142 Maschil of David; A Prayer
when he was in the cave. I cried unto
the LORD with my voice; with my
voice unto the LORD did I make my
supplication.* 2 I poured out my com-
plaint before him; I shewed before him
my trouble. 3 When my spirit was
overwhelmed within me, then thou
knewest my path. In the way wherein
I walked have they privily laid a snare
for me. 4 I looked on *my* right hand,
and beheld, but *there was* no man that
would know me: refuge failed me;

142.1. Maschil...: or, A Psalm of David, giving instruction.

no man cared for my soul.* 5 I cried
unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art*
my refuge *and* my portion in the land
of the living. 6 Attend unto my cry;
for I am brought very low: deliver
me from my persecutors; for they are
stronger than I. 7 Bring my soul out of
prison, that I may praise thy name: the
righteous shall compass me about; for
thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

143 A Psalm of David. Hear my
prayer, O LORD, give ear to my sup-
plications: in thy faithfulness answer

4. I looked...: or, Look on the right hand, and see. failed...: Heb. perished from me. cared...: Heb. sought after.

me, *and* in thy righteousness. [2] And
enter not into judgment with thy ser-
vant: for in thy sight shall no man liv-
ing be justified. [3] For the enemy hath
persecuted my soul; he hath smitten
my life down to the ground; he hath
made me to dwell in darkness, as those
that have been long dead. [4] Therefore
is my spirit overwhelmed within me;
my heart within me is desolate. [5] I re-
member the days of old; I meditate on
all thy works; I muse on the work of
thy hands. [6] I stretch forth my hands
unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee,
as a thirsty land. Selah. [7] Hear me
speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth:

hide not thy face from me, lest I be like
unto them that go down into the pit.*
8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness
in the morning; for in thee do I trust:
cause me to know the way wherein I
should walk; for I lift up my soul unto
thee. 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from
mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide
me.* 10 Teach me to do thy will; for
thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good;
lead me into the land of uprightness.
11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's
sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring
my soul out of trouble. 12 And of thy

143.7. lest...: or, for I am become like, etc.
9. flee...: Heb. hide me with thee.

mercy cut off mine enemies, and de-
stroy all them that afflict my soul: for
I *am* thy servant.

144 *A Psalm* of David. Blessed
be the LORD my strength, which tea-
cheth my hands to war, *and* my fin-
gers to fight:* 2 My goodness, and my
fortress; my high tower, and my de-
liverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I
trust; who subdueth my people un-
der me.* 3 LORD, what *is* man, that
thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the
son of man, that thou makest account

144.1. strength: Heb. rock. to war...: Heb. to the war, etc.

2. My goodness: or, My mercy.

of him! 4 Man is like to vanity: his
days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.
5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come
down: touch the mountains, and they
shall smoke. 6 Cast forth lightning,
and scatter them: shoot out thine ar-
rows, and destroy them. 7 Send thine
hand from above; rid me, and deliver
me out of great waters, from the hand
of strange children;* 8 Whose mouth
speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is*
a right hand of falsehood. 9 I will sing
a new song unto thee, O God: upon
a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten
strings will I sing praises unto thee. 10 *It*

7. hand from: Heb. hands from.

is he that giveth salvation unto kings:
who delivereth David his servant from
the hurtful sword.* 11 Rid me, and de-
liver me from the hand of strange
children, whose mouth speaketh van-
ity, and their right hand *is* a right
hand of falsehood: 12 That our sons
may be as plants grown up in their
youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as
corner stones, polished *after* the simil-
itude of a palace:* 13 *That* our garners
may be full, affording all manner of
store: *that* our sheep may bring forth
thousands and ten thousands in our

10. salvation: or, victory.
12. polished: Heb. cut.

streets:* 14 *That* our oxen *may be* strong
to labour; *that there be* no breaking in,
nor going out; that *there be* no com-
plaining in our streets.* 15 Happy *is that*
people, that is in such a case: *yea*,
happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the
LORD.

145 David's *Psalm* of praise. I will
extol thee, my God, O king; and I
will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless thee; and I
will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be

13. all...: Heb. from kind to kind.
14. strong...: Heb. able to bear burdens, or, loaden with flesh.

praised; and his greatness *is* unsearch-
able.* 4 One generation shall praise thy
works to another, and shall declare thy
mighty acts. 5 I will speak of the glo-
rious honour of thy majesty, and of
thy wondrous works.* 6 And *men* shall
speak of the might of thy terrible acts:
and I will declare thy greatness.* 7 They
shall abundantly utter the memory of
thy great goodness, and shall sing of
thy righteousness. 8 The LORD *is* gra-
cious, and full of compassion; slow

145.3. and his...: Heb. and of his greatness there is no search.

5. works: Heb. things, or, words.

6. declare: Heb. declare it.

to anger, and of great mercy.* 9 The
LORD *is* good to all: and his tender
mercies *are* over all his works. 10 All
thy works shall praise thee, O LORD;
and thy saints shall bless thee. 11 They
shall speak of the glory of thy king-
dom, and talk of thy power; 12 To make
known to the sons of men his mighty
acts, and the glorious majesty of his
kingdom. 13 Thy kingdom *is* an ev-
erlasting kingdom, and thy dominion
endureth throughout all generations.*
14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed

8. of great...: Heb. great in mercy.
13. an...: Heb. a kingdom of all ages.

down. [15] The eyes of all wait upon
thee; and thou givest them their meat
in due season.* [16] Thou openest thine
hand, and satisfiest the desire of ev-
ery living thing. [17] The LORD *is* righ-
teous in all his ways, and holy in all
his works.* [18] The LORD *is* nigh unto
all them that call upon him, to all that
call upon him in truth. [19] He will ful-
fil the desire of them that fear him: he
also will hear their cry, and will save
them. [20] The LORD preserveth all them
that love him: but all the wicked will
he destroy. [21] My mouth shall speak

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15. wait...: or, look unto.
17. holy: or, merciful, or, bountiful.

the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh
bless his holy name for ever and ever.

146 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the
LORD, O my soul.* 2 While I live will
I praise the LORD: I will sing praises
unto my God while I have any be-
ing. 3 Put not your trust in princes,
nor in the son of man, in whom *there*
is no help.* 4 His breath goeth forth,
he returneth to his earth; in that very
day his thoughts perish. 5 Happy *is*
he that *hath* the God of Jacob for
his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD

146.1. Praise ye...: Heb. Hallelujah.
3. help: or, salvation.

his God: 6 Which made heaven, and
earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*:
which keepeth truth for ever: 7 Which
executeth judgment for the oppressed:
which giveth food to the hungry. The
LORD looseth the prisoners: 8 The
LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind:
the LORD raiseth them that are bowed
down: the LORD loveth the righteous:
9 The LORD preserveth the strangers;
he relieveth the fatherless and widow:
but the way of the wicked he turneth
upside down. 10 The LORD shall reign
for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto
all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

147 Praise ye the LORD: for *it is*
good to sing praises unto our God;
for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.
2 The LORD doth build up Jerusa-
lem: he gathereth together the out-
casts of Israel. 3 He healeth the bro-
ken in heart, and bindeth up their
wounds.* 4 He telleth the number of
the stars; he calleth them all by *their*
names. 5 Great *is* our Lord, and
of great power: his understanding *is*
infinite.* 6 The LORD lifteth up the
meek: he casteth the wicked down to

147.3. wounds: Heb. griefs.
5. his...: Heb. of his understanding there is no number.

the ground. 7 Sing unto the LORD
with thanksgiving; sing praise upon
the harp unto our God: 8 Who cov-
ereth the heaven with clouds, who pre-
pareth rain for the earth, who maketh
grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food, *and*
to the young ravens which cry. 10 He
delighteth not in the strength of the
horse: he taketh not pleasure in the
legs of a man. 11 The LORD taketh
pleasure in them that fear him, in
those that hope in his mercy. 12 Praise
the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy
God, O Zion. 13 For he hath strength-
ened the bars of thy gates; he hath

blessed thy children within thee. [14] He
maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* fil-
leth thee with the finest of the wheat.*
[15] He sendeth forth his commandment
upon earth: his word runneth very
swiftly. [16] He giveth snow like wool:
he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
[17] He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
who can stand before his cold? [18] He
sendeth out his word, and melteth
them: he causeth his wind to blow,
and the waters flow. [19] He sheweth his
word unto Jacob, his statutes and his

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14. He...: Heb. Who maketh thy border peace.
finest...: Heb. fat of wheat.

judgments unto Israel.* [20] He hath not
dealt so with any nation: and *as for*
his judgments, they have not known
them. Praise ye the LORD.

148 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye
the LORD from the heavens: praise
him in the heights.* [2] Praise ye him,
all his angels: praise ye him, all his
hosts. [3] Praise ye him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars of light. [4] Praise
him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye wa-
ters that *be* above the heavens. [5] Let
them praise the name of the LORD:

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19. his word: Heb. his words.

148.1. Praise ye the LORD. Praise: Heb. Hallelujah, etc.

for he commanded, and they were cre-
ated. 6 He hath also stablished them
for ever and ever: he hath made a
decree which shall not pass. 7 Praise
the LORD from the earth, ye dragons,
and all deeps: 8 Fire, and hail; snow,
and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his
word: 9 Mountains, and all hills; fruit-
ful trees, and all cedars: 10 Beasts, and
all cattle; creeping things, and flying
fowl:* 11 Kings of the earth, and all peo-
ple; princes, and all judges of the earth:
12 Both young men, and maidens; old
men, and children: 13 Let them praise
the name of the LORD: for his name

10. flying...: Heb. birds of wing.

alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the
earth and heaven.* 14 He also exalteth
the horn of his people, the praise of all
his saints; *even* of the children of Israel,
a people near unto him. Praise ye the
LORD.

149 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto
the LORD a new song, *and* his praise
in the congregation of saints.* 2 Let Is-
rael rejoice in him that made him: let
the children of Zion be joyful in their
King. 3 Let them praise his name in
the dance: let them sing praises unto

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13. excellent: Heb. exalted.
149.1. Praise...: Heb. Hallelujah.

him with the timbrel and harp.* 4 For
the LORD taketh pleasure in his peo-
ple: he will beautify the meek with
salvation. 5 Let the saints be joyful in
glory: let them sing aloud upon their
beds. 6 *Let* the high *praises* of God *be*
in their mouth, and a twoedged sword
in their hand;* 7 To execute vengeance
upon the heathen, *and* punishments
upon the people; 8 To bind their kings
with chains, and their nobles with fet-
ters of iron; 9 To execute upon them
the judgment written: this honour
have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

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3. in...: or, with the pipe.
6. mouth: Heb. throat.

150 Praise ye the LORD. Praise
God in his sanctuary: praise him in the
firmament of his power.* 2 Praise him
for his mighty acts: praise him accord-
ing to his excellent greatness. 3 Praise
him with the sound of the trum-
pet: praise him with the psaltery and
harp.* 4 Praise him with the timbrel
and dance: praise him with stringed
instruments and organs.* 5 Praise him
upon the loud cymbals: praise him
upon the high sounding cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath

150.1. Praise ye...: Heb. Hallelujah.
3. trumpet: or, cornet.
4. dance: or, pipe.

praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

THE PROVERBS

The proverbs of Solomon the son
of David, king of Israel; 2 To
know wisdom and instruction;
to perceive the words of understand-
ing; 3 To receive the instruction of wis-
dom, justice, and judgment, and eq-
uity;* 4 To give subtilty to the simple,
to the young man knowledge and dis-
cretion.* 5 A wise *man* will hear, and
will increase learning; and a man of
understanding shall attain unto wise
counsels: 6 To understand a proverb,

1.3. equity: Heb. equities.
4. discretion: or, advisement.

and the interpretation; the words of
the wise, and their dark sayings.* 7 The
fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of
knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom
and instruction.* 8 My son, hear the
instruction of thy father, and forsake
not the law of thy mother: 9 For they
shall be an ornament of grace unto
thy head, and chains about thy neck.*
10 My son, if sinners entice thee, con-
sent thou not. 11 If they say, Come
with us, let us lay wait for blood, let
us lurk privily for the innocent with-

6. the interpretation: or, an eloquent speech.
7. the beginning: or, the principal part.
9. an...: Heb. an adding.

out cause: [12] Let us swallow them up
alive as the grave; and whole, as those
that go down into the pit: [13] We shall
find all precious substance, we shall
fill our houses with spoil: [14] Cast in
thy lot among us; let us all have one
purse: [15] My son, walk not thou in
the way with them; refrain thy foot
from their path: [16] For their feet run
to evil, and make haste to shed blood.
[17] Surely in vain the net is spread in the
sight of any bird.* [18] And they lay wait
for their *own* blood; they lurk privily
for their *own* lives. [19] So *are* the ways

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17. in the...: Heb. in the eyes of every thing that hath a wing.

of every one that is greedy of gain;
which taketh away the life of the own-
ers thereof. [20] Wisdom crieth without;
she uttereth her voice in the streets:*
[21] She crieth in the chief place of con-
course, in the openings of the gates:
in the city she uttereth her words, *say-
ing*, [22] How long, ye simple ones, will
ye love simplicity? and the scorners
delight in their scorning, and fools
hate knowledge? [23] Turn you at my re-
proof: behold, I will pour out my spirit
unto you, I will make known my words
unto you. [24] Because I have called,

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20. Wisdom: Heb. Wisdoms, that is, Excellent wisdom.

and ye refused; I have stretched out
my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But
ye have set at nought all my coun-
sel, and would none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when your fear cometh;
27 When your fear cometh as desola-
tion, and your destruction cometh as a
whirlwind; when distress and anguish
cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they
call upon me, but I will not answer;
they shall seek me early, but they shall
not find me: 29 For that they hated
knowledge, and did not choose the
fear of the LORD: 30 They would none
of my counsel: they despised all my

reproof. [31] Therefore shall they eat of
the fruit of their own way, and be filled
with their own devices. [32] For the turn-
ing away of the simple shall slay them,
and the prosperity of fools shall de-
stroy them.* [33] But whoso hearkeneth
unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be
quiet from fear of evil.

2 My son, if thou wilt receive
my words, and hide my command-
ments with thee; [2] So that thou in-
cline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply
thine heart to understanding; [3] Yea,
if thou criest after knowledge, *and*

32. turning...: or, ease of the simple.

liftest up thy voice for understand-
ing;* 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and
searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear
of the LORD, and find the knowledge
of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wis-
dom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowl-
edge and understanding. 7 He layeth
up sound wisdom for the righteous:
he is a buckler to them that walk up-
rightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of
judgment, and preserveth the way of
his saints. 9 Then shalt thou under-
stand righteousness, and judgment,
and equity; *yea*, every good path.

2.3. liftest...: Heb. givest thy voice.

10 When wisdom entereth into thine
heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto
thy soul; 11 Discretion shall preserve
thee, understanding shall keep thee:
12 To deliver thee from the way of the
evil *man*, from the man that speaketh
froward things; 13 Who leave the paths
of uprightness, to walk in the ways
of darkness; 14 Who rejoice to do evil,
and delight in the frowardness of the
wicked; 15 Whose ways *are* crooked,
and *they* froward in their paths: 16 To
deliver thee from the strange woman,
even from the stranger *which* flattereth
with her words; 17 Which forsaketh
the guide of her youth, and forget-

teth the covenant of her God. [18] For
her house inclineth unto death, and
her paths unto the dead. [19] None that
go unto her return again, neither take
they hold of the paths of life. [20] That
thou mayest walk in the way of good
men, and keep the paths of the righ-
teous. [21] For the upright shall dwell in
the land, and the perfect shall remain
in it. [22] But the wicked shall be cut off
from the earth, and the transgressors
shall be rooted out of it.*

3 My son, forget not my law; but
let thine heart keep my command-

22. rooted: or, plucked up.

ments: 2 For length of days, and long
life, and peace, shall they add to thee.*
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:
bind them about thy neck; write them
upon the table of thine heart: 4 So
shalt thou find favour and good un-
derstanding in the sight of God and
man.* 5 Trust in the LORD with all
thine heart; and lean not unto thine
own understanding. 6 In all thy ways
acknowledge him, and he shall direct
thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own
eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from
evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel,

3.2. long...: Heb. years of life.
4. good...: or, good success.

and marrow to thy bones.* 9 Hon-
our the LORD with thy substance, and
with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with
plenty, and thy presses shall burst out
with new wine. 11 My son, despise not
the chastening of the LORD; neither be
weary of his correction: 12 For whom
the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as
a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.
13 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wis-
dom, and the man *that* getteth un-
derstanding.* 14 For the merchandise

8. health: Heb. medicine. marrow: Heb. water-
ing, or, moistening.
13. that getteth...: Heb. that draweth out under-

of it *is* better than the merchandise of
silver, and the gain thereof than fine
gold. [15] She *is* more precious than ru-
bies: and all the things thou canst de-
sire are not to be compared unto her.
[16] Length of days *is* in her right hand;
and in her left hand riches and hon-
our. [17] Her ways *are* ways of pleasant-
ness, and all her paths *are* peace. [18] She
is a tree of life to them that lay hold
upon her: and happy *is every one* that
retaineth her. [19] The LORD by wisdom
hath founded the earth; by under-
standing hath he established the heav-

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standing.

ens.* [20] By his knowledge the depths are
broken up, and the clouds drop down
the dew. [21] My son, let not them de-
part from thine eyes: keep sound wis-
dom and discretion: [22] So shall they
be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy
neck. [23] Then shalt thou walk in thy
way safely, and thy foot shall not stum-
ble. [24] When thou liest down, thou
shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt
lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
[25] Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither
of the desolation of the wicked, when
it cometh. [26] For the LORD shall be
thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot

19. established: or, prepared.

from being taken. [27] Withhold not
good from them to whom it is due,
when it is in the power of thine hand
to do *it*.* [28] Say not unto thy neigh-
bour, Go, and come again, and to
morrow I will give; when thou hast
it by thee. [29] Devise not evil against
thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth se-
curely by thee.* [30] Strive not with a man
without cause, if he have done thee no
harm. [31] Envy thou not the oppressor,
and choose none of his ways.* [32] For the
froward *is* abomination to the LORD:

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27. them...: Heb. the owners thereof.
29. Devise...: or, Practise no evil.
31. the oppressor: Heb. a man of violence.

but his secret *is* with the righteous.
33 The curse of the LORD *is* in the house
of the wicked: but he blesseth the
habitation of the just. 34 Surely he scor-
neth the scorners: but he giveth grace
unto the lowly. 35 The wise shall inherit
glory: but shame shall be the promo-
tion of fools.*

4 Hear, ye children, the instruc-
tion of a father, and attend to know
understanding. 2 For I give you good
doctrine, forsake ye not my law. 3 For
I was my father's son, tender and only
beloved in the sight of my mother.

35. shall be...: Heb. exalteth the fools.

4 He taught me also, and said unto me,
Let thine heart retain my words: keep
my commandments, and live. 5 Get
wisdom, get understanding: forget *it*
not; neither decline from the words of
my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she
shall preserve thee: love her, and she
shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom *is* the prin-
cipal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and
with all thy getting get understand-
ing. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote
thee: she shall bring thee to honour,
when thou dost embrace her. 9 She
shall give to thine head an ornament
of grace: a crown of glory shall she de-

liver to thee.* [10] Hear, O my son, and
receive my sayings; and the years of
thy life shall be many. [11] I have taught
thee in the way of wisdom; I have
led thee in right paths. [12] When thou
goest, thy steps shall not be straitened;
and when thou runnest, thou shalt not
stumble. [13] Take fast hold of instruc-
tion; let *her* not go: keep her; for she
is thy life. [14] Enter not into the path
of the wicked, and go not in the way
of evil *men*. [15] Avoid it, pass not by
it, turn from it, and pass away. [16] For
they sleep not, except they have done

4.9. a crown...: or, she shall compass thee with a crown of glory.

mischief; and their sleep is taken away,
unless they cause *some* to fall. [17] For
they eat the bread of wickedness, and
drink the wine of violence. [18] But the
path of the just *is* as the shining light,
that shineth more and more unto the
perfect day. [19] The way of the wicked
is as darkness: they know not at what
they stumble. [20] My son, attend to my
words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. [21] Let them not depart from thine
eyes; keep them in the midst of thine
heart. [22] For they *are* life unto those
that find them, and health to all their
flesh.* [23] Keep thy heart with all dili-

22. health: Heb. medicine.

gence; for out of it *are* the issues of
life.* [24] Put away from thee a froward
mouth, and perverse lips put far from
thee.* [25] Let thine eyes look right on,
and let thine eyelids look straight be-
fore thee. [26] Ponder the path of thy feet,
and let all thy ways be established.*
[27] Turn not to the right hand nor to the
left: remove thy foot from evil.

5 My son, attend unto my wis-
dom, *and* bow thine ear to my under-
standing: [2] That thou mayest regard

23. with...: Heb. above all keeping.
24. a froward...: Heb. frowardness of mouth and perverseness of lips.
26. let...: or, all thy ways shall be ordered aright.

discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep
knowledge. 3 For the lips of a strange
woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and
her mouth *is* smoother than oil:* 4 But
her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp
as a twoedged sword. 5 Her feet go
down to death; her steps take hold
on hell. 6 Lest thou shouldest pon-
der the path of life, her ways are move-
able, *that* thou canst not know *them*.
7 Hear me now therefore, O ye chil-
dren, and depart not from the words
of my mouth. 8 Remove thy way far
from her, and come not nigh the door
of her house: 9 Lest thou give thine

5.3. mouth: Heb. palate.

honour unto others, and thy years
unto the cruel: [10] Lest strangers be
filled with thy wealth; and thy labours
be in the house of a stranger;* [11] And
thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh
and thy body are consumed, [12] And
say, How have I hated instruction, and
my heart despised reproof; [13] And have
not obeyed the voice of my teachers,
nor inclined mine ear to them that in-
structed me! [14] I was almost in all evil
in the midst of the congregation and
assembly. [15] Drink waters out of thine
own cistern, and running waters out of
thine own well. [16] Let thy fountains be

10. thy wealth: Heb. thy strength.

dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters
in the streets. [17] Let them be only thine
own, and not strangers' with thee.
[18] Let thy fountain be blessed: and re-
joice with the wife of thy youth. [19] *Let
her be as* the loving hind and pleas-
ant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at
all times; and be thou ravished always
with her love.* [20] And why wilt thou,
my son, be ravished with a strange
woman, and embrace the bosom of a
stranger? [21] For the ways of man *are*
before the eyes of the LORD, and he
pondereth all his goings. [22] His own

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19. satisfy...: Heb. water thee. be thou...: Heb. err thou always in her love.

iniquities shall take the wicked him-
self, and he shall be holden with the
cords of his sins.* 23 He shall die with-
out instruction; and in the greatness of
his folly he shall go astray.

6 My son, if thou be surety for thy
friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand
with a stranger, 2 Thou art snared with
the words of thy mouth, thou art
taken with the words of thy mouth.
3 Do this now, my son, and deliver
thyself, when thou art come into the
hand of thy friend; go, humble thy-
self, and make sure thy friend.* 4 Give

22. sins: Heb. sin.
6.3. and make...: or, so shalt thou prevail with thy

not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber
to thine eyelids. 5 Deliver thyself as a
roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and
as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; con-
sider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which
having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
8 Provideth her meat in the summer,
and gathereth her food in the harvest.
9 How long wilt thou sleep, O slug-
gard? when wilt thou arise out of thy
sleep? 10 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slum-
ber, a little folding of the hands to
sleep: 11 So shall thy poverty come as
one that travelleth, and thy want as

friend.

an armed man. [12] A naughty person,
a wicked man, walketh with a froward
mouth. [13] He winketh with his eyes,
he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth
with his fingers; [14] Frowardness *is* in
his heart, he deviseth mischief con-
tinually; he soweth discord.* [15] There-
fore shall his calamity come suddenly;
suddenly shall he be broken without
remedy. [16] These six *things* doth the
LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abom-
ination unto him:* [17] A proud look,
a lying tongue, and hands that shed

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14. soweth: Heb. casteth forth.
16. unto...: Heb. of his soul.

innocent blood,* [18] An heart that de-
viseth wicked imaginations, feet that
be swift in running to mischief, [19] A
false witness *that* speaketh lies, and
he that soweth discord among breth-
ren. [20] My son, keep thy father's com-
mandment, and forsake not the law of
thy mother: [21] Bind them continually
upon thine heart, *and* tie them about
thy neck. [22] When thou goest, it shall
lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall
keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it
shall talk with thee. [23] For the com-
mandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is*
light; and reproofs of instruction *are*

17. A proud...: Heb. Haughty eyes.

the way of life:* [24] To keep thee from
the evil woman, from the flattery of
the tongue of a strange woman.* [25] Lust
not after her beauty in thine heart; nei-
ther let her take thee with her eyelids.
[26] For by means of a whorish woman
a man is brought to a piece of bread:
and the adulteress will hunt for the
precious life.* [27] Can a man take fire
in his bosom, and his clothes not be
burned? [28] Can one go upon hot coals,
and his feet not be burned? [29] So he

23. lamp: or, candle.
24. of the...: or, of the strange tongue.
26. the adulteress: Heb. the woman of a man, or, a man's wife.

that goeth in to his neighbour's wife;
whosoever toucheth her shall not be
innocent. [30] *Men* do not despise a thief,
if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is
hungry; [31] But *if* he be found, he shall
restore sevenfold; he shall give all the
substance of his house. [32] *But* whoso
committeth adultery with a woman
lacketh understanding: he *that* doeth
it destroyeth his own soul.* [33] A wound
and dishonour shall he get; and his re-
proach shall not be wiped away. [34] For
jealousy *is* the rage of a man: there-
fore he will not spare in the day of
vengeance. [35] He will not regard any

32. understanding: Heb. heart.

ransom; neither will he rest content,
though thou givest many gifts.*

7 My son, keep my words, and
lay up my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments, and live;
and my law as the apple of thine
eye. 3 Bind them upon thy fingers,
write them upon the table of thine
heart. 4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art*
my sister; and call understanding *thy*
kinswoman: 5 That they may keep
thee from the strange woman, from
the stranger *which* flattereth with her

35. He will...: Heb. He will not accept the face of any ransom.

words. 6 For at the window of my
house I looked through my casement,
7 And beheld among the simple ones,
I discerned among the youths, a young
man void of understanding,* 8 Passing
through the street near her corner; and
he went the way to her house, 9 In the
twilight, in the evening, in the black
and dark night:* 10 And, behold, there
met him a woman *with* the attire of
an harlot, and subtil of heart. 11 (She
is loud and stubborn; her feet abide
not in her house: 12 Now *is she* with-
out, now in the streets, and lieth in

7.7. the youths: Heb. the sons.
9. in the evening of days.

wait at every corner.) [13] So she caught
him, and kissed him, *and* with an im-
pudent face said unto him,* [14] *I have*
peace offerings with me; this day have
I payed my vows.* [15] Therefore came I
forth to meet thee, diligently to seek
thy face, and I have found thee. [16] I
have decked my bed with coverings of
tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine
linen of Egypt. [17] I have perfumed my
bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
[18] Come, let us take our fill of love un-
til the morning: let us solace ourselves

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13. with...: Heb. she strengthened her face and said.

14. I have...: Heb. Peace offerings are upon me.

with loves. [19] For the goodman *is* not at
home, he is gone a long journey: [20] He
hath taken a bag of money with him,
and will come home at the day ap-
pointed.* [21] With her much fair speech
she caused him to yield, with the flat-
tering of her lips she forced him. [22] He
goeth after her straightway, as an ox
goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to
the correction of the stocks;* [23] Till a
dart strike through his liver; as a bird
hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not
that it *is* for his life. [24] Hearken unto me

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20. with...: Heb. in his hand. the day...: or, the new moon.

22. straightway: Heb. suddenly.

now therefore, O ye children, and at-
tend to the words of my mouth. [25] Let
not thine heart decline to her ways,
go not astray in her paths. [26] For she
hath cast down many wounded: yea,
many strong *men* have been slain by
her. [27] Her house *is* the way to hell, go-
ing down to the chambers of death.

8 Doth not wisdom cry? and un-
derstanding put forth her voice? [2] She
standeth in the top of high places, by
the way in the places of the paths.
[3] She crieth at the gates, at the entry
of the city, at the coming in at the
doors. [4] Unto you, O men, I call; and

my voice *is* to the sons of man. 5 O
ye simple, understand wisdom: and,
ye fools, be ye of an understanding
heart. 6 Hear; for I will speak of ex-
cellent things; and the opening of my
lips *shall be* right things. 7 For my
mouth shall speak truth; and wicked-
ness *is* an abomination to my lips.*
8 All the words of my mouth *are* in
righteousness; *there is* nothing froward
or perverse in them.* 9 They *are* all
plain to him that understandeth, and
right to them that find knowledge.
10 Receive my instruction, and not sil-

8.7. an...: Heb. the abomination of my lips.
8. froward: Heb. wreathed.

ver; and knowledge rather than choice
gold. [11] For wisdom *is* better than ru-
bies; and all the things that may be
desired are not to be compared to it.
[12] I wisdom dwell with prudence, and
find out knowledge of witty inven-
tions.* [13] The fear of the LORD *is* to
hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and
the evil way, and the froward mouth,
do I hate. [14] Counsel *is* mine, and
sound wisdom: I *am* understanding;
I have strength. [15] By me kings reign,
and princes decree justice. [16] By me
princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the
judges of the earth. [17] I love them that

12. prudence: or, subtilty.

love me; and those that seek me early
shall find me. [18] Riches and honour
are with me; *yea*, durable riches and
righteousness. [19] My fruit *is* better than
gold, yea, than fine gold; and my rev-
enue than choice silver. [20] I lead in the
way of righteousness, in the midst of
the paths of judgment:* [21] That I may
cause those that love me to inherit sub-
stance; and I will fill their treasures.
[22] The LORD possessed me in the be-
ginning of his way, before his works
of old. [23] I was set up from everlasting,
from the beginning, or ever the earth
was. [24] When *there were* no depths, I

20. lead: or, walk.

was brought forth; when *there were*
no fountains abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills was I brought forth:
26 While as yet he had not made the
earth, nor the fields, nor the highest
part of the dust of the world.* 27 When
he prepared the heavens, I *was* there:
when he set a compass upon the face of
the depth:* 28 When he established the
clouds above: when he strengthened
the fountains of the deep: 29 When he
gave to the sea his decree, that the

26. fields: or, open places. the highest...: or, the chief part.
27. a compass: or, a circle.

waters should not pass his command-
ment: when he appointed the foun-
dations of the earth: [30] Then I was by
him, *as* one brought up *with him*: and
I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always
before him; [31] Rejoicing in the habit-
able part of his earth; and my delights
were with the sons of men. [32] Now
therefore hearken unto me, O ye chil-
dren: for blessed *are they that* keep
my ways. [33] Hear instruction, and be
wise, and refuse it not. [34] Blessed *is* the
man that heareth me, watching daily
at my gates, waiting at the posts of my
doors. [35] For whoso findeth me find-
eth life, and shall obtain favour of the

LORD.* [36] But he that sinneth against
me wrongeth his own soul: all they
that hate me love death.

9 Wisdom hath builded her house,
she hath hewn out her seven pillars:
[2] She hath killed her beasts; she hath
mingled her wine; she hath also fur-
nished her table.* [3] She hath sent forth
her maidens: she crieth upon the high-
est places of the city, [4] Whoso *is* sim-
ple, let him turn in hither: *as for* him
that wanteth understanding, she saith
to him, [5] Come, eat of my bread, and
drink of the wine *which* I have min-

35. obtain: Heb. bring forth.
9.2. her beasts: Heb. her killing.

gled. 6 Forsake the foolish, and live;
and go in the way of understanding.
7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth
to himself shame: and he that re-
buketh a wicked *man getteth* himself
a blot. 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest
he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and
he will love thee. 9 Give *instruction* to
a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser:
teach a just *man*, and he will increase
in learning. 10 The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of wisdom: and the
knowledge of the holy *is* understand-
ing. 11 For by me thy days shall be
multiplied, and the years of thy life
shall be increased. 12 If thou be wise,

thou shalt be wise for thyself: but *if*
thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.
13 A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she*
is simple, and knoweth nothing. 14 For
she sitteth at the door of her house,
on a seat in the high places of the city,
15 To call passengers who go right on
their ways: 16 Whoso *is* simple, let him
turn in hither: and *as for* him that wan-
teth understanding, she saith to him,
17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread
eaten in secret is pleasant.* 18 But he
knoweth not that the dead *are* there;
and that her guests *are* in the depths of
hell.

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17. eaten...: Heb. of secrecies.

10 The proverbs of Solomon. A
wise son maketh a glad father: but
a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his
mother. 2 Treasures of wickedness
profit nothing: but righteousness de-
livereth from death. 3 The LORD will
not suffer the soul of the righteous to
famish: but he casteth away the sub-
stance of the wicked.* 4 He becometh
poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand:
but the hand of the diligent maketh
rich. 5 He that gathereth in sum-
mer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleep-

10.3. the substance...: or, the wicked for their wickedness.

eth in harvest *is* a son that causeth
shame. 6 Blessings *are* upon the head
of the just: but violence covereth the
mouth of the wicked. 7 The memory
of the just *is* blessed: but the name
of the wicked shall rot. 8 The wise
in heart will receive commandments:
but a prating fool shall fall.* 9 He that
walketh uprightly walketh surely: but
he that perverteth his ways shall be
known. 10 He that winketh with the
eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool
shall fall.* 11 The mouth of a righteous

8. a prating...: Heb. a fool of lips. fall: Heb. be beaten.
10. fall: Heb. be beaten.

man is a well of life: but violence cov-
ereth the mouth of the wicked. [12] Ha-
tred stirreth up strifes: but love cov-
ereth all sins. [13] In the lips of him that
hath understanding wisdom is found:
but a rod *is* for the back of him that is
void of understanding.* [14] Wise *men* lay
up knowledge: but the mouth of the
foolish *is* near destruction. [15] The rich
man's wealth *is* his strong city: the de-
struction of the poor *is* their poverty.
[16] The labour of the righteous *tendeth*
to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.
[17] He *is in* the way of life that keepeth
instruction: but he that refuseth re-

13. of understanding: Heb. of heart.

proof erreth.* 18 He that hideth hatred
with lying lips, and he that uttereth
a slander, *is* a fool. 19 In the multi-
tude of words there wanteth not sin:
but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.
20 The tongue of the just *is as* choice
silver: the heart of the wicked *is* lit-
tle worth. 21 The lips of the righteous
feed many: but fools die for want of
wisdom.* 22 The blessing of the LORD,
it maketh rich, and he addeth no sor-
row with it. 23 *It is* as sport to a fool
to do mischief: but a man of under-
standing hath wisdom. 24 The fear of

17. erreth: or, causeth to err.
21. of wisdom: Heb. of heart.

the wicked, it shall come upon him:
but the desire of the righteous shall
be granted. [25] As the whirlwind pas-
seth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but
the righteous *is* an everlasting founda-
tion. [26] As vinegar to the teeth, and
as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the slug-
gard to them that send him. [27] The
fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but
the years of the wicked shall be short-
ened.* [28] The hope of the righteous
shall be gladness: but the expectation
of the wicked shall perish. [29] The way
of the LORD *is* strength to the upright:
but destruction *shall be* to the workers

27. prolongeth: Heb. addeth.

of iniquity. 30 The righteous shall never
be removed: but the wicked shall not
inhabit the earth. 31 The mouth of the
just bringeth forth wisdom: but the
froward tongue shall be cut out. 32 The
lips of the righteous know what is ac-
ceptable: but the mouth of the wicked
speaketh frowardness.*

11 A false balance *is* abomination
to the LORD: but a just weight *is* his
delight.* 2 *When* pride cometh, then
cometh shame: but with the lowly *is*
wisdom. 3 The integrity of the up-

32. frowardness: Heb. frowardnesses.
11.1. A false...: Heb. Balances of deceit. just...:
Heb. perfect stone.

right shall guide them: but the per-
verseness of transgressors shall destroy
them. 4 Riches profit not in the day
of wrath: but righteousness delivereth
from death. 5 The righteousness of the
perfect shall direct his way: but the
wicked shall fall by his own wicked-
ness.* 6 The righteousness of the up-
right shall deliver them: but transgres-
sors shall be taken in *their own* naugh-
tiness. 7 When a wicked man dieth,
his expectation shall perish: and the
hope of unjust *men* perisheth. 8 The
righteous is delivered out of trouble,
and the wicked cometh in his stead.

5. direct: Heb. rectify.

9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth de-
stroyeth his neighbour: but through
knowledge shall the just be delivered.
10 When it goeth well with the righ-
teous, the city rejoiceth: and when the
wicked perish, *there is* shouting. 11 By
the blessing of the upright the city is
exalted: but it is overthrown by the
mouth of the wicked. 12 He that is void
of wisdom despiseth his neighbour:
but a man of understanding holdeth
his peace.* 13 A talebearer revealeth se-
crets: but he that is of a faithful spirit
concealeth the matter.* 14 Where no

12. void...: Heb. destitute of heart.
13. A talebearer: Heb. He that walketh, being a

counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the
multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.
15 He that is surety for a stranger shall
smart *for it*: and he that hateth sureti-
ship is sure.* 16 A gracious woman re-
taineth honour: and strong *men* re-
tain riches. 17 The merciful man doeth
good to his own soul: but *he that is*
cruel troubleth his own flesh. 18 The
wicked worketh a deceitful work: but
to him that soweth righteousness *shall*
be a sure reward. 19 As righteousness
tendeth to life: so he that pursueth evil

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talebearer.

15. smart: Heb. be sore broken. suretiship: Heb. those that strike hands.

pursueth it to his own death. [20] They
that are of a froward heart *are* abom-
ination to the LORD: but *such as are*
upright in *their* way *are* his delight.
[21] *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked
shall not be unpunished: but the seed
of the righteous shall be delivered.
[22] *As* a jewel of gold in a swine's snout,
so is a fair woman which is without
discretion.* [23] The desire of the righ-
teous *is* only good: *but* the expecta-
tion of the wicked *is* wrath. [24] There is
that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and
there is that withholdeth more than is
meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty. [25] The

22. is without: Heb. departeth from.

liberal soul shall be made fat: and
he that watereth shall be watered also
himself.* [26] He that withholdeth corn,
the people shall curse him: but bless-
ing *shall be* upon the head of him that
selleth *it*. [27] He that diligently seeketh
good procureth favour: but he that
seeketh mischief, it shall come unto
him. [28] He that trusteth in his riches
shall fall: but the righteous shall flour-
ish as a branch. [29] He that troubleth his
own house shall inherit the wind: and
the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of
heart. [30] The fruit of the righteous *is* a
tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is*

25. liberal...: Heb. soul of blessing.

wise.* 31 Behold, the righteous shall be
recompensed in the earth: much more
the wicked and the sinner.

12 Whoso loveth instruction
loveth knowledge: but he that hateth
reproof *is* brutish. 2 A good *man* ob-
taineth favour of the LORD: but a man
of wicked devices will he condemn.
3 A man shall not be established by
wickedness: but the root of the righ-
teous shall not be moved. 4 A vir-
tuous woman *is* a crown to her hus-
band: but she that maketh ashamed
is as rottenness in his bones. 5 The

30. winneth: Heb. taketh.

thoughts of the righteous *are* right:
but the counsels of the wicked *are* de-
ceit. 6 The words of the wicked *are* to
lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of
the upright shall deliver them. 7 The
wicked are overthrown, and *are* not:
but the house of the righteous shall
stand. 8 A man shall be commended
according to his wisdom: but he that
is of a perverse heart shall be despised.*
9 *He that is* despised, and hath a ser-
vant, *is* better than he that honoureth
himself, and lacketh bread. 10 A righ-
teous *man* regardeth the life of his
beast: but the tender mercies of the

12.8. of a...: Heb. perverse of heart.

wicked *are* cruel.* 11 He that tilleth his
land shall be satisfied with bread: but
he that followeth vain *persons is* void
of understanding. 12 The wicked de-
sireth the net of evil *men*: but the root
of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.* 13 The
wicked is snared by the transgression
of *his* lips: but the just shall come out
of trouble.* 14 A man shall be satisfied
with good by the fruit of *his* mouth:
and the recompence of a man's hands
shall be rendered unto him. 15 The way

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10. tender...: or, bowels.

12. the net: or, the fortress.

13. The wicked...: Heb. The snare of the wicked is in the transgression of lips.

of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he
that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.
16 A fool's wrath is presently known:
but a prudent *man* covereth shame.*
17 *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth
righteousness: but a false witness de-
ceit. 18 There is that speaketh like the
piercings of a sword: but the tongue
of the wise *is* health. 19 The lip of truth
shall be established for ever: but a ly-
ing tongue *is* but for a moment. 20 De-
ceit *is* in the heart of them that imag-
ine evil: but to the counsellors of peace
is joy. 21 There shall no evil happen
to the just: but the wicked shall be

16. presently: Heb. in that day.

filled with mischief. 22 Lying lips *are*
abomination to the LORD: but they
that deal truly *are* his delight. 23 A pru-
dent man concealeth knowledge: but
the heart of fools proclaimeth foolish-
ness. 24 The hand of the diligent shall
bear rule: but the slothful shall be un-
der tribute.* 25 Heaviness in the heart
of man maketh it stoop: but a good
word maketh it glad. 26 The righteous
is more excellent than his neighbour:
but the way of the wicked seduceth
them.* 27 The slothful *man* roasteth not
that which he took in hunting: but the

24. slothful: or, deceitful.
26. excellent: or, abundant.

substance of a diligent man *is* precious.
28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and
in the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

13 A wise son *heareth* his father's
instruction: but a scorner heareth not
rebuke. 2 A man shall eat good by
the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul
of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.
3 He that keepeth his mouth keep-
eth his life: *but* he that openeth wide
his lips shall have destruction. 4 The
soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath*
nothing: but the soul of the dili-
gent shall be made fat. 5 A righteous
man hateth lying: but a wicked *man*

is loathsome, and cometh to shame.
6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is*
upright in the way: but wickedness
overthroweth the sinner.* 7 There is
that maketh himself rich, yet *hath*
nothing: *there is* that maketh himself
poor, yet *hath* great riches. 8 The ran-
som of a man's life *are* his riches: but
the poor heareth not rebuke. 9 The
light of the righteous rejoiceth: but
the lamp of the wicked shall be put
out.* 10 Only by pride cometh con-
tention: but with the well advised *is*
wisdom. 11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity

13.6. the sinner: Heb. sin.
9. lamp: or, candle.

shall be diminished: but he that gath-
ereth by labour shall increase.* 12 Hope
deferred maketh the heart sick: but
when the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of
life. 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall
be destroyed: but he that feareth the
commandment shall be rewarded.*
14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain
of life, to depart from the snares of
death. 15 Good understanding giveth
favour: but the way of transgressors
is hard. 16 Every prudent *man* dealeth
with knowledge: but a fool layeth

11. by labour: Heb. with the hand.
13. shall be rewarded: or, shall be in peace.

open *his* folly.* [17] A wicked messenger
falleth into mischief: but a faithful
ambassador *is* health.* [18] Poverty and
shame *shall be to* him that refuseth in-
struction: but he that regardeth re-
proof shall be honoured. [19] The de-
sire accomplished is sweet to the soul:
but *it is* abomination to fools to de-
part from evil. [20] He that walketh with
wise *men* shall be wise: but a compan-
ion of fools shall be destroyed.* [21] Evil
pursueth sinners: but to the righteous

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16. layeth...: Heb. spreadeth.
17. a faithful...: Heb. an ambassador of faithfulness.
20. destroyed: Heb. broken.

good shall be repayed. [22] A good *man*
leaveth an inheritance to his children's
children: and the wealth of the sinner
is laid up for the just. [23] Much food
is in the tillage of the poor: but there
is *that is* destroyed for want of judg-
ment. [24] He that spareth his rod hateth
his son: but he that loveth him chas-
teneth him betimes. [25] The righteous
eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but
the belly of the wicked shall want.

14 Every wise woman buildeth
her house: but the foolish plucketh
it down with her hands. [2] He that
walketh in his uprightness feareth the

LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his
ways despiseth him. 3 In the mouth
of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but
the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean:
but much increase *is* by the strength
of the ox. 5 A faithful witness will not
lie: but a false witness will utter lies.
6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *find-*
eth it not: but knowledge *is* easy unto
him that understandeth. 7 Go from
the presence of a foolish man, when
thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of
knowledge. 8 The wisdom of the pru-
dent *is* to understand his way: but the
folly of fools *is* deceit. 9 Fools make a

mock at sin: but among the righteous
there is favour. [10] The heart knoweth
his own bitterness; and a stranger doth
not intermeddle with his joy.* [11] The
house of the wicked shall be over-
thrown: but the tabernacle of the up-
right shall flourish. [12] There is a way
which seemeth right unto a man, but
the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
[13] Even in laughter the heart is sorrow-
ful; and the end of that mirth *is* heavi-
ness. [14] The backslider in heart shall be
filled with his own ways: and a good
man *shall be satisfied* from himself.
[15] The simple believeth every word: but

14.10. his own...: Heb. the bitterness of his soul.

the prudent *man* looketh well to his
going. [16] A wise *man* feareth, and de-
parteth from evil: but the fool rageth,
and is confident. [17] *He that is* soon an-
gry dealeth foolishly: and a man of
wicked devices is hated. [18] The sim-
ple inherit folly: but the prudent are
crowned with knowledge. [19] The evil
bow before the good; and the wicked
at the gates of the righteous. [20] The
poor is hated even of his own neigh-
bour: but the rich *hath* many friends.*
[21] He that despiseth his neighbour sin-
neth: but he that hath mercy on the
poor, happy *is* he. [22] Do they not err

20. the rich...: Heb. many are the lovers of the rich.

that devise evil? but mercy and truth
shall be to them that devise good. [23] In
all labour there is profit: but the talk of
the lips *tendeth* only to penury. [24] The
crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but*
the foolishness of fools *is* folly. [25] A
true witness delivereth souls: but a
deceitful *witness* speaketh lies. [26] In
the fear of the LORD *is* strong con-
fidence: and his children shall have
a place of refuge. [27] The fear of the
LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart
from the snares of death. [28] In the mul-
titude of people *is* the king's honour:
but in the want of people *is* the de-
struction of the prince. [29] *He that is*

slow to wrath *is* of great understand-
ing: but *he that is* hasty of spirit exal-
teth folly.* [30] A sound heart *is* the life
of the flesh: but envy the rottenness
of the bones. [31] He that oppresseth
the poor reproacheth his Maker: but
he that honoureth him hath mercy on
the poor. [32] The wicked is driven away
in his wickedness: but the righteous
hath hope in his death. [33] Wisdom
resteth in the heart of him that hath
understanding: but *that which is* in the
midst of fools is made known. [34] Righ-
teousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is*

29. hasty...: Heb. short of spirit.

a reproach to any people.* 35 The king's
favour *is* toward a wise servant: but
his wrath is *against* him that causeth
shame.

15 A soft answer turneth away
wrath: but grievous words stir up
anger. 2 The tongue of the wise useth
knowledge aright: but the mouth of
fools poureth out foolishness.* 3 The
eyes of the LORD *are* in every place,
beholding the evil and the good. 4 A
wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but
perverseness therein *is* a breach in the

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34. to any...: Heb. to nations.
15.2. poureth: Heb. belcheth, or, bubbleth.

spirit.* 5 A fool despiseth his father's
instruction: but he that regardeth re-
proof is prudent. 6 In the house of
the righteous *is* much treasure: but in
the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
7 The lips of the wise disperse knowl-
edge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth*
not so. 8 The sacrifice of the wicked
is an abomination to the LORD: but
the prayer of the upright *is* his de-
light. 9 The way of the wicked *is* an
abomination unto the LORD: but he
loveth him that followeth after righ-
teousness. 10 Correction *is* grievous
unto him that forsaketh the way: *and*

4. A wholesome...: Heb. The healing of the tongue.

he that hateth reproof shall die.* 11 Hell
and destruction *are* before the LORD:
how much more then the hearts of the
children of men? 12 A scorner loveth
not one that reproveth him: neither
will he go unto the wise. 13 A merry
heart maketh a cheerful countenance:
but by sorrow of the heart the spirit
is broken. 14 The heart of him that
hath understanding seeketh knowl-
edge: but the mouth of fools feedeth
on foolishness. 15 All the days of the af-
flicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry
heart *hath* a continual feast. 16 Better *is*
little with the fear of the LORD than

10. Correction: or, Instruction.

great treasure and trouble therewith.
17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love
is, than a stalled ox and hatred there-
with. 18 A wrathful man stirreth up
strife: but *he that is* slow to anger ap-
peaseth strife. 19 The way of the sloth-
ful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but
the way of the righteous *is* made plain.*
20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but
a foolish man despiseth his mother.
21 Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of
wisdom: but a man of understanding
walketh uprightly.* 22 Without counsel
purposes are disappointed: but in the

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19. is made...: Heb. is raised up as a causey.
21. destitute...: Heb. void of heart.

multitude of counsellors they are established. [23] A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it*!* [24] The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath. [25] The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow. [26] The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.* [27] He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live. [28] The heart

23. due...: Heb. his season.
26. pleasant...: Heb. words of pleasantness.

of the righteous studieth to answer:
but the mouth of the wicked poureth
out evil things. 29 The LORD *is* far from
the wicked: but he heareth the prayer
of the righteous. 30 The light of the
eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good
report maketh the bones fat. 31 The ear
that heareth the reproof of life abideth
among the wise. 32 He that refuseth in-
struction despiseth his own soul: but
he that heareth reproof getteth under-
standing.* 33 The fear of the LORD *is*
the instruction of wisdom; and before
honour *is* humility.

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32. instruction: or, correction. heareth: or, obeyeth. getteth...: Heb. possesseth an heart.

16 The preparations of the heart
in man, and the answer of the tongue,
is from the LORD.* 2 All the ways of a
man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the
LORD weigheth the spirits. 3 Com-
mit thy works unto the LORD, and thy
thoughts shall be established.* 4 The
LORD hath made all *things* for himself:
yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is*
an abomination to the LORD: *though*
hand *join* in hand, he shall not be un-
punished.* 6 By mercy and truth iniq-

16.1. preparations: or, disposings.
3. Commit: Heb. Roll.
5. unpunished: Heb. held innocent.

uity is purged: and by the fear of the
LORD *men* depart from evil. 7 When
a man's ways please the LORD, he
maketh even his enemies to be at peace
with him. 8 Better *is* a little with righ-
teousness than great revenues with-
out right. 9 A man's heart deviseth
his way: but the LORD directeth his
steps. 10 A divine sentence *is* in the
lips of the king: his mouth transgres-
seth not in judgment.* 11 A just weight
and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the
weights of the bag *are* his work.* 12 *It*
is an abomination to kings to commit

10. A divine...: Heb. Divination.
11. the weights: Heb. the stones.

wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness. 13 Righteous
lips *are* the delight of kings; and they
love him that speaketh right. 14 The
wrath of a king *is as* messengers of
death: but a wise man will pacify it.
15 In the light of the king's countenance
is life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of
the latter rain. 16 How much better *is*
it to get wisdom than gold! and to
get understanding rather to be chosen
than silver! 17 The highway of the up-
right *is* to depart from evil: he that
keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and
an haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Bet-

ter *it is to be* of an humble spirit with
the lowly, than to divide the spoil with
the proud. [20] He that handleth a mat-
ter wisely shall find good: and whoso
trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.*
[21] The wise in heart shall be called pru-
dent: and the sweetness of the lips
increaseth learning. [22] Understanding
is a wellspring of life unto him that
hath it: but the instruction of fools *is*
folly. [23] The heart of the wise teacheth
his mouth, and addeth learning to his
lips.* [24] Pleasant words *are as* an hon-
eycomb, sweet to the soul, and health

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20. handleth...: or, understandeth a matter.
23. teacheth: Heb. maketh wise.

to the bones. [25] There is a way that
seemeth right unto a man, but the end
thereof *are* the ways of death. [26] He
that laboureth laboureth for himself;
for his mouth craveth it of him.* [27] An
ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in
his lips *there is* as a burning fire.* [28] A
froward man soweth strife: and a whis-
perer separateth chief friends.* [29] A vi-
olent man enticeth his neighbour, and
leadeth him into the way *that is* not
good. [30] He shutteth his eyes to de-

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26. He...: Heb. The soul of him that. craveth...: Heb. boweth unto him.
27. An...: Heb. A man of Belial.
28. soweth: Heb. sendeth forth.

vise froward things: moving his lips he
bringeth evil to pass. [31] The hoary head
is a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the
way of righteousness. [32] *He that is* slow
to anger *is* better than the mighty; and
he that ruleth his spirit than he that
taketh a city. [33] The lot is cast into the
lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is*
of the LORD.

17 Better *is* a dry morsel, and
quietness therewith, than an house full
of sacrifices *with* strife.* [2] A wise ser-
vant shall have rule over a son that
causeth shame, and shall have part of

17.1. sacrifices: or, good cheer.

the inheritance among the brethren.
3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and the
furnace for gold: but the LORD tri-
eth the hearts. 4 A wicked doer giveth
heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear
to a naughty tongue. 5 Whoso mock-
eth the poor reproacheth his Maker:
and he that is glad at calamities shall
not be unpunished.* 6 Children's chil-
dren *are* the crown of old men; and
the glory of children *are* their fa-
thers. 7 Excellent speech becometh
not a fool: much less do lying lips a
prince.* 8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in

5. unpunished: Heb. held innocent.
7. Excellent...: Heb. A lip of excellency. lying...:

the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.* 9 He
that covereth a transgression seeketh
love; but he that repeateth a matter
separateth *very* friends.* 10 A reproof
entereth more into a wise man than
an hundred stripes into a fool.* 11 An
evil *man* seeketh only rebellion: there-
fore a cruel messenger shall be sent
against him. 12 Let a bear robbed of her
whelps meet a man, rather than a fool
in his folly. 13 Whoso rewardeth evil

Heb. a lip of lying.

8. a precious...: Heb. a stone of grace.

9. seeketh: or, procureth.

10. entereth...: or, aweth more a wise man, than to strike a fool an hundred times.

for good, evil shall not depart from
his house. 14 The beginning of strife *is*
as when one letteth out water: there-
fore leave off contention, before it be
meddled with. 15 He that justifieth the
wicked, and he that condemneth the
just, even they both *are* abomination
to the LORD. 16 Wherefore *is there* a
price in the hand of a fool to get wis-
dom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*? 17 A
friend loveth at all times, and a brother
is born for adversity. 18 A man void of
understanding striketh hands, *and* be-
cometh surety in the presence of his
friend.* 19 He loveth transgression that

18. understanding: Heb. heart.

loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his
gate seeketh destruction. [20] He that
hath a froward heart findeth no good:
and he that hath a perverse tongue fal-
leth into mischief.* [21] He that beget-
teth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and
the father of a fool hath no joy. [22] A
merry heart doeth good *like* a med-
icine: but a broken spirit drieth the
bones.* [23] A wicked *man* taketh a gift
out of the bosom to pervert the ways
of judgment. [24] Wisdom *is* before him
that hath understanding; but the eyes

20. He that hath a froward...: Heb. The froward of heart.
22. like: or, to.

of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.
25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. 26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.
27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.* 28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

18 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.* 2 A

27. an...: or, a cool.
18.1. Through...: or, He that separateth himself

fool hath no delight in understand-
ing, but that his heart may discover it-
self. 3 When the wicked cometh, *then*
cometh also contempt, and with ig-
nominy reproach. 4 The words of a
man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and*
the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing
brook. 5 *It is* not good to accept the
person of the wicked, to overthrow the
righteous in judgment. 6 A fool's lips
enter into contention, and his mouth
calleth for strokes. 7 A fool's mouth
is his destruction, and his lips *are* the
snare of his soul. 8 The words of a

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seeketh according to his desire, and intermeddleth in every business.

talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go
down into the innermost parts of the
belly.* 9 He also that is slothful in his
work is brother to him that is a great
waster. 10 The name of the LORD *is* a
strong tower: the righteous runneth
into it, and is safe.* 11 The rich man's
wealth *is* his strong city, and as an
high wall in his own conceit. 12 Be-
fore destruction the heart of man is
haughty, and before honour *is* humil-
ity. 13 He that answereth a matter be-
fore he heareth *it*, it *is* folly and shame

8. talebearer: or, whisperer. most...: Heb. chambers. as wounds: or, like as when men are wounded.
10. safe: Heb. set aloft.

unto him.* 14 The spirit of a man will
sustain his infirmity; but a wounded
spirit who can bear? 15 The heart of the
prudent getteth knowledge; and the
ear of the wise seeketh knowledge. 16 A
man's gift maketh room for him, and
bringeth him before great men. 17 *He
that is* first in his own cause *seemeth*
just; but his neighbour cometh and
searcheth him. 18 The lot causeth con-
tentions to cease, and parteth between
the mighty. 19 A brother offended *is
harder to be won* than a strong city: and
their contentions *are* like the bars of a
castle. 20 A man's belly shall be satisfied

13. answereth...: Heb. returneth a word.

with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with
the increase of his lips shall he be filled.
21 Death and life *are* in the power of
the tongue: and they that love it shall
eat the fruit thereof. 22 *Whoso* find-
eth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and
obtaineth favour of the LORD. 23 The
poor useth intreaties; but the rich an-
swereth roughly. 24 A man *that hath*
friends must shew himself friendly:
and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer
than a brother.

19 Better *is* the poor that walketh
in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse
in his lips, and is a fool. 2 Also, *that*

the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not
good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet
sinneth. 3 The foolishness of man per-
verteth his way: and his heart fretteth
against the LORD. 4 Wealth maketh
many friends; but the poor is sepa-
rated from his neighbour. 5 A false
witness shall not be unpunished, and
he that speaketh lies shall not escape.*
6 Many will intreat the favour of the
prince: and every man *is* a friend to
him that giveth gifts.* 7 All the breth-
ren of the poor do hate him: how
much more do his friends go far from

19.5. unpunished: Heb. held innocent.
6. him...: Heb. a man of gifts.

him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet*
they *are* wanting *to him*. 8 He that get-
teth wisdom loveth his own soul: he
that keepeth understanding shall find
good.* 9 A false witness shall not be
unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies
shall perish. 10 Delight is not seemly
for a fool; much less for a servant to
have rule over princes. 11 The discre-
tion of a man deferreth his anger; and
it is his glory to pass over a transgres-
sion.* 12 The king's wrath *is* as the roar-
ing of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew
upon the grass. 13 A foolish son *is* the

8. wisdom: Heb. an heart.
11. discretion: or, prudence.

calamity of his father: and the con-
tentions of a wife *are* a continual drop-
ping. 14 House and riches *are* the inher-
itance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is*
from the LORD. 15 Slothfulness casteth
into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall
suffer hunger. 16 He that keepeth the
commandment keepeth his own soul;
but he that despiseth his ways shall
die. 17 He that hath pity upon the
poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that
which he hath given will he pay him
again.* 18 Chasten thy son while there is
hope, and let not thy soul spare for his

17. that which...: or, his deed.

crying.* [19] A man of great wrath shall
suffer punishment: for if thou deliver
him, yet thou must do it again.* [20] Hear
counsel, and receive instruction, that
thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
[21] *There are* many devices in a man's
heart; nevertheless the counsel of the
LORD, that shall stand. [22] The desire of
a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man
is better than a liar. [23] The fear of the
LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it*
shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil. [24] A slothful *man* hideth

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18. for...: or, to his destruction: or, to cause him to die.

19. do: Heb. add.

his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so
much as bring it to his mouth again.
25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will
beware: and reprove one that hath un-
derstanding, *and* he will understand
knowledge.* 26 He that wasteth *his* fa-
ther, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a
son that causeth shame, and bringeth
reproach. 27 Cease, my son, to hear the
instruction *that causeth* to err from the
words of knowledge. 28 An ungodly
witness scorneth judgment: and the
mouth of the wicked devoureth in-
iquity.* 29 Judgments are prepared for

25. will beware: Heb. will be cunning.
28. An...: Heb. A witness of Belial.

scorners, and stripes for the back of
fools.

20 Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink
is raging: and whosoever is deceived
thereby is not wise. 2 The fear of a king
is as the roaring of a lion: *whoso* pro-
voketh him to anger sinneth *against*
his own soul. 3 *It is* an honour for
a man to cease from strife: but every
fool will be meddling. 4 The sluggard
will not plow by reason of the cold;
therefore shall he beg in harvest, and
have nothing.* 5 Counsel in the heart
of man *is like* deep water; but a man of

20.4. cold: or, winter.

understanding will draw it out. 6 Most
men will proclaim every one his own
goodness: but a faithful man who can
find?* 7 The just *man* walketh in his
integrity: his children *are* blessed af-
ter him. 8 A king that sitteth in the
throne of judgment scattereth away all
evil with his eyes. 9 Who can say, I
have made my heart clean, I am pure
from my sin? 10 Divers weights, *and*
divers measures, both of them *are* alike
abomination to the LORD.* 11 Even a
child is known by his doings, whe-

6. goodness: or, bounty.
10. Divers weights: Heb. A stone and a stone.
divers measures: Heb. an ephah and an ephah.

ther his work *be* pure, and whether
it be right. 12 The hearing ear, and
the seeing eye, the LORD hath made
even both of them. 13 Love not sleep,
lest thou come to poverty; open thine
eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with
bread. 14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith
the buyer: but when he is gone his
way, then he boasteth. 15 There is gold,
and a multitude of rubies: but the
lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.
16 Take his garment that is surety *for*
a stranger: and take a pledge of him
for a strange woman. 17 Bread of de-
ceit *is* sweet to a man; but afterwards

his mouth shall be filled with gravel.*
18 *Every* purpose is established by coun-
sel: and with good advice make war.
19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer
revealeth secrets: therefore meddle
not with him that flattereth with his
lips.* 20 Whoso curseth his father or
his mother, his lamp shall be put out
in obscure darkness.* 21 An inheritance
may be gotten hastily at the begin-
ning; but the end thereof shall not be
blessed. 22 Say not thou, I will recom-
pense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and

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17. deceit: Heb. lying, or, falsehood.
19. flattereth: or, enticeth.
20. lamp: or, candle.

he shall save thee. [23] Divers weights *are*
an abomination unto the LORD; and a
false balance *is* not good.* [24] Man's go-
ings *are* of the LORD; how can a man
then understand his own way? [25] *It is*
a snare to the man *who* devoureth *that*
which is holy, and after vows to make
enquiry. [26] A wise king scattereth the
wicked, and bringeth the wheel over
them. [27] The spirit of man *is* the candle
of the LORD, searching all the inward
parts of the belly.* [28] Mercy and truth
preserve the king: and his throne is up-
holden by mercy. [29] The glory of young

23. a false...: Heb. balance of deceit.
27. candle: or, lamp.

men *is* their strength: and the beauty
of old men *is* the gray head. 30 The blue-
ness of a wound cleanseth away evil:
so *do* stripes the inward parts of the
belly.*

21 The king's heart *is* in the hand
of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water:
he turneth it whithersoever he will.
2 Every way of a man *is* right in his
own eyes: but the LORD pondereth
the hearts. 3 To do justice and judg-
ment *is* more acceptable to the LORD
than sacrifice. 4 An high look, and a
proud heart, *and* the plowing of the

30. cleanseth...: Heb. is a purging medicine against.

wicked, *is* sin.* 5 The thoughts of the
diligent *tend* only to plenteousness;
but of every one *that is* hasty only to
want. 6 The getting of treasures by a
lying tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and
fro of them that seek death. 7 The
robbery of the wicked shall destroy
them; because they refuse to do judg-
ment.* 8 The way of man *is* froward
and strange: but *as for* the pure, his
work *is* right. 9 *It is* better to dwell in
a corner of the housetop, than with

21.4. An...: Heb. Haughtiness of eyes. the plowing: or, the light.

7. destroy...: Heb. saw them, or, dwell with them.

a brawling woman in a wide house.*
10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil:
his neighbour findeth no favour in his
eyes.* 11 When the scorner is punished,
the simple is made wise: and when the
wise is instructed, he receiveth knowl-
edge. 12 The righteous *man* wisely con-
sidereth the house of the wicked: *but*
God overthroweth the wicked for *their*
wickedness. 13 Whoso stoppeth his
ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall
cry himself, but shall not be heard.
14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and

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9. a brawling...: Heb. a woman of contentions. a wide...: Heb. an house of society.
10. findeth...: Heb. is not favoured.

a reward in the bosom strong wrath.
15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment:
but destruction *shall be* to the work-
ers of iniquity. 16 The man that wan-
dereth out of the way of understanding
shall remain in the congregation of the
dead. 17 He that loveth pleasure *shall*
be a poor man: he that loveth wine
and oil shall not be rich.* 18 The wicked
shall be a ransom for the righteous,
and the transgressor for the upright.
19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness,
than with a contentious and an an-
gry woman.* 20 *There is* treasure to be

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17. pleasure: or, sport.
19. in...: Heb. in the land of the desert.

desired and oil in the dwelling of the
wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.
21 He that followeth after righteousness
and mercy findeth life, righteousness,
and honour. 22 A wise *man* scaleth the
city of the mighty, and casteth down
the strength of the confidence thereof.
23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his
tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his
name, who dealeth in proud wrath.*
25 The desire of the slothful killeth him;
for his hands refuse to labour. 26 He
coveteth greedily all the day long: but
the righteous giveth and spareth not.

24. in proud...: Heb. in the wrath of pride.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he
bringeth it with a wicked mind?* 28 A
false witness shall perish: but the man
that heareth speaketh constantly.* 29 A
wicked man hardeneth his face: but
as for the upright, he directeth his
way.* 30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the
LORD. 31 The horse *is* prepared against
the day of battle: but safety *is* of the
LORD.*

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27. with...: Heb. in wickedness?.
28. A...: Heb. A witness of lies.
29. directeth: or, considereth.
31. safety: or, victory.

22 A *good* name *is* rather to be
chosen than great riches, *and* loving
favour rather than silver and gold.*
2 The rich and poor meet together: the
LORD *is* the maker of them all. 3 A
prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and
hideth himself: but the simple pass
on, and are punished. 4 By humility
and the fear of the LORD *are* riches,
and honour, and life.* 5 Thorns *and*
snares *are* in the way of the froward:
he that doth keep his soul shall be
far from them. 6 Train up a child in

22.1. loving...: or, favour is better than, etc.
4. By...: or, The reward of humility, etc.

the way he should go: and when he is
old, he will not depart from it.* 7 The
rich ruleth over the poor, and the bor-
rower *is* servant to the lender.* 8 He
that soweth iniquity shall reap van-
ity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.*
9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be
blessed; for he giveth of his bread to
the poor.* 10 Cast out the scorner, and
contention shall go out; yea, strife and
reproach shall cease. 11 He that loveth
pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his

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6. Train...: or, Catechise. in...: Heb. in his way.
7. the lender: Heb. the man that lendeth.
8. the rod...: or, with the rod of his anger he shall be consumed.
9. He that...: Heb. Good of eye.

lips the king *shall be* his friend.* [12] The
eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,
and he overthroweth the words of
the transgressor.* [13] The slothful *man*
saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall
be slain in the streets. [14] The mouth
of strange women *is* a deep pit: he
that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall
therein. [15] Foolishness *is* bound in the
heart of a child; *but* the rod of correc-
tion shall drive it far from him. [16] He
that oppresseth the poor to increase
his *riches, and* he that giveth to the
rich, *shall* surely *come* to want. [17] Bow

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11. for...: or, and hath grace in his lips.
12. the words: or, the matters.

down thine ear, and hear the words of
the wise, and apply thine heart unto
my knowledge. [18] For *it is* a pleasant
thing if thou keep them within thee;
they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.*
[19] That thy trust may be in the LORD,
I have made known to thee this day,
even to thee.* [20] Have not I written to
thee excellent things in counsels and
knowledge, [21] That I might make thee
know the certainty of the words of
truth; that thou mightest answer the
words of truth to them that send unto

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18. within...: Heb. in thy belly.
19. even...: or, trust thou also.

thee?* [22] Rob not the poor, because he
is poor: neither oppress the afflicted
in the gate: [23] For the LORD will plead
their cause, and spoil the soul of those
that spoiled them. [24] Make no friend-
ship with an angry man; and with a
furious man thou shalt not go: [25] Lest
thou learn his ways, and get a snare to
thy soul. [26] Be not thou *one* of them
that strike hands, *or* of them that are
sureties for debts. [27] If thou hast noth-
ing to pay, why should he take away
thy bed from under thee? [28] Remove
not the ancient landmark, which thy

21. to them...: or, to those that send thee?.

fathers have set.* 29 Seest thou a man
diligent in his business? he shall stand
before kings; he shall not stand before
mean *men*.*

23 When thou sittest to eat with
a ruler, consider diligently what *is* be-
fore thee: 2 And put a knife to thy
throat, if thou *be* a man given to
appetite. 3 Be not desirous of his
dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.
4 Labour not to be rich: cease from
thine own wisdom. 5 Wilt thou set
thine eyes upon that which is not?
for *riches* certainly make themselves

28. landmark: or, bound.
29. mean...: Heb. obscure men.

wings; they fly away as an eagle toward
heaven.* 6 Eat thou not the bread of
him that hath an evil eye, neither de-
sire thou his dainty meats: 7 For as he
thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and
drink, saith he to thee; but his heart
is not with thee. 8 The morsel *which*
thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up,
and lose thy sweet words. 9 Speak not
in the ears of a fool: for he will de-
spise the wisdom of thy words. 10 Re-
move not the old landmark; and enter
not into the fields of the fatherless:*
11 For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall

23.5. set...: Heb. cause thine eyes to fly upon.
10. landmark: or, bound.

plead their cause with thee. [12] Apply thine heart unto instruction, and
thine ears to the words of knowledge.
[13] Withhold not correction from the
child: for *if* thou beatest him with the
rod, he shall not die. [14] Thou shalt beat
him with the rod, and shalt deliver his
soul from hell. [15] My son, if thine heart
be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even
mine.* [16] Yea, my reins shall rejoice,
when thy lips speak right things. [17] Let
not thine heart envy sinners: but *be*
thou in the fear of the LORD all the day
long. [18] For surely there is an end; and

15. even...: or, even I will rejoice.

thine expectation shall not be cut off.*
19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and
guide thine heart in the way. 20 Be not
among winebibbers; among riotous
eaters of flesh:* 21 For the drunkard and
the glutton shall come to poverty: and
drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with
rags. 22 Hearken unto thy father that
begat thee, and despise not thy mother
when she is old. 23 Buy the truth, and
sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruc-
tion, and understanding. 24 The father
of the righteous shall greatly rejoice:
and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall

18. end: or, reward.
20. of flesh: Heb. of their flesh.

have joy of him. [25] Thy father and
thy mother shall be glad, and she that
bare thee shall rejoice. [26] My son, give
me thine heart, and let thine eyes ob-
serve my ways. [27] For a whore *is* a deep
ditch; and a strange woman *is* a nar-
row pit. [28] She also lieth in wait as *for* a
prey, and increaseth the transgressors
among men.* [29] Who hath woe? who
hath sorrow? who hath contentions?
who hath babbling? who hath wounds
without cause? who hath redness of
eyes? [30] They that tarry long at the
wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.
[31] Look not thou upon the wine when

28. as for...: or, as a robber.

it is red, when it giveth his colour in
the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.
32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and
stingeth like an adder.* 33 Thine eyes
shall behold strange women, and thine
heart shall utter perverse things. 34 Yea,
thou shalt be as he that lieth down in
the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth
upon the top of a mast.* 35 They have
stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was
not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I
felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will
seek it yet again.*

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32. an...: or, a cockatrice.
34. the midst...: Heb. the heart of the sea.
35. I felt...: Heb. I knew it not.

24 Be not thou envious against
evil men, neither desire to be with
them. 2 For their heart studieth de-
struction, and their lips talk of mis-
chief. 3 Through wisdom is an house
builded; and by understanding it is es-
tablished: 4 And by knowledge shall
the chambers be filled with all pre-
cious and pleasant riches. 5 A wise
man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowl-
edge increaseth strength.* 6 For by
wise counsel thou shalt make thy war:
and in multitude of counsellors *there*

24.5. is strong: Heb. is in strength. increaseth...: Heb. strengtheneth might.

is safety. 7 Wisdom *is* too high for
a fool: he openeth not his mouth in
the gate. 8 He that deviseth to do
evil shall be called a mischievous per-
son. 9 The thought of foolishness *is*
sin: and the scorner *is* an abomina-
tion to men. 10 *If* thou faint in the
day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.*
11 If thou forbear to deliver *them that*
are drawn unto death, and *those that*
are ready to be slain; 12 If thou sayest,
Behold, we knew it not; doth not he
that pondereth the heart consider *it*?
and he that keepeth thy soul, doth
not he know *it*? and shall *not* he

10. small: Heb. narrow.

render to *every* man according to his
works? 13 My son, eat thou honey, be-
cause *it is* good; and the honeycomb,
which is sweet to thy taste:* 14 So *shall*
the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy
soul: when thou hast found *it*, then
there shall be a reward, and thy expec-
tation shall not be cut off. 15 Lay not
wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwell-
ing of the righteous; spoil not his rest-
ing place: 16 For a just *man* falleth seven
times, and riseth up again: but the
wicked shall fall into mischief. 17 Re-
joice not when thine enemy falleth,
and let not thine heart be glad when he

13. to...: Heb. upon thy palate.

stumbleth: [18] Lest the LORD see *it*, and
it displease him, and he turn away his
wrath from him.* [19] Fret not thyself be-
cause of evil *men*, neither be thou envi-
ous at the wicked;* [20] For there shall be
no reward to the evil *man*; the candle
of the wicked shall be put out.* [21] My
son, fear thou the LORD and the king:
and meddle not with them that are
given to change:* [22] For their calamity
shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth
the ruin of them both? [23] These *things*

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18. it displeaseth...: Heb. it be evil in his eyes.
19. Fret...: or, Keep not company with the wicked.
20. candle: or, lamp.
21. them...: Heb. changers.

also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to
have respect of persons in judgment.
24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou
art righteous; him shall the people
curse, nations shall abhor him: 25 But
to them that rebuke *him* shall be de-
light, and a good blessing shall come
upon them.* 26 *Every man* shall kiss *his*
lips that giveth a right answer.* 27 Pre-
pare thy work without, and make it fit
for thyself in the field; and afterwards
build thine house. 28 Be not a witness
against thy neighbour without cause;
and deceive *not* with thy lips. 29 Say

25. a good...: Heb. a blessing of good.
26. that...: Heb. that answereth right words.

not, I will do so to him as he hath done
to me: I will render to the man accord-
ing to his work. 30 I went by the field of
the slothful, and by the vineyard of the
man void of understanding; 31 And, lo,
it was all grown over with thorns, *and*
nettles had covered the face thereof,
and the stone wall thereof was broken
down. 32 Then I saw, *and* considered
it well: I looked upon *it, and* received
instruction.* 33 *Yet* a little sleep, a little
slumber, a little folding of the hands
to sleep: 34 So shall thy poverty come
as one that travelleth; and thy want as

32. considered...: Heb. set my heart.

an armed man.*

25 These *are* also proverbs of Solo-
mon, which the men of Hezekiah king
of Judah copied out. 2 *It is* the glory
of God to conceal a thing: but the
honour of kings *is* to search out a mat-
ter. 3 The heaven for height, and the
earth for depth, and the heart of kings
is unsearchable.* 4 Take away the dross
from the silver, and there shall come
forth a vessel for the finer. 5 Take away
the wicked *from* before the king, and
his throne shall be established in righ-
teousness. 6 Put not forth thyself in

34. an...: Heb. a man of shield.
25.3. is...: Heb. there is no searching.

the presence of the king, and stand not
in the place of great *men*:* 7 For better
it is that it be said unto thee, Come
up hither; than that thou shouldest be
put lower in the presence of the prince
whom thine eyes have seen. 8 Go not
forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know*
not what to do in the end thereof,
when thy neighbour hath put thee to
shame. 9 Debate thy cause with thy
neighbour *himself*; and discover not
a secret to another:* 10 Lest he that
heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine
infamy turn not away. 11 A word fitly

6. Put...: Heb. Set not out thy glory.
9. a secret...: or, the secret of.

spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures
of silver.* 12 *As* an earring of gold, and
an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise
reprover upon an obedient ear. 13 As
the cold of snow in the time of harvest,
so is a faithful messenger to them that
send him: for he refresheth the soul of
his masters. 14 Whoso boasteth him-
self of a false gift *is like* clouds and wind
without rain.* 15 By long forbearing is
a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue
breaketh the bone. 16 Hast thou found
honey? eat so much as is sufficient for
thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and

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11. fitly...: Heb. spoken upon his wheels.
14. of a...: Heb. in a gift of falsehood.

vomit it. [17] Withdraw thy foot from
thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary
of thee, and *so* hate thee.* [18] A man that
beareth false witness against his neigh-
bour *is* a maul, and a sword, and a
sharp arrow. [19] Confidence in an un-
faithful man in time of trouble *is like* a
broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
[20] *As* he that taketh away a garment in
cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon ni-
tre, so *is* he that singeth songs to an
heavy heart. [21] If thine enemy be hun-
gry, give him bread to eat; and if he be
thirsty, give him water to drink: [22] For

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17. Withdraw...: or, Let thy foot be seldom in.
weary...: Heb. full of thee.

thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his
head, and the LORD shall reward thee.
23 The north wind driveth away rain: so
doth an angry countenance a backbit-
ing tongue.* 24 *It is* better to dwell in
the corner of the housetop, than with
a brawling woman and in a wide house.
25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so
is good news from a far country. 26 A
righteous man falling down before the
wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and
a corrupt spring. 27 *It is* not good to
eat much honey: so *for men* to search
their own glory *is not* glory. 28 He that

23. driveth...: or, bringeth forth rain: so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

hath no rule over his own spirit *is like* a
city *that is* broken down, *and* without
walls.

26 As snow in summer, and as rain
in harvest, so honour is not seemly for
a fool. 2 As the bird by wandering,
as the swallow by flying, so the curse
causeless shall not come. 3 A whip for
the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a
rod for the fool's back. 4 Answer not
a fool according to his folly, lest thou
also be like unto him. 5 Answer a fool
according to his folly, lest he be wise in
his own conceit.* 6 He that sendeth a

26.5. conceit: Heb. eyes.

message by the hand of a fool cutteth
off the feet, *and* drinketh damage.*
7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so
is a parable in the mouth of fools.* 8 As
he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is*
he that giveth honour to a fool.* 9 *As*
a thorn goeth up into the hand of a
drunkard, so *is* a parable in the mouth
of fools. 10 The great *God* that formed
all *things* both rewardeth the fool, and
rewardeth transgressors.* 11 As a dog

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6. damage: or, violence.
7. are...: Heb. are lifted up.
8. bindeth...: or, putteth a precious stone in an heap of stones.
10. The great...: or, A great man grieveth all, and he hireth the fool, he hireth also transgressors.

returneth to his vomit, *so* a fool returneth to his folly.* 12 Seest thou a man
wise in his own conceit? *there is* more
hope of a fool than of him. 13 The
slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion in
the way; a lion *is* in the streets. 14 *As*
the door turneth upon his hinges, so
doth the slothful upon his bed. 15 The
slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom;
it grieveth him to bring it again to
his mouth.* 16 The sluggard *is* wiser in
his own conceit than seven men that
can render a reason. 17 He that passeth
by, *and* meddleth with strife *belong-*

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11. returneth to his folly: Heb. iterateth his folly.
15. it grieveth...: or, he is weary.

ing not to him, *is like* one that taketh
a dog by the ears.* [18] As a mad *man*
who casteth firebrands, arrows, and
death,* [19] So *is* the man *that* deceiveth
his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in
sport? [20] Where no wood is, *there* the
fire goeth out: so where *there is* no tale-
bearer, the strife ceaseth.* [21] *As* coals
are to burning coals, and wood to
fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle
strife. [22] The words of a talebearer *are*
as wounds, and they go down into the

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17. meddleth: or, is enraged.
18. firebrands: Heb. flames, or, sparks.
20. Where no...: Heb. Without wood. talebearer: or, whisperer. ceaseth: Heb. is silent.

innermost parts of the belly.* [23] Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like*
a potsherd covered with silver dross.
[24] He that hateth dissembleth with his
lips, and layeth up deceit within him;*
[25] When he speaketh fair, believe him
not: for *there are* seven abominations
in his heart.* [26] *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall
be shewed before the *whole* congregation.* [27] Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall
therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it

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22. innermost...: Heb. chambers.
24. dissembleth: or, is known.
25. speaketh...: Heb. maketh his voice gracious.
26. by...: or, in secret.

will return upon him. [28] A lying tongue
hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and
a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

27 Boast not thyself of to mor-
row; for thou knowest not what a
day may bring forth.* [2] Let another
man praise thee, and not thine own
mouth; a stranger, and not thine own
lips. [3] A stone *is* heavy, and the sand
weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier
than them both.* [4] Wrath *is* cruel, and
anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able
to stand before envy?* [5] Open rebuke

27.1. to...: Heb. to morrow day.
3. heavy: Heb. heaviness.
4. Wrath...: Heb. Wrath is cruelty, and anger an

is better than secret love. 6 Faithful
are the wounds of a friend; but the
kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.* 7 The
full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but
to the hungry soul every bitter thing
is sweet.* 8 As a bird that wandereth
from her nest, so *is* a man that wan-
dereth from his place. 9 Ointment and
perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the
sweetness of a man's friend by hearty
counsel.* 10 Thine own friend, and thy
father's friend, forsake not; neither go

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overflowing. envy: or, jealousy?.
6. deceitful: or, earnest, or, frequent.
7. loatheth: Heb. treadeth under foot.
9. by...: Heb. from the counsel of the soul.

into thy brother's house in the day of
thy calamity: *for* better *is* a neigh-
bour *that is* near than a brother far off.
11 My son, be wise, and make my heart
glad, that I may answer him that re-
proacheth me. 12 A prudent *man* fore-
seeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but*
the simple pass on, *and* are punished.
13 Take his garment that is surety for
a stranger, and take a pledge of him
for a strange woman. 14 He that bles-
seth his friend with a loud voice, ris-
ing early in the morning, it shall be
counted a curse to him. 15 A continual
dropping in a very rainy day and a con-
tentious woman are alike. 16 Whoso-

ever hideth her hideth the wind, and
the ointment of his right hand, *which*
bewrayeth *itself*. [17] Iron sharpeneth
iron; so a man sharpeneth the counte-
nance of his friend. [18] Whoso keepeth
the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof:
so he that waiteth on his master shall
be honoured. [19] As in water face *an-*
swereth to face, so the heart of man to
man. [20] Hell and destruction are never
full; so the eyes of man are never satis-
fied.* [21] *As* the fining pot for silver, and
the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his
praise. [22] Though thou shouldest bray
a fool in a mortar among wheat with

20. never: Heb. not.

a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness de-
part from him. 23 Be thou diligent to
know the state of thy flocks, *and* look
well to thy herds.* 24 For riches *are* not
for ever: and doth the crown *endure*
to every generation?* 25 The hay ap-
peareth, and the tender grass sheweth
itself, and herbs of the mountains are
gathered. 26 The lambs *are* for thy
clothing, and the goats *are* the price of
the field. 27 And *thou shalt have* goats'
milk enough for thy food, for the food
of thy household, and *for* the mainte-

23. look...: Heb. set thy heart.
24. riches: Heb. strength. to...: Heb. to generation and generation?.

nance for thy maidens.*

28 The wicked flee when no man
pursueth: but the righteous are bold
as a lion. 2 For the transgression of a
land many *are* the princes thereof: but
by a man of understanding *and* knowl-
edge the state *thereof* shall be pro-
longed.* 3 A poor man that oppresseth
the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which
leaveth no food.* 4 They that forsake
the law praise the wicked: but such
as keep the law contend with them.

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27. maintenance: Heb. life.

28.2. by...: or, by men of understanding and wisdom shall they likewise be prolonged.

3. which...: Heb. without food.

5 Evil men understand not judgment:
but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.
6 Better *is* the poor
that walketh in his uprightness, than
he that is perverse *in his* ways, though
he *be* rich.
7 Whoso keepeth the law
is a wise son: but he that is a com-
panion of riotous *men* shameth his
father.*
8 He that by usury and un-
just gain increaseth his substance, he
shall gather it for him that will pity
the poor.*
9 He that turneth away his
ear from hearing the law, even his
prayer *shall be* abomination.
10 Whoso

7. is a companion...: or, feedeth gluttons.
8. unjust...: Heb. by increase.

causeth the righteous to go astray in
an evil way, he shall fall himself into
his own pit: but the upright shall
have good *things* in possession. [11] The
rich man *is* wise in his own conceit;
but the poor that hath understanding
searcheth him out.* [12] When righteous
men do rejoice, *there is* great glory: but
when the wicked rise, a man is hid-
den.* [13] He that covereth his sins shall
not prosper: but whoso confesseth
and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.
[14] Happy *is* the man that feareth alway:
but he that hardeneth his heart shall

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11. own...: Heb. eyes.
12. hidden: or, sought for.

fall into mischief. [15] *As* a roaring lion,
and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler
over the poor people. [16] The prince
that wanteth understanding *is* also a
great oppressor: *but* he that hateth
covetousness shall prolong *his* days.
[17] A man that doeth violence to the
blood of *any* person shall flee to the
pit; let no man stay him. [18] Whoso
walketh uprightly shall be saved: but
he that is perverse *in his* ways shall fall
at once. [19] He that tilleth his land
shall have plenty of bread: but he
that followeth after vain *persons* shall
have poverty enough. [20] A faithful man
shall abound with blessings: but he

that maketh haste to be rich shall not
be innocent.* [21] To have respect of per-
sons *is* not good: for for a piece of
bread *that* man will transgress. [22] He
that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye,
and considereth not that poverty shall
come upon him.* [23] He that rebuketh
a man afterwards shall find more fa-
vour than he that flattereth with the
tongue. [24] Whoso robbeth his father
or his mother, and saith, *It is* no trans-
gression; the same *is* the companion

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20. innocent: or, unpunished.
22. hasteth...: or, hath and evil eye hasteth to be rich.

of a destroyer.* [25] He that is of a proud
heart stirreth up strife: but he that
putteth his trust in the LORD shall be
made fat. [26] He that trusteth in his
own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh
wisely, he shall be delivered. [27] He that
giveth unto the poor shall not lack:
but he that hideth his eyes shall have
many a curse. [28] When the wicked rise,
men hide themselves: but when they
perish, the righteous increase.

29 He, that being often reproved
hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be

24. a destroyer: Heb. a man destroying.

destroyed, and that without remedy.*
2 When the righteous are in author-
ity, the people rejoice: but when
the wicked beareth rule, the people
mourn.* 3 Whoso loveth wisdom re-
joiceth his father: but he that keep-
eth company with harlots spendeth *his*
substance. 4 The king by judgment es-
tablisheth the land: but he that re-
ceiveth gifts overthroweth it.* 5 A man
that flattereth his neighbour spread-
eth a net for his feet. 6 In the trans-
gression of an evil man *there is* a snare:

29.1. He...: Heb. A man of reproofs.
2. in...: or, increased.
4. he...: Heb. a man of oblations.

but the righteous doth sing and re-
joice. 7 The righteous considereth the
cause of the poor: *but* the wicked re-
gardeth not to know *it*. 8 Scornful
men bring a city into a snare: but
wise *men* turn away wrath.* 9 *If* a wise
man contendeth with a foolish man,
whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no
rest. 10 The bloodthirsty hate the up-
right: but the just seek his soul.* 11 A
fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise
man keepeth it in till afterwards. 12 If a
ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are*
wicked. 13 The poor and the deceitful

8. bring...: or, set a city on fire.
10. The bloodthirsty: Heb. Men of blood.

man meet together: the LORD light-
eneth both their eyes.* 14 The king that
faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne
shall be established for ever. 15 The rod
and reproof give wisdom: but a child
left *to himself* bringeth his mother to
shame. 16 When the wicked are mul-
tiplied, transgression increaseth: but
the righteous shall see their fall. 17 Cor-
rect thy son, and he shall give thee rest;
yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
18 Where *there is* no vision, the people
perish: but he that keepeth the law,
happy *is* he.* 19 A servant will not be

13. the deceitful...: or, the usurer.
18. perish: or, is made naked.

corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer. [20] Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.* [21] He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the length. [22] An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression. [23] A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. [24] Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth *it* not. [25] The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso

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20. words: or, matters?.

putteth his trust in the LORD shall
be safe.* [26] Many seek the ruler's fa-
vour; but *every* man's judgment *cometh*
from the LORD.* [27] An unjust man *is* an
abomination to the just: and *he that is*
upright in the way *is* abomination to
the wicked.

30 The words of Agur the son of
Jakeh, *even* the prophecy: the man
spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and
Ucal, [2] Surely I *am* more brutish than
any man, and have not the under-
standing of a man. [3] I neither learned
wisdom, nor have the knowledge of

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25. safe: Heb. set on high.
26. the ruler's...: Heb. the face of a ruler.

the holy.* 4 Who hath ascended up
into heaven, or descended? who hath
gathered the wind in his fists? who
hath bound the waters in a garment?
who hath established all the ends of
the earth? what *is* his name, and what
is his son's name, if thou canst tell?
5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a
shield unto them that put their trust in
him.* 6 Add thou not unto his words,
lest he reprove thee, and thou be found
a liar. 7 Two *things* have I required of
thee; deny me *them* not before I die:*

30.3. have: Heb. know.
5. pure: Heb. purified.
7. deny...: Heb. withhold not from me.

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies:
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with food convenient for me:*
9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and say,
Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor,
and steal, and take the name of my
God *in vain*.* 10 Accuse not a servant
unto his master, lest he curse thee, and
thou be found guilty.* 11 *There is* a gen-
eration *that* curseth their father, and
doth not bless their mother. 12 *There
is* a generation *that are* pure in their
own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from

8. convenient...: Heb. of my allowance.
9. deny...: Heb. belie thee.
10. Accuse...: Heb. Hurt not with thy tongue.

their filthiness. 13 *There is* a generation,
O how lofty are their eyes! and their
eyelids are lifted up. 14 *There is* a gener-
ation, whose teeth *are as* swords, and
their jaw teeth *as* knives, to devour the
poor from off the earth, and the needy
from *among* men. 15 The horseleach
hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give.
There are three *things that* are never
satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, *It is*
enough:* 16 The grave; and the barren
womb; the earth *that* is not filled with
water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It*
is enough. 17 The eye *that* mocketh at
his father, and despiseth to obey *his*

15. It is...: Heb. Wealth.

mother, the ravens of the valley shall
pick it out, and the young eagles shall
eat it.* [18] There be three *things which*
are too wonderful for me, yea, four
which I know not: [19] The way of an
eagle in the air; the way of a serpent
upon a rock; the way of a ship in the
midst of the sea; and the way of a
man with a maid.* [20] Such *is* the way of
an adulterous woman; she eateth, and
wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have
done no wickedness. [21] For three *things*
the earth is disquieted, and for four
which it cannot bear: [22] For a servant

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17. the valley: or, the brook.
19. midst: Heb. heart.

when he reigneth; and a fool when
he is filled with meat; [23] For an odi-
ous *woman* when she is married; and
an handmaid that is heir to her mis-
tress. [24] There be four *things which are*
little upon the earth, but they *are* ex-
ceeding wise:* [25] The ants *are* a peo-
ple not strong, yet they prepare their
meat in the summer; [26] The conies *are*
but a feeble folk, yet make they their
houses in the rocks; [27] The locusts have
no king, yet go they forth all of them
by bands;* [28] The spider taketh hold
with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

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24. exceeding...: Heb. wise, made wise.
27. by...: Heb. gathered together.

29 There be three *things* which go well,
yea, four are comely in going: 30 A lion
which is strongest among beasts, and
turneth not away for any; 31 A grey-
hound; an he goat also; and a king,
against whom *there is* no rising up.* 32 If
thou hast done foolishly in lifting up
thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay*
thine hand upon thy mouth. 33 Surely
the churning of milk bringeth forth
butter, and the wringing of the nose
bringeth forth blood: so the forcing
of wrath bringeth forth strife.

31 The words of king Lemuel, the

31. greyhound: or, horse: Heb. girt in the loins.

prophecy that his mother taught him.
2 What, my son? and what, the son
of my womb? and what, the son of
my vows? 3 Give not thy strength
unto women, nor thy ways to that
which destroyeth kings. 4 *It is* not
for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for
kings to drink wine; nor for princes
strong drink: 5 Lest they drink, and
forget the law, and pervert the judg-
ment of any of the afflicted.* 6 Give
strong drink unto him that is ready
to perish, and wine unto those that

31.5. prevert: Heb. alter. of any...: Heb. of all the sons of affliction.

be of heavy hearts.* 7 Let him drink,
and forget his poverty, and remem-
ber his misery no more. 8 Open thy
mouth for the dumb in the cause of
all such as are appointed to destruc-
tion.* 9 Open thy mouth, judge righ-
teously, and plead the cause of the
poor and needy. 10 Who can find a
virtuous woman? for her price *is* far
above rubies. 11 The heart of her hus-
band doth safely trust in her, so that
he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She
will do him good and not evil all the
days of her life. 13 She seeketh wool,

6. of...: Heb. bitter of soul.
8. such...: Heb. the sons of destruction.

and flax, and worketh willingly with
her hands. 14 She is like the merchants'
ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
15 She riseth also while it is yet night,
and giveth meat to her household, and
a portion to her maidens. 16 She con-
sidereth a field, and buyeth it: with
the fruit of her hands she planteth a
vineyard.* 17 She girdeth her loins with
strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
18 She perceiveth that her merchandise
is good: her candle goeth not out
by night.* 19 She layeth her hands to
the spindle, and her hands hold the

16. buyeth: Heb. taketh.
18. She...: Heb. She tasteth.

distaff. [20] She stretcheth out her hand
to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her
hands to the needy.* [21] She is not afraid
of the snow for her household: for all
her household *are* clothed with scar-
let.* [22] She maketh herself coverings of
tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and pur-
ple. [23] Her husband is known in the
gates, when he sitteth among the el-
ders of the land. [24] She maketh fine
linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth gir-
dles unto the merchant. [25] Strength
and honour *are* her clothing; and she
shall rejoice in time to come. [26] She

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20. She...: Heb. She spreadeth.
21. scarlet: or, double garments.

openeth her mouth with wisdom; and
in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her
household, and eateth not the bread
of idleness. 28 Her children arise up,
and call her blessed; her husband *also*,
and he praiseth her. 29 Many daugh-
ters have done virtuously, but thou ex-
cellest them all.* 30 Favour *is* deceitful,
and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that*
feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in the
gates.

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29. have...: or, have gotten riches.

ECCLESIASTES;

OR, THE PREACHER

The words of the Preacher, the
son of David, king in Jerusa-
lem. 2 Vanity of vanities, saith
the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all
is vanity. 3 What profit hath a man
of all his labour which he taketh un-
der the sun? 4 *One* generation passeth
away, and *another* generation cometh:
but the earth abideth for ever. 5 The
sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth
down, and hasteth to his place where
he arose.* 6 The wind goeth toward

1.5. hasteth: Heb. panteth.

the south, and turneth about unto the
north; it whirleth about continually,
and the wind returneth again accord-
ing to his circuits. 7 All the rivers run
into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full;
unto the place from whence the rivers
come, thither they return again.* 8 All
things *are* full of labour; man cannot
utter *it*: the eye is not satisfied with
seeing, nor the ear filled with hear-
ing. 9 The thing that hath been, it *is*
that which shall be; and that which is
done *is* that which shall be done: and
there is no new *thing* under the sun.
10 Is there *any* thing whereof it may be

7. return...: Heb. return to go.

said, See, this *is* new? it hath been al-
ready of old time, which was before us.
11 *There is* no remembrance of former
things; neither shall there be *any* re-
membrance of *things* that are to come
with *those* that shall come after. 12 I the
Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusa-
lem. 13 And I gave my heart to seek and
search out by wisdom concerning all
things that are done under heaven: this
sore travail hath God given to the sons
of man to be exercised therewith.* 14 I
have seen all the works that are done
under the sun; and, behold, all *is* van-
ity and vexation of spirit. 15 *That which*

13. to be...: or, to afflict them.

is crooked cannot be made straight:
and that which is wanting cannot be
numbered.* [16] I communed with mine
own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to
great estate, and have gotten more wis-
dom than all *they* that have been be-
fore me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart
had great experience of wisdom and
knowledge.* [17] And I gave my heart to
know wisdom, and to know madness
and folly: I perceived that this also
is vexation of spirit. [18] For in much
wisdom *is* much grief: and he that
increaseth knowledge increaseth sor-

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15. that which is wanting: Heb. defect.
16. had...: Heb. had seen much.

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2 I said in mine heart, Go to now,
I will prove thee with mirth, there-
fore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this
also *is* vanity. 2 I said of laughter, *It*
is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?
3 I sought in mine heart to give my-
self unto wine, yet acquainting mine
heart with wisdom; and to lay hold
on folly, till I might see what *was* that
good for the sons of men, which they
should do under the heaven all the
days of their life.* 4 I made me great
works; I builded me houses; I planted

2.3. to give...: Heb. to draw my flesh with wine.
all...: Heb. the number of the days of their life.

me vineyards: 5 I made me gardens
and orchards, and I planted trees in
them of all *kind of* fruits: 6 I made
me pools of water, to water therewith
the wood that bringeth forth trees: 7 I
got *me* servants and maidens, and had
servants born in my house; also I had
great possessions of great and small
cattle above all that were in Jerusalem
before me:* 8 I gathered me also silver
and gold, and the peculiar treasure of
kings and of the provinces: I gat me
men singers and women singers, and
the delights of the sons of men, *as* mu-

7. servants born...: Heb. sons of my house.

sical instruments, and that of all sorts.*
9 So I was great, and increased more
than all that were before me in Jerusa-
lem: also my wisdom remained with
me. 10 And whatsoever mine eyes de-
sired I kept not from them, I with-
held not my heart from any joy; for
my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and
this was my portion of all my labour.
11 Then I looked on all the works that
my hands had wrought, and on the
labour that I had laboured to do: and,
behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of
spirit, and *there was* no profit under the

8. musical...: Heb. musical instrument and instruments.

sun. [12] And I turned myself to behold
wisdom, and madness, and folly: for
what *can* the man *do* that cometh after
the king? *even* that which hath been al-
ready done.* [13] Then I saw that wisdom
excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth
darkness.* [14] The wise man's eyes *are*
in his head; but the fool walketh in
darkness: and I myself perceived also
that one event happeneth to them all.
[15] Then said I in my heart, As it hap-
peneth to the fool, so it happeneth

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12. even...: or, in those things which have been already done.

13. that...: Heb. that there is an excellency in wisdom more than in folly, etc.

even to me; and why was I then more
wise? Then I said in my heart, that
this also *is* vanity.* [16] For *there is* no re-
membrance of the wise more than of
the fool for ever; seeing that which
now *is* in the days to come shall all
be forgotten. And how dieth the wise
man? as the fool. [17] Therefore I hated
life; because the work that is wrought
under the sun *is* grievous unto me:
for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.
[18] Yea, I hated all my labour which I had
taken under the sun: because I should
leave it unto the man that shall be af-

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15. happeneth even...: Heb. happeneth to me, even to me.

ter me.* [19] And who knoweth whether
he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet
shall he have rule over all my labour
wherein I have laboured, and wherein
I have shewed myself wise under the
sun. This *is* also vanity. [20] Therefore I
went about to cause my heart to de-
spair of all the labour which I took un-
der the sun. [21] For there is a man whose
labour *is* in wisdom, and in knowledge,
and in equity; yet to a man that hath
not laboured therein shall he leave it
for his portion. This also *is* vanity and
a great evil.* [22] For what hath man of

18. taken: Heb. laboured.
21. leave: Heb. give.

all his labour, and of the vexation of
his heart, wherein he hath laboured
under the sun? 23 For all his days *are*
sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his
heart taketh not rest in the night. This
is also vanity. 24 *There is* nothing bet-
ter for a man, *than* that he should eat
and drink, and *that* he should make
his soul enjoy good in his labour. This
also I saw, that it *was* from the hand
of God.* 25 For who can eat, or who
else can hasten *hereunto*, more than I?
26 For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good
in his sight wisdom, and knowledge,
and joy: but to the sinner he giveth

24. should make...: or, delight his senses.

travail, to gather and to heap up, that
he may give to *him that is* good before
God. This also *is* vanity and vexation
of spirit.*

3 To every *thing there is* a season,
and a time to every purpose under the
heaven: 2 A time to be born, and a
time to die; a time to plant, and a time
to pluck up *that which is* planted;* 3 A
time to kill, and a time to heal; a time
to break down, and a time to build
up; 4 A time to weep, and a time to
laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to

26. in his...: Heb. before him.
3.2. to be...: Heb. to bear.

dance; 5 A time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones together; a
time to embrace, and a time to refrain
from embracing;* 6 A time to get, and
a time to lose; a time to keep, and a
time to cast away;* 7 A time to rend,
and a time to sew; a time to keep si-
lence, and a time to speak; 8 A time
to love, and a time to hate; a time
of war, and a time of peace. 9 What
profit hath he that worketh in that
wherein he laboureth? 10 I have seen
the travail, which God hath given to
the sons of men to be exercised in it.

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5. to refrain from: Heb. to be far from.
6. get: or, seek.

11 He hath made every *thing* beautiful
in his time: also he hath set the world
in their heart, so that no man can find
out the work that God maketh from
the beginning to the end. 12 I know
that *there is* no good in them, but for
a man to rejoice, and to do good in
his life. 13 And also that every man
should eat and drink, and enjoy the
good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of
God. 14 I know that, whatsoever God
doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can
be put to it, nor any thing taken from
it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should
fear before him. 15 That which hath
been is now; and that which is to be

hath already been; and God requireth
that which is past.* 16 And moreover I
saw under the sun the place of judg-
ment, *that* wickedness *was* there; and
the place of righteousness, *that* iniq-
uity *was* there. 17 I said in mine heart,
God shall judge the righteous and the
wicked: for *there is* a time there for ev-
ery purpose and for every work. 18 I
said in mine heart concerning the es-
tate of the sons of men, that God
might manifest them, and that they
might see that they themselves are

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15. that which is past: Heb. that which is driven away.

beasts.* [19] For that which befalleth the
sons of men befalleth beasts; even one
thing befalleth them: as the one di-
eth, so dieth the other; yea, they have
all one breath; so that a man hath no
preeminence above a beast: for all *is*
vanity. [20] All go unto one place; all
are of the dust, and all turn to dust
again. [21] Who knoweth the spirit of
man that goeth upward, and the spirit
of the beast that goeth downward to
the earth?* [22] Wherefore I perceive that

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18. that God...: or, that they might clear God, and see, etc.

21. of man: Heb. of the sons of man. goeth upward: Heb. is ascending, etc.

there is nothing better, than that a man
should rejoice in his own works; for
that *is* his portion: for who shall bring
him to see what shall be after him?

4 So I returned, and considered
all the oppressions that are done un-
der the sun: and behold the tears
of *such as were* oppressed, and they
had no comforter; and on the side of
their oppressors *there was* power; but
they had no comforter.* 2 Wherefore
I praised the dead which are already
dead more than the living which are
yet alive. 3 Yea, better *is he* than both

4.1. side: Heb. hand.

they, which hath not yet been, who
hath not seen the evil work that is
done under the sun. 4 Again, I consid-
ered all travail, and every right work,
that for this a man is envied of his
neighbour. This *is* also vanity and vex-
ation of spirit.* 5 The fool foldeth his
hands together, and eateth his own
flesh. 6 Better *is* an handful *with* quiet-
ness, than both the hands full *with* tra-
vail and vexation of spirit. 7 Then I
returned, and I saw vanity under the
sun. 8 There is one *alone*, and *there*

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4. every...: Heb. all the rightness of work. for this...: Heb. this is the envy of a man from his neighbour.

is not a second; yea, he hath neither
child nor brother: yet *is there* no end
of all his labour; neither is his eye satis-
fied with riches; neither *saith he*, For
whom do I labour, and bereave my
soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it
is a sore travail. 9 Two *are* better than
one; because they have a good reward
for their labour. 10 For if they fall, the
one will lift up his fellow: but woe to
him *that is* alone when he falleth; for
he hath not another to help him up.
11 Again, if two lie together, then they
have heat: but how can one be warm
alone? 12 And if one prevail against
him, two shall withstand him; and a

threefold cord is not quickly broken.
13 Better *is* a poor and a wise child than
an old and foolish king, who will no
more be admonished.* 14 For out of
prison he cometh to reign; whereas
also *he that is* born in his kingdom be-
cometh poor. 15 I considered all the
living which walk under the sun, with
the second child that shall stand up in
his stead. 16 *There is* no end of all the
people, *even* of all that have been be-
fore them: they also that come after
shall not rejoice in him. Surely this
also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

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13. who...: Heb. who knoweth not to be admonished.

5 Keep thy foot when thou goest
to the house of God, and be more
ready to hear, than to give the sac-
rifice of fools: for they consider not
that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with
thy mouth, and let not thine heart
be hasty to utter *any* thing before
God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou
upon earth: therefore let thy words be
few.* 3 For a dream cometh through
the multitude of business; and a fool's
voice *is known* by multitude of words.
4 When thou vowest a vow unto God,
defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no plea-

5.2. thing: or, word.

sure in fools: pay that which thou
hast vowed. 5 Better *is it* that thou
shouldest not vow, than that thou
shouldest vow and not pay. 6 Suffer
not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to
sin; neither say thou before the an-
gel, that it *was* an error: wherefore
should God be angry at thy voice,
and destroy the work of thine hands?
7 For in the multitude of dreams and
many words *there are* also *divers* vani-
ties: but fear thou God. 8 If thou seest
the oppression of the poor, and vio-
lent perverting of judgment and jus-
tice in a province, marvel not at the
matter: for *he that is* higher than the

highest regardeth; and *there be* higher
than they.* 9 Moreover the profit of
the earth is for all: the king *himself* is
served by the field. 10 He that loveth
silver shall not be satisfied with silver;
nor he that loveth abundance with in-
crease: this *is* also vanity. 11 When
goods increase, they are increased that
eat them: and what good *is there* to the
owners thereof, saving the beholding
of them with their eyes? 12 The sleep of
a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he
eat little or much: but the abundance
of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.
13 There is a sore evil *which* I have seen

8. at the... Heb. at the will, or, purpose.

under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for
the owners thereof to their hurt. [14] But
those riches perish by evil travail: and
he begetteth a son, and *there is* noth-
ing in his hand. [15] As he came forth of
his mother's womb, naked shall he re-
turn to go as he came, and shall take
nothing of his labour, which he may
carry away in his hand. [16] And this also
is a sore evil, *that* in all points as he
came, so shall he go: and what pro-
fit hath he that hath laboured for the
wind? [17] All his days also he eateth
in darkness, and *he hath* much sor-
row and wrath with his sickness. [18] Be-
hold *that* which I have seen: *it is* good

and comely *for one* to eat and to drink,
and to enjoy the good of all his labour
that he taketh under the sun all the
days of his life, which God giveth him:
for it *is* his portion.* [19] Every man also
to whom God hath given riches and
wealth, and hath given him power to
eat thereof, and to take his portion,
and to rejoice in his labour; this *is* the
gift of God. [20] For he shall not much
remember the days of his life; because
God answereth *him* in the joy of his

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18. It is good...: Heb. there is a good which is comely, etc. all the days: Heb. the number of the days.

heart.*

6 There is an evil which I have
seen under the sun, and it *is* common
among men: 2 A man to whom God
hath given riches, wealth, and honour,
so that he wanteth nothing for his soul
of all that he desireth, yet God giveth
him not power to eat thereof, but a
stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and
it *is* an evil disease. 3 If a man beget
an hundred *children*, and live many
years, so that the days of his years be
many, and his soul be not filled with
good, and also *that* he have no burial;

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20. For...: or, Though he give not much, yet he remembereth, etc.

I say, *that* an untimely birth *is* better
than he. 4 For he cometh in with van-
ity, and departeth in darkness, and his
name shall be covered with darkness.
5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun,
nor known *any thing*: this hath more
rest than the other. 6 Yea, though he
live a thousand years twice *told*, yet
hath he seen no good: do not all go
to one place? 7 All the labour of man
is for his mouth, and yet the appetite
is not filled.* 8 For what hath the wise
more than the fool? what hath the
poor, that knoweth to walk before the
living? 9 Better *is* the sight of the eyes

6.7. appetite: Heb. soul.

than the wandering of the desire: this
is also vanity and vexation of spirit.*
10 That which hath been is named al-
ready, and it is known that it *is* man:
neither may he contend with him that
is mightier than he. 11 Seeing there be
many things that increase vanity, what
is man the better? 12 For who knoweth
what *is* good for man in *this* life, all the
days of his vain life which he spendeth
as a shadow? for who can tell a man
what shall be after him under the sun?*

7 A good name *is* better than pre-

9. than...: Heb. than the walking of the soul.
12. all...: Heb. the number of the days of the life of his vanity.

cious ointment; and the day of death
than the day of one's birth. 2 *It is* better
to go to the house of mourning, than
to go to the house of feasting: for that
is the end of all men; and the living will
lay *it* to his heart. 3 Sorrow *is* better
than laughter: for by the sadness of the
countenance the heart is made better.*
4 The heart of the wise *is* in the house
of mourning; but the heart of fools *is*
in the house of mirth. 5 *It is* better
to hear the rebuke of the wise, than
for a man to hear the song of fools.
6 For as the crackling of thorns under
a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool:

7.3. Sorrow: or, Anger.

this also *is* vanity.* 7 Surely oppression
maketh a wise man mad; and a gift de-
stroyeth the heart. 8 Better *is* the end
of a thing than the beginning thereof:
and the patient in spirit *is* better than
the proud in spirit. 9 Be not hasty in
thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth
in the bosom of fools. 10 Say not thou,
What is *the cause* that the former days
were better than these? for thou dost
not enquire wisely concerning this.*
11 Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance:
and *by it there is* profit to them that

6. crackling: Heb. sound.
10. wisely: Heb. out of wisdom.

see the sun.* [12] For wisdom *is* a de-
fence, *and* money *is* a defence: but
the excellency of knowledge *is, that*
wisdom giveth life to them that have
it.* [13] Consider the work of God: for
who can make *that* straight, which he
hath made crooked? [14] In the day of
prosperity be joyful, but in the day
of adversity consider: God also hath
set the one over against the other, to
the end that man should find nothing
after him.* [15] All *things* have I seen in

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11. good...: or, as good as an inheritance, yea, better too.

12. defence: Heb. shadow.

14. set: Heb. made.

the days of my vanity: there is a just
man that perisheth in his righteous-
ness, and there is a wicked *man* that
prolongeth *his life* in his wickedness.
16 Be not righteous over much; neither
make thyself over wise: why shouldest
thou destroy thyself?* 17 Be not over
much wicked, neither be thou fool-
ish: why shouldest thou die before thy
time?* 18 *It is* good that thou shouldest
take hold of this; yea, also from this
withdraw not thine hand: for he that
feareth God shall come forth of them
all. 19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise

16. destroy...: Heb. be desolate?.
17. before...: Heb. not in thy time?.

more than ten mighty *men* which are
in the city. [20] For *there is* not a just man
upon earth, that doeth good, and sin-
neth not. [21] Also take no heed unto all
words that are spoken; lest thou hear
thy servant curse thee:* [22] For often-
times also thine own heart knoweth
that thou thyself likewise hast cursed
others. [23] All this have I proved by wis-
dom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far
from me. [24] That which is far off, and
exceeding deep, who can find it out?
[25] I applied mine heart to know, and to
search, and to seek out wisdom, and
the reason *of things*, and to know the

21. take...: Heb. give not thine heart.

wickedness of folly, even of foolish-
ness *and* madness:* [26] And I find more
bitter than death the woman, whose
heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands
as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall
escape from her; but the sinner shall
be taken by her.* [27] Behold, this have
I found, saith the preacher, *counting*
one by one, to find out the account:*
[28] Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find
not: one man among a thousand have
I found; but a woman among all those

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25. I applied...: Heb. I and mine heart compassed.
26. whoso...: Heb. he that is good before God.
27. counting...: or, weighing one thing after another, to find out the reason.

have I not found. [29] Lo, this only have
I found, that God hath made man up-
right; but they have sought out many
inventions.

8 Who *is* as the wise *man*? and
who knoweth the interpretation of a
thing? a man's wisdom maketh his
face to shine, and the boldness of his
face shall be changed.* [2] I *counsel thee*
to keep the king's commandment, and
that in regard of the oath of God.
[3] Be not hasty to go out of his sight:
stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth
whatsoever pleaseth him. [4] Where the

8.1. the boldness: Heb. the strength.

word of a king *is, there is* power: and
who may say unto him, What doest
thou? 5 Whoso keepeth the com-
mandment shall feel no evil thing: and
a wise man's heart discerneth both
time and judgment.* 6 Because to ev-
ery purpose there is time and judg-
ment, therefore the misery of man *is*
great upon him. 7 For he knoweth not
that which shall be: for who can tell
him when it shall be?* 8 *There is* no
man that hath power over the spirit
to retain the spirit; neither *hath he*
power in the day of death: and *there is*

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5. shall...: Heb. shall know.
7. when...: or, how it shall be?.

no discharge in *that* war; neither shall
wickedness deliver those that are given
to it.* 9 All this have I seen, and applied
my heart unto every work that is done
under the sun: *there is* a time wherein
one man ruleth over another to his
own hurt. 10 And so I saw the wicked
buried, who had come and gone from
the place of the holy, and they were
forgotten in the city where they had
so done: this *is* also vanity. 11 Be-
cause sentence against an evil work is
not executed speedily, therefore the
heart of the sons of men is fully set
in them to do evil. 12 Though a sinner

8. discharge: or, casting off weapons.

do evil an hundred times, and his *days*
be prolonged, yet surely I know that it
shall be well with them that fear God,
which fear before him: [13] But it shall
not be well with the wicked, neither
shall he prolong *his* days, *which are* as
a shadow; because he feareth not be-
fore God. [14] There is a vanity which is
done upon the earth; that there be just
men, unto whom it happeneth accord-
ing to the work of the wicked; again,
there be wicked *men*, to whom it hap-
peneth according to the work of the
righteous: I said that this also *is* van-
ity. [15] Then I commended mirth, be-
cause a man hath no better thing un-

der the sun, than to eat, and to drink,
and to be merry: for that shall abide
with him of his labour the days of his
life, which God giveth him under the
sun. [16] When I applied mine heart to
know wisdom, and to see the business
that is done upon the earth: (for also
there is that neither day nor night seeth
sleep with his eyes:) [17] Then I beheld all
the work of God, that a man cannot
find out the work that is done under
the sun: because though a man labour
to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it*;
yea further; though a wise *man* think
to know *it*, yet shall he not be able to
find *it*.

9 For all this I considered in my
heart even to declare all this, that
the righteous, and the wise, and their
works, *are* in the hand of God: no man
knoweth either love or hatred *by* all
that is before them.* 2 All *things come*
alike to all: *there is* one event to the
righteous, and to the wicked; to the
good and to the clean, and to the un-
clean; to him that sacrificeth, and to
him that sacrificeth not: as *is* the good,
so *is* the sinner; *and* he that sweareth,
as *he* that feareth an oath. 3 This *is* an
evil among all *things* that are done un-

9.1. I considered...: Heb. I gave, or, set to my heart.

der the sun, that *there is* one event unto
all: yea, also the heart of the sons of
men is full of evil, and madness *is* in
their heart while they live, and after
that *they go* to the dead. 4 For to him
that is joined to all the living there is
hope: for a living dog is better than a
dead lion. 5 For the living know that
they shall die: but the dead know not
any thing, neither have they any more a
reward; for the memory of them is for-
gotten. 6 Also their love, and their ha-
tred, and their envy, is now perished;
neither have they any more a portion
for ever in any *thing* that is done under
the sun. 7 Go thy way, eat thy bread

with joy, and drink thy wine with a
merry heart; for God now accepteth
thy works. 8 Let thy garments be al-
ways white; and let thy head lack no
ointment. 9 Live joyfully with the wife
whom thou lovest all the days of the
life of thy vanity, which he hath given
thee under the sun, all the days of thy
vanity: for that *is* thy portion in *this*
life, and in thy labour which thou tak-
est under the sun.* 10 Whatsoever thy
hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy
might; for *there is* no work, nor de-
vice, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in
the grave, whither thou goest. 11 I re-

9. Live...: Heb. See, or, Enjoy life.

turned, and saw under the sun, that
the race *is* not to the swift, nor the bat-
tle to the strong, neither yet bread to
the wise, nor yet riches to men of un-
derstanding, nor yet favour to men of
skill; but time and chance happeneth
to them all. 12 For man also knoweth
not his time: as the fishes that are
taken in an evil net, and as the birds
that are caught in the snare; so *are* the
sons of men snared in an evil time,
when it falleth suddenly upon them.
13 This wisdom have I seen also under
the sun, and it *seemed* great unto me:
14 *There was* a little city, and few men
within it; and there came a great king

against it, and besieged it, and built
great bulwarks against it: [15] Now there
was found in it a poor wise man, and
he by his wisdom delivered the city;
yet no man remembered that same
poor man. [16] Then said I, Wisdom *is*
better than strength: nevertheless the
poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his
words are not heard. [17] The words of
wise *men are* heard in quiet more than
the cry of him that ruleth among fools.
[18] Wisdom *is* better than weapons of
war: but one sinner destroyeth much
good.

10 Dead flies cause the ointment

of the apothecary to send forth a stink-
ing savour: *so doth* a little folly him
that is in reputation for wisdom *and*
honour.* 2 A wise man's heart *is* at
his right hand; but a fool's heart at
his left. 3 Yea also, when he that is
a fool walketh by the way, his wis-
dom faileth *him*, and he saith to ev-
ery one *that* he *is* a fool.* 4 If the spirit
of the ruler rise up against thee, leave
not thy place; for yielding pacifieth
great offences. 5 There is an evil *which*
I have seen under the sun, as an er-

10.1. Dead...: Heb. Flies of death.
3. his...: Heb. his heart.

ror *which* proceedeth from the ruler:*
6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the
rich sit in low place.* 7 I have seen ser-
vants upon horses, and princes walk-
ing as servants upon the earth. 8 He
that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and
whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent
shall bite him. 9 Whoso removeth
stones shall be hurt therewith; *and*
he that cleaveth wood shall be endan-
gered thereby. 10 If the iron be blunt,
and he do not whet the edge, then
must he put to more strength: but wis-
dom *is* profitable to direct. 11 Surely

5. from: Heb. from before.
6. in great...: Heb. in great heights.

the serpent will bite without enchant-
ment; and a babbler is no better.*
12 The words of a wise man's mouth
are gracious; but the lips of a fool will
swallow up himself.* 13 The beginning
of the words of his mouth *is* foolish-
ness: and the end of his talk *is* mis-
chievous madness.* 14 A fool also is full
of words: a man cannot tell what shall
be; and what shall be after him, who
can tell him?* 15 The labour of the fool-
ish wearieth every one of them, be-

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11. a babbler: Heb. the master of the tongue.
12. gracious: Heb. grace.
13. his talk: Heb. his mouth.
14. is full...: Heb. multiplieth words.

cause he knoweth not how to go to
the city. [16] Woe to thee, O land, when
thy king *is* a child, and thy princes eat
in the morning! [17] Blessed *art* thou, O
land, when thy king *is* the son of no-
bles, and thy princes eat in due season,
for strength, and not for drunkenness!
[18] By much slothfulness the building
decayeth; and through idleness of the
hands the house droppeth through.
[19] A feast is made for laughter, and wine
maketh merry: but money answereth
all *things*.* [20] Curse not the king, no not
in thy thought; and curse not the rich
in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air

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19. maketh...: Heb. maketh glad the life.

shall carry the voice, and that which
hath wings shall tell the matter.*

11 Cast thy bread upon the wa-
ters: for thou shalt find it after many
days.* 2 Give a portion to seven, and
also to eight; for thou knowest not
what evil shall be upon the earth. 3 If
the clouds be full of rain, they empty
themselves upon the earth: and if the
tree fall toward the south, or toward
the north, in the place where the tree
falleth, there it shall be. 4 He that ob-
serveth the wind shall not sow; and

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20. thought: or, conscience.
11.1. upon...: Heb. upon the face of the waters.

he that regardeth the clouds shall not
reap. 5 As thou knowest not what
is the way of the spirit, *nor* how the
bones *do grow* in the womb of her that
is with child: even so thou knowest
not the works of God who maketh
all. 6 In the morning sow thy seed,
and in the evening withhold not thine
hand: for thou knowest not whether
shall prosper, either this or that, or
whether they both *shall be* alike good.*
7 Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleas-
ant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the
sun: 8 But if a man live many years,
and rejoice in them all; yet let him re-

6. shall prosper: Heb. shall be right.

member the days of darkness; for they
shall be many. All that cometh *is* van-
ity. 9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy
youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in
the days of thy youth, and walk in the
ways of thine heart, and in the sight of
thine eyes: but know thou, that for all
these *things* God will bring thee into
judgment. 10 Therefore remove sorrow
from thy heart, and put away evil from
thy flesh: for childhood and youth *are*
vanity.*

12 Remember now thy Creator in
the days of thy youth, while the evil

10. sorrow: or, anger.

days come not, nor the years draw
nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no
pleasure in them; [2] While the sun, or
the light, or the moon, or the stars,
be not darkened, nor the clouds re-
turn after the rain: [3] In the day when
the keepers of the house shall tremble,
and the strong men shall bow them-
selves, and the grinders cease because
they are few, and those that look out
of the windows be darkened,* [4] And
the doors shall be shut in the streets,
when the sound of the grinding is low,
and he shall rise up at the voice of

12.3. the grinders...: or, the grinders fail, because they grind little.

the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; 5 Also *when*
they shall be afraid of *that which is*
high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and
the almond tree shall flourish, and the
grasshopper shall be a burden, and de-
sire shall fail: because man goeth to
his long home, and the mourners go
about the streets: 6 Or ever the sil-
ver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl
be broken, or the pitcher be broken
at the fountain, or the wheel broken
at the cistern. 7 Then shall the dust
return to the earth as it was: and
the spirit shall return unto God who
gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the

preacher; all *is* vanity. 9 And more-
over, because the preacher was wise, he
still taught the people knowledge; yea,
he gave good heed, and sought out,
and set in order many proverbs.* 10 The
preacher sought to find out accept-
able words: and *that which was* writ-
ten *was* upright, *even* words of truth.*
11 The words of the wise *are* as goads,
and as nails fastened *by* the masters of
assemblies, *which* are given from one
shepherd. 12 And further, by these,
my son, be admonished: of making

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9. moreover...: or, the more wise the preacher was, etc.

10. acceptable...: Heb. words of delight.

many books *there is* no end; and much
study *is* a weariness of the flesh.* [13] Let
us hear the conclusion of the whole
matter: Fear God, and keep his com-
mandments: for this *is* the whole *duty*
of man.* [14] For God shall bring every
work into judgment, with every secret
thing, whether *it be* good, or whether
it be evil.

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12. study: or, reading.
13. Let...: or, The end of the matter, even all that hath been heard, is.

THE
SONG OF SOLOMON

The song of songs, which *is* Solomon's. 2 Let him kiss me
with the kisses of his mouth:
for thy love *is* better than wine.* 3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee. 4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love

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1.2. thy...: Heb. thy loves.

thee.* 5 I *am* black, but comely, O ye
daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents
of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.
6 Look not upon me, because I *am*
black, because the sun hath looked
upon me: my mother's children were
angry with me; they made me the
keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own
vineyard have I not kept. 7 Tell me,
O thou whom my soul loveth, where
thou feedest, where thou makest *thy*
flock to rest at noon: for why should
I be as one that turneth aside by the
flocks of thy companions?* 8 If thou

4. the upright...: or, they love thee uprightly.
7. as one...: or, as one that is veiled.

know not, O thou fairest among wo-
men, go thy way forth by the footsteps
of the flock, and feed thy kids beside
the shepherds' tents. 9 I have com-
pared thee, O my love, to a company
of horses in Pharaoh's chariots. 10 Thy
cheeks are comely with rows *of jewels*,
thy neck with chains *of gold*. 11 We will
make thee borders of gold with studs
of silver. 12 While the king *sitteth* at his
table, my spikenard sendeth forth the
smell thereof. 13 A bundle of myrrh
is my wellbeloved unto me; he shall
lie all night betwixt my breasts. 14 My
beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of cam-

phire in the vineyards of Engedi.* 15 Be-
hold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold,
thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes.*
16 Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved,
yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green.
17 The beams of our house *are* cedar,
and our rafters of fir.*

2 I *am* the rose of Sharon, *and*
the lily of the valleys. 2 As the lily
among thorns, so *is* my love among
the daughters. 3 As the apple tree
among the trees of the wood, so *is* my
beloved among the sons. I sat down

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14. camphire: or, cypress.
15. my love: or, my companion.
17. rafters: or, galleries.

under his shadow with great delight,
and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.*
4 He brought me to the banqueting
house, and his banner over me *was*
love.* 5 Stay me with flagons, com-
fort me with apples: for I *am* sick
of love.* 6 His left hand *is* under my
head, and his right hand doth em-
brace me. 7 I charge you, O ye daugh-
ters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by
the hinds of the field, that ye stir not
up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.*

2.3. I sat...: Heb. I delighted and sat down, etc.
taste: Heb. palate.
4. banqueting...: Heb. house of wine.
5. comfort...: Heb. straw me with apples.
7. I charge...: Heb. I adjure you.

8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he
cometh leaping upon the mountains,
skipping upon the hills. 9 My beloved
is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he
standeth behind our wall, he looketh
forth at the windows, shewing him-
self through the lattice.* 10 My beloved
spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my
love, my fair one, and come away.
11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is
over *and* gone; 12 The flowers appear
on the earth; the time of the singing
of birds is come, and the voice of the
turtle is heard in our land; 13 The fig
tree putteth forth her green figs, and

9. shewing...: Heb. flourishing.

the vines *with* the tender grape give
a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair
one, and come away. 14 O my dove,
that art in the clefts of the rock, in
the secret *places* of the stairs, let me
see thy countenance, let me hear thy
voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy
countenance *is* comely. 15 Take us the
foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the
vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.
16 My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his: he
feedeth among the lilies. 17 Until the
day break, and the shadows flee away,
turn, my beloved, and be thou like a
roe or a young hart upon the moun-

tains of Bether.*

3 By night on my bed I sought him
whom my soul loveth: I sought him,
but I found him not. 2 I will rise now,
and go about the city in the streets,
and in the broad ways I will seek him
whom my soul loveth: I sought him,
but I found him not. 3 The watchmen
that go about the city found me: *to*
whom I said, Saw ye him whom my
soul loveth? 4 *It was* but a little that
I passed from them, but I found him
whom my soul loveth: I held him,
and would not let him go, until I had

17. of Bether: or, of division.

brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that con-
ceived me. 5 I charge you, O ye daugh-
ters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by
the hinds of the field, that ye stir not
up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.
6 Who *is* this that cometh out of the
wilderness like pillars of smoke, per-
fumed with myrrh and frankincense,
with all powders of the merchant?
7 Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's;
threescore valiant men *are* about it, of
the valiant of Israel. 8 They all hold
swords, *being* expert in war: every man
hath his sword upon his thigh because
of fear in the night. 9 King Solomon

made himself a chariot of the wood
of Lebanon.* 10 He made the pillars
thereof *of* silver, the bottom thereof *of*
gold, the covering of it *of* purple, the
midst thereof being paved *with* love,
for the daughters of Jerusalem. 11 Go
forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and be-
hold king Solomon with the crown
wherewith his mother crowned him in
the day of his espousals, and in the day
of the gladness of his heart.

4 Behold, thou *art* fair, my love;
behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves'
eyes within thy locks: thy hair *is* as a

3.9. a chariot: or, a bed.

flock of goats, that appear from mount
Gilead.* 2 Thy teeth *are* like a flock
of sheep that are even shorn, which
came up from the washing; whereof
every one bear twins, and none *is* bar-
ren among them. 3 Thy lips *are* like
a thread of scarlet, and thy speech *is*
comely: thy temples *are* like a piece of
a pomegranate within thy locks. 4 Thy
neck *is* like the tower of David builded
for an armoury, whereon there hang
a thousand bucklers, all shields of
mighty men. 5 Thy two breasts *are* like
two young roes that are twins, which
feed among the lilies. 6 Until the day

4.1. that...: or, that eat of, etc.

break, and the shadows flee away, I will
get me to the mountain of myrrh, and
to the hill of frankincense.* 7 Thou *art*
all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.
8 Come with me from Lebanon, *my*
spouse, with me from Lebanon: look
from the top of Amana, from the top
of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions'
dens, from the mountains of the leop-
ards. 9 Thou hast ravished my heart,
my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast rav-
ished my heart with one of thine eyes,
with one chain of thy neck.* 10 How
fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse!

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6. break: Heb. breathe.
9. ravished: or, taken away.

how much better is thy love than wine!
and the smell of thine ointments than
all spices! 11 Thy lips, O *my* spouse,
drop *as* the honeycomb: honey and
milk *are* under thy tongue; and the
smell of thy garments *is* like the smell
of Lebanon. 12 A garden inclosed *is* my
sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a
fountain sealed.* 13 Thy plants *are* an
orchard of pomegranates, with pleas-
ant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,*
14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and
cinnamon, with all trees of frankin-
cense; myrrh and aloes, with all the

12. inclosed: Heb. barred. shut up: Heb. barred.
13. camphire: or, cypress.

chief spices: [15] A fountain of gardens, a
well of living waters, and streams from
Lebanon. [16] Awake, O north wind; and
come, thou south; blow upon my gar-
den, *that* the spices thereof may flow
out. Let my beloved come into his gar-
den, and eat his pleasant fruits.

5 I am come into my garden, my
sister, *my* spouse: I have gathered my
myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my
honeycomb with my honey; I have
drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O
friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly,
O beloved.* [2] I sleep, but my heart

5.1. yea...: or, and be drunken with loves.

waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved
that knocketh, *saying,* Open to me,
my sister, my love, my dove, my unde-
filed: for my head is filled with dew,
and my locks with the drops of the
night. 3 I have put off my coat; how
shall I put it on? I have washed my feet;
how shall I defile them? 4 My beloved
put in his hand by the hole *of the door*,
and my bowels were moved for him.*
5 I rose up to open to my beloved;
and my hands dropped *with* myrrh,
and my fingers *with* sweet smelling
myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.*

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4. for him: or, (as some read) in me.
5. sweet...: Heb. passing, or, running about.

6 I opened to my beloved; but my
beloved had withdrawn himself, *and*
was gone: my soul failed when he
spake: I sought him, but I could not
find him; I called him, but he gave me
no answer. 7 The watchmen that went
about the city found me, they smote
me, they wounded me; the keepers
of the walls took away my veil from
me. 8 I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that
ye tell him, that I *am* sick of love.*
9 What *is* thy beloved more than *an-*
other beloved, O thou fairest among
women? what *is* thy beloved more

8. that ye: Heb. what, etc.

than *another* beloved, that thou dost
so charge us? [10] My beloved *is* white
and ruddy, the chiefest among ten
thousand.* [11] His head *is as* the most
fine gold, his locks *are* bushy, *and*
black as a raven.* [12] His eyes *are* as *the*
eyes of doves by the rivers of waters,
washed with milk, *and* fitly set.* [13] His
cheeks *are* as a bed of spices, *as* sweet
flowers: his lips *like* lilies, dropping
sweet smelling myrrh.* [14] His hands *are*

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10. the chiefest: Heb. a standard bearer.

11. bushy: or, curled.

12. fitly...: Heb. sitting in fulness, that is, fitly placed, and set as a precious stone in the foil of a ring.

13. sweet flowers: or, towers of perfumes.

as gold rings set with the beryl: his
belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with*
sapphires. [15] His legs *are as* pillars of
marble, set upon sockets of fine gold:
his countenance *is* as Lebanon, excel-
lent as the cedars. [16] His mouth *is* most
sweet: yea, he *is* altogether lovely. This
is my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O
daughters of Jerusalem.*

6 Whither is thy beloved gone, O
thou fairest among women? whither is
thy beloved turned aside? that we may
seek him with thee. [2] My beloved is
gone down into his garden, to the beds

16. mouth: Heb. palate.

of spices, to feed in the gardens, and
to gather lilies. 3 I *am* my beloved's,
and my beloved *is* mine: he feedeth
among the lilies. 4 Thou *art* beautiful,
O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jeru-
salem, terrible as *an army* with ban-
ners. 5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
for they have overcome me: thy hair
is as a flock of goats that appear from
Gilead.* 6 Thy teeth *are* as a flock of
sheep which go up from the washing,
whereof every one beareth twins, and
there is not one barren among them.
7 As a piece of a pomegranate *are* thy
temples within thy locks. 8 There are

6.5. overcome...: or, puffed me up.

threescore queens, and fourscore con-
cubines, and virgins without number.
9 My dove, my undefiled is *but* one;
she *is* the *only* one of her mother, she
is the choice *one* of her that bare her.
The daughters saw her, and blessed
her; *yea*, the queens and the concu-
bines, and they praised her. 10 Who *is*
she *that* looketh forth as the morning,
fair as the moon, clear as the sun, *and*
terrible as *an army* with banners? 11 I
went down into the garden of nuts to
see the fruits of the valley, *and* to see
whether the vine flourished, *and* the
pomegranates budded. 12 Or ever I was
aware, my soul made me *like* the char-

iots of Amminadib.* 13 Return, return,
O Shulamite; return, return, that we
may look upon thee. What will ye see
in the Shulamite? As it were the com-
pany of two armies.*

7 How beautiful are thy feet with
shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints
of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the work
of the hands of a cunning workman.
2 Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, *which*
wanteth not liquor: thy belly *is like* an
heap of wheat set about with lilies.*

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12. Or ever...: Heb. I knew not. made...: or, set me on the chariots of my willing people.
13. of...: or, of Mahanaim.
7.2. liquor: Heb. mixture.

3 Thy two breasts *are* like two young
roes *that are* twins. 4 Thy neck *is* as
a tower of ivory; thine eyes *like* the
fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of
Bathrabbim: thy nose *is* as the tower of
Lebanon which looketh toward Dam-
ascus. 5 Thine head upon thee *is* like
Carmel, and the hair of thine head like
purple; the king *is* held in the galleries.*
6 How fair and how pleasant art thou,
O love, for delights! 7 This thy stature
is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts
to clusters *of grapes*. 8 I said, I will go
up to the palm tree, I will take hold
of the boughs thereof: now also thy

5. Carmel: or, crimson. held: Heb. bound.

breasts shall be as clusters of the vine,
and the smell of thy nose like apples;
9 And the roof of thy mouth like the
best wine for my beloved, that goeth
down sweetly, causing the lips of those
that are asleep to speak.* 10 I *am* my
beloved's, and his desire *is* toward me.
11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth
into the field; let us lodge in the vil-
lages. 12 Let us get up early to the vine-
yards; let us see if the vine flourish,
whether the tender grape appear, *and*
the pomegranates bud forth: there

9. sweetly: Heb. straightly. of those...: or, of the ancient.

will I give thee my loves.* 13 The man-
drakes give a smell, and at our gates *are*
all manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and
old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O
my beloved.

8 O that thou *wert* as my brother,
that sucked the breasts of my mother!
when I should find thee without, I
would kiss thee; yea, I should not
be despised.* 2 I would lead thee, *and*
bring thee into my mother's house,
who would instruct me: I would cause
thee to drink of spiced wine of the

12. appear: Heb. open.
8.1. I should not...: Heb. they should not despise me.

juice of my pomegranate. 3 His left
hand *should be* under my head, and
his right hand should embrace me.
4 I charge you, O daughters of Jeru-
salem, that ye stir not up, nor awake
my love, until he please.* 5 Who *is* this
that cometh up from the wilderness,
leaning upon her beloved? I raised
thee up under the apple tree: there
thy mother brought thee forth: there
she brought thee forth *that* bare thee.
6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
as a seal upon thine arm: for love *is*
strong as death; jealousy *is* cruel as
the grave: the coals thereof *are* coals

4. that...: Heb. why should ye stir up, or, why, etc.

of fire, *which hath a* most vehement
flame.* 7 Many waters cannot quench
love, neither can the floods drown it:
if *a* man would give all the substance
of his house for love, it would utterly
be contemned. 8 We have a little sis-
ter, and she hath no breasts: what shall
we do for our sister in the day when
she shall be spoken for? 9 If she *be* a
wall, we will build upon her a palace
of silver: and if she *be* a door, we will
inclose her with boards of cedar. 10 I
am a wall, and my breasts like tow-
ers: then was I in his eyes as one that

6. cruel: Heb. hard.

found favour.* [11] Solomon had a vine-
yard at Baalhamon; he let out the vine-
yard unto keepers; every one for the
fruit thereof was to bring a thousand
pieces of silver. [12] My vineyard, which
is mine, *is* before me: thou, O Solo-
mon, *must have* a thousand, and those
that keep the fruit thereof two hun-
dred. [13] Thou that dwellest in the gar-
dens, the companions hearken to thy
voice: cause me to hear *it*. [14] Make
haste, my beloved, and be thou like
to a roe or to a young hart upon the
mountains of spices.*

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10. favour: Heb. peace.
14. Make...: Heb. Flee away.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

ISAIAH

The vision of Isaiah the son of
Amoz, which he saw concern-
ing Judah and Jerusalem in the
days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and*
Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 2 Hear, O
heavens, and give ear, O earth: for
the LORD hath spoken, I have nour-
ished and brought up children, and
they have rebelled against me. 3 The
ox knoweth his owner, and the ass
his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not
know, my people doth not consider.
4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with

iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children
that are corrupters: they have for-
saken the LORD, they have provoked
the Holy One of Israel unto anger,
they are gone away backward.* 5 Why
should ye be stricken any more? ye
will revolt more and more: the whole
head is sick, and the whole heart faint.*
6 From the sole of the foot even unto
the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but*
wounds, and bruises, and putrifying
sores: they have not been closed, nei-
ther bound up, neither mollified with

1.4. laden: Heb. of heaviness. gone...: Heb. alienated, or, separated.

5. revolt...: Heb. increase revolt.

ointment.* 7 Your country *is* desolate,
your cities *are* burned with fire: your
land, strangers devour it in your pres-
ence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown
by strangers.* 8 And the daughter of
Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard,
as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as
a besieged city. 9 Except the LORD of
hosts had left unto us a very small rem-
nant, we should have been as Sodom,
and we should have been like unto
Gomorrah. 10 Hear the word of the
LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear
unto the law of our God, ye people

6. ointment: or, oil.
7. overthrown...: Heb. the overthrow of.

of Gomorrah. [11] To what purpose *is*
the multitude of your sacrifices unto
me? saith the LORD: I am full of
the burnt offerings of rams, and the
fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in
the blood of bullocks, or of lambs,
or of he goats.* [12] When ye come to
appear before me, who hath required
this at your hand, to tread my courts?*
[13] Bring no more vain oblations; in-
cense is an abomination unto me; the
new moons and sabbaths, the call-
ing of assemblies, I cannot away with;
it is iniquity, even the solemn meet-

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11. he goats: Heb. great he goats.
12. to appear: Heb. to be seen.

ing.* [14] Your new moons and your ap-
pointed feasts my soul hateth: they are
a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear
them. [15] And when ye spread forth your
hands, I will hide mine eyes from you:
yea, when ye make many prayers, I will
not hear: your hands are full of blood.*
[16] Wash you, make you clean; put away
the evil of your doings from before
mine eyes; cease to do evil; [17] Learn
to do well; seek judgment, relieve the
oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead

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13. iniquity: or, grief.

15. make...: Heb. multiply prayer. blood: Heb. bloods.

for the widow.* [18] Come now, and let
us reason together, saith the LORD:
though your sins be as scarlet, they
shall be as white as snow; though they
be red like crimson, they shall be as
wool. [19] If ye be willing and obedient,
ye shall eat the good of the land: [20] But
if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be de-
voured with the sword: for the mouth
of the LORD hath spoken *it*. [21] How
is the faithful city become an harlot!
it was full of judgment; righteousness
lodged in it; but now murderers. [22] Thy
silver is become dross, thy wine mixed
with water: [23] Thy princes *are* rebel-

17. relieve: or, righten.

lious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. 24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: 25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:* 26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness,

25. purely: Heb. according to pureness.

the faithful city. [27] Zion shall be re-
deemed with judgment, and her con-
verts with righteousness.* [28] And the
destruction of the transgressors and of
the sinners *shall be* together, and they
that forsake the LORD shall be con-
sumed.* [29] For they shall be ashamed
of the oaks which ye have desired, and
ye shall be confounded for the gardens
that ye have chosen. [30] For ye shall be
as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a
garden that hath no water. [31] And the
strong shall be as tow, and the maker
of it as a spark, and they shall both

27. her...: or, they that return of her.
28. destruction: Heb. breaking.

burn together, and none shall quench
them.*

2 The word that Isaiah the son of
Amoz saw concerning Judah and Je-
rusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass
in the last days, *that* the mountain of
the LORD's house shall be established
in the top of the mountains, and shall
be exalted above the hills; and all na-
tions shall flow unto it.* 3 And many
people shall go and say, Come ye, and
let us go up to the mountain of the
LORD, to the house of the God of Ja-
cob; and he will teach us of his ways,

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31. maker...: or, and his work.
2.2. established: or, prepared.

and we will walk in his paths: for out
of Zion shall go forth the law, and
the word of the LORD from Jerusa-
lem. 4 And he shall judge among the
nations, and shall rebuke many peo-
ple: and they shall beat their swords
into plowshares, and their spears into
pruninghooks: nation shall not lift
up sword against nation, neither shall
they learn war any more.* 5 O house
of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk
in the light of the LORD. 6 There-
fore thou hast forsaken thy people the
house of Jacob, because they be replen-
ished from the east, and *are* sooth-

4. pruninghooks: or, scythes.

sayers like the Philistines, and they
please themselves in the children of
strangers.* 7 Their land also is full of
silver and gold, neither *is there any* end
of their treasures; their land is also
full of horses, neither *is there any* end
of their chariots: 8 Their land also is
full of idols; they worship the work of
their own hands, that which their own
fingers have made: 9 And the mean
man boweth down, and the great man
humbleth himself: therefore forgive
them not. 10 Enter into the rock, and
hide thee in the dust, for fear of the

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6. from...: or, more than the. please...: or, abound with the.

LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be hum-
bled, and the haughtiness of men shall
be bowed down, and the LORD alone
shall be exalted in that day. 12 For the
day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon
every *one that is* proud and lofty, and
upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he
shall be brought low: 13 And upon all
the cedars of Lebanon, *that are* high
and lifted up, and upon all the oaks
of Bashan, 14 And upon all the high
mountains, and upon all the hills *that
are* lifted up, 15 And upon every high
tower, and upon every fenced wall,
16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish,

and upon all pleasant pictures.* [17] And
the loftiness of man shall be bowed
down, and the haughtiness of men
shall be made low: and the LORD
alone shall be exalted in that day.
[18] And the idols he shall utterly abol-
ish.* [19] And they shall go into the holes
of the rocks, and into the caves of the
earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the
glory of his majesty, when he ariseth
to shake terribly the earth.* [20] In that
day a man shall cast his idols of silver,
and his idols of gold, which they made

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16. pleasant...: Heb. pictures of desire.
18. he...: or, shall utterly pass away.
19. of the earth: Heb. of the dust.

each one for himself to worship, to the
moles and to the bats;* [21] To go into the
clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of
the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD,
and for the glory of his majesty, when
he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
[22] Cease ye from man, whose breath *is*
in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be
accounted of?

3 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD
of hosts, doth take away from Jeru-
salem and from Judah the stay and
the staff, the whole stay of bread, and
the whole stay of water, [2] The mighty

20. his idols of silver...: Heb. the idols of his silver, etc. each...: or, for him.

man, and the man of war, the judge,
and the prophet, and the prudent, and
the ancient, 3 The captain of fifty, and
the honourable man, and the coun-
sellor, and the cunning artificer, and
the eloquent orator.* 4 And I will give
children *to be* their princes, and babes
shall rule over them. 5 And the peo-
ple shall be oppressed, every one by
another, and every one by his neigh-
bour: the child shall behave himself
proudly against the ancient, and the
base against the honourable. 6 When
a man shall take hold of his brother of

3.3. the honourable...: Heb. a man eminent in countenance. eloquent...: or, skilful of speech.

the house of his father, *saying*, Thou
hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and
let this ruin *be* under thy hand: 7 In
that day shall he swear, saying, I will
not be an healer; for in my house *is*
neither bread nor clothing: make me
not a ruler of the people.* 8 For Jerusa-
lem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: be-
cause their tongue and their doings *are*
against the LORD, to provoke the eyes
of his glory. 9 The shew of their coun-
tenance doth witness against them;
and they declare their sin as Sodom,
they hide *it* not. Woe unto their soul!

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7. swear: Heb. lift up the hand. healer: Heb. binder up.

for they have rewarded evil unto them-
selves. [10] Say ye to the righteous, that *it*
shall be well *with him*: for they shall eat
the fruit of their doings. [11] Woe unto
the wicked! *it shall be* ill *with him*: for
the reward of his hands shall be given
him.* [12] *As for* my people, children *are*
their oppressors, and women rule over
them. O my people, they which lead
thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy
the way of thy paths.* [13] The LORD
standeth up to plead, and standeth to
judge the people. [14] The LORD will en-

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11. given...: Heb. done to him.
12. lead...: or, call thee blessed. destroy: Heb. swallow up.

ter into judgment with the ancients
of his people, and the princes thereof:
for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the
spoil of the poor *is* in your houses.*
15 What mean ye *that* ye beat my peo-
ple to pieces, and grind the faces of the
poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because
the daughters of Zion are haughty,
and walk with stretched forth necks
and wanton eyes, walking and minc-
ing *as* they go, and making a tinkling
with their feet:* 17 Therefore the Lord

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14. eaten: or, burnt.
16. wanton...: Heb. deceiving with their eyes. mincing: or, tripping nicely.

will smite with a scab the crown of
the head of the daughters of Zion,
and the LORD will discover their secret
parts.* 18 In that day the Lord will take
away the bravery of *their* tinkling orna-
ments *about their feet*, and *their* cauls,
and *their* round tires like the moon,*
19 The chains, and the bracelets, and
the mufflers,* 20 The bonnets, and the
ornaments of the legs, and the head-
bands, and the tablets, and the ear-
rings,* 21 The rings, and nose jewels,

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17. discover: Heb. make naked.
18. cauls: or, networks.
19. chains: or, sweet balls. mufflers: or, spangled ornaments.
20. tablets: Heb. houses of the soul.

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and
the mantles, and the wimples, and the
crisping pins, 23 The glasses, and the
fine linen, and the hoods, and the
vails. 24 And it shall come to pass,
that instead of sweet smell there shall
be stink; and instead of a girdle a
rent; and instead of well set hair bald-
ness; and instead of a stomacher a
girding of sackcloth; *and* burning in-
stead of beauty. 25 Thy men shall fall
by the sword, and thy mighty in the
war.* 26 And her gates shall lament and
mourn; and she *being* desolate shall sit

25. mighty: Heb. might.

upon the ground.*

4 And in that day seven women
shall take hold of one man, saying, We
will eat our own bread, and wear our
own apparel: only let us be called by
thy name, to take away our reproach.*
2 In that day shall the branch of the
LORD be beautiful and glorious, and
the fruit of the earth *shall be* excel-
lent and comely for them that are es-
caped of Israel.* 3 And it shall come to

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26. desolate: or, emptied: Heb. cleansed.

4.1. let...: Heb. let thy name be called upon us. to take...: or, take thou away.

2. beautiful...: Heb. beauty and glory. them...: Heb. the escaping.

pass, *that he that is* left in Zion, and *he*
that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be
called holy, *even* every one that is writ-
ten among the living in Jerusalem:*
4 When the Lord shall have washed
away the filth of the daughters of Zion,
and shall have purged the blood of Je-
rusalem from the midst thereof by the
spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of
burning. 5 And the LORD will create
upon every dwelling place of mount
Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud
and smoke by day, and the shining of a
flaming fire by night: for upon all the

3. among...: or, to life.

glory *shall be* a defence.* 6 And there
shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in
the daytime from the heat, and for a
place of refuge, and for a covert from
storm and from rain.

5 Now will I sing to my well-
beloved a song of my beloved touch-
ing his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath
a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:* 2 And
he fenced it, and gathered out the
stones thereof, and planted it with the
choicest vine, and built a tower in the
midst of it, and also made a winepress
therein: and he looked that it should

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5. upon all: or, above all. defence: Heb. covering.
5.1. a very...: Heb. the horn of the son of oil.

bring forth grapes, and it brought
forth wild grapes.* 3 And now, O in-
habitants of Jerusalem, and men of
Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me
and my vineyard. 4 What could have
been done more to my vineyard, that I
have not done in it? wherefore, when
I looked that it should bring forth
grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?
5 And now go to; I will tell you what
I will do to my vineyard: I will take
away the hedge thereof, and it shall
be eaten up; *and* break down the wall

2. fenced: or, made a wall about. made: Heb. hewed.

thereof, and it shall be trodden down:*
6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not
be pruned, nor digged; but there shall
come up briers and thorns: I will also
command the clouds that they rain
no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard
of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of
Israel, and the men of Judah his pleas-
ant plant: and he looked for judgment,
but behold oppression; for righteous-
ness, but behold a cry.* 8 Woe unto
them that join house to house, *that*
lay field to field, till *there be* no place,

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5. trodden...: Heb. for a treading.
7. his...: Heb. plant of his pleasures. oppression: Heb. a scab.

that they may be placed alone in the
midst of the earth!* 9 In mine ears *said*
the LORD of hosts, Of a truth many
houses shall be desolate, *even* great
and fair, without inhabitant.* 10 Yea,
ten acres of vineyard shall yield one
bath, and the seed of an homer shall
yield an ephah. 11 Woe unto them
that rise up early in the morning, *that*
they may follow strong drink; that
continue until night, *till* wine inflame
them!* 12 And the harp, and the viol,

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8. they: Heb. ye.
9. In...: or, This is in mine ears, saith the LORD, etc.
Of a...: Heb. If not, etc.
11. inflame: of, pursue.

the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in
their feasts: but they regard not the
work of the LORD, neither consider
the operation of his hands. 13 There-
fore my people are gone into captiv-
ity, because *they have* no knowledge:
and their honourable men *are* fam-
ished, and their multitude dried up
with thirst.* 14 Therefore hell hath en-
larged herself, and opened her mouth
without measure: and their glory, and
their multitude, and their pomp, and
he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
15 And the mean man shall be brought
down, and the mighty man shall be

13. honourable...: Heb. glory are men of famine.

humbled, and the eyes of the lofty
shall be humbled: [16] But the LORD of
hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and
God that is holy shall be sanctified in
righteousness.* [17] Then shall the lambs
feed after their manner, and the waste
places of the fat ones shall strangers
eat. [18] Woe unto them that draw iniq-
uity with cords of vanity, and sin as it
were with a cart rope: [19] That say, Let
him make speed, *and* hasten his work,
that we may see *it*: and let the counsel
of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh
and come, that we may know *it*! [20] Woe

16. God...: or, the holy God: Heb. the God the holy.

unto them that call evil good, and
good evil; that put darkness for light,
and light for darkness; that put bitter
for sweet, and sweet for bitter!* 21 Woe
unto *them that are* wise in their own
eyes, and prudent in their own sight!*
22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to
drink wine, and men of strength to
mingle strong drink: 23 Which jus-
tify the wicked for reward, and take
away the righteousness of the righ-
teous from him! 24 Therefore as the fire
devoureth the stubble, and the flame
consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall

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20. call...: Heb. say concerning evil, It is good, etc.
21. in their own sight: Heb. before their face.

be as rottenness, and their blossom
shall go up as dust: because they have
cast away the law of the LORD of hosts,
and despised the word of the Holy
One of Israel.* 25 Therefore is the anger
of the LORD kindled against his peo-
ple, and he hath stretched forth his
hand against them, and hath smitten
them: and the hills did tremble, and
their carcases *were* torn in the midst of
the streets. For all this his anger is not
turned away, but his hand *is* stretched
out still.* 26 And he will lift up an en-
sign to the nations from far, and will

24. fire: Heb. tongue of fire.
25. torn: or, as dung.

hiss unto them from the end of the
earth: and, behold, they shall come
with speed swiftly: [27] None shall be
weary nor stumble among them; none
shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall
the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor
the latchet of their shoes be broken:
[28] Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their
bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be
counted like flint, and their wheels like
a whirlwind: [29] Their roaring *shall be*
like a lion, they shall roar like young
lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold
of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe,
and none shall deliver *it*. [30] And in that
day they shall roar against them like

the roaring of the sea: and if *one* look
unto the land, behold darkness *and*
sorrow, and the light is darkened in
the heavens thereof.*

6 In the year that king Uzziah died
I saw also the Lord sitting upon a
throne, high and lifted up, and his
train filled the temple.* 2 Above it
stood the seraphims: each one had six
wings; with twain he covered his face,
and with twain he covered his feet,
and with twain he did fly. 3 And one
cried unto another, and said, Holy,

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30. sorrow: or, distress. and the light...: or, when it is light, it shall be dark in the destructions thereof.
6.1. his...: or, the skirts thereof.

holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the
whole earth *is* full of his glory.* 4 And
the posts of the door moved at the
voice of him that cried, and the house
was filled with smoke.* 5 Then said I,
Woe *is* me! for I am undone; be-
cause I *am* a man of unclean lips, and
I dwell in the midst of a people of un-
clean lips: for mine eyes have seen the
King, the LORD of hosts.* 6 Then flew
one of the seraphims unto me, having
a live coal in his hand, *which* he had

3. one...: Heb. this cried to this. the whole...: Heb. his glory is the fulness of the whole earth.
4. door: Heb. thresholds.
5. undone: Heb. cut off.

taken with the tongs from off the al-
tar:* 7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth,
and said, Lo, this hath touched thy
lips; and thine iniquity is taken away,
and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard
the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom
shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.*
9 And he said, Go, and tell this peo-
ple, Hear ye indeed, but understand
not; and see ye indeed, but perceive
not.* 10 Make the heart of this people

6. having...: Heb. and in his hand a live coal.
8. Here...: Heb. behold me.
9. indeed, but understand: or, without ceasing, etc: Heb. in hearing, etc.

fat, and make their ears heavy, and
shut their eyes; lest they see with their
eyes, and hear with their ears, and un-
derstand with their heart, and convert,
and be healed. 11 Then said I, Lord,
how long? And he answered, Until
the cities be wasted without inhabi-
tant, and the houses without man, and
the land be utterly desolate,* 12 And the
LORD have removed men far away, and
there be a great forsaking in the midst
of the land. 13 But yet in it *shall be*
a tenth, and *it* shall return, and shall
be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak,
whose substance *is* in them, when they

11. utterly...: Heb. desolate with desolation.

cast *their leaves: so* the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.*

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are

13. and it...: or, when it is returned, and hath been broused. substance: or, stock, or, stem.

moved with the wind.* 3 Then said
the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now
to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub
thy son, at the end of the conduit
of the upper pool in the highway of
the fuller's field;* 4 And say unto him,
Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, nei-
ther be fainthearted for the two tails
of these smoking firebrands, for the
fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of
the son of Remaliah.* 5 Because Syria,
Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah,

7.2. is confederate...: Heb. resteth on.
3. Shearjashub: that is, The remnant shall return.
highway: or, causeway.
4. neither...: Heb. let not thy heart be tender.

have taken evil counsel against thee,
saying, 6 Let us go up against Judah,
and vex it, and let us make a breach
therein for us, and set a king in the
midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:*
7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall
not stand, neither shall it come to pass.
8 For the head of Syria *is* Damascus,
and the head of Damascus *is* Rezin;
and within threescore and five years
shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not
a people.* 9 And the head of Ephraim
is Samaria, and the head of Samaria
is Remaliah's son. If ye will not be-

6. vex: or, waken.
8. that...: Heb. from a people.

lieve, surely ye shall not be established.* [10] Moreover the LORD spake
again unto Ahaz, saying,* [11] Ask thee a
sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either
in the depth, or in the height above.*
[12] But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither
will I tempt the LORD. [13] And he said,
Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a
small thing for you to weary men, but
will ye weary my God also? [14] There-
fore the Lord himself shall give you a
sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive,

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9. If...: or, Do ye not believe? it is because ye are not stable.

10. Moreover...: Heb. And the LORD added to speak.

11. ask it...: or, make thy petition deep.

and bear a son, and shall call his name
Immanuel.* [15] Butter and honey shall
he eat, that he may know to refuse the
evil, and choose the good. [16] For be-
fore the child shall know to refuse the
evil, and choose the good, the land
that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken
of both her kings. [17] The LORD shall
bring upon thee, and upon thy people,
and upon thy father's house, days that
have not come, from the day that Eph-
raim departed from Judah; *even* the
king of Assyria. [18] And it shall come to
pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall
hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost

14. shall call: or, thou, O virgin, shalt call.

part of the rivers of Egypt, and for
the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.
19 And they shall come, and shall rest
all of them in the desolate valleys, and
in the holes of the rocks, and upon all
thorns, and upon all bushes.* 20 In the
same day shall the Lord shave with a
razor that is hired, *namely*, by them be-
yond the river, by the king of Assyria,
the head, and the hair of the feet: and
it shall also consume the beard. 21 And
it shall come to pass in that day, *that*
a man shall nourish a young cow, and
two sheep; 22 And it shall come to pass,
for the abundance of milk *that* they

19. bushes: or, commendable trees.

shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is
left in the land.* 23 And it shall come to
pass in that day, *that* every place shall
be, where there were a thousand vines
at a thousand silverlings, it shall *even*
be for briers and thorns. 24 With ar-
rows and with bows shall *men* come
thither; because all the land shall be-
come briers and thorns. 25 And *on* all
hills that shall be digged with the mat-
tock, there shall not come thither the
fear of briers and thorns: but it shall
be for the sending forth of oxen, and
for the treading of lesser cattle.

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22. the land: Heb. the midst of the land.

8 Moreover the LORD said unto
me, Take thee a great roll, and write
in it with a man's pen concerning Ma-
hershalalhashbaz.* 2 And I took unto
me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah
the priest, and Zechariah the son of
Jeberechiah. 3 And I went unto the
prophetess; and she conceived, and
bare a son. Then said the LORD to
me, Call his name Mahershalalhash-
baz.* 4 For before the child shall have
knowledge to cry, My father, and my

8.1. Mahershalalhashbaz: Heb. In making speed to the spoil he hasteneth the prey, or, Make speed, etc.

3. went: Heb. approached.

mother, the riches of Damascus and
the spoil of Samaria shall be taken
away before the king of Assyria.* 5 The
LORD spake also unto me again, sa-
ying, 6 Forasmuch as this people re-
fuseth the waters of Shiloah that go
softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Re-
maliah's son; 7 Now therefore, behold,
the Lord bringeth up upon them the
waters of the river, strong and many,
even the king of Assyria, and all his
glory: and he shall come up over
all his channels, and go over all his
banks: 8 And he shall pass through

4. the riches...: or, he that is before the king of Assyria shall take away the riches, etc.

Judah; he shall overflow and go over,
he shall reach *even* to the neck; and
the stretching out of his wings shall fill
the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.*
9 Associate yourselves, O ye people,
and ye shall be broken in pieces; and
give ear, all ye of far countries: gird
yourselves, and ye shall be broken in
pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be
broken in pieces.* 10 Take counsel to-
gether, and it shall come to nought;
speak the word, and it shall not stand:
for God *is* with us. 11 For the LORD

8. stretching...: Heb. fulness of the breadth of thy land shall be the stretchings out of his wings.
9. people and: or, people, yet.

spake thus to me with a strong hand,
and instructed me that I should not
walk in the way of this people, saying,*
12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them*
to whom this people shall say, A con-
federacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor
be afraid. 13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts
himself; and *let* him *be* your fear, and
let him *be* your dread. 14 And he shall
be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of
stumbling and for a rock of offence
to both the houses of Israel, for a gin
and for a snare to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem. 15 And many among them
shall stumble, and fall, and be broken,

11. with...: Heb. in strength of hand.

and be snared, and be taken. [16] Bind up
the testimony, seal the law among my
disciples. [17] And I will wait upon the
LORD, that hideth his face from the
house of Jacob, and I will look for him.
[18] Behold, I and the children whom the
LORD hath given me *are* for signs and
for wonders in Israel from the LORD of
hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.
[19] And when they shall say unto you,
Seek unto them that have familiar spir-
its, and unto wizards that peep, and
that mutter: should not a people seek
unto their God? for the living to the
dead? [20] To the law and to the tes-
timony: if they speak not according

to this word, *it is* because *there is* no
light in them.* [21] And they shall pass
through it, hardly bestead and hungry:
and it shall come to pass, that when
they shall be hungry, they shall fret
themselves, and curse their king and
their God, and look upward. [22] And
they shall look unto the earth; and
behold trouble and darkness, dimness
of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to
darkness.

9 Nevertheless the dimness *shall*
not *be* such as *was* in her vexation,
when at the first he lightly afflicted the

20. no...: Heb. no morning.

land of Zebulun and the land of Naph-
tali, and afterward did more griev-
ously afflict *her by* the way of the sea,
beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the na-
tions.* 2 The people that walked in
darkness have seen a great light: they
that dwell in the land of the shadow
of death, upon them hath the light
shined. 3 Thou hast multiplied the na-
tion, *and* not increased the joy: they
joy before thee according to the joy
in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoice when
they divide the spoil.* 4 For thou hast
broken the yoke of his burden, and

9.1. of the nations: or, populous.
3. not: or, to him.

the staff of his shoulder, the rod of
his oppressor, as in the day of Mid-
ian.* 5 For every battle of the warrior
is with confused noise, and garments
rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with
burning *and* fuel of fire.* 6 For unto
us a child is born, unto us a son is
given: and the government shall be
upon his shoulder: and his name shall
be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The
mighty God, The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase
of *his* government and peace *there shall*

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4. For...: or, When thou brakest.

5. For...: or, When the whole battle of the warrior was, etc. but...: or, and it was, etc. fuel: Heb. meat.

be no end, upon the throne of David,
and upon his kingdom, to order it,
and to establish it with judgment and
with justice from henceforth even for
ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts
will perform this. 8 The Lord sent a
word into Jacob, and it hath lighted
upon Israel. 9 And all the people shall
know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabi-
tant of Samaria, that say in the pride
and stoutness of heart, 10 The bricks are
fallen down, but we will build with
hewn stones: the sycomores are cut
down, but we will change *them into*
cedars. 11 Therefore the LORD shall
set up the adversaries of Rezin against

him, and join his enemies together;*
12 The Syrians before, and the Philis-
tines behind; and they shall devour Is-
rael with open mouth. For all this his
anger is not turned away, but his hand
is stretched out still.* 13 For the peo-
ple turneth not unto him that smiteth
them, neither do they seek the LORD
of hosts. 14 Therefore the LORD will cut
off from Israel head and tail, branch
and rush, in one day. 15 The ancient
and honourable, he *is* the head; and
the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is*
the tail. 16 For the leaders of this peo-

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11. join: Heb. mingle.
12. open: Heb. whole.

ple cause *them* to err; and *they that are*
led of them *are* destroyed.* [17] Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their
young men, neither shall have mercy
on their fatherless and widows: for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evildoer,
and every mouth speaketh folly. For
all this his anger is not turned away,
but his hand *is* stretched out still.*
[18] For wickedness burneth as the fire: it
shall devour the briers and thorns, and
shall kindle in the thickets of the for-

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16. the leaders: or, they that call them blessed. led of: or, called blessed of. destroyed: Heb. swallowed up.

17. folly: or, villany.

est, and they shall mount up *like* the
lifting up of smoke. [19] Through the
wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land
darkened, and the people shall be as
the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare
his brother.* [20] And he shall snatch on
the right hand, and be hungry; and he
shall eat on the left hand, and they
shall not be satisfied: they shall eat
every man the flesh of his own arm:*
[21] Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim,
Manasseh: *and* they together *shall be*
against Judah. For all this his anger
is not turned away, but his hand *is*

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19. fuel: Heb. meat.
20. snatch: Heb cut.

stretched out still.

10 Woe unto them that decree
unrighteous decrees, and that write
grievousness *which* they have pre-
scribed;* 2 To turn aside the needy
from judgment, and to take away the
right from the poor of my people, that
widows may be their prey, and *that*
they may rob the fatherless! 3 And
what will ye do in the day of visita-
tion, and in the desolation *which* shall
come from far? to whom will ye flee
for help? and where will ye leave your
glory? 4 Without me they shall bow

10.1. that write...: or, to the writers that write grievousness.

down under the prisoners, and they
shall fall under the slain. For all this
his anger is not turned away, but his
hand *is* stretched out still. 5 O Assyr-
ian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff
in their hand is mine indignation.* 6 I
will send him against an hypocritical
nation, and against the people of my
wrath will I give him a charge, to take
the spoil, and to take the prey, and to
tread them down like the mire of the
streets.* 7 Howbeit he meaneth not so,
neither doth his heart think so; but

5. O...: or, Woe to the Assyrian: Heb. Asshur. and: or, though.
6. tread...: Heb. lay them a treading.

it is in his heart to destroy and cut
off nations not a few. 8 For he saith,
Are not my princes altogether kings?
9 *Is* not Calno as Carchemish? *is* not
Hamath as Arpad? *is* not Samaria as
Damascus? 10 As my hand hath found
the kingdoms of the idols, and whose
graven images did excel them of Jeru-
salem and of Samaria; 11 Shall I not,
as I have done unto Samaria and her
idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?
12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that*
when the Lord hath performed his
whole work upon mount Zion and
on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit
of the stout heart of the king of As-

syria, and the glory of his high looks.*
13 For he saith, By the strength of my
hand I have done *it*, and by my wis-
dom; for I am prudent: and I have re-
moved the bounds of the people, and
have robbed their treasures, and I have
put down the inhabitants like a valiant
man:* 14 And my hand hath found as a
nest the riches of the people: and as
one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have
I gathered all the earth; and there was
none that moved the wing, or opened
the mouth, or peeped. 15 Shall the axe

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12. punish: Heb. visit upon. stout...: Heb. greatness of the heart.

13. a valiant...: or, many people.

boast itself against him that heweth
therewith? *or* shall the saw magnify
itself against him that shaketh it? as
if the rod should shake *itself* against
them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff
should lift up *itself, as if it were* no
wood.* [16] Therefore shall the Lord, the
Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones
leanness; and under his glory he shall
kindle a burning like the burning of
a fire. [17] And the light of Israel shall
be for a fire, and his Holy One for a
flame: and it shall burn and devour his
thorns and his briers in one day; [18] And

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15. the rod...: or, a rod should shake them that lift it up. itself, as if...: or, that which is not wood.

shall consume the glory of his forest,
and of his fruitful field, both soul and
body: and they shall be as when a stan-
dardbearer fainteth.* 19 And the rest
of the trees of his forest shall be few,
that a child may write them.* 20 And it
shall come to pass in that day, *that* the
remnant of Israel, and such as are es-
caped of the house of Jacob, shall no
more again stay upon him that smote
them; but shall stay upon the LORD,
the Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21 The
remnant shall return, *even* the rem-

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18. both...: Heb. from the soul, and even to the flesh.

19. few: Heb. number.

nant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.
22 For though thy people Israel be as
the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of
them shall return: the consumption
decreed shall overflow with righteous-
ness.* 23 For the Lord GOD of hosts
shall make a consumption, even de-
termined, in the midst of all the land.
24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD
of hosts, O my people that dwellest
in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyr-
ian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and
shall lift up his staff against thee, after
the manner of Egypt.* 25 For yet a very

22. of them: Heb. in, or, among, etc. with: or, in.
24. and shall...: or, but he shall lift up his staff for.

little while, and the indignation shall
cease, and mine anger in their destruc-
tion. [26] And the LORD of hosts shall
stir up a scourge for him according to
the slaughter of Midian at the rock of
Oreb: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea,
so shall he lift it up after the manner
of Egypt. [27] And it shall come to pass
in that day, *that* his burden shall be
taken away from off thy shoulder, and
his yoke from off thy neck, and the
yoke shall be destroyed because of the
anointing.* [28] He is come to Aiath, he
is passed to Migron; at Michmash he
hath laid up his carriages: [29] They are

27. be taken...: Heb. remove.

gone over the passage: they have taken
up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is
afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled. 30 Lift
up thy voice, O daughter of Gal-
lim: cause it to be heard unto Laish,
O poor Anathoth.* 31 Madmenah is
removed; the inhabitants of Gebim
gather themselves to flee. 32 As yet shall
he remain at Nob that day: he shall
shake his hand *against* the mount of
the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jeru-
salem. 33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD
of hosts, shall lop the bough with ter-
ror: and the high ones of stature *shall
be* hewn down, and the haughty shall

30. Lift...: Heb. Cry shrill with.

be humbled. [34] And he shall cut down
the thickets of the forest with iron, and
Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.*

11 And there shall come forth a
rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a
Branch shall grow out of his roots:
[2] And the spirit of the LORD shall rest
upon him, the spirit of wisdom and
understanding, the spirit of counsel
and might, the spirit of knowledge
and of the fear of the LORD; [3] And
shall make him of quick understand-
ing in the fear of the LORD: and he
shall not judge after the sight of his

34. by...: or, mightily.

eyes, neither reprove after the hearing
of his ears:* 4 But with righteousness
shall he judge the poor, and reprove
with equity for the meek of the earth:
and he shall smite the earth with the
rod of his mouth, and with the breath
of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*
5 And righteousness shall be the girdle
of his loins, and faithfulness the gir-
dle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall
dwell with the lamb, and the leopard
shall lie down with the kid; and the
calf and the young lion and the fatling
together; and a little child shall lead

11.3. quick...: Heb. scent or, smell.
4. reprove: or, argue.

them. 7 And the cow and the bear
shall feed; their young ones shall lie
down together: and the lion shall eat
straw like the ox. 8 And the suck-
ing child shall play on the hole of the
asp, and the weaned child shall put his
hand on the cockatrice' den.* 9 They
shall not hurt nor destroy in all my
holy mountain: for the earth shall be
full of the knowledge of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea. 10 And
in that day there shall be a root of
Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign
of the people; to it shall the Gen-
tiles seek: and his rest shall be glori-

8. cockatrice': or, adders.

ous.* [11] And it shall come to pass in
that day, *that* the Lord shall set his
hand again the second time to recover
the remnant of his people, which shall
be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt,
and from Pathros, and from Cush, and
from Elam, and from Shinar, and from
Hamath, and from the islands of the
sea. [12] And he shall set up an ensign
for the nations, and shall assemble the
outcasts of Israel, and gather together
the dispersed of Judah from the four
corners of the earth.* [13] The envy also
of Ephraim shall depart, and the ad-

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10. glorious: Heb. glory.
12. corners: Heb. wings.

versaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. 14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.* 15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and

14. them of: Heb. the children of. they shall lay...: Heb. Edom and Moab shall be the laying on of their hand. shall obey...: Heb. their obedience.

make *men* go over dryshod.* [16] And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

12 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. [2] Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my sal-

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15. dryshod: Heb. in shoes.

vation. 3 Therefore with joy shall ye
draw water out of the wells of sal-
vation. 4 And in that day shall ye
say, Praise the LORD, call upon his
name, declare his doings among the
people, make mention that his name
is exalted.* 5 Sing unto the LORD; for
he hath done excellent things: this *is*
known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and
shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for
great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the
midst of thee.*

13 The burden of Babylon, which
Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. 2 Lift

12.4. call...: or, proclaim.
6. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress.

ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake
the hand, that they may go into the
gates of the nobles. 3 I have com-
manded my sanctified ones, I have also
called my mighty ones for mine anger,
even them that rejoice in my high-
ness. 4 The noise of a multitude in
the mountains, like as of a great peo-
ple; a tumultuous noise of the king-
doms of nations gathered together:
the LORD of hosts mustereth the host
of the battle.* 5 They come from a far
country, from the end of heaven, *even*
the LORD, and the weapons of his in-

13.4. like...: Heb. the likeness of.

dignation, to destroy the whole land.
6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is*
at hand; it shall come as a destruction
from the Almighty. 7 Therefore shall
all hands be faint, and every man's
heart shall melt:* 8 And they shall be
afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take
hold of them; they shall be in pain
as a woman that travaileth: they shall
be amazed one at another; their faces
shall be as flames.* 9 Behold, the day
of the LORD cometh, cruel both with

7. be faint: or, fall down.
8. be amazed: Heb. wonder. one...: Heb. every man at his neighbour. flames: Heb. faces of the flames.

wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land
desolate: and he shall destroy the sin-
ners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of
heaven and the constellations thereof
shall not give their light: the sun shall
be darkened in his going forth, and
the moon shall not cause her light to
shine. 11 And I will punish the world
for *their* evil, and the wicked for their
iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy
of the proud to cease, and will lay low
the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I
will make a man more precious than
fine gold; even a man than the golden
wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will
shake the heavens, and the earth shall

remove out of her place, in the wrath
of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of
his fierce anger. 14 And it shall be as the
chased roe, and as a sheep that no man
taketh up: they shall every man turn
to his own people, and flee every one
into his own land. 15 Every one that is
found shall be thrust through; and ev-
ery one that is joined *unto them* shall
fall by the sword. 16 Their children also
shall be dashed to pieces before their
eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and
their wives ravished. 17 Behold, I will
stir up the Medes against them, which
shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold,
they shall not delight in it. 18 *Their*

bows also shall dash the young men
to pieces; and they shall have no pity
on the fruit of the womb; their eye
shall not spare children. 19 And Baby-
lon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty
of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as
when God overthrew Sodom and Go-
morrah.* 20 It shall never be inhabited,
neither shall it be dwelt in from gener-
ation to generation: neither shall the
Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall
the shepherds make their fold there.
21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie
there; and their houses shall be full of
doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell

19. as...: Heb. as the overthrowing.

there, and satyrs shall dance there.*
22 And the wild beasts of the islands
shall cry in their desolate houses, and
dragons in *their* pleasant palaces: and
her time *is* near to come, and her days
shall not be prolonged.*

14 For the LORD will have mercy
on Jacob, and will yet choose Is-
rael, and set them in their own land:
and the strangers shall be joined with
them, and they shall cleave to the
house of Jacob. 2 And the people shall
take them, and bring them to their

21. wild...: Heb. Ziim. doleful...: Heb. Ochim. owls: or, ostriches: Heb. daughters of the owl.
22. the wild...: Heb. Iim. desolate...: or, palaces.

place: and the house of Israel shall
possess them in the land of the LORD
for servants and handmaids: and they
shall take them captives, whose cap-
tives they were; and they shall rule
over their oppressors.* 3 And it shall
come to pass in the day that the LORD
shall give thee rest from thy sorrow,
and from thy fear, and from the hard
bondage wherein thou wast made to
serve, 4 That thou shalt take up this
proverb against the king of Baby-
lon, and say, How hath the oppres-
sor ceased! the golden city ceased!*

14.2. whose...: Heb. that had taken them captives.
4. proverb: or, taunting speech. golden...: or, exac-

5 The LORD hath broken the staff of
the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the
rulers. 6 He who smote the people
in wrath with a continual stroke, he
that ruled the nations in anger, is per-
secuted, *and* none hindereth.* 7 The
whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet: they
break forth into singing. 8 Yea, the fir
trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of
Lebanon, *saying,* Since thou art laid
down, no feller is come up against us.
9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee
to meet *thee* at thy coming: it stir-
reth up the dead for thee, *even* all the

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tress of gold.

6. a continual...: Heb. a stroke without removing.

chief ones of the earth; it hath raised
up from their thrones all the kings of
the nations.* 10 All they shall speak and
say unto thee, Art thou also become
weak as we? art thou become like unto
us? 11 Thy pomp is brought down to
the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols:
the worm is spread under thee, and
the worms cover thee. 12 How art thou
fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of
the morning! *how* art thou cut down
to the ground, which didst weaken
the nations!* 13 For thou hast said in

9. Hell: or, The grave. chief...: Heb. leaders, or, great goats.
12. O Lucifer: or, O day star.

thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I
will exalt my throne above the stars of
God: I will sit also upon the mount
of the congregation, in the sides of
the north: [14] I will ascend above the
heights of the clouds; I will be like
the most High. [15] Yet thou shalt be
brought down to hell, to the sides of
the pit. [16] They that see thee shall nar-
rowly look upon thee, *and* consider
thee, *saying, Is* this the man that made
the earth to tremble, that did shake
kingdoms; [17] *That* made the world as
a wilderness, and destroyed the cities
thereof; *that* opened not the house of

his prisoners?* [18] All the kings of the
nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory,
every one in his own house. [19] But thou
art cast out of thy grave like an abom-
inable branch, *and as* the raiment of
those that are slain, thrust through
with a sword, that go down to the
stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden
under feet. [20] Thou shalt not be joined
with them in burial, because thou hast
destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy peo-
ple: the seed of evildoers shall never
be renowned. [21] Prepare slaughter for
his children for the iniquity of their fa-

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17. opened...: or, did not let his prisoners loose homeward?.

thers; that they do not rise, nor possess
the land, nor fill the face of the world
with cities. [22] For I will rise up against
them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut
off from Babylon the name, and rem-
nant, and son, and nephew, saith the
LORD. [23] I will also make it a posses-
sion for the bittern, and pools of water:
and I will sweep it with the besom of
destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.
[24] The LORD of hosts hath sworn, say-
ing, Surely as I have thought, so shall it
come to pass; and as I have purposed,
so shall it stand: [25] That I will break
the Assyrian in my land, and upon my
mountains tread him under foot: then

shall his yoke depart from off them,
and his burden depart from off their
shoulders. [26] This *is* the purpose that is
purposed upon the whole earth: and
this *is* the hand that is stretched out
upon all the nations. [27] For the LORD
of hosts hath purposed, and who shall
disannul *it*? and his hand *is* stretched
out, and who shall turn it back? [28] In
the year that king Ahaz died was this
burden. [29] Rejoice not thou, whole
Palestina, because the rod of him that
smote thee is broken: for out of the
serpent's root shall come forth a cock-
atrice, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery fly-

ing serpent.* [30] And the firstborn of the
poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie
down in safety: and I will kill thy root
with famine, and he shall slay thy rem-
nant. [31] Howl, O gate; cry, O city;
thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved:
for there shall come from the north
a smoke, and none *shall be* alone in
his appointed times.* [32] What shall *one*
then answer the messengers of the na-
tion? That the LORD hath founded
Zion, and the poor of his people shall

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29. cockatrice: or, adder.

31. none...: or, he shall not be alone. appointed...: or, assemblies.

trust in it.*

15 The burden of Moab. Because
in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste,
and brought to silence; because in
the night Kir of Moab is laid waste,
and brought to silence;* 2 He is gone
up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high
places, to weep: Moab shall howl
over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all
their heads *shall be* baldness, *and* ev-
ery beard cut off. 3 In their streets
they shall gird themselves with sack-
cloth: on the tops of their houses, and
in their streets, every one shall howl,

32. trust...: or, betake themselves unto it.
15.1. brought...: or, cut off.

weeping abundantly.* 4 And Heshbon
shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall
be heard *even* unto Jahaz: therefore
the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry
out; his life shall be grievous unto
him. 5 My heart shall cry out for
Moab; his fugitives *shall flee* unto
Zoar, an heifer of three years old:
for by the mounting up of Luhith
with weeping shall they go it up; for
in the way of Horonaim they shall
raise up a cry of destruction.* 6 For

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3. weeping...: Heb. descending into weeping, or, coming down with weeping.

5. his...: or, to the borders thereof, even to Zoar, as an heifer. destruction: Heb. breaking.

the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the
grass faileth, there is no green thing.*
7 Therefore the abundance they have
gotten, and that which they have laid
up, shall they carry away to the brook
of the willows.* 8 For the cry is gone
round about the borders of Moab; the
howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the
howling thereof unto Beerelim. 9 For
the waters of Dimon shall be full of
blood: for I will bring more upon Di-
mon, lions upon him that escapeth of
Moab, and upon the remnant of the

6. desolate: Heb. desolations.
7. brook...: or, valley of the Arabians.

land.*

16 Send ye the lamb to the ruler
of the land from Sela to the wilder-
ness, unto the mount of the daughter
of Zion.* 2 For it shall be, *that*, as a
wandering bird cast out of the nest, *so*
the daughters of Moab shall be at the
fords of Arnon.* 3 Take counsel, exe-
cute judgment; make thy shadow as
the night in the midst of the noonday;
hide the outcasts; bewray not him that
wandereth.* 4 Let mine outcasts dwell

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9. more: Heb. additions.
16.1. Sela: or, Petra: Heb. A rock.
2. cast...: or, a nest forsaken.
3. Take: Heb. Bring.

with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to
them from the face of the spoiler: for
the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler
ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed
out of the land.* 5 And in mercy shall
the throne be established: and he
shall sit upon it in truth in the taber-
nacle of David, judging, and seeking
judgment, and hasting righteousness.*
6 We have heard of the pride of Moab;
he is very proud: *even* of his haugh-
tiness, and his pride, and his wrath:
but his lies *shall* not *be* so. 7 There-

4. extortioner: Heb. wringer. the oppressors: Heb. the treaders down.
5. established: or, prepared.

fore shall Moab howl for Moab, every
one shall howl: for the foundations of
Kirhareseth shall ye mourn; surely *they*
are stricken.* 8 For the fields of Hesh-
bon languish, *and* the vine of Sibmah:
the lords of the heathen have bro-
ken down the principal plants thereof,
they are come *even* unto Jazer, they
wandered *through* the wilderness: her
branches are stretched out, they are
gone over the sea.* 9 Therefore I will
bewail with the weeping of Jazer the
vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with
my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for

7. mourn: or, mutter.
8. stretched...: or, plucked up.

the shouting for thy summer fruits and
for thy harvest is fallen.* [10] And glad-
ness is taken away, and joy out of the
plentiful field; and in the vineyards
there shall be no singing, neither shall
there be shouting: the treaders shall
tread out no wine in *their* presses; I
have made *their vintage* shouting to
cease. [11] Wherefore my bowels shall
sound like an harp for Moab, and mine
inward parts for Kirharesh. [12] And it
shall come to pass, when it is seen that
Moab is weary on the high place, that
he shall come to his sanctuary to pray;
but he shall not prevail. [13] This *is* the

9. the shouting...: or, the alarm is fallen upon, etc.

word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time. 14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* very small *and* feeble.*

17 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make

14. feeble: or, not many.

them afraid. 3 The fortress also shall
cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom
from Damascus, and the remnant of
Syria: they shall be as the glory of the
children of Israel, saith the LORD of
hosts. 4 And in that day it shall come
to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall
be made thin, and the fatness of his
flesh shall wax lean. 5 And it shall
be as when the harvestman gathereth
the corn, and reapeth the ears with his
arm; and it shall be as he that gath-
ereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.
6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it,
as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or*
three berries in the top of the upper-

most bough, four *or* five in the out-
most fruitful branches thereof, saith
the LORD God of Israel. 7 At that day
shall a man look to his Maker, and
his eyes shall have respect to the Holy
One of Israel. 8 And he shall not look
to the altars, the work of his hands,
neither shall respect *that* which his
fingers have made, either the groves,
or the images.* 9 In that day shall his
strong cities be as a forsaken bough,
and an uppermost branch, which they
left because of the children of Israel:
and there shall be desolation. 10 Be-
cause thou hast forgotten the God of

17.8. images: or, sun images.

thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants,
and shalt set it with strange slips: [11] In
the day shalt thou make thy plant to
grow, and in the morning shalt thou
make thy seed to flourish: *but* the harvest *shall be* a heap in the day of grief
and of desperate sorrow.* [12] Woe to the
multitude of many people, *which* make
a noise like the noise of the seas; and
to the rushing of nations, *that* make a
rushing like the rushing of mighty wa-

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11. a heap...: or, removed in the day of inheritance, and there shall be deadly sorrow.

ters!* 13 The nations shall rush like the
rushing of many waters: but *God* shall
rebuke them, and they shall flee far off,
and shall be chased as the chaff of the
mountains before the wind, and like
a rolling thing before the whirlwind.*
14 And behold at eveningtide trouble;
and before the morning he *is* not. This
is the portion of them that spoil us,
and the lot of them that rob us.

18 Woe to the land shadowing
with wings, which *is* beyond the rivers
of Ethiopia: 2 That sendeth ambas-
sadors by the sea, even in vessels of

12. multitude: or, noise. mighty: or, many.
13. a rolling...: or, thistledown.

bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go,
ye swift messengers, to a nation scat-
tered and peeled, to a people terrible
from their beginning hitherto; a na-
tion meted out and trodden down,
whose land the rivers have spoiled!*
3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and
dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he
lifteth up an ensign on the mountains;
and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear
ye. 4 For so the LORD said unto me,
I will take my rest, and I will con-

18.2. scattered...: or, outspread and polished. meted...: or, that meteth out and treadeth down: Heb. of line, line, and treading under foot. have...: or, despise.

sider in my dwelling place like a clear
heat upon herbs, *and* like a cloud of
dew in the heat of harvest.* 5 For afore
the harvest, when the bud is perfect,
and the sour grape is ripening in the
flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs
with pruning hooks, and take away
and cut down the branches. 6 They
shall be left together unto the fowls
of the mountains, and to the beasts
of the earth: and the fowls shall sum-
mer upon them, and all the beasts of
the earth shall winter upon them. 7 In
that time shall the present be brought

4. consider...: or, regard my set dwelling. upon...: or, after rain.

unto the LORD of hosts of a people
scattered and peeled, and from a peo-
ple terrible from their beginning hith-
erto; a nation meted out and trodden
under foot, whose land the rivers have
spoiled, to the place of the name of the
LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.*

19 The burden of Egypt. Be-
hold, the LORD rideth upon a swift
cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and
the idols of Egypt shall be moved at
his presence, and the heart of Egypt
shall melt in the midst of it. 2 And
I will set the Egyptians against the

7. scattered...: or, outspread and polished.

Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.*
3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.* 4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of

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19.2. set: Heb. mingle.
3. fail: Heb. be emptied. destroy: Heb. swallow up.

hosts.* 5 And the waters shall fail from
the sea, and the river shall be wasted
and dried up. 6 And they shall turn
the rivers far away; *and* the brooks
of defence shall be emptied and dried
up: the reeds and flags shall wither.
7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the
mouth of the brooks, and every thing
sown by the brooks, shall wither, be
driven away, and be no *more*.* 8 The
fishers also shall mourn, and all they
that cast angle into the brooks shall
lament, and they that spread nets upon
the waters shall languish. 9 Moreover

4. give...: or, shut up.
7. and be...: Heb. and shall not be.

they that work in fine flax, and they
that weave networks, shall be con-
founded.* 10 And they shall be broken
in the purposes thereof, all that make
sluices *and* ponds for fish.* 11 Surely the
princes of Zoan *are* fools, the coun-
sel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh
is become brutish: how say ye unto
Pharaoh, I *am* the son of the wise,
the son of ancient kings? 12 Where *are*
they? where *are* thy wise *men*? and
let them tell thee now, and let them
know what the LORD of hosts hath

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9. networks: or, white works.
10. purposes: Heb. foundations. for fish: Heb. of living things.

purposed upon Egypt. [13] The princes
of Zoan are become fools, the princes
of Noph are deceived; they have also
seduced Egypt, *even they that are* the
stay of the tribes thereof.* [14] The LORD
hath mingled a perverse spirit in the
midst thereof: and they have caused
Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a
drunken *man* staggereth in his vomit.*
[15] Neither shall there be *any* work for
Egypt, which the head or tail, branch
or rush, may do. [16] In that day shall
Egypt be like unto women: and it shall
be afraid and fear because of the shak-

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13. they that...: or, governors: Heb. corners.
14. a perverse...: Heb. a spirit of perversities.

ing of the hand of the LORD of hosts,
which he shaketh over it. 17 And the
land of Judah shall be a terror unto
Egypt, every one that maketh men-
tion thereof shall be afraid in himself,
because of the counsel of the LORD
of hosts, which he hath determined
against it. 18 In that day shall five cities
in the land of Egypt speak the lan-
guage of Canaan, and swear to the
LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The
city of destruction.* 19 In that day shall
there be an altar to the LORD in the
midst of the land of Egypt, and a pil-

18. the language: Heb. the lip. of destruction: or, of Heres, or, of the sun.

lar at the border thereof to the LORD.
[20] And it shall be for a sign and for a
witness unto the LORD of hosts in the
land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto
the LORD because of the oppressors,
and he shall send them a saviour, and a
great one, and he shall deliver them.
[21] And the LORD shall be known to
Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know
the LORD in that day, and shall do
sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall
vow a vow unto the LORD, and per-
form *it*. [22] And the LORD shall smite
Egypt: he shall smite and heal *it*: and
they shall return *even* to the LORD,
and he shall be intreated of them, and

shall heal them. [23] In that day shall
there be a highway out of Egypt to As-
syria, and the Assyrian shall come into
Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria,
and the Egyptians shall serve with the
Assyrians. [24] In that day shall Israel be
the third with Egypt and with Assyria,
even a blessing in the midst of the land:
[25] Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless,
saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people,
and Assyria the work of my hands, and
Israel mine inheritance.

20 In the year that Tartan came
unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king
of Assyria sent him,) and fought

against Ashdod, and took it; [2] At the
same time spake the LORD by Isaiah
the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose
the sackcloth from off thy loins, and
put off thy shoe from thy foot. And
he did so, walking naked and bare-
foot.* [3] And the LORD said, Like as
my servant Isaiah hath walked naked
and barefoot three years *for* a sign
and wonder upon Egypt and upon
Ethiopia; [4] So shall the king of As-
syria lead away the Egyptians prison-
ers, and the Ethiopians captives, young
and old, naked and barefoot, even
with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the

20.2. by: Heb. by the hand of.

shame of Egypt.* 5 And they shall be
afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their
expectation, and of Egypt their glory.
6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall
say in that day, Behold, such *is* our ex-
pectation, whither we flee for help to
be delivered from the king of Assyria:
and how shall we escape?*

21 The burden of the desert of
the sea. As whirlwinds in the south
pass through; *so* it cometh from the
desert, from a terrible land. 2 A griev-
ous vision is declared unto me; the

4. the Egyptians...: Heb. the captivity of Egypt.
shame: Heb. nakedness.
6. isle: or, country.

treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go
up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the
sighing thereof have I made to cease.*
3 Therefore are my loins filled with
pain: pangs have taken hold upon
me, as the pangs of a woman that
travaileth: I was bowed down at the
hearing *of it*; I was dismayed at the
seeing *of it*. 4 My heart panted, fear-
fulness affrighted me: the night of
my pleasure hath he turned into fear
unto me.* 5 Prepare the table, watch
in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye

21.2. grievous: Heb. hard.
4. heart...: or, mind wandered. turned: Heb. put.

princes, *and* anoint the shield. 6 For
thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go,
set a watchman, let him declare what
he seeth. 7 And he saw a chariot *with*
a couple of horsemen, a chariot of
asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and
he hearkened diligently with much
heed: 8 And he cried, A lion: My lord,
I stand continually upon the watch-
tower in the daytime, and I am set
in my ward whole nights:* 9 And, be-
hold, here cometh a chariot of men,
with a couple of horsemen. And he
answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is
fallen; and all the graven images of her

8. he...: or, cried as a lion. whole...: or, every night.

gods he hath broken unto the ground.
10 O my threshing, and the corn of my
floor: that which I have heard of the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have
I declared unto you.* 11 The burden of
Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir,
Watchman, what of the night? Watch-
man, what of the night? 12 The watch-
man said, The morning cometh, and
also the night: if ye will enquire, en-
quire ye: return, come. 13 The burden
upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia
shall ye lodge, O ye travelling com-
panies of Dedanim. 14 The inhabitants
of the land of Tema brought water to

10. corn: Heb. son.

him that was thirsty, they prevented
with their bread him that fled.* 15 For
they fled from the swords, from the
drawn sword, and from the bent bow,
and from the grievousness of war.*
16 For thus hath the Lord said unto
me, Within a year, according to the
years of an hireling, and all the glory
of Kedar shall fail: 17 And the residue
of the number of archers, the mighty
men of the children of Kedar, shall be
diminished: for the LORD God of Is-

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14. brought: or, bring ye.

15. from the swords: or, for fear, etc: Heb. from the face, etc.

rael hath spoken *it*.*

22 The burden of the valley of vi-
sion. What aileth thee now, that thou
art wholly gone up to the housetops?
2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumul-
tuous city, a joyous city: thy slain *men*
are not slain with the sword, nor dead
in battle. 3 All thy rulers are fled to-
gether, they are bound by the archers:
all that are found in thee are bound
together, *which* have fled from far.*
4 Therefore said I, Look away from
me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to
comfort me, because of the spoiling

17. archers: Heb. bows.
22.3. by...: Heb. of the bow.

of the daughter of my people.* 5 For
it is a day of trouble, and of treading
down, and of perplexity by the Lord
GOD of hosts in the valley of vision,
breaking down the walls, and of cry-
ing to the mountains. 6 And Elam
bare the quiver with chariots of men
and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the
shield.* 7 And it shall come to pass,
that thy choicest valleys shall be full
of chariots, and the horsemen shall set
themselves in array at the gate.* 8 And

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4. weep...: Heb. be bitter in weeping.
6. uncovered: Heb. made naked.
7. thy...: Heb. the choice of thy valleys. at: or, toward.

he discovered the covering of Judah,
and thou didst look in that day to
the armour of the house of the for-
est. 9 Ye have seen also the breaches
of the city of David, that they are
many: and ye gathered together the
waters of the lower pool. 10 And ye
have numbered the houses of Jerusa-
lem, and the houses have ye broken
down to fortify the wall. 11 Ye made
also a ditch between the two walls
for the water of the old pool: but
ye have not looked unto the maker
thereof, neither had respect unto him
that fashioned it long ago. 12 And in
that day did the Lord GOD of hosts

call to weeping, and to mourning, and
to baldness, and to girding with sack-
cloth: 13 And behold joy and gladness,
slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating
flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat
and drink; for to morrow we shall die.
14 And it was revealed in mine ears by
the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniq-
uity shall not be purged from you till
ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts,
Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even*
unto Shebna, which *is* over the house,
and say, 16 What hast thou here? and
whom hast thou here, that thou hast
hewed thee out a sepulchre here, *as*

he that heweth him out a sepulchre
on high, *and* that graveth an habita-
tion for himself in a rock?* 17 Behold,
the LORD will carry thee away with a
mighty captivity, and will surely cover
thee.* 18 He will surely violently turn
and toss thee *like* a ball into a large
country: there shalt thou die, and
there the chariots of thy glory *shall be*
the shame of thy lord's house.* 19 And
I will drive thee from thy station, and
from thy state shall he pull thee down.

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16. as...: or, O he.

17. will carry...: or, who covered thee with an excellent covering, and clothed thee gorgeously, shall surely, etc. a mighty...: Heb. the captivity of a man.

18. large: Heb. large of spaces.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day,
that I will call my servant Eliakim the
son of Hilkiah: 21 And I will clothe
him with thy robe, and strengthen
him with thy girdle, and I will commit
thy government into his hand: and he
shall be a father to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
22 And the key of the house of David
will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall
open, and none shall shut; and he shall
shut, and none shall open. 23 And I will
fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; and
he shall be for a glorious throne to his
father's house. 24 And they shall hang
upon him all the glory of his father's

house, the offspring and the issue, all
vessels of small quantity, from the ves-
sels of cups, even to all the vessels of
flagons.* 25 In that day, saith the LORD
of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened
in the sure place be removed, and be
cut down, and fall; and the burden
that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for
the LORD hath spoken *it*.

23 The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye
ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste,
so that there is no house, no entering
in: from the land of Chittim it is re-
vealed to them. 2 Be still, ye inhabi-

24. vessels of flagons: or, instruments of viols.

tants of the isle; thou whom the mer-
chants of Zidon, that pass over the sea,
have replenished.* 3 And by great wa-
ters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of
the river, *is* her revenue; and she is a
mart of nations. 4 Be thou ashamed,
O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken,
even the strength of the sea, saying, I
travail not, nor bring forth children,
neither do I nourish up young men,
nor bring up virgins. 5 As at the re-
port concerning Egypt, *so* shall they
be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.
6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye
inhabitants of the isle. 7 *Is* this your

23.2. still: Heb. silent.

joyous *city*, whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her
afar off to sojourn.* 8 Who hath taken
this counsel against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants *are* princes,
whose traffickers *are* the honourable
of the earth? 9 The LORD of hosts
hath purposed it, to stain the pride
of all glory, *and* to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.*
10 Pass through thy land as a river, O
daughter of Tarshish: *there is* no more
strength.* 11 He stretched out his hand

7. afar...: Heb. from afar off.
9. to stain: Heb. to pollute.
10. strength: Heb. girdle.

over the sea, he shook the kingdoms:
the LORD hath given a commandment
against the merchant *city*, to destroy
the strong holds thereof.* 12 And he
said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O
thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zi-
don: arise, pass over to Chittim; there
also shalt thou have no rest. 13 Behold
the land of the Chaldeans; this peo-
ple was not, *till* the Assyrian founded
it for them that dwell in the wilder-
ness: they set up the towers thereof,
they raised up the palaces thereof; *and*

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11. against...: or, concerning a merchantman. the merchant city: Heb. Canaan. strong...: or, strengths.

he brought it to ruin. [14] Howl, ye ships
of Tarshish: for your strength is laid
waste. [15] And it shall come to pass in
that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten
seventy years, according to the days of
one king: after the end of seventy years
shall Tyre sing as an harlot.* [16] Take an
harp, go about the city, thou harlot
that hast been forgotten; make sweet
melody, sing many songs, that thou
mayest be remembered. [17] And it shall
come to pass after the end of seventy
years, that the LORD will visit Tyre,
and she shall turn to her hire, and shall

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15. shall Tyre...: Heb. it shall be unto Tyre as the song of an harlot.

commit fornication with all the king-
doms of the world upon the face of
the earth. 18 And her merchandise and
her hire shall be holiness to the LORD:
it shall not be treasured nor laid up;
for her merchandise shall be for them
that dwell before the LORD, to eat suf-
ficiently, and for durable clothing.*

24 Behold, the LORD maketh the
earth empty, and maketh it waste, and
turneth it upside down, and scattereth
abroad the inhabitants thereof.* 2 And
it shall be, as with the people, so with

18. durable: Heb. old.
24.1. turneth...: Heb. perverteth the face thereof.

the priest; as with the servant, so with
his master; as with the maid, so with
her mistress; as with the buyer, so
with the seller; as with the lender, so
with the borrower; as with the taker
of usury, so with the giver of usury
to him.* 3 The land shall be utterly
emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the
LORD hath spoken this word. 4 The
earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the
world languisheth *and* fadeth away,
the haughty people of the earth do
languish.* 5 The earth also is defiled
under the inhabitants thereof; be-

2. priest: or, prince.
4. the haughty...: Heb. the height of the people.

cause they have transgressed the laws,
changed the ordinance, broken the ev-
erlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath
the curse devoured the earth, and they
that dwell therein are desolate: there-
fore the inhabitants of the earth are
burned, and few men left. 7 The new
wine mourneth, the vine languisheth,
all the merryhearted do sigh. 8 The
mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of
them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the
harp ceaseth. 9 They shall not drink
wine with a song; strong drink shall
be bitter to them that drink it. 10 The
city of confusion is broken down: ev-
ery house is shut up, that no man may

come in. [11] *There is* a crying for wine
in the streets; all joy is darkened, the
mirth of the land is gone. [12] In the
city is left desolation, and the gate
is smitten with destruction. [13] When
thus it shall be in the midst of the
land among the people, *there shall be*
as the shaking of an olive tree, *and*
as the gleaning grapes when the vin-
tage is done. [14] They shall lift up their
voice, they shall sing for the majesty of
the LORD, they shall cry aloud from
the sea. [15] Wherefore glorify ye the
LORD in the fires, *even* the name of the
LORD God of Israel in the isles of the

sea.* [16] From the uttermost part of the
earth have we heard songs, *even* glory
to the righteous. But I said, My lean-
ness, my leanness, woe unto me! the
treacherous dealers have dealt treach-
erously; yea, the treacherous dealers
have dealt very treacherously.* [17] Fear,
and the pit, and the snare, *are* upon
thee, O inhabitant of the earth. [18] And
it shall come to pass, *that* he who fleeth
from the noise of the fear shall fall into
the pit; and he that cometh up out of
the midst of the pit shall be taken in

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15. fires: or, valleys.

16. uttermost...: Heb. wing. My leanness: Heb. Leanness to me, or, My secret to me.

the snare: for the windows from on
high are open, and the foundations of
the earth do shake. [19] The earth is ut-
terly broken down, the earth is clean
dissolved, the earth is moved exceed-
ingly. [20] The earth shall reel to and fro
like a drunkard, and shall be removed
like a cottage; and the transgression
thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it
shall fall, and not rise again. [21] And it
shall come to pass in that day, *that* the
LORD shall punish the host of the high
ones *that are* on high, and the kings of
the earth upon the earth.* [22] And they
shall be gathered together, *as* prison-

21. punish: Heb. visit upon.

ers are gathered in the pit, and shall be
shut up in the prison, and after many
days shall they be visited.* 23 Then the
moon shall be confounded, and the
sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts
shall reign in mount Zion, and in Je-
rusalem, and before his ancients glori-
ously.*

25 O LORD, thou *art* my God; I
will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
for thou hast done wonderful *things;*
thy counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and*

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22. as prisoners...: Heb. with the gathering of prisoners. pit: or, dungeon. visited: or, found wanting.
23. before...: or, there shall be glory before his ancients.

truth. [2] For thou hast made of a city
an heap; *of* a defenced city a ruin: a
palace of strangers to be no city; it
shall never be built. [3] Therefore shall
the strong people glorify thee, the city
of the terrible nations shall fear thee.
[4] For thou hast been a strength to the
poor, a strength to the needy in his
distress, a refuge from the storm, a
shadow from the heat, when the blast
of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against*
the wall. [5] Thou shalt bring down the
noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry
place; *even* the heat with the shadow
of a cloud: the branch of the terri-
ble ones shall be brought low. [6] And

in this mountain shall the LORD of
hosts make unto all people a feast of
fat things, a feast of wines on the lees,
of fat things full of marrow, of wines
on the lees well refined. 7 And he
will destroy in this mountain the face
of the covering cast over all people,
and the vail that is spread over all
nations.* 8 He will swallow up death
in victory; and the Lord GOD will
wipe away tears from off all faces; and
the rebuke of his people shall he take
away from off all the earth: for the
LORD hath spoken *it*. 9 And it shall

25.7. destroy: Heb. swallow up. cast: Heb. covered.

be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God;
we have waited for him, and he will
save us: this *is* the LORD; we have
waited for him, we will be glad and
rejoice in his salvation. [10] For in this
mountain shall the hand of the LORD
rest, and Moab shall be trodden down
under him, even as straw is trodden
down for the dunghill.* [11] And he shall
spread forth his hands in the midst of
them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth
forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall
bring down their pride together with
the spoils of their hands. [12] And the

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10. trodden down under: or, threshed, etc. trodden down for...: or, threshed in Madmenah.

fortress of the high fort of thy walls
shall he bring down, lay low, *and* bring
to the ground, *even* to the dust.

26 In that day shall this song be
sung in the land of Judah; We have
a strong city; salvation will *God* ap-
point *for* walls and bulwarks. 2 Open
ye the gates, that the righteous na-
tion which keepeth the truth may en-
ter in.* 3 Thou wilt keep *him* in per-
fect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on*
thee: because he trusteth in thee.*
4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for

26.2. truth: Heb. truths.
3. perfect...: Heb. peace, peace. mind: or, thought, or, imagination.

in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:* 5 For he bringeth down
them that dwell on high; the lofty city,
he layeth it low; he layeth it low, *even* to
the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the
dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down,
even the feet of the poor, *and* the steps
of the needy. 7 The way of the just *is*
uprightness: thou, most upright, dost
weigh the path of the just. 8 Yea, in
the way of thy judgments, O LORD,
have we waited for thee; the desire of
our soul *is* to thy name, and to the re-
membrance of thee. 9 With my soul
have I desired thee in the night; yea,

4. everlasting...: Heb. the rock of ages.

with my spirit within me will I seek
thee early: for when thy judgments
are in the earth, the inhabitants of the
world will learn righteousness. [10] Let
favour be shewed to the wicked, *yet*
will he not learn righteousness: in the
land of uprightness will he deal un-
justly, and will not behold the majesty
of the LORD. [11] LORD, *when* thy hand
is lifted up, they will not see: *but* they
shall see, and be ashamed for *their* envy
at the people; yea, the fire of thine
enemies shall devour them.* [12] LORD,
thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou

11. at...: or, toward thy people.

also hast wrought all our works in us.*
13 O LORD our God, *other* lords beside
thee have had dominion over us: *but*
by thee only will we make mention
of thy name. 14 *They are* dead, they
shall not live; *they are* deceased, they
shall not rise: therefore hast thou vis-
ited and destroyed them, and made all
their memory to perish. 15 Thou hast
increased the nation, O LORD, thou
hast increased the nation: thou art
glorified: thou hadst removed *it* far
unto all the ends of the earth. 16 LORD,
in trouble have they visited thee, they
poured out a prayer *when* thy chasten-

12. in us: or, for us.

ing *was* upon them.* [17] Like as a woman
with child, *that* draweth near the time
of her delivery, is in pain, *and* crieth
out in her pangs; so have we been in
thy sight, O LORD. [18] We have been
with child, we have been in pain, we
have as it were brought forth wind; we
have not wrought any deliverance in
the earth; neither have the inhabitants
of the world fallen. [19] Thy dead *men*
shall live, *together with* my dead body
shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye
that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as*
the dew of herbs, and the earth shall
cast out the dead. [20] Come, my peo-

16. prayer: Heb. secret speech.

ple, enter thou into thy chambers, and
shut thy doors about thee: hide thy-
self as it were for a little moment, un-
til the indignation be overpast. [21] For,
behold, the LORD cometh out of his
place to punish the inhabitants of the
earth for their iniquity: the earth also
shall disclose her blood, and shall no
more cover her slain.*

27 In that day the LORD with his
sore and great and strong sword shall
punish leviathan the piercing serpent,
even leviathan that crooked serpent;
and he shall slay the dragon that *is*

21. blood: Heb. bloods.

in the sea.* 2 In that day sing ye unto
her, A vineyard of red wine. 3 I the
LORD do keep it; I will water it ev-
ery moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will
keep it night and day. 4 Fury *is* not
in me: who would set the briers *and*
thorns against me in battle? I would
go through them, I would burn them
together.* 5 Or let him take hold of my
strength, *that* he may make peace with
me; *and* he shall make peace with me.
6 He shall cause them that come of Ja-
cob to take root: Israel shall blossom
and bud, and fill the face of the world

27.1. piercing: or, crossing like a bar.
4. go...: or, march against.

with fruit. 7 Hath he smitten him, as
he smote those that smote him? *or*
is he slain according to the slaugh-
ter of them that are slain by him?*
8 In measure, when it shooteth forth,
thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth
his rough wind in the day of the east
wind.* 9 By this therefore shall the in-
iquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is*
all the fruit to take away his sin; when
he maketh all the stones of the altar
as chalkstones that are beaten in sun-
der, the groves and images shall not

7. as...: Heb. according to the stroke of.
8. it shooteth...: or, thou sendest it forth. he...: or, when he removeth it with.

stand up.* [10] Yet the defenced city *shall*
be desolate, *and* the habitation for-
saken, and left like a wilderness: there
shall the calf feed, and there shall he
lie down, and consume the branches
thereof. [11] When the boughs thereof
are withered, they shall be broken off:
the women come, *and* set them on
fire: for it *is* a people of no understand-
ing: therefore he that made them will
not have mercy on them, and he that
formed them will shew them no fa-
vour. [12] And it shall come to pass in
that day, *that* the LORD shall beat off
from the channel of the river unto the

9. images: or, sun images.

stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!*

28.1. overcome: Heb. broken.

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and
strong one, *which* as a tempest of hail
and a destroying storm, as a flood
of mighty waters overflowing, shall
cast down to the earth with the hand.
3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of
Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:*
4 And the glorious beauty, which *is* on
the head of the fat valley, shall be a
fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit be-
fore the summer; which *when* he that
looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet
in his hand he eateth it up.* 5 In that
day shall the LORD of hosts be for a

3. under...: Heb. with feet.
4. eateth: Heb. swalloweth.

crown of glory, and for a diadem of
beauty, unto the residue of his peo-
ple, 6 And for a spirit of judgment to
him that sitteth in judgment, and for
strength to them that turn the battle
to the gate. 7 But they also have erred
through wine, and through strong
drink are out of the way; the priest
and the prophet have erred through
strong drink, they are swallowed up of
wine, they are out of the way through
strong drink; they err in vision, they
stumble *in* judgment. 8 For all ta-
bles are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so
that there is* no place *clean*. 9 Whom
shall he teach knowledge? and whom

shall he make to understand doctrine?
them that are weaned from the milk,
and drawn from the breasts.* [10] For
precept *must be* upon precept, pre-
cept upon precept; line upon line, line
upon line; here a little, *and* there a lit-
tle:* [11] For with stammering lips and
another tongue will he speak to this
people.* [12] To whom he said, This *is* the
rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary
to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet
they would not hear. [13] But the word

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9. doctrine: Heb. the hearing?.
10. must be: or, hath been.
11. stammering...: Heb. stammerings of lip. will...: or, he hath spoken.

of the LORD was unto them precept
upon precept, precept upon precept;
line upon line, line upon line; here a
little, *and* there a little; that they might
go, and fall backward, and be broken,
and snared, and taken. 14 Wherefore
hear the word of the LORD, ye scorn-
ful men, that rule this people which
is in Jerusalem. 15 Because ye have
said, We have made a covenant with
death, and with hell are we at agree-
ment; when the overflowing scourge
shall pass through, it shall not come
unto us: for we have made lies our
refuge, and under falsehood have we
hid ourselves: 16 Therefore thus saith

the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion
for a foundation a stone, a tried stone,
a precious corner *stone*, a sure founda-
tion: he that believeth shall not make
haste. [17] Judgment also will I lay to the
line, and righteousness to the plum-
met: and the hail shall sweep away
the refuge of lies, and the waters shall
overflow the hiding place. [18] And your
covenant with death shall be disan-
nulled, and your agreement with hell
shall not stand; when the overflow-
ing scourge shall pass through, then ye
shall be trodden down by it.* [19] From
the time that it goeth forth it shall

18. trodden...: Heb. a treading down to it.

take you: for morning by morning
shall it pass over, by day and by night:
and it shall be a vexation only *to* un-
derstand the report.* [20] For the bed is
shorter than that *a man* can stretch
himself *on it*: and the covering nar-
rower than that he can wrap himself
in it. [21] For the LORD shall rise up as
in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth
as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he
may do his work, his strange work;
and bring to pass his act, his strange
act. [22] Now therefore be ye not mock-
ers, lest your bands be made strong:

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19. to...: or, when he shall make you to understand doctrine.

for I have heard from the Lord GOD
of hosts a consumption, even deter-
mined upon the whole earth. 23 Give
ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and
hear my speech. 24 Doth the plowman
plow all day to sow? doth he open and
break the clods of his ground? 25 When
he hath made plain the face thereof,
doth he not cast abroad the fitches,
and scatter the cummin, and cast in
the principal wheat and the appointed
barley and the rie in their place?* 26 For
his God doth instruct him to discre-

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25. the principal...: or, the wheat in the principal place, and barley in the appointed place. rie: or, spelt. place: Heb. border?.

tion, *and* doth teach him.* [27] For the
fitches are not threshed with a thresh-
ing instrument, neither is a cart wheel
turned about upon the cummin; but
the fitches are beaten out with a staff,
and the cummin with a rod. [28] Bread
corn is bruised; because he will not
ever be threshing it, nor break *it with*
the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it
with his horsemen. [29] This also cometh
forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is
wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in
working.

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26. For...: or, And he bindeth it in such sort as his God doth teach him.

29 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city
where David dwelt! add ye year to year;
let them kill sacrifices.* 2 Yet I will dis-
tress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness
and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as
Ariel. 3 And I will camp against thee
round about, and will lay siege against
thee with a mount, and I will raise
forts against thee. 4 And thou shalt
be brought down, *and* shalt speak out
of the ground, and thy speech shall be
low out of the dust, and thy voice shall
be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit,

29.1. Woe...: or, O Ariel, that is, the lion of God. the city: or, of the city. kill: Heb. cut off the heads of.

out of the ground, and thy speech shall
whisper out of the dust.* 5 Moreover
the multitude of thy strangers shall be
like small dust, and the multitude of
the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that
passeth away: yea, it shall be at an in-
stant suddenly. 6 Thou shalt be vis-
ited of the LORD of hosts with thun-
der, and with earthquake, and great
noise, with storm and tempest, and
the flame of devouring fire. 7 And
the multitude of all the nations that
fight against Ariel, even all that fight
against her and her munition, and that
distress her, shall be as a dream of

4. whisper: Heb. peep, or, chirp.

a night vision. 8 It shall even be as
when an hungry *man* dreameth, and,
behold, he eateth; but he awaketh,
and his soul is empty: or as when a
thirsty man dreameth, and, behold,
he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, be-
hold, *he is* faint, and his soul hath ap-
petite: so shall the multitude of all the
nations be, that fight against mount
Zion. 9 Stay yourselves, and wonder;
cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken,
but not with wine; they stagger, but
not with strong drink.* 10 For the LORD
hath poured out upon you the spirit
of deep sleep, and hath closed your

9. cry ye...: or, take your pleasure, and riot.

eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the
seers hath he covered.* 11 And the vi-
sion of all is become unto you as the
words of a book that is sealed, which
men deliver to one that is learned, say-
ing, Read this, I pray thee: and he
saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed:* 12 And
the book is delivered to him that is
not learned, saying, Read this, I pray
thee: and he saith, I am not learned.
13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch
as this people draw near *me* with their
mouth, and with their lips do honour
me, but have removed their heart far

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10. rulers: Heb. heads.
11. book: or, letter.

from me, and their fear toward me is
taught by the precept of men: 14 There-
fore, behold, I will proceed to do a
marvellous work among this people,
even a marvellous work and a won-
der: for the wisdom of their wise *men*
shall perish, and the understanding of
their prudent *men* shall be hid.* 15 Woe
unto them that seek deep to hide their
counsel from the LORD, and their
works are in the dark, and they say,
Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?
16 Surely your turning of things upside
down shall be esteemed as the potter's
clay: for shall the work say of him that

14. proceed: Heb. add.

made it, He made me not? or shall the
thing framed say of him that framed
it, He had no understanding? [17] *Is* it
not yet a very little while, and Lebanon
shall be turned into a fruitful field, and
the fruitful field shall be esteemed as
a forest? [18] And in that day shall the
deaf hear the words of the book, and
the eyes of the blind shall see out of
obscurity, and out of darkness. [19] The
meek also shall increase *their* joy in
the LORD, and the poor among men
shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*
[20] For the terrible one is brought to
nought, and the scorner is consumed,

19. increase: Heb. add.

and all that watch for iniquity are cut
off: [21] That make a man an offender for
a word, and lay a snare for him that re-
proveth in the gate, and turn aside the
just for a thing of nought. [22] Therefore
thus saith the LORD, who redeemed
Abraham, concerning the house of Ja-
cob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
neither shall his face now wax pale.
[23] But when he seeth his children, the
work of mine hands, in the midst of
him, they shall sanctify my name, and
sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and
shall fear the God of Israel. [24] They also
that erred in spirit shall come to un-
derstanding, and they that murmured

shall learn doctrine.*

30 Woe to the rebellious children,
saith the LORD, that take counsel, but
not of me; and that cover with a cover-
ing, but not of my spirit, that they may
add sin to sin: 2 That walk to go down
into Egypt, and have not asked at my
mouth; to strengthen themselves in
the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust
in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore
shall the strength of Pharaoh be your
shame, and the trust in the shadow
of Egypt *your* confusion. 4 For his
princes were at Zoan, and his ambas-

24. come...: Heb. know understanding.

sadors came to Hanes. 5 They were
all ashamed of a people *that* could
not profit them, nor be an help nor
profit, but a shame, and also a re-
proach. 6 The burden of the beasts of
the south: into the land of trouble and
anguish, from whence *come* the young
and old lion, the viper and fiery fly-
ing serpent, they will carry their riches
upon the shoulders of young asses, and
their treasures upon the bunches of
camels, to a people *that* shall not pro-
fit *them*. 7 For the Egyptians shall help
in vain, and to no purpose: there-
fore have I cried concerning this, Their

strength *is* to sit still.* 8 Now go, write
it before them in a table, and note it
in a book, that it may be for the time
to come for ever and ever:* 9 That this
is a rebellious people, lying children,
children *that* will not hear the law of
the LORD: 10 Which say to the seers,
See not; and to the prophets, Proph-
esy not unto us right things, speak
unto us smooth things, prophesy de-
ceits: 11 Get you out of the way, turn
aside out of the path, cause the Holy
One of Israel to cease from before
us. 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy

30.7. concerning...: or, to her.
8. the...: Heb. the latter day.

One of Israel, Because ye despise this
word, and trust in oppression and per-
verseness, and stay thereon:* 13 There-
fore this iniquity shall be to you as a
breach ready to fall, swelling out in
a high wall, whose breaking cometh
suddenly at an instant. 14 And he shall
break it as the breaking of the potters'
vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall
not spare: so that there shall not be
found in the bursting of it a sherd to
take fire from the hearth, or to take
water *withal* out of the pit.* 15 For thus
saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of

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12. oppression: or, fraud.
14. the potters'...: Heb. the bottle of potters.

Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be
saved; in quietness and in confidence
shall be your strength: and ye would
not. [16] But ye said, No; for we will
flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee:
and, We will ride upon the swift; there-
fore shall they that pursue you be swift.
[17] One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke
of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye
flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the
top of a mountain, and as an ensign on
an hill.* [18] And therefore will the LORD
wait, that he may be gracious unto you,
and therefore will he be exalted, that

17. a beacon: or, a tree bereft of branches, or, boughs: or, a mast.

he may have mercy upon you: for the
LORD *is* a God of judgment: blessed
are all they that wait for him. [19] For
the people shall dwell in Zion at Jeru-
salem: thou shalt weep no more: he
will be very gracious unto thee at the
voice of thy cry; when he shall hear
it, he will answer thee. [20] And *though*
the Lord give you the bread of adver-
sity, and the water of affliction, yet
shall not thy teachers be removed into
a corner any more, but thine eyes shall
see thy teachers:* [21] And thine ears shall
hear a word behind thee, saying, This
is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn

20. affliction: or, oppression.

to the right hand, and when ye turn to
the left. [22] Ye shall defile also the cover-
ing of thy graven images of silver, and
the ornament of thy molten images of
gold: thou shalt cast them away as a
menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto
it, Get thee hence.* [23] Then shall he give
the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt
sow the ground withal; and bread of
the increase of the earth, and it shall
be fat and plenteous: in that day shall
thy cattle feed in large pastures. [24] The
oxen likewise and the young asses that
ear the ground shall eat clean proven-

22. thy graven...: Heb. the graven images of thy silver. cast: Heb. scatter.

der, which hath been winnowed with
the shovel and with the fan.* [25] And
there shall be upon every high moun-
tain, and upon every high hill, rivers
and streams of waters in the day of
the great slaughter, when the towers
fall.* [26] Moreover the light of the moon
shall be as the light of the sun, and the
light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as
the light of seven days, in the day that
the LORD bindeth up the breach of
his people, and healeth the stroke of
their wound. [27] Behold, the name of
the LORD cometh from far, burning

24. clean: or, savoury: Heb. leavened.
25. high hill: Heb. lifted up, etc.

with his anger, and the burden *thereof*
is heavy: his lips are full of indigna-
tion, and his tongue as a devouring
fire:* 28 And his breath, as an overflow-
ing stream, shall reach to the midst of
the neck, to sift the nations with the
sieve of vanity: and *there shall be* a bri-
dle in the jaws of the people, causing
them to err. 29 Ye shall have a song, as
in the night *when* a holy solemnity is
kept; and gladness of heart, as when
one goeth with a pipe to come into the
mountain of the LORD, to the mighty

27. burden...: or, grievousness of flame. heavy: Heb. heaviness.

One of Israel.* [30] And the LORD shall
cause his glorious voice to be heard,
and shall shew the lighting down of his
arm, with the indignation of *his* anger,
and *with* the flame of a devouring fire,
with scattering, and tempest, and hail-
stones.* [31] For through the voice of the
LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten
down, *which* smote with a rod. [32] And
in every place where the grounded staff
shall pass, which the LORD shall lay
upon him, *it* shall be with tabrets and
harps: and in battles of shaking will he

29. mighty...: Heb. Rock.
30. his glorious...: Heb. the glory of his voice.

fight with it.* 33 For Tophet *is* ordained
of old; yea, for the king it is prepared;
he hath made *it* deep *and* large: the
pile thereof *is* fire and much wood; the
breath of the LORD, like a stream of
brimstone, doth kindle it.*

31 Woe to them that go down to
Egypt for help; and stay on horses,
and trust in chariots, because *they are*
many; and in horsemen, because they
are very strong; but they look not
unto the Holy One of Israel, neither

32. in every...: Heb. every passing of the rod founded. with it: or, against them. lay...: Heb. cause to rest upon.
33. of old: Heb. from yesterday.

seek the LORD! 2 Yet he also *is* wise,
and will bring evil, and will not call
back his words: but will arise against
the house of the evildoers, and against
the help of them that work iniquity.*
3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not
God; and their horses flesh, and not
spirit. When the LORD shall stretch
out his hand, both he that helpeth
shall fall, and he that is holpen shall
fall down, and they all shall fail to-
gether. 4 For thus hath the LORD spo-
ken unto me, Like as the lion and the
young lion roaring on his prey, when a
multitude of shepherds is called forth

31.2. call...: Heb. remove.

against him, *he* will not be afraid of
their voice, nor abase himself for the
noise of them: so shall the LORD of
hosts come down to fight for mount
Zion, and for the hill thereof.* 5 As
birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts
defend Jerusalem; defending also he
will deliver *it; and* passing over he
will preserve it. 6 Turn ye unto *him*
from whom the children of Israel have
deeply revolted. 7 For in that day every
man shall cast away his idols of silver,
and his idols of gold, which your own
hands have made unto you *for* a sin.*

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4. noise: or, multitude.
7. his idols of gold: Heb. the idols of his gold.

8 Then shall the Assyrian fall with the
sword, not of a mighty man; and the
sword, not of a mean man, shall de-
vour him: but he shall flee from the
sword, and his young men shall be dis-
comfited.* 9 And he shall pass over to
his strong hold for fear, and his princes
shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the
LORD, whose fire *is* in Zion, and his
furnace in Jerusalem.*

32 Behold, a king shall reign in
righteousness, and princes shall rule

8. from: or, for fear of. discomfited: or, tributary: Heb. for melting, or, tribute.
9. he...: Heb. his rock shall pass away for fear. his strong hold: or, his strength.

in judgment. 2 And a man shall be as
an hiding place from the wind, and a
covert from the tempest; as rivers of
water in a dry place, as the shadow of
a great rock in a weary land.* 3 And
the eyes of them that see shall not be
dim, and the ears of them that hear
shall hearken. 4 The heart also of the
rash shall understand knowledge, and
the tongue of the stammerers shall be
ready to speak plainly.* 5 The vile per-
son shall be no more called liberal, nor
the churl said *to be* bountiful. 6 For
the vile person will speak villany, and

32.2. great: Heb. heavy.
4. rash: Heb. hasty. plainly: or, elegantly.

his heart will work iniquity, to practise
hypocrisy, and to utter error against
the LORD, to make empty the soul
of the hungry, and he will cause the
drink of the thirsty to fail. 7 The in-
struments also of the churl *are* evil:
he deviseth wicked devices to destroy
the poor with lying words, even when
the needy speaketh right.* 8 But the
liberal deviseth liberal things; and by
liberal things shall he stand.* 9 Rise
up, ye women that are at ease; hear
my voice, ye careless daughters; give

7. the needy...: or, he speaketh against the poor in judgment.
8. stand: or, be established.

ear unto my speech. [10] Many days and
years shall ye be troubled, ye careless
women: for the vintage shall fail, the
gathering shall not come.* [11] Tremble,
ye women that are at ease; be troubled,
ye careless ones: strip you, and make
you bare, and gird *sackcloth* upon *your*
loins. [12] They shall lament for the teats,
for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful
vine.* [13] Upon the land of my people
shall come up thorns *and* briers; yea,
upon all the houses of joy *in* the joy-
ous city:* [14] Because the palaces shall

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10. Many...: Heb. Days above a year.
12. pleasant...: Heb. fields of desire.
13. yea...: or, burning upon.

be forsaken; the multitude of the city
shall be left; the forts and towers shall
be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses,
a pasture of flocks;* 15 Until the spirit
be poured upon us from on high, and
the wilderness be a fruitful field, and
the fruitful field be counted for a for-
est. 16 Then judgment shall dwell in the
wilderness, and righteousness remain
in the fruitful field. 17 And the work of
righteousness shall be peace; and the
effect of righteousness quietness and
assurance for ever. 18 And my people
shall dwell in a peaceable habitation,
and in sure dwellings, and in quiet rest-

14. forts...: or, clifts and watchtowers.

ing places; [19] When it shall hail, com-
ing down on the forest; and the city
shall be low in a low place.* [20] Blessed
are ye that sow beside all waters, that
send forth *thither* the feet of the ox and
the ass.

33 Woe to thee that spoilest, and
thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest
treacherously, and they dealt not
treacherously with thee! when thou
shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be
spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an
end to deal treacherously, they shall
deal treacherously with thee. [2] O

19. low in...: or, utterly abased.

LORD, be gracious unto us; we have
waited for thee: be thou their arm ev-
ery morning, our salvation also in the
time of trouble. 3 At the noise of the
tumult the people fled; at the lifting
up of thyself the nations were scat-
tered. 4 And your spoil shall be gath-
ered *like* the gathering of the cater-
piller: as the running to and fro of lo-
custs shall he run upon them. 5 The
LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on
high: he hath filled Zion with judg-
ment and righteousness. 6 And wis-
dom and knowledge shall be the sta-
bility of thy times, *and* strength of sal-
vation: the fear of the LORD *is* his trea-

sure.* 7 Behold, their valiant ones shall
cry without: the ambassadors of peace
shall weep bitterly.* 8 The highways
lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth:
he hath broken the covenant, he hath
despised the cities, he regardeth no
man. 9 The earth mourneth *and* lan-
guisheth: Lebanon is ashamed *and*
hewn down: Sharon is like a wilder-
ness; and Bashan and Carmel shake
off *their fruits*.* 10 Now will I rise, saith
the LORD; now will I be exalted; now
will I lift up myself. 11 Ye shall con-

33.6. salvation: Heb. salvations.
7. valiant...: or, messengers.
9. hewn...: or, withered away.

ceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stub-
ble: your breath, *as* fire, shall devour
you. [12] And the people shall be *as*
the burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut
up shall they be burned in the fire.
[13] Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I have
done; and, ye *that are* near, acknowl-
edge my might. [14] The sinners in Zion
are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised
the hypocrites. Who among us shall
dwell with the devouring fire? who
among us shall dwell with everlast-
ing burnings? [15] He that walketh righ-
teously, and speaketh uprightly; he
that despiseth the gain of oppressions,
that shaketh his hands from holding

of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from
hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes
from seeing evil;* 16 He shall dwell on
high: his place of defence *shall be* the
munitions of rocks: bread shall be
given him; his waters *shall be* sure.*
17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his
beauty: they shall behold the land
that is very far off.* 18 Thine heart shall
meditate terror. Where *is* the scribe?
where *is* the receiver? where *is* he that

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15. righteously: Heb. in righteousnesses. uprightly: Heb. uprightnesses. oppressions: or, deceits. blood: Heb. bloods.

16. high: Heb. heights, or, high places.

17. that...: Heb. of far distances.

counted the towers?* [19] Thou shalt not
see a fierce people, a people of a deeper
speech than thou canst perceive; of
a stammering tongue, *that thou canst*
not understand.* [20] Look upon Zion,
the city of our solemnities: thine eyes
shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation,
a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken
down; not one of the stakes thereof
shall ever be removed, neither shall
any of the cords thereof be broken.
[21] But there the glorious LORD *will be*
unto us a place of broad rivers *and*
streams; wherein shall go no galley

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18. receiver: Heb. weigher?.
19. stammering: or, ridiculous.

with oars, neither shall gallant ship
pass thereby.* 22 For the LORD *is* our
judge, the LORD *is* our lawgiver, the
LORD *is* our king; he will save us.*
23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could
not well strengthen their mast, they
could not spread the sail: then is the
prey of a great spoil divided; the lame
take the prey.* 24 And the inhabitant
shall not say, I am sick: the people that
dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* in-
iquity.

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear;

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21. of...: Heb. broad of spaces, or, hands.
22. lawgiver: Heb. statutemaker.
23. Thy...: or, They have forsaken thy tacklings.

and hearken, ye people: let the earth
hear, and all that is therein; the world,
and all things that come forth of it.*
2 For the indignation of the LORD *is*
upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all
their armies: he hath utterly destroyed
them, he hath delivered them to the
slaughter. 3 Their slain also shall be
cast out, and their stink shall come up
out of their carcases, and the moun-
tains shall be melted with their blood.
4 And all the host of heaven shall be
dissolved, and the heavens shall be
rolled together as a scroll: and all their
host shall fall down, as the leaf fall-

34.1. all that...: Heb. the fulness thereof.

eth off from the vine, and as a falling
fig from the fig tree. 5 For my sword
shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it
shall come down upon Idumea, and
upon the people of my curse, to judg-
ment. 6 The sword of the LORD is
filled with blood, it is made fat with
fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs
and goats, with the fat of the kidneys
of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice
in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the
land of Idumea. 7 And the unicorns
shall come down with them, and the
bullocks with the bulls; and their land
shall be soaked with blood, and their

dust made fat with fatness.* 8 For *it is*
the day of the LORD's vengeance, *and*
the year of recompences for the con-
troversy of Zion. 9 And the streams
thereof shall be turned into pitch, and
the dust thereof into brimstone, and
the land thereof shall become burning
pitch. 10 It shall not be quenched night
nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up
for ever: from generation to genera-
tion it shall lie waste; none shall pass
through it for ever and ever. 11 But the
cormorant and the bittern shall pos-
sess it; the owl also and the raven shall
dwell in it: and he shall stretch out

7. unicorns: or, rhinocerots. soaked: or, drunken.

upon it the line of confusion, and the
stones of emptiness.* 12 They shall call
the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but
none *shall be* there, and all her princes
shall be nothing. 13 And thorns shall
come up in her palaces, nettles and
brambles in the fortresses thereof: and
it shall be an habitation of dragons,
and a court for owls.* 14 The wild beasts
of the desert shall also meet with the
wild beasts of the island, and the satyr
shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl
also shall rest there, and find for herself

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11. cormorant: or, pelican.
13. owls: or, ostriches: Heb. daughters of the owl.

a place of rest.* 15 There shall the great
owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch,
and gather under her shadow: there
shall the vultures also be gathered, ev-
ery one with her mate. 16 Seek ye out
of the book of the LORD, and read: no
one of these shall fail, none shall want
her mate: for my mouth it hath com-
manded, and his spirit it hath gath-
ered them. 17 And he hath cast the lot
for them, and his hand hath divided it
unto them by line: they shall possess
it for ever, from generation to genera-
tion shall they dwell therein.

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14. The wild...desert: Heb. Ziim. the wild...island: Heb. Ijim. screech...: or, night monster.

35 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and
the desert shall rejoice, and blossom
as the rose. 2 It shall blossom abun-
dantly, and rejoice even with joy and
singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be
given unto it, the excellency of Carmel
and Sharon, they shall see the glory
of the LORD, *and* the excellency of
our God. 3 Strengthen ye the weak
hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful
heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your
God will come *with* vengeance, *even*
God *with* a recompence; he will come

and save you.* 5 Then the eyes of the
blind shall be opened, and the ears of
the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then
shall the lame *man* leap as an hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing: for
in the wilderness shall waters break
out, and streams in the desert. 7 And
the parched ground shall become a
pool, and the thirsty land springs of
water: in the habitation of dragons,
where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds
and rushes.* 8 And an highway shall
be there, and a way, and it shall be
called The way of holiness; the unclean

35.4. fearful: Heb. hasty.
7. grass...: or, a court for reeds, etc.

shall not pass over it; but it *shall be*
for those: the wayfaring men, though
fools, shall not err *therein*.* 9 No lion
shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast
shall go up thereon, it shall not be
found there; but the redeemed shall
walk *there*: 10 And the ransomed of the
LORD shall return, and come to Zion
with songs and everlasting joy upon
their heads: they shall obtain joy and
gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall
flee away.

36 Now it came to pass in the
fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that*

8. but...: or, for he shall be with them.

Sennacherib king of Assyria came up
against all the defenced cities of Judah,
and took them. 2 And the king of As-
syria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to
Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a
great army. And he stood by the con-
duit of the upper pool in the high-
way of the fuller's field. 3 Then came
forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son,
which was over the house, and Shebna
the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the
recorder.* 4 And Rabshakeh said unto
them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus
saith the great king, the king of As-
syria, What confidence *is* this wherein

36.3. scribe: or, secretary.

thou trustest? 5 I say, *sayest thou*, (but
they are but vain words) *I have* counsel
and strength for war: now on whom
dost thou trust, that thou rebellest
against me?* 6 Lo, thou trustest in the
staff of this broken reed, on Egypt;
whereon if a man lean, it will go into
his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh
king of Egypt to all that trust in him.
7 But if thou say to me, We trust in
the LORD our God: *is it* not he, whose
high places and whose altars Hezekiah
hath taken away, and said to Judah
and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship be-

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5. vain...: Heb. a word of lips. I have...: or, but counsel and strength are for the war.

fore this altar? 8 Now therefore give
pledges, I pray thee, to my master the
king of Assyria, and I will give thee
two thousand horses, if thou be able
on thy part to set riders upon them.*
9 How then wilt thou turn away the
face of one captain of the least of my
master's servants, and put thy trust on
Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
10 And am I now come up without the
LORD against this land to destroy it?
the LORD said unto me, Go up against
this land, and destroy it. 11 Then said
Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto
Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto

8. pledges: or, hostages.

thy servants in the Syrian language; for
we understand *it*: and speak not to
us in the Jews' language, in the ears
of the people that *are* on the wall.
12 But Rabshakeh said, Hath my mas-
ter sent me to thy master and to thee
to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent*
me to the men that sit upon the wall,
that they may eat their own dung, and
drink their own piss with you? 13 Then
Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a
loud voice in the Jews' language, and
said, Hear ye the words of the great
king, the king of Assyria. 14 Thus saith
the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive
you: for he shall not be able to de-

liver you. [15] Neither let Hezekiah make
you trust in the LORD, saying, The
LORD will surely deliver us: this city
shall not be delivered into the hand of
the king of Assyria. [16] Hearken not to
Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of
Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me
by a present, and come out to me: and
eat ye every one of his vine, and ev-
ery one of his fig tree, and drink ye ev-
ery one the waters of his own cistern;*
[17] Until I come and take you away to
a land like your own land, a land of
corn and wine, a land of bread and

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16. Make...: or, Seek my favour by a present: Heb. Make with me a blessing.

vineyards. [18] *Beware* lest Hezekiah per-
suade you, saying, The LORD will de-
liver us. Hath any of the gods of the
nations delivered his land out of the
hand of the king of Assyria? [19] Where
are the gods of Hamath and Arphad?
where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim?
and have they delivered Samaria out
of my hand? [20] Who *are they* among
all the gods of these lands, that have
delivered their land out of my hand,
that the LORD should deliver Jerusa-
lem out of my hand? [21] But they held
their peace, and answered him not a
word: for the king's commandment
was, saying, Answer him not. [22] Then

came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that
was over the household, and Shebna
the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph,
the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their*
clothes rent, and told him the words
of Rabshakeh.

37 And it came to pass, when
king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent
his clothes, and covered himself with
sackcloth, and went into the house
of the LORD. 2 And he sent Eli-
akim, who *was* over the household,
and Shebna the scribe, and the el-
ders of the priests covered with sack-
cloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son

of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him,
Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a
day of trouble, and of rebuke, and
of blasphemy: for the children are
come to the birth, and *there is* not
strength to bring forth.* 4 It may be
the LORD thy God will hear the words
of Rabshakeh, whom the king of As-
syria his master hath sent to reproach
the living God, and will reprove the
words which the LORD thy God hath
heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for
the remnant that is left.* 5 So the ser-
vants of king Hezekiah came to Isa-

37.3. blasphemy: or, provocation.
4. left: Heb. found.

iah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus
shall ye say unto your master, Thus
saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the
words that thou hast heard, wherewith
the servants of the king of Assyria have
blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will send a
blast upon him, and he shall hear a ru-
mour, and return to his own land; and
I will cause him to fall by the sword
in his own land.* 8 So Rabshakeh re-
turned, and found the king of As-
syria warring against Libnah: for he
had heard that he was departed from
Lachish. 9 And he heard say concern-
ing Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is

7. send...: or, put a spirit into him.

come forth to make war with thee.
And when he heard *it*, he sent messen-
gers to Hezekiah, saying, [10] Thus shall
ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah,
saying, Let not thy God, in whom
thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Je-
rusalem shall not be given into the
hand of the king of Assyria. [11] Behold,
thou hast heard what the kings of As-
syria have done to all lands by destroy-
ing them utterly; and shalt thou be
delivered? [12] Have the gods of the na-
tions delivered them which my fathers
have destroyed, *as* Gozan, and Haran,
and Rezeph, and the children of Eden
which *were* in Telassar? [13] Where *is*

the king of Hamath, and the king of
Arphad, and the king of the city of
Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? 14 And
Hezekiah received the letter from the
hand of the messengers, and read it:
and Hezekiah went up unto the house
of the LORD, and spread it before the
LORD. 15 And Hezekiah prayed unto
the LORD, saying, 16 O LORD of hosts,
God of Israel, that dwellest *between*
the cherubims, thou *art* the God, *even*
thou alone, of all the kingdoms of
the earth: thou hast made heaven and
earth. 17 Incline thine ear, O LORD,
and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD,
and see: and hear all the words of

Sennacherib, which hath sent to re-
proach the living God. [18] Of a truth,
LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid
waste all the nations, and their coun-
tries,* [19] And have cast their gods into
the fire: for they *were* no gods, but
the work of men's hands, wood and
stone: therefore they have destroyed
them.* [20] Now therefore, O LORD our
God, save us from his hand, that all
the kingdoms of the earth may know
that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou
only. [21] Then Isaiah the son of Amoz
sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith

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18. nations: Heb. lands.
19. cast: Heb. given.

the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou
hast prayed to me against Sennacherib
king of Assyria: 22 This *is* the word
which the LORD hath spoken con-
cerning him; The virgin, the daugh-
ter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and*
laughed thee to scorn; the daughter
of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at
thee. 23 Whom hast thou reproached
and blasphemed? and against whom
hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted
up thine eyes on high? *even* against
the Holy One of Israel. 24 By thy ser-
vants hast thou reproached the Lord,
and hast said, By the multitude of
my chariots am I come up to the

height of the mountains, to the sides
of Lebanon; and I will cut down the
tall cedars thereof, *and* the choice fir
trees thereof: and I will enter into
the height of his border, *and* the for-
est of his Carmel.* 25 I have digged,
and drunk water; and with the sole
of my feet have I dried up all the
rivers of the besieged places.* 26 Hast
thou not heard long ago, *how* I have
done it; *and* of ancient times, that I
have formed it? now have I brought

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24. By thy...: Heb. By the hand of thy servants. the tall...: Heb. the tallness of the cedars thereof and the choice of the fir trees thereof. the forest...: or, the forest and his fruitful field.
25. besieged: or, fenced and closed.

it to pass, that thou shouldest be to
lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous
heaps.* [27] Therefore their inhabitants
were of small power, they were dis-
mayed and confounded: they were *as*
the grass of the field, and *as* the green
herb, *as* the grass on the housetops,
and *as corn* blasted before it be grown
up.* [28] But I know thy abode, and thy
going out, and thy coming in, and thy
rage against me.* [29] Because thy rage

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26. Hast...: or, Hast thou not heard how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste, and defenced cities to be ruinous heaps?.
27. of small...: Heb. short of hand.
28. abode: or, sitting.

against me, and thy tumult, is come up
into mine ears, therefore will I put my
hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy
lips, and I will turn thee back by the
way by which thou camest. [30] And this
shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this*
year such as groweth of itself; and the
second year that which springeth of
the same: and in the third year sow ye,
and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat
the fruit thereof. [31] And the remnant
that is escaped of the house of Judah
shall again take root downward, and
bear fruit upward:* [32] For out of Jerusa-

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31. the remnant...: Heb. the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.

lem shall go forth a remnant, and they
that escape out of mount Zion: the
zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.*
33 Therefore thus saith the LORD con-
cerning the king of Assyria, He shall
not come into this city, nor shoot an
arrow there, nor come before it with
shields, nor cast a bank against it. 34 By
the way that he came, by the same
shall he return, and shall not come
into this city, saith the LORD. 35 For I
will defend this city to save it for mine
own sake, and for my servant David's
sake. 36 Then the angel of the LORD
went forth, and smote in the camp of

32. they...: Heb. the escaping.

the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore
and five thousand: and when they
arose early in the morning, behold,
they *were* all dead corpses. [37] So Sen-
nacherib king of Assyria departed, and
went and returned, and dwelt at Nin-
eveh. [38] And it came to pass, as he
was worshipping in the house of Nis-
roch his god, that Adrammelech and
Sharezer his sons smote him with the
sword; and they escaped into the land
of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son
reigned in his stead.*

38 In those days was Hezekiah sick

38. Armenia: Heb. Ararat.

unto death. And Isaiah the prophet
the son of Amoz came unto him, and
said unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
Set thine house in order: for thou shalt
die, and not live.* 2 Then Hezekiah
turned his face toward the wall, and
prayed unto the LORD, 3 And said,
Remember now, O LORD, I beseech
thee, how I have walked before thee
in truth and with a perfect heart,
and have done *that which is* good in
thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.*
4 Then came the word of the LORD

38.1. Set...: Heb. Give charge concerning thy house.

3. sore: Heb. with great weeping.

to Isaiah, saying, 5 Go, and say to
Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the
God of David thy father, I have heard
thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: be-
hold, I will add unto thy days fifteen
years. 6 And I will deliver thee and
this city out of the hand of the king
of Assyria: and I will defend this city.
7 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee
from the LORD, that the LORD will do
this thing that he hath spoken; 8 Be-
hold, I will bring again the shadow of
the degrees, which is gone down in
the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees back-
ward. So the sun returned ten degrees,

by which degrees it was gone down.*
9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Ju-
dah, when he had been sick, and was
recovered of his sickness: 10 I said in the
cutting off of my days, I shall go to the
gates of the grave: I am deprived of the
residue of my years. 11 I said, I shall not
see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the
land of the living: I shall behold man
no more with the inhabitants of the
world. 12 Mine age is departed, and is
removed from me as a shepherd's tent:
I have cut off like a weaver my life: he
will cut me off with pining sickness:
from day *even* to night wilt thou make

8. sun dial: Heb. degrees by, or, with the sun.

an end of me.* 13 I reckoned till morn-
ing, *that*, as a lion, so will he break
all my bones: from day *even* to night
wilt thou make an end of me. 14 Like
a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter:
I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail
with looking upward: O LORD, I am
oppressed; undertake for me.* 15 What
shall I say? he hath both spoken unto
me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go
softly all my years in the bitterness of
my soul. 16 O Lord, by these *things men*
live, and in all these *things is* the life of
my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and

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12. with...: or, from the thrum.
14. undertake...: or, ease me.

make me to live. [17] Behold, for peace I
had great bitterness: but thou hast in
love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit
of corruption: for thou hast cast all my
sins behind thy back.* [18] For the grave
cannot praise thee, death can *not* cele-
brate thee: they that go down into the
pit cannot hope for thy truth. [19] The
living, the living, he shall praise thee, as
I *do* this day: the father to the children
shall make known thy truth. [20] The
LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore
we will sing my songs to the stringed

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17. for peace...: or, on my peace came great bitterness. thou hast in...: Heb. thou hast loved my soul from the pit.

instruments all the days of our life in
the house of the LORD. [21] For Isaiah
had said, Let them take a lump of figs,
and lay *it* for a plaister upon the boil,
and he shall recover. [22] Hezekiah also
had said, What *is* the sign that I shall
go up to the house of the LORD?

39 At that time Merodachbaladan,
the son of Baladan, king of Babylon,
sent letters and a present to Hezekiah:
for he had heard that he had been sick,
and was recovered. [2] And Hezekiah
was glad of them, and shewed them
the house of his precious things, the
silver, and the gold, and the spices,

and the precious ointment, and all the
house of his armour, and all that was
found in his treasures: there was noth-
ing in his house, nor in all his do-
minion, that Hezekiah shewed them
not.* 3 Then came Isaiah the prophet
unto king Hezekiah, and said unto
him, What said these men? and
from whence came they unto thee?
And Hezekiah said, They are come
from a far country unto me, *even*
from Babylon. 4 Then said he, What
have they seen in thine house? And
Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine

39.2. precious things: or, spicery. armour: or, jewels: Heb. vessels, or, instruments.

house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have
not shewed them. 5 Then said Isa-
iah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of
the LORD of hosts: 6 Behold, the days
come, that all that *is* in thine house,
and *that* which thy fathers have laid
up in store until this day, shall be car-
ried to Babylon: nothing shall be left,
saith the LORD. 7 And of thy sons
that shall issue from thee, which thou
shalt beget, shall they take away; and
they shall be eunuchs in the palace
of the king of Babylon. 8 Then said
Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good *is* the word
of the LORD which thou hast spoken.

He said moreover, For there shall be
peace and truth in my days.

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye my
people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye
comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry
unto her, that her warfare is accom-
plished, that her iniquity is pardoned:
for she hath received of the LORD's
hand double for all her sins.* 3 The
voice of him that crieth in the wilder-
ness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway
for our God. 4 Every valley shall be

40.2. comfortably: Heb. to the heart. warfare: or, appointed time.

exalted, and every mountain and hill
shall be made low: and the crooked
shall be made straight, and the rough
places plain:* 5 And the glory of the
LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh
shall see *it* together: for the mouth of
the LORD hath spoken *it*. 6 The voice
said, Cry. And he said, What shall I
cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the good-
liness thereof *is* as the flower of the
field: 7 The grass withereth, the flower
fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD
bloweth upon it: surely the people *is*
grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower

4. straight: or, a straight place. plain: or, a plain place.

fadeth: but the word of our God shall
stand for ever. 9 O Zion, that bringest
good tidings, get thee up into the high
mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest
good tidings, lift up thy voice with
strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say
unto the cities of Judah, Behold your
God!* 10 Behold, the Lord GOD will
come with strong *hand*, and his arm
shall rule for him: behold, his reward
is with him, and his work before him.*
11 He shall feed his flock like a shep-

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9. O Zion...: or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion. O Jerusalem...: or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem.

10. with strong...: or, against the strong. his work: or, recompense for his work.

herd: he shall gather the lambs with
his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom,
and shall gently lead those that are
with young.* 12 Who hath measured
the waters in the hollow of his hand,
and meted out heaven with the span,
and comprehended the dust of the
earth in a measure, and weighed the
mountains in scales, and the hills in
a balance?* 13 Who hath directed the
Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his coun-
sellor hath taught him?* 14 With whom
took he counsel, and *who* instructed

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11. that...: or, that give suck.
12. a measure: Heb. a tierce.
13. his...: Heb. man of his counsel.

him, and taught him in the path of
judgment, and taught him knowledge,
and shewed to him the way of under-
standing?* 15 Behold, the nations *are* as
a drop of a bucket, and are counted as
the small dust of the balance: behold,
he taketh up the isles as a very little
thing. 16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient
to burn, nor the beasts thereof suffi-
cient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations
before him *are* as nothing; and they
are counted to him less than nothing,
and vanity. 18 To whom then will ye
liken God? or what likeness will ye

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14. instructed...: Heb. made him understand. understanding: Heb. understandings?.

compare unto him? 19 The workman
melteth a graven image, and the gold-
smith spreadeth it over with gold, and
casteth silver chains. 20 He that *is* so
impoverished that he hath no obla-
tion chooseth a tree *that* will not rot;
he seeketh unto him a cunning work-
man to prepare a graven image, *that*
shall not be moved.* 21 Have ye not
known? have ye not heard? hath
it not been told you from the begin-
ning? have ye not understood from
the foundations of the earth? 22 *It is*
he that sitteth upon the circle of the
earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are*

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20. is so...: Heb. is poor of oblation.

as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out
the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth
them out as a tent to dwell in:* 23 That
bringeth the princes to nothing; he
maketh the judges of the earth as van-
ity. 24 Yea, they shall not be planted;
yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their
stock shall not take root in the earth:
and he shall also blow upon them, and
they shall wither, and the whirlwind
shall take them away as stubble. 25 To
whom then will ye liken me, or shall I
be equal? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift
up your eyes on high, and behold who
hath created these *things*, that bringeth

22. It is...: or, Him that.

out their host by number: he calleth
them all by names by the greatness
of his might, for that *he is* strong in
power; not one faileth. [27] Why sayest
thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel,
My way is hid from the LORD, and
my judgment is passed over from my
God? [28] Hast thou not known? hast
thou not heard, *that* the everlasting
God, the LORD, the Creator of the
ends of the earth, fainteth not, nei-
ther is weary? *there is* no searching of
his understanding. [29] He giveth power
to the faint; and to *them that have* no
might he increaseth strength. [30] Even
the youths shall faint and be weary,

and the young men shall utterly fall:
31 But they that wait upon the LORD
shall renew *their* strength; they shall
mount up with wings as eagles; they
shall run, and not be weary; *and* they
shall walk, and not faint.*

41 Keep silence before me, O is-
lands; and let the people renew *their*
strength: let them come near; then
let them speak: let us come near to-
gether to judgment. 2 Who raised
up the righteous *man* from the east,
called him to his foot, gave the na-
tions before him, and made *him* rule

31. renew: Heb. change.

over kings? he gave *them* as the dust
to his sword, *and* as driven stubble
to his bow.* 3 He pursued them, *and*
passed safely; *even* by the way *that* he
had not gone with his feet.* 4 Who
hath wrought and done *it*, calling the
generations from the beginning? I the
LORD, the first, and with the last; I
am he. 5 The isles saw *it*, and feared;
the ends of the earth were afraid, drew
near, and came. 6 They helped ev-
ery one his neighbour; and *every one*
said to his brother, Be of good cour-

41.2. the righteous...: Heb. righteousness.
3. safely: Heb. in peace.

age.* 7 So the carpenter encouraged
the goldsmith, *and* he that smootheth
with the hammer him that smote the
anvil, saying, It *is* ready for the soder-
ing: and he fastened it with nails, *that*
it should not be moved.* 8 But thou,
Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom
I have chosen, the seed of Abraham
my friend. 9 *Thou* whom I have taken
from the ends of the earth, and called
thee from the chief men thereof, and
said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant;
I have chosen thee, and not cast thee

6. Be...: Heb. Be strong.
7. goldsmith: or, founder. him...: or, the smiting. saying...: or, saying of the soder, It is good.

away. [10] Fear thou not; for I *am* with
thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy
God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will
help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with
the right hand of my righteousness.
[11] Behold, all they that were incensed
against thee shall be ashamed and con-
founded: they shall be as nothing; and
they that strive with thee shall perish.*
[12] Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not
find them, *even* them that contended
with thee: they that war against thee
shall be as nothing, and as a thing of
nought.* [13] For I the LORD thy God

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11. they that strive...: Heb. the men of thy strife.
12. them that...: Heb. the men of thy contention.

will hold thy right hand, saying unto
thee, Fear not; I will help thee. [14] Fear
not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye men of
Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD,
and thy redeemer, the Holy One of
Israel.* [15] Behold, I will make thee a
new sharp threshing instrument hav-
ing teeth: thou shalt thresh the moun-
tains, and beat *them* small, and shalt
make the hills as chaff.* [16] Thou shalt
fan them, and the wind shall carry
them away, and the whirlwind shall
scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in

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they...: Heb. the men of thy war.

14. men: or, few men.

15. teeth: Heb. mouths.

the LORD, *and* shalt glory in the Holy
One of Israel. 17 *When* the poor and
needy seek water, and *there is* none,
and their tongue faileth for thirst, I
the LORD will hear them, I the God
of Israel will not forsake them. 18 I will
open rivers in high places, and foun-
tains in the midst of the valleys: I will
make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water. 19 I
will plant in the wilderness the cedar,
the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and
the oil tree; I will set in the desert
the fir tree, *and* the pine, and the box
tree together: 20 That they may see, and
know, and consider, and understand

together, that the hand of the LORD
hath done this, and the Holy One of
Israel hath created it. [21] Produce your
cause, saith the LORD; bring forth
your strong *reasons*, saith the King of
Jacob.* [22] Let them bring *them* forth,
and shew us what shall happen: let
them shew the former things, what
they *be*, that we may consider them,
and know the latter end of them; or
declare us things for to come.* [23] Shew
the things that are to come hereafter,
that we may know that ye *are* gods:
yea, do good, or do evil, that we may

21. Produce: Heb. Cause to come near.
22. consider...: Heb. set our heart upon them.

be dismayed, and behold *it* together.
24 Behold, ye *are* of nothing, and your
work of nought: an abomination *is he*
that chooseth you.* 25 I have raised up
one from the north, and he shall come:
from the rising of the sun shall he call
upon my name: and he shall come
upon princes as *upon* morter, and as
the potter treadeth clay. 26 Who hath
declared from the beginning, that we
may know? and beforetime, that we
may say, *He is* righteous? yea, *there is*
none that sheweth, yea, *there is* none
that declareth, yea, *there is* none that

24. of nothing: or, worse than nothing. of nought: or, worse than of a viper.

heareth your words. [27] The first *shall*
say to Zion, Behold, behold them:
and I will give to Jerusalem one that
bringeth good tidings. [28] For I beheld,
and *there was* no man; even among
them, and *there was* no counsellor,
that, when I asked of them, could an-
swer a word.* [29] Behold, they *are* all
vanity; their works *are* nothing: their
molten images *are* wind and confu-
sion.

42 Behold my servant, whom I up-
hold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul de-
lighteth; I have put my spirit upon

28. answer: Heb. return.

him: he shall bring forth judgment to
the Gentiles. 2 He shall not cry, nor
lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard
in the street. 3 A bruised reed shall he
not break, and the smoking flax shall
he not quench: he shall bring forth
judgment unto truth.* 4 He shall not
fail nor be discouraged, till he have set
judgment in the earth: and the isles
shall wait for his law.* 5 Thus saith
God the LORD, he that created the
heavens, and stretched them out; he
that spread forth the earth, and that

42.3. smoking: or, dimly burning. quench: Heb. quench it.

4. discouraged: Heb. broken.

which cometh out of it; he that giveth
breath unto the people upon it, and
spirit to them that walk therein: 6 I the
LORD have called thee in righteous-
ness, and will hold thine hand, and will
keep thee, and give thee for a covenant
of the people, for a light of the Gen-
tiles; 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring
out the prisoners from the prison, *and*
them that sit in darkness out of the
prison house. 8 I *am* the LORD: that *is*
my name: and my glory will I not give
to another, neither my praise to graven
images. 9 Behold, the former things
are come to pass, and new things do I
declare: before they spring forth I tell

you of them. [10] Sing unto the LORD a
new song, *and* his praise from the end
of the earth, ye that go down to the sea,
and all that is therein; the isles, and the
inhabitants thereof.* [11] Let the wilder-
ness and the cities thereof lift up *their
voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth in-
habit: let the inhabitants of the rock
sing, let them shout from the top of
the mountains. [12] Let them give glory
unto the LORD, and declare his praise
in the islands. [13] The LORD shall go
forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up
jealousy like a man of war: he shall
cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against

10. all...: Heb. the fulness thereof.

his enemies.* 14 I have long time holden
my peace; I have been still, *and* re-
frained myself: *now* will I cry like a
travailing woman; I will destroy and
devour at once.* 15 I will make waste
mountains and hills, and dry up all
their herbs; and I will make the rivers
islands, and I will dry up the pools.
16 And I will bring the blind by a way
that they knew not; I will lead them
in paths *that* they have not known: I
will make darkness light before them,
and crooked things straight. These
things will I do unto them, and not

13. prevail: or, behave himself mightily.
14. devour: Heb. swallow, or, sup up.

forsake them.* 17 They shall be turned
back, they shall be greatly ashamed,
that trust in graven images, that say to
the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.
18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind,
that ye may see. 19 Who *is* blind, but
my servant? or deaf, as my messenger
that I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is*
perfect, and blind as the LORD'S ser-
vant? 20 Seeing many things, but thou
observest not; opening the ears, but
he heareth not. 21 The LORD is well
pleased for his righteousness' sake; he
will magnify the law, and make *it* hon-

16. straight: Heb. into straightness.

ourable.* 22 But this *is* a people robbed
and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared
in holes, and they are hid in prison
houses: they are for a prey, and none
delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith,
Restore.* 23 Who among you will give
ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear
for the time to come?* 24 Who gave Ja-
cob for a spoil, and Israel to the rob-
bers? did not the LORD, he against
whom we have sinned? for they would
not walk in his ways, neither were they

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21. it: or, him.
22. they are all...: or, in snaring all the young men of them. for a spoil: Heb. a treading.
23. for...: Heb. for the after time?.

obedient unto his law. [25] Therefore he
hath poured upon him the fury of his
anger, and the strength of battle: and
it hath set him on fire round about, yet
he knew not; and it burned him, yet he
laid *it* not to heart.

43 But now thus saith the LORD
that created thee, O Jacob, and he that
formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I
have redeemed thee, I have called *thee*
by thy name; thou *art* mine. [2] When
thou passest through the waters, I *will*
be with thee; and through the rivers,
they shall not overflow thee: when
thou walkest through the fire, thou

shalt not be burned; neither shall the
flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I *am* the
LORD thy God, the Holy One of Is-
rael, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy
ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.
4 Since thou wast precious in my sight,
thou hast been honourable, and I have
loved thee: therefore will I give men
for thee, and people for thy life.* 5 Fear
not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring
thy seed from the east, and gather thee
from the west; 6 I will say to the north,
Give up; and to the south, Keep not
back: bring my sons from far, and my
daughters from the ends of the earth;

43.4. life: or, person.

7 *Even* every one that is called by my
name: for I have created him for my
glory, I have formed him; yea, I have
made him. 8 Bring forth the blind
people that have eyes, and the deaf that
have ears. 9 Let all the nations be gath-
ered together, and let the people be
assembled: who among them can de-
clare this, and shew us former things?
let them bring forth their witnesses,
that they may be justified: or let them
hear, and say, *It is* truth. 10 Ye *are* my
witnesses, saith the LORD, and my ser-
vant whom I have chosen: that ye may
know and believe me, and understand
that I *am* he: before me there was no

God formed, neither shall there be after me.* 11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and
beside me *there is* no saviour. 12 I have
declared, and have saved, and I have
shewed, when *there was* no strange
god among you: therefore ye *are* my
witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am*
God. 13 Yea, before the day *was* I *am*
he; and *there is* none that can deliver
out of my hand: I will work, and who
shall let it?* 14 Thus saith the LORD,
your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;
For your sake I have sent to Babylon,
and have brought down all their no-

10. no...: or, nothing formed of God.
13. let it: Heb. turn it back?.

bles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is*
in the ships.* 15 I *am* the LORD, your
Holy One, the creator of Israel, your
King. 16 Thus saith the LORD, which
maketh a way in the sea, and a path in
the mighty waters; 17 Which bringeth
forth the chariot and horse, the army
and the power; they shall lie down to-
gether, they shall not rise: they are ex-
tinct, they are quenched as tow. 18 Re-
member ye not the former things, nei-
ther consider the things of old. 19 Be-
hold, I will do a new thing; now it
shall spring forth; shall ye not know
it? I will even make a way in the

14. nobles: Heb. bars.

wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.
20 The beast of the field shall honour
me, the dragons and the owls: be-
cause I give waters in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert, to give drink
to my people, my chosen.* 21 This peo-
ple have I formed for myself; they
shall shew forth my praise. 22 But thou
hast not called upon me, O Jacob;
but thou hast been weary of me, O
Israel. 23 Thou hast not brought me
the small cattle of thy burnt offerings;
neither hast thou honoured me with
thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee
to serve with an offering, nor wea-

20. owls: or, ostriches: Heb. daughters of the owl.

ried thee with incense.* 24 Thou hast
bought me no sweet cane with money,
neither hast thou filled me with the fat
of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made
me to serve with thy sins, thou hast
wearied me with thine iniquities.* 25 I,
even I, *am* he that blotteth out thy
transgressions for mine own sake, and
will not remember thy sins. 26 Put
me in remembrance: let us plead to-
gether: declare thou, that thou mayest
be justified. 27 Thy first father hath
sinned, and thy teachers have trans-

23. small...: Heb. lambs, or, kids.
24. filled...: Heb. made me drunk, or, abundantly moistened.

gressed against me.* 28 Therefore I have
profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
and have given Jacob to the curse, and
Israel to reproaches.*

44 Yet now hear, O Jacob my ser-
vant; and Israel, whom I have cho-
sen: 2 Thus saith the LORD that made
thee, and formed thee from the womb,
which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob,
my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom
I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water
upon him that is thirsty, and floods
upon the dry ground: I will pour my

27. teachers: Heb. interpreters.
28. princes...: or, holy princes.

spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing
upon thine offspring: 4 And they shall
spring up *as* among the grass, as wil-
lows by the water courses. 5 One shall
say, I *am* the LORD'S; and another shall
call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and
another shall subscribe *with* his hand
unto the LORD, and surname *himself*
by the name of Israel. 6 Thus saith the
LORD the King of Israel, and his re-
deemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the
first, and I *am* the last; and beside me
there is no God. 7 And who, as I, shall
call, and shall declare it, and set it in
order for me, since I appointed the an-
cient people? and the things that are

coming, and shall come, let them shew
unto them. 8 Fear ye not, neither be
afraid: have not I told thee from that
time, and have declared *it*? ye *are* even
my witnesses. Is there a God beside
me? yea, *there is* no God; I know not
any.* 9 They that make a graven im-
age *are* all of them vanity; and their
delectable things shall not profit; and
they *are* their own witnesses; they
see not, nor know; that they may be
ashamed.* 10 Who hath formed a god,
or molten a graven image *that* is prof-
itable for nothing? 11 Behold, all his fel-

44.8. God; I: Heb. rock, etc.
9. delectable: Heb. desirable.

lows shall be ashamed: and the work-
men, they *are* of men: let them all
be gathered together, let them stand
up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall
be ashamed together. 12 The smith
with the tongs both worketh in the
coals, and fashioneth it with hammers,
and worketh it with the strength of
his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his
strength faileth: he drinketh no water,
and is faint.* 13 The carpenter stretch-
eth out *his* rule; he marketh it out with
a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he
marketh it out with the compass, and
maketh it after the figure of a man, ac-

12. with the tongs: or, with an axe.

cording to the beauty of a man; that it
may remain in the house. 14 He heweth
him down cedars, and taketh the cy-
press and the oak, which he strength-
eneth for himself among the trees of
the forest: he planteth an ash, and
the rain doth nourish *it*.* 15 Then shall
it be for a man to burn: for he will
take thereof, and warm himself; yea,
he kindleth *it*, and baketh bread; yea,
he maketh a god, and worshippeth *it*;
he maketh it a graven image, and fall-
eth down thereto. 16 He burneth part
thereof in the fire; with part thereof
he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and

14. strengtheneth: or, taketh courage.

is satisfied: yea, he warmeth *himself*,
and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have
seen the fire: 17 And the residue thereof
he maketh a god, *even* his graven im-
age: he falleth down unto it, and wor-
shippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and
saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my
god. 18 They have not known nor un-
derstood: for he hath shut their eyes,
that they cannot see; *and* their hearts,
that they cannot understand.* 19 And
none considereth in his heart, neither
is there knowledge nor understanding
to say, I have burned part of it in the
fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon

18. shut: Heb. daubed.

the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh,
and eaten *it*: and shall I make the
residue thereof an abomination? shall
I fall down to the stock of a tree?*
20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart
hath turned him aside, that he cannot
deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not
a lie in my right hand? 21 Remember
these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou *art*
my servant: I have formed thee; thou
art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt
not be forgotten of me. 22 I have blot-
ted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgres-
sions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return

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19. considereth...: Heb. setteth to his heart. the stock...: Heb. that which comes of a tree?.

unto me; for I have redeemed thee.
23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD
hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts
of the earth: break forth into singing,
ye mountains, O forest, and every tree
therein: for the LORD hath redeemed
Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.
24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer,
and he that formed thee from the
womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh
all *things*; that stretcheth forth the
heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad
the earth by myself; 25 That frustrateth
the tokens of the liars, and maketh
diviners mad; that turneth wise *men*
backward, and maketh their knowl-

edge foolish; 26 That confirmeth the
word of his servant, and performeth
the counsel of his messengers; that
saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be in-
habited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye
shall be built, and I will raise up the
decayed places thereof:* 27 That saith
to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up
thy rivers: 28 That saith of Cyrus, *He
is* my shepherd, and shall perform all
my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem,
Thou shalt be built; and to the temple,
Thy foundation shall be laid.

45 Thus saith the LORD to his

26. decayed...: Heb. wastes.

anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand
I have holden, to subdue nations be-
fore him; and I will loose the loins
of kings, to open before him the two
leaved gates; and the gates shall not
be shut;* 2 I will go before thee, and
make the crooked places straight: I
will break in pieces the gates of brass,
and cut in sunder the bars of iron:
3 And I will give thee the treasures of
darkness, and hidden riches of secret
places, that thou mayest know that I,
the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name,
am the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob my
servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I

45.1. have...: or, strengthened.

have even called thee by thy name: I
have surnamed thee, though thou hast
not known me. 5 I *am* the LORD, and
there is none else, *there is* no God be-
side me: I girded thee, though thou
hast not known me: 6 That they may
know from the rising of the sun, and
from the west, that *there is* none be-
side me. I *am* the LORD, and *there*
is none else. 7 I form the light, and
create darkness: I make peace, and
create evil: I the LORD do all these
things. 8 Drop down, ye heavens, from
above, and let the skies pour down
righteousness: let the earth open, and
let them bring forth salvation, and let

righteousness spring up together; I the
LORD have created it. 9 Woe unto
him that striveth with his Maker! *Let*
the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds
of the earth. Shall the clay say to
him that fashioneth it, What makest
thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?
10 Woe unto him that saith unto *his*
father, What begettest thou? or to
the woman, What hast thou brought
forth? 11 Thus saith the LORD, the
Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask
me of things to come concerning my
sons, and concerning the work of my
hands command ye me. 12 I have made
the earth, and created man upon it:

I, *even* my hands, have stretched out
the heavens, and all their host have
I commanded. 13 I have raised him
up in righteousness, and I will direct
all his ways: he shall build my city,
and he shall let go my captives, not
for price nor reward, saith the LORD
of hosts.* 14 Thus saith the LORD, The
labour of Egypt, and merchandise of
Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of
stature, shall come over unto thee,
and they shall be thine: they shall
come after thee; in chains they shall
come over, and they shall fall down
unto thee, they shall make supplica-

13. direct: or, make straight.

tion unto thee, *saying*, Surely God *is*
in thee; and *there is* none else, *there*
is no God. 15 Verily thou *art* a God
that hidest thyself, O God of Israel,
the Saviour. 16 They shall be ashamed,
and also confounded, all of them: they
shall go to confusion together *that are*
makers of idols. 17 *But* Israel shall be
saved in the LORD with an everlast-
ing salvation: ye shall not be ashamed
nor confounded world without end.
18 For thus saith the LORD that created
the heavens; God himself that formed
the earth and made it; he hath es-
tablished it, he created it not in vain,
he formed it to be inhabited: I *am*

the LORD; and *there is* none else. [19] I
have not spoken in secret, in a dark
place of the earth: I said not unto the
seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I
the LORD speak righteousness, I de-
clare things that are right. [20] Assem-
ble yourselves and come; draw near to-
gether, ye *that are* escaped of the na-
tions: they have no knowledge that
set up the wood of their graven image,
and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.
[21] Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let
them take counsel together: who hath
declared this from ancient time? *who*
hath told it from that time? *have* not
I the LORD? and *there is* no God else

beside me; a just God and a Saviour;
there is none beside me. [22] Look unto
me, and be ye saved, all the ends of
the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is*
none else. [23] I have sworn by myself, the
word is gone out of my mouth *in* righ-
teousness, and shall not return, That
unto me every knee shall bow, every
tongue shall swear. [24] Surely, shall *one*
say, in the LORD have I righteousness
and strength: *even* to him shall *men*
come; and all that are incensed against
him shall be ashamed.* [25] In the LORD

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24. Surely...: or, Surely he shall say of me, In the LORD is all righteousness and strength. righteousness: Heb. righteousnesses.

shall all the seed of Israel be justified,
and shall glory.

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo
stoopeth, their idols were upon the
beasts, and upon the cattle: your car-
riages *were* heavy loaden; *they are* a
burden to the weary *beast*. 2 They
stoop, they bow down together; they
could not deliver the burden, but
themselves are gone into captivity.*
3 Hearken unto me, O house of Ja-
cob, and all the remnant of the house
of Israel, which are borne *by me* from
the belly, which are carried from the

46.2. themselves: Heb. their soul.

womb: 4 And *even* to *your* old age I
am he; and *even* to hoar hairs will I
carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear;
even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.
5 To whom will ye liken me, and make
me equal, and compare me, that we
may be like? 6 They lavish gold out of
the bag, and weigh silver in the bal-
ance, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he
maketh it a god: they fall down, yea,
they worship. 7 They bear him upon
the shoulder, they carry him, and set
him in his place, and he standeth; from
his place shall he not remove: yea, *one*
shall cry unto him, yet can he not an-
swer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves
men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye
transgressors. 9 Remember the former
things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is*
none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none
like me, 10 Declaring the end from the
beginning, and from ancient times *the*
things that are not *yet* done, saying, My
counsel shall stand, and I will do all
my pleasure: 11 Calling a ravenous bird
from the east, the man that executeth
my counsel from a far country: yea,
I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it
to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also
do it.* 12 Hearken unto me, ye stout-

11. that...: Heb. of my counsel.

hearted, that *are* far from righteous-
ness: [13] I bring near my righteousness;
it shall not be far off, and my salvation
shall not tarry: and I will place salva-
tion in Zion for Israel my glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on
the ground: *there is* no throne, O
daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou
shalt no more be called tender and
delicate. [2] Take the millstones, and
grind meal: uncover thy locks, make
bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass
over the rivers. [3] Thy nakedness shall
be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be

seen: I will take vengeance, and I will
not meet *thee as* a man. 4 *As for* our re-
deemer, the LORD of hosts *is* his name,
the Holy One of Israel. 5 Sit thou
silent, and get thee into darkness, O
daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou
shalt no more be called, The lady of
kingdoms. 6 I was wroth with my peo-
ple, I have polluted mine inheritance,
and given them into thine hand: thou
didst shew them no mercy; upon the
ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy
yoke. 7 And thou saidst, I shall be a
lady for ever: *so* that thou didst not lay
these *things* to thy heart, neither didst
remember the latter end of it. 8 There-

fore hear now this, *thou that art* given
to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly,
that sayest in thine heart, I *am*, and
none else beside me; I shall not sit *as* a
widow, neither shall I know the loss of
children: 9 But these two *things* shall
come to thee in a moment in one day,
the loss of children, and widowhood:
they shall come upon thee in their per-
fection for the multitude of thy sor-
ceries, *and* for the great abundance of
thine enchantments. 10 For thou hast
trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast
said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and
thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee;
and thou hast said in thine heart, I

am, and none else beside me.* 11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou
shalt not know from whence it riseth:
and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou
shalt not be able to put it off: and deso-
lation shall come upon thee suddenly,
which thou shalt not know.* 12 Stand
now with thine enchantments, and
with the multitude of thy sorceries,
wherein thou hast laboured from thy
youth; if so be thou shalt be able to
profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.
13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of

47.10. perverted...: or, caused thee to turn away.
11. from...: Heb. the morning thereof. put: Heb. expiate.

thy counsels. Let now the astrologers,
the stargazers, the monthly prognos-
ticators, stand up, and save thee from
these things that shall come upon thee.*
14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the
fire shall burn them; they shall not
deliver themselves from the power of
the flame: *there shall* not *be* a coal
to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.*
15 Thus shall they be unto thee with
whom thou hast laboured, *even* thy
merchants, from thy youth: they shall

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13. astrologers: Heb. viewers of the heavens. the monthly...: Heb. that give knowledge concerning the months.

14. themselves: Heb. their souls.

wander every one to his quarter; none
shall save thee.

48 Hear ye this, O house of Ja-
cob, which are called by the name of
Israel, and are come forth out of the
waters of Judah, which swear by the
name of the LORD, and make men-
tion of the God of Israel, *but* not in
truth, nor in righteousness. 2 For they
call themselves of the holy city, and
stay themselves upon the God of Is-
rael; The LORD of hosts *is* his name.
3 I have declared the former things
from the beginning; and they went
forth out of my mouth, and I shewed
them; I did *them* suddenly, and they

came to pass. 4 Because I knew that
thou *art* obstinate, and thy neck *is*
an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;*
5 I have even from the beginning de-
clared *it* to thee; before it came to pass
I shewed *it* thee: lest thou shouldest
say, Mine idol hath done them, and
my graven image, and my molten im-
age, hath commanded them. 6 Thou
hast heard, see all this; and will not
ye declare *it*? I have shewed thee
new things from this time, even hid-
den things, and thou didst not know
them. 7 They are created now, and
not from the beginning; even before

48.4. obstinate: Heb. hard.

the day when thou heardest them not;
lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew
them. 8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea,
thou knewest not; yea, from that time
that thine ear was not opened: for
I knew that thou wouldest deal very
treacherously, and wast called a trans-
gressor from the womb. 9 For my
name's sake will I defer mine anger,
and for my praise will I refrain for thee,
that I cut thee not off. 10 Behold, I have
refined thee, but not with silver; I have
chosen thee in the furnace of afflic-
tion.* 11 For mine own sake, *even* for
mine own sake, will I do *it*: for how

10. with...: or, for silver.

should *my name* be polluted? and I
will not give my glory unto another.
12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Is-
rael, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the first, I
also *am* the last. 13 Mine hand also hath
laid the foundation of the earth, and
my right hand hath spanned the heav-
ens: *when* I call unto them, they stand
up together.* 14 All ye, assemble your-
selves, and hear; which among them
hath declared these *things*? The LORD
hath loved him: he will do his plea-
sure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be
on* the Chaldeans. 15 I, *even* I, have spo-

13. my...: or, the palm of my right hand hath spread out.

ken; yea, I have called him: I have
brought him, and he shall make his
way prosperous. 16 Come ye near unto
me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in
secret from the beginning; from the
time that it was, there *am* I: and now
the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath
sent me. 17 Thus saith the LORD, thy
Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I
am the LORD thy God which teacheth
thee to profit, which leadeth thee by
the way *that* thou shouldest go. 18 O
that thou hadst hearkened to my com-
mandments! then had thy peace been
as a river, and thy righteousness as the
waves of the sea: 19 Thy seed also had

been as the sand, and the offspring
of thy bowels like the gravel thereof;
his name should not have been cut off
nor destroyed from before me. [20] Go
ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the
Chaldeans, with a voice of singing de-
clare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end
of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath re-
deemed his servant Jacob. [21] And they
thirsted not *when* he led them through
the deserts: he caused the waters to
flow out of the rock for them: he clave
the rock also, and the waters gushed
out. [22] *There is* no peace, saith the
LORD, unto the wicked.

49 Listen, O isles, unto me; and
hearken, ye people, from far; The
LORD hath called me from the womb;
from the bowels of my mother hath
he made mention of my name. 2 And
he hath made my mouth like a sharp
sword; in the shadow of his hand hath
he hid me, and made me a polished
shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;
3 And said unto me, Thou *art* my ser-
vant, O Israel, in whom I will be glo-
rified. 4 Then I said, I have laboured
in vain, I have spent my strength for
nought, and in vain: *yet* surely my
judgment *is* with the LORD, and my

work with my God.* 5 And now, saith
the LORD that formed me from the
womb *to be* his servant, to bring Ja-
cob again to him, Though Israel be not
gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the
eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be
my strength.* 6 And he said, It is a light
thing that thou shouldest be my ser-
vant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and
to restore the preserved of Israel: I will
also give thee for a light to the Gen-
tiles, that thou mayest be my salvation

49.4. my work: or, my reward.

5. Though...: or, That Israel may be gathered to him, etc.

unto the end of the earth.* 7 Thus saith
the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and*
his Holy One, to him whom man de-
spiseth, to him whom the nation ab-
horreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings
shall see and arise, princes also shall
worship, because of the LORD that is
faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel,
and he shall choose thee.* 8 Thus saith
the LORD, In an acceptable time have
I heard thee, and in a day of salva-
tion have I helped thee: and I will pre-
serve thee, and give thee for a covenant

6. It is...: or, Art thou lighter than that thou shouldest, etc. preserved: or, desolations.
7. whom man...: or, that is despised in soul.

of the people, to establish the earth,
to cause to inherit the desolate her-
itages;* 9 That thou mayest say to the
prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are*
in darkness, Shew yourselves. They
shall feed in the ways, and their pas-
tures *shall be* in all high places. 10 They
shall not hunger nor thirst; neither
shall the heat nor sun smite them:
for he that hath mercy on them shall
lead them, even by the springs of wa-
ter shall he guide them. 11 And I will
make all my mountains a way, and
my highways shall be exalted. 12 Be-
hold, these shall come from far: and,

8. establish: or, raise up.

lo, these from the north and from the
west; and these from the land of Sinim.
13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O
earth; and break forth into singing, O
mountains: for the LORD hath com-
forted his people, and will have mercy
upon his afflicted. 14 But Zion said,
The LORD hath forsaken me, and my
Lord hath forgotten me. 15 Can a wo-
man forget her sucking child, that she
should not have compassion on the
son of her womb? yea, they may forget,
yet will I not forget thee.* 16 Behold, I
have graven thee upon the palms of *my*
hands; thy walls *are* continually before

15. that...: Heb. from having compassion.

me. [17] Thy children shall make haste;
thy destroyers and they that made thee
waste shall go forth of thee. [18] Lift up
thine eyes round about, and behold:
all these gather themselves together,
and come to thee. *As* I live, saith the
LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee
with them all, as with an ornament,
and bind them *on thee*, as a bride *doeth*.
[19] For thy waste and thy desolate places,
and the land of thy destruction, shall
even now be too narrow by reason of
the inhabitants, and they that swal-
lowed thee up shall be far away. [20] The
children which thou shalt have, after
thou hast lost the other, shall say again

in thine ears, The place *is* too strait
for me: give place to me that I may
dwell. [21] Then shalt thou say in thine
heart, Who hath begotten me these,
seeing I have lost my children, and am
desolate, a captive, and removing to
and fro? and who hath brought up
these? Behold, I was left alone; these,
where *had* they *been*? [22] Thus saith
the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up
mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up
my standard to the people: and they
shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and
thy daughters shall be carried upon
their shoulders.* [23] And kings shall be

22. arms: Heb. bosom.

thy nursing fathers, and their queens
thy nursing mothers: they shall bow
down to thee with *their* face toward
the earth, and lick up the dust of thy
feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the
LORD: for they shall not be ashamed
that wait for me.* 24 Shall the prey be
taken from the mighty, or the law-
ful captive delivered?* 25 But thus saith
the LORD, Even the captives of the
mighty shall be taken away, and the
prey of the terrible shall be delivered:
for I will contend with him that con-

23. nursing fathers: Heb. nourishers. queens: Heb. princesses.
24. lawful...: Heb. captivity of the just.

tendeth with thee, and I will save thy
children.* [26] And I will feed them that
oppress thee with their own flesh; and
they shall be drunken with their own
blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh
shall know that I the LORD *am* thy
Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty
One of Jacob.*

50 Thus saith the LORD, Where *is*
the bill of your mother's divorcement,
whom I have put away? or which of my
creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you?
Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold
yourselves, and for your transgressions

25. captives: Heb. captivity.
26. sweet: or, new.

is your mother put away. [2] Wherefore,
when I came, *was there* no man? when
I called, *was there* none to answer? Is
my hand shortened at all, that it can-
not redeem? or have I no power to
deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry
up the sea, I make the rivers a wilder-
ness: their fish stinketh, because *there
is* no water, and dieth for thirst. [3] I
clothe the heavens with blackness, and
I make sackcloth their covering. [4] The
Lord GOD hath given me the tongue
of the learned, that I should know
how to speak a word in season to *him
that is* weary: he wakeneth morning
by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to

hear as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD
hath opened mine ear, and I was not
rebellious, neither turned away back.
6 I gave my back to the smiters, and
my cheeks to them that plucked off
the hair: I hid not my face from shame
and spitting. 7 For the Lord GOD will
help me; therefore shall I not be con-
founded: therefore have I set my face
like a flint, and I know that I shall not
be ashamed. 8 *He is* near that justifi-
eth me; who will contend with me?
let us stand together: who *is* mine ad-
versary? let him come near to me.*
9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me;

50.8. mine...: Heb. the master of my cause?.

who *is* he *that* shall condemn me? lo,
they all shall wax old as a garment;
the moth shall eat them up. [10] Who
is among you that feareth the LORD,
that obeyeth the voice of his servant,
that walketh *in* darkness, and hath no
light? let him trust in the name of the
LORD, and stay upon his God. [11] Be-
hold, all ye that kindle a fire, that com-
pass *yourselves* about with sparks: walk
in the light of your fire, and in the
sparks *that* ye have kindled. This shall
ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down
in sorrow.

51 Hearken to me, ye that follow

after righteousness, ye that seek the
LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye
are hewn, and to the hole of the pit
whence ye are digged. [2] Look unto
Abraham your father, and unto Sarah
that bare you: for I called him alone,
and blessed him, and increased him.
[3] For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he
will comfort all her waste places; and
he will make her wilderness like Eden,
and her desert like the garden of the
LORD; joy and gladness shall be found
therein, thanksgiving, and the voice
of melody. [4] Hearken unto me, my
people; and give ear unto me, O my
nation: for a law shall proceed from

me, and I will make my judgment to
rest for a light of the people. 5 My
righteousness *is* near; my salvation is
gone forth, and mine arms shall judge
the people; the isles shall wait upon
me, and on mine arm shall they trust.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and
look upon the earth beneath: for the
heavens shall vanish away like smoke,
and the earth shall wax old like a gar-
ment, and they that dwell therein shall
die in like manner: but my salvation
shall be for ever, and my righteous-
ness shall not be abolished. 7 Hear-
ken unto me, ye that know righteous-
ness, the people in whose heart *is* my

law; fear ye not the reproach of men,
neither be ye afraid of their revilings.
8 For the moth shall eat them up like a
garment, and the worm shall eat them
like wool: but my righteousness shall
be for ever, and my salvation from gen-
eration to generation. 9 Awake, awake,
put on strength, O arm of the LORD;
awake, as in the ancient days, in the
generations of old. *Art* thou not it
that hath cut Rahab, *and* wounded
the dragon? 10 *Art* thou not it which
hath dried the sea, the waters of the
great deep; that hath made the depths
of the sea a way for the ransomed to
pass over? 11 Therefore the redeemed

of the LORD shall return, and come
with singing unto Zion; and everlast-
ing joy *shall be* upon their head: they
shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sor-
row and mourning shall flee away. 12 I,
even I, *am* he that comforteth you:
who *art* thou, that thou shouldest be
afraid of a man *that* shall die, and of
the son of man *which* shall be made *as*
grass; 13 And forgettest the LORD thy
maker, that hath stretched forth the
heavens, and laid the foundations of
the earth; and hast feared continually
every day because of the fury of the
oppressor, as if he were ready to de-
stroy? and where *is* the fury of the op-

pressor?* 14 The captive exile hasteneth
that he may be loosed, and that he
should not die in the pit, nor that his
bread should fail. 15 But I *am* the LORD
thy God, that divided the sea, whose
waves roared: The LORD of hosts *is* his
name. 16 And I have put my words in
thy mouth, and I have covered thee
in the shadow of mine hand, that I
may plant the heavens, and lay the
foundations of the earth, and say unto
Zion, Thou *art* my people. 17 Awake,
awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which
hast drunk at the hand of the LORD
the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken

51.13. were...: or, made himself ready.

the dregs of the cup of trembling, *and*
wrung *them* out. [18] *There is* none to
guide her among all the sons *whom* she
hath brought forth; neither *is there any*
that taketh her by the hand of all the
sons *that* she hath brought up. [19] These
two *things* are come unto thee; who
shall be sorry for thee? desolation,
and destruction, and the famine, and
the sword: by whom shall I comfort
thee?* [20] Thy sons have fainted, they
lie at the head of all the streets, as a
wild bull in a net: they are full of the
fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy

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19. are...: Heb. happened. destruction: Heb. breaking.

God. [21] Therefore hear now this, thou
afflicted, and drunken, but not with
wine: [22] Thus saith thy Lord the LORD,
and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of
his people, Behold, I have taken out of
thine hand the cup of trembling, *even*
the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou
shalt no more drink it again: [23] But
I will put it into the hand of them
that afflict thee; which have said to
thy soul, Bow down, that we may go
over: and thou hast laid thy body as
the ground, and as the street, to them
that went over.

52 Awake, awake; put on thy

strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful
garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city:
for henceforth there shall no more
come into thee the uncircumcised and
the unclean. 2 Shake thyself from the
dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusa-
lem: loose thyself from the bands of
thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.
3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold
yourselves for nought; and ye shall
be redeemed without money. 4 For
thus saith the Lord GOD, My peo-
ple went down aforetime into Egypt
to sojourn there; and the Assyrian op-
pressed them without cause. 5 Now
therefore, what have I here, saith the

LORD, that my people is taken away
for nought? they that rule over them
make them to howl, saith the LORD;
and my name continually every day *is*
blasphemed. 6 Therefore my people
shall know my name: therefore *they*
shall know in that day that I *am* he
that doth speak: behold, *it is* I. 7 How
beautiful upon the mountains are the
feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that bringeth
good tidings of good, that publisheth
salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy
God reigneth! 8 Thy watchmen shall
lift up the voice; with the voice to-
gether shall they sing: for they shall see

eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring
again Zion. 9 Break forth into joy,
sing together, ye waste places of Jeru-
salem: for the LORD hath comforted
his people, he hath redeemed Jerusa-
lem. 10 The LORD hath made bare his
holy arm in the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God. 11 Depart
ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence,
touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of
the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear
the vessels of the LORD. 12 For ye shall
not go out with haste, nor go by flight:
for the LORD will go before you; and
the God of Israel *will be* your rere-

ward.* 13 Behold, my servant shall deal
prudently, he shall be exalted and ex-
tolled, and be very high.* 14 As many
were astonied at thee; his visage was
so marred more than any man, and his
form more than the sons of men: 15 So
shall he sprinkle many nations; the
kings shall shut their mouths at him:
for *that* which had not been told them
shall they see; and *that* which they had
not heard shall they consider.

53 Who hath believed our report?
and to whom is the arm of the LORD

52.12. be...: Heb. gather you up.
13. deal...: or, prosper.

revealed?* 2 For he shall grow up be-
fore him as a tender plant, and as a
root out of a dry ground: he hath
no form nor comeliness; and when we
shall see him, *there is* no beauty that
we should desire him. 3 He is despised
and rejected of men; a man of sor-
rows, and acquainted with grief: and
we hid as it were *our* faces from him;
he was despised, and we esteemed him
not.* 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows: yet we did
esteem him stricken, smitten of God,

53.1. report: or, doctrine?: Heb. hearing?.

3. we hid...: or, he hid as it were his face from us: Heb. as an hiding of faces from him, or, from us.

and afflicted. 5 But he *was* wounded
for our transgressions, *he was* bruised
for our iniquities: the chastisement of
our peace *was* upon him; and with
his stripes we are healed.* 6 All we like
sheep have gone astray; we have turned
every one to his own way; and the
LORD hath laid on him the iniquity
of us all.* 7 He was oppressed, and he
was afflicted, yet he opened not his
mouth: he is brought as a lamb to
the slaughter, and as a sheep before
her shearers is dumb, so he openeth

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5. wounded: or, tormented. stripes: Heb. bruise.
6. laid...: Heb. made the iniquity of us all to meet on him.

not his mouth. [8] He was taken from
prison and from judgment: and who
shall declare his generation? for he was
cut off out of the land of the living:
for the transgression of my people was
he stricken.* [9] And he made his grave
with the wicked, and with the rich in
his death; because he had done no vi-
olence, neither *was any* deceit in his
mouth.* [10] Yet it pleased the LORD to
bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief:
when thou shalt make his soul an of-

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8. from prison...: or, away my distress and judgment: but, etc. was he...: Heb. was the stroke upon him.

9. death: Heb. deaths.

fering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he
shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure
of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*
11 He shall see of the travail of his soul,
and shall be satisfied: by his knowl-
edge shall my righteous servant justify
many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion*
with the great, and he shall divide the
spoil with the strong; because he hath
poured out his soul unto death: and he
was numbered with the transgressors;
and he bare the sin of many, and made
intercession for the transgressors.

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10. thou...: or, his soul shall make an offering.

54 Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst
not bear; break forth into singing, and
cry aloud, thou *that* didst not tra-
vail with child: for more *are* the chil-
dren of the desolate than the children
of the married wife, saith the LORD.
2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and
let them stretch forth the curtains of
thine habitations: spare not, lengthen
thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;
3 For thou shalt break forth on the
right hand and on the left; and thy
seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and
make the desolate cities to be inhab-
ited. 4 Fear not; for thou shalt not

be ashamed: neither be thou con-
founded; for thou shalt not be put
to shame: for thou shalt forget the
shame of thy youth, and shalt not re-
member the reproach of thy widow-
hood any more. 5 For thy Maker *is*
thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is*
his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy
One of Israel; The God of the whole
earth shall he be called. 6 For the
LORD hath called thee as a woman
forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a
wife of youth, when thou wast refused,
saith thy God. 7 For a small moment
have I forsaken thee; but with great
mercies will I gather thee. 8 In a lit-

tle wrath I hid my face from thee for
a moment; but with everlasting kind-
ness will I have mercy on thee, saith
the LORD thy Redeemer. 9 For this
is as the waters of Noah unto me:
for *as* I have sworn that the waters
of Noah should no more go over the
earth; so have I sworn that I would
not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke
thee. 10 For the mountains shall de-
part, and the hills be removed; but my
kindness shall not depart from thee,
neither shall the covenant of my peace
be removed, saith the LORD that hath
mercy on thee. 11 O thou afflicted,
tossed with tempest, *and* not com-

forted, behold, I will lay thy stones
with fair colours, and lay thy foun-
dations with sapphires. 12 And I will
make thy windows of agates, and thy
gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders
of pleasant stones. 13 And all thy chil-
dren *shall be* taught of the LORD; and
great *shall be* the peace of thy children.
14 In righteousness shalt thou be estab-
lished: thou shalt be far from oppres-
sion; for thou shalt not fear: and from
terror; for it shall not come near thee.
15 Behold, they shall surely gather to-
gether, *but* not by me: whosoever shall
gather together against thee shall fall
for thy sake. 16 Behold, I have created

the smith that bloweth the coals in the
fire, and that bringeth forth an instru-
ment for his work; and I have created
the waster to destroy. [17] No weapon
that is formed against thee shall pros-
per; and every tongue *that* shall rise
against thee in judgment thou shalt
condemn. This *is* the heritage of the
servants of the LORD, and their righ-
teousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth,
come ye to the waters, and he that
hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat;
yea, come, buy wine and milk without
money and without price. [2] Where-

fore do ye spend money for *that which*
is not bread? and your labour for
that which satisfieth not? hearken dili-
gently unto me, and eat ye *that which is*
good, and let your soul delight itself in
fatness.* 3 Incline your ear, and come
unto me: hear, and your soul shall
live; and I will make an everlasting
covenant with you, *even* the sure mer-
cies of David. 4 Behold, I have given
him *for* a witness to the people, a leader
and commander to the people. 5 Be-
hold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou
knowest not, and nations *that* knew
not thee shall run unto thee because

55.2. spend: Heb. weigh.

of the LORD thy God, and for the
Holy One of Israel; for he hath glori-
fied thee. 6 Seek ye the LORD while he
may be found, call ye upon him while
he is near: 7 Let the wicked forsake
his way, and the unrighteous man his
thoughts: and let him return unto the
LORD, and he will have mercy upon
him; and to our God, for he will abun-
dantly pardon.* 8 For my thoughts *are*
not your thoughts, neither *are* your
ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For *as*
the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,

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7. the unrighteous...: Heb. the man of iniquity. abundantly...: Heb. multiply to pardon.

and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain cometh down, and the
snow from heaven, and returneth not
thither, but watereth the earth, and
maketh it bring forth and bud, that it
may give seed to the sower, and bread
to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that
goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall
not return unto me void, but it shall
accomplish that which I please, and it
shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent
it. 12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be
led forth with peace: the mountains
and the hills shall break forth before
you into singing, and all the trees of
the field shall clap *their* hands. 13 In-

stead of the thorn shall come up the
fir tree, and instead of the brier shall
come up the myrtle tree: and it shall
be to the LORD for a name, for an ev-
erlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

56 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye
judgment, and do justice: for my sal-
vation *is* near to come, and my righ-
teousness to be revealed.* 2 Blessed *is*
the man *that* doeth this, and the son
of man *that* layeth hold on it; that
keepeth the sabbath from polluting
it, and keepeth his hand from do-
ing any evil. 3 Neither let the son of

56.1. judgment: or, equity.

the stranger, that hath joined him-
self to the LORD, speak, saying, The
LORD hath utterly separated me from
his people: neither let the eunuch
say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree. 4 For
thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs
that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the*
things that please me, and take hold of
my covenant; 5 Even unto them will
I give in mine house and within my
walls a place and a name better than
of sons and of daughters: I will give
them an everlasting name, that shall
not be cut off. 6 Also the sons of the
stranger, that join themselves to the
LORD, to serve him, and to love the

name of the LORD, to be his servants,
every one that keepeth the sabbath
from polluting it, and taketh hold
of my covenant; 7 Even them will I
bring to my holy mountain, and make
them joyful in my house of prayer:
their burnt offerings and their sacri-
fices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar;
for mine house shall be called an house
of prayer for all people. 8 The Lord
GOD which gathereth the outcasts
of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others*
to him, beside those that are gathered
unto him.* 9 All ye beasts of the field,
come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in

8. beside...: Heb. to his gathered.

the forest. [10] His watchmen *are* blind:
they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb
dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying
down, loving to slumber.* [11] Yea, *they*
are greedy dogs *which* can never have
enough, and they *are* shepherds *that*
cannot understand: they all look to
their own way, every one for his gain,
from his quarter.* [12] Come ye, *say they*,
I will fetch wine, and we will fill our-
selves with strong drink; and to mor-
row shall be as this day, *and* much
more abundant.

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10. sleeping: or, dreaming, or, talking in their sleep.
11. greedy: Heb. strong of appetite. can...: Heb. know not to be satisfied.

57 The righteous perisheth, and no
man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful
men *are* taken away, none consider-
ing that the righteous is taken away
from the evil *to come*.* 2 He shall en-
ter into peace: they shall rest in their
beds, *each one* walking *in* his upright-
ness.* 3 But draw near hither, ye sons of
the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer
and the whore. 4 Against whom do ye
sport yourselves? against whom make
ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the
tongue? *are* ye not children of trans-

57.1. merciful...: Heb. men of kindness, or, godliness. from...: or, from that which is evil.

2. enter into: or, go in. in his...: or, before him.

gression, a seed of falsehood, 5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under
every green tree, slaying the children
in the valleys under the clifts of the
rocks?* 6 Among the smooth *stones* of
the stream *is* thy portion; they, they
are thy lot: even to them hast thou
poured a drink offering, thou hast of-
fered a meat offering. Should I receive
comfort in these? 7 Upon a lofty and
high mountain hast thou set thy bed:
even thither wentest thou up to offer
sacrifice. 8 Behind the doors also and
the posts hast thou set up thy remem-
brance: for thou hast discovered *thy-*

5. with...: or, among the oaks.

self to another than me, and art gone
up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and
made thee *a covenant* with them; thou
lovedst their bed where thou sawest *it*.*
9 And thou wentest to the king with
ointment, and didst increase thy per-
fumes, and didst send thy messengers
far off, and didst debase *thyself even*
unto hell.* 10 Thou art wearied in the
greatness of thy way; *yet* saidst thou
not, There is no hope: thou hast found
the life of thine hand; therefore thou

8. made...: or, hewed it for thyself larger than theirs. where...: or, thou providedst room.
9. thou...: or, thou respectedst.

wast not grieved.* 11 And of whom hast
thou been afraid or feared, that thou
hast lied, and hast not remembered
me, nor laid *it* to thy heart? have not I
held my peace even of old, and thou
fearest me not? 12 I will declare thy
righteousness, and thy works; for they
shall not profit thee. 13 When thou
criest, let thy companies deliver thee;
but the wind shall carry them all away;
vanity shall take *them*: but he that put-
teth his trust in me shall possess the
land, and shall inherit my holy moun-
tain; 14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye
up, prepare the way, take up the stum-

10. life: or, living.

blingblock out of the way of my people. [15] For thus saith the high and lofty
One that inhabiteth eternity, whose
name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and
holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a
contrite and humble spirit, to revive
the spirit of the humble, and to revive
the heart of the contrite ones. [16] For I
will not contend for ever, neither will I
be always wroth: for the spirit should
fail before me, and the souls *which* I
have made. [17] For the iniquity of his
covetousness was I wroth, and smote
him: I hid me, and was wroth, and
he went on frowardly in the way of

his heart.* [18] I have seen his ways, and
will heal him: I will lead him also, and
restore comforts unto him and to his
mourners. [19] I create the fruit of the
lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* far off,
and to *him that is* near, saith the LORD;
and I will heal him. [20] But the wicked
are like the troubled sea, when it can-
not rest, whose waters cast up mire and
dirt. [21] *There is* no peace, saith my God,
to the wicked.

58 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up
thy voice like a trumpet, and shew
my people their transgression, and the

17. frowardly: Heb. turning away.

house of Jacob their sins.* 2 Yet they
seek me daily, and delight to know my
ways, as a nation that did righteous-
ness, and forsook not the ordinance
of their God: they ask of me the or-
dinances of justice; they take delight
in approaching to God. 3 Wherefore
have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest
not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our
soul, and thou takest no knowledge?
Behold, in the day of your fast ye find
pleasure, and exact all your labours.*
4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate,

58.1. aloud: Heb. with the throat.
3. labours: or, things wherewith ye grieve others: Heb. griefs.

and to smite with the fist of wicked-
ness: ye shall not fast as *ye do this* day,
to make your voice to be heard on
high.* 5 Is it such a fast that I have cho-
sen? a day for a man to afflict his soul?
is it to bow down his head as a bulrush,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes *un-
der him*? wilt thou call this a fast, and
an acceptable day to the LORD?* 6 *Is*
not this the fast that I have chosen?
to loose the bands of wickedness, to
undo the heavy burdens, and to let the
oppressed go free, and that ye break ev-

4. ye shall...: or, ye fast not as this day.
5. a day...: or, to afflict his soul for a day?.

ery yoke?* 7 *Is it* not to deal thy bread
to the hungry, and that thou bring the
poor that are cast out to thy house?
when thou seest the naked, that thou
cover him; and that thou hide not
thyself from thine own flesh?* 8 Then
shall thy light break forth as the morn-
ing, and thine health shall spring forth
speedily: and thy righteousness shall
go before thee; the glory of the LORD
shall be thy rereward.* 9 Then shalt
thou call, and the LORD shall answer;

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6. the heavy...: Heb. the bundles of the yoke. oppressed: Heb. broken.
7. cast...: or, afflicted.
8. be...: Heb. gather thee up.

thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I
am. If thou take away from the midst
of thee the yoke, the putting forth of
the finger, and speaking vanity; [10] And
if thou draw out thy soul to the hun-
gry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then
shall thy light rise in obscurity, and
thy darkness *be* as the noonday: [11] And
the LORD shall guide thee continually,
and satisfy thy soul in drought, and
make fat thy bones: and thou shalt
be like a watered garden, and like a
spring of water, whose waters fail not.*
[12] And *they that shall be* of thee shall

11. drought: Heb. droughts. fail: Heb. lie, or, deceive.

build the old waste places: thou shalt
raise up the foundations of many gen-
erations; and thou shalt be called, The
repairer of the breach, The restorer of
paths to dwell in. 13 If thou turn away
thy foot from the sabbath, *from* doing
thy pleasure on my holy day; and call
the sabbath a delight, the holy of the
LORD, honourable; and shalt honour
him, not doing thine own ways, nor
finding thine own pleasure, nor speak-
ing *thine own* words: 14 Then shalt thou
delight thyself in the LORD; and I will
cause thee to ride upon the high places
of the earth, and feed thee with the
heritage of Jacob thy father: for the

mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

59 Behold, the LORD's hand is not
shortened, that it cannot save; neither
his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But
your iniquities have separated between
you and your God, and your sins have
hid *his* face from you, that he will not
hear.* 3 For your hands are defiled with
blood, and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies, your tongue
hath muttered perverseness. 4 None
calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for
truth: they trust in vanity, and speak
lies; they conceive mischief, and bring

59.2. have hid: or, have made him hide.

forth iniquity. 5 They hatch cocka-
trice' eggs, and weave the spider's web:
he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and
that which is crushed breaketh out
into a viper.* 6 Their webs shall not
become garments, neither shall they
cover themselves with their works:
their works *are* works of iniquity, and
the act of violence *is* in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil, and they make
haste to shed innocent blood: their
thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity;
wasting and destruction *are* in their

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5. cockatrice': or, adder's. crushed...: or, sprinkled is as if there brake out a viper.

paths.* 8 The way of peace they know
not; and *there is* no judgment in their
goings: they have made them crooked
paths: whosoever goeth therein shall
not know peace.* 9 Therefore is judg-
ment far from us, neither doth justice
overtake us: we wait for light, but be-
hold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we
walk in darkness. 10 We grope for the
wall like the blind, and we grope as if
we had no eyes: we stumble at noon-
day as in the night; *we are* in desolate
places as dead *men*. 11 We roar all like
bears, and mourn sore like doves: we

7. destruction: Heb. breaking.
8. judgment: or, right.

look for judgment, but *there is* none;
for salvation, *but* it is far off from
us. [12] For our transgressions are mul-
tiplied before thee, and our sins testify
against us: for our transgressions *are*
with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we
know them; [13] In transgressing and ly-
ing against the LORD, and departing
away from our God, speaking oppres-
sion and revolt, conceiving and utter-
ing from the heart words of falsehood.
[14] And judgment is turned away back-
ward, and justice standeth afar off: for
truth is fallen in the street, and equity
cannot enter. [15] Yea, truth faileth; and
he *that* departeth from evil maketh

himself a prey: and the LORD saw *it*,
and it displeased him that *there was*
no judgment.* 16 And he saw that *there*
was no man, and wondered that *there*
was no intercessor: therefore his arm
brought salvation unto him; and his
righteousness, it sustained him. 17 For
he put on righteousness as a breast-
plate, and an helmet of salvation upon
his head; and he put on the garments
of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad
with zeal as a cloke. 18 According to
their deeds, accordingly he will repay,
fury to his adversaries, recompence to

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15. maketh...: or, is accounted mad. it displeased...: Heb. it was evil in his eyes.

his enemies; to the islands he will repay
recompence.* [19] So shall they fear the
name of the LORD from the west, and
his glory from the rising of the sun.
When the enemy shall come in like
a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall
lift up a standard against him.* [20] And
the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and
unto them that turn from transgres-
sion in Jacob, saith the LORD. [21] As
for me, this *is* my covenant with them,
saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon
thee, and my words which I have put in
thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy

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18. deeds: Heb. recompences.
19. lift...: or, put him to flight.

mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy
seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's
seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth
and for ever.

60 Arise, shine; for thy light is
come, and the glory of the LORD is
risen upon thee.* 2 For, behold, the
darkness shall cover the earth, and
gross darkness the people: but the
LORD shall arise upon thee, and his
glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And
the Gentiles shall come to thy light,
and kings to the brightness of thy ris-
ing. 4 Lift up thine eyes round about,

60.1. shine...: or, be enlightened; for thy light cometh.

and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons
shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side. 5 Then
thou shalt see, and flow together,
and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the
sea shall be converted unto thee, the
forces of the Gentiles shall come unto
thee.* 6 The multitude of camels shall
cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian
and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall
come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the

5. abundance...: or, noise of the sea shall be turned toward thee. forces: or, wealth.

praises of the LORD. 7 All the flocks of
Kedar shall be gathered together unto
thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minis-
ter unto thee: they shall come up with
acceptance on mine altar, and I will
glorify the house of my glory. 8 Who
are these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the
doves to their windows? 9 Surely the
isles shall wait for me, and the ships of
Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from
far, their silver and their gold with
them, unto the name of the LORD thy
God, and to the Holy One of Israel,
because he hath glorified thee. 10 And
the sons of strangers shall build up
thy walls, and their kings shall min-

ister unto thee: for in my wrath I
smote thee, but in my favour have I
had mercy on thee. 11 Therefore thy
gates shall be open continually; they
shall not be shut day nor night; that
men may bring unto thee the forces of
the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may*
be brought.* 12 For the nation and king-
dom that will not serve thee shall per-
ish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly
wasted. 13 The glory of Lebanon shall
come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine
tree, and the box together, to beau-
tify the place of my sanctuary; and I
will make the place of my feet glori-

11. forces: or, wealth.

ous. [14] The sons also of them that af-
flicted thee shall come bending unto
thee; and all they that despised thee
shall bow themselves down at the soles
of thy feet; and they shall call thee,
The city of the LORD, The Zion of
the Holy One of Israel. [15] Whereas
thou hast been forsaken and hated,
so that no man went through *thee*, I
will make thee an eternal excellency,
a joy of many generations. [16] Thou
shalt also suck the milk of the Gen-
tiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings:
and thou shalt know that I the LORD
am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the
mighty One of Jacob. [17] For brass I

will bring gold, and for iron I will
bring silver, and for wood brass, and
for stones iron: I will also make thy
officers peace, and thine exactors righ-
teousness. 18 Violence shall no more be
heard in thy land, wasting nor destruc-
tion within thy borders; but thou shalt
call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates
Praise. 19 The sun shall be no more
thy light by day; neither for brightness
shall the moon give light unto thee:
but the LORD shall be unto thee an ev-
erlasting light, and thy God thy glory.
20 Thy sun shall no more go down; nei-
ther shall thy moon withdraw itself:
for the LORD shall be thine everlast-

ing light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. [21] Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. [22] A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

61 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that*

are bound; [2] To proclaim the accept-
able year of the LORD, and the day
of vengeance of our God; to com-
fort all that mourn; [3] To appoint unto
them that mourn in Zion, to give unto
them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for
mourning, the garment of praise for
the spirit of heaviness; that they might
be called trees of righteousness, the
planting of the LORD, that he might
be glorified. [4] And they shall build
the old wastes, they shall raise up the
former desolations, and they shall re-
pair the waste cities, the desolations
of many generations. [5] And strangers
shall stand and feed your flocks, and

the sons of the alien *shall be* your
plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But
ye shall be named the Priests of the
LORD: *men* shall call you the Minis-
ters of our God: ye shall eat the riches
of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall
ye boast yourselves. 7 For your shame
ye shall have double; and *for* confu-
sion they shall rejoice in their portion:
therefore in their land they shall pos-
sess the double: everlasting joy shall
be unto them. 8 For I the LORD love
judgment, I hate robbery for burnt of-
fering; and I will direct their work in
truth, and I will make an everlasting
covenant with them. 9 And their seed

shall be known among the Gentiles,
and their offspring among the peo-
ple: all that see them shall acknowl-
edge them, that they *are* the seed *which*
the LORD hath blessed. [10] I will greatly
rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be
joyful in my God; for he hath clothed
me with the garments of salvation, he
hath covered me with the robe of righ-
teousness, as a bridegroom decketh
himself with ornaments, and as a bride
adorneth *herself* with her jewels.* [11] For
as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things
that are sown in it to spring forth; so

61.10. decketh: Heb. decketh as a priest.

the Lord GOD will cause righteous-
ness and praise to spring forth before
all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake will I not hold
my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I
will not rest, until the righteousness
thereof go forth as brightness, and the
salvation thereof as a lamp *that* bur-
neth. 2 And the Gentiles shall see
thy righteousness, and all kings thy
glory: and thou shalt be called by a
new name, which the mouth of the
LORD shall name. 3 Thou shalt also
be a crown of glory in the hand of the
LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand
of thy God. 4 Thou shalt no more

be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy
land any more be termed Desolate:
but thou shalt be called Hephzibah,
and thy land Beulah: for the LORD de-
lighteth in thee, and thy land shall be
married.* 5 For *as* a young man mar-
rieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry
thee: and *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth
over the bride, *so* shall thy God rejoice
over thee.* 6 I have set watchmen upon
thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall
never hold their peace day nor night:
ye that make mention of the LORD,

62.4. Hephzibah: that is, My delight is in her. Beulah: that is, Married.

5. as the...: Heb. with the joy of the bridegroom.

keep not silence,* 7 And give him no
rest, till he establish, and till he make
Jerusalem a praise in the earth.* 8 The
LORD hath sworn by his right hand,
and by the arm of his strength, Surely
I will no more give thy corn *to be* meat
for thine enemies; and the sons of the
stranger shall not drink thy wine, for
the which thou hast laboured:* 9 But
they that have gathered it shall eat it,
and praise the LORD; and they that
have brought it together shall drink
it in the courts of my holiness. 10 Go

6. make...: or, are the LORD's remembrancers.
7. rest: Heb. silence.
8. Surely...: Heb. If I give, etc.

through, go through the gates; pre-
pare ye the way of the people; cast
up, cast up the highway; gather out
the stones; lift up a standard for the
people. [11] Behold, the LORD hath pro-
claimed unto the end of the world, Say
ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy
salvation cometh; behold, his reward
is with him, and his work before him.*
[12] And they shall call them, The holy
people, The redeemed of the LORD:
and thou shalt be called, Sought out,
A city not forsaken.

63 Who *is* this that cometh from

11. work: or, recompense.

Edom, with dyed garments from
Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his ap-
parel, travelling in the greatness of his
strength? I that speak in righteous-
ness, mighty to save.* 2 Wherefore *art*
thou red in thine apparel, and thy gar-
ments like him that treadeth in the
winefat? 3 I have trodden the wine-
press alone; and of the people *there was*
none with me: for I will tread them in
mine anger, and trample them in my
fury; and their blood shall be sprin-
kled upon my garments, and I will
stain all my raiment. 4 For the day
of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the

63.1. glorious: Heb. decked.

year of my redeemed is come. 5 And
I looked, and *there was* none to help;
and I wondered that *there was* none
to uphold: therefore mine own arm
brought salvation unto me; and my
fury, it upheld me. 6 And I will tread
down the people in mine anger, and
make them drunk in my fury, and I
will bring down their strength to the
earth. 7 I will mention the lovingkind-
nesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of
the LORD, according to all that the
LORD hath bestowed on us, and the
great goodness toward the house of Is-
rael, which he hath bestowed on them
according to his mercies, and accord-

ing to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. 8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where *is* he

that put his holy Spirit within him?*
12 That led *them* by the right hand of
Moses with his glorious arm, dividing
the water before them, to make him-
self an everlasting name? 13 That led
them through the deep, as an horse in
the wilderness, *that* they should not
stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down
into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD
caused him to rest: so didst thou lead
thy people, to make thyself a glorious
name. 15 Look down from heaven, and
behold from the habitation of thy ho-
liness and of thy glory: where *is* thy
zeal and thy strength, the sounding of

11. shepherd: or, shepherds.

thy bowels and of thy mercies toward
me? are they restrained?* 16 Doubtless
thou *art* our father, though Abraham
be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowl-
edge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our
father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from
everlasting.* 17 O LORD, why hast thou
made us to err from thy ways, *and*
hardened our heart from thy fear? Re-
turn for thy servants' sake, the tribes
of thine inheritance. 18 The people of
thy holiness have possessed *it* but a lit-
tle while: our adversaries have trodden

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15. the sounding: or, the multitude.

16. our redeemer...: or, our redeemer from everlasting is thy name.

down thy sanctuary. [19] We are *thine*:
thou never barest rule over them; they
were not called by thy name.*

64 Oh that thou wouldest rend
the heavens, that thou wouldest come
down, that the mountains might flow
down at thy presence, [2] As *when* the
melting fire burneth, the fire causeth
the waters to boil, to make thy name
known to thine adversaries, *that* the
nations may tremble at thy presence!*
[3] When thou didst terrible things
which we looked not for, thou camest

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19. they...: Heb. thy name was not called upon them.

64.2. the melting...: Heb. the fire of meltings.

down, the mountains flowed down at
thy presence. 4 For since the begin-
ning of the world *men* have not heard,
nor perceived by the ear, neither hath
the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what*
he hath prepared for him that wait-
eth for him.* 5 Thou meetest him that
rejoiceth and worketh righteousness,
those that remember thee in thy ways:
behold, thou art wroth; for we have
sinned: in those is continuance, and
we shall be saved. 6 But we are all
as an unclean *thing*, and all our righ-
teousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we

4. seen...: or, seen a God beside thee, which doeth so for him, etc.

all do fade as a leaf; and our iniqui-
ties, like the wind, have taken us away.
7 And *there is* none that calleth upon
thy name, that stirreth up himself to
take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy
face from us, and hast consumed us,
because of our iniquities.* 8 But now,
O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are*
the clay, and thou our potter; and we
all *are* the work of thy hand. 9 Be not
wroth very sore, O LORD, neither re-
member iniquity for ever: behold, see,
we beseech thee, we *are* all thy peo-
ple. 10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness,

7. consumed: Heb. melted. because: Heb. by the hand.

Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. [11] Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised
thee, is burned up with fire: and all our
pleasant things are laid waste. [12] Wilt
thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O
LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and
afflict us very sore?

65 I am sought of *them that* asked
not *for me*; I am found of *them that*
sought me not: I said, Behold me, be-
hold me, unto a nation *that* was not
called by my name. [2] I have spread
out my hands all the day unto a re-
bellious people, which walketh in a

way *that was* not good, after their
own thoughts; 3 A people that pro-
voketh me to anger continually to
my face; that sacrificeth in gardens,
and burneth incense upon altars of
brick;* 4 Which remain among the
graves, and lodge in the monuments,
which eat swine's flesh, and broth of
abominable *things is in* their vessels;*
5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come
not near to me; for I am holier than
thou. These *are* a smoke in my nose, a
fire that burneth all the day.* 6 Behold,

65.3. upon...: Heb. upon bricks.
4. broth: or, pieces.
5. nose: or, anger.

it is written before me: I will not keep
silence, but will recompense, even rec-
ompense into their bosom, 7 Your in-
iquities, and the iniquities of your fa-
thers together, saith the LORD, which
have burned incense upon the moun-
tains, and blasphemed me upon the
hills: therefore will I measure their for-
mer work into their bosom. 8 Thus
saith the LORD, As the new wine is
found in the cluster, and *one* saith, De-
stroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it: so
will I do for my servants' sakes, that
I may not destroy them all. 9 And I
will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,
and out of Judah an inheritor of my

mountains: and mine elect shall in-
herit it, and my servants shall dwell
there. 10 And Sharon shall be a fold of
flocks, and the valley of Achor a place
for the herds to lie down in, for my
people that have sought me. 11 But ye
are they that forsake the LORD, that
forget my holy mountain, that prepare
a table for that troop, and that furnish
the drink offering unto that number.*
12 Therefore will I number you to the
sword, and ye shall all bow down to
the slaughter: because when I called,
ye did not answer; when I spake, ye

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11. troop: or, Gad. number: or, Meni, a pagan god.

did not hear; but did evil before mine
eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I
delighted not. 13 Therefore thus saith
the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants
shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: be-
hold, my servants shall drink, but ye
shall be thirsty: behold, my servants
shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:
14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy
of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of
heart, and shall howl for vexation of
spirit.* 15 And ye shall leave your name
for a curse unto my chosen: for the
Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call
his servants by another name: 16 That

14. vexation: Heb. breaking.

he who blesseth himself in the earth
shall bless himself in the God of truth;
and he that sweareth in the earth shall
swear by the God of truth; because
the former troubles are forgotten, and
because they are hid from mine eyes.
17 For, behold, I create new heavens and
a new earth: and the former shall not
be remembered, nor come into mind.*
18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever
in that which I create: for, behold, I
create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her
people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in
Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and
the voice of weeping shall be no more

17. come...: Heb. come upon the heart.

heard in her, nor the voice of crying.
20 There shall be no more thence an in-
fant of days, nor an old man that hath
not filled his days: for the child shall
die an hundred years old; but the sin-
ner *being* an hundred years old shall
be accursed. 21 And they shall build
houses, and inhabit *them*; and they
shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit
of them. 22 They shall not build, and
another inhabit; they shall not plant,
and another eat: for as the days of a
tree *are* the days of my people, and
mine elect shall long enjoy the work
of their hands.* 23 They shall not labour

22. shall long...: Heb. shall make them continue

in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for
they *are* the seed of the blessed of the
LORD, and their offspring with them.
24 And it shall come to pass, that before
they call, I will answer; and while they
are yet speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf
and the lamb shall feed together, and
the lion shall eat straw like the bullock:
and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all
my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

66 Thus saith the LORD, The
heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is*
my footstool: where *is* the house that

long, or, shall wear out.

ye build unto me? and where *is* the
place of my rest? 2 For all those *things*
hath mine hand made, and all those
things have been, saith the LORD: but
to this *man* will I look, *even* to *him*
that is poor and of a contrite spirit,
and trembleth at my word. 3 He that
killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man;
he that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if* he
cut off a dog's neck; he that offer-
eth an oblation, *as if he offered* swine's
blood; he that burneth incense, *as if*
he blessed an idol. Yea, they have
chosen their own ways, and their soul
delighteth in their abominations.* 4 I

66.3. lamb: or, kid. burneth: Heb. maketh a

also will choose their delusions, and
will bring their fears upon them; be-
cause when I called, none did answer;
when I spake, they did not hear: but
they did evil before mine eyes, and
chose *that* in which I delighted not.*
5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that
tremble at his word; Your brethren
that hated you, that cast you out for
my name's sake, said, Let the LORD
be glorified: but he shall appear to
your joy, and they shall be ashamed.
6 A voice of noise from the city, a
voice from the temple, a voice of the

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memorial of.

4. delusions: or, devices.

LORD that rendereth recompence to
his enemies. 7 Before she travailed,
she brought forth; before her pain
came, she was delivered of a man child.
8 Who hath heard such a thing? who
hath seen such things? Shall the earth
be made to bring forth in one day? *or*
shall a nation be born at once? for
as soon as Zion travailed, she brought
forth her children. 9 Shall I bring to
the birth, and not cause to bring forth?
saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring
forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy
God.* 10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and
be glad with her, all ye that love her: re-

9. not...: or, not beget?.

joice for joy with her, all ye that mourn
for her: 11 That ye may suck, and be
satisfied with the breasts of her conso-
lations; that ye may milk out, and be
delighted with the abundance of her
glory.* 12 For thus saith the LORD, Be-
hold, I will extend peace to her like a
river, and the glory of the Gentiles like
a flowing stream: then shall ye suck,
ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and
be dandled upon *her* knees. 13 As one
whom his mother comforteth, so will
I comfort you; and ye shall be com-
forted in Jerusalem. 14 And when ye see
this, your heart shall rejoice, and your

11. abundance: or, brightness.

bones shall flourish like an herb: and
the hand of the LORD shall be known
toward his servants, and *his* indigna-
tion toward his enemies. 15 For, be-
hold, the LORD will come with fire,
and with his chariots like a whirlwind,
to render his anger with fury, and his
rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by
fire and by his sword will the LORD
plead with all flesh: and the slain
of the LORD shall be many. 17 They
that sanctify themselves, and purify
themselves in the gardens behind one
tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh,
and the abomination, and the mouse,
shall be consumed together, saith the

LORD.* [18] For I *know* their works and
their thoughts: it shall come, that I
will gather all nations and tongues;
and they shall come, and see my glory.
[19] And I will set a sign among them, and
I will send those that escape of them
unto the nations, *to* Tarshish, Pul, and
Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and
Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have
not heard my fame, neither have seen
my glory; and they shall declare my
glory among the Gentiles. [20] And they
shall bring all your brethren *for* an of-
fering unto the LORD out of all na-
tions upon horses, and in chariots,

17. behind...: or, one after another.

and in litters, and upon mules, and
upon swift beasts, to my holy moun-
tain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the
children of Israel bring an offering in
a clean vessel into the house of the
LORD.* 21 And I will also take of them
for priests *and* for Levites, saith the
LORD. 22 For as the new heavens and
the new earth, which I will make, shall
remain before me, saith the LORD, so
shall your seed and your name remain.
23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from
one new moon to another, and from
one sabbath to another, shall all flesh
come to worship before me, saith the

20. litters: or, coaches.

LORD.* [24] And they shall go forth, and
look upon the carcases of the men that
have transgressed against me: for their
worm shall not die, neither shall their
fire be quenched; and they shall be an
abhorring unto all flesh.

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23. from one new...: Heb. from new moon to his new moon, and from sabbath to his sabbath.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

JEREMIAH

The words of Jeremiah the son
of Hilkiah, of the priests that
were in Anathoth in the land
of Benjamin: 2 To whom the word of
the LORD came in the days of Josiah
the son of Amon king of Judah, in
the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It
came also in the days of Jehoiakim the
son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the
end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah
the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto
the carrying away of Jerusalem captive
in the fifth month. 4 Then the word

of the LORD came unto me, saying,
5 Before I formed thee in the belly I
knew thee; and before thou camest
forth out of the womb I sanctified
thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet
unto the nations.* 6 Then said I, Ah,
Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak:
for I *am* a child. 7 But the LORD said
unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for
thou shalt go to all that I shall send
thee, and whatsoever I command thee
thou shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid of
their faces: for I *am* with thee to de-
liver thee, saith the LORD. 9 Then the
LORD put forth his hand, and touched

1.5. ordained: Heb. gave.

my mouth. And the LORD said unto
me, Behold, I have put my words in thy
mouth. [10] See, I have this day set thee
over the nations and over the king-
doms, to root out, and to pull down,
and to destroy, and to throw down, to
build, and to plant. [11] Moreover the
word of the LORD came unto me, say-
ing, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And
I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.
[12] Then said the LORD unto me, Thou
hast well seen: for I will hasten my
word to perform it. [13] And the word
of the LORD came unto me the second
time, saying, What seest thou? And I
said, I see a seething pot; and the face

thereof *is* toward the north.* [14] Then
the LORD said unto me, Out of the
north an evil shall break forth upon all
the inhabitants of the land.* [15] For, lo,
I will call all the families of the king-
doms of the north, saith the LORD;
and they shall come, and they shall
set every one his throne at the entering
of the gates of Jerusalem, and against
all the walls thereof round about, and
against all the cities of Judah. [16] And I
will utter my judgments against them
touching all their wickedness, who
have forsaken me, and have burned

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13. toward...: Heb. from the face of the north.
14. shall...: Heb. shall be opened.

incense unto other gods, and wor-
shipped the works of their own hands.
17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and
arise, and speak unto them all that I
command thee: be not dismayed at
their faces, lest I confound thee be-
fore them.* 18 For, behold, I have made
thee this day a defenced city, and an
iron pillar, and brasen walls against the
whole land, against the kings of Judah,
against the princes thereof, against the
priests thereof, and against the peo-
ple of the land. 19 And they shall fight
against thee; but they shall not prevail
against thee; for I *am* with thee, saith

17. confound: or, break to pieces.

the LORD, to deliver thee.

2 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying, 2 Go and cry in the
ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith
the LORD; I remember thee, the kind-
ness of thy youth, the love of thine es-
pousals, when thou wentest after me
in the wilderness, in a land *that was*
not sown.* 3 Israel *was* holiness unto
the LORD, *and* the firstfruits of his in-
crease: all that devour him shall of-
fend; evil shall come upon them, saith
the LORD. 4 Hear ye the word of the
LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the

2.2. thee: or, for thy sake.

families of the house of Israel: 5 Thus
saith the LORD, What iniquity have
your fathers found in me, that they are
gone far from me, and have walked af-
ter vanity, and are become vain? 6 Nei-
ther said they, Where *is* the LORD
that brought us up out of the land of
Egypt, that led us through the wilder-
ness, through a land of deserts and
of pits, through a land of drought,
and of the shadow of death, through
a land that no man passed through,
and where no man dwelt? 7 And I
brought you into a plentiful country,
to eat the fruit thereof and the good-
ness thereof; but when ye entered, ye

defiled my land, and made mine her-
itage an abomination.* 8 The priests
said not, Where *is* the LORD? and
they that handle the law knew me not:
the pastors also transgressed against
me, and the prophets prophesied by
Baal, and walked after *things that* do
not profit. 9 Wherefore I will yet plead
with you, saith the LORD, and with
your children's children will I plead.
10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and
see; and send unto Kedar, and con-
sider diligently, and see if there be such
a thing.* 11 Hath a nation changed *their*

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7. a plentiful...: or, the land of Carmel.
10. over: or, over to.

gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my
people have changed their glory for
that which doth not profit. 12 Be as-
tonished, O ye heavens, at this, and
be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate,
saith the LORD. 13 For my people have
committed two evils; they have for-
saken me the fountain of living waters,
and hewed them out cisterns, broken
cisterns, that can hold no water. 14 *Is*
Israel a servant? *is* he a homeborn
slave? why is he spoiled?* 15 The young
lions roared upon him, *and* yelled, and
they made his land waste: his cities

14. spoiled: Heb. become a spoil?.

are burned without inhabitant.* 16 Also
the children of Noph and Tahapanes
have broken the crown of thy head.*
17 Hast thou not procured this unto
thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the
LORD thy God, when he led thee by
the way? 18 And now what hast thou
to do in the way of Egypt, to drink
the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou
to do in the way of Assyria, to drink
the waters of the river? 19 Thine own
wickedness shall correct thee, and thy
backslidings shall reprove thee: know
therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing*

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15. yelled: Heb. gave out their voice.
16. have...: or, feed on thy crown.

and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the
LORD thy God, and that my fear *is*
not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of
hosts. [20] For of old time I have bro-
ken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands;
and thou saidst, I will not transgress;
when upon every high hill and under
every green tree thou wanderest, play-
ing the harlot.* [21] Yet I had planted thee
a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how
then art thou turned into the degen-
erate plant of a strange vine unto me?
[22] For though thou wash thee with ni-
tre, and take thee much soap, *yet* thine
iniquity is marked before me, saith the

20. transgress: or, serve.

Lord GOD. 23 How canst thou say, I
am not polluted, I have not gone af-
ter Baalim? see thy way in the valley,
know what thou hast done: *thou art* a
swift dromedary traversing her ways;*
24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, *that*
snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in
her occasion who can turn her away?
all they that seek her will not weary
themselves; in her month they shall
find her.* 25 Withhold thy foot from
being unshod, and thy throat from

23. thou art...: or, O swift dromedary.
24. A wild...: or, O wild ass, etc. turn...: or, reverse it?. used: Heb. taught. her pleasure: Heb. the desire of her heart.

thirst: but thou saidst, There is no
hope: no; for I have loved strangers,
and after them will I go.* [26] As the thief
is ashamed when he is found, so is the
house of Israel ashamed; they, their
kings, their princes, and their priests,
and their prophets, [27] Saying to a stock,
Thou *art* my father; and to a stone,
Thou hast brought me forth: for they
have turned *their* back unto me, and
not *their* face: but in the time of their
trouble they will say, Arise, and save
us.* [28] But where *are* thy gods that thou

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25. There...: or, Is the case desperate?.
27. brought...: or, begotten me. their back: Heb. the hinder part of the neck.

hast made thee? let them arise, if
they can save thee in the time of thy
trouble: for *according to* the number
of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.*
29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye
all have transgressed against me, saith
the LORD. 30 In vain have I smitten
your children; they received no cor-
rection: your own sword hath de-
voured your prophets, like a destroy-
ing lion. 31 O generation, see ye the
word of the LORD. Have I been a
wilderness unto Israel? a land of dark-
ness? wherefore say my people, We
are lords; we will come no more unto

28. trouble: Heb. evil.

thee?* [32] Can a maid forget her orna-
ments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my
people have forgotten me days with-
out number. [33] Why trimmest thou
thy way to seek love? therefore hast
thou also taught the wicked ones thy
ways. [34] Also in thy skirts is found the
blood of the souls of the poor inno-
cents: I have not found it by secret
search, but upon all these.* [35] Yet thou
sayest, Because I am innocent, surely
his anger shall turn from me. Behold,
I will plead with thee, because thou
sayest, I have not sinned. [36] Why gad-

31. We are...: Heb. We have dominion.
34. secret...: Heb. digging.

dest thou about so much to change
thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed
of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of As-
syria. 37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from
him, and thine hands upon thine head:
for the LORD hath rejected thy confi-
dences, and thou shalt not prosper in
them.

3 They say, If a man put away his
wife, and she go from him, and be-
come another man's, shall he return
unto her again? shall not that land be
greatly polluted? but thou hast played
the harlot with many lovers; yet return

again to me, saith the LORD.* 2 Lift
up thine eyes unto the high places,
and see where thou hast not been lien
with. In the ways hast thou sat for
them, as the Arabian in the wilder-
ness; and thou hast polluted the land
with thy whoredoms and with thy
wickedness. 3 Therefore the showers
have been withholden, and there hath
been no latter rain; and thou hadst a
whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be
ashamed. 4 Wilt thou not from this
time cry unto me, My father, thou
art the guide of my youth? 5 Will
he reserve *his anger* for ever? will he

3.1. They say: Heb. Saying.

keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou hast
spoken and done evil things as thou
couldest. 6 The LORD said also unto
me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast
thou seen *that* which backsliding Is-
rael hath done? she is gone up upon
every high mountain and under ev-
ery green tree, and there hath played
the harlot. 7 And I said after she had
done all these *things*, Turn thou unto
me. But she returned not. And her
treacherous sister Judah saw *it*. 8 And
I saw, when for all the causes whereby
backsliding Israel committed adultery
I had put her away, and given her a
bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sis-

ter Judah feared not, but went and
played the harlot also. 9 And it came
to pass through the lightness of her
whoredom, that she defiled the land,
and committed adultery with stones
and with stocks.* 10 And yet for all
this her treacherous sister Judah hath
not turned unto me with her whole
heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.*
11 And the LORD said unto me, The
backsliding Israel hath justified herself
more than treacherous Judah. 12 Go
and proclaim these words toward the
north, and say, Return, thou backslid-

9. lightness: or, fame.
10. feignedly: Heb. in falsehood.

ing Israel, saith the LORD; *and* I will
not cause mine anger to fall upon you:
for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and*
I will not keep *anger* for ever. 13 Only
acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou
hast transgressed against the LORD thy
God, and hast scattered thy ways to
the strangers under every green tree,
and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith
the LORD. 14 Turn, O backsliding chil-
dren, saith the LORD; for I am mar-
ried unto you: and I will take you
one of a city, and two of a family,
and I will bring you to Zion: 15 And
I will give you pastors according to
mine heart, which shall feed you with

knowledge and understanding. [16] And
it shall come to pass, when ye be mul-
tiplied and increased in the land, in
those days, saith the LORD, they shall
say no more, The ark of the covenant
of the LORD: neither shall it come to
mind: neither shall they remember it;
neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall
that be done any more.* [17] At that time
they shall call Jerusalem the throne of
the LORD; and all the nations shall
be gathered unto it, to the name of
the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall
they walk any more after the imagina-

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16. come to mind: Heb. come upon the heart.
that...: or, it be magnified.

tion of their evil heart.* [18] In those days
the house of Judah shall walk with the
house of Israel, and they shall come to-
gether out of the land of the north to
the land that I have given for an in-
heritance unto your fathers.* [19] But I
said, How shall I put thee among the
children, and give thee a pleasant land,
a goodly heritage of the hosts of na-
tions? and I said, Thou shalt call me,
My father; and shalt not turn away
from me.* [20] Surely *as* a wife treacher-

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17. imagination: or, stubbornness.

18. with: or, to. given...: or, caused your fathers to possess.

19. pleasant...: Heb. land of desire. from me: Heb. from after me. a goodly...: Heb. an heritage of

ously departeth from her husband, so
have ye dealt treacherously with me,
O house of Israel, saith the LORD.*
21 A voice was heard upon the high
places, weeping *and* supplications of
the children of Israel: for they have
perverted their way, *and* they have for-
gotten the LORD their God. 22 Re-
turn, ye backsliding children, *and* I
will heal your backslidings. Behold,
we come unto thee; for thou *art* the
LORD our God. 23 Truly in vain *is salva-
tion hoped for* from the hills, *and from*
the multitude of mountains: truly in

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glory, or, beauty.
20. husband: Heb. friend.

the LORD our God *is* the salvation of
Israel. 24 For shame hath devoured the
labour of our fathers from our youth;
their flocks and their herds, their sons
and their daughters. 25 We lie down
in our shame, and our confusion cov-
ereth us: for we have sinned against
the LORD our God, we and our fa-
thers, from our youth even unto this
day, and have not obeyed the voice of
the LORD our God.

4 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith
the LORD, return unto me: and if thou
wilt put away thine abominations out
of my sight, then shalt thou not re-
move. 2 And thou shalt swear, The

LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment,
and in righteousness; and the nations
shall bless themselves in him, and in
him shall they glory. 3 For thus saith
the LORD to the men of Judah and Je-
rusalem, Break up your fallow ground,
and sow not among thorns. 4 Circum-
cise yourselves to the LORD, and take
away the foreskins of your heart, ye
men of Judah and inhabitants of Je-
rusalem: lest my fury come forth like
fire, and burn that none can quench
it, because of the evil of your doings.
5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in
Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trum-
pet in the land: cry, gather together,

and say, Assemble yourselves, and let
us go into the defenced cities. 6 Set
up the standard toward Zion: retire,
stay not: for I will bring evil from the
north, and a great destruction.* 7 The
lion is come up from his thicket, and
the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his
way; he is gone forth from his place to
make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities
shall be laid waste, without an inhab-
itant. 8 For this gird you with sack-
cloth, lament and howl: for the fierce
anger of the LORD is not turned back
from us. 9 And it shall come to pass

4.6. retire: or, strengthen. destruction: Heb. breaking.

at that day, saith the LORD, *that* the
heart of the king shall perish, and the
heart of the princes; and the priests
shall be astonished, and the proph-
ets shall wonder. [10] Then said I, Ah,
Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly
deceived this people and Jerusalem,
saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas
the sword reacheth unto the soul. [11] At
that time shall it be said to this people
and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the
high places in the wilderness toward
the daughter of my people, not to fan,
nor to cleanse, [12] *Even* a full wind from
those *places* shall come unto me: now

also will I give sentence against them.*
13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds,
and his chariots *shall be* as a whirl-
wind: his horses are swifter than ea-
gles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.
14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from
wickedness, that thou mayest be saved.
How long shall thy vain thoughts
lodge within thee? 15 For a voice de-
clareth from Dan, and publisheth af-
fliction from mount Ephraim. 16 Make
ye mention to the nations; behold,
publish against Jerusalem, *that* watch-
ers come from a far country, and give

12. a full...: or, a fuller wind than those. give...: Heb. utter judgments.

out their voice against the cities of Ju-
dah. [17] As keepers of a field, are they
against her round about; because she
hath been rebellious against me, saith
the LORD. [18] Thy way and thy do-
ings have procured these *things* unto
thee; this *is* thy wickedness, because
it is bitter, because it reacheth unto
thine heart. [19] My bowels, my bow-
els! I am pained at my very heart;
my heart maketh a noise in me; I can-
not hold my peace, because thou hast
heard, O my soul, the sound of the
trumpet, the alarm of war.* [20] Destruc-
tion upon destruction is cried; for the

19. my very...: Heb. the walls of my heart.

whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my
tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a mo-
ment. [21] How long shall I see the stan-
dard, *and* hear the sound of the trum-
pet? [22] For my people *is* foolish, they
have not known me; they *are* sottish
children, and they have none under-
standing: they *are* wise to do evil, but
to do good they have no knowledge.
[23] I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was*
without form, and void; and the heav-
ens, and they *had* no light. [24] I beheld
the mountains, and, lo, they trembled,
and all the hills moved lightly. [25] I be-
held, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all
the birds of the heavens were fled. [26] I

beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was*
a wilderness, and all the cities thereof
were broken down at the presence of
the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.
27 For thus hath the LORD said, The
whole land shall be desolate; yet will I
not make a full end. 28 For this shall the
earth mourn, and the heavens above
be black: because I have spoken *it*, I
have purposed *it*, and will not repent,
neither will I turn back from it. 29 The
whole city shall flee for the noise of
the horsemen and bowmen; they shall
go into thickets, and climb up upon
the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken,
and not a man dwell therein. 30 And

when thou *art* spoiled, what wilt thou
do? Though thou clothest thyself with
crimson, though thou deckest thee
with ornaments of gold, though thou
rentest thy face with painting, in vain
shalt thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers
will despise thee, they will seek thy
life.* 31 For I have heard a voice as of a
woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of
her that bringeth forth her first child,
the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that*
bewaileth herself, *that* spreadeth her
hands, *saying*, Woe *is* me now! for my
soul is wearied because of murderers.

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30. face: Heb. eyes.

5 Run ye to and fro through the
streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and
know, and seek in the broad places
thereof, if ye can find a man, if there
be *any* that executeth judgment, that
seeketh the truth; and I will pardon
it. 2 And though they say, The LORD
liveth; surely they swear falsely. 3 O
LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the
truth? thou hast stricken them, but
they have not grieved; thou hast con-
sumed them, *but* they have refused to
receive correction: they have made
their faces harder than a rock; they
have refused to return. 4 Therefore I

said, Surely these *are* poor; they are
foolish: for they know not the way
of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of
their God. 5 I will get me unto the
great men, and will speak unto them;
for they have known the way of the
LORD, *and* the judgment of their God:
but these have altogether broken the
yoke, *and* burst the bonds. 6 Where-
fore a lion out of the forest shall slay
them, *and* a wolf of the evenings shall
spoil them, a leopard shall watch over
their cities: every one that goeth out
thence shall be torn in pieces: be-
cause their transgressions are many,

and their backslidings are increased.*
7 How shall I pardon thee for this? thy
children have forsaken me, and sworn
by *them that are* no gods: when I had
fed them to the full, they then com-
mitted adultery, and assembled them-
selves by troops in the harlots' houses.
8 They were *as* fed horses in the morn-
ing: every one neighed after his neigh-
bour's wife. 9 Shall I not visit for these
things? saith the LORD: and shall not
my soul be avenged on such a nation
as this? 10 Go ye up upon her walls,
and destroy; but make not a full end:

5.6. evenings: or, deserts. are increased: Heb. are strong.

take away her battlements; for they
are not the LORD'S. [11] For the house
of Israel and the house of Judah have
dealt very treacherously against me,
saith the LORD. [12] They have belied
the LORD, and said, *It is* not he; nei-
ther shall evil come upon us; neither
shall we see sword nor famine: [13] And
the prophets shall become wind, and
the word *is* not in them: thus shall
it be done unto them. [14] Wherefore
thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Be-
cause ye speak this word, behold, I will
make my words in thy mouth fire, and
this people wood, and it shall devour
them. [15] Lo, I will bring a nation upon

you from far, O house of Israel, saith
the LORD: it *is* a mighty nation, it
is an ancient nation, a nation whose
language thou knowest not, neither
understandest what they say. [16] Their
quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are*
all mighty men. [17] And they shall eat
up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which*
thy sons and thy daughters should eat:
they shall eat up thy flocks and thine
herds: they shall eat up thy vines and
thy fig trees: they shall impoverish
thy fenced cities, wherein thou trust-
edst, with the sword. [18] Nevertheless
in those days, saith the LORD, I will
not make a full end with you. [19] And

it shall come to pass, when ye shall
say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our
God all these *things* unto us? then
shalt thou answer them, Like as ye
have forsaken me, and served strange
gods in your land, so shall ye serve
strangers in a land *that is* not yours.
20 Declare this in the house of Jacob,
and publish it in Judah, saying, 21 Hear
now this, O foolish people, and with-
out understanding; which have eyes,
and see not; which have ears, and
hear not:* 22 Fear ye not me? saith
the LORD: will ye not tremble at my
presence, which have placed the sand

21. understanding: Heb. heart.

for the bound of the sea by a perpet-
ual decree, that it cannot pass it: and
though the waves thereof toss them-
selves, yet can they not prevail; though
they roar, yet can they not pass over
it? [23] But this people hath a revolt-
ing and a rebellious heart; they are re-
volted and gone. [24] Neither say they in
their heart, Let us now fear the LORD
our God, that giveth rain, both the
former and the latter, in his season:
he reserveth unto us the appointed
weeks of the harvest. [25] Your iniqui-
ties have turned away these *things*, and
your sins have withholden good *things*
from you. [26] For among my people are

found wicked *men*: they lay wait, as
he that setteth snares; they set a trap,
they catch men.* [27] As a cage is full of
birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit:
therefore they are become great, and
waxen rich.* [28] They are waxen fat, they
shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of
the wicked: they judge not the cause,
the cause of the fatherless, yet they
prosper; and the right of the needy
do they not judge. [29] Shall I not visit
for these *things*? saith the LORD: shall
not my soul be avenged on such a na-
tion as this? [30] A wonderful and horri-

26. they lay...: or, they pry as fowlers lie in wait.
27. cage: or, coop.

ble thing is committed in the land;*
31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and
the priests bear rule by their means;
and my people love *to have it* so: and
what will ye do in the end thereof?*

6 O ye children of Benjamin,
gather yourselves to flee out of the
midst of Jerusalem, and blow the
trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign
of fire in Bethhaccerem: for evil ap-
peareth out of the north, and great de-
struction. 2 I have likened the daugh-
ter of Zion to a comely and delicate

30. A wonderful...: or, Astonishment and filthiness.
31. bear...: or, take into their hands.

woman.* 3 The shepherds with their
flocks shall come unto her; they shall
pitch *their* tents against her round
about; they shall feed every one in
his place. 4 Prepare ye war against
her; arise, and let us go up at noon.
Woe unto us! for the day goeth away,
for the shadows of the evening are
stretched out. 5 Arise, and let us go
by night, and let us destroy her palaces.
6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said,
Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount
against Jerusalem: this *is* the city to
be visited; she *is* wholly oppression

6.2. comely: or, dwelling at home.

in the midst of her.* 7 As a fountain
casteth out her waters, so she casteth
out her wickedness: violence and spoil
is heard in her; before me continu-
ally *is* grief and wounds. 8 Be thou
instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul
depart from thee; lest I make thee des-
olate, a land not inhabited.* 9 Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, They shall
throughly glean the remnant of Israel
as a vine: turn back thine hand as a
grapegatherer into the baskets. 10 To
whom shall I speak, and give warn-
ing, that they may hear? behold, their

6. cast...: or, pour out the engine of shot.
8. depart: Heb. be loosed, or, disjointed.

ear *is* uncircumcised, and they can-
not hearken: behold, the word of the
LORD is unto them a reproach; they
have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I
am full of the fury of the LORD; I
am weary with holding in: I will pour
it out upon the children abroad, and
upon the assembly of young men to-
gether: for even the husband with
the wife shall be taken, the aged with
him that is full of days. 12 And their
houses shall be turned unto others,
with their fields and wives together:
for I will stretch out my hand upon
the inhabitants of the land, saith the
LORD. 13 For from the least of them

even unto the greatest of them every
one *is* given to covetousness; and from
the prophet even unto the priest ev-
ery one dealeth falsely. 14 They have
healed also the hurt *of the daughter*
of my people slightly, saying, Peace,
peace; when *there is* no peace.* 15 Were
they ashamed when they had com-
mitted abomination? nay, they were
not at all ashamed, neither could they
blush: therefore they shall fall among
them that fall: at the time *that* I visit
them they shall be cast down, saith the
LORD. 16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand
ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the

14. hurt: Heb. bruise, or, breach.

old paths, where *is* the good way, and
walk therein, and ye shall find rest for
your souls. But they said, We will not
walk *therein*. [17] Also I set watchmen
over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound
of the trumpet. But they said, We
will not hearken. [18] Therefore hear, ye
nations, and know, O congregation,
what *is* among them. [19] Hear, O earth:
behold, I will bring evil upon this peo-
ple, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, be-
cause they have not hearkened unto
my words, nor to my law, but re-
jected it. [20] To what purpose cometh
there to me incense from Sheba, and
the sweet cane from a far country?

your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.
21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish. 22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. 23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our
hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken
hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman
in travail. 25 Go not forth into the
field, nor walk by the way; for the
sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on ev-
ery side. 26 O daughter of my people,
gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow
thyself in ashes: make thee mourning,
as for an only son, most bitter lamen-
tation: for the spoiler shall suddenly
come upon us. 27 I have set thee *for* a
tower *and* a fortress among my people,
that thou mayest know and try their
way. 28 They *are* all grievous revolters,
walking with slanders: *they are* brass

and iron; they *are* all corrupters. [29] The
bellows are burned, the lead is con-
sumed of the fire; the founder melteth
in vain: for the wicked are not plucked
away. [30] Reprobate silver shall *men* call
them, because the LORD hath rejected
them.*

7 The word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying, [2] Stand in the
gate of the LORD'S house, and pro-
claim there this word, and say, Hear
the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah,
that enter in at these gates to worship
the LORD. [3] Thus saith the LORD of

30. Reprobate...: or, Refuse silver.

hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your
ways and your doings, and I will cause
you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye
not in lying words, saying, The temple
of the LORD, The temple of the LORD,
The temple of the LORD, *are* these.
5 For if ye throughly amend your ways
and your doings; if ye throughly ex-
ecute judgment between a man and
his neighbour; 6 *If* ye oppress not
the stranger, the fatherless, and the
widow, and shed not innocent blood
in this place, neither walk after other
gods to your hurt: 7 Then will I cause
you to dwell in this place, in the land
that I gave to your fathers, for ever

and ever. 8 Behold, ye trust in lying
words, that cannot profit. 9 Will ye
steal, murder, and commit adultery,
and swear falsely, and burn incense
unto Baal, and walk after other gods
whom ye know not; 10 And come and
stand before me in this house, which
is called by my name, and say, We
are delivered to do all these abomina-
tions?* 11 Is this house, which is called
by my name, become a den of robbers
in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen
it, saith the LORD. 12 But go ye now
unto my place which *was* in Shiloh,
where I set my name at the first, and

7.10. which...: Heb. whereupon my name is called.

see what I did to it for the wicked-
ness of my people Israel. 13 And now,
because ye have done all these works,
saith the LORD, and I spake unto you,
rising up early and speaking, but ye
heard not; and I called you, but ye an-
swered not; 14 Therefore will I do unto
this house, which is called by my name,
wherein ye trust, and unto the place
which I gave to you and to your fa-
thers, as I have done to Shiloh. 15 And
I will cast you out of my sight, as I
have cast out all your brethren, *even*
the whole seed of Ephraim. 16 There-
fore pray not thou for this people, nei-
ther lift up cry nor prayer for them,

neither make intercession to me: for
I will not hear thee. [17] Seest thou not
what they do in the cities of Judah and
in the streets of Jerusalem? [18] The chil-
dren gather wood, and the fathers kin-
dle the fire, and the women knead *their*
dough, to make cakes to the queen of
heaven, and to pour out drink offer-
ings unto other gods, that they may
provoke me to anger.* [19] Do they pro-
voke me to anger? saith the LORD:
do they not *provoke* themselves to the
confusion of their own faces? [20] There-
fore thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
hold, mine anger and my fury shall

18. queen...: or, frame, or, workmanship of heaven.

be poured out upon this place, upon
man, and upon beast, and upon the
trees of the field, and upon the fruit of
the ground; and it shall burn, and shall
not be quenched. [21] Thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put
your burnt offerings unto your sacri-
fices, and eat flesh. [22] For I spake not
unto your fathers, nor commanded
them in the day that I brought them
out of the land of Egypt, concern-
ing burnt offerings or sacrifices:* [23] But
this thing commanded I them, say-
ing, Obey my voice, and I will be your
God, and ye shall be my people: and

22. concerning: Heb. concerning the matter of.

walk ye in all the ways that I have
commanded you, that it may be well
unto you. [24] But they hearkened not,
nor inclined their ear, but walked in
the counsels *and* in the imagination
of their evil heart, and went backward,
and not forward.* [25] Since the day that
your fathers came forth out of the land
of Egypt unto this day I have even sent
unto you all my servants the prophets,
daily rising up early and sending *them*:
[26] Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor
inclined their ear, but hardened their
neck: they did worse than their fa-

24. imagination: or, stubbornness. went: Heb. were.

thers. [27] Therefore thou shalt speak all
these words unto them; but they will
not hearken to thee: thou shalt also
call unto them; but they will not an-
swer thee. [28] But thou shalt say unto
them, This *is* a nation that obeyeth
not the voice of the LORD their God,
nor receiveth correction: truth is per-
ished, and is cut off from their mouth.*
[29] Cut off thine hair, *O Jerusalem*, and
cast *it* away, and take up a lamentation
on high places; for the LORD hath re-
jected and forsaken the generation of
his wrath. [30] For the children of Judah
have done evil in my sight, saith the

28. correction: or, instruction.

LORD: they have set their abomina-
tions in the house which is called by
my name, to pollute it. 31 And they
have built the high places of Tophet,
which *is* in the valley of the son of
Hinnom, to burn their sons and their
daughters in the fire; which I com-
manded *them* not, neither came it into
my heart.* 32 Therefore, behold, the
days come, saith the LORD, that it
shall no more be called Tophet, nor
the valley of the son of Hinnom, but
the valley of slaughter: for they shall
bury in Tophet, till there be no place.
33 And the carcases of this people shall

31. came...: Heb. came it upon my heart.

be meat for the fowls of the heaven,
and for the beasts of the earth; and
none shall fray *them* away. 34 Then will
I cause to cease from the cities of Ju-
dah, and from the streets of Jerusalem,
the voice of mirth, and the voice of
gladness, the voice of the bridegroom,
and the voice of the bride: for the land
shall be desolate.

8 At that time, saith the LORD,
they shall bring out the bones of the
kings of Judah, and the bones of his
princes, and the bones of the priests,
and the bones of the prophets, and
the bones of the inhabitants of Jeru-
salem, out of their graves: 2 And they

shall spread them before the sun, and
the moon, and all the host of heaven,
whom they have loved, and whom
they have served, and after whom they
have walked, and whom they have
sought, and whom they have wor-
shipped: they shall not be gathered,
nor be buried; they shall be for dung
upon the face of the earth. 3 And
death shall be chosen rather than life
by all the residue of them that remain
of this evil family, which remain in all
the places whither I have driven them,
saith the LORD of hosts. 4 Moreover
thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith
the LORD; Shall they fall, and not

arise? shall he turn away, and not re-
turn? 5 Why *then* is this people of
Jerusalem slidden back by a perpet-
ual backsliding? they hold fast deceit,
they refuse to return. 6 I hearkened
and heard, *but* they spake not aright:
no man repented him of his wicked-
ness, saying, What have I done? ev-
ery one turned to his course, as the
horse rusheth into the battle. 7 Yea,
the stork in the heaven knoweth her
appointed times; and the turtle and
the crane and the swallow observe the
time of their coming; but my people
know not the judgment of the LORD.
8 How do ye say, We *are* wise, and

the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo,
certainly in vain made he *it*; the pen
of the scribes *is* in vain.* 9 The wise
men are ashamed, they are dismayed
and taken: lo, they have rejected the
word of the LORD; and what wisdom
is in them?* 10 Therefore will I give their
wives unto others, *and* their fields to
them that shall inherit *them*: for ev-
ery one from the least even unto the
greatest is given to covetousness, from
the prophet even unto the priest ev-

8.8. in vain made...: or, the false pen of the scribes worketh for falsehood.

9. The wise...: or, Have they been ashamed, etc. what...: Heb. the wisdom of what thing.

ery one dealeth falsely. [11] For they have
healed the hurt of the daughter of my
people slightly, saying, Peace, peace;
when *there is* no peace. [12] Were they
ashamed when they had committed
abomination? nay, they were not at
all ashamed, neither could they blush:
therefore shall they fall among them
that fall: in the time of their visita-
tion they shall be cast down, saith the
LORD.* [13] I will surely consume them,
saith the LORD: *there shall be* no grapes
on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and
the leaf shall fade; and *the things that* I
have given them shall pass away from

12. I will...: or, In gathering I will consume.

them. [14] Why do we sit still? assemble
yourselves, and let us enter into the de-
fenced cities, and let us be silent there:
for the LORD our God hath put us to
silence, and given us water of gall to
drink, because we have sinned against
the LORD.* [15] We looked for peace, but
no good *came; and* for a time of health,
and behold trouble! [16] The snorting of
his horses was heard from Dan: the
whole land trembled at the sound of
the neighing of his strong ones; for
they are come, and have devoured the
land, and all that is in it; the city,

14. gall: or, poison.

and those that dwell therein.* [17] For,
behold, I will send serpents, cocka-
trices, among you, which *will* not *be*
charmed, and they shall bite you, saith
the LORD. [18] *When* I would comfort
myself against sorrow, my heart *is* faint
in me.* [19] Behold the voice of the cry of
the daughter of my people because of
them that dwell in a far country: *Is*
not the LORD in Zion? *is* not her king
in her? Why have they provoked me
to anger with their graven images, *and*
with strange vanities?* [20] The harvest is

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16. all...: Heb. the fulness thereof.
18. in: Heb. upon.
19. them...: Heb. the country of them that are far

past, the summer is ended, and we are
not saved. [21] For the hurt of the daugh-
ter of my people am I hurt; I am black;
astonishment hath taken hold on me.
[22] *Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no
physician there? why then is not the
health of the daughter of my people
recovered?*

9 Oh that my head were waters,
and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I
might weep day and night for the slain
of the daughter of my people!* [2] Oh
that I had in the wilderness a lodging

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off.

22. recovered: Heb. gone up?.

9.1. Oh...: Heb. Who will give my head, etc.

place of wayfaring men; that I might
leave my people, and go from them!
for they *be* all adulterers, an assembly
of treacherous men. 3 And they bend
their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies:
but they are not valiant for the truth
upon the earth; for they proceed from
evil to evil, and they know not me,
saith the LORD. 4 Take ye heed every
one of his neighbour, and trust ye not
in any brother: for every brother will
utterly supplant, and every neighbour
will walk with slanders.* 5 And they
will deceive every one his neighbour,
and will not speak the truth: they have

4. neighbour: or, friend.

taught their tongue to speak lies, *and*
weary themselves to commit iniquity.*
6 Thine habitation *is* in the midst of
deceit; through deceit they refuse to
know me, saith the LORD. 7 Therefore
thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I
will melt them, and try them; for how
shall I do for the daughter of my peo-
ple? 8 Their tongue *is as* an arrow shot
out; it speaketh deceit: *one* speaketh
peaceably to his neighbour with his
mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.*
9 Shall I not visit them for these *things*?

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5. deceive: or, mock.
8. in heart: Heb. in the midst of him. his wait: or, wait for him.

saith the LORD: shall not my soul be
avenged on such a nation as this? 10 For
the mountains will I take up a weeping
and wailing, and for the habitations of
the wilderness a lamentation, because
they are burned up, so that none can
pass through *them*; neither can *men*
hear the voice of the cattle; both the
fowl of the heavens and the beast are
fled; they are gone.* 11 And I will make
Jerusalem heaps, *and* a den of dragons;
and I will make the cities of Judah des-
olate, without an inhabitant.* 12 Who

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10. habitations: or, pastures. burned up: or, desolate. both...: Heb. from the fowl even to, etc.
11. desolate: Heb. desolation.

is the wise man, that may understand
this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth
of the LORD hath spoken, that he may
declare it, for what the land perisheth
and is burned up like a wilderness,
that none passeth through? 13 And the
LORD saith, Because they have for-
saken my law which I set before them,
and have not obeyed my voice, neither
walked therein; 14 But have walked af-
ter the imagination of their own heart,
and after Baalim, which their fathers
taught them:* 15 Therefore thus saith
the LORD of hosts, the God of Is-
rael; Behold, I will feed them, *even*

14. imagination: or, stubbornness.

this people, with wormwood, and give
them water of gall to drink. 16 I will
scatter them also among the heathen,
whom neither they nor their fathers
have known: and I will send a sword
after them, till I have consumed them.
17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Con-
sider ye, and call for the mourning wo-
men, that they may come; and send for
cunning *women*, that they may come:
18 And let them make haste, and take
up a wailing for us, that our eyes may
run down with tears, and our eyelids
gush out with waters. 19 For a voice of
wailing is heard out of Zion, How are
we spoiled! we are greatly confounded,

because we have forsaken the land, be-
cause our dwellings have cast *us* out.
20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O
ye women, and let your ear receive the
word of his mouth, and teach your
daughters wailing, and every one her
neighbour lamentation. 21 For death is
come up into our windows, *and* is en-
tered into our palaces, to cut off the
children from without, *and* the young
men from the streets. 22 Speak, Thus
saith the LORD, Even the carcases of
men shall fall as dung upon the open
field, and as the handful after the har-
vestman, and none shall gather *them*.
23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the

wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither
let the mighty *man* glory in his might,
let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:
24 But let him that glorieth glory in this,
that he understandeth and knoweth
me, that I *am* the LORD which ex-
ercise lovingkindness, judgment, and
righteousness, in the earth: for in these
things I delight, saith the LORD. 25 Be-
hold, the days come, saith the LORD,
that I will punish all *them which are*
circumcised with the uncircumcised;*
26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and
the children of Ammon, and Moab,
and all *that are* in the utmost corners,

25. punish: Heb. visit upon.

that dwell in the wilderness: for all
these nations *are* uncircumcised, and
all the house of Israel *are* uncircum-
cised in the heart.*

10 Hear ye the word which the
LORD speaketh unto you, O house of
Israel: 2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn
not the way of the heathen, and be
not dismayed at the signs of heaven;
for the heathen are dismayed at them.
3 For the customs of the people *are*
vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the
forest, the work of the hands of the

26. in the utmost...: Heb. cut off into corners, or, having the corners of their hair polled.

workman, with the axe.* 4 They deck
it with silver and with gold; they fas-
ten it with nails and with hammers,
that it move not. 5 They *are* upright
as the palm tree, but speak not: they
must needs be borne, because they
cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for
they cannot do evil, neither also *is it*
in them to do good. 6 Forasmuch as
there is none like unto thee, O LORD;
thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great
in might. 7 Who would not fear thee,
O King of nations? for to thee doth
it appertain: forasmuch as among all

10.3. customs...: Heb. statutes, or, ordinances are vanity.

the wise *men* of the nations, and in all
their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto
thee.* 8 But they are altogether brutish
and foolish: the stock *is* a doctrine of
vanities.* 9 Silver spread into plates is
brought from Tarshish, and gold from
Uphaz, the work of the workman, and
of the hands of the founder: blue and
purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all
the work of cunning *men*. 10 But the
LORD *is* the true God, he *is* the liv-
ing God, and an everlasting king: at
his wrath the earth shall tremble, and
the nations shall not be able to abide

7. to...: or, it liketh thee.
8. altogether: Heb. in one, or, at once.

his indignation.* [11] Thus shall ye say
unto them, The gods that have not
made the heavens and the earth, *even*
they shall perish from the earth, and
from under these heavens. [12] He hath
made the earth by his power, he hath
established the world by his wisdom,
and hath stretched out the heavens by
his discretion. [13] When he uttereth
his voice, *there is* a multitude of wa-
ters in the heavens, and he causeth the
vapours to ascend from the ends of the
earth; he maketh lightnings with rain,
and bringeth forth the wind out of his

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10. true...: Heb. God of truth. everlasting...: Heb. king of eternity.

treasures.* [14] Every man is brutish in
his knowledge: every founder is con-
founded by the graven image: for his
molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is*
no breath in them.* [15] They *are* vanity,
and the work of errors: in the time of
their visitation they shall perish. [16] The
portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for
he *is* the former of all *things*; and Is-
rael *is* the rod of his inheritance: The
LORD of hosts *is* his name. [17] Gather
up thy wares out of the land, O inhab-

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13. multitude: or, noise. with: or, for.
14. brutish in his knowledge: or, more brutish than to know.

itant of the fortress.* [18] For thus saith
the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the
inhabitants of the land at this once,
and will distress them, that they may
find *it so*. [19] Woe is me for my hurt! my
wound is grievous: but I said, Truly
this *is* a grief, and I must bear it. [20] My
tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords
are broken: my children are gone forth
of me, and they *are* not: *there is* none
to stretch forth my tent any more, and
to set up my curtains. [21] For the pas-
tors are become brutish, and have not
sought the LORD: therefore they shall
not prosper, and all their flocks shall

17. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress.

be scattered. [22] Behold, the noise of
the bruit is come, and a great commo-
tion out of the north country, to make
the cities of Judah desolate, *and* a den
of dragons. [23] O LORD, I know that
the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is*
not in man that walketh to direct his
steps. [24] O LORD, correct me, but with
judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou
bring me to nothing.* [25] Pour out thy
fury upon the heathen that know thee
not, and upon the families that call
not on thy name: for they have eaten
up Jacob, and devoured him, and con-
sumed him, and have made his habita-

24. bring...: Heb. diminish me.

tion desolate.

11 The word that came to
Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Hear ye the words of this covenant,
and speak unto the men of Judah, and
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 And
say thou unto them, Thus saith the
LORD God of Israel; Cursed *be* the
man that obeyeth not the words of
this covenant, 4 Which I commanded
your fathers in the day *that* I brought
them forth out of the land of Egypt,
from the iron furnace, saying, Obey
my voice, and do them, according to
all which I command you: so shall ye
be my people, and I will be your God:

5 That I may perform the oath which I
have sworn unto your fathers, to give
them a land flowing with milk and
honey, as *it is* this day. Then answered
I, and said, So be it, O LORD.* 6 Then
the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all
these words in the cities of Judah, and
in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear
ye the words of this covenant, and do
them. 7 For I earnestly protested unto
your fathers in the day *that* I brought
them up out of the land of Egypt, *even*
unto this day, rising early and protest-
ing, saying, Obey my voice. 8 Yet they
obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but

11.5. So...: Heb. Amen.

walked every one in the imagination
of their evil heart: therefore I will
bring upon them all the words of this
covenant, which I commanded *them*
to do; but they did *them* not.* 9 And
the LORD said unto me, A conspir-
acy is found among the men of Judah,
and among the inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem. 10 They are turned back to the
iniquities of their forefathers, which
refused to hear my words; and they
went after other gods to serve them:
the house of Israel and the house of Ju-
dah have broken my covenant which
I made with their fathers. 11 There-

8. imagination: or, stubbornness.

fore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I
will bring evil upon them, which they
shall not be able to escape; and though
they shall cry unto me, I will not hear-
ken unto them.* 12 Then shall the cities
of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem
go, and cry unto the gods unto whom
they offer incense: but they shall not
save them at all in the time of their
trouble.* 13 For *according to* the number
of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah;
and *according to* the number of the
streets of Jerusalem have ye set up al-
tars to *that* shameful thing, *even* altars

11. to escape: Heb. to go forth of.
12. trouble: Heb. evil.

to burn incense unto Baal.* 14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.* 15 What hath my beloved to do in mine house, *seeing* she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.* 16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit: with the

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13. shameful...: Heb. shame.
14. trouble: Heb. evil.
15. What...: Heb. What is to my beloved in my house. when...: or, when thy evil is.

noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. 17 For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal. 18 And the LORD hath given me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*: then thou shewedst me their doings. 19 But I *was* like a lamb *or* an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof,

and let us cut him off from the land of
the living, that his name may be no
more remembered.* [20] But, O LORD
of hosts, that judgest righteously, that
triest the reins and the heart, let me
see thy vengeance on them: for unto
thee have I revealed my cause. [21] There-
fore thus saith the LORD of the men
of Anathoth, that seek thy life, say-
ing, Prophesy not in the name of the
LORD, that thou die not by our hand:
[22] Therefore thus saith the LORD of
hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the
young men shall die by the sword;
their sons and their daughters shall die

19. the tree...: Heb. the stalk with his bread.

by famine:* 23 And there shall be no
remnant of them: for I will bring evil
upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the
year of their visitation.

12 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD,
when I plead with thee: yet let me talk
with thee of *thy* judgments: Where-
fore doth the way of the wicked pros-
per? *wherefore* are all they happy that
deal very treacherously?* 2 Thou hast
planted them, yea, they have taken
root: they grow, yea, they bring forth
fruit: thou *art* near in their mouth,

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22. punish: Heb. visit upon.
12.1. talk...: or, reason the case with thee.

and far from their reins.* 3 But thou,
O LORD, knowest me: thou hast
seen me, and tried mine heart toward
thee: pull them out like sheep for the
slaughter, and prepare them for the
day of slaughter.* 4 How long shall
the land mourn, and the herbs of ev-
ery field wither, for the wickedness of
them that dwell therein? the beasts
are consumed, and the birds; because
they said, He shall not see our last end.
5 If thou hast run with the footmen,
and they have wearied thee, then how
canst thou contend with horses? and

2. they grow: Heb. they go on.
3. toward...: Heb. with thee.

if in the land of peace, *wherein* thou
trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how
wilt thou do in the swelling of Jor-
dan? 6 For even thy brethren, and the
house of thy father, even they have
dealt treacherously with thee; yea,
they have called a multitude after thee:
believe them not, though they speak
fair words unto thee.* 7 I have forsaken
mine house, I have left mine heritage;
I have given the dearly beloved of my
soul into the hand of her enemies.*
8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion

6. they have called...: or, they cried after thee fully.
fair...: Heb. good things.
7. the dearly...: Heb. the love.

in the forest; it crieth out against me:
therefore have I hated it.* 9 Mine her-
itage *is* unto me *as* a speckled bird,
the birds round about *are* against her;
come ye, assemble all the beasts of the
field, come to devour.* 10 Many pastors
have destroyed my vineyard, they have
trodden my portion under foot, they
have made my pleasant portion a des-
olate wilderness.* 11 They have made it
desolate, *and being* desolate it mour-
neth unto me; the whole land is made

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8. crieth...: or, yelleth: Heb. giveth out his voice.
9. speckled: or, taloned. come to: or, cause them to come to.
10. pleasant...: Heb. portion of desire.

desolate, because no man layeth *it* to
heart. [12] The spoilers are come upon
all high places through the wilderness:
for the sword of the LORD shall devour
from the *one* end of the land even to
the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall
have peace. [13] They have sown wheat,
but shall reap thorns: they have put
themselves to pain, *but* shall not pro-
fit: and they shall be ashamed of your
revenues because of the fierce anger
of the LORD.* [14] Thus saith the LORD
against all mine evil neighbours, that
touch the inheritance which I have
caused my people Israel to inherit; Be-

13. they shall: or, ye shall.

hold, I will pluck them out of their
land, and pluck out the house of Ju-
dah from among them. 15 And it shall
come to pass, after that I have plucked
them out I will return, and have com-
passion on them, and will bring them
again, every man to his heritage, and
every man to his land. 16 And it shall
come to pass, if they will diligently
learn the ways of my people, to swear
by my name, The LORD liveth; as they
taught my people to swear by Baal;
then shall they be built in the midst of
my people. 17 But if they will not obey,
I will utterly pluck up and destroy that
nation, saith the LORD.

13 Thus saith the LORD unto me,
Go and get thee a linen girdle, and
put it upon thy loins, and put it not
in water. 2 So I got a girdle accord-
ing to the word of the LORD, and
put *it* on my loins. 3 And the word
of the LORD came unto me the sec-
ond time, saying, 4 Take the girdle that
thou hast got, which *is* upon thy loins,
and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide
it there in a hole of the rock. 5 So
I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as
the LORD commanded me. 6 And
it came to pass after many days, that
the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to

Euphrates, and take the girdle from
thence, which I commanded thee to
hide there. 7 Then I went to Eu-
phrates, and digged, and took the gir-
dle from the place where I had hid it:
and, behold, the girdle was marred,
it was profitable for nothing. 8 Then
the word of the LORD came unto me,
saying, 9 Thus saith the LORD, After
this manner will I mar the pride of
Judah, and the great pride of Jerusa-
lem. 10 This evil people, which refuse
to hear my words, which walk in the
imagination of their heart, and walk
after other gods, to serve them, and
to worship them, shall even be as this

girdle, which is good for nothing.*
11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins
of a man, so have I caused to cleave
unto me the whole house of Israel and
the whole house of Judah, saith the
LORD; that they might be unto me
for a people, and for a name, and for
a praise, and for a glory: but they
would not hear. 12 Therefore thou shalt
speak unto them this word; Thus saith
the LORD God of Israel, Every bot-
tle shall be filled with wine: and they
shall say unto thee, Do we not cer-
tainly know that every bottle shall be
filled with wine? 13 Then shalt thou

13.10. imagination: or, stubbornness.

say unto them, Thus saith the LORD,
Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants
of this land, even the kings that sit
upon David's throne, and the priests,
and the prophets, and all the inhabi-
tants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.
14 And I will dash them one against an-
other, even the fathers and the sons
together, saith the LORD: I will not
pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but
destroy them.* 15 Hear ye, and give ear;
be not proud: for the LORD hath
spoken. 16 Give glory to the LORD
your God, before he cause darkness,

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14. one...: Heb. a man against his brother. but...: Heb. from destroying them.

and before your feet stumble upon the
dark mountains, and, while ye look
for light, he turn it into the shadow
of death, *and* make *it* gross darkness.
17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall
weep in secret places for *your* pride;
and mine eye shall weep sore, and run
down with tears, because the LORD's
flock is carried away captive. 18 Say
unto the king and to the queen, Hum-
ble yourselves, sit down: for your prin-
cipalities shall come down, *even* the
crown of your glory.* 19 The cities of
the south shall be shut up, and none
shall open *them*: Judah shall be car-

18. principalities: or, head tires.

ried away captive all of it, it shall be
wholly carried away captive. [20] Lift
up your eyes, and behold them that
come from the north: where *is* the
flock *that* was given thee, thy beautiful
flock? [21] What wilt thou say when he
shall punish thee? for thou hast taught
them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over
thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a
woman in travail?* [22] And if thou say
in thine heart, Wherefore come these
things upon me? For the greatness
of thine iniquity are thy skirts discov-
ered, *and* thy heels made bare.* [23] Can

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21. punish: Heb visit upon.
22. made...: or, shall be violently taken away.

the Ethiopian change his skin, or the
leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do
good, that are accustomed to do evil.*
24 Therefore will I scatter them as the
stubble that passeth away by the wind
of the wilderness. 25 This *is* thy lot,
the portion of thy measures from me,
saith the LORD; because thou hast for-
gotten me, and trusted in falsehood.
26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts
upon thy face, that thy shame may ap-
pear. 27 I have seen thine adulteries,
and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy
whoredom, *and* thine abominations
on the hills in the fields. Woe unto

23. accustomed: Heb. taught.

thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be
made clean? when *shall it* once *be*?*

14 The word of the LORD that
came to Jeremiah concerning the
dearth.* 2 Judah mourneth, and the
gates thereof languish; they are black
unto the ground; and the cry of Jeru-
salem is gone up. 3 And their nobles
have sent their little ones to the wa-
ters: they came to the pits, *and* found
no water; they returned with their ves-
sels empty; they were ashamed and
confounded, and covered their heads.

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27. when...: Heb. after when yet?.

14.1. the dearth: Heb. the words of the dearths, or, restraints.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for
there was no rain in the earth, the
plowmen were ashamed, they covered
their heads. 5 Yea, the hind also calved
in the field, and forsook *it*, because
there was no grass. 6 And the wild
asses did stand in the high places,
they snuffed up the wind like dragons;
their eyes did fail, because *there was*
no grass. 7 O LORD, though our in-
iquities testify against us, do thou *it*
for thy name's sake: for our backslid-
ings are many; we have sinned against
thee. 8 O the hope of Israel, the
saviour thereof in time of trouble, why
shouldest thou be as a stranger in the

land, and as a wayfaring man *that* tur-
neth aside to tarry for a night? 9 Why
shouldest thou be as a man astonied,
as a mighty man *that* cannot save? yet
thou, O LORD, *art* in the midst of us,
and we are called by thy name; leave us
not.* 10 Thus saith the LORD unto this
people, Thus have they loved to wan-
der, they have not refrained their feet,
therefore the LORD doth not accept
them; he will now remember their in-
iquity, and visit their sins. 11 Then said
the LORD unto me, Pray not for this
people for *their* good. 12 When they
fast, I will not hear their cry; and when

9. we...: Heb. thy name is called upon us.

they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I
will consume them by the sword, and
by the famine, and by the pestilence.
13 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! be-
hold, the prophets say unto them, Ye
shall not see the sword, neither shall ye
have famine; but I will give you assured
peace in this place.* 14 Then the LORD
said unto me, The prophets prophesy
lies in my name: I sent them not, nei-
ther have I commanded them, neither
spake unto them: they prophesy unto
you a false vision and divination, and
a thing of nought, and the deceit of

13. assured...: Heb. peace of truth.

their heart. [15] Therefore thus saith the
LORD concerning the prophets that
prophesy in my name, and I sent them
not, yet they say, Sword and famine
shall not be in this land; By sword and
famine shall those prophets be con-
sumed. [16] And the people to whom
they prophesy shall be cast out in
the streets of Jerusalem because of the
famine and the sword; and they shall
have none to bury them, them, their
wives, nor their sons, nor their daugh-
ters: for I will pour their wickedness
upon them. [17] Therefore thou shalt say
this word unto them; Let mine eyes
run down with tears night and day,

and let them not cease: for the virgin
daughter of my people is broken with
a great breach, with a very grievous
blow. [18] If I go forth into the field, then
behold the slain with the sword! and if
I enter into the city, then behold them
that are sick with famine! yea, both the
prophet and the priest go about into a
land that they know not.* [19] Hast thou
utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul
lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten
us, and *there is* no healing for us? we
looked for peace, and *there is* no good;
and for the time of healing, and be-

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18. go about...: or, make merchandise against a land, and men acknowledge it not.

hold trouble! [20] We acknowledge, O
LORD, our wickedness, *and* the iniq-
uity of our fathers: for we have sinned
against thee. [21] Do not abhor *us*, for
thy name's sake, do not disgrace the
throne of thy glory: remember, break
not thy covenant with us. [22] Are there
any among the vanities of the Gentiles
that can cause rain? or can the heav-
ens give showers? *art* not thou he,
O LORD our God? therefore we will
wait upon thee: for thou hast made all
these *things*.

15 Then said the LORD unto me,
Though Moses and Samuel stood be-

fore me, *yet* my mind *could* not *be* to-
ward this people: cast *them* out of my
sight, and let them go forth. [2] And
it shall come to pass, if they say unto
thee, Whither shall we go forth? then
thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the
LORD; Such as *are* for death, to death;
and such as *are* for the sword, to the
sword; and such as *are* for the famine,
to the famine; and such as *are* for
the captivity, to the captivity. [3] And
I will appoint over them four kinds,
saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and
the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the
heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to

devour and destroy.* 4 And I will cause
them to be removed into all kingdoms
of the earth, because of Manasseh the
son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that*
which he did in Jerusalem.* 5 For who
shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusa-
lem? or who shall bemoan thee? or
who shall go aside to ask how thou
doest?* 6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith
the LORD, thou art gone backward:
therefore will I stretch out my hand
against thee, and destroy thee; I am
weary with repenting. 7 And I will fan

15.3. kinds: Heb. families.
4. cause...: Heb. give them for a removing.
5. how...: Heb. of thy peace?.

them with a fan in the gates of the
land; I will bereave *them* of children,
I will destroy my people, *since* they re-
turn not from their ways.* 8 Their wid-
ows are increased to me above the sand
of the seas: I have brought upon them
against the mother of the young men a
spoiler at noonday: I have caused *him*
to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors
upon the city.* 9 She that hath borne
seven languisheth: she hath given up
the ghost; her sun is gone down while
it was yet day: she hath been ashamed

7. children: or, whatsoever is dear.
8. the mother...: or, the mother city a young man spoiling, etc, or, the mother and the young men.

and confounded: and the residue of
them will I deliver to the sword be-
fore their enemies, saith the LORD.
10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou
hast borne me a man of strife and a
man of contention to the whole earth!
I have neither lent on usury, nor men
have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one
of them doth curse me. 11 The LORD
said, Verily it shall be well with thy
remnant; verily I will cause the enemy
to entreat thee *well* in the time of evil
and in the time of affliction.* 12 Shall
iron break the northern iron and the
steel? 13 Thy substance and thy trea-

11. cause...: or, intreat the enemy for thee.

sures will I give to the spoil without
price, and *that* for all thy sins, even
in all thy borders. [14] And I will make
thee to pass with thine enemies into
a land *which* thou knowest not: for
a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which*
shall burn upon you. [15] O LORD, thou
knowest: remember me, and visit me,
and revenge me of my persecutors;
take me not away in thy longsuffer-
ing: know that for thy sake I have suf-
fered rebuke. [16] Thy words were found,
and I did eat them; and thy word was
unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine
heart: for I am called by thy name,

O LORD God of hosts.* [17] I sat not
in the assembly of the mockers, nor
rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy
hand: for thou hast filled me with in-
dignation. [18] Why is my pain perpet-
ual, and my wound incurable, *which*
refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be
altogether unto me as a liar, *and as* wa-
ters *that* fail?* [19] Therefore thus saith
the LORD, If thou return, then will I
bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand
before me: and if thou take forth the
precious from the vile, thou shalt be
as my mouth: let them return unto

16. I am...: Heb. thy name is called upon me.
18. fail: Heb. be not sure?.

thee; but return not thou unto them.
20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall
fight against thee, but they shall not
prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee
to save thee and to deliver thee, saith
the LORD. 21 And I will deliver thee
out of the hand of the wicked, and I
will redeem thee out of the hand of
the terrible.

16 The word of the LORD came
also unto me, saying, 2 Thou shalt not
take thee a wife, neither shalt thou
have sons or daughters in this place.
3 For thus saith the LORD concerning
the sons and concerning the daughters

that are born in this place, and con-
cerning their mothers that bare them,
and concerning their fathers that be-
gat them in this land; 4 They shall die
of grievous deaths; they shall not be
lamented; neither shall they be buried;
but they shall be as dung upon the face
of the earth: and they shall be con-
sumed by the sword, and by famine;
and their carcases shall be meat for the
fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of
the earth. 5 For thus saith the LORD,
Enter not into the house of mourn-
ing, neither go to lament nor bemoan
them: for I have taken away my peace
from this people, saith the LORD, *even*

lovingkindness and mercies.* 6 Both
the great and the small shall die in this
land: they shall not be buried, nei-
ther shall *men* lament for them, nor
cut themselves, nor make themselves
bald for them: 7 Neither shall *men*
tear *themselves* for them in mourning,
to comfort them for the dead; nei-
ther shall *men* give them the cup of
consolation to drink for their father
or for their mother.* 8 Thou shalt not
also go into the house of feasting, to
sit with them to eat and to drink.
9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the

16.5. mourning: or, mourning feast.
7. tear...: or, break bread for them.

God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to
cease out of this place in your eyes,
and in your days, the voice of mirth,
and the voice of gladness, the voice
of the bridegroom, and the voice of
the bride. [10] And it shall come to pass,
when thou shalt shew this people all
these words, and they shall say unto
thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pro-
nounced all this great evil against us?
or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our
sin that we have committed against
the LORD our God? [11] Then shalt thou
say unto them, Because your fathers
have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and
have walked after other gods, and have

served them, and have worshipped
them, and have forsaken me, and have
not kept my law; [12] And ye have done
worse than your fathers; for, behold,
ye walk every one after the imagina-
tion of his evil heart, that they may
not hearken unto me:* [13] Therefore will
I cast you out of this land into a land
that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your
fathers; and there shall ye serve other
gods day and night; where I will not
shew you favour. [14] Therefore, behold,
the days come, saith the LORD, that
it shall no more be said, The LORD
liveth, that brought up the children of

12. imagination: or, stubbornness.

Israel out of the land of Egypt; 15 But,
The LORD liveth, that brought up the
children of Israel from the land of the
north, and from all the lands whither
he had driven them: and I will bring
them again into their land that I gave
unto their fathers. 16 Behold, I will
send for many fishers, saith the LORD,
and they shall fish them; and after will
I send for many hunters, and they shall
hunt them from every mountain, and
from every hill, and out of the holes
of the rocks. 17 For mine eyes *are* upon
all their ways: they are not hid from
my face, neither is their iniquity hid
from mine eyes. 18 And first I will rec-

ompense their iniquity and their sin
double; because they have defiled my
land, they have filled mine inheritance
with the carcases of their detestable
and abominable things. [19] O LORD,
my strength, and my fortress, and my
refuge in the day of affliction, the Gen-
tiles shall come unto thee from the
ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely
our fathers have inherited lies, vanity,
and *things* wherein *there is* no profit.
[20] Shall a man make gods unto himself,
and they *are* no gods? [21] Therefore, be-
hold, I will this once cause them to
know, I will cause them to know mine
hand and my might; and they shall

know that my name *is* The LORD.*

17 The sin of Judah *is* written with
a pen of iron, *and* with the point of
a diamond: *it is* graven upon the ta-
ble of their heart, and upon the horns
of your altars;* 2 Whilst their children
remember their altars and their groves
by the green trees upon the high hills.
3 O my mountain in the field, I will
give thy substance *and* all thy trea-
sures to the spoil, *and* thy high places
for sin, throughout all thy borders.
4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discon-
tinue from thine heritage that I gave

21. The LORD: or, JEHOVAH.
17.1. point: Heb. nail.

thee; and I will cause thee to serve
thine enemies in the land which thou
knowest not: for ye have kindled a
fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn for
ever.* 5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed
be the man that trusteth in man, and
maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart
departeth from the LORD. 6 For he
shall be like the heath in the desert,
and shall not see when good cometh;
but shall inhabit the parched places in
the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not
inhabited. 7 Blessed *is* the man that
trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope
the LORD is. 8 For he shall be as a tree

4. thyself: Heb. in thyself.

planted by the waters, and *that* spread-
eth out her roots by the river, and shall
not see when heat cometh, but her leaf
shall be green; and shall not be care-
ful in the year of drought, neither shall
cease from yielding fruit.* 9 The heart
is deceitful above all *things*, and desper-
ately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the
LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins,
even to give every man according to
his ways, *and* according to the fruit of
his doings. 11 *As* the partridge sitteth
on eggs, and hatcheth *them* not; *so* he
that getteth riches, and not by right,
shall leave them in the midst of his

8. drought: or, restraint.

days, and at his end shall be a fool.* [12] A
glorious high throne from the begin-
ning *is* the place of our sanctuary. [13] O
LORD, the hope of Israel, all that for-
sake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they
that depart from me shall be written in
the earth, because they have forsaken
the LORD, the fountain of living wa-
ters. [14] Heal me, O LORD, and I shall
be healed; save me, and I shall be saved:
for thou *art* my praise. [15] Behold, they
say unto me, Where *is* the word of
the LORD? let it come now. [16] As for
me, I have not hastened from *being* a

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11. sitteth...: or, gathereth young which she hath not brought forth.

pastor to follow thee: neither have I
desired the woeful day; thou know-
est: that which came out of my lips
was *right* before thee.* [17] Be not a ter-
ror unto me: thou *art* my hope in the
day of evil. [18] Let them be confounded
that persecute me, but let not me be
confounded: let them be dismayed,
but let not me be dismayed: bring
upon them the day of evil, and de-
stroy them with double destruction.*
[19] Thus said the LORD unto me; Go
and stand in the gate of the children

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16. to...: Heb. after thee.
18. destroy...: Heb. break them with a double breach.

of the people, whereby the kings of Ju-
dah come in, and by the which they
go out, and in all the gates of Jeru-
salem; [20] And say unto them, Hear ye
the word of the LORD, ye kings of Ju-
dah, and all Judah, and all the inhab-
itants of Jerusalem, that enter in by
these gates: [21] Thus saith the LORD;
Take heed to yourselves, and bear no
burden on the sabbath day, nor bring
it in by the gates of Jerusalem; [22] Nei-
ther carry forth a burden out of your
houses on the sabbath day, neither do
ye any work, but hallow ye the sab-
bath day, as I commanded your fa-
thers. [23] But they obeyed not, neither

inclined their ear, but made their neck
stiff, that they might not hear, nor re-
ceive instruction. [24] And it shall come
to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto
me, saith the LORD, to bring in no
burden through the gates of this city
on the sabbath day, but hallow the
sabbath day, to do no work therein;
[25] Then shall there enter into the gates
of this city kings and princes sitting
upon the throne of David, riding in
chariots and on horses, they, and their
princes, the men of Judah, and the in-
habitants of Jerusalem: and this city
shall remain for ever. [26] And they shall
come from the cities of Judah, and

from the places about Jerusalem, and
from the land of Benjamin, and from
the plain, and from the mountains,
and from the south, bringing burnt of-
ferings, and sacrifices, and meat offer-
ings, and incense, and bringing sacri-
fices of praise, unto the house of the
LORD. [27] But if ye will not hearken
unto me to hallow the sabbath day,
and not to bear a burden, even enter-
ing in at the gates of Jerusalem on the
sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in
the gates thereof, and it shall devour
the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall
not be quenched.

18 The word which came to
Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Arise, and go down to the potter's
house, and there I will cause thee to
hear my words. 3 Then I went down
to the potter's house, and, behold, he
wrought a work on the wheels.* 4 And
the vessel that he made of clay was
marred in the hand of the potter: so
he made it again another vessel, as
seemed good to the potter to make *it*.*
5 Then the word of the LORD came to
me, saying, 6 O house of Israel, can-

18.3. wheels: or, frames, or, seats.
4. of clay...: or, was marred, as clay in the hand of the potter. made it...: Heb. returned and made, etc.

not I do with you as this potter? saith
the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the
potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand,
O house of Israel. 7 *At what* instant I
shall speak concerning a nation, and
concerning a kingdom, to pluck up,
and to pull down, and to destroy *it*;
8 If that nation, against whom I have
pronounced, turn from their evil, I will
repent of the evil that I thought to do
unto them. 9 And *at what* instant I
shall speak concerning a nation, and
concerning a kingdom, to build and
to plant *it*; 10 If it do evil in my sight,
that it obey not my voice, then I will
repent of the good, wherewith I said I

would benefit them. 11 Now therefore
go to, speak to the men of Judah, and
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, say-
ing, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I
frame evil against you, and devise a de-
vice against you: return ye now every
one from his evil way, and make your
ways and your doings good. 12 And
they said, There is no hope: but we
will walk after our own devices, and
we will every one do the imagination
of his evil heart. 13 Therefore thus saith
the LORD; Ask ye now among the hea-
then, who hath heard such things: the
virgin of Israel hath done a very hor-
rible thing. 14 Will *a man* leave the

snow of Lebanon *which cometh* from
the rock of the field? *or* shall the
cold flowing waters that come from
another place be forsaken?* [15] Because
my people hath forgotten me, they
have burned incense to vanity, and
they have caused them to stumble in
their ways *from* the ancient paths, to
walk in paths, *in* a way not cast up; [16] To
make their land desolate, *and* a per-
petual hissing; every one that passeth
thereby shall be astonished, and wag
his head. [17] I will scatter them as with

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14. the snow...: or, my fields for a rock, or for the snow of Lebanon? shall the running waters be forsaken for the strange cold waters?.

an east wind before the enemy; I will
shew them the back, and not the face,
in the day of their calamity. 18 Then
said they, Come, and let us devise de-
vices against Jeremiah; for the law shall
not perish from the priest, nor counsel
from the wise, nor the word from the
prophet. Come, and let us smite him
with the tongue, and let us not give
heed to any of his words.* 19 Give heed
to me, O LORD, and hearken to the
voice of them that contend with me.
20 Shall evil be recompensed for good?
for they have digged a pit for my soul.
Remember that I stood before thee to

18. with...: or, for the tongue.

speak good for them, *and* to turn away
thy wrath from them. [21] Therefore de-
liver up their children to the famine,
and pour out their *blood* by the force
of the sword; and let their wives be be-
reaved of their children, and *be* wid-
ows; and let their men be put to death;
let their young men *be* slain by the
sword in battle.* [22] Let a cry be heard
from their houses, when thou shalt
bring a troop suddenly upon them: for
they have digged a pit to take me, and
hid snares for my feet. [23] Yet, LORD,
thou knowest all their counsel against
me to slay *me*: forgive not their iniq-

21. pour...: Heb. pour them out.

uity, neither blot out their sin from thy
sight, but let them be overthrown be-
fore thee; deal *thus* with them in the
time of thine anger.*

19 Thus saith the LORD, Go and
get a potter's earthen bottle, and *take*
of the ancients of the people, and of
the ancients of the priests; 2 And go
forth unto the valley of the son of Hin-
nom, which *is* by the entry of the east
gate, and proclaim there the words
that I shall tell thee,* 3 And say, Hear
ye the word of the LORD, O kings

23. to slay...: Heb. for death.
19.2. the east...: Heb. the sun gate.

of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil
upon this place, the which whosoever
heareth, his ears shall tingle. 4 Because
they have forsaken me, and have es-
tranged this place, and have burned
incense in it unto other gods, whom
neither they nor their fathers have
known, nor the kings of Judah, and
have filled this place with the blood
of innocents; 5 They have built also
the high places of Baal, to burn their
sons with fire *for* burnt offerings unto
Baal, which I commanded not, nor
spake *it*, neither came *it* into my mind:

6 Therefore, behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that this place shall
no more be called Tophet, nor The
valley of the son of Hinnom, but The
valley of slaughter. 7 And I will make
void the counsel of Judah and Jerusa-
lem in this place; and I will cause them
to fall by the sword before their ene-
mies, and by the hands of them that
seek their lives: and their carcases will
I give to be meat for the fowls of the
heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.
8 And I will make this city desolate,
and an hissing; every one that pas-
seth thereby shall be astonished and
hiss because of all the plagues thereof.

9 And I will cause them to eat the
flesh of their sons and the flesh of
their daughters, and they shall eat ev-
ery one the flesh of his friend in the
siege and straitness, wherewith their
enemies, and they that seek their lives,
shall straiten them. 10 Then shalt thou
break the bottle in the sight of the
men that go with thee, 11 And shalt say
unto them, Thus saith the LORD of
hosts; Even so will I break this peo-
ple and this city, as *one* breaketh a
potter's vessel, that cannot be made
whole again: and they shall bury *them*
in Tophet, till *there be* no place to

bury.* [12] Thus will I do unto this place,
saith the LORD, and to the inhabi-
tants thereof, and *even* make this city
as Tophet: [13] And the houses of Jeru-
salem, and the houses of the kings of
Judah, shall be defiled as the place of
Tophet, because of all the houses upon
whose roofs they have burned incense
unto all the host of heaven, and have
poured out drink offerings unto other
gods. [14] Then came Jeremiah from
Tophet, whither the LORD had sent
him to prophesy; and he stood in the
court of the LORD'S house; and said to
all the people, [15] Thus saith the LORD

11. be made...: Heb. be healed.

of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I
will bring upon this city and upon all
her towns all the evil that I have pro-
nounced against it, because they have
hardened their necks, that they might
not hear my words.

20 Now Pashur the son of Im-
mer the priest, who *was* also chief
governor in the house of the LORD,
heard that Jeremiah prophesied these
things. 2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah
the prophet, and put him in the stocks
that *were* in the high gate of Ben-
jamin, which *was* by the house of the
LORD. 3 And it came to pass on the

morrow, that Pashur brought forth
Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then
said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD
hath not called thy name Pashur, but
Magormissabib.* 4 For thus saith the
LORD, Behold, I will make thee a ter-
ror to thyself, and to all thy friends:
and they shall fall by the sword of
their enemies, and thine eyes shall
behold *it*: and I will give all Judah
into the hand of the king of Babylon,
and he shall carry them captive into
Babylon, and shall slay them with the
sword. 5 Moreover I will deliver all
the strength of this city, and all the

20.3. Magormissabib: that is, Fear round about.

labours thereof, and all the precious
things thereof, and all the treasures
of the kings of Judah will I give into
the hand of their enemies, which shall
spoil them, and take them, and carry
them to Babylon. 6 And thou, Pashur,
and all that dwell in thine house shall
go into captivity: and thou shalt come
to Babylon, and there thou shalt die,
and shalt be buried there, thou, and all
thy friends, to whom thou hast proph-
esied lies. 7 O LORD, thou hast de-
ceived me, and I was deceived: thou
art stronger than I, and hast prevailed:
I am in derision daily, every one mock-

eth me.* 8 For since I spake, I cried
out, I cried violence and spoil; because
the word of the LORD was made a re-
proach unto me, and a derision, daily.
9 Then I said, I will not make men-
tion of him, nor speak any more in
his name. But *his word* was in mine
heart as a burning fire shut up in my
bones, and I was weary with forbear-
ing, and I could not *stay*. 10 For I heard
the defaming of many, fear on every
side. Report, *say they*, and we will
report it. All my familiars watched
for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he
will be enticed, and we shall prevail

7. was deceived: or, was enticed.

against him, and we shall take our re-
venge on him.* [11] But the LORD *is* with
me as a mighty terrible one: therefore
my persecutors shall stumble, and they
shall not prevail: they shall be greatly
ashamed; for they shall not prosper:
their everlasting confusion shall never
be forgotten. [12] But, O LORD of hosts,
that triest the righteous, *and* seest the
reins and the heart, let me see thy
vengeance on them: for unto thee
have I opened my cause. [13] Sing unto
the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for
he hath delivered the soul of the poor
from the hand of evildoers. [14] Cursed

10. All...: Heb. Every man of my peace.

be the day wherein I was born: let
not the day wherein my mother bare
me be blessed. [15] Cursed *be* the man
who brought tidings to my father, say-
ing, A man child is born unto thee;
making him very glad. [16] And let that
man be as the cities which the LORD
overthrew, and repented not: and let
him hear the cry in the morning, and
the shouting at noontide; [17] Because
he slew me not from the womb; or
that my mother might have been my
grave, and her womb *to be* always great
with me. [18] Wherefore came I forth out
of the womb to see labour and sor-
row, that my days should be consumed

with shame?

21 The word which came unto
Jeremiah from the LORD, when king
Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the
son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the
son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,
2 Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for
us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
lon maketh war against us; if so be that
the LORD will deal with us accord-
ing to all his wondrous works, that
he may go up from us. 3 Then said
Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say
to Zedekiah: 4 Thus saith the LORD
God of Israel; Behold, I will turn
back the weapons of war that *are* in

your hands, wherewith ye fight against
the king of Babylon, and *against* the
Chaldeans, which besiege you with-
out the walls, and I will assemble them
into the midst of this city. 5 And I
myself will fight against you with an
outstretched hand and with a strong
arm, even in anger, and in fury, and
in great wrath. 6 And I will smite
the inhabitants of this city, both man
and beast: they shall die of a great
pestilence. 7 And afterward, saith the
LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of
Judah, and his servants, and the peo-
ple, and such as are left in this city
from the pestilence, from the sword,

and from the famine, into the hand
of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,
and into the hand of their enemies,
and into the hand of those that seek
their life: and he shall smite them
with the edge of the sword; he shall
not spare them, neither have pity, nor
have mercy. 8 And unto this people
thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD;
Behold, I set before you the way of
life, and the way of death. 9 He that
abideth in this city shall die by the
sword, and by the famine, and by the
pestilence: but he that goeth out, and
falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege
you, he shall live, and his life shall be

unto him for a prey. [10] For I have set
my face against this city for evil, and
not for good, saith the LORD: it shall
be given into the hand of the king
of Babylon, and he shall burn it with
fire. [11] And touching the house of the
king of Judah, *say*, Hear ye the word of
the LORD; [12] O house of David, thus
saith the LORD; Execute judgment in
the morning, and deliver *him that is*
spoiled out of the hand of the oppres-
sor, lest my fury go out like fire, and
burn that none can quench *it*, because
of the evil of your doings.* [13] Behold, I
am against thee, O inhabitant of the

21.12. Execute: Heb. Judge.

valley, *and* rock of the plain, saith the
LORD; which say, Who shall come
down against us? or who shall enter
into our habitations?* 14 But I will pun-
ish you according to the fruit of your
doings, saith the LORD: and I will kin-
dle a fire in the forest thereof, and it
shall devour all things round about it.*

22 Thus saith the LORD; Go down
to the house of the king of Judah, and
speak there this word, 2 And say, Hear
the word of the LORD, O king of Ju-
dah, that sittest upon the throne of

13. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress.
14. punish: Heb. visit upon.

David, thou, and thy servants, and thy
people that enter in by these gates:
3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye
judgment and righteousness, and de-
liver the spoiled out of the hand of the
oppressor: and do no wrong, do no vi-
olence to the stranger, the fatherless,
nor the widow, neither shed innocent
blood in this place. 4 For if ye do this
thing indeed, then shall there enter in
by the gates of this house kings sitting
upon the throne of David, riding in
chariots and on horses, he, and his ser-
vants, and his people.* 5 But if ye will
not hear these words, I swear by my-

22.4. upon...: Heb. for David upon his throne.

self, saith the LORD, that this house
shall become a desolation. 6 For thus
saith the LORD unto the king's house
of Judah; Thou *art* Gilead unto me,
and the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I
will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities
which are not inhabited. 7 And I will
prepare destroyers against thee, every
one with his weapons: and they shall
cut down thy choice cedars, and cast
them into the fire. 8 And many nations
shall pass by this city, and they shall say
every man to his neighbour, Where-
fore hath the LORD done thus unto
this great city? 9 Then they shall an-
swer, Because they have forsaken the

covenant of the LORD their God, and
worshipped other gods, and served
them. [10] Weep ye not for the dead, nei-
ther bemoan him: *but* weep sore for
him that goeth away: for he shall re-
turn no more, nor see his native coun-
try. [11] For thus saith the LORD touch-
ing Shallum the son of Josiah king of
Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah
his father, which went forth out of this
place; He shall not return thither any
more: [12] But he shall die in the place
whither they have led him captive, and
shall see this land no more. [13] Woe
unto him that buildeth his house by
unrighteousness, and his chambers by

wrong; *that* useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him
not for his work; [14] That saith, I will
build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows;
and *it is* cieled with cedar, and painted
with vermilion.* [15] Shalt thou reign,
because thou closest *thyself* in cedar?
did not thy father eat and drink, and
do judgment and justice, *and* then *it*
was well with him? [16] He judged the
cause of the poor and needy; then *it*
was well *with him:* *was* not this to
know me? saith the LORD. [17] But thine

14. large: Heb. through-aired. windows: or, my windows.

eyes and thine heart *are* not but for
thy covetousness, and for to shed in-
nocent blood, and for oppression, and
for violence, to do *it*.* [18] Therefore thus
saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim
the son of Josiah king of Judah; They
shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah
my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall
not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord!
or, Ah his glory! [19] He shall be buried
with the burial of an ass, drawn and
cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusa-
lem. [20] Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and
lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry
from the passages: for all thy lovers

17. violence: or, incursion.

are destroyed. [21] I spake unto thee in
thy prosperity; *but* thou saidst, I will
not hear. This *hath been* thy manner
from thy youth, that thou obeyedst
not my voice.* [22] The wind shall eat
up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall
go into captivity: surely then shalt
thou be ashamed and confounded for
all thy wickedness. [23] O inhabitant
of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in
the cedars, how gracious shalt thou
be when pangs come upon thee, the
pain as of a woman in travail!* [24] *As* I
live, saith the LORD, though Coniah

21. prosperity: Heb. prosperities.
23. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress.

the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah
were the signet upon my right hand,
yet would I pluck thee thence; [25] And
I will give thee into the hand of them
that seek thy life, and into the hand
of them whose face thou fearest, even
into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king
of Babylon, and into the hand of the
Chaldeans. [26] And I will cast thee out,
and thy mother that bare thee, into
another country, where ye were not
born; and there shall ye die. [27] But
to the land whereunto they desire to
return, thither shall they not return.*
[28] *Is* this man Coniah a despised bro-

27. desire: Heb. lift up their mind.

ken idol? *is he* a vessel wherein *is*
no pleasure? wherefore are they cast
out, he and his seed, and are cast into
a land which they know not? [29] O
earth, earth, earth, hear the word of
the LORD. [30] Thus saith the LORD,
Write ye this man childless, a man *that*
shall not prosper in his days: for no
man of his seed shall prosper, sitting
upon the throne of David, and ruling
any more in Judah.

23 Woe be unto the pastors that
destroy and scatter the sheep of my
pasture! saith the LORD. [2] There-
fore thus saith the LORD God of Israel

against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. 5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righ-

teous Branch, and a King shall reign
and prosper, and shall execute judg-
ment and justice in the earth. 6 In
his days Judah shall be saved, and
Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is*
his name whereby he shall be called,
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUS-
NESS.* 7 Therefore, behold, the days
come, saith the LORD, that they shall
no more say, The LORD liveth, which
brought up the children of Israel out
of the land of Egypt; 8 But, The LORD
liveth, which brought up and which
led the seed of the house of Israel out
of the north country, and from all

23.6. THE LORD...: Heb. Jehovahtsidkenu.

countries whither I had driven them;
and they shall dwell in their own land.
9 Mine heart within me is broken be-
cause of the prophets; all my bones
shake; I am like a drunken man, and
like a man whom wine hath overcome,
because of the LORD, and because of
the words of his holiness. 10 For the
land is full of adulterers; for because
of swearing the land mourneth; the
pleasant places of the wilderness are
dried up, and their course is evil, and
their force *is* not right.* 11 For both
prophet and priest are profane; yea, in
my house have I found their wicked-

10. swearing: or, cursing. course: or, violence.

ness, saith the LORD. 12 Wherefore
their way shall be unto them as slip-
pery *ways* in the darkness: they shall
be driven on, and fall therein: for I will
bring evil upon them, *even* the year of
their visitation, saith the LORD. 13 And
I have seen folly in the prophets of
Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and
caused my people Israel to err.* 14 I have
seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem
an horrible thing: they commit adul-
tery, and walk in lies: they strengthen
also the hands of evildoers, that none
doth return from his wickedness: they
are all of them unto me as Sodom,

13. folly: or, an absurd thing: Heb. unsavoury.

and the inhabitants thereof as Gomor-
rah.* [15] Therefore thus saith the LORD
of hosts concerning the prophets; Be-
hold, I will feed them with worm-
wood, and make them drink the water
of gall: for from the prophets of Je-
rusalem is profaneness gone forth into
all the land.* [16] Thus saith the LORD of
hosts, Hearken not unto the words of
the prophets that prophesy unto you:
they make you vain: they speak a vi-
sion of their own heart, *and* not out
of the mouth of the LORD. [17] They
say still unto them that despise me,

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14. an...: or, filthiness.

15. profaneness: or, hypocrisy.

The LORD hath said, Ye shall have
peace; and they say unto every one that
walketh after the imagination of his
own heart, No evil shall come upon
you.* 18 For who hath stood in the
counsel of the LORD, and hath per-
ceived and heard his word? who hath
marked his word, and heard *it*?* 19 Be-
hold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone
forth in fury, even a grievous whirl-
wind: it shall fall grievously upon the
head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the
LORD shall not return, until he have
executed, and till he have performed

17. imagination: or, stubbornness.
18. counsel: or, secret.

the thoughts of his heart: in the lat-
ter days ye shall consider it perfectly.
21 I have not sent these prophets, yet
they ran: I have not spoken to them,
yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had
stood in my counsel, and had caused
my people to hear my words, then they
should have turned them from their
evil way, and from the evil of their do-
ings. 23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the
LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can
any hide himself in secret places that
I shall not see him? saith the LORD.
Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith
the LORD. 25 I have heard what the
prophets said, that prophesy lies in

my name, saying, I have dreamed, I
have dreamed. [26] How long shall *this*
be in the heart of the prophets that
prophesy lies? yea, *they are* proph-
ets of the deceit of their own heart;
[27] Which think to cause my people to
forget my name by their dreams which
they tell every man to his neighbour, as
their fathers have forgotten my name
for Baal. [28] The prophet that hath a
dream, let him tell a dream; and he
that hath my word, let him speak my
word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to
the wheat? saith the LORD.* [29] *Is* not
my word like as a fire? saith the LORD;

28. that hath a dream: Heb. with whom is, etc.

and like a hammer *that* breaketh the
rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold,
I *am* against the prophets, saith the
LORD, that steal my words every one
from his neighbour. 31 Behold, I *am*
against the prophets, saith the LORD,
that use their tongues, and say, He
saith.* 32 Behold, I *am* against them
that prophesy false dreams, saith the
LORD, and do tell them, and cause
my people to err by their lies, and by
their lightness; yet I sent them not,
nor commanded them: therefore they
shall not profit this people at all, saith
the LORD. 33 And when this people,

31. that...: or, that smooth their tongues.

or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask
thee, saying, What *is* the burden of
the LORD? thou shalt then say unto
them, What burden? I will even for-
sake you, saith the LORD. 34 And *as*
for the prophet, and the priest, and
the people, that shall say, The burden
of the LORD, I will even punish that
man and his house.* 35 Thus shall ye
say every one to his neighbour, and
every one to his brother, What hath
the LORD answered? and, What hath
the LORD spoken? 36 And the bur-
den of the LORD shall ye mention no
more: for every man's word shall be

34. punish: Heb. visit upon.

his burden; for ye have perverted the
words of the living God, of the LORD
of hosts our God. 37 Thus shalt thou
say to the prophet, What hath the
LORD answered thee? and, What hath
the LORD spoken? 38 But since ye say,
The burden of the LORD; therefore
thus saith the LORD; Because ye say
this word, The burden of the LORD,
and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye
shall not say, The burden of the LORD;
39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will ut-
terly forget you, and I will forsake you,
and the city that I gave you and your
fathers, *and cast you* out of my pres-
ence: 40 And I will bring an everlasting

reproach upon you, and a perpetual
shame, which shall not be forgotten.

24 The LORD shewed me, and, be-
hold, two baskets of figs *were* set be-
fore the temple of the LORD, after that
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had
carried away captive Jeconiah the son
of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the
princes of Judah, with the carpenters
and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had
brought them to Babylon. 2 One bas-
ket *had* very good figs, *even* like the
figs *that are* first ripe: and the other
basket *had* very naughty figs, which

could not be eaten, they were so bad.*
3 Then said the LORD unto me, What
seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs;
the good figs, very good; and the evil,
very evil, that cannot be eaten, they
are so evil. 4 Again the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, 5 Thus
saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like
these good figs, so will I acknowledge
them that are carried away captive of
Judah, whom I have sent out of this
place into the land of the Chaldeans
for *their* good.* 6 For I will set mine
eyes upon them for good, and I will

24.2. they...: Heb. for badness.
5. them...: Heb. the captivity.

bring them again to this land: and
I will build them, and not pull *them*
down; and I will plant them, and not
pluck *them* up. 7 And I will give them
an heart to know me, that I *am* the
LORD: and they shall be my people,
and I will be their God: for they shall
return unto me with their whole heart.
8 And as the evil figs, which cannot
be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus
saith the LORD, So will I give Zedekiah
the king of Judah, and his princes, and
the residue of Jerusalem, that remain
in this land, and them that dwell in
the land of Egypt: 9 And I will deliver
them to be removed into all the king-

doms of the earth for *their* hurt, *to be* a
reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a
curse, in all places whither I shall drive
them.* [10] And I will send the sword,
the famine, and the pestilence, among
them, till they be consumed from off
the land that I gave unto them and to
their fathers.

25 The word that came to
Jeremiah concerning all the people of
Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim
the son of Josiah king of Judah, that
was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon; [2] The which Jeremiah

9. to be removed: Heb. for removing, or, vexation.

the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that *is* the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. 4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. 5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your do-

ings, and dwell in the land that the
LORD hath given unto you and to your
fathers for ever and ever: 6 And go
not after other gods to serve them,
and to worship them, and provoke
me not to anger with the works of
your hands; and I will do you no hurt.
7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me,
saith the LORD; that ye might pro-
voke me to anger with the works of
your hands to your own hurt. 8 There-
fore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Be-
cause ye have not heard my words,
9 Behold, I will send and take all the
families of the north, saith the LORD,
and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Baby-

lon, my servant, and will bring them
against this land, and against the in-
habitants thereof, and against all these
nations round about, and will utterly
destroy them, and make them an as-
tonishment, and an hissing, and per-
petual desolations. [10] Moreover I will
take from them the voice of mirth,
and the voice of gladness, the voice
of the bridegroom, and the voice of
the bride, the sound of the millstones,
and the light of the candle.* [11] And this
whole land shall be a desolation, *and*
an astonishment; and these nations

25.10. I will...: Heb. I will cause to perish from them.

shall serve the king of Babylon sev-
enty years. [12] And it shall come to pass,
when seventy years are accomplished,
that I will punish the king of Baby-
lon, and that nation, saith the LORD,
for their iniquity, and the land of the
Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual
desolations.* [13] And I will bring upon
that land all my words which I have
pronounced against it, *even* all that is
written in this book, which Jeremiah
hath prophesied against all the na-
tions. [14] For many nations and great
kings shall serve themselves of them
also: and I will recompense them ac-

12. punish: Heb. visit upon.

cording to their deeds, and accord-
ing to the works of their own hands.
15 For thus saith the LORD God of Is-
rael unto me; Take the wine cup of this
fury at my hand, and cause all the na-
tions, to whom I send thee, to drink it.
16 And they shall drink, and be moved,
and be mad, because of the sword that
I will send among them. 17 Then took I
the cup at the LORD's hand, and made
all the nations to drink, unto whom
the LORD had sent me: 18 *To wit*, Jeru-
salem, and the cities of Judah, and the
kings thereof, and the princes thereof,
to make them a desolation, an aston-
ishment, an hissing, and a curse; as *it*

is this day; [19] Pharaoh king of Egypt,
and his servants, and his princes, and
all his people; [20] And all the mingled
people, and all the kings of the land of
Uz, and all the kings of the land of the
Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah,
and Ekron, and the remnant of Ash-
dod, [21] Edom, and Moab, and the chil-
dren of Ammon, [22] And all the kings
of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon,
and the kings of the isles which *are*
beyond the sea,* [23] Dedan, and Tema,
and Buz, and all *that are* in the ut-
most corners,* [24] And all the kings of

22. isles: or, region by the sea side.
23. that...: Heb. cut off into corners, or, having the

Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,
25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all
the kings of Elam, and all the kings of
the Medes, 26 And all the kings of the
north, far and near, one with another,
and all the kingdoms of the world,
which *are* upon the face of the earth:
and the king of Sheshach shall drink
after them. 27 Therefore thou shalt say
unto them, Thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and
be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise
no more, because of the sword which I
will send among you. 28 And it shall be,

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corners of the hair polled.

if they refuse to take the cup at thine
hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto
them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Ye shall certainly drink. 29 For, lo, I be-
gin to bring evil on the city which is
called by my name, and should ye be
utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be
unpunished: for I will call for a sword
upon all the inhabitants of the earth,
saith the LORD of hosts.* 30 Therefore
prophesy thou against them all these
words, and say unto them, The LORD
shall roar from on high, and utter his
voice from his holy habitation; he shall
mightily roar upon his habitation; he

29. which...: Heb. upon which my name is called.

shall give a shout, as they that tread
the grapes, against all the inhabitants
of the earth. 31 A noise shall come
even to the ends of the earth; for the
LORD hath a controversy with the na-
tions, he will plead with all flesh; he
will give them *that are* wicked to the
sword, saith the LORD. 32 Thus saith
the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall
go forth from nation to nation, and
a great whirlwind shall be raised up
from the coasts of the earth. 33 And the
slain of the LORD shall be at that day
from *one* end of the earth even unto
the *other* end of the earth: they shall
not be lamented, neither gathered, nor

buried; they shall be dung upon the
ground. [34] Howl, ye shepherds, and
cry; and wallow yourselves *in the ashes*,
ye principal of the flock: for the days of
your slaughter and of your dispersions
are accomplished; and ye shall fall like
a pleasant vessel.* [35] And the shepherds
shall have no way to flee, nor the prin-
cipal of the flock to escape.* [36] A voice
of the cry of the shepherds, and an
howling of the principal of the flock,
shall be heard: for the LORD hath

34. the days...: Heb. your days for slaughter. a pleasant...: Heb. a vessel of desire.
35. the shepherds...: Heb. flight shall perish from the shepherds, and escaping from, etc.

spoiled their pasture. 37 And the peace-
able habitations are cut down because
of the fierce anger of the LORD. 38 He
hath forsaken his covert, as the lion:
for their land is desolate because of
the fierceness of the oppressor, and be-
cause of his fierce anger.*

26 In the beginning of the reign of
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Ju-
dah came this word from the LORD,
saying, 2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand
in the court of the LORD'S house,
and speak unto all the cities of Ju-
dah, which come to worship in the

38. desolate: Heb. a desolation.

LORD'S house, all the words that I
command thee to speak unto them;
diminish not a word: 3 If so be they
will hearken, and turn every man from
his evil way, that I may repent me of
the evil, which I purpose to do unto
them because of the evil of their do-
ings. 4 And thou shalt say unto them,
Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not
hearken to me, to walk in my law,
which I have set before you, 5 To hear-
ken to the words of my servants the
prophets, whom I sent unto you, both
rising up early, and sending *them*, but
ye have not hearkened; 6 Then will I
make this house like Shiloh, and will

make this city a curse to all the na-
tions of the earth. 7 So the priests
and the prophets and all the people
heard Jeremiah speaking these words
in the house of the LORD. 8 Now
it came to pass, when Jeremiah had
made an end of speaking all that the
LORD had commanded *him* to speak
unto all the people, that the priests
and the prophets and all the people
took him, saying, Thou shalt surely
die. 9 Why hast thou prophesied in
the name of the LORD, saying, This
house shall be like Shiloh, and this city
shall be desolate without an inhabi-
tant? And all the people were gathered

against Jeremiah in the house of the
LORD. [10] When the princes of Judah
heard these things, then they came up
from the king's house unto the house
of the LORD, and sat down in the
entry of the new gate of the LORD'S
house.* [11] Then spake the priests and the
prophets unto the princes and to all
the people, saying, This man *is* wor-
thy to die; for he hath prophesied
against this city, as ye have heard with
your ears.* [12] Then spake Jeremiah unto
all the princes and to all the people,

26.10. in the...: or, at the door.

11. This man...: Heb. The judgment of death is for this man.

saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this
city all the words that ye have heard.
13 Therefore now amend your ways and
your doings, and obey the voice of the
LORD your God; and the LORD will
repent him of the evil that he hath pro-
nounced against you. 14 As for me, be-
hold, I *am* in your hand: do with me
as seemeth good and meet unto you.*
15 But know ye for certain, that if ye
put me to death, ye shall surely bring
innocent blood upon yourselves, and
upon this city, and upon the inhabi-
tants thereof: for of a truth the LORD

14. as...: Heb. as it is good and right in your eyes.

hath sent me unto you to speak all
these words in your ears. [16] Then said
the princes and all the people unto the
priests and to the prophets; This man
is not worthy to die: for he hath spo-
ken to us in the name of the LORD our
God. [17] Then rose up certain of the el-
ders of the land, and spake to all the as-
sembly of the people, saying, [18] Micah
the Morasthite prophesied in the days
of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake
to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus
saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall
be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem
shall become heaps, and the moun-
tain of the house as the high places

of a forest. [19] Did Hezekiah king of
Judah and all Judah put him at all to
death? did he not fear the LORD, and
besought the LORD, and the LORD
repented him of the evil which he
had pronounced against them? Thus
might we procure great evil against
our souls.* [20] And there was also a
man that prophesied in the name of
the LORD, Urijah the son of Shema-
iah of Kirjathjearim, who prophesied
against this city and against this land
according to all the words of Jeremiah:
[21] And when Jehoiakim the king, with

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19. the LORD, and the: Heb. the face of the LORD, etc.

all his mighty men, and all the princes,
heard his words, the king sought to
put him to death: but when Urijah
heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and
went into Egypt; 22 And Jehoiakim the
king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, El-
nathan the son of Achbor, and *certain*
men with him into Egypt. 23 And they
fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and
brought him unto Jehoiakim the king;
who slew him with the sword, and cast
his dead body into the graves of the
common people.* 24 Nevertheless the
hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan
was with Jeremiah, that they should

23. common...: Heb. sons of the people.

not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign
of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of
Judah came this word unto Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying, 2 Thus saith
the LORD to me; Make thee bonds
and yokes, and put them upon thy
neck,* 3 And send them to the king
of Edom, and to the king of Moab,
and to the king of the Ammonites,
and to the king of Tyrus, and to the
king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto

27.2. saith...: or, hath the LORD said.

Zedekiah king of Judah; 4 And com-
mand them to say unto their masters,
Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your
masters;* 5 I have made the earth, the
man and the beast that *are* upon the
ground, by my great power and by my
outstretched arm, and have given it
unto whom it seemed meet unto me.
6 And now have I given all these lands
into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the
king of Babylon, my servant; and the
beasts of the field have I given him
also to serve him. 7 And all nations
shall serve him, and his son, and his

4. to say...: or, concerning their masters, saying.

son's son, until the very time of his
land come: and then many nations
and great kings shall serve themselves
of him. 8 And it shall come to pass,
that the nation and kingdom which
will not serve the same Nebuchadnez-
zar the king of Babylon, and that will
not put their neck under the yoke of
the king of Babylon, that nation will
I punish, saith the LORD, with the
sword, and with the famine, and with
the pestilence, until I have consumed
them by his hand. 9 Therefore hear-
ken not ye to your prophets, nor to
your diviners, nor to your dreamers,
nor to your enchanters, nor to your

sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:* [10] For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. [11] But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein. [12] I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his peo-

9. dreamers: Heb. dreams.

ple, and live. [13] Why will ye die, thou
and thy people, by the sword, by the
famine, and by the pestilence, as the
LORD hath spoken against the nation
that will not serve the king of Baby-
lon? [14] Therefore hearken not unto
the words of the prophets that speak
unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve
the king of Babylon: for they proph-
esy a lie unto you. [15] For I have not
sent them, saith the LORD, yet they
prophesy a lie in my name; that I might
drive you out, and that ye might per-
ish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy
unto you.* [16] Also I spake to the priests

15. a lie: Heb. in a lie, or, lyingly.

and to all this people, saying, Thus
saith the LORD; Hearken not to the
words of your prophets that proph-
esy unto you, saying, Behold, the ves-
sels of the LORD's house shall now
shortly be brought again from Baby-
lon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.
17 Hearken not unto them; serve the
king of Babylon, and live: wherefore
should this city be laid waste? 18 But
if they *be* prophets, and if the word
of the LORD be with them, let them
now make intercession to the LORD
of hosts, that the vessels which are left
in the house of the LORD, and *in* the
house of the king of Judah, and at Je-

rusalem, go not to Babylon. [19] For thus
saith the LORD of hosts concerning
the pillars, and concerning the sea, and
concerning the bases, and concerning
the residue of the vessels that remain
in this city, [20] Which Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon took not, when he
carried away captive Jeconiah the son
of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jeru-
salem to Babylon, and all the nobles
of Judah and Jerusalem; [21] Yea, thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel, concerning the vessels that re-
main *in* the house of the LORD, and
in the house of the king of Judah and
of Jerusalem; [22] They shall be carried to

Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

28 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the

king of Babylon. 3 Within two full
years will I bring again into this place
all the vessels of the LORD's house,
that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
took away from this place, and carried
them to Babylon:* 4 And I will bring
again to this place Jeconiah the son
of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all
the captives of Judah, that went into
Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will
break the yoke of the king of Babylon.*
5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto
the prophet Hananiah in the pres-
ence of the priests, and in the pres-

28.3. two...: Heb. two years of days.
4. captives: Heb. captivity.

ence of all the people that stood in the
house of the LORD, 6 Even the prophet
Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so:
the LORD perform thy words which
thou hast prophesied, to bring again
the vessels of the LORD'S house, and
all that is carried away captive, from
Babylon into this place. 7 Neverthe-
less hear thou now this word that I
speak in thine ears, and in the ears
of all the people; 8 The prophets that
have been before me and before thee
of old prophesied both against many
countries, and against great kingdoms,
of war, and of evil, and of pesti-
lence. 9 The prophet which prophe-

sieth of peace, when the word of the
prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall
the prophet be known, that the LORD
hath truly sent him. [10] Then Hana-
niah the prophet took the yoke from
off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and
brake it. [11] And Hananiah spake in the
presence of all the people, saying, Thus
saith the LORD; Even so will I break
the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon from the neck of all nations
within the space of two full years. And
the prophet Jeremiah went his way.
[12] Then the word of the LORD came
unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that
Hananiah the prophet had broken the

yoke from off the neck of the prophet
Jeremiah, saying, 13 Go and tell Hana-
niah, saying, Thus saith the LORD;
Thou hast broken the yokes of wood;
but thou shalt make for them yokes
of iron. 14 For thus saith the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel; I have
put a yoke of iron upon the neck of
all these nations, that they may serve
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and
they shall serve him: and I have given
him the beasts of the field also. 15 Then
said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hana-
niah the prophet, Hear now, Hana-
niah; The LORD hath not sent thee;
but thou makest this people to trust in

a lie. [16] Therefore thus saith the LORD;
Behold, I will cast thee from off the
face of the earth: this year thou shalt
die, because thou hast taught rebellion
against the LORD.* [17] So Hananiah the
prophet died the same year in the sev-
enth month.

29 Now these *are* the words of
the letter that Jeremiah the prophet
sent from Jerusalem unto the residue
of the elders which were carried away
captives, and to the priests, and to
the prophets, and to all the peo-
ple whom Nebuchadnezzar had car-

16. rebellion: Heb. revolt.

ried away captive from Jerusalem to
Babylon; 2 (After that Jeconiah the
king, and the queen, and the eu-
nuchs, the princes of Judah and Je-
rusalem, and the carpenters, and the
smiths, were departed from Jerusa-
lem;)* 3 By the hand of Elasah the son
of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of
Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Ju-
dah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchad-
nezzar king of Babylon) saying, 4 Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is-
rael, unto all that are carried away cap-
tives, whom I have caused to be carried
away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

29.2. eunuchs: or, chamberlains.

5 Build ye houses, and dwell *in them*;
and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of
them; 6 Take ye wives, and beget sons
and daughters; and take wives for your
sons, and give your daughters to hus-
bands, that they may bear sons and
daughters; that ye may be increased
there, and not diminished. 7 And seek
the peace of the city whither I have
caused you to be carried away cap-
tives, and pray unto the LORD for it:
for in the peace thereof shall ye have
peace. 8 For thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your
prophets and your diviners, that *be* in
the midst of you, deceive you, neither

hearken to your dreams which ye cause
to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy
falsely unto you in my name: I have
not sent them, saith the LORD.* 10 For
thus saith the LORD, That after sev-
enty years be accomplished at Baby-
lon I will visit you, and perform my
good word toward you, in causing you
to return to this place. 11 For I know
the thoughts that I think toward you,
saith the LORD, thoughts of peace,
and not of evil, to give you an ex-
pected end.* 12 Then shall ye call upon
me, and ye shall go and pray unto me,

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9. falsely: Heb. in a lie.

11. expected...: Heb. end and expectation.

and I will hearken unto you. [13] And
ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when
ye shall search for me with all your
heart. [14] And I will be found of you,
saith the LORD: and I will turn away
your captivity, and I will gather you
from all the nations, and from all the
places whither I have driven you, saith
the LORD; and I will bring you again
into the place whence I caused you to
be carried away captive. [15] Because ye
have said, The LORD hath raised us up
prophets in Babylon; [16] *Know* that thus
saith the LORD of the king that sitteth
upon the throne of David, and of all
the people that dwelleth in this city,

and of your brethren that are not gone
forth with you into captivity; [17] Thus
saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I
will send upon them the sword, the
famine, and the pestilence, and will
make them like vile figs, that cannot
be eaten, they are so evil. [18] And I will
persecute them with the sword, with
the famine, and with the pestilence,
and will deliver them to be removed
to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be
a curse, and an astonishment, and an
hissing, and a reproach, among all the
nations whither I have driven them:*
[19] Because they have not hearkened to

18. to be a curse: Heb. for a curse.

my words, saith the LORD, which I
sent unto them by my servants the
prophets, rising up early and sending
them; but ye would not hear, saith the
LORD. [20] Hear ye therefore the word
of the LORD, all ye of the captivity,
whom I have sent from Jerusalem to
Babylon: [21] Thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the
son of Kolaiah, and of Zedekiah the
son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie
unto you in my name; Behold, I will
deliver them into the hand of Neb-
uchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he
shall slay them before your eyes; [22] And
of them shall be taken up a curse by

all the captivity of Judah which *are* in
Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee
like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom
the king of Babylon roasted in the
fire; [23] Because they have committed
villany in Israel, and have committed
adultery with their neighbours' wives,
and have spoken lying words in my
name, which I have not commanded
them; even I know, and *am* a wit-
ness, saith the LORD. [24] *Thus* shalt
thou also speak to Shemaiah the Ne-
helamite, saying,* [25] Thus speaketh the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, say-
ing, Because thou hast sent letters in

24. Nehelamite: or, dreamer.

thy name unto all the people that *are* at
Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son
of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the
priests, saying, [26] The LORD hath made
thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the
priest, that ye should be officers in the
house of the LORD, for every man *that*
is mad, and maketh himself a prophet,
that thou shouldest put him in prison,
and in the stocks. [27] Now therefore
why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah
of Anathoth, which maketh himself
a prophet to you? [28] For therefore he
sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, This
captivity is long: build ye houses, and
dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and

eat the fruit of them. 29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. 30 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, 31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie: 32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the

LORD; because he hath taught rebel-
lion against the LORD.*

30 The word that came to
Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Is-
rael, saying, Write thee all the words
that I have spoken unto thee in a
book. 3 For, lo, the days come, saith
the LORD, that I will bring again the
captivity of my people Israel and Ju-
dah, saith the LORD: and I will cause
them to return to the land that I gave
to their fathers, and they shall pos-
sess it. 4 And these *are* the words that

32. rebellion: Heb. revolt.

the LORD spake concerning Israel and
concerning Judah. 5 For thus saith the
LORD; We have heard a voice of trem-
bling, of fear, and not of peace.* 6 Ask
ye now, and see whether a man doth
travail with child? wherefore do I see
every man with his hands on his loins,
as a woman in travail, and all faces are
turned into paleness?* 7 Alas! for that
day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is*
even the time of Jacob's trouble; but
he shall be saved out of it. 8 For it
shall come to pass in that day, saith
the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his

30.5. of fear...: or, there is fear, and not peace.
6. a man: Heb. a male.

yoke from off thy neck, and will burst
thy bonds, and strangers shall no more
serve themselves of him: 9 But they
shall serve the LORD their God, and
David their king, whom I will raise up
unto them. 10 Therefore fear thou not,
O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD;
neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo,
I will save thee from afar, and thy seed
from the land of their captivity; and
Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest,
and be quiet, and none shall make *him*
afraid. 11 For I *am* with thee, saith the
LORD, to save thee: though I make a
full end of all nations whither I have
scattered thee, yet will I not make a

full end of thee: but I will correct thee
in measure, and will not leave thee al-
together unpunished. 12 For thus saith
the LORD, Thy bruise *is* incurable, *and*
thy wound *is* grievous. 13 *There is* none
to plead thy cause, that thou mayest
be bound up: thou hast no healing
medicines.* 14 All thy lovers have for-
gotten thee; they seek thee not; for I
have wounded thee with the wound
of an enemy, with the chastisement
of a cruel one, for the multitude of
thine iniquity; *because* thy sins were in-
creased. 15 Why criest thou for thine
affliction? thy sorrow *is* incurable for

13. that...: Heb. for binding up, or, pressing.

the multitude of thine iniquity: *be-*
cause thy sins were increased, I have
done these things unto thee. 16 There-
fore all they that devour thee shall be
devoured; and all thine adversaries, ev-
ery one of them, shall go into captiv-
ity; and they that spoil thee shall be
a spoil, and all that prey upon thee
will I give for a prey. 17 For I will re-
store health unto thee, and I will heal
thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD;
because they called thee an Outcast,
saying, This *is* Zion, whom no man
seeketh after. 18 Thus saith the LORD;
Behold, I will bring again the captiv-
ity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on

his dwellingplaces; and the city shall
be builded upon her own heap, and
the palace shall remain after the man-
ner thereof.* 19 And out of them shall
proceed thanksgiving and the voice of
them that make merry: and I will mul-
tiply them, and they shall not be few; I
will also glorify them, and they shall
not be small. 20 Their children also
shall be as aforetime, and their con-
gregation shall be established before
me, and I will punish all that oppress
them. 21 And their nobles shall be of
themselves, and their governor shall
proceed from the midst of them; and

18. heap: or, little hill.

I will cause him to draw near, and he
shall approach unto me: for who *is* this
that engaged his heart to approach
unto me? saith the LORD. 22 And ye
shall be my people, and I will be your
God. 23 Behold, the whirlwind of the
LORD goeth forth with fury, a contin-
uing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain
upon the head of the wicked.* 24 The
fierce anger of the LORD shall not re-
turn, until he have done *it*, and until
he have performed the intents of his
heart: in the latter days ye shall con-
sider it.

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23. continuing: Heb. cutting. fall...: or, remain.

31 At the same time, saith the
LORD, will I be the God of all the
families of Israel, and they shall be my
people. 2 Thus saith the LORD, The
people *which were* left of the sword
found grace in the wilderness; *even*
Israel, when I went to cause him to
rest. 3 The LORD hath appeared of
old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved
thee with an everlasting love: there-
fore with lovingkindness have I drawn
thee.* 4 Again I will build thee, and
thou shalt be built, O virgin of Is-

31.3. of...: Heb. from afar. with lovingkindness...: have I extended lovingkindness unto thee.

rael: thou shalt again be adorned with
thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the
dances of them that make merry.*
5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the
mountains of Samaria: the planters
shall plant, and shall eat *them* as com-
mon things.* 6 For there shall be a day,
that the watchmen upon the mount
Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let
us go up to Zion unto the LORD our
God. 7 For thus saith the LORD; Sing
with gladness for Jacob, and shout
among the chief of the nations: pub-
lish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD,

4. tabrets: or, timbrels.
5. eat...: Heb. profane them.

save thy people, the remnant of Israel.
8 Behold, I will bring them from the
north country, and gather them from
the coasts of the earth, *and* with them
the blind and the lame, the woman
with child and her that travaileth with
child together: a great company shall
return thither. 9 They shall come with
weeping, and with supplications will I
lead them: I will cause them to walk
by the rivers of waters in a straight
way, wherein they shall not stumble:
for I am a father to Israel, and Eph-
raim *is* my firstborn.* 10 Hear the word
of the LORD, O ye nations, and de-

9. supplications: or, favours.

clare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He
that scattered Israel will gather him,
and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his
flock. [11] For the LORD hath redeemed
Jacob, and ransomed him from the
hand of *him that was* stronger than
he. [12] Therefore they shall come and
sing in the height of Zion, and shall
flow together to the goodness of the
LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for
oil, and for the young of the flock and
of the herd: and their soul shall be as
a watered garden; and they shall not
sorrow any more at all. [13] Then shall
the virgin rejoice in the dance, both
young men and old together: for I will

turn their mourning into joy, and will
comfort them, and make them rejoice
from their sorrow. 14 And I will sa-
tiate the soul of the priests with fat-
ness, and my people shall be satisfied
with my goodness, saith the LORD.
15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was
heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bit-
ter weeping; Rahel weeping for her
children refused to be comforted for
her children, because they *were* not.
16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy
voice from weeping, and thine eyes
from tears: for thy work shall be re-
warded, saith the LORD; and they shall
come again from the land of the en-

emy. [17] And there is hope in thine end,
saith the LORD, that thy children shall
come again to their own border. [18] I
have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning
himself *thus*; Thou hast chastised me,
and I was chastised, as a bullock un-
accustomed *to the yoke*: turn thou me,
and I shall be turned; for thou *art* the
LORD my God. [19] Surely after that I
was turned, I repented; and after that I
was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh:
I was ashamed, yea, even confounded,
because I did bear the reproach of my
youth. [20] *Is* Ephraim my dear son? *is*
he a pleasant child? for since I spake
against him, I do earnestly remem-

ber him still: therefore my bowels are
troubled for him; I will surely have
mercy upon him, saith the LORD.*
21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee
high heaps: set thine heart toward the
highway, *even* the way *which* thou wen-
test: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn
again to these thy cities. 22 How long
wilt thou go about, O thou backslid-
ing daughter? for the LORD hath cre-
ated a new thing in the earth, A wo-
man shall compass a man. 23 Thus saith
the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
As yet they shall use this speech in the
land of Judah and in the cities thereof,

20. are...: Heb. sound.

when I shall bring again their captiv-
ity; The LORD bless thee, O habita-
tion of justice, *and* mountain of holi-
ness. 24 And there shall dwell in Judah
itself, and in all the cities thereof to-
gether, husbandmen, and they *that* go
forth with flocks. 25 For I have satiated
the weary soul, and I have replenished
every sorrowful soul. 26 Upon this I
awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was
sweet unto me. 27 Behold, the days
come, saith the LORD, that I will sow
the house of Israel and the house of
Judah with the seed of man, and with
the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come
to pass, *that* like as I have watched

over them, to pluck up, and to break
down, and to throw down, and to de-
stroy, and to afflict; so will I watch
over them, to build, and to plant, saith
the LORD. [29] In those days they shall
say no more, The fathers have eaten a
sour grape, and the children's teeth are
set on edge. [30] But every one shall die
for his own iniquity: every man that
eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be
set on edge. [31] Behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel, and
with the house of Judah: [32] Not ac-
cording to the covenant that I made
with their fathers in the day *that* I took

them by the hand to bring them out of
the land of Egypt; which my covenant
they brake, although I was an husband
unto them, saith the LORD:* 33 But this
shall be the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel; After those
days, saith the LORD, I will put my
law in their inward parts, and write it
in their hearts; and will be their God,
and they shall be my people. 34 And
they shall teach no more every man his
neighbour, and every man his brother,
saying, Know the LORD: for they shall
all know me, from the least of them

32. although...: or, should I have continued an husband unto them?.

unto the greatest of them, saith the
LORD: for I will forgive their iniq-
uity, and I will remember their sin no
more. 35 Thus saith the LORD, which
giveth the sun for a light by day, *and*
the ordinances of the moon and of
the stars for a light by night, which di-
videth the sea when the waves thereof
roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:
36 If those ordinances depart from be-
fore me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed
of Israel also shall cease from being
a nation before me for ever. 37 Thus
saith the LORD; If heaven above can be
measured, and the foundations of the
earth searched out beneath, I will also

cast off all the seed of Israel for all that
they have done, saith the LORD. 38 Be-
hold, the days come, saith the LORD,
that the city shall be built to the LORD
from the tower of Hananeel unto the
gate of the corner. 39 And the measur-
ing line shall yet go forth over against
it upon the hill Gareb, and shall com-
pass about to Goath. 40 And the whole
valley of the dead bodies, and of the
ashes, and all the fields unto the brook
of Kidron, unto the corner of the
horse gate toward the east, *shall be* holy
unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked
up, nor thrown down any more for
ever.

32 The word that came to
Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth
year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which
was the eighteenth year of Neb-
uchadrezzar. 2 For then the king
of Babylon's army besieged Jerusa-
lem: and Jeremiah the prophet was
shut up in the court of the prison,
which *was* in the king of Judah's house.
3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut
him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou
prophesy, and say, Thus saith the
LORD, Behold, I will give this city into
the hand of the king of Babylon, and
he shall take it; 4 And Zedekiah king

of Judah shall not escape out of the
hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely
be delivered into the hand of the king
of Babylon, and shall speak with him
mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall
behold his eyes; 5 And he shall lead
Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall
he be until I visit him, saith the LORD:
though ye fight with the Chaldeans,
ye shall not prosper. 6 And Jeremiah
said, The word of the LORD came unto
me, saying, 7 Behold, Hanameel the
son of Shallum thine uncle shall come
unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field
that *is* in Anathoth: for the right of
redemption *is* thine to buy *it*. 8 So

Hanameel mine uncle's son came to
me in the court of the prison accord-
ing to the word of the LORD, and said
unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that
is in Anathoth, which *is* in the coun-
try of Benjamin: for the right of inher-
itance *is* thine, and the redemption *is*
thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew
that this *was* the word of the LORD.
9 And I bought the field of Hanameel
my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth,
and weighed him the money, *even* sev-
enteen shekels of silver.* 10 And I sub-
scribed the evidence, and sealed *it*, and

32.9. seventeen...: or, seven shekels and ten pieces of silver.

took witnesses, and weighed *him* the
money in the balances.* 11 So I took
the evidence of the purchase, *both* that
which was sealed *according* to the law
and custom, and that which was open:
12 And I gave the evidence of the pur-
chase unto Baruch the son of Ner-
iah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight
of Hanameel mine uncle's *son*, and in
the presence of the witnesses that sub-
scribed the book of the purchase, be-
fore all the Jews that sat in the court
of the prison. 13 And I charged Baruch
before them, saying, 14 Thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take

10. subscribed...: Heb. wrote in the book.

these evidences, this evidence of the
purchase, both which is sealed, and
this evidence which is open; and put
them in an earthen vessel, that they
may continue many days. 15 For thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards
shall be possessed again in this land.
16 Now when I had delivered the evi-
dence of the purchase unto Baruch the
son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD,
saying, 17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou
hast made the heaven and the earth
by thy great power and stretched out
arm, *and* there is nothing too hard

for thee:* 18 Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name, 19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:* 20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among *other* men; and hast made

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17. too...: or, hid from thee.

19. work: Heb. doing.

thee a name, as at this day; [21] And hast
brought forth thy people Israel out of
the land of Egypt with signs, and with
wonders, and with a strong hand, and
with a stretched out arm, and with
great terror; [22] And hast given them
this land, which thou didst swear to
their fathers to give them, a land flow-
ing with milk and honey; [23] And they
came in, and possessed it; but they
obeyed not thy voice, neither walked
in thy law; they have done nothing of
all that thou commandedst them to
do: therefore thou hast caused all this
evil to come upon them: [24] Behold the
mounts, they are come unto the city

to take it; and the city is given into
the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight
against it, because of the sword, and
of the famine, and of the pestilence:
and what thou hast spoken is come to
pass; and, behold, thou seest *it*.* [25] And
thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD,
Buy thee the field for money, and take
witnesses; for the city is given into the
hand of the Chaldeans.* [26] Then came
the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah,
saying, [27] Behold, I *am* the LORD, the
God of all flesh: is there any thing too
hard for me? [28] Therefore thus saith

24. mounts: or, engines of shot.
25. for the: or, though the.

the LORD; Behold, I will give this city
into the hand of the Chaldeans, and
into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king
of Babylon, and he shall take it: [29] And
the Chaldeans, that fight against this
city, shall come and set fire on this
city, and burn it with the houses, upon
whose roofs they have offered incense
unto Baal, and poured out drink of-
ferings unto other gods, to provoke
me to anger. [30] For the children of
Israel and the children of Judah have
only done evil before me from their
youth: for the children of Israel have
only provoked me to anger with the
work of their hands, saith the LORD.

31 For this city hath been to me *as* a
provocation of mine anger and of my
fury from the day that they built it
even unto this day; that I should re-
move it from before my face,* 32 Be-
cause of all the evil of the children
of Israel and of the children of Ju-
dah, which they have done to provoke
me to anger, they, their kings, their
princes, their priests, and their proph-
ets, and the men of Judah, and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 And they
have turned unto me the back, and
not the face: though I taught them,
rising up early and teaching *them*, yet

31. a provocation...: Heb. for my anger.

they have not hearkened to receive in-
struction.* 34 But they set their abom-
inations in the house, which is called
by my name, to defile it. 35 And they
built the high places of Baal, which
are in the valley of the son of Hinnom,
to cause their sons and their daughters
to pass through *the fire* unto Molech;
which I commanded them not, nei-
ther came it into my mind, that they
should do this abomination, to cause
Judah to sin. 36 And now therefore
thus saith the LORD, the God of Is-
rael, concerning this city, whereof ye
say, It shall be delivered into the hand

33. back: Heb. neck.

of the king of Babylon by the sword,
and by the famine, and by the pesti-
lence; 37 Behold, I will gather them out
of all countries, whither I have driven
them in mine anger, and in my fury,
and in great wrath; and I will bring
them again unto this place, and I will
cause them to dwell safely: 38 And they
shall be my people, and I will be their
God: 39 And I will give them one heart,
and one way, that they may fear me
for ever, for the good of them, and
of their children after them:* 40 And I
will make an everlasting covenant with
them, that I will not turn away from

39. for ever: Heb. all days.

them, to do them good; but I will
put my fear in their hearts, that they
shall not depart from me.* 41 Yea, I will
rejoice over them to do them good,
and I will plant them in this land as-
suredly with my whole heart and with
my whole soul.* 42 For thus saith the
LORD; Like as I have brought all this
great evil upon this people, so will I
bring upon them all the good that
I have promised them. 43 And fields
shall be bought in this land, whereof
ye say, *It is* desolate without man or
beast; it is given into the hand of the

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40. from them: Heb. from after them.
41. assuredly: Heb. in truth, or, stability.

Chaldeans. 44 Men shall buy fields for
money, and subscribe evidences, and
seal *them*, and take witnesses in the
land of Benjamin, and in the places
about Jerusalem, and in the cities of
Judah, and in the cities of the moun-
tains, and in the cities of the valley, and
in the cities of the south: for I will
cause their captivity to return, saith
the LORD.

33 Moreover the word of the
LORD came unto Jeremiah the sec-
ond time, while he was yet shut up in
the court of the prison, saying, 2 Thus
saith the LORD the maker thereof, the

LORD that formed it, to establish it;
the LORD *is* his name;* 3 Call unto
me, and I will answer thee, and shew
thee great and mighty things, which
thou knowest not.* 4 For thus saith
the LORD, the God of Israel, concern-
ing the houses of this city, and con-
cerning the houses of the kings of Ju-
dah, which are thrown down by the
mounts, and by the sword; 5 They
come to fight with the Chaldeans,
but *it is* to fill them with the dead
bodies of men, whom I have slain in
mine anger and in my fury, and for

33.2. the LORD is: or, JEHOVAH, etc.
3. mighty: or, hidden.

all whose wickedness I have hid my
face from this city. 6 Behold, I will
bring it health and cure, and I will
cure them, and will reveal unto them
the abundance of peace and truth.
7 And I will cause the captivity of Ju-
dah and the captivity of Israel to re-
turn, and will build them, as at the
first. 8 And I will cleanse them from
all their iniquity, whereby they have
sinned against me; and I will pardon
all their iniquities, whereby they have
sinned, and whereby they have trans-
gressed against me. 9 And it shall be to
me a name of joy, a praise and an hon-
our before all the nations of the earth,

which shall hear all the good that I
do unto them: and they shall fear and
tremble for all the goodness and for
all the prosperity that I procure unto
it. [10] Thus saith the LORD; Again there
shall be heard in this place, which
ye say *shall be* desolate without man
and without beast, *even* in the cities
of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusa-
lem, that are desolate, without man,
and without inhabitant, and without
beast, [11] The voice of joy, and the voice
of gladness, the voice of the bride-
groom, and the voice of the bride, the
voice of them that shall say, Praise the
LORD of hosts: for the LORD *is* good;

for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and* of
them that shall bring the sacrifice of
praise into the house of the LORD. For
I will cause to return the captivity of
the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.
12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again
in this place, which is desolate without
man and without beast, and in all the
cities thereof, shall be an habitation
of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie
down. 13 In the cities of the moun-
tains, in the cities of the vale, and in
the cities of the south, and in the land
of Benjamin, and in the places about
Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah,
shall the flocks pass again under the

hands of him that telleth *them*, saith
the LORD. 14 Behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that I will perform
that good thing which I have prom-
ised unto the house of Israel and to the
house of Judah. 15 In those days, and at
that time, will I cause the Branch of
righteousness to grow up unto David;
and he shall execute judgment and
righteousness in the land. 16 In those
days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusa-
lem shall dwell safely: and this *is the*
name wherewith she shall be called,
The LORD our righteousness.* 17 For
thus saith the LORD; David shall never

16. The LORD...: Heb. Jehovahtsidkenu.

want a man to sit upon the throne of
the house of Israel;* 18 Neither shall the
priests the Levites want a man before
me to offer burnt offerings, and to kin-
dle meat offerings, and to do sacri-
fice continually. 19 And the word of
the LORD came unto Jeremiah, say-
ing, 20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can
break my covenant of the day, and my
covenant of the night, and that there
should not be day and night in their
season; 21 *Then* may also my covenant
be broken with David my servant, that
he should not have a son to reign upon

17. David...: Heb. There shall not be cut off from David.

his throne; and with the Levites the
priests, my ministers. [22] As the host
of heaven cannot be numbered, nei-
ther the sand of the sea measured: so
will I multiply the seed of David my
servant, and the Levites that minis-
ter unto me. [23] Moreover the word of
the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,
[24] Considerest thou not what this peo-
ple have spoken, saying, The two fami-
lies which the LORD hath chosen, he
hath even cast them off? thus they
have despised my people, that they
should be no more a nation before
them. [25] Thus saith the LORD; If my
covenant *be* not with day and night,

and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; [26] Then
will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and
David my servant, *so* that I will not
take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over
the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:
for I will cause their captivity to return,
and have mercy on them.

34 The word which came unto
Jeremiah from the LORD, when Neb-
uchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all
his army, and all the kingdoms of the
earth of his dominion, and all the
people, fought against Jerusalem, and

against all the cities thereof, saying,*
2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Is-
rael; Go and speak to Zedekiah king
of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the
LORD; Behold, I will give this city into
the hand of the king of Babylon, and
he shall burn it with fire: 3 And thou
shalt not escape out of his hand, but
shalt surely be taken, and delivered
into his hand; and thine eyes shall be-
hold the eyes of the king of Babylon,
and he shall speak with thee mouth
to mouth, and thou shalt go to Baby-
lon.* 4 Yet hear the word of the LORD,

34.1. of his...: Heb. the dominion of his hand.
3. he shall...: Heb. his mouth shall speak to thy

O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith
the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die
by the sword: 5 *But* thou shalt die
in peace: and with the burnings of
thy fathers, the former kings which
were before thee, so shall they burn
odours for thee; and they will lament
thee, *saying*, Ah lord! for I have pro-
nounced the word, saith the LORD.
6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all
these words unto Zedekiah king of
Judah in Jerusalem, 7 When the king
of Babylon's army fought against Je-
rusalem, and against all the cities of
Judah that were left, against Lachish,

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mouth.

and against Azekah: for these de-
fenced cities remained of the cities of
Judah. 8 *This is* the word that came
unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after
that the king Zedekiah had made a
covenant with all the people which
were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty
unto them; 9 That every man should
let his manservant, and every man his
maidservant, *being* an Hebrew or an
Hebrewess, go free; that none should
serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a
Jew his brother. 10 Now when all the
princes, and all the people, which had
entered into the covenant, heard that
every one should let his manservant,

and every one his maidservant, go free,
that none should serve themselves of
them any more, then they obeyed,
and let *them* go. [11] But afterward they
turned, and caused the servants and
the handmaids, whom they had let
go free, to return, and brought them
into subjection for servants and for
handmaids. [12] Therefore the word of
the LORD came to Jeremiah from the
LORD, saying, [13] Thus saith the LORD,
the God of Israel; I made a covenant
with your fathers in the day that I
brought them forth out of the land
of Egypt, out of the house of bond-
men, saying, [14] At the end of seven years

let ye go every man his brother an
Hebrew, which hath been sold unto
thee; and when he hath served thee six
years, thou shalt let him go free from
thee: but your fathers hearkened not
unto me, neither inclined their ear.*
15 And ye were now turned, and had
done right in my sight, in proclaim-
ing liberty every man to his neighbour;
and ye had made a covenant before
me in the house which is called by my
name:* 16 But ye turned and polluted
my name, and caused every man his

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14. hath been...: or, hath sold himself.
15. now: Heb. to day. which...: Heb. whereupon my name is called.

servant, and every man his handmaid,
whom ye had set at liberty at their
pleasure, to return, and brought them
into subjection, to be unto you for ser-
vants and for handmaids. 17 Therefore
thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hear-
kened unto me, in proclaiming lib-
erty, every one to his brother, and ev-
ery man to his neighbour: behold, I
proclaim a liberty for you, saith the
LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence,
and to the famine; and I will make
you to be removed into all the king-
doms of the earth.* 18 And I will give
the men that have transgressed my

17. to be...: Heb. for a removing.

covenant, which have not performed
the words of the covenant which they
had made before me, when they cut
the calf in twain, and passed between
the parts thereof, 19 The princes of Ju-
dah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the
eunuchs, and the priests, and all the
people of the land, which passed be-
tween the parts of the calf; 20 I will even
give them into the hand of their ene-
mies, and into the hand of them that
seek their life: and their dead bodies
shall be for meat unto the fowls of
the heaven, and to the beasts of the
earth. 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah
and his princes will I give into the hand

of their enemies, and into the hand of
them that seek their life, and into the
hand of the king of Babylon's army,
which are gone up from you. [22] Behold,
I will command, saith the LORD, and
cause them to return to this city; and
they shall fight against it, and take it,
and burn it with fire: and I will make
the cities of Judah a desolation with-
out an inhabitant.

35 The word which came unto
Jeremiah from the LORD in the days
of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of
Judah, saying, [2] Go unto the house of
the Rechabites, and speak unto them,

and bring them into the house of the
LORD, into one of the chambers, and
give them wine to drink. 3 Then I took
Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son
of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and
all his sons, and the whole house of
the Rechabites; 4 And I brought them
into the house of the LORD, into the
chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son
of Igdaliah, a man of God, which *was*
by the chamber of the princes, which
was above the chamber of Maaseiah
the son of Shallum, the keeper of the
door:* 5 And I set before the sons of
the house of the Rechabites pots full of

35.4. door: Heb. threshold, or, vessel.

wine, and cups, and I said unto them,
Drink ye wine. 6 But they said, We
will drink no wine: for Jonadab the
son of Rechab our father commanded
us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *nei-*
ther ye, nor your sons for ever: 7 Nei-
ther shall ye build house, nor sow seed,
nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but
all your days ye shall dwell in tents;
that ye may live many days in the land
where ye *be* strangers. 8 Thus have we
obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of
Rechab our father in all that he hath
charged us, to drink no wine all our
days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our
daughters; 9 Nor to build houses for

us to dwell in: neither have we vine-
yard, nor field, nor seed: [10] But we have
dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and
done according to all that Jonadab our
father commanded us. [11] But it came
to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of
Babylon came up into the land, that
we said, Come, and let us go to Je-
rusalem for fear of the army of the
Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of
the Syrians: so we dwell at Jerusalem.
[12] Then came the word of the LORD
unto Jeremiah, saying, [13] Thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Go
and tell the men of Judah and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not

receive instruction to hearken to my
words? saith the LORD. 14 The words
of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that
he commanded his sons not to drink
wine, are performed; for unto this day
they drink none, but obey their fa-
ther's commandment: notwithstand-
ing I have spoken unto you, rising early
and speaking; but ye hearkened not
unto me. 15 I have sent also unto you
all my servants the prophets, rising up
early and sending *them*, saying, Return
ye now every man from his evil way,
and amend your doings, and go not
after other gods to serve them, and ye
shall dwell in the land which I have

given to you and to your fathers: but
ye have not inclined your ear, nor hear-
kened unto me. [16] Because the sons
of Jonadab the son of Rechab have
performed the commandment of their
father, which he commanded them;
but this people hath not hearkened
unto me: [17] Therefore thus saith the
LORD God of hosts, the God of Is-
rael; Behold, I will bring upon Judah
and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem all the evil that I have pronounced
against them: because I have spoken
unto them, but they have not heard;
and I have called unto them, but they
have not answered. [18] And Jeremiah

said unto the house of the Rechabites,
Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the
commandment of Jonadab your fa-
ther, and kept all his precepts, and
done according unto all that he hath
commanded you: [19] Therefore thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall
not want a man to stand before me for
ever.*

36 And it came to pass in the
fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of
Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word

19. Jonadab...: Heb. There shall not a man be cut off from Jonadab the son of Rechab to stand, etc.

came unto Jeremiah from the LORD,
saying, 2 Take thee a roll of a book, and
write therein all the words that I have
spoken unto thee against Israel, and
against Judah, and against all the na-
tions, from the day I spake unto thee,
from the days of Josiah, even unto this
day. 3 It may be that the house of
Judah will hear all the evil which I
purpose to do unto them; that they
may return every man from his evil
way; that I may forgive their iniquity
and their sin. 4 Then Jeremiah called
Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch
wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah
all the words of the LORD, which he

had spoken unto him, upon a roll of
a book. 5 And Jeremiah commanded
Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up; I can-
not go into the house of the LORD:
6 Therefore go thou, and read in the
roll, which thou hast written from my
mouth, the words of the LORD in the
ears of the people in the LORD'S house
upon the fasting day: and also thou
shalt read them in the ears of all Ju-
dah that come out of their cities. 7 It
may be they will present their suppli-
cation before the LORD, and will re-
turn every one from his evil way: for
great *is* the anger and the fury that the
LORD hath pronounced against this

people.* 8 And Baruch the son of Ne-
riah did according to all that Jeremiah
the prophet commanded him, reading
in the book the words of the LORD
in the LORD's house. 9 And it came
to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim
the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the
ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a
fast before the LORD to all the peo-
ple in Jerusalem, and to all the peo-
ple that came from the cities of Judah
unto Jerusalem. 10 Then read Baruch
in the book the words of Jeremiah in
the house of the LORD, in the chamber
of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the

36.7. they...: Heb. their supplication shall fail.

scribe, in the higher court, at the entry
of the new gate of the LORD's house,
in the ears of all the people.* 11 When
Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the
son of Shaphan, had heard out of
the book all the words of the LORD,
12 Then he went down into the king's
house, into the scribe's chamber: and,
lo, all the princes sat there, *even* El-
ishama the scribe, and Delaiah the
son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the
son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son
of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of
Hananiah, and all the princes. 13 Then
Michaiah declared unto them all the

10. entry: or, door.

words that he had heard, when Baruch
read the book in the ears of the peo-
ple. 14 Therefore all the princes sent
Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son
of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto
Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the
roll wherein thou hast read in the ears
of the people, and come. So Baruch
the son of Neriah took the roll in his
hand, and came unto them. 15 And
they said unto him, Sit down now,
and read it in our ears. So Baruch
read *it* in their ears. 16 Now it came
to pass, when they had heard all the
words, they were afraid both one and
other, and said unto Baruch, We will

surely tell the king of all these words.
17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell
us now, How didst thou write all these
words at his mouth? 18 Then Baruch
answered them, He pronounced all
these words unto me with his mouth,
and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.
19 Then said the princes unto Baruch,
Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and
let no man know where ye be. 20 And
they went in to the king into the court,
but they laid up the roll in the cham-
ber of Elishama the scribe, and told
all the words in the ears of the king.
21 So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the
roll: and he took it out of Elishama

the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read
it in the ears of the king, and in the
ears of all the princes which stood be-
side the king. [22] Now the king sat in
the winterhouse in the ninth month:
and *there was a fire* on the hearth burn-
ing before him. [23] And it came to pass,
that when Jehudi had read three or
four leaves, he cut it with the penknife,
and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the
hearth, until all the roll was consumed
in the fire that *was* on the hearth. [24] Yet
they were not afraid, nor rent their
garments, *neither* the king, nor any of
his servants that heard all these words.
[25] Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah

and Gemariah had made intercession
to the king that he would not burn
the roll: but he would not hear them.
26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel
the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah
the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the
son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the
scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but
the LORD hid them.* 27 Then the word
of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after
that the king had burned the roll, and
the words which Baruch wrote at the
mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 28 Take thee
again another roll, and write in it all
the former words that were in the first

26. of Hammelech: or, of the king.

roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Ju-
dah hath burned. 29 And thou shalt say
to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith
the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll,
saying, Why hast thou written therein,
saying, The king of Babylon shall cer-
tainly come and destroy this land, and
shall cause to cease from thence man
and beast? 30 Therefore thus saith the
LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He
shall have none to sit upon the throne
of David: and his dead body shall be
cast out in the day to the heat, and
in the night to the frost. 31 And I
will punish him and his seed and his
servants for their iniquity; and I will

bring upon them, and upon the inhab-
itants of Jerusalem, and upon the men
of Judah, all the evil that I have pro-
nounced against them; but they hear-
kened not.* 32 Then took Jeremiah an-
other roll, and gave it to Baruch the
scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote
therein from the mouth of Jeremiah
all the words of the book which Je-
hoiakim king of Judah had burned in
the fire: and there were added besides
unto them many like words.*

37 And king Zedekiah the son

31. punish: Heb. visit upon.
32. like: Heb. as they.

of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah
the son of Jehoiakim, whom Neb-
uchadrezzar king of Babylon made
king in the land of Judah. 2 But
neither he, nor his servants, nor the
people of the land, did hearken unto
the words of the LORD, which he
spake by the prophet Jeremiah.* 3 And
Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son
of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son
of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet
Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the
LORD our God for us. 4 Now Jeremiah
came in and went out among the
people: for they had not put him

37.2. by...: Heb. by the hand of the prophet.

into prison. 5 Then Pharaoh's army
was come forth out of Egypt: and
when the Chaldeans that besieged Je-
rusalem heard tidings of them, they
departed from Jerusalem. 6 Then
came the word of the LORD unto
the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7 Thus
saith the LORD, the God of Israel;
Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah,
that sent you unto me to enquire of
me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is
come forth to help you, shall return to
Egypt into their own land. 8 And the
Chaldeans shall come again, and fight
against this city, and take it, and burn
it with fire. 9 Thus saith the LORD;

Deceive not yourselves, saying, The
Chaldeans shall surely depart from
us: for they shall not depart.* 10 For
though ye had smitten the whole army
of the Chaldeans that fight against
you, and there remained *but* wounded
men among them, *yet* should they
rise up every man in his tent, and
burn this city with fire.* 11 And it came
to pass, that when the army of the
Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusa-
lem for fear of Pharaoh's army,* 12 Then
Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem

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9. yourselves: Heb. your souls.
10. wounded: Heb. thrust through.
11. broken...: Heb. made to ascend.

to go into the land of Benjamin, to
separate himself thence in the midst
of the people.* 13 And when he was in
the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the
ward *was* there, whose name *was* Iri-
jah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of
Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the
prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to
the Chaldeans. 14 Then said Jeremiah,
It is false; I fall not away to the
Chaldeans. But he hearkened not
to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and
brought him to the princes.* 15 Where-

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12. separate...: or, to slip away from thence in the midst of the people.

14. false: Heb. falsehood, or, a lie.

fore the princes were wroth with
Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him
in prison in the house of Jonathan the
scribe: for they had made that the
prison. 16 When Jeremiah was entered
into the dungeon, and into the cab-
ins, and Jeremiah had remained there
many days;* 17 Then Zedekiah the king
sent, and took him out: and the
king asked him secretly in his house,
and said, Is there *any* word from the
LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is:
for, said he, thou shalt be delivered
into the hand of the king of Baby-
lon. 18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto

16. cabins: or, cells.

king Zedekiah, What have I offended
against thee, or against thy servants,
or against this people, that ye have
put me in prison? [19] Where *are* now
your prophets which prophesied unto
you, saying, The king of Babylon shall
not come against you, nor against this
land? [20] Therefore hear now, I pray
thee, O my lord the king: let my
supplication, I pray thee, be accepted
before thee; that thou cause me not
to return to the house of Jonathan
the scribe, lest I die there.* [21] Then
Zedekiah the king commanded that
they should commit Jeremiah into the

20. let...: Heb. let my supplication fall.

court of the prison, and that they
should give him daily a piece of bread
out of the bakers' street, until all the
bread in the city were spent. Thus
Jeremiah remained in the court of the
prison.

38 Then Shephatiah the son
of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son
of Pashur, and Jucal the son of
Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of
Malchiah, heard the words that
Jeremiah had spoken unto all the peo-
ple, saying, 2 Thus saith the LORD, He
that remaineth in this city shall die by
the sword, by the famine, and by the

pestilence: but he that goeth forth to
the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall
have his life for a prey, and shall live.
3 Thus saith the LORD, This city shall
surely be given into the hand of the
king of Babylon's army, which shall
take it. 4 Therefore the princes said
unto the king, We beseech thee, let
this man be put to death: for thus he
weakeneth the hands of the men of
war that remain in this city, and the
hands of all the people, in speaking
such words unto them: for this man
seeketh not the welfare of this peo-
ple, but the hurt.* 5 Then Zedekiah the

38.4. welfare: Heb. peace.

king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand:
for the king *is* not *he that* can do *any*
thing against you. 6 Then took they
Jeremiah, and cast him into the dun-
geon of Malchiah the son of Ham-
melech, that *was* in the court of the
prison: and they let down Jeremiah
with cords. And in the dungeon *there*
was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah
sunk in the mire.* 7 Now when Ebed-
melech the Ethiopian, one of the eu-
nuchs which was in the king's house,
heard that they had put Jeremiah in
the dungeon; the king then sitting in
the gate of Benjamin; 8 Ebedmelech

6. of Hammelech: or, of the king.

went forth out of the king's house, and
spake to the king, saying, 9 My lord
the king, these men have done evil in
all that they have done to Jeremiah
the prophet, whom they have cast into
the dungeon; and he is like to die for
hunger in the place where he is: for
there is no more bread in the city.*
10 Then the king commanded Ebedm-
elech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from
hence thirty men with thee, and take
up Jeremiah the prophet out of the
dungeon, before he die.* 11 So Ebed-
melech took the men with him, and

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9. he is like...: Heb. he will die.
10. with thee: Heb. in thine hand.

went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old
cast clouts and old rotten rags, and
let them down by cords into the dun-
geon to Jeremiah. 12 And Ebedmelech
the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put
now *these* old cast clouts and rotten
rags under thine armholes under the
cords. And Jeremiah did so. 13 So
they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and
took him up out of the dungeon: and
Jeremiah remained in the court of the
prison. 14 Then Zedekiah the king sent,
and took Jeremiah the prophet unto
him into the third entry that *is* in
the house of the LORD: and the king

said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a
thing; hide nothing from me.* [15] Then
Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I de-
clare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely
put me to death? and if I give thee
counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto
me? [16] So Zedekiah the king sware
secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, *As* the
LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I
will not put thee to death, neither will
I give thee into the hand of these men
that seek thy life. [17] Then said Jeremiah
unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD,
the God of hosts, the God of Israel;
If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto

14. third: or, principal.

the king of Babylon's princes, then thy
soul shall live, and this city shall not
be burned with fire; and thou shalt
live, and thine house: [18] But if thou wilt
not go forth to the king of Babylon's
princes, then shall this city be given
into the hand of the Chaldeans, and
they shall burn it with fire, and thou
shalt not escape out of their hand.
[19] And Zedekiah the king said unto
Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that
are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they
deliver me into their hand, and they
mock me. [20] But Jeremiah said, They
shall not deliver *thee*. Obey, I beseech
thee, the voice of the LORD, which I

speak unto thee: so it shall be well
unto thee, and thy soul shall live. [21] But
if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the
word that the LORD hath shewed me:
[22] And, behold, all the women that are
left in the king of Judah's house *shall be*
brought forth to the king of Babylon's
princes, and those *women* shall say,
Thy friends have set thee on, and have
prevailed against thee: thy feet are
sunk in the mire, *and* they are turned
away back.* [23] So they shall bring out
all thy wives and thy children to the
Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape
out of their hand, but shalt be taken by

22. Thy friends: Heb. Men of thy peace.

the hand of the king of Babylon: and
thou shalt cause this city to be burned
with fire.* 24 Then said Zedekiah unto
Jeremiah, Let no man know of these
words, and thou shalt not die. 25 But
if the princes hear that I have talked
with thee, and they come unto thee,
and say unto thee, Declare unto us
now what thou hast said unto the king,
hide it not from us, and we will not
put thee to death; also what the king
said unto thee: 26 Then thou shalt say
unto them, I presented my supplica-
tion before the king, that he would
not cause me to return to Jonathan's

23. thou shalt cause...: Heb. thou shalt burn, etc.

house, to die there. [27] Then came all
the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked
him: and he told them according to
all these words that the king had com-
manded. So they left off speaking with
him; for the matter was not perceived.*
[28] So Jeremiah abode in the court of the
prison until the day that Jerusalem was
taken: and he was *there* when Jerusa-
lem was taken.

39 In the ninth year of Zedekiah
king of Judah, in the tenth month,
came Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
lon and all his army against Jerusa-

27. they...: Heb. they were silent from him.

lem, and they besieged it. [2] *And*
in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in
the fourth month, the ninth *day* of
the month, the city was broken up.
[3] And all the princes of the king of
Babylon came in, and sat in the mid-
dle gate, *even* Nergalsharezer, Sam-
garnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergal-
sharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue
of the princes of the king of Baby-
lon. [4] And it came to pass, *that* when
Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them,
and all the men of war, then they
fled, and went forth out of the city
by night, by the way of the king's gar-
den, by the gate betwixt the two walls:

and he went out the way of the plain.
5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in
the plains of Jericho: and when they
had taken him, they brought him up
to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to
Riblah in the land of Hamath, where
he gave judgment upon him.* 6 Then
the king of Babylon slew the sons of
Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes:
also the king of Babylon slew all the
nobles of Judah. 7 Moreover he put
out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him
with chains, to carry him to Babylon.*

39.5. gave...: Heb. spake with him judgments.
7. with...: Heb. with two brasen chains, or, fetters.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's
house, and the houses of the people,
with fire, and brake down the walls
of Jerusalem. 9 Then Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard carried away cap-
tive into Babylon the remnant of the
people that remained in the city, and
those that fell away, that fell to him,
with the rest of the people that re-
mained.* 10 But Nebuzaradan the cap-
tain of the guard left of the poor of the
people, which had nothing, in the land
of Judah, and gave them vineyards

9. captain...: or, chief marshal: Heb. chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen.

and fields at the same time.* [11] Now
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave
charge concerning Jeremiah to Neb-
uzaradan the captain of the guard, say-
ing,* [12] Take him, and look well to him,
and do him no harm; but do unto him
even as he shall say unto thee.* [13] So
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
sent, and Nebushasban, Rabsaris, and
Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, and all the
king of Babylon's princes; [14] Even they
sent, and took Jeremiah out of the
court of the prison, and committed

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10. at the...: Heb. in that day.
11. to: Heb. by the hand of.
12. look...: Heb. set thine eyes upon him.

him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam
the son of Shaphan, that he should
carry him home: so he dwelt among
the people. 15 Now the word of the
LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he
was shut up in the court of the prison,
saying, 16 Go and speak to Ebedmelech
the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Be-
hold, I will bring my words upon this
city for evil, and not for good; and they
shall be *accomplished* in that day before
thee. 17 But I will deliver thee in that
day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt
not be given into the hand of the men
of whom thou *art* afraid. 18 For I will

surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not
fall by the sword, but thy life shall be
for a prey unto thee: because thou hast
put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

40 The word that came to
Jeremiah from the LORD, after that
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
had let him go from Ramah, when he
had taken him being bound in chains
among all that were carried away cap-
tive of Jerusalem and Judah, which
were carried away captive unto Baby-
lon.* 2 And the captain of the guard
took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The

40.1. chains: or, manicles.

LORD thy God hath pronounced this
evil upon this place. 3 Now the LORD
hath brought *it*, and done accord-
ing as he hath said: because ye have
sinned against the LORD, and have not
obeyed his voice, therefore this thing
is come upon you. 4 And now, be-
hold, I loose thee this day from the
chains which *were* upon thine hand. If
it seem good unto thee to come with
me into Babylon, come; and I will look
well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto
thee to come with me into Babylon,
forbear: behold, all the land *is* before
thee: whither it seemeth good and

convenient for thee to go, thither go.*
5 Now while he was not yet gone back,
he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan,
whom the king of Babylon hath made
governor over the cities of Judah, and
dwell with him among the people: or
go wheresoever it seemeth convenient
unto thee to go. So the captain of the
guard gave him victuals and a reward,
and let him go. 6 Then went Jeremiah
unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to
Mizpah; and dwelt with him among
the people that were left in the land.

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4. were...: or, are upon thine hand. I will...: Heb. I will set mine eye upon thee.

7 Now when all the captains of the
forces which *were* in the fields, *even*
they and their men, heard that the
king of Babylon had made Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam governor in the
land, and had committed unto him
men, and women, and children, and
of the poor of the land, of them that
were not carried away captive to Baby-
lon; 8 Then they came to Gedaliah
to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan
the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the
son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of
Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah
the son of a Maachathite, they and

their men. 9 And Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware
unto them and to their men, saying,
Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell
in the land, and serve the king of Baby-
lon, and it shall be well with you. 10 As
for me, behold, I will dwell at Miz-
pah to serve the Chaldeans, which will
come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine,
and summer fruits, and oil, and put
them in your vessels, and dwell in your
cities that ye have taken.* 11 Likewise
when all the Jews that *were* in Moab,
and among the Ammonites, and in
Edom, and that *were* in all the coun-

10. to serve: Heb. to stand before.

tries, heard that the king of Babylon
had left a remnant of Judah, and that
he had set over them Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; 12 Even
all the Jews returned out of all places
whither they were driven, and came to
the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto
Mizpah, and gathered wine and sum-
mer fruits very much. 13 Moreover Jo-
hanan the son of Kareah, and all the
captains of the forces that *were* in the
fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,
14 And said unto him, Dost thou cer-
tainly know that Baalis the king of
the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the
son of Nethaniah to slay thee? But

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed
them not.* 15 Then Johanan the son
of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Miz-
pah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray
thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*:
wherefore should he slay thee, that all
the Jews which are gathered unto thee
should be scattered, and the remnant
in Judah perish? 16 But Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the
son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this
thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ish-
mael.

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14. to slay...: Heb. to strike thee in soul?.

41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the
seed royal, and the princes of the king,
even ten men with him, came unto
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah. 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the
ten men that were with him, and
smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam
the son of Shaphan with the sword,
and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.
3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that

were with him, *even* with Gedaliah,
at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that
were found there, *and* the men of
war. 4 And it came to pass the sec-
ond day after he had slain Gedaliah,
and no man knew *it*, 5 That there came
certain from Shechem, from Shiloh,
and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men,
having their beards shaven, and their
clothes rent, and having cut them-
selves, with offerings and incense in
their hand, to bring *them* to the house
of the LORD. 6 And Ishmael the son
of Nethaniah went forth from Miz-
pah to meet them, weeping all along
as he went: and it came to pass, as he

met them, he said unto them, Come to
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.* 7 And it
was *so*, when they came into the midst
of the city, that Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them*
into the midst of the pit, he, and the
men that *were* with him. 8 But ten
men were found among them that said
unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have
treasures in the field, of wheat, and of
barley, and of oil, and of honey. So
he forbare, and slew them not among
their brethren. 9 Now the pit wherein
Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of
the men, whom he had slain because

41.6. weeping...: Heb. in going and weeping.

of Gedaliah, *was* it which Asa the king
had made for fear of Baasha king of
Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Netha-
niah filled it with *them that were* slain.*
10 Then Ishmael carried away captive
all the residue of the people that *were*
in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters,
and all the people that remained in
Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the cap-
tain of the guard had committed to
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried
them away captive, and departed to go
over to the Ammonites. 11 But when

9. because...: or, near Gedaliah: Heb. by the hand, or, by the side of Gedaliah.

Johanan the son of Kareah, and all
the captains of the forces that *were*
with him, heard of all the evil that Ish-
mael the son of Nethaniah had done,
12 Then they took all the men, and went
to fight with Ishmael the son of Netha-
niah, and found him by the great wa-
ters that *are* in Gibeon. 13 Now it came
to pass, *that* when all the people which
were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son
of Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces that *were* with him, then they
were glad. 14 So all the people that
Ishmael had carried away captive from
Mizpah cast about and returned, and
went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah es-
caped from Johanan with eight men,
and went to the Ammonites. 16 Then
took Johanan the son of Kareah, and
all the captains of the forces that *were*
with him, all the remnant of the peo-
ple whom he had recovered from Ish-
mael the son of Nethaniah, from Miz-
pah, after *that* he had slain Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men
of war, and the women, and the chil-
dren, and the eunuchs, whom he had
brought again from Gibeon: 17 And
they departed, and dwelt in the habi-
tation of Chimham, which is by Beth-
lehem, to go to enter into Egypt, 18 Be-

cause of the Chaldeans: for they were
afraid of them, because Ishmael the
son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam, whom the king of
Babylon made governor in the land.

42 Then all the captains of the
forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah,
and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and
all the people from the least even unto
the greatest, came near, 2 And said
unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we
beseech thee, our supplication be ac-
cepted before thee, and pray for us
unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all
this remnant; (for we are left *but* a

few of many, as thine eyes do behold
us:)* 3 That the LORD thy God may
shew us the way wherein we may walk,
and the thing that we may do. 4 Then
Jeremiah the prophet said unto them,
I have heard *you*; behold, I will pray
unto the LORD your God according
to your words; and it shall come to
pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD
shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto
you; I will keep nothing back from
you. 5 Then they said to Jeremiah,
The LORD be a true and faithful wit-
ness between us, if we do not even

42.2. Let...: or, Let our supplication fall before thee.

according to all things for the which
the LORD thy God shall send thee to
us. 6 Whether *it be* good, or whe-
ther *it be* evil, we will obey the voice
of the LORD our God, to whom we
send thee; that it may be well with us,
when we obey the voice of the LORD
our God. 7 And it came to pass after
ten days, that the word of the LORD
came unto Jeremiah. 8 Then called
he Johanan the son of Kareah, and
all the captains of the forces which
were with him, and all the people from
the least even to the greatest, 9 And
said unto them, Thus saith the LORD,
the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent

me to present your supplication before
him; [10] If ye will still abide in this land,
then will I build you, and not pull *you*
down, and I will plant you, and not
pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the
evil that I have done unto you. [11] Be
not afraid of the king of Babylon, of
whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of
him, saith the LORD: for I *am* with
you to save you, and to deliver you
from his hand. [12] And I will shew mer-
cies unto you, that he may have mercy
upon you, and cause you to return to
your own land. [13] But if ye say, We will
not dwell in this land, neither obey the
voice of the LORD your God, [14] Say-

ing, No; but we will go into the land
of Egypt, where we shall see no war,
nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor
have hunger of bread; and there will
we dwell: [15] And now therefore hear
the word of the LORD, ye remnant of
Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your
faces to enter into Egypt, and go to
sojourn there; [16] Then it shall come to
pass, *that* the sword, which ye feared,
shall overtake you there in the land
of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye
were afraid, shall follow close after you
there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.*

16. shall follow...: Heb. shall cleave after you.

17 So shall it be with all the men that set
their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn
there; they shall die by the sword, by
the famine, and by the pestilence: and
none of them shall remain or escape
from the evil that I will bring upon
them.* 18 For thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger
and my fury hath been poured forth
upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so
shall my fury be poured forth upon
you, when ye shall enter into Egypt:
and ye shall be an execration, and an
astonishment, and a curse, and a re-
proach; and ye shall see this place no

17. So...: Heb. So shall all the men be.

more. [19] The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye
not into Egypt: know certainly that I
have admonished you this day.* [20] For
ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye
sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our
God; and according unto all that the
LORD our God shall say, so declare
unto us, and we will do *it*.* [21] And *now* I
have this day declared *it* to you; but ye
have not obeyed the voice of the LORD
your God, nor any *thing* for the which

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19. admonished...: Heb. testified against you.

20. ye dissembled...: or, ye have used deceit against your souls.

he hath sent me unto you. [22] Now
therefore know certainly that ye shall
die by the sword, by the famine, and
by the pestilence, in the place whither
ye desire to go *and* to sojourn.*

43 And it came to pass, *that* when
Jeremiah had made an end of speaking
unto all the people all the words of the
LORD their God, for which the LORD
their God had sent him to them, *even*
all these words, [2] Then spake Azariah
the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the
son of Kareah, and all the proud men,
saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest

22. to go...: or, to go to sojourn.

falsely: the LORD our God hath not
sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt
to sojourn there: 3 But Baruch the
son of Neriah setteth thee on against
us, for to deliver us into the hand of
the Chaldeans, that they might put
us to death, and carry us away cap-
tives into Babylon. 4 So Johanan the
son of Kareah, and all the captains of
the forces, and all the people, obeyed
not the voice of the LORD, to dwell
in the land of Judah. 5 But Johanan
the son of Kareah, and all the captains
of the forces, took all the remnant of
Judah, that were returned from all na-
tions, whither they had been driven,

to dwell in the land of Judah; 6 *Even*
men, and women, and children, and
the king's daughters, and every person
that Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard had left with Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and
Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the
son of Neriah. 7 So they came into
the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not
the voice of the LORD: thus came they
even to Tahpanhes. 8 Then came the
word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in
Tahpanhes, saying, 9 Take great stones
in thine hand, and hide them in the
clay in the brickkiln, which *is* at the en-
try of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes,

in the sight of the men of Judah; [10] And
say unto them, Thus saith the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold,
I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar
the king of Babylon, my servant, and
will set his throne upon these stones
that I have hid; and he shall spread his
royal pavilion over them. [11] And when
he cometh, he shall smite the land of
Egypt, *and deliver* such *as are* for death
to death; and such *as are* for captivity
to captivity; and such *as are* for the
sword to the sword. [12] And I will kin-
dle a fire in the houses of the gods of
Egypt; and he shall burn them, and
carry them away captives: and he shall

array himself with the land of Egypt,
as a shepherd putteth on his garment;
and he shall go forth from thence in
peace. 13 He shall break also the images
of Bethshemesh, that *is* in the land of
Egypt; and the houses of the gods of
the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.*

44 The word that came to
Jeremiah concerning all the Jews
which dwell in the land of Egypt,
which dwell at Migdol, and at Tah-
panhes, and at Noph, and in the coun-
try of Pathros, saying, 2 Thus saith

43.13. images: Heb. statues, or, standing images. Bethshemesh: or, The house of the sun.

the LORD of hosts, the God of Is-
rael; Ye have seen all the evil that
I have brought upon Jerusalem, and
upon all the cities of Judah; and, be-
hold, this day they *are* a desolation,
and no man dwelleth therein, 3 Be-
cause of their wickedness which they
have committed to provoke me to
anger, in that they went to burn in-
cense, *and* to serve other gods, whom
they knew not, *neither* they, ye, nor
your fathers. 4 Howbeit I sent unto
you all my servants the prophets, ris-
ing early and sending *them*, saying, Oh,
do not this abominable thing that I
hate. 5 But they hearkened not, nor

inclined their ear to turn from their
wickedness, to burn no incense unto
other gods. 6 Wherefore my fury and
mine anger was poured forth, and was
kindled in the cities of Judah and in
the streets of Jerusalem; and they are
wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.
7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD,
the God of hosts, the God of Israel;
Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil
against your souls, to cut off from you
man and woman, child and suckling,
out of Judah, to leave you none to re-
main;* 8 In that ye provoke me unto
wrath with the works of your hands,

44.7. out...: Heb. out of the midst of Judah.

burning incense unto other gods in
the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone
to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves
off, and that ye might be a curse and
a reproach among all the nations of
the earth? 9 Have ye forgotten the
wickedness of your fathers, and the
wickedness of the kings of Judah, and
the wickedness of their wives, and your
own wickedness, and the wickedness
of your wives, which they have com-
mitted in the land of Judah, and in the
streets of Jerusalem?* 10 They are not
humbled *even* unto this day, neither

9. wickedness...: Heb. wickednesses, or, punishments, etc.

have they feared, nor walked in my law,
nor in my statutes, that I set before
you and before your fathers.* 11 There-
fore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel; Behold, I will set my
face against you for evil, and to cut off
all Judah. 12 And I will take the rem-
nant of Judah, that have set their faces
to go into the land of Egypt to so-
journ there, and they shall all be con-
sumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt;
they shall *even* be consumed by the
sword *and* by the famine: they shall
die, from the least even unto the great-
est, by the sword and by the famine:

10. humbled: Heb. contrite.

and they shall be an execration, *and*
an astonishment, and a curse, and a re-
proach. 13 For I will punish them that
dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have
punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by
the famine, and by the pestilence: 14 So
that none of the remnant of Judah,
which are gone into the land of Egypt
to sojourn there, shall escape or re-
main, that they should return into the
land of Judah, to the which they have
a desire to return to dwell there: for
none shall return but such as shall es-
cape.* 15 Then all the men which knew
that their wives had burned incense

14. have...: Heb. lift up their soul.

unto other gods, and all the women
that stood by, a great multitude, even
all the people that dwelt in the land of
Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah,
saying, [16] *As for* the word that thou
hast spoken unto us in the name of
the LORD, we will not hearken unto
thee. [17] But we will certainly do what-
soever thing goeth forth out of our
own mouth, to burn incense unto the
queen of heaven, and to pour out drink
offerings unto her, as we have done,
we, and our fathers, our kings, and
our princes, in the cities of Judah, and
in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then*
had we plenty of victuals, and were

well, and saw no evil.* 18 But since we
left off to burn incense to the queen
of heaven, and to pour out drink of-
ferings unto her, we have wanted all
things, and have been consumed by
the sword and by the famine. 19 And
when we burned incense to the queen
of heaven, and poured out drink offer-
ings unto her, did we make her cakes
to worship her, and pour out drink of-
ferings unto her, without our men?*
20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the peo-
ple, to the men, and to the women, and

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17. queen...: or, frame of heaven. victuals: Heb. bread.

19. men: or, husbands?.

to all the people which had given him
that answer, saying, [21] The incense that
ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in
the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your
fathers, your kings, and your princes,
and the people of the land, did not
the LORD remember them, and came
it *not* into his mind? [22] So that the
LORD could no longer bear, because of
the evil of your doings, *and* because of
the abominations which ye have com-
mitted; therefore is your land a des-
olation, and an astonishment, and a
curse, without an inhabitant, as at this
day. [23] Because ye have burned incense,
and because ye have sinned against the

LORD, and have not obeyed the voice
of the LORD, nor walked in his law,
nor in his statutes, nor in his testi-
monies; therefore this evil is happened
unto you, as at this day. 24 Moreover
Jeremiah said unto all the people, and
to all the women, Hear the word of
the LORD, all Judah that *are* in the
land of Egypt: 25 Thus saith the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye
and your wives have both spoken with
your mouths, and fulfilled with your
hand, saying, We will surely perform
our vows that we have vowed, to burn
incense to the queen of heaven, and to
pour out drink offerings unto her: ye

will surely accomplish your vows, and
surely perform your vows. [26] Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD,
all Judah that dwell in the land of
Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my
great name, saith the LORD, that my
name shall no more be named in the
mouth of any man of Judah in all the
land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD
liveth. [27] Behold, I will watch over
them for evil, and not for good: and all
the men of Judah that *are* in the land of
Egypt shall be consumed by the sword
and by the famine, until there be an
end of them. [28] Yet a small number
that escape the sword shall return out

of the land of Egypt into the land of
Judah, and all the remnant of Judah,
that are gone into the land of Egypt
to sojourn there, shall know whose
words shall stand, mine, or theirs.*
29 And this *shall be* a sign unto you,
saith the LORD, that I will punish you
in this place, that ye may know that my
words shall surely stand against you for
evil: 30 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I
will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt
into the hand of his enemies, and into
the hand of them that seek his life; as
I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the
hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-

28. mine...: Heb. from me, or, from them.

lon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

45 The word that Jeremiah the
prophet spake unto Baruch the son
of Neriah, when he had written these
words in a book at the mouth of
Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Je-
hoiakim the son of Josiah king of Ju-
dah, saying, 2 Thus saith the LORD, the
God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;
3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for
the LORD hath added grief to my sor-
row; I fainted in my sighing, and I
find no rest. 4 Thus shalt thou say
unto him, The LORD saith thus; Be-
hold, *that* which I have built will I

break down, and that which I have
planted I will pluck up, even this whole
land. 5 And seekest thou great things
for thyself? seek *them* not: for, behold,
I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the
LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee
for a prey in all places whither thou
goest.

46 The word of the LORD which
came to Jeremiah the prophet against
the Gentiles; 2 Against Egypt, against
the army of Pharaohnecho king of
Egypt, which was by the river Eu-
phrates in Carchemish, which Neb-
uchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in

the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son
of Josiah king of Judah. [3] Order ye
the buckler and shield, and draw near
to battle. [4] Harness the horses; and
get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth
with *your* helmets; furbish the spears,
and put on the brigandines. [5] Where-
fore have I seen them dismayed *and*
turned away back? and their mighty
ones are beaten down, and are fled
apace, and look not back: *for* fear *was*
round about, saith the LORD.* [6] Let
not the swift flee away, nor the mighty
man escape; they shall stumble, and

46.5. beaten...: Heb. broken in pieces. fled...: Heb. fled a flight.

fall toward the north by the river Eu-
phrates. 7 Who *is* this *that* cometh
up as a flood, whose waters are moved
as the rivers? 8 Egypt riseth up like a
flood, and *his* waters are moved like
the rivers; and he saith, I will go up,
and will cover the earth; I will destroy
the city and the inhabitants thereof.
9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye
chariots; and let the mighty men come
forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans,
that handle the shield; and the Lydi-
ans, that handle *and* bend the bow.*
10 For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD

9. the Ethiopians: Heb. Cush. the Libyans: Heb. Put.

of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he
may avenge him of his adversaries: and
the sword shall devour, and it shall
be satiate and made drunk with their
blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts
hath a sacrifice in the north country
by the river Euphrates. 11 Go up into
Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the
daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou
use many medicines; *for* thou shalt not
be cured.* 12 The nations have heard
of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled
the land: for the mighty man hath
stumbled against the mighty, *and* they
are fallen both together. 13 The word

11. thou shalt...: Heb. no cure shall be unto thee.

that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the
prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of
Babylon should come *and* smite the
land of Egypt. 14 Declare ye in Egypt,
and publish in Migdol, and publish
in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye,
Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the
sword shall devour round about thee.
15 Why are thy valiant *men* swept away?
they stood not, because the LORD did
drive them. 16 He made many to fall,
yea, one fell upon another: and they
said, Arise, and let us go again to our
own people, and to the land of our
nativity, from the oppressing sword.*

16. made...: Heb. multiplied the faller.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of
Egypt *is but* a noise; he hath passed
the time appointed. 18 *As* I live, saith
the King, whose name *is* the LORD of
hosts, Surely as Tabor *is* among the
mountains, and as Carmel by the sea,
so shall he come. 19 O thou daughter
dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to
go into captivity: for Noph shall be
waste and desolate without an inhab-
itant.* 20 Egypt *is like* a very fair heifer,
but destruction cometh; it cometh out
of the north. 21 Also her hired men
are in the midst of her like fatted bul-

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19. furnish...: Heb. make thee instruments of captivity.

locks; for they also are turned back,
and are fled away together: they did
not stand, because the day of their
calamity was come upon them, *and*
the time of their visitation.* 22 The
voice thereof shall go like a serpent;
for they shall march with an army, and
come against her with axes, as hew-
ers of wood. 23 They shall cut down
her forest, saith the LORD, though it
cannot be searched; because they are
more than the grasshoppers, and *are*
innumerable. 24 The daughter of Egypt
shall be confounded; she shall be de-
livered into the hand of the people of

21. fatted...: Heb. bullocks of the stall.

the north. [25] The LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will pun-
ish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh,
and Egypt, with their gods, and their
kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them
that trust in him:* [26] And I will deliver
them into the hand of those that seek
their lives, and into the hand of Neb-
uchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into
the hand of his servants: and afterward
it shall be inhabited, as in the days of
old, saith the LORD. [27] But fear not
thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not
dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will
save thee from afar off, and thy seed

25. multitude: or, nourisher: Heb. Amon.

from the land of their captivity; and
Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at
ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.
28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant,
saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee;
for I will make a full end of all the na-
tions whither I have driven thee: but
I will not make a full end of thee, but
correct thee in measure; yet will I not
leave thee wholly unpunished.*

47 The word of the LORD that
came to Jeremiah the prophet against
the Philistines, before that Pharaoh

28. not leave...: or, not utterly cut thee off.

smote Gaza.* 2 Thus saith the LORD;
Behold, waters rise up out of the north,
and shall be an overflowing flood, and
shall overflow the land, and all that is
therein; the city, and them that dwell
therein: then the men shall cry, and all
the inhabitants of the land shall howl.*
3 At the noise of the stamping of the
hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rush-
ing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling
of his wheels, the fathers shall not look
back to *their* children for feebleness
of hands; 4 Because of the day that
cometh to spoil all the Philistines, *and*

47.1. Gaza: Heb. Azzah.
2. all that...: Heb. the fulness thereof.

to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every
helper that remaineth: for the LORD
will spoil the Philistines, the remnant
of the country of Caphtor.* 5 Baldness
is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cut
off *with* the remnant of their valley:
how long wilt thou cut thyself? 6 O
thou sword of the LORD, how long
will it be ere thou be quiet? put up
thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be
still.* 7 How can it be quiet, seeing the
LORD hath given it a charge against
Ashkelon, and against the sea shore?

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4. the country: Heb. the isle.
6. put...: Heb. gather thyself.

there hath he appointed it.*

48 Against Moab thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled:
Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken:
Misgab is confounded and dismayed.*
2 *There shall be* no more praise of
Moab: in Heshbon they have devised
evil against it; come, and let us cut
it off from *being* a nation. Also thou
shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the
sword shall pursue thee.* 3 A voice of

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7. How...: Heb. How canst thou.

48.1. Misgab: or, the high place.

2. be cut...: or, be brought to silence. pursue...: Heb. go after thee.

crying *shall be* from Horonaim, spoil-
ing and great destruction. 4 Moab is
destroyed; her little ones have caused
a cry to be heard. 5 For in the going up
of Luhith continual weeping shall go
up; for in the going down of Horon-
aim the enemies have heard a cry of de-
struction.* 6 Flee, save your lives, and
be like the heath in the wilderness.*
7 For because thou hast trusted in thy
works and in thy treasures, thou shalt
also be taken: and Chemosh shall go
forth into captivity *with* his priests
and his princes together. 8 And the

5. continual...: Heb. weeping with weeping.
6. the heath: or, a naked tree.

spoiler shall come upon every city,
and no city shall escape: the valley
also shall perish, and the plain shall
be destroyed, as the LORD hath spo-
ken. 9 Give wings unto Moab, that it
may flee and get away: for the cities
thereof shall be desolate, without any
to dwell therein. 10 Cursed *be* he that
doeth the work of the LORD deceit-
fully, and cursed *be* he that keepeth
back his sword from blood.* 11 Moab
hath been at ease from his youth, and
he hath settled on his lees, and hath
not been emptied from vessel to ves-
sel, neither hath he gone into captiv-

10. deceitfully: or, negligently.

ity: therefore his taste remained in
him, and his scent is not changed.*
12 Therefore, behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that I will send unto
him wanderers, that shall cause him
to wander, and shall empty his ves-
sels, and break their bottles. 13 And
Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh,
as the house of Israel was ashamed of
Bethel their confidence. 14 How say
ye, We *are* mighty and strong men
for the war? 15 Moab is spoiled, and
gone up *out of* her cities, and his cho-
sen young men are gone down to the
slaughter, saith the King, whose name

11. remained: Heb. stood.

is the LORD of hosts.* 16 The calamity
of Moab *is* near to come, and his af-
fliction hasteth fast. 17 All ye that are
about him, bemoan him; and all ye
that know his name, say, How is the
strong staff broken, *and* the beauti-
ful rod! 18 Thou daughter that dost
inhabit Dibon, come down from *thy*
glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler
of Moab shall come upon thee, *and* he
shall destroy thy strong holds. 19 O in-
habitant of Aroer, stand by the way,
and espy; ask him that fleeth, and
her that escapeth, *and* say, What is

15. his...: Heb. the choice of.

done?* [20] Moab is confounded; for it
is broken down: howl and cry; tell
ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,
[21] And judgment is come upon the
plain country; upon Holon, and upon
Jahazah, and upon Mephaath, [22] And
upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and
upon Bethdiblathaim, [23] And upon
Kiriathaim, and upon Bethgamul, and
upon Bethmeon, [24] And upon Kerioth,
and upon Bozrah, and upon all the
cities of the land of Moab, far or near.
[25] The horn of Moab is cut off, and his
arm is broken, saith the LORD. [26] Make
ye him drunken: for he magnified *him-*

19. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress.

self against the LORD: Moab also shall
wallow in his vomit, and he also shall
be in derision. [27] For was not Israel
a derision unto thee? was he found
among thieves? for since thou spakest
of him, thou skippedst for joy.* [28] O
ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities,
and dwell in the rock, and be like the
dove *that* maketh her nest in the sides
of the hole's mouth. [29] We have heard
the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding
proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy,
and his pride, and the haughtiness of
his heart. [30] I know his wrath, saith the
LORD; but *it shall* not *be* so; his lies

27. skippedst...: or, movedst thyself.

shall not so effect *it*.* [31] Therefore will
I howl for Moab, and I will cry out
for all Moab; *mine heart* shall mourn
for the men of Kirheres. [32] O vine of
Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the
weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone
over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea
of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy
summer fruits and upon thy vintage.
[33] And joy and gladness is taken from
the plentiful field, and from the land
of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail
from the winepresses: none shall tread
with shouting; *their* shouting *shall be*

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30. his lies...: or, those on whom he stayeth (Heb. his bars) do not right.

no shouting. [34] From the cry of Hesh-
bon *even* unto Elealeh, *and even* unto
Jahaz, have they uttered their voice,
from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, *as*
an heifer of three years old: for the
waters also of Nimrim shall be deso-
late.* [35] Moreover I will cause to cease
in Moab, saith the LORD, him that of-
fereth in the high places, and him that
burneth incense to his gods. [36] There-
fore mine heart shall sound for Moab
like pipes, and mine heart shall sound
like pipes for the men of Kirheres: be-
cause the riches *that* he hath gotten
are perished. [37] For every head *shall be*

34. desolate: Heb. desolations.

bald, and every beard clipped: upon
all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and
upon the loins sackcloth.* 38 *There shall*
be lamentation generally upon all the
housetops of Moab, and in the streets
thereof: for I have broken Moab like
a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure, saith
the LORD. 39 They shall howl, *saying*,
How is it broken down! how hath
Moab turned the back with shame! so
shall Moab be a derision and a dismay-
ing to all them about him.* 40 For thus
saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly
as an eagle, and shall spread his wings

37. clipped: Heb. diminished.
39. back: Heb. neck.

over Moab. [41] Kerioth is taken, and
the strong holds are surprised, and the
mighty men's hearts in Moab at that
day shall be as the heart of a woman in
her pangs.* [42] And Moab shall be de-
stroyed from *being* a people, because
he hath magnified *himself* against the
LORD. [43] Fear, and the pit, and the
snare, *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant
of Moab, saith the LORD. [44] He that
fleeth from the fear shall fall into the
pit; and he that getteth up out of the
pit shall be taken in the snare: for I
will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab,
the year of their visitation, saith the

41. Kerioth: or, The cities.

LORD. [45] They that fled stood under
the shadow of Heshbon because of
the force: but a fire shall come forth
out of Heshbon, and a flame from the
midst of Sihon, and shall devour the
corner of Moab, and the crown of the
head of the tumultuous ones.* [46] Woe
be unto thee, O Moab! the people of
Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are
taken captives, and thy daughters cap-
tives.* [47] Yet will I bring again the cap-
tivity of Moab in the latter days, saith
the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of
Moab.

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45. tumultuous...: Heb. children of noise.
46. captives, and: Heb. in captivity, etc.

49 Concerning the Ammonites,
thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no
sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth
their king inherit Gad, and his peo-
ple dwell in his cities?* 2 Therefore, be-
hold, the days come, saith the LORD,
that I will cause an alarm of war to be
heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites;
and it shall be a desolate heap, and her
daughters shall be burned with fire:
then shall Israel be heir unto them
that were his heirs, saith the LORD.
3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled:

49.1. Concerning: or, Against. their king: or, Mel-
com.

cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you
with sackcloth; lament, and run to
and fro by the hedges; for their king
shall go into captivity, *and* his priests
and his princes together.* 4 Wherefore
gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing
valley, O backsliding daughter? that
trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who
shall come unto me?* 5 Behold, I will
bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord
GOD of hosts, from all those that be
about thee; and ye shall be driven out
every man right forth; and none shall
gather up him that wandereth. 6 And

3. their king: or, Melcom.
4. thy...: or, thy valley floweth away.

afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith
the LORD. 7 Concerning Edom, thus
saith the LORD of hosts; *Is* wisdom no
more in Teman? is counsel perished
from the prudent? is their wisdom
vanished? 8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell
deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I
will bring the calamity of Esau upon
him, the time *that* I will visit him.* 9 If
grapegatherers come to thee, would
they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if
thieves by night, they will destroy till
they have enough.* 10 But I have made

8. turn...: or, they are turned back.
9. till...: Heb. their sufficiency.

Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret
places, and he shall not be able to hide
himself: his seed is spoiled, and his
brethren, and his neighbours, and he
is not. [11] Leave thy fatherless children,
I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy
widows trust in me. [12] For thus saith
the LORD; Behold, they whose judg-
ment *was* not to drink of the cup have
assuredly drunken; and *art* thou he
that shall altogether go unpunished?
thou shalt not go unpunished, but
thou shalt surely drink *of it*. [13] For I
have sworn by myself, saith the LORD,
that Bozrah shall become a desolation,
a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and

all the cities thereof shall be perpetual
wastes. [14] I have heard a rumour from
the LORD, and an ambassador is sent
unto the heathen, *saying*, Gather ye to-
gether, and come against her, and rise
up to the battle. [15] For, lo, I will make
thee small among the heathen, *and*
despised among men. [16] Thy terrible-
ness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride
of thine heart, O thou that dwellest
in the clefts of the rock, that holdest
the height of the hill: though thou
shouldest make thy nest as high as
the eagle, I will bring thee down from
thence, saith the LORD. [17] Also Edom
shall be a desolation: every one that

goeth by it shall be astonished, and
shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.
18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and
Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities*
thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall
abide there, neither shall a son of man
dwell in it. 19 Behold, he shall come up
like a lion from the swelling of Jordan
against the habitation of the strong:
but I will suddenly make him run away
from her: and who *is* a chosen *man,*
that I may appoint over her? for who
is like me? and who will appoint me
the time? and who *is* that shepherd
that will stand before me?* 20 Therefore

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19. appoint me...: or, convent me in judgment?.

hear the counsel of the LORD, that he
hath taken against Edom; and his pur-
poses, that he hath purposed against
the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the
least of the flock shall draw them out:
surely he shall make their habitations
desolate with them. 21 The earth is
moved at the noise of their fall, at the
cry the noise thereof was heard in the
Red sea.* 22 Behold, he shall come up
and fly as the eagle, and spread his
wings over Bozrah: and at that day
shall the heart of the mighty men of
Edom be as the heart of a woman in
her pangs. 23 Concerning Damascus.

21. Red sea: Heb. Weedy sea.

Hamath is confounded, and Arpad:
for they have heard evil tidings: they
are fainthearted; *there is* sorrow on the
sea; it cannot be quiet.* [24] Damascus
is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself
to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*:
anguish and sorrows have taken her,
as a woman in travail. [25] How is the
city of praise not left, the city of my
joy! [26] Therefore her young men shall
fall in her streets, and all the men of
war shall be cut off in that day, saith
the LORD of hosts. [27] And I will kin-
dle a fire in the wall of Damascus,

23. fainthearted: Heb. melted. on...: or, as on the sea.

and it shall consume the palaces of
Benhadad. [28] Concerning Kedar, and
concerning the kingdoms of Hazor,
which Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
lon shall smite, thus saith the LORD;
Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil
the men of the east. [29] Their tents and
their flocks shall they take away: they
shall take to themselves their curtains,
and all their vessels, and their camels;
and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is*
on every side. [30] Flee, get you far off,
dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Ha-
zor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrez-
zar king of Babylon hath taken counsel
against you, and hath conceived a pur-

pose against you.* 31 Arise, get you up
unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth
without care, saith the LORD, which
have neither gates nor bars, *which*
dwell alone.* 32 And their camels shall
be a booty, and the multitude of their
cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into
all winds them *that are* in the utmost
corners; and I will bring their calamity
from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.*
33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for
dragons, *and* a desolation for ever:

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30. get...: Heb. flit greatly.
31. wealthy: or, that is at ease.
32. in...: Heb. cut off into corners, or, that have the corners of their hair polled.

there shall no man abide there, nor *any*
son of man dwell in it. [34] The word of
the LORD that came to Jeremiah the
prophet against Elam in the beginning
of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah,
saying, [35] Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Behold, I will break the bow of Elam,
the chief of their might. [36] And upon
Elam will I bring the four winds from
the four quarters of heaven, and will
scatter them toward all those winds;
and there shall be no nation whither
the outcasts of Elam shall not come.
[37] For I will cause Elam to be dismayed
before their enemies, and before them
that seek their life: and I will bring evil

upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith
the LORD; and I will send the sword
after them, till I have consumed them:
38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and
will destroy from thence the king and
the princes, saith the LORD. 39 But it
shall come to pass in the latter days,
that I will bring again the captivity of
Elam, saith the LORD.

50 The word that the LORD spake
against Babylon *and* against the land
of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the
prophet.* 2 Declare ye among the na-
tions, and publish, and set up a stan-

50.1. by...: Heb. by the hand of Jeremiah.

dard; publish, *and* conceal not: say,
Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded,
Merodach is broken in pieces; her
idols are confounded, her images
are broken in pieces.* 3 For out of
the north there cometh up a nation
against her, which shall make her land
desolate, and none shall dwell therein:
they shall remove, they shall depart,
both man and beast. 4 In those days,
and in that time, saith the LORD, the
children of Israel shall come, they and
the children of Judah together, going
and weeping: they shall go, and seek
the LORD their God. 5 They shall

2. set up: Heb. lift up.

ask the way to Zion with their faces
thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us
join ourselves to the LORD in a perpet-
ual covenant *that* shall not be forgot-
ten. 6 My people hath been lost sheep:
their shepherds have caused them to
go astray, they have turned them away
on the mountains: they have gone
from mountain to hill, they have for-
gotten their restingplace.* 7 All that
found them have devoured them: and
their adversaries said, We offend not,
because they have sinned against the
LORD, the habitation of justice, even
the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

6. restingplace: Heb. place to lie down in.

8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of
the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats
before the flocks. 9 For, lo, I will
raise and cause to come up against
Babylon an assembly of great nations
from the north country: and they
shall set themselves in array against
her; from thence she shall be taken:
their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty ex-
pert man; none shall return in vain.*
10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that
spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the
LORD. 11 Because ye were glad, be-
cause ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of

9. expert...: or, destroyer.

mine heritage, because ye are grown
fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow
as bulls;* 12 Your mother shall be sore
confounded; she that bare you shall
be ashamed: behold, the hindermost
of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a
dry land, and a desert. 13 Because of
the wrath of the LORD it shall not be
inhabited, but it shall be wholly des-
olate: every one that goeth by Baby-
lon shall be astonished, and hiss at all
her plagues. 14 Put yourselves in array
against Babylon round about: all ye
that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare

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11. fat: Heb. big, or, corpulent. bellow...: or, neigh as steeds.

no arrows: for she hath sinned against
the LORD. [15] Shout against her round
about: she hath given her hand: her
foundations are fallen, her walls are
thrown down: for it *is* the vengeance
of the LORD: take vengeance upon
her; as she hath done, do unto her.
[16] Cut off the sower from Babylon, and
him that handleth the sickle in the
time of harvest: for fear of the op-
pressing sword they shall turn every
one to his people, and they shall flee
every one to his own land.* [17] Israel *is* a
scattered sheep; the lions have driven
him away: first the king of Assyria

16. sickle; or, scythe.

hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith
the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished
the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring
Israel again to his habitation, and he
shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and
his soul shall be satisfied upon mount
Ephraim and Gilead. 20 In those days,
and in that time, saith the LORD, the
iniquity of Israel shall be sought for,
and *there shall be* none; and the sins
of Judah, and they shall not be found:
for I will pardon them whom I re-

serve. [21] Go up against the land of
Merathaim, *even* against it, and against
the inhabitants of Pekod: waste and
utterly destroy after them, saith the
LORD, and do according to all that I
have commanded thee.* [22] A sound of
battle *is* in the land, and of great de-
struction. [23] How is the hammer of
the whole earth cut asunder and bro-
ken! how is Babylon become a desola-
tion among the nations! [24] I have laid a
snare for thee, and thou art also taken,
O Babylon, and thou wast not aware:
thou art found, and also caught, be-

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21. of Merathaim: or, of the rebels. Pekod: or, Visitation.

cause thou hast striven against the
LORD. [25] The LORD hath opened his
armoury, and hath brought forth the
weapons of his indignation: for this *is*
the work of the Lord GOD of hosts
in the land of the Chaldeans. [26] Come
against her from the utmost border,
open her storehouses: cast her up as
heaps, and destroy her utterly: let
nothing of her be left.* [27] Slay all her
bullocks; let them go down to the
slaughter: woe unto them! for their
day is come, the time of their visita-
tion. [28] The voice of them that flee and

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26. from...: Heb. from the end. cast...: or, tread her.

escape out of the land of Babylon, to
declare in Zion the vengeance of the
LORD our God, the vengeance of his
temple. [29] Call together the archers
against Babylon: all ye that bend the
bow, camp against it round about; let
none thereof escape: recompense her
according to her work; according to
all that she hath done, do unto her:
for she hath been proud against the
LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.
[30] Therefore shall her young men fall
in the streets, and all her men of war
shall be cut off in that day, saith the
LORD. [31] Behold, I *am* against thee,
O thou most proud, saith the Lord

GOD of hosts: for thy day is come,
the time *that* I will visit thee.* [32] And
the most proud shall stumble and fall,
and none shall raise him up: and I will
kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall
devour all round about him.* [33] Thus
saith the LORD of hosts; The children
of Israel and the children of Judah *were*
oppressed together: and all that took
them captives held them fast; they
refused to let them go. [34] Their Re-
deemer *is* strong; the LORD of hosts
is his name: he shall throughly plead
their cause, that he may give rest to

31. most...: Heb. pride.
32. the...: Heb. pride.

the land, and disquiet the inhabitants
of Babylon. 35 A sword *is* upon the
Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon
the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon
her princes, and upon her wise *men*.
36 A sword *is* upon the liars; and they
shall dote: a sword *is* upon her mighty
men; and they shall be dismayed.* 37 A
sword *is* upon their horses, and upon
their chariots, and upon all the min-
gled people that *are* in the midst of
her; and they shall become as women:
a sword *is* upon her treasures; and they
shall be robbed. 38 A drought *is* upon
her waters; and they shall be dried up:

36. liars: or, chief stays: Heb. bars.

for it *is* the land of graven images, and
they are mad upon *their* idols. [39] There-
fore the wild beasts of the desert with
the wild beasts of the islands shall
dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell
therein: and it shall be no more inhab-
ited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt
in from generation to generation. [40] As
God overthrew Sodom and Gomor-
rah and the neighbour *cities* thereof,
saith the LORD; *so* shall no man abide
there, neither shall any son of man
dwell therein. [41] Behold, a people shall
come from the north, and a great na-
tion, and many kings shall be raised up
from the coasts of the earth. [42] They

shall hold the bow and the lance: they
are cruel, and will not shew mercy:
their voice shall roar like the sea, and
they shall ride upon horses, *every one*
put in array, like a man to the battle,
against thee, O daughter of Babylon.
43 The king of Babylon hath heard the
report of them, and his hands waxed
feeble: anguish took hold of him, *and*
pangs as of a woman in travail. 44 Be-
hold, he shall come up like a lion from
the swelling of Jordan unto the habi-
tation of the strong: but I will make
them suddenly run away from her: and
who *is* a chosen *man, that* I may ap-
point over her? for who *is* like me? and

who will appoint me the time? and
who *is* that shepherd that will stand
before me?* 45 Therefore hear ye the
counsel of the LORD, that he hath
taken against Babylon; and his pur-
poses, that he hath purposed against
the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the
least of the flock shall draw them out:
surely he shall make *their* habitation
desolate with them. 46 At the noise
of the taking of Babylon the earth is
moved, and the cry is heard among the
nations.

51 Thus saith the LORD; Behold,

44. appoint me...: or, convent me to plead?.

I will raise up against Babylon, and
against them that dwell in the midst
of them that rise up against me, a de-
stroying wind;* 2 And will send unto
Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and
shall empty her land: for in the day
of trouble they shall be against her
round about. 3 Against *him that* ben-
deth let the archer bend his bow, and
against *him that* lifteth himself up in
his brigandine: and spare ye not her
young men; destroy ye utterly all her
host. 4 Thus the slain shall fall in the
land of the Chaldeans, and *they that
are* thrust through in her streets. 5 For

51.1. midst: Heb. heart.

Israel *hath* not *been* forsaken, nor Ju-
dah of his God, of the LORD of hosts;
though their land was filled with sin
against the Holy One of Israel. 6 Flee
out of the midst of Babylon, and de-
liver every man his soul: be not cut
off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time
of the LORD'S vengeance; he will ren-
der unto her a recompence. 7 Babylon
hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S
hand, that made all the earth drunken:
the nations have drunken of her wine;
therefore the nations are mad. 8 Baby-
lon is suddenly fallen and destroyed:
howl for her; take balm for her pain, if
so be she may be healed. 9 We would

have healed Babylon, but she is not
healed: forsake her, and let us go ev-
ery one into his own country: for her
judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is
lifted up *even* to the skies. 10 The LORD
hath brought forth our righteousness:
come, and let us declare in Zion the
work of the LORD our God. 11 Make
bright the arrows; gather the shields:
the LORD hath raised up the spirit of
the kings of the Medes: for his device
is against Babylon, to destroy it; be-
cause it *is* the vengeance of the LORD,
the vengeance of his temple.* 12 Set up
the standard upon the walls of Baby-

11. bright: Heb. pure.

lon, make the watch strong, set up the
watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for
the LORD hath both devised and done
that which he spake against the in-
habitants of Babylon.* 13 O thou that
dwellest upon many waters, abundant
in treasures, thine end is come, *and* the
measure of thy covetousness. 14 The
LORD of hosts hath sworn by him-
self, *saying,* Surely I will fill thee with
men, as with caterpillers; and they
shall lift up a shout against thee.* 15 He
hath made the earth by his power,

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12. ambushes: Heb. liers in wait.
14. by himself: Heb. by his soul. lift up: Heb. utter.

he hath established the world by his
wisdom, and hath stretched out the
heaven by his understanding. 16 When
he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a mul-
titude of waters in the heavens; and
he causeth the vapours to ascend from
the ends of the earth: he maketh light-
nings with rain, and bringeth forth
the wind out of his treasures.* 17 Ev-
ery man is brutish by *his* knowledge;
every founder is confounded by the
graven image: for his molten image
is falsehood, and *there is* no breath
in them.* 18 They *are* vanity, the work

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16. multitude: or, noise.
17. is brutish...: or, is more brutish than to know.

of errors: in the time of their visita-
tion they shall perish. 19 The portion
of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is*
the former of all things: and *Israel is*
the rod of his inheritance: the LORD
of hosts *is* his name. 20 Thou *art* my
battle axe *and* weapons of war: for
with thee will I break in pieces the na-
tions, and with thee will I destroy king-
doms;* 21 And with thee will I break
in pieces the horse and his rider; and
with thee will I break in pieces the
chariot and his rider; 22 With thee also
will I break in pieces man and wo-
man; and with thee will I break in

20. with thee: or, in thee, or, by thee.

pieces old and young; and with thee
will I break in pieces the young man
and the maid; [23] I will also break in
pieces with thee the shepherd and his
flock; and with thee will I break in
pieces the husbandman and his yoke
of oxen; and with thee will I break
in pieces captains and rulers. [24] And I
will render unto Babylon and to all the
inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil
that they have done in Zion in your
sight, saith the LORD. [25] Behold, I *am*
against thee, O destroying mountain,
saith the LORD, which destroyest all
the earth: and I will stretch out mine
hand upon thee, and roll thee down

from the rocks, and will make thee
a burnt mountain. [26] And they shall
not take of thee a stone for a corner,
nor a stone for foundations; but thou
shalt be desolate for ever, saith the
LORD.* [27] Set ye up a standard in the
land, blow the trumpet among the na-
tions, prepare the nations against her,
call together against her the kingdoms
of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; ap-
point a captain against her; cause the
horses to come up as the rough cater-
pillers. [28] Prepare against her the na-
tions with the kings of the Medes,
the captains thereof, and all the rulers

26. desolate...: Heb. everlasting desolations.

thereof, and all the land of his dominion. [29] And the land shall tremble and
sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD
shall be performed against Babylon,
to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. [30] The
mighty men of Babylon have forborn
to fight, they have remained in *their*
holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her
dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.
[31] One post shall run to meet another,
and one messenger to meet another,
to shew the king of Babylon that his
city is taken at *one* end, [32] And that
the passages are stopped, and the reeds

they have burned with fire, and the
men of war are affrighted. 33 For thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is-
rael; The daughter of Babylon *is* like a
threshingfloor, *it is* time to thresh her:
yet a little while, and the time of her
harvest shall come.* 34 Nebuchadrezzar
the king of Babylon hath devoured me,
he hath crushed me, he hath made me
an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me
up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly
with my delicates, he hath cast me out.
35 The violence done to me and to my
flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the in-
habitant of Zion say; and my blood

33. it is...: or, in the time that he thresheth her.

upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall
Jerusalem say.* 36 Therefore thus saith
the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy
cause, and take vengeance for thee;
and I will dry up her sea, and make her
springs dry. 37 And Babylon shall be-
come heaps, a dwellingplace for drag-
ons, an astonishment, and an hissing,
without an inhabitant. 38 They shall
roar together like lions: they shall yell
as lions' whelps.* 39 In their heat I will
make their feasts, and I will make them
drunken, that they may rejoice, and

35. The violence...: Heb. My violence. flesh: or, remainder. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress.
38. yell: or, shake themselves.

sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake,
saith the LORD. 40 I will bring them
down like lambs to the slaughter, like
rams with he goats. 41 How is She-
shach taken! and how is the praise
of the whole earth surprised! how
is Babylon become an astonishment
among the nations! 42 The sea is come
up upon Babylon: she is covered with
the multitude of the waves thereof.
43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land,
and a wilderness, a land wherein no
man dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of
man pass thereby. 44 And I will pun-
ish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring
forth out of his mouth that which he

hath swallowed up: and the nations
shall not flow together any more unto
him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall
fall. 45 My people, go ye out of the
midst of her, and deliver ye every man
his soul from the fierce anger of the
LORD. 46 And lest your heart faint,
and ye fear for the rumour that shall
be heard in the land; a rumour shall
both come *one* year, and after that
in *another* year *shall come* a rumour,
and violence in the land, ruler against
ruler.* 47 Therefore, behold, the days
come, that I will do judgment upon
the graven images of Babylon: and her

46. lest: or, let not.

whole land shall be confounded, and
all her slain shall fall in the midst of
her.* 48 Then the heaven and the earth,
and all that *is* therein, shall sing for
Babylon: for the spoilers shall come
unto her from the north, saith the
LORD. 49 As Babylon *hath caused* the
slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon
shall fall the slain of all the earth.* 50 Ye
that have escaped the sword, go away,
stand not still: remember the LORD
afar off, and let Jerusalem come into

47. do...: Heb. visit upon.
49. As...: or, Both Babylon is to fall, O ye slain of Israel, and with Babylon, etc. the earth: or, the country.

your mind. [51] We are confounded, be-
cause we have heard reproach: shame
hath covered our faces: for strangers
are come into the sanctuaries of the
LORD's house. [52] Wherefore, behold,
the days come, saith the LORD, that
I will do judgment upon her graven
images: and through all her land the
wounded shall groan. [53] Though Baby-
lon should mount up to heaven, and
though she should fortify the height of
her strength, *yet* from me shall spoilers
come unto her, saith the LORD. [54] A
sound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon,
and great destruction from the land of
the Chaldeans: [55] Because the LORD

hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed
out of her the great voice; when her
waves do roar like great waters, a noise
of their voice is uttered: 56 Because
the spoiler is come upon her, *even*
upon Babylon, and her mighty men
are taken, every one of their bows is
broken: for the LORD God of recom-
pences shall surely requite. 57 And I
will make drunk her princes, and her
wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers,
and her mighty men: and they shall
sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake,
saith the King, whose name *is* the
LORD of hosts. 58 Thus saith the LORD
of hosts; The broad walls of Baby-

lon shall be utterly broken, and her
high gates shall be burned with fire;
and the people shall labour in vain,
and the folk in the fire, and they shall
be weary.* 59 The word which Jeremiah
the prophet commanded Seraiah the
son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah,
when he went with Zedekiah the king
of Judah into Babylon in the fourth
year of his reign. And *this* Seraiah *was*
a quiet prince.* 60 So Jeremiah wrote
in a book all the evil that should

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58. The broad...: or, The walls of broad Babylon. broken: or, made naked.

59. with: or, on the behalf of. quiet...: or, prince of Menucha, or, chief chamberlain.

come upon Babylon, *even* all these
words that are written against Baby-
lon. 61 And Jeremiah said to Sera-
iah, When thou comest to Babylon,
and shalt see, and shalt read all these
words; 62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD,
thou hast spoken against this place, to
cut it off, that none shall remain in it,
neither man nor beast, but that it shall
be desolate for ever.* 63 And it shall be,
when thou hast made an end of read-
ing this book, *that* thou shalt bind a
stone to it, and cast it into the midst of
Euphrates: 64 And thou shalt say, Thus
shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise

62. desolate: Heb. desolations.

from the evil that I will bring upon her:
and they shall be weary. Thus far *are*
the words of Jeremiah.

52 Zedekiah *was* one and twenty
years old when he began to reign, and
he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
And his mother's name *was* Hamutal
the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.*
2 And he did *that which was* evil in the
eyes of the LORD, according to all that
Jehoiakim had done. 3 For through
the anger of the LORD it came to pass
in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had
cast them out from his presence, that

52.1. began...: Heb. reigned.

Zedekiah rebelled against the king of
Babylon. 4 And it came to pass in the
ninth year of his reign, in the tenth
month, in the tenth *day* of the month,
that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon
came, he and all his army, against Jeru-
salem, and pitched against it, and built
forts against it round about. 5 So the
city was besieged unto the eleventh
year of king Zedekiah. 6 And in the
fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the
month, the famine was sore in the city,
so that there was no bread for the peo-
ple of the land. 7 Then the city was
broken up, and all the men of war fled,
and went forth out of the city by night

by the way of the gate between the two
walls, which *was* by the king's garden;
(now the Chaldeans *were* by the city
round about:) and they went by the
way of the plain. 8 But the army of
the Chaldeans pursued after the king,
and overtook Zedekiah in the plains
of Jericho; and all his army was scat-
tered from him. 9 Then they took
the king, and carried him up unto the
king of Babylon to Riblah in the land
of Hamath; where he gave judgment
upon him. 10 And the king of Baby-
lon slew the sons of Zedekiah before
his eyes: he slew also all the princes
of Judah in Riblah. 11 Then he put out

the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of
Babylon bound him in chains, and car-
ried him to Babylon, and put him in
prison till the day of his death.* 12 Now
in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of
the month, which *was* the nineteenth
year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
lon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the
guard, *which* served the king of Baby-
lon, into Jerusalem,* 13 And burned the
house of the LORD, and the king's
house; and all the houses of Jerusa-

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11. put out: Heb. blinded. chains: or, fetters. prison: Heb. house of the wards.

12. captain...: or, chief marshal: Heb. chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen. served: Heb. stood before.

lem, and all the houses of the great
men, burned he with fire: [14] And all
the army of the Chaldeans, that *were*
with the captain of the guard, brake
down all the walls of Jerusalem round
about. [15] Then Nebuzaradan the cap-
tain of the guard carried away cap-
tive *certain* of the poor of the people,
and the residue of the people that re-
mained in the city, and those that fell
away, that fell to the king of Baby-
lon, and the rest of the multitude.
[16] But Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard left *certain* of the poor of the
land for vinedressers and for husband-
men. [17] Also the pillars of brass that

were in the house of the LORD, and the
bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in
the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans
brake, and carried all the brass of them
to Babylon. 18 The caldrons also, and
the shovels, and the snuffers, and the
bowls, and the spoons, and all the
vessels of brass wherewith they min-
istered, took they away.* 19 And the ba-
sons, and the firepans, and the bowls,
and the caldrons, and the candlesticks,
and the spoons, and the cups; *that*
which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that*
which *was* of silver *in* silver, took the

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18. shovels: or, instruments to remove the ashes. bowls: or, basons.

captain of the guard away.* [20] The two
pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls
that *were* under the bases, which king
Solomon had made in the house of the
LORD: the brass of all these vessels
was without weight.* [21] And *concern-*
ing the pillars, the height of one pil-
lar *was* eighteen cubits; and a fillet of
twelve cubits did compass it; and the
thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it*
was hollow.* [22] And a chapiter of brass
was upon it; and the height of one
chapiter *was* five cubits, with network

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19. firepans: or, censers.
20. the brass: Heb. their brass.
21. fillet: Heb. thread.

and pomegranates upon the chapiters
round about, all *of* brass. The sec-
ond pillar also and the pomegranates
were like unto these. 23 And there
were ninety and six pomegranates on
a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon
the network *were* an hundred round
about. 24 And the captain of the guard
took Seraiah the chief priest, and
Zephaniah the second priest, and the
three keepers of the door:* 25 He took
also out of the city an eunuch, which
had the charge of the men of war;
and seven men of them that were near
the king's person, which were found

24. door: Heb. threshold.

in the city; and the principal scribe
of the host, who mustered the peo-
ple of the land; and threescore men
of the people of the land, that were
found in the midst of the city.* [26] So
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
took them, and brought them to the
king of Babylon to Riblah. [27] And the
king of Babylon smote them, and put
them to death in Riblah in the land of
Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away
captive out of his own land. [28] This
is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar
carried away captive: in the seventh

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25. were near...: Heb. saw the face of the king. principal...: or, scribe of the captain of the host.

year three thousand Jews and three
and twenty: [29] In the eighteenth year
of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away
captive from Jerusalem eight hundred
thirty and two persons:* [30] In the three
and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
carried away captive of the Jews seven
hundred forty and five persons: all
the persons *were* four thousand and six
hundred. [31] And it came to pass in the
seven and thirtieth year of the captiv-
ity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the
twelfth month, in the five and twenti-
eth *day* of the month, *that* Evilmero-

29. persons: Heb. souls.

dach king of Babylon in the *first* year
of his reign lifted up the head of Je-
hoiachin king of Judah, and brought
him forth out of prison, 32 And spake
kindly unto him, and set his throne
above the throne of the kings that *were*
with him in Babylon,* 33 And changed
his prison garments: and he did con-
tinually eat bread before him all the
days of his life. 34 And *for* his diet, there
was a continual diet given him of the
king of Babylon, every day a portion
until the day of his death, all the days
of his life.*

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32. kindly...: Heb. good things with him.
34. every...: Heb. the matter of the day in his day.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH

How doth the city sit solitary,
that was full of people! *how* is
she become as a widow! she
that was great among the nations, *and*
princess among the provinces, *how* is
she become tributary! 2 She weepeth
sore in the night, and her tears *are*
on her cheeks: among all her lovers
she hath none to comfort *her*: all
her friends have dealt treacherously
with her, they are become her ene-
mies. 3 Judah is gone into captivity
because of affliction, and because of

great servitude: she dwelleth among
the heathen, she findeth no rest: all
her persecutors overtook her between
the straits.* 4 The ways of Zion do
mourn, because none come to the
solemn feasts: all her gates are deso-
late: her priests sigh, her virgins are af-
flicted, and she *is* in bitterness. 5 Her
adversaries are the chief, her enemies
prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted
her for the multitude of her transgres-
sions: her children are gone into cap-
tivity before the enemy. 6 And from
the daughter of Zion all her beauty is

1.3. because of great...: Heb. for the greatness of servitude.

departed: her princes are become like
harts *that* find no pasture, and they
are gone without strength before the
pursuer. 7 Jerusalem remembered in
the days of her affliction and of her
miseries all her pleasant things that
she had in the days of old, when her
people fell into the hand of the en-
emy, and none did help her: the ad-
versaries saw her, *and* did mock at her
sabbaths.* 8 Jerusalem hath grievously
sinned; therefore she is removed: all
that honoured her despise her, because
they have seen her nakedness: yea,

7. pleasant: or, desirable.

she sigheth, and turneth backward.*
9 Her filthiness *is* in her skirts; she re-
membereth not her last end; therefore
she came down wonderfully: she had
no comforter. O LORD, behold my
affliction: for the enemy hath mag-
nified *himself*. 10 The adversary hath
spread out his hand upon all her pleas-
ant things: for she hath seen *that* the
heathen entered into her sanctuary,
whom thou didst command *that* they
should not enter into thy congrega-
tion.* 11 All her people sigh, they seek
bread; they have given their pleasant

8. is...: Heb. is become a removing, or, wandering.
10. pleasant: or, desirable.

things for meat to relieve the soul: see,
O LORD, and consider; for I am be-
come vile.* 12 *Is it* nothing to you, all ye
that pass by? behold, and see if there
be any sorrow like unto my sorrow,
which is done unto me, wherewith the
LORD hath afflicted *me* in the day of
his fierce anger.* 13 From above hath
he sent fire into my bones, and it pre-
vaileth against them: he hath spread
a net for my feet, he hath turned me
back: he hath made me desolate *and*
faint all the day. 14 The yoke of my

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11. to...: or, to make the soul to come again.
12. Is it...: or, It is nothing. pass by: Heb. pass by the way?.

transgressions is bound by his hand:
they are wreathed, *and* come up upon
my neck: he hath made my strength
to fall, the Lord hath delivered me
into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not
able to rise up. 15 The Lord hath trod-
den under foot all my mighty *men*
in the midst of me: he hath called
an assembly against me to crush my
young men: the Lord hath trodden
the virgin, the daughter of Judah, *as*
in a winepress.* 16 For these *things* I
weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth
down with water, because the com-
forter that should relieve my soul is

15. the virgin...: or, the winepress of the virgin, etc.

far from me: my children are desolate,
because the enemy prevailed.* 17 Zion
spreadeth forth her hands, *and there is*
none to comfort her: the LORD hath
commanded concerning Jacob, *that*
his adversaries *should be* round about
him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous wo-
man among them. 18 The LORD is righ-
teous; for I have rebelled against his
commandment: hear, I pray you, all
people, and behold my sorrow: my vir-
gins and my young men are gone into
captivity.* 19 I called for my lovers, *but*
they deceived me: my priests and mine

16. relieve: Heb. bring back.
18. commandment: Heb. mouth.

elders gave up the ghost in the city,
while they sought their meat to relieve
their souls. [20] Behold, O LORD; for I
am in distress: my bowels are trou-
bled; mine heart is turned within me;
for I have grievously rebelled: abroad
the sword bereaveth, at home *there is*
as death. [21] They have heard that I
sigh: *there is* none to comfort me: all
mine enemies have heard of my trou-
ble; they are glad that thou hast done
it: thou wilt bring the day *that* thou
hast called, and they shall be like unto
me.* [22] Let all their wickedness come
before thee; and do unto them, as thou

21. called: or, proclaimed.

hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.

2 How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, *and* cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger! 2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought *them* down to the ground: he hath polluted the king-

dom and the princes thereof.* 3 He
hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the
horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his
right hand from before the enemy, and
he burned against Jacob like a flam-
ing fire, *which* devoureth round about.
4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy:
he stood with his right hand as an ad-
versary, and slew all *that were* pleas-
ant to the eye in the tabernacle of the
daughter of Zion: he poured out his
fury like fire.* 5 The Lord was as an
enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel,
he hath swallowed up all her palaces:

2.2. brought...: Heb. made to touch.
4. all...: Heb. all the desirable of the eye.

he hath destroyed his strong holds,
and hath increased in the daughter
of Judah mourning and lamentation.
6 And he hath violently taken away
his tabernacle, as *if it were of* a gar-
den: he hath destroyed his places of
the assembly: the LORD hath caused
the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be
forgotten in Zion, and hath despised
in the indignation of his anger the
king and the priest.* 7 The Lord hath
cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his
sanctuary, he hath given up into the
hand of the enemy the walls of her
palaces; they have made a noise in the

6. tabernacle: or, hedge.

house of the LORD, as in the day of
a solemn feast.* 8 The LORD hath pur-
posed to destroy the wall of the daugh-
ter of Zion: he hath stretched out a
line, he hath not withdrawn his hand
from destroying: therefore he made
the rampart and the wall to lament;
they languished together.* 9 Her gates
are sunk into the ground; he hath de-
stroyed and broken her bars: her king
and her princes *are* among the Gen-
tiles: the law *is* no *more*; her proph-
ets also find no vision from the LORD.
10 The elders of the daughter of Zion

7. given up: Heb. shut up.
8. destroying: Heb. swallowing up.

sit upon the ground, *and* keep si-
lence: they have cast up dust upon
their heads; they have girded them-
selves with sackcloth: the virgins of
Jerusalem hang down their heads to
the ground. [11] Mine eyes do fail with
tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver
is poured upon the earth, for the de-
struction of the daughter of my peo-
ple; because the children and the suck-
lings swoon in the streets of the city.*
[12] They say to their mothers, Where *is*
corn and wine? when they swooned as
the wounded in the streets of the city,
when their soul was poured out into

11. swoon: or, faint.

their mothers' bosom. 13 What thing
shall I take to witness for thee? what
thing shall I liken to thee, O daugh-
ter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to
thee, that I may comfort thee, O vir-
gin daughter of Zion? for thy breach
is great like the sea: who can heal
thee? 14 Thy prophets have seen vain
and foolish things for thee: and they
have not discovered thine iniquity, to
turn away thy captivity; but have seen
for thee false burdens and causes of
banishment. 15 All that pass by clap
their hands at thee; they hiss and wag
their head at the daughter of Jerusa-
lem, *saying, Is* this the city that *men*

call The perfection of beauty, The joy
of the whole earth?* 16 All thine ene-
mies have opened their mouth against
thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth:
they say, We have swallowed *her* up:
certainly this *is* the day that we looked
for; we have found, we have seen *it*.
17 The LORD hath done *that* which he
had devised; he hath fulfilled his word
that he had commanded in the days of
old: he hath thrown down, and hath
not pitied: and he hath caused *thine*
enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath
set up the horn of thine adversaries.
18 Their heart cried unto the Lord, O

15. by: Heb. by the way.

wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears
run down like a river day and night:
give thyself no rest; let not the apple of
thine eye cease. [19] Arise, cry out in the
night: in the beginning of the watches
pour out thine heart like water before
the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands
toward him for the life of thy young
children, that faint for hunger in the
top of every street. [20] Behold, O LORD,
and consider to whom thou hast done
this. Shall the women eat their fruit,
and children of a span long? shall the
priest and the prophet be slain in the
sanctuary of the Lord?* [21] The young

20. of a span...: or, swaddled with their hands?.

and the old lie on the ground in the
streets: my virgins and my young men
are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain
them in the day of thine anger; thou
hast killed, *and* not pitied. 22 Thou
hast called as in a solemn day my ter-
rors round about, so that in the day
of the LORD's anger none escaped nor
remained: those that I have swaddled
and brought up hath mine enemy con-
sumed.

3 I *am* the man *that* hath seen af-
fliction by the rod of his wrath. 2 He
hath led me, and brought *me into* dark-
ness, but not *into* light. 3 Surely against

me is he turned; he turneth his hand
against me all the day. 4 My flesh and
my skin hath he made old; he hath
broken my bones. 5 He hath builded
against me, and compassed *me* with
gall and travail. 6 He hath set me in
dark places, as *they that be* dead of old.
7 He hath hedged me about, that I can-
not get out: he hath made my chain
heavy. 8 Also when I cry and shout,
he shutteth out my prayer. 9 He hath
inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he
hath made my paths crooked. 10 He
was unto me *as* a bear lying in wait,
and as a lion in secret places. 11 He
hath turned aside my ways, and pulled

me in pieces: he hath made me desolate.
12 He hath bent his bow, and set
me as a mark for the arrow.
13 He hath
caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.*
14 I was a derision to
all my people; *and* their song all the
day.
15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with
wormwood.*
16 He hath also broken
my teeth with gravel stones, he hath
covered me with ashes.*
17 And thou
hast removed my soul far off from

3.13. arrows: Heb. sons.
15. bitterness: Heb. bitternesses.
16. covered...: or, rolled me in the ashes.

peace: I forgat prosperity.* [18] And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: [19] Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.* [20] My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.* [21] This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.* [22] *It is of* the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. [23] *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness. [24] The LORD

17. prosperity: Heb. good.
19. Remembering: or, Remember.
20. humbled: Heb. bowed.
21. recall...: Heb. make to return to my heart.

is my portion, saith my soul; there-
fore will I hope in him. [25] The LORD
is good unto them that wait for him,
to the soul *that* seeketh him. [26] *It is*
good that *a man* should both hope
and quietly wait for the salvation of
the LORD. [27] *It is* good for a man that
he bear the yoke in his youth. [28] He
sitteth alone and keepeth silence, be-
cause he hath borne *it* upon him. [29] He
putteth his mouth in the dust; if so
be there may be hope. [30] He giveth
his cheek to him that smiteth him: he
is filled full with reproach. [31] For the
Lord will not cast off for ever: [32] But
though he cause grief, yet will he have

compassion according to the multi-
tude of his mercies. 33 For he doth not
afflict willingly nor grieve the children
of men.* 34 To crush under his feet all
the prisoners of the earth, 35 To turn
aside the right of a man before the face
of the most High,* 36 To subvert a man
in his cause, the Lord approveth not.*
37 Who *is* he *that* saith, and it cometh
to pass, *when* the Lord commandeth *it*
not? 38 Out of the mouth of the most
High proceedeth not evil and good?
39 Wherefore doth a living man com-

33. willingly: Heb. from his heart.
35. the most High: or, a superior.
36. approveth not: or, seeth not.

plain, a man for the punishment of his
sins?* 40 Let us search and try our ways,
and turn again to the LORD. 41 Let us
lift up our heart with *our* hands unto
God in the heavens. 42 We have trans-
gressed and have rebelled: thou hast
not pardoned. 43 Thou hast covered
with anger, and persecuted us: thou
hast slain, thou hast not pitied. 44 Thou
hast covered thyself with a cloud, that
our prayer should not pass through.
45 Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring
and refuse in the midst of the people.
46 All our enemies have opened their
mouths against us. 47 Fear and a snare is

39. complain: or, murmur.

come upon us, desolation and destruction. [48] Mine eye runneth down with
rivers of water for the destruction of
the daughter of my people. [49] Mine eye
trickleth down, and ceaseth not, with-
out any intermission, [50] Till the LORD
look down, and behold from heaven.
[51] Mine eye affecteth mine heart be-
cause of all the daughters of my city.*
[52] Mine enemies chased me sore, like a
bird, without cause. [53] They have cut
off my life in the dungeon, and cast a
stone upon me. [54] Waters flowed over
mine head; *then* I said, I am cut off.

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51. mine heart: Heb. my soul. because...: or, more than all.

55 I called upon thy name, O LORD,
out of the low dungeon. 56 Thou hast
heard my voice: hide not thine ear
at my breathing, at my cry. 57 Thou
drewest near in the day *that* I called
upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not. 58 O
Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of
my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.
59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong:
judge thou my cause. 60 Thou hast
seen all their vengeance *and* all their
imaginations against me. 61 Thou hast
heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all
their imaginations against me; 62 The
lips of those that rose up against me,
and their device against me all the day.

63 Behold their sitting down, and their
rising up; I *am* their musick. 64 Render
unto them a recompence, O LORD,
according to the work of their hands.
65 Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse
unto them.* 66 Persecute and destroy
them in anger from under the heavens
of the LORD.

4 How is the gold become dim!
how is the most fine gold changed! the
stones of the sanctuary are poured out
in the top of every street. 2 The pre-
cious sons of Zion, comparable to fine
gold, how are they esteemed as earthen

65. sorrow...: or, obstinacy of heart.

pitchers, the work of the hands of the
potter! 3 Even the sea monsters draw
out the breast, they give suck to their
young ones: the daughter of my peo-
ple *is become* cruel, like the ostriches
in the wilderness.* 4 The tongue of the
sucking child cleaveth to the roof of
his mouth for thirst: the young chil-
dren ask bread, *and* no man breaketh
it unto them. 5 They that did feed del-
icately are desolate in the streets: they
that were brought up in scarlet em-
brace dunghills. 6 For the punishment
of the iniquity of the daughter of my
people is greater than the punishment

4.3. sea...: or, sea calves.

of the sin of Sodom, that was over-
thrown as in a moment, and no hands
stayed on her.* 7 Her Nazarites were
purer than snow, they were whiter
than milk, they were more ruddy in
body than rubies, their polishing *was*
of sapphire: 8 Their visage is blacker
than a coal; they are not known in
the streets: their skin cleaveth to their
bones; it is withered, it is become
like a stick.* 9 *They that be* slain with
the sword are better than *they that be*
slain with hunger: for these pine away,
stricken through for *want of* the fruits

6. punishment of the iniquity: or, iniquity.
8. blacker...: Heb. darker than blackness.

of the field.* 10 The hands of the pitiful
women have sodden their own chil-
dren: they were their meat in the de-
struction of the daughter of my peo-
ple. 11 The LORD hath accomplished
his fury; he hath poured out his fierce
anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion,
and it hath devoured the foundations
thereof. 12 The kings of the earth, and
all the inhabitants of the world, would
not have believed that the adversary
and the enemy should have entered
into the gates of Jerusalem. 13 For the
sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities
of her priests, that have shed the blood

9. pine...: Heb. flow out.

of the just in the midst of her, [14] They
have wandered *as* blind *men* in the
streets, they have polluted themselves
with blood, so that men could not
touch their garments.* [15] They cried
unto them, Depart ye; *it is* unclean; de-
part, depart, touch not: when they fled
away and wandered, they said among
the heathen, They shall no more so-
journ *there*.* [16] The anger of the LORD
hath divided them; he will no more
regard them: they respected not the
persons of the priests, they favoured

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14. so...: or, in that they could not but touch.
15. it...: or, ye polluted.

not the elders.* [17] As for us, our eyes
as yet failed for our vain help: in our
watching we have watched for a nation
that could not save *us*. [18] They hunt our
steps, that we cannot go in our streets:
our end is near, our days are fulfilled;
for our end is come. [19] Our perse-
cutors are swifter than the eagles of
the heaven: they pursued us upon the
mountains, they laid wait for us in the
wilderness. [20] The breath of our nos-
trils, the anointed of the LORD, was
taken in their pits, of whom we said,
Under his shadow we shall live among
the heathen. [21] Rejoice and be glad,

16. anger: or, face.

O daughter of Edom, that dwellest
in the land of Uz; the cup also shall
pass through unto thee: thou shalt
be drunken, and shalt make thyself
naked. 22 The punishment of thine in-
iquity is accomplished, O daughter of
Zion; he will no more carry thee away
into captivity: he will visit thine in-
iquity, O daughter of Edom; he will
discover thy sins.*

5 Remember, O LORD, what is
come upon us: consider, and be-
hold our reproach. 2 Our inheritance

22. The...: or, Thine iniquity. discover...: or, carry thee captive for thy sins.

is turned to strangers, our houses to
aliens. 3 We are orphans and father-
less, our mothers *are* as widows. 4 We
have drunken our water for money;
our wood is sold unto us.* 5 Our necks
are under persecution: we labour, *and*
have no rest.* 6 We have given the hand
to the Egyptians, *and to* the Assyrians,
to be satisfied with bread. 7 Our fa-
thers have sinned, *and are* not; and we
have borne their iniquities. 8 Servants
have ruled over us: *there is* none that
doth deliver *us* out of their hand. 9 We
gat our bread with *the peril of* our lives

5.4. is...: Heb. cometh for price.
5. Our...: Heb. On our necks are we persecuted.

because of the sword of the wilderness.
10 Our skin was black like an oven be-
cause of the terrible famine.* 11 They
ravished the women in Zion, *and* the
maids in the cities of Judah. 12 Princes
are hanged up by their hand: the faces
of elders were not honoured. 13 They
took the young men to grind, and the
children fell under the wood. 14 The
elders have ceased from the gate, the
young men from their musick. 15 The
joy of our heart is ceased; our dance
is turned into mourning. 16 The crown
is fallen *from* our head: woe unto us,

10. terrible: or, terrors, or, storms.

that we have sinned!* [17] For this our
heart is faint; for these *things* our eyes
are dim. [18] Because of the mountain of
Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk
upon it. [19] Thou, O LORD, remainest
for ever; thy throne from generation
to generation. [20] Wherefore dost thou
forget us for ever, *and* forsake us so
long time?* [21] Turn thou us unto thee,
O LORD, and we shall be turned; re-
new our days as of old. [22] But thou hast
utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth
against us.*

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16. The...: Heb. The crown of our head is fallen.
20. so...: Heb. for length of days?.
22. But...: or, For wilt thou utterly reject us?.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

EZEKIEL

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.* 2 In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, 3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar;

1.1. captives: Heb. captivity.

and the hand of the LORD was there
upon him.* 4 And I looked, and, be-
hold, a whirlwind came out of the
north, a great cloud, and a fire infold-
ing itself, and a brightness *was* about
it, and out of the midst thereof as
the colour of amber, out of the midst
of the fire.* 5 Also out of the midst
thereof *came* the likeness of four liv-
ing creatures. And this *was* their ap-
pearance; they had the likeness of a
man. 6 And every one had four faces,
and every one had four wings. 7 And
their feet *were* straight feet; and the

3. Ezekiel: Heb. Jehezkel.
4. infolding...: Heb. catching itself.

sole of their feet *was* like the sole of
a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the
colour of burnished brass.* 8 And *they*
had the hands of a man under their
wings on their four sides; and they four
had their faces and their wings. 9 Their
wings *were* joined one to another; they
turned not when they went; they went
every one straight forward. 10 As for
the likeness of their faces, they four
had the face of a man, and the face
of a lion, on the right side: and they
four had the face of an ox on the left
side; they four also had the face of an
eagle. 11 Thus *were* their faces: and

7. straight...: Heb. a straight foot.

their wings *were* stretched upward;
two *wings* of every one *were* joined
one to another, and two covered their
bodies.* 12 And they went every one
straight forward: whither the spirit
was to go, they went; *and* they turned
not when they went. 13 As for the like-
ness of the living creatures, their ap-
pearance *was* like burning coals of fire,
and like the appearance of lamps: it
went up and down among the living
creatures; and the fire was bright, and
out of the fire went forth lightning.
14 And the living creatures ran and re-
turned as the appearance of a flash of

11. stretched...: or, divided above.

lightning. [15] Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon
the earth by the living creatures, with
his four faces. [16] The appearance of the
wheels and their work *was* like unto
the colour of a beryl: and they four
had one likeness: and their appearance
and their work *was* as it were a wheel
in the middle of a wheel. [17] When they
went, they went upon their four sides:
and they turned not when they went.
[18] As for their rings, they were so high
that they were dreadful; and their rings
were full of eyes round about them
four.* [19] And when the living creatures

18. and their rings: or, and their strakes.

went, the wheels went by them: and
when the living creatures were lifted
up from the earth, the wheels were
lifted up. [20] Whithersoever the spirit
was to go, they went, thither *was their*
spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted
up over against them: for the spirit of
the living creature *was* in the wheels.*
[21] When those went, *these* went; and
when those stood, *these* stood; and
when those were lifted up from the
earth, the wheels were lifted up over
against them: for the spirit of the liv-
ing creature *was* in the wheels.* [22] And

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20. of...: or, of life.
21. of...: or, of life.

the likeness of the firmament upon
the heads of the living creature *was*
as the colour of the terrible crystal,
stretched forth over their heads above.
23 And under the firmament *were* their
wings straight, the one toward the
other: every one had two, which cov-
ered on this side, and every one had
two, which covered on that side, their
bodies. 24 And when they went, I heard
the noise of their wings, like the noise
of great waters, as the voice of the Al-
mighty, the voice of speech, as the
noise of an host: when they stood,
they let down their wings. 25 And
there was a voice from the firmament

that *was* over their heads, when they
stood, *and* had let down their wings.
26 And above the firmament that *was*
over their heads *was* the likeness of a
throne, as the appearance of a sapphire
stone: and upon the likeness of the
throne *was* the likeness as the appear-
ance of a man above upon it. 27 And
I saw as the colour of amber, as the
appearance of fire round about within
it, from the appearance of his loins
even upward, and from the appearance
of his loins even downward, I saw as
it were the appearance of fire, and it
had brightness round about. 28 As the
appearance of the bow that is in the

cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the
appearance of the brightness round
about. This *was* the appearance of the
likeness of the glory of the LORD. And
when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and
I heard a voice of one that spake.

2 And he said unto me, Son of
man, stand upon thy feet, and I will
speak unto thee. 2 And the spirit en-
tered into me when he spake unto me,
and set me upon my feet, that I heard
him that spake unto me. 3 And he
said unto me, Son of man, I send thee
to the children of Israel, to a rebel-
lious nation that hath rebelled against

me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.* 4 For *they are* impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.* 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost

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2.3. nation: Heb. nations.
4. impudent: Heb. hard of face.

dwell among scorpions: be not afraid
of their words, nor be dismayed at
their looks, though they *be* a rebel-
lious house.* 7 And thou shalt speak
my words unto them, whether they
will hear, or whether they will for-
bear: for they *are* most rebellious.*
8 But thou, son of man, hear what
I say unto thee; Be not thou rebel-
lious like that rebellious house: open
thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.
9 And when I looked, behold, an hand
was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a
book *was* therein; 10 And he spread it

6. briers...: or, rebels.
7. most...: Heb. rebellion.

before me; and it *was* written within
and without: and *there was* written
therein lamentations, and mourning,
and woe.

3 Moreover he said unto me, Son
of man, eat that thou findest; eat this
roll, and go speak unto the house of
Israel. 2 So I opened my mouth, and
he caused me to eat that roll. 3 And
he said unto me, Son of man, cause
thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels
with this roll that I give thee. Then
did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth
as honey for sweetness. 4 And he said
unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto

the house of Israel, and speak with my
words unto them. 5 For thou *art* not
sent to a people of a strange speech
and of an hard language, *but* to the
house of Israel;* 6 Not to many peo-
ple of a strange speech and of an hard
language, whose words thou canst not
understand. Surely, had I sent thee
to them, they would have hearkened
unto thee.* 7 But the house of Israel
will not hearken unto thee; for they
will not hearken unto me: for all the

3.5. of a...: Heb. deep of lip, and heavy of tongue.
6. of a...: Heb. deep of lip, and heavy of language.
Surely...: or, If I had sent thee, etc. would they not have hearkened unto thee?.

house of Israel *are* impudent and hard-
hearted.* 8 Behold, I have made thy
face strong against their faces, and
thy forehead strong against their fore-
heads. 9 As an adamant harder than
flint have I made thy forehead: fear
them not, neither be dismayed at their
looks, though they *be* a rebellious
house. 10 Moreover he said unto me,
Son of man, all my words that I shall
speak unto thee receive in thine heart,
and hear with thine ears. 11 And go, get
thee to them of the captivity, unto the
children of thy people, and speak unto

7. impudent...: Heb. stiff of forehead, and hard of heart.

them, and tell them, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or
whether they will forbear. 12 Then the
spirit took me up, and I heard behind
me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*,
Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from
his place. 13 *I heard* also the noise of
the wings of the living creatures that
touched one another, and the noise
of the wheels over against them, and
a noise of a great rushing.* 14 So the
spirit lifted me up, and took me away,
and I went in bitterness, in the heat of
my spirit; but the hand of the LORD

13. touched: Heb. kissed.

was strong upon me.* 15 Then I came
to them of the captivity at Telabib,
that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and
I sat where they sat, and remained
there astonished among them seven
days. 16 And it came to pass at the
end of seven days, that the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, 17 Son of
man, I have made thee a watchman
unto the house of Israel: therefore
hear the word at my mouth, and give
them warning from me. 18 When I say
unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die;
and thou givest him not warning, nor

14. in bitterness: Heb. bitter. heat: Heb. hot anger.

speakest to warn the wicked from his
wicked way, to save his life; the same
wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity;
but his blood will I require at thine
hand. [19] Yet if thou warn the wicked,
and he turn not from his wickedness,
nor from his wicked way, he shall die
in his iniquity; but thou hast deliv-
ered thy soul. [20] Again, When a righ-
teous *man* doth turn from his righ-
teousness, and commit iniquity, and
I lay a stumblingblock before him, he
shall die: because thou hast not given
him warning, he shall die in his sin,
and his righteousness which he hath
done shall not be remembered; but

his blood will I require at thine hand.*
21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righ-
teous *man*, that the righteous sin not,
and he doth not sin, he shall surely live,
because he is warned; also thou hast
delivered thy soul. 22 And the hand of
the LORD was there upon me; and he
said unto me, Arise, go forth into the
plain, and I will there talk with thee.
23 Then I arose, and went forth into the
plain: and, behold, the glory of the
LORD stood there, as the glory which
I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell
on my face. 24 Then the spirit entered
into me, and set me upon my feet,

20. righteousness which: Heb. righteousnesses.

and spake with me, and said unto me,
Go, shut thyself within thine house.
25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they
shall put bands upon thee, and shall
bind thee with them, and thou shalt
not go out among them: 26 And I will
make thy tongue cleave to the roof of
thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb,
and shalt not be to them a reprover:
for they *are* a rebellious house.* 27 But
when I speak with thee, I will open thy
mouth, and thou shalt say unto them,
Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that
heareth, let him hear; and he that for-
beareth, let him forbear: for they *are* a

26. a reprover: Heb. a man reproving.

rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee
a tile, and lay it before thee, and pour-
tray upon it the city, *even* Jerusalem:
2 And lay siege against it, and build
a fort against it, and cast a mount
against it; set the camp also against
it, and set *battering* rams against it
round about.* 3 Moreover take thou
unto thee an iron pan, and set it *for* a
wall of iron between thee and the city:
and set thy face against it, and it shall
be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege
against it. This *shall be* a sign to the

4.2. battering...: chief leaders.

house of Israel.* 4 Lie thou also upon
thy left side, and lay the iniquity of
the house of Israel upon it: *according*
to the number of the days that thou
shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their
iniquity. 5 For I have laid upon thee
the years of their iniquity, according
to the number of the days, three hun-
dred and ninety days: so shalt thou
bear the iniquity of the house of Is-
rael. 6 And when thou hast accom-
plished them, lie again on thy right
side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity
of the house of Judah forty days: I have

3. an...: or, a flat plate, or, slice.

appointed thee each day for a year.*
7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face to-
ward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine
arm *shall be* uncovered, and thou shalt
prophesy against it. 8 And, behold,
I will lay bands upon thee, and thou
shalt not turn thee from one side to
another, till thou hast ended the days
of thy siege.* 9 Take thou also unto
thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and
lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and
put them in one vessel, and make thee
bread thereof, *according* to the num-
ber of the days that thou shalt lie upon

6. each...: Heb. a day for a year, a day for a year.
8. from one...: Heb. from thy side to thy side.

thy side, three hundred and ninety
days shalt thou eat thereof.* 10 And thy
meat which thou shalt eat *shall be* by
weight, twenty shekels a day: from
time to time shalt thou eat it. 11 Thou
shalt drink also water by measure, the
sixth part of an hin: from time to
time shalt thou drink. 12 And thou
shalt eat it *as* barley cakes, and thou
shalt bake it with dung that cometh
out of man, in their sight. 13 And the
LORD said, Even thus shall the chil-
dren of Israel eat their defiled bread
among the Gentiles, whither I will
drive them. 14 Then said I, Ah Lord

9. fitches: or, spelt.

GOD! behold, my soul hath not been
polluted: for from my youth up even
till now have I not eaten of that which
dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; nei-
ther came there abominable flesh into
my mouth. 15 Then he said unto me,
Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for
man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy
bread therewith. 16 Moreover he said
unto me, Son of man, behold, I will
break the staff of bread in Jerusalem:
and they shall eat bread by weight, and
with care; and they shall drink water
by measure, and with astonishment:
17 That they may want bread and wa-
ter, and be astonied one with another,

and consume away for their iniquity.

5 And thou, son of man, take thee
a sharp knife, take thee a barber's ra-
zor, and cause *it* to pass upon thine
head and upon thy beard: then take
thee balances to weigh, and divide the
hair. 2 Thou shalt burn with fire a
third part in the midst of the city,
when the days of the siege are ful-
filled: and thou shalt take a third part,
and smite about it with a knife: and
a third part thou shalt scatter in the
wind; and I will draw out a sword after
them. 3 Thou shalt also take thereof
a few in number, and bind them in

thy skirts.* 4 Then take of them again,
and cast them into the midst of the
fire, and burn them in the fire; *for*
thereof shall a fire come forth into
all the house of Israel. 5 Thus saith
the Lord GOD; This *is* Jerusalem: I
have set it in the midst of the nations
and countries *that are* round about
her. 6 And she hath changed my judg-
ments into wickedness more than the
nations, and my statutes more than
the countries that *are* round about
her: for they have refused my judg-
ments and my statutes, they have not
walked in them. 7 Therefore thus saith

5.3. skirts: Heb. wings.

the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied
more than the nations that *are* round
about you, *and* have not walked in my
statutes, neither have kept my judg-
ments, neither have done according
to the judgments of the nations that
are round about you; 8 Therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even
I, *am* against thee, and will execute
judgments in the midst of thee in the
sight of the nations. 9 And I will do
in thee that which I have not done,
and whereunto I will not do any more
the like, because of all thine abomi-
nations. 10 Therefore the fathers shall
eat the sons in the midst of thee, and

the sons shall eat their fathers; and
I will execute judgments in thee, and
the whole remnant of thee will I scat-
ter into all the winds. [11] Wherefore,
as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely,
because thou hast defiled my sanctu-
ary with all thy detestable things, and
with all thine abominations, therefore
will I also diminish *thee*; neither shall
mine eye spare, neither will I have any
pity. [12] A third part of thee shall die
with the pestilence, and with famine
shall they be consumed in the midst
of thee: and a third part shall fall by
the sword round about thee; and I
will scatter a third part into all the

winds, and I will draw out a sword
after them. [13] Thus shall mine anger
be accomplished, and I will cause my
fury to rest upon them, and I will be
comforted: and they shall know that
I the LORD have spoken *it* in my zeal,
when I have accomplished my fury in
them. [14] Moreover I will make thee
waste, and a reproach among the na-
tions that *are* round about thee, in the
sight of all that pass by. [15] So it shall
be a reproach and a taunt, an instruc-
tion and an astonishment unto the na-
tions that *are* round about thee, when
I shall execute judgments in thee in
anger and in fury and in furious re-

bukes. I the LORD have spoken *it*.
16 When I shall send upon them the
evil arrows of famine, which shall be
for *their* destruction, *and* which I will
send to destroy you: and I will increase
the famine upon you, and will break
your staff of bread: 17 So will I send
upon you famine and evil beasts, and
they shall bereave thee; and pestilence
and blood shall pass through thee; and
I will bring the sword upon thee. I the
LORD have spoken *it*.

6 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy
face toward the mountains of Israel,

and prophesy against them, 3 And say,
Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word
of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the
Lord GOD to the mountains, and
to the hills, to the rivers, and to the
valleys; Behold, I, *even* I, will bring a
sword upon you, and I will destroy
your high places. 4 And your altars
shall be desolate, and your images shall
be broken: and I will cast down your
slain *men* before your idols.* 5 And I
will lay the dead carcases of the chil-
dren of Israel before their idols; and
I will scatter your bones round about

6.4. images: or, sun images.

your altars.* 6 In all your dwelling-
places the cities shall be laid waste, and
the high places shall be desolate; that
your altars may be laid waste and made
desolate, and your idols may be broken
and cease, and your images may be cut
down, and your works may be abol-
ished. 7 And the slain shall fall in the
midst of you, and ye shall know that I
am the LORD. 8 Yet will I leave a rem-
nant, that ye may have *some* that shall
escape the sword among the nations,
when ye shall be scattered through the
countries. 9 And they that escape of
you shall remember me among the

5. lay: Heb. give.

nations whither they shall be carried
captives, because I am broken with
their whorish heart, which hath de-
parted from me, and with their eyes,
which go a whoring after their idols:
and they shall lothe themselves for the
evils which they have committed in all
their abominations. [10] And they shall
know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I
have not said in vain that I would do
this evil unto them. [11] Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand,
and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas
for all the evil abominations of the
house of Israel! for they shall fall by
the sword, by the famine, and by the

pestilence. [12] He that is far off shall die
of the pestilence; and he that is near
shall fall by the sword; and he that re-
maineth and is besieged shall die by
the famine: thus will I accomplish my
fury upon them. [13] Then shall ye know
that I *am* the LORD, when their slain
men shall be among their idols round
about their altars, upon every high hill,
in all the tops of the mountains, and
under every green tree, and under ev-
ery thick oak, the place where they did
offer sweet savour to all their idols.
[14] So will I stretch out my hand upon
them, and make the land desolate, yea,
more desolate than the wilderness to-

ward Diblath, in all their habitations:
and they shall know that I *am* the
LORD.*

7 Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 2 Also, thou
son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD
unto the land of Israel; An end, the
end is come upon the four corners of
the land. 3 Now *is* the end *come* upon
thee, and I will send mine anger upon
thee, and will judge thee according to
thy ways, and will recompense upon
thee all thine abominations.* 4 And
mine eye shall not spare thee, neither

14. more...: or, desolate from the wilderness.
7.3. recompense: Heb. give.

will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. 5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an only evil, behold, is come. 6 An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.* 7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.* 8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and ac-

6. watcheth for: Heb. awaketh against.
7. sounding...: or, echo.

complish mine anger upon thee: and I
will judge thee according to thy ways,
and will recompense thee for all thine
abominations. 9 And mine eye shall
not spare, neither will I have pity: I
will recompense thee according to thy
ways and thine abominations *that* are
in the midst of thee; and ye shall know
that I *am* the LORD that smiteth.*
10 Behold the day, behold, it is come:
the morning is gone forth; the rod
hath blossomed, pride hath budded.
11 Violence is risen up into a rod of
wickedness: none of them *shall re-*
main, nor of their multitude, nor of

9. thee according: Heb. upon thee, etc.

any of theirs: neither *shall there be* wailing for them.* [12] The time is come, the
day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath
is upon all the multitude thereof. [13] For
the seller shall not return to that which
is sold, although they were yet alive:
for the vision *is* touching the whole
multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.* [14] They
have blown the trumpet, even to make

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11. theirs: or, their tumultuous persons: Heb. tumult.

13. although they...: Heb. though their life were yet among the living. in the...: or, whose life is in his iniquity. the iniquity: Heb. his iniquity.

all ready; but none goeth to the bat-
tle: for my wrath *is* upon all the mul-
titude thereof. 15 The sword *is* with-
out, and the pestilence and the famine
within: he that *is* in the field shall
die with the sword; and he that *is* in
the city, famine and pestilence shall
devour him. 16 But they that escape
of them shall escape, and shall be on
the mountains like doves of the val-
leys, all of them mourning, every one
for his iniquity. 17 All hands shall be
feeble, and all knees shall be weak
as water.* 18 They shall also gird *them-
selves* with sackcloth, and horror shall

17. be weak...: Heb. go into water.

cover them; and shame *shall be* upon
all faces, and baldness upon all their
heads. [19] They shall cast their silver
in the streets, and their gold shall be
removed: their silver and their gold
shall not be able to deliver them in the
day of the wrath of the LORD: they
shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill
their bowels: because it is the stum-
blingblock of their iniquity.* [20] As for
the beauty of his ornament, he set it
in majesty: but they made the images
of their abominations *and* of their de-

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19. removed: Heb. for a separation, or, uncleanness. it is...: or, their iniquity is their stumblingblock.

testable things therein: therefore have
I set it far from them.* [21] And I will give
it into the hands of the strangers for a
prey, and to the wicked of the earth
for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.
[22] My face will I turn also from them,
and they shall pollute my secret *place*:
for the robbers shall enter into it, and
defile it.* [23] Make a chain: for the land
is full of bloody crimes, and the city
is full of violence. [24] Wherefore I will
bring the worst of the heathen, and
they shall possess their houses: I will

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20. set it far...: or, made it unto them an unclean thing.
22. robbers: or, buglers.

also make the pomp of the strong to
cease; and their holy places shall be
defiled.* [25] Destruction cometh; and
they shall seek peace, and *there shall*
be none.* [26] Mischief shall come upon
mischief, and rumour shall be upon
rumour; then shall they seek a vision
of the prophet; but the law shall per-
ish from the priest, and counsel from
the ancients. [27] The king shall mourn,
and the prince shall be clothed with
desolation, and the hands of the peo-
ple of the land shall be troubled: I will

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24. their holy...: or, they shall inherit their holy places.

25. Destruction: Heb. Cutting off.

do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.*

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me. 2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appear-

27. according...: Heb. with their judgments.

ance of brightness, as the colour of am-
ber. 3 And he put forth the form of an
hand, and took me by a lock of mine
head; and the spirit lifted me up be-
tween the earth and the heaven, and
brought me in the visions of God to
Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate
that looketh toward the north; where
was the seat of the image of jealousy,
which provoketh to jealousy. 4 And,
behold, the glory of the God of Is-
rael *was* there, according to the vision
that I saw in the plain. 5 Then said he
unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes
now the way toward the north. So I
lifted up mine eyes the way toward the

north, and behold northward at the
gate of the altar this image of jealousy
in the entry. 6 He said furthermore
unto me, Son of man, seest thou what
they do? *even* the great abominations
that the house of Israel committeth
here, that I should go far off from my
sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and*
thou shalt see greater abominations.
7 And he brought me to the door of
the court; and when I looked, behold
a hole in the wall. 8 Then said he unto
me, Son of man, dig now in the wall:
and when I had digged in the wall,
behold a door. 9 And he said unto
me, Go in, and behold the wicked

abominations that they do here. 10 So
I went in and saw; and behold every
form of creeping things, and abom-
inable beasts, and all the idols of the
house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the
wall round about. 11 And there stood
before them seventy men of the an-
cients of the house of Israel, and in
the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the
son of Shaphan, with every man his
censer in his hand; and a thick cloud
of incense went up. 12 Then said he
unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen
what the ancients of the house of Is-
rael do in the dark, every man in the
chambers of his imagery? for they

say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD
hath forsaken the earth. 13 He said
also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and*
thou shalt see greater abominations
that they do. 14 Then he brought me
to the door of the gate of the LORD'S
house which *was* toward the north;
and, behold, there sat women weep-
ing for Tammuz. 15 Then said he unto
me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man?
turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt
see greater abominations than these.
16 And he brought me into the inner
court of the LORD'S house, and, be-
hold, at the door of the temple of the
LORD, between the porch and the al-

tar, *were* about five and twenty men,
with their backs toward the temple of
the LORD, and their faces toward the
east; and they worshipped the sun to-
ward the east. 17 Then he said unto me,
Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man?
Is it a light thing to the house of Ju-
dah that they commit the abomina-
tions which they commit here? for
they have filled the land with violence,
and have returned to provoke me to
anger: and, lo, they put the branch to
their nose.* 18 Therefore will I also deal
in fury: mine eye shall not spare, nei-

8.17. Is it...: or, Is there any thing lighter than to commit.

ther will I have pity: and though they
cry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet*
will I not hear them.

9 He cried also in mine ears with
a loud voice, saying, Cause them that
have charge over the city to draw near,
even every man *with* his destroying
weapon in his hand. 2 And, behold, six
men came from the way of the higher
gate, which lieth toward the north,
and every man a slaughter weapon in
his hand; and one man among them
was clothed with linen, with a writer's
inkhorn by his side: and they went
in, and stood beside the brasen al-

tar.* 3 And the glory of the God of
Israel was gone up from the cherub,
whereupon he was, to the threshold of
the house. And he called to the man
clothed with linen, which *had* the
writer's inkhorn by his side; 4 And the
LORD said unto him, Go through the
midst of the city, through the midst
of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the
foreheads of the men that sigh and
that cry for all the abominations that
be done in the midst thereof.* 5 And

9.2. which lieth: Heb. which is turned. by his...: Heb. upon his loins. a slaughter...: Heb. a weapon of his breaking in pieces.

4. set a mark: Heb. mark a mark.

to the others he said in mine hearing,
Go ye after him through the city, and
smite: let not your eye spare, neither
have ye pity:* 6 Slay utterly old *and*
young, both maids, and little children,
and women: but come not near any
man upon whom *is* the mark; and be-
gin at my sanctuary. Then they began
at the ancient men which *were* before
the house.* 7 And he said unto them,
Defile the house, and fill the courts
with the slain: go ye forth. And they
went forth, and slew in the city. 8 And
it came to pass, while they were slaying

5. mine hearing: Heb. mine ears.
6. utterly: Heb. to destruction.

them, and I was left, that I fell upon
my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord
GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue
of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury
upon Jerusalem? 9 Then said he unto
me, The iniquity of the house of Is-
rael and Judah *is* exceeding great, and
the land is full of blood, and the city
full of perverseness: for they say, The
LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the
LORD seeth not.* 10 And as for me also,
mine eye shall not spare, neither will I
have pity, *but* I will recompense their
way upon their head. 11 And, behold,

9. full of blood: Heb. filled with, etc. perverseness: or, wresting of judgment.

the man clothed with linen, which *had*
the inkhorn by his side, reported the
matter, saying, I have done as thou hast
commanded me.*

10 Then I looked, and, behold, in
the firmament that was above the head
of the cherubims there appeared over
them as it were a sapphire stone, as the
appearance of the likeness of a throne.
2 And he spake unto the man clothed
with linen, and said, Go in between
the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and
fill thine hand with coals of fire from
between the cherubims, and scatter

11. reported...: Heb. returned the word.

them over the city. And he went in in
my sight.* 3 Now the cherubims stood
on the right side of the house, when
the man went in; and the cloud filled
the inner court. 4 Then the glory of
the LORD went up from the cherub,
and stood over the threshold of the
house; and the house was filled with
the cloud, and the court was full of the
brightness of the LORD's glory.* 5 And
the sound of the cherubims' wings was
heard *even* to the outer court, as the
voice of the Almighty God when he
speaketh. 6 And it came to pass, *that*

10.2. thine hand: Heb. the hollow of thine hand.
4. went up: Heb. was lifted up.

when he had commanded the man
clothed with linen, saying, Take fire
from between the wheels, from be-
tween the cherubims; then he went in,
and stood beside the wheels. 7 And
one cherub stretched forth his hand
from between the cherubims unto the
fire that *was* between the cherubims,
and took *thereof*, and put *it* into the
hands of *him that was* clothed with
linen: who took *it*, and went out.*
8 And there appeared in the cheru-
bims the form of a man's hand un-
der their wings. 9 And when I looked,
behold the four wheels by the cheru-

7. stretched forth: Heb. sent forth.

bims, one wheel by one cherub, and
another wheel by another cherub: and
the appearance of the wheels *was* as the
colour of a beryl stone. [10] And *as for*
their appearances, they four had one
likeness, as if a wheel had been in the
midst of a wheel. [11] When they went,
they went upon their four sides; they
turned not as they went, but to the
place whither the head looked they
followed it; they turned not as they
went. [12] And their whole body, and
their backs, and their hands, and their
wings, and the wheels, *were* full of
eyes round about, *even* the wheels that

they four had.* 13 As for the wheels, it
was cried unto them in my hearing,
O wheel.* 14 And every one had four
faces: the first face *was* the face of a
cherub, and the second face *was* the
face of a man, and the third the face
of a lion, and the fourth the face of an
eagle. 15 And the cherubims were lifted
up. This *is* the living creature that I saw
by the river of Chebar. 16 And when
the cherubims went, the wheels went
by them: and when the cherubims
lifted up their wings to mount up from

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12. body: Heb. flesh.

13. it was...: or, they were called in my hearing, wheel, or, galgal.

the earth, the same wheels also turned
not from beside them. 17 When they
stood, *these* stood; and when they were
lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves
also: for the spirit of the living crea-
ture *was* in them.* 18 Then the glory
of the LORD departed from off the
threshold of the house, and stood over
the cherubims. 19 And the cherubims
lifted up their wings, and mounted up
from the earth in my sight: when they
went out, the wheels also *were* beside
them, and *every one* stood at the door
of the east gate of the LORD's house;
and the glory of the God of Israel *was*

17. of...: or, of life.

over them above. [20] This *is* the living
creature that I saw under the God of
Israel by the river of Chebar; and I
knew that they *were* the cherubims.
[21] Every one had four faces apiece, and
every one four wings; and the like-
ness of the hands of a man *was* under
their wings. [22] And the likeness of their
faces *was* the same faces which I saw by
the river of Chebar, their appearances
and themselves: they went every one
straight forward.

11 Moreover the spirit lifted me
up, and brought me unto the east gate
of the LORD's house, which looketh

eastward: and behold at the door of
the gate five and twenty men; among
whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of
Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Bena-
iah, princes of the people. 2 Then said
he unto me, Son of man, these *are*
the men that devise mischief, and give
wicked counsel in this city: 3 Which
say, *It is* not near; let us build houses:
this *city is* the caldron, and we *be* the
flesh.* 4 Therefore prophesy against
them, prophesy, O son of man. 5 And
the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me,
and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith
the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house

11.3. It is...: or, It is not for us to build houses near.

of Israel: for I know the things that
come into your mind, *every one of*
them. 6 Ye have multiplied your slain
in this city, and ye have filled the
streets thereof with the slain. 7 There-
fore thus saith the Lord GOD; Your
slain whom ye have laid in the midst
of it, they *are* the flesh, and this *city*
is the caldron: but I will bring you
forth out of the midst of it. 8 Ye have
feared the sword; and I will bring a
sword upon you, saith the Lord GOD.
9 And I will bring you out of the midst
thereof, and deliver you into the hands
of strangers, and will execute judg-
ments among you. 10 Ye shall fall by the

sword; I will judge you in the border
of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am*
the LORD. [11] This *city* shall not be your
caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in
the midst thereof; *but* I will judge you
in the border of Israel: [12] And ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD: for ye have
not walked in my statutes, neither ex-
ecuted my judgments, but have done
after the manners of the heathen that
are round about you.* [13] And it came
to pass, when I prophesied, that Pela-
tiah the son of Benaiah died. Then
fell I down upon my face, and cried
with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord

12. for ye...: or, which have not walked.

GOD! wilt thou make a full end of
the remnant of Israel? 14 Again the
word of the LORD came unto me, say-
ing, 15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even*
thy brethren, the men of thy kindred,
and all the house of Israel wholly, *are*
they unto whom the inhabitants of Je-
rusalem have said, Get you far from
the LORD: unto us is this land given
in possession. 16 Therefore say, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Although I have
cast them far off among the heathen,
and although I have scattered them
among the countries, yet will I be to
them as a little sanctuary in the coun-
tries where they shall come. 17 There-

fore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
I will even gather you from the peo-
ple, and assemble you out of the coun-
tries where ye have been scattered,
and I will give you the land of Israel.
18 And they shall come thither, and
they shall take away all the detestable
things thereof and all the abomina-
tions thereof from thence. 19 And I
will give them one heart, and I will
put a new spirit within you; and I
will take the stony heart out of their
flesh, and will give them an heart of
flesh: 20 That they may walk in my
statutes, and keep mine ordinances,
and do them: and they shall be my

people, and I will be their God. [21] But
as for them whose heart walketh af-
ter the heart of their detestable things
and their abominations, I will recom-
pense their way upon their own heads,
saith the Lord GOD. [22] Then did the
cherubims lift up their wings, and the
wheels beside them; and the glory of
the God of Israel *was* over them above.
[23] And the glory of the LORD went up
from the midst of the city, and stood
upon the mountain which *is* on the
east side of the city. [24] Afterwards the
spirit took me up, and brought me
in a vision by the Spirit of God into
Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So

the vision that I had seen went up from
me. [25] Then I spake unto them of the
captivity all the things that the LORD
had shewed me.

12 The word of the LORD also
came unto me, saying, [2] Son of man,
thou dwellest in the midst of a rebel-
lious house, which have eyes to see,
and see not; they have ears to hear,
and hear not: for they *are* a rebel-
lious house. [3] Therefore, thou son of
man, prepare thee stuff for removing,
and remove by day in their sight; and
thou shalt remove from thy place to
another place in their sight: it may
be they will consider, though they *be*

a rebellious house.* 4 Then shalt thou
bring forth thy stuff by day in their
sight, as stuff for removing: and thou
shalt go forth at even in their sight,
as they that go forth into captivity.*
5 Dig thou through the wall in their
sight, and carry out thereby.* 6 In their
sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoul-
ders, *and* carry *it* forth in the twilight:
thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see
not the ground: for I have set thee *for*
a sign unto the house of Israel. 7 And I
did so as I was commanded: I brought

12.3. stuff: or, instruments.
4. as they...: Heb. as the goings forth of captivity.
5. Dig...: Heb. Dig for thee.

forth my stuff by day, as stuff for cap-
tivity, and in the even I digged through
the wall with mine hand; I brought
it forth in the twilight, *and* I bare
it upon *my* shoulder in their sight.*
8 And in the morning came the word
of the LORD unto me, saying, 9 Son
of man, hath not the house of Israel,
the rebellious house, said unto thee,
What doest thou? 10 Say thou unto
them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; This
burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusa-
lem, and all the house of Israel that *are*
among them. 11 Say, I *am* your sign:
like as I have done, so shall it be done

7. digged: Heb. digged for me.

unto them: they shall remove *and* go
into captivity.* 12 And the prince that
is among them shall bear upon *his*
shoulder in the twilight, and shall go
forth: they shall dig through the wall
to carry out thereby: he shall cover his
face, that he see not the ground with
his eyes. 13 My net also will I spread
upon him, and he shall be taken in my
snare: and I will bring him to Baby-
lon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet
shall he not see it, though he shall die
there. 14 And I will scatter toward ev-
ery wind all that *are* about him to help
him, and all his bands; and I will draw

11. they...: Heb. by removing go into captivity.

out the sword after them. [15] And they
shall know that I *am* the LORD, when
I shall scatter them among the na-
tions, and disperse them in the coun-
tries. [16] But I will leave a few men
of them from the sword, from the
famine, and from the pestilence; that
they may declare all their abomina-
tions among the heathen whither they
come; and they shall know that I *am*
the LORD.* [17] Moreover the word of
the LORD came to me, saying, [18] Son of
man, eat thy bread with quaking, and
drink thy water with trembling and
with carefulness; [19] And say unto the

16. a few...: Heb. men of number.

people of the land, Thus saith the Lord
GOD of the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and of the land of Israel; They shall
eat their bread with carefulness, and
drink their water with astonishment,
that her land may be desolate from all
that is therein, because of the violence
of all them that dwell therein.* [20] And
the cities that are inhabited shall be
laid waste, and the land shall be des-
olate; and ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD. [21] And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, [22] Son of man,
what *is* that proverb *that* ye have in
the land of Israel, saying, The days are

19. all that...: Heb. the fulness thereof.

prolonged, and every vision faileth?
23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; I will make this proverb
to cease, and they shall no more use
it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto
them, The days are at hand, and the ef-
fect of every vision. 24 For there shall be
no more any vain vision nor flattering
divination within the house of Israel.
25 For I *am* the LORD: I will speak, and
the word that I shall speak shall come
to pass; it shall be no more prolonged:
for in your days, O rebellious house,
will I say the word, and will perform
it, saith the Lord GOD. 26 Again the
word of the LORD came to me, say-

ing, [27] Son of man, behold, *they of* the
house of Israel say, The vision that he
seeth *is* for many days *to come*, and he
prophesieth of the times *that are* far
off. [28] Therefore say unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; There shall none
of my words be prolonged any more,
but the word which I have spoken shall
be done, saith the Lord GOD.

13 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, [2] Son of man,
prophesy against the prophets of Israel
that prophesy, and say thou unto them
that prophesy out of their own hearts,

Hear ye the word of the LORD;* 3 Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the
foolish prophets, that follow their own
spirit, and have seen nothing!* 4 O Is-
rael, thy prophets are like the foxes in
the deserts. 5 Ye have not gone up into
the gaps, neither made up the hedge
for the house of Israel to stand in the
battle in the day of the LORD.* 6 They
have seen vanity and lying divination,
saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD

13.2. that prophesy out...: Heb. that are prophets out of their own hearts.

3. follow: Heb. walk after. and...: or, and things which they have not seen.

5. gaps: or, breaches. made...: Heb. hedged the hedge.

hath not sent them: and they have
made *others* to hope that they would
confirm the word. 7 Have ye not seen
a vain vision, and have ye not spoken
a lying divination, whereas ye say, The
LORD saith *it*; albeit I have not spo-
ken? 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Because ye have spoken van-
ity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I
am against you, saith the Lord GOD.
9 And mine hand shall be upon the
prophets that see vanity, and that di-
vine lies: they shall not be in the as-
sembly of my people, neither shall they
be written in the writing of the house
of Israel, neither shall they enter into

the land of Israel; and ye shall know
that I *am* the Lord GOD.* 10 Because,
even because they have seduced my
people, saying, Peace; and *there was*
no peace; and one built up a wall,
and, lo, others daubed it with untem-
pered *morter*:* 11 Say unto them which
daub *it* with untempered *morter*, that
it shall fall: there shall be an overflow-
ing shower; and ye, O great hailstones,
shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend
it. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall
it not be said unto you, Where *is* the
daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it*?

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9. assembly: or, secret, or, counsel.
10. a wall: or, a slight wall.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
I will even rend *it* with a stormy wind
in my fury; and there shall be an over-
flowing shower in mine anger, and
great hailstones in *my* fury to con-
sume *it*. 14 So will I break down the
wall that ye have daubed with untem-
pered *morter*, and bring it down to the
ground, so that the foundation thereof
shall be discovered, and it shall fall,
and ye shall be consumed in the midst
thereof: and ye shall know that I *am*
the LORD. 15 Thus will I accomplish
my wrath upon the wall, and upon
them that have daubed it with untem-
pered *morter*, and will say unto you,

The wall *is* no *more*, neither they that
daubed it; [16] *To wit*, the prophets of Is-
rael which prophesy concerning Jeru-
salem, and which see visions of peace
for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the
Lord GOD. [17] Likewise, thou son of
man, set thy face against the daugh-
ters of thy people, which prophesy out
of their own heart; and prophesy thou
against them, [18] And say, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; Woe to the *women*
that sew pillows to all armholes, and
make kerchiefs upon the head of every
stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the
souls of my people, and will ye save the

souls alive *that come* unto you?* [19] And
will ye pollute me among my people
for handfuls of barley and for pieces
of bread, to slay the souls that should
not die, and to save the souls alive that
should not live, by your lying to my
people that hear *your* lies? [20] Where-
fore thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
hold, I *am* against your pillows, where-
with ye there hunt the souls to make
them fly, and I will tear them from your
arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the
souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly.*
[21] Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and de-

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18. armholes: or, elbows.
20. to make...: or, into gardens.

liver my people out of your hand, and
they shall be no more in your hand to
be hunted; and ye shall know that I
am the LORD. [22] Because with lies ye
have made the heart of the righteous
sad, whom I have not made sad; and
strengthened the hands of the wicked,
that he should not return from his
wicked way, by promising him life:*
[23] Therefore ye shall see no more van-
ity, nor divine divinations: for I will
deliver my people out of your hand:
and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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22. by...: or, that I should save his life: Heb. by quickening him.

14 Then came certain of the el-
ders of Israel unto me, and sat before
me. 2 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man,
these men have set up their idols in
their heart, and put the stumbling-
block of their iniquity before their
face: should I be enquired of at all by
them? 4 Therefore speak unto them,
and say unto them, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Every man of the house
of Israel that setteth up his idols in
his heart, and putteth the stumbling-
block of his iniquity before his face,
and cometh to the prophet; I the

LORD will answer him that cometh ac-
cording to the multitude of his idols;
5 That I may take the house of Israel
in their own heart, because they are
all estranged from me through their
idols. 6 Therefore say unto the house
of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Repent, and turn *yourselves* from your
idols; and turn away your faces from all
your abominations.* 7 For every one of
the house of Israel, or of the stranger
that sojourneth in Israel, which sep-
arateth himself from me, and setteth
up his idols in his heart, and putteth
the stumblingblock of his iniquity be-

14.6. yourselves: or, others.

fore his face, and cometh to a prophet
to enquire of him concerning me; I
the LORD will answer him by myself:
8 And I will set my face against that
man, and will make him a sign and a
proverb, and I will cut him off from
the midst of my people; and ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD. 9 And if
the prophet be deceived when he hath
spoken a thing, I the LORD have de-
ceived that prophet, and I will stretch
out my hand upon him, and will de-
stroy him from the midst of my people
Israel. 10 And they shall bear the pun-
ishment of their iniquity: the punish-
ment of the prophet shall be even as

the punishment of him that seeketh
unto him; [11] That the house of Israel
may go no more astray from me, nei-
ther be polluted any more with all
their transgressions; but that they may
be my people, and I may be their God,
saith the Lord GOD. [12] The word of
the LORD came again to me, saying,
[13] Son of man, when the land sinneth
against me by trespassing grievously,
then will I stretch out mine hand upon
it, and will break the staff of the bread
thereof, and will send famine upon it,
and will cut off man and beast from
it: [14] Though these three men, Noah,
Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should

deliver *but* their own souls by their
righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.
15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass
through the land, and they spoil it, so
that it be desolate, that no man may
pass through because of the beasts:*
16 *Though* these three men *were* in it,
as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they
shall deliver neither sons nor daugh-
ters; they only shall be delivered, but
the land shall be desolate.* 17 Or *if* I
bring a sword upon that land, and
say, Sword, go through the land; so
that I cut off man and beast from it:

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15. spoil: or, bereave.
16. in it: Heb. in the midst of it.

18 Though these three men *were* in it,
as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they
shall deliver neither sons nor daugh-
ters, but they only shall be delivered
themselves. 19 Or *if* I send a pestilence
into that land, and pour out my fury
upon it in blood, to cut off from it man
and beast: 20 Though Noah, Daniel,
and Job, *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the
Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither
son nor daughter; they shall *but* de-
liver their own souls by their righ-
teousness. 21 For thus saith the Lord
GOD; How much more when I send
my four sore judgments upon Jerusa-
lem, the sword, and the famine, and

the noisome beast, and the pestilence,
to cut off from it man and beast?*
22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a
remnant that shall be brought forth,
both sons and daughters: behold, they
shall come forth unto you, and ye shall
see their way and their doings: and ye
shall be comforted concerning the evil
that I have brought upon Jerusalem,
even concerning all that I have brought
upon it. 23 And they shall comfort you,
when ye see their ways and their do-
ings: and ye shall know that I have
not done without cause all that I have
done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

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21. How...: or, Also when.

15 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
What is the vine tree more than any
tree, *or than* a branch which is among
the trees of the forest? 3 Shall wood be
taken thereof to do any work? or will
men take a pin of it to hang any vessel
thereon? 4 Behold, it is cast into the
fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both
the ends of it, and the midst of it is
burned. Is it meet for *any* work?* 5 Be-
hold, when it was whole, it was meet
for no work: how much less shall it
be meet yet for *any* work, when the

15.4. Is it...: Heb. Will it prosper?.

fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?*
6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
As the vine tree among the trees of the
forest, which I have given to the fire
for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants
of Jerusalem. 7 And I will set my face
against them; they shall go out from
one fire, and *another* fire shall devour
them; and ye shall know that I *am*
the LORD, when I set my face against
them. 8 And I will make the land des-
olate, because they have committed a
trespass, saith the Lord GOD.*

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5. meet: Heb. made fit.
8. committed...: Heb. trespassed a trespass.

16 Again the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
cause Jerusalem to know her abomina-
tions, 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord
GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and
thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan;
thy father *was* an Amorite, and thy
mother an Hittite.* 4 And *as for* thy
nativity, in the day thou wast born thy
navel was not cut, neither wast thou
washed in water to supple *thee*; thou
wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at
all.* 5 None eye pitied thee, to do any

16.3. birth: Heb. cutting out, or, habitation.
4. to supple...: or, when I looked upon thee.

of these unto thee, to have compas-
sion upon thee; but thou wast cast out
in the open field, to the lothing of thy
person, in the day that thou wast born.
6 And when I passed by thee, and saw
thee polluted in thine own blood, I
said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy
blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when*
thou wast in thy blood, Live.* 7 I have
caused thee to multiply as the bud of
the field, and thou hast increased and
waxen great, and thou art come to
excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are
fashioned, and thine hair is grown,

6. polluted: or, trodden under foot.

whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.*
8 Now when I passed by thee, and
looked upon thee, behold, thy time
was the time of love; and I spread my
skirt over thee, and covered thy naked-
ness: yea, I sware unto thee, and en-
tered into a covenant with thee, saith
the Lord GOD, and thou becamest
mine. 9 Then washed I thee with wa-
ter; yea, I throughly washed away thy
blood from thee, and I anointed thee
with oil.* 10 I clothed thee also with
broidered work, and shod thee with

7. caused...: Heb. made thee a million. excellent...: Heb. ornament of ornaments.
9. blood: Heb. bloods.

badgers' skin, and I girded thee about
with fine linen, and I covered thee
with silk. 11 I decked thee also with
ornaments, and I put bracelets upon
thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.
12 And I put a jewel on thy forehead,
and earrings in thine ears, and a beau-
tiful crown upon thine head.* 13 Thus
wast thou decked with gold and sil-
ver; and thy raiment *was of* fine linen,
and silk, and broidered work; thou
didst eat fine flour, and honey, and
oil: and thou wast exceeding beauti-
ful, and thou didst prosper into a king-
dom. 14 And thy renown went forth

12. forehead: Heb. nose.

among the heathen for thy beauty:
for it *was* perfect through my come-
liness, which I had put upon thee,
saith the Lord GOD. 15 But thou didst
trust in thine own beauty, and playedst
the harlot because of thy renown, and
pouredst out thy fornications on every
one that passed by; his it was. 16 And
of thy garments thou didst take, and
deckedst thy high places with divers
colours, and playedst the harlot there-
upon: *the like things* shall not come,
neither shall it be *so*. 17 Thou hast also
taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of
my silver, which I had given thee, and
madest to thyself images of men, and

didst commit whoredom with them,*
18 And tookest thy broidered garments,
and coveredst them: and thou hast
set mine oil and mine incense before
them. 19 My meat also which I gave
thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey,
wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even
set it before them for a sweet savour:
and *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD.*
20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons
and thy daughters, whom thou hast
borne unto me, and these hast thou
sacrificed unto them to be devoured.
Is this of thy whoredoms a small mat-

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17. of men: Heb. of a male.
19. a sweet...: Heb. a savour of rest.

ter,* [21] That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause
them to pass through *the fire* for them?
[22] And in all thine abominations and
thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when
thou wast naked and bare, *and* wast
polluted in thy blood. [23] And it came
to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe,
woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD;)
[24] *That* thou hast also built unto thee
an eminent place, and hast made thee
an high place in every street.* [25] Thou
hast built thy high place at every head

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20. to be...: Heb. to devour.
24. eminent...: or, brothel house.

of the way, and hast made thy beauty
to be abhorred, and hast opened thy
feet to every one that passed by, and
multiplied thy whoredoms. [26] Thou
hast also committed fornication with
the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of
flesh; and hast increased thy whore-
doms, to provoke me to anger. [27] Be-
hold, therefore I have stretched out my
hand over thee, and have diminished
thine ordinary *food*, and delivered thee
unto the will of them that hate thee,
the daughters of the Philistines, which
are ashamed of thy lewd way.* [28] Thou
hast played the whore also with the

27. daughters: or, cities.

Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. [29] Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith. [30] How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an imperious whorish woman; [31] In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;* [32] *But as* a

31. In that thou buildest...: or, In thy daughters is

wife that committeth adultery, *which*
taketh strangers instead of her hus-
band! [33] They give gifts to all whores:
but thou givest thy gifts to all thy
lovers, and hirest them, that they may
come unto thee on every side for thy
whoredom.* [34] And the contrary is in
thee from *other* women in thy whore-
doms, whereas none followeth thee to
commit whoredoms: and in that thou
givest a reward, and no reward is given
unto thee, therefore thou art con-
trary. [35] Wherefore, O harlot, hear the
word of the LORD: [36] Thus saith the

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thine, etc.

33. hirest: Heb. bribest.

Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was
poured out, and thy nakedness discov-
ered through thy whoredoms with thy
lovers, and with all the idols of thy
abominations, and by the blood of thy
children, which thou didst give unto
them; 37 Behold, therefore I will gather
all thy lovers, with whom thou hast
taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou
hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast
hated; I will even gather them round
about against thee, and will discover
thy nakedness unto them, that they
may see all thy nakedness. 38 And I will
judge thee, as women that break wed-
lock and shed blood are judged; and

I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.* [39] And I will also give thee into
their hand, and they shall throw down
thine eminent place, and shall break
down thy high places: they shall strip
thee also of thy clothes, and shall take
thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked
and bare.* [40] They shall also bring up
a company against thee, and they shall
stone thee with stones, and thrust thee
through with their swords. [41] And they
shall burn thine houses with fire, and
execute judgments upon thee in the
sight of many women: and I will cause

38. as: Heb. with judgments of.
39. thy fair...: Heb. instruments of thine ornament.

thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire
any more. [42] So will I make my fury
toward thee to rest, and my jealousy
shall depart from thee, and I will be
quiet, and will be no more angry. [43] Because thou hast not remembered the
days of thy youth, but hast fretted me
in all these *things*; behold, therefore
I also will recompense thy way upon
thine head, saith the Lord GOD: and
thou shalt not commit this lewdness
above all thine abominations. [44] Behold, every one that useth proverbs
shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* the mother, *so is* her daugh-

ter. [45] Thou *art* thy mother's daugh-
ter, that lotheth her husband and her
children; and thou *art* the sister of thy
sisters, which lothed their husbands
and their children: your mother *was*
an Hittite, and your father an Amor-
ite. [46] And thine elder sister *is* Samaria,
she and her daughters that dwell at
thy left hand: and thy younger sis-
ter, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is*
Sodom and her daughters.* [47] Yet hast
thou not walked after their ways, nor
done after their abominations: but,
as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou
wast corrupted more than they in all

46. thy younger: Heb. lesser than thou.

thy ways.* [48] *As* I live, saith the Lord
GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not
done, she nor her daughters, as thou
hast done, thou and thy daughters.
[49] Behold, this was the iniquity of thy
sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread,
and abundance of idleness was in her
and in her daughters, neither did she
strengthen the hand of the poor and
needy. [50] And they were haughty, and
committed abomination before me:
therefore I took them away as I saw
good. [51] Neither hath Samaria commit-
ted half of thy sins; but thou hast mul-
tiplied thine abominations more than

47. as if...: or, that was lothed as a small thing.

they, and hast justified thy sisters in all
thine abominations which thou hast
done. [52] Thou also, which hast judged
thy sisters, bear thine own shame for
thy sins that thou hast committed
more abominable than they: they are
more righteous than thou: yea, be
thou confounded also, and bear thy
shame, in that thou hast justified thy
sisters. [53] When I shall bring again
their captivity, the captivity of Sodom
and her daughters, and the captivity
of Samaria and her daughters, then
will I bring again the captivity of thy
captives in the midst of them: [54] That
thou mayest bear thine own shame,

and mayest be confounded in all that
thou hast done, in that thou art a com-
fort unto them. 55 When thy sisters,
Sodom and her daughters, shall return
to their former estate, and Samaria and
her daughters shall return to their for-
mer estate, then thou and thy daugh-
ters shall return to your former es-
tate. 56 For thy sister Sodom was not
mentioned by thy mouth in the day
of thy pride,* 57 Before thy wickedness
was discovered, as at the time of *thy*
reproach of the daughters of Syria,
and all *that are* round about her, the

56. mentioned: Heb. for a report, or, hearing. pride: Heb. prides, or, excellencies.

daughters of the Philistines, which de-
spise thee round about.* 58 Thou hast
borne thy lewdness and thine abom-
inations, saith the LORD.* 59 For thus
saith the Lord GOD; I will even deal
with thee as thou hast done, which
hast despised the oath in breaking the
covenant. 60 Nevertheless I will re-
member my covenant with thee in the
days of thy youth, and I will estab-
lish unto thee an everlasting covenant.
61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways,
and be ashamed, when thou shalt re-
ceive thy sisters, thine elder and thy

57. Syria: Heb. Aram. despise: or, spoil.
58. borne: Heb. borne them.

younger: and I will give them unto
thee for daughters, but not by thy
covenant. 62 And I will establish my
covenant with thee; and thou shalt
know that I *am* the LORD: 63 That
thou mayest remember, and be con-
founded, and never open thy mouth
any more because of thy shame, when
I am pacified toward thee for all that
thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.

17 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
put forth a riddle, and speak a para-
ble unto the house of Israel; 3 And
say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A

great eagle with great wings, long-
winged, full of feathers, which had
divers colours, came unto Lebanon,
and took the highest branch of the
cedar:* 4 He cropped off the top of
his young twigs, and carried it into
a land of traffick; he set it in a city
of merchants. 5 He took also of the
seed of the land, and planted it in a
fruitful field; he placed *it* by great wa-
ters, *and* set it *as* a willow tree.* 6 And
it grew, and became a spreading vine
of low stature, whose branches turned
toward him, and the roots thereof

17.3. divers...: Heb. embroidering.
5. planted...: Heb. put it in a field of seed.

were under him: so it became a vine,
and brought forth branches, and shot
forth sprigs. 7 There was also another
great eagle with great wings and many
feathers: and, behold, this vine did
bend her roots toward him, and shot
forth her branches toward him, that
he might water it by the furrows of
her plantation. 8 It was planted in a
good soil by great waters, that it might
bring forth branches, and that it might
bear fruit, that it might be a goodly
vine.* 9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Shall it prosper? shall he not
pull up the roots thereof, and cut off

8. soil: Heb. field.

the fruit thereof, that it wither? it
shall wither in all the leaves of her
spring, even without great power or
many people to pluck it up by the roots
thereof. 10 Yea, behold, *being* planted,
shall it prosper? shall it not utterly
wither, when the east wind toucheth
it? it shall wither in the furrows where
it grew. 11 Moreover the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, 12 Say
now to the rebellious house, Know ye
not what these *things mean*? tell *them*,
Behold, the king of Babylon is come
to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king
thereof, and the princes thereof, and
led them with him to Babylon; 13 And

hath taken of the king's seed, and made
a covenant with him, and hath taken
an oath of him: he hath also taken
the mighty of the land:* 14 That the
kingdom might be base, that it might
not lift itself up, *but* that by keep-
ing of his covenant it might stand.*
15 But he rebelled against him in send-
ing his ambassadors into Egypt, that
they might give him horses and much
people. Shall he prosper? shall he es-
cape that doeth such *things*? or shall he
break the covenant, and be delivered?
16 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely

13. taken an...: Heb. brought him to an oath.
14. but...: Heb. to keep his covenant, to stand to it.

in the place *where* the king *dwelleth*
that made him king, whose oath he de-
spised, and whose covenant he brake,
even with him in the midst of Babylon
he shall die. [17] Neither shall Pharaoh
with *his* mighty army and great com-
pany make for him in the war, by
casting up mounts, and building forts,
to cut off many persons: [18] Seeing
he despised the oath by breaking the
covenant, when, lo, he had given his
hand, and hath done all these *things*,
he shall not escape. [19] Therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD; *As* I live, surely
mine oath that he hath despised, and
my covenant that he hath broken, even

it will I recompense upon his own
head. [20] And I will spread my net upon
him, and he shall be taken in my snare,
and I will bring him to Babylon, and
will plead with him there for his tres-
pass that he hath trespassed against
me. [21] And all his fugitives with all his
bands shall fall by the sword, and they
that remain shall be scattered toward
all winds: and ye shall know that I
the LORD have spoken *it*. [22] Thus saith
the Lord GOD; I will also take of the
highest branch of the high cedar, and
will set *it*; I will crop off from the top
of his young twigs a tender one, and
will plant *it* upon an high mountain

and eminent: [23] In the mountain of
the height of Israel will I plant it: and
it shall bring forth boughs, and bear
fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and un-
der it shall dwell all fowl of every wing;
in the shadow of the branches thereof
shall they dwell. [24] And all the trees of
the field shall know that I the LORD
have brought down the high tree, have
exalted the low tree, have dried up the
green tree, and have made the dry tree
to flourish: I the LORD have spoken
and have done *it*.

18 The word of the LORD came
unto me again, saying, [2] What mean
ye, that ye use this proverb concern-

ing the land of Israel, saying, The fa-
thers have eaten sour grapes, and the
children's teeth are set on edge? 3 *As*
I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall
not have *occasion* any more to use this
proverb in Israel. 4 Behold, all souls
are mine; as the soul of the father, so
also the soul of the son is mine: the
soul that sinneth, it shall die. 5 But
if a man be just, and do that which is
lawful and right,* 6 *And* hath not eaten
upon the mountains, neither hath
lifted up his eyes to the idols of the
house of Israel, neither hath defiled his
neighbour's wife, neither hath come

18.5. that...: Heb. judgment and justice.

near to a menstruous woman, 7 And
hath not oppressed any, *but* hath re-
stored to the debtor his pledge, hath
spoiled none by violence, hath given
his bread to the hungry, and hath cov-
ered the naked with a garment; 8 He
that hath not given forth upon usury,
neither hath taken any increase, *that*
hath withdrawn his hand from iniq-
uity, hath executed true judgment be-
tween man and man, 9 Hath walked
in my statutes, and hath kept my judg-
ments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall
surely live, saith the Lord GOD. 10 If
he beget a son *that is* a robber, a shed-
der of blood, and *that* doeth the like

to *any* one of these *things*,* [11] And that
doeth not any of those *duties*, but even
hath eaten upon the mountains, and
defiled his neighbour's wife, [12] Hath
oppressed the poor and needy, hath
spoiled by violence, hath not restored
the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes
to the idols, hath committed abomi-
nation, [13] Hath given forth upon usury,
and hath taken increase: shall he then
live? he shall not live: he hath done
all these abominations; he shall surely

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10. robber: or, breaker up of an house. that doeth...: or, that doeth to his brother besides any of these.

die; his blood shall be upon him.*
14 Now, lo, *if* he beget a son, that seeth
all his father's sins which he hath done,
and considereth, and doeth not such
like, 15 *That* hath not eaten upon the
mountains, neither hath lifted up his
eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,
hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,
16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath not
withholden the pledge, neither hath
spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his
bread to the hungry, and hath cov-
ered the naked with a garment,* 17 *That*

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13. blood: Heb. bloods.
16. hath not...: Heb. hath not pledged the pledge, or, taken to pledge.

hath taken off his hand from the poor,
that hath not received usury nor in-
crease, hath executed my judgments,
hath walked in my statutes; he shall
not die for the iniquity of his father,
he shall surely live. [18] *As for* his father,
because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled
his brother by violence, and did *that*
which *is* not good among his peo-
ple, lo, even he shall die in his iniq-
uity. [19] Yet say ye, Why? doth not
the son bear the iniquity of the fa-
ther? When the son hath done that
which is lawful and right, *and* hath
kept all my statutes, and hath done
them, he shall surely live. [20] The soul

that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall
not bear the iniquity of the father,
neither shall the father bear the iniq-
uity of the son: the righteousness of
the righteous shall be upon him, and
the wickedness of the wicked shall be
upon him. 21 But if the wicked will turn
from all his sins that he hath commit-
ted, and keep all my statutes, and do
that which is lawful and right, he shall
surely live, he shall not die. 22 All his
transgressions that he hath commit-
ted, they shall not be mentioned unto
him: in his righteousness that he hath
done he shall live. 23 Have I any plea-
sure at all that the wicked should die?

saith the Lord GOD: *and* not that
he should return from his ways, and
live? [24] But when the righteous turneth
away from his righteousness, and com-
mitteth iniquity, *and* doeth accord-
ing to all the abominations that the
wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? All
his righteousness that he hath done
shall not be mentioned: in his trespass
that he hath trespassed, and in his sin
that he hath sinned, in them shall he
die. [25] Yet ye say, The way of the Lord
is not equal. Hear now, O house of
Israel; Is not my way equal? are not
your ways unequal? [26] When a righ-
teous *man* turneth away from his righ-

teousness, and committeth iniquity,
and dieth in them; for his iniquity that
he hath done shall he die. [27] Again,
when the wicked *man* turneth away
from his wickedness that he hath com-
mitted, and doeth that which is lawful
and right, he shall save his soul alive.
[28] Because he considereth, and turneth
away from all his transgressions that
he hath committed, he shall surely live,
he shall not die. [29] Yet saith the house
of Israel, The way of the Lord is not
equal. O house of Israel, are not my
ways equal? are not your ways un-
equal? [30] Therefore I will judge you,
O house of Israel, every one accord-

ing to his ways, saith the Lord GOD.
Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all
your transgressions; so iniquity shall
not be your ruin.* [31] Cast away from
you all your transgressions, whereby ye
have transgressed; and make you a new
heart and a new spirit: for why will ye
die, O house of Israel? [32] For I have no
pleasure in the death of him that dieth,
saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn
yourselves, and live ye.*

19 Moreover take thou up a
lamentation for the princes of Israel,

30. yourselves: or, others.
32. yourselves: or, others.

2 And say, What *is* thy mother? A lioness: she lay down among lions, she
nourished her whelps among young lions. 3 And she brought up one of
her whelps: it became a young lion,
and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men. 4 The nations also heard
of him; he was taken in their pit, and
they brought him with chains unto
the land of Egypt. 5 Now when she
saw that she had waited, *and* her hope
was lost, then she took another of her
whelps, *and* made him a young lion.
6 And he went up and down among
the lions, he became a young lion,
and learned to catch the prey, *and* de-

voured men. 7 And he knew their des-
olate palaces, and he laid waste their
cities; and the land was desolate, and
the fulness thereof, by the noise of his
roaring.* 8 Then the nations set against
him on every side from the provinces,
and spread their net over him: he was
taken in their pit. 9 And they put him
in ward in chains, and brought him
to the king of Babylon: they brought
him into holds, that his voice should
no more be heard upon the mountains
of Israel.* 10 Thy mother *is* like a vine

19.7. their desolate...: or, their widows. the fulness...: or, all it containeth.

9. in chains: or, in hooks.

in thy blood, planted by the waters:
she was fruitful and full of branches by
reason of many waters.* 11 And she had
strong rods for the sceptres of them
that bare rule, and her stature was ex-
alted among the thick branches, and
she appeared in her height with the
multitude of her branches. 12 But she
was plucked up in fury, she was cast
down to the ground, and the east wind
dried up her fruit: her strong rods were
broken and withered; the fire con-
sumed them. 13 And now she *is* planted
in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty
ground. 14 And fire is gone out of a rod

10. in...: or, in thy quietness, or, in thy likeness.

of her branches, *which* hath devoured
her fruit, so that she hath no strong
rod *to be* a sceptre to rule. This *is* a
lamentation, and shall be for a lamen-
tation.

20 And it came to pass in the sev-
enth year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth
day of the month, *that* certain of the
elders of Israel came to enquire of the
LORD, and sat before me. 2 Then came
the word of the LORD unto me, saying,
3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of
Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; Are ye come to en-
quire of me? *As* I live, saith the Lord
GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man,
wilt thou judge *them*? cause them
to know the abominations of their
fathers:* 5 And say unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; In the day when
I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand
unto the seed of the house of Jacob,
and made myself known unto them
in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up
mine hand unto them, saying, I *am*
the LORD your God;* 6 In the day *that*
I lifted up mine hand unto them, to
bring them forth of the land of Egypt
into a land that I had espied for them,

20.4. Wilt...: or, Wilt thou plead for them.
5. lifted...: or, sware.

flowing with milk and honey, which
is the glory of all lands: 7 Then said I
unto them, Cast ye away every man the
abominations of his eyes, and defile
not yourselves with the idols of Egypt:
I *am* the LORD your God. 8 But they
rebelled against me, and would not
hearken unto me: they did not ev-
ery man cast away the abominations of
their eyes, neither did they forsake the
idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour
out my fury upon them, to accomplish
my anger against them in the midst of
the land of Egypt. 9 But I wrought for
my name's sake, that it should not be
polluted before the heathen, among

whom they *were*, in whose sight I made
myself known unto them, in bringing
them forth out of the land of Egypt.
10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth
out of the land of Egypt, and brought
them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave
them my statutes, and shewed them
my judgments, which *if* a man do,
he shall even live in them.* 12 More-
over also I gave them my sabbaths,
to be a sign between me and them,
that they might know that I *am* the
LORD that sanctify them. 13 But the
house of Israel rebelled against me in
the wilderness: they walked not in my

11. shewed...: Heb. made them to know.

statutes, and they despised my judg-
ments, which *if* a man do, he shall
even live in them; and my sabbaths
they greatly polluted: then I said, I
would pour out my fury upon them
in the wilderness, to consume them.
14 But I wrought for my name's sake,
that it should not be polluted before
the heathen, in whose sight I brought
them out. 15 Yet also I lifted up my
hand unto them in the wilderness,
that I would not bring them into the
land which I had given *them*, flow-
ing with milk and honey, which *is*
the glory of all lands; 16 Because they
despised my judgments, and walked

not in my statutes, but polluted my
sabbaths: for their heart went after
their idols. 17 Nevertheless mine eye
spared them from destroying them,
neither did I make an end of them
in the wilderness. 18 But I said unto
their children in the wilderness, Walk
ye not in the statutes of your fathers,
neither observe their judgments, nor
defile yourselves with their idols: 19 I
am the LORD your God; walk in my
statutes, and keep my judgments, and
do them; 20 And hallow my sabbaths;
and they shall be a sign between me
and you, that ye may know that I *am*
the LORD your God. 21 Notwithstand-

ing the children rebelled against me:
they walked not in my statutes, nei-
ther kept my judgments to do them,
which *if* a man do, he shall even live
in them; they polluted my sabbaths:
then I said, I would pour out my fury
upon them, to accomplish my anger
against them in the wilderness. 22 Nev-
ertheless I withdrew mine hand, and
wrought for my name's sake, that it
should not be polluted in the sight of
the heathen, in whose sight I brought
them forth. 23 I lifted up mine hand
unto them also in the wilderness, that
I would scatter them among the hea-
then, and disperse them through the

countries; [24] Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised
my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fa-
thers' idols. [25] Wherefore I gave them
also statutes *that were* not good, and
judgments whereby they should not
live; [26] And I polluted them in their
own gifts, in that they caused to pass
through *the fire* all that openeth the
womb, that I might make them deso-
late, to the end that they might know
that I *am* the LORD. [27] Therefore, son
of man, speak unto the house of Is-
rael, and say unto them, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; Yet in this your fa-

thers have blasphemed me, in that
they have committed a trespass against
me.* [28] *For* when I had brought them
into the land, *for* the which I lifted up
mine hand to give it to them, then they
saw every high hill, and all the thick
trees, and they offered there their sac-
rifices, and there they presented the
provocation of their offering: there
also they made their sweet savour, and
poured out there their drink offerings.
[29] Then I said unto them, What *is* the
high place whereunto ye go? And the
name thereof is called Bamah unto

27. committed...: Heb. trespassed a trespass.

this day.* 30 Wherefore say unto the
house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Are ye polluted after the man-
ner of your fathers? and commit ye
whoredom after their abominations?
31 For when ye offer your gifts, when
ye make your sons to pass through
the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all
your idols, even unto this day: and
shall I be enquired of by you, O house
of Israel? *As* I live, saith the Lord
GOD, I will not be enquired of by
you. 32 And that which cometh into
your mind shall not be at all, that

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29. I said...: or, I told them what the high place was, or, Bamah.

ye say, We will be as the heathen, as
the families of the countries, to serve
wood and stone. 33 *As* I live, saith
the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty
hand, and with a stretched out arm,
and with fury poured out, will I rule
over you: 34 And I will bring you out
from the people, and will gather you
out of the countries wherein ye are
scattered, with a mighty hand, and
with a stretched out arm, and with
fury poured out. 35 And I will bring
you into the wilderness of the people,
and there will I plead with you face to
face. 36 Like as I pleaded with your fa-
thers in the wilderness of the land of

Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith
the Lord GOD. 37 And I will cause you
to pass under the rod, and I will bring
you into the bond of the covenant:*
38 And I will purge out from among you
the rebels, and them that transgress
against me: I will bring them forth out
of the country where they sojourn, and
they shall not enter into the land of Is-
rael: and ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD. 39 As for you, O house of Is-
rael, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye,
serve ye every one his idols, and here-
after *also*, if ye will not hearken unto
me: but pollute ye my holy name no

37. bond: or, delivering.

more with your gifts, and with your
idols. 40 For in mine holy mountain,
in the mountain of the height of Is-
rael, saith the Lord GOD, there shall
all the house of Israel, all of them in
the land, serve me: there will I accept
them, and there will I require your of-
ferings, and the firstfruits of your obla-
tions, with all your holy things.* 41 I
will accept you with your sweet savour,
when I bring you out from the people,
and gather you out of the countries
wherein ye have been scattered; and
I will be sanctified in you before the

40. firstfruits: or, chief.

heathen.* 42 And ye shall know that I
am the LORD, when I shall bring you
into the land of Israel, into the coun-
try *for* the which I lifted up mine hand
to give it to your fathers. 43 And there
shall ye remember your ways, and all
your doings, wherein ye have been de-
filed; and ye shall lothe yourselves in
your own sight for all your evils that
ye have committed. 44 And ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD, when I
have wrought with you for my name's
sake, not according to your wicked
ways, nor according to your corrupt
doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the

41. sweet...: Heb. savour of rest.

Lord GOD. [45] Moreover the word of
the LORD came unto me, saying, [46] Son
of man, set thy face toward the south,
and drop *thy word* toward the south,
and prophesy against the forest of the
south field; [47] And say to the forest of
the south, Hear the word of the LORD;
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I
will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall
devour every green tree in thee, and
every dry tree: the flaming flame shall
not be quenched, and all faces from
the south to the north shall be burned
therein. [48] And all flesh shall see that I
the LORD have kindled it: it shall not
be quenched. [49] Then said I, Ah Lord

GOD! they say of me, Doth he not
speak parables?

21 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
set thy face toward Jerusalem, and
drop *thy word* toward the holy places,
and prophesy against the land of Israel,
3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus
saith the LORD; Behold, I *am* against
thee, and will draw forth my sword out
of his sheath, and will cut off from thee
the righteous and the wicked. 4 See-
ing then that I will cut off from thee
the righteous and the wicked, there-
fore shall my sword go forth out of his

sheath against all flesh from the south
to the north: 5 That all flesh may know
that I the LORD have drawn forth my
sword out of his sheath: it shall not re-
turn any more. 6 Sigh therefore, thou
son of man, with the breaking of *thy*
loins; and with bitterness sigh before
their eyes. 7 And it shall be, when
they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest
thou? that thou shalt answer, For the
tidings; because it cometh: and every
heart shall melt, and all hands shall be
feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and
all knees shall be weak *as* water: be-
hold, it cometh, and shall be brought

to pass, saith the Lord GOD.* 8 Again
the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying, 9 Son of man, prophesy,
and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A
sword, a sword is sharpened, and also
furbished: 10 It is sharpened to make
a sore slaughter; it is furbished that
it may glitter: should we then make
mirth? it contemneth the rod of my
son, *as* every tree.* 11 And he hath given
it to be furbished, that it may be han-
dled: this sword is sharpened, and it
is furbished, to give it into the hand

21.7. shall be weak...: Heb. shall go into water.
10. it contemneth...: or, it is the rod of my son, it despiseth every tree.

of the slayer. [12] Cry and howl, son of
man: for it shall be upon my people, it
shall be upon all the princes of Israel:
terrors by reason of the sword shall
be upon my people: smite therefore
upon *thy* thigh.* [13] Because *it is* a trial,
and what if *the sword* contemn even
the rod? it shall be no *more*, saith the
Lord GOD.* [14] Thou therefore, son of
man, prophesy, and smite *thine* hands
together, and let the sword be doubled
the third time, the sword of the slain:

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12. terrors...: or, they are thrust down to the sword with my people.

13. Because...: or, When the trial hath been, what then? shall they not also belong to the despising rod?.

it *is* the sword of the great *men that are*
slain, which entereth into their privy
chambers.* [15] I have set the point of
the sword against all their gates, that
their heart may faint, and *their* ruins
be multiplied: ah! *it is* made bright, *it*
is wrapped up for the slaughter.* [16] Go
thee one way or other, *either* on the
right hand, *or* on the left, whithersoever thy face *is* set.* [17] I will also smite
mine hands together, and I will cause
my fury to rest: I the LORD have said

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14. hands...: Heb. hand to hand.

15. point: or, glittering, or, fear. wrapped up: or, sharpened.

16. or on...: Heb. set thyself, take the left hand.

it. [18] The word of the LORD came
unto me again, saying, [19] Also, thou
son of man, appoint thee two ways,
that the sword of the king of Baby-
lon may come: both twain shall come
forth out of one land: and choose thou
a place, choose *it* at the head of the
way to the city. [20] Appoint a way, that
the sword may come to Rabbath of
the Ammonites, and to Judah in Je-
rusalem the defenced. [21] For the king
of Babylon stood at the parting of the
way, at the head of the two ways, to use
divination: he made *his* arrows bright,
he consulted with images, he looked

in the liver.* 22 At his right hand was
the divination for Jerusalem, to ap-
point captains, to open the mouth in
the slaughter, to lift up the voice with
shouting, to appoint *battering* rams
against the gates, to cast a mount, *and*
to build a fort.* 23 And it shall be unto
them as a false divination in their sight,
to them that have sworn oaths: but he
will call to remembrance the iniquity,
that they may be taken.* 24 Therefore
thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye

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21. parting of: Heb. mother of. arrows: or, knives. images: Heb. teraphim.
22. captains: or, battering rams: Heb. rams.
23. to them...: or, for the oaths made unto them.

have made your iniquity to be remem-
bered, in that your transgressions are
discovered, so that in all your doings
your sins do appear; because, *I say*,
that ye are come to remembrance, ye
shall be taken with the hand. [25] And
thou, profane wicked prince of Israel,
whose day is come, when iniquity *shall
have* an end, [26] Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Remove the diadem, and take
off the crown: this *shall* not *be* the
same: exalt *him that is* low, and abase
him that is high. [27] I will overturn, over-
turn, overturn, it: and it shall be no
more, until he come whose right it is;

and I will give it *him*.* [28] And thou,
son of man, prophesy and say, Thus
saith the Lord GOD concerning the
Ammonites, and concerning their re-
proach; even say thou, The sword, the
sword *is* drawn: for the slaughter *it*
is furbished, to consume because of
the glittering: [29] Whiles they see vanity
unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto
thee, to bring thee upon the necks
of *them that are* slain, of the wicked,
whose day is come, when their iniq-
uity *shall have* an end. [30] Shall I cause *it*
to return into his sheath? I will judge

27. I will overturn...: Heb. Perverted, perverted, perverted, will I make it.

thee in the place where thou wast cre-
ated, in the land of thy nativity.* [31] And
I will pour out mine indignation upon
thee, I will blow against thee in the fire
of my wrath, and deliver thee into the
hand of brutish men, *and* skilful to de-
stroy.* [32] Thou shalt be for fuel to the
fire; thy blood shall be in the midst
of the land; thou shalt be no *more* re-
membered: for I the LORD have spo-
ken *it*.

22 Moreover the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, [2] Now,
thou son of man, wilt thou judge,

30. Shall...: or, Cause it to return.
31. brutish: or, burning.

wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea,
thou shalt shew her all her abomina-
tions.* 3 Then say thou, Thus saith the
Lord GOD, The city sheddeth blood
in the midst of it, that her time may
come, and maketh idols against her-
self to defile herself. 4 Thou art be-
come guilty in thy blood that thou
hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in
thine idols which thou hast made; and
thou hast caused thy days to draw
near, and art come *even* unto thy years:
therefore have I made thee a reproach
unto the heathen, and a mocking to

22.2. judge: or, plead for. bloody...: Heb. city of bloods?. shew her: Heb. make her know.

all countries. [5] *Those that be* near,
and *those that be* far from thee, shall
mock thee, *which art* infamous *and*
much vexed.* [6] Behold, the princes of
Israel, every one were in thee to their
power to shed blood.* [7] In thee have
they set light by father and mother:
in the midst of thee have they dealt
by oppression with the stranger: in
thee have they vexed the fatherless
and the widow.* [8] Thou hast despised
mine holy things, and hast profaned

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5. infamous...: Heb. polluted of name, much in vexation.
6. power: Heb. arm.
7. oppression: or, deceit.

my sabbaths. 9 In thee are men that
carry tales to shed blood: and in thee
they eat upon the mountains: in the
midst of thee they commit lewdness.*
10 In thee have they discovered their fa-
thers' nakedness: in thee have they
humbled her that was set apart for
pollution. 11 And one hath commit-
ted abomination with his neighbour's
wife; and another hath lewdly defiled
his daughter in law; and another in
thee hath humbled his sister, his fa-
ther's daughter.* 12 In thee have they

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9. that...: Heb. of slanders.

11. one: or, every one. another: or, every one. lewdly: or, by lewdness.

taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast
taken usury and increase, and thou
hast greedily gained of thy neighbours
by extortion, and hast forgotten me,
saith the Lord GOD. 13 Behold, there-
fore I have smitten mine hand at thy
dishonest gain which thou hast made,
and at thy blood which hath been in
the midst of thee. 14 Can thine heart
endure, or can thine hands be strong,
in the days that I shall deal with thee?
I the LORD have spoken *it*, and will
do *it*. 15 And I will scatter thee among
the heathen, and disperse thee in the
countries, and will consume thy filth-
iness out of thee. 16 And thou shalt

take thine inheritance in thyself in the
sight of the heathen, and thou shalt
know that I *am* the LORD.* [17] And the
word of the LORD came unto me, sa-
ying, [18] Son of man, the house of Israel
is to me become dross: all they *are*
brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in
the midst of the furnace; they are *even*
the dross of silver.* [19] Therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are
all become dross, behold, therefore I
will gather you into the midst of Je-
rusalem. [20] *As* they gather silver, and
brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into

16. shalt take...: or, shalt be profaned.
18. dross of silver: Heb. drosses, etc.

the midst of the furnace, to blow the
fire upon it, to melt *it*; so will I gather
you in mine anger and in my fury, and
I will leave *you there*, and melt you.*
21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon
you in the fire of my wrath, and ye
shall be melted in the midst thereof.
22 As silver is melted in the midst of
the furnace, so shall ye be melted in
the midst thereof; and ye shall know
that I the LORD have poured out my
fury upon you. 23 And the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, 24 Son of
man, say unto her, Thou *art* the land
that is not cleansed, nor rained upon

20. As...: Heb. According to the gathering.

in the day of indignation. [25] *There*
is a conspiracy of her prophets in
the midst thereof, like a roaring lion
ravening the prey; they have devoured
souls; they have taken the treasure and
precious things; they have made her
many widows in the midst thereof.
[26] Her priests have violated my law, and
have profaned mine holy things: they
have put no difference between the
holy and profane, neither have they
shewed *difference* between the unclean
and the clean, and have hid their eyes
from my sabbaths, and I am profaned
among them.* [27] Her princes in the

26. violated: Heb. offered violence to.

midst thereof *are* like wolves raven-
ing the prey, to shed blood, *and* to
destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.
28 And her prophets have daubed them
with untempered *morter*, seeing van-
ity, and divining lies unto them, say-
ing, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when
the LORD hath not spoken. 29 The
people of the land have used oppres-
sion, and exercised robbery, and have
vexed the poor and needy: yea, they
have oppressed the stranger wrong-
fully.* 30 And I sought for a man among
them, that should make up the hedge,

29. oppression: or, deceit. wrongfully: Heb. without right.

and stand in the gap before me for the
land, that I should not destroy it: but I
found none. 31 Therefore have I poured
out mine indignation upon them; I
have consumed them with the fire of
my wrath: their own way have I rec-
ompensed upon their heads, saith the
Lord GOD.

23 The word of the LORD came
again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
there were two women, the daughters
of one mother: 3 And they committed
whoredoms in Egypt; they commit-
ted whoredoms in their youth: there
were their breasts pressed, and there

they bruised the teats of their virginity.
4 And the names of them *were* Aho-
lah the elder, and Aholibah her sis-
ter: and they were mine, and they bare
sons and daughters. Thus *were* their
names; Samaria *is* Aholah, and Jerusa-
lem Aholibah.* 5 And Aholah played
the harlot when she was mine; and she
doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians
her neighbours, 6 *Which were* clothed
with blue, captains and rulers, all of
them desirable young men, horsemen
riding upon horses. 7 Thus she com-
mitted her whoredoms with them,

23.4. Aholah: that is, His tent, or, tabernacle. Aholibah: that is, My tabernacle in her.

with all them *that were* the chosen
men of Assyria, and with all on whom
she doted: with all their idols she
defiled herself.* 8 Neither left she her
whoredoms *brought* from Egypt: for
in her youth they lay with her, and
they bruised the breasts of her vir-
ginity, and poured their whoredom
upon her. 9 Wherefore I have deliv-
ered her into the hand of her lovers,
into the hand of the Assyrians, upon
whom she doted. 10 These discov-
ered her nakedness: they took her

7. committed...: Heb. bestowed her whoredoms upon them. the chosen...: Heb. the choice of the children of Asshur.

sons and her daughters, and slew her
with the sword: and she became fa-
mous among women; for they had
executed judgment upon her.* 11 And
when her sister Aholibah saw *this*, she
was more corrupt in her inordinate
love than she, and in her whoredoms
more than her sister in *her* whore-
doms.* 12 She doted upon the As-
syrians *her* neighbours, captains and
rulers clothed most gorgeously, horse-
men riding upon horses, all of them

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10. famous: Heb. a name.

11. she was...: Heb. she corrupted her inordinate love more than, etc. more than...: Heb. more than the whoredoms of her sister.

desirable young men. [13] Then I saw
that she was defiled, *that* they *took*
both one way, [14] And *that* she in-
creased her whoredoms: for when she
saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the
images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed
with vermilion, [15] Girded with girdles
upon their loins, exceeding in dyed
attire upon their heads, all of them
princes to look to, after the manner
of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the
land of their nativity: [16] And as soon
as she saw them with her eyes, she
doted upon them, and sent messen-
gers unto them into Chaldea.* [17] And

16. as soon...: Heb. at the sight of her eyes.

the Babylonians came to her into the
bed of love, and they defiled her with
their whoredom, and she was polluted
with them, and her mind was alien-
ated from them.* [18] So she discovered
her whoredoms, and discovered her
nakedness: then my mind was alien-
ated from her, like as my mind was
alienated from her sister. [19] Yet she
multiplied her whoredoms, in calling
to remembrance the days of her youth,
wherein she had played the harlot in
the land of Egypt. [20] For she doted
upon their paramours, whose flesh *is*

17. Babylonians: Heb. children of Babel. alienated: Heb. loosed, or, disjointed.

as the flesh of asses, and whose issue
is like the issue of horses. [21] Thus thou
calledst to remembrance the lewdness
of thy youth, in bruising thy teats
by the Egyptians for the paps of thy
youth. [22] Therefore, O Aholibah, thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will
raise up thy lovers against thee, from
whom thy mind is alienated, and I
will bring them against thee on ev-
ery side; [23] The Babylonians, and all the
Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa,
and all the Assyrians with them: all
of them desirable young men, captains
and rulers, great lords and renowned,
all of them riding upon horses. [24] And

they shall come against thee with
chariots, wagons, and wheels, and
with an assembly of people, *which* shall
set against thee buckler and shield and
helmet round about: and I will set
judgment before them, and they shall
judge thee according to their judg-
ments. [25] And I will set my jealousy
against thee, and they shall deal furi-
ously with thee: they shall take away
thy nose and thine ears; and thy rem-
nant shall fall by the sword: they shall
take thy sons and thy daughters; and
thy residue shall be devoured by the
fire. [26] They shall also strip thee out of
thy clothes, and take away thy fair jew-

els.* [27] Thus will I make thy lewdness to
cease from thee, and thy whoredom
brought from the land of Egypt: so
that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes
unto them, nor remember Egypt any
more. [28] For thus saith the Lord GOD;
Behold, I will deliver thee into the
hand *of them* whom thou hatest, into
the hand *of them* from whom thy mind
is alienated: [29] And they shall deal with
thee hatefully, and shall take away all
thy labour, and shall leave thee naked
and bare: and the nakedness of thy
whoredoms shall be discovered, both
thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. [30] I

26. fair...: Heb. instruments of thy decking.

will do these *things* unto thee, because
thou hast gone a whoring after the
heathen, *and* because thou art pol-
luted with their idols. 31 Thou hast
walked in the way of thy sister; there-
fore will I give her cup into thine hand.
32 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou
shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and
large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn
and had in derision; it containeth
much. 33 Thou shalt be filled with
drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup
of astonishment and desolation, with
the cup of thy sister Samaria. 34 Thou
shalt even drink it and suck *it* out, and
thou shalt break the sherds thereof,

and pluck off thine own breasts: for
I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.
35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
Because thou hast forgotten me, and
cast me behind thy back, therefore
bear thou also thy lewdness and thy
whoredoms. 36 The LORD said more-
over unto me; Son of man, wilt thou
judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, de-
clare unto them their abominations;*
37 That they have committed adultery,
and blood *is* in their hands, and with
their idols have they committed adul-
tery, and have also caused their sons,
whom they bare unto me, to pass for

36. judge: or, plead for.

them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.
38 Moreover this they have done unto
me: they have defiled my sanctuary in
the same day, and have profaned my
sabbaths. 39 For when they had slain
their children to their idols, then they
came the same day into my sanctu-
ary to profane it; and, lo, thus have
they done in the midst of mine house.
40 And furthermore, that ye have sent
for men to come from far, unto whom
a messenger *was* sent; and, lo, they
came: for whom thou didst wash thy-
self, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst
thyself with ornaments,* 41 And sat-

40. to come: Heb. coming.

est upon a stately bed, and a table
prepared before it, whereupon thou
hast set mine incense and mine oil.*
42 And a voice of a multitude being
at ease *was* with her: and with the
men of the common sort *were* brought
Sabeans from the wilderness, which
put bracelets upon their hands, and
beautiful crowns upon their heads.*
43 Then said I unto *her that was* old
in adulteries, Will they now commit
whoredoms with her, and she *with*

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41. stately: Heb. honourable.
42. of the...: Heb. of the multitude of men. Sabeans: or, drunkards.

them?* 44 Yet they went in unto her, as
they go in unto a woman that playeth
the harlot: so went they in unto Aho-
lah and unto Aholibah, the lewd wo-
men. 45 And the righteous men, they
shall judge them after the manner
of adulteresses, and after the manner
of women that shed blood; because
they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in
their hands. 46 For thus saith the Lord
GOD; I will bring up a company upon
them, and will give them to be re-
moved and spoiled.* 47 And the com-
pany shall stone them with stones, and

43. whoredoms...: Heb. her whoredoms.
46. to be...: Heb. for a removing and spoil.

dispatch them with their swords; they
shall slay their sons and their daugh-
ters, and burn up their houses with
fire.* 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to
cease out of the land, that all women
may be taught not to do after your
lewdness. 49 And they shall recom-
pense your lewdness upon you, and ye
shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye
shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

24 Again in the ninth year, in the
tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the
month, the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, write

47. dispatch...: or, single them out.

thee the name of the day, *even* of this
same day: the king of Babylon set him-
self against Jerusalem this same day.
3 And utter a parable unto the rebel-
lious house, and say unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Set on a pot,
set *it* on, and also pour water into
it: 4 Gather the pieces thereof into it,
even every good piece, the thigh, and
the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice
bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock,
and burn also the bones under it, *and*
make it boil well, and let them seethe
the bones of it therein.* 6 Wherefore
thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the

24.5. burn: or, heap.

bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is*
therein, and whose scum is not gone
out of it! bring it out piece by piece;
let no lot fall upon it. 7 For her blood
is in the midst of her; she set it upon
the top of a rock; she poured it not
upon the ground, to cover it with dust;
8 That it might cause fury to come up
to take vengeance; I have set her blood
upon the top of a rock, that it should
not be covered. 9 Therefore thus saith
the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody
city! I will even make the pile for fire
great. 10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire,
consume the flesh, and spice it well,
and let the bones be burned. 11 Then

set it empty upon the coals thereof,
that the brass of it may be hot, and
may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it
may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it
may be consumed. 12 She hath wearied
herself with lies, and her great scum
went not forth out of her: her scum
shall be in the fire. 13 In thy filthiness *is*
lewdness: because I have purged thee,
and thou wast not purged, thou shalt
not be purged from thy filthiness any
more, till I have caused my fury to rest
upon thee. 14 I the LORD have spoken
it: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*;
I will not go back, neither will I spare,
neither will I repent; according to thy

ways, and according to thy doings,
shall they judge thee, saith the Lord
GOD. 15 Also the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 16 Son of man,
behold, I take away from thee the de-
sire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet nei-
ther shalt thou mourn nor weep, nei-
ther shall thy tears run down.* 17 For-
bear to cry, make no mourning for the
dead, bind the tire of thine head upon
thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy
feet, and cover not *thy* lips, and eat
not the bread of men.* 18 So I spake
unto the people in the morning: and

16. run down: Heb. go.
17. Forbear: Heb. Be silent. lips: Heb. upper lip.

at even my wife died; and I did in the
morning as I was commanded. [19] And
the people said unto me, Wilt thou
not tell us what these *things are* to
us, that thou doest *so*? [20] Then I an-
swered them, The word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, [21] Speak unto
the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanc-
tuary, the excellency of your strength,
the desire of your eyes, and that which
your soul pitieth; and your sons and
your daughters whom ye have left shall
fall by the sword.* [22] And ye shall do as
I have done: ye shall not cover *your*

21. that...: Heb. the pity of your soul.

lips, nor eat the bread of men. [23] And
your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and
your shoes upon your feet: ye shall
not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine
away for your iniquities, and mourn
one toward another. [24] Thus Ezekiel
is unto you a sign: according to all
that he hath done shall ye do: and
when this cometh, ye shall know that
I *am* the Lord GOD. [25] Also, thou
son of man, *shall it* not *be* in the day
when I take from them their strength,
the joy of their glory, the desire of
their eyes, and that whereupon they
set their minds, their sons and their

daughters,* 26 *That* he that escapeth in
that day shall come unto thee, to cause
thee to hear *it* with *thine* ears? 27 In that
day shall thy mouth be opened to him
which is escaped, and thou shalt speak,
and be no more dumb: and thou shalt
be a sign unto them; and they shall
know that I *am* the LORD.

25 The word of the LORD came
again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
set thy face against the Ammonites,
and prophesy against them; 3 And
say unto the Ammonites, Hear the
word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith

25. that...: Heb. the lifting up of their soul.

the Lord GOD; Because thou saidst,
Aha, against my sanctuary, when it
was profaned; and against the land
of Israel, when it was desolate; and
against the house of Judah, when they
went into captivity; 4 Behold, there-
fore I will deliver thee to the men of
the east for a possession, and they shall
set their palaces in thee, and make
their dwellings in thee: they shall eat
thy fruit, and they shall drink thy
milk.* 5 And I will make Rabbah a sta-
ble for camels, and the Ammonites a
couchingplace for flocks: and ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD. 6 For thus

25.4. men: Heb. children.

saith the Lord GOD; Because thou
hast clapped *thine* hands, and stamped
with the feet, and rejoiced in heart
with all thy despite against the land
of Israel;* 7 Behold, therefore I will
stretch out mine hand upon thee, and
will deliver thee for a spoil to the hea-
then; and I will cut thee off from the
people, and I will cause thee to per-
ish out of the countries: I will de-
stroy thee; and thou shalt know that
I *am* the LORD.* 8 Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Because that Moab and Seir

6. hands: Heb. hand. feet: Heb. foot. heart: Heb. soul.
7. a spoil: or, meat.

do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is*
like unto all the heathen; 9 Therefore,
behold, I will open the side of Moab
from the cities, from his cities *which*
are on his frontiers, the glory of the
country, Bethjeshimoth, Baalmeon,
and Kiriathaim,* 10 Unto the men of
the east with the Ammonites, and
will give them in possession, that the
Ammonites may not be remembered
among the nations.* 11 And I will exe-
cute judgments upon Moab; and they
shall know that I *am* the LORD. 12 Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Because that

9. side...: Heb. shoulder of Moab.
10. with...: or, against the children of Ammon.

Edom hath dealt against the house of
Judah by taking vengeance, and hath
greatly offended, and revenged him-
self upon them;* 13 Therefore thus saith
the Lord GOD; I will also stretch
out mine hand upon Edom, and will
cut off man and beast from it; and
I will make it desolate from Teman;
and they of Dedan shall fall by the
sword.* 14 And I will lay my vengeance
upon Edom by the hand of my peo-
ple Israel: and they shall do in Edom
according to mine anger and accord-

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12. by...: Heb. by revenging revengement.

13. they...: or, they shall fall by the sword unto Dedan.

ing to my fury; and they shall know
my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because
the Philistines have dealt by revenge,
and have taken vengeance with a de-
spiteful heart, to destroy *it* for the
old hatred;* 16 Therefore thus saith the
Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out
mine hand upon the Philistines, and I
will cut off the Cherethims, and de-
stroy the remnant of the sea coast.*
17 And I will execute great vengeance
upon them with furious rebukes; and
they shall know that I *am* the LORD,

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15. for the...: or, with perpetual hatred.
16. sea coast: or, haven of the sea.

when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.*

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste: 3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as

17. great vengeance: Heb. great vengeances.

the sea causeth his waves to come up.
4 And they shall destroy the walls of
Tyrus, and break down her towers: I
will also scrape her dust from her, and
make her like the top of a rock. 5 It
shall be *a place for* the spreading of
nets in the midst of the sea: for I have
spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD: and
it shall become a spoil to the nations.
6 And her daughters which *are* in the
field shall be slain by the sword; and
they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
7 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
hold, I will bring upon Tyrus Neb-
uchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king
of kings, from the north, with horses,

and with chariots, and with horse-
men, and companies, and much peo-
ple. 8 He shall slay with the sword thy
daughters in the field: and he shall
make a fort against thee, and cast a
mount against thee, and lift up the
buckler against thee.* 9 And he shall
set engines of war against thy walls,
and with his axes he shall break down
thy towers. 10 By reason of the abun-
dance of his horses their dust shall
cover thee: thy walls shall shake at
the noise of the horsemen, and of
the wheels, and of the chariots, when
he shall enter into thy gates, as men

26.8. cast...: or, pour out the engine of shot.

enter into a city wherein is made a
breach.* 11 With the hoofs of his horses
shall he tread down all thy streets: he
shall slay thy people by the sword, and
thy strong garrisons shall go down to
the ground. 12 And they shall make a
spoil of thy riches, and make a prey
of thy merchandise: and they shall
break down thy walls, and destroy thy
pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy
stones and thy timber and thy dust in
the midst of the water.* 13 And I will
cause the noise of thy songs to cease;

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10. as men...: Heb. according to the enterings of a city broken up.

12. thy pleasant...: Heb. houses of thy desire.

and the sound of thy harps shall be no
more heard. [14] And I will make thee
like the top of a rock: thou shalt be *a*
place to spread nets upon; thou shalt
be built no more: for I the LORD have
spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD. [15] Thus
saith the Lord GOD to Tyrus; Shall
not the isles shake at the sound of thy
fall, when the wounded cry, when the
slaughter is made in the midst of thee?
[16] Then all the princes of the sea shall
come down from their thrones, and
lay away their robes, and put off their
broidered garments: they shall clothe
themselves with trembling; they shall
sit upon the ground, and shall trem-

ble at *every* moment, and be aston-
ished at thee.* [17] And they shall take
up a lamentation for thee, and say to
thee, How art thou destroyed, *that*
wast inhabited of seafaring men, the
renowned city, which wast strong in
the sea, she and her inhabitants, which
cause their terror *to be* on all that haunt
it!* [18] Now shall the isles tremble in the
day of thy fall; yea, the isles that *are* in
the sea shall be troubled at thy depar-
ture. [19] For thus saith the Lord GOD;
When I shall make thee a desolate city,
like the cities that are not inhabited;

16. trembling: Heb. tremblings.
17. of...: Heb. of the seas.

when I shall bring up the deep upon
thee, and great waters shall cover thee;
20 When I shall bring thee down with
them that descend into the pit, with
the people of old time, and shall set
thee in the low parts of the earth, in
places desolate of old, with them that
go down to the pit, that thou be not
inhabited; and I shall set glory in the
land of the living; 21 I will make thee
a terror, and thou *shalt be* no *more*:
though thou be sought for, yet shalt
thou never be found again, saith the
Lord GOD.*

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21. a terror: Heb. terrors.

27 The word of the LORD came
again unto me, saying, 2 Now, thou
son of man, take up a lamentation
for Tyrus; 3 And say unto Tyrus, O
thou that art situate at the entry of
the sea, *which art* a merchant of the
people for many isles, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said,
I *am* of perfect beauty.* 4 Thy bor-
ders *are* in the midst of the seas, thy
builders have perfected thy beauty.*
5 They have made all thy *ship* boards
of fir trees of Senir: they have taken

27.3. of perfect...: Heb. perfect of beauty.
4. midst: Heb. heart.

cedars from Lebanon to make masts
for thee.* 6 *Of* the oaks of Bashan have
they made thine oars; the company of
the Ashurites have made thy benches
of ivory, *brought* out of the isles of
Chittim.* 7 Fine linen with broidered
work from Egypt was that which thou
spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and
purple from the isles of Elishah was
that which covered thee.* 8 The inhab-
itants of Zidon and Arvad were thy
mariners: thy wise *men*, O Tyrus, *that*

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5. made: Heb. built.
6. the company...: or, they have made thy hatches of ivory well trodden. company: Heb. daughter.
7. blue...: or, purple and scarlet.

were in thee, were thy pilots. 9 The
ancients of Gebal and the wise *men*
thereof were in thee thy calkers: all
the ships of the sea with their mariners
were in thee to occupy thy merchan-
dise.* 10 They of Persia and of Lud and
of Phut were in thine army, thy men of
war: they hanged the shield and hel-
met in thee; they set forth thy come-
liness. 11 The men of Arvad with thine
army *were* upon thy walls round about,
and the Gammadims were in thy tow-
ers: they hanged their shields upon
thy walls round about; they have made

9. calkers: or, stoppers of chinks: Heb. strength-
eners, etc.

thy beauty perfect. 12 Tarshish *was* thy
merchant by reason of the multitude
of all *kind of* riches; with silver, iron,
tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.
13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they *were*
thy merchants: they traded the per-
sons of men and vessels of brass in thy
market.* 14 They of the house of Tog-
armah traded in thy fairs with horses
and horsemen and mules. 15 The men
of Dedan *were* thy merchants; many
isles *were* the merchandise of thine
hand: they brought thee *for* a present
horns of ivory and ebony. 16 Syria *was*
thy merchant by reason of the multi-

13. market: or, merchandise.

tude of the wares of thy making: they
occupied in thy fairs with emeralds,
purple, and broidered work, and fine
linen, and coral, and agate.* [17] Judah,
and the land of Israel, they *were* thy
merchants: they traded in thy market
wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and
honey, and oil, and balm.* [18] Damas-
cus *was* thy merchant in the multi-
tude of the wares of thy making, for
the multitude of all riches; in the wine
of Helbon, and white wool. [19] Dan
also and Javan going to and fro oc-

16. the wares...: Heb. thy works. agate: or, chryso-
prase.
17. balm: or, rosin.

cupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.* [20] Dedan *was* thy merchant in precious clothes for chariots.* [21] Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these *were they* thy merchants.* [22] The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. [23] Haran, and Canneh, and

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19. going...: or, Meuzal.
20. precious...: Heb. clothes of freedom.
21. they occupied...: Heb. they were the merchants of thy hand.

Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur,
and Chilmad, *were* thy merchants.
24 These *were* thy merchants in all sorts
of things, in blue clothes, and broidered
work, and in chests of rich apparel,
bound with cords, and made of cedar,
among thy merchandise.* 25 The ships
of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy mar-
ket: and thou wast replenished, and
made very glorious in the midst of the
seas. 26 Thy rowers have brought thee
into great waters: the east wind hath
broken thee in the midst of the seas.*

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24. all...: or, excellent things. clothes: Heb. foldings.
26. midst: Heb. heart.

27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy mer-
chandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots,
thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy
merchandise, and all thy men of war,
that *are* in thee, and in all thy com-
pany which *is* in the midst of thee, shall
fall into the midst of the seas in the
day of thy ruin.* 28 The suburbs shall
shake at the sound of the cry of thy pi-
lots.* 29 And all that handle the oar, the
mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea,
shall come down from their ships, they
shall stand upon the land; 30 And shall

27. and in...: or, even with all. midst of the seas: Heb. heart, etc.
28. suburbs: or, waves.

cause their voice to be heard against
thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall
cast up dust upon their heads, they
shall wallow themselves in the ashes:
31 And they shall make themselves ut-
terly bald for thee, and gird them
with sackcloth, and they shall weep for
thee with bitterness of heart *and* bit-
ter wailing. 32 And in their wailing they
shall take up a lamentation for thee,
and lament over thee, *saying*, What *city
is* like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the
midst of the sea? 33 When thy wares
went forth out of the seas, thou filledst
many people; thou didst enrich the
kings of the earth with the multitude

of thy riches and of thy merchandise.
34 In the time *when* thou shalt be bro-
ken by the seas in the depths of the wa-
ters thy merchandise and all thy com-
pany in the midst of thee shall fall.
35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall
be astonished at thee, and their kings
shall be sore afraid, they shall be trou-
bled in *their* countenance. 36 The mer-
chants among the people shall hiss at
thee; thou shalt be a terror, and never
shalt be any more.*

28 The word of the LORD came

36. a terror: Heb. terrors. never...: Heb. shalt not be for ever.

again unto me, saying, [2] Son of man,
say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Because thine
heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said,
I *am* a God, I sit *in* the seat of God,
in the midst of the seas; yet thou *art*
a man, and not God, though thou set
thine heart as the heart of God:* [3] Be-
hold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel; there
is no secret that they can hide from
thee: [4] With thy wisdom and with
thine understanding thou hast got-
ten thee riches, and hast gotten gold
and silver into thy treasures: [5] By thy
great wisdom *and* by thy traffick hast

28.2. midst: Heb. heart.

thou increased thy riches, and thine
heart is lifted up because of thy riches:*
6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
Because thou hast set thine heart as
the heart of God; 7 Behold, therefore
I will bring strangers upon thee, the
terrible of the nations: and they shall
draw their swords against the beauty
of thy wisdom, and they shall defile
thy brightness. 8 They shall bring thee
down to the pit, and thou shalt die
the deaths of *them that are* slain in
the midst of the seas. 9 Wilt thou
yet say before him that slayeth thee,
I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man,

5. thy great...: Heb. the greatness of thy wisdom.

and no God, in the hand of him
that slayeth thee.* [10] Thou shalt die the
deaths of the uncircumcised by the
hand of strangers: for I have spoken
it, saith the Lord GOD. [11] Moreover
the word of the LORD came unto me,
saying, [12] Son of man, take up a lamen-
tation upon the king of Tyrus, and say
unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Thou sealest up the sum, full of wis-
dom, and perfect in beauty. [13] Thou
hast been in Eden the garden of God;
every precious stone *was* thy covering,
the sardius, topaz, and the diamond,
the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the

9. of him that slayeth: or, of him that woundeth.

sapphire, the emerald, and the carbun-
cle, and gold: the workmanship of thy
tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared
in thee in the day that thou wast cre-
ated.* 14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub
that covereth; and I have set thee *so*:
thou wast upon the holy mountain
of God; thou hast walked up and
down in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from
the day that thou wast created, till in-
iquity was found in thee. 16 By the mul-
titude of thy merchandise they have
filled the midst of thee with violence,

13. sardius: or, ruby. beryl: or, chrysolite. emerald: or, chrysoprase.

and thou hast sinned: therefore I will
cast thee as profane out of the moun-
tain of God: and I will destroy thee,
O covering cherub, from the midst of
the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was
lifted up because of thy beauty, thou
hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason
of thy brightness: I will cast thee to
the ground, I will lay thee before kings,
that they may behold thee. 18 Thou
hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the mul-
titude of thine iniquities, by the in-
iquity of thy traffick; therefore will I
bring forth a fire from the midst of
thee, it shall devour thee, and I will
bring thee to ashes upon the earth

in the sight of all them that behold
thee. [19] All they that know thee among
the people shall be astonished at thee:
thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt*
thou *be* any more.* [20] Again the word of
the LORD came unto me, saying, [21] Son
of man, set thy face against Zidon, and
prophesy against it, [22] And say, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am*
against thee, O Zidon; and I will be
glorified in the midst of thee: and
they shall know that I *am* the LORD,
when I shall have executed judgments
in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
[23] For I will send into her pestilence,

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19. a terror: Heb. terrors.

and blood into her streets; and the
wounded shall be judged in the midst
of her by the sword upon her on every
side; and they shall know that I *am* the
LORD. [24] And there shall be no more
a pricking brier unto the house of Is-
rael, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *that
are* round about them, that despised
them; and they shall know that I *am*
the Lord GOD. [25] Thus saith the Lord
GOD; When I shall have gathered the
house of Israel from the people among
whom they are scattered, and shall be
sanctified in them in the sight of the
heathen, then shall they dwell in their
land that I have given to my servant

Jacob. [26] And they shall dwell safely
therein, and shall build houses, and
plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell
with confidence, when I have executed
judgments upon all those that despise
them round about them; and they
shall know that I *am* the LORD their
God.*

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth
month, in the twelfth *day* of the
month, the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying, [2] Son of man, set thy
face against Pharaoh king of Egypt,
and prophesy against him, and against

26. safely: or, with confidence. despise: or, spoil.

all Egypt: 3 Speak, and say, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against
thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great
dragon that lieth in the midst of his
rivers, which hath said, My river *is*
mine own, and I have made *it* for my-
self. 4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws,
and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to
stick unto thy scales, and I will bring
thee up out of the midst of thy rivers,
and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick
unto thy scales. 5 And I will leave thee
thrown into the wilderness, thee and
all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall
upon the open fields; thou shalt not
be brought together, nor gathered: I

have given thee for meat to the beasts
of the field and to the fowls of the
heaven.* 6 And all the inhabitants of
Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD,
because they have been a staff of reed
to the house of Israel. 7 When they
took hold of thee by thy hand, thou
didst break, and rend all their shoul-
der: and when they leaned upon thee,
thou brakest, and madest all their loins
to be at a stand. 8 Therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will
bring a sword upon thee, and cut off
man and beast out of thee. 9 And the
land of Egypt shall be desolate and

29.5. open...: Heb. face of the field.

waste; and they shall know that I *am*
the LORD: because he hath said, The
river *is* mine, and I have made *it*. [10] Be-
hold, therefore I *am* against thee, and
against thy rivers, and I will make the
land of Egypt utterly waste *and* des-
olate, from the tower of Syene even
unto the border of Ethiopia.* [11] No
foot of man shall pass through it, nor
foot of beast shall pass through it, nei-
ther shall it be inhabited forty years.
[12] And I will make the land of Egypt
desolate in the midst of the countries
that are desolate, and her cities among

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10. utterly...: Heb. wastes of waste. from...: or, from Migdol to Syene. Syene: Heb. Seveneh.

the cities *that are* laid waste shall be
desolate forty years: and I will scat-
ter the Egyptians among the nations,
and will disperse them through the
countries. 13 Yet thus saith the Lord
GOD; At the end of forty years will I
gather the Egyptians from the people
whither they were scattered: 14 And I
will bring again the captivity of Egypt,
and will cause them to return *into* the
land of Pathros, into the land of their
habitation; and they shall be there a
base kingdom.* 15 It shall be the basest
of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt
itself any more above the nations: for I

14. habitation: or, birth. base: Heb. low.

will diminish them, that they shall no
more rule over the nations. [16] And it
shall be no more the confidence of the
house of Israel, which bringeth *their*
iniquity to remembrance, when they
shall look after them: but they shall
know that I *am* the Lord GOD. [17] And
it came to pass in the seven and twen-
tieth year, in the first *month*, in the
first *day* of the month, the word of
the LORD came unto me, saying, [18] Son
of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
lon caused his army to serve a great
service against Tyrus: every head *was*
made bald, and every shoulder *was*
peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his

army, for Tyrus, for the service that
he had served against it: [19] Therefore
thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I
will give the land of Egypt unto Neb-
uchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he
shall take her multitude, and take her
spoil, and take her prey; and it shall
be the wages for his army.* [20] I have
given him the land of Egypt *for* his
labour wherewith he served against it,
because they wrought for me, saith
the Lord GOD.* [21] In that day will I
cause the horn of the house of Israel

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19. take her spoil...: Heb. spoil her spoil, and prey her prey.

20. for his...: or, for his hire.

to bud forth, and I will give thee the
opening of the mouth in the midst of
them; and they shall know that I *am*
the LORD.

30 The word of the LORD came
again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Howl ye, Woe worth the day!
3 For the day *is* near, even the day of
the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall
be the time of the heathen. 4 And
the sword shall come upon Egypt,
and great pain shall be in Ethiopia,
when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and
they shall take away her multitude,

and her foundations shall be broken
down.* 5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Ly-
dia, and all the mingled people, and
Chub, and the men of the land that
is in league, shall fall with them by
the sword.* 6 Thus saith the LORD;
They also that uphold Egypt shall fall;
and the pride of her power shall come
down: from the tower of Syene shall
they fall in it by the sword, saith the
Lord GOD.* 7 And they shall be des-
olate in the midst of the countries *that
are* desolate, and her cities shall be in

30.4. pain: or, fear.
5. Libya: Heb. Phut. men: Heb. children.
6. from...: or, from Migdol to Syene.

the midst of the cities *that are* wasted.
8 And they shall know that I *am* the
LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt,
and *when* all her helpers shall be de-
stroyed.* 9 In that day shall messengers
go forth from me in ships to make the
careless Ethiopians afraid, and great
pain shall come upon them, as in the
day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh. 10 Thus
saith the Lord GOD; I will also make
the multitude of Egypt to cease by the
hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Baby-
lon. 11 He and his people with him,
the terrible of the nations, shall be
brought to destroy the land: and they

8. destroyed: Heb. broken.

shall draw their swords against Egypt,
and fill the land with the slain. [12] And
I will make the rivers dry, and sell the
land into the hand of the wicked: and
I will make the land waste, and all that
is therein, by the hand of strangers: I
the LORD have spoken *it*.* [13] Thus saith
the Lord GOD; I will also destroy the
idols, and I will cause *their* images to
cease out of Noph; and there shall be
no more a prince of the land of Egypt:
and I will put a fear in the land of
Egypt. [14] And I will make Pathros des-
olate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will

12. dry: Heb. drought. all...: Heb. the fulness thereof.

execute judgments in No.* [15] And I will
pour my fury upon Sin, the strength
of Egypt; and I will cut off the mul-
titude of No.* [16] And I will set fire in
Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and
No shall be rent asunder, and Noph
shall have distresses daily. [17] The young
men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fall
by the sword: and these *cities* shall
go into captivity.* [18] At Tehaphnehes
also the day shall be darkened, when I
shall break there the yokes of Egypt:
and the pomp of her strength shall

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14. Zoan: or, Tanis.
15. Sin: or, Pelusium.
17. Aven: or, Heliopolis. Pibeseth: or, Pubastum.

cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall
cover her, and her daughters shall go
into captivity.* [19] Thus will I execute
judgments in Egypt: and they shall
know that I *am* the LORD. [20] And
it came to pass in the eleventh year,
in the first *month*, in the seventh *day*
of the month, *that* the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, [21] Son of
man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh
king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not
be bound up to be healed, to put a
roller to bind it, to make it strong to
hold the sword. [22] Therefore thus saith
the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against

18. darkened: or, restrained.

Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break
his arms, the strong, and that which
was broken; and I will cause the sword
to fall out of his hand. [23] And I will
scatter the Egyptians among the na-
tions, and will disperse them through
the countries. [24] And I will strengthen
the arms of the king of Babylon, and
put my sword in his hand: but I will
break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall
groan before him with the groanings
of a deadly wounded *man*. [25] But I
will strengthen the arms of the king
of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh
shall fall down; and they shall know
that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put

my sword into the hand of the king
of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out
upon the land of Egypt. [26] And I will
scatter the Egyptians among the na-
tions, and disperse them among the
countries; and they shall know that I
am the LORD.

31 And it came to pass in the
eleventh year, in the third *month*, in
the first *day* of the month, *that* the
word of the LORD came unto me, say-
ing, [2] Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh
king of Egypt, and to his multitude;
Whom art thou like in thy greatness?
[3] Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in

Lebanon with fair branches, and with
a shadowing shroud, and of an high
stature; and his top was among the
thick boughs.* 4 The waters made him
great, the deep set him up on high
with her rivers running round about
his plants, and sent out her little rivers
unto all the trees of the field.* 5 There-
fore his height was exalted above all
the trees of the field, and his boughs
were multiplied, and his branches be-
came long because of the multitude of

31.3. with fair branches: Heb. fair of branches.
4. made...: or, nourished him. set...: or, brought him up. little rivers: or, conduits.

waters, when he shot forth.* 6 All the
fowls of heaven made their nests in his
boughs, and under his branches did all
the beasts of the field bring forth their
young, and under his shadow dwelt
all great nations. 7 Thus was he fair
in his greatness, in the length of his
branches: for his root was by great
waters. 8 The cedars in the garden of
God could not hide him: the fir trees
were not like his boughs, and the ches-
nut trees were not like his branches;
nor any tree in the garden of God was
like unto him in his beauty. 9 I have
made him fair by the multitude of his

5. when...: or, when it sent them forth.

branches: so that all the trees of Eden,
that *were* in the garden of God, en-
vied him. [10] Therefore thus saith the
Lord GOD; Because thou hast lifted
up thyself in height, and he hath shot
up his top among the thick boughs,
and his heart is lifted up in his height;
[11] I have therefore delivered him into
the hand of the mighty one of the hea-
then; he shall surely deal with him: I
have driven him out for his wicked-
ness.* [12] And strangers, the terrible of
the nations, have cut him off, and have
left him: upon the mountains and in
all the valleys his branches are fallen,

11. he...: Heb. in doing he shall do unto him.

and his boughs are broken by all the
rivers of the land; and all the people
of the earth are gone down from his
shadow, and have left him. 13 Upon his
ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven
remain, and all the beasts of the field
shall be upon his branches: 14 To the
end that none of all the trees by the wa-
ters exalt themselves for their height,
neither shoot up their top among the
thick boughs, neither their trees stand
up in their height, all that drink water:
for they are all delivered unto death,
to the nether parts of the earth, in
the midst of the children of men, with

them that go down to the pit.* 15 Thus
saith the Lord GOD; In the day when
he went down to the grave I caused a
mourning: I covered the deep for him,
and I restrained the floods thereof, and
the great waters were stayed: and I
caused Lebanon to mourn for him,
and all the trees of the field fainted for
him.* 16 I made the nations to shake at
the sound of his fall, when I cast him
down to hell with them that descend
into the pit: and all the trees of Eden,
the choice and best of Lebanon, all

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14. their trees...: or, stand upon themselves for their height.

15. to mourn: Heb. to be black.

that drink water, shall be comforted in
the nether parts of the earth. [17] They
also went down into hell with him
unto *them that be* slain with the sword;
and *they that were* his arm, *that* dwelt
under his shadow in the midst of the
heathen. [18] To whom art thou thus
like in glory and in greatness among
the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be
brought down with the trees of Eden
unto the nether parts of the earth:
thou shalt lie in the midst of the un-
circumcised with *them that be* slain by
the sword. This *is* Pharaoh and all his
multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

32 And it came to pass in the
twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in
the first *day* of the month, *that* the
word of the LORD came unto me, sa-
ying, 2 Son of man, take up a lamenta-
tion for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and
say unto him, Thou art like a young
lion of the nations, and thou *art* as
a whale in the seas: and thou camest
forth with thy rivers, and troubledst
the waters with thy feet, and fouledst
their rivers.* 3 Thus saith the Lord
GOD; I will therefore spread out my
net over thee with a company of many

32.2. whale: or, dragon.

people; and they shall bring thee up
in my net. 4 Then will I leave thee
upon the land, I will cast thee forth
upon the open field, and will cause
all the fowls of the heaven to remain
upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of
the whole earth with thee. 5 And I
will lay thy flesh upon the mountains,
and fill the valleys with thy height.
6 I will also water with thy blood the
land wherein thou swimmest, *even* to
the mountains; and the rivers shall
be full of thee.* 7 And when I shall
put thee out, I will cover the heaven,

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6. the land wherein...: or, the land of thy swimming.

and make the stars thereof dark; I will
cover the sun with a cloud, and the
moon shall not give her light.* 8 All
the bright lights of heaven will I make
dark over thee, and set darkness upon
thy land, saith the Lord GOD.* 9 I
will also vex the hearts of many peo-
ple, when I shall bring thy destruction
among the nations, into the countries
which thou hast not known.* 10 Yea,
I will make many people amazed at
thee, and their kings shall be horri-

7. put...: or, extinguish thee.
8. bright...: Heb. lights of the light in heaven. dark: Heb. them dark.
9. vex: Heb. provoke to anger, or, grief.

bly afraid for thee, when I shall bran-
dish my sword before them; and they
shall tremble at *every* moment, every
man for his own life, in the day of
thy fall. 11 For thus saith the Lord
GOD; The sword of the king of Baby-
lon shall come upon thee. 12 By the
swords of the mighty will I cause thy
multitude to fall, the terrible of the na-
tions, all of them: and they shall spoil
the pomp of Egypt, and all the mul-
titude thereof shall be destroyed. 13 I
will destroy also all the beasts thereof
from beside the great waters; neither
shall the foot of man trouble them any
more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble

them. [14] Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run
like oil, saith the Lord GOD. [15] When
I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute
of that whereof it was full, when I shall
smite all them that dwell therein, then
shall they know that I *am* the LORD.*
[16] This *is* the lamentation wherewith
they shall lament her: the daughters
of the nations shall lament her: they
shall lament for her, *even* for Egypt,
and for all her multitude, saith the
Lord GOD. [17] It came to pass also in

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15. destitute...: Heb. desolate from the fulness thereof.

the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day*
of the month, *that* the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, [18] Son of
man, wail for the multitude of Egypt,
and cast them down, *even* her, and
the daughters of the famous nations,
unto the nether parts of the earth,
with them that go down into the pit.
[19] Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go
down, and be thou laid with the un-
circumcised. [20] They shall fall in the
midst of *them that are* slain by the
sword: she is delivered to the sword:
draw her and all her multitudes.* [21] The
strong among the mighty shall speak

20. she...: or, the sword is laid.

to him out of the midst of hell with
them that help him: they are gone
down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by
the sword. 22 Asshur *is* there and all her
company: his graves *are* about him:
all of them slain, fallen by the sword:
23 Whose graves are set in the sides of
the pit, and her company is round
about her grave: all of them slain,
fallen by the sword, which caused ter-
ror in the land of the living.* 24 There
is Elam and all her multitude round
about her grave, all of them slain,
fallen by the sword, which are gone
down uncircumcised into the nether

23. terror: or, dismaying.

parts of the earth, which caused their
terror in the land of the living; yet have
they borne their shame with them that
go down to the pit. [25] They have set
her a bed in the midst of the slain with
all her multitude: her graves *are* round
about him: all of them uncircumcised,
slain by the sword: though their ter-
ror was caused in the land of the liv-
ing, yet have they borne their shame
with them that go down to the pit:
he is put in the midst of *them that*
be slain. [26] There *is* Meshech, Tubal,
and all her multitude: her graves *are*
round about him: all of them uncir-
cumcised, slain by the sword, though

they caused their terror in the land
of the living. [27] And they shall not
lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of
the uncircumcised, which are gone
down to hell with their weapons of
war: and they have laid their swords
under their heads, but their iniquities
shall be upon their bones, though *they*
were the terror of the mighty in the
land of the living.* [28] Yea, thou shalt be
broken in the midst of the uncircum-
cised, and shalt lie with *them that are*
slain with the sword. [29] There *is* Edom,
her kings, and all her princes, which
with their might are laid by *them that*

27. with their...: Heb. with weapons of their war.

were slain by the sword: they shall
lie with the uncircumcised, and with
them that go down to the pit.* [30] There
be the princes of the north, all of them,
and all the Zidonians, which are gone
down with the slain; with their terror
they are ashamed of their might; and
they lie uncircumcised with *them that*
be slain by the sword, and bear their
shame with them that go down to the
pit. [31] Pharaoh shall see them, and shall
be comforted over all his multitude,
even Pharaoh and all his army slain by
the sword, saith the Lord GOD. [32] For
I have caused my terror in the land

29. laid: Heb. given, or, put.

of the living: and he shall be laid in
the midst of the uncircumcised with
them that are slain with the sword, *even*
Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith
the Lord GOD.

33 Again the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
speak to the children of thy people,
and say unto them, When I bring the
sword upon a land, if the people of
the land take a man of their coasts,
and set him for their watchman:* 3 If
when he seeth the sword come upon
the land, he blow the trumpet, and

33.2. When...: Heb. A land when I bring a sword upon her.

warn the people; [4] Then whosoever
heareth the sound of the trumpet, and
taketh not warning; if the sword come,
and take him away, his blood shall
be upon his own head.* [5] He heard
the sound of the trumpet, and took
not warning; his blood shall be upon
him. But he that taketh warning shall
deliver his soul. [6] But if the watch-
man see the sword come, and blow
not the trumpet, and the people be
not warned; if the sword come, and
take *any* person from among them,
he is taken away in his iniquity; but
his blood will I require at the watch-

4. whosoever...: Heb. he that hearing heareth.

man's hand. 7 So thou, O son of man,
I have set thee a watchman unto the
house of Israel; therefore thou shalt
hear the word at my mouth, and warn
them from me. 8 When I say unto
the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou shalt
surely die; if thou dost not speak to
warn the wicked from his way, that
wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity;
but his blood will I require at thine
hand. 9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the
wicked of his way to turn from it; if
he do not turn from his way, he shall
die in his iniquity; but thou hast de-
livered thy soul. 10 Therefore, O thou
son of man, speak unto the house of Is-

rael; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins *be* upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? [11] Say unto them, *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? [12] Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wicked-

ness; neither shall the righteous be
able to live for his *righteousness* in the
day that he sinneth. 13 When I shall say
to the righteous, *that* he shall surely
live; if he trust to his own righteous-
ness, and commit iniquity, all his righ-
teousnesses shall not be remembered;
but for his iniquity that he hath com-
mitted, he shall die for it. 14 Again,
when I say unto the wicked, Thou
shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin,
and do that which is lawful and right;*
15 *If* the wicked restore the pledge, give
again that he had robbed, walk in the
statutes of life, without committing

14. that...: Heb. judgment and justice.

iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall
not die. 16 None of his sins that he hath
committed shall be mentioned unto
him: he hath done that which is law-
ful and right; he shall surely live. 17 Yet
the children of thy people say, The way
of the Lord is not equal: but as for
them, their way is not equal. 18 When
the righteous turneth from his righ-
teousness, and committeth iniquity,
he shall even die thereby. 19 But if the
wicked turn from his wickedness, and
do that which is lawful and right, he
shall live thereby. 20 Yet ye say, The way
of the Lord is not equal. O ye house
of Israel, I will judge you every one af-

ter his ways. [21] And it came to pass
in the twelfth year of our captivity,
in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of
the month, *that* one that had escaped
out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying,
The city is smitten. [22] Now the hand of
the LORD was upon me in the evening,
afore he that was escaped came; and
had opened my mouth, until he came
to me in the morning; and my mouth
was opened, and I was no more dumb.
[23] Then the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying, [24] Son of man, they
that inhabit those wastes of the land
of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was
one, and he inherited the land: but we

are many; the land is given us for in-
heritance. [25] Wherefore say unto them,
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat with
the blood, and lift up your eyes to-
ward your idols, and shed blood: and
shall ye possess the land? [26] Ye stand
upon your sword, ye work abomina-
tion, and ye defile every one his neigh-
bour's wife: and shall ye possess the
land? [27] Say thou thus unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; *As* I live, surely
they that *are* in the wastes shall fall by
the sword, and him that *is* in the open
field will I give to the beasts to be de-
voured, and they that *be* in the forts
and in the caves shall die of the pesti-

lence.* [28] For I will lay the land most
desolate, and the pomp of her strength
shall cease; and the mountains of Israel
shall be desolate, that none shall pass
through.* [29] Then shall they know that
I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the
land most desolate because of all their
abominations which they have com-
mitted. [30] Also, thou son of man, the
children of thy people still are talking
against thee by the walls and in the
doors of the houses, and speak one to
another, every one to his brother, say-
ing, Come, I pray you, and hear what is

27. to be...: Heb. to devour him.
28. most...: Heb. desolation and desolation.

the word that cometh forth from the
LORD.* [31] And they come unto thee
as the people cometh, and they sit
before thee *as* my people, and they
hear thy words, but they will not do
them: for with their mouth they shew
much love, *but* their heart goeth af-
ter their covetousness.* [32] And, lo, thou
art unto them as a very lovely song of
one that hath a pleasant voice, and can
play well on an instrument: for they
hear thy words, but they do them not.*

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30. against thee: of, of thee.

31. as the...: Heb. according to the coming of the people. they sit...: or, my people sit before thee. they shew...: Heb. they make loves, or, jests.

32. a very...: Heb. a song of loves.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it
will come,) then shall they know that
a prophet hath been among them.

34 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man,
prophesy against the shepherds of Is-
rael, prophesy, and say unto them,
Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the
shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of
Israel that do feed themselves! should
not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3 Ye
eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the
wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but*
ye feed not the flock. 4 The diseased
have ye not strengthened, neither have

ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was*
broken, neither have ye brought again
that which was driven away, neither
have ye sought that which was lost;
but with force and with cruelty have
ye ruled them. 5 And they were scat-
tered, because *there is* no shepherd:
and they became meat to all the beasts
of the field, when they were scattered.*
6 My sheep wandered through all the
mountains, and upon every high hill:
yea, my flock was scattered upon all
the face of the earth, and none did
search or seek *after them*. 7 There-

34.5. because...: or, without a shepherd.

fore, ye shepherds, hear the word of
the LORD; 8 *As* I live, saith the Lord
GOD, surely because my flock be-
came a prey, and my flock became
meat to every beast of the field, be-
cause *there was* no shepherd, neither
did my shepherds search for my flock,
but the shepherds fed themselves, and
fed not my flock; 9 Therefore, O ye
shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;
10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I
am against the shepherds; and I will
require my flock at their hand, and
cause them to cease from feeding the
flock; neither shall the shepherds feed
themselves any more; for I will deliver

my flock from their mouth, that they
may not be meat for them. 11 For thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even*
I, will both search my sheep, and seek
them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out
his flock in the day that he is among
his sheep *that are* scattered; so will
I seek out my sheep, and will deliver
them out of all places where they have
been scattered in the cloudy and dark
day.* 13 And I will bring them out from
the people, and gather them from the
countries, and will bring them to their
own land, and feed them upon the
mountains of Israel by the rivers, and

12. As...: Heb. According to the seeking.

in all the inhabited places of the country. [14] I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of
Israel shall their fold be: there shall
they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. [15] I will feed my flock,
and I will cause them to lie down,
saith the Lord GOD. [16] I will seek that
which was lost, and bring again that
which was driven away, and will bind
up *that which was* broken, and will
strengthen that which was sick: but
I will destroy the fat and the strong; I
will feed them with judgment. [17] And
as for you, O my flock, thus saith

the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge be-
tween cattle and cattle, between the
rams and the he goats.* [18] *Seemeth it* a
small thing unto you to have eaten up
the good pasture, but ye must tread
down with your feet the residue of
your pastures? and to have drunk of
the deep waters, but ye must foul the
residue with your feet? [19] And *as for*
my flock, they eat that which ye have
trodden with your feet; and they drink
that which ye have fouled with your
feet. [20] Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD unto them; Behold, I, *even* I,

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17. cattle: Heb. small cattle of lambs and kids. he goats: Heb. great he goats.

will judge between the fat cattle and
between the lean cattle. [21] Because ye
have thrust with side and with shoul-
der, and pushed all the diseased with
your horns, till ye have scattered them
abroad; [22] Therefore will I save my
flock, and they shall no more be a prey;
and I will judge between cattle and cat-
tle. [23] And I will set up one shepherd
over them, and he shall feed them, *even*
my servant David; he shall feed them,
and he shall be their shepherd. [24] And
I the LORD will be their God, and my
servant David a prince among them; I
the LORD have spoken *it*. [25] And I will
make with them a covenant of peace,

and will cause the evil beasts to cease
out of the land: and they shall dwell
safely in the wilderness, and sleep in
the woods. [26] And I will make them
and the places round about my hill a
blessing; and I will cause the shower to
come down in his season; there shall
be showers of blessing. [27] And the tree
of the field shall yield her fruit, and
the earth shall yield her increase, and
they shall be safe in their land, and
shall know that I *am* the LORD, when
I have broken the bands of their yoke,
and delivered them out of the hand of
those that served themselves of them.
[28] And they shall no more be a prey to

the heathen, neither shall the beast of
the land devour them; but they shall
dwell safely, and none shall make *them*
afraid. [29] And I will raise up for them
a plant of renown, and they shall be
no more consumed with hunger in the
land, neither bear the shame of the
heathen any more.* [30] Thus shall they
know that I the LORD their God *am*
with them, and *that* they, *even* the
house of Israel, *are* my people, saith
the Lord GOD. [31] And ye my flock, the
flock of my pasture, *are* men, *and* I *am*
your God, saith the Lord GOD.

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29. of renown: or, for renown. consumed: Heb. taken away.

35 Moreover the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son
of man, set thy face against mount
Seir, and prophesy against it, 3 And
say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against
thee, and I will stretch out mine hand
against thee, and I will make thee most
desolate.* 4 I will lay thy cities waste,
and thou shalt be desolate, and thou
shalt know that I *am* the LORD. 5 Be-
cause thou hast had a perpetual ha-
tred, and hast shed *the blood of* the
children of Israel by the force of the

35.3. most...: Heb. desolation and desolation.

sword in the time of their calamity,
in the time *that their* iniquity *had* an
end:* 6 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the
Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto
blood, and blood shall pursue thee:
sith thou hast not hated blood, even
blood shall pursue thee. 7 Thus will I
make mount Seir most desolate, and
cut off from it him that passeth out
and him that returneth.* 8 And I will
fill his mountains with his slain *men*:
in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in
all thy rivers, shall they fall that are

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5. perpetual...: or, hatred of old. shed...: Heb. poured out the children. force: Heb. hands.
7. most...: Heb. desolation and desolation.

slain with the sword. 9 I will make
thee perpetual desolations, and thy
cities shall not return: and ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD. 10 Be-
cause thou hast said, These two na-
tions and these two countries shall be
mine, and we will possess it; whereas
the LORD was there:* 11 Therefore, *as*
I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will
even do according to thine anger, and
according to thine envy which thou
hast used out of thy hatred against
them; and I will make myself known
among them, when I have judged thee.
12 And thou shalt know that I *am* the

10. whereas...: or, though the LORD was there.

LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy
blasphemies which thou hast spoken
against the mountains of Israel, saying,
They are laid desolate, they are given us
to consume.* 13 Thus with your mouth
ye have boasted against me, and have
multiplied your words against me: I
have heard *them*.* 14 Thus saith the
Lord GOD; When the whole earth re-
joiceth, I will make thee desolate. 15 As
thou didst rejoice at the inheritance
of the house of Israel, because it was
desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou
shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and

12. to consume: Heb. to devour.
13. boasted: Heb. magnified.

all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall
know that I *am* the LORD.

36 Also, thou son of man, proph-
esy unto the mountains of Israel, and
say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the
word of the LORD: 2 Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath
said against you, Aha, even the an-
cient high places are ours in posses-
sion: 3 Therefore prophesy and say,
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because
they have made *you* desolate, and swal-
lowed you up on every side, that ye
might be a possession unto the residue
of the heathen, and ye are taken up

in the lips of talkers, and *are* an in-
famy of the people:* 4 Therefore, ye
mountains of Israel, hear the word of
the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord
GOD to the mountains, and to the
hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys,
to the desolate wastes, and to the cities
that are forsaken, which became a prey
and derision to the residue of the hea-
then that *are* round about;* 5 There-
fore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely
in the fire of my jealousy have I spo-
ken against the residue of the heathen,

36.3. Because: Heb. Because for because. are...: or, ye are made to come up on the lip of the tongue.
4. rivers: or, bottoms, or, dales.

and against all Idumea, which have ap-
pointed my land into their possession
with the joy of all *their* heart, with
despiteful minds, to cast it out for a
prey. 6 Prophesy therefore concern-
ing the land of Israel, and say unto
the mountains, and to the hills, to the
rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in
my jealousy and in my fury, because ye
have borne the shame of the heathen:
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the
heathen that *are* about you, they shall
bear their shame. 8 But ye, O moun-
tains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your

branches, and yield your fruit to my
people of Israel; for they are at hand
to come. 9 For, behold, I *am* for you,
and I will turn unto you, and ye shall
be tilled and sown: 10 And I will mul-
tiply men upon you, all the house of
Israel, *even* all of it: and the cities shall
be inhabited, and the wastes shall be
builded: 11 And I will multiply upon
you man and beast; and they shall in-
crease and bring fruit: and I will set-
tle you after your old estates, and will
do better *unto you* than at your begin-
nings: and ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD. 12 Yea, I will cause men to walk
upon you, *even* my people Israel; and

they shall possess thee, and thou shalt
be their inheritance, and thou shalt
no more henceforth bereave them *of*
men. [13] Thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
cause they say unto you, Thou *land* de-
vourest up men, and hast bereaved thy
nations; [14] Therefore thou shalt devour
men no more, neither bereave thy na-
tions any more, saith the Lord GOD.*
[15] Neither will I cause *men* to hear in
thee the shame of the heathen any
more, neither shalt thou bear the re-
proach of the people any more, neither
shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any
more, saith the Lord GOD. [16] More-

14. bereave: or, cause to fall.

over the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying, 17 Son of man, when the
house of Israel dwelt in their own land,
they defiled it by their own way and by
their doings: their way was before me
as the uncleanness of a removed wo-
man. 18 Wherefore I poured my fury
upon them for the blood that they
had shed upon the land, and for their
idols *wherewith* they had polluted it:
19 And I scattered them among the hea-
then, and they were dispersed through
the countries: according to their way
and according to their doings I judged
them. 20 And when they entered unto
the heathen, whither they went, they

profaned my holy name, when they
said to them, These *are* the people of
the LORD, and are gone forth out of
his land. [21] But I had pity for mine holy
name, which the house of Israel had
profaned among the heathen, whither
they went. [22] Therefore say unto the
house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; I do not *this* for your sakes,
O house of Israel, but for mine holy
name's sake, which ye have profaned
among the heathen, whither ye went.
[23] And I will sanctify my great name,
which was profaned among the hea-
then, which ye have profaned in the
midst of them; and the heathen shall

know that I *am* the LORD, saith the
Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified
in you before their eyes.* [24] For I will
take you from among the heathen, and
gather you out of all countries, and will
bring you into your own land. [25] Then
will I sprinkle clean water upon you,
and ye shall be clean: from all your
filthiness, and from all your idols, will
I cleanse you. [26] A new heart also will
I give you, and a new spirit will I put
within you: and I will take away the
stony heart out of your flesh, and I
will give you an heart of flesh. [27] And
I will put my spirit within you, and

23. their: or, your.

cause you to walk in my statutes, and
ye shall keep my judgments, and do
them. [28] And ye shall dwell in the land
that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall
be my people, and I will be your God.
[29] I will also save you from all your un-
cleannesses: and I will call for the corn,
and will increase it, and lay no famine
upon you. [30] And I will multiply the
fruit of the tree, and the increase of the
field, that ye shall receive no more re-
proach of famine among the heathen.
[31] Then shall ye remember your own
evil ways, and your doings that *were*
not good, and shall lothe yourselves in
your own sight for your iniquities and

for your abominations. [32] Not for your
sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD,
be it known unto you: be ashamed
and confounded for your own ways,
O house of Israel. [33] Thus saith the
Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have
cleansed you from all your iniquities
I will also cause *you* to dwell in the
cities, and the wastes shall be builded.
[34] And the desolate land shall be tilled,
whereas it lay desolate in the sight of
all that passed by. [35] And they shall
say, This land that was desolate is be-
come like the garden of Eden; and the
waste and desolate and ruined cities
are become fenced, *and* are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round
about you shall know that I the LORD
build the ruined *places, and* plant that
that was desolate: I the LORD have
spoken *it*, and I will do *it*. 37 Thus saith
the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be
enquired of by the house of Israel, to
do *it* for them; I will increase them
with men like a flock. 38 As the holy
flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her
solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities
be filled with flocks of men: and they
shall know that I *am* the LORD.*

37 The hand of the LORD was

38. holy...: Heb. flock of holy things.

upon me, and carried me out in the
spirit of the LORD, and set me down in
the midst of the valley which *was* full
of bones, 2 And caused me to pass by
them round about: and, behold, *there*
were very many in the open valley; and,
lo, *they were* very dry.* 3 And he said
unto me, Son of man, can these bones
live? And I answered, O Lord GOD,
thou knowest. 4 Again he said unto
me, Prophesy upon these bones, and
say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear
the word of the LORD. 5 Thus saith
the Lord GOD unto these bones; Be-
hold, I will cause breath to enter into

37.2. valley: or, champaign.

you, and ye shall live: 6 And I will lay
sinews upon you, and will bring up
flesh upon you, and cover you with
skin, and put breath in you, and ye
shall live; and ye shall know that I
am the LORD. 7 So I prophesied as
I was commanded: and as I prophe-
sied, there was a noise, and behold a
shaking, and the bones came together,
bone to his bone. 8 And when I be-
held, lo, the sinews and the flesh came
up upon them, and the skin covered
them above: but *there was* no breath in
them. 9 Then said he unto me, Proph-
esy unto the wind, prophesy, son of
man, and say to the wind, Thus saith

the Lord GOD; Come from the four
winds, O breath, and breathe upon
these slain, that they may live.* 10 So
I prophesied as he commanded me,
and the breath came into them, and
they lived, and stood up upon their
feet, an exceeding great army. 11 Then
he said unto me, Son of man, these
bones are the whole house of Israel:
behold, they say, Our bones are dried,
and our hope is lost: we are cut off for
our parts. 12 Therefore prophesy and
say unto them, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, O my people, I will
open your graves, and cause you to

9. wind: or, breath.

come up out of your graves, and bring
you into the land of Israel. 13 And ye
shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I
have opened your graves, O my people,
and brought you up out of your graves,
14 And shall put my spirit in you, and
ye shall live, and I shall place you in
your own land: then shall ye know that
I the LORD have spoken *it*, and per-
formed *it*, saith the LORD. 15 The word
of the LORD came again unto me, say-
ing, 16 Moreover, thou son of man, take
thee one stick, and write upon it, For
Judah, and for the children of Israel his
companions: then take another stick,
and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick

of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Is-
rael his companions: [17] And join them
one to another into one stick; and
they shall become one in thine hand.
[18] And when the children of thy peo-
ple shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt
thou not shew us what thou *mean-*
est by these? [19] Say unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will
take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in
the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes
of Israel his fellows, and will put them
with him, *even* with the stick of Judah,
and make them one stick, and they
shall be one in mine hand. [20] And the
sticks whereon thou writest shall be in

thine hand before their eyes. [21] And
say unto them, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, I will take the chil-
dren of Israel from among the hea-
then, whither they be gone, and will
gather them on every side, and bring
them into their own land: [22] And I
will make them one nation in the land
upon the mountains of Israel; and one
king shall be king to them all: and they
shall be no more two nations, neither
shall they be divided into two king-
doms any more at all: [23] Neither shall
they defile themselves any more with
their idols, nor with their detestable
things, nor with any of their trans-

gressions: but I will save them out of
all their dwellingplaces, wherein they
have sinned, and will cleanse them: so
shall they be my people, and I will be
their God. [24] And David my servant
shall be king over them; and they all
shall have one shepherd: they shall
also walk in my judgments, and ob-
serve my statutes, and do them. [25] And
they shall dwell in the land that I have
given unto Jacob my servant, wherein
your fathers have dwelt; and they shall
dwell therein, *even* they, and their chil-
dren, and their children's children for
ever: and my servant David *shall be*
their prince for ever. [26] Moreover I will

make a covenant of peace with them;
it shall be an everlasting covenant with
them: and I will place them, and mul-
tiply them, and will set my sanctu-
ary in the midst of them for ever-
more. [27] My tabernacle also shall be
with them: yea, I will be their God,
and they shall be my people. [28] And the
heathen shall know that I the LORD
do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary
shall be in the midst of them for ever-
more.

38 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying, [2] Son of man,
set thy face against Gog, the land of

Magog, the chief prince of Meshech
and Tubal, and prophesy against him,*
3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the
chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
4 And I will turn thee back, and put
hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring
thee forth, and all thine army, horses
and horsemen, all of them clothed
with all sorts *of armour, even* a great
company *with* bucklers and shields,
all of them handling swords: 5 Per-
sia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them;
all of them with shield and helmet:*

38.2. the chief...: or, prince of the chief.
5. Libya: or, Phut.

6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house
of Togarmah of the north quarters,
and all his bands: *and* many peo-
ple with thee. 7 Be thou prepared,
and prepare for thyself, thou, and all
thy company that are assembled unto
thee, and be thou a guard unto them.
8 After many days thou shalt be vis-
ited: in the latter years thou shalt
come into the land *that is* brought
back from the sword, *and is* gathered
out of many people, against the moun-
tains of Israel, which have been always
waste: but it is brought forth out of
the nations, and they shall dwell safely
all of them. 9 Thou shalt ascend and

come like a storm, thou shalt be like a
cloud to cover the land, thou, and all
thy bands, and many people with thee.
10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall
also come to pass, *that* at the same
time shall things come into thy mind,
and thou shalt think an evil thought:*
11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the
land of unwalled villages; I will go to
them that are at rest, that dwell safely,
all of them dwelling without walls,
and having neither bars nor gates,*
12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey;
to turn thine hand upon the deso-

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10. think...: or, conceive a mischievous purpose.
11. safely: or, confidently.

late places *that are now* inhabited, and
upon the people *that are* gathered out
of the nations, which have gotten cat-
tle and goods, that dwell in the midst
of the land.* 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and
the merchants of Tarshish, with all
the young lions thereof, shall say unto
thee, Art thou come to take a spoil?
hast thou gathered thy company to
take a prey? to carry away silver and
gold, to take away cattle and goods,
to take a great spoil? 14 Therefore, son
of man, prophesy and say unto Gog,
Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that

12. To take...: Heb. To spoil the spoil, and to prey the prey. midst: Heb. navel.

day when my people of Israel dwelleth
safely, shalt thou not know *it*? [15] And
thou shalt come from thy place out
of the north parts, thou, and many
people with thee, all of them riding
upon horses, a great company, and a
mighty army: [16] And thou shalt come
up against my people of Israel, as a
cloud to cover the land; it shall be in
the latter days, and I will bring thee
against my land, that the heathen may
know me, when I shall be sanctified in
thee, O Gog, before their eyes. [17] Thus
saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of
whom I have spoken in old time by my
servants the prophets of Israel, which

prophesied in those days *many* years
that I would bring thee against them?*
18 And it shall come to pass at the same
time when Gog shall come against the
land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD,
that my fury shall come up in my face.
19 For in my jealousy *and* in the fire
of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in
that day there shall be a great shak-
ing in the land of Israel; 20 So that the
fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the
heaven, and the beasts of the field, and
all creeping things that creep upon the
earth, and all the men that *are* upon
the face of the earth, shall shake at

17. by: Heb. by the hand of.

my presence, and the mountains shall
be thrown down, and the steep places
shall fall, and every wall shall fall to
the ground.* [21] And I will call for a
sword against him throughout all my
mountains, saith the Lord GOD: ev-
ery man's sword shall be against his
brother. [22] And I will plead against
him with pestilence and with blood;
and I will rain upon him, and upon his
bands, and upon the many people that
are with him, an overflowing rain, and
great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.
[23] Thus will I magnify myself, and sanc-
tify myself; and I will be known in the

20. steep...: or, towers, or, stairs.

eyes of many nations, and they shall
know that I *am* the LORD.

39 Therefore, thou son of man,
prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am*
against thee, O Gog, the chief prince
of Meshech and Tubal: 2 And I will
turn thee back, and leave but the sixth
part of thee, and will cause thee to
come up from the north parts, and will
bring thee upon the mountains of Is-
rael:* 3 And I will smite thy bow out
of thy left hand, and will cause thine

39.2. leave...: or, strike thee with six plagues: or, draw thee back with an hook of six teeth. the north...: Heb. the sides of the north.

arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains
of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and
the people that *is* with thee: I will
give thee unto the ravenous birds of
every sort, and *to* the beasts of the
field to be devoured.* 5 Thou shalt fall
upon the open field: for I have spo-
ken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.* 6 And I
will send a fire on Magog, and among
them that dwell carelessly in the isles:
and they shall know that I *am* the
LORD.* 7 So will I make my holy name

4. sort: Heb. wing. to be...: Heb. to devour.
5. the open...: Heb. the face of the field.
6. carelessly: or, confidently.

known in the midst of my people Is-
rael; and I will not *let them* pollute
my holy name any more: and the hea-
then shall know that I *am* the LORD,
the Holy One in Israel. 8 Behold,
it is come, and it is done, saith the
Lord GOD; this *is* the day whereof I
have spoken. 9 And they that dwell in
the cities of Israel shall go forth, and
shall set on fire and burn the weapons,
both the shields and the bucklers, the
bows and the arrows, and the hand-
staves, and the spears, and they shall
burn them with fire seven years:* 10 So

9. handstaves: or, javelins. burn them...: or, make a fire of them.

that they shall take no wood out of
the field, neither cut down *any* out
of the forests; for they shall burn the
weapons with fire: and they shall spoil
those that spoiled them, and rob those
that robbed them, saith the Lord
GOD. 11 And it shall come to pass in
that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a
place there of graves in Israel, the val-
ley of the passengers on the east of the
sea: and it shall stop the *noses* of the
passengers: and there shall they bury
Gog and all his multitude: and they
shall call *it* The valley of Hamongog.*

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11. noses: or, mouths. Hamongog: that is, The multitude of Gog.

12 And seven months shall the house of
Israel be burying of them, that they
may cleanse the land. 13 Yea, all the
people of the land shall bury *them*;
and it shall be to them a renown the
day that I shall be glorified, saith the
Lord GOD. 14 And they shall sever out
men of continual employment, pass-
ing through the land to bury with the
passengers those that remain upon the
face of the earth, to cleanse it: after
the end of seven months shall they
search.* 15 And the passengers *that* pass
through the land, when *any* seeth a
man's bone, then shall he set up a

14. men...: Heb. men of continuance.

sign by it, till the buriers have buried
it in the valley of Hamongog.* 16 And
also the name of the city *shall be* Ha-
monah. Thus shall they cleanse the
land.* 17 And, thou son of man, thus
saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto ev-
ery feathered fowl, and to every beast
of the field, Assemble yourselves, and
come; gather yourselves on every side
to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for
you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the
mountains of Israel, that ye may eat
flesh, and drink blood.* 18 Ye shall eat

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15. set up: Heb. build.
16. Hamonah: that is, The multitude.
17. unto...: Heb. to the fowl of every wing. my

the flesh of the mighty, and drink the
blood of the princes of the earth, of
rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bul-
locks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.*
19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full,
and drink blood till ye be drunken, of
my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for
you. 20 Thus ye shall be filled at my
table with horses and chariots, with
mighty men, and with all men of war,
saith the Lord GOD. 21 And I will set
my glory among the heathen, and all
the heathen shall see my judgment
that I have executed, and my hand

sacrifice: or, my slaughter.
18. goats: Heb. great goats.

that I have laid upon them. 22 So the
house of Israel shall know that I *am*
the LORD their God from that day
and forward. 23 And the heathen shall
know that the house of Israel went into
captivity for their iniquity: because
they trespassed against me, therefore
hid I my face from them, and gave
them into the hand of their enemies:
so fell they all by the sword. 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have
I done unto them, and hid my face
from them. 25 Therefore thus saith the
Lord GOD; Now will I bring again
the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy

upon the whole house of Israel, and
will be jealous for my holy name; [26] After
that they have borne their shame,
and all their trespasses whereby they
have trespassed against me, when they
dwelt safely in their land, and none
made *them* afraid. [27] When I have
brought them again from the people,
and gathered them out of their ene-
mies' lands, and am sanctified in them
in the sight of many nations; [28] Then
shall they know that I *am* the LORD
their God, which caused them to be
led into captivity among the heathen:
but I have gathered them unto their
own land, and have left none of them

any more there.* [29] Neither will I hide
my face any more from them: for I
have poured out my spirit upon the
house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

40 In the five and twentieth year of
our captivity, in the beginning of the
year, in the tenth *day* of the month,
in the fourteenth year after that the
city was smitten, in the selfsame day
the hand of the LORD was upon me,
and brought me thither. [2] In the vi-
sions of God brought he me into the
land of Israel, and set me upon a very
high mountain, by which *was* as the

28. which...: Heb. by my causing of them, etc.

frame of a city on the south.* 3 And he
brought me thither, and, behold, *there*
was a man, whose appearance *was* like
the appearance of brass, with a line of
flax in his hand, and a measuring reed;
and he stood in the gate. 4 And the
man said unto me, Son of man, behold
with thine eyes, and hear with thine
ears, and set thine heart upon all that
I shall shew thee; for to the intent that
I might shew *them* unto thee *art* thou
brought hither: declare all that thou
seest to the house of Israel. 5 And be-
hold a wall on the outside of the house
round about, and in the man's hand a

40.2. by which: or, upon which.

measuring reed of six cubits *long* by
the cubit and an hand breadth: so
he measured the breadth of the build-
ing, one reed; and the height, one
reed. 6 Then came he unto the gate
which looketh toward the east, and
went up the stairs thereof, and mea-
sured the threshold of the gate, *which*
was one reed broad; and the other
threshold *of the gate, which was* one
reed broad.* 7 And *every* little cham-
ber *was* one reed long, and one reed
broad; and between the little cham-
bers *were* five cubits; and the thresh-

6. which looketh...: Heb. whose face was the way toward the east.

old of the gate by the porch of the gate
within *was* one reed. 8 He measured
also the porch of the gate within, one
reed. 9 Then measured he the porch
of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts
thereof, two cubits; and the porch of
the gate *was* inward. 10 And the lit-
tle chambers of the gate eastward *were*
three on this side, and three on that
side; they three *were* of one measure:
and the posts had one measure on this
side and on that side. 11 And he mea-
sured the breadth of the entry of the
gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the
gate, thirteen cubits. 12 The space also
before the little chambers *was* one cu-

bit *on this side*, and the space *was* one
cubit on that side: and the little cham-
bers *were* six cubits on this side, and
six cubits on that side.* 13 He measured
then the gate from the roof of *one* little
chamber to the roof of another: the
breadth *was* five and twenty cubits,
door against door. 14 He made also
posts of threescore cubits, even unto
the post of the court round about the
gate. 15 And from the face of the gate of
the entrance unto the face of the porch
of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.
16 And *there were* narrow windows to
the little chambers, and to their posts

12. space: Heb. limit, or, bound.

within the gate round about, and like-
wise to the arches: and windows *were*
round about inward: and upon *each*
post *were* palm trees.* 17 Then brought
he me into the outward court, and,
lo, *there were* chambers, and a pave-
ment made for the court round about:
thirty chambers *were* upon the pave-
ment. 18 And the pavement by the side
of the gates over against the length
of the gates *was* the lower pavement.
19 Then he measured the breadth from
the forefront of the lower gate unto
the forefront of the inner court with-

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16. narrow: Heb. closed. arches: or, galleries, or, porches. inward: or, within.

out, an hundred cubits eastward and
northward.* [20] And the gate of the out-
ward court that looked toward the
north, he measured the length thereof,
and the breadth thereof.* [21] And the
little chambers thereof *were* three on
this side and three on that side; and the
posts thereof and the arches thereof
were after the measure of the first gate:
the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and
the breadth five and twenty cubits.*
[22] And their windows, and their arches,
and their palm trees, *were* after the

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19. without: or, from without.
20. that looked: Heb. whose face was.
21. arches: or, galleries, or, porches.

measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it
by seven steps; and the arches thereof
were before them. [23] And the gate
of the inner court *was* over against
the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from
gate to gate an hundred cubits. [24] After that he brought me toward the
south, and behold a gate toward the
south: and he measured the posts
thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. [25] And *there*
were windows in it and in the arches
thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and

the breadth five and twenty cubits.
26 And *there were* seven steps to go up
to it, and the arches thereof *were* be-
fore them: and it had palm trees, one
on this side, and another on that side,
upon the posts thereof. 27 And *there*
was a gate in the inner court toward
the south: and he measured from gate
to gate toward the south an hundred
cubits. 28 And he brought me to the
inner court by the south gate: and he
measured the south gate according to
these measures; 29 And the little cham-
bers thereof, and the posts thereof, and
the arches thereof, according to these
measures: and *there were* windows in it

and in the arches thereof round about:
it was fifty cubits long, and five and
twenty cubits broad. 30 And the arches
round about *were* five and twenty cu-
bits long, and five cubits broad.* 31 And
the arches thereof *were* toward the ut-
ter court; and palm trees *were* upon
the posts thereof: and the going up to
it *had* eight steps. 32 And he brought
me into the inner court toward the
east: and he measured the gate ac-
cording to these measures. 33 And
the little chambers thereof, and the
posts thereof, and the arches thereof,
were according to these measures: and

30. broad: Heb. breadth.

there were windows therein and in the
arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty
cubits long, and five and twenty cu-
bits broad. [34] And the arches thereof
were toward the outward court; and
palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof,
on this side, and on that side: and
the going up to it *had* eight steps.
[35] And he brought me to the north
gate, and measured *it* according to
these measures; [36] The little chambers
thereof, the posts thereof, and the
arches thereof, and the windows to it
round about: the length *was* fifty cu-
bits, and the breadth five and twenty
cubits. [37] And the posts thereof *were*

toward the utter court; and palm trees
were upon the posts thereof, on this
side, and on that side: and the going
up to it *had* eight steps. 38 And the
chambers and the entries thereof *were*
by the posts of the gates, where they
washed the burnt offering. 39 And in
the porch of the gate *were* two tables
on this side, and two tables on that
side, to slay thereon the burnt offer-
ing and the sin offering and the tres-
pass offering. 40 And at the side with-
out, as one goeth up to the entry of
the north gate, *were* two tables; and
on the other side, which *was* at the

porch of the gate, *were* two tables.*
41 Four tables *were* on this side, and
four tables on that side, by the side
of the gate; eight tables, whereupon
they slew *their sacrifices*. 42 And the
four tables *were* of hewn stone for the
burnt offering, of a cubit and an half
long, and a cubit and an half broad,
and one cubit high: whereupon also
they laid the instruments wherewith
they slew the burnt offering and the
sacrifice. 43 And within *were* hooks,
an hand broad, fastened round about:
and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the

40. as one...: or, at the step.

offering.* 44 And without the inner gate
were the chambers of the singers in the
inner court, which *was* at the side of
the north gate; and their prospect *was*
toward the south: one at the side of
the east gate *having* the prospect to-
ward the north. 45 And he said unto
me, This chamber, whose prospect *is*
toward the south, *is* for the priests, the
keepers of the charge of the house.*
46 And the chamber whose prospect *is*
toward the north *is* for the priests, the
keepers of the charge of the altar: these
are the sons of Zadok among the sons

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43. hooks: or, and irons, or, the two hearthstones.
45. charge: or, ward, or, ordinance.

of Levi, which come near to the LORD
to minister unto him. 47 So he mea-
sured the court, an hundred cubits
long, and an hundred cubits broad,
foursquare; and the altar *that was* be-
fore the house. 48 And he brought me
to the porch of the house, and mea-
sured *each* post of the porch, five cu-
bits on this side, and five cubits on
that side: and the breadth of the gate
was three cubits on this side, and three
cubits on that side. 49 The length of
the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the
breadth eleven cubits; and *he brought
me* by the steps whereby they went up
to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts,

one on this side, and another on that
side.

41 Afterward he brought me to
the temple, and measured the posts,
six cubits broad on the one side, and
six cubits broad on the other side,
which was the breadth of the taberna-
cle. 2 And the breadth of the door *was*
ten cubits; and the sides of the door
were five cubits on the one side, and
five cubits on the other side: and he
measured the length thereof, forty cu-
bits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.*
3 Then went he inward, and measured

41.2. door: or, entrance.

the post of the door, two cubits; and
the door, six cubits; and the breadth
of the door, seven cubits. 4 So he
measured the length thereof, twenty
cubits; and the breadth, twenty cu-
bits, before the temple: and he said
unto me, This *is* the most holy *place*.
5 After he measured the wall of the
house, six cubits; and the breadth of
every side chamber, four cubits, round
about the house on every side. 6 And
the side chambers *were* three, one over
another, and thirty in order; and they
entered into the wall which *was* of
the house for the side chambers round
about, that they might have hold, but

they had not hold in the wall of the
house.* 7 And *there was* an enlarging,
and a winding about still upward to
the side chambers: for the winding
about of the house went still upward
round about the house: therefore the
breadth of the house *was still* up-
ward, and so increased *from* the lowest
chamber to the highest by the midst.*
8 I saw also the height of the house
round about: the foundations of the
side chambers *were* a full reed of six

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6. one...: Heb. side chamber over side chamber. have hold: Heb. be holden. thirty...: or, three and thirty times, or, foot.

7. there...: Heb. it was made broader, and went round.

great cubits. [9] The thickness of the
wall, which *was* for the side cham-
ber without, *was* five cubits: and *that*
which *was* left *was* the place of the
side chambers that *were* within. [10] And
between the chambers *was* the wide-
ness of twenty cubits round about the
house on every side. [11] And the doors
of the side chambers *were* toward *the*
place that was left, one door toward the
north, and another door toward the
south: and the breadth of the place
that was left *was* five cubits round
about. [12] Now the building that *was*
before the separate place at the end
toward the west *was* seventy cubits

broad; and the wall of the building *was*
five cubits thick round about, and the
length thereof ninety cubits. [13] So he
measured the house, an hundred cu-
bits long; and the separate place, and
the building, with the walls thereof,
an hundred cubits long; [14] Also the
breadth of the face of the house, and
of the separate place toward the east,
an hundred cubits. [15] And he mea-
sured the length of the building over
against the separate place which *was*
behind it, and the galleries thereof on
the one side and on the other side, an
hundred cubits, with the inner temple,

and the porches of the court;* [16] The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered;* [17] To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.* [18] And *it was* made with cherubims and palm trees, so that a

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15. galleries: or, several walks, or, walks with pillars.

16. cieled...: Heb. cieling of wood. and from...: or, and the ground unto the windows.

17. measure: Heb. measures.

palm tree *was* between a cherub and
a cherub; and *every* cherub had two
faces; [19] So that the face of a man *was*
toward the palm tree on the one side,
and the face of a young lion toward
the palm tree on the other side: *it*
was made through all the house round
about. [20] From the ground unto above
the door *were* cherubims and palm
trees made, and *on* the wall of the tem-
ple. [21] The posts of the temple *were*
squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary;
the appearance *of the one* as the appear-
ance *of the other*.* [22] The altar of wood
was three cubits high, and the length

21. posts: Heb. post.

thereof two cubits; and the corners
thereof, and the length thereof, and
the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and
he said unto me, This *is* the table that
is before the LORD. [23] And the tem-
ple and the sanctuary had two doors.
[24] And the doors had two leaves *apiece*,
two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the
one door, and two leaves for the other
door. [25] And *there were* made on them,
on the doors of the temple, cherubims
and palm trees, like as *were* made upon
the walls; and *there were* thick planks
upon the face of the porch without.
[26] And *there were* narrow windows and
palm trees on the one side and on the

other side, on the sides of the porch,
and *upon* the side chambers of the
house, and thick planks.

42 Then he brought me forth into
the utter court, the way toward the
north: and he brought me into the
chamber that *was* over against the
separate place, and which *was* before
the building toward the north. 2 Be-
fore the length of an hundred cubits
was the north door, and the breadth
was fifty cubits. 3 Over against the
twenty *cubits* which *were* for the in-
ner court, and over against the pave-
ment which *was* for the utter court,

was gallery against gallery in three *sto-*
ries. 4 And before the chambers *was*
a walk of ten cubits breadth inward,
a way of one cubit; and their doors
toward the north. 5 Now the upper
chambers *were* shorter: for the gal-
leries were higher than these, than the
lower, and than the middlemost of the
building.* 6 For they *were* in three *sto-*
ries, but had not pillars as the pillars
of the courts: therefore *the building*
was straitened more than the lowest
and the middlemost from the ground.

42.5. were higher...: or, did eat of these. than the lower...: or, and the building consisted of the lower and the middlemost.

7 And the wall that *was* without over
against the chambers, toward the ut-
ter court on the forepart of the cham-
bers, the length thereof *was* fifty cu-
bits. 8 For the length of the cham-
bers that *were* in the utter court *was*
fifty cubits: and, lo, before the tem-
ple *were* an hundred cubits. 9 And
from under these chambers *was* the
entry on the east side, as one goeth
into them from the utter court.* 10 The
chambers *were* in the thickness of the
wall of the court toward the east, over
against the separate place, and over

9. from under: or, from the place. the entry: or, he that brought me. as...: or, as he came.

against the building. 11 And the way
before them *was* like the appearance of
the chambers which *were* toward the
north, as long as they, *and* as broad
as they: and all their goings out *were*
both according to their fashions, and
according to their doors. 12 And ac-
cording to the doors of the chambers
that *were* toward the south *was* a door
in the head of the way, *even* the way di-
rectly before the wall toward the east,
as one entereth into them. 13 Then
said he unto me, The north chambers
and the south chambers, which *are* be-
fore the separate place, they *be* holy
chambers, where the priests that ap-

proach unto the LORD shall eat the
most holy things: there shall they lay
the most holy things, and the meat of-
fering, and the sin offering, and the
trespass offering; for the place *is* holy.
14 When the priests enter therein, then
shall they not go out of the holy *place*
into the utter court, but there they
shall lay their garments wherein they
minister; for they *are* holy; and shall
put on other garments, and shall ap-
proach to *those things* which *are* for
the people. 15 Now when he had made
an end of measuring the inner house,
he brought me forth toward the gate
whose prospect *is* toward the east, and

measured it round about. [16] He mea-
sured the east side with the measur-
ing reed, five hundred reeds, with the
measuring reed round about.* [17] He
measured the north side, five hundred
reeds, with the measuring reed round
about. [18] He measured the south side,
five hundred reeds, with the measuring
reed. [19] He turned about to the west
side, *and* measured five hundred reeds
with the measuring reed. [20] He mea-
sured it by the four sides: it had a wall
round about, five hundred *reeds* long,
and five hundred broad, to make a sep-
aration between the sanctuary and the

16. side: Heb. wind.

profane place.

43 Afterward he brought me to the
gate, *even* the gate that looketh toward
the east: 2 And, behold, the glory of
the God of Israel came from the way of
the east: and his voice *was* like a noise
of many waters: and the earth shined
with his glory. 3 And *it was* according
to the appearance of the vision which
I saw, *even* according to the vision that
I saw when I came to destroy the city:
and the visions *were* like the vision that
I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell
upon my face.* 4 And the glory of the

43.3. when...: or, when I came to prophesy that the

LORD came into the house by the way
of the gate whose prospect *is* toward
the east. 5 So the spirit took me up,
and brought me into the inner court;
and, behold, the glory of the LORD
filled the house. 6 And I heard *him*
speaking unto me out of the house;
and the man stood by me. 7 And he
said unto me, Son of man, the place of
my throne, and the place of the soles
of my feet, where I will dwell in the
midst of the children of Israel for ever,
and my holy name, shall the house of
Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor
their kings, by their whoredom, nor

city should be destroyed.

by the carcases of their kings in their
high places. 8 In their setting of their
threshold by my thresholds, and their
post by my posts, and the wall between
me and them, they have even defiled
my holy name by their abominations
that they have committed: wherefore
I have consumed them in mine anger.*
9 Now let them put away their whore-
dom, and the carcases of their kings,
far from me, and I will dwell in the
midst of them for ever. 10 Thou son
of man, shew the house to the house
of Israel, that they may be ashamed of

8. and the...: or, for there was but a wall between me and them.

their iniquities: and let them measure
the pattern.* 11 And if they be ashamed
of all that they have done, shew them
the form of the house, and the fashion
thereof, and the goings out thereof,
and the comings in thereof, and all the
forms thereof, and all the ordinances
thereof, and all the forms thereof, and
all the laws thereof: and write *it* in
their sight, that they may keep the
whole form thereof, and all the ordi-
nances thereof, and do them. 12 This *is*
the law of the house; Upon the top of
the mountain the whole limit thereof
round about *shall be* most holy. Be-

10. pattern: or, sum, or, number.

hold, this *is* the law of the house.
13 And these *are* the measures of the al-
tar after the cubits: The cubit *is* a cubit
and an hand breadth; even the bot-
tom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a
cubit, and the border thereof by the
edge thereof round about *shall be* a
span: and this *shall be* the higher place
of the altar.* 14 And from the bottom
upon the ground *even* to the lower set-
tle *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth
one cubit; and from the lesser set-
tle *even* to the greater settle *shall be*
four cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit.
15 So the altar *shall be* four cubits; and

13. bottom: Heb. bosom. edge: Heb. lip.

from the altar and upward *shall be* four
horns.* [16] And the altar *shall be* twelve
cubits long, twelve broad, square in the
four squares thereof. [17] And the settle
shall be fourteen *cubits* long and four-
teen broad in the four squares thereof;
and the border about it *shall be* half a
cubit; and the bottom thereof *shall be*
a cubit about; and his stairs shall look
toward the east. [18] And he said unto
me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord
GOD; These *are* the ordinances of the
altar in the day when they shall make

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15. the altar (first): Heb. Harel, that is, the mountain of God. the altar (second): Heb. Ariel, that is, the lion of God.

it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and
to sprinkle blood thereon. [19] And thou
shalt give to the priests the Levites that
be of the seed of Zadok, which ap-
proach unto me, to minister unto me,
saith the Lord GOD, a young bullock
for a sin offering. [20] And thou shalt
take of the blood thereof, and put *it*
on the four horns of it, and on the
four corners of the settle, and upon the
border round about: thus shalt thou
cleanse and purge it. [21] Thou shalt take
the bullock also of the sin offering, and
he shall burn it in the appointed place
of the house, without the sanctuary.
[22] And on the second day thou shalt of-

fer a kid of the goats without blemish
for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse
the altar, as they did cleanse *it* with the
bullock. [23] When thou hast made an
end of cleansing *it*, thou shalt offer a
young bullock without blemish, and a
ram out of the flock without blemish.
[24] And thou shalt offer them before the
LORD, and the priests shall cast salt
upon them, and they shall offer them
up *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD.
[25] Seven days shalt thou prepare every
day a goat *for* a sin offering: they shall
also prepare a young bullock, and a
ram out of the flock, without blem-
ish. [26] Seven days shall they purge the

altar and purify it; and they shall con-
secrate themselves.* 27 And when these
days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon
the eighth day, and *so* forward, the
priests shall make your burnt offerings
upon the altar, and your peace offer-
ings; and I will accept you, saith the
Lord GOD.*

44 Then he brought me back the
way of the gate of the outward sanc-
tuary which looketh toward the east;
and it *was* shut. 2 Then said the LORD
unto me; This gate shall be shut, it
shall not be opened, and no man shall

26. consecrate...: Heb. fill their hands.
27. peace...: or, thank offerings.

enter in by it; because the LORD, the
God of Israel, hath entered in by it,
therefore it shall be shut. 3 *It is* for
the prince; the prince, he shall sit in
it to eat bread before the LORD; he
shall enter by the way of the porch of
that gate, and shall go out by the way
of the same. 4 Then brought he me
the way of the north gate before the
house: and I looked, and, behold, the
glory of the LORD filled the house of
the LORD: and I fell upon my face.
5 And the LORD said unto me, Son
of man, mark well, and behold with
thine eyes, and hear with thine ears
all that I say unto thee concerning all

the ordinances of the house of the
LORD, and all the laws thereof; and
mark well the entering in of the house,
with every going forth of the sanctu-
ary.* 6 And thou shalt say to the rebel-
lious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Is-
rael, let it suffice you of all your abom-
inations, 7 In that ye have brought
into my sanctuary strangers, uncircum-
cised in heart, and uncircumcised in
flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pol-
lute it, *even* my house, when ye of-
fer my bread, the fat and the blood,

44.5. mark well: Heb. set thine heart. mark well: Heb. set thine heart.

and they have broken my covenant be-
cause of all your abominations.* 8 And
ye have not kept the charge of mine
holy things: but ye have set keepers of
my charge in my sanctuary for your-
selves.* 9 Thus saith the Lord GOD;
No stranger, uncircumcised in heart,
nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall en-
ter into my sanctuary, of any stranger
that *is* among the children of Israel.
10 And the Levites that are gone away
far from me, when Israel went astray,
which went astray away from me af-
ter their idols; they shall even bear

7. strangers: Heb. children of a stranger.
8. my charge: or, my ward, or, ordinance.

their iniquity. [11] Yet they shall be min-
isters in my sanctuary, *having* charge
at the gates of the house, and min-
istering to the house: they shall slay
the burnt offering and the sacrifice for
the people, and they shall stand before
them to minister unto them. [12] Be-
cause they ministered unto them be-
fore their idols, and caused the house
of Israel to fall into iniquity; there-
fore have I lifted up mine hand against
them, saith the Lord GOD, and they
shall bear their iniquity.* [13] And they
shall not come near unto me, to do

12. caused...: Heb. were for a stumblingblock of iniquity unto, etc.

the office of a priest unto me, nor to
come near to any of my holy things,
in the most holy *place*: but they shall
bear their shame, and their abomi-
nations which they have committed.
14 But I will make them keepers of the
charge of the house, for all the ser-
vice thereof, and for all that shall be
done therein. 15 But the priests the
Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept
the charge of my sanctuary when the
children of Israel went astray from me,
they shall come near to me to minister
unto me, and they shall stand before
me to offer unto me the fat and the
blood, saith the Lord GOD: 16 They

shall enter into my sanctuary, and they
shall come near to my table, to minis-
ter unto me, and they shall keep my
charge. [17] And it shall come to pass,
that when they enter in at the gates of
the inner court, they shall be clothed
with linen garments; and no wool shall
come upon them, whiles they minis-
ter in the gates of the inner court, and
within. [18] They shall have linen bon-
nets upon their heads, and shall have
linen breeches upon their loins; they
shall not gird *themselves* with any thing
that causeth sweat.* [19] And when they

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18. with...: or, in sweating places: Heb. in, or, with sweat.

go forth into the utter court, *even* into
the utter court to the people, they shall
put off their garments wherein they
ministered, and lay them in the holy
chambers, and they shall put on other
garments; and they shall not sanctify
the people with their garments. 20 Nei-
ther shall they shave their heads, nor
suffer their locks to grow long; they
shall only poll their heads. 21 Nei-
ther shall any priest drink wine, when
they enter into the inner court. 22 Nei-
ther shall they take for their wives a
widow, nor her that is put away: but
they shall take maidens of the seed of
the house of Israel, or a widow that

had a priest before.* [23] And they shall
teach my people *the difference* between
the holy and profane, and cause them
to discern between the unclean and
the clean. [24] And in controversy they
shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall
judge it according to my judgments:
and they shall keep my laws and my
statutes in all mine assemblies; and
they shall hallow my sabbaths. [25] And
they shall come at no dead person to
defile themselves: but for father, or for
mother, or for son, or for daughter, for
brother, or for sister that hath had no

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22. put...: Heb. thrust forth. that had...: Heb. from a priest.

husband, they may defile themselves.
26 And after he is cleansed, they shall
reckon unto him seven days. 27 And in
the day that he goeth into the sanctu-
ary, unto the inner court, to minister
in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin
offering, saith the Lord GOD. 28 And
it shall be unto them for an inheri-
tance: I *am* their inheritance: and ye
shall give them no possession in Israel:
I *am* their possession. 29 They shall eat
the meat offering, and the sin offer-
ing, and the trespass offering; and ev-
ery dedicated thing in Israel shall be
theirs.* 30 And the first of all the first-

29. dedicated: or, devoted.

fruits of all *things*, and every oblation
of all, of every *sort* of your oblations,
shall be the priest's: ye shall also give
unto the priest the first of your dough,
that he may cause the blessing to rest
in thine house.* 31 The priests shall not
eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or
torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall divide
by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall
offer an oblation unto the LORD, an
holy portion of the land: the length
shall be the length of five and twenty
thousand *reeds*, and the breadth *shall*

30. And the first: or, And the chief.

be ten thousand. This *shall be* holy in
all the borders thereof round about.*
2 Of this there shall be for the sanc-
tuary five hundred *in length*, with
five hundred *in breadth*, square round
about; and fifty cubits round about
for the suburbs thereof.* 3 And of this
measure shalt thou measure the length
of five and twenty thousand, and the
breadth of ten thousand: and in it
shall be the sanctuary *and* the most
holy *place*. 4 The holy *portion* of the
land shall be for the priests the minis-

45.1. when...: Heb. when ye cause the land to fall.
an holy...: Heb. holiness.
2. suburbs: or, void places.

ters of the sanctuary, which shall come
near to minister unto the LORD: and it
shall be a place for their houses, and an
holy place for the sanctuary. 5 And the
five and twenty thousand of length,
and the ten thousand of breadth, shall
also the Levites, the ministers of the
house, have for themselves, for a pos-
session for twenty chambers. 6 And
ye shall appoint the possession of the
city five thousand broad, and five and
twenty thousand long, over against
the oblation of the holy *portion*: it
shall be for the whole house of Israel.
7 And a *portion shall be* for the prince
on the one side and on the other side

of the oblation of the holy *portion*,
and of the possession of the city, be-
fore the oblation of the holy *portion*,
and before the possession of the city,
from the west side westward, and from
the east side eastward: and the length
shall be over against one of the por-
tions, from the west border unto the
east border. 8 In the land shall be his
possession in Israel: and my princes
shall no more oppress my people; and
the rest of the land shall they give to
the house of Israel according to their
tribes. 9 Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel:
remove violence and spoil, and exe-

cute judgment and justice, take away
your exactions from my people, saith
the Lord GOD.* 10 Ye shall have just
balances, and a just ephah, and a just
bath. 11 The ephah and the bath shall
be of one measure, that the bath may
contain the tenth part of an homer,
and the ephah the tenth part of an
homer: the measure thereof shall be
after the homer. 12 And the shekel
shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels,
five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels,
shall be your maneh. 13 This *is* the obla-
tion that ye shall offer; the sixth part
of an ephah of an homer of wheat,

9. exactions: Heb. expulsions.

and ye shall give the sixth part of an
ephah of an homer of barley: 14 Con-
cerning the ordinance of oil, the bath
of oil, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of
a bath out of the cor, *which is* an
homer of ten baths; for ten baths *are*
an homer: 15 And one lamb out of the
flock, out of two hundred, out of the
fat pastures of Israel; for a meat of-
fering, and for a burnt offering, and
for peace offerings, to make reconcili-
ation for them, saith the Lord GOD.*
16 All the people of the land shall give
this oblation for the prince in Israel.*

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15. lamb: or, kid. peace...: or, thank offerings.
16. shall...: Heb. shall be for. for: or, with.

17 And it shall be the prince's part *to*
give burnt offerings, and meat offer-
ings, and drink offerings, in the feasts,
and in the new moons, and in the sab-
baths, in all solemnities of the house of
Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering,
and the meat offering, and the burnt
offering, and the peace offerings, to
make reconciliation for the house of
Israel.* 18 Thus saith the Lord GOD;
In the first *month*, in the first *day* of
the month, thou shalt take a young
bullock without blemish, and cleanse
the sanctuary: 19 And the priest shall
take of the blood of the sin offering,

17. peace...: or, thank offerings.

and put *it* upon the posts of the house,
and upon the four corners of the set-
tle of the altar, and upon the posts of
the gate of the inner court. [20] And so
thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the
month for every one that erreth, and
for *him that is* simple: so shall ye rec-
oncile the house. [21] In the first *month*,
in the fourteenth day of the month, ye
shall have the passover, a feast of seven
days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.
[22] And upon that day shall the prince
prepare for himself and for all the peo-
ple of the land a bullock *for* a sin of-
fering. [23] And seven days of the feast
he shall prepare a burnt offering to the

LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams
without blemish daily the seven days;
and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin of-
fering. [24] And he shall prepare a meat
offering of an ephah for a bullock, and
an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil
for an ephah. [25] In the seventh *month*,
in the fifteenth day of the month, shall
he do the like in the feast of the seven
days, according to the sin offering, ac-
cording to the burnt offering, and ac-
cording to the meat offering, and ac-
cording to the oil.

46 Thus saith the Lord GOD; The
gate of the inner court that looketh

toward the east shall be shut the six
working days; but on the sabbath it
shall be opened, and in the day of the
new moon it shall be opened. 2 And
the prince shall enter by the way of
the porch of *that* gate without, and
shall stand by the post of the gate, and
the priests shall prepare his burnt of-
fering and his peace offerings, and he
shall worship at the threshold of the
gate: then he shall go forth; but the
gate shall not be shut until the evening.
3 Likewise the people of the land shall
worship at the door of this gate be-
fore the LORD in the sabbaths and in
the new moons. 4 And the burnt of-

fering that the prince shall offer unto
the LORD in the sabbath day *shall be*
six lambs without blemish, and a ram
without blemish. 5 And the meat of-
fering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and
the meat offering for the lambs as he
shall be able to give, and an hin of oil
to an ephah.* 6 And in the day of the
new moon *it shall be* a young bullock
without blemish, and six lambs, and
a ram: they shall be without blem-
ish. 7 And he shall prepare a meat of-
fering, an ephah for a bullock, and an
ephah for a ram, and for the lambs ac-
cording as his hand shall attain unto,

46.5. as he...: Heb. the gift of his hand.

and an hin of oil to an ephah. 8 And
when the prince shall enter, he shall
go in by the way of the porch of *that*
gate, and he shall go forth by the way
thereof. 9 But when the people of the
land shall come before the LORD in
the solemn feasts, he that entereth in
by the way of the north gate to worship
shall go out by the way of the south
gate; and he that entereth by the way
of the south gate shall go forth by the
way of the north gate: he shall not re-
turn by the way of the gate whereby
he came in, but shall go forth over
against it. 10 And the prince in the
midst of them, when they go in, shall

go in; and when they go forth, shall go
forth. [11] And in the feasts and in the
solemnities the meat offering shall be
an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah
to a ram, and to the lambs as he is
able to give, and an hin of oil to an
ephah. [12] Now when the prince shall
prepare a voluntary burnt offering or
peace offerings voluntarily unto the
LORD, *one* shall then open him the
gate that looketh toward the east, and
he shall prepare his burnt offering and
his peace offerings, as he did on the
sabbath day: then he shall go forth;
and after his going forth *one* shall shut
the gate. [13] Thou shalt daily prepare

a burnt offering unto the LORD *of* a
lamb of the first year without blem-
ish: thou shalt prepare it every morn-
ing.* 14 And thou shalt prepare a meat
offering for it every morning, the sixth
part of an ephah, and the third part of
an hin of oil, to temper with the fine
flour; a meat offering continually by
a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.
15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and
the meat offering, and the oil, every
morning *for* a continual burnt offer-
ing. 16 Thus saith the Lord GOD; If
the prince give a gift unto any of his

13. of the...: Heb. a son of his year. every...: Heb. morning by morning.

sons, the inheritance thereof shall be
his sons'; it *shall be* their possession by
inheritance. 17 But if he give a gift of
his inheritance to one of his servants,
then it shall be his to the year of lib-
erty; after it shall return to the prince:
but his inheritance shall be his sons'
for them. 18 Moreover the prince shall
not take of the people's inheritance by
oppression, to thrust them out of their
possession; *but* he shall give his sons
inheritance out of his own possession:
that my people be not scattered every
man from his possession. 19 After he
brought me through the entry, which
was at the side of the gate, into the holy

chambers of the priests, which looked
toward the north: and, behold, there
was a place on the two sides westward.
20 Then said he unto me, This *is* the
place where the priests shall boil the
trespass offering and the sin offering,
where they shall bake the meat offer-
ing; that they bear *them* not out into
the utter court, to sanctify the peo-
ple. 21 Then he brought me forth into
the utter court, and caused me to pass
by the four corners of the court; and,
behold, in every corner of the court
there was a court.* 22 In the four corners

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21. in every...: Heb. a court in a corner of a court, and a court in a corner of a court.

of the court *there were* courts joined
of forty *cubits* long and thirty broad:
these four corners *were* of one mea-
sure.* [23] And *there was* a row *of build-*
ing round about in them, round about
them four, and *it was* made with boil-
ing places under the rows round about.
[24] Then said he unto me, These *are* the
places of them that boil, where the
ministers of the house shall boil the
sacrifice of the people.

47 Afterward he brought me again
unto the door of the house; and, be-

22. joined: or, made with chimneys. corners were...: Heb. cornered, etc.

hold, waters issued out from under
the threshold of the house eastward:
for the forefront of the house *stood to-*
ward the east, and the waters came
down from under from the right side
of the house, at the south *side* of the
altar. 2 Then brought he me out of the
way of the gate northward, and led me
about the way without unto the utter
gate by the way that looketh eastward;
and, behold, there ran out waters on
the right side. 3 And when the man
that had the line in his hand went forth
eastward, he measured a thousand cu-
bits, and he brought me through the

waters; the waters *were* to the ankles.*
4 Again he measured a thousand, and
brought me through the waters; the
waters *were* to the knees. Again he
measured a thousand, and brought me
through; the waters *were* to the loins.
5 Afterward he measured a thousand;
and it was a river that I could not pass
over: for the waters were risen, waters
to swim in, a river that could not be
passed over.* 6 And he said unto me,
Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then
he brought me, and caused me to re-
turn to the brink of the river. 7 Now

47.3. the waters were...: Heb. waters of the ankles.
5. waters to...: Heb. waters of swimming.

when I had returned, behold, at the
bank of the river *were* very many trees
on the one side and on the other.*
8 Then said he unto me, These waters
issue out toward the east country, and
go down into the desert, and go into
the sea: *which being* brought forth into
the sea, the waters shall be healed.*
9 And it shall come to pass, *that* ev-
ery thing that liveth, which moveth,
whithersoever the rivers shall come,
shall live: and there shall be a very
great multitude of fish, because these
waters shall come thither: for they

7. bank: Heb. lip.
8. desert: or, plain.

shall be healed; and every thing shall
live whither the river cometh.* [10] And
it shall come to pass, *that* the fishers
shall stand upon it from Engedi even
unto Eneglaim; they shall be a *place* to
spread forth nets; their fish shall be ac-
cording to their kinds, as the fish of the
great sea, exceeding many. [11] But the
miry places thereof and the marishes
thereof shall not be healed; they shall
be given to salt.* [12] And by the river
upon the bank thereof, on this side
and on that side, shall grow all trees for

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9. rivers: Heb. two rivers.

11. shall not...: or, and that which shall not be healed.

meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither
shall the fruit thereof be consumed:
it shall bring forth new fruit accord-
ing to his months, because their waters
they issued out of the sanctuary: and
the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and
the leaf thereof for medicine.* 13 Thus
saith the Lord GOD; This *shall be*
the border, whereby ye shall inherit
the land according to the twelve tribes
of Israel: Joseph *shall have two* por-
tions. 14 And ye shall inherit it, one as
well as another: *concerning* the which
I lifted up mine hand to give it unto

12. shall grow: Heb. shall come up. new: or, principal. for medicine: or, for bruises and sores.

your fathers: and this land shall fall
unto you for inheritance.* 15 And this
shall be the border of the land to-
ward the north side, from the great
sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to
Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim,
which *is* between the border of Dam-
ascus and the border of Hamath; Haz-
arhatticon, which *is* by the coast of
Hauran.* 17 And the border from the
sea shall be Hazarenan, the border of
Damascus, and the north northward,
and the border of Hamath. And *this is*
the north side. 18 And the east side ye

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14. lifted...: or, swore.

16. Hazarhatticon: or, the middle village.

shall measure from Hauran, and from
Damascus, and from Gilead, and from
the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the
border unto the east sea. And *this is* the
east side.* [19] And the south side south-
ward, from Tamar *even* to the waters of
strife *in* Kadesh, the river to the great
sea. And *this is* the south side south-
ward.* [20] The west side also *shall be* the
great sea from the border, till a man
come over against Hamath. This *is* the
west side. [21] So shall ye divide this land

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18. from (Hauran, Damascus, Gilead, the land): Heb. from between.

19. strife: or, Meribah. river: or, valley. is the south side southward: or, is the south side toward Teman.

unto you according to the tribes of Is-
rael. [22] And it shall come to pass, *that*
ye shall divide it by lot for an inher-
itance unto you, and to the strangers
that sojourn among you, which shall
beget children among you: and they
shall be unto you as born in the coun-
try among the children of Israel; they
shall have inheritance with you among
the tribes of Israel. [23] And it shall come
to pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger
sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his
inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

48 Now these *are* the names of the
tribes. From the north end to the coast

of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth
to Hamath, Hazarenan, the border of
Damascus northward, to the coast of
Hamath; for these are his sides east
and west; a *portion for* Dan.* 2 And
by the border of Dan, from the east
side unto the west side, a *portion for*
Asher. 3 And by the border of Asher,
from the east side even unto the west
side, a *portion for* Naphtali. 4 And
by the border of Naphtali, from the
east side unto the west side, a *portion for* Manasseh. 5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side
unto the west side, a *portion for* Eph-

48.1. a portion: Heb. one portion.

raim. 6 And by the border of Ephraim,
from the east side even unto the west
side, a *portion for* Reuben. 7 And by
the border of Reuben, from the east
side unto the west side, a *portion for*
Judah. 8 And by the border of Ju-
dah, from the east side unto the west
side, shall be the offering which ye
shall offer of five and twenty thousand
reeds in breadth, and *in* length as one
of the *other* parts, from the east side
unto the west side: and the sanctu-
ary shall be in the midst of it. 9 The
oblation that ye shall offer unto the
LORD *shall be* of five and twenty thou-
sand in length, and of ten thousand in

breadth. [10] And for them, *even* for the
priests, shall be *this* holy oblation; to-
ward the north five and twenty thou-
sand *in length*, and toward the west ten
thousand in breadth, and toward the
east ten thousand in breadth, and to-
ward the south five and twenty thou-
sand in length: and the sanctuary of
the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.
[11] *It shall be* for the priests that are sanc-
tified of the sons of Zadok; which have
kept my charge, which went not astray
when the children of Israel went astray,
as the Levites went astray.* [12] And *this*

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11. It...: or, The sanctified portion shall be for the priests. charge: or, ward, or, ordinance.

oblation of the land that is offered
shall be unto them a thing most holy
by the border of the Levites. 13 And
over against the border of the priests
the Levites *shall have* five and twenty
thousand in length, and ten thousand
in breadth: all the length *shall be* five
and twenty thousand, and the breadth
ten thousand. 14 And they shall not
sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate
the firstfruits of the land: for *it is* holy
unto the LORD. 15 And the five thou-
sand, that are left in the breadth over
against the five and twenty thousand,
shall be a profane *place* for the city, for
dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city

shall be in the midst thereof. [16] And
these *shall be* the measures thereof; the
north side four thousand and five hun-
dred, and the south side four thou-
sand and five hundred, and on the
east side four thousand and five hun-
dred, and the west side four thousand
and five hundred. [17] And the suburbs
of the city shall be toward the north
two hundred and fifty, and toward the
south two hundred and fifty, and to-
ward the east two hundred and fifty,
and toward the west two hundred and
fifty. [18] And the residue in length over
against the oblation of the holy *portion
shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten

thousand westward: and it shall be
over against the oblation of the holy
portion; and the increase thereof shall
be for food unto them that serve the
city. [19] And they that serve the city
shall serve it out of all the tribes of Is-
rael. [20] All the oblation *shall be* five and
twenty thousand by five and twenty
thousand: ye shall offer the holy obla-
tion foursquare, with the possession of
the city. [21] And the residue *shall be* for
the prince, on the one side and on the
other of the holy oblation, and of the
possession of the city, over against the
five and twenty thousand of the obla-
tion toward the east border, and west-

ward over against the five and twenty
thousand toward the west border, over
against the portions for the prince:
and it shall be the holy oblation; and
the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in
the midst thereof. 22 Moreover from
the possession of the Levites, and from
the possession of the city, *being* in the
midst *of that* which is the prince's, be-
tween the border of Judah and the
border of Benjamin, shall be for the
prince. 23 As for the rest of the tribes,
from the east side unto the west side,
Benjamin *shall have* a *portion*.* 24 And
by the border of Benjamin, from the

23. A portion: Heb. one portion.

east side unto the west side, Simeon
shall have a *portion*. [25] And by the bor-
der of Simeon, from the east side unto
the west side, Issachar a *portion*. [26] And
by the border of Issachar, from the east
side unto the west side, Zebulun a *por-*
tion. [27] And by the border of Zebulun,
from the east side unto the west side,
Gad a *portion*. [28] And by the border of
Gad, at the south side southward, the
border shall be even from Tamar *unto*
the waters of strife *in* Kadesh, *and* to
the river toward the great sea.* [29] This
is the land which ye shall divide by
lot unto the tribes of Israel for inher-

28. strife...: or, Meribahkadesh.

itance, and these *are* their portions,
saith the Lord GOD. 30 And these *are*
the goings out of the city on the north
side, four thousand and five hundred
measures. 31 And the gates of the city
shall be after the names of the tribes
of Israel: three gates northward; one
gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one
gate of Levi. 32 And at the east side
four thousand and five hundred: and
three gates; and one gate of Joseph,
one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.
33 And at the south side four thousand
and five hundred measures: and three
gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of
Issachar, one gate of Zebulun. 34 At the

west side four thousand and five hun-
dred, *with* their three gates; one gate
of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of
Naphtali. [35] *It was* round about eigh-
teen thousand *measures*: and the name
of the city from *that* day *shall be*, The
LORD *is* there.*

35. The LORD...: Heb. Jehovahshammah.

THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children

of Israel, and of the king's seed, and
of the princes; 4 Children in whom
was no blemish, but well favoured,
and skilful in all wisdom, and cun-
ning in knowledge, and understand-
ing science, and such as *had* ability
in them to stand in the king's palace,
and whom they might teach the learn-
ing and the tongue of the Chaldeans.
5 And the king appointed them a daily
provision of the king's meat, and of
the wine which he drank: so nour-
ishing them three years, that at the
end thereof they might stand before
the king.* 6 Now among these were of

1.5. the wine...: Heb. the wine of his drink.

the children of Judah, Daniel, Hana-
niah, Mishael, and Azariah: 7 Unto
whom the prince of the eunuchs gave
names: for he gave unto Daniel *the*
name of Belteshazzar; and to Hana-
niah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of
Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-
nego. 8 But Daniel purposed in his
heart that he would not defile him-
self with the portion of the king's
meat, nor with the wine which he
drank: therefore he requested of the
prince of the eunuchs that he might
not defile himself. 9 Now God had
brought Daniel into favour and ten-
der love with the prince of the eu-

nuchs. [10] And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.* [11] Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,* [12] Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and wa-

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10. worse...: Heb. sadder. sort: or, term, or, continuance?.

11. Melzar: or, the steward.

ter to drink.* 13 Then let our counte-
nances be looked upon before thee,
and the countenance of the children
that eat of the portion of the king's
meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy
servants. 14 So he consented to them
in this matter, and proved them ten
days. 15 And at the end of ten days their
countenances appeared fairer and fat-
ter in flesh than all the children which
did eat the portion of the king's meat.
16 Thus Melzar took away the portion
of their meat, and the wine that they
should drink; and gave them pulse.

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12. pulse: Heb. of pulse. to eat...: Heb. that we may eat, etc.

17 As for these four children, God gave
them knowledge and skill in all learn-
ing and wisdom: and Daniel had un-
derstanding in all visions and dreams.*
18 Now at the end of the days that the
king had said he should bring them
in, then the prince of the eunuchs
brought them in before Nebuchad-
nezzar. 19 And the king communed
with them; and among them all was
found none like Daniel, Hananiah,
Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood
they before the king. 20 And in all
matters of wisdom *and* understand-
ing, that the king enquired of them,

17. Daniel...: or, he made Daniel understand.

he found them ten times better than
all the magicians *and* astrologers that
were in all his realm.* [21] And Daniel
continued *even* unto the first year of
king Cyrus.

2 And in the second year of the
reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchad-
nezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith
his spirit was troubled, and his sleep
brake from him. [2] Then the king com-
manded to call the magicians, and the
astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the
Chaldeans, for to shew the king his
dreams. So they came and stood be-

20. wisdom...: Heb. wisdom of understanding.

fore the king. 3 And the king said unto
them, I have dreamed a dream, and
my spirit was troubled to know the
dream. 4 Then spake the Chaldeans
to the king in Syriack, O king, live
for ever: tell thy servants the dream,
and we will shew the interpretation.
5 The king answered and said to the
Chaldeans, The thing is gone from
me: if ye will not make known unto
me the dream, with the interpretation
thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and
your houses shall be made a dunghill.*
6 But if ye shew the dream, and the in-
terpretation thereof, ye shall receive of

2.5. cut...: Chaldee made pieces.

me gifts and rewards and great hon-
our: therefore shew me the dream, and
the interpretation thereof.* 7 They an-
swered again and said, Let the king
tell his servants the dream, and we will
shew the interpretation of it. 8 The
king answered and said, I know of cer-
tainty that ye would gain the time, be-
cause ye see the thing is gone from
me.* 9 But if ye will not make known
unto me the dream, *there is but* one
decree for you: for ye have prepared ly-
ing and corrupt words to speak before
me, till the time be changed: therefore

6. rewards: or, fee.
8. gain: Chaldee buy.

tell me the dream, and I shall know
that ye can shew me the interpretation
thereof. [10] The Chaldeans answered
before the king, and said, There is not
a man upon the earth that can shew
the king's matter: therefore *there is* no
king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such
things at any magician, or astrologer,
or Chaldean. [11] And *it is* a rare thing
that the king requireth, and there is
none other that can shew it before the
king, except the gods, whose dwelling
is not with flesh. [12] For this cause the
king was angry and very furious, and
commanded to destroy all the wise
men of Babylon. [13] And the decree

went forth that the wise *men* should
be slain; and they sought Daniel and
his fellows to be slain. [14] Then Daniel
answered with counsel and wisdom
to Arioch the captain of the king's
guard, which was gone forth to slay
the wise *men* of Babylon:* [15] He an-
swered and said to Arioch the king's
captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty
from the king? Then Arioch made
the thing known to Daniel. [16] Then
Daniel went in, and desired of the
king that he would give him time, and

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14. answered...: Chaldee returned. captain...: or, chief marshal: Chaldee chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen.

that he would shew the king the interpretation. [17] Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: [18] That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.* [19] Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. [20] Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God

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18. of the God: Chaldee from before God. that Daniel...: or, that they should not destroy Daniel, etc.

for ever and ever: for wisdom and
might are his: [21] And he changeth the
times and the seasons: he removeth
kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth
wisdom unto the wise, and knowl-
edge to them that know understand-
ing: [22] He revealeth the deep and se-
cret things: he knoweth what *is* in
the darkness, and the light dwelleth
with him. [23] I thank thee, and praise
thee, O thou God of my fathers, who
hast given me wisdom and might, and
hast made known unto me now what
we desired of thee: for thou hast *now*
made known unto us the king's mat-
ter. [24] Therefore Daniel went in unto

Arioch, whom the king had ordained
to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he
went and said thus unto him; Destroy
not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me
in before the king, and I will shew unto
the king the interpretation. [25] Then
Arioch brought in Daniel before the
king in haste, and said thus unto him,
I have found a man of the captives of
Judah, that will make known unto the
king the interpretation.* [26] The king
answered and said to Daniel, whose
name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able
to make known unto me the dream

25. I have...: Chaldee That I have found. captives...: Chaldee children of the captivity of Judah.

which I have seen, and the interpre-
tation thereof? [27] Daniel answered in
the presence of the king, and said,
The secret which the king hath de-
manded cannot the wise *men*, the as-
trologers, the magicians, the soothsay-
ers, shew unto the king; [28] But there is
a God in heaven that revealeth secrets,
and maketh known to the king Neb-
uchadnezzar what shall be in the lat-
ter days. Thy dream, and the visions
of thy head upon thy bed, are these;*
[29] As for thee, O king, thy thoughts
came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what
should come to pass hereafter: and he

28. maketh...: Chaldee hath made known.

that revealeth secrets maketh known
to thee what shall come to pass.* [30] But
as for me, this secret is not revealed to
me for *any* wisdom that I have more
than any living, but for *their* sakes
that shall make known the interpreta-
tion to the king, and that thou might-
est know the thoughts of thy heart.*
[31] Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a
great image. This great image, whose
brightness *was* excellent, stood before
thee; and the form thereof *was* terri-

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29. came: Chaldee came up.

30. but for...: or, but for the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king.

ble.* [32] This image's head *was* of fine
gold, his breast and his arms of silver,
his belly and his thighs of brass,* [33] His
legs of iron, his feet part of iron and
part of clay. [34] Thou sawest till that
a stone was cut out without hands,
which smote the image upon his feet
that were of iron and clay, and brake
them to pieces.* [35] Then was the iron,
the clay, the brass, the silver, and the
gold, broken to pieces together, and
became like the chaff of the summer
threshingfloors; and the wind carried

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31. sawest: Chaldee wast seeing.
32. thighs: or, sides.
34. without...: or, which was not in hands.

them away, that no place was found
for them: and the stone that smote
the image became a great mountain,
and filled the whole earth. [36] This *is*
the dream; and we will tell the in-
terpretation thereof before the king.
[37] Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings:
for the God of heaven hath given thee
a kingdom, power, and strength, and
glory. [38] And wheresoever the children
of men dwell, the beasts of the field
and the fowls of the heaven hath he
given into thine hand, and hath made
thee ruler over them all. Thou *art*
this head of gold. [39] And after thee
shall arise another kingdom inferior

to thee, and another third kingdom
of brass, which shall bear rule over all
the earth. [40] And the fourth kingdom
shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as
iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth
all *things*: and as iron that breaketh
all these, shall it break in pieces and
bruise. [41] And whereas thou sawest
the feet and toes, part of potters' clay,
and part of iron, the kingdom shall
be divided; but there shall be in it of
the strength of the iron, forasmuch as
thou sawest the iron mixed with miry
clay. [42] And *as* the toes of the feet *were*
part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the
kingdom shall be partly strong, and

partly broken.* 43 And whereas thou
sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they
shall mingle themselves with the seed
of men: but they shall not cleave one
to another, even as iron is not mixed
with clay.* 44 And in the days of these
kings shall the God of heaven set up
a kingdom, which shall never be de-
stroyed: and the kingdom shall not
be left to other people, *but* it shall
break in pieces and consume all these
kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

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42. broken: or, brittle.
43. one...: Chaldee this with this.
44. the days: Chaldee their days. the kingdom: Chaldee the kingdom thereof.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the
stone was cut out of the mountain
without hands, and that it brake in
pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the
silver, and the gold; the great God
hath made known to the king what
shall come to pass hereafter: and the
dream *is* certain, and the interpreta-
tion thereof sure.* 46 Then the king
Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face,
and worshipped Daniel, and com-
manded that they should offer an
oblation and sweet odours unto him.
47 The king answered unto Daniel, and

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45. without...: or, which was not in hands. here-
after: Chaldee after this.

said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is*
a God of gods, and a Lord of kings,
and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou
couldest reveal this secret. 48 Then
the king made Daniel a great man,
and gave him many great gifts, and
made him ruler over the whole prov-
ince of Babylon, and chief of the gov-
ernors over all the wise *men* of Baby-
lon. 49 Then Daniel requested of the
king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, over the affairs of the
province of Babylon: but Daniel *sat* in
the gate of the king.

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made

an image of gold, whose height *was*
threescore cubits, *and* the breadth
thereof six cubits: he set it up in the
plain of Dura, in the province of Baby-
lon. [2] Then Nebuchadnezzar the king
sent to gather together the princes,
the governors, and the captains, the
judges, the treasurers, the counsel-
lors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of
the provinces, to come to the dedica-
tion of the image which Nebuchad-
nezzar the king had set up. [3] Then
the princes, the governors, and cap-
tains, the judges, the treasurers, the
counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the
rulers of the provinces, were gathered

together unto the dedication of the
image that Nebuchadnezzar the king
had set up; and they stood before the
image that Nebuchadnezzar had set
up. 4 Then an herald cried aloud, To
you it is commanded, O people, na-
tions, and languages,* 5 *That* at what
time ye hear the sound of the cor-
net, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dul-
cimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall
down and worship the golden image
that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath
set up:* 6 And whoso falleth not down

3.4. aloud: Chaldee with might. it...: Chaldee they command.

5. dulcimer: or, singing: Chaldee symphony.

and worshippeth shall the same hour
be cast into the midst of a burn-
ing fiery furnace. 7 Therefore at that
time, when all the people heard the
sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sack-
but, psaltery, and all kinds of musick,
all the people, the nations, and the
languages, fell down *and* worshipped
the golden image that Nebuchadnez-
zar the king had set up. 8 Wherefore
at that time certain Chaldeans came
near, and accused the Jews. 9 They
spake and said to the king Nebuchad-
nezzar, O king, live for ever. 10 Thou,
O king, hast made a decree, that every
man that shall hear the sound of the

cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery,
and dulcimer, and all kinds of mu-
sick, shall fall down and worship the
golden image: [11] And whoso falleth
not down and worshippeth, *that* he
should be cast into the midst of a
burning fiery furnace. [12] There are cer-
tain Jews whom thou hast set over
the affairs of the province of Babylon,
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego;
these men, O king, have not regarded
thee: they serve not thy gods, nor
worship the golden image which thou
hast set up.* [13] Then Nebuchadnezzar
in *his* rage and fury commanded to

12. have...: Chaldee have set no regard upon thee.

bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
nego. Then they brought these men
before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar
spake and said unto them, *Is it* true, O
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
do not ye serve my gods, nor worship
the golden image which I have set up?*
15 Now if ye be ready that at what time
ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute,
harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer,
and all kinds of musick, ye fall down
and worship the image which I have
made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye
shall be cast the same hour into the
midst of a burning fiery furnace; and

14. true: or, of purpose.

who *is* that God that shall deliver you
out of my hands? [16] Shadrach, Me-
shach, and Abednego, answered and
said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar,
we *are* not careful to answer thee in
this matter. [17] If it be *so*, our God
whom we serve is able to deliver us
from the burning fiery furnace, and he
will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O
king. [18] But if not, be it known unto
thee, O king, that we will not serve thy
gods, nor worship the golden image
which thou hast set up. [19] Then was
Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the
form of his visage was changed against
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego:

therefore he spake, and commanded
that they should heat the furnace one
seven times more than it was wont
to be heated.* [20] And he commanded
the most mighty men that *were* in his
army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego, *and* to cast *them* into the
burning fiery furnace.* [21] Then these
men were bound in their coats, their
hosen, and their hats, and their *other*
garments, and were cast into the midst
of the burning fiery furnace.* [22] There-
fore because the king's commandment

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19. full: Chaldee filled.
20. most...: Chaldee mighty of strength.
21. coats: or, mantles. hats: or, turbans.

was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.* [23] And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. [24] Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True,

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22. commandment: Chaldee word. flame: or, spark.

O king.* [25] He answered and said, Lo,
I see four men loose, walking in the
midst of the fire, and they have no
hurt; and the form of the fourth is like
the Son of God.* [26] Then Nebuchad-
nezzar came near to the mouth of the
burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and
said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
nego, ye servants of the most high
God, come forth, and come *hither*.
Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
nego, came forth of the midst of the
fire.* [27] And the princes, governors,

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24. counsellors: or, governors.
25. they...: Chaldee there is no hurt in them.
26. mouth: Chaldee door.

and captains, and the king's coun-
sellors, being gathered together, saw
these men, upon whose bodies the
fire had no power, nor was an hair of
their head singed, neither were their
coats changed, nor the smell of fire
had passed on them. 28 *Then* Neb-
uchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed
be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego, who hath sent his angel,
and delivered his servants that trusted
in him, and have changed the king's
word, and yielded their bodies, that
they might not serve nor worship any
god, except their own God. 29 There-
fore I make a decree, That every peo-

ple, nation, and language, which speak
any thing amiss against the God of
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
shall be cut in pieces, and their houses
shall be made a dunghill: because
there is no other God that can de-
liver after this sort.* 30 Then the king
promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego, in the province of Baby-
lon.*

4 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto
all people, nations, and languages, that
dwell in all the earth; Peace be multi-

29. I make...: Chaldee a decree is made by me. any...: Chaldee error. cut...: Chaldee made pieces.
30. promoted: Chaldee made to prosper.

plied unto you. [2] I thought it good to
shew the signs and wonders that the
high God hath wrought toward me.*
[3] How great *are* his signs! and how
mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom
is an everlasting kingdom, and his do-
minion *is* from generation to genera-
tion. [4] I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest
in mine house, and flourishing in my
palace: [5] I saw a dream which made
me afraid, and the thoughts upon my
bed and the visions of my head trou-
bled me. [6] Therefore made I a decree
to bring in all the wise *men* of Baby-
lon before me, that they might make

4.2. I thought...: Chaldee It was seemly before me.

known unto me the interpretation of
the dream. 7 Then came in the magi-
cians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans,
and the soothsayers: and I told the
dream before them; but they did not
make known unto me the interpreta-
tion thereof. 8 But at the last Daniel
came in before me, whose name *was*
Belteshazzar, according to the name
of my god, and in whom *is* the spirit
of the holy gods: and before him I
told the dream, *saying*, 9 O Beltes-
hazzar, master of the magicians, be-
cause I know that the spirit of the holy
gods *is* in thee, and no secret trou-
bleth thee, tell me the visions of my

dream that I have seen, and the in-
terpretation thereof. [10] Thus *were* the
visions of mine head in my bed; I
saw, and behold a tree in the midst
of the earth, and the height thereof
was great.* [11] The tree grew, and was
strong, and the height thereof reached
unto heaven, and the sight thereof to
the end of all the earth: [12] The leaves
thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof
much, and in it *was* meat for all: the
beasts of the field had shadow un-
der it, and the fowls of the heaven
dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all
flesh was fed of it. [13] I saw in the vi-

10. I saw: Chaldee I was seeing.

sions of my head upon my bed, and,
behold, a watcher and an holy one
came down from heaven; [14] He cried
aloud, and said thus, Hew down the
tree, and cut off his branches, shake
off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let
the beasts get away from under it, and
the fowls from his branches:* [15] Nev-
ertheless leave the stump of his roots
in the earth, even with a band of iron
and brass, in the tender grass of the
field; and let it be wet with the dew
of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with
the beasts in the grass of the earth:
[16] Let his heart be changed from man's,

14. aloud: Chaldee with might.

and let a beast's heart be given unto
him; and let seven times pass over
him. [17] This matter *is* by the decree
of the watchers, and the demand by
the word of the holy ones: to the in-
tent that the living may know that the
most High ruleth in the kingdom of
men, and giveth it to whomsoever he
will, and setteth up over it the basest
of men. [18] This dream I king Neb-
uchadnezzar have seen. Now thou,
O Belteshazzar, declare the interpreta-
tion thereof, forasmuch as all the wise
men of my kingdom are not able to
make known unto me the interpreta-
tion: but thou *art* able; for the spirit of

the holy gods *is* in thee. [19] Then Daniel,
whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was as-
tonied for one hour, and his thoughts
troubled him. The king spake, and
said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream,
or the interpretation thereof, trou-
ble thee. Belteshazzar answered and
said, My lord, the dream *be* to them
that hate thee, and the interpretation
thereof to thine enemies. [20] The tree
that thou sawest, which grew, and was
strong, whose height reached unto the
heaven, and the sight thereof to all the
earth; [21] Whose leaves *were* fair, and
the fruit thereof much, and in it *was*
meat for all; under which the beasts

of the field dwelt, and upon whose
branches the fowls of the heaven had
their habitation: [22] It *is* thou, O king,
that art grown and become strong: for
thy greatness is grown, and reacheth
unto heaven, and thy dominion to the
end of the earth. [23] And whereas the
king saw a watcher and an holy one
coming down from heaven, and say-
ing, Hew the tree down, and destroy it;
yet leave the stump of the roots thereof
in the earth, even with a band of iron
and brass, in the tender grass of the
field; and let it be wet with the dew
of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with
the beasts of the field, till seven times

pass over him; [24] This *is* the interpreta-
tion, O king, and this *is* the decree of
the most High, which is come upon
my lord the king: [25] That they shall
drive thee from men, and thy dwell-
ing shall be with the beasts of the field,
and they shall make thee to eat grass
as oxen, and they shall wet thee with
the dew of heaven, and seven times
shall pass over thee, till thou know
that the most High ruleth in the king-
dom of men, and giveth it to whomso-
ever he will. [26] And whereas they com-
manded to leave the stump of the tree
roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto
thee, after that thou shalt have known

that the heavens do rule. [27] Wherefore,
O king, let my counsel be acceptable
unto thee, and break off thy sins by
righteousness, and thine iniquities by
shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be
a lengthening of thy tranquillity.* [28] All
this came upon the king Nebuchad-
nezzar. [29] At the end of twelve months
he walked in the palace of the king-
dom of Babylon.* [30] The king spake,
and said, Is not this great Babylon, that
I have built for the house of the king-
dom by the might of my power, and
for the honour of my majesty? [31] While

27. a lengthening...: or, an healing of thine error.
29. in: or, upon.

the word *was* in the king's mouth,
there fell a voice from heaven, *say-*
ing, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee
it is spoken; The kingdom is departed
from thee. [32] And they shall drive thee
from men, and thy dwelling *shall be*
with the beasts of the field: they shall
make thee to eat grass as oxen, and
seven times shall pass over thee, until
thou know that the most High ruleth
in the kingdom of men, and giveth it
to whomsoever he will. [33] The same
hour was the thing fulfilled upon Neb-
uchadnezzar: and he was driven from
men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his
body was wet with the dew of heaven,

till his hairs were grown like eagles'
feathers, and his nails like birds' *claws*.
34 And at the end of the days I Neb-
uchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto
heaven, and mine understanding re-
turned unto me, and I blessed the most
High, and I praised and honoured him
that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is*
an everlasting dominion, and his king-
dom *is* from generation to generation:
35 And all the inhabitants of the earth
are reputed as nothing: and he doeth
according to his will in the army of
heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of
the earth: and none can stay his hand,
or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned
unto me; and for the glory of my king-
dom, mine honour and brightness re-
turned unto me; and my counsellors
and my lords sought unto me; and I
was established in my kingdom, and
excellent majesty was added unto me.
37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and
extol and honour the King of heaven,
all whose works *are* truth, and his
ways judgment: and those that walk
in pride he is able to abase.

5 Belshazzar the king made a
great feast to a thousand of his lords,
and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine,
commanded to bring the golden and
silver vessels which his father Neb-
uchadnezzar had taken out of the tem-
ple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the
king, and his princes, his wives, and
his concubines, might drink therein.*
3 Then they brought the golden ves-
sels that were taken out of the tem-
ple of the house of God which *was*
at Jerusalem; and the king, and his
princes, his wives, and his concubines,
drank in them. 4 They drank wine,
and praised the gods of gold, and of

5.2. father: or, grandfather. taken: Chaldee brought forth.

silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of
stone. 5 In the same hour came forth
fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over
against the candlestick upon the plais-
ter of the wall of the king's palace:
and the king saw the part of the hand
that wrote. 6 Then the king's counte-
nance was changed, and his thoughts
troubled him, so that the joints of his
loins were loosed, and his knees smote
one against another.* 7 The king cried
aloud to bring in the astrologers, the
Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. *And*

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6. countenance: Chaldee brightnesses. was changed: Chaldee changed it. joints: or, girdles: Chaldee bindings, or, knots.

the king spake, and said to the wise
men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read
this writing, and shew me the in-
terpretation thereof, shall be clothed
with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold
about his neck, and shall be the third
ruler in the kingdom.* 8 Then came
in all the king's wise *men*: but they
could not read the writing, nor make
known to the king the interpretation
thereof. 9 Then was king Belshazzar
greatly troubled, and his countenance
was changed in him, and his lords were
astonied.* 10 *Now* the queen, by reason

7. aloud: Chaldee with might. scarlet: or, purple.
9. countenance: Chaldee brightnesses.

of the words of the king and his lords,
came into the banquet house: *and* the
queen spake and said, O king, live for
ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee,
nor let thy countenance be changed:
11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in
whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods;
and in the days of thy father light and
understanding and wisdom, like the
wisdom of the gods, was found in him;
whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy
father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made
master of the magicians, astrologers,
Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers;* 12 Foras-
much as an excellent spirit, and knowl-

11. father: or, grandfather.

edge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.* 13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. *And* the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?* 14 I have even heard of

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12. interpreting: or, of an interpreter. dissolving: or, of a dissolver. doubts: Chaldee knots.

13. father: or, grandfather.

thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in
thee, and *that* light and understand-
ing and excellent wisdom is found in
thee. [15] And now the wise *men*, the as-
trologers, have been brought in before
me, that they should read this writing,
and make known unto me the inter-
pretation thereof: but they could not
shew the interpretation of the thing:
[16] And I have heard of thee, that thou
canst make interpretations, and dis-
solve doubts: now if thou canst read
the writing, and make known to me
the interpretation thereof, thou shalt
be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a
chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt

be the third ruler in the kingdom.*
17 Then Daniel answered and said be-
fore the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself,
and give thy rewards to another; yet
I will read the writing unto the king,
and make known to him the interpre-
tation.* 18 O thou king, the most high
God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father
a kingdom, and majesty, and glory,
and honour: 19 And for the majesty
that he gave him, all people, nations,
and languages, trembled and feared
before him: whom he would he slew;
and whom he would he kept alive; and

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16. make interpretations: Chaldee interpret, etc.
17. rewards: or, fee.

whom he would he set up; and whom
he would he put down. [20] But when his
heart was lifted up, and his mind hard-
ened in pride, he was deposed from his
kingly throne, and they took his glory
from him:* [21] And he was driven from
the sons of men; and his heart was
made like the beasts, and his dwell-
ing *was* with the wild asses: they fed
him with grass like oxen, and his body
was wet with the dew of heaven; till he
knew that the most high God ruled in
the kingdom of men, and *that* he ap-

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20. in pride: or, to deal proudly. deposed: Chaldee made to come down.

pointeth over it whomsoever he will.*
22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast
not humbled thine heart, though thou
knewest all this; 23 But hast lifted up
thyself against the Lord of heaven; and
they have brought the vessels of his
house before thee, and thou, and thy
lords, thy wives, and thy concubines,
have drunk wine in them; and thou
hast praised the gods of silver, and
gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone,
which see not, nor hear, nor know:
and the God in whose hand thy breath
is, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou
not glorified: 24 Then was the part of

21. his heart...: or, he made his heart equal, etc.

the hand sent from him; and this writ-
ing was written. [25] And this *is* the writ-
ing that was written, MENE, MENE,
TEKEL, UPHARSIN. [26] This *is* the
interpretation of the thing: MENE;
God hath numbered thy kingdom,
and finished it. [27] TEKEL; Thou art
weighed in the balances, and art found
wanting. [28] PERES; Thy kingdom is
divided, and given to the Medes and
Persians. [29] Then commanded Bels-
hazzar, and they clothed Daniel with
scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about
his neck, and made a proclamation
concerning him, that he should be
the third ruler in the kingdom. [30] In

that night was Belshazzar the king of
the Chaldeans slain. 31 And Darius
the Median took the kingdom, *being*
about threescore and two years old.*

6 It pleased Darius to set over
the kingdom an hundred and twenty
princes, which should be over the
whole kingdom; 2 And over these
three presidents; of whom Daniel *was*
first: that the princes might give
accounts unto them, and the king
should have no damage. 3 Then this
Daniel was preferred above the pres-

31. being...: Chaldee he as the son of, etc. about: or, now.

idents and princes, because an ex-
cellent spirit *was* in him; and the
king thought to set him over the
whole realm. 4 Then the presidents
and princes sought to find occasion
against Daniel concerning the king-
dom; but they could find none occa-
sion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was*
faithful, neither was there any error
or fault found in him. 5 Then said
these men, We shall not find any oc-
casion against this Daniel, except we
find *it* against him concerning the
law of his God. 6 Then these presi-
dents and princes assembled together
to the king, and said thus unto him,

King Darius, live for ever.* 7 All the
presidents of the kingdom, the gov-
ernors, and the princes, the coun-
sellors, and the captains, have con-
sulted together to establish a royal
statute, and to make a firm decree,
that whosoever shall ask a petition of
any God or man for thirty days, save
of thee, O king, he shall be cast into
the den of lions.* 8 Now, O king, es-
tablish the decree, and sign the writ-
ing, that it be not changed, accord-
ing to the law of the Medes and Per-

6.6. assembled...: or, came tumultuously.
7. decree: or, interdict.

sians, which altereth not.* 9 Where-
fore king Darius signed the writing
and the decree. 10 Now when Daniel
knew that the writing was signed, he
went into his house; and his windows
being open in his chamber toward Je-
rusalem, he kneeled upon his knees
three times a day, and prayed, and
gave thanks before his God, as he did
aforetime. 11 Then these men assem-
bled, and found Daniel praying and
making supplication before his God.
12 Then they came near, and spake be-
fore the king concerning the king's de-
cree; Hast thou not signed a decree,

8. altereth not: Chaldee passeth not.

that every man that shall ask *a petition*
of any God or man within thirty days,
save of thee, O king, shall be cast into
the den of lions? The king answered
and said, The thing *is* true, accord-
ing to the law of the Medes and Per-
sians, which altereth not. 13 Then an-
swered they and said before the king,
That Daniel, which *is* of the children
of the captivity of Judah, regardeth
not thee, O king, nor the decree that
thou hast signed, but maketh his peti-
tion three times a day. 14 Then the king,
when he heard *these* words, was sore
displeased with himself, and set *his*
heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he

laboured till the going down of the sun
to deliver him. [15] Then these men as-
sembled unto the king, and said unto
the king, Know, O king, that the law
of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no
decree nor statute which the king es-
tablisheth may be changed. [16] Then the
king commanded, and they brought
Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of
lions. *Now* the king spake and said
unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou ser-
vest continually, he will deliver thee.
[17] And a stone was brought, and laid
upon the mouth of the den; and the
king sealed it with his own signet, and
with the signet of his lords; that the

purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. [18] Then the king went
to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep
went from him.* [19] Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went
in haste unto the den of lions. [20] And when he came to the den, he cried with
a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O
Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? [21] Then said Daniel unto the king,

18. instruments...: or, table.

O king, live for ever. [22] My God hath
sent his angel, and hath shut the lions'
mouths, that they have not hurt me:
forasmuch as before him innocency
was found in me; and also before thee,
O king, have I done no hurt. [23] Then
was the king exceeding glad for him,
and commanded that they should take
Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel
was taken up out of the den, and
no manner of hurt was found upon
him, because he believed in his God.
[24] And the king commanded, and they
brought those men which had accused
Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den
of lions, them, their children, and their

wives; and the lions had the mastery
of them, and brake all their bones in
pieces or ever they came at the bot-
tom of the den. [25] Then king Darius
wrote unto all people, nations, and
languages, that dwell in all the earth;
Peace be multiplied unto you. [26] I make
a decree, That in every dominion of
my kingdom men tremble and fear be-
fore the God of Daniel: for he *is* the
living God, and stedfast for ever, and
his kingdom *that* which shall not be
destroyed, and his dominion *shall be
even* unto the end. [27] He delivereth
and rescueth, and he worketh signs
and wonders in heaven and in earth,

who hath delivered Daniel from the
power of the lions.* [28] So this Daniel
prospered in the reign of Darius, and
in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

7 In the first year of Belshazzar
king of Babylon Daniel had a dream
and visions of his head upon his
bed: then he wrote the dream, *and*
told the sum of the matters.* [2] Daniel
spake and said, I saw in my vision
by night, and, behold, the four winds
of the heaven strove upon the great
sea. [3] And four great beasts came up

27. power: Chaldee hand.
7.1. had: Chaldee saw. matters: or, words.

from the sea, diverse one from another. 4 The first *was* like a lion, and
had eagle's wings: I beheld till the
wings thereof were plucked, and it was
lifted up from the earth, and made
stand upon the feet as a man, and a
man's heart was given to it.* 5 And
behold another beast, a second, like
to a bear, and it raised up itself on
one side, and *it had* three ribs in the
mouth of it between the teeth of it:
and they said thus unto it, Arise, de-
vour much flesh.* 6 After this I beheld,
and lo another, like a leopard, which

4. and it: or, wherewith it.
5. it raised...: or, it raised up one dominion.

had upon the back of it four wings of
a fowl; the beast had also four heads;
and dominion was given to it. 7 After
this I saw in the night visions, and
behold a fourth beast, dreadful and
terrible, and strong exceedingly; and
it had great iron teeth: it devoured
and brake in pieces, and stamped the
residue with the feet of it: and it *was*
diverse from all the beasts that *were*
before it; and it had ten horns. 8 I con-
sidered the horns, and, behold, there
came up among them another little
horn, before whom there were three
of the first horns plucked up by the
roots: and, behold, in this horn *were*

eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth
speaking great things. 9 I beheld till
the thrones were cast down, and the
Ancient of days did sit, whose garment
was white as snow, and the hair of his
head like the pure wool: his throne
was like the fiery flame, *and* his wheels
as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream is-
sued and came forth from before him:
thousand thousands ministered unto
him, and ten thousand times ten thou-
sand stood before him: the judgment
was set, and the books were opened.
11 I beheld then because of the voice of
the great words which the horn spake:
I beheld *even* till the beast was slain,

and his body destroyed, and given to
the burning flame. 12 As concerning
the rest of the beasts, they had their
dominion taken away: yet their lives
were prolonged for a season and time.*
13 I saw in the night visions, and, be-
hold, *one* like the Son of man came
with the clouds of heaven, and came to
the Ancient of days, and they brought
him near before him. 14 And there was
given him dominion, and glory, and
a kingdom, that all people, nations,
and languages, should serve him: his
dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,

12. their lives...: Chaldee a prolonging in life was given them.

which shall not pass away, and his
kingdom *that* which shall not be de-
stroyed. [15] I Daniel was grieved in my
spirit in the midst of *my* body, and
the visions of my head troubled me.*
[16] I came near unto one of them that
stood by, and asked him the truth of
all this. So he told me, and made me
know the interpretation of the things.
[17] These great beasts, which are four,
are four kings, *which* shall arise out
of the earth. [18] But the saints of the
most High shall take the kingdom,
and possess the kingdom for ever, even

15. body: Chaldee sheath.

for ever and ever.* [19] Then I would
know the truth of the fourth beast,
which was diverse from all the oth-
ers, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth
were of iron, and his nails *of* brass;
which devoured, brake in pieces, and
stamped the residue with his feet;*
[20] And of the ten horns that *were* in
his head, and *of* the other which came
up, and before whom three fell; even
of that horn that had eyes, and a
mouth that spake very great things,
whose look *was* more stout than his

18. most...: Chaldee high ones, that is, things, or, places.

19. from...: Chaldee from all those.

fellows. [21] I beheld, and the same horn
made war with the saints, and pre-
vailed against them; [22] Until the An-
cient of days came, and judgment was
given to the saints of the most High;
and the time came that the saints pos-
sessed the kingdom. [23] Thus he said,
The fourth beast shall be the fourth
kingdom upon earth, which shall be
diverse from all kingdoms, and shall
devour the whole earth, and shall tread
it down, and break it in pieces. [24] And
the ten horns out of this kingdom *are*
ten kings *that* shall arise: and another
shall rise after them; and he shall be
diverse from the first, and he shall sub-

due three kings. [25] And he shall speak
great words against the most High,
and shall wear out the saints of the
most High, and think to change times
and laws: and they shall be given into
his hand until a time and times and
the dividing of time. [26] But the judg-
ment shall sit, and they shall take away
his dominion, to consume and to de-
stroy *it* unto the end. [27] And the king-
dom and dominion, and the great-
ness of the kingdom under the whole
heaven, shall be given to the people
of the saints of the most High, whose
kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey

him.* [28] Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

8 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. [2] And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shushan *in* the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. [3] Then

27. dominions: or, rulers.

I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and,
behold, there stood before the river a
ram which had *two* horns: and the *two*
horns *were* high; but one *was* higher
than the other, and the higher came
up last.* 4 I saw the ram pushing west-
ward, and northward, and southward;
so that no beasts might stand before
him, neither *was there any* that could
deliver out of his hand; but he did ac-
cording to his will, and became great.
5 And as I was considering, behold, an
he goat came from the west on the face
of the whole earth, and touched not
the ground: and the goat *had* a no-

8.3. the other: Heb. the second.

table horn between his eyes.* 6 And he
came to the ram that had *two* horns,
which I had seen standing before the
river, and ran unto him in the fury
of his power. 7 And I saw him come
close unto the ram, and he was moved
with choler against him, and smote
the ram, and brake his two horns: and
there was no power in the ram to stand
before him, but he cast him down to
the ground, and stamped upon him:
and there was none that could deliver
the ram out of his hand. 8 There-
fore the he goat waxed very great: and

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5. touched...: or, none touched him in the earth. a notable...: Heb. a horn of sight.

when he was strong, the great horn
was broken; and for it came up four
notable ones toward the four winds
of heaven. 9 And out of one of them
came forth a little horn, which waxed
exceeding great, toward the south, and
toward the east, and toward the pleas-
ant *land*. 10 And it waxed great, *even* to
the host of heaven; and it cast down
some of the host and of the stars to
the ground, and stamped upon them.*
11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the
prince of the host, and by him the
daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the

10. to the host: or, against the host.

place of his sanctuary was cast down.*
12 And an host was given *him* against
the daily *sacrifice* by reason of trans-
gression, and it cast down the truth
to the ground; and it practised, and
prospered.* 13 Then I heard one saint
speaking, and another saint said unto
that certain *saint* which spake, How
long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the
daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of
desolation, to give both the sanctu-
ary and the host to be trodden under
foot?* 14 And he said unto me, Unto

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11. to: or, against. by him: or, from him.

12. an host...: or, the host was given over for the transgression against the daily sacrifice.

13. that...: or, the numberer of secrets, or, the won-

two thousand and three hundred days;
then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.*
15 And it came to pass, when I, *even*
I Daniel, had seen the vision, and
sought for the meaning, then, behold,
there stood before me as the appear-
ance of a man. 16 And I heard a man's
voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which
called, and said, Gabriel, make this
man to understand the vision. 17 So he
came near where I stood: and when
he came, I was afraid, and fell upon

derful numberer: Heb. Palmoni. of...: or, making desolate.

14. days: Heb. evening morning. cleansed: Heb. justified.

my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time
of the end *shall be* the vision. [18] Now
as he was speaking with me, I was in
a deep sleep on my face toward the
ground: but he touched me, and set
me upright.* [19] And he said, Behold,
I will make thee know what shall be
in the last end of the indignation: for
at the time appointed the end *shall*
be. [20] The ram which thou sawest hav-
ing *two* horns *are* the kings of Media
and Persia. [21] And the rough goat *is*
the king of Grecia: and the great horn
that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king.

18. set...: Heb. made me stand upon my standing.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four
stood up for it, four kingdoms shall
stand up out of the nation, but not
in his power. 23 And in the latter time
of their kingdom, when the transgres-
sors are come to the full, a king of
fierce countenance, and understand-
ing dark sentences, shall stand up.*
24 And his power shall be mighty, but
not by his own power: and he shall
destroy wonderfully, and shall pros-
per, and practise, and shall destroy the
mighty and the holy people.* 25 And
through his policy also he shall cause

23. are...: Heb. are accomplished.
24. holy...: Heb. people of the holy ones.

craft to prosper in his hand; and he
shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and
by peace shall destroy many: he shall
also stand up against the Prince of
princes; but he shall be broken with-
out hand.* [26] And the vision of the
evening and the morning which was
told *is* true: wherefore shut thou up
the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.
[27] And I Daniel fainted, and was sick
certain days; afterward I rose up, and
did the king's business; and I was as-
tonished at the vision, but none un-
derstood *it*.

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25. peace: or, prosperity.

9 In the first year of Darius the
son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the
Medes, which was made king over
the realm of the Chaldeans;* 2 In the
first year of his reign I Daniel under-
stood by books the number of the
years, whereof the word of the LORD
came to Jeremiah the prophet, that
he would accomplish seventy years in
the desolations of Jerusalem. 3 And
I set my face unto the Lord God,
to seek by prayer and supplications,
with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
4 And I prayed unto the LORD my

9.1. which: or, in which he.

God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to

the men of Judah, and to the inhab-
itants of Jerusalem, and unto all Is-
rael, *that are* near, and *that are* far off,
through all the countries whither thou
hast driven them, because of their tres-
pass that they have trespassed against
thee.* 8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* con-
fusion of face, to our kings, to our
princes, and to our fathers, because
we have sinned against thee. 9 To the
Lord our God *belong* mercies and for-
givenesses, though we have rebelled
against him; 10 Neither have we obeyed
the voice of the LORD our God, to
walk in his laws, which he set before us

7. belongeth...: or, thou hast.

by his servants the prophets. [11] Yea, all
Israel have transgressed thy law, even
by departing, that they might not obey
thy voice; therefore the curse is poured
upon us, and the oath that *is* written in
the law of Moses the servant of God,
because we have sinned against him.
[12] And he hath confirmed his words,
which he spake against us, and against
our judges that judged us, by bring-
ing upon us a great evil: for under the
whole heaven hath not been done as
hath been done upon Jerusalem. [13] As
it is written in the law of Moses, all
this evil is come upon us: yet made
we not our prayer before the LORD

our God, that we might turn from our
iniquities, and understand thy truth.*
14 Therefore hath the LORD watched
upon the evil, and brought it upon us:
for the LORD our God *is* righteous in
all his works which he doeth: for we
obeyed not his voice. 15 And now, O
Lord our God, that hast brought thy
people forth out of the land of Egypt
with a mighty hand, and hast gotten
thee renown, as at this day; we have
sinned, we have done wickedly.* 16 O
Lord, according to all thy righteous-

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13. made...: Heb. intreated we not the face of the, etc.

15. gotten...: Heb. made thee a name.

ness, I beseech thee, let thine anger
and thy fury be turned away from thy
city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: be-
cause for our sins, and for the iniqui-
ties of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy
people *are become* a reproach to all *that*
are about us. [17] Now therefore, O our
God, hear the prayer of thy servant,
and his supplications, and cause thy
face to shine upon thy sanctuary that
is desolate, for the Lord's sake. [18] O
my God, incline thine ear, and hear;
open thine eyes, and behold our des-
olations, and the city which is called
by thy name: for we do not present
our supplications before thee for our

righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.* [19] O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive;
O Lord, hearken and do; defer not,
for thine own sake, O my God: for
thy city and thy people are called by
thy name. [20] And whiles I *was* speak-
ing, and praying, and confessing my
sin and the sin of my people Israel,
and presenting my supplication before
the LORD my God for the holy moun-
tain of my God; [21] Yea, whiles I *was*
speaking in prayer, even the man Gab-
riel, whom I had seen in the vision
at the beginning, being caused to fly

18. which...: Heb. whereupon thy name is called.
present: Heb. cause to fall.

swiftly, touched me about the time
of the evening oblation.* 22 And he in-
formed *me*, and talked with me, and
said, O Daniel, I am now come forth
to give thee skill and understanding.*
23 At the beginning of thy supplications
the commandment came forth, and I
am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art*
greatly beloved: therefore understand
the matter, and consider the vision.*
24 Seventy weeks are determined upon
thy people and upon thy holy city, to

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21. swiftly: Heb. with weariness, or, flight.
22. to...: Heb. to make thee skilful of.
23. commandment: Heb. word. greatly...: Heb. a man of desires.

finish the transgression, and to make
an end of sins, and to make recon-
ciliation for iniquity, and to bring in
everlasting righteousness, and to seal
up the vision and prophecy, and to
anoint the most Holy.* 25 Know there-
fore and understand, *that* from the
going forth of the commandment to
restore and to build Jerusalem unto
the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven
weeks, and threescore and two weeks:
the street shall be built again, and the
wall, even in troublous times.* 26 And

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24. finish: or, restrain. make an...: or, seal up. prophecy: Heb. prophet.

25. be built...: Heb. return and be built. wall: or,

after threescore and two weeks shall
Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:
and the people of the prince that shall
come shall destroy the city and the
sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall*
be with a flood, and unto the end of
the war desolations are determined.*
27 And he shall confirm the covenant
with many for one week: and in the
midst of the week he shall cause the
sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and
for the overspreading of abominations
he shall make *it* desolate, even until the

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breach, or, ditch. troublous: Heb. strait of.
26. but...: or, and shall have nothing. desolations...:
or, it shall be cut off by desolations.

consummation, and that determined
shall be poured upon the desolate.*

10 In the third year of Cyrus king
of Persia a thing was revealed unto
Daniel, whose name was called Belte-
shazzar; and the thing *was* true, but
the time appointed *was* long: and he
understood the thing, and had un-
derstanding of the vision.* 2 In those
days I Daniel was mourning three
full weeks.* 3 I ate no pleasant bread,

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27. the covenant: or, a covenant. for the...: or, with the abominable armies. the desolate: or, the desolator.

10.1. long: great.

2. full...: Heb. weeks of days.

neither came flesh nor wine in my
mouth, neither did I anoint myself at
all, till three whole weeks were ful-
filled.* 4 And in the four and twenti-
eth day of the first month, as I was
by the side of the great river, which
is Hiddekel; 5 Then I lifted up mine
eyes, and looked, and behold a cer-
tain man clothed in linen, whose loins
were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:*
6 His body also *was* like the beryl, and
his face as the appearance of lightning,
and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his
arms and his feet like in colour to pol-

3. pleasant...: Heb. bread of desires.
5. a...: Heb. one man.

ished brass, and the voice of his words
like the voice of a multitude. 7 And
I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the
men that were with me saw not the
vision; but a great quaking fell upon
them, so that they fled to hide them-
selves. 8 Therefore I was left alone,
and saw this great vision, and there
remained no strength in me: for my
comeliness was turned in me into cor-
ruption, and I retained no strength.*
9 Yet heard I the voice of his words:
and when I heard the voice of his
words, then was I in a deep sleep on my
face, and my face toward the ground.

8. comeliness: or, vigour.

10 And, behold, an hand touched me,
which set me upon my knees and *upon*
the palms of my hands.* 11 And he said
unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly
beloved, understand the words that I
speak unto thee, and stand upright:
for unto thee am I now sent. And
when he had spoken this word unto
me, I stood trembling.* 12 Then said he
unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from
the first day that thou didst set thine
heart to understand, and to chasten
thyself before thy God, thy words were

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10. set: Heb. moved.

11. greatly...: Heb. of desires. upright: Heb. upon thy standing.

heard, and I am come for thy words.
13 But the prince of the kingdom of
Persia withstood me one and twenty
days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief
princes, came to help me; and I re-
mained there with the kings of Persia.*
14 Now I am come to make thee under-
stand what shall befall thy people in
the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for
many days. 15 And when he had spoken
such words unto me, I set my face to-
ward the ground, and I became dumb.
16 And, behold, *one* like the similitude
of the sons of men touched my lips:
then I opened my mouth, and spake,

13. chief: or, first.

and said unto him that stood before
me, O my lord, by the vision my sor-
rows are turned upon me, and I have
retained no strength. 17 For how can
the servant of this my lord talk with
this my lord? for as for me, straightway
there remained no strength in me, nei-
ther is there breath left in me.* 18 Then
there came again and touched me *one*
like the appearance of a man, and he
strengthened me, 19 And said, O man
greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be*
unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.
And when he had spoken unto me,
I was strengthened, and said, Let my

17. the...: or, this servant of my lord.

lord speak; for thou hast strengthened
me. [20] Then said he, Knowest thou
wherefore I come unto thee? and now
will I return to fight with the prince of
Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo,
the prince of Grecia shall come. [21] But
I will shew thee that which is noted in
the scripture of truth: and *there is* none
that holdeth with me in these things,
but Michael your prince.*

11 Also I in the first year of Dar-
ius the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm
and to strengthen him. [2] And now
will I shew thee the truth. Behold,

21. holdeth: Heb. strengtheneth himself.

there shall stand up yet three kings
in Persia; and the fourth shall be far
richer than *they* all: and by his strength
through his riches he shall stir up all
against the realm of Grecia. 3 And a
mighty king shall stand up, that shall
rule with great dominion, and do ac-
cording to his will. 4 And when he
shall stand up, his kingdom shall be
broken, and shall be divided toward
the four winds of heaven; and not to
his posterity, nor according to his do-
minion which he ruled: for his king-
dom shall be plucked up, even for oth-
ers beside those. 5 And the king of the
south shall be strong, and *one* of his

princes; and he shall be strong above
him, and have dominion; his domin-
ion *shall be* a great dominion. 6 And in
the end of years they shall join them-
selves together; for the king's daugh-
ter of the south shall come to the king
of the north to make an agreement:
but she shall not retain the power of
the arm; neither shall he stand, nor
his arm: but she shall be given up,
and they that brought her, and he
that begat her, and he that strength-
ened her in *these* times.* 7 But out of a
branch of her roots shall *one* stand up

11.6. join...: Heb. associate themselves. an...: Heb. rights. he that begat...: or, whom she brought forth.

in his estate, which shall come with an
army, and shall enter into the fortress
of the king of the north, and shall
deal against them, and shall prevail:*
8 And shall also carry captives into
Egypt their gods, with their princes,
and with their precious vessels of sil-
ver and of gold; and he shall continue
more years than the king of the north.*
9 So the king of the south shall come
into *his* kingdom, and shall return into
his own land. 10 But his sons shall be
stirred up, and shall assemble a mul-
titude of great forces: and *one* shall

7. in...: or, in his place, or, office.
8. their precious...: Heb. vessels of their desire.

certainly come, and overflow, and pass
through: then shall he return, and be
stirred up, *even* to his fortress.* [11] And
the king of the south shall be moved
with choler, and shall come forth and
fight with him, *even* with the king
of the north: and he shall set forth
a great multitude; but the multitude
shall be given into his hand. [12] *And*
when he hath taken away the multi-
tude, his heart shall be lifted up; and
he shall cast down *many* ten thou-
sands: but he shall not be strength-
ened *by it*. [13] For the king of the north

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10. shall be...: or, shall war. return...: or, be stirred up again.

shall return, and shall set forth a multi-
tude greater than the former, and shall
certainly come after certain years with
a great army and with much riches.*
14 And in those times there shall many
stand up against the king of the south:
also the robbers of thy people shall
exalt themselves to establish the vi-
sion; but they shall fall.* 15 So the king
of the north shall come, and cast up
a mount, and take the most fenced
cities: and the arms of the south shall
not withstand, neither his chosen peo-
ple, neither *shall there be any* strength

13. after...: Heb. at the end of times, even years.
14. the robbers: Heb. the children of robbers.

to withstand.* [16] But he that cometh
against him shall do according to his
own will, and none shall stand before
him: and he shall stand in the glori-
ous land, which by his hand shall be
consumed.* [17] He shall also set his face
to enter with the strength of his whole
kingdom, and upright ones with him;
thus shall he do: and he shall give
him the daughter of women, corrupt-
ing her: but she shall not stand *on his
side*, neither be for him.* [18] After this

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15. the most...: Heb. the city of munitions. his...: Heb. the people of his choices.

16. glorious...: or, goodly, etc.: Heb. land of ornament.

17. upright...: or, much uprightness: or, equal con-

shall he turn his face unto the isles, and
shall take many: but a prince for his
own behalf shall cause the reproach
offered by him to cease; without his
own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn
upon him.* 19 Then he shall turn his
face toward the fort of his own land:
but he shall stumble and fall, and not
be found. 20 Then shall stand up in
his estate a raiser of taxes *in* the glory
of the kingdom: but within few days
he shall be destroyed, neither in anger,

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ditions. corrupting: Heb. to corrupt.
18. for...: Heb. for him. the reproach...: Heb. his reproach.

nor in battle.* [21] And in his estate shall
stand up a vile person, to whom they
shall not give the honour of the king-
dom: but he shall come in peaceably,
and obtain the kingdom by flatter-
ies.* [22] And with the arms of a flood
shall they be overflown from before
him, and shall be broken; yea, also the
prince of the covenant. [23] And after the
league *made* with him he shall work
deceitfully: for he shall come up, and
shall become strong with a small peo-
ple. [24] He shall enter peaceably even

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20. estate: or, place. a...: Heb. one that causeth an exacter to pass over. anger: Heb. angers.
21. estate: or, place.

upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea*, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.* [25] And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. [26] Yea, they that

24. peaceably...: or, into the peaceable and fat, etc. forecast...: Heb. think his thoughts.

feed of the portion of his meat shall
destroy him, and his army shall over-
flow: and many shall fall down slain.
27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be*
to do mischief, and they shall speak
lies at one table; but it shall not pros-
per: for yet the end *shall be* at the
time appointed.* 28 Then shall he re-
turn into his land with great riches;
and his heart *shall be* against the holy
covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and
return to his own land. 29 At the time
appointed he shall return, and come
toward the south; but it shall not be as
the former, or as the latter. 30 For the

27. hearts: Heb. their hearts.

ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. [31] And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.* [32] And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and

31. maketh...: or, astonisheth.

do *exploits*.* 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct
many: yet they shall fall by the sword,
and by flame, by captivity, and by
spoil, *many* days. 34 Now when they
shall fall, they shall be holpen with a
little help: but many shall cleave to
them with flatteries. 35 And *some* of
them of understanding shall fall, to try
them, and to purge, and to make *them*
white, *even* to the time of the end: be-
cause *it is* yet for a time appointed.*
36 And the king shall do according to
his will; and he shall exalt himself, and

32. corrupt: or, cause to dissemble.
35. try them: or, try by them.

magnify himself above every god, and
shall speak marvellous things against
the God of gods, and shall prosper till
the indignation be accomplished: for
that that is determined shall be done.
37 Neither shall he regard the God of
his fathers, nor the desire of women,
nor regard any god: for he shall mag-
nify himself above all. 38 But in his es-
tate shall he honour the God of forces:
and a god whom his fathers knew not
shall he honour with gold, and silver,
and with precious stones, and pleas-
ant things.* 39 Thus shall he do in the

38. in...: or, as for the Almighty God, in his seat he shall honour yea, he shall honour a god, whom,

most strong holds with a strange god,
whom he shall acknowledge *and* in-
crease with glory: and he shall cause
them to rule over many, and shall di-
vide the land for gain.* [40] And at the
time of the end shall the king of the
south push at him: and the king of
the north shall come against him like
a whirlwind, with chariots, and with
horsemen, and with many ships; and
he shall enter into the countries, and
shall overflow and pass over. [41] He shall

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etc. estate: or, stead. pleasant: Heb. things desired. forces: or, munitions: Heb. Mauzzim, or, God's protectors.

39. most...: Heb. fortresses of munitions. gain: Heb. a price.

enter also into the glorious land, and
many *countries* shall be overthrown:
but these shall escape out of his hand,
even Edom, and Moab, and the chief
of the children of Ammon.* 42 He shall
stretch forth his hand also upon the
countries: and the land of Egypt shall
not escape.* 43 But he shall have power
over the treasures of gold and of sil-
ver, and over all the precious things
of Egypt: and the Libyans and the
Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps. 44 But
tidings out of the east and out of the

41. glorious...: or, goodly, etc.: Heb. land of delight, or, ornament.
42. stretch...: Heb. send forth.

north shall trouble him: therefore he
shall go forth with great fury to de-
stroy, and utterly to make away many.
45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of
his palace between the seas in the glo-
rious holy mountain; yet he shall come
to his end, and none shall help him.*

12 And at that time shall Mi-
chael stand up, the great prince which
standeth for the children of thy peo-
ple: and there shall be a time of trou-
ble, such as never was since there was
a nation *even* to that same time: and

45. glorious...: or, goodly, etc.: Heb. mountain of delight of holiness.

at that time thy people shall be de-
livered, every one that shall be found
written in the book. [2] And many of
them that sleep in the dust of the earth
shall awake, some to everlasting life,
and some to shame *and* everlasting
contempt. [3] And they that be wise
shall shine as the brightness of the fir-
mament; and they that turn many to
righteousness as the stars for ever and
ever.* [4] But thou, O Daniel, shut up
the words, and seal the book, *even* to
the time of the end: many shall run
to and fro, and knowledge shall be in-
creased. [5] Then I Daniel looked, and,

12.3. wise: or, teachers.

behold, there stood other two, the one
on this side of the bank of the river,
and the other on that side of the bank
of the river.* 6 And *one* said to the man
clothed in linen, which *was* upon the
waters of the river, How long *shall it be*
to the end of these wonders?* 7 And I
heard the man clothed in linen, which
was upon the waters of the river, when
he held up his right hand and his left
hand unto heaven, and sware by him
that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for
a time, times, and an half; and when
he shall have accomplished to scat-

5. bank: Heb. lip. bank: Heb. lip.
6. upon...: or, from above.

ter the power of the holy people, all
these *things* shall be finished.* 8 And
I heard, but I understood not: then
said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the
end of these *things*? 9 And he said,
Go thy way, Daniel: for the words
are closed up and sealed till the time
of the end. 10 Many shall be purified,
and made white, and tried; but the
wicked shall do wickedly: and none
of the wicked shall understand; but
the wise shall understand. 11 And from
the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be
taken away, and the abomination that
maketh desolate set up, *there shall be*

7. a time...: or, part.

a thousand two hundred and ninety
days.* 12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and
cometh to the thousand three hun-
dred and five and thirty days. 13 But go
thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou
shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the
end of the days.*

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11. the abomination: Heb. to set up the abomination. maketh...: or, astonisheth.

13. for thou: or, and thou, etc.

HOSEA

The word of the LORD that came
unto Hosea, the son of Beeri,
in the days of Uzziah, Jotham,
Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah,
and in the days of Jeroboam the son of
Joash, king of Israel. 2 The beginning
of the word of the LORD by Hosea.
And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take
unto thee a wife of whoredoms and
children of whoredoms: for the land
hath committed great whoredom, *de-*
parting from the LORD. 3 So he went
and took Gomer the daughter of Di-
blaim; which conceived, and bare him

a son. 4 And the LORD said unto him,
Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little
while, and I will avenge the blood of
Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and
will cause to cease the kingdom of the
house of Israel.* 5 And it shall come to
pass at that day, that I will break the
bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.
6 And she conceived again, and bare
a daughter. And *God* said unto him,
Call her name Loruhamah: for I will
no more have mercy upon the house
of Israel; but I will utterly take them
away.* 7 But I will have mercy upon

1.4. avenge: Heb. visit.
6. Loruhamah: that is, Not having obtained mercy.

the house of Judah, and will save them
by the LORD their God, and will not
save them by bow, nor by sword, nor
by battle, by horses, nor by horse-
men. 8 Now when she had weaned
Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a
son. 9 Then said *God*, Call his name
Loammi: for ye *are* not my people,
and I will not be your *God*.* 10 Yet the
number of the children of Israel shall
be as the sand of the sea, which can-
not be measured nor numbered; and
it shall come to pass, *that* in the place

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no...: Heb. not add any more to. but...: or, that I should altogether pardon them.

9. Loammi: that is, Not my people.

where it was said unto them, Ye *are*
not my people, *there* it shall be said
unto them, *Ye are* the sons of the living
God.* 11 Then shall the children of Ju-
dah and the children of Israel be gath-
ered together, and appoint themselves
one head, and they shall come up out
of the land: for great *shall be* the day of
Jezreel.

2 Say ye unto your brethren,
Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.*
2 Plead with your mother, plead: for
she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I

10. in...: or, instead of that.
2.1. Ammi: that is, My people. Ruhamah: that is, Having obtained mercy.

her husband: let her therefore put
away her whoredoms out of her sight,
and her adulteries from between her
breasts; 3 Lest I strip her naked, and set
her as in the day that she was born, and
make her as a wilderness, and set her
like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.
4 And I will not have mercy upon her
children; for they *be* the children of
whoredoms. 5 For their mother hath
played the harlot: she that conceived
them hath done shamefully: for she
said, I will go after my lovers, that give
me my bread and my water, my wool
and my flax, mine oil and my drink.*

5. drink: Heb. drinks.

6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy
way with thorns, and make a wall, that
she shall not find her paths.* 7 And she
shall follow after her lovers, but she
shall not overtake them; and she shall
seek them, but shall not find *them*:
then shall she say, I will go and return
to my first husband; for then *was it*
better with me than now. 8 For she
did not know that I gave her corn,
and wine, and oil, and multiplied her
silver and gold, *which* they prepared
for Baal.* 9 Therefore will I return, and

6. make...: Heb. wall a wall.
8. wine: Heb. new wine. which...: or, wherewith they made Baal.

take away my corn in the time thereof,
and my wine in the season thereof, and
will recover my wool and my flax *given*
to cover her nakedness.* 10 And now
will I discover her lewdness in the sight
of her lovers, and none shall deliver her
out of mine hand.* 11 I will also cause all
her mirth to cease, her feast days, her
new moons, and her sabbaths, and all
her solemn feasts. 12 And I will destroy
her vines and her fig trees, whereof she
hath said, These *are* my rewards that
my lovers have given me: and I will
make them a forest, and the beasts

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9. recover: or, take away.
10. lewdness: Heb. folly, or, villany.

of the field shall eat them.* 13 And I
will visit upon her the days of Baalim,
wherein she burned incense to them,
and she decked herself with her ear-
rings and her jewels, and she went af-
ter her lovers, and forgat me, saith the
LORD. 14 Therefore, behold, I will al-
lure her, and bring her into the wilder-
ness, and speak comfortably unto her.*
15 And I will give her her vineyards from
thence, and the valley of Achor for a
door of hope: and she shall sing there,
as in the days of her youth, and as in
the day when she came up out of the

12. destroy: Heb. make desolate.
14. comfortably: or, friendly: Heb. to her heart.

land of Egypt. [16] And it shall be at
that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou
shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me
no more Baali.* [17] For I will take away
the names of Baalim out of her mouth,
and they shall no more be remem-
bered by their name. [18] And in that day
will I make a covenant for them with
the beasts of the field, and with the
fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping
things of the ground: and I will break
the bow and the sword and the battle
out of the earth, and will make them
to lie down safely. [19] And I will betroth

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16. Ishi: that is, My husband. Baali: that is, My lord.

thee unto me for ever; yea, I will be-
troth thee unto me in righteousness,
and in judgment, and in lovingkind-
ness, and in mercies. [20] I will even be-
troth thee unto me in faithfulness: and
thou shalt know the LORD. [21] And it
shall come to pass in that day, I will
hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the
heavens, and they shall hear the earth;
[22] And the earth shall hear the corn,
and the wine, and the oil; and they
shall hear Jezreel. [23] And I will sow
her unto me in the earth; and I will
have mercy upon her that had not ob-
tained mercy; and I will say to *them*
which were not my people, Thou *art*

my people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

3 Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.* 2 So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley:* 3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the har-

3.1. of wine: Heb. of grapes.
2. half...: Heb. lethech.

lot, and thou shalt not be for *another*
man: so *will* I also *be* for thee. [4] For the
children of Israel shall abide many days
without a king, and without a prince,
and without a sacrifice, and without
an image, and without an ephod, and
without teraphim:* [5] Afterward shall
the children of Israel return, and seek
the LORD their God, and David their
king; and shall fear the LORD and his
goodness in the latter days.

4 Hear the word of the LORD,
ye children of Israel: for the LORD
hath a controversy with the inhabi-

4. image: Heb. a standing, or, statue, or, pillar.

tants of the land, because *there is* no
truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of
God in the land. 2 By swearing, and ly-
ing, and killing, and stealing, and com-
mitting adultery, they break out, and
blood toucheth blood.* 3 Therefore
shall the land mourn, and every one
that dwelleth therein shall languish,
with the beasts of the field, and with
the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of
the sea also shall be taken away. 4 Yet
let no man strive, nor reprove another:
for thy people *are* as they that strive
with the priest. 5 Therefore shalt thou
fall in the day, and the prophet also

4.2. blood: Heb. bloods.

shall fall with thee in the night, and I
will destroy thy mother.* 6 My people
are destroyed for lack of knowledge:
because thou hast rejected knowledge,
I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be
no priest to me: seeing thou hast for-
gotten the law of thy God, I will also
forget thy children.* 7 As they were
increased, so they sinned against me:
therefore will I change their glory into
shame. 8 They eat up the sin of my
people, and they set their heart on
their iniquity.* 9 And there shall be,

5. destroy: Heb. cut off.
6. destroyed: Heb. cut off.
8. set...: Heb. lift up their soul to.

like people, like priest: and I will pun-
ish them for their ways, and reward
them their doings.* [10] For they shall
eat, and not have enough: they shall
commit whoredom, and shall not in-
crease: because they have left off to
take heed to the LORD. [11] Whoredom
and wine and new wine take away the
heart. [12] My people ask counsel at their
stocks, and their staff declareth unto
them: for the spirit of whoredoms
hath caused *them* to err, and they have
gone a whoring from under their God.
[13] They sacrifice upon the tops of the

9. punish: Heb. visit upon. reward: Heb. cause to return.

mountains, and burn incense upon the
hills, under oaks and poplars and elms,
because the shadow thereof *is* good:
therefore your daughters shall com-
mit whoredom, and your spouses shall
commit adultery. 14 I will not pun-
ish your daughters when they commit
whoredom, nor your spouses when
they commit adultery: for themselves
are separated with whores, and they
sacrifice with harlots: therefore the
people *that* doth not understand shall
fall.* 15 Though thou, Israel, play the
harlot, *yet* let not Judah offend; and
come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye

14. I will not: or, Shall I not. fall: or, be punished.

up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD
liveth. [16] For Israel slideth back as a
backsliding heifer: now the LORD will
feed them as a lamb in a large place.
[17] Ephraim *is* joined to idols: let him
alone. [18] Their drink is sour: they
have committed whoredom continu-
ally: her rulers *with* shame do love,
Give ye.* [19] The wind hath bound her
up in her wings, and they shall be
ashamed because of their sacrifices.

5 Hear ye this, O priests; and hear-
ken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear,
O house of the king; for judgment

18. sour: Heb. gone. rulers: Heb. shields.

is toward you, because ye have been
a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread
upon Tabor. 2 And the revolters are
profound to make slaughter, though
I *have been* a rebuker of them all.* 3 I
know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid
from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou
committest whoredom, *and* Israel is
defiled. 4 They will not frame their do-
ings to turn unto their God: for the
spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of
them, and they have not known the
LORD.* 5 And the pride of Israel doth

5.2. though: or, and. a rebuker: Heb. a correction.
4. They will...: or, Their doings will not suffer them.
frame: Heb. give.

testify to his face: therefore shall Israel
and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Ju-
dah also shall fall with them. 6 They
shall go with their flocks and with
their herds to seek the LORD; but they
shall not find *him*; he hath withdrawn
himself from them. 7 They have dealt
treacherously against the LORD: for
they have begotten strange children:
now shall a month devour them with
their portions. 8 Blow ye the cornet in
Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah:
cry aloud *at* Bethaven, after thee, O
Benjamin. 9 Ephraim shall be deso-
late in the day of rebuke: among the
tribes of Israel have I made known that

which shall surely be. 10 The princes of
Judah were like them that remove the
bound: *therefore* I will pour out my
wrath upon them like water. 11 Eph-
raim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judg-
ment, because he willingly walked af-
ter the commandment. 12 Therefore
will I *be* unto Ephraim as a moth, and
to the house of Judah as rottenness.*
13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and
Judah *saw* his wound, then went Eph-
raim to the Assyrian, and sent to king
Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor
cure you of your wound.* 14 For I *will be*

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12. rottenness: or, a worm.
13. king Jareb: or, the king of Jareb: or, the king

unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young
lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I,
will tear and go away; I will take away,
and none shall rescue *him*. [15] I will go
and return to my place, till they ac-
knowledge their offence, and seek my
face: in their affliction they will seek
me early.*

6 Come, and let us return unto
the LORD: for he hath torn, and he
will heal us; he hath smitten, and he
will bind us up. [2] After two days will
he revive us: in the third day he will

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that should plead.

15. acknowledge...: Heb. be guilty.

raise us up, and we shall live in his
sight. 3 Then shall we know, *if* we
follow on to know the LORD: his go-
ing forth is prepared as the morning;
and he shall come unto us as the rain,
as the latter *and* former rain unto the
earth. 4 O Ephraim, what shall I do
unto thee? O Judah, what shall I
do unto thee? for your goodness *is*
as a morning cloud, and as the early
dew it goeth away.* 5 Therefore have
I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have
slain them by the words of my mouth:
and thy judgments *are as* the light *that*

6.4. goodness: or, mercy, or, kindness.

goeth forth.* 6 For I desired mercy,
and not sacrifice; and the knowledge
of God more than burnt offerings.
7 But they like men have transgressed
the covenant: there have they dealt
treacherously against me.* 8 Gilead *is* a
city of them that work iniquity, *and is*
polluted with blood.* 9 And as troops
of robbers wait for a man, *so* the com-
pany of priests murder in the way by
consent: for they commit lewdness.*
10 I have seen an horrible thing in the

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5. and...: or, that thy judgments might be, etc.
7. men: or, Adam.
8. polluted: or, cunning for.
9. by...: Heb. with one shoulder, or, to Shechem.
lewdness: or, enormity.

house of Israel: there *is* the whoredom
of Ephraim, Israel is defiled. [11] Also, O
Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee,
when I returned the captivity of my
people.

7 When I would have healed Is-
rael, then the iniquity of Ephraim
was discovered, and the wickedness
of Samaria: for they commit false-
hood; and the thief cometh in, *and* the
troop of robbers spoileth without.*
[2] And they consider not in their hearts
that I remember all their wicked-

7.1. wickedness: Heb. evils. spoileth: Heb. strip-
peth.

ness: now their own doings have beset
them about; they are before my face.*
3 They make the king glad with their
wickedness, and the princes with their
lies. 4 They *are* all adulterers, as an
oven heated by the baker, *who* ceaseth
from raising after he hath kneaded
the dough, until it be leavened.* 5 In
the day of our king the princes have
made *him* sick with bottles of wine; he
stretched out his hand with scorners.*
6 For they have made ready their heart

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2. consider...: Heb. say not to.
4. who...: or, the raiser will cease. raising: or, waking.
5. bottles...: or, heat through wine.

like an oven, whiles they lie in wait:
their baker sleepeth all the night; in
the morning it burneth as a flaming
fire.* 7 They are all hot as an oven, and
have devoured their judges; all their
kings are fallen: *there is* none among
them that calleth unto me. 8 Eph-
raim, he hath mixed himself among
the people; Ephraim is a cake not
turned. 9 Strangers have devoured his
strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea,
gray hairs are here and there upon him,
yet he knoweth not.* 10 And the pride
of Israel testifieth to his face: and they

6. made...: or, applied.
9. here...: Heb. sprinkled.

do not return to the LORD their God,
nor seek him for all this. 11 Ephraim
also is like a silly dove without heart:
they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.
12 When they shall go, I will spread
my net upon them; I will bring them
down as the fowls of the heaven; I will
chastise them, as their congregation
hath heard. 13 Woe unto them! for
they have fled from me: destruction
unto them! because they have trans-
gressed against me: though I have re-
deemed them, yet they have spoken
lies against me.* 14 And they have not
cried unto me with their heart, when

13. destruction: Heb. spoil.

they howled upon their beds: they as-
semble themselves for corn and wine,
and they rebel against me. [15] Though
I have bound *and* strengthened their
arms, yet do they imagine mischief
against me.* [16] They return, *but* not to
the most High: they are like a deceit-
ful bow: their princes shall fall by the
sword for the rage of their tongue: this
shall be their derision in the land of
Egypt.

8 *Set* the trumpet to thy mouth.
He shall come as an eagle against the
house of the LORD, because they have

15. have...: or, chastened.

transgressed my covenant, and tres-
passed against my law.* 2 Israel shall
cry unto me, My God, we know thee.
3 Israel hath cast off *the thing that is*
good: the enemy shall pursue him.
4 They have set up kings, but not by
me: they have made princes, and I
knew *it* not: of their silver and their
gold have they made them idols, that
they may be cut off. 5 Thy calf, O
Samaria, hath cast *thee* off; mine anger
is kindled against them: how long
will it be ere they attain to innocency?
6 For from Israel *was* it also: the work-
man made it; therefore it *is* not God:

8.1. thy: Heb. the roof of thy.

but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7 For they have sown
the wind, and they shall reap the whirl-
wind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall
yield no meal: if so be it yield, the
strangers shall swallow it up.* 8 Israel
is swallowed up: now shall they be
among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein
is no pleasure. 9 For they are gone up
to Assyria, a wild ass alone by him-
self: Ephraim hath hired lovers.* 10 Yea,
though they have hired among the na-
tions, now will I gather them, and they
shall sorrow a little for the burden of

7. stalk: or, standing corn.
9. lovers: Heb. loves.

the king of princes.* 11 Because Eph-
raim hath made many altars to sin,
altars shall be unto him to sin. 12 I
have written to him the great things
of my law, *but* they were counted as a
strange thing. 13 They sacrifice flesh *for*
the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat
it; but the LORD accepteth them not;
now will he remember their iniquity,
and visit their sins: they shall return to
Egypt.* 14 For Israel hath forgotten his
Maker, and buildeth temples; and Ju-
dah hath multiplied fenced cities: but

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10. sorrow: or, begin. a...: or, in a little while.

13. They sacrifice...: or, In the sacrifices of mine offerings they, etc.

I will send a fire upon his cities, and it
shall devour the palaces thereof.

9 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy,
as *other* people: for thou hast gone
a whoring from thy God, thou hast
loved a reward upon every cornfloor.*
2 The floor and the winepress shall not
feed them, and the new wine shall fail
in her.* 3 They shall not dwell in the
LORD's land; but Ephraim shall return
to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean
things in Assyria. 4 They shall not of-
fer wine *offerings* to the LORD, nei-
ther shall they be pleasing unto him:

9.1. upon: or, in, etc.
2. winepress: or, winefat.

their sacrifices *shall be* unto them as
the bread of mourners; all that eat
thereof shall be polluted: for their
bread for their soul shall not come into
the house of the LORD. 5 What will ye
do in the solemn day, and in the day
of the feast of the LORD? 6 For, lo,
they are gone because of destruction:
Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis
shall bury them: the pleasant *places* for
their silver, nettles shall possess them:
thorns *shall be* in their tabernacles.*
7 The days of visitation are come, the
days of recompence are come; Israel

6. destruction: Heb. spoil. the...: or, their silver shall be desired, the nettle, etc.: Heb. the desire.

shall know *it*: the prophet *is* a fool,
the spiritual man *is* mad, for the mul-
titude of thine iniquity, and the great
hatred.* 8 The watchman of Ephraim
was with my God: *but* the prophet *is* a
snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* ha-
tred in the house of his God.* 9 They
have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in
the days of Gibeah: *therefore* he will
remember their iniquity, he will visit
their sins. 10 I found Israel like grapes
in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as
the firstripe in the fig tree at her first
time: *but* they went to Baalpeor, and

7. spiritual...: Heb. man of the spirit.
8. in the: or, against the.

separated themselves unto *that* shame;
and *their* abominations were accord-
ing as they loved. 11 *As for* Ephraim,
their glory shall fly away like a bird,
from the birth, and from the womb,
and from the conception. 12 Though
they bring up their children, yet will I
bereave them, *that there shall* not *be* a
man *left*: yea, woe also to them when I
depart from them! 13 Ephraim, as I saw
Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place:
but Ephraim shall bring forth his chil-
dren to the murderer. 14 Give them, O
LORD: what wilt thou give? give them
a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.*

14. miscarrying: Heb. that casteth the fruit.

15 All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal: for
there I hated them: for the wickedness
of their doings I will drive them out of
mine house, I will love them no more:
all their princes *are* revolters. 16 Eph-
raim is smitten, their root is dried up,
they shall bear no fruit: yea, though
they bring forth, yet will I slay *even*
the beloved *fruit* of their womb.* 17 My
God will cast them away, because they
did not hearken unto him: and they
shall be wanderers among the nations.

10 Israel *is* an empty vine, he
bringeth forth fruit unto himself: ac-

16. the...: Heb. the desires.

cording to the multitude of his fruit
he hath increased the altars; according
to the goodness of his land they have
made goodly images.* 2 Their heart
is divided; now shall they be found
faulty: he shall break down their al-
tars, he shall spoil their images.* 3 For
now they shall say, We have no king,
because we feared not the LORD; what
then should a king do to us? 4 They
have spoken words, swearing falsely
in making a covenant: thus judgment

10.1. an...: or, a vine emptying the fruit which it giveth. images: Heb. statues, or, standing images.

2. Their heart...: or, He hath divided their heart. break...: Heb. behead. images: Heb. statues, or, standing images.

springeth up as hemlock in the fur-
rows of the field. 5 The inhabitants
of Samaria shall fear because of the
calves of Bethaven: for the people
thereof shall mourn over it, and the
priests thereof *that* rejoiced on it, for
the glory thereof, because it is de-
parted from it.* 6 It shall be also car-
ried unto Assyria *for* a present to king
Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame,
and Israel shall be ashamed of his own
counsel. 7 *As for* Samaria, her king is
cut off as the foam upon the water.*
8 The high places also of Aven, the sin

5. the priests...: or, Chemarim.
7. the water: Heb. the face of the water.

of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn
and the thistle shall come up on their
altars; and they shall say to the moun-
tains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall
on us. 9 O Israel, thou hast sinned
from the days of Gibeah: there they
stood: the battle in Gibeah against
the children of iniquity did not over-
take them. 10 *It is* in my desire that I
should chastise them; and the people
shall be gathered against them, when
they shall bind themselves in their two
furrows.* 11 And Ephraim *is as* an heifer
that is taught, *and* loveth to tread out

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10. when...: or, when I shall bind them for their two transgressions, or, in their two habitations.

the corn; but I passed over upon her
fair neck: I will make Ephraim to
ride; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall
break his clods.* 12 Sow to yourselves
in righteousness, reap in mercy; break
up your fallow ground: for *it is* time
to seek the LORD, till he come and
rain righteousness upon you. 13 Ye have
plowed wickedness, ye have reaped in-
iquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies:
because thou didst trust in thy way,
in the multitude of thy mighty men.
14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among
thy people, and all thy fortresses shall
be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Bethar-

11. her...: Heb. the beauty of her neck.

bel in the day of battle: the mother
was dashed in pieces upon *her* chil-
dren. 15 So shall Bethel do unto you
because of your great wickedness: in a
morning shall the king of Israel utterly
be cut off.*

11 When Israel *was* a child, then
I loved him, and called my son out of
Egypt. 2 *As* they called them, so they
went from them: they sacrificed unto
Baalim, and burned incense to graven
images. 3 I taught Ephraim also to
go, taking them by their arms; but
they knew not that I healed them. 4 I

15. your...: Heb. the evil of your evil.

drew them with cords of a man, with
bands of love: and I was to them as
they that take off the yoke on their
jaws, and I laid meat unto them.* 5 He
shall not return into the land of Egypt,
but the Assyrian shall be his king, be-
cause they refused to return. 6 And
the sword shall abide on his cities, and
shall consume his branches, and de-
vour *them*, because of their own coun-
sels. 7 And my people are bent to
backsliding from me: though they
called them to the most High, none
at all would exalt *him*.* 8 How shall I

11.4. take off: Heb. lift up.
7. none...: Heb. together they exalted not.

give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I de-
liver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee
as Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Ze-
boim? mine heart is turned within me,
my repentings are kindled together.
9 I will not execute the fierceness of
mine anger, I will not return to de-
stroy Ephraim: for I *am* God, and not
man; the Holy One in the midst of
thee: and I will not enter into the city.
10 They shall walk after the LORD: he
shall roar like a lion: when he shall
roar, then the children shall tremble
from the west. 11 They shall tremble as
a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out
of the land of Assyria: and I will place

them in their houses, saith the LORD.
12 Ephraim compasseth me about with
lies, and the house of Israel with deceit:
but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is
faithful with the saints.*

12 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and
followeth after the east wind: he daily
increaseth lies and desolation; and
they do make a covenant with the As-
syrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.
2 The LORD hath also a controversy
with Judah, and will punish Jacob ac-
cording to his ways; according to his
doings will he recompense him.* 3 He

12. saints: or, most holy.
12.2. punish: Heb. visit upon.

took his brother by the heel in the
womb, and by his strength he had
power with God:* 4 Yea, he had power
over the angel, and prevailed: he wept,
and made supplication unto him: he
found him *in* Bethel, and there he
spake with us; 5 Even the LORD God
of hosts; the LORD *is* his memorial.
6 Therefore turn thou to thy God:
keep mercy and judgment, and wait on
thy God continually. 7 *He is* a mer-
chant, the balances of deceit *are* in
his hand: he loveth to oppress.* 8 And

3. had...: Heb. was a prince, or, behaved himself princely.
7. a merchant: or, Canaan. oppress: or, deceive.

Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich,
I have found me out substance: *in* all
my labours they shall find none iniq-
uity in me that *were* sin.* 9 And I *that*
am the LORD thy God from the land
of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell
in tabernacles, as in the days of the
solemn feast. 10 I have also spoken by
the prophets, and I have multiplied
visions, and used similitudes, by the
ministry of the prophets.* 11 *Is there* in-
iquity *in* Gilead? surely they are van-

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8. in all...: or, all my labours suffice me not: he shall have punishment of iniquity in whom is sin. that: Heb. which.

10. ministry: Heb. hand.

ity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal;
yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the fur-
rows of the fields. [12] And Jacob fled
into the country of Syria, and Israel
served for a wife, and for a wife he kept
sheep. [13] And by a prophet the LORD
brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a
prophet was he preserved. [14] Ephraim
provoked *him* to anger most bitterly:
therefore shall he leave his blood upon
him, and his reproach shall his Lord
return unto him.*

13 When Ephraim spake trem-
bling, he exalted himself in Israel; but

14. most...: Heb. with bitternesses. blood: Heb. bloods.

when he offended in Baal, he died.
2 And now they sin more and more,
and have made them molten images
of their silver, *and* idols according to
their own understanding, all of it the
work of the craftsmen: they say of
them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss
the calves.* 3 Therefore they shall be
as the morning cloud, and as the early
dew that passeth away, as the chaff
that is driven with the whirlwind out
of the floor, and as the smoke out of
the chimney. 4 Yet I *am* the LORD
thy God from the land of Egypt, and

13.2. they sin...: Heb. they add to sin. the men...: or, the sacrificers of men.

thou shalt know no god but me: for
there is no saviour beside me. 5 I did
know thee in the wilderness, in the
land of great drought.* 6 According
to their pasture, so were they filled;
they were filled, and their heart was
exalted; therefore have they forgotten
me. 7 Therefore I will be unto them
as a lion: as a leopard by the way will
I observe *them*: 8 I will meet them as
a bear *that is* bereaved *of her whelps*,
and will rend the caul of their heart,
and there will I devour them like a
lion: the wild beast shall tear them.*

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5. great...: Heb. droughts.
8. wild...: Heb. beast of the field.

9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself;
but in me *is* thine help.* 10 I will be thy
king: where *is any other* that may save
thee in all thy cities? and thy judges
of whom thou saidst, Give me a king
and princes?* 11 I gave thee a king in
mine anger, and took *him* away in my
wrath. 12 The iniquity of Ephraim *is*
bound up; his sin *is* hid. 13 The sor-
rows of a travailing woman shall come
upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for
he should not stay long in *the place of*
the breaking forth of children.* 14 I will

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9. is...: Heb. in thy help.
10. I will...: rather, Where is thy king?.
13. long: Heb. a time.

ransom them from the power of the
grave; I will redeem them from death:
O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave,
I will be thy destruction: repentance
shall be hid from mine eyes.* 15 Though
he be fruitful among *his* brethren, an
east wind shall come, the wind of the
LORD shall come up from the wilder-
ness, and his spring shall become dry,
and his fountain shall be dried up: he
shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant
vessels.* 16 Samaria shall become deso-
late; for she hath rebelled against her
God: they shall fall by the sword: their

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14. power: Heb. hand.
15. pleasant...: Heb. vessels of desire.

infants shall be dashed in pieces, and
their women with child shall be ripped
up.

14 O Israel, return unto the LORD
thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine
iniquity. 2 Take with you words, and
turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take
away all iniquity, and receive *us* gra-
ciously: so will we render the calves
of our lips.* 3 Asshur shall not save us;
we will not ride upon horses: neither
will we say any more to the work of
our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee
the fatherless findeth mercy. 4 I will

14.2. receive...: or, give good.

heal their backsliding, I will love them
freely: for mine anger is turned away
from him. 5 I will be as the dew unto
Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and
cast forth his roots as Lebanon.* 6 His
branches shall spread, and his beauty
shall be as the olive tree, and his smell
as Lebanon.* 7 They that dwell under
his shadow shall return; they shall re-
vive *as* the corn, and grow as the vine:
the scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of
Lebanon.* 8 Ephraim *shall say*, What
have I to do any more with idols? I

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5. grow: or, blossom. cast...: Heb. strike.
6. spread: Heb. go.
7. grow: or, blossom. scent: or, memorial.

have heard *him*, and observed him: I
am like a green fir tree. From me is
thy fruit found. 9 Who *is* wise, and
he shall understand these *things*? pru-
dent, and he shall know them? for the
ways of the LORD *are* right, and the
just shall walk in them: but the trans-
gressors shall fall therein.

JOEL

The word of the LORD that came
to Joel the son of Pethuel.
2 Hear this, ye old men, and
give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.
Hath this been in your days, or even
in the days of your fathers?
3 Tell
ye your children of it, and *let* your
children *tell* their children, and their
children another generation.
4 That
which the palmerworm hath left hath
the locust eaten; and that which the
locust hath left hath the cankerworm
eaten; and that which the cankerworm

hath left hath the caterpiller eaten.*
5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and
howl, all ye drinkers of wine, be-
cause of the new wine; for it is cut
off from your mouth. 6 For a na-
tion is come up upon my land, strong,
and without number, whose teeth *are*
the teeth of a lion, and he hath the
cheek teeth of a great lion. 7 He hath
laid my vine waste, and barked my
fig tree: he hath made it clean bare,
and cast *it* away; the branches thereof
are made white.* 8 Lament like a vir-

1.4. That which the palmerworm...: Heb. The residue of the palmerworm.

7. barked...: Heb. laid my fig tree for a barking.

gin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. 9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut
off from the house of the LORD; the
priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn.
10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new
wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.
11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen;
howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat
and for the barley; because the harvest
of the field is perished. 12 The vine is
dried up, and the fig tree languisheth;
the pomegranate tree, the palm tree
also, and the apple tree, *even* all the
trees of the field, are withered: because

joy is withered away from the sons of
men. 13 Gird yourselves, and lament,
ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the al-
tar: come, lie all night in sackcloth,
ye ministers of my God: for the meat
offering and the drink offering is with-
holden from the house of your God.
14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn as-
sembly, gather the elders *and* all the
inhabitants of the land *into* the house
of the LORD your God, and cry unto
the LORD,* 15 Alas for the day! for the
day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a
destruction from the Almighty shall it
come. 16 Is not the meat cut off before

14. solemn...: or, day of restraint.

our eyes, *yea*, joy and gladness from the
house of our God? 17 The seed is rotten
under their clods, the garners are laid
desolate, the barns are broken down;
for the corn is withered.* 18 How do the
beasts groan! the herds of cattle are
perplexed, because they have no pas-
ture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made
desolate. 19 O LORD, to thee will I cry:
for the fire hath devoured the pastures
of the wilderness, and the flame hath
burned all the trees of the field.* 20 The
beasts of the field cry also unto thee:
for the rivers of waters are dried up,

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17. seed: Heb. grains.
19. pastures: or, habitations.

and the fire hath devoured the pastures
of the wilderness.

2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and
sound an alarm in my holy mountain:
let all the inhabitants of the land trem-
ble: for the day of the LORD cometh,
for *it is* nigh at hand;* 2 A day of dark-
ness and of gloominess, a day of clouds
and of thick darkness, as the morning
spread upon the mountains: a great
people and a strong; there hath not
been ever the like, neither shall be
any more after it, *even* to the years of
many generations.* 3 A fire devoureth

2.1. trumpet: or, cornet.
2. of many...: Heb. of generation and generation.

before them; and behind them a flame
burneth: the land *is* as the garden of
Eden before them, and behind them a
desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing
shall escape them. 4 The appearance
of them *is* as the appearance of horses;
and as horsemen, so shall they run.
5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops
of mountains shall they leap, like the
noise of a flame of fire that devoureth
the stubble, as a strong people set in
battle array. 6 Before their face the
people shall be much pained: all faces
shall gather blackness.* 7 They shall
run like mighty men; they shall climb

6. blackness: Heb. pot.

the wall like men of war; and they shall
march every one on his ways, and they
shall not break their ranks: 8 Neither
shall one thrust another; they shall
walk every one in his path: and *when*
they fall upon the sword, they shall
not be wounded.* 9 They shall run to
and fro in the city; they shall run upon
the wall, they shall climb up upon the
houses; they shall enter in at the win-
dows like a thief. 10 The earth shall
quake before them; the heavens shall
tremble: the sun and the moon shall
be dark, and the stars shall withdraw
their shining: 11 And the LORD shall

8. sword: or, dart.

utter his voice before his army: for
his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong
that executeth his word: for the day
of the LORD *is* great and very terri-
ble; and who can abide it? 12 Therefore
also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even*
to me with all your heart, and with
fasting, and with weeping, and with
mourning: 13 And rend your heart, and
not your garments, and turn unto the
LORD your God: for he *is* gracious
and merciful, slow to anger, and of
great kindness, and repenteth him of
the evil. 14 Who knoweth *if* he will re-
turn and repent, and leave a blessing
behind him; *even* a meat offering and

a drink offering unto the LORD your
God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion,
sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
16 Gather the people, sanctify the con-
gregation, assemble the elders, gather
the children, and those that suck the
breasts: let the bridegroom go forth
of his chamber, and the bride out of
her closet. 17 Let the priests, the min-
isters of the LORD, weep between the
porch and the altar, and let them say,
Spare thy people, O LORD, and give
not thine heritage to reproach, that
the heathen should rule over them:
wherefore should they say among the

people, Where *is* their God?* 18 Then
will the LORD be jealous for his land,
and pity his people. 19 Yea, the LORD
will answer and say unto his people,
Behold, I will send you corn, and wine,
and oil, and ye shall be satisfied there-
with: and I will no more make you a
reproach among the heathen: 20 But I
will remove far off from you the north-
ern *army*, and will drive him into a
land barren and desolate, with his face
toward the east sea, and his hinder part
toward the utmost sea, and his stink
shall come up, and his ill savour shall
come up, because he hath done great

17. rule over: or, use a byword against.

things.* [21] Fear not, O land; be glad
and rejoice: for the LORD will do great
things.* [22] Be not afraid, ye beasts of the
field: for the pastures of the wilderness
do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit,
the fig tree and the vine do yield their
strength. [23] Be glad then, ye children
of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your
God: for he hath given you the for-
mer rain moderately, and he will cause
to come down for you the rain, the
former rain, and the latter rain in the

20. hath...: Heb. hath magnified to do.
21. will...: Heb. hath magnified to do.

first *month*.* [24] And the floors shall be
full of wheat, and the fats shall over-
flow with wine and oil. [25] And I will
restore to you the years that the lo-
cust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and
the caterpiller, and the palmerworm,
my great army which I sent among
you. [26] And ye shall eat in plenty, and
be satisfied, and praise the name of
the LORD your God, that hath dealt
wondrously with you: and my peo-
ple shall never be ashamed. [27] And ye
shall know that I *am* in the midst of

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23. the former rain moderately: or, a teacher of righteousness. moderately: Heb. according to righteousness.

Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your
God, and none else: and my peo-
ple shall never be ashamed. [28] And it
shall come to pass afterward, *that* I
will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;
and your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy, your old men shall dream
dreams, your young men shall see vi-
sions: [29] And also upon the servants
and upon the handmaids in those days
will I pour out my spirit. [30] And I will
shew wonders in the heavens and in
the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of
smoke. [31] The sun shall be turned into
darkness, and the moon into blood,
before the great and the terrible day of

the LORD come. [32] And it shall come
to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on
the name of the LORD shall be deliv-
ered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusa-
lem shall be deliverance, as the LORD
hath said, and in the remnant whom
the LORD shall call.

3 For, behold, in those days, and
in that time, when I shall bring again
the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
[2] I will also gather all nations, and will
bring them down into the valley of Je-
hoshaphat, and will plead with them
there for my people and *for* my her-
itage Israel, whom they have scattered

among the nations, and parted my
land. 3 And they have cast lots for my
people; and have given a boy for an
harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that
they might drink. 4 Yea, and what have
ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon,
and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye
render me a recompence? and if ye
recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily
will I return your recompence upon
your own head; 5 Because ye have
taken my silver and my gold, and have
carried into your temples my goodly
pleasant things:* 6 The children also
of Judah and the children of Jerusa-

3.5. pleasant: Heb. desirable.

lem have ye sold unto the Grecians,
that ye might remove them far from
their border.* 7 Behold, I will raise
them out of the place whither ye have
sold them, and will return your rec-
ompence upon your own head: 8 And
I will sell your sons and your daughters
into the hand of the children of Judah,
and they shall sell them to the Sabeans,
to a people far off: for the LORD hath
spoken *it*. 9 Proclaim ye this among
the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up
the mighty men, let all the men of
war draw near; let them come up:*

6. the Grecians: Heb. the sons of the Grecians.
9. Prepare: Heb. Sanctify.

10 Beat your plowshares into swords,
and your pruninghooks into spears:
let the weak say, I *am* strong.* 11 Assem-
ble yourselves, and come, all ye hea-
then, and gather yourselves together
round about: thither cause thy mighty
ones to come down, O LORD.* 12 Let
the heathen be wakened, and come
up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for
there will I sit to judge all the hea-
then round about. 13 Put ye in the
sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come,
get you down; for the press is full,
the fats overflow; for their wickedness

10. pruninghooks: or, scythes.
11. cause...: or, the LORD shall bring down.

is great. 14 Multitudes, multitudes in
the valley of decision: for the day of
the LORD *is* near in the valley of deci-
sion.* 15 The sun and the moon shall be
darkened, and the stars shall withdraw
their shining. 16 The LORD also shall
roar out of Zion, and utter his voice
from Jerusalem; and the heavens and
the earth shall shake: but the LORD
will be the hope of his people, and the
strength of the children of Israel.* 17 So
shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your
God dwelling in Zion, my holy moun-
tain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and

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14. decision: or, concision, or, threshing.
16. hope: Heb. place of repair, or, harbour.

there shall no strangers pass through
her any more.* [18] And it shall come
to pass in that day, *that* the moun-
tains shall drop down new wine, and
the hills shall flow with milk, and all
the rivers of Judah shall flow with wa-
ters, and a fountain shall come forth
of the house of the LORD, and shall
water the valley of Shittim.* [19] Egypt
shall be a desolation, and Edom shall
be a desolate wilderness, for the vio-
lence *against* the children of Judah, be-
cause they have shed innocent blood
in their land. [20] But Judah shall dwell

17. holy: Heb. holiness.
18. flow: Heb. go.

for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.* [21] For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.*

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20. dwell: or, abide.
21. for the...: or, even I the LORD that.

AMOS

The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. [2] And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither. [3] Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment*

thereof; because they have threshed
Gilead with threshing instruments of
iron:* 4 But I will send a fire into the
house of Hazael, which shall devour
the palaces of Benhadad. 5 I will break
also the bar of Damascus, and cut off
the inhabitant from the plain of Aven,
and him that holdeth the sceptre from
the house of Eden: and the people
of Syria shall go into captivity unto
Kir, saith the LORD.* 6 Thus saith
the LORD; For three transgressions of

1.3. and...: or, yea, for four. turn...: or, convert it, or, let it be quiet.

5. the plain...: or, Bikathaven. the house...: or, Betheden.

Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away
the punishment thereof; because they
carried away captive the whole captiv-
ity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:* 7 But
I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza,
which shall devour the palaces thereof:
8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from
Ashdod, and him that holdeth the
sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn
mine hand against Ekron: and the
remnant of the Philistines shall per-
ish, saith the Lord GOD. 9 Thus saith
the LORD; For three transgressions of
Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn
away *the punishment* thereof; because

6. away captive...: or, them away with an entire.

they delivered up the whole captivity
to Edom, and remembered not the
brotherly covenant:* 10 But I will send
a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall
devour the palaces thereof. 11 Thus
saith the LORD; For three transgres-
sions of Edom, and for four, I will not
turn away *the punishment* thereof; be-
cause he did pursue his brother with
the sword, and did cast off all pity,
and his anger did tear perpetually, and
he kept his wrath for ever:* 12 But I
will send a fire upon Teman, which
shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

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9. the brotherly...: Heb. the covenant of brethren.
11. did cast...: Heb. corrupted his compassions.

13 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon,
and for four, I will not turn away *the*
punishment thereof; because they have
ripped up the women with child of
Gilead, that they might enlarge their
border:* 14 But I will kindle a fire in
the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour
the palaces thereof, with shouting in
the day of battle, with a tempest in
the day of the whirlwind: 15 And their
king shall go into captivity, he and his
princes together, saith the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD; For three

13. ripped...: or, divided the mountains.

transgressions of Moab, and for four,
I will not turn away *the punishment*
thereof; because he burned the bones
of the king of Edom into lime: [2] But
I will send a fire upon Moab, and it
shall devour the palaces of Kerioth:
and Moab shall die with tumult, with
shouting, *and* with the sound of the
trumpet: [3] And I will cut off the judge
from the midst thereof, and will slay
all the princes thereof with him, saith
the LORD. [4] Thus saith the LORD;
For three transgressions of Judah, and
for four, I will not turn away *the pun-*
ishment thereof; because they have
despised the law of the LORD, and

have not kept his commandments,
and their lies caused them to err, after
the which their fathers have walked:
5 But I will send a fire upon Judah,
and it shall devour the palaces of Je-
rusalem. 6 Thus saith the LORD; For
three transgressions of Israel, and for
four, I will not turn away *the punish-*
ment thereof; because they sold the
righteous for silver, and the poor for
a pair of shoes; 7 That pant after the
dust of the earth on the head of the
poor, and turn aside the way of the
meek: and a man and his father will go
in unto the *same* maid, to profane my

holy name:* 8 And they lay *themselves*
down upon clothes laid to pledge by
every altar, and they drink the wine of
the condemned *in* the house of their
god.* 9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite
before them, whose height *was* like
the height of the cedars, and he *was*
strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed
his fruit from above, and his roots
from beneath. 10 Also I brought you
up from the land of Egypt, and led
you forty years through the wilder-
ness, to possess the land of the Amor-

2.7. maid: or, young woman.

8. the condemned: or, such as have fined, or, mulcted.

ite. [11] And I raised up of your sons for
prophets, and of your young men for
Nazarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye
children of Israel? saith the LORD.
[12] But ye gave the Nazarites wine to
drink; and commanded the prophets,
saying, Prophesy not. [13] Behold, I am
pressed under you, as a cart is pressed
that is full of sheaves.* [14] Therefore the
flight shall perish from the swift, and
the strong shall not strengthen his
force, neither shall the mighty de-
liver himself:* [15] Neither shall he stand

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13. I am...: or, I will press your place, as a cart full of sheaves presseth.
14. himself: Heb. his soul, or, life.

that handleth the bow; and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself. 16 And *he that is* courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.*

3 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, 2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.*

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16. courageous: Heb. strong of his heart.
3.2. punish: Heb. visit upon.

3 Can two walk together, except they
be agreed? 4 Will a lion roar in the
forest, when he hath no prey? will a
young lion cry out of his den, if he have
taken nothing?* 5 Can a bird fall in a
snare upon the earth, where no gin *is*
for him? shall *one* take up a snare from
the earth, and have taken nothing at
all? 6 Shall a trumpet be blown in
the city, and the people not be afraid?
shall there be evil in a city, and the
LORD hath not done *it*?* 7 Surely the
Lord GOD will do nothing, but he

4. cry: Heb. give forth his voice.
6. be afraid: or, run together? the LORD...: or, shall not the LORD do somewhat?.

revealeth his secret unto his servants
the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared,
who will not fear? the Lord GOD
hath spoken, who can but prophesy?
9 Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and
in the palaces in the land of Egypt,
and say, Assemble yourselves upon the
mountains of Samaria, and behold the
great tumults in the midst thereof, and
the oppressed in the midst thereof.*
10 For they know not to do right, saith
the LORD, who store up violence and
robbery in their palaces.* 11 Therefore
thus saith the Lord GOD; An adver-

9. oppressed: or, oppressions.
10. robbery: or, spoil.

sary *there shall be* even round about
the land; and he shall bring down thy
strength from thee, and thy palaces
shall be spoiled. 12 Thus saith the
LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of
the mouth of the lion two legs, or a
piece of an ear; so shall the children
of Israel be taken out that dwell in
Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in
Damascus *in* a couch.* 13 Hear ye, and
testify in the house of Jacob, saith the
Lord GOD, the God of hosts, 14 That
in the day that I shall visit the trans-
gressions of Israel upon him I will also

12. taketh: Heb. delivereth. in Damascus...: or, on the bed's feet.

visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns
of the altar shall be cut off, and fall
to the ground.* 15 And I will smite the
winter house with the summer house;
and the houses of ivory shall perish,
and the great houses shall have an end,
saith the LORD.

4 Hear this word, ye kine of
Bashan, that *are* in the mountain
of Samaria, which oppress the poor,
which crush the needy, which say to
their masters, Bring, and let us drink.
2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his
holiness, that, lo, the days shall come

14. visit: or, punish Israel for.

upon you, that he will take you away
with hooks, and your posterity with
fishhooks. 3 And ye shall go out at the
breaches, every *cow at that which is* be-
fore her; and ye shall cast *them* into
the palace, saith the LORD.* 4 Come to
Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multi-
ply transgression; and bring your sac-
rifices every morning, *and* your tithes
after three years:* 5 And offer a sacri-
fice of thanksgiving with leaven, and
proclaim *and* publish the free offer-
ings: for this liketh you, O ye chil-

4.3. cast...: or, cast away the things of the palace.
4. three...: Heb. three years of days.

dren of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.*
6 And I also have given you cleanness
of teeth in all your cities, and want of
bread in all your places: yet have ye
not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
7 And also I have withholden the rain
from you, when *there were* yet three
months to the harvest: and I caused it
to rain upon one city, and caused it not
to rain upon another city: one piece
was rained upon, and the piece where-
upon it rained not withered. 8 So two
or three cities wandered unto one city,
to drink water; but they were not satis-

5. offer: Heb. offer by burning. this...: Heb. so ye love.

fied: yet have ye not returned unto me,
saith the LORD. 9 I have smitten you
with blasting and mildew: when your
gardens and your vineyards and your
fig trees and your olive trees increased,
the palmerworm devoured *them*: yet
have ye not returned unto me, saith
the LORD.* 10 I have sent among you
the pestilence after the manner of
Egypt: your young men have I slain
with the sword, and have taken away
your horses; and I have made the stink
of your camps to come up unto your
nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto

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9. when...: or, the multitude of your gardens, etc. did the palmerworm.

me, saith the LORD.* [11] I have over-
thrown *some* of you, as God overthrew
Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as
a firebrand plucked out of the burn-
ing: yet have ye not returned unto
me, saith the LORD. [12] Therefore thus
will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* be-
cause I will do this unto thee, prepare
to meet thy God, O Israel. [13] For, lo,
he that formeth the mountains, and
createth the wind, and declareth unto
man what *is* his thought, that maketh
the morning darkness, and treadeth
upon the high places of the earth, The

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10. after...: or, in the way. and have...: Heb. with the captivity of your horses.

LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.*

5 Hear ye this word which I take
up against you, *even* a lamentation, O
house of Israel. 2 The virgin of Is-
rael is fallen; she shall no more rise:
she is forsaken upon her land; *there*
is none to raise her up. 3 For thus
saith the Lord GOD; The city that
went out *by* a thousand shall leave an
hundred, and that which went forth
by an hundred shall leave ten, to the
house of Israel. 4 For thus saith the
LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek
ye me, and ye shall live: 5 But seek

13. wind: or, spirit.

not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and
pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall
surely go into captivity, and Bethel
shall come to nought. 6 Seek the
LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break
out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and devour *it*, and *there be* none to
quench *it* in Bethel. 7 Ye who turn
judgment to wormwood, and leave off
righteousness in the earth, 8 *Seek him*
that maketh the seven stars and Orion,
and turneth the shadow of death into
the morning, and maketh the day dark
with night: that calleth for the wa-
ters of the sea, and poureth them
out upon the face of the earth: The

LORD *is* his name: 9 That strength-
eneth the spoiled against the strong,
so that the spoiled shall come against
the fortress.* 10 They hate him that re-
buketh in the gate, and they abhor him
that speaketh uprightly. 11 Forasmuch
therefore as your treading *is* upon the
poor, and ye take from him burdens
of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn
stone, but ye shall not dwell in them;
ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but
ye shall not drink wine of them.* 12 For
I know your manifold transgressions
and your mighty sins: they afflict the

5.9. spoiled: Heb. spoil.
11. pleasant...: Heb. vineyards of desire.

just, they take a bribe, and they turn
aside the poor in the gate *from their*
right.* 13 Therefore the prudent shall
keep silence in that time; for it *is* an
evil time. 14 Seek good, and not evil,
that ye may live: and so the LORD, the
God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye
have spoken. 15 Hate the evil, and love
the good, and establish judgment in
the gate: it may be that the LORD God
of hosts will be gracious unto the rem-
nant of Joseph. 16 Therefore the LORD,
the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus;
Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they
shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas!

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12. a bribe: or, a ransom.

and they shall call the husbandman to
mourning, and such as are skilful of
lamentation to wailing. [17] And in all
vineyards *shall be* wailing: for I will
pass through thee, saith the LORD.
[18] Woe unto you that desire the day of
the LORD! to what end *is* it for you?
the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and
not light. [19] As if a man did flee from
a lion, and a bear met him; or went
into the house, and leaned his hand on
the wall, and a serpent bit him. [20] *Shall*
not the day of the LORD *be* darkness,
and not light? even very dark, and no
brightness in it? [21] I hate, I despise your
feast days, and I will not smell in your

solemn assemblies.* 22 Though ye offer
me burnt offerings and your meat of-
ferings, I will not accept *them*: nei-
ther will I regard the peace offerings
of your fat beasts.* 23 Take thou away
from me the noise of thy songs; for
I will not hear the melody of thy vi-
ols. 24 But let judgment run down as
waters, and righteousness as a mighty
stream.* 25 Have ye offered unto me
sacrifices and offerings in the wilder-
ness forty years, O house of Israel?
26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of

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21. in...: or, your holy days.
22. peace...: or, thank offerings.
24. run: Heb. roll.

your Moloch and Chiun your images,
the star of your god, which ye made
to yourselves.* 27 Therefore will I cause
you to go into captivity beyond Dam-
ascus, saith the LORD, whose name *is*
The God of hosts.

6 Woe to them *that are* at ease in
Zion, and trust in the mountain of
Samaria, *which are* named chief of the
nations, to whom the house of Israel
came!* 2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see;
and from thence go ye to Hamath the
great: then go down to Gath of the
Philistines: *be they* better than these

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26. the tabernacle...: or, Siccuth your king.
6.1. are at...: or, are secure. chief: or, firstfruits.

kingdoms? or their border greater
than your border? 3 Ye that put far
away the evil day, and cause the seat
of violence to come near;* 4 That lie
upon beds of ivory, and stretch them-
selves upon their couches, and eat the
lambs out of the flock, and the calves
out of the midst of the stall;* 5 That
chant to the sound of the viol, *and*
invent to themselves instruments of
musick, like David;* 6 That drink wine
in bowls, and anoint themselves with
the chief ointments: but they are not

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3. seat: or, habitation.
4. stretch...: or, abound with superfluities.
5. chant: or, quaver.

grieved for the affliction of Joseph.*
7 Therefore now shall they go captive
with the first that go captive, and the
banquet of them that stretched them-
selves shall be removed. 8 The Lord
GOD hath sworn by himself, saith
the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor
the excellency of Jacob, and hate his
palaces: therefore will I deliver up the
city with all that is therein.* 9 And
it shall come to pass, if there remain
ten men in one house, that they shall
die. 10 And a man's uncle shall take

6. wine...: or, in bowls of wine. affliction: Heb. breach.
8. that...: Heb. the fulness thereof.

him up, and he that burneth him, to
bring out the bones out of the house,
and shall say unto him that *is* by the
sides of the house, *Is there* yet *any* with
thee? and he shall say, No. Then
shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we
may not make mention of the name of
the LORD.* 11 For, behold, the LORD
commandeth, and he will smite the
great house with breaches, and the lit-
tle house with clefts.* 12 Shall horses
run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there*
with oxen? for ye have turned judg-
ment into gall, and the fruit of righ-

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10. we...: or, they will not, or, have not.
11. breaches: or, droppings.

teousness into hemlock: 13 Ye which
rejoice in a thing of nought, which say,
Have we not taken to us horns by our
own strength? 14 But, behold, I will
raise up against you a nation, O house
of Israel, saith the LORD the God of
hosts; and they shall afflict you from
the entering in of Hemath unto the
river of the wilderness.*

7 Thus hath the Lord GOD
shewed unto me; and, behold, he
formed grasshoppers in the beginning
of the shooting up of the latter growth;
and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after

14. river: or, valley.

the king's mowings.* 2 And it came to
pass, *that* when they had made an end
of eating the grass of the land, then I
said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech
thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for
he *is* small.* 3 The LORD repented for
this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.
4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed
unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD
called to contend by fire, and it de-
voured the great deep, and did eat up
a part. 5 Then said I, O Lord GOD,
cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall

7.1. grasshoppers: or, green worms.
2. by...: or, who of (or, for,) Jacob shall stand?.

Jacob arise? for he *is* small.* 6 The
LORD repented for this: This also
shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.
7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold,
the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by
a plumbline, with a plumbline in his
hand. 8 And the LORD said unto me,
Amos, what seest thou? And I said,
A plumbline. Then said the Lord,
Behold, I will set a plumbline in the
midst of my people Israel: I will not
again pass by them any more: 9 And
the high places of Isaac shall be deso-
late, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall
be laid waste; and I will rise against

5. by...: or, who of (or, for,) Jacob shall stand?.

the house of Jeroboam with the sword.
10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel
sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying,
Amos hath conspired against thee in
the midst of the house of Israel: the
land is not able to bear all his words.
11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall
die by the sword, and Israel shall surely
be led away captive out of their own
land. 12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos,
O thou seer, go, flee thee away into
the land of Judah, and there eat bread,
and prophesy there: 13 But prophesy
not again any more at Bethel: for it
is the king's chapel, and it *is* the king's

court.* 14 Then answered Amos, and
said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, nei-
ther *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an
herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore
fruit:* 15 And the LORD took me as I
followed the flock, and the LORD said
unto me, Go, prophesy unto my peo-
ple Israel.* 16 Now therefore hear thou
the word of the LORD: Thou sayest,
Prophesy not against Israel, and drop
not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.
17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy

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13. chapel: or, sanctuary. king's court: Heb. house of the kingdom.

14. sycomore...: or, wild figs.

15. as...: Heb. from behind.

wife shall be an harlot in the city, and
thy sons and thy daughters shall fall
by the sword, and thy land shall be di-
vided by line; and thou shalt die in a
polluted land: and Israel shall surely
go into captivity forth of his land.

8 Thus hath the Lord GOD
shewed unto me: and behold a basket
of summer fruit. 2 And he said, Amos,
what seest thou? And I said, A basket
of summer fruit. Then said the LORD
unto me, The end is come upon my
people of Israel; I will not again pass
by them any more. 3 And the songs
of the temple shall be howlings in that

day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place;
they shall cast *them* forth with silence.*
4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the
needy, even to make the poor of the
land to fail, 5 Saying, When will the
new moon be gone, that we may sell
corn? and the sabbath, that we may set
forth wheat, making the ephah small,
and the shekel great, and falsifying the
balances by deceit?* 6 That we may buy
the poor for silver, and the needy for a

8.3. shall be howlings: Heb. shall howl. with...: Heb. be silent.

5. new...: or, month. set...: Heb. open. falsifying...: Heb. perverting the balances of deceit.

pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse
of the wheat? 7 The LORD hath sworn
by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will
never forget any of their works. 8 Shall
not the land tremble for this, and ev-
ery one mourn that dwelleth therein?
and it shall rise up wholly as a flood;
and it shall be cast out and drowned,
as *by* the flood of Egypt. 9 And it shall
come to pass in that day, saith the
Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun
to go down at noon, and I will darken
the earth in the clear day: 10 And I will
turn your feasts into mourning, and all
your songs into lamentation; and I will
bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and

baldness upon every head; and I will
make it as the mourning of an only
son, and the end thereof as a bitter
day. [11] Behold, the days come, saith the
Lord GOD, that I will send a famine
in the land, not a famine of bread, nor
a thirst for water, but of hearing the
words of the LORD: [12] And they shall
wander from sea to sea, and from the
north even to the east, they shall run to
and fro to seek the word of the LORD,
and shall not find *it*. [13] In that day shall
the fair virgins and young men faint
for thirst. [14] They that swear by the sin
of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan,
liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba

liveth; even they shall fall, and never
rise up again.*

9 I saw the Lord standing upon
the altar: and he said, Smite the lin-
tel of the door, that the posts may
shake: and cut them in the head, all of
them; and I will slay the last of them
with the sword: he that fleeth of them
shall not flee away, and he that es-
capeth of them shall not be delivered.*
2 Though they dig into hell, thence
shall mine hand take them; though
they climb up to heaven, thence will I

14. manner: Heb. way.
9.1. lintel: or, chapiter, or, knop. cut...: or, wound them.

bring them down: 3 And though they
hide themselves in the top of Carmel,
I will search and take them out thence;
and though they be hid from my sight
in the bottom of the sea, thence will
I command the serpent, and he shall
bite them: 4 And though they go into
captivity before their enemies, thence
will I command the sword, and it shall
slay them: and I will set mine eyes
upon them for evil, and not for good.
5 And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* he
that toucheth the land, and it shall
melt, and all that dwell therein shall
mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like
a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the

flood of Egypt. 6 *It is* he that buildeth
his stories in the heaven, and hath
founded his troop in the earth; he that
calleth for the waters of the sea, and
poureth them out upon the face of the
earth: The LORD *is* his name.* 7 *Are*
ye not as children of the Ethiopians
unto me, O children of Israel? saith
the LORD. Have not I brought up
Israel out of the land of Egypt? and
the Philistines from Caphtor, and the
Syrians from Kir? 8 Behold, the eyes
of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sin-
ful kingdom, and I will destroy it from

6. stories: or, spheres: Heb. ascensions. troop: or, bundle.

off the face of the earth; saving that
I will not utterly destroy the house of
Jacob, saith the LORD. 9 For, lo, I will
command, and I will sift the house of
Israel among all nations, like as *corn*
is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the
least grain fall upon the earth.* 10 All
the sinners of my people shall die by
the sword, which say, The evil shall
not overtake nor prevent us. 11 In that
day will I raise up the tabernacle of
David that is fallen, and close up the
breaches thereof; and I will raise up
his ruins, and I will build it as in the

9. sift: Heb. cause to move. grain: Heb. stone.

days of old:* 12 That they may possess
the remnant of Edom, and of all the
heathen, which are called by my name,
saith the LORD that doeth this.* 13 Be-
hold, the days come, saith the LORD,
that the plowman shall overtake the
reaper, and the treader of grapes him
that soweth seed; and the mountains
shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills
shall melt.* 14 And I will bring again
the captivity of my people of Israel,
and they shall build the waste cities,
and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant

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11. close: Heb. hedge, or, wall.
12. which...: Heb. upon whom my name is called.
13. soweth: Heb. draweth forth. sweet: or, new.

vineyards, and drink the wine thereof;
they shall also make gardens, and eat
the fruit of them. 15 And I will plant
them upon their land, and they shall
no more be pulled up out of their land
which I have given them, saith the
LORD thy God.

OBADIAH

The vision of Obadiah. Thus
saith the Lord GOD concern-
ing Edom; We have heard a
rumour from the LORD, and an am-
bassador is sent among the heathen,
Arise ye, and let us rise up against
her in battle. 2 Behold, I have made
thee small among the heathen: thou
art greatly despised. 3 The pride of
thine heart hath deceived thee, thou
that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,
whose habitation *is* high; that saith in
his heart, Who shall bring me down
to the ground? 4 Though thou ex-

alt *thyself* as the eagle, and though
thou set thy nest among the stars,
thence will I bring thee down, saith
the LORD. 5 If thieves came to thee,
if robbers by night, (how art thou cut
off!) would they not have stolen till
they had enough? if the grapegather-
ers came to thee, would they not leave
some grapes?* 6 How are *the things* of
Esau searched out! *how* are his hid-
den things sought up! 7 All the men
of thy confederacy have brought thee
even to the border: the men that were
at peace with thee have deceived thee,
and prevailed against thee; *they that*

1.5. some...: or, gleanings?.

eat thy bread have laid a wound under
thee: *there is* none understanding in
him.* 8 Shall I not in that day, saith the
LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out
of Edom, and understanding out of
the mount of Esau? 9 And thy mighty
men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to
the end that every one of the mount
of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.
10 For *thy* violence against thy brother
Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou
shalt be cut off for ever. 11 In the day
that thou stoodest on the other side,
in the day that the strangers carried

7. that were...: Heb. of thy peace. they...: Heb. the men of thy bread. in him: or, of it.

away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots
upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one
of them.* 12 But thou shouldest not
have looked on the day of thy brother
in the day that he became a stranger;
neither shouldest thou have rejoiced
over the children of Judah in the day
of their destruction; neither shouldest
thou have spoken proudly in the day
of distress.* 13 Thou shouldest not have
entered into the gate of my people in
the day of their calamity; yea, thou
shouldest not have looked on their af-

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11. captive...: or, his substance.
12. spoken...: Heb. magnified thy mouth.

fliction in the day of their calamity,
nor have laid *hands* on their substance
in the day of their calamity;* 14 Neither
shouldest thou have stood in the cross-
way, to cut off those of his that did es-
cape; neither shouldest thou have de-
livered up those of his that did remain
in the day of distress.* 15 For the day
of the LORD *is* near upon all the hea-
then: as thou hast done, it shall be
done unto thee: thy reward shall re-
turn upon thine own head. 16 For as ye
have drunk upon my holy mountain,
so shall all the heathen drink contin-

13. substance: or, forces.
14. delivered up: or, shut up.

ually, yea, they shall drink, and they
shall swallow down, and they shall be
as though they had not been.* [17] But
upon mount Zion shall be deliverance,
and there shall be holiness; and the
house of Jacob shall possess their pos-
sessions.* [18] And the house of Jacob
shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a
flame, and the house of Esau for stub-
ble, and they shall kindle in them, and
devour them; and there shall not be
any remaining of the house of Esau;
for the LORD hath spoken *it*. [19] And

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16. swallow...: or, sup up.

17. deliverance: or, they that escape. there...: or, it shall be holy.

they of the south shall possess the
mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain
the Philistines: and they shall possess
the fields of Ephraim, and the fields
of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall pos-*
sess Gilead. [20] And the captivity of this
host of the children of Israel *shall pos-*
sess that of the Canaanites, *even* unto
Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusa-
lem, which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess
the cities of the south.* [21] And saviours
shall come up on mount Zion to judge
the mount of Esau; and the kingdom
shall be the LORD'S.

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20. which...: or, shall possess that which is in.

JONAH

Now the word of the LORD
came unto Jonah the son of
Amittai, saying,* 2 Arise, go
to Nineveh, that great city, and cry
against it; for their wickedness is come
up before me. 3 But Jonah rose up
to flee unto Tarshish from the pres-
ence of the LORD, and went down to
Joppa; and he found a ship going to
Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof,
and went down into it, to go with
them unto Tarshish from the presence
of the LORD. 4 But the LORD sent out

1.1. Jonah: Gr. Jonas.

a great wind into the sea, and there was
a mighty tempest in the sea, so that
the ship was like to be broken.* 5 Then
the mariners were afraid, and cried ev-
ery man unto his god, and cast forth
the wares that *were* in the ship into the
sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah
was gone down into the sides of the
ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
6 So the shipmaster came to him, and
said unto him, What meanest thou,
O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God,
if so be that God will think upon us,
that we perish not. 7 And they said ev-

4. sent out: Heb. cast forth. was like...: Heb. thought to be broken.

ery one to his fellow, Come, and let us
cast lots, that we may know for whose
cause this evil *is* upon us. So they
cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we
pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is*
upon us; What *is* thine occupation?
and whence comest thou? what *is* thy
country? and of what people *art* thou?
9 And he said unto them, I *am* an He-
brew; and I fear the LORD, the God of
heaven, which hath made the sea and
the dry *land*.* 10 Then were the men ex-
ceedingly afraid, and said unto him,
Why hast thou done this? For the men

9. the LORD: or, JEHOVAH.

knew that he fled from the presence of
the LORD, because he had told them.*
11 Then said they unto him, What shall
we do unto thee, that the sea may be
calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and
was tempestuous.* 12 And he said unto
them, Take me up, and cast me forth
into the sea; so shall the sea be calm
unto you: for I know that for my sake
this great tempest *is* upon you. 13 Nev-
ertheless the men rowed hard to bring
it to the land; but they could not: for
the sea wrought, and was tempestu-

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10. exceedingly...: Heb. with great fear.

11. may...: Heb. may be silent from us. wrought...: or, grew more and more tempestuous: Heb. went.

ous against them.* 14 Wherefore they
cried unto the LORD, and said, We be-
seech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee,
let us not perish for this man's life, and
lay not upon us innocent blood: for
thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased
thee. 15 So they took up Jonah, and
cast him forth into the sea: and the
sea ceased from her raging.* 16 Then the
men feared the LORD exceedingly, and
offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and
made vows.* 17 Now the LORD had pre-

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13. rowed: Heb. digged. wrought...: or, grew more and more tempestuous: Heb. went.

15. ceased: Heb. stood.

16. offered...: Heb. sacrifice unto the LORD, and vowed vows.

pared a great fish to swallow up Jonah.
And Jonah was in the belly of the fish
three days and three nights.*

2 Then Jonah prayed unto the
LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
2 And said, I cried by reason of mine
affliction unto the LORD, and he heard
me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and*
thou heardest my voice.* 3 For thou
hadst cast me into the deep, in the
midst of the seas; and the floods com-
passed me about: all thy billows and

17. belly: Heb. bowels.
2.2. by...: or, out of mine affliction. hell: or, the grave.

thy waves passed over me.* 4 Then I
said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will
look again toward thy holy temple.
5 The waters compassed me about,
even to the soul: the depth closed me
round about, the weeds were wrapped
about my head. 6 I went down to
the bottoms of the mountains; the
earth with her bars *was* about me for
ever: yet hast thou brought up my life
from corruption, O LORD my God.*
7 When my soul fainted within me I re-
membered the LORD: and my prayer

3. midst: Heb. heart.
6. bottoms: Heb. cuttings off. corruption: or, the pit.

came in unto thee, into thine holy
temple. 8 They that observe lying van-
ities forsake their own mercy. 9 But I
will sacrifice unto thee with the voice
of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I
have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.
10 And the LORD spake unto the fish,
and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry
land.

3 And the word of the LORD came
unto Jonah the second time, saying,
2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great
city, and preach unto it the preach-
ing that I bid thee. 3 So Jonah arose,
and went unto Nineveh, according to

the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh
was an exceeding great city of three
days' journey.* 4 And Jonah began to
enter into the city a day's journey, and
he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and
Nineveh shall be overthrown. 5 So
the people of Nineveh believed God,
and proclaimed a fast, and put on
sackcloth, from the greatest of them
even to the least of them. 6 For word
came unto the king of Nineveh, and he
arose from his throne, and he laid his
robe from him, and covered *him* with
sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he
caused *it* to be proclaimed and pub-

3.3. exceeding: Heb. of God.

lished through Nineveh by the de-
cree of the king and his nobles, saying,
Let neither man nor beast, herd nor
flock, taste any thing: let them not
feed, nor drink water:* 8 But let man
and beast be covered with sackcloth,
and cry mightily unto God: yea, let
them turn every one from his evil way,
and from the violence that *is* in their
hands. 9 Who can tell *if* God will
turn and repent, and turn away from
his fierce anger, that we perish not?
10 And God saw their works, that they
turned from their evil way; and God
repented of the evil, that he had said

7. published: Heb. said. nobles: Heb. great men.

that he would do unto them; and he
did *it* not.

4 But it displeased Jonah exceed-
ingly, and he was very angry. 2 And
he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I
pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my
saying, when I was yet in my country?
Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish:
for I knew that thou *art* a gracious
God, and merciful, slow to anger, and
of great kindness, and repentest thee
of the evil. 3 Therefore now, O LORD,
take, I beseech thee, my life from me;
for *it is* better for me to die than to
live. 4 Then said the LORD, Doest

thou well to be angry?* 5 So Jonah
went out of the city, and sat on the
east side of the city, and there made
him a booth, and sat under it in the
shadow, till he might see what would
become of the city. 6 And the LORD
God prepared a gourd, and made *it*
to come up over Jonah, that it might
be a shadow over his head, to deliver
him from his grief. So Jonah was ex-
ceeding glad of the gourd.* 7 But God
prepared a worm when the morning
rose the next day, and it smote the

4.4. Doest...: or, Art thou greatly angry?.
6. gourd: or, palmcrist: Heb. Kikajon. was...: Heb. rejoiced with great joy.

gourd that it withered. 8 And it came
to pass, when the sun did arise, that
God prepared a vehement east wind;
and the sun beat upon the head of
Jonah, that he fainted, and wished
in himself to die, and said, *It is* bet-
ter for me to die than to live.* 9 And
God said to Jonah, Doest thou well
to be angry for the gourd? And he
said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto
death.* 10 Then said the LORD, Thou
hast had pity on the gourd, for the
which thou hast not laboured, neither

8. vehement: or, silent.
9. Doest...: or, Art thou greatly angry?. I do well...: or, I am greatly angry.

madest it grow; which came up in a
night, and perished in a night:* 11 And
should not I spare Nineveh, that great
city, wherein are more than sixscore
thousand persons that cannot discern
between their right hand and their left
hand; and *also* much cattle?

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10. had pity: or, spared. came...: Heb. was the son of the night.

MICAH

The word of the LORD that came
to Micah the Morasthite in
the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and*
Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he
saw concerning Samaria and Jerusa-
lem. 2 Hear, all ye people; hearken,
O earth, and all that therein is: and
let the Lord GOD be witness against
you, the Lord from his holy temple.*
3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth
out of his place, and will come down,
and tread upon the high places of

1.2. all ye...: Heb. ye people, all of them. all that...: Heb. the fulness thereof.

the earth. [4] And the mountains shall
be molten under him, and the val-
leys shall be cleft, as wax before the
fire, *and* as the waters *that are* poured
down a steep place.* [5] For the trans-
gression of Jacob *is* all this, and for
the sins of the house of Israel. What
is the transgression of Jacob? *is it*
not Samaria? and what *are* the high
places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusa-
lem? [6] Therefore I will make Samaria
as an heap of the field, *and* as plant-
ings of a vineyard: and I will pour
down the stones thereof into the val-
ley, and I will discover the foundations

4. a steep...: Heb. a descent.

thereof. 7 And all the graven images
thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and
all the hires thereof shall be burned
with the fire, and all the idols thereof
will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it*
of the hire of an harlot, and they shall
return to the hire of an harlot. 8 There-
fore I will wail and howl, I will go strip-
ped and naked: I will make a wailing
like the dragons, and mourning as the
owls.* 9 For her wound *is* incurable; for
it is come unto Judah; he is come unto
the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusa-
lem.* 10 Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep

8. owls: Heb. daughters of the owl.
9. her...: or, she is grievously sick of her wounds.

ye not at all: in the house of Aphrah
roll thyself in the dust.* 11 Pass ye away,
thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy
shame naked: the inhabitant of Za-
anan came not forth in the mourn-
ing of Bethezel; he shall receive of you
his standing.* 12 For the inhabitant of
Maroth waited carefully for good: but
evil came down from the LORD unto
the gate of Jerusalem.* 13 O thou inhab-
itant of Lachish, bind the chariot to

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10. Aphrah: that is, Dust.

11. thou...: or, thou that dwellest fairly. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress. Zaanan: or, The country of flocks. Bethezel: or, A place near.

12. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress. waited...: or, was grieved.

the swift beast: she *is* the beginning of
the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the
transgressions of Israel were found in
thee.* 14 Therefore shalt thou give pre-
sents to Moreshethgath: the houses of
Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of
Israel.* 15 Yet will I bring an heir unto
thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: he
shall come unto Adullam the glory of
Israel.* 16 Make thee bald, and poll thee
for thy delicate children; enlarge thy
baldness as the eagle; for they are gone

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13. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress.

14. to...: or, for Moreshethgath. Achzib: that is, A lie.

15. inhabitant: Heb. inhabitress. he...: or, the glory of Israel shall, etc.

into captivity from thee.

2 Woe to them that devise iniq-
uity, and work evil upon their beds!
when the morning is light, they prac-
tise it, because it is in the power of
their hand. 2 And they covet fields,
and take *them* by violence; and houses,
and take *them* away: so they oppress a
man and his house, even a man and his
heritage.* 3 Therefore thus saith the
LORD; Behold, against this family do I
devise an evil, from which ye shall not
remove your necks; neither shall ye go
haughtily: for this time *is* evil. 4 In that

2.2. oppress: or, defraud.

day shall *one* take up a parable against
you, and lament with a doleful lamen-
tation, *and* say, We be utterly spoiled:
he hath changed the portion of my
people: how hath he removed *it* from
me! turning away he hath divided
our fields.* 5 Therefore thou shalt have
none that shall cast a cord by lot in the
congregation of the LORD. 6 Prophesy
ye not, *say they to them that* prophesy:
they shall not prophesy to them, *that*
they shall not take shame.* 7 O *thou*

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4. a doleful...: Heb. a lamentation of lamentations.
turning...: or, instead of restoring.
6. Prophesy ye...: or, Prophesy not as they proph-
esy: Heb. Drop, etc.

that art named the house of Jacob, is
the spirit of the LORD straitened? *are*
these his doings? do not my words do
good to him that walketh uprightly?*
8 Even of late my people is risen up as
an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the
garment from them that pass by se-
curely as men averse from war.* 9 The
women of my people have ye cast out
from their pleasant houses; from their
children have ye taken away my glory
for ever.* 10 Arise ye, and depart; for

7. straitened: or, shortened?. uprightly: Heb. upright?.
8. of late: Heb. yesterday. with the: Heb. over against a.
9. women: or, wives.

this *is* not *your* rest: because it is pol-
luted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a
sore destruction. [11] If a man walking
in the spirit and falsehood do lie, *say-
ing*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine
and of strong drink; he shall even be
the prophet of this people.* [12] I will
surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee;
I will surely gather the remnant of Is-
rael; I will put them together as the
sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the
midst of their fold: they shall make
great noise by reason of *the multitude of*
men. [13] The breaker is come up before

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11. walking...: or, walk with the wind, and lie falsely.

them: they have broken up, and have
passed through the gate, and are gone
out by it: and their king shall pass be-
fore them, and the LORD on the head
of them.

3 And I said, Hear, I pray you,
O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of
the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you
to know judgment? 2 Who hate the
good, and love the evil; who pluck
off their skin from off them, and their
flesh from off their bones; 3 Who also
eat the flesh of my people, and flay
their skin from off them; and they
break their bones, and chop them in

pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh
within the caldron. 4 Then shall they
cry unto the LORD, but he will not
hear them: he will even hide his face
from them at that time, as they have
behaved themselves ill in their do-
ings. 5 Thus saith the LORD concern-
ing the prophets that make my people
err, that bite with their teeth, and cry,
Peace; and he that putteth not into
their mouths, they even prepare war
against him. 6 Therefore night *shall be*
unto you, that ye shall not have a vi-
sion; and it shall be dark unto you, that
ye shall not divine; and the sun shall
go down over the prophets, and the

day shall be dark over them.* 7 Then
shall the seers be ashamed, and the
diviners confounded: yea, they shall
all cover their lips; for *there is* no an-
swer of God.* 8 But truly I am full
of power by the spirit of the LORD,
and of judgment, and of might, to
declare unto Jacob his transgression,
and to Israel his sin. 9 Hear this, I
pray you, ye heads of the house of Ja-
cob, and princes of the house of Is-
rael, that abhor judgment, and per-
vert all equity. 10 They build up Zion

3.6. that...: vision: Heb. from a vision. that...: divine: Heb. from divining.
7. lips: Heb. upper lip.

with blood, and Jerusalem with iniq-
uity.* 11 The heads thereof judge for re-
ward, and the priests thereof teach for
hire, and the prophets thereof divine
for money: yet will they lean upon the
LORD, and say, *Is* not the LORD among
us? none evil can come upon us.*
12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be
plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall
become heaps, and the mountain of
the house as the high places of the for-
est.

4 But in the last days it shall come
to pass, *that* the mountain of the house

10. blood: Heb. bloods.
11. and say: Heb. saying.

of the LORD shall be established in
the top of the mountains, and it shall
be exalted above the hills; and people
shall flow unto it. 2 And many nations
shall come, and say, Come, and let us
go up to the mountain of the LORD,
and to the house of the God of Jacob;
and he will teach us of his ways, and we
will walk in his paths: for the law shall
go forth of Zion, and the word of the
LORD from Jerusalem. 3 And he shall
judge among many people, and rebuke
strong nations afar off; and they shall
beat their swords into plowshares, and
their spears into pruninghooks: na-
tion shall not lift up a sword against

nation, neither shall they learn war any
more.* 4 But they shall sit every man
under his vine and under his fig tree;
and none shall make *them* afraid: for
the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath
spoken *it*. 5 For all people will walk
every one in the name of his god, and
we will walk in the name of the LORD
our God for ever and ever. 6 In that
day, saith the LORD, will I assemble
her that halteth, and I will gather her
that is driven out, and her that I have
afflicted; 7 And I will make her that
halted a remnant, and her that was
cast far off a strong nation: and the

4.3. pruninghooks: or, scythes.

LORD shall reign over them in mount
Zion from henceforth, even for ever.
8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the
strong hold of the daughter of Zion,
unto thee shall it come, even the first
dominion; the kingdom shall come to
the daughter of Jerusalem. 9 Now why
dost thou cry out aloud? *is there* no
king in thee? is thy counsellor per-
ished? for pangs have taken thee as
a woman in travail. 10 Be in pain, and
labour to bring forth, O daughter of
Zion, like a woman in travail: for now
shalt thou go forth out of the city, and
thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou
shalt go *even* to Babylon; there shalt

thou be delivered; there the LORD
shall redeem thee from the hand of
thine enemies. 11 Now also many na-
tions are gathered against thee, that
say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye
look upon Zion. 12 But they know not
the thoughts of the LORD, neither un-
derstand they his counsel: for he shall
gather them as the sheaves into the
floor. 13 Arise and thresh, O daugh-
ter of Zion: for I will make thine horn
iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass:
and thou shalt beat in pieces many
people: and I will consecrate their gain
unto the LORD, and their substance
unto the Lord of the whole earth.

5 Now gather thyself in troops,
O daughter of troops: he hath laid
siege against us: they shall smite
the judge of Israel with a rod upon
the cheek. 2 But thou, Bethlehem
Ephratah, *though* thou be little among
the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of
thee shall he come forth unto me *that*
is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings
forth *have been* from of old, from ever-
lasting.* 3 Therefore will he give them
up, until the time *that* she which tra-
vaileth hath brought forth: then the
remnant of his brethren shall return

5.2. everlasting: Heb. the days of eternity.

unto the children of Israel. [4] And he
shall stand and feed in the strength of
the LORD, in the majesty of the name
of the LORD his God; and they shall
abide: for now shall he be great unto
the ends of the earth.* [5] And this *man*
shall be the peace, when the Assyrian
shall come into our land: and when
he shall tread in our palaces, then shall
we raise against him seven shepherds,
and eight principal men.* [6] And they
shall waste the land of Assyria with
the sword, and the land of Nimrod
in the entrances thereof: thus shall he

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4. feed or, rule.
5. principal: Heb. princes of.

deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he
cometh into our land, and when he
treadeth within our borders.* 7 And
the remnant of Jacob shall be in the
midst of many people as a dew from
the LORD, as the showers upon the
grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor
waiteth for the sons of men. 8 And the
remnant of Jacob shall be among the
Gentiles in the midst of many people
as a lion among the beasts of the for-
est, as a young lion among the flocks
of sheep: who, if he go through, both
treadeth down, and teareth in pieces,

6. waste: Heb. eat up. in the...: or, with her own naked swords.

and none can deliver.* 9 Thine hand
shall be lifted up upon thine adver-
saries, and all thine enemies shall be
cut off. 10 And it shall come to pass in
that day, saith the LORD, that I will
cut off thy horses out of the midst of
thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:
11 And I will cut off the cities of thy
land, and throw down all thy strong
holds: 12 And I will cut off witchcrafts
out of thine hand; and thou shalt have
no *more* soothsayers: 13 Thy graven im-
ages also will I cut off, and thy standing
images out of the midst of thee; and
thou shalt no more worship the work

8. sheep: or, goats.

of thine hands.* 14 And I will pluck up
thy groves out of the midst of thee: so
will I destroy thy cities.* 15 And I will
execute vengeance in anger and fury
upon the heathen, such as they have
not heard.

6 Hear ye now what the LORD
saith; Arise, contend thou before the
mountains, and let the hills hear thy
voice.* 2 Hear ye, O mountains, the
LORD's controversy, and ye strong
foundations of the earth: for the
LORD hath a controversy with his peo-

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13. standing...: or, statues.
14. cities: or, enemies.
6.1. before: or, with.

ple, and he will plead with Israel. 3 O
my people, what have I done unto
thee? and wherein have I wearied thee?
testify against me. 4 For I brought thee
up out of the land of Egypt, and re-
deemed thee out of the house of ser-
vants; and I sent before thee Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my peo-
ple, remember now what Balak king of
Moab consulted, and what Balaam the
son of Beor answered him from Shit-
tim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the
righteousness of the LORD. 6 Where-
with shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before the high God?
shall I come before him with burnt

offerings, with calves of a year old?*
7 Will the LORD be pleased with thou-
sands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of
rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn
for my transgression, the fruit of my
body *for* the sin of my soul?* 8 He hath
shewed thee, O man, what *is* good;
and what doth the LORD require of
thee, but to do justly, and to love
mercy, and to walk humbly with thy
God?* 9 The LORD'S voice crieth unto
the city, and *the man of* wisdom shall
see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who

6. of a...: Heb. sons of a year?.
7. body: Heb. belly.
8. walk...: Heb. humble thyself to walk.

hath appointed it.* [10] Are there yet the
treasures of wickedness in the house
of the wicked, and the scant measure
that is abominable?* [11] Shall I count
them pure with the wicked balances,
and with the bag of deceitful weights?*
[12] For the rich men thereof are full of
violence, and the inhabitants thereof
have spoken lies, and their tongue *is*
deceitful in their mouth. [13] Therefore
also will I make *thee* sick in smiting
thee, in making *thee* desolate because

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9. the man...: or, thy name shall see that which is.
10. Are...: or, Is there yet unto every man an house of the, etc. scant...: Heb. measure of leanness.
11. count...: or, be pure with, etc.

of thy sins. [14] Thou shalt eat, but not be
satisfied; and thy casting down *shall be*
in the midst of thee; and thou shalt
take hold, but shalt not deliver; and
that which thou deliverest will I give
up to the sword. [15] Thou shalt sow,
but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt
tread the olives, but thou shalt not
anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine,
but shalt not drink wine. [16] For the
statutes of Omri are kept, and all the
works of the house of Ahab, and ye
walk in their counsels; that I should
make thee a desolation, and the inhab-
itants thereof an hissing: therefore ye

shall bear the reproach of my people.*

7 Woe is me! for I am as when
they have gathered the summer fruits,
as the grapegleanings of the vintage:
there is no cluster to eat: my soul de-
sired the firstripe fruit.* 2 The good
man is perished out of the earth: and
there is none upright among men: they
all lie in wait for blood; they hunt ev-
ery man his brother with a net.* 3 That
they may do evil with both hands
earnestly, the prince asketh, and the

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16. For the...: or, For he doth much keep the, etc.
desolation: or, astonishment.
7.1. when...: Heb. the gatherings of summer.
2. good: or, godly, or, merciful.

judge *asketh* for a reward; and the great
man, he uttereth his mischievous de-
sire: so they wrap it up.* 4 The best
of them *is* as a brier: the most up-
right *is sharper* than a thorn hedge: the
day of thy watchmen *and* thy visita-
tion cometh; now shall be their per-
plexity. 5 Trust ye not in a friend, put
ye not confidence in a guide: keep the
doors of thy mouth from her that lieth
in thy bosom. 6 For the son dishon-
oureth the father, the daughter riseth
up against her mother, the daughter in
law against her mother in law; a man's
enemies *are* the men of his own house.

3. his...: Heb. the mischief of his soul.

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salva-
tion: my God will hear me. 8 Rejoice
not against me, O mine enemy: when
I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in dark-
ness, the LORD *shall be* a light unto
me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the
LORD, because I have sinned against
him, until he plead my cause, and ex-
ecute judgment for me: he will bring
me forth to the light, *and* I shall be-
hold his righteousness. 10 Then *she that
is* mine enemy shall see *it*, and shame
shall cover her which said unto me,
Where is the LORD thy God? mine
eyes shall behold her: now shall she

be trodden down as the mire of the
streets.* [11] *In* the day that thy walls are
to be built, *in* that day shall the de-
cree be far removed. [12] *In* that day
also he shall come even to thee from
Assyria, and *from* the fortified cities,
and from the fortress even to the river,
and from sea to sea, and *from* moun-
tain to mountain.* [13] Notwithstanding
the land shall be desolate because of
them that dwell therein, for the fruit of
their doings.* [14] Feed thy people with

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10. Then...: or, And thou wilt see her that is mine enemy, and cover her with shame. shall she...: Heb. she shall be for a treading down.

12. and from...cities: or, even to...cities.

13. Notwithstanding: or, After that it hath been.

thy rod, the flock of thine heritage,
which dwell solitarily *in* the wood, in
the midst of Carmel: let them feed
in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days
of old.* 15 According to the days of
thy coming out of the land of Egypt
will I shew unto him marvellous *things*.
16 The nations shall see and be con-
founded at all their might: they shall
lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their
ears shall be deaf. 17 They shall lick the
dust like a serpent, they shall move out
of their holes like worms of the earth:
they shall be afraid of the LORD our

14. Feed: or, Rule.

God, and shall fear because of thee.*
18 Who *is* a God like unto thee, that
pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the
transgression of the remnant of his
heritage? he retaineth not his anger for
ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.
19 He will turn again, he will have com-
passion upon us; he will subdue our in-
iquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins
into the depths of the sea. 20 Thou wilt
perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the
mercy to Abraham, which thou hast
sworn unto our fathers from the days
of old.

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17. worms: or, creeping things.

NAHUM

The burden of Nineveh. The
book of the vision of Nahum
the Elkoshite. 2 God *is* jealous,
and the LORD revengeth; the LORD re-
vengeth, and *is* furious; the LORD will
take vengeance on his adversaries, and
he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.*
3 The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great
in power, and will not at all acquit *the*
wicked: the LORD hath his way in the
whirlwind and in the storm, and the
clouds *are* the dust of his feet. 4 He re-

1.2. God...: or, The LORD is a jealous God, and a revenger, etc. is furious: Heb. that hath fury.

buketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and
drieth up all the rivers: Bashan lan-
guisheth, and Carmel, and the flower
of Lebanon languisheth. 5 The moun-
tains quake at him, and the hills melt,
and the earth is burned at his pres-
ence, yea, the world, and all that dwell
therein. 6 Who can stand before his
indignation? and who can abide in
the fierceness of his anger? his fury
is poured out like fire, and the rocks
are thrown down by him.* 7 The LORD
is good, a strong hold in the day of
trouble; and he knoweth them that

6. abide: Heb. stand up.

trust in him.* 8 But with an overrun-
ning flood he will make an utter end
of the place thereof, and darkness shall
pursue his enemies. 9 What do ye
imagine against the LORD? he will
make an utter end: affliction shall not
rise up the second time. 10 For while
they be folden together *as* thorns, and
while they are drunken *as* drunkards,
they shall be devoured as stubble fully
dry. 11 There is *one* come out of thee,
that imagineth evil against the LORD,
a wicked counsellor.* 12 Thus saith the
LORD; Though *they be* quiet, and like-

7. strong hold: or, strength.
11. a wicked...: Heb. a counsellor of Belial.

wise many, yet thus shall they be cut
down, when he shall pass through.
Though I have afflicted thee, I will
afflict thee no more.* 13 For now will
I break his yoke from off thee, and
will burst thy bonds in sunder. 14 And
the LORD hath given a commandment
concerning thee, *that* no more of thy
name be sown: out of the house of
thy gods will I cut off the graven im-
age and the molten image: I will make
thy grave; for thou art vile. 15 Be-

12. Though...: or, If they would have been at peace, so should they have been many, and so should they have been shorn, and he should have passed away. cut down: Heb. shorn.

hold upon the mountains the feet of
him that bringeth good tidings, that
publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy
solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for
the wicked shall no more pass through
thee; he is utterly cut off.*

2 He that dasheth in pieces is come
up before thy face: keep the muni-
tion, watch the way, make *thy* loins
strong, fortify *thy* power mightily.*
2 For the LORD hath turned away the
excellency of Jacob, as the excellency
of Israel: for the emptiers have emp-
tied them out, and marred their vine

15. keep...: Heb. feast. the wicked: Heb. Belial.
2.1. He...: or, The disperser, or, hammer.

branches.* 3 The shield of his mighty
men is made red, the valiant men *are* in
scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with flam-
ing torches in the day of his prepara-
tion, and the fir trees shall be terribly
shaken.* 4 The chariots shall rage in
the streets, they shall justle one against
another in the broad ways: they shall
seem like torches, they shall run like
the lightnings.* 5 He shall recount his
worthies: they shall stumble in their
walk; they shall make haste to the wall

2. the excellency of Jacob...: or, the pride of Jacob as the pride, etc.
3. in scarlet: or, dyed scarlet. flaming: or, fiery.
4. they: Heb. their show.

thereof, and the defence shall be pre-
pared.* 6 The gates of the rivers shall
be opened, and the palace shall be
dissolved.* 7 And Huzzab shall be led
away captive, she shall be brought up,
and her maids shall lead *her* as with
the voice of doves, tabering upon their
breasts.* 8 But Nineveh *is* of old like a
pool of water: yet they shall flee away.
Stand, stand, *shall they cry*; but none
shall look back.* 9 Take ye the spoil of

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5. worthies: or, gallants. defence: Heb. covering, or, coverer.
6. dissolved: or, molten.
7. Huzzab: or, that which was established, or, there was a stand made. led...: or, discovered.
8. of old: or, from the days that she hath been. look

silver, take the spoil of gold: for *there*
is none end of the store *and* glory out
of all the pleasant furniture.* 10 She is
empty, and void, and waste: and the
heart melteth, and the knees smite to-
gether, and much pain *is* in all loins,
and the faces of them all gather black-
ness. 11 Where *is* the dwelling of the li-
ons, and the feedingplace of the young
lions, where the lion, *even* the old lion,
walked, *and* the lion's whelp, and none
made *them* afraid? 12 The lion did tear
in pieces enough for his whelps, and

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back: or, cause them to turn.

9. for...: or, and their infinite store, etc. pleasant...: Heb. vessels of desire.

strangled for his lionesses, and filled
his holes with prey, and his dens with
ravin. 13 Behold, I *am* against thee,
saith the LORD of hosts, and I will
burn her chariots in the smoke, and
the sword shall devour thy young li-
ons: and I will cut off thy prey from
the earth, and the voice of thy messen-
gers shall no more be heard.

3 Woe to the bloody city! it *is* all
full of lies *and* robbery; the prey de-
parteth not;* 2 The noise of a whip,
and the noise of the rattling of the
wheels, and of the pransing horses,

3.1. bloody...: Heb. city of bloods.

and of the jumping chariots. [3] The
horseman lifteth up both the bright
sword and the glittering spear: and
there is a multitude of slain, and a
great number of carcases; and *there is*
none end of *their* corpses; they stum-
ble upon their corpses:* [4] Because of
the multitude of the whoredoms of
the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress
of witchcrafts, that selleth nations
through her whoredoms, and families
through her witchrafts. [5] Behold, I
am against thee, saith the LORD of
hosts; and I will discover thy skirts

3. the bright...: Heb. the flame of the sword, and the lightning of the spear.

upon thy face, and I will shew the
nations thy nakedness, and the king-
doms thy shame. 6 And I will cast
abominable filth upon thee, and make
thee vile, and will set thee as a gaz-
ingstock. 7 And it shall come to pass,
that all they that look upon thee shall
flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid
waste: who will bemoan her? whence
shall I seek comforters for thee? 8 Art
thou better than populous No, that
was situate among the rivers, *that had*
the waters round about it, whose ram-
part *was* the sea, *and* her wall *was* from
the sea?* 9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were*

8. populous...: or, nourishing, etc: Heb. No

her strength, and *it was* infinite; Put
and Lubim were thy helpers.* [10] Yet *was*
she carried away, she went into cap-
tivity: her young children also were
dashed in pieces at the top of all the
streets: and they cast lots for her hon-
ourable men, and all her great men
were bound in chains. [11] Thou also
shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid,
thou also shalt seek strength because
of the enemy. [12] All thy strong holds
shall be like fig trees with the firstripe
figs: if they be shaken, they shall even
fall into the mouth of the eater. [13] Be-

Amon.

9. thy helpers: Heb. in thy help.

hold, thy people in the midst of thee
are women: the gates of thy land shall
be set wide open unto thine enemies:
the fire shall devour thy bars. [14] Draw
thee waters for the siege, fortify thy
strong holds: go into clay, and tread
the morter, make strong the brickkiln.
[15] There shall the fire devour thee; the
sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee
up like the cankerworm: make thyself
many as the cankerworm, make thy-
self many as the locusts. [16] Thou hast
multiplied thy merchants above the
stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoi-
leth, and flieth away.* [17] Thy crowned

16. spoileth: or, spreadeth himself.

are as the locusts, and thy captains as
the great grasshoppers, which camp in
the hedges in the cold day, *but* when
the sun ariseth they flee away, and
their place is not known where they
are. [18] Thy shepherds slumber, O king
of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell *in*
the dust: thy people is scattered upon
the mountains, and no man gath-
ereth *them*.* [19] *There is* no healing of
thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all
that hear the bruit of thee shall clap
the hands over thee: for upon whom
hath not thy wickedness passed con-

18. nobles: or, valiant ones.

tinually?*

19. healing: Heb. wrinkling.

HABAKKUK

The burden which Habakkuk the
prophet did see. 2 O Lord,
how long shall I cry, and thou
wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee
of violence, and thou wilt not save!
3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity,
and cause *me* to behold grievance?
for spoiling and violence *are* before
me: and there are *that* raise up strife
and contention. 4 Therefore the law
is slacked, and judgment doth never
go forth: for the wicked doth com-
pass about the righteous; therefore

wrong judgment proceedeth.* 5 Be-
hold ye among the heathen, and re-
gard, and wonder marvellously: for *I*
will work a work in your days, *which*
ye will not believe, though it be told
you. 6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans,
that bitter and hasty nation, which
shall march through the breadth of
the land, to possess the dwellingplaces
that are not theirs.* 7 They *are* terri-
ble and dreadful: their judgment and
their dignity shall proceed of them-

1.4. wrong: or, wrested.
6. breadth: Heb. breadths.

selves.* 8 Their horses also are swifter
than the leopards, and are more fierce
than the evening wolves: and their
horsemen shall spread themselves, and
their horsemen shall come from far;
they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth
to eat.* 9 They shall come all for vio-
lence: their faces shall sup up *as* the
east wind, and they shall gather the
captivity as the sand.* 10 And they shall
scoff at the kings, and the princes shall

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7. their judgment...: or, from them shall proceed the judgment of these, and the captivity of these.
8. fierce: Heb. sharp.
9. their...: or, the supping up of their faces, etc: or, their faces shall look (Heb. the opposition of their faces) toward the east.

be a scorn unto them: they shall deride
every strong hold; for they shall heap
dust, and take it. 11 Then shall *his* mind
change, and he shall pass over, and
offend, *imputing* this his power unto
his god. 12 *Art* thou not from ever-
lasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy
One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou
hast ordained them for judgment; and,
O mighty God, thou hast established
them for correction.* 13 *Thou art* of
purer eyes than to behold evil, and
canst not look on iniquity: where-
fore lookest thou upon them that deal

12. mighty...: Heb. rock established: Heb. founded.

treacherously, *and* holdest thy tongue
when the wicked devoureth *the man*
that is more righteous than he?* 14 And
makest men as the fishes of the sea,
as the creeping things, *that have* no
ruler over them?* 15 They take up all of
them with the angle, they catch them
in their net, and gather them in their
drag: therefore they rejoice and are
glad.* 16 Therefore they sacrifice unto
their net, and burn incense unto their
drag; because by them their portion *is*
fat, and their meat plenteous.* 17 Shall

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13. iniquity: or, grievance.
14. creeping: or, moving.
15. drag: or, flue net.
16. plenteous: or, dainty: Heb. fat.

they therefore empty their net, and
not spare continually to slay the na-
tions?

2 I will stand upon my watch, and
set me upon the tower, and will watch
to see what he will say unto me, and
what I shall answer when I am re-
proved.* 2 And the LORD answered
me, and said, Write the vision, and
make *it* plain upon tables, that he may
run that readeth it. 3 For the vision *is*
yet for an appointed time, but at the
end it shall speak, and not lie: though

2.1. tower: Heb. fenced place. unto me: or, in me. when...: or, when I am argued with: Heb. upon my reproof, or, arguing.

it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely
come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his
soul *which* is lifted up is not upright
in him: but the just shall live by his
faith. 5 Yea also, because he transgres-
seth by wine, *he is* a proud man, nei-
ther keepeth at home, who enlargeth
his desire as hell, and *is* as death, and
cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto
him all nations, and heapeth unto him
all people:* 6 Shall not all these take up
a parable against him, and a taunting
proverb against him, and say, Woe to
him that increaseth *that which is* not
his! how long? and to him that ladeth

5. Yea...: or, How much more.

himself with thick clay!* 7 Shall they
not rise up suddenly that shall bite
thee, and awake that shall vex thee,
and thou shalt be for booties unto
them? 8 Because thou hast spoiled
many nations, all the remnant of the
people shall spoil thee; because of
men's blood, and *for* the violence of
the land, of the city, and of all that
dwell therein.* 9 Woe to him that cov-
eteth an evil covetousness to his house,
that he may set his nest on high, that
he may be delivered from the power of

6. Woe...: or, Ho, he.
8. blood: Heb. bloods.

evil!* [10] Thou hast consulted shame to
thy house by cutting off many people,
and hast sinned *against* thy soul. [11] For
the stone shall cry out of the wall, and
the beam out of the timber shall an-
swer it.* [12] Woe to him that buildeth
a town with blood, and stablisheth a
city by iniquity!* [13] Behold, *is it* not
of the LORD of hosts that the people
shall labour in the very fire, and the
people shall weary themselves for very

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9. coveteth...: or, gaineth and evil gain. power...: Heb. palm of the hand.

11. beam: or, piece, or, fastening. answer it: or, witness against it.

12. blood: Heb. bloods.

vanity?* [14] For the earth shall be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of
the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*
[15] Woe unto him that giveth his neigh-
bour drink, that puttest thy bottle to
him, and makest *him* drunken also,
that thou mayest look on their naked-
ness! [16] Thou art filled with shame
for glory: drink thou also, and let
thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of
the LORD'S right hand shall be turned
unto thee, and shameful spewing *shall
be* on thy glory.* [17] For the violence of

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13. for...: or, in vain?.
14. with...: or, by knowing the glory.
16. with...: or, more with shame than with glory.

Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil
of beasts, *which* made them afraid, be-
cause of men's blood, and for the vi-
olence of the land, of the city, and of
all that dwell therein. 18 What prof-
iteth the graven image that the maker
thereof hath graven it; the molten im-
age, and a teacher of lies, that the
maker of his work trusteth therein, to
make dumb idols?* 19 Woe unto him
that saith to the wood, Awake; to the
dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Be-
hold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver,
and *there is* no breath at all in the midst
of it. 20 But the LORD *is* in his holy tem-

18. maker of...: Heb. fashioner of his fashion.

ple: let all the earth keep silence before him.*

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.* 2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.* 3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the

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20. let...: Heb. be silent all the earth before him.

3.1. upon...: or, according to variable songs, or, tunes, called in Hebrew, Shigionoth.

2. speech: Heb. report, or, hearing. revive: or, preserve alive.

heavens, and the earth was full of his
praise.* 4 And *his* brightness was as the
light; he had horns *coming* out of his
hand: and there *was* the hiding of his
power.* 5 Before him went the pesti-
lence, and burning coals went forth
at his feet.* 6 He stood, and measured
the earth: he beheld, and drove asun-
der the nations; and the everlasting
mountains were scattered, the perpet-
ual hills did bow: his ways *are* ever-
lasting. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan
in affliction: *and* the curtains of the

3. Teman: or, the south.
4. horns...: or, bright beams out of his side.
5. coals: or, diseases.

land of Midian did tremble.* 8 Was the
LORD displeased against the rivers?
was thine anger against the rivers? *was*
thy wrath against the sea, that thou
didst ride upon thine horses *and* thy
chariots of salvation?* 9 Thy bow was
made quite naked, *according* to the
oaths of the tribes, *even thy* word. Se-
lah. Thou didst cleave the earth with
rivers.* 10 The mountains saw thee, *and*
they trembled: the overflowing of the
water passed by: the deep uttered his

7. Cushan: or, Ethiopia. in...: or, under affliction, or, vanity.
8. of...: or, were salvation?.
9. earth...: or, rivers of the earth.

voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.
11 The sun *and* moon stood still in their
habitation: at the light of thine ar-
rows they went, *and* at the shining
of thy glittering spear.* 12 Thou didst
march through the land in indigna-
tion, thou didst thresh the heathen
in anger. 13 Thou wentest forth for
the salvation of thy people, *even* for
salvation with thine anointed; thou
woundedst the head out of the house
of the wicked, by discovering the foun-
dation unto the neck. Selah.* 14 Thou

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11. at the light...: or, thine arrows walked in the light.

13. by...: Heb. making naked.

didst strike through with his staves the
head of his villages: they came out
as a whirlwind to scatter me: their
rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor
secretly.* 15 Thou didst walk through
the sea with thine horses, *through* the
heap of great waters.* 16 When I heard,
my belly trembled; my lips quivered
at the voice: rottenness entered into
my bones, and I trembled in myself,
that I might rest in the day of trouble:
when he cometh up unto the people,
he will invade them with his troops.*

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14. came...: Heb. were tempestuous.
15. heap: or, mud.
16. invade...: or, cut them in pieces.

17 Although the fig tree shall not blos-
som, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines;
the labour of the olive shall fail, and
the fields shall yield no meat; the flock
shall be cut off from the fold, and *there*
shall be no herd in the stalls:* 18 Yet
I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy
in the God of my salvation. 19 The
LORD God *is* my strength, and he will
make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he
will make me to walk upon mine high
places. To the chief singer on my
stringed instruments.*

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17. fall: Heb. lie.
19. stringed...: Heb. Neginoth.

ZEPHANIAH

The word of the LORD which
came unto Zephaniah the son
of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah,
the son of Amariah, the son of
Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son
of Amon, king of Judah. 2 I will utterly
consume all *things* from off the land,
saith the LORD.* 3 I will consume man
and beast; I will consume the fowls
of the heaven, and the fishes of the
sea, and the stumblingblocks with the
wicked; and I will cut off man from

1.2. I will...; Heb. By taking away I will make an end. the land: Heb. the face of the land.

off the land, saith the LORD.* 4 I will
also stretch out mine hand upon Ju-
dah, and upon all the inhabitants of Je-
rusalem; and I will cut off the remnant
of Baal from this place, *and* the name
of the Chemarims with the priests;
5 And them that worship the host of
heaven upon the housetops; and them
that worship *and* that swear by the
LORD, and that swear by Malcham;*
6 And them that are turned back from
the LORD; and *those* that have not
sought the LORD, nor enquired for
him. 7 Hold thy peace at the presence

3. stumblingblocks: or, idols.
5. by the...: or, to the LORD.

of the Lord GOD: for the day of the
LORD *is* at hand: for the LORD hath
prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his
guests.* 8 And it shall come to pass in
the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I
will punish the princes, and the king's
children, and all such as are clothed
with strange apparel.* 9 In the same
day also will I punish all those that
leap on the threshold, which fill their
masters' houses with violence and de-
ceit. 10 And it shall come to pass in
that day, saith the LORD, *that there
shall be* the noise of a cry from the

7. bid: Heb. sanctified, or, prepared.
8. punish: Heb. visit upon.

fish gate, and an howling from the sec-
ond, and a great crashing from the
hills. 11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Mak-
tesh, for all the merchant people are
cut down; all they that bear silver are
cut off. 12 And it shall come to pass
at that time, *that* I will search Jerusa-
lem with candles, and punish the men
that are settled on their lees: that say
in their heart, The LORD will not do
good, neither will he do evil.* 13 There-
fore their goods shall become a booty,
and their houses a desolation: they
shall also build houses, but not inhabit
them; and they shall plant vineyards,

12. settled: Heb. curded, or, thickened.

but not drink the wine thereof. [14] The
great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near,
and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of
the day of the LORD: the mighty man
shall cry there bitterly. [15] That day *is*
a day of wrath, a day of trouble and
distress, a day of wasteness and desola-
tion, a day of darkness and gloominess,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, [16] A
day of the trumpet and alarm against
the fenced cities, and against the high
towers. [17] And I will bring distress
upon men, that they shall walk like
blind men, because they have sinned
against the LORD: and their blood
shall be poured out as dust, and their

flesh as the dung. [18] Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;* [2] Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.

2.1. not...: or, not desirous.

3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the
earth, which have wrought his judg-
ment; seek righteousness, seek meek-
ness: it may be ye shall be hid in the
day of the LORD's anger. 4 For Gaza
shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a des-
olation: they shall drive out Ashdod
at the noon day, and Ekron shall be
rooted up. 5 Woe unto the inhabi-
tants of the sea coast, the nation of the
Cherethites! the word of the LORD
is against you; O Canaan, the land
of the Philistines, I will even destroy
thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.
6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings
and cottages for shepherds, and folds

for flocks. 7 And the coast shall be
for the remnant of the house of Ju-
dah; they shall feed thereupon: in the
houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down
in the evening: for the LORD their
God shall visit them, and turn away
their captivity.* 8 I have heard the re-
proach of Moab, and the revilings of
the children of Ammon, whereby they
have reproached my people, and mag-
nified *themselves* against their border.
9 Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab
shall be as Sodom, and the children
of Ammon as Gomorrah, *even* the

7. for the LORD: or, when, etc.

breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and
a perpetual desolation: the residue of
my people shall spoil them, and the
remnant of my people shall possess
them. 10 This shall they have for their
pride, because they have reproached
and magnified *themselves* against the
people of the LORD of hosts. 11 The
LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for
he will famish all the gods of the earth;
and *men* shall worship him, every one
from his place, *even* all the isles of the
heathen.* 12 Ye Ethiopians also, ye *shall
be* slain by my sword. 13 And he will
stretch out his hand against the north,

11. famish: Heb. make lean.

and destroy Assyria; and will make
Nineveh a desolation, *and* dry like a
wilderness. 14 And flocks shall lie down
in the midst of her, all the beasts of the
nations: both the cormorant and the
bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels
of it; *their* voice shall sing in the win-
dows; desolation *shall be* in the thresh-
olds: for he shall uncover the cedar
work.* 15 This *is* the rejoicing city that
dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart,
I *am*, and *there is* none beside me: how
is she become a desolation, a place for
beasts to lie down in! every one that

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14. cormorant: or, pelican. upper...: or, knops, or, chapiters. for...: or, when he hath uncovered.

passeth by her shall hiss, *and* wag his
hand.

3 Woe to her that is filthy and pol-
luted, to the oppressing city!* 2 She
obeyed not the voice; she received
not correction; she trusted not in the
LORD; she drew not near to her God.*
3 Her princes within her *are* roaring
lions; her judges *are* evening wolves;
they gnaw not the bones till the mor-
row. 4 Her prophets *are* light *and*
treacherous persons: her priests have
polluted the sanctuary, they have done
violence to the law. 5 The just LORD *is*

3.1. her...: or, gluttonous: Heb. craw.
2. correction: or, instruction.

in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring
his judgment to light, he faileth not;
but the unjust knoweth no shame.* 6 I
have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets
waste, that none passeth by: their
cities are destroyed, so that there is
no man, that there is none inhabitant.* 7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear
me, thou wilt receive instruction; so
their dwelling should not be cut off,
howsoever I punished them: but they
rose early, *and* corrupted all their do-

5. every...: Heb. morning by morning.
6. towers: or, corners.

ings. 8 Therefore wait ye upon me,
saith the LORD, until the day that I
rise up to the prey: for my determi-
nation *is* to gather the nations, that I
may assemble the kingdoms, to pour
upon them mine indignation, *even* all
my fierce anger: for all the earth shall
be devoured with the fire of my jeal-
ousy. 9 For then will I turn to the peo-
ple a pure language, that they may all
call upon the name of the LORD, to
serve him with one consent.* 10 From
beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my sup-
pliants, *even* the daughter of my dis-
persed, shall bring mine offering. 11 In

9. language: Heb. lip. consent: Heb. shoulder.

that day shalt thou not be ashamed
for all thy doings, wherein thou hast
transgressed against me: for then I will
take away out of the midst of thee
them that rejoice in thy pride, and
thou shalt no more be haughty be-
cause of my holy mountain.* 12 I will
also leave in the midst of thee an af-
flicted and poor people, and they shall
trust in the name of the LORD. 13 The
remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity,
nor speak lies; neither shall a deceit-
ful tongue be found in their mouth:
for they shall feed and lie down, and
none shall make *them* afraid. 14 Sing,

11. because...: Heb. in my holy.

O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel;
be glad and rejoice with all the heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem. 15 The LORD
hath taken away thy judgments, he
hath cast out thine enemy: the king of
Israel, *even* the LORD, *is* in the midst of
thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.
16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusa-
lem, Fear thou not: *and to* Zion, Let
not thine hands be slack.* 17 The LORD
thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty;
he will save, he will rejoice over thee
with joy; he will rest in his love, he
will joy over thee with singing.* 18 I will

16. slack: or, faint.
17. rest: Heb. be silent.

gather *them that are* sorrowful for the
solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to*
whom the reproach of it *was* a burden.*
19 Behold, at that time I will undo all
that afflict thee: and I will save her
that halteth, and gather her that was
driven out; and I will get them praise
and fame in every land where they have
been put to shame.* 20 At that time will
I bring you *again*, even in the time that
I gather you: for I will make you a
name and a praise among all people

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18. reproach...: Heb. the burden upon it was reproach.

19. get...: Heb. set them for a praise. where...: Heb. of their shame.

of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

HAGGAI

In the second year of Darius the
king, in the sixth month, in the
first day of the month, came the
word of the LORD by Haggai the
prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of
Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to
Joshua the son of Josedech, the high
priest, saying,* 2 Thus speaketh the
LORD of hosts, saying, This people say,
The time is not come, the time that the
LORD's house should be built. 3 Then
came the word of the LORD by Haggai
the prophet, saying, 4 *Is it* time for you,

1.1. by: Heb. by the hand of. governor: or, captain.

O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses,
and this house *lie* waste? 5 Now there-
fore thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Consider your ways.* 6 Ye have sown
much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye
have not enough; ye drink, but ye are
not filled with drink; ye clothe you,
but there is none warm; and he that
earneth wages earneth wages *to put it*
into a bag with holes.* 7 Thus saith the
LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.*
8 Go up to the mountain, and bring
wood, and build the house; and I will

5. Consider...: Heb. Set your heart on your ways.
6. with holes: Heb. pierced through.
7. Consider...: Heb. Set your heart on your ways.

take pleasure in it, and I will be glori-
fied, saith the LORD. 9 Ye looked for
much, and, lo, *it came* to little; and
when ye brought *it* home, I did blow
upon it. Why? saith the LORD of
hosts. Because of mine house that *is*
waste, and ye run every man unto his
own house.* 10 Therefore the heaven
over you is stayed from dew, and the
earth is stayed *from* her fruit. 11 And
I called for a drought upon the land,
and upon the mountains, and upon
the corn, and upon the new wine, and
upon the oil, and upon *that* which
the ground bringeth forth, and upon

9. blow...: or, blow it away.

men, and upon cattle, and upon all the
labour of the hands. 12 Then Zerubba-
bel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the
son of Josedech, the high priest, with
all the remnant of the people, obeyed
the voice of the LORD their God, and
the words of Haggai the prophet, as
the LORD their God had sent him, and
the people did fear before the LORD.
13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S mes-
senger in the LORD'S message unto the
people, saying, I *am* with you, saith
the LORD. 14 And the LORD stirred
up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of
Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the
spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech,

the high priest, and the spirit of all the
remnant of the people; and they came
and did work in the house of the LORD
of hosts, their God, [15] In the four and
twentieth day of the sixth month, in
the second year of Darius the king.

2 In the seventh *month*, in the
one and twentieth *day* of the month,
came the word of the LORD by the
prophet Haggai, saying,* [2] Speak now
to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah, and to Joshua the
son of Josedech, the high priest, and
to the residue of the people, saying,

2.1. by: Heb. by the hand of.

3 Who *is* left among you that saw this
house in her first glory? and how do
ye see it now? *is it* not in your eyes
in comparison of it as nothing? 4 Yet
now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith
the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua,
son of Josedech, the high priest; and be
strong, all ye people of the land, saith
the LORD, and work: for I *am* with
you, saith the LORD of hosts: 5 *Accord-*
ing to the word that I covenanted with
you when ye came out of Egypt, so
my spirit remaineth among you: fear
ye not. 6 For thus saith the LORD of
hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and
I will shake the heavens, and the earth,

and the sea, and the dry *land*; 7 And
I will shake all nations, and the de-
sire of all nations shall come: and I
will fill this house with glory, saith the
LORD of hosts. 8 The silver *is* mine,
and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of
hosts. 9 The glory of this latter house
shall be greater than of the former,
saith the LORD of hosts: and in this
place will I give peace, saith the LORD
of hosts. 10 In the four and twentieth
day of the ninth *month*, in the sec-
ond year of Darius, came the word of
the LORD by Haggai the prophet, say-
ing, 11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Ask now the priests *concerning* the

law, saying, [12] If one bear holy flesh in
the skirt of his garment, and with his
skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or
wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be
holy? And the priests answered and
said, No. [13] Then said Haggai, If *one*
that is unclean by a dead body touch
any of these, shall it be unclean? And
the priests answered and said, It shall
be unclean. [14] Then answered Haggai,
and said, So *is* this people, and so *is*
this nation before me, saith the LORD;
and so *is* every work of their hands;
and that which they offer there *is* un-
clean. [15] And now, I pray you, consider
from this day and upward, from be-

fore a stone was laid upon a stone in
the temple of the LORD: [16] Since those
days were, when *one* came to an heap
of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten:
when *one* came to the pressfat for to
draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press,
there were *but* twenty. [17] I smote you
with blasting and with mildew and
with hail in all the labours of your
hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, saith
the LORD. [18] Consider now from this
day and upward, from the four and
twentieth day of the ninth *month, even*
from the day that the foundation of
the LORD'S temple was laid, consider
it. [19] Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as

yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the
pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath
not brought forth: from this day will I
bless *you*. [20] And again the word of the
LORD came unto Haggai in the four
and twentieth *day* of the month, say-
ing, [21] Speak to Zerubbabel, governor
of Judah, saying, I will shake the heav-
ens and the earth; [22] And I will over-
throw the throne of kingdoms, and I
will destroy the strength of the king-
doms of the heathen; and I will over-
throw the chariots, and those that ride
in them; and the horses and their rid-
ers shall come down, every one by the
sword of his brother. [23] In that day,

saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

ZECHARIAH

In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word
of the LORD unto Zechariah,
the son of Berechiah, the son of
Iddo the prophet, saying, 2 The LORD
hath been sore displeased with your
fathers.* 3 Therefore say thou unto
them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of
hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith
the LORD of hosts. 4 Be ye not as your
fathers, unto whom the former proph-
ets have cried, saying, Thus saith the

1.2. sore...: Heb. with displeasure.

LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your
evil ways, and *from* your evil doings:
but they did not hear, nor hearken
unto me, saith the LORD. 5 Your fa-
thers, where *are* they? and the proph-
ets, do they live for ever? 6 But my
words and my statutes, which I com-
manded my servants the prophets, did
they not take hold of your fathers?
and they returned and said, Like as the
LORD of hosts thought to do unto us,
according to our ways, and according
to our doings, so hath he dealt with
us.* 7 Upon the four and twentieth day
of the eleventh month, which *is* the

6. take...: or, overtake.

month Sebat, in the second year of
Darius, came the word of the LORD
unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah,
the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 8 I
saw by night, and behold a man riding
upon a red horse, and he stood among
the myrtle trees that *were* in the bot-
tom; and behind him *were there* red
horses, speckled, and white.* 9 Then
said I, O my lord, what *are* these?
And the angel that talked with me
said unto me, I will shew thee what
these *be*. 10 And the man that stood
among the myrtle trees answered and
said, These *are they* whom the LORD

8. speckled: or, bay.

hath sent to walk to and fro through
the earth. [11] And they answered the an-
gel of the LORD that stood among the
myrtle trees, and said, We have walked
to and fro through the earth, and, be-
hold, all the earth sitteth still, and is
at rest. [12] Then the angel of the LORD
answered and said, O LORD of hosts,
how long wilt thou not have mercy on
Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah,
against which thou hast had indigna-
tion these threescore and ten years?
[13] And the LORD answered the angel
that talked with me *with* good words
and comfortable words. [14] So the an-
gel that communed with me said unto

me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the
LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusa-
lem and for Zion with a great jealousy.
15 And I am very sore displeased with
the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was
but a little displeased, and they helped
forward the affliction. 16 Therefore
thus saith the LORD; I am returned
to Jerusalem with mercies: my house
shall be built in it, saith the LORD
of hosts, and a line shall be stretched
forth upon Jerusalem. 17 Cry yet, say-
ing, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My
cities through prosperity shall yet be
spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet
comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Je-

rusalem.* 18 Then lifted I up mine eyes,
and saw, and behold four horns. 19 And
I said unto the angel that talked with
me, What *be* these? And he answered
me, These *are* the horns which have
scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
20 And the LORD shewed me four car-
penters. 21 Then said I, What come
these to do? And he spake, saying,
These *are* the horns which have scat-
tered Judah, so that no man did lift
up his head: but these are come to fray
them, to cast out the horns of the Gen-
tiles, which lifted up *their* horn over
the land of Judah to scatter it.

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17. prosperity: Heb. good.

2 I lifted up mine eyes again, and
looked, and behold a man with a mea-
suring line in his hand. 2 Then said I,
Whither goest thou? And he said unto
me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what
is the breadth thereof, and what *is* the
length thereof. 3 And, behold, the an-
gel that talked with me went forth,
and another angel went out to meet
him, 4 And said unto him, Run, speak
to this young man, saying, Jerusalem
shall be inhabited *as* towns without
walls for the multitude of men and cat-
tle therein: 5 For I, saith the LORD, will
be unto her a wall of fire round about,

and will be the glory in the midst of
her. 6 Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee
from the land of the north, saith the
LORD: for I have spread you abroad as
the four winds of the heaven, saith the
LORD. 7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that
dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Af-
ter the glory hath he sent me unto the
nations which spoiled you: for he that
toucheth you toucheth the apple of his
eye. 9 For, behold, I will shake mine
hand upon them, and they shall be
a spoil to their servants: and ye shall
know that the LORD of hosts hath sent
me. 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of

Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell
in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
11 And many nations shall be joined to
the LORD in that day, and shall be my
people: and I will dwell in the midst
of thee, and thou shalt know that the
LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.
12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah
his portion in the holy land, and shall
choose Jerusalem again. 13 Be silent, O
all flesh, before the LORD: for he is
raised up out of his holy habitation.*

3 And he shewed me Joshua the
high priest standing before the angel

2.13. his...: Heb. the habitation of his holiness.

of the LORD, and Satan standing at
his right hand to resist him.* 2 And the
LORD said unto Satan, The LORD re-
buke thee, O Satan; even the LORD
that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke
thee: *is* not this a brand plucked out
of the fire? 3 Now Joshua was clothed
with filthy garments, and stood be-
fore the angel. 4 And he answered
and spake unto those that stood be-
fore him, saying, Take away the filthy
garments from him. And unto him
he said, Behold, I have caused thine
iniquity to pass from thee, and I will

3.1. Satan: that is, an adversary. to...: Heb. to be his adversary.

clothe thee with change of raiment.
5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre
upon his head. So they set a fair
mitre upon his head, and clothed him
with garments. And the angel of the
LORD stood by. 6 And the angel of
the LORD protested unto Joshua, say-
ing, 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if
thou wilt keep my charge, then thou
shalt also judge my house, and shalt
also keep my courts, and I will give
thee places to walk among these that
stand by.* 8 Hear now, O Joshua the
high priest, thou, and thy fellows that

7. charge: or, ordinance. places...: Heb. walks.

sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth
my servant the BRANCH.* 9 For behold the stone that I have laid before
Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven
eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts,
and I will remove the iniquity of that
land in one day. 10 In that day, saith
the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every
man his neighbour under the vine and
under the fig tree.

4 And the angel that talked with
me came again, and waked me, as a

8. wondered...: Heb. of wonder, or, sign.

man that is wakened out of his sleep,
2 And said unto me, What seest thou?
And I said, I have looked, and be-
hold a candlestick all *of* gold, with
a bowl upon the top of it, and his
seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes
to the seven lamps, which *are* upon
the top thereof:* 3 And two olive trees
by it, one upon the right *side* of the
bowl, and the other upon the left *side*
thereof. 4 So I answered and spake to
the angel that talked with me, saying,
What *are* these, my lord? 5 Then the
angel that talked with me answered

4.2. a bowl: Heb. her bowl. seven pipes...: or, seven several pipes to the lamps.

and said unto me, Knowest thou not
what these be? And I said, No, my
lord. 6 Then he answered and spake
unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the
LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not
by might, nor by power, but by my
spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.* 7 Who
art thou, O great mountain? before
Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain:
and he shall bring forth the headstone
thereof with shoutings, *crying*, Grace,
grace unto it. 8 Moreover the word of
the LORD came unto me, saying, 9 The
hands of Zerubbabel have laid the
foundation of this house; his hands

6. might: or, army.

shall also finish it; and thou shalt know
that the LORD of hosts hath sent me
unto you. [10] For who hath despised the
day of small things? for they shall re-
joice, and shall see the plummet in the
hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven;
they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which
run to and fro through the whole
earth.* [11] Then answered I, and said
unto him, What *are* these two olive
trees upon the right *side* of the can-
dlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?
[12] And I answered again, and said unto
him, What *be these* two olive branches

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10. for they...: or, since the seven eyes of the LORD shall rejoice. plummet: Heb. stone of tin.

which through the two golden pipes
empty the golden *oil* out of them-
selves?* 13 And he answered me and
said, Knowest thou not what these *be*?
And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said
he, These *are* the two anointed ones,
that stand by the Lord of the whole
earth.*

5 Then I turned, and lifted up mine
eyes, and looked, and behold a flying
roll. 2 And he said unto me, What
seest thou? And I answered, I see a

12. through: Heb. by the hand of. the golden oil: Heb. the gold. empty...: or, empty out of themselves oil into the gold.
14. anointed...: Heb. sons of oil.

flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty
cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cu-
bits. 3 Then said he unto me, This
is the curse that goeth forth over the
face of the whole earth: for every one
that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this
side according to it; and every one that
sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side
according to it.* 4 I will bring it forth,
saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall
enter into the house of the thief, and
into the house of him that sweareth
falsely by my name: and it shall remain

5.3. every one that stealeth...: or, every one of this people that stealeth holdeth himself guiltless, as it doth.

in the midst of his house, and shall
consume it with the timber thereof
and the stones thereof. 5 Then the an-
gel that talked with me went forth,
and said unto me, Lift up now thine
eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth
forth. 6 And I said, What *is* it? And he
said, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth.
He said moreover, This *is* their resem-
blance through all the earth. 7 And,
behold, there was lifted up a talent of
lead: and this *is* a woman that sitteth in
the midst of the ephah.* 8 And he said,
This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into
the midst of the ephah; and he cast

7. talent: or, weighty piece.

the weight of lead upon the mouth
thereof. 9 Then lifted I up mine eyes,
and looked, and, behold, there came
out two women, and the wind *was* in
their wings; for they had wings like the
wings of a stork: and they lifted up
the ephah between the earth and the
heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that
talked with me, Whither do these bear
the ephah? 11 And he said unto me, To
build it an house in the land of Shi-
nar: and it shall be established, and set
there upon her own base.

6 And I turned, and lifted up mine
eyes, and looked, and, behold, there

came four chariots out from between
two mountains; and the mountains
were mountains of brass. 2 In the first
chariot *were* red horses; and in the sec-
ond chariot black horses; 3 And in the
third chariot white horses; and in the
fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.*
4 Then I answered and said unto the
angel that talked with me, What *are*
these, my lord? 5 And the angel an-
swered and said unto me, These *are* the
four spirits of the heavens, which go
forth from standing before the Lord
of all the earth.* 6 The black horses

6.3. bay: or, strong.
5. spirits: or, winds.

which *are* therein go forth into the
north country; and the white go forth
after them; and the grisled go forth
toward the south country. 7 And the
bay went forth, and sought to go that
they might walk to and fro through
the earth: and he said, Get you hence,
walk to and fro through the earth. So
they walked to and fro through the
earth. 8 Then cried he upon me, and
spake unto me, saying, Behold, these
that go toward the north country have
quieted my spirit in the north coun-
try. 9 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying, 10 Take of *them of* the
captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah,

and of Jedaiah, which are come from
Babylon, and come thou the same day,
and go into the house of Josiah the son
of Zephaniah; 11 Then take silver and
gold, and make crowns, and set *them*
upon the head of Joshua the son of
Josedech, the high priest; 12 And speak
unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the
LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man
whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he
shall grow up out of his place, and he
shall build the temple of the LORD:*
13 Even he shall build the temple of the
LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and
shall sit and rule upon his throne; and

12. grow...: or, branch up from under him.

he shall be a priest upon his throne:
and the counsel of peace shall be be-
tween them both. [14] And the crowns
shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah,
and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son
of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the
temple of the LORD. [15] And they *that*
are far off shall come and build in the
temple of the LORD, and ye shall know
that the LORD of hosts hath sent me
unto you. And *this* shall come to pass,
if ye will diligently obey the voice of
the LORD your God.

7 And it came to pass in the fourth
year of king Darius, *that* the word

of the LORD came unto Zechariah in
the fourth *day* of the ninth month,
even in Chisleu; 2 When they had sent
unto the house of God Sherezer and
Regemmelech, and their men, to pray
before the LORD,* 3 *And* to speak unto
the priests which *were* in the house of
the LORD of hosts, and to the proph-
ets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth
month, separating myself, as I have
done these so many years? 4 Then
came the word of the LORD of hosts
unto me, saying, 5 Speak unto all the
people of the land, and to the priests,
saying, When ye fasted and mourned

7.2. pray...: Heb. intreat the face of.

in the fifth and seventh *month*, even
those seventy years, did ye at all fast
unto me, *even* to me? 6 And when
ye did eat, and when ye did drink,
did not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink
for yourselves?* 7 *Should ye* not *hear*
the words which the LORD hath cried
by the former prophets, when Jeru-
salem was inhabited and in prosper-
ity, and the cities thereof round about
her, when *men* inhabited the south
and the plain?* 8 And the word of the
LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

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6. did not ye: or, be not ye they that.
7. Should...: or, Are not these the words. by: Heb. by the hand of.

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts,
saying, Execute true judgment, and
shew mercy and compassions every
man to his brother:* 10 And oppress
not the widow, nor the fatherless, the
stranger, nor the poor; and let none of
you imagine evil against his brother in
your heart. 11 But they refused to hear-
ken, and pulled away the shoulder, and
stopped their ears, that they should
not hear.* 12 Yea, they made their hearts
as an adamant stone, lest they should
hear the law, and the words which the

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9. Execute...: Heb. Judge judgment of truth.
11. pulled...: Heb. they gave a backsliding shoulder. stopped: Heb. made heavy.

LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by
the former prophets: therefore came a
great wrath from the LORD of hosts.*
13 Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as
he cried, and they would not hear; so
they cried, and I would not hear, saith
the LORD of hosts: 14 But I scattered
them with a whirlwind among all the
nations whom they knew not. Thus
the land was desolate after them, that
no man passed through nor returned:
for they laid the pleasant land deso-
late.*

8 Again the word of the LORD of

12. by: Heb. by the hand of.
14. pleasant...: Heb. land of desire.

hosts came *to me*, saying, [2] Thus saith
the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for
Zion with great jealousy, and I was
jealous for her with great fury. [3] Thus
saith the LORD; I am returned unto
Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Je-
rusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called
a city of truth; and the mountain of
the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.
[4] Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There
shall yet old men and old women dwell
in the streets of Jerusalem, and every
man with his staff in his hand for very
age.* [5] And the streets of the city shall
be full of boys and girls playing in the

8.4. very...: Heb. multitude of days.

streets thereof. 6 Thus saith the LORD
of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes
of the remnant of this people in these
days, should it also be marvellous in
mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.*
7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Be-
hold, I will save my people from the
east country, and from the west coun-
try;* 8 And I will bring them, and they
shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem:
and they shall be my people, and I will
be their God, in truth and in righ-
teousness. 9 Thus saith the LORD of

6. marvellous: or, hard, or, difficult.
7. the west...: Heb. the country of the going down of the sun.

hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye
that hear in these days these words by
the mouth of the prophets, which *were*
in the day *that* the foundation of the
house of the LORD of hosts was laid,
that the temple might be built. [10] For
before these days there was no hire for
man, nor any hire for beast; neither
was there any peace to him that went
out or came in because of the afflic-
tion: for I set all men every one against
his neighbour.* [11] But now I *will* not
be unto the residue of this people as
in the former days, saith the LORD of

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10. there was...: or, the hire of man became nothing.

hosts. [12] For the seed *shall be* prosper-
ous; the vine shall give her fruit, and
the ground shall give her increase, and
the heavens shall give their dew; and
I will cause the remnant of this peo-
ple to possess all these *things*.* [13] And
it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were
a curse among the heathen, O house
of Judah, and house of Israel; so will
I save you, and ye shall be a blessing:
fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.
[14] For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As
I thought to punish you, when your
fathers provoked me to wrath, saith
the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:

12. prosperous: Heb. of peace.

15 So again have I thought in these days
to do well unto Jerusalem and to the
house of Judah: fear ye not. 16 These *are*
the things that ye shall do; Speak ye ev-
ery man the truth to his neighbour; ex-
ecute the judgment of truth and peace
in your gates:* 17 And let none of you
imagine evil in your hearts against his
neighbour; and love no false oath: for
all these *are things* that I hate, saith the
LORD. 18 And the word of the LORD
of hosts came unto me, saying, 19 Thus
saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the
fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth,

16. execute...: Heb. judge truth, and the judgment of peace.

and the fast of the seventh, and the
fast of the tenth, shall be to the house
of Judah joy and gladness, and cheer-
ful feasts; therefore love the truth and
peace.* [20] Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
It shall yet *come to pass*, that there shall
come people, and the inhabitants of
many cities: [21] And the inhabitants of
one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let
us go speedily to pray before the LORD,
and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go
also.* [22] Yea, many people and strong
nations shall come to seek the LORD

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19. feasts: or, solemn, or, set times.

21. speedily: or, continually: Heb. going. to pray...: Heb. to intreat the face of.

of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray be-
fore the LORD.* 23 Thus saith the LORD
of hosts; In those days *it shall come to*
pass, that ten men shall take hold out
of all languages of the nations, even
shall take hold of the skirt of him that
is a Jew, saying, We will go with you:
for we have heard *that* God *is* with you.

9 The burden of the word of the
LORD in the land of Hadrach, and
Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof:
when the eyes of man, as of all the
tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the
LORD. 2 And Hamath also shall bor-

22. to pray...: Heb. to intreat the face of.

der thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though
it be very wise. 3 And Tyrus did build
herself a strong hold, and heaped up
silver as the dust, and fine gold as the
mire of the streets. 4 Behold, the Lord
will cast her out, and he will smite
her power in the sea; and she shall be
devoured with fire. 5 Ashkelon shall
see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see*
it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron;
for her expectation shall be ashamed;
and the king shall perish from Gaza,
and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.
6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ash-
dod, and I will cut off the pride of
the Philistines. 7 And I will take away

his blood out of his mouth, and his
abominations from between his teeth:
but he that remaineth, even he, *shall*
be for our God, and he shall be as
a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a
Jebusite.* 8 And I will encamp about
mine house because of the army, be-
cause of him that passeth by, and be-
cause of him that returneth: and no
oppressor shall pass through them any
more: for now have I seen with mine
eyes. 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of
Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
behold, thy King cometh unto thee:
he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly,

9.7. blood: Heb. bloods.

and riding upon an ass, and upon a
colt the foal of an ass.* [10] And I will
cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and
the horse from Jerusalem, and the bat-
tle bow shall be cut off: and he shall
speak peace unto the heathen: and his
dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea,
and from the river *even* to the ends of
the earth. [11] As for thee also, by the
blood of thy covenant I have sent forth
thy prisoners out of the pit wherein
is no water.* [12] Turn you to the strong
hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day
do I declare *that* I will render double

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9. having...: or, saving himself.
11. by...: or, whose covenant is by blood.

unto thee; 13 When I have bent Judah
for me, filled the bow with Ephraim,
and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against
thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as
the sword of a mighty man. 14 And
the LORD shall be seen over them, and
his arrow shall go forth as the light-
ning: and the Lord GOD shall blow
the trumpet, and shall go with whirl-
winds of the south. 15 The LORD of
hosts shall defend them; and they shall
devour, and subdue with sling stones;
and they shall drink, *and* make a noise
as through wine; and they shall be
filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of

the altar.* [16] And the LORD their God
shall save them in that day as the flock
of his people: for they *shall be as* the
stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign
upon his land. [17] For how great *is* his
goodness, and how great *is* his beauty!
corn shall make the young men cheer-
ful, and new wine the maids.*

10 Ask ye of the LORD rain in
the time of the latter rain; *so* the
LORD shall make bright clouds, and
give them showers of rain, to every

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15. with...: or, the stones of the sling. be...: or, fill both the bowls, etc.

17. cheerful: or, grow, or, speak.

one grass in the field.* 2 For the idols
have spoken vanity, and the diviners
have seen a lie, and have told false
dreams; they comfort in vain: there-
fore they went their way as a flock, they
were troubled, because *there was* no
shepherd.* 3 Mine anger was kindled
against the shepherds, and I punished
the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath
visited his flock the house of Judah,
and hath made them as his goodly
horse in the battle.* 4 Out of him came

10.1. bright...: or, lightnings.

2. idols: Heb. teraphims. were...: or, answered that, etc.

3. punished: Heb. visited upon.

forth the corner, out of him the nail,
out of him the battle bow, out of
him every oppressor together. 5 And
they shall be as mighty *men*, which
tread down *their enemies* in the mire
of the streets in the battle: and they
shall fight, because the LORD *is* with
them, and the riders on horses shall be
confounded.* 6 And I will strengthen
the house of Judah, and I will save
the house of Joseph, and I will bring
them again to place them; for I have
mercy upon them: and they shall be as
though I had not cast them off: for I

5. the riders...: or, they shall make the riders on horses ashamed.

am the LORD their God, and will hear
them. 7 And *they of* Ephraim shall
be like a mighty *man*, and their heart
shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their
children shall see *it*, and be glad; their
heart shall rejoice in the LORD. 8 I
will hiss for them, and gather them;
for I have redeemed them: and they
shall increase as they have increased.
9 And I will sow them among the peo-
ple: and they shall remember me in
far countries; and they shall live with
their children, and turn again. 10 I will
bring them again also out of the land
of Egypt, and gather them out of As-
syria; and I will bring them into the

land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place*
shall not be found for them. [11] And
he shall pass through the sea with af-
fliction, and shall smite the waves in
the sea, and all the deeps of the river
shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria
shall be brought down, and the scep-
tre of Egypt shall depart away. [12] And
I will strengthen them in the LORD;
and they shall walk up and down in
his name, saith the LORD.

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon,
that the fire may devour thy cedars.
[2] Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen;
because the mighty are spoiled: howl,

O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest
of the vintage is come down.* 3 *There*
is a voice of the howling of the shep-
herds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice
of the roaring of young lions; for the
pride of Jordan is spoiled. 4 Thus saith
the LORD my God; Feed the flock of
the slaughter; 5 Whose possessors slay
them, and hold themselves not guilty:
and they that sell them say, Blessed *be*
the LORD; for I am rich: and their
own shepherds pity them not. 6 For
I will no more pity the inhabitants of
the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I

11.2. mighty: or, gallants. the forest...: or, the defenced forest.

will deliver the men every one into his
neighbour's hand, and into the hand of
his king: and they shall smite the land,
and out of their hand I will not de-
liver *them*.* 7 And I will feed the flock
of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the
flock. And I took unto me two staves;
the one I called Beauty, and the other
I called Bands; and I fed the flock.*
8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one
month; and my soul lothed them, and
their soul also abhorred me.* 9 Then
said I, I will not feed you: that that

6. deliver: Heb. make to be found.
7. even...: or, verily the poor. Bands: or, Binders.
8. lothed...: Heb. was straightened for them.

dieth, let it die; and that that is to be
cut off, let it be cut off; and let the
rest eat every one the flesh of another.*
10 And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and
cut it asunder, that I might break my
covenant which I had made with all
the people. 11 And it was broken in
that day: and so the poor of the flock
that waited upon me knew that it *was*
the word of the LORD.* 12 And I said
unto them, If ye think good, give *me*
my price; and if not, forbear. So they
weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of

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9. another: Heb. his fellow, or, neighbour.

11. so...: or, the poor of the flock, etc. certainly knew.

silver.* 13 And the LORD said unto me,
Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price
that I was prised at of them. And
I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and
cast them to the potter in the house of
the LORD. 14 Then I cut asunder mine
other staff, *even* Bands, that I might
break the brotherhood between Ju-
dah and Israel.* 15 And the LORD said
unto me, Take unto thee yet the in-
struments of a foolish shepherd. 16 For,
lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land,
which shall not visit those that be cut
off, neither shall seek the young one,

12. If ye...: Heb. If it be good in your eyes.
14. Bands: or, Binders.

nor heal that that is broken, nor feed
that that standeth still: but he shall eat
the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws
in pieces.* 17 Woe to the idol shepherd
that leaveth the flock! the sword *shall*
be upon his arm, and upon his right
eye: his arm shall be clean dried up,
and his right eye shall be utterly dark-
ened.

12 The burden of the word of
the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD,
which stretcheth forth the heavens,
and layeth the foundation of the earth,
and formeth the spirit of man within

16. cut off: or, hidden. feed: or, bear.

him. [2] Behold, I will make Jerusalem
a cup of trembling unto all the people
round about, when they shall be in the
siege both against Judah *and* against
Jerusalem.* [3] And in that day will I
make Jerusalem a burdensome stone
for all people: all that burden them-
selves with it shall be cut in pieces,
though all the people of the earth be
gathered together against it. [4] In that
day, saith the LORD, I will smite every
horse with astonishment, and his rider
with madness: and I will open mine

12.2. trembling: or, slumber, or, poison. when...: or, and also against Judah shall he be which shall be in siege against Jerusalem.

eyes upon the house of Judah, and will
smite every horse of the people with
blindness. [5] And the governors of Ju-
dah shall say in their heart, The inhab-
itants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength
in the LORD of hosts their God.* [6] In
that day will I make the governors of
Judah like an hearth of fire among the
wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf;
and they shall devour all the people
round about, on the right hand and
on the left: and Jerusalem shall be in-
habited again in her own place, *even*
in Jerusalem. [7] The LORD also shall

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5. The inhabitants...: or, There is strength to me and to the inhabitants, etc.

save the tents of Judah first, that the
glory of the house of David and the
glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem
do not magnify *themselves* against Ju-
dah. 8 In that day shall the LORD de-
fend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and
he that is feeble among them at that
day shall be as David; and the house
of David *shall be* as God, as the an-
gel of the LORD before them.* 9 And
it shall come to pass in that day, *that*
I will seek to destroy all the nations
that come against Jerusalem. 10 And
I will pour upon the house of David,
and upon the inhabitants of Jerusa-

8. feeble: or, abject: Heb. fallen.

lem, the spirit of grace and of sup-
plications: and they shall look upon
me whom they have pierced, and they
shall mourn for him, as one mourneth
for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bit-
terness for him, as one that is in bit-
terness for *his* firstborn. 11 In that day
shall there be a great mourning in Jeru-
salem, as the mourning of Hadadrim-
mon in the valley of Megiddon. 12 And
the land shall mourn, every family
apart; the family of the house of David
apart, and their wives apart; the fam-
ily of the house of Nathan apart, and
their wives apart;* 13 The family of the

12. every...: Heb. families, families.

house of Levi apart, and their wives
apart; the family of Shimei apart, and
their wives apart;* 14 All the families
that remain, every family apart, and
their wives apart.

13 In that day there shall be a foun-
tain opened to the house of David
and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
for sin and for uncleanness.* 2 And it
shall come to pass in that day, saith
the LORD of hosts, *that* I will cut off
the names of the idols out of the land,
and they shall no more be remem-

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13. of Shimei: or, of Simeon, as LXX.

13.1. uncleanness: Heb. separation for uncleanness.

bered: and also I will cause the proph-
ets and the unclean spirit to pass out
of the land. 3 And it shall come to
pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy,
then his father and his mother that be-
gat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt
not live; for thou speakest lies in the
name of the LORD: and his father and
his mother that begat him shall thrust
him through when he prophesieth.
4 And it shall come to pass in that day,
that the prophets shall be ashamed ev-
ery one of his vision, when he hath
prophesied; neither shall they wear a
rough garment to deceive:* 5 But he

4. a rough...: Heb. a garment of hair. deceive: Heb.

shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. 6 And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends. 7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. 8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut

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lie.

off *and* die; but the third shall be left
therein. 9 And I will bring the third
part through the fire, and will refine
them as silver is refined, and will try
them as gold is tried: they shall call on
my name, and I will hear them: I will
say, It *is* my people: and they shall say,
The LORD *is* my God.

14 Behold, the day of the LORD
cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided
in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather
all nations against Jerusalem to bat-
tle; and the city shall be taken, and
the houses rifled, and the women rav-
ished; and half of the city shall go

forth into captivity, and the residue of
the people shall not be cut off from
the city. 3 Then shall the LORD go
forth, and fight against those nations,
as when he fought in the day of bat-
tle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that
day upon the mount of Olives, which
is before Jerusalem on the east, and
the mount of Olives shall cleave in the
midst thereof toward the east and to-
ward the west, *and there shall be* a very
great valley; and half of the mountain
shall remove toward the north, and
half of it toward the south. 5 And ye
shall flee *to* the valley of the moun-
tains; for the valley of the mountains

shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee,
like as ye fled from before the earth-
quake in the days of Uzziah king of
Judah: and the LORD my God shall
come, *and* all the saints with thee.*
6 And it shall come to pass in that day,
that the light shall not be clear, *nor*
dark:* 7 But it shall be one day which
shall be known to the LORD, not day,
nor night: but it shall come to pass,

14.5. the mountains: or, my mountains. for the...: or, when he shall touch the valley of the mountains to the place he separated.

6. that the...: that is, it shall not be clear in some places, and dark in other places of the world. clear: Heb. precious. dark: Heb. thickness.

that at evening time it shall be light.*
8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem;
half of them toward the former sea,
and half of them toward the hinder
sea: in summer and in winter shall it
be.* 9 And the LORD shall be king over
all the earth: in that day shall there be
one LORD, and his name one. 10 All
the land shall be turned as a plain from
Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem:
and it shall be lifted up, and inhab-
ited in her place, from Benjamin's gate
unto the place of the first gate, unto

7. it shall be...: or, the day shall be one.
8. former: or, eastern.

the corner gate, and *from* the tower of
Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.*
11 And *men* shall dwell in it, and there
shall be no more utter destruction; but
Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.*
12 And this shall be the plague where-
with the LORD will smite all the peo-
ple that have fought against Jerusalem;
Their flesh shall consume away while
they stand upon their feet, and their
eyes shall consume away in their holes,
and their tongue shall consume away
in their mouth. 13 And it shall come

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10. turned: or, compassed. inhabited: or, shall abide.

11. shall be: or, shall abide.

to pass in that day, *that* a great tu-
mult from the LORD shall be among
them; and they shall lay hold every one
on the hand of his neighbour, and his
hand shall rise up against the hand of
his neighbour. 14 And Judah also shall
fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all
the heathen round about shall be gath-
ered together, gold, and silver, and ap-
parel, in great abundance.* 15 And so
shall be the plague of the horse, of the
mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and
of all the beasts that shall be in these
tents, as this plague. 16 And it shall

14. Judah...: or, thou also, O Judah shalt. at: or, against.

come to pass, *that* every one that is left
of all the nations which came against
Jerusalem shall even go up from year to
year to worship the King, the LORD of
hosts, and to keep the feast of taberna-
cles. [17] And it shall be, *that* whoso will
not come up of *all* the families of the
earth unto Jerusalem to worship the
King, the LORD of hosts, even upon
them shall be no rain. [18] And if the
family of Egypt go not up, and come
not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be
the plague, wherewith the LORD will
smite the heathen that come not up
to keep the feast of tabernacles.* [19] This

18. that have no: Heb. upon whom there is not.

shall be the punishment of Egypt, and
the punishment of all nations that
come not up to keep the feast of taber-
nacles.* [20] In that day shall there be
upon the bells of the horses, HOLI-
NESS UNTO THE LORD; and the
pots in the LORD'S house shall be like
the bowls before the altar.* [21] Yea, every
pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be
holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and
all they that sacrifice shall come and
take of them, and seethe therein: and
in that day there shall be no more the
Canaanite in the house of the LORD of

19. punishment: or, sin.
20. bells: or, bridles.

hosts.

MALACHI

The burden of the word of the
LORD to Israel by Malachi.*
2 I have loved you, saith the
LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast
thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Ja-
cob's brother? saith the LORD: yet
I loved Jacob, 3 And I hated Esau,
and laid his mountains and his her-
itage waste for the dragons of the
wilderness. 4 Whereas Edom saith,
We are impoverished, but we will re-
turn and build the desolate places;
thus saith the LORD of hosts, They

1.1. by...: Heb. by the hand of.

shall build, but I will throw down; and
they shall call them, The border of
wickedness, and, The people against
whom the LORD hath indignation for
ever. 5 And your eyes shall see, and
ye shall say, The LORD will be magni-
fied from the border of Israel.* 6 A son
honoureth *his* father, and a servant his
master: if then I *be* a father, where *is*
mine honour? and if I *be* a master,
where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of
hosts unto you, O priests, that despise
my name. And ye say, Wherein have
we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer pol-
luted bread upon mine altar; and ye

5. from: or, upon: Heb. from upon.

say, Wherein have we polluted thee?
In that ye say, The table of the LORD
is contemptible.* 8 And if ye offer the
blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and
if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not
evil? offer it now unto thy governor;
will he be pleased with thee, or accept
thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.*
9 And now, I pray you, beseech God
that he will be gracious unto us: this
hath been by your means: will he re-
gard your persons? saith the LORD of
hosts.* 10 Who *is there* even among you

7. offer...: or, bring unto, etc.
8. for: Heb. to.
9. God: Heb. the face of God. by...: Heb. from

that would shut the doors *for nought*?
neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine al-
tar for nought. I have no pleasure in
you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither
will I accept an offering at your hand.
11 For from the rising of the sun even
unto the going down of the same my
name *shall be* great among the Gen-
tiles; and in every place incense *shall*
be offered unto my name, and a pure
offering: for my name *shall be* great
among the heathen, saith the LORD of
hosts. 12 But ye have profaned it, in that
ye say, The table of the LORD *is* pol-
luted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his

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your hand.

meat, *is* contemptible. [13] Ye said also,
Behold, what a weariness *is it*! and
ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD
of hosts; and ye brought *that which*
was torn, and the lame, and the sick;
thus ye brought an offering: should
I accept this of your hand? saith the
LORD.* [14] But cursed *be* the deceiver,
which hath in his flock a male, and
voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord
a corrupt thing: for I *am* a great King,
saith the LORD of hosts, and my name
is dreadful among the heathen.*

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13. and ye have...: or, whereas ye might have blown it away.

14. which...: Heb. in whose flock is.

2 And now, O ye priests, this com-
mandment *is* for you. 2 If ye will
not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to
heart, to give glory unto my name,
saith the LORD of hosts, I will even
send a curse upon you, and I will curse
your blessings: yea, I have cursed them
already, because ye do not lay *it* to
heart. 3 Behold, I will corrupt your
seed, and spread dung upon your faces,
even the dung of your solemn feasts;
and *one* shall take you away with it.*
4 And ye shall know that I have sent

2.3. corrupt: or, reprove. spread: Heb. scatter. one...: or, it shall take you away to it.

this commandment unto you, that my
covenant might be with Levi, saith
the LORD of hosts. 5 My covenant
was with him of life and peace; and
I gave them to him *for* the fear where-
with he feared me, and was afraid be-
fore my name. 6 The law of truth was
in his mouth, and iniquity was not
found in his lips: he walked with me in
peace and equity, and did turn many
away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's
lips should keep knowledge, and they
should seek the law at his mouth: for
he *is* the messenger of the LORD of
hosts. 8 But ye are departed out of
the way; ye have caused many to stum-

ble at the law; ye have corrupted the
covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of
hosts.* 9 Therefore have I also made
you contemptible and base before all
the people, according as ye have not
kept my ways, but have been partial in
the law.* 10 Have we not all one father?
hath not one God created us? why
do we deal treacherously every man
against his brother, by profaning the
covenant of our fathers? 11 Judah hath
dealt treacherously, and an abomina-
tion is committed in Israel and in Jeru-

8. stumble at: or, fall in.
9. have been...: or, lifted up the face against: Heb.
accepted faces.

salem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.* 12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.* 13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will

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11. loved: or, ought to love.

12. the master...: or, him that waketh, and him that answereth.

at your hand. [14] Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been
witness between thee and the wife of
thy youth, against whom thou hast
dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy com-
panion, and the wife of thy covenant.
[15] And did not he make one? Yet had he
the residue of the spirit. And where-
fore one? That he might seek a godly
seed. Therefore take heed to your
spirit, and let none deal treacherously
against the wife of his youth.* [16] For the
LORD, the God of Israel, saith that
he hateth putting away: for *one* cov-

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15. residue: or, excellency. godly...: Heb. seed of God. treacherously: or, unfaithfully.

ereth violence with his garment, saith
the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed
to your spirit, that ye deal not treach-
erously.* 17 Ye have wearied the LORD
with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein
have we wearied *him*? When ye say,
Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the
sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in
them; or, Where *is* the God of judg-
ment?

3 Behold, I will send my messen-
ger, and he shall prepare the way be-
fore me: and the Lord, whom ye seek,
shall suddenly come to his temple,

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16. that he...: or, if he hate her, put her away.
putting...: Heb. to put away.

even the messenger of the covenant,
whom ye delight in: behold, he shall
come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But
who may abide the day of his com-
ing? and who shall stand when he ap-
peareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire,
and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall
sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver:
and he shall purify the sons of Levi,
and purge them as gold and silver, that
they may offer unto the LORD an of-
fering in righteousness. 4 Then shall
the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be
pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days
of old, and as in former years.* 5 And

3.4. former: or, ancient.

I will come near to you to judgment;
and I will be a swift witness against the
sorcerers, and against the adulterers,
and against false swearers, and against
those that oppress the hireling in *his*
wages, the widow, and the fatherless,
and that turn aside the stranger *from*
his right, and fear not me, saith the
LORD of hosts.* 6 For I *am* the LORD,
I change not; therefore ye sons of Ja-
cob are not consumed. 7 Even from
the days of your fathers ye are gone
away from mine ordinances, and have
not kept *them*. Return unto me, and
I will return unto you, saith the LORD

5. oppress: or, defraud.

of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we
return? 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye
have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein
have we robbed thee? In tithes and of-
ferings. 9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse:
for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole
nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into
the storehouse, that there may be meat
in mine house, and prove me now
herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if
I will not open you the windows of
heaven, and pour you out a blessing,
that *there shall* not *be room* enough *to
receive it*.* 11 And I will rebuke the de-
vourer for your sakes, and he shall not

10. pour...: Heb. empty out.

destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.* 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts. 13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee? 14 Ye have said, It *is* vain to serve God: and what profit *is it* that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?* 15 And now we call the proud

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11. destroy: Heb. corrupt.
14. ordinance: Heb. observation. mournfully:

happy; yea, they that work wickedness
are set up; yea, *they that* tempt God
are even delivered.* 16 Then they that
feared the LORD spake often one to an-
other: and the LORD hearkened, and
heard *it*, and a book of remembrance
was written before him for them that
feared the LORD, and that thought
upon his name. 17 And they shall be
mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that
day when I make up my jewels; and
I will spare them, as a man spareth
his own son that serveth him.* 18 Then

Heb. in black.

15. are set up: Heb. are built.

17. jewels: or, special treasure.

shall ye return, and discern between
the righteous and the wicked, between
him that serveth God and him that
serveth him not.

4 For, behold, the day cometh,
that shall burn as an oven; and all the
proud, yea, and all that do wickedly,
shall be stubble: and the day that
cometh shall burn them up, saith the
LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them
neither root nor branch. 2 But unto
you that fear my name shall the Sun
of righteousness arise with healing in
his wings; and ye shall go forth, and
grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And
ye shall tread down the wicked; for

they shall be ashes under the soles of
your feet in the day that I shall do *this*,
saith the LORD of hosts. [4] Remember
ye the law of Moses my servant, which
I commanded unto him in Horeb for
all Israel, *with* the statutes and judg-
ments. [5] Behold, I will send you Elijah
the prophet before the coming of the
great and dreadful day of the LORD:
[6] And he shall turn the heart of the
fathers to the children, and the heart
of the children to their fathers, lest I
come and smite the earth with a curse.

THE END OF THE PROPHETS.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ST. MATTHEW

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. [2] Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; [3] And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; [4] And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; [5] And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

6 And Jesse begat David the king; and
David the king begat Solomon of
her *that had been the wife* of Urias;
7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and
Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat
Asa; 8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and
Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram be-
gat Ozias; 9 And Ozias begat Joatham;
and Joatham begat Achaz; and Ac-
haz begat Ezekias; 10 And Ezekias be-
gat Manasses; and Manasses begat
Amon; and Amon begat Josias; 11 And
Josias begat Jechonias and his breth-
ren, about the time they were carried
away to Babylon:* 12 And after they

1.11. Josiah...: some read, Josiah begat Jehoiakim,

were brought to Babylon, Jechonias
begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat
Zorobabel; 13 And Zorobabel begat
Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and
Eliakim begat Azor; 14 And Azor begat
Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and
Achim begat Eliud; 15 And Eliud begat
Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan;
and Matthan begat Jacob; 16 And Jacob
begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of
whom was born Jesus, who is called
Christ. 17 So all the generations from
Abraham to David *are* fourteen gen-
erations; and from David until the
carrying away into Babylon *are* four-

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and Jehoiakim begat Jeconiah.

teen generations; and from the car-
rying away into Babylon unto Christ
are fourteen generations. [18] Now the
birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
When as his mother Mary was es-
poused to Joseph, before they came
together, she was found with child of
the Holy Ghost. [19] Then Joseph her
husband, being a just *man*, and not
willing to make her a publick exam-
ple, was minded to put her away priv-
ily. [20] But while he thought on these
things, behold, the angel of the Lord
appeared unto him in a dream, say-
ing, Joseph, thou son of David, fear
not to take unto thee Mary thy wife:

for that which is conceived in her is
of the Holy Ghost.* [21] And she shall
bring forth a son, and thou shalt call
his name JESUS: for he shall save
his people from their sins.* [22] Now all
this was done, that it might be ful-
filled which was spoken of the Lord
by the prophet, saying, [23] Behold, a vir-
gin shall be with child, and shall bring
forth a son, and they shall call his
name Emmanuel, which being inter-
preted is, God with us.* [24] Then Joseph
being raised from sleep did as the an-

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20. conceived: Gr. begotten.
21. JESUS: that is, Saviour, Heb.
23. they...: or, his name shall be called.

gel of the Lord had bidden him, and
took unto him his wife: 25 And knew
her not till she had brought forth her
firstborn son: and he called his name
JESUS.

2 Now when Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of
Herod the king, behold, there came
wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
2 Saying, Where is he that is born King
of the Jews? for we have seen his star
in the east, and are come to worship
him. 3 When Herod the king had
heard *these things*, he was troubled, and
all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he

had gathered all the chief priests and
scribes of the people together, he de-
manded of them where Christ should
be born. 5 And they said unto him,
In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it
is written by the prophet, 6 And thou
Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not
the least among the princes of Juda:
for out of thee shall come a Gov-
ernor, that shall rule my people Is-
rael.* 7 Then Herod, when he had priv-
ily called the wise men, enquired of
them diligently what time the star ap-
peared. 8 And he sent them to Beth-
lehem, and said, Go and search dili-

2.6. rule: or, feed.

gently for the young child; and when
ye have found *him*, bring me word
again, that I may come and worship
him also. 9 When they had heard the
king, they departed; and, lo, the star,
which they saw in the east, went before
them, till it came and stood over where
the young child was. 10 When they saw
the star, they rejoiced with exceeding
great joy. 11 And when they were come
into the house, they saw the young
child with Mary his mother, and fell
down, and worshipped him: and when
they had opened their treasures, they
presented unto him gifts; gold, and

frankincense, and myrrh.* 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. 13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. 14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: 15 And was there until the death of Herod:

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11. presented: or, offered.

that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken of the Lord by the prophet,
saying, Out of Egypt have I called my
son. [16] Then Herod, when he saw that
he was mocked of the wise men, was
exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and
slew all the children that were in Beth-
lehem, and in all the coasts thereof,
from two years old and under, accord-
ing to the time which he had diligently
enquired of the wise men. [17] Then
was fulfilled that which was spoken
by Jeremy the prophet, saying, [18] In
Rama was there a voice heard, lamen-
tation, and weeping, and great mourn-
ing, Rachel weeping *for* her children,

and would not be comforted, because
they are not. [19] But when Herod was
dead, behold, an angel of the Lord ap-
peareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
[20] Saying, Arise, and take the young
child and his mother, and go into the
land of Israel: for they are dead which
sought the young child's life. [21] And
he arose, and took the young child
and his mother, and came into the
land of Israel. [22] But when he heard
that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in
the room of his father Herod, he was
afraid to go thither: notwithstanding,
being warned of God in a dream, he
turned aside into the parts of Gali-

lee: [23] And he came and dwelt in a city
called Nazareth: that it might be ful-
filled which was spoken by the proph-
ets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

3 In those days came John the Bap-
tist, preaching in the wilderness of Ju-
daea, [2] And saying, Repent ye: for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand. [3] For
this is he that was spoken of by the
prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of
one crying in the wilderness, Prepare
ye the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight. [4] And the same John had his
raiment of camel's hair, and a leath-
ern girdle about his loins; and his meat

was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then
went out to him Jerusalem, and all Ju-
daea, and all the region round about
Jordan, 6 And were baptized of him
in Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But
when he saw many of the Pharisees
and Sadducees come to his baptism,
he said unto them, O generation of
vipers, who hath warned you to flee
from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth
therefore fruits meet for repentance:*
9 And think not to say within your-
selves, We have Abraham to *our* fa-
ther: for I say unto you, that God
is able of these stones to raise up

3.8. meet...: or, answerable to amendment of life.

children unto Abraham. [10] And now
also the axe is laid unto the root of
the trees: therefore every tree which
bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn
down, and cast into the fire. [11] I indeed
baptize you with water unto repen-
tance: but he that cometh after me is
mightier than I, whose shoes I am not
worthy to bear: he shall baptize you
with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:
[12] Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will
throughly purge his floor, and gather
his wheat into the garner; but he will
burn up the chaff with unquenchable
fire. [13] Then cometh Jesus from Ga-
lilee to Jordan unto John, to be bap-

tized of him. 14 But John forbad him,
saying, I have need to be baptized of
thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And
Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer
it to be so now: for thus it becometh
us to fulfil all righteousness. Then
he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when
he was baptized, went up straightway
out of the water: and, lo, the heav-
ens were opened unto him, and he saw
the Spirit of God descending like a
dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And
lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is
my beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased.

4 Then was Jesus led up of
the Spirit into the wilderness to be
tempted of the devil. 2 And when he
had fasted forty days and forty nights,
he was afterward an hungred. 3 And
when the tempter came to him, he
said, If thou be the Son of God, com-
mand that these stones be made bread.
4 But he answered and said, It is writ-
ten, Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceedeth out
of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil
taketh him up into the holy city, and
setteth him on a pinnacle of the tem-
ple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be

the Son of God, cast thyself down:
for it is written, He shall give his an-
gels charge concerning thee: and in
their hands they shall bear thee up,
lest at any time thou dash thy foot
against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him,
It is written again, Thou shalt not
tempt the Lord thy God.* 8 Again, the
devil taketh him up into an exceed-
ing high mountain, and sheweth him
all the kingdoms of the world, and
the glory of them; 9 And saith unto
him, All these things will I give thee,
if thou wilt fall down and worship me.
10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee

4.7. tempt: or, try, or, put to trial, or, proof.

hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou
shalt worship the Lord thy God, and
him only shalt thou serve. [11] Then the
devil leaveth him, and, behold, an-
gels came and ministered unto him.
[12] Now when Jesus had heard that John
was cast into prison, he departed into
Galilee;* [13] And leaving Nazareth, he
came and dwelt in Capernaum, which
is upon the sea coast, in the borders
of Zabulon and Nephthalim: [14] That it
might be fulfilled which was spoken by
Esaias the prophet, saying, [15] The land
of Zabulon, and the land of Neph-
thalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond

12. cast...: or, delivered up.

Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; [16] The
people which sat in darkness saw great
light; and to them which sat in the
region and shadow of death light is
sprung up. [17] From that time Jesus
began to preach, and to say, Repent:
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
[18] And Jesus, walking by the sea of Ga-
lilee, saw two brethren, Simon called
Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting
a net into the sea: for they were fish-
ers. [19] And he saith unto them, Follow
me, and I will make you fishers of men.
[20] And they straightway left *their* nets,
and followed him. [21] And going on
from thence, he saw other two breth-

ren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John
his brother, in a ship with Zebedee
their father, mending their nets; and
he called them. [22] And they imme-
diately left the ship and their father,
and followed him. [23] And Jesus went
about all Galilee, teaching in their syn-
agogues, and preaching the gospel of
the kingdom, and healing all manner
of sickness and all manner of disease
among the people. [24] And his fame
went throughout all Syria: and they
brought unto him all sick people that
were taken with divers diseases and
torments, and those which were pos-
sessed with devils, and those which

were lunatick, and those that had the
palsy; and he healed them. 25 And
there followed him great multitudes
of people from Galilee, and *from* De-
capolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from*
Judaea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

5 And seeing the multitudes, he
went up into a mountain: and when
he was set, his disciples came unto
him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and
taught them, saying, 3 Blessed *are* the
poor in spirit: for theirs is the king-
dom of heaven. 4 Blessed *are* they
that mourn: for they shall be com-
forted. 5 Blessed *are* the meek: for

they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed
are they which do hunger and thirst
after righteousness: for they shall be
filled. 7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for
they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed *are*
the pure in heart: for they shall see
God. 9 Blessed *are* the peacemak-
ers: for they shall be called the chil-
dren of God. 10 Blessed *are* they which
are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile
you, and persecute *you*, and shall say
all manner of evil against you falsely,
for my sake.* 12 Rejoice, and be exceed-

5.11. falsely: Gr. lying.

ing glad: for great *is* your reward in
heaven: for so persecuted they the
prophets which were before you. 13 Ye
are the salt of the earth: but if the salt
have lost his savour, wherewith shall it
be salted? it is thenceforth good for
nothing, but to be cast out, and to be
trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are
the light of the world. A city that is
set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither
do men light a candle, and put it un-
der a bushel, but on a candlestick; and
it giveth light unto all that are in the
house.* 16 Let your light so shine be-

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15. a bushel: the word in the original signifieth a measure containing about a pint less than a peck.

fore men, that they may see your good
works, and glorify your Father which
is in heaven. [17] Think not that I am
come to destroy the law, or the proph-
ets: I am not come to destroy, but to
fulfil. [18] For verily I say unto you, Till
heaven and earth pass, one jot or one
tittle shall in no wise pass from the law,
till all be fulfilled. [19] Whosoever there-
fore shall break one of these least com-
mandments, and shall teach men so,
he shall be called the least in the king-
dom of heaven: but whosoever shall
do and teach *them*, the same shall be
called great in the kingdom of heaven.
[20] For I say unto you, That except your

righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees,
ye shall in no case enter into the king-
dom of heaven. [21] Ye have heard that
it was said by them of old time, Thou
shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill
shall be in danger of the judgment:*
[22] But I say unto you, That whosoever is
angry with his brother without a cause
shall be in danger of the judgment:
and whosoever shall say to his brother,
Raca, shall be in danger of the coun-
cil: but whosoever shall say, Thou
fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

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21. by: or, to.
22. Raca: that is, Vain fellow.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to
the altar, and there rememberest that
thy brother hath ought against thee;
24 Leave there thy gift before the altar,
and go thy way; first be reconciled to
thy brother, and then come and of-
fer thy gift. 25 Agree with thine adver-
sary quickly, whiles thou art in the way
with him; lest at any time the adversary
deliver thee to the judge, and the judge
deliver thee to the officer, and thou be
cast into prison. 26 Verily I say unto
thee, Thou shalt by no means come
out thence, till thou hast paid the ut-
termost farthing. 27 Ye have heard that
it was said by them of old time, Thou

shalt not commit adultery: [28] But I say
unto you, That whosoever looketh on
a woman to lust after her hath com-
mitted adultery with her already in his
heart. [29] And if thy right eye offend
thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee:
for it is profitable for thee that one of
thy members should perish, and not
that thy whole body should be cast
into hell.* [30] And if thy right hand of-
fend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from
thee: for it is profitable for thee that
one of thy members should perish,
and not *that* thy whole body should
be cast into hell. [31] It hath been said,

29. offend...: or, do cause thee to offend.

Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:
32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. 33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: 34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: 35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. 36 Neither

shalt thou swear by thy head, because
thou canst not make one hair white
or black. 37 But let your communica-
tion be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for what-
soever is more than these cometh of
evil. 38 Ye have heard that it hath been
said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth
for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That
ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall
smite thee on thy right cheek, turn
to him the other also. 40 And if any
man will sue thee at the law, and take
away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke
also. 41 And whosoever shall compel
thee to go a mile, go with him twain.
42 Give to him that asketh thee, and

from him that would borrow of thee
turn not thou away. 43 Ye have heard
that it hath been said, Thou shalt love
thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.
44 But I say unto you, Love your en-
emies, bless them that curse you, do
good to them that hate you, and pray
for them which despitefully use you,
and persecute you; 45 That ye may be
the children of your Father which is
in heaven: for he maketh his sun to
rise on the evil and on the good, and
sendeth rain on the just and on the
unjust. 46 For if ye love them which
love you, what reward have ye? do not
even the publicans the same? 47 And if

ye salute your brethren only, what do
ye more *than others*? do not even the
publicans so? [48] Be ye therefore perfect,
even as your Father which is in heaven
is perfect.

6 Take heed that ye do not your
alms before men, to be seen of them:
otherwise ye have no reward of your
Father which is in heaven.* [2] Therefore
when thou doest *thine* alms, do not
sound a trumpet before thee, as the
hypocrites do in the synagogues and
in the streets, that they may have glory
of men. Verily I say unto you, They

6.1. alms: or, righteousness. of your: or, with your.

have their reward.* 3 But when thou
doest alms, let not thy left hand know
what thy right hand doeth: 4 That
thine alms may be in secret: and thy
Father which seeth in secret himself
shall reward thee openly. 5 And when
thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the
hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray
standing in the synagogues and in the
corners of the streets, that they may
be seen of men. Verily I say unto
you, They have their reward. 6 But
thou, when thou prayest, enter into
thy closet, and when thou hast shut
thy door, pray to thy Father which is

2. do not...: or, cause not a trumpet to be sounded.

in secret; and thy Father which seeth in
secret shall reward thee openly. 7 But
when ye pray, use not vain repetitions,
as the heathen *do*: for they think that
they shall be heard for their much
speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like
unto them: for your Father knoweth
what things ye have need of, before ye
ask him. 9 After this manner there-
fore pray ye: Our Father which art in
heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done in
earth, as *it is* in heaven. 11 Give us
this day our daily bread. 12 And for-
give us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors. 13 And lead us not into temp-

tation, but deliver us from evil: For
thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen. 14 For
if ye forgive men their trespasses, your
heavenly Father will also forgive you:
15 But if ye forgive not men their tres-
passes, neither will your Father forgive
your trespasses. 16 Moreover when ye
fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad
countenance: for they disfigure their
faces, that they may appear unto men
to fast. Verily I say unto you, They
have their reward. 17 But thou, when
thou fastest, anoint thine head, and
wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not
unto men to fast, but unto thy Fa-

ther which is in secret: and thy Father,
which seeth in secret, shall reward thee
openly. [19] Lay not up for yourselves
treasures upon earth, where moth and
rust doth corrupt, and where thieves
break through and steal: [20] But lay
up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust doth cor-
rupt, and where thieves do not break
through nor steal: [21] For where your
treasure is, there will your heart be
also. [22] The light of the body is the
eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy
whole body shall be full of light. [23] But
if thine eye be evil, thy whole body
shall be full of darkness. If therefore

the light that is in thee be darkness,
how great *is* that darkness! [24] No man
can serve two masters: for either he
will hate the one, and love the other; or
else he will hold to the one, and despise
the other. Ye cannot serve God and
mammon. [25] Therefore I say unto you,
Take no thought for your life, what ye
shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor
yet for your body, what ye shall put
on. Is not the life more than meat,
and the body than raiment? [26] Be-
hold the fowls of the air: for they sow
not, neither do they reap, nor gather
into barns; yet your heavenly Father
feedeth them. Are ye not much better

than they? [27] Which of you by taking
thought can add one cubit unto his
stature? [28] And why take ye thought
for raiment? Consider the lilies of the
field, how they grow; they toil not,
neither do they spin: [29] And yet I say
unto you, That even Solomon in all
his glory was not arrayed like one of
these. [30] Wherefore, if God so clothe
the grass of the field, which to day is,
and to morrow is cast into the oven,
shall he not much more *clothe* you, O
ye of little faith? [31] Therefore take no
thought, saying, What shall we eat?
or, What shall we drink? or, Where-
withal shall we be clothed? [32] (For after

all these things do the Gentiles seek:)
for your heavenly Father knoweth that
ye have need of all these things. 33 But
seek ye first the kingdom of God, and
his righteousness; and all these things
shall be added unto you. 34 Take there-
fore no thought for the morrow: for
the morrow shall take thought for the
things of itself. Sufficient unto the day
is the evil thereof.

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged.
2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye
shall be judged: and with what mea-
sure ye mete, it shall be measured to
you again. 3 And why beholdest thou

the mote that is in thy brother's eye,
but considerest not the beam that is
in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou
say to thy brother, Let me pull out the
mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a
beam *is* in thine own eye? 5 Thou hyp-
ocrite, first cast out the beam out of
thine own eye; and then shalt thou see
clearly to cast out the mote out of thy
brother's eye. 6 Give not that which
is holy unto the dogs, neither cast
ye your pearls before swine, lest they
trample them under their feet, and
turn again and rend you. 7 Ask, and
it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall
find; knock, and it shall be opened

unto you: 8 For every one that asketh
receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;
and to him that knocketh it shall be
opened. 9 Or what man is there of you,
whom if his son ask bread, will he give
him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will
he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, be-
ing evil, know how to give good gifts
unto your children, how much more
shall your Father which is in heaven
give good things to them that ask him?
12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye
would that men should do to you, do
ye even so to them: for this is the law
and the prophets. 13 Enter ye in at the
strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and

broad *is* the way, that leadeth to de-
struction, and many there be which go
in thereat:* 14 Because strait *is* the gate,
and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth
unto life, and few there be that find
it.* 15 Beware of false prophets, which
come to you in sheep's clothing, but
inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye
shall know them by their fruits. Do
men gather grapes of thorns, or figs
of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree
bringeth forth good fruit; but a cor-
rupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A
good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,

7.13. strait: or, narrow.
14. Because: or, How.

neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth
good fruit. [19] Every tree that bringeth
not forth good fruit is hewn down,
and cast into the fire. [20] Wherefore by
their fruits ye shall know them. [21] Not
every one that saith unto me, Lord,
Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of
heaven; but he that doeth the will of
my Father which is in heaven. [22] Many
will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,
have we not prophesied in thy name?
and in thy name have cast out devils?
and in thy name done many wonderful
works? [23] And then will I profess unto
them, I never knew you: depart from
me, ye that work iniquity. [24] There-

fore whosoever heareth these sayings
of mine, and doeth them, I will liken
him unto a wise man, which built his
house upon a rock: [25] And the rain de-
scended, and the floods came, and the
winds blew, and beat upon that house;
and it fell not: for it was founded upon
a rock. [26] And every one that heareth
these sayings of mine, and doeth them
not, shall be likened unto a foolish
man, which built his house upon the
sand: [27] And the rain descended, and
the floods came, and the winds blew,
and beat upon that house; and it fell:
and great was the fall of it. [28] And it
came to pass, when Jesus had ended

these sayings, the people were aston-
ished at his doctrine: [29] For he taught
them as *one* having authority, and not
as the scribes.
8 When he was come down from
the mountain, great multitudes fol-
lowed him. [2] And, behold, there came
a leper and worshipped him, saying,
Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make
me clean. [3] And Jesus put forth *his*
hand, and touched him, saying, I will;
be thou clean. And immediately his
leprosy was cleansed. [4] And Jesus saith
unto him, See thou tell no man; but
go thy way, shew thyself to the priest,
and offer the gift that Moses com-

manded, for a testimony unto them.
5 And when Jesus was entered into Ca-
pernaum, there came unto him a cen-
turion, beseeching him, 6 And saying,
Lord, my servant lieth at home sick
of the palsy, grievously tormented.
7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come
and heal him. 8 The centurion an-
swered and said, Lord, I am not wor-
thy that thou shouldest come under
my roof: but speak the word only, and
my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am
a man under authority, having soldiers
under me: and I say to this *man*, Go,
and he goeth; and to another, Come,
and he cometh; and to my servant,

Do this, and he doeth *it*. [10] When Je-
sus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to
them that followed, Verily I say unto
you, I have not found so great faith,
no, not in Israel. [11] And I say unto
you, That many shall come from the
east and west, and shall sit down with
Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the
kingdom of heaven. [12] But the children
of the kingdom shall be cast out into
outer darkness: there shall be weep-
ing and gnashing of teeth. [13] And Jesus
said unto the centurion, Go thy way;
and as thou hast believed, *so* be it done
unto thee. And his servant was healed
in the selfsame hour. [14] And when Jesus

was come into Peter's house, he saw his
wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.
15 And he touched her hand, and the
fever left her: and she arose, and minis-
tered unto them. 16 When the even was
come, they brought unto him many
that were possessed with devils: and
he cast out the spirits with *his* word,
and healed all that were sick: 17 That
it might be fulfilled which was spoken
by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself
took our infirmities, and bare *our* sick-
nesses. 18 Now when Jesus saw great
multitudes about him, he gave com-
mandment to depart unto the other
side. 19 And a certain scribe came, and

said unto him, Master, I will follow
thee whithersoever thou goest. [20] And
Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have
holes, and the birds of the air *have*
nests; but the Son of man hath not
where to lay *his* head. [21] And another
of his disciples said unto him, Lord,
suffer me first to go and bury my fa-
ther. [22] But Jesus said unto him, Fol-
low me; and let the dead bury their
dead. [23] And when he was entered
into a ship, his disciples followed him.
[24] And, behold, there arose a great tem-
pest in the sea, insomuch that the ship
was covered with the waves: but he
was asleep. [25] And his disciples came

to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord,
save us: we perish. [26] And he saith
unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye
of little faith? Then he arose, and re-
buked the winds and the sea; and there
was a great calm. [27] But the men mar-
velled, saying, What manner of man is
this, that even the winds and the sea
obey him! [28] And when he was come
to the other side into the country of
the Gergesenes, there met him two
possessed with devils, coming out of
the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no
man might pass by that way. [29] And,
behold, they cried out, saying, What
have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou

Son of God? art thou come hither
to torment us before the time? 30 And
there was a good way off from them an
herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the
devils besought him, saying, If thou
cast us out, suffer us to go away into
the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto
them, Go. And when they were come
out, they went into the herd of swine:
and, behold, the whole herd of swine
ran violently down a steep place into
the sea, and perished in the waters.
33 And they that kept them fled, and
went their ways into the city, and told
every thing, and what was befallen to
the possessed of the devils. 34 And, be-

hold, the whole city came out to meet
Jesus: and when they saw him, they be-
sought *him* that he would depart out
of their coasts.

9 And he entered into a ship, and
passed over, and came into his own
city. 2 And, behold, they brought
to him a man sick of the palsy, ly-
ing on a bed: and Jesus seeing their
faith said unto the sick of the palsy;
Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be
forgiven thee. 3 And, behold, certain
of the scribes said within themselves,
This *man* blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus
knowing their thoughts said, Where-

fore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For
whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be
forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and
walk? 6 But that ye may know that the
Son of man hath power on earth to
forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick
of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed,
and go unto thine house. 7 And he
arose, and departed to his house. 8 But
when the multitudes saw *it*, they mar-
velled, and glorified God, which had
given such power unto men. 9 And
as Jesus passed forth from thence, he
saw a man, named Matthew, sitting
at the receipt of custom: and he saith
unto him, Follow me. And he arose,

and followed him. [10] And it came to
pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house,
behold, many publicans and sinners
came and sat down with him and his
disciples. [11] And when the Pharisees
saw *it*, they said unto his disciples,
Why eateth your Master with publi-
cans and sinners? [12] But when Jesus
heard *that*, he said unto them, They
that be whole need not a physician,
but they that are sick. [13] But go ye
and learn what *that* meaneth, I will
have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I
am not come to call the righteous, but
sinners to repentance. [14] Then came
to him the disciples of John, saying,

Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft,
but thy disciples fast not? 15 And Je-
sus said unto them, Can the children
of the bridechamber mourn, as long
as the bridegroom is with them? but
the days will come, when the bride-
groom shall be taken from them, and
then shall they fast. 16 No man putteth
a piece of new cloth unto an old gar-
ment, for that which is put in to fill it
up taketh from the garment, and the
rent is made worse.* 17 Neither do men
put new wine into old bottles: else the
bottles break, and the wine runneth
out, and the bottles perish: but they

9.16. new: or, raw, or, unwrought.

put new wine into new bottles, and
both are preserved.* 18 While he spake
these things unto them, behold, there
came a certain ruler, and worshipped
him, saying, My daughter is even now
dead: but come and lay thy hand upon
her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus
arose, and followed him, and *so did*
his disciples. 20 And, behold, a wo-
man, which was diseased with an is-
sue of blood twelve years, came behind
him, and touched the hem of his gar-
ment: 21 For she said within herself, If I
may but touch his garment, I shall be
whole. 22 But Jesus turned him about,

17. bottles: or, sacks of skin, or, leather.

and when he saw her, he said, Daugh-
ter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath
made thee whole. And the woman was
made whole from that hour. 23 And
when Jesus came into the ruler's house,
and saw the minstrels and the people
making a noise, 24 He said unto them,
Give place: for the maid is not dead,
but sleepeth. And they laughed him
to scorn. 25 But when the people were
put forth, he went in, and took her by
the hand, and the maid arose. 26 And
the fame hereof went abroad into all
that land.* 27 And when Jesus departed
thence, two blind men followed him,

26. the fame...: or, this fame.

crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David,
have mercy on us. [28] And when he was
come into the house, the blind men
came to him: and Jesus saith unto
them, Believe ye that I am able to do
this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.
[29] Then touched he their eyes, saying,
According to your faith be it unto you.
[30] And their eyes were opened; and Je-
sus straitly charged them, saying, See
that no man know *it*. [31] But they, when
they were departed, spread abroad his
fame in all that country. [32] As they
went out, behold, they brought to him
a dumb man possessed with a devil.
[33] And when the devil was cast out, the

dumb spake: and the multitudes mar-
velled, saying, It was never so seen in
Israel. 34 But the Pharisees said, He
casteth out devils through the prince
of the devils. 35 And Jesus went about
all the cities and villages, teaching in
their synagogues, and preaching the
gospel of the kingdom, and healing ev-
ery sickness and every disease among
the people. 36 But when he saw the
multitudes, he was moved with com-
passion on them, because they fainted,
and were scattered abroad, as sheep
having no shepherd.* 37 Then saith he
unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is*

36. fainted...: or, were tired and lay down.

plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;
38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers
into his harvest.

10 And when he had called unto
him his twelve disciples, he gave them
power *against* unclean spirits, to cast
them out, and to heal all manner of
sickness and all manner of disease.*
2 Now the names of the twelve apos-
tles are these; The first, Simon, who is
called Peter, and Andrew his brother;
James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his
brother; 3 Philip, and Bartholomew;

10.1. against: or, over.

Thomas, and Matthew the publican;
James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Leb-
baeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Is-
cariot, who also betrayed him. 5 These
twelve Jesus sent forth, and com-
manded them, saying, Go not into the
way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city
of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But
go rather to the lost sheep of the house
of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, say-
ing, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise
the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have
received, freely give. 9 Provide nei-
ther gold, nor silver, nor brass in your

purses,* [10] Nor scrip for *your* journey,
neither two coats, neither shoes, nor
yet staves: for the workman is wor-
thy of his meat.* [11] And into whatso-
ever city or town ye shall enter, en-
quire who in it is worthy; and there
abide till ye go thence. [12] And when ye
come into an house, salute it. [13] And
if the house be worthy, let your peace
come upon it: but if it be not worthy,
let your peace return to you. [14] And
whosoever shall not receive you, nor
hear your words, when ye depart out
of that house or city, shake off the dust

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9. Provide: or, Get.

10. staves: Gr. a staff.

of your feet. [15] Verily I say unto you,
It shall be more tolerable for the land
of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day
of judgment, than for that city. [16] Be-
hold, I send you forth as sheep in the
midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise
as serpents, and harmless as doves.*
[17] But beware of men: for they will de-
liver you up to the councils, and they
will scourge you in their synagogues;
[18] And ye shall be brought before gov-
ernors and kings for my sake, for a
testimony against them and the Gen-
tiles. [19] But when they deliver you up,
take no thought how or what ye shall

16. harmless: or, simple.

speak: for it shall be given you in that
same hour what ye shall speak. [20] For
it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit
of your Father which speaketh in you.
[21] And the brother shall deliver up the
brother to death, and the father the
child: and the children shall rise up
against *their* parents, and cause them
to be put to death. [22] And ye shall be
hated of all *men* for my name's sake:
but he that endureth to the end shall
be saved. [23] But when they persecute
you in this city, flee ye into another:
for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not
have gone over the cities of Israel, till

the Son of man be come.* 24 The disci-
ple is not above *his* master, nor the ser-
vant above his lord. 25 It is enough for
the disciple that he be as his master,
and the servant as his lord. If they have
called the master of the house Beelze-
bub, how much more *shall they call*
them of his household?* 26 Fear them
not therefore: for there is nothing cov-
ered, that shall not be revealed; and
hid, that shall not be known. 27 What
I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in
light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that*
preach ye upon the housetops. 28 And

23. have...: or, end, or, finish.
25. Beelzebub: Gr. Beelzebul.

fear not them which kill the body, but
are not able to kill the soul: but rather
fear him which is able to destroy both
soul and body in hell. [29] Are not two
sparrows sold for a farthing? and one
of them shall not fall on the ground
without your Father.* [30] But the very
hairs of your head are all numbered.
[31] Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more
value than many sparrows. [32] Whoso-
ever therefore shall confess me before
men, him will I confess also before
my Father which is in heaven. [33] But

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29. farthing: it is in value halfpenny farthing in the original, as being the tenth part of the Roman penny.

whosoever shall deny me before men,
him will I also deny before my Father
which is in heaven. [34] Think not that
I am come to send peace on earth: I
came not to send peace, but a sword.
[35] For I am come to set a man at vari-
ance against his father, and the daugh-
ter against her mother, and the daugh-
ter in law against her mother in law.
[36] And a man's foes *shall be* they of his
own household. [37] He that loveth fa-
ther or mother more than me is not
worthy of me: and he that loveth son
or daughter more than me is not wor-
thy of me. [38] And he that taketh not
his cross, and followeth after me, is

not worthy of me. [39] He that findeth
his life shall lose it: and he that los-
eth his life for my sake shall find it.
[40] He that receiveth you receiveth me,
and he that receiveth me receiveth him
that sent me. [41] He that receiveth a
prophet in the name of a prophet shall
receive a prophet's reward; and he that
receiveth a righteous man in the name
of a righteous man shall receive a righ-
teous man's reward. [42] And whosoever
shall give to drink unto one of these
little ones a cup of cold *water* only in
the name of a disciple, verily I say unto
you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

11 And it came to pass, when Je-
sus had made an end of command-
ing his twelve disciples, he departed
thence to teach and to preach in their
cities. 2 Now when John had heard in
the prison the works of Christ, he sent
two of his disciples, 3 And said unto
him, Art thou he that should come,
or do we look for another? 4 Jesus an-
swered and said unto them, Go and
shew John again those things which
ye do hear and see: 5 The blind receive
their sight, and the lame walk, the lep-
ers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the
dead are raised up, and the poor have

the gospel preached to them. 6 And
blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be
offended in me. 7 And as they de-
parted, Jesus began to say unto the
multitudes concerning John, What
went ye out into the wilderness to see?
A reed shaken with the wind? 8 But
what went ye out for to see? A man
clothed in soft raiment? behold, they
that wear soft *clothing* are in kings'
houses. 9 But what went ye out for
to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto
you, and more than a prophet. 10 For
this is *he*, of whom it is written, Be-
hold, I send my messenger before thy
face, which shall prepare thy way be-

fore thee. [11] Verily I say unto you,
Among them that are born of wo-
men there hath not risen a greater than
John the Baptist: notwithstanding he
that is least in the kingdom of heaven
is greater than he. [12] And from the days
of John the Baptist until now the king-
dom of heaven suffereth violence, and
the violent take it by force.* [13] For all
the prophets and the law prophesied
until John. [14] And if ye will receive *it*,
this is Elias, which was for to come.
[15] He that hath ears to hear, let him
hear. [16] But whereunto shall I liken

11.12. suffereth...: or, is gotten by force, and they that thrust men.

this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling
unto their fellows, 17 And saying, We
have piped unto you, and ye have not
danced; we have mourned unto you,
and ye have not lamented. 18 For John
came neither eating nor drinking, and
they say, He hath a devil. 19 The Son
of man came eating and drinking, and
they say, Behold a man gluttonous,
and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children. 20 Then began he
to upbraid the cities wherein most of
his mighty works were done, because
they repented not: 21 Woe unto thee,

Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida!
for if the mighty works, which were
done in you, had been done in Tyre
and Sidon, they would have repented
long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But
I say unto you, It shall be more toler-
able for Tyre and Sidon at the day of
judgment, than for you. 23 And thou,
Capernaum, which art exalted unto
heaven, shalt be brought down to hell:
for if the mighty works, which have
been done in thee, had been done in
Sodom, it would have remained until
this day. 24 But I say unto you, That it
shall be more tolerable for the land of
Sodom in the day of judgment, than

for thee. [25] At that time Jesus answered
and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord
of heaven and earth, because thou hast
hid these things from the wise and
prudent, and hast revealed them unto
babes. [26] Even so, Father: for so it
seemed good in thy sight. [27] All things
are delivered unto me of my Father:
and no man knoweth the Son, but the
Father; neither knoweth any man the
Father, save the Son, and *he* to whom-
soever the Son will reveal *him*. [28] Come
unto me, all *ye* that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
[29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn of
me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:

and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden
is light.

12 At that time Jesus went on the
sabbath day through the corn; and
his disciples were an hungred, and be-
gan to pluck the ears of corn, and to
eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw *it*,
they said unto him, Behold, thy dis-
ciples do that which is not lawful to
do upon the sabbath day. 3 But he
said unto them, Have ye not read what
David did, when he was an hungred,
and they that were with him; 4 How
he entered into the house of God, and

did eat the shewbread, which was not
lawful for him to eat, neither for them
which were with him, but only for
the priests? 5 Or have ye not read in
the law, how that on the sabbath days
the priests in the temple profane the
sabbath, and are blameless? 6 But I
say unto you, That in this place is *one*
greater than the temple. 7 But if ye had
known what *this* meaneth, I will have
mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not
have condemned the guiltless. 8 For
the Son of man is Lord even of the
sabbath day. 9 And when he was de-
parted thence, he went into their syna-
gogue: 10 And, behold, there was a man

which had *his* hand withered. And
they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to
heal on the sabbath days? that they
might accuse him. 11 And he said unto
them, What man shall there be among
you, that shall have one sheep, and if
it fall into a pit on the sabbath day,
will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it*
out? 12 How much then is a man bet-
ter than a sheep? Wherefore it is law-
ful to do well on the sabbath days.
13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch
forth thine hand. And he stretched
it forth; and it was restored whole,
like as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees
went out, and held a council against

him, how they might destroy him.*
15 But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew
himself from thence: and great mul-
titudes followed him, and he healed
them all; 16 And charged them that
they should not make him known:
17 That it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
18 Behold my servant, whom I have
chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul
is well pleased: I will put my spirit
upon him, and he shall shew judgment
to the Gentiles. 19 He shall not strive,
nor cry; neither shall any man hear his
voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed

12.14. held...: or, took counsel.

shall he not break, and smoking flax
shall he not quench, till he send forth
judgment unto victory. [21] And in his
name shall the Gentiles trust. [22] Then
was brought unto him one possessed
with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he
healed him, insomuch that the blind
and dumb both spake and saw. [23] And
all the people were amazed, and said,
Is not this the son of David? [24] But
when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said,
This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but
by Beelzebub the prince of the dev-
ils.* [25] And Jesus knew their thoughts,
and said unto them, Every kingdom

24. Beelzebub: Gr. Beelzebul.

divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:
26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then
his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by
Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom
do your children cast *them* out? there-
fore they shall be your judges. 28 But
if I cast out devils by the Spirit of
God, then the kingdom of God is
come unto you. 29 Or else how can
one enter into a strong man's house,
and spoil his goods, except he first
bind the strong man? and then he will
spoil his house. 30 He that is not with

me is against me; and he that gath-
ereth not with me scattereth abroad.
31 Wherefore I say unto you, All man-
ner of sin and blasphemy shall be for-
given unto men: but the blasphemy
against the *Holy* Ghost shall not be
forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever
speaketh a word against the Son of
man, it shall be forgiven him: but
whosoever speaketh against the Holy
Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him,
neither in this world, neither in the
world to come. 33 Either make the tree
good, and his fruit good; or else make
the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt:
for the tree is known by *his* fruit. 34 O

generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of
the abundance of the heart the mouth
speaketh. 35 A good man out of the
good treasure of the heart bringeth
forth good things: and an evil man out
of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil
things. 36 But I say unto you, That every
idle word that men shall speak, they
shall give account thereof in the day
of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou
shalt be justified, and by thy words
thou shalt be condemned. 38 Then cer-
tain of the scribes and of the Pharisees
answered, saying, Master, we would
see a sign from thee. 39 But he an-

swered and said unto them, An evil
and adulterous generation seeketh af-
ter a sign; and there shall no sign be
given to it, but the sign of the prophet
Jonas: 40 For as Jonas was three days
and three nights in the whale's belly;
so shall the Son of man be three days
and three nights in the heart of the
earth. 41 The men of Nineveh shall
rise in judgment with this generation,
and shall condemn it: because they
repented at the preaching of Jonas;
and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is*
here. 42 The queen of the south shall
rise up in the judgment with this gen-
eration, and shall condemn it: for she

came from the uttermost parts of the
earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;
and, behold, a greater than Solomon
is here. 43 When the unclean spirit is
gone out of a man, he walketh through
dry places, seeking rest, and findeth
none. 44 Then he saith, I will return
into my house from whence I came
out; and when he is come, he find-
eth *it* empty, swept, and garnished.
45 Then goeth he, and taketh with him-
self seven other spirits more wicked
than himself, and they enter in and
dwell there: and the last *state* of that
man is worse than the first. Even
so shall it be also unto this wicked

generation. [46] While he yet talked to
the people, behold, *his* mother and
his brethren stood without, desiring
to speak with him. [47] Then one said
unto him, Behold, thy mother and
thy brethren stand without, desiring
to speak with thee. [48] But he answered
and said unto him that told him, Who
is my mother? and who are my breth-
ren? [49] And he stretched forth his hand
toward his disciples, and said, Behold
my mother and my brethren! [50] For
whosoever shall do the will of my Fa-
ther which is in heaven, the same is my
brother, and sister, and mother.

13 The same day went Jesus out
of the house, and sat by the sea side.
2 And great multitudes were gathered
together unto him, so that he went
into a ship, and sat; and the whole
multitude stood on the shore. 3 And
he spake many things unto them in
parables, saying, Behold, a sower went
forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed,
some *seeds* fell by the way side, and
the fowls came and devoured them up:
5 Some fell upon stony places, where
they had not much earth: and forth-
with they sprung up, because they had
no deepness of earth: 6 And when the

sun was up, they were scorched; and
because they had no root, they with-
ered away. 7 And some fell among
thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and
choked them: 8 But other fell into
good ground, and brought forth fruit,
some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold,
some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to
hear, let him hear. 10 And the disciples
came, and said unto him, Why speak-
est thou unto them in parables? 11 He
answered and said unto them, Because
it is given unto you to know the mys-
teries of the kingdom of heaven, but
to them it is not given. 12 For whoso-
ever hath, to him shall be given, and

he shall have more abundance: but
whosoever hath not, from him shall be
taken away even that he hath. [13] There-
fore speak I to them in parables: be-
cause they seeing see not; and hear-
ing they hear not, neither do they un-
derstand. [14] And in them is fulfilled
the prophecy of Esaias, which saith,
By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not
understand; and seeing ye shall see,
and shall not perceive: [15] For this peo-
ple's heart is waxed gross, and *their*
ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes
they have closed; lest at any time they
should see with *their* eyes, and hear
with *their* ears, and should understand

with *their* heart, and should be con-
verted, and I should heal them. [16] But
blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and
your ears, for they hear. [17] For verily I
say unto you, That many prophets and
righteous *men* have desired to see *those*
things which ye see, and have not seen
them; and to hear *those things* which ye
hear, and have not heard *them*. [18] Hear
ye therefore the parable of the sower.
[19] When any one heareth the word of
the kingdom, and understandeth *it*
not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and
catcheth away that which was sown in
his heart. This is he which received
seed by the way side. [20] But he that re-

ceived the seed into stony places, the
same is he that heareth the word, and
anon with joy receiveth it; [21] Yet hath
he not root in himself, but dureth for
a while: for when tribulation or per-
secution ariseth because of the word,
by and by he is offended.* [22] He also
that received seed among the thorns
is he that heareth the word; and the
care of this world, and the deceitful-
ness of riches, choke the word, and
he becometh unfruitful. [23] But he that
received seed into the good ground
is he that heareth the word, and un-
derstandeth *it*; which also beareth

13.21. offended: he relapseth, or, falleth into sin.

fruit, and bringeth forth, some an
hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
24 Another parable put he forth unto
them, saying, The kingdom of heaven
is likened unto a man which sowed
good seed in his field: 25 But while men
slept, his enemy came and sowed tares
among the wheat, and went his way.
26 But when the blade was sprung up,
and brought forth fruit, then appeared
the tares also. 27 So the servants of
the householder came and said unto
him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed
in thy field? from whence then hath
it tares? 28 He said unto them, An
enemy hath done this. The servants

said unto him, Wilt thou then that
we go and gather them up? [29] But he
said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the
tares, ye root up also the wheat with
them. [30] Let both grow together until
the harvest: and in the time of harvest
I will say to the reapers, Gather ye to-
gether first the tares, and bind them
in bundles to burn them: but gather
the wheat into my barn. [31] Another
parable put he forth unto them, say-
ing, The kingdom of heaven is like to
a grain of mustard seed, which a man
took, and sowed in his field: [32] Which
indeed is the least of all seeds: but
when it is grown, it is the greatest

among herbs, and becometh a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and
lodge in the branches thereof. 33 An-
other parable spake he unto them; The
kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven,
which a woman took, and hid in three
measures of meal, till the whole was
leavened.* 34 All these things spake Je-
sus unto the multitude in parables;
and without a parable spake he not
unto them: 35 That it might be fulfilled
which was spoken by the prophet, say-
ing, I will open my mouth in parables;

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33. measures: the word in the Greek is a measure containing about a peck and a half, wanting a little more than a pint.

I will utter things which have been
kept secret from the foundation of the
world. 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude
away, and went into the house: and his
disciples came unto him, saying, De-
clare unto us the parable of the tares
of the field. 37 He answered and said
unto them, He that soweth the good
seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is
the world; the good seed are the chil-
dren of the kingdom; but the tares are
the children of the wicked *one*; 39 The
enemy that sowed them is the devil;
the harvest is the end of the world; and
the reapers are the angels. 40 As there-
fore the tares are gathered and burned

in the fire; so shall it be in the end of
this world. 41 The Son of man shall
send forth his angels, and they shall
gather out of his kingdom all things
that offend, and them which do in-
iquity;* 42 And shall cast them into a
furnace of fire: there shall be wailing
and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the
righteous shine forth as the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Who hath
ears to hear, let him hear. 44 Again, the
kingdom of heaven is like unto trea-
sure hid in a field; the which when a
man hath found, he hideth, and for joy
thereof goeth and selleth all that he

41. things...: or, scandals.

hath, and buyeth that field. 45 Again,
the kingdom of heaven is like unto a
merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
46 Who, when he had found one pearl
of great price, went and sold all that
he had, and bought it. 47 Again, the
kingdom of heaven is like unto a net,
that was cast into the sea, and gath-
ered of every kind: 48 Which, when it
was full, they drew to shore, and sat
down, and gathered the good into ves-
sels, but cast the bad away. 49 So shall
it be at the end of the world: the an-
gels shall come forth, and sever the
wicked from among the just, 50 And
shall cast them into the furnace of fire:

there shall be wailing and gnashing of
teeth. [51] Jesus saith unto them, Have
ye understood all these things? They
say unto him, Yea, Lord. [52] Then said
he unto them, Therefore every scribe
which is instructed unto the kingdom
of heaven is like unto a man *that is*
an householder, which bringeth forth
out of his treasure *things* new and old.
[53] And it came to pass, *that* when Je-
sus had finished these parables, he de-
parted thence. [54] And when he was
come into his own country, he taught
them in their synagogue, insomuch
that they were astonished, and said,
Whence hath this *man* this wisdom,

and *these* mighty works? [55] Is not
this the carpenter's son? is not his
mother called Mary? and his breth-
ren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and
Judas? [56] And his sisters, are they not
all with us? Whence then hath this
man all these things? [57] And they were
offended in him. But Jesus said unto
them, A prophet is not without hon-
our, save in his own country, and in his
own house. [58] And he did not many
mighty works there because of their
unbelief.

14 At that time Herod the tetrarch

heard of the fame of Jesus,* 2 And said
unto his servants, This is John the Bap-
tist; he is risen from the dead; and
therefore mighty works do shew forth
themselves in him.* 3 For Herod had
laid hold on John, and bound him,
and put *him* in prison for Herodias'
sake, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For
John said unto him, It is not lawful
for thee to have her. 5 And when
he would have put him to death, he
feared the multitude, because they
counted him as a prophet. 6 But when
Herod's birthday was kept, the daugh-

14.1. tetrarch: or, governor over four provinces.
2. do...: or, are wrought by him.

ter of Herodias danced before them,
and pleased Herod.* 7 Whereupon he
promised with an oath to give her
whatsoever she would ask. 8 And she,
being before instructed of her mother,
said, Give me here John Baptist's head
in a charger. 9 And the king was sorry:
nevertheless for the oath's sake, and
them which sat with him at meat, he
commanded *it* to be given *her*. 10 And
he sent, and beheaded John in the
prison. 11 And his head was brought in
a charger, and given to the damsel: and
she brought *it* to her mother. 12 And
his disciples came, and took up the

6. before...: Gr. in the midst.

body, and buried it, and went and told
Jesus. 13 When Jesus heard *of it*, he
departed thence by ship into a desert
place apart: and when the people had
heard *thereof*, they followed him on
foot out of the cities. 14 And Jesus went
forth, and saw a great multitude, and
was moved with compassion toward
them, and he healed their sick. 15 And
when it was evening, his disciples came
to him, saying, This is a desert place,
and the time is now past; send the
multitude away, that they may go into
the villages, and buy themselves vict-
uals. 16 But Jesus said unto them, They
need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have
here but five loaves, and two fishes.
18 He said, Bring them hither to me.
19 And he commanded the multitude
to sit down on the grass, and took
the five loaves, and the two fishes, and
looking up to heaven, he blessed, and
brake, and gave the loaves to *his* dis-
ciples, and the disciples to the multi-
tude. 20 And they did all eat, and were
filled: and they took up of the frag-
ments that remained twelve baskets
full. 21 And they that had eaten were
about five thousand men, beside wo-
men and children. 22 And straightway
Jesus constrained his disciples to get

into a ship, and to go before him unto
the other side, while he sent the mul-
titudes away. 23 And when he had sent
the multitudes away, he went up into
a mountain apart to pray: and when
the evening was come, he was there
alone. 24 But the ship was now in the
midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for
the wind was contrary. 25 And in the
fourth watch of the night Jesus went
unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And
when the disciples saw him walking
on the sea, they were troubled, say-
ing, It is a spirit; and they cried out
for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake
unto them, saying, Be of good cheer;

it is I; be not afraid. [28] And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. [29] And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.* [31] And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? [32] And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. [33] Then they

30. boisterous: or, strong.

that were in the ship came and wor-
shipped him, saying, Of a truth thou
art the Son of God. 34 And when they
were gone over, they came into the
land of Gennesaret. 35 And when the
men of that place had knowledge of
him, they sent out into all that country
round about, and brought unto him
all that were diseased; 36 And besought
him that they might only touch the
hem of his garment: and as many as
touched were made perfectly whole.

15 Then came to Jesus scribes
and Pharisees, which were of Jerusa-
lem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples

transgress the tradition of the elders?
for they wash not their hands when
they eat bread. 3 But he answered
and said unto them, Why do ye also
transgress the commandment of God
by your tradition? 4 For God com-
manded, saying, Honour thy father
and mother: and, He that curseth fa-
ther or mother, let him die the death.
5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to
his father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by
whatsoever thou mightest be profited
by me; 6 And honour not his father or
his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have
ye made the commandment of God
of none effect by your tradition. 7 *Ye*

hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy
of you, saying, 8 This people draweth
nigh unto me with their mouth, and
honoureth me with *their* lips; but
their heart is far from me. 9 But in
vain they do worship me, teaching
for doctrines the commandments of
men. 10 And he called the multitude,
and said unto them, Hear, and under-
stand: 11 Not that which goeth into
the mouth defileth a man; but that
which cometh out of the mouth, this
defileth a man. 12 Then came his disci-
ples, and said unto him, Knowest thou
that the Pharisees were offended, af-
ter they heard this saying? 13 But he

answered and said, Every plant, which
my heavenly Father hath not planted,
shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone:
they be blind leaders of the blind. And
if the blind lead the blind, both shall
fall into the ditch. 15 Then answered
Peter and said unto him, Declare unto
us this parable. 16 And Jesus said, Are ye
also yet without understanding? 17 Do
not ye yet understand, that whatso-
ever entereth in at the mouth goeth
into the belly, and is cast out into the
draught? 18 But those things which
proceed out of the mouth come forth
from the heart; and they defile the
man. 19 For out of the heart proceed

evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, for-
nications, thefts, false witness, blas-
phemies: [20] These are *the things* which
defile a man: but to eat with unwashen
hands defileth not a man. [21] Then Je-
sus went thence, and departed into the
coasts of Tyre and Sidon. [22] And, be-
hold, a woman of Canaan came out of
the same coasts, and cried unto him,
saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord,
thou Son of David; my daughter is
grievously vexed with a devil. [23] But
he answered her not a word. And his
disciples came and besought him, say-
ing, Send her away; for she crieth af-
ter us. [24] But he answered and said, I

am not sent but unto the lost sheep
of the house of Israel. [25] Then came
she and worshipped him, saying, Lord,
help me. [26] But he answered and said,
It is not meet to take the children's
bread, and to cast *it* to dogs. [27] And
she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat
of the crumbs which fall from their
masters' table. [28] Then Jesus answered
and said unto her, O woman, great
is thy faith: be it unto thee even as
thou wilt. And her daughter was made
whole from that very hour. [29] And Je-
sus departed from thence, and came
nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went
up into a mountain, and sat down

there. [30] And great multitudes came
unto him, having with them *those that*
were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and
many others, and cast them down at
Jesus' feet; and he healed them: [31] In-
somuch that the multitude wondered,
when they saw the dumb to speak, the
maimed to be whole, the lame to walk,
and the blind to see: and they glorified
the God of Israel. [32] Then Jesus called
his disciples *unto him*, and said, I have
compassion on the multitude, because
they continue with me now three days,
and have nothing to eat: and I will not
send them away fasting, lest they faint
in the way. [33] And his disciples say unto

him, Whence should we have so much
bread in the wilderness, as to fill so
great a multitude? 34 And Jesus saith
unto them, How many loaves have ye?
And they said, Seven, and a few lit-
tle fishes. 35 And he commanded the
multitude to sit down on the ground.
36 And he took the seven loaves and
the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake
them, and gave to his disciples, and
the disciples to the multitude. 37 And
they did all eat, and were filled: and
they took up of the broken *meat* that
was left seven baskets full. 38 And they
that did eat were four thousand men,
beside women and children. 39 And

he sent away the multitude, and took
ship, and came into the coasts of Mag-
dala.
16 The Pharisees also with the Sad-
ducees came, and tempting desired
him that he would shew them a sign
from heaven. 2 He answered and said
unto them, When it is evening, ye say,
It will be fair weather: for the sky is
red. 3 And in the morning, *It will be*
foul weather to day: for the sky is red
and lowring. O *ye* hypocrites, ye can
discern the face of the sky; but can
ye not *discern* the signs of the times?
4 A wicked and adulterous generation
seeketh after a sign; and there shall no

sign be given unto it, but the sign of
the prophet Jonas. And he left them,
and departed. 5 And when his disci-
ples were come to the other side, they
had forgotten to take bread. 6 Then
Jesus said unto them, Take heed and
beware of the leaven of the Pharisees
and of the Sadducees. 7 And they
reasoned among themselves, saying, *It
is* because we have taken no bread.
8 *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said
unto them, O ye of little faith, why
reason ye among yourselves, because
ye have brought no bread? 9 Do ye
not yet understand, neither remem-
ber the five loaves of the five thou-

sand, and how many baskets ye took
up? [10] Neither the seven loaves of the
four thousand, and how many baskets
ye took up? [11] How is it that ye do
not understand that I spake *it* not to
you concerning bread, that ye should
beware of the leaven of the Pharisees
and of the Sadducees? [12] Then under-
stood they how that he bade *them* not
beware of the leaven of bread, but of
the doctrine of the Pharisees and of
the Sadducees. [13] When Jesus came
into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi,
he asked his disciples, saying, Whom
do men say that I the Son of man am?
[14] And they said, Some *say that thou*

art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and
others, Jeremias, or one of the proph-
ets. [15] He saith unto them, But whom
say ye that I am? [16] And Simon Pe-
ter answered and said, Thou art the
Christ, the Son of the living God.
[17] And Jesus answered and said unto
him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona:
for flesh and blood hath not revealed
it unto thee, but my Father which is
in heaven. [18] And I say also unto thee,
That thou art Peter, and upon this
rock I will build my church; and the
gates of hell shall not prevail against
it.* [19] And I will give unto thee the

16.18. Peter: this name signifies a rock.

keys of the kingdom of heaven: and
whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven: and what-
soever thou shalt loose on earth shall
be loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged
he his disciples that they should tell
no man that he was Jesus the Christ.
21 From that time forth began Jesus to
shew unto his disciples, how that he
must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer
many things of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed, and
be raised again the third day. 22 Then
Peter took him, and began to rebuke
him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord:

this shall not be unto thee.* [23] But he
turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee
behind me, Satan: thou art an offence
unto me: for thou savourest not the
things that be of God, but those that
be of men. [24] Then said Jesus unto his
disciples, If any *man* will come after
me, let him deny himself, and take up
his cross, and follow me. [25] For whoso-
ever will save his life shall lose it: and
whosoever will lose his life for my sake
shall find it. [26] For what is a man prof-
ited, if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul? or what shall
a man give in exchange for his soul?

22. Be...: Gr. Pity thyself.

27 For the Son of man shall come in
the glory of his Father with his an-
gels; and then he shall reward every
man according to his works. 28 Verily I
say unto you, There be some standing
here, which shall not taste of death, till
they see the Son of man coming in his
kingdom.

17 And after six days Jesus taketh
Peter, James, and John his brother, and
bringeth them up into an high moun-
tain apart, 2 And was transfigured be-
fore them: and his face did shine as the
sun, and his raiment was white as the
light. 3 And, behold, there appeared

unto them Moses and Elias talking
with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and
said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us
to be here: if thou wilt, let us make
here three tabernacles; one for thee,
and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright
cloud overshadowed them: and be-
hold a voice out of the cloud, which
said, This is my beloved Son, in whom
I am well pleased; hear ye him. 6 And
when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on
their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And
Jesus came and touched them, and
said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And
when they had lifted up their eyes, they

saw no man, save Jesus only. 9 And as
they came down from the mountain,
Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vi-
sion to no man, until the Son of man
be risen again from the dead. 10 And
his disciples asked him, saying, Why
then say the scribes that Elias must
first come? 11 And Jesus answered and
said unto them, Elias truly shall first
come, and restore all things. 12 But I say
unto you, That Elias is come already,
and they knew him not, but have done
unto him whatsoever they listed. Like-
wise shall also the Son of man suffer
of them. 13 Then the disciples under-
stood that he spake unto them of John

the Baptist. [14] And when they were
come to the multitude, there came to
him a *certain* man, kneeling down to
him, and saying, [15] Lord, have mercy
on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore
vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the
fire, and oft into the water. [16] And
I brought him to thy disciples, and
they could not cure him. [17] Then Je-
sus answered and said, O faithless and
perverse generation, how long shall I
be with you? how long shall I suffer
you? bring him hither to me. [18] And
Jesus rebuked the devil; and he de-
parted out of him: and the child was
cured from that very hour. [19] Then

came the disciples to Jesus apart, and
said, Why could not we cast him out?
20 And Jesus said unto them, Because
of your unbelief: for verily I say unto
you, If ye have faith as a grain of mus-
tard seed, ye shall say unto this moun-
tain, Remove hence to yonder place;
and it shall remove; and nothing shall
be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit
this kind goeth not out but by prayer
and fasting. 22 And while they abode
in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The
Son of man shall be betrayed into the
hands of men: 23 And they shall kill
him, and the third day he shall be
raised again. And they were exceeding

sorry. [24] And when they were come to
Capernaum, they that received tribute
money came to Peter, and said, Doth
not your master pay tribute?* [25] He
saith, Yes. And when he was come
into the house, Jesus prevented him,
saying, What thinkest thou, Simon?
of whom do the kings of the earth
take custom or tribute? of their own
children, or of strangers? [26] Peter saith
unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith
unto him, Then are the children free.
[27] Notwithstanding, lest we should of-

17.24. tribute: called in the original, didrachma, being in value fifteen pence sterling; about thirty seven cents.

fend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.*

18 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as

27. a piece...: or, a stater: it is half an ounce of silver, in value two shillings and six pence, sterling; about fifty five cents.

little children, ye shall not enter into
the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoso-
ever therefore shall humble himself as
this little child, the same is greatest in
the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoso
shall receive one such little child in my
name receiveth me. 6 But whoso shall
offend one of these little ones which
believe in me, it were better for him
that a millstone were hanged about his
neck, and *that* he were drowned in the
depth of the sea. 7 Woe unto the world
because of offences! for it must needs
be that offences come; but woe to that
man by whom the offence cometh!
8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot of-

fend thee, cut them off, and cast *them*
from thee: it is better for thee to enter
into life halt or maimed, rather than
having two hands or two feet to be cast
into everlasting fire. 9 And if thine eye
offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it*
from thee: it is better for thee to enter
into life with one eye, rather than hav-
ing two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
10 Take heed that ye despise not one of
these little ones; for I say unto you,
That in heaven their angels do always
behold the face of my Father which
is in heaven. 11 For the Son of man
is come to save that which was lost.
12 How think ye? if a man have an hun-

dred sheep, and one of them be gone
astray, doth he not leave the ninety
and nine, and goeth into the moun-
tains, and seeketh that which is gone
astray? 13 And if so be that he find it,
verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more
of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and
nine which went not astray. 14 Even so
it is not the will of your Father which
is in heaven, that one of these little
ones should perish. 15 Moreover if thy
brother shall trespass against thee, go
and tell him his fault between thee and
him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou
hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he
will not hear *thee, then* take with thee

one or two more, that in the mouth
of two or three witnesses every word
may be established. 17 And if he shall
neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the
church: but if he neglect to hear the
church, let him be unto thee as an hea-
then man and a publican. 18 Verily I
say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind
on earth shall be bound in heaven:
and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I
say unto you, That if two of you shall
agree on earth as touching any thing
that they shall ask, it shall be done for
them of my Father which is in heaven.
20 For where two or three are gathered

together in my name, there am I in
the midst of them. [21] Then came Pe-
ter to him, and said, Lord, how oft
shall my brother sin against me, and
I forgive him? till seven times? [22] Je-
sus saith unto him, I say not unto thee,
Until seven times: but, Until seventy
times seven. [23] Therefore is the king-
dom of heaven likened unto a certain
king, which would take account of
his servants. [24] And when he had be-
gun to reckon, one was brought unto
him, which owed him ten thousand
talents.* [25] But forasmuch as he had not

18.24. talents: a talent is ounces of silver, at a hundred and eleven cents the ounce.

to pay, his lord commanded him to be
sold, and his wife, and children, and all
that he had, and payment to be made.
26 The servant therefore fell down, and
worshipped him, saying, Lord, have
patience with me, and I will pay thee
all.* 27 Then the lord of that servant was
moved with compassion, and loosed
him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But
the same servant went out, and found
one of his fellowservants, which owed
him an hundred pence: and he laid
hands on him, and took *him* by the
throat, saying, Pay me that thou ow-

26. worshipped him: or, besought him.

est.* [29] And his fellowservant fell down
at his feet, and besought him, saying,
Have patience with me, and I will pay
thee all. [30] And he would not: but went
and cast him into prison, till he should
pay the debt. [31] So when his fellowser-
vants saw what was done, they were
very sorry, and came and told unto
their lord all that was done. [32] Then
his lord, after that he had called him,
said unto him, O thou wicked ser-
vant, I forgave thee all that debt, be-
cause thou desiredst me: [33] Shouldest

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28. pence: the Roman penny is the eighth part of an ounce, which after five shillings the ounce is seven pence halfpenny; about fourteen cents.

not thou also have had compassion on
thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on
thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and
delivered him to the tormentors, till
he should pay all that was due unto
him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly
Father do also unto you, if ye from
your hearts forgive not every one his
brother their trespasses.

19 And it came to pass, *that* when
Jesus had finished these sayings, he de-
parted from Galilee, and came into
the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;
2 And great multitudes followed him;
and he healed them there. 3 The Phar-

isees also came unto him, tempting
him, and saying unto him, Is it law-
ful for a man to put away his wife for
every cause? 4 And he answered and
said unto them, Have ye not read, that
he which made *them* at the beginning
made them male and female, 5 And
said, For this cause shall a man leave fa-
ther and mother, and shall cleave to his
wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
6 Wherefore they are no more twain,
but one flesh. What therefore God
hath joined together, let not man put
asunder. 7 They say unto him, Why
did Moses then command to give a
writing of divorcement, and to put her

away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses
because of the hardness of your hearts
suffered you to put away your wives:
but from the beginning it was not so.
9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall
put away his wife, except *it be* for forni-
cation, and shall marry another, com-
mitteth adultery: and whoso marrieth
her which is put away doth commit
adultery. 10 His disciples say unto him,
If the case of the man be so with *his*
wife, it is not good to marry. 11 But
he said unto them, All *men* cannot re-
ceive this saying, save *they* to whom
it is given. 12 For there are some eu-
nuchs, which were so born from *their*

mother's womb: and there are some
eunuchs, which were made eunuchs
of men: and there be eunuchs, which
have made themselves eunuchs for the
kingdom of heaven's sake. He that
is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.
13 Then were there brought unto him
little children, that he should put *his*
hands on them, and pray: and the dis-
ciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said,
Suffer little children, and forbid them
not, to come unto me: for of such
is the kingdom of heaven. 15 And he
laid *his* hands on them, and departed
thence. 16 And, behold, one came and
said unto him, Good Master, what

good thing shall I do, that I may have
eternal life? [17] And he said unto him,
Why callest thou me good? *there is*
none good but one, *that is*, God: but
if thou wilt enter into life, keep the
commandments. [18] He saith unto him,
Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no
murder, Thou shalt not commit adul-
tery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt
not bear false witness, [19] Honour thy
father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt
love thy neighbour as thyself. [20] The
young man saith unto him, All these
things have I kept from my youth up:
what lack I yet? [21] Jesus said unto him,
If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that

thou hast, and give to the poor, and
thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and
come *and* follow me. 22 But when the
young man heard that saying, he went
away sorrowful: for he had great pos-
sessions. 23 Then said Jesus unto his
disciples, Verily I say unto you, That
a rich man shall hardly enter into the
kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say
unto you, It is easier for a camel to go
through the eye of a needle, than for
a rich man to enter into the kingdom
of God. 25 When his disciples heard
it, they were exceedingly amazed, say-
ing, Who then can be saved? 26 But Je-
sus beheld *them*, and said unto them,

With men this is impossible; but with
God all things are possible. 27 Then an-
swered Peter and said unto him, Be-
hold, we have forsaken all, and fol-
lowed thee; what shall we have there-
fore? 28 And Jesus said unto them,
Verily I say unto you, That ye which
have followed me, in the regenera-
tion when the Son of man shall sit in
the throne of his glory, ye also shall
sit upon twelve thrones, judging the
twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one
that hath forsaken houses, or breth-
ren, or sisters, or father, or mother,
or wife, or children, or lands, for my
name's sake, shall receive an hundred-

fold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
30 But many *that are* first shall be last;
and the last *shall be* first.

20 For the kingdom of heaven is
like unto a man *that is* an householder,
which went out early in the morn-
ing to hire labourers into his vineyard.
2 And when he had agreed with the
labourers for a penny a day, he sent
them into his vineyard.* 3 And he went
out about the third hour, and saw oth-
ers standing idle in the marketplace,
4 And said unto them; Go ye also into

20.2. penny: the Roman penny is the eighth part of an ounce, which after five shillings the ounce is seven pence halfpenny; about fourteen cents.

the vineyard, and whatsoever is right
I will give you. And they went their
way. 5 Again he went out about the
sixth and ninth hour, and did like-
wise. 6 And about the eleventh hour
he went out, and found others stand-
ing idle, and saith unto them, Why
stand ye here all the day idle? 7 They
say unto him, Because no man hath
hired us. He saith unto them, Go
ye also into the vineyard; and what-
soever is right, *that* shall ye receive.
8 So when even was come, the lord
of the vineyard saith unto his steward,
Call the labourers, and give them *their*
hire, beginning from the last unto the

first. 9 And when they came that *were*
hired about the eleventh hour, they
received every man a penny. 10 But
when the first came, they supposed
that they should have received more;
and they likewise received every man
a penny. 11 And when they had re-
ceived *it*, they murmured against the
goodman of the house, 12 Saying, These
last have wrought *but* one hour, and
thou hast made them equal unto us,
which have borne the burden and heat
of the day.* 13 But he answered one of
them, and said, Friend, I do thee no

12. have wrought...: or, have continued one hour only.

wrong: didst not thou agree with me
for a penny? 14 Take *that* thine *is*, and
go thy way: I will give unto this last,
even as unto thee. 15 Is it not lawful for
me to do what I will with mine own?
Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
16 So the last shall be first, and the first
last: for many be called, but few cho-
sen. 17 And Jesus going up to Jerusa-
lem took the twelve disciples apart in
the way, and said unto them, 18 Behold,
we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of
man shall be betrayed unto the chief
priests and unto the scribes, and they
shall condemn him to death, 19 And
shall deliver him to the Gentiles to

mock, and to scourge, and to crucify
him: and the third day he shall rise
again. [20] Then came to him the mother
of Zebedee's children with her sons,
worshipping *him*, and desiring a cer-
tain thing of him. [21] And he said unto
her, What wilt thou? She saith unto
him, Grant that these my two sons
may sit, the one on thy right hand,
and the other on the left, in thy king-
dom. [22] But Jesus answered and said,
Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able
to drink of the cup that I shall drink
of, and to be baptized with the bap-
tism that I am baptized with? They say
unto him, We are able. [23] And he saith

unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of
my cup, and be baptized with the bap-
tism that I am baptized with: but to
sit on my right hand, and on my left, is
not mine to give, but *it shall be given to*
them for whom it is prepared of my Fa-
ther. 24 And when the ten heard *it*, they
were moved with indignation against
the two brethren. 25 But Jesus called
them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that
the princes of the Gentiles exercise do-
minion over them, and they that are
great exercise authority upon them.
26 But it shall not be so among you: but
whosoever will be great among you, let
him be your minister; 27 And whoso-

ever will be chief among you, let him
be your servant: [28] Even as the Son of
man came not to be ministered unto,
but to minister, and to give his life
a ransom for many. [29] And as they
departed from Jericho, a great mul-
titude followed him. [30] And, behold,
two blind men sitting by the way side,
when they heard that Jesus passed by,
cried out, saying, Have mercy on us,
O Lord, *thou* Son of David. [31] And
the multitude rebuked them, because
they should hold their peace: but they
cried the more, saying, Have mercy on
us, O Lord, *thou* Son of David. [32] And
Jesus stood still, and called them, and

said, What will ye that I shall do unto
you? 33 They say unto him, Lord, that
our eyes may be opened. 34 So Jesus
had compassion *on them*, and touched
their eyes: and immediately their eyes
received sight, and they followed him.

21 And when they drew nigh unto
Jerusalem, and were come to Beth-
phage, unto the mount of Olives,
then sent Jesus two disciples, 2 Saying
unto them, Go into the village over
against you, and straightway ye shall
find an ass tied, and a colt with her:
loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.
3 And if any *man* say ought unto you,

ye shall say, The Lord hath need of
them; and straightway he will send
them. 4 All this was done, that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken
by the prophet, saying, 5 Tell ye the
daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King
cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting
upon an ass, and a colt the foal of
an ass. 6 And the disciples went, and
did as Jesus commanded them, 7 And
brought the ass, and the colt, and put
on them their clothes, and they set *him*
thereon. 8 And a very great multitude
spread their garments in the way; oth-
ers cut down branches from the trees,
and strawed *them* in the way. 9 And

the multitudes that went before, and
that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna
to the Son of David: Blessed *is* he
that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest. [10] And when
he was come into Jerusalem, all the
city was moved, saying, Who is this?
[11] And the multitude said, This is Je-
sus the prophet of Nazareth of Gali-
lee. [12] And Jesus went into the tem-
ple of God, and cast out all them that
sold and bought in the temple, and
overthrew the tables of the money-
changers, and the seats of them that
sold doves, [13] And said unto them, It is
written, My house shall be called the

house of prayer; but ye have made it
a den of thieves. 14 And the blind and
the lame came to him in the temple;
and he healed them. 15 And when the
chief priests and scribes saw the won-
derful things that he did, and the chil-
dren crying in the temple, and say-
ing, Hosanna to the Son of David;
they were sore displeased, 16 And said
unto him, Hearest thou what these
say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea;
have ye never read, Out of the mouth
of babes and sucklings thou hast per-
fected praise? 17 And he left them, and
went out of the city into Bethany; and
he lodged there. 18 Now in the morn-

ing as he returned into the city, he
hungered. [19] And when he saw a fig tree
in the way, he came to it, and found
nothing thereon, but leaves only, and
said unto it, Let no fruit grow on
thee henceforward for ever. And pres-
ently the fig tree withered away.* [20] And
when the disciples saw *it*, they mar-
velled, saying, How soon is the fig tree
withered away! [21] Jesus answered and
said unto them, Verily I say unto you,
If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall
not only do this *which is done* to the
fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto
this mountain, Be thou removed, and

21.19. a fig tree: Gr. one fig tree.

be thou cast into the sea; it shall be
done. 22 And all things, whatsoever ye
shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall
receive. 23 And when he was come into
the temple, the chief priests and the
elders of the people came unto him as
he was teaching, and said, By what au-
thority doest thou these things? and
who gave thee this authority? 24 And
Jesus answered and said unto them, I
also will ask you one thing, which if
ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you
by what authority I do these things.
25 The baptism of John, whence was it?
from heaven, or of men? And they
reasoned with themselves, saying, If

we shall say, From heaven; he will say
unto us, Why did ye not then believe
him? [26] But if we shall say, Of men;
we fear the people; for all hold John
as a prophet. [27] And they answered Je-
sus, and said, We cannot tell. And
he said unto them, Neither tell I you
by what authority I do these things.
[28] But what think ye? A *certain* man
had two sons; and he came to the first,
and said, Son, go work to day in my
vineyard. [29] He answered and said, I
will not: but afterward he repented,
and went. [30] And he came to the sec-
ond, and said likewise. And he an-
swered and said, I *go*, sir: and went

not. [31] Whether of them twain did the
will of *his* father? They say unto him,
The first. Jesus saith unto them, Ver-
ily I say unto you, That the publicans
and the harlots go into the kingdom of
God before you. [32] For John came unto
you in the way of righteousness, and
ye believed him not: but the publi-
cans and the harlots believed him: and
ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not
afterward, that ye might believe him.
[33] Hear another parable: There was a
certain householder, which planted a
vineyard, and hedged it round about,
and digged a winepress in it, and built
a tower, and let it out to husbandmen,

and went into a far country: 34 And
when the time of the fruit drew near,
he sent his servants to the husband-
men, that they might receive the fruits
of it. 35 And the husbandmen took his
servants, and beat one, and killed an-
other, and stoned another. 36 Again,
he sent other servants more than the
first: and they did unto them like-
wise. 37 But last of all he sent unto them
his son, saying, They will reverence
my son. 38 But when the husbandmen
saw the son, they said among them-
selves, This is the heir; come, let us
kill him, and let us seize on his inher-
itance. 39 And they caught him, and

cast *him* out of the vineyard, and slew
him. [40] When the lord therefore of the
vineyard cometh, what will he do unto
those husbandmen? [41] They say unto
him, He will miserably destroy those
wicked men, and will let out *his* vine-
yard unto other husbandmen, which
shall render him the fruits in their sea-
sons. [42] Jesus saith unto them, Did
ye never read in the scriptures, The
stone which the builders rejected, the
same is become the head of the cor-
ner: this is the Lord's doing, and it
is marvellous in our eyes? [43] Therefore
say I unto you, The kingdom of God
shall be taken from you, and given

to a nation bringing forth the fruits
thereof. 44 And whosoever shall fall
on this stone shall be broken: but on
whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind
him to powder. 45 And when the chief
priests and Pharisees had heard his
parables, they perceived that he spake
of them. 46 But when they sought to
lay hands on him, they feared the mul-
titude, because they took him for a
prophet.

22 And Jesus answered and spake
unto them again by parables, and said,
2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto
a certain king, which made a marriage

for his son, 3 And sent forth his ser-
vants to call them that were bidden
to the wedding: and they would not
come. 4 Again, he sent forth other
servants, saying, Tell them which are
bidden, Behold, I have prepared my
dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are*
killed, and all things *are* ready: come
unto the marriage. 5 But they made
light of *it*, and went their ways, one
to his farm, another to his merchan-
dise: 6 And the remnant took his ser-
vants, and entreated *them* spitefully,
and slew *them*. 7 But when the king
heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he
sent forth his armies, and destroyed

those murderers, and burned up their
city. 8 Then saith he to his servants,
The wedding is ready, but they which
were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go
ye therefore into the highways, and as
many as ye shall find, bid to the mar-
riage. 10 So those servants went out
into the highways, and gathered to-
gether all as many as they found, both
bad and good: and the wedding was
furnished with guests. 11 And when
the king came in to see the guests, he
saw there a man which had not on
a wedding garment: 12 And he saith
unto him, Friend, how camest thou in
hither not having a wedding garment?

And he was speechless. 13 Then said the
king to the servants, Bind him hand
and foot, and take him away, and cast
him into outer darkness; there shall be
weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For
many are called, but few *are* chosen.
15 Then went the Pharisees, and took
counsel how they might entangle him
in *his* talk. 16 And they sent out unto
him their disciples with the Hero-
dians, saying, Master, we know that
thou art true, and teachest the way
of God in truth, neither carest thou
for any *man*: for thou regardest not
the person of men. 17 Tell us there-
fore, What thinkest thou? Is it law-

ful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?
18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness,
and said, Why tempt ye me, *ye* hyp-
ocrites? 19 Shew me the tribute money.
And they brought unto him a penny.*
20 And he saith unto them, Whose *is*
this image and superscription?* 21 They
say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith
he unto them, Render therefore unto
Caesar the things which are Caesar's;
and unto God the things that are
God's. 22 When they had heard *these*
words, they marvelled, and left him,
and went their way. 23 The same day

22.19. penny: in value seven pence halfpenny.
20. superscription: or, inscription.

came to him the Sadducees, which
say that there is no resurrection, and
asked him, 24 Saying, Master, Moses
said, If a man die, having no children,
his brother shall marry his wife, and
raise up seed unto his brother. 25 Now
there were with us seven brethren: and
the first, when he had married a wife,
deceased, and, having no issue, left his
wife unto his brother: 26 Likewise the
second also, and the third, unto the
seventh.* 27 And last of all the woman
died also. 28 Therefore in the resurrec-
tion whose wife shall she be of the
seven? for they all had her. 29 Jesus

26. seventh: Gr. seven.

answered and said unto them, Ye do
err, not knowing the scriptures, nor
the power of God. 30 For in the res-
urrection they neither marry, nor are
given in marriage, but are as the angels
of God in heaven. 31 But as touching
the resurrection of the dead, have ye
not read that which was spoken unto
you by God, saying, 32 I am the God of
Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob? God is not the God
of the dead, but of the living. 33 And
when the multitude heard *this*, they
were astonished at his doctrine. 34 But
when the Pharisees had heard that he
had put the Sadducees to silence, they

were gathered together. [35] Then one of
them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him*
a question, tempting him, and saying,
[36] Master, which *is* the great command-
ment in the law? [37] Jesus said unto him,
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with
all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind. [38] This is the
first and great commandment. [39] And
the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt
love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On
these two commandments hang all
the law and the prophets. [41] While the
Pharisees were gathered together, Je-
sus asked them, [42] Saying, What think
ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say

unto him, *The Son* of David. 43 He saith
unto them, How then doth David
in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The
LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on
my right hand, till I make thine ene-
mies thy footstool? 45 If David then call
him Lord, how is he his son? 46 And no
man was able to answer him a word,
neither durst any *man* from that day
forth ask him any more *questions*.

23 Then spake Jesus to the mul-
titude, and to his disciples, 2 Saying,
The scribes and the Pharisees sit in
Moses' seat: 3 All therefore whatso-
ever they bid you observe, *that* ob-

serve and do; but do not ye after their
works: for they say, and do not. 4 For
they bind heavy burdens and grievous
to be borne, and lay *them* on men's
shoulders; but they *themselves* will not
move them with one of their fingers.
5 But all their works they do for to be
seen of men: they make broad their
phylacteries, and enlarge the borders
of their garments,* 6 And love the up-
permost rooms at feasts, and the chief
seats in the synagogues, 7 And greet-
ings in the markets, and to be called
of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8 But be not

23.5. phylacteries: pieces of parchment containing sentences of the law.

ye called Rabbi: for one is your Mas-
ter, *even* Christ; and all ye are breth-
ren. 9 And call no *man* your father
upon the earth: for one is your Fa-
ther, which is in heaven. 10 Neither
be ye called masters: for one is your
Master, *even* Christ. 11 But he that
is greatest among you shall be your
servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt
himself shall be abased; and he that
shall humble himself shall be exalted.
13 But woe unto you, scribes and Phar-
isees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the
kingdom of heaven against men: for
ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suf-
fer ye them that are entering to go

in. [14] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. [15] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. [16] Woe unto you, *ye* blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! [17] *Ye* fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifi-

eth the gold? [18] And, Whosoever shall
swear by the altar, it is nothing; but
whosoever sweareth by the gift that is
upon it, he is guilty.* [19] *Ye* fools and
blind: for whether *is* greater, the gift,
or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?
[20] Whoso therefore shall swear by the
altar, sweareth by it, and by all things
thereon. [21] And whoso shall swear by
the temple, sweareth by it, and by him
that dwelleth therein. [22] And he that
shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the
throne of God, and by him that sit-
teth thereon. [23] Woe unto you, scribes
and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay

18. guilty: or, debtor, or, bound.

tithe of mint and anise and cummin,
and have omitted the weightier *mat-*
ters of the law, judgment, mercy, and
faith: these ought ye to have done,
and not to leave the other undone.*
24 *Ye* blind guides, which strain at a
gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 Woe
unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hyp-
ocrites! for ye make clean the out-
side of the cup and of the platter, but
within they are full of extortion and
excess. 26 *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse
first that *which is* within the cup and
platter, that the outside of them may
be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes

23. anise: Gr. dill.

and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are
like unto whited sepulchres, which in-
deed appear beautiful outward, but are
within full of dead *men's* bones, and
of all uncleanness. [28] Even so ye also
outwardly appear righteous unto men,
but within ye are full of hypocrisy and
iniquity. [29] Woe unto you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build
the tombs of the prophets, and garnish
the sepulchres of the righteous, [30] And
say, If we had been in the days of our
fathers, we would not have been par-
takers with them in the blood of the
prophets. [31] Wherefore ye be witnesses
unto yourselves, that ye are the chil-

dren of them which killed the proph-
ets. [32] Fill ye up then the measure of
your fathers. [33] *Ye* serpents, *ye* genera-
tion of vipers, how can ye escape the
damnation of hell? [34] Wherefore, be-
hold, I send unto you prophets, and
wise men, and scribes: and *some* of
them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some*
of them shall ye scourge in your syna-
gogues, and persecute *them* from city
to city: [35] That upon you may come
all the righteous blood shed upon the
earth, from the blood of righteous
Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son
of Barachias, whom ye slew between
the temple and the altar. [36] Verily I say

unto you, All these things shall come
upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the proph-
ets, and stonest them which are sent
unto thee, how often would I have
gathered thy children together, even
as a hen gathereth her chickens under
her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold,
your house is left unto you desolate.
39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see
me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed
is he that cometh in the name of the
Lord.

24 And Jesus went out, and de-
parted from the temple: and his disci-
ples came to *him* for to shew him the

buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus
said unto them, See ye not all these
things? verily I say unto you, There
shall not be left here one stone upon
another, that shall not be thrown
down. 3 And as he sat upon the mount
of Olives, the disciples came unto him
privately, saying, Tell us, when shall
these things be? and what *shall be*
the sign of thy coming, and of the
end of the world? 4 And Jesus an-
swered and said unto them, Take heed
that no man deceive you. 5 For many
shall come in my name, saying, I am
Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And
ye shall hear of wars and rumours of

wars: see that ye be not troubled:
for all *these things* must come to pass,
but the end is not yet. 7 For nation
shall rise against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom: and there shall be
famines, and pestilences, and earth-
quakes, in divers places. 8 All these
are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then
shall they deliver you up to be afflicted,
and shall kill you: and ye shall be
hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10 And then shall many be offended,
and shall betray one another, and shall
hate one another. 11 And many false
prophets shall rise, and shall deceive
many. 12 And because iniquity shall

abound, the love of many shall wax
cold. [13] But he that shall endure unto
the end, the same shall be saved. [14] And
this gospel of the kingdom shall be
preached in all the world for a witness
unto all nations; and then shall the end
come. [15] When ye therefore shall see
the abomination of desolation, spo-
ken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in
the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him
understand:) [16] Then let them which
be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
[17] Let him which is on the housetop
not come down to take any thing out
of his house: [18] Neither let him which
is in the field return back to take his

clothes. [19] And woe unto them that are
with child, and to them that give suck
in those days! [20] But pray ye that your
flight be not in the winter, neither on
the sabbath day: [21] For then shall be
great tribulation, such as was not since
the beginning of the world to this
time, no, nor ever shall be. [22] And ex-
cept those days should be shortened,
there should no flesh be saved: but
for the elect's sake those days shall be
shortened. [23] Then if any man shall say
unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there;
believe *it* not. [24] For there shall arise
false Christs, and false prophets, and
shall shew great signs and wonders; in-

somuch that, if *it were* possible, they
shall deceive the very elect. [25] Behold,
I have told you before. [26] Wherefore
if they shall say unto you, Behold, he
is in the desert; go not forth: behold,
he is in the secret chambers; believe
it not. [27] For as the lightning cometh
out of the east, and shineth even unto
the west; so shall also the coming of
the Son of man be. [28] For wheresoever
the carcase is, there will the eagles be
gathered together. [29] Immediately af-
ter the tribulation of those days shall
the sun be darkened, and the moon
shall not give her light, and the stars
shall fall from heaven, and the powers

of the heavens shall be shaken: [30] And
then shall appear the sign of the Son
of man in heaven: and then shall all
the tribes of the earth mourn, and they
shall see the Son of man coming in
the clouds of heaven with power and
great glory. [31] And he shall send his
angels with a great sound of a trum-
pet, and they shall gather together his
elect from the four winds, from one
end of heaven to the other.* [32] Now
learn a parable of the fig tree; When his
branch is yet tender, and putteth forth
leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:
[33] So likewise ye, when ye shall see all

24.31. with...: or, with a trumpet, and a great voice.

these things, know that it is near, *even*
at the doors.* [34] Verily I say unto you,
This generation shall not pass, till all
these things be fulfilled. [35] Heaven and
earth shall pass away, but my words
shall not pass away. [36] But of that day
and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not
the angels of heaven, but my Father
only. [37] But as the days of Noe *were*,
so shall also the coming of the Son of
man be. [38] For as in the days that were
before the flood they were eating and
drinking, marrying and giving in mar-
riage, until the day that Noe entered
into the ark, [39] And knew not until the

33. it: or, he.

flood came, and took them all away;
so shall also the coming of the Son of
man be. 40 Then shall two be in the
field; the one shall be taken, and the
other left. 41 Two *women shall be* grind-
ing at the mill; the one shall be taken,
and the other left. 42 Watch therefore:
for ye know not what hour your Lord
doth come. 43 But know this, that if the
goodman of the house had known in
what watch the thief would come, he
would have watched, and would not
have suffered his house to be broken
up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for
in such an hour as ye think not the
Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is

a faithful and wise servant, whom his
lord hath made ruler over his house-
hold, to give them meat in due sea-
son? [46] Blessed *is* that servant, whom
his lord when he cometh shall find so
doing. [47] Verily I say unto you, That he
shall make him ruler over all his goods.
[48] But and if that evil servant shall say in
his heart, My lord delayeth his com-
ing; [49] And shall begin to smite *his* fel-
lowservants, and to eat and drink with
the drunken; [50] The lord of that servant
shall come in a day when he looketh
not for *him*, and in an hour that he is
not aware of, [51] And shall cut him asun-
der, and appoint *him* his portion with

the hypocrites: there shall be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.*

25 Then shall the kingdom of
heaven be likened unto ten virgins,
which took their lamps, and went
forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And
five of them were wise, and five *were*
foolish. 3 They that *were* foolish took
their lamps, and took no oil with
them: 4 But the wise took oil in their
vessels with their lamps. 5 While
the bridegroom tarried, they all slum-
bered and slept. 6 And at midnight
there was a cry made, Behold, the

51. cut...: or, cut him off.

bridegroom cometh; go ye out to
meet him. 7 Then all those virgins
arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And
the foolish said unto the wise, Give
us of your oil; for our lamps are gone
out.* 9 But the wise answered, saying,
Not so; lest there be not enough for
us and you: but go ye rather to them
that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And
while they went to buy, the bride-
groom came; and they that were ready
went in with him to the marriage: and
the door was shut. 11 Afterward came
also the other virgins, saying, Lord,
Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered

25.8. gone out: or, going out.

and said, Verily I say unto you, I know
you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye
know neither the day nor the hour
wherein the Son of man cometh. 14 For
the kingdom of heaven is as a man trav-
elling into a far country, *who* called his
own servants, and delivered unto them
his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five
talents, to another two, and to another
one; to every man according to his
several ability; and straightway took
his journey.* 16 Then he that had re-
ceived the five talents went and traded
with the same, and made *them* other
five talents. 17 And likewise he that

15. talents: a talent is pounds ten shillings.

had received two, he also gained other
two. [18] But he that had received one
went and digged in the earth, and hid
his lord's money. [19] After a long time
the lord of those servants cometh, and
reckoneth with them. [20] And so he
that had received five talents came
and brought other five talents, saying,
Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five
talents: behold, I have gained beside
them five talents more. [21] His lord said
unto him, Well done, *thou* good and
faithful servant: thou hast been faith-
ful over a few things, I will make thee
ruler over many things: enter thou
into the joy of thy lord. [22] He also

that had received two talents came
and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto
me two talents: behold, I have gained
two other talents beside them. 23 His
lord said unto him, Well done, good
and faithful servant; thou hast been
faithful over a few things, I will make
thee ruler over many things: enter
thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then
he which had received the one talent
came and said, Lord, I knew thee that
thou art an hard man, reaping where
thou hast not sown, and gathering
where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I
was afraid, and went and hid thy tal-
ent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast

that is thine. [26] His lord answered and
said unto him, *Thou* wicked and sloth-
ful servant, thou knewest that I reap
where I sowed not, and gather where
I have not strawed: [27] Thou oughtest
therefore to have put my money to
the exchangers, and *then* at my com-
ing I should have received mine own
with usury. [28] Take therefore the tal-
ent from him, and give *it* unto him
which hath ten talents. [29] For unto ev-
ery one that hath shall be given, and
he shall have abundance: but from
him that hath not shall be taken away
even that which he hath. [30] And cast
ye the unprofitable servant into outer

darkness: there shall be weeping and
gnashing of teeth. 31 When the Son of
man shall come in his glory, and all the
holy angels with him, then shall he sit
upon the throne of his glory: 32 And
before him shall be gathered all na-
tions: and he shall separate them one
from another, as a shepherd divideth
his sheep from the goats: 33 And he
shall set the sheep on his right hand,
but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall
the King say unto them on his right
hand, Come, ye blessed of my Fa-
ther, inherit the kingdom prepared for
you from the foundation of the world:
35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me

meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me
drink: I was a stranger, and ye took
me in: [36] Naked, and ye clothed me: I
was sick, and ye visited me: I was in
prison, and ye came unto me. [37] Then
shall the righteous answer him, say-
ing, Lord, when saw we thee an hun-
gred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave
thee drink? [38] When saw we thee a
stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked,
and clothed *thee*? [39] Or when saw we
thee sick, or in prison, and came unto
thee? [40] And the King shall answer and
say unto them, Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one
of the least of these my brethren, ye

have done *it* unto me. [41] Then shall he
say also unto them on the left hand,
Depart from me, ye cursed, into ev-
erlasting fire, prepared for the devil
and his angels: [42] For I was an hun-
gred, and ye gave me no meat: I was
thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: [43] I
was a stranger, and ye took me not in:
naked, and ye clothed me not: sick,
and in prison, and ye visited me not.
[44] Then shall they also answer him, say-
ing, Lord, when saw we thee an hun-
gred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked,
or sick, or in prison, and did not min-
ister unto thee? [45] Then shall he an-
swer them, saying, Verily I say unto

you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one
of the least of these, ye did *it* not to
me. [46] And these shall go away into
everlasting punishment: but the righ-
teous into life eternal.

26 And it came to pass, when
Jesus had finished all these sayings,
he said unto his disciples, [2] Ye know
that after two days is *the feast of* the
passover, and the Son of man is be-
trayed to be crucified. [3] Then assem-
bled together the chief priests, and the
scribes, and the elders of the people,
unto the palace of the high priest, who
was called Caiaphas, [4] And consulted
that they might take Jesus by subtilty,

and kill *him*. 5 But they said, Not on
the feast *day*, lest there be an uproar
among the people. 6 Now when Je-
sus was in Bethany, in the house of Si-
mon the leper, 7 There came unto him
a woman having an alabaster box of
very precious ointment, and poured it
on his head, as he sat *at meat*. 8 But
when his disciples saw *it*, they had in-
dignation, saying, To what purpose *is*
this waste? 9 For this ointment might
have been sold for much, and given to
the poor. 10 When Jesus understood
it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye
the woman? for she hath wrought a
good work upon me. 11 For ye have

the poor always with you; but me ye
have not always. 12 For in that she hath
poured this ointment on my body, she
did *it* for my burial. 13 Verily I say unto
you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be
preached in the whole world, *there*
shall also this, that this woman hath
done, be told for a memorial of her.
14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas
Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,
15 And said *unto them*, What will ye
give me, and I will deliver him unto
you? And they covenanted with him
for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from
that time he sought opportunity to
betray him. 17 Now the first *day* of the

feast of unleavened bread the disciples
came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where
wilt thou that we prepare for thee to
eat the passover? 18 And he said, Go
into the city to such a man, and say
unto him, The Master saith, My time
is at hand; I will keep the passover at
thy house with my disciples. 19 And the
disciples did as Jesus had appointed
them; and they made ready the pass-
over. 20 Now when the even was come,
he sat down with the twelve. 21 And as
they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto
you, that one of you shall betray me.
22 And they were exceeding sorrowful,
and began every one of them to say

unto him, Lord, is it I? [23] And he answered and said, He that dippeth *his*
hand with me in the dish, the same
shall betray me. [24] The Son of man
goeth as it is written of him: but woe
unto that man by whom the Son of
man is betrayed! it had been good
for that man if he had not been born.
[25] Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said
unto him, Thou hast said. [26] And as
they were eating, Jesus took bread, and
blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to
the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is
my body.* [27] And he took the cup, and

26.26. blessed it: many Greek copies have gave

gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; [28] For this is my
blood of the new testament, which is
shed for many for the remission of sins.
[29] But I say unto you, I will not drink
henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with
you in my Father's kingdom. [30] And
when they had sung an hymn, they
went out into the mount of Olives.*
[31] Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye
shall be offended because of me this
night: for it is written, I will smite the
shepherd, and the sheep of the flock

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thanks.

30. hymn: or, psalm.

shall be scattered abroad. [32] But after I am risen again, I will go before
you into Galilee. [33] Peter answered and
said unto him, Though all *men* shall
be offended because of thee, *yet* will
I never be offended.* [34] Jesus said unto
him, Verily I say unto thee, That this
night, before the cock crow, thou shalt
deny me thrice. [35] Peter said unto him,
Though I should die with thee, yet will
I not deny thee. Likewise also said
all the disciples. [36] Then cometh Jesus
with them unto a place called Geth-

33. offended: or, though the faith of other men should be shaken and fail, yet mine will be firm and constant.

semane, and saith unto the disciples,
Sit ye here, while I go and pray yon-
der. 37 And he took with him Peter and
the two sons of Zebedee, and began to
be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then
saith he unto them, My soul is exceed-
ing sorrowful, even unto death: tarry
ye here, and watch with me. 39 And
he went a little further, and fell on his
face, and prayed, saying, O my Father,
if it be possible, let this cup pass from
me: nevertheless not as I will, but as
thou *wilt*. 40 And he cometh unto the
disciples, and findeth them asleep, and
saith unto Peter, What, could ye not
watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and

pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but
the flesh *is* weak. 42 He went away
again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not
pass away from me, except I drink it,
thy will be done. 43 And he came and
found them asleep again: for their eyes
were heavy. 44 And he left them, and
went away again, and prayed the third
time, saying the same words. 45 Then
cometh he to his disciples, and saith
unto them, Sleep on now, and take
your rest: behold, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of man is betrayed into
the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us

be going: behold, he is at hand that
doth betray me. 47 And while he yet
spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve,
came, and with him a great multitude
with swords and staves, from the chief
priests and elders of the people. 48 Now
he that betrayed him gave them a sign,
saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that
same is he: hold him fast. 49 And forth-
with he came to Jesus, and said, Hail,
master; and kissed him. 50 And Jesus
said unto him, Friend, wherefore art
thou come? Then came they, and laid
hands on Jesus, and took him. 51 And,
behold, one of them which were with
Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew

his sword, and struck a servant of the
high priest's, and smote off his ear.
52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up
again thy sword into his place: for
all they that take the sword shall per-
ish with the sword. 53 Thinkest thou
that I cannot now pray to my Father,
and he shall presently give me more
than twelve legions of angels? 54 But
how then shall the scriptures be ful-
filled, that thus it must be? 55 In that
same hour said Jesus to the multi-
tudes, Are ye come out as against a
thief with swords and staves for to
take me? I sat daily with you teach-
ing in the temple, and ye laid no hold

on me. [56] But all this was done, that
the scriptures of the prophets might
be fulfilled. Then all the disciples for-
sook him, and fled. [57] And they that
had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away
to Caiaphas the high priest, where the
scribes and the elders were assembled.
[58] But Peter followed him afar off unto
the high priest's palace, and went in,
and sat with the servants, to see the
end. [59] Now the chief priests, and el-
ders, and all the council, sought false
witness against Jesus, to put him to
death; [60] But found none: yea, though
many false witnesses came, *yet* found
they none. At the last came two false

witnesses, [61] And said, This *fellow* said, I
am able to destroy the temple of God,
and to build it in three days. [62] And
the high priest arose, and said unto
him, Answerest thou nothing? what
is it which these witness against thee?
[63] But Jesus held his peace. And the
high priest answered and said unto
him, I adjure thee by the living God,
that thou tell us whether thou be the
Christ, the Son of God. [64] Jesus saith
unto him, Thou hast said: neverthe-
less I say unto you, Hereafter shall
ye see the Son of man sitting on the
right hand of power, and coming in
the clouds of heaven. [65] Then the high

priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath
spoken blasphemy; what further need
have we of witnesses? behold, now
ye have heard his blasphemy. 66 What
think ye? They answered and said, He
is guilty of death. 67 Then did they
spit in his face, and buffeted him; and
others smote *him* with the palms of
their hands,* 68 Saying, Prophesy unto
us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote
thee? 69 Now Peter sat without in
the palace: and a damsel came unto
him, saying, Thou also wast with Je-
sus of Galilee. 70 But he denied before
them all, saying, I know not what thou

67. the palms...: or, rods.

sayest. [71] And when he was gone out
into the porch, another *maid* saw him,
and said unto them that were there,
This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Na-
zareth. [72] And again he denied with an
oath, I do not know the man. [73] And
after a while came unto *him* they that
stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou
also art *one* of them; for thy speech
bewrayeth thee. [74] Then began he to
curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not
the man. And immediately the cock
crew. [75] And Peter remembered the
word of Jesus, which said unto him,
Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny
me thrice. And he went out, and wept

bitterly.

27 When the morning was come,
all the chief priests and elders of the
people took counsel against Jesus to
put him to death: 2 And when they
had bound him, they led *him* away,
and delivered him to Pontius Pilate
the governor. 3 Then Judas, which
had betrayed him, when he saw that
he was condemned, repented himself,
and brought again the thirty pieces
of silver to the chief priests and el-
ders, 4 Saying, I have sinned in that
I have betrayed the innocent blood.
And they said, What *is that* to us? see

thou *to that*. 5 And he cast down the
pieces of silver in the temple, and de-
parted, and went and hanged himself.
6 And the chief priests took the silver
pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to
put them into the treasury, because
it is the price of blood. 7 And they
took counsel, and bought with them
the potter's field, to bury strangers in.
8 Wherefore that field was called, The
field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then
was fulfilled that which was spoken by
Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they
took the thirty pieces of silver, the
price of him that was valued, whom

they of the children of Israel did value;*
10 And gave them for the potter's field,
as the Lord appointed me. 11 And Je-
sus stood before the governor: and the
governor asked him, saying, Art thou
the King of the Jews? And Jesus said
unto him, Thou sayest. 12 And when
he was accused of the chief priests and
elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then
said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not
how many things they witness against
thee? 14 And he answered him to
never a word; insomuch that the gov-
ernor marvelled greatly. 15 Now at *that*

27.9. whom...: or, whom they bought of the children of Israel.

feast the governor was wont to release
unto the people a prisoner, whom they
would. [16] And they had then a notable
prisoner, called Barabbas. [17] Therefore
when they were gathered together, Pi-
late said unto them, Whom will ye
that I release unto you? Barabbas, or
Jesus which is called Christ? [18] For
he knew that for envy they had deliv-
ered him. [19] When he was set down
on the judgment seat, his wife sent
unto him, saying, Have thou noth-
ing to do with that just man: for I
have suffered many things this day in a
dream because of him. [20] But the chief
priests and elders persuaded the mul-

titude that they should ask Barabbas,
and destroy Jesus. [21] The governor an-
swered and said unto them, Whether
of the twain will ye that I release unto
you? They said, Barabbas. [22] Pilate
saith unto them, What shall I do then
with Jesus which is called Christ? *They*
all say unto him, Let him be crucified.
[23] And the governor said, Why, what
evil hath he done? But they cried out
the more, saying, Let him be crucified.
[24] When Pilate saw that he could pre-
vail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult
was made, he took water, and washed
his hands before the multitude, saying,
I am innocent of the blood of this just

person: see ye *to it*. [25] Then answered
all the people, and said, His blood *be*
on us, and on our children. [26] Then
released he Barabbas unto them: and
when he had scourged Jesus, he de-
livered *him* to be crucified. [27] Then
the soldiers of the governor took Jesus
into the common hall, and gathered
unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.*
[28] And they stripped him, and put on
him a scarlet robe. [29] And when they
had platted a crown of thorns, they put
it upon his head, and a reed in his right
hand: and they bowed the knee before
him, and mocked him, saying, Hail,

27. common hall: or, governor's house.

King of the Jews! [30] And they spit upon
him, and took the reed, and smote him
on the head. [31] And after that they had
mocked him, they took the robe off
from him, and put his own raiment on
him, and led him away to crucify *him*.
[32] And as they came out, they found
a man of Cyrene, Simon by name:
him they compelled to bear his cross.
[33] And when they were come unto a
place called Golgotha, that is to say, a
place of a skull, [34] They gave him vine-
gar to drink mingled with gall: and
when he had tasted *thereof*, he would
not drink. [35] And they crucified him,
and parted his garments, casting lots:

that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by the prophet, They parted
my garments among them, and upon
my vesture did they cast lots. [36] And
sitting down they watched him there;
[37] And set up over his head his accu-
sation written, THIS IS JESUS THE
KING OF THE JEWS. [38] Then were
there two thieves crucified with him,
one on the right hand, and another on
the left. [39] And they that passed by re-
viled him, wagging their heads, [40] And
saying, Thou that destroyest the tem-
ple, and buildest *it* in three days, save
thyself. If thou be the Son of God,
come down from the cross. [41] Like-

wise also the chief priests mocking
him, with the scribes and elders, said,
42 He saved others; himself he cannot
save. If he be the King of Israel, let
him now come down from the cross,
and we will believe him. 43 He trusted
in God; let him deliver him now, if
he will have him: for he said, I am
the Son of God. 44 The thieves also,
which were crucified with him, cast
the same in his teeth. 45 Now from the
sixth hour there was darkness over all
the land unto the ninth hour. 46 And
about the ninth hour Jesus cried with
a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama
sabachthani? that is to say, My God,

my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
47 Some of them that stood there, when
they heard *that*, said, This *man* cal-
leth for Elias. 48 And straightway one
of them ran, and took a spunge, and
filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a
reed, and gave him to drink. 49 The rest
said, Let be, let us see whether Elias
will come to save him. 50 Jesus, when
he had cried again with a loud voice,
yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold,
the veil of the temple was rent in twain
from the top to the bottom; and the
earth did quake, and the rocks rent;
52 And the graves were opened; and
many bodies of the saints which slept

arose, 53 And came out of the graves af-
ter his resurrection, and went into the
holy city, and appeared unto many.
54 Now when the centurion, and they
that were with him, watching Jesus,
saw the earthquake, and those things
that were done, they feared greatly,
saying, Truly this was the Son of God.
55 And many women were there be-
holding afar off, which followed Jesus
from Galilee, ministering unto him:
56 Among which was Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of James and
Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's
children. 57 When the even was come,
there came a rich man of Arimathaea,

named Joseph, who also himself was
Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and
begged the body of Jesus. Then Pi-
late commanded the body to be de-
livered. 59 And when Joseph had taken
the body, he wrapped it in a clean
linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own
new tomb, which he had hewn out in
the rock: and he rolled a great stone
to the door of the sepulchre, and de-
parted. 61 And there was Mary Magda-
lene, and the other Mary, sitting over
against the sepulchre. 62 Now the next
day, that followed the day of the prepa-
ration, the chief priests and Pharisees
came together unto Pilate, 63 Saying,

Sir, we remember that that deceiver
said, while he was yet alive, After three
days I will rise again. 64 Command
therefore that the sepulchre be made
sure until the third day, lest his dis-
ciples come by night, and steal him
away, and say unto the people, He is
risen from the dead: so the last error
shall be worse than the first. 65 Pilate
said unto them, Ye have a watch: go
your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.
66 So they went, and made the sepul-
chre sure, sealing the stone, and setting
a watch.

28 In the end of the sabbath, as it
began to dawn toward the first *day* of

the week, came Mary Magdalene and
the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
2 And, behold, there was a great earth-
quake: for the angel of the Lord de-
scended from heaven, and came and
rolled back the stone from the door,
and sat upon it.* 3 His countenance
was like lightning, and his raiment
white as snow: 4 And for fear of him
the keepers did shake, and became as
dead *men*. 5 And the angel answered
and said unto the women, Fear not ye:
for I know that ye seek Jesus, which
was crucified. 6 He is not here: for
he is risen, as he said. Come, see the

28.2. was: or, had been.

place where the Lord lay. 7 And go
quickly, and tell his disciples that he is
risen from the dead; and, behold, he
goeth before you into Galilee; there
shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
8 And they departed quickly from the
sepulchre with fear and great joy; and
did run to bring his disciples word.
9 And as they went to tell his disci-
ples, behold, Jesus met them, saying,
All hail. And they came and held
him by the feet, and worshipped him.
10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not
afraid: go tell my brethren that they
go into Galilee, and there shall they
see me. 11 Now when they were going,

behold, some of the watch came into
the city, and shewed unto the chief
priests all the things that were done.
12 And when they were assembled with
the elders, and had taken counsel, they
gave large money unto the soldiers,
13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by
night, and stole him *away* while we
slept. 14 And if this come to the gov-
ernor's ears, we will persuade him, and
secure you. 15 So they took the money,
and did as they were taught: and this
saying is commonly reported among
the Jews until this day. 16 Then the
eleven disciples went away into Gali-
lee, into a mountain where Jesus had

appointed them. 17 And when they
saw him, they worshipped him: but
some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and
spake unto them, saying, All power is
given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all na-
tions, baptizing them in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost:* 20 Teaching them to ob-
serve all things whatsoever I have com-
manded you: and, lo, I am with you
alway, *even* unto the end of the world.
Amen.

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19. teach...: or, make disciples, or, Christians of all nations.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ST. MARK

The beginning of the gospel of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
2 As it is written in the proph-
ets, Behold, I send my messenger be-
fore thy face, which shall prepare thy
way before thee. 3 The voice of one
crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye
the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight. 4 John did baptize in the
wilderness, and preach the baptism of
repentance for the remission of sins.*
5 And there went out unto him all

1.4. for: or, unto.

the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him
in the river of Jordan, confessing their
sins. 6 And John was clothed with
camel's hair, and with a girdle of a
skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; 7 And preached,
saying, There cometh one mightier
than I after me, the latchet of whose
shoes I am not worthy to stoop down
and unloose. 8 I indeed have baptized
you with water: but he shall baptize
you with the Holy Ghost. 9 And it
came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee,
and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of
the water, he saw the heavens opened,
and the Spirit like a dove descend-
ing upon him:* 11 And there came a
voice from heaven, *saying*, Thou art
my beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased. 12 And immediately the Spirit
driveth him into the wilderness. 13 And
he was there in the wilderness forty
days, tempted of Satan; and was with
the wild beasts; and the angels minis-
tered unto him. 14 Now after that John
was put in prison, Jesus came into Ga-
lilee, preaching the gospel of the king-
dom of God, 15 And saying, The time

10. opened: or, cloven, or, rent.

is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God
is at hand: repent ye, and believe the
gospel. 16 Now as he walked by the
sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and An-
drew his brother casting a net into the
sea: for they were fishers. 17 And Je-
sus said unto them, Come ye after me,
and I will make you to become fish-
ers of men. 18 And straightway they
forsook their nets, and followed him.
19 And when he had gone a little further
thence, he saw James the *son* of Zebe-
dee, and John his brother, who also
were in the ship mending their nets.
20 And straightway he called them: and
they left their father Zebedee in the

ship with the hired servants, and went
after him. [21] And they went into Ca-
pernaum; and straightway on the sab-
bath day he entered into the syna-
gogue, and taught. [22] And they were as-
tonished at his doctrine: for he taught
them as one that had authority, and
not as the scribes. [23] And there was
in their synagogue a man with an un-
clean spirit; and he cried out, [24] Say-
ing, Let *us* alone; what have we to
do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?
art thou come to destroy us? I know
thee who thou art, the Holy One of
God. [25] And Jesus rebuked him, say-
ing, Hold thy peace, and come out of

him. [26] And when the unclean spirit
had torn him, and cried with a loud
voice, he came out of him. [27] And they
were all amazed, insomuch that they
questioned among themselves, saying,
What thing is this? what new doc-
trine *is* this? for with authority com-
mandeth he even the unclean spirits,
and they do obey him. [28] And immedi-
ately his fame spread abroad through-
out all the region round about Gali-
lee. [29] And forthwith, when they were
come out of the synagogue, they en-
tered into the house of Simon and An-
drew, with James and John. [30] But Si-
mon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever,

and anon they tell him of her. [31] And
he came and took her by the hand,
and lifted her up; and immediately
the fever left her, and she ministered
unto them. [32] And at even, when the
sun did set, they brought unto him
all that were diseased, and them that
were possessed with devils. [33] And all
the city was gathered together at the
door. [34] And he healed many that
were sick of divers diseases, and cast
out many devils; and suffered not the
devils to speak, because they knew
him.* [35] And in the morning, rising up
a great while before day, he went out,

34. to speak...: or, to say that they knew him.

and departed into a solitary place, and
there prayed. [36] And Simon and they
that were with him followed after him.
[37] And when they had found him, they
said unto him, All *men* seek for thee.
[38] And he said unto them, Let us go
into the next towns, that I may preach
there also: for therefore came I forth.
[39] And he preached in their synagogues
throughout all Galilee, and cast out
devils. [40] And there came a leper to
him, beseeching him, and kneeling
down to him, and saying unto him, If
thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
[41] And Jesus, moved with compassion,
put forth *his* hand, and touched him,

and saith unto him, I will; be thou
clean. [42] And as soon as he had spo-
ken, immediately the leprosy departed
from him, and he was cleansed. [43] And
he straitly charged him, and forthwith
sent him away; [44] And saith unto him,
See thou say nothing to any man: but
go thy way, shew thyself to the priest,
and offer for thy cleansing those things
which Moses commanded, for a testi-
mony unto them. [45] But he went out,
and began to publish *it* much, and
to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch
that Jesus could no more openly enter
into the city, but was without in desert
places: and they came to him from ev-

ery quarter.

2 And again he entered into Ca-
pernaum after *some* days; and it was
noised that he was in the house. [2] And
straightway many were gathered to-
gether, insomuch that there was no
room to receive *them*, no, not so much
as about the door: and he preached
the word unto them. [3] And they come
unto him, bringing one sick of the
palsy, which was borne of four. [4] And
when they could not come nigh unto
him for the press, they uncovered the
roof where he was: and when they
had broken *it* up, they let down the

bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.
5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said
unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy
sins be forgiven thee. 6 But there were
certain of the scribes sitting there, and
reasoning in their hearts, 7 Why doth
this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who
can forgive sins but God only? 8 And
immediately when Jesus perceived in
his spirit that they so reasoned within
themselves, he said unto them, Why
reason ye these things in your hearts?
9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick
of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee;
or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed,
and walk? 10 But that ye may know

that the Son of man hath power on
earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the
sick of the palsy,) 11 I say unto thee,
Arise, and take up thy bed, and go
thy way into thine house. 12 And im-
mediately he arose, took up the bed,
and went forth before them all; inso-
much that they were all amazed, and
glorified God, saying, We never saw it
on this fashion. 13 And he went forth
again by the sea side; and all the multi-
tude resorted unto him, and he taught
them. 14 And as he passed by, he saw
Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the
receipt of custom, and said unto him,
Follow me. And he arose and followed

him.* [15] And it came to pass, that, as
Jesus sat at meat in his house, many
publicans and sinners sat also together
with Jesus and his disciples: for there
were many, and they followed him.
[16] And when the scribes and Pharisees
saw him eat with publicans and sin-
ners, they said unto his disciples, How
is it that he eateth and drinketh with
publicans and sinners? [17] When Jesus
heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that
are whole have no need of the physi-
cian, but they that are sick: I came
not to call the righteous, but sinners

2.14. at the...: or, at the place where the custom was received.

to repentance. [18] And the disciples
of John and of the Pharisees used to
fast: and they come and say unto him,
Why do the disciples of John and of
the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast
not? [19] And Jesus said unto them, Can
the children of the bridechamber fast,
while the bridegroom is with them? as
long as they have the bridegroom with
them, they cannot fast. [20] But the days
will come, when the bridegroom shall
be taken away from them, and then
shall they fast in those days. [21] No man
also seweth a piece of new cloth on an
old garment: else the new piece that
filled it up taketh away from the old,

and the rent is made worse.* 22 And no
man putteth new wine into old bot-
tles: else the new wine doth burst the
bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the
bottles will be marred: but new wine
must be put into new bottles.* 23 And it
came to pass, that he went through the
corn fields on the sabbath day; and his
disciples began, as they went, to pluck
the ears of corn. 24 And the Pharisees
said unto him, Behold, why do they on
the sabbath day that which is not law-
ful? 25 And he said unto them, Have ye
never read what David did, when he

21. new cloth: or, raw, or, unwrought cloth.
22. bottles: or, sacks of skin.

had need, and was an hungred, he, and
they that were with him? 26 How he
went into the house of God in the days
of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat
the shewbread, which is not lawful to
eat but for the priests, and gave also
to them which were with him? 27 And
he said unto them, The sabbath was
made for man, and not man for the
sabbath: 28 Therefore the Son of man
is Lord also of the sabbath.

3 And he entered again into the
synagogue; and there was a man there
which had a withered hand. 2 And
they watched him, whether he would

heal him on the sabbath day; that
they might accuse him. 3 And he
saith unto the man which had the
withered hand, Stand forth.* 4 And
he saith unto them, Is it lawful to
do good on the sabbath days, or to
do evil? to save life, or to kill? But
they held their peace. 5 And when
he had looked round about on them
with anger, being grieved for the hard-
ness of their hearts, he saith unto the
man, Stretch forth thine hand. And
he stretched *it* out: and his hand was

3.3. Stand forth: Gr. Arise, stand forth in the midst.

restored whole as the other.* 6 And
the Pharisees went forth, and straight-
way took counsel with the Herodi-
ans against him, how they might de-
stroy him. 7 But Jesus withdrew him-
self with his disciples to the sea: and a
great multitude from Galilee followed
him, and from Judaea, 8 And from Je-
rusalem, and from Idumaea, and *from*
beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre
and Sidon, a great multitude, when
they had heard what great things he
did, came unto him. 9 And he spake to
his disciples, that a small ship should
wait on him because of the multitude,

5. hardness: or, blindness.

lest they should throng him. [10] For he
had healed many; insomuch that they
pressed upon him for to touch him,
as many as had plagues.* [11] And un-
clean spirits, when they saw him, fell
down before him, and cried, saying,
Thou art the Son of God. [12] And he
straitly charged them that they should
not make him known. [13] And he
goeth up into a mountain, and calleth
unto him whom he would: and they
came unto him. [14] And he ordained
twelve, that they should be with him,
and that he might send them forth
to preach, [15] And to have power to

10. pressed: or, rushed.

heal sicknesses, and to cast out dev-
ils: [16] And Simon he surnamed Peter;
[17] And James the *son* of Zebedee, and
John the brother of James; and he sur-
named them Boanerges, which is, The
sons of thunder: [18] And Andrew, and
Philip, and Bartholomew, and Mat-
thew, and Thomas, and James the *son*
of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Si-
mon the Canaanite, [19] And Judas Is-
cariot, which also betrayed him: and
they went into an house.* [20] And the
multitude cometh together again, so
that they could not so much as eat
bread. [21] And when his friends heard *of*

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19. into...: or, home.

it, they went out to lay hold on him:
for they said, He is beside himself.*
22 And the scribes which came down
from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelze-
bub, and by the prince of the devils
casteth he out devils. 23 And he called
them *unto him*, and said unto them
in parables, How can Satan cast out
Satan? 24 And if a kingdom be di-
vided against itself, that kingdom can-
not stand. 25 And if a house be divided
against itself, that house cannot stand.
26 And if Satan rise up against himself,
and be divided, he cannot stand, but
hath an end. 27 No man can enter

21. friends: or, kinsmen.

into a strong man's house, and spoil
his goods, except he will first bind the
strong man; and then he will spoil his
house. [28] Verily I say unto you, All
sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of
men, and blasphemies wherewith so-
ever they shall blaspheme: [29] But he
that shall blaspheme against the Holy
Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is
in danger of eternal damnation: [30] Be-
cause they said, He hath an unclean
spirit. [31] There came then his breth-
ren and his mother, and, standing
without, sent unto him, calling him.
[32] And the multitude sat about him,
and they said unto him, Behold, thy

mother and thy brethren without seek
for thee. 33 And he answered them, say-
ing, Who is my mother, or my breth-
ren? 34 And he looked round about on
them which sat about him, and said,
Behold my mother and my brethren!
35 For whosoever shall do the will of
God, the same is my brother, and my
sister, and mother.

4 And he began again to teach
by the sea side: and there was gath-
ered unto him a great multitude, so
that he entered into a ship, and sat
in the sea; and the whole multitude
was by the sea on the land. 2 And

he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, 3 Hearken; Behold, there went
out a sower to sow: 4 And it came to
pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way
side, and the fowls of the air came and
devoured it up. 5 And some fell on
stony ground, where it had not much
earth; and immediately it sprang up,
because it had no depth of earth: 6 But
when the sun was up, it was scorched;
and because it had no root, it withered
away. 7 And some fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up, and choked
it, and it yielded no fruit. 8 And other
fell on good ground, and did yield

fruit that sprang up and increased; and
brought forth, some thirty, and some
sixty, and some an hundred. 9 And he
said unto them, He that hath ears to
hear, let him hear. 10 And when he was
alone, they that were about him with
the twelve asked of him the parable.
11 And he said unto them, Unto you it
is given to know the mystery of the
kingdom of God: but unto them that
are without, all *these* things are done
in parables: 12 That seeing they may
see, and not perceive; and hearing they
may hear, and not understand; lest at
any time they should be converted,
and *their* sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye
not this parable? and how then will
ye know all parables? 14 The sower
soweth the word. 15 And these are they
by the way side, where the word is
sown; but when they have heard, Sa-
tan cometh immediately, and taketh
away the word that was sown in their
hearts. 16 And these are they like-
wise which are sown on stony ground;
who, when they have heard the word,
immediately receive it with gladness;
17 And have no root in themselves, and
so endure but for a time: afterward,
when affliction or persecution ariseth
for the word's sake, immediately they

are offended.* [18] And these are they
which are sown among thorns; such
as hear the word, [19] And the cares of
this world, and the deceitfulness of
riches, and the lusts of other things
entering in, choke the word, and it
becometh unfruitful.* [20] And these are
they which are sown on good ground;
such as hear the word, and receive *it*,
and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold,
some sixty, and some an hundred.
[21] And he said unto them, Is a candle
brought to be put under a bushel, or

4.17. offended: or, stumbled, or, caused to fall into sin.

19. lusts: or, inordinate desires.

under a bed? and not to be set on
a candlestick?* 22 For there is nothing
hid, which shall not be manifested;
neither was any thing kept secret, but
that it should come abroad. 23 If any
man have ears to hear, let him hear.
24 And he said unto them, Take heed
what ye hear: with what measure ye
mete, it shall be measured to you: and
unto you that hear shall more be given.
25 For he that hath, to him shall be
given: and he that hath not, from him
shall be taken even that which he hath.
26 And he said, So is the kingdom of

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21. bushel: the word in the original signifieth a less measure.

God, as if a man should cast seed into
the ground; [27] And should sleep, and
rise night and day, and the seed should
spring and grow up, he knoweth not
how. [28] For the earth bringeth forth
fruit of herself; first the blade, then the
ear, after that the full corn in the ear.
[29] But when the fruit is brought forth,
immediately he putteth in the sickle,
because the harvest is come.* [30] And
he said, Whereunto shall we liken the
kingdom of God? or with what com-
parison shall we compare it? [31] *It is* like
a grain of mustard seed, which, when
it is sown in the earth, is less than all

29. brought...: or, ripe.

the seeds that be in the earth: [32] But
when it is sown, it groweth up, and
becometh greater than all herbs, and
shooteth out great branches; so that
the fowls of the air may lodge under
the shadow of it. [33] And with many
such parables spake he the word unto
them, as they were able to hear *it*. [34] But
without a parable spake he not unto
them: and when they were alone, he
expounded all things to his disciples.
[35] And the same day, when the even
was come, he saith unto them, Let us
pass over unto the other side. [36] And
when they had sent away the multi-
tude, they took him even as he was in

the ship. And there were also with him
other little ships. 37 And there arose
a great storm of wind, and the waves
beat into the ship, so that it was now
full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of
the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they
awake him, and say unto him, Master,
carest thou not that we perish? 39 And
he arose, and rebuked the wind, and
said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And
the wind ceased, and there was a great
calm. 40 And he said unto them, Why
are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have
no faith? 41 And they feared exceed-
ingly, and said one to another, What
manner of man is this, that even the

wind and the sea obey him?

5 And they came over unto the
other side of the sea, into the coun-
try of the Gadarenes. 2 And when
he was come out of the ship, im-
mediately there met him out of the
tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
3 Who had *his* dwelling among the
tombs; and no man could bind him,
no, not with chains: 4 Because that
he had been often bound with fetters
and chains, and the chains had been
plucked asunder by him, and the fet-
ters broken in pieces: neither could
any *man* tame him. 5 And always,

night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and
cutting himself with stones. 6 But
when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and
worshipped him, 7 And cried with a
loud voice, and said, What have I to
do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the
most high God? I adjure thee by
God, that thou torment me not. 8 For
he said unto him, Come out of the
man, *thou* unclean spirit. 9 And he
asked him, What *is* thy name? And
he answered, saying, My name *is* Le-
gion: for we are many. 10 And he be-
sought him much that he would not
send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the
mountains a great herd of swine feed-
ing. 12 And all the devils besought him,
saying, Send us into the swine, that
we may enter into them. 13 And forth-
with Jesus gave them leave. And the
unclean spirits went out, and entered
into the swine: and the herd ran vio-
lently down a steep place into the sea,
(they were about two thousand;) and
were choked in the sea. 14 And they
that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in
the city, and in the country. And they
went out to see what it was that was
done. 15 And they come to Jesus, and
see him that was possessed with the

devil, and had the legion, sitting, and
clothed, and in his right mind: and
they were afraid. [16] And they that saw
it told them how it befell to him that
was possessed with the devil, and *also*
concerning the swine. [17] And they be-
gan to pray him to depart out of their
coasts. [18] And when he was come into
the ship, he that had been possessed
with the devil prayed him that he
might be with him. [19] Howbeit Jesus
suffered him not, but saith unto him,
Go home to thy friends, and tell them
how great things the Lord hath done
for thee, and hath had compassion
on thee. [20] And he departed, and be-

gan to publish in Decapolis how great
things Jesus had done for him: and
all *men* did marvel. [21] And when Je-
sus was passed over again by ship unto
the other side, much people gathered
unto him: and he was nigh unto the
sea. [22] And, behold, there cometh one
of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus
by name; and when he saw him, he
fell at his feet, [23] And besought him
greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth
at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come
and lay thy hands on her, that she may
be healed; and she shall live. [24] And
Jesus went with him; and much peo-
ple followed him, and thronged him.

25 And a certain woman, which had an
issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had
suffered many things of many physi-
cians, and had spent all that she had,
and was nothing bettered, but rather
grew worse, 27 When she had heard of
Jesus, came in the press behind, and
touched his garment. 28 For she said,
If I may touch but his clothes, I shall
be whole. 29 And straightway the foun-
tain of her blood was dried up; and she
felt in *her* body that she was healed of
that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately
knowing in himself that virtue had
gone out of him, turned him about
in the press, and said, Who touched

my clothes? 31 And his disciples said
unto him, Thou seest the multitude
thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who
touched me? 32 And he looked round
about to see her that had done this
thing. 33 But the woman fearing and
trembling, knowing what was done in
her, came and fell down before him,
and told him all the truth. 34 And
he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith
hath made thee whole; go in peace,
and be whole of thy plague. 35 While
he yet spake, there came from the
ruler of the synagogue's *house certain*
which said, Thy daughter is dead: why
troublest thou the Master any further?

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that
was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of
the synagogue, Be not afraid, only be-
lieve. 37 And he suffered no man to fol-
low him, save Peter, and James, and
John the brother of James. 38 And he
cometh to the house of the ruler of
the synagogue, and seeth the tumult,
and them that wept and wailed greatly.
39 And when he was come in, he saith
unto them, Why make ye this ado, and
weep? the damsel is not dead, but
sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to
scorn. But when he had put them
all out, he taketh the father and the
mother of the damsel, and them that

were with him, and entereth in where
the damsel was lying. [41] And he took
the damsel by the hand, and said unto
her, Talitha cumi; which is, being in-
terpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee,
arise. [42] And straightway the damsel
arose, and walked; for she was *of the*
age of twelve years. And they were
astonished with a great astonishment.
[43] And he charged them straitly that no
man should know it; and commanded
that something should be given her to
eat.

6 And he went out from thence,
and came into his own country; and
his disciples follow him. [2] And when

the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, From whence hath this *man* these things? and what wisdom *is* this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.* 4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his

6.3. offended: scandalized in, or, by him.

own house. [5] And he could there do
no mighty work, save that he laid his
hands upon a few sick folk, and healed
them. [6] And he marvelled because of
their unbelief. And he went round
about the villages, teaching. [7] And he
called *unto him* the twelve, and be-
gan to send them forth by two and
two; and gave them power over un-
clean spirits; [8] And commanded them
that they should take nothing for *their*
journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no
bread, no money in *their* purse:* [9] But
be shod with sandals; and not put on

8. money: the word signifieth a piece of brass money, in value somewhat less than a farthing.

two coats. [10] And he said unto them,
In what place soever ye enter into an
house, there abide till ye depart from
that place. [11] And whosoever shall not
receive you, nor hear you, when ye
depart thence, shake off the dust un-
der your feet for a testimony against
them. Verily I say unto you, It shall
be more tolerable for Sodom and Go-
morrha in the day of judgment, than
for that city.* [12] And they went out,
and preached that men should repent.
[13] And they cast out many devils, and
anointed with oil many that were sick,
and healed *them*. [14] And king Herod

11. and: Gr. or.

heard *of him*; (for his name was spread
abroad:) and he said, That John the
Baptist was risen from the dead, and
therefore mighty works do shew forth
themselves in him. 15 Others said, That
it is Elias. And others said, That it
is a prophet, or as one of the proph-
ets. 16 But when Herod heard *thereof*,
he said, It is John, whom I beheaded:
he is risen from the dead. 17 For Herod
himself had sent forth and laid hold
upon John, and bound him in prison
for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's
wife: for he had married her. 18 For
John had said unto Herod, It is not
lawful for thee to have thy brother's

wife. [19] Therefore Herodias had a quar-
rel against him, and would have killed
him; but she could not:* [20] For Herod
feared John, knowing that he was a just
man and an holy, and observed him;
and when he heard him, he did many
things, and heard him gladly.* [21] And
when a convenient day was come, that
Herod on his birthday made a sup-
per to his lords, high captains, and
chief *estates* of Galilee; [22] And when the
daughter of the said Herodias came in,
and danced, and pleased Herod and
them that sat with him, the king said

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19. a quarrel: or, an inward grudge.
20. observed him: or, kept him, or, saved him.

unto the damsel, Ask of me whatso-
ever thou wilt, and I will give *it* thee.
23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever
thou shalt ask of me, I will give *it*
thee, unto the half of my kingdom.
24 And she went forth, and said unto
her mother, What shall I ask? And
she said, The head of John the Bap-
tist. 25 And she came in straightway
with haste unto the king, and asked,
saying, I will that thou give me by and
by in a charger the head of John the
Baptist. 26 And the king was exceed-
ing sorry; *yet* for his oath's sake, and
for their sakes which sat with him, he
would not reject her. 27 And immedi-

ately the king sent an executioner, and
commanded his head to be brought:
and he went and beheaded him in the
prison,* [28] And brought his head in a
charger, and gave it to the damsel:
and the damsel gave it to her mother.
[29] And when his disciples heard *of it*,
they came and took up his corpse, and
laid it in a tomb. [30] And the apos-
tles gathered themselves together unto
Jesus, and told him all things, both
what they had done, and what they
had taught. [31] And he said unto them,
Come ye yourselves apart into a desert
place, and rest a while: for there were

27. an...: or, one of his guard.

many coming and going, and they had
no leisure so much as to eat. 32 And
they departed into a desert place by
ship privately. 33 And the people saw
them departing, and many knew him,
and ran afoot thither out of all cities,
and outwent them, and came together
unto him. 34 And Jesus, when he came
out, saw much people, and was moved
with compassion toward them, be-
cause they were as sheep not having a
shepherd: and he began to teach them
many things. 35 And when the day
was now far spent, his disciples came
unto him, and said, This is a desert
place, and now the time *is* far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go
into the country round about, and
into the villages, and buy themselves
bread: for they have nothing to eat.
37 He answered and said unto them,
Give ye them to eat. And they say unto
him, Shall we go and buy two hun-
dred pennyworth of bread, and give
them to eat?* 38 He saith unto them,
How many loaves have ye? go and see.
And when they knew, they say, Five,
and two fishes. 39 And he commanded
them to make all sit down by com-
panies upon the green grass. 40 And

37. pennyworth: the Roman penny is sevenpence halfpenny.

they sat down in ranks, by hundreds,
and by fifties. 41 And when he had
taken the five loaves and the two fishes,
he looked up to heaven, and blessed,
and brake the loaves, and gave *them* to
his disciples to set before them; and
the two fishes divided he among them
all. 42 And they did all eat, and were
filled. 43 And they took up twelve bas-
kets full of the fragments, and of the
fishes. 44 And they that did eat of the
loaves were about five thousand men.
45 And straightway he constrained his
disciples to get into the ship, and to
go to the other side before unto Beth-

saida, while he sent away the people.*
46 And when he had sent them away,
he departed into a mountain to pray.
47 And when even was come, the ship
was in the midst of the sea, and he
alone on the land. 48 And he saw them
toiling in rowing; for the wind was
contrary unto them: and about the
fourth watch of the night he cometh
unto them, walking upon the sea, and
would have passed by them. 49 But
when they saw him walking upon the
sea, they supposed it had been a spirit,
and cried out: 50 For they all saw him,
and were troubled. And immediately

45. unto...: or, over against Bethsaida.

he talked with them, and saith unto
them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be
not afraid. 51 And he went up unto
them into the ship; and the wind
ceased: and they were sore amazed in
themselves beyond measure, and won-
dered. 52 For they considered not *the*
miracle of the loaves: for their heart
was hardened. 53 And when they had
passed over, they came into the land
of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.
54 And when they were come out of
the ship, straightway they knew him,
55 And ran through that whole region
round about, and began to carry about
in beds those that were sick, where

they heard he was. 56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.*

7 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. 2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.* 3 For the Pharisees, and

56. him: or, it.
7.2. defiled: or, common.

all the Jews, except they wash *their*
hands oft, eat not, holding the tradi-
tion of the elders.* 4 And *when they*
come from the market, except they
wash, they eat not. And many other
things there be, which they have re-
ceived to hold, *as* the washing of cups,
and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.*
5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked
him, Why walk not thy disciples ac-
cording to the tradition of the elders,
but eat bread with unwashen hands?

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3. oft: or, diligently: in the original, with the fist: Theophylact, up to the elbow.

4. pots: sextarius is about a pint and an half. tables: or, beds.

6 He answered and said unto them,
Well hath Esaias prophesied of you
hypocrites, as it is written, This peo-
ple honoureth me with *their* lips, but
their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit
in vain do they worship me, teaching
for doctrines the commandments of
men. 8 For laying aside the command-
ment of God, ye hold the tradition of
men, *as* the washing of pots and cups:
and many other such like things ye do.
9 And he said unto them, Full well ye
reject the commandment of God, that
ye may keep your own tradition.* 10 For
Moses said, Honour thy father and thy

9. reject: or, frustrate.

mother; and, Whoso curseth father or
mother, let him die the death: [11] But
ye say, If a man shall say to his father
or mother, *It is* Corban, that is to say,
a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be
profited by me; *he shall be free*. [12] And
ye suffer him no more to do ought for
his father or his mother; [13] Making the
word of God of none effect through
your tradition, which ye have deliv-
ered: and many such like things do
ye. [14] And when he had called all the
people *unto him*, he said unto them,
Hearken unto me every one *of you*, and
understand: [15] There is nothing from
without a man, that entering into him

can defile him: but the things which
come out of him, those are they that
defile the man. 16 If any man have ears
to hear, let him hear. 17 And when he
was entered into the house from the
people, his disciples asked him con-
cerning the parable. 18 And he saith
unto them, Are ye so without under-
standing also? Do ye not perceive,
that whatsoever thing from without
entereth into the man, *it* cannot defile
him; 19 Because it entereth not into his
heart, but into the belly, and goeth out
into the draught, purging all meats?
20 And he said, That which cometh out
of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of
men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries,
fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, cov-
etousness, wickedness, deceit, lascivi-
ousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride,
foolishness:* 23 All these evil things
come from within, and defile the man.
24 And from thence he arose, and went
into the borders of Tyre and Sidon,
and entered into an house, and would
have no man know *it*: but he could
not be hid. 25 For a *certain* woman,
whose young daughter had an unclean
spirit, heard of him, and came and fell

22. covetousness...: Gr. covetousnesses, wicked-
nesses.

at his feet: [26] The woman was a Greek, a
Syrophenician by nation; and she be-
sought him that he would cast forth
the devil out of her daughter.* [27] But
Jesus said unto her, Let the children
first be filled: for it is not meet to
take the children's bread, and to cast
it unto the dogs. [28] And she answered
and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the
dogs under the table eat of the chil-
dren's crumbs. [29] And he said unto her,
For this saying go thy way; the devil is
gone out of thy daughter. [30] And when
she was come to her house, she found
the devil gone out, and her daughter

26. Greek: or, Gentile.

laid upon the bed. 31 And again, de-
parting from the coasts of Tyre and
Sidon, he came unto the sea of Ga-
lilee, through the midst of the coasts
of Decapolis. 32 And they bring unto
him one that was deaf, and had an im-
pediment in his speech; and they be-
seech him to put his hand upon him.
33 And he took him aside from the mul-
titude, and put his fingers into his ears,
and he spit, and touched his tongue;
34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed,
and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that
is, Be opened. 35 And straightway his
ears were opened, and the string of
his tongue was loosed, and he spake

plain. 36 And he charged them that
they should tell no man: but the more
he charged them, so much the more
a great deal they published *it*; 37 And
were beyond measure astonished, say-
ing, He hath done all things well: he
maketh both the deaf to hear, and the
dumb to speak.

8 In those days the multitude be-
ing very great, and having nothing to
eat, Jesus called his disciples *unto him*,
and saith unto them, 2 I have compas-
sion on the multitude, because they
have now been with me three days, and
have nothing to eat: 3 And if I send

them away fasting to their own houses,
they will faint by the way: for divers of
them came from far. 4 And his disci-
ples answered him, From whence can
a man satisfy these *men* with bread
here in the wilderness? 5 And he
asked them, How many loaves have ye?
And they said, Seven. 6 And he com-
manded the people to sit down on the
ground: and he took the seven loaves,
and gave thanks, and brake, and gave
to his disciples to set before *them*; and
they did set *them* before the people.
7 And they had a few small fishes: and
he blessed, and commanded to set
them also before *them*. 8 So they did

eat, and were filled: and they took up
of the broken *meat* that was left seven
baskets. 9 And they that had eaten
were about four thousand: and he sent
them away. 10 And straightway he en-
tered into a ship with his disciples, and
came into the parts of Dalmanutha.
11 And the Pharisees came forth, and
began to question with him, seeking of
him a sign from heaven, tempting him.
12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit,
and saith, Why doth this generation
seek after a sign? verily I say unto you,
There shall no sign be given unto this
generation. 13 And he left them, and
entering into the ship again departed

to the other side. [14] Now *the disciples*
had forgotten to take bread, neither
had they in the ship with them more
than one loaf. [15] And he charged them,
saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven
of the Pharisees, and *of* the leaven of
Herod. [16] And they reasoned among
themselves, saying, *It is* because we
have no bread. [17] And when Jesus knew
it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye,
because ye have no bread? perceive
ye not yet, neither understand? have
ye your heart yet hardened? [18] Hav-
ing eyes, see ye not? and having ears,
hear ye not? and do ye not remem-
ber? [19] When I brake the five loaves

among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. [20] And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. [21] And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand? [22] And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. [23] And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. [24] And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walk-

ing. [25] After that he put *his* hands again
upon his eyes, and made him look up:
and he was restored, and saw every
man clearly. [26] And he sent him away
to his house, saying, Neither go into
the town, nor tell *it* to any in the town.
[27] And Jesus went out, and his disciples,
into the towns of Caesarea Philippi:
and by the way he asked his disciples,
saying unto them, Whom do men say
that I am? [28] And they answered, John
the Baptist: but some *say*, Elias; and
others, One of the prophets. [29] And he
saith unto them, But whom say ye that
I am? And Peter answereth and saith
unto him, Thou art the Christ. [30] And

he charged them that they should tell
no man of him. [31] And he began to
teach them, that the Son of man must
suffer many things, and be rejected of
the elders, and *of* the chief priests, and
scribes, and be killed, and after three
days rise again. [32] And he spake that
saying openly. And Peter took him,
and began to rebuke him. [33] But when
he had turned about and looked on
his disciples, he rebuked Peter, say-
ing, Get thee behind me, Satan: for
thou savourest not the things that be
of God, but the things that be of men.
[34] And when he had called the peo-
ple *unto him* with his disciples also,

he said unto them, Whosoever will
come after me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow me.
35 For whosoever will save his life shall
lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life
for my sake and the gospel's, the same
shall save it. 36 For what shall it pro-
fit a man, if he shall gain the whole
world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or
what shall a man give in exchange for
his soul? 38 Whosoever therefore shall
be ashamed of me and of my words in
this adulterous and sinful generation;
of him also shall the Son of man be
ashamed, when he cometh in the glory
of his Father with the holy angels.

9 And he said unto them, Verily I
say unto you, That there be some of
them that stand here, which shall not
taste of death, till they have seen the
kingdom of God come with power.
2 And after six days Jesus taketh *with*
him Peter, and James, and John, and
leadeth them up into an high moun-
tain apart by themselves: and he was
transfigured before them. 3 And his
raiment became shining, exceeding
white as snow; so as no fuller on earth
can white them. 4 And there appeared
unto them Elias with Moses: and they
were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter

answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is
good for us to be here: and let us make
three tabernacles; one for thee, and
one for Moses, and one for Elias. 6 For
he wist not what to say; for they were
sore afraid. 7 And there was a cloud
that overshadowed them: and a voice
came out of the cloud, saying, This is
my beloved Son: hear him. 8 And sud-
denly, when they had looked round
about, they saw no man any more, save
Jesus only with themselves. 9 And as
they came down from the mountain,
he charged them that they should tell
no man what things they had seen, till
the Son of man were risen from the

dead. [10] And they kept that saying with
themselves, questioning one with an-
other what the rising from the dead
should mean. [11] And they asked him,
saying, Why say the scribes that Elias
must first come? [12] And he answered
and told them, Elias verily cometh
first, and restoreth all things; and how
it is written of the Son of man, that
he must suffer many things, and be
set at nought. [13] But I say unto you,
That Elias is indeed come, and they
have done unto him whatsoever they
listed, as it is written of him. [14] And
when he came to *his* disciples, he saw
a great multitude about them, and the

scribes questioning with them. [15] And
straightway all the people, when they
beheld him, were greatly amazed, and
running to *him* saluted him. [16] And
he asked the scribes, What question
ye with them?* [17] And one of the mul-
titude answered and said, Master, I
have brought unto thee my son, which
hath a dumb spirit; [18] And wheresо-
ever he taketh him, he teareth him:
and he foameth, and gnasheth with his
teeth, and pineth away: and I spake
to thy disciples that they should cast
him out; and they could not.* [19] He

9.16. with them: or, among yourselves.
18. teareth...: or, dasheth him.

answereth him, and saith, O faithless
generation, how long shall I be with
you? how long shall I suffer you? bring
him unto me. [20] And they brought
him unto him: and when he saw him,
straightway the spirit tare him; and
he fell on the ground, and wallowed
foaming. [21] And he asked his father,
How long is it ago since this came
unto him? And he said, Of a child.
[22] And ofttimes it hath cast him into
the fire, and into the waters, to destroy
him: but if thou canst do any thing,
have compassion on us, and help us.
[23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst be-
lieve, all things *are* possible to him that

believeth. [24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. [25] When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. [26] And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. [27] But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. [28] And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why

could not we cast him out? [29] And he
said unto them, This kind can come
forth by nothing, but by prayer and
fasting. [30] And they departed thence,
and passed through Galilee; and he
would not that any man should know
it. [31] For he taught his disciples, and
said unto them, The Son of man is
delivered into the hands of men, and
they shall kill him; and after that he
is killed, he shall rise the third day.
[32] But they understood not that say-
ing, and were afraid to ask him. [33] And
he came to Capernaum: and being in
the house he asked them, What was
it that ye disputed among yourselves

by the way? [34] But they held their
peace: for by the way they had dis-
puted among themselves, who *should*
be the greatest. [35] And he sat down,
and called the twelve, and saith unto
them, If any man desire to be first, *the*
same shall be last of all, and servant
of all. [36] And he took a child, and set
him in the midst of them: and when
he had taken him in his arms, he said
unto them, [37] Whosoever shall receive
one of such children in my name, re-
ceiveth me: and whosoever shall re-
ceive me, receiveth not me, but him
that sent me. [38] And John answered
him, saying, Master, we saw one cast-

ing out devils in thy name, and he fol-
loweth not us: and we forbad him, be-
cause he followeth not us. [39] But Jesus
said, Forbid him not: for there is no
man which shall do a miracle in my
name, that can lightly speak evil of me.
[40] For he that is not against us is on our
part. [41] For whosoever shall give you a
cup of water to drink in my name, be-
cause ye belong to Christ, verily I say
unto you, he shall not lose his reward.
[42] And whosoever shall offend one of
these little ones that believe in me, it
is better for him that a millstone were
hanged about his neck, and he were
cast into the sea. [43] And if thy hand

offend thee, cut it off: it is better for
thee to enter into life maimed, than
having two hands to go into hell, into
the fire that never shall be quenched:*
44 Where their worm dieth not, and the
fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot
offend thee, cut it off: it is better for
thee to enter halt into life, than hav-
ing two feet to be cast into hell, into
the fire that never shall be quenched:*
46 Where their worm dieth not, and the
fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine
eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is bet-
ter for thee to enter into the kingdom

43. offend...: or, cause thee to offend.
45. offend...: or, cause thee to offend.

of God with one eye, than having two
eyes to be cast into hell fire:* 48 Where
their worm dieth not, and the fire is
not quenched. 49 For every one shall
be salted with fire, and every sacrifice
shall be salted with salt. 50 Salt *is* good:
but if the salt have lost his saltness,
wherewith will ye season it? Have salt
in yourselves, and have peace one with
another.

10 And he arose from thence, and
cometh into the coasts of Judaea by
the farther side of Jordan: and the
people resort unto him again; and, as

47. offend...: or, cause thee to offend.

he was wont, he taught them again.
2 And the Pharisees came to him, and
asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put
away *his* wife? tempting him. 3 And he
answered and said unto them, What
did Moses command you? 4 And they
said, Moses suffered to write a bill
of divorcement, and to put *her* away.
5 And Jesus answered and said unto
them, For the hardness of your heart
he wrote you this precept. 6 But from
the beginning of the creation God
made them male and female. 7 For
this cause shall a man leave his fa-
ther and mother, and cleave to his
wife; 8 And they twain shall be one

flesh: so then they are no more twain,
but one flesh. 9 What therefore God
hath joined together, let not man put
asunder. 10 And in the house his dis-
ciples asked him again of the same
matter. 11 And he saith unto them,
Whosoever shall put away his wife,
and marry another, committeth adul-
tery against her. 12 And if a woman
shall put away her husband, and be
married to another, she committeth
adultery. 13 And they brought young
children to him, that he should touch
them: and *his* disciples rebuked those
that brought *them*. 14 But when Je-
sus saw *it*, he was much displeased,

and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. 16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them. 17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments,
Do not commit adultery, Do not kill,
Do not steal, Do not bear false wit-
ness, Defraud not, Honour thy father
and mother. 20 And he answered and
said unto him, Master, all these have
I observed from my youth. 21 Then Je-
sus beholding him loved him, and said
unto him, One thing thou lackest: go
thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and
give to the poor, and thou shalt have
treasure in heaven: and come, take up
the cross, and follow me. 22 And he
was sad at that saying, and went away
grieved: for he had great possessions.
23 And Jesus looked round about, and

saith unto his disciples, How hardly
shall they that have riches enter into
the kingdom of God! 24 And the dis-
ciples were astonished at his words.
But Jesus answereth again, and saith
unto them, Children, how hard is it
for them that trust in riches to enter
into the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier
for a camel to go through the eye of
a needle, than for a rich man to enter
into the kingdom of God. 26 And they
were astonished out of measure, saying
among themselves, Who then can be
saved? 27 And Jesus looking upon them
saith, With men *it is* impossible, but
not with God: for with God all things

are possible. [28] Then Peter began to
say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and
have followed thee. [29] And Jesus an-
swered and said, Verily I say unto you,
There is no man that hath left house,
or brethren, or sisters, or father, or
mother, or wife, or children, or lands,
for my sake, and the gospel's, [30] But he
shall receive an hundredfold now in
this time, houses, and brethren, and
sisters, and mothers, and children, and
lands, with persecutions; and in the
world to come eternal life. [31] But many
that are first shall be last; and the last
first. [32] And they were in the way going
up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before

them: and they were amazed; and as
they followed, they were afraid. And
he took again the twelve, and began to
tell them what things should happen
unto him, [33] *Saying*, Behold, we go up
to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall
be delivered unto the chief priests, and
unto the scribes; and they shall con-
demn him to death, and shall deliver
him to the Gentiles: [34] And they shall
mock him, and shall scourge him, and
shall spit upon him, and shall kill him:
and the third day he shall rise again.
[35] And James and John, the sons of Ze-
bedee, come unto him, saying, Master,
we would that thou shouldest do for

us whatsoever we shall desire. 36 And
he said unto them, What would ye
that I should do for you? 37 They said
unto him, Grant unto us that we may
sit, one on thy right hand, and the
other on thy left hand, in thy glory.
38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know
not what ye ask: can ye drink of the
cup that I drink of? and be baptized
with the baptism that I am baptized
with? 39 And they said unto him, We
can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall
indeed drink of the cup that I drink
of; and with the baptism that I am
baptized withal shall ye be baptized:
40 But to sit on my right hand and on

my left hand is not mine to give; but
it shall be given to them for whom it is
prepared. [41] And when the ten heard
it, they began to be much displeased
with James and John. [42] But Jesus called
them *to him*, and saith unto them, Ye
know that they which are accounted
to rule over the Gentiles exercise lord-
ship over them; and their great ones
exercise authority upon them.* [43] But
so shall it not be among you: but
whosoever will be great among you,
shall be your minister: [44] And whoso-
ever of you will be the chiefest, shall
be servant of all. [45] For even the Son of

10.42. are...: or, think good.

man came not to be ministered unto,
but to minister, and to give his life a
ransom for many. 46 And they came
to Jericho: and as he went out of Jeri-
cho with his disciples and a great num-
ber of people, blind Bartimaeus, the
son of Timaeus, sat by the highway
side begging. 47 And when he heard
that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he be-
gan to cry out, and say, Jesus, *thou* Son
of David, have mercy on me. 48 And
many charged him that he should hold
his peace: but he cried the more a great
deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy
on me. 49 And Jesus stood still, and
commanded him to be called. And

they call the blind man, saying unto
him, Be of good comfort, rise; he
calleth thee. 50 And he, casting away
his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.
51 And Jesus answered and said unto
him, What wilt thou that I should
do unto thee? The blind man said
unto him, Lord, that I might receive
my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him,
Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee
whole. And immediately he received
his sight, and followed Jesus in the
way.*

11 And when they came nigh to

52. made...: or, saved thee.

Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth
forth two of his disciples, 2 And saith
unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon
as ye be entered into it, ye shall find
a colt tied, whereon never man sat;
loose him, and bring *him*. 3 And if
any man say unto you, Why do ye
this? say ye that the Lord hath need
of him; and straightway he will send
him hither. 4 And they went their
way, and found the colt tied by the
door without in a place where two
ways met; and they loose him. 5 And
certain of them that stood there said

unto them, What do ye, loosing the
colt? 6 And they said unto them even
as Jesus had commanded: and they
let them go. 7 And they brought the
colt to Jesus, and cast their garments
on him; and he sat upon him. 8 And
many spread their garments in the
way: and others cut down branches
off the trees, and strawed *them* in the
way. 9 And they that went before,
and they that followed, cried, saying,
Hosanna; Blessed *is* he that cometh
in the name of the Lord: 10 Blessed
be the kingdom of our father David,
that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest. 11 And Je-

sus entered into Jerusalem, and into
the temple: and when he had looked
round about upon all things, and now
the eventide was come, he went out
unto Bethany with the twelve. 12 And
on the morrow, when they were come
from Bethany, he was hungry: 13 And
seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves,
he came, if haply he might find any
thing thereon: and when he came to
it, he found nothing but leaves; for
the time of figs was not *yet*. 14 And
Jesus answered and said unto it, No
man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.
And his disciples heard *it*. 15 And they
come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went

into the temple, and began to cast
out them that sold and bought in the
temple, and overthrew the tables of
the moneychangers, and the seats of
them that sold doves; [16] And would
not suffer that any man should carry
any vessel through the temple. [17] And
he taught, saying unto them, Is it not
written, My house shall be called of all
nations the house of prayer? but ye
have made it a den of thieves.* [18] And
the scribes and chief priests heard *it*,
and sought how they might destroy
him: for they feared him, because all
the people was astonished at his doc-

11.17. of all...: or, an house of prayer for all nations.

trine. [19] And when even was come, he
went out of the city. [20] And in the
morning, as they passed by, they saw
the fig tree dried up from the roots.
[21] And Peter calling to remembrance
saith unto him, Master, behold, the
fig tree which thou cursedst is with-
ered away. [22] And Jesus answering saith
unto them, Have faith in God.* [23] For
verily I say unto you, That whosoever
shall say unto this mountain, Be thou
removed, and be thou cast into the sea;
and shall not doubt in his heart, but
shall believe that those things which
he saith shall come to pass; he shall

22. Have...: or, Have the faith of God.

have whatsoever he saith. [24] Therefore
I say unto you, What things soever ye
desire, when ye pray, believe that ye
receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.
[25] And when ye stand praying, forgive,
if ye have ought against any: that your
Father also which is in heaven may for-
give you your trespasses. [26] But if ye do
not forgive, neither will your Father
which is in heaven forgive your tres-
passes. [27] And they come again to Je-
rusalem: and as he was walking in the
temple, there come to him the chief
priests, and the scribes, and the elders,
[28] And say unto him, By what author-
ity doest thou these things? and who

gave thee this authority to do these
things? [29] And Jesus answered and said
unto them, I will also ask of you one
question, and answer me, and I will
tell you by what authority I do these
things.* [30] The baptism of John, was *it*
from heaven, or of men? answer me.
[31] And they reasoned with themselves,
saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he
will say, Why then did ye not believe
him? [32] But if we shall say, Of men;
they feared the people: for all *men*
counted John, that he was a prophet
indeed. [33] And they answered and said
unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Je-

29. question: or, thing.

sus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

12 And he began to speak unto them by parables. A *certain* man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about *it*, and digged *a place for* the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. [2] And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. [3] And they caught *him*, and beat him, and sent *him* away empty. [4] And again he

sent unto them another servant; and
at him they cast stones, and wounded
him in the head, and sent *him* away
shamefully handled. 5 And again he
sent another; and him they killed, and
many others; beating some, and killing
some. 6 Having yet therefore one son,
his wellbeloved, he sent him also last
unto them, saying, They will reverence
my son. 7 But those husbandmen said
among themselves, This is the heir;
come, let us kill him, and the inheri-
tance shall be ours. 8 And they took
him, and killed *him*, and cast *him* out
of the vineyard. 9 What shall therefore
the lord of the vineyard do? he will

come and destroy the husbandmen,
and will give the vineyard unto oth-
ers. [10] And have ye not read this scrip-
ture; The stone which the builders re-
jected is become the head of the cor-
ner: [11] This was the Lord's doing, and it
is marvellous in our eyes? [12] And they
sought to lay hold on him, but feared
the people: for they knew that he
had spoken the parable against them:
and they left him, and went their way.
[13] And they send unto him certain of
the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to
catch him in *his* words. [14] And when
they were come, they say unto him,
Master, we know that thou art true,

and carest for no man: for thou re-
gardest not the person of men, but
teachest the way of God in truth: Is
it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or
not? [15] Shall we give, or shall we not
give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy,
said unto them, Why tempt ye me?
bring me a penny, that I may see *it*.*
[16] And they brought *it*. And he saith
unto them, Whose *is* this image and
superscription? And they said unto
him, Caesar's. [17] And Jesus answering
said unto them, Render to Caesar the
things that are Caesar's, and to God

12.15. penny: valuing of our money seven pence halfpenny.

the things that are God's. And they
marvelled at him. [18] Then come unto
him the Sadducees, which say there is
no resurrection; and they asked him,
saying, [19] Master, Moses wrote unto us,
If a man's brother die, and leave *his*
wife *behind him*, and leave no children,
that his brother should take his wife,
and raise up seed unto his brother.
[20] Now there were seven brethren: and
the first took a wife, and dying left
no seed. [21] And the second took her,
and died, neither left he any seed: and
the third likewise. [22] And the seven
had her, and left no seed: last of all
the woman died also. [23] In the resur-

rection therefore, when they shall rise,
whose wife shall she be of them? for
the seven had her to wife. 24 And Je-
sus answering said unto them, Do ye
not therefore err, because ye know not
the scriptures, neither the power of
God? 25 For when they shall rise from
the dead, they neither marry, nor are
given in marriage; but are as the angels
which are in heaven. 26 And as touch-
ing the dead, that they rise: have ye
not read in the book of Moses, how
in the bush God spake unto him, say-
ing, I *am* the God of Abraham, and
the God of Isaac, and the God of Ja-
cob? 27 He is not the God of the dead,

but the God of the living: ye therefore
do greatly err. [28] And one of the scribes
came, and having heard them reason-
ing together, and perceiving that he
had answered them well, asked him,
Which is the first commandment of
all? [29] And Jesus answered him, The
first of all the commandments *is*, Hear,
O Israel; The Lord our God is one
Lord: [30] And thou shalt love the Lord
thy God with all thy heart, and with
all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength: this *is* the
first commandment. [31] And the sec-
ond *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt
love thy neighbour as thyself. There

is none other commandment greater
than these. [32] And the scribe said unto
him, Well, Master, thou hast said the
truth: for there is one God; and there
is none other but he: [33] And to love
him with all the heart, and with all
the understanding, and with all the
soul, and with all the strength, and to
love *his* neighbour as himself, is more
than all whole burnt offerings and sac-
rifices. [34] And when Jesus saw that he
answered discreetly, he said unto him,
Thou art not far from the kingdom
of God. And no man after that durst
ask him *any question*. [35] And Jesus an-
swered and said, while he taught in

the temple, How say the scribes that
Christ is the Son of David? 36 For
David himself said by the Holy Ghost,
The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou
on my right hand, till I make thine en-
emies thy footstool. 37 David therefore
himself calleth him Lord; and whence
is he *then* his son? And the common
people heard him gladly. 38 And he
said unto them in his doctrine, Be-
ware of the scribes, which love to go
in long clothing, and *love* salutations
in the marketplaces, 39 And the chief
seats in the synagogues, and the up-
permost rooms at feasts: 40 Which de-
vour widows' houses, and for a pre-

tence make long prayers: these shall
receive greater damnation. 41 And Je-
sus sat over against the treasury, and
beheld how the people cast money
into the treasury: and many that were
rich cast in much.* 42 And there came
a certain poor widow, and she threw
in two mites, which make a farthing.*
43 And he called *unto him* his disciples,
and saith unto them, Verily I say unto
you, That this poor widow hath cast
more in, than all they which have cast
into the treasury: 44 For all *they* did cast

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41. money: a piece of brass money.

42. mites: it is the seventh part of one piece of that brass money.

in of their abundance; but she of her
want did cast in all that she had, *even*
all her living.

13 And as he went out of the tem-
ple, one of his disciples saith unto him,
Master, see what manner of stones and
what buildings *are here*! 2 And Jesus
answering said unto him, Seest thou
these great buildings? there shall not
be left one stone upon another, that
shall not be thrown down. 3 And as
he sat upon the mount of Olives over
against the temple, Peter and James
and John and Andrew asked him pri-
vately, 4 Tell us, when shall these

things be? and what *shall be* the sign
when all these things shall be fulfilled?
5 And Jesus answering them began to
say, Take heed lest any *man* deceive
you: 6 For many shall come in my
name, saying, I am *Christ*; and shall de-
ceive many. 7 And when ye shall hear
of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not
troubled: for *such things* must needs
be; but the end *shall* not *be* yet. 8 For
nation shall rise against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom: and there
shall be earthquakes in divers places,
and there shall be famines and trou-
bles: these *are* the beginnings of sor-

rows.* 9 But take heed to yourselves:
for they shall deliver you up to coun-
cils; and in the synagogues ye shall be
beaten: and ye shall be brought before
rulers and kings for my sake, for a testi-
mony against them. 10 And the gospel
must first be published among all na-
tions. 11 But when they shall lead *you*,
and deliver you up, take no thought
beforehand what ye shall speak, nei-
ther do ye premeditate: but whatso-
ever shall be given you in that hour,
that speak ye: for it is not ye that
speak, but the Holy Ghost. 12 Now

13.8. sorrows: the word in the original importeth the pains of a woman in travail.

the brother shall betray the brother
to death, and the father the son; and
children shall rise up against *their* par-
ents, and shall cause them to be put to
death. [13] And ye shall be hated of all
men for my name's sake: but he that
shall endure unto the end, the same
shall be saved. [14] But when ye shall see
the abomination of desolation, spo-
ken of by Daniel the prophet, standing
where it ought not, (let him that read-
eth understand,) then let them that be
in Judaea flee to the mountains: [15] And
let him that is on the housetop not
go down into the house, neither en-
ter *therein*, to take any thing out of

his house: [16] And let him that is in the
field not turn back again for to take
up his garment. [17] But woe to them
that are with child, and to them that
give suck in those days! [18] And pray
ye that your flight be not in the win-
ter. [19] For *in* those days shall be afflic-
tion, such as was not from the begin-
ning of the creation which God cre-
ated unto this time, neither shall be.
[20] And except that the Lord had short-
ened those days, no flesh should be
saved: but for the elect's sake, whom
he hath chosen, he hath shortened the
days. [21] And then if any man shall say
to you, Lo, here *is* Christ; or, lo, *he*

is there; believe *him* not: [22] For false
Christs and false prophets shall rise,
and shall shew signs and wonders, to
seduce, if *it were* possible, even the
elect. [23] But take ye heed: behold, I
have foretold you all things. [24] But in
those days, after that tribulation, the
sun shall be darkened, and the moon
shall not give her light, [25] And the stars
of heaven shall fall, and the powers
that are in heaven shall be shaken.
[26] And then shall they see the Son of
man coming in the clouds with great
power and glory. [27] And then shall he
send his angels, and shall gather to-
gether his elect from the four winds,

from the uttermost part of the earth to
the uttermost part of heaven. [28] Now
learn a parable of the fig tree; When
her branch is yet tender, and putteth
forth leaves, ye know that summer is
near: [29] So ye in like manner, when
ye shall see these things come to pass,
know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors.
[30] Verily I say unto you, that this gener-
ation shall not pass, till all these things
be done. [31] Heaven and earth shall
pass away: but my words shall not
pass away. [32] But of that day and *that*
hour knoweth no man, no, not the an-
gels which are in heaven, neither the
Son, but the Father. [33] Take ye heed,

watch and pray: for ye know not when
the time is. [34] *For the Son of man is* as
a man taking a far journey, who left
his house, and gave authority to his
servants, and to every man his work,
and commanded the porter to watch.
[35] Watch ye therefore: for ye know not
when the master of the house cometh,
at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-
crowing, or in the morning: [36] Lest
coming suddenly he find you sleeping.
[37] And what I say unto you I say unto
all, Watch.

14 After two days was *the feast of*
the passover, and of unleavened bread:

and the chief priests and the scribes
sought how they might take him by
craft, and put *him* to death. [2] But they
said, Not on the feast *day*, lest there
be an uproar of the people. [3] And be-
ing in Bethany in the house of Simon
the leper, as he sat at meat, there came
a woman having an alabaster box of
ointment of spikenard very precious;
and she brake the box, and poured *it*
on his head.* [4] And there were some
that had indignation within them-
selves, and said, Why was this waste
of the ointment made? [5] For it might
have been sold for more than three

14.3. spikenard: or, pure nard, or, liquid nard.

hundred pence, and have been given to
the poor. And they murmured against
her. 6 And Jesus said, Let her alone;
why trouble ye her? she hath wrought
a good work on me. 7 For ye have the
poor with you always, and whensoever
ye will ye may do them good: but me
ye have not always. 8 She hath done
what she could: she is come afore-
hand to anoint my body to the bury-
ing. 9 Verily I say unto you, Where-
soever this gospel shall be preached
throughout the whole world, *this* also
that she hath done shall be spoken of
for a memorial of her. 10 And Judas Is-
cariot, one of the twelve, went unto

the chief priests, to betray him unto
them. [11] And when they heard *it*, they
were glad, and promised to give him
money. And he sought how he might
conveniently betray him. [12] And the
first day of unleavened bread, when
they killed the passover, his disciples
said unto him, Where wilt thou that
we go and prepare that thou mayest
eat the passover?* [13] And he sendeth
forth two of his disciples, and saith
unto them, Go ye into the city, and
there shall meet you a man bearing a
pitcher of water: follow him. [14] And
wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to

12. killed: or, sacrificed.

the goodman of the house, The Mas-
ter saith, Where is the guestchamber,
where I shall eat the passover with my
disciples? 15 And he will shew you a
large upper room furnished *and* pre-
pared: there make ready for us. 16 And
his disciples went forth, and came into
the city, and found as he had said unto
them: and they made ready the pass-
over. 17 And in the evening he cometh
with the twelve. 18 And as they sat and
did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto
you, One of you which eateth with me
shall betray me. 19 And they began to
be sorrowful, and to say unto him one
by one, *Is* it I? and another *said, Is* it

I? [20] And he answered and said unto
them, *It is* one of the twelve, that dip-
peth with me in the dish. [21] The Son
of man indeed goeth, as it is written of
him: but woe to that man by whom
the Son of man is betrayed! good were
it for that man if he had never been
born. [22] And as they did eat, Jesus took
bread, and blessed, and brake *it*, and
gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this
is my body. [23] And he took the cup,
and when he had given thanks, he gave
it to them: and they all drank of it.
[24] And he said unto them, This is my
blood of the new testament, which is
shed for many. [25] Verily I say unto you,

I will drink no more of the fruit of the
vine, until that day that I drink it new
in the kingdom of God. [26] And when
they had sung an hymn, they went out
into the mount of Olives.* [27] And Je-
sus saith unto them, All ye shall be of-
fended because of me this night: for
it is written, I will smite the shepherd,
and the sheep shall be scattered.* [28] But
after that I am risen, I will go before
you into Galilee. [29] But Peter said unto
him, Although all shall be offended,
yet *will* not I. [30] And Jesus saith unto
him, Verily I say unto thee, That this

26. hymn: or, psalm.
27. offended: or, scandalized, or, shall stumble.

day, *even* in this night, before the cock
crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.
31 But he spake the more vehemently, If
I should die with thee, I will not deny
thee in any wise. Likewise also said
they all. 32 And they came to a place
which was named Gethsemane: and
he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here,
while I shall pray. 33 And he taketh
with him Peter and James and John,
and began to be sore amazed, and to
be very heavy; 34 And saith unto them,
My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto
death: tarry ye here, and watch. 35 And
he went forward a little, and fell on the
ground, and prayed that, if it were pos-

sible, the hour might pass from him.
36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things
are possible unto thee; take away this
cup from me: nevertheless not what
I will, but what thou wilt. 37 And he
cometh, and findeth them sleeping,
and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest
thou? couldest not thou watch one
hour? 38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye en-
ter into temptation. The spirit truly
is ready, but the flesh *is* weak. 39 And
again he went away, and prayed, and
spake the same words. 40 And when he
returned, he found them asleep again,
(for their eyes were heavy,) neither
wist they what to answer him. 41 And

he cometh the third time, and saith
unto them, Sleep on now, and take
your rest: it is enough, the hour is
come; behold, the Son of man is be-
trayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise
up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me
is at hand. 43 And immediately, while
he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the
twelve, and with him a great multi-
tude with swords and staves, from the
chief priests and the scribes and the el-
ders. 44 And he that betrayed him had
given them a token, saying, Whom-
soever I shall kiss, that same is he;
take him, and lead *him* away safely.
45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth

straightway to him, and saith, Mas-
ter, master; and kissed him. 46 And
they laid their hands on him, and took
him. 47 And one of them that stood
by drew a sword, and smote a servant
of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
48 And Jesus answered and said unto
them, Are ye come out, as against a
thief, with swords and *with* staves to
take me? 49 I was daily with you in
the temple teaching, and ye took me
not: but the scriptures must be ful-
filled. 50 And they all forsook him, and
fled. 51 And there followed him a cer-
tain young man, having a linen cloth
cast about *his* naked *body*; and the

young men laid hold on him: 52 And
he left the linen cloth, and fled from
them naked. 53 And they led Jesus away
to the high priest: and with him were
assembled all the chief priests and the
elders and the scribes. 54 And Peter
followed him afar off, even into the
palace of the high priest: and he sat
with the servants, and warmed him-
self at the fire. 55 And the chief priests
and all the council sought for witness
against Jesus to put him to death; and
found none. 56 For many bare false
witness against him, but their witness
agreed not together. 57 And there arose
certain, and bare false witness against

him, saying, [58] We heard him say, I will
destroy this temple that is made with
hands, and within three days I will
build another made without hands.
[59] But neither so did their witness agree
together. [60] And the high priest stood
up in the midst, and asked Jesus, say-
ing, Answerest thou nothing? what
is it which these witness against thee?
[61] But he held his peace, and answered
nothing. Again the high priest asked
him, and said unto him, Art thou the
Christ, the Son of the Blessed? [62] And
Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the
Son of man sitting on the right hand
of power, and coming in the clouds

of heaven. 63 Then the high priest rent
his clothes, and saith, What need we
any further witnesses? 64 Ye have heard
the blasphemy: what think ye? And
they all condemned him to be guilty
of death. 65 And some began to spit on
him, and to cover his face, and to buf-
fet him, and to say unto him, Proph-
esy: and the servants did strike him
with the palms of their hands. 66 And
as Peter was beneath in the palace,
there cometh one of the maids of the
high priest: 67 And when she saw Pe-
ter warming himself, she looked upon
him, and said, And thou also wast
with Jesus of Nazareth. 68 But he de-

nied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he
went out into the porch; and the cock
crew. 69 And a maid saw him again, and
began to say to them that stood by,
This is *one* of them. 70 And he denied
it again. And a little after, they that
stood by said again to Peter, Surely
thou art *one* of them: for thou art
a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth
thereto. 71 But he began to curse and
to swear, *saying*, I know not this man
of whom ye speak. 72 And the second
time the cock crew. And Peter called
to mind the word that Jesus said unto
him, Before the cock crow twice, thou

shalt deny me thrice. And when he
thought thereon, he wept.*

15 And straightway in the morn-
ing the chief priests held a consulta-
tion with the elders and scribes and
the whole council, and bound Jesus,
and carried *him* away, and delivered
him to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him,
Art thou the King of the Jews? And he
answering said unto him, Thou sayest
it. 3 And the chief priests accused him
of many things: but he answered noth-
ing. 4 And Pilate asked him again, say-

72. when...: or, he wept abundantly, or, he began to weep.

ing, Answerest thou nothing? behold
how many things they witness against
thee. 5 But Jesus yet answered noth-
ing; so that Pilate marvelled. 6 Now at
that feast he released unto them one
prisoner, whomsoever they desired.
7 And there was *one* named Barab-
bas, *which lay* bound with them that
had made insurrection with him, who
had committed murder in the insur-
rection. 8 And the multitude crying
aloud began to desire *him to do* as he
had ever done unto them. 9 But Pilate
answered them, saying, Will ye that I
release unto you the King of the Jews?
10 For he knew that the chief priests

had delivered him for envy. [11] But the
chief priests moved the people, that
he should rather release Barabbas unto
them. [12] And Pilate answered and said
again unto them, What will ye then
that I shall do *unto him* whom ye call
the King of the Jews? [13] And they cried
out again, Crucify him. [14] Then Pilate
said unto them, Why, what evil hath
he done? And they cried out the more
exceedingly, Crucify him. [15] And *so* Pi-
late, willing to content the people, re-
leased Barabbas unto them, and deliv-
ered Jesus, when he had scourged *him*,
to be crucified. [16] And the soldiers led
him away into the hall, called Praeto-

rium; and they call together the whole
band.* [17] And they clothed him with
purple, and platted a crown of thorns,
and put it about his *head*, [18] And be-
gan to salute him, Hail, King of the
Jews! [19] And they smote him on the
head with a reed, and did spit upon
him, and bowing *their* knees wor-
shipped him. [20] And when they had
mocked him, they took off the purple
from him, and put his own clothes on
him, and led him out to crucify him.
[21] And they compel one Simon a Cyre-
nian, who passed by, coming out of

15.16. Praetorium: or, the palace, or, hall of audi-
ence.

the country, the father of Alexander
and Rufus, to bear his cross. [22] And
they bring him unto the place Golgo-
tha, which is, being interpreted, The
place of a skull. [23] And they gave him
to drink wine mingled with myrrh:
but he received *it* not. [24] And when
they had crucified him, they parted
his garments, casting lots upon them,
what every man should take. [25] And
it was the third hour, and they cruci-
fied him. [26] And the superscription of
his accusation was written over, THE
KING OF THE JEWS. [27] And with
him they crucify two thieves; the one
on his right hand, and the other on his

left. [28] And the scripture was fulfilled,
which saith, And he was numbered
with the transgressors. [29] And they
that passed by railed on him, wagging
their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that
destroyest the temple, and buildest *it*
in three days, [30] Save thyself, and come
down from the cross. [31] Likewise also
the chief priests mocking said among
themselves with the scribes, He saved
others; himself he cannot save. [32] Let
Christ the King of Israel descend now
from the cross, that we may see and
believe. And they that were crucified
with him reviled him. [33] And when
the sixth hour was come, there was

darkness over the whole land until the
ninth hour. [34] And at the ninth hour
Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,
Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is,
being interpreted, My God, my God,
why hast thou forsaken me? [35] And
some of them that stood by, when
they heard *it*, said, Behold, he cal-
leth Elias. [36] And one ran and filled a
spunge full of vinegar, and put *it* on
a reed, and gave him to drink, saying,
Let alone; let us see whether Elias will
come to take him down. [37] And Je-
sus cried with a loud voice, and gave
up the ghost. [38] And the veil of the
temple was rent in twain from the

top to the bottom. 39 And when the
centurion, which stood over against
him, saw that he so cried out, and
gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this
man was the Son of God. 40 There
were also women looking on afar off:
among whom was Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of James the
less and of Joses, and Salome; 41 (Who
also, when he was in Galilee, followed
him, and ministered unto him;) and
many other women which came up
with him unto Jerusalem. 42 And now
when the even was come, because it
was the preparation, that is, the day be-
fore the sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimath-

aea, an honourable counsellor, which
also waited for the kingdom of God,
came, and went in boldly unto Pilate,
and craved the body of Jesus. 44 And Pi-
late marvelled if he were already dead:
and calling *unto him* the centurion, he
asked him whether he had been any
while dead. 45 And when he knew *it*
of the centurion, he gave the body to
Joseph. 46 And he bought fine linen,
and took him down, and wrapped him
in the linen, and laid him in a sepul-
chre which was hewn out of a rock,
and rolled a stone unto the door of
the sepulchre. 47 And Mary Magdalene
and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld

where he was laid.

16 And when the sabbath was
past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the
mother of James, and Salome, had
bought sweet spices, that they might
come and anoint him. 2 And very
early in the morning the first *day* of the
week, they came unto the sepulchre at
the rising of the sun. 3 And they said
among themselves, Who shall roll us
away the stone from the door of the
sepulchre? 4 And when they looked,
they saw that the stone was rolled
away: for it was very great. 5 And en-
tering into the sepulchre, they saw a
young man sitting on the right side,

clothed in a long white garment; and
they were affrighted. 6 And he saith
unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek
Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified:
he is risen; he is not here: behold the
place where they laid him. 7 But go
your way, tell his disciples and Peter
that he goeth before you into Galilee:
there shall ye see him, as he said unto
you. 8 And they went out quickly, and
fled from the sepulchre; for they trem-
bled and were amazed: neither said
they any thing to any *man*; for they
were afraid. 9 Now when *Jesus* was
risen early the first *day* of the week,
he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,

out of whom he had cast seven dev-
ils. [10] *And* she went and told them that
had been with him, as they mourned
and wept. [11] And they, when they had
heard that he was alive, and had been
seen of her, believed not. [12] After that
he appeared in another form unto two
of them, as they walked, and went into
the country. [13] And they went and told
it unto the residue: neither believed
they them. [14] Afterward he appeared
unto the eleven as they sat at meat,
and upbraided them with their unbe-
lief and hardness of heart, because they
believed not them which had seen him

after he was risen.* 15 And he said unto
them, Go ye into all the world, and
preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believeth and is baptized
shall be saved; but he that believeth
not shall be damned. 17 And these
signs shall follow them that believe;
In my name shall they cast out dev-
ils; they shall speak with new tongues;
18 They shall take up serpents; and if
they drink any deadly thing, it shall
not hurt them; they shall lay hands on
the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So
then after the Lord had spoken unto
them, he was received up into heaven,

16.14. at meat: or, together.

and sat on the right hand of God.
20 And they went forth, and preached
every where, the Lord working with
them, and confirming the word with
signs following. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ST. LUKE

Forasmuch as many have taken in
hand to set forth in order a dec-
laration of those things which
are most surely believed among us,
2 Even as they delivered them unto us,
which from the beginning were eye-
witnesses, and ministers of the word;
3 It seemed good to me also, having
had perfect understanding of all things
from the very first, to write unto thee
in order, most excellent Theophilus,
4 That thou mightest know the cer-
tainty of those things, wherein thou

hast been instructed. 5 There was in
the days of Herod, the king of Judaea,
a certain priest named Zacharias, of
the course of Abia: and his wife *was*
of the daughters of Aaron, and her
name *was* Elisabeth. 6 And they were
both righteous before God, walking
in all the commandments and ordi-
nances of the Lord blameless. 7 And
they had no child, because that Elisa-
beth was barren, and they both were
now well stricken in years. 8 And it
came to pass, that while he executed
the priest's office before God in the
order of his course, 9 According to the
custom of the priest's office, his lot was

to burn incense when he went into the
temple of the Lord. [10] And the whole
multitude of the people were praying
without at the time of incense. [11] And
there appeared unto him an angel of
the Lord standing on the right side of
the altar of incense. [12] And when Za-
charias saw *him*, he was troubled, and
fear fell upon him. [13] But the angel said
unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy
prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth
shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt
call his name John. [14] And thou shalt
have joy and gladness; and many shall
rejoice at his birth. [15] For he shall be
great in the sight of the Lord, and shall

drink neither wine nor strong drink;
and he shall be filled with the Holy
Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
16 And many of the children of Israel
shall he turn to the Lord their God.
17 And he shall go before him in the
spirit and power of Elias, to turn the
hearts of the fathers to the children,
and the disobedient to the wisdom of
the just; to make ready a people pre-
pared for the Lord.* 18 And Zacharias
said unto the angel, Whereby shall I
know this? for I am an old man, and
my wife well stricken in years. 19 And
the angel answering said unto him, I

1.17. to the wisdom: or, by the wisdom.

am Gabriel, that stand in the presence
of God; and am sent to speak unto
thee, and to shew thee these glad tid-
ings. [20] And, behold, thou shalt be
dumb, and not able to speak, until
the day that these things shall be per-
formed, because thou believest not my
words, which shall be fulfilled in their
season. [21] And the people waited for
Zacharias, and marvelled that he tar-
ried so long in the temple. [22] And when
he came out, he could not speak unto
them: and they perceived that he had
seen a vision in the temple: for he
beckoned unto them, and remained
speechless. [23] And it came to pass, that,

as soon as the days of his ministra-
tion were accomplished, he departed
to his own house. [24] And after those
days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and
hid herself five months, saying, [25] Thus
hath the Lord dealt with me in the
days wherein he looked on *me*, to take
away my reproach among men. [26] And
in the sixth month the angel Gabriel
was sent from God unto a city of Ga-
lilee, named Nazareth, [27] To a virgin
espoused to a man whose name was
Joseph, of the house of David; and
the virgin's name *was* Mary. [28] And
the angel came in unto her, and said,
Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the

Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou
among women.* [29] And when she saw
him, she was troubled at his saying,
and cast in her mind what manner of
salutation this should be. [30] And the
angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary:
for thou hast found favour with God.
[31] And, behold, thou shalt conceive
in thy womb, and bring forth a son,
and shalt call his name JESUS. [32] He
shall be great, and shall be called the
Son of the Highest: and the Lord
God shall give unto him the throne
of his father David: [33] And he shall

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28. highly...: or, graciously accepted, or, of much grace.

reign over the house of Jacob for ever;
and of his kingdom there shall be no
end. 34 Then said Mary unto the an-
gel, How shall this be, seeing I know
not a man? 35 And the angel answered
and said unto her, The Holy Ghost
shall come upon thee, and the power
of the Highest shall overshadow thee:
therefore also that holy thing which
shall be born of thee shall be called
the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy
cousin Elisabeth, she hath also con-
ceived a son in her old age: and this
is the sixth month with her, who was
called barren. 37 For with God nothing
shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said,

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be
it unto me according to thy word. And
the angel departed from her. 39 And
Mary arose in those days, and went
into the hill country with haste, into
a city of Juda; 40 And entered into the
house of Zacharias, and saluted Elis-
abeth. 41 And it came to pass, that,
when Elisabeth heard the salutation of
Mary, the babe leaped in her womb;
and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy
Ghost: 42 And she spake out with a
loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou
among women, and blessed *is* the fruit
of thy womb. 43 And whence *is* this
to me, that the mother of my Lord

should come to me? 44 For, lo, as soon
as the voice of thy salutation sounded
in mine ears, the babe leaped in my
womb for joy. 45 And blessed *is* she
that believed: for there shall be a per-
formance of those things which were
told her from the Lord.* 46 And Mary
said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God
my Saviour. 48 For he hath regarded
the low estate of his handmaiden: for,
behold, from henceforth all genera-
tions shall call me blessed. 49 For he
that is mighty hath done to me great
things; and holy *is* his name. 50 And his

45. that...: or, which believed that there.

mercy *is* on them that fear him from
generation to generation. [51] He hath
shewed strength with his arm; he hath
scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts. [52] He hath put down
the mighty from *their* seats, and ex-
alted them of low degree. [53] He hath
filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
[54] He hath holpen his servant Israel, in
remembrance of *his* mercy; [55] As he
spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and
to his seed for ever. [56] And Mary abode
with her about three months, and re-
turned to her own house. [57] Now Elis-
abeth's full time came that she should

be delivered; and she brought forth
a son. 58 And her neighbours and
her cousins heard how the Lord had
shewed great mercy upon her; and
they rejoiced with her. 59 And it came
to pass, that on the eighth day they
came to circumcise the child; and they
called him Zacharias, after the name
of his father. 60 And his mother an-
swered and said, Not *so*; but he shall
be called John. 61 And they said unto
her, There is none of thy kindred that
is called by this name. 62 And they
made signs to his father, how he would
have him called. 63 And he asked for a
writing table, and wrote, saying, His

name is John. And they marvelled
all. 64 And his mouth was opened im-
mediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and
he spake, and praised God. 65 And
fear came on all that dwelt round
about them: and all these sayings were
noised abroad throughout all the hill
country of Judaea.* 66 And all they that
heard *them* laid *them* up in their hearts,
saying, What manner of child shall
this be! And the hand of the Lord
was with him. 67 And his father Za-
charias was filled with the Holy Ghost,
and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed *be*
the Lord God of Israel; for he hath vis-

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65. sayings: or, things.

ited and redeemed his people, 69 And
hath raised up an horn of salvation for
us in the house of his servant David;
70 As he spake by the mouth of his
holy prophets, which have been since
the world began: 71 That we should be
saved from our enemies, and from the
hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform
the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and
to remember his holy covenant; 73 The
oath which he sware to our father
Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto
us, that we being delivered out of the
hand of our enemies might serve him
without fear, 75 In holiness and righ-
teousness before him, all the days of

our life. [76] And thou, child, shalt be
called the prophet of the Highest: for
thou shalt go before the face of the
Lord to prepare his ways; [77] To give
knowledge of salvation unto his peo-
ple by the remission of their sins,*
[78] Through the tender mercy of our
God; whereby the dayspring from on
high hath visited us,* [79] To give light
to them that sit in darkness and *in*
the shadow of death, to guide our feet
into the way of peace. [80] And the child
grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and

77. by: or, for.
78. tender...: or, bowels of the mercy. dayspring: or, sunrising, or, Branch.

was in the deserts till the day of his
shewing unto Israel.

2 And it came to pass in those days,
that there went out a decree from Cae-
sar Augustus, that all the world should
be taxed.* 2 (*And* this taxing was first
made when Cyrenius was governor of
Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed,
every one into his own city.* 4 And
Joseph also went up from Galilee, out
of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea,
unto the city of David, which is called
Bethlehem; (because he was of the

2.1. taxed: or, enrolled.
3. taxed: or, inrolled.

house and lineage of David:) 5 To be
taxed with Mary his espoused wife, be-
ing great with child.* 6 And so it was,
that, while they were there, the days
were accomplished that she should be
delivered. 7 And she brought forth
her firstborn son, and wrapped him in
swaddling clothes, and laid him in a
manger; because there was no room
for them in the inn. 8 And there were
in the same country shepherds abid-
ing in the field, keeping watch over
their flock by night.* 9 And, lo, the
angel of the Lord came upon them,

5. taxed: or, inrolled.
8. watch: or, the night watches.

and the glory of the Lord shone round
about them: and they were sore afraid.
10 And the angel said unto them, Fear
not: for, behold, I bring you good tid-
ings of great joy, which shall be to all
people. 11 For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour, which
is Christ the Lord. 12 And this *shall*
be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the
babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly
there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God, and
saying, 14 Glory to God in the high-
est, and on earth peace, good will to-
ward men. 15 And it came to pass, as

the angels were gone away from them
into heaven, the shepherds said one
to another, Let us now go even unto
Bethlehem, and see this thing which
is come to pass, which the Lord hath
made known unto us.* 16 And they
came with haste, and found Mary, and
Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17 And when they had seen *it*, they
made known abroad the saying which
was told them concerning this child.
18 And all they that heard *it* wondered
at those things which were told them
by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all
these things, and pondered *them* in her

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15. the shepherds: Gr. the men the shepherds.

heart. [20] And the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God for all
the things that they had heard and
seen, as it was told unto them. [21] And
when eight days were accomplished
for the circumcising of the child, his
name was called JESUS, which was so
named of the angel before he was con-
ceived in the womb. [22] And when the
days of her purification according to
the law of Moses were accomplished,
they brought him to Jerusalem, to pre-
sent *him* to the Lord; [23] (As it is written
in the law of the Lord, Every male that
openeth the womb shall be called holy
to the Lord;) [24] And to offer a sacrifice

according to that which is said in the
law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves,
or two young pigeons. 25 And, behold,
there was a man in Jerusalem, whose
name *was* Simeon; and the same man
was just and devout, waiting for the
consolation of Israel: and the Holy
Ghost was upon him. 26 And it was re-
vealed unto him by the Holy Ghost,
that he should not see death, before
he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 And
he came by the Spirit into the temple:
and when the parents brought in the
child Jesus, to do for him after the cus-
tom of the law, 28 Then took he him
up in his arms, and blessed God, and

said, [29] Lord, now lettest thou thy ser-
vant depart in peace, according to thy
word: [30] For mine eyes have seen thy
salvation, [31] Which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people; [32] A light
to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory
of thy people Israel. [33] And Joseph and
his mother marvelled at those things
which were spoken of him. [34] And
Simeon blessed them, and said unto
Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is
set for the fall and rising again of many
in Israel; and for a sign which shall be
spoken against; [35] (Yea, a sword shall
pierce through thy own soul also,) that
the thoughts of many hearts may be

revealed. [36] And there was one Anna,
a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel,
of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great
age, and had lived with an husband
seven years from her virginity; [37] And
she *was* a widow of about fourscore
and four years, which departed not
from the temple, but served *God* with
fastings and prayers night and day.
[38] And she coming in that instant gave
thanks likewise unto the Lord, and
spake of him to all them that looked
for redemption in Jerusalem.* [39] And
when they had performed all things
according to the law of the Lord, they

38. Jerusalem: or, Israel.

returned into Galilee, to their own city
Nazareth. [40] And the child grew, and
waxed strong in spirit, filled with wis-
dom: and the grace of God was upon
him. [41] Now his parents went to Je-
rusalem every year at the feast of the
passover. [42] And when he was twelve
years old, they went up to Jerusalem
after the custom of the feast. [43] And
when they had fulfilled the days, as
they returned, the child Jesus tarried
behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and
his mother knew not *of it*. [44] But they,
supposing him to have been in the
company, went a day's journey; and
they sought him among *their* kinsfolk

and acquaintance. 45 And when they
found him not, they turned back again
to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 And it
came to pass, that after three days
they found him in the temple, sit-
ting in the midst of the doctors, both
hearing them, and asking them ques-
tions. 47 And all that heard him were
astonished at his understanding and
answers. 48 And when they saw him,
they were amazed: and his mother said
unto him, Son, why hast thou thus
dealt with us? behold, thy father and
I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And
he said unto them, How is it that ye
sought me? wist ye not that I must

be about my Father's business? [50] And
they understood not the saying which
he spake unto them. [51] And he went
down with them, and came to Naza-
reth, and was subject unto them: but
his mother kept all these sayings in her
heart. [52] And Jesus increased in wis-
dom and stature, and in favour with
God and man.*

3 Now in the fifteenth year of
the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pon-
tius Pilate being governor of Judaea,
and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip tetrarch of Itu-

52. stature: or, age.

raea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,* 2 Annas and Caiaphas being the
high priests, the word of God came
unto John the son of Zacharias in
the wilderness. 3 And he came into
all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the
remission of sins; 4 As it is written
in the book of the words of Esaias
the prophet, saying, The voice of one
crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye
the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be

3.1. tetrarch: or, governor of four provinces.

brought low; and the crooked shall
be made straight, and the rough ways
shall be made smooth; 6 And all flesh
shall see the salvation of God. 7 Then
said he to the multitude that came
forth to be baptized of him, O genera-
tion of vipers, who hath warned you to
flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring
forth therefore fruits worthy of repen-
tance, and begin not to say within
yourselves, We have Abraham to *our*
father: for I say unto you, That God is
able of these stones to raise up children
unto Abraham.* 9 And now also the
axe is laid unto the root of the trees:

8. worthy of: or, meet for.

every tree therefore which bringeth
not forth good fruit is hewn down,
and cast into the fire. 10 And the people
asked him, saying, What shall we do
then? 11 He answereth and saith unto
them, He that hath two coats, let him
impart to him that hath none; and he
that hath meat, let him do likewise.
12 Then came also publicans to be bap-
tized, and said unto him, Master, what
shall we do? 13 And he said unto them,
Exact no more than that which is ap-
pointed you. 14 And the soldiers like-
wise demanded of him, saying, And
what shall we do? And he said unto
them, Do violence to no man, neither

accuse *any* falsely; and be content with
your wages.* [15] And as the people were
in expectation, and all men mused in
their hearts of John, whether he were
the Christ, or not;* [16] John answered,
saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize
you with water; but one mightier than
I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes
I am not worthy to unloose: he shall
baptize you with the Holy Ghost and
with fire: [17] Whose fan *is* in his hand,
and he will throughly purge his floor,

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14. Do violence...: or, Put no man in fear. wages: or, allowance.

15. in expectation: or, in suspense. mused: or, reasoned, or, debated.

and will gather the wheat into his gar-
ner; but the chaff he will burn with
fire unquenchable. 18 And many other
things in his exhortation preached he
unto the people. 19 But Herod the
tetrarch, being reproved by him for
Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and
for all the evils which Herod had done,
20 Added yet this above all, that he shut
up John in prison. 21 Now when all
the people were baptized, it came to
pass, that Jesus also being baptized,
and praying, the heaven was opened,
22 And the Holy Ghost descended in
a bodily shape like a dove upon him,
and a voice came from heaven, which

said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee
I am well pleased. [23] And Jesus him-
self began to be about thirty years of
age, being (as was supposed) the son
of Joseph, which was *the son* of Heli,
[24] Which was *the son* of Matthat, which
was *the son* of Levi, which was *the son*
of Melchi, which was *the son* of Janna,
which was *the son* of Joseph, [25] Which
was *the son* of Mattathias, which was
the son of Amos, which was *the son*
of Naum, which was *the son* of Esli,
which was *the son* of Nagge, [26] Which
was *the son* of Maath, which was *the*
son of Mattathias, which was *the son*
of Semei, which was *the son* of Joseph,

which was *the son* of Juda, [27] Which was
the son of Joanna, which was *the son* of
Rhesa, which was *the son* of Zorob-
abel, which was *the son* of Salathiel,
which was *the son* of Neri, [28] Which was
the son of Melchi, which was *the son*
of Addi, which was *the son* of Cosam,
which was *the son* of Elmodam, which
was *the son* of Er, [29] Which was *the son*
of Jose, which was *the son* of Eliezer,
which was *the son* of Jorim, which was
the son of Matthat, which was *the son* of
Levi, [30] Which was *the son* of Simeon,
which was *the son* of Juda, which was
the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of
Jonan, which was *the son* of Eliakim,

31 Which was *the son* of Melea, which
was *the son* of Menan, which was *the*
son of Mattatha, which was *the son* of
Nathan, which was *the son* of David,
32 Which was *the son* of Jesse, which was
the son of Obed, which was *the son* of
Booz, which was *the son* of Salmon,
which was *the son* of Naasson, 33 Which
was *the son* of Aminadab, which was
the son of Aram, which was *the son* of
Esrom, which was *the son* of Phares,
which was *the son* of Juda, 34 Which was
the son of Jacob, which was *the son* of
Isaac, which was *the son* of Abraham,
which was *the son* of Thara, which was
the son of Nachor, 35 Which was *the*

son of Saruch, which was *the son* of
Ragau, which was *the son* of Phalec,
which was *the son* of Heber, which
was *the son* of Sala, 36 Which was *the*
son of Cainan, which was *the son* of
Arphaxad, which was *the son* of Sem,
which was *the son* of Noe, which was
the son of Lamech, 37 Which was *the*
son of Mathusala, which was *the son*
of Enoch, which was *the son* of Jared,
which was *the son* of Maleleel, which
was *the son* of Cainan, 38 Which was *the*
son of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth,
which was *the son* of Adam, which was
the son of God.
4 And Jesus being full of the Holy

Ghost returned from Jordan, and was
led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
2 Being forty days tempted of the devil.
And in those days he did eat noth-
ing: and when they were ended, he
afterward hungered. 3 And the devil
said unto him, If thou be the Son of
God, command this stone that it be
made bread. 4 And Jesus answered
him, saying, It is written, That man
shall not live by bread alone, but by
every word of God. 5 And the devil,
taking him up into an high mountain,
shewed unto him all the kingdoms of
the world in a moment of time. 6 And
the devil said unto him, All this power

will I give thee, and the glory of them:
for that is delivered unto me; and to
whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou
therefore wilt worship me, all shall be
thine.* 8 And Jesus answered and said
unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan:
for it is written, Thou shalt worship
the Lord thy God, and him only shalt
thou serve. 9 And he brought him to
Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of
the temple, and said unto him, If thou
be the Son of God, cast thyself down
from hence: 10 For it is written, He
shall give his angels charge over thee,
to keep thee: 11 And in *their* hands they

4.7. worship me: or, fall down before me.

shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou
dash thy foot against a stone. 12 And
Jesus answering said unto him, It is
said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord
thy God. 13 And when the devil had
ended all the temptation, he departed
from him for a season. 14 And Jesus re-
turned in the power of the Spirit into
Galilee: and there went out a fame
of him through all the region round
about. 15 And he taught in their syna-
gogues, being glorified of all. 16 And
he came to Nazareth, where he had
been brought up: and, as his custom
was, he went into the synagogue on
the sabbath day, and stood up for to

read. [17] And there was delivered unto
him the book of the prophet Esaias.
And when he had opened the book,
he found the place where it was writ-
ten, [18] The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon
me, because he hath anointed me to
preach the gospel to the poor; he hath
sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to
preach deliverance to the captives, and
recovering of sight to the blind, to set
at liberty them that are bruised, [19] To
preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
[20] And he closed the book, and he gave
it again to the minister, and sat down.
And the eyes of all them that were in
the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This
day is this scripture fulfilled in your
ears. 22 And all bare him witness, and
wondered at the gracious words which
proceeded out of his mouth. And they
said, Is not this Joseph's son? 23 And he
said unto them, Ye will surely say unto
me this proverb, Physician, heal thy-
self: whatsoever we have heard done
in Capernaum, do also here in thy
country. 24 And he said, Verily I say
unto you, No prophet is accepted in
his own country. 25 But I tell you of a
truth, many widows were in Israel in
the days of Elias, when the heaven was
shut up three years and six months,

when great famine was throughout all
the land; [26] But unto none of them was
Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, *a city*
of Sidon, unto a woman *that was* a
widow. [27] And many lepers were in Is-
rael in the time of Eliseus the prophet;
and none of them was cleansed, saving
Naaman the Syrian. [28] And all they in
the synagogue, when they heard these
things, were filled with wrath, [29] And
rose up, and thrust him out of the city,
and led him unto the brow of the hill
whereon their city was built, that they
might cast him down headlong.* [30] But
he passing through the midst of them

29. brow: or, edge.

went his way, [31] And came down to Ca-
pernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught
them on the sabbath days. [32] And they
were astonished at his doctrine: for
his word was with power. [33] And in
the synagogue there was a man, which
had a spirit of an unclean devil, and
cried out with a loud voice, [34] Say-
ing, Let *us* alone; what have we to
do with thee, *thou* Jesus of Nazareth?
art thou come to destroy us? I know
thee who thou art; the Holy One of
God.* [35] And Jesus rebuked him, say-
ing, Hold thy peace, and come out of
him. And when the devil had thrown

34. Let...: or, Away.

him in the midst, he came out of him,
and hurt him not. 36 And they were
all amazed, and spake among them-
selves, saying, What a word *is* this!
for with authority and power he com-
mandeth the unclean spirits, and they
come out. 37 And the fame of him
went out into every place of the coun-
try round about. 38 And he arose out
of the synagogue, and entered into
Simon's house. And Simon's wife's
mother was taken with a great fever;
and they besought him for her. 39 And
he stood over her, and rebuked the
fever; and it left her: and immediately
she arose and ministered unto them.

40 Now when the sun was setting, all
they that had any sick with divers dis-
eases brought them unto him; and he
laid his hands on every one of them,
and healed them. 41 And devils also
came out of many, crying out, and say-
ing, Thou art Christ the Son of God.
And he rebuking *them* suffered them
not to speak: for they knew that he
was Christ.* 42 And when it was day, he
departed and went into a desert place:
and the people sought him, and came
unto him, and stayed him, that he
should not depart from them. 43 And

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41. to speak...: or, to say that they knew him to be Christ.

he said unto them, I must preach the
kingdom of God to other cities also:
for therefore am I sent. 44 And he
preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

5 And it came to pass, that, as the
people pressed upon him to hear the
word of God, he stood by the lake
of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships
standing by the lake: but the fish-
ermen were gone out of them, and
were washing *their* nets. 3 And he
entered into one of the ships, which
was Simon's, and prayed him that he
would thrust out a little from the land.
And he sat down, and taught the peo-

ple out of the ship. 4 Now when he
had left speaking, he said unto Simon,
Launch out into the deep, and let
down your nets for a draught. 5 And
Simon answering said unto him, Mas-
ter, we have toiled all the night, and
have taken nothing: nevertheless at
thy word I will let down the net. 6 And
when they had this done, they inclosed
a great multitude of fishes: and their
net brake. 7 And they beckoned unto
their partners, which were in the other
ship, that they should come and help
them. And they came, and filled both
the ships, so that they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell

down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart
from me; for I am a sinful man, O
Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all
that were with him, at the draught of
the fishes which they had taken: 10 And
so *was* also James, and John, the sons of
Zebedee, which were partners with Si-
mon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear
not; from henceforth thou shalt catch
men. 11 And when they had brought
their ships to land, they forsook all,
and followed him. 12 And it came to
pass, when he was in a certain city, be-
hold a man full of leprosy: who see-
ing Jesus fell on *his* face, and besought
him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou

canst make me clean. [13] And he put
forth *his* hand, and touched him, sa-
ing, I will: be thou clean. And im-
mediately the leprosy departed from
him. [14] And he charged him to tell no
man: but go, and shew thyself to the
priest, and offer for thy cleansing, ac-
cording as Moses commanded, for a
testimony unto them. [15] But so much
the more went there a fame abroad of
him: and great multitudes came to-
gether to hear, and to be healed by him
of their infirmities. [16] And he with-
drew himself into the wilderness, and
prayed. [17] And it came to pass on a
certain day, as he was teaching, that

there were Pharisees and doctors of
the law sitting by, which were come
out of every town of Galilee, and Ju-
daea, and Jerusalem: and the power
of the Lord was *present* to heal them.
18 And, behold, men brought in a bed
a man which was taken with a palsy:
and they sought *means* to bring him
in, and to lay *him* before him. 19 And
when they could not find by what *way*
they might bring him in because of the
multitude, they went upon the house-
top, and let him down through the
tiling with *his* couch into the midst
before Jesus. 20 And when he saw their
faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins

are forgiven thee. [21] And the scribes
and the Pharisees began to reason, say-
ing, Who is this which speaketh blas-
phemies? Who can forgive sins, but
God alone? [22] But when Jesus per-
ceived their thoughts, he answering
said unto them, What reason ye in
your hearts? [23] Whether is easier, to
say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to
say, Rise up and walk? [24] But that
ye may know that the Son of man
hath power upon earth to forgive sins,
(he said unto the sick of the palsy,)
I say unto thee, Arise, and take up
thy couch, and go into thine house.
[25] And immediately he rose up before

them, and took up that whereon he
lay, and departed to his own house,
glorifying God. [26] And they were all
amazed, and they glorified God, and
were filled with fear, saying, We have
seen strange things to day. [27] And after
these things he went forth, and saw a
publican, named Levi, sitting at the re-
ceipt of custom: and he said unto him,
Follow me. [28] And he left all, rose up,
and followed him. [29] And Levi made
him a great feast in his own house: and
there was a great company of publi-
cans and of others that sat down with
them. [30] But their scribes and Phar-
isees murmured against his disciples,

saying, Why do ye eat and drink with
publicans and sinners? 31 And Jesus
answering said unto them, They that
are whole need not a physician; but
they that are sick. 32 I came not to
call the righteous, but sinners to re-
pentance. 33 And they said unto him,
Why do the disciples of John fast of-
ten, and make prayers, and likewise
the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine
eat and drink? 34 And he said unto
them, Can ye make the children of the
bridechamber fast, while the bride-
groom is with them? 35 But the days
will come, when the bridegroom shall
be taken away from them, and then

shall they fast in those days. [36] And
he spake also a parable unto them; No
man putteth a piece of a new garment
upon an old; if otherwise, then both
the new maketh a rent, and the piece
that was *taken* out of the new agreeth
not with the old. [37] And no man put-
teth new wine into old bottles; else the
new wine will burst the bottles, and
be spilled, and the bottles shall per-
ish. [38] But new wine must be put into
new bottles; and both are preserved.
[39] No man also having drunk old *wine*
straightway desireth new: for he saith,
The old is better.

6 And it came to pass on the sec-

ond sabbath after the first, that he
went through the corn fields; and his
disciples plucked the ears of corn, and
did eat, rubbing *them* in *their* hands.
2 And certain of the Pharisees said
unto them, Why do ye that which
is not lawful to do on the sabbath
days? 3 And Jesus answering them
said, Have ye not read so much as
this, what David did, when himself
was an hungred, and they which were
with him; 4 How he went into the
house of God, and did take and eat
the shewbread, and gave also to them
that were with him; which it is not
lawful to eat but for the priests alone?

5 And he said unto them, That the
Son of man is Lord also of the sab-
bath. 6 And it came to pass also on
another sabbath, that he entered into
the synagogue and taught: and there
was a man whose right hand was with-
ered. 7 And the scribes and Pharisees
watched him, whether he would heal
on the sabbath day; that they might
find an accusation against him. 8 But
he knew their thoughts, and said to
the man which had the withered hand,
Rise up, and stand forth in the midst.
And he arose and stood forth. 9 Then
said Jesus unto them, I will ask you
one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath

days to do good, or to do evil? to save
life, or to destroy *it*? [10] And looking
round about upon them all, he said
unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand.
And he did so: and his hand was re-
stored whole as the other. [11] And they
were filled with madness; and com-
muned one with another what they
might do to Jesus. [12] And it came to
pass in those days, that he went out
into a mountain to pray, and contin-
ued all night in prayer to God. [13] And
when it was day, he called *unto him*
his disciples: and of them he chose
twelve, whom also he named apostles;
[14] Simon, (whom he also named Pe-

ter,) and Andrew his brother, James
and John, Philip and Bartholomew,
15 Matthew and Thomas, James the *son*
of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelo-
tes, 16 And Judas *the brother* of James,
and Judas Iscariot, which also was the
traitor. 17 And he came down with
them, and stood in the plain, and the
company of his disciples, and a great
multitude of people out of all Judaea
and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast
of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear
him, and to be healed of their diseases;
18 And they that were vexed with un-
clean spirits: and they were healed.
19 And the whole multitude sought to

touch him: for there went virtue out
of him, and healed *them* all. [20] And he
lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and
said, Blessed *be ye* poor: for yours is
the kingdom of God. [21] Blessed *are*
ye that hunger now: for ye shall be
filled. Blessed *are ye* that weep now:
for ye shall laugh. [22] Blessed are ye,
when men shall hate you, and when
they shall separate you *from their com-*
pany, and shall reproach *you*, and cast
out your name as evil, for the Son of
man's sake. [23] Rejoice ye in that day,
and leap for joy: for, behold, your
reward *is* great in heaven: for in the
like manner did their fathers unto the

prophets. [24] But woe unto you that are
rich! for ye have received your con-
solation. [25] Woe unto you that are full!
for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that
laugh now! for ye shall mourn and
weep. [26] Woe unto you, when all men
shall speak well of you! for so did their
fathers to the false prophets. [27] But I
say unto you which hear, Love your
enemies, do good to them which hate
you, [28] Bless them that curse you, and
pray for them which despitefully use
you. [29] And unto him that smiteth thee
on the *one* cheek offer also the other;
and him that taketh away thy cloke
forbid not *to take thy* coat also. [30] Give

to every man that asketh of thee; and
of him that taketh away thy goods ask
them not again. [31] And as ye would that
men should do to you, do ye also to
them likewise. [32] For if ye love them
which love you, what thank have ye?
for sinners also love those that love
them. [33] And if ye do good to them
which do good to you, what thank
have ye? for sinners also do even the
same. [34] And if ye lend *to them* of whom
ye hope to receive, what thank have
ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to
receive as much again. [35] But love ye
your enemies, and do good, and lend,
hoping for nothing again; and your re-

ward shall be great, and ye shall be the
children of the Highest: for he is kind
unto the unthankful and *to* the evil.
36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Fa-
ther also is merciful. 37 Judge not, and
ye shall not be judged: condemn not,
and ye shall not be condemned: for-
give, and ye shall be forgiven: 38 Give,
and it shall be given unto you; good
measure, pressed down, and shaken
together, and running over, shall men
give into your bosom. For with the
same measure that ye mete withal it
shall be measured to you again. 39 And
he spake a parable unto them, Can the
blind lead the blind? shall they not

both fall into the ditch? [40] The disciple
is not above his master: but every one
that is perfect shall be as his master.*
[41] And why beholdest thou the mote
that is in thy brother's eye, but per-
ceivest not the beam that is in thine
own eye? [42] Either how canst thou say
to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out
the mote that is in thine eye, when
thou thyself beholdest not the beam
that is in thine own eye? Thou hyp-
ocrite, cast out first the beam out of
thine own eye, and then shalt thou see
clearly to pull out the mote that is in
thy brother's eye. [43] For a good tree

6.40. that...: or, shall be perfected as his master.

bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth
good fruit. 44 For every tree is known
by his own fruit. For of thorns men do
not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush
gather they grapes.* 45 A good man
out of the good treasure of his heart
bringeth forth that which is good; and
an evil man out of the evil treasure of
his heart bringeth forth that which is
evil: for of the abundance of the heart
his mouth speaketh. 46 And why call ye
me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things
which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to
me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth

44. grapes: Gr. a grape.

them, I will shew you to whom he is
like: [48] He is like a man which built
an house, and digged deep, and laid
the foundation on a rock: and when
the flood arose, the stream beat ve-
hemently upon that house, and could
not shake it: for it was founded upon a
rock. [49] But he that heareth, and doeth
not, is like a man that without a foun-
dation built an house upon the earth;
against which the stream did beat ve-
hemently, and immediately it fell; and
the ruin of that house was great.

7 Now when he had ended all his
sayings in the audience of the people,

he entered into Capernaum. [2] And a
certain centurion's servant, who was
dear unto him, was sick, and ready to
die. [3] And when he heard of Jesus, he
sent unto him the elders of the Jews,
beseeching him that he would come
and heal his servant. [4] And when they
came to Jesus, they besought him in-
stantly, saying, That he was worthy
for whom he should do this: [5] For he
loveth our nation, and he hath built
us a synagogue. [6] Then Jesus went
with them. And when he was now not
far from the house, the centurion sent
friends to him, saying unto him, Lord,
trouble not thyself: for I am not wor-

thy that thou shouldest enter under
my roof: 7 Wherefore neither thought
I myself worthy to come unto thee:
but say in a word, and my servant shall
be healed. 8 For I also am a man set
under authority, having under me sol-
diers, and I say unto one, Go, and he
goeth; and to another, Come, and he
cometh; and to my servant, Do this,
and he doeth *it*.* 9 When Jesus heard
these things, he marvelled at him, and
turned him about, and said unto the
people that followed him, I say unto
you, I have not found so great faith,
no, not in Israel. 10 And they that were

7.8. one: Gr. this man.

sent, returning to the house, found
the servant whole that had been sick.
11 And it came to pass the day after,
that he went into a city called Nain;
and many of his disciples went with
him, and much people. 12 Now when
he came nigh to the gate of the city,
behold, there was a dead man carried
out, the only son of his mother, and
she was a widow: and much people
of the city was with her. 13 And when
the Lord saw her, he had compassion
on her, and said unto her, Weep not.
14 And he came and touched the bier:
and they that bare *him* stood still. And
he said, Young man, I say unto thee,

Arise.* 15 And he that was dead sat up,
and began to speak. And he deliv-
ered him to his mother. 16 And there
came a fear on all: and they glorified
God, saying, That a great prophet is
risen up among us; and, That God
hath visited his people. 17 And this ru-
mour of him went forth throughout
all Judaea, and throughout all the re-
gion round about. 18 And the disci-
ples of John shewed him of all these
things. 19 And John calling *unto him*
two of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus,
saying, Art thou he that should come?
or look we for another? 20 When the

14. bier: or, coffin.

men were come unto him, they said,
John Baptist hath sent us unto thee,
saying, Art thou he that should come?
or look we for another? [21] And in that
same hour he cured many of *their* in-
firmities and plagues, and of evil spir-
its; and unto many *that were* blind
he gave sight. [22] Then Jesus answer-
ing said unto them, Go your way, and
tell John what things ye have seen and
heard; how that the blind see, the
lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the
deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the
poor the gospel is preached. [23] And
blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be
offended in me. [24] And when the mes-

sengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? [25] But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. [26] But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. [27] This is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. [28] For I say unto you, Among those that are born of

women there is not a greater prophet
than John the Baptist: but he that is
least in the kingdom of God is greater
than he. [29] And all the people that
heard *him*, and the publicans, justi-
fied God, being baptized with the bap-
tism of John. [30] But the Pharisees and
lawyers rejected the counsel of God
against themselves, being not baptized
of him.* [31] And the Lord said, Where-
unto then shall I liken the men of this
generation? and to what are they like?
[32] They are like unto children sitting in
the marketplace, and calling one to

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30. rejected: or, frustrated. against...: or, within themselves.

another, and saying, We have piped
unto you, and ye have not danced; we
have mourned to you, and ye have not
wept. 33 For John the Baptist came nei-
ther eating bread nor drinking wine;
and ye say, He hath a devil. 34 The Son
of man is come eating and drinking;
and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man,
and a winebibber, a friend of publi-
cans and sinners! 35 But wisdom is jus-
tified of all her children. 36 And one
of the Pharisees desired him that he
would eat with him. And he went
into the Pharisee's house, and sat down
to meat. 37 And, behold, a woman
in the city, which was a sinner, when

she knew that *Jesus* sat at meat in the
Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster
box of ointment, 38 And stood at his
feet behind *him* weeping, and began
to wash his feet with tears, and did
wipe *them* with the hairs of her head,
and kissed his feet, and anointed *them*
with the ointment. 39 Now when the
Pharisee which had bidden him saw *it*,
he spake within himself, saying, This
man, if he were a prophet, would have
known who and what manner of wo-
man *this is* that toucheth him: for she
is a sinner. 40 And Jesus answering said
unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to
say unto thee. And he saith, Master,

say on. [41] There was a certain creditor
which had two debtors: the one owed
five hundred pence, and the other fifty.
[42] And when they had nothing to pay,
he frankly forgave them both. Tell me
therefore, which of them will love him
most? [43] Simon answered and said, I
suppose that *he*, to whom he forgave
most. And he said unto him, Thou
hast rightly judged. [44] And he turned
to the woman, and said unto Simon,
Seest thou this woman? I entered into
thine house, thou gavest me no water
for my feet: but she hath washed my
feet with tears, and wiped *them* with
the hairs of her head. [45] Thou gavest

me no kiss: but this woman since
the time I came in hath not ceased
to kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil
thou didst not anoint: but this woman
hath anointed my feet with ointment.
47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins,
which are many, are forgiven; for she
loved much: but to whom little is for-
given, *the same* loveth little. 48 And he
said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.
49 And they that sat at meat with him
began to say within themselves, Who
is this that forgiveth sins also? 50 And
he said to the woman, Thy faith hath
saved thee; go in peace.

8 And it came to pass afterward,
that he went throughout every city
and village, preaching and shewing
the glad tidings of the kingdom of
God: and the twelve *were* with him,
2 And certain women, which had been
healed of evil spirits and infirmities,
Mary called Magdalene, out of whom
went seven devils, 3 And Joanna the
wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and
Susanna, and many others, which
ministered unto him of their sub-
stance. 4 And when much people were
gathered together, and were come to
him out of every city, he spake by a

parable: 5 A sower went out to sow
his seed: and as he sowed, some fell
by the way side; and it was trodden
down, and the fowls of the air de-
voured it. 6 And some fell upon a rock;
and as soon as it was sprung up, it with-
ered away, because it lacked moisture.
7 And some fell among thorns; and the
thorns sprang up with it, and choked
it. 8 And other fell on good ground,
and sprang up, and bare fruit an hun-
dredfold. And when he had said these
things, he cried, He that hath ears to
hear, let him hear. 9 And his disci-
ples asked him, saying, What might
this parable be? 10 And he said, Unto

you it is given to know the mysteries
of the kingdom of God: but to others
in parables; that seeing they might not
see, and hearing they might not under-
stand. 11 Now the parable is this: The
seed is the word of God. 12 Those by
the way side are they that hear; then
cometh the devil, and taketh away
the word out of their hearts, lest they
should believe and be saved. 13 They
on the rock *are they*, which, when they
hear, receive the word with joy; and
these have no root, which for a while
believe, and in time of temptation fall
away. 14 And that which fell among
thorns are they, which, when they have

heard, go forth, and are choked with
cares and riches and pleasures of *this*
life, and bring no fruit to perfection.
15 But that on the good ground are
they, which in an honest and good
heart, having heard the word, keep *it*,
and bring forth fruit with patience.
16 No man, when he hath lighted a can-
dle, covereth it with a vessel, or put-
teth *it* under a bed; but setteth *it* on
a candlestick, that they which enter in
may see the light. 17 For nothing is se-
cret, that shall not be made manifest;
neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be
known and come abroad. 18 Take heed
therefore how ye hear: for whoso-

ever hath, to him shall be given; and
whosoever hath not, from him shall be
taken even that which he seemeth to
have.* 19 Then came to him *his* mother
and his brethren, and could not come
at him for the press. 20 And it was told
him *by certain* which said, Thy mother
and thy brethren stand without, de-
siring to see thee. 21 And he answered
and said unto them, My mother and
my brethren are these which hear the
word of God, and do it. 22 Now it
came to pass on a certain day, that
he went into a ship with his disci-
ples: and he said unto them, Let us go

8.18. seemeth...: or, thinketh that he hath.

over unto the other side of the lake.
And they launched forth. 23 But as
they sailed he fell asleep: and there
came down a storm of wind on the
lake; and they were filled *with wa-*
ter, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they
came to him, and awoke him, say-
ing, Master, master, we perish. Then
he arose, and rebuked the wind and
the raging of the water: and they
ceased, and there was a calm. 25 And he
said unto them, Where is your faith?
And they being afraid wondered, say-
ing one to another, What manner of
man is this! for he commandeth even
the winds and water, and they obey

him. [26] And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over
against Galilee. [27] And when he went
forth to land, there met him out of the
city a certain man, which had devils
long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in *any* house, but in the
tombs. [28] When he saw Jesus, he cried
out, and fell down before him, and
with a loud voice said, What have I to
do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of God
most high? I beseech thee, torment
me not. [29] (For he had commanded
the unclean spirit to come out of the
man. For oftentimes it had caught
him: and he was kept bound with

chains and in fetters; and he brake
the bands, and was driven of the devil
into the wilderness.) 30 And Jesus asked
him, saying, What is thy name? And
he said, Legion: because many devils
were entered into him. 31 And they be-
sought him that he would not com-
mand them to go out into the deep.
32 And there was there an herd of many
swine feeding on the mountain: and
they besought him that he would suf-
fer them to enter into them. And he
suffered them. 33 Then went the dev-
ils out of the man, and entered into
the swine: and the herd ran violently
down a steep place into the lake, and

were choked. 34 When they that fed
them saw what was done, they fled, and
went and told *it* in the city and in the
country. 35 Then they went out to see
what was done; and came to Jesus, and
found the man, out of whom the dev-
ils were departed, sitting at the feet of
Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind:
and they were afraid. 36 They also
which saw *it* told them by what means
he that was possessed of the devils was
healed. 37 Then the whole multitude of
the country of the Gadarenes round
about besought him to depart from
them; for they were taken with great
fear: and he went up into the ship,

and returned back again. [38] Now the
man out of whom the devils were de-
parted besought him that he might be
with him: but Jesus sent him away,
saying, [39] Return to thine own house,
and shew how great things God hath
done unto thee. And he went his way,
and published throughout the whole
city how great things Jesus had done
unto him. [40] And it came to pass, that,
when Jesus was returned, the people
gladly received him: for they were all
waiting for him. [41] And, behold, there
came a man named Jairus, and he was
a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell
down at Jesus' feet, and besought him

that he would come into his house:
42 For he had one only daughter, about
twelve years of age, and she lay a dying.
But as he went the people thronged
him. 43 And a woman having an is-
sue of blood twelve years, which had
spent all her living upon physicians,
neither could be healed of any, 44 Came
behind *him*, and touched the border
of his garment: and immediately her
issue of blood stanched. 45 And Je-
sus said, Who touched me? When
all denied, Peter and they that were
with him said, Master, the multitude
throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest
thou, Who touched me? 46 And Jesus

said, Somebody hath touched me: for
I perceive that virtue is gone out of
me. 47 And when the woman saw that
she was not hid, she came trembling,
and falling down before him, she de-
clared unto him before all the people
for what cause she had touched him,
and how she was healed immediately.
48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be
of good comfort: thy faith hath made
thee whole; go in peace. 49 While he
yet spake, there cometh one from the
ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying
to him, Thy daughter is dead; trou-
ble not the Master. 50 But when Je-
sus heard *it*, he answered him, saying,

Fear not: believe only, and she shall
be made whole. 51 And when he came
into the house, he suffered no man
to go in, save Peter, and James, and
John, and the father and the mother
of the maiden. 52 And all wept, and
bewailed her: but he said, Weep not;
she is not dead, but sleepeth. 53 And
they laughed him to scorn, knowing
that she was dead. 54 And he put them
all out, and took her by the hand,
and called, saying, Maid, arise. 55 And
her spirit came again, and she arose
straightway: and he commanded to
give her meat. 56 And her parents were
astonished: but he charged them that

they should tell no man what was
done.

9 Then he called his twelve disci-
ples together, and gave them power
and authority over all devils, and to
cure diseases. 2 And he sent them to
preach the kingdom of God, and to
heal the sick. 3 And he said unto them,
Take nothing for *your* journey, neither
staves, nor scrip, neither bread, nei-
ther money; neither have two coats
apiece. 4 And whatsoever house ye en-
ter into, there abide, and thence de-
part. 5 And whosoever will not re-
ceive you, when ye go out of that city,

shake off the very dust from your feet
for a testimony against them. 6 And
they departed, and went through the
towns, preaching the gospel, and heal-
ing every where. 7 Now Herod the
tetrarch heard of all that was done by
him: and he was perplexed, because
that it was said of some, that John was
risen from the dead; 8 And of some,
that Elias had appeared; and of oth-
ers, that one of the old prophets was
risen again. 9 And Herod said, John
have I beheaded: but who is this, of
whom I hear such things? And he
desired to see him. 10 And the apos-
tles, when they were returned, told

him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. [11] And the people, when they knew *it*, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing. [12] And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. [13] But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We

have no more but five loaves and two
fishes; except we should go and buy
meat for all this people. 14 For they
were about five thousand men. And
he said to his disciples, Make them sit
down by fifties in a company. 15 And
they did so, and made them all sit
down. 16 Then he took the five loaves
and the two fishes, and looking up to
heaven, he blessed them, and brake,
and gave to the disciples to set before
the multitude. 17 And they did eat, and
were all filled: and there was taken up
of fragments that remained to them
twelve baskets. 18 And it came to pass,
as he was alone praying, his disciples

were with him: and he asked them,
saying, Whom say the people that I
am? [19] They answering said, John the
Baptist; but some *say*, Elias; and oth-
ers *say*, that one of the old prophets
is risen again. [20] He said unto them,
But whom say ye that I am? Peter
answering said, The Christ of God.
[21] And he straitly charged them, and
commanded *them* to tell no man that
thing; [22] Saying, The Son of man must
suffer many things, and be rejected of
the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be slain, and be raised the third
day. [23] And he said to *them* all, If any
man will come after me, let him deny

himself, and take up his cross daily,
and follow me. [24] For whosoever will
save his life shall lose it: but whosoever
will lose his life for my sake, the same
shall save it. [25] For what is a man ad-
vantaged, if he gain the whole world,
and lose himself, or be cast away? [26] For
whosoever shall be ashamed of me and
of my words, of him shall the Son of
man be ashamed, when he shall come
in his own glory, and *in his* Father's,
and of the holy angels. [27] But I tell
you of a truth, there be some standing
here, which shall not taste of death, till
they see the kingdom of God. [28] And
it came to pass about an eight days

after these sayings, he took Peter and
John and James, and went up into a
mountain to pray.* [29] And as he prayed,
the fashion of his countenance was al-
tered, and his raiment *was* white *and*
glistering. [30] And, behold, there talked
with him two men, which were Moses
and Elias: [31] Who appeared in glory,
and spake of his decease which he
should accomplish at Jerusalem. [32] But
Peter and they that were with him were
heavy with sleep: and when they were
awake, they saw his glory, and the two
men that stood with him. [33] And it
came to pass, as they departed from

9.28. sayings: or, things.

him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it
is good for us to be here: and let us
make three tabernacles; one for thee,
and one for Moses, and one for Elias:
not knowing what he said. 34 While he
thus spake, there came a cloud, and
overshadowed them: and they feared
as they entered into the cloud. 35 And
there came a voice out of the cloud,
saying, This is my beloved Son: hear
him. 36 And when the voice was past,
Jesus was found alone. And they kept
it close, and told no man in those days
any of those things which they had
seen. 37 And it came to pass, that on
the next day, when they were come

down from the hill, much people met
him. 38 And, behold, a man of the
company cried out, saying, Master, I
beseech thee, look upon my son: for
he is mine only child. 39 And, lo, a
spirit taketh him, and he suddenly
crieth out; and it teareth him that
he foameth again, and bruising him
hardly departeth from him. 40 And I
besought thy disciples to cast him out;
and they could not. 41 And Jesus an-
swering said, O faithless and perverse
generation, how long shall I be with
you, and suffer you? Bring thy son
hither. 42 And as he was yet a coming,
the devil threw him down, and tare

him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean
spirit, and healed the child, and deliv-
ered him again to his father. [43] And
they were all amazed at the mighty
power of God. But while they won-
dered every one at all things which Je-
sus did, he said unto his disciples, [44] Let
these sayings sink down into your ears:
for the Son of man shall be delivered
into the hands of men. [45] But they un-
derstood not this saying, and it was
hid from them, that they perceived it
not: and they feared to ask him of that
saying. [46] Then there arose a reasoning
among them, which of them should be
greatest. [47] And Jesus, perceiving the

thought of their heart, took a child,
and set him by him, 48 And said unto
them, Whosoever shall receive this
child in my name receiveth me: and
whosoever shall receive me receiveth
him that sent me: for he that is least
among you all, the same shall be great.
49 And John answered and said, Mas-
ter, we saw one casting out devils in
thy name; and we forbad him, because
he followeth not with us. 50 And Jesus
said unto him, Forbid *him* not: for he
that is not against us is for us. 51 And it
came to pass, when the time was come
that he should be received up, he sted-
fastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face:
and they went, and entered into a vil-
lage of the Samaritans, to make ready
for him. 53 And they did not receive
him, because his face was as though he
would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when
his disciples James and John saw *this*,
they said, Lord, wilt thou that we com-
mand fire to come down from heaven,
and consume them, even as Elias did?
55 But he turned, and rebuked them,
and said, Ye know not what manner of
spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man
is not come to destroy men's lives, but
to save *them*. And they went to an-
other village. 57 And it came to pass,

that, as they went in the way, a certain
man said unto him, Lord, I will follow
thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And
Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes,
and birds of the air *have* nests; but the
Son of man hath not where to lay *his*
head. 59 And he said unto another, Fol-
low me. But he said, Lord, suffer me
first to go and bury my father. 60 Je-
sus said unto him, Let the dead bury
their dead: but go thou and preach the
kingdom of God. 61 And another also
said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let
me first go bid them farewell, which
are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus
said unto him, No man, having put his

hand to the plough, and looking back,
is fit for the kingdom of God.

10 After these things the Lord ap-
pointed other seventy also, and sent
them two and two before his face into
every city and place, whither he him-
self would come. 2 Therefore said he
unto them, The harvest truly *is* great,
but the labourers *are* few: pray ye
therefore the Lord of the harvest, that
he would send forth labourers into his
harvest. 3 Go your ways: behold, I
send you forth as lambs among wolves.
4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor
shoes: and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter,
first say, Peace *be* to this house. 6 And
if the son of peace be there, your peace
shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to
you again. 7 And in the same house re-
main, eating and drinking such things
as they give: for the labourer is wor-
thy of his hire. Go not from house
to house. 8 And into whatsoever city
ye enter, and they receive you, eat such
things as are set before you: 9 And heal
the sick that are therein, and say unto
them, The kingdom of God is come
nigh unto you. 10 But into whatsoever
city ye enter, and they receive you not,
go your ways out into the streets of the

same, and say, [11] Even the very dust of
your city, which cleaveth on us, we do
wipe off against you: notwithstanding
be ye sure of this, that the kingdom
of God is come nigh unto you. [12] But
I say unto you, that it shall be more
tolerable in that day for Sodom, than
for that city. [13] Woe unto thee, Cho-
razin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for
if the mighty works had been done in
Tyre and Sidon, which have been done
in you, they had a great while ago re-
pented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
[14] But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre
and Sidon at the judgment, than for
you. [15] And thou, Capernaum, which

art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust
down to hell. [16] He that heareth you
heareth me; and he that despiseth you
despiseth me; and he that despiseth
me despiseth him that sent me. [17] And
the seventy returned again with joy,
saying, Lord, even the devils are sub-
ject unto us through thy name. [18] And
he said unto them, I beheld Satan as
lightning fall from heaven. [19] Behold,
I give unto you power to tread on ser-
pents and scorpions, and over all the
power of the enemy: and nothing shall
by any means hurt you. [20] Notwith-
standing in this rejoice not, that the
spirits are subject unto you; but rather

rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. [21] In that hour Jesus
rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank
thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, that thou hast hid these things
from the wise and prudent, and hast
revealed them unto babes: even so,
Father; for so it seemed good in thy
sight. [22] All things are delivered to me
of my Father: and no man knoweth
who the Son is, but the Father; and
who the Father is, but the Son, and
he to whom the Son will reveal *him*.*

10.22. many ancient copies add these words at the beginning of verse, and turning to his disciples, he said.

23 And he turned him unto *his* disciples,
and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes
which see the things that ye see: 24 For I
tell you, that many prophets and kings
have desired to see those things which
ye see, and have not seen *them*; and
to hear those things which ye hear,
and have not heard *them*. 25 And, be-
hold, a certain lawyer stood up, and
tempted him, saying, Master, what
shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He
said unto him, What is written in the
law? how readest thou? 27 And he an-
swering said, Thou shalt love the Lord
thy God with all thy heart, and with
all thy soul, and with all thy strength,

and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. [28] And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. [29] But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? [30] And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. [31] And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. [32] And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and

looked *on him*, and passed by on the
other side. [33] But a certain Samaritan,
as he journeyed, came where he was:
and when he saw him, he had com-
passion *on him*, [34] And went to *him*,
and bound up his wounds, pouring in
oil and wine, and set him on his own
beast, and brought him to an inn, and
took care of him. [35] And on the mor-
row when he departed, he took out
two pence, and gave *them* to the host,
and said unto him, Take care of him;
and whatsoever thou spendest more,
when I come again, I will repay thee.
[36] Which now of these three, thinkest
thou, was neighbour unto him that fell

among the thieves? 37 And he said, He
that shewed mercy on him. Then said
Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou like-
wise. 38 Now it came to pass, as they
went, that he entered into a certain
village: and a certain woman named
Martha received him into her house.
39 And she had a sister called Mary,
which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard
his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered
about much serving, and came to him,
and said, Lord, dost thou not care that
my sister hath left me to serve alone?
bid her therefore that she help me.
41 And Jesus answered and said unto
her, Martha, Martha, thou art care-

ful and troubled about many things:
42 But one thing is needful: and Mary
hath chosen that good part, which
shall not be taken away from her.

11 And it came to pass, that, as he
was praying in a certain place, when he
ceased, one of his disciples said unto
him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John
also taught his disciples. 2 And he said
unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Fa-
ther which art in heaven, Hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy
will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
3 Give us day by day our daily bread.*

11.3. day by day: or, for the day.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also
forgive every one that is indebted to
us. And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. 5 And he
said unto them, Which of you shall
have a friend, and shall go unto him at
midnight, and say unto him, Friend,
lend me three loaves; 6 For a friend
of mine in his journey is come to me,
and I have nothing to set before him?*
7 And he from within shall answer and
say, Trouble me not: the door is now
shut, and my children are with me in
bed; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say
unto you, Though he will not rise and

6. in...: or, out of his way.

give him, because he is his friend, yet
because of his importunity he will rise
and give him as many as he needeth.
9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall
be given you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto
you. 10 For every one that asketh re-
ceiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;
and to him that knocketh it shall be
opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of
any of you that is a father, will he
give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish,
will he for a fish give him a serpent?
12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he of-
fer him a scorpion?* 13 If ye then, being

12. offer: Gr. give.

evil, know how to give good gifts unto
your children: how much more shall
your heavenly Father give the Holy
Spirit to them that ask him? 14 And
he was casting out a devil, and it was
dumb. And it came to pass, when the
devil was gone out, the dumb spake;
and the people wondered. 15 But some
of them said, He casteth out devils
through Beelzebub the chief of the
devils.* 16 And others, tempting *him*,
sought of him a sign from heaven.
17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said
unto them, Every kingdom divided
against itself is brought to desolation;

15. Beelzebub: Gr. Beelzebul.

and a house *divided* against a house fal-
leth. [18] If Satan also be divided against
himself, how shall his kingdom stand?
because ye say that I cast out dev-
ils through Beelzebub. [19] And if I by
Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom
do your sons cast *them* out? therefore
shall they be your judges. [20] But if I
with the finger of God cast out dev-
ils, no doubt the kingdom of God is
come upon you. [21] When a strong man
armed keepeth his palace, his goods
are in peace: [22] But when a stronger
than he shall come upon him, and
overcome him, he taketh from him all
his armour wherein he trusted, and di-

videth his spoils. [23] He that is not with
me is against me: and he that gath-
ereth not with me scattereth. [24] When
the unclean spirit is gone out of a man,
he walketh through dry places, seek-
ing rest; and finding none, he saith, I
will return unto my house whence I
came out. [25] And when he cometh, he
findeth *it* swept and garnished. [26] Then
goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven
other spirits more wicked than him-
self; and they enter in, and dwell there:
and the last *state* of that man is worse
than the first. [27] And it came to pass, as
he spake these things, a certain woman
of the company lifted up her voice, and

said unto him, Blessed *is* the womb
that bare thee, and the paps which
thou hast sucked. [28] But he said, Yea
rather, blessed *are* they that hear the
word of God, and keep it. [29] And when
the people were gathered thick to-
gether, he began to say, This is an evil
generation: they seek a sign; and there
shall no sign be given it, but the sign of
Jonas the prophet. [30] For as Jonas was
a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also
the Son of man be to this generation.
[31] The queen of the south shall rise up
in the judgment with the men of this
generation, and condemn them: for
she came from the utmost parts of the

earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;
and, behold, a greater than Solomon
is here. 32 The men of Nineve shall rise
up in the judgment with this genera-
tion, and shall condemn it: for they re-
pented at the preaching of Jonas; and,
behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.
33 No man, when he hath lighted a can-
dle, putteth *it* in a secret place, nei-
ther under a bushel, but on a candle-
stick, that they which come in may see
the light. 34 The light of the body is
the eye: therefore when thine eye is
single, thy whole body also is full of
light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy
body also *is* full of darkness. 35 Take

heed therefore that the light which is
in thee be not darkness. 36 If thy whole
body therefore *be* full of light, having
no part dark, the whole shall be full of
light, as when the bright shining of a
candle doth give thee light.* 37 And as
he spake, a certain Pharisee besought
him to dine with him: and he went
in, and sat down to meat. 38 And when
the Pharisee saw *it*, he marvelled that
he had not first washed before dinner.
39 And the Lord said unto him, Now
do ye Pharisees make clean the out-
side of the cup and the platter; but
your inward part is full of ravening

36. the bright...: Gr. a candle by its bright shining.

and wickedness. [40] *Ye* fools, did not
he that made that which is without
make that which is within also? [41] But
rather give alms of such things as ye
have; and, behold, all things are clean
unto you.* [42] But woe unto you, Phar-
isees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all
manner of herbs, and pass over judg-
ment and the love of God: these ought
ye to have done, and not to leave the
other undone. [43] Woe unto you, Phar-
isees! for ye love the uppermost seats
in the synagogues, and greetings in
the markets. [44] Woe unto you, scribes
and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are

41. of...: or, as you are able.

as graves which appear not, and the
men that walk over *them* are not aware
of them. [45] Then answered one of the
lawyers, and said unto him, Master,
thus saying thou reproachest us also.
[46] And he said, Woe unto you also, *ye*
lawyers! for ye lade men with bur-
dens grievous to be borne, and ye your-
selves touch not the burdens with one
of your fingers. [47] Woe unto you! for ye
build the sepulchres of the prophets,
and your fathers killed them. [48] Truly
ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds
of your fathers: for they indeed killed
them, and ye build their sepulchres.
[49] Therefore also said the wisdom of

God, I will send them prophets and
apostles, and *some* of them they shall
slay and persecute: 50 That the blood of
all the prophets, which was shed from
the foundation of the world, may be
required of this generation; 51 From the
blood of Abel unto the blood of Za-
charias, which perished between the
altar and the temple: verily I say unto
you, It shall be required of this gener-
ation. 52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for
ye have taken away the key of knowl-
edge: ye entered not in yourselves, and
them that were entering in ye hin-
dered.* 53 And as he said these things

52. hindered: or, forbad.

unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge *him* vehemently,
and to provoke him to speak of many
things: [54] Laying wait for him, and
seeking to catch something out of his
mouth, that they might accuse him.

12 In the mean time, when there
were gathered together an innumer-
able multitude of people, insomuch
that they trode one upon another, he
began to say unto his disciples first
of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the
Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. [2] For
there is nothing covered, that shall
not be revealed; neither hid, that shall

not be known. 3 Therefore whatso-
ever ye have spoken in darkness shall
be heard in the light; and that which
ye have spoken in the ear in closets
shall be proclaimed upon the house-
tops. 4 And I say unto you my friends,
Be not afraid of them that kill the
body, and after that have no more
that they can do. 5 But I will fore-
warn you whom ye shall fear: Fear
him, which after he hath killed hath
power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto
you, Fear him. 6 Are not five spar-
rows sold for two farthings, and not
one of them is forgotten before God?
7 But even the very hairs of your head

are all numbered. Fear not therefore:
ye are of more value than many spar-
rows. 8 Also I say unto you, Whoso-
ever shall confess me before men, him
shall the Son of man also confess be-
fore the angels of God: 9 But he that
denieth me before men shall be de-
nied before the angels of God. 10 And
whosoever shall speak a word against
the Son of man, it shall be forgiven
him: but unto him that blasphemeth
against the Holy Ghost it shall not be
forgiven. 11 And when they bring you
unto the synagogues, and *unto* magis-
trates, and powers, take ye no thought
how or what thing ye shall answer,

or what ye shall say: 12 For the Holy
Ghost shall teach you in the same hour
what ye ought to say. 13 And one of the
company said unto him, Master, speak
to my brother, that he divide the in-
heritance with me. 14 And he said unto
him, Man, who made me a judge or a
divider over you? 15 And he said unto
them, Take heed, and beware of cov-
etousness: for a man's life consisteth
not in the abundance of the things
which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a
parable unto them, saying, The ground
of a certain rich man brought forth
plentifully: 17 And he thought within
himself, saying, What shall I do, be-

cause I have no room where to bestow
my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do:
I will pull down my barns, and build
greater; and there will I bestow all my
fruits and my goods. 19 And I will
say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much
goods laid up for many years; take
thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.
20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool,
this night thy soul shall be required
of thee: then whose shall those things
be, which thou hast provided?* 21 So *is*
he that layeth up treasure for himself,
and is not rich toward God. 22 And he
said unto his disciples, Therefore I say

12.20. thy...: Gr. do they require thy soul.

unto you, Take no thought for your
life, what ye shall eat; neither for the
body, what ye shall put on. 23 The life is
more than meat, and the body *is more*
than raiment. 24 Consider the ravens:
for they neither sow nor reap; which
neither have storehouse nor barn; and
God feedeth them: how much more
are ye better than the fowls? 25 And
which of you with taking thought can
add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye
then be not able to do that thing
which is least, why take ye thought for
the rest? 27 Consider the lilies how they
grow: they toil not, they spin not; and
yet I say unto you, that Solomon in

all his glory was not arrayed like one
of these. [28] If then God so clothe the
grass, which is to day in the field, and
to morrow is cast into the oven; how
much more *will he clothe* you, O ye of
little faith? [29] And seek not ye what ye
shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither
be ye of doubtful mind.* [30] For all these
things do the nations of the world seek
after: and your Father knoweth that ye
have need of these things. [31] But rather
seek ye the kingdom of God; and all
these things shall be added unto you.
[32] Fear not, little flock; for it is your
Father's good pleasure to give you the

29. neither...: or, live not in careful suspense.

kingdom. [33] Sell that ye have, and give
alms; provide yourselves bags which
wax not old, a treasure in the heav-
ens that faileth not, where no thief ap-
proacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
[34] For where your treasure is, there will
your heart be also. [35] Let your loins be
girded about, and *your* lights burning;
[36] And ye yourselves like unto men that
wait for their lord, when he will re-
turn from the wedding; that when he
cometh and knocketh, they may open
unto him immediately. [37] Blessed *are*
those servants, whom the lord when
he cometh shall find watching: verily I
say unto you, that he shall gird himself,

and make them to sit down to meat,
and will come forth and serve them.
38 And if he shall come in the second
watch, or come in the third watch, and
find *them* so, blessed are those servants.
39 And this know, that if the good-
man of the house had known what
hour the thief would come, he would
have watched, and not have suffered
his house to be broken through. 40 Be
ye therefore ready also: for the Son of
man cometh at an hour when ye think
not. 41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord,
speakest thou this parable unto us, or
even to all? 42 And the Lord said, Who
then is that faithful and wise steward,

whom *his* lord shall make ruler over
his household, to give *them their* por-
tion of meat in due season? [43] Blessed
is that servant, whom his lord when
he cometh shall find so doing. [44] Of a
truth I say unto you, that he will make
him ruler over all that he hath. [45] But
and if that servant say in his heart, My
lord delayeth his coming; and shall be-
gin to beat the menservants and maid-
ens, and to eat and drink, and to be
drunken; [46] The lord of that servant
will come in a day when he looketh
not for *him*, and at an hour when he
is not aware, and will cut him in sun-
der, and will appoint him his portion

with the unbelievers.* 47 And that ser-
vant, which knew his lord's will, and
prepared not *himself*, neither did ac-
cording to his will, shall be beaten
with many *stripes*. 48 But he that knew
not, and did commit things worthy of
stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*.
For unto whomsoever much is given,
of him shall be much required: and
to whom men have committed much,
of him they will ask the more. 49 I am
come to send fire on the earth; and
what will I, if it be already kindled?
50 But I have a baptism to be baptized
with; and how am I straitened till it

46. cut...: or, cut him off.

be accomplished!* 51 Suppose ye that
I am come to give peace on earth? I
tell you, Nay; but rather division: 52 For
from henceforth there shall be five in
one house divided, three against two,
and two against three. 53 The father
shall be divided against the son, and
the son against the father; the mother
against the daughter, and the daugh-
ter against the mother; the mother in
law against her daughter in law, and
the daughter in law against her mother
in law. 54 And he said also to the peo-
ple, When ye see a cloud rise out of the
west, straightway ye say, There cometh

50. straitened: or, pained.

a shower; and so it is. 55 And when *ye*
see the south wind blow, ye say, There
will be heat; and it cometh to pass.
56 *Ye* hypocrites, ye can discern the face
of the sky and of the earth; but how
is it that ye do not discern this time?
57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge
ye not what is right? 58 When thou
goest with thine adversary to the mag-
istrate, *as thou art* in the way, give
diligence that thou mayest be deliv-
ered from him; lest he hale thee to the
judge, and the judge deliver thee to the
officer, and the officer cast thee into
prison. 59 I tell thee, thou shalt not de-
part thence, till thou hast paid the very

last mite.

13 There were present at that
season some that told him of the
Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had
mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And
Jesus answering said unto them, Sup-
pose ye that these Galilaeans were sin-
ners above all the Galilaeans, because
they suffered such things? 3 I tell you,
Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall
all likewise perish. 4 Or those eigh-
teen, upon whom the tower in Siloam
fell, and slew them, think ye that they
were sinners above all men that dwelt

in Jerusalem?* 5 I tell you, Nay: but,
except ye repent, ye shall all likewise
perish. 6 He spake also this parable; A
certain *man* had a fig tree planted in
his vineyard; and he came and sought
fruit thereon, and found none. 7 Then
said he unto the dresser of his vine-
yard, Behold, these three years I come
seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find
none: cut it down; why cumbereth it
the ground? 8 And he answering said
unto him, Lord, let it alone this year
also, till I shall dig about it, and dung
it: 9 And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if
not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it

13.4. sinners: or, debtors.

down. [10] And he was teaching in one of
the synagogues on the sabbath. [11] And,
behold, there was a woman which had
a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and
was bowed together, and could in no
wise lift up *herself*. [12] And when Je-
sus saw her, he called *her to him*, and
said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed
from thine infirmity. [13] And he laid
his hands on her: and immediately she
was made straight, and glorified God.
[14] And the ruler of the synagogue an-
swered with indignation, because that
Jesus had healed on the sabbath day,
and said unto the people, There are six
days in which men ought to work: in

them therefore come and be healed,
and not on the sabbath day. 15 The
Lord then answered him, and said,
Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of
you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his*
ass from the stall, and lead *him* away
to watering? 16 And ought not this wo-
man, being a daughter of Abraham,
whom Satan hath bound, lo, these
eighteen years, be loosed from this
bond on the sabbath day? 17 And when
he had said these things, all his adver-
saries were ashamed: and all the peo-
ple rejoiced for all the glorious things
that were done by him. 18 Then said
he, Unto what is the kingdom of God

like? and whereunto shall I resemble
it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard seed,
which a man took, and cast into his
garden; and it grew, and waxed a great
tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in
the branches of it. 20 And again he said,
Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom
of God? 21 It is like leaven, which a wo-
man took and hid in three measures
of meal, till the whole was leavened.
22 And he went through the cities and
villages, teaching, and journeying to-
ward Jerusalem. 23 Then said one unto
him, Lord, are there few that be saved?
And he said unto them, 24 Strive to en-
ter in at the strait gate: for many, I

say unto you, will seek to enter in, and
shall not be able. [25] When once the
master of the house is risen up, and
hath shut to the door, and ye begin
to stand without, and to knock at the
door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto
us; and he shall answer and say unto
you, I know you not whence ye are:
[26] Then shall ye begin to say, We have
eaten and drunk in thy presence, and
thou hast taught in our streets. [27] But
he shall say, I tell you, I know you not
whence ye are; depart from me, all *ye*
workers of iniquity. [28] There shall be
weeping and gnashing of teeth, when
ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Ja-

cob, and all the prophets, in the king-
dom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust
out. [29] And they shall come from the
east, and *from* the west, and from the
north, and *from* the south, and shall sit
down in the kingdom of God. [30] And,
behold, there are last which shall be
first, and there are first which shall be
last. [31] The same day there came cer-
tain of the Pharisees, saying unto him,
Get thee out, and depart hence: for
Herod will kill thee. [32] And he said
unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Be-
hold, I cast out devils, and I do cures
to day and to morrow, and the third
day I shall be perfected. [33] Neverthe-

less I must walk to day, and to morrow,
and the *day* following: for it cannot be
that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.
34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest
the prophets, and stonest them that
are sent unto thee; how often would I
have gathered thy children together, as
a hen *doth gather* her brood under *her*
wings, and ye would not! 35 Behold,
your house is left unto you desolate:
and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not
see me, until *the time* come when ye
shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in
the name of the Lord.
14 And it came to pass, as he went
into the house of one of the chief Phar-

isees to eat bread on the sabbath day,
that they watched him. 2 And, behold,
there was a certain man before him
which had the dropsy. 3 And Jesus
answering spake unto the lawyers and
Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on
the sabbath day? 4 And they held their
peace. And he took *him*, and healed
him, and let him go; 5 And answered
them, saying, Which of you shall have
an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and
will not straightway pull him out on
the sabbath day? 6 And they could
not answer him again to these things.
7 And he put forth a parable to those
which were bidden, when he marked

how they chose out the chief rooms;
saying unto them, 8 When thou art
bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit
not down in the highest room; lest a
more honourable man than thou be
bidden of him; 9 And he that bade
thee and him come and say to thee,
Give this man place; and thou begin
with shame to take the lowest room.
10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit
down in the lowest room; that when
he that bade thee cometh, he may say
unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then
shalt thou have worship in the pres-
ence of them that sit at meat with thee.
11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall

be abased; and he that humbleth him-
self shall be exalted. 12 Then said he
also to him that bade him, When thou
makest a dinner or a supper, call not
thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither
thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours;
lest they also bid thee again, and a rec-
ompence be made thee. 13 But when
thou makest a feast, call the poor, the
maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And
thou shalt be blessed; for they can-
not recompense thee: for thou shalt
be recompensed at the resurrection of
the just. 15 And when one of them
that sat at meat with him heard these
things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he

that shall eat bread in the kingdom
of God. [16] Then said he unto him, A
certain man made a great supper, and
bade many: [17] And sent his servant at
supper time to say to them that were
bidden, Come; for all things are now
ready. [18] And they all with one *con-*
sent began to make excuse. The first
said unto him, I have bought a piece
of ground, and I must needs go and
see it: I pray thee have me excused.
[19] And another said, I have bought five
yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I
pray thee have me excused. [20] And an-
other said, I have married a wife, and
therefore I cannot come. [21] So that ser-

vant came, and shewed his lord these
things. Then the master of the house
being angry said to his servant, Go out
quickly into the streets and lanes of
the city, and bring in hither the poor,
and the maimed, and the halt, and the
blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord,
it is done as thou hast commanded,
and yet there is room. 23 And the lord
said unto the servant, Go out into
the highways and hedges, and compel
them to come in, that my house may
be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That
none of those men which were bidden
shall taste of my supper. 25 And there
went great multitudes with him: and

he turned, and said unto them, [26] If any
man come to me, and hate not his fa-
ther, and mother, and wife, and chil-
dren, and brethren, and sisters, yea,
and his own life also, he cannot be
my disciple. [27] And whosoever doth
not bear his cross, and come after me,
cannot be my disciple. [28] For which
of you, intending to build a tower,
sitteth not down first, and counteth
the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to
finish *it*? [29] Lest haply, after he hath
laid the foundation, and is not able
to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin
to mock him, [30] Saying, This man be-
gan to build, and was not able to fin-

ish. [31] Or what king, going to make
war against another king, sitteth not
down first, and consulteth whether he
be able with ten thousand to meet him
that cometh against him with twenty
thousand? [32] Or else, while the other
is yet a great way off, he sendeth an
ambassage, and desireth conditions of
peace. [33] So likewise, whosoever he be
of you that forsaketh not all that he
hath, he cannot be my disciple. [34] Salt
is good: but if the salt have lost his
savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?
[35] It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for
the dunghill; *but* men cast it out. He
that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

15 Then drew near unto him all the
publicans and sinners for to hear him.
2 And the Pharisees and scribes mur-
mured, saying, This man receiveth sin-
ners, and eateth with them. 3 And he
spake this parable unto them, saying,
4 What man of you, having an hun-
dred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth
not leave the ninety and nine in the
wilderness, and go after that which is
lost, until he find it? 5 And when he
hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoul-
ders, rejoicing. 6 And when he cometh
home, he calleth together *his* friends
and neighbours, saying unto them, Re-

joice with me; for I have found my
sheep which was lost. 7 I say unto
you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven
over one sinner that repenteth, more
than over ninety and nine just per-
sons, which need no repentance. 8 Ei-
ther what woman having ten pieces of
silver, if she lose one piece, doth not
light a candle, and sweep the house,
and seek diligently till she find *it*?*
9 And when she hath found *it*, she cal-
leth *her* friends and *her* neighbours to-

15.8. pieces...: drachma, here translated a piece of silver, is the eighth part of an ounce, which cometh to seven pence halfpenny, and is equal to the Roman penny.

gether, saying, Rejoice with me; for I
have found the piece which I had lost.
10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy
in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner that repenteth. 11 And
he said, A certain man had two sons:
12 And the younger of them said to *his*
father, Father, give me the portion of
goods that falleth *to me*. And he di-
vided unto them *his* living. 13 And not
many days after the younger son gath-
ered all together, and took his journey
into a far country, and there wasted his
substance with riotous living. 14 And
when he had spent all, there arose a
mighty famine in that land; and he

began to be in want. [15] And he went
and joined himself to a citizen of that
country; and he sent him into his fields
to feed swine. [16] And he would fain
have filled his belly with the husks that
the swine did eat: and no man gave
unto him. [17] And when he came to
himself, he said, How many hired ser-
vants of my father's have bread enough
and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
[18] I will arise and go to my father, and
will say unto him, Father, I have sinned
against heaven, and before thee, [19] And
am no more worthy to be called thy
son: make me as one of thy hired ser-
vants. [20] And he arose, and came to his

father. But when he was yet a great
way off, his father saw him, and had
compassion, and ran, and fell on his
neck, and kissed him. [21] And the son
said unto him, Father, I have sinned
against heaven, and in thy sight, and
am no more worthy to be called thy
son. [22] But the father said to his ser-
vants, Bring forth the best robe, and
put *it* on him; and put a ring on his
hand, and shoes on *his* feet: [23] And
bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*;
and let us eat, and be merry: [24] For this
my son was dead, and is alive again; he
was lost, and is found. And they be-
gan to be merry. [25] Now his elder son

was in the field: and as he came and
drew nigh to the house, he heard mu-
sick and dancing. 26 And he called one
of the servants, and asked what these
things meant. 27 And he said unto
him, Thy brother is come; and thy fa-
ther hath killed the fatted calf, because
he hath received him safe and sound.
28 And he was angry, and would not go
in: therefore came his father out, and
intreated him. 29 And he answering
said to *his* father, Lo, these many years
do I serve thee, neither transgressed I
at any time thy commandment: and
yet thou never gavest me a kid, that
I might make merry with my friends:

30 But as soon as this thy son was come,
which hath devoured thy living with
harlots, thou hast killed for him the
fatted calf. 31 And he said unto him,
Son, thou art ever with me, and all that
I have is thine. 32 It was meet that we
should make merry, and be glad: for
this thy brother was dead, and is alive
again; and was lost, and is found.

16 And he said also unto his dis-
ciples, There was a certain rich man,
which had a steward; and the same was
accused unto him that he had wasted
his goods. 2 And he called him, and
said unto him, How is it that I hear

this of thee? give an account of thy
stewardship; for thou mayest be no
longer steward. 3 Then the steward
said within himself, What shall I do?
for my lord taketh away from me the
stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am
ashamed. 4 I am resolved what to do,
that, when I am put out of the stew-
ardship, they may receive me into their
houses. 5 So he called every one of his
lord's debtors *unto him*, and said unto
the first, How much owest thou unto
my lord? 6 And he said, An hundred
measures of oil. And he said unto him,
Take thy bill, and sit down quickly,

and write fifty.* 7 Then said he to an-
other, And how much owest thou?
And he said, An hundred measures of
wheat. And he said unto him, Take
thy bill, and write fourscore.* 8 And
the lord commended the unjust stew-
ard, because he had done wisely: for
the children of this world are in their
generation wiser than the children of
light. 9 And I say unto you, Make
to yourselves friends of the mammon
of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail,

16.6. measures: the word Batus in the original containeth nine gallons three quarts.

7. measures: the word here interpreted a measure in the original containeth about fourteen bushels and two quarts.

they may receive you into everlasting
habitations.* [10] He that is faithful in
that which is least is faithful also in
much: and he that is unjust in the least
is unjust also in much. [11] If therefore ye
have not been faithful in the unrigh-
teous mammon, who will commit to
your trust the true *riches*?* [12] And if ye
have not been faithful in that which is
another man's, who shall give you that
which is your own? [13] No servant can
serve two masters: for either he will
hate the one, and love the other; or else
he will hold to the one, and despise the

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9. mammon: or, riches.

11. mammon: or, riches.

other. Ye cannot serve God and mam-
mon. [14] And the Pharisees also, who
were covetous, heard all these things:
and they derided him. [15] And he said
unto them, Ye are they which jus-
tify yourselves before men; but God
knoweth your hearts: for that which is
highly esteemed among men is abom-
ination in the sight of God. [16] The
law and the prophets *were* until John:
since that time the kingdom of God is
preached, and every man presseth into
it. [17] And it is easier for heaven and
earth to pass, than one tittle of the law
to fail. [18] Whosoever putteth away his
wife, and marrieth another, commit-

teth adultery: and whosoever marri-
eth her that is put away from *her* hus-
band committeth adultery. 19 There
was a certain rich man, which was
clothed in purple and fine linen, and
fared sumptuously every day: 20 And
there was a certain beggar named La-
zarus, which was laid at his gate, full of
sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the
crumbs which fell from the rich man's
table: moreover the dogs came and
licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass,
that the beggar died, and was carried
by the angels into Abraham's bosom:
the rich man also died, and was buried;
23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in

torments, and seeth Abraham afar off,
and Lazarus in his bosom. [24] And he
cried and said, Father Abraham, have
mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that
he may dip the tip of his finger in wa-
ter, and cool my tongue; for I am tor-
mented in this flame. [25] But Abraham
said, Son, remember that thou in thy
lifetime receivedst thy good things,
and likewise Lazarus evil things: but
now he is comforted, and thou art
tormented. [26] And beside all this, be-
tween us and you there is a great gulf
fixed: so that they which would pass
from hence to you cannot; neither can
they pass to us, that *would come* from

thence. [27] Then he said, I pray thee
therefore, father, that thou wouldest
send him to my father's house: [28] For
I have five brethren; that he may tes-
tify unto them, lest they also come
into this place of torment. [29] Abra-
ham saith unto him, They have Moses
and the prophets; let them hear them.
[30] And he said, Nay, father Abraham:
but if one went unto them from the
dead, they will repent. [31] And he said
unto him, If they hear not Moses and
the prophets, neither will they be per-
suaded, though one rose from the
dead.

17 Then said he unto the disci-
ples, It is impossible but that offences
will come: but woe *unto him*, through
whom they come! 2 It were better
for him that a millstone were hanged
about his neck, and he cast into the
sea, than that he should offend one of
these little ones. 3 Take heed to your-
selves: If thy brother trespass against
thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, for-
give him. 4 And if he trespass against
thee seven times in a day, and seven
times in a day turn again to thee, say-
ing, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.
5 And the apostles said unto the Lord,

Increase our faith. 6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. 7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? 8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that

were commanded him? I trow not.
10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have
done all those things which are com-
manded you, say, We are unprofitable
servants: we have done that which was
our duty to do. 11 And it came to pass,
as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed
through the midst of Samaria and Ga-
lilee. 12 And as he entered into a cer-
tain village, there met him ten men
that were lepers, which stood afar off:
13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and
said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
14 And when he saw *them*, he said unto
them, Go shew yourselves unto the
priests. And it came to pass, that, as

they went, they were cleansed. [15] And
one of them, when he saw that he
was healed, turned back, and with a
loud voice glorified God, [16] And fell
down on *his* face at his feet, giving
him thanks: and he was a Samari-
tan. [17] And Jesus answering said, Were
there not ten cleansed? but where
are the nine? [18] There are not found
that returned to give glory to God,
save this stranger. [19] And he said unto
him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath
made thee whole. [20] And when he was
demanded of the Pharisees, when the
kingdom of God should come, he an-
swered them and said, The kingdom

of God cometh not with observation:*
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or,
lo there! for, behold, the kingdom
of God is within you.* 22 And he said
unto the disciples, The days will come,
when ye shall desire to see one of the
days of the Son of man, and ye shall
not see *it*. 23 And they shall say to
you, See here; or, see there: go not
after *them*, nor follow *them*. 24 For as
the lightning, that lighteneth out of
the one *part* under heaven, shineth
unto the other *part* under heaven; so
shall also the Son of man be in his

17.20. with...: or, with outward shew.
21. within you: or, among you.

day. [25] But first must he suffer many
things, and be rejected of this gener-
ation. [26] And as it was in the days of
Noe, so shall it be also in the days
of the Son of man. [27] They did eat,
they drank, they married wives, they
were given in marriage, until the day
that Noe entered into the ark, and the
flood came, and destroyed them all.
[28] Likewise also as it was in the days
of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they
bought, they sold, they planted, they
builded; [29] But the same day that Lot
went out of Sodom it rained fire and
brimstone from heaven, and destroyed
them all. [30] Even thus shall it be in

the day when the Son of man is re-
vealed. 31 In that day, he which shall
be upon the housetop, and his stuff in
the house, let him not come down to
take it away: and he that is in the field,
let him likewise not return back. 32 Re-
member Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall
seek to save his life shall lose it; and
whosoever shall lose his life shall pre-
serve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there
shall be two *men* in one bed; the one
shall be taken, and the other shall be
left. 35 Two *women* shall be grinding
together; the one shall be taken, and
the other left. 36 Two *men* shall be in
the field; the one shall be taken, and

the other left.* 37 And they answered
and said unto him, Where, Lord? And
he said unto them, Wheresoever the
body *is*, thither will the eagles be gath-
ered together.

18 And he spake a parable unto
them *to this end*, that men ought al-
ways to pray, and not to faint; 2 Say-
ing, There was in a city a judge,
which feared not God, neither re-
garded man:* 3 And there was a widow
in that city; and she came unto him,
saying, Avenge me of mine adver-

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36. this verse is not found in most of the Greek copies.

18.2. in a city: Gr. in a certain city.

sary. 4 And he would not for a while:
but afterward he said within himself,
Though I fear not God, nor regard
man; 5 Yet because this widow trou-
bleth me, I will avenge her, lest by
her continual coming she weary me.
6 And the Lord said, Hear what the
unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not
God avenge his own elect, which cry
day and night unto him, though he
bear long with them? 8 I tell you that
he will avenge them speedily. Never-
theless when the Son of man cometh,
shall he find faith on the earth? 9 And
he spake this parable unto certain
which trusted in themselves that they

were righteous, and despised others:*
10 Two men went up into the temple
to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the
other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood
and prayed thus with himself, God, I
thank thee, that I am not as other men
are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or
even as this publican. 12 I fast twice
in the week, I give tithes of all that
I possess. 13 And the publican, stand-
ing afar off, would not lift up so much
as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote
upon his breast, saying, God be mer-
ciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this
man went down to his house justified

9. that...: or, as being righteous.

rather than the other: for every one
that exalteth himself shall be abased;
and he that humbleth himself shall
be exalted. 15 And they brought unto
him also infants, that he would touch
them: but when *his* disciples saw *it*,
they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called
them *unto him*, and said, Suffer little
children to come unto me, and for-
bid them not: for of such is the king-
dom of God. 17 Verily I say unto you,
Whosoever shall not receive the king-
dom of God as a little child shall in
no wise enter therein. 18 And a certain
ruler asked him, saying, Good Master,
what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest
thou me good? none *is* good, save one,
that is, God. 20 Thou knowest the com-
mandments, Do not commit adultery,
Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear
false witness, Honour thy father and
thy mother. 21 And he said, All these
have I kept from my youth up. 22 Now
when Jesus heard these things, he said
unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing:
sell all that thou hast, and distribute
unto the poor, and thou shalt have
treasure in heaven: and come, follow
me. 23 And when he heard this, he
was very sorrowful: for he was very
rich. 24 And when Jesus saw that he was

very sorrowful, he said, How hardly
shall they that have riches enter into
the kingdom of God! 25 For it is eas-
ier for a camel to go through a nee-
dle's eye, than for a rich man to en-
ter into the kingdom of God. 26 And
they that heard *it* said, Who then can
be saved? 27 And he said, The things
which are impossible with men are
possible with God. 28 Then Peter said,
Lo, we have left all, and followed thee.
29 And he said unto them, Verily I say
unto you, There is no man that hath
left house, or parents, or brethren, or
wife, or children, for the kingdom of
God's sake, 30 Who shall not receive

manifold more in this present time,
and in the world to come life ever-
lasting. 31 Then he took *unto him* the
twelve, and said unto them, Behold,
we go up to Jerusalem, and all things
that are written by the prophets con-
cerning the Son of man shall be ac-
complished. 32 For he shall be deliv-
ered unto the Gentiles, and shall be
mocked, and spitefully entreated, and
spitted on: 33 And they shall scourge
him, and put him to death: and the
third day he shall rise again. 34 And
they understood none of these things:
and this saying was hid from them, nei-
ther knew they the things which were

spoken. [35] And it came to pass, that
as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a
certain blind man sat by the way side
begging: [36] And hearing the multitude
pass by, he asked what it meant. [37] And
they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth
passeth by. [38] And he cried, saying, Je-
sus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy
on me. [39] And they which went be-
fore rebuked him, that he should hold
his peace: but he cried so much the
more, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy
on me. [40] And Jesus stood, and com-
manded him to be brought unto him:
and when he was come near, he asked
him, [41] Saying, What wilt thou that I

shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord,
that I may receive my sight. 42 And Je-
sus said unto him, Receive thy sight:
thy faith hath saved thee. 43 And im-
mediately he received his sight, and
followed him, glorifying God: and
all the people, when they saw *it*, gave
praise unto God.

19 And *Jesus* entered and passed
through Jericho. 2 And, behold, *there
was* a man named Zacchaeus, which
was the chief among the publicans,
and he was rich. 3 And he sought
to see Jesus who he was; and could
not for the press, because he was lit-

tle of stature. [4] And he ran before,
and climbed up into a sycomore tree
to see him: for he was to pass that
way. [5] And when Jesus came to the
place, he looked up, and saw him, and
said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste,
and come down; for to day I must
abide at thy house. [6] And he made
haste, and came down, and received
him joyfully. [7] And when they saw *it*,
they all murmured, saying, That he was
gone to be guest with a man that is a
sinner. [8] And Zacchaeus stood, and
said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the
half of my goods I give to the poor;
and if I have taken any thing from

any man by false accusation, I restore
him fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto
him, This day is salvation come to this
house, forsomuch as he also is a son
of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is
come to seek and to save that which
was lost. 11 And as they heard these
things, he added and spake a parable,
because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and
because they thought that the king-
dom of God should immediately ap-
pear. 12 He said therefore, A certain
nobleman went into a far country to
receive for himself a kingdom, and to
return. 13 And he called his ten ser-
vants, and delivered them ten pounds,

and said unto them, Occupy till I
come.* [14] But his citizens hated him,
and sent a message after him, saying,
We will not have this *man* to reign
over us. [15] And it came to pass, that
when he was returned, having received
the kingdom, then he commanded
these servants to be called unto him,
to whom he had given the money, that
he might know how much every man
had gained by trading.* [16] Then came
the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath

19.13. pounds: mina, here translated a pound, is twelve ounces and an half: which according to five shillings the ounce is three pounds two shillings and sixpence.

15. money: Gr. silver.

gained ten pounds. [17] And he said
unto him, Well, thou good servant:
because thou hast been faithful in a
very little, have thou authority over
ten cities. [18] And the second came,
saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained
five pounds. [19] And he said likewise
to him, Be thou also over five cities.
[20] And another came, saying, Lord, be-
hold, *here is* thy pound, which I have
kept laid up in a napkin: [21] For I feared
thee, because thou art an austere man:
thou takest up that thou layedst not
down, and reapest that thou didst not
sow. [22] And he saith unto him, Out
of thine own mouth will I judge thee,

thou wicked servant. Thou knewest
that I was an austere man, taking up
that I laid not down, and reaping that
I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest
not thou my money into the bank,
that at my coming I might have re-
quired mine own with usury? 24 And
he said unto them that stood by, Take
from him the pound, and give *it* to
him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And
they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten
pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That
unto every one which hath shall be
given; and from him that hath not,
even that he hath shall be taken away
from him. 27 But those mine enemies,

which would not that I should reign
over them, bring hither, and slay *them*
before me. [28] And when he had thus
spoken, he went before, ascending up
to Jerusalem. [29] And it came to pass,
when he was come nigh to Bethphage
and Bethany, at the mount called *the*
mount of Olives, he sent two of his
disciples, [30] Saying, Go ye into the vil-
lage over against *you*; in the which at
your entering ye shall find a colt tied,
whereon yet never man sat: loose him,
and bring *him hither*. [31] And if any
man ask you, Why do ye loose *him*?
thus shall ye say unto him, Because
the Lord hath need of him. [32] And

they that were sent went their way, and
found even as he had said unto them.
33 And as they were loosing the colt, the
owners thereof said unto them, Why
loose ye the colt? 34 And they said, The
Lord hath need of him. 35 And they
brought him to Jesus: and they cast
their garments upon the colt, and they
set Jesus thereon. 36 And as he went,
they spread their clothes in the way.
37 And when he was come nigh, even
now at the descent of the mount of
Olives, the whole multitude of the dis-
ciples began to rejoice and praise God
with a loud voice for all the mighty
works that they had seen; 38 Saying,

Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the
name of the Lord: peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest. 39 And some
of the Pharisees from among the mul-
titude said unto him, Master, rebuke
thy disciples. 40 And he answered and
said unto them, I tell you that, if these
should hold their peace, the stones
would immediately cry out. 41 And
when he was come near, he beheld the
city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, If thou
hadst known, even thou, at least in this
thy day, the things *which belong* unto
thy peace! but now they are hid from
thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come
upon thee, that thine enemies shall

cast a trench about thee, and compass
thee round, and keep thee in on ev-
ery side, 44 And shall lay thee even with
the ground, and thy children within
thee; and they shall not leave in thee
one stone upon another; because thou
knewest not the time of thy visitation.
45 And he went into the temple, and be-
gan to cast out them that sold therein,
and them that bought; 46 Saying unto
them, It is written, My house is the
house of prayer: but ye have made it
a den of thieves. 47 And he taught daily
in the temple. But the chief priests and
the scribes and the chief of the people
sought to destroy him, 48 And could

not find what they might do: for all
the people were very attentive to hear
him.*

20 And it came to pass, *that* on
one of those days, as he taught the
people in the temple, and preached
the gospel, the chief priests and the
scribes came upon *him* with the elders,
2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us,
by what authority doest thou these
things? or who is he that gave thee
this authority? 3 And he answered and
said unto them, I will also ask you
one thing; and answer me: 4 The bap-

48. were...: or, hanged on him.

tism of John, was it from heaven, or of
men? 5 And they reasoned with them-
selves, saying, If we shall say, From
heaven; he will say, Why then be-
lieved ye him not? 6 But and if we
say, Of men; all the people will stone
us: for they be persuaded that John
was a prophet. 7 And they answered,
that they could not tell whence *it was*.
8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither
tell I you by what authority I do these
things. 9 Then began he to speak to
the people this parable; A certain man
planted a vineyard, and let it forth
to husbandmen, and went into a far
country for a long time. 10 And at the

season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of
the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent *him* away
empty. [11] And again he sent another
servant: and they beat him also, and
entreated *him* shamefully, and sent
him away empty. [12] And again he sent
a third: and they wounded him also,
and cast *him* out. [13] Then said the lord
of the vineyard, What shall I do? I
will send my beloved son: it may be
they will reverence *him* when they see
him. [14] But when the husbandmen
saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come,

let us kill him, that the inheritance
may be ours. 15 So they cast him out
of the vineyard, and killed *him*. What
therefore shall the lord of the vine-
yard do unto them? 16 He shall come
and destroy these husbandmen, and
shall give the vineyard to others. And
when they heard *it*, they said, God for-
bid. 17 And he beheld them, and said,
What is this then that is written, The
stone which the builders rejected, the
same is become the head of the corner?
18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone
shall be broken; but on whomsoever it
shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
19 And the chief priests and the scribes

the same hour sought to lay hands
on him; and they feared the people:
for they perceived that he had spo-
ken this parable against them. [20] And
they watched *him*, and sent forth spies,
which should feign themselves just
men, that they might take hold of his
words, that so they might deliver him
unto the power and authority of the
governor. [21] And they asked him, say-
ing, Master, we know that thou sayest
and teachest rightly, neither acceptest
thou the person *of any*, but teachest
the way of God truly:* [22] Is it lawful for
us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?

20.21. truly: or, of a truth.

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and
said unto them, Why tempt ye me?
24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and
superscription hath it? They answered
and said, Caesar's. 25 And he said unto
them, Render therefore unto Caesar
the things which be Caesar's, and unto
God the things which be God's. 26 And
they could not take hold of his words
before the people: and they marvelled
at his answer, and held their peace.
27 Then came to *him* certain of the
Sadducees, which deny that there is
any resurrection; and they asked him,
28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us,
If any man's brother die, having a wife,

and he die without children, that his
brother should take his wife, and raise
up seed unto his brother. 29 There were
therefore seven brethren: and the first
took a wife, and died without chil-
dren. 30 And the second took her to
wife, and he died childless. 31 And the
third took her; and in like manner
the seven also: and they left no chil-
dren, and died. 32 Last of all the wo-
man died also. 33 Therefore in the res-
urrection whose wife of them is she?
for seven had her to wife. 34 And Jesus
answering said unto them, The chil-
dren of this world marry, and are given
in marriage: 35 But they which shall

be accounted worthy to obtain that
world, and the resurrection from the
dead, neither marry, nor are given in
marriage: 36 Neither can they die any
more: for they are equal unto the an-
gels; and are the children of God, be-
ing the children of the resurrection.
37 Now that the dead are raised, even
Moses shewed at the bush, when he
calleth the Lord the God of Abraham,
and the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob. 38 For he is not a God of the
dead, but of the living: for all live unto
him. 39 Then certain of the scribes an-
swering said, Master, thou hast well
said. 40 And after that they durst not

ask him any *question at all.* 41 And he
said unto them, How say they that
Christ is David's son? 42 And David
himself saith in the book of Psalms,
The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou
on my right hand, 43 Till I make thine
enemies thy footstool. 44 David there-
fore calleth him Lord, how is he then
his son? 45 Then in the audience of all
the people he said unto his disciples,
46 Beware of the scribes, which desire
to walk in long robes, and love greet-
ings in the markets, and the highest
seats in the synagogues, and the chief
rooms at feasts; 47 Which devour wid-
ows' houses, and for a shew make long

prayers: the same shall receive greater
damnation.
21 And he looked up, and saw the
rich men casting their gifts into the
treasury. 2 And he saw also a cer-
tain poor widow casting in thither two
mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say
unto you, that this poor widow hath
cast in more than they all: 4 For all
these have of their abundance cast in
unto the offerings of God: but she of
her penury hath cast in all the living
that she had. 5 And as some spake of
the temple, how it was adorned with
goodly stones and gifts, he said, 6 *As
for* these things which ye behold, the

days will come, in the which there
shall not be left one stone upon an-
other, that shall not be thrown down.
7 And they asked him, saying, Mas-
ter, but when shall these things be?
and what sign *will there be* when these
things shall come to pass? 8 And he
said, Take heed that ye be not de-
ceived: for many shall come in my
name, saying, I am *Christ*; and the
time draweth near: go ye not there-
fore after them.* 9 But when ye shall
hear of wars and commotions, be not
terrified: for these things must first
come to pass; but the end *is* not by and

21.8. and the time: or, and, The time.

by. [10] Then said he unto them, Nation
shall rise against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom: [11] And great earth-
quakes shall be in divers places, and
famines, and pestilences; and fearful
sights and great signs shall there be
from heaven. [12] But before all these,
they shall lay their hands on you, and
persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the
synagogues, and into prisons, being
brought before kings and rulers for my
name's sake. [13] And it shall turn to
you for a testimony. [14] Settle *it* there-
fore in your hearts, not to meditate
before what ye shall answer: [15] For I
will give you a mouth and wisdom,

which all your adversaries shall not be
able to gainsay nor resist. [16] And ye
shall be betrayed both by parents, and
brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends;
and *some* of you shall they cause to
be put to death. [17] And ye shall be
hated of all *men* for my name's sake.
[18] But there shall not an hair of your
head perish. [19] In your patience pos-
sess ye your souls. [20] And when ye shall
see Jerusalem compassed with armies,
then know that the desolation thereof
is nigh. [21] Then let them which are
in Judaea flee to the mountains; and
let them which are in the midst of it
depart out; and let not them that are

in the countries enter thereinto. [22] For
these be the days of vengeance, that all
things which are written may be ful-
filled. [23] But woe unto them that are
with child, and to them that give suck,
in those days! for there shall be great
distress in the land, and wrath upon
this people. [24] And they shall fall by
the edge of the sword, and shall be led
away captive into all nations: and Je-
rusalem shall be trodden down of the
Gentiles, until the times of the Gen-
tiles be fulfilled. [25] And there shall be
signs in the sun, and in the moon, and
in the stars; and upon the earth dis-
tress of nations, with perplexity; the

sea and the waves roaring; [26] Men's
hearts failing them for fear, and for
looking after those things which are
coming on the earth: for the powers
of heaven shall be shaken. [27] And then
shall they see the Son of man com-
ing in a cloud with power and great
glory. [28] And when these things be-
gin to come to pass, then look up, and
lift up your heads; for your redemp-
tion draweth nigh. [29] And he spake to
them a parable; Behold the fig tree,
and all the trees; [30] When they now
shoot forth, ye see and know of your
own selves that summer is now nigh
at hand. [31] So likewise ye, when ye

see these things come to pass, know
ye that the kingdom of God is nigh
at hand. [32] Verily I say unto you, This
generation shall not pass away, till all
be fulfilled. [33] Heaven and earth shall
pass away: but my words shall not pass
away. [34] And take heed to yourselves,
lest at any time your hearts be over-
charged with surfeiting, and drunken-
ness, and cares of this life, and *so* that
day come upon you unawares. [35] For as
a snare shall it come on all them that
dwell on the face of the whole earth.
[36] Watch ye therefore, and pray always,
that ye may be accounted worthy to
escape all these things that shall come

to pass, and to stand before the Son
of man. 37 And in the day time he was
teaching in the temple; and at night he
went out, and abode in the mount that
is called *the mount* of Olives. 38 And all
the people came early in the morning
to him in the temple, for to hear him.

22 Now the feast of unleavened
bread drew nigh, which is called the
Passover. 2 And the chief priests
and scribes sought how they might
kill him; for they feared the people.
3 Then entered Satan into Judas sur-
named Iscariot, being of the number
of the twelve. 4 And he went his way,

and communed with the chief priests
and captains, how he might betray
him unto them. 5 And they were glad,
and covenanted to give him money.
6 And he promised, and sought op-
portunity to betray him unto them in
the absence of the multitude.* 7 Then
came the day of unleavened bread,
when the passover must be killed.
8 And he sent Peter and John, saying,
Go and prepare us the passover, that
we may eat. 9 And they said unto
him, Where wilt thou that we pre-
pare? 10 And he said unto them, Be-
hold, when ye are entered into the city,

22.6. in the...: or, without tumult.

there shall a man meet you, bearing a
pitcher of water; follow him into the
house where he entereth in. 11 And
ye shall say unto the goodman of the
house, The Master saith unto thee,
Where is the guestchamber, where I
shall eat the passover with my disci-
ples? 12 And he shall shew you a large
upper room furnished: there make
ready. 13 And they went, and found
as he had said unto them: and they
made ready the passover. 14 And when
the hour was come, he sat down, and
the twelve apostles with him. 15 And
he said unto them, With desire I have
desired to eat this passover with you

before I suffer:* 16 For I say unto you,
I will not any more eat thereof, un-
til it be fulfilled in the kingdom of
God. 17 And he took the cup, and
gave thanks, and said, Take this, and
divide *it* among yourselves: 18 For I
say unto you, I will not drink of the
fruit of the vine, until the kingdom
of God shall come. 19 And he took
bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*,
and gave unto them, saying, This is
my body which is given for you: this
do in remembrance of me. 20 Likewise
also the cup after supper, saying, This
cup *is* the new testament in my blood,

15. With desire...: or, I have heartily desired.

which is shed for you. [21] But, behold,
the hand of him that betrayeth me *is*
with me on the table. [22] And truly
the Son of man goeth, as it was de-
termined: but woe unto that man by
whom he is betrayed! [23] And they
began to enquire among themselves,
which of them it was that should do
this thing. [24] And there was also a strife
among them, which of them should be
accounted the greatest. [25] And he said
unto them, The kings of the Gentiles
exercise lordship over them; and they
that exercise authority upon them are
called benefactors. [26] But ye *shall* not
be so: but he that is greatest among

you, let him be as the younger; and
he that is chief, as he that doth serve.
27 For whether *is* greater, he that sit-
teth at meat, or he that serveth? *is*
not he that sitteth at meat? but I am
among you as he that serveth. 28 Ye are
they which have continued with me in
my temptations. 29 And I appoint unto
you a kingdom, as my Father hath ap-
pointed unto me; 30 That ye may eat
and drink at my table in my kingdom,
and sit on thrones judging the twelve
tribes of Israel. 31 And the Lord said,
Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath de-
sired *to have* you, that he may sift *you*
as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee,

that thy faith fail not: and when thou
art converted, strengthen thy breth-
ren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord,
I am ready to go with thee, both into
prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I
tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow
this day, before that thou shalt thrice
deny that thou knowest me. 35 And he
said unto them, When I sent you with-
out purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked
ye any thing? And they said, Noth-
ing. 36 Then said he unto them, But
now, he that hath a purse, let him take
it, and likewise *his* scrip: and he that
hath no sword, let him sell his gar-
ment, and buy one. 37 For I say unto

you, that this that is written must yet
be accomplished in me, And he was
reckoned among the transgressors: for
the things concerning me have an end.
38 And they said, Lord, behold, here *are*
two swords. And he said unto them,
It is enough. 39 And he came out, and
went, as he was wont, to the mount of
Olives; and his disciples also followed
him. 40 And when he was at the place,
he said unto them, Pray that ye en-
ter not into temptation. 41 And he was
withdrawn from them about a stone's
cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,
42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, re-
move this cup from me: neverthe-

less not my will, but thine, be done.*
43 And there appeared an angel unto
him from heaven, strengthening him.
44 And being in an agony he prayed
more earnestly: and his sweat was as it
were great drops of blood falling down
to the ground. 45 And when he rose up
from prayer, and was come to his dis-
ciples, he found them sleeping for sor-
row, 46 And said unto them, Why sleep
ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into
temptation. 47 And while he yet spake,
behold a multitude, and he that was
called Judas, one of the twelve, went
before them, and drew near unto Je-

42. willing, remove: Gr. willing to remove.

sus to kiss him. 48 But Jesus said unto
him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of
man with a kiss? 49 When they which
were about him saw what would fol-
low, they said unto him, Lord, shall
we smite with the sword? 50 And one
of them smote the servant of the high
priest, and cut off his right ear. 51 And
Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus
far. And he touched his ear, and
healed him. 52 Then Jesus said unto the
chief priests, and captains of the tem-
ple, and the elders, which were come
to him, Be ye come out, as against a
thief, with swords and staves? 53 When
I was daily with you in the temple,

ye stretched forth no hands against
me: but this is your hour, and the
power of darkness. 54 Then took they
him, and led *him*, and brought him
into the high priest's house. And Pe-
ter followed afar off. 55 And when they
had kindled a fire in the midst of the
hall, and were set down together, Pe-
ter sat down among them. 56 But a cer-
tain maid beheld him as he sat by the
fire, and earnestly looked upon him,
and said, This man was also with him.
57 And he denied him, saying, Woman,
I know him not. 58 And after a lit-
tle while another saw him, and said,
Thou art also of them. And Peter

said, Man, I am not. 59 And about the
space of one hour after another con-
fidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth
this *fellow* also was with him: for he
is a Galilaean. 60 And Peter said, Man,
I know not what thou sayest. And
immediately, while he yet spake, the
cock crew. 61 And the Lord turned,
and looked upon Peter. And Peter
remembered the word of the Lord,
how he had said unto him, Before the
cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.
62 And Peter went out, and wept bit-
terly. 63 And the men that held Jesus
mocked him, and smote *him*. 64 And
when they had blindfolded him, they

struck him on the face, and asked him,
saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote
thee? 65 And many other things blas-
phemously spake they against him.
66 And as soon as it was day, the elders
of the people and the chief priests and
the scribes came together, and led him
into their council, saying, 67 Art thou
the Christ? tell us. And he said unto
them, If I tell you, ye will not believe:
68 And if I also ask *you*, ye will not an-
swer me, nor let *me* go. 69 Hereafter
shall the Son of man sit on the right
hand of the power of God. 70 Then
said they all, Art thou then the Son of
God? And he said unto them, Ye say

that I am. 71 And they said, What need
we any further witness? for we our-
selves have heard of his own mouth.

23 And the whole multitude of
them arose, and led him unto Pilate.
2 And they began to accuse him, say-
ing, We found this *fellow* perverting
the nation, and forbidding to give trib-
ute to Caesar, saying that he himself
is Christ a King. 3 And Pilate asked
him, saying, Art thou the King of the
Jews? And he answered him and said,
Thou sayest *it*. 4 Then said Pilate to
the chief priests and *to* the people, I
find no fault in this man. 5 And they

were the more fierce, saying, He stir-
reth up the people, teaching through-
out all Jewry, beginning from Gali-
lee to this place. 6 When Pilate heard
of Galilee, he asked whether the man
were a Galilaean. 7 And as soon as he
knew that he belonged unto Herod's
jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,
who himself also was at Jerusalem at
that time. 8 And when Herod saw Je-
sus, he was exceeding glad: for he was
desirous to see him of a long *season*,
because he had heard many things of
him; and he hoped to have seen some
miracle done by him. 9 Then he ques-
tioned with him in many words; but

he answered him nothing. [10] And the
chief priests and scribes stood and ve-
hemently accused him. [11] And Herod
with his men of war set him at nought,
and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a
gorgeous robe, and sent him again to
Pilate. [12] And the same day Pilate and
Herod were made friends together:
for before they were at enmity be-
tween themselves. [13] And Pilate, when
he had called together the chief priests
and the rulers and the people, [14] Said
unto them, Ye have brought this man
unto me, as one that perverteth the
people: and, behold, I, having exam-
ined *him* before you, have found no

fault in this man touching those things
whereof ye accuse him: 15 No, nor yet
Herod: for I sent you to him; and,
lo, nothing worthy of death is done
unto him. 16 I will therefore chastise
him, and release *him*. 17 (For of ne-
cessity he must release one unto them
at the feast.) 18 And they cried out
all at once, saying, Away with this
man, and release unto us Barabbas:
19 (Who for a certain sedition made
in the city, and for murder, was cast
into prison.) 20 Pilate therefore, willing
to release Jesus, spake again to them.
21 But they cried, saying, Crucify *him*,
crucify him. 22 And he said unto them

the third time, Why, what evil hath
he done? I have found no cause of
death in him: I will therefore chas-
tise him, and let *him* go. [23] And they
were instant with loud voices, requir-
ing that he might be crucified. And
the voices of them and of the chief
priests prevailed. [24] And Pilate gave
sentence that it should be as they re-
quired.* [25] And he released unto them
him that for sedition and murder was
cast into prison, whom they had de-
sired; but he delivered Jesus to their
will. [26] And as they led him away, they
laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian,

23.24. gave...: or, assented.

coming out of the country, and on
him they laid the cross, that he might
bear *it* after Jesus. [27] And there fol-
lowed him a great company of peo-
ple, and of women, which also be-
wailed and lamented him. [28] But Je-
sus turning unto them said, Daugh-
ters of Jerusalem, weep not for me,
but weep for yourselves, and for your
children. [29] For, behold, the days are
coming, in the which they shall say,
Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs
that never bare, and the paps which
never gave suck. [30] Then shall they be-
gin to say to the mountains, Fall on
us; and to the hills, Cover us. [31] For

if they do these things in a green tree,
what shall be done in the dry? 32 And
there were also two other, malefac-
tors, led with him to be put to death.
33 And when they were come to the
place, which is called Calvary, there
they crucified him, and the malefac-
tors, one on the right hand, and the
other on the left.* 34 Then said Jesus,
Father, forgive them; for they know
not what they do. And they parted his
raiment, and cast lots. 35 And the peo-
ple stood beholding. And the rulers
also with them derided *him*, saying,
He saved others; let him save himself,

33. Calvary: or, The place of a skull.

if he be Christ, the chosen of God.
36 And the soldiers also mocked him,
coming to him, and offering him vine-
gar, 37 And saying, If thou be the king
of the Jews, save thyself. 38 And a su-
perscription also was written over him
in letters of Greek, and Latin, and He-
brew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE
JEWS. 39 And one of the malefactors
which were hanged railed on him, say-
ing, If thou be Christ, save thyself and
us. 40 But the other answering rebuked
him, saying, Dost not thou fear God,
seeing thou art in the same condem-
nation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we
receive the due reward of our deeds:

but this man hath done nothing amiss.
42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, re-
member me when thou comest into
thy kingdom. 43 And Jesus said unto
him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt
thou be with me in paradise. 44 And
it was about the sixth hour, and there
was a darkness over all the earth un-
til the ninth hour.* 45 And the sun was
darkened, and the veil of the temple
was rent in the midst. 46 And when Je-
sus had cried with a loud voice, he said,
Father, into thy hands I commend my
spirit: and having said thus, he gave
up the ghost. 47 Now when the centu-

44. earth: or, land.

rion saw what was done, he glorified
God, saying, Certainly this was a righ-
teous man. 48 And all the people that
came together to that sight, behold-
ing the things which were done, smote
their breasts, and returned. 49 And all
his acquaintance, and the women that
followed him from Galilee, stood afar
off, beholding these things. 50 And, be-
hold, *there was* a man named Joseph,
a counsellor; *and he was* a good man,
and a just: 51 (The same had not con-
sented to the counsel and deed of
them;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city
of the Jews: who also himself waited
for the kingdom of God. 52 This *man*

went unto Pilate, and begged the body
of Jesus. 53 And he took it down, and
wrapped it in linen, and laid it in
a sepulchre that was hewn in stone,
wherein never man before was laid.
54 And that day was the preparation,
and the sabbath drew on. 55 And the
women also, which came with him
from Galilee, followed after, and be-
held the sepulchre, and how his body
was laid. 56 And they returned, and pre-
pared spices and ointments; and rested
the sabbath day according to the com-
mandment.

24 Now upon the first *day* of the
week, very early in the morning, they

came unto the sepulchre, bringing the
spices which they had prepared, and
certain *others* with them. [2] And they
found the stone rolled away from the
sepulchre. [3] And they entered in, and
found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
[4] And it came to pass, as they were
much perplexed thereabout, behold,
two men stood by them in shining gar-
ments: [5] And as they were afraid, and
bowed down *their* faces to the earth,
they said unto them, Why seek ye the
living among the dead?* [6] He is not
here, but is risen: remember how he
spake unto you when he was yet in Ga-

24.5. the living: or, him that liveth.

lilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must
be delivered into the hands of sinful
men, and be crucified, and the third
day rise again. 8 And they remem-
bered his words, 9 And returned from
the sepulchre, and told all these things
unto the eleven, and to all the rest. 10 It
was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and
Mary *the mother* of James, and other
women that were with them, which
told these things unto the apostles.
11 And their words seemed to them as
idle tales, and they believed them not.
12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the
sepulchre; and stooping down, he be-
held the linen clothes laid by them-

selves, and departed, wondering in
himself at that which was come to
pass. 13 And, behold, two of them went
that same day to a village called Em-
maus, which was from Jerusalem *about*
threescore furlongs. 14 And they talked
together of all these things which had
happened. 15 And it came to pass, that,
while they communed *together* and
reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and
went with them. 16 But their eyes were
holden that they should not know
him. 17 And he said unto them, What
manner of communications *are* these
that ye have one to another, as ye walk,
and are sad? 18 And the one of them,

whose name was Cleopas, answering
said unto him, Art thou only a stranger
in Jerusalem, and hast not known the
things which are come to pass there in
these days? 19 And he said unto them,
What things? And they said unto him,
Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which
was a prophet mighty in deed and
word before God and all the people:
20 And how the chief priests and our
rulers delivered him to be condemned
to death, and have crucified him. 21 But
we trusted that it had been he which
should have redeemed Israel: and be-
side all this, to day is the third day
since these things were done. 22 Yea,

and certain women also of our com-
pany made us astonished, which were
early at the sepulchre; [23] And when
they found not his body, they came,
saying, that they had also seen a vision
of angels, which said that he was alive.
[24] And certain of them which were with
us went to the sepulchre, and found *it*
even so as the women had said: but
him they saw not. [25] Then he said unto
them, O fools, and slow of heart to
believe all that the prophets have spo-
ken: [26] Ought not Christ to have suf-
fered these things, and to enter into
his glory? [27] And beginning at Moses
and all the prophets, he expounded

unto them in all the scriptures the
things concerning himself. 28 And they
drew nigh unto the village, whither
they went: and he made as though he
would have gone further. 29 But they
constrained him, saying, Abide with
us: for it is toward evening, and the day
is far spent. And he went in to tarry
with them. 30 And it came to pass, as he
sat at meat with them, he took bread,
and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to
them. 31 And their eyes were opened,
and they knew him; and he vanished
out of their sight.* 32 And they said one
to another, Did not our heart burn

31. vanished...: or, ceased to be seen of them.

within us, while he talked with us by
the way, and while he opened to us
the scriptures? 33 And they rose up
the same hour, and returned to Jerusa-
lem, and found the eleven gathered to-
gether, and them that were with them,
34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and
hath appeared to Simon. 35 And they
told what things *were done* in the way,
and how he was known of them in
breaking of bread. 36 And as they thus
spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst
of them, and saith unto them, Peace
be unto you. 37 But they were terrified
and affrighted, and supposed that they
had seen a spirit. 38 And he said unto

them, Why are ye troubled? and why
do thoughts arise in your hearts? 39 Be-
hold my hands and my feet, that it is I
myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit
hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me
have. 40 And when he had thus spoken,
he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.
41 And while they yet believed not for
joy, and wondered, he said unto them,
Have ye here any meat? 42 And they
gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and
of an honeycomb. 43 And he took *it*,
and did eat before them. 44 And he
said unto them, These *are* the words
which I spake unto you, while I was
yet with you, that all things must be

fulfilled, which were written in the law
of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in*
the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then
opened he their understanding, that
they might understand the scriptures,
46 And said unto them, Thus it is writ-
ten, and thus it behoved Christ to suf-
fer, and to rise from the dead the third
day: 47 And that repentance and remis-
sion of sins should be preached in his
name among all nations, beginning at
Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of
these things. 49 And, behold, I send
the promise of my Father upon you:
but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem,
until ye be endued with power from

on high. 50 And he led them out as
far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his
hands, and blessed them. 51 And it
came to pass, while he blessed them, he
was parted from them, and carried up
into heaven. 52 And they worshipped
him, and returned to Jerusalem with
great joy: 53 And were continually in
the temple, praising and blessing God.
Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
ST. JOHN

In the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. 2 The same was
in the beginning with God. 3 All
things were made by him; and without
him was not any thing made that was
made. 4 In him was life; and the life
was the light of men. 5 And the light
shineth in darkness; and the darkness
comprehended it not.* 6 There was a
man sent from God, whose name *was*
John. 7 The same came for a witness,

1.5. comprehended: or, did not admit, or, receive.

to bear witness of the Light, that all
men through him might believe. 8 He
was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear
witness of that Light. 9 *That* was the
true Light, which lighteth every man
that cometh into the world. 10 He was
in the world, and the world was made
by him, and the world knew him not.
11 He came unto his own, and his own
received him not. 12 But as many as re-
ceived him, to them gave he power to
become the sons of God, *even* to them
that believe on his name:* 13 Which
were born, not of blood, nor of the will
of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but

12. power: or, the right, or, privilege.

of God. [14] And the Word was made
flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we
beheld his glory, the glory as of the
only begotten of the Father,) full of
grace and truth. [15] John bare witness
of him, and cried, saying, This was he
of whom I spake, He that cometh after
me is preferred before me: for he was
before me. [16] And of his fulness have
all we received, and grace for grace.
[17] For the law was given by Moses, *but*
grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
[18] No man hath seen God at any time;
the only begotten Son, which is in the
bosom of the Father, he hath declared
him. [19] And this is the record of John,

when the Jews sent priests and Levites
from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art
thou? [20] And he confessed, and de-
nied not; but confessed, I am not the
Christ. [21] And they asked him, What
then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I
am not. Art thou that prophet? And
he answered, No.* [22] Then said they
unto him, Who art thou? that we
may give an answer to them that sent
us. What sayest thou of thyself? [23] He
said, I *am* the voice of one crying in
the wilderness, Make straight the way
of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.
[24] And they which were sent were of the

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21. that prophet: or, a prophet?.

Pharisees. [25] And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? [26] John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; [27] He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. [28] These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. [29] The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the

world.* 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

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29. taketh away: or, beareth.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this
is the Son of God. 35 Again the next
day after John stood, and two of his
disciples; 36 And looking upon Jesus
as he walked, he saith, Behold the
Lamb of God! 37 And the two dis-
ciples heard him speak, and they fol-
lowed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and
saw them following, and saith unto
them, What seek ye? They said unto
him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being
interpreted, Master,) where dwellest
thou?* 39 He saith unto them, Come
and see. They came and saw where
he dwelt, and abode with him that

38. dwellest: or, abidest.

day: for it was about the tenth hour.*
40 One of the two which heard John
speak, and followed him, was Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first find-
eth his own brother Simon, and saith
unto him, We have found the Mes-
sias, which is, being interpreted, the
Christ.* 42 And he brought him to Je-
sus. And when Jesus beheld him, he
said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona:
thou shalt be called Cephas, which
is by interpretation, A stone. 43 The
day following Jesus would go forth
into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and

39. about...: that was two hours before night.
41. the Christ: or, the Anointed.

saith unto him, Follow me. 44 Now
Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of
Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip findeth
Nathanael, and saith unto him, We
have found him, of whom Moses in
the law, and the prophets, did write,
Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can
there any good thing come out of Na-
zareth? Philip saith unto him, Come
and see. 47 Jesus saw Nathanael com-
ing to him, and saith of him, Be-
hold an Israelite indeed, in whom is
no guile! 48 Nathanael saith unto him,
Whence knowest thou me? Jesus an-
swered and said unto him, Before that

Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. [49] Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. [50] Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. [51] And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and

the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And
both Jesus was called, and his disci-
ples, to the marriage. 3 And when they
wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith
unto him, They have no wine. 4 Jesus
saith unto her, Woman, what have I
to do with thee? mine hour is not yet
come. 5 His mother saith unto the ser-
vants, Whatsoever he saith unto you,
do *it*. 6 And there were set there six
waterpots of stone, after the manner
of the purifying of the Jews, contain-
ing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Je-
sus saith unto them, Fill the water-
pots with water. And they filled them
up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto

them, Draw out now, and bear unto
the governor of the feast. And they
bare *it*. 9 When the ruler of the feast
had tasted the water that was made
wine, and knew not whence it was:
(but the servants which drew the wa-
ter knew;) the governor of the feast
called the bridegroom, 10 And saith
unto him, Every man at the beginning
doth set forth good wine; and when
men have well drunk, then that which
is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good
wine until now. 11 This beginning of
miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee,
and manifested forth his glory; and
his disciples believed on him. 12 Af-

ter this he went down to Capernaum,
he, and his mother, and his brethren,
and his disciples: and they continued
there not many days. 13 And the Jews'
passover was at hand, and Jesus went
up to Jerusalem, 14 And found in the
temple those that sold oxen and sheep
and doves, and the changers of money
sitting: 15 And when he had made a
scourge of small cords, he drove them
all out of the temple, and the sheep,
and the oxen; and poured out the
changers' money, and overthrew the
tables; 16 And said unto them that sold
doves, Take these things hence; make
not my Father's house an house of mer-

chandise. [17] And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. [18] Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? [19] Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. [20] Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? [21] But he spake of the temple of his body. [22] When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture,

and the word which Jesus had said.
23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the
passover, in the feast *day*, many be-
lieved in his name, when they saw the
miracles which he did. 24 But Jesus did
not commit himself unto them, be-
cause he knew all *men*, 25 And needed
not that any should testify of man: for
he knew what was in man.

3 There was a man of the Pharisees,
named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
2 The same came to Jesus by night, and
said unto him, Rabbi, we know that
thou art a teacher come from God:
for no man can do these miracles that

thou doest, except God be with him.
3 Jesus answered and said unto him,
Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except
a man be born again, he cannot see
the kingdom of God.* 4 Nicodemus
saith unto him, How can a man be
born when he is old? can he enter the
second time into his mother's womb,
and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily,
verily, I say unto thee, Except a man
be born of water and *of* the Spirit,
he cannot enter into the kingdom of
God. 6 That which is born of the
flesh is flesh; and that which is born
of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not

3.3. again: or, from above.

that I said unto thee, Ye must be born
again.* 8 The wind bloweth where it
listeth, and thou hearest the sound
thereof, but canst not tell whence it
cometh, and whither it goeth: so is
every one that is born of the Spirit.
9 Nicodemus answered and said unto
him, How can these things be? 10 Jesus
answered and said unto him, Art thou
a master of Israel, and knowest not
these things? 11 Verily, verily, I say unto
thee, We speak that we do know, and
testify that we have seen; and ye receive
not our witness. 12 If I have told you
earthly things, and ye believe not, how

7. again: or, from above.

shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly
things? 13 And no man hath ascended
up to heaven, but he that came down
from heaven, *even* the Son of man
which is in heaven. 14 And as Moses
lifted up the serpent in the wilder-
ness, even so must the Son of man be
lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth
in him should not perish, but have
eternal life. 16 For God so loved the
world, that he gave his only begot-
ten Son, that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish, but have ev-
erlasting life. 17 For God sent not his
Son into the world to condemn the
world; but that the world through him

might be saved. [18] He that believeth
on him is not condemned: but he
that believeth not is condemned al-
ready, because he hath not believed in
the name of the only begotten Son of
God. [19] And this is the condemnation,
that light is come into the world, and
men loved darkness rather than light,
because their deeds were evil. [20] For
every one that doeth evil hateth the
light, neither cometh to the light, lest
his deeds should be reproved.* [21] But he
that doeth truth cometh to the light,
that his deeds may be made manifest,
that they are wrought in God. [22] Af-

20. reproved: or, discovered.

ter these things came Jesus and his
disciples into the land of Judaea; and
there he tarried with them, and bap-
tized. [23] And John also was baptiz-
ing in Aenon near to Salim, because
there was much water there: and they
came, and were baptized. [24] For John
was not yet cast into prison. [25] Then
there arose a question between *some* of
John's disciples and the Jews about pu-
rifying. [26] And they came unto John,
and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was
with thee beyond Jordan, to whom
thou barest witness, behold, the same
baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.
[27] John answered and said, A man can

receive nothing, except it be given
him from heaven.* 28 Ye yourselves bear
me witness, that I said, I am not the
Christ, but that I am sent before him.
29 He that hath the bride is the bride-
groom: but the friend of the bride-
groom, which standeth and heareth
him, rejoiceth greatly because of the
bridegroom's voice: this my joy there-
fore is fulfilled. 30 He must increase,
but I *must* decrease. 31 He that cometh
from above is above all: he that is of
the earth is earthly, and speaketh of
the earth: he that cometh from heaven
is above all. 32 And what he hath seen

27. receive: or, take unto himself.

and heard, that he testifieth; and no
man receiveth his testimony. 33 He
that hath received his testimony hath
set to his seal that God is true. 34 For
he whom God hath sent speaketh the
words of God: for God giveth not the
Spirit by measure *unto him*. 35 The Fa-
ther loveth the Son, and hath given
all things into his hand. 36 He that
believeth on the Son hath everlasting
life: and he that believeth not the Son
shall not see life; but the wrath of God
abideth on him.

4 When therefore the Lord knew
how the Pharisees had heard that Je-
sus made and baptized more disci-

ples than John, 2 (Though Jesus him-
self baptized not, but his disciples,)
3 He left Judaea, and departed again
into Galilee. 4 And he must needs go
through Samaria. 5 Then cometh he
to a city of Samaria, which is called Sy-
char, near to the parcel of ground that
Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now
Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore,
being wearied with *his* journey, sat
thus on the well: *and* it was about the
sixth hour. 7 There cometh a woman
of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith
unto her, Give me to drink. 8 (For his
disciples were gone away unto the city
to buy meat.) 9 Then saith the wo-

man of Samaria unto him, How is it
that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of
me, which am a woman of Samaria?
for the Jews have no dealings with the
Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said
unto her, If thou knewest the gift of
God, and who it is that saith to thee,
Give me to drink; thou wouldest have
asked of him, and he would have given
thee living water. 11 The woman saith
unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to
draw with, and the well is deep: from
whence then hast thou that living wa-
ter? 12 Art thou greater than our fa-
ther Jacob, which gave us the well, and
drank thereof himself, and his chil-

dren, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered
and said unto her, Whosoever drin-
keth of this water shall thirst again:
14 But whosoever drinketh of the water
that I shall give him shall never thirst;
but the water that I shall give him shall
be in him a well of water springing
up into everlasting life. 15 The woman
saith unto him, Sir, give me this water,
that I thirst not, neither come hither
to draw. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call
thy husband, and come hither. 17 The
woman answered and said, I have no
husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou
hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For
thou hast had five husbands; and he

whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. [19] The
woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive
that thou art a prophet. [20] Our fa-
thers worshipped in this mountain;
and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the
place where men ought to worship.
[21] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe
me, the hour cometh, when ye shall
neither in this mountain, nor yet at
Jerusalem, worship the Father. [22] Ye
worship ye know not what: we know
what we worship: for salvation is of
the Jews. [23] But the hour cometh, and
now is, when the true worshippers
shall worship the Father in spirit and

in truth: for the Father seeketh such
to worship him. [24] God *is* a Spirit: and
they that worship him must worship
him in spirit and in truth. [25] The wo-
man saith unto him, I know that Mes-
sias cometh, which is called Christ:
when he is come, he will tell us all
things. [26] Jesus saith unto her, I that
speak unto thee am *he*. [27] And upon
this came his disciples, and marvelled
that he talked with the woman: yet
no man said, What seekest thou? or,
Why talkest thou with her? [28] The wo-
man then left her waterpot, and went
her way into the city, and saith to the
men, [29] Come, see a man, which told

me all things that ever I did: is not
this the Christ? 30 Then they went out
of the city, and came unto him. 31 In
the mean while his disciples prayed
him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he
said unto them, I have meat to eat
that ye know not of. 33 Therefore said
the disciples one to another, Hath any
man brought him *ought* to eat? 34 Je-
sus saith unto them, My meat is to do
the will of him that sent me, and to
finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There
are yet four months, and *then* cometh
harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift
up your eyes, and look on the fields;
for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages,
and gathereth fruit unto life eternal:
that both he that soweth and he that
reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And
herein is that saying true, One soweth,
and another reapeth. 38 I sent you
to reap that whereon ye bestowed no
labour: other men laboured, and ye
are entered into their labours. 39 And
many of the Samaritans of that city be-
lieved on him for the saying of the wo-
man, which testified, He told me all
that ever I did. 40 So when the Samar-
itans were come unto him, they be-
sought him that he would tarry with
them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of
his own word; 42 And said unto the
woman, Now we believe, not because
of thy saying: for we have heard *him*
ourselves, and know that this is in-
deed the Christ, the Saviour of the
world. 43 Now after two days he de-
parted thence, and went into Gali-
lee. 44 For Jesus himself testified, that
a prophet hath no honour in his own
country. 45 Then when he was come
into Galilee, the Galilaeans received
him, having seen all the things that
he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for
they also went unto the feast. 46 So Je-
sus came again into Cana of Galilee,

where he made the water wine. And
there was a certain nobleman, whose
son was sick at Capernaum.* 47 When
he heard that Jesus was come out of
Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him,
and besought him that he would come
down, and heal his son: for he was
at the point of death. 48 Then said Je-
sus unto him, Except ye see signs and
wonders, ye will not believe. 49 The
nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come
down ere my child die. 50 Jesus saith
unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth.
And the man believed the word that
Jesus had spoken unto him, and he

4.46. nobleman: or, courtier, or, ruler.

went his way. [51] And as he was now
going down, his servants met him,
and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.
[52] Then enquired he of them the hour
when he began to amend. And they
said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh
hour the fever left him. [53] So the fa-
ther knew that *it was* at the same hour,
in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy
son liveth: and himself believed, and
his whole house. [54] This *is* again the
second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he
was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

5 After this there was a feast of
the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusa-

lem. [2] Now there is at Jerusalem by the
sheep *market* a pool, which is called
in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, hav-
ing five porches.* [3] In these lay a great
multitude of impotent folk, of blind,
halt, withered, waiting for the moving
of the water. [4] For an angel went down
at a certain season into the pool, and
troubled the water: whosoever then
first after the troubling of the water
stepped in was made whole of what-
soever disease he had. [5] And a cer-
tain man was there, which had an in-
firmity thirty and eight years. [6] When
Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he

5.2. market: or, gate.

had been now a long time *in that case*,
he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made
whole? 7 The impotent man answered
him, Sir, I have no man, when the wa-
ter is troubled, to put me into the pool:
but while I am coming, another step-
peth down before me. 8 Jesus saith
unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and
walk. 9 And immediately the man
was made whole, and took up his bed,
and walked: and on the same day was
the sabbath. 10 The Jews therefore said
unto him that was cured, It is the sab-
bath day: it is not lawful for thee to
carry *thy* bed. 11 He answered them,
He that made me whole, the same said

unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.
12 Then asked they him, What man is
that which said unto thee, Take up
thy bed, and walk? 13 And he that was
healed wist not who it was: for Jesus
had conveyed himself away, a multi-
tude being in *that* place.* 14 Afterward
Jesus findeth him in the temple, and
said unto him, Behold, thou art made
whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing
come unto thee. 15 The man departed,
and told the Jews that it was Jesus,
which had made him whole. 16 And
therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus,
and sought to slay him, because he

13. a multitude...: or, from the multitude that was.

had done these things on the sabbath
day. 17 But Jesus answered them, My
Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
18 Therefore the Jews sought the more
to kill him, because he not only had
broken the sabbath, but said also that
God was his Father, making himself
equal with God. 19 Then answered Je-
sus and said unto them, Verily, ver-
ily, I say unto you, The Son can do
nothing of himself, but what he seeth
the Father do: for what things soever
he doeth, these also doeth the Son
likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the
Son, and sheweth him all things that
himself doeth: and he will shew him

greater works than these, that ye may
marvel. [21] For as the Father raiseth up
the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even
so the Son quickeneth whom he will.
[22] For the Father judgeth no man, but
hath committed all judgment unto the
Son: [23] That all *men* should honour the
Son, even as they honour the Father.
He that honoureth not the Son hon-
oureth not the Father which hath sent
him. [24] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He
that heareth my word, and believeth
on him that sent me, hath everlasting
life, and shall not come into condem-
nation; but is passed from death unto
life. [25] Verily, verily, I say unto you, The

hour is coming, and now is, when the
dead shall hear the voice of the Son
of God: and they that hear shall live.
26 For as the Father hath life in himself;
so hath he given to the Son to have life
in himself; 27 And hath given him au-
thority to execute judgment also, be-
cause he is the Son of man. 28 Mar-
vel not at this: for the hour is coming,
in the which all that are in the graves
shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come
forth; they that have done good, unto
the resurrection of life; and they that
have done evil, unto the resurrection
of damnation. 30 I can of mine own
self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and

my judgment is just; because I seek not
mine own will, but the will of the Fa-
ther which hath sent me. [31] If I bear
witness of myself, my witness is not
true. [32] There is another that beareth
witness of me; and I know that the wit-
ness which he witnesseth of me is true.
[33] Ye sent unto John, and he bare wit-
ness unto the truth. [34] But I receive not
testimony from man: but these things
I say, that ye might be saved. [35] He
was a burning and a shining light: and
ye were willing for a season to rejoice
in his light. [36] But I have greater wit-
ness than *that* of John: for the works
which the Father hath given me to fin-

ish, the same works that I do, bear wit-
ness of me, that the Father hath sent
me. 37 And the Father himself, which
hath sent me, hath borne witness of
me. Ye have neither heard his voice at
any time, nor seen his shape. 38 And ye
have not his word abiding in you: for
whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.
39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye
think ye have eternal life: and they are
they which testify of me. 40 And ye will
not come to me, that ye might have
life. 41 I receive not honour from men.
42 But I know you, that ye have not the
love of God in you. 43 I am come in
my Father's name, and ye receive me

not: if another shall come in his own
name, him ye will receive. 44 How can
ye believe, which receive honour one
of another, and seek not the honour
that *cometh* from God only? 45 Do not
think that I will accuse you to the Fa-
ther: there is *one* that accuseth you,
even Moses, in whom ye trust. 46 For
had ye believed Moses, ye would have
believed me: for he wrote of me. 47 But
if ye believe not his writings, how shall
ye believe my words?

6 After these things Jesus went
over the sea of Galilee, which is *the*
sea of Tiberias. 2 And a great multi-

tude followed him, because they saw
his miracles which he did on them
that were diseased. 3 And Jesus went
up into a mountain, and there he sat
with his disciples. 4 And the passover,
a feast of the Jews, was nigh. 5 When
Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw
a great company come unto him, he
saith unto Philip, Whence shall we
buy bread, that these may eat? 6 And
this he said to prove him: for he him-
self knew what he would do. 7 Philip
answered him, Two hundred penny-
worth of bread is not sufficient for
them, that every one of them may
take a little. 8 One of his disciples,

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith
unto him, 9 There is a lad here, which
hath five barley loaves, and two small
fishes: but what are they among so
many? 10 And Jesus said, Make the
men sit down. Now there was much
grass in the place. So the men sat
down, in number about five thousand.
11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when
he had given thanks, he distributed to
the disciples, and the disciples to them
that were set down; and likewise of the
fishes as much as they would. 12 When
they were filled, he said unto his dis-
ciples, Gather up the fragments that
remain, that nothing be lost. 13 There-

fore they gathered *them* together, and
filled twelve baskets with the frag-
ments of the five barley loaves, which
remained over and above unto them
that had eaten. 14 Then those men,
when they had seen the miracle that
Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that
prophet that should come into the
world. 15 When Jesus therefore per-
ceived that they would come and take
him by force, to make him a king, he
departed again into a mountain him-
self alone. 16 And when even was *now*
come, his disciples went down unto
the sea, 17 And entered into a ship, and
went over the sea toward Capernaum.

And it was now dark, and Jesus was not
come to them. 18 And the sea arose
by reason of a great wind that blew.
19 So when they had rowed about five
and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see
Jesus walking on the sea, and draw-
ing nigh unto the ship: and they were
afraid. 20 But he saith unto them, It is
I; be not afraid. 21 Then they willingly
received him into the ship: and imme-
diately the ship was at the land whither
they went. 22 The day following, when
the people which stood on the other
side of the sea saw that there was none
other boat there, save that one where-
into his disciples were entered, and

that Jesus went not with his disci-
ples into the boat, but *that* his disci-
ples were gone away alone; 23 (Howbeit
there came other boats from Tiberias
nigh unto the place where they did eat
bread, after that the Lord had given
thanks:) 24 When the people there-
fore saw that Jesus was not there, nei-
ther his disciples, they also took ship-
ping, and came to Capernaum, seek-
ing for Jesus. 25 And when they had
found him on the other side of the
sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when
camest thou hither? 26 Jesus answered
them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto
you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw

the miracles, but because ye did eat of
the loaves, and were filled. 27 Labour
not for the meat which perisheth, but
for that meat which endureth unto ev-
erlasting life, which the Son of man
shall give unto you: for him hath God
the Father sealed.* 28 Then said they
unto him, What shall we do, that we
might work the works of God? 29 Je-
sus answered and said unto them, This
is the work of God, that ye believe
on him whom he hath sent. 30 They
said therefore unto him, What sign
shewest thou then, that we may see,
and believe thee? what dost thou

6.27. Labour not: or, Work not.

work? 31 Our fathers did eat manna
in the desert; as it is written, He gave
them bread from heaven to eat. 32 Then
Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily,
I say unto you, Moses gave you not
that bread from heaven; but my Fa-
ther giveth you the true bread from
heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he
which cometh down from heaven, and
giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said
they unto him, Lord, evermore give
us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto
them, I am the bread of life: he that
cometh to me shall never hunger; and
he that believeth on me shall never
thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye

also have seen me, and believe not.
37 All that the Father giveth me shall
come to me; and him that cometh to
me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For
I came down from heaven, not to do
mine own will, but the will of him that
sent me. 39 And this is the Father's
will which hath sent me, that of all
which he hath given me I should lose
nothing, but should raise it up again
at the last day. 40 And this is the will
of him that sent me, that every one
which seeth the Son, and believeth on
him, may have everlasting life: and I
will raise him up at the last day. 41 The
Jews then murmured at him, because

he said, I am the bread which came
down from heaven. 42 And they said,
Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph,
whose father and mother we know?
how is it then that he saith, I came
down from heaven? 43 Jesus therefore
answered and said unto them, Mur-
mur not among yourselves. 44 No man
can come to me, except the Father
which hath sent me draw him: and I
will raise him up at the last day. 45 It
is written in the prophets, And they
shall be all taught of God. Every man
therefore that hath heard, and hath
learned of the Father, cometh unto
me. 46 Not that any man hath seen the

Father, save he which is of God, he
hath seen the Father. 47 Verily, verily, I
say unto you, He that believeth on me
hath everlasting life. 48 I am that bread
of life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in
the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is
the bread which cometh down from
heaven, that a man may eat thereof,
and not die. 51 I am the living bread
which came down from heaven: if any
man eat of this bread, he shall live for
ever: and the bread that I will give is
my flesh, which I will give for the life of
the world. 52 The Jews therefore strove
among themselves, saying, How can
this man give us *his* flesh to eat? 53 Then

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I
say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of
the Son of man, and drink his blood,
ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth
my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath
eternal life; and I will raise him up at
the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat in-
deed, and my blood is drink indeed.
56 He that eateth my flesh, and drin-
keth my blood, dwelleth in me, and
I in him. 57 As the living Father hath
sent me, and I live by the Father: so
he that eateth me, even he shall live by
me. 58 This is that bread which came
down from heaven: not as your fa-
thers did eat manna, and are dead: he

that eateth of this bread shall live for
ever. 59 These things said he in the syn-
agogue, as he taught in Capernaum.
60 Many therefore of his disciples, when
they had heard *this*, said, This is an
hard saying; who can hear it? 61 When
Jesus knew in himself that his disciples
murmured at it, he said unto them,
Doth this offend you?* 62 *What* and if
ye shall see the Son of man ascend up
where he was before? 63 It is the spirit
that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth
nothing: the words that I speak unto
you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.
64 But there are some of you that believe

61. offend: or, scandalize, or, cause you to stumble.

not. For Jesus knew from the begin-
ning who they were that believed not,
and who should betray him. 65 And he
said, Therefore said I unto you, that no
man can come unto me, except it were
given unto him of my Father. 66 From
that *time* many of his disciples went
back, and walked no more with him.
67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will
ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter
answered him, Lord, to whom shall we
go? thou hast the words of eternal life.
69 And we believe and are sure that thou
art that Christ, the Son of the living
God. 70 Jesus answered them, Have not
I chosen you twelve, and one of you is

a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot *the*
son of Simon: for he it was that should
betray him, being one of the twelve.

7 After these things Jesus walked
in Galilee: for he would not walk in
Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill
him. 2 Now the Jews' feast of taberna-
cles was at hand. 3 His brethren there-
fore said unto him, Depart hence, and
go into Judaea, that thy disciples also
may see the works that thou doest.
4 For *there is* no man *that* doeth any
thing in secret, and he himself seeketh
to be known openly. If thou do these
things, shew thyself to the world. 5 For

neither did his brethren believe in him.
6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time
is not yet come: but your time is al-
way ready. 7 The world cannot hate
you; but me it hateth, because I tes-
tify of it, that the works thereof are
evil. 8 Go ye up unto this feast: I
go not up yet unto this feast; for my
time is not yet full come. 9 When
he had said these words unto them,
he abode *still* in Galilee. 10 But when
his brethren were gone up, then went
he also up unto the feast, not openly,
but as it were in secret. 11 Then the
Jews sought him at the feast, and said,
Where is he? 12 And there was much

murmuring among the people con-
cerning him: for some said, He is a
good man: others said, Nay; but he
deceiveth the people. 13 Howbeit no
man spake openly of him for fear of
the Jews. 14 Now about the midst of
the feast Jesus went up into the tem-
ple, and taught. 15 And the Jews mar-
velled, saying, How knoweth this man
letters, having never learned?* 16 Jesus
answered them, and said, My doctrine
is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If
any man will do his will, he shall know
of the doctrine, whether it be of God,
or *whether* I speak of myself. 18 He that

7.15. letters: or, learning.

speaketh of himself seeketh his own
glory: but he that seeketh his glory
that sent him, the same is true, and
no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did
not Moses give you the law, and *yet*
none of you keepeth the law? Why
go ye about to kill me? 20 The people
answered and said, Thou hast a devil:
who goeth about to kill thee? 21 Je-
sus answered and said unto them, I
have done one work, and ye all marvel.
22 Moses therefore gave unto you cir-
cumcision; (not because it is of Moses,
but of the fathers;) and ye on the sab-
bath day circumcise a man. 23 If a man
on the sabbath day receive circumci-

sion, that the law of Moses should not
be broken; are ye angry at me, because
I have made a man every whit whole
on the sabbath day?* 24 Judge not ac-
cording to the appearance, but judge
righteous judgment. 25 Then said some
of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he,
whom they seek to kill? 26 But, lo, he
speaketh boldly, and they say nothing
unto him. Do the rulers know indeed
that this is the very Christ? 27 How-
beit we know this man whence he
is: but when Christ cometh, no man
knoweth whence he is. 28 Then cried
Jesus in the temple as he taught, say-

23. that...: or, without breaking the law of Moses.

ing, Ye both know me, and ye know
whence I am: and I am not come of
myself, but he that sent me is true,
whom ye know not. [29] But I know
him: for I am from him, and he hath
sent me. [30] Then they sought to take
him: but no man laid hands on him,
because his hour was not yet come.
[31] And many of the people believed on
him, and said, When Christ cometh,
will he do more miracles than these
which this *man* hath done? [32] The
Pharisees heard that the people mur-
mured such things concerning him;
and the Pharisees and the chief priests
sent officers to take him. [33] Then said

Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am
I with you, and *then* I go unto him
that sent me. [34] Ye shall seek me, and
shall not find *me*: and where I am,
thither ye cannot come. [35] Then said
the Jews among themselves, Whither
will he go, that we shall not find him?
will he go unto the dispersed among
the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?*
[36] What *manner of* saying is this that
he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not
find *me*: and where I am, *thither* ye
cannot come? [37] In the last day, that
great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and
cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him

35. Gentiles: or, Greeks.

come unto me, and drink. 38 He that
believeth on me, as the scripture hath
said, out of his belly shall flow rivers
of living water. 39 (But this spake he
of the Spirit, which they that believe
on him should receive: for the Holy
Ghost was not yet *given*; because that
Jesus was not yet glorified.) 40 Many of
the people therefore, when they heard
this saying, said, Of a truth this is the
Prophet. 41 Others said, This is the
Christ. But some said, Shall Christ
come out of Galilee? 42 Hath not the
scripture said, That Christ cometh of
the seed of David, and out of the town
of Bethlehem, where David was? 43 So

there was a division among the peo-
ple because of him. 44 And some of
them would have taken him; but no
man laid hands on him. 45 Then came
the officers to the chief priests and
Pharisees; and they said unto them,
Why have ye not brought him? 46 The
officers answered, Never man spake
like this man. 47 Then answered them
the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?
48 Have any of the rulers or of the
Pharisees believed on him? 49 But this
people who knoweth not the law are
cursed. 50 Nicodemus saith unto them,
(he that came to Jesus by night, being

one of them,)* 51 Doth our law judge
any man, before it hear him, and know
what he doeth? 52 They answered and
said unto him, Art thou also of Gali-
lee? Search, and look: for out of Ga-
lilee ariseth no prophet. 53 And every
man went unto his own house.

8 Jesus went unto the mount of
Olives. 2 And early in the morning
he came again into the temple, and
all the people came unto him; and he
sat down, and taught them. 3 And
the scribes and Pharisees brought unto
him a woman taken in adultery; and

50. to Jesus: Gr. to him.

when they had set her in the midst,
4 They say unto him, Master, this wo-
man was taken in adultery, in the
very act. 5 Now Moses in the law
commanded us, that such should be
stoned: but what sayest thou? 6 This
they said, tempting him, that they
might have to accuse him. But Je-
sus stooped down, and with *his* fin-
ger wrote on the ground, *as though
he heard them not*. 7 So when they
continued asking him, he lifted up
himself, and said unto them, He that
is without sin among you, let him
first cast a stone at her. 8 And again
he stooped down, and wrote on the

ground. 9 And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience,
went out one by one, beginning at the
eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was
left alone, and the woman standing in
the midst. 10 When Jesus had lifted up
himself, and saw none but the woman,
he said unto her, Woman, where are
those thine accusers? hath no man
condemned thee? 11 She said, No man,
Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin
no more. 12 Then spake Jesus again
unto them, saying, I am the light of
the world: he that followeth me shall
not walk in darkness, but shall have

the light of life. 13 The Pharisees there-
fore said unto him, Thou bearest re-
cord of thyself; thy record is not true.
14 Jesus answered and said unto them,
Though I bear record of myself, *yet* my
record is true: for I know whence I
came, and whither I go; but ye can-
not tell whence I come, and whither I
go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge
no man. 16 And yet if I judge, my judg-
ment is true: for I am not alone, but I
and the Father that sent me. 17 It is also
written in your law, that the testimony
of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear
witness of myself, and the Father that
sent me beareth witness of me. 19 Then

said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. [20] These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. [21] Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. [22] Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. [23] And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not

of this world. [24] I said therefore unto
you, that ye shall die in your sins: for
if ye believe not that I am *he*, ye shall
die in your sins. [25] Then said they unto
him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith
unto them, Even *the same* that I said
unto you from the beginning. [26] I have
many things to say and to judge of you:
but he that sent me is true; and I speak
to the world those things which I have
heard of him. [27] They understood not
that he spake to them of the Father.
[28] Then said Jesus unto them, When ye
have lifted up the Son of man, then
shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I
do nothing of myself; but as my Father

hath taught me, I speak these things.
29 And he that sent me is with me: the
Father hath not left me alone; for I do
always those things that please him.
30 As he spake these words, many be-
lieved on him. 31 Then said Jesus to
those Jews which believed on him, If
ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my
disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know
the truth, and the truth shall make
you free. 33 They answered him, We
be Abraham's seed, and were never in
bondage to any man: how sayest thou,
Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered
them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Whosoever committeth sin is the ser-

vant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth
not in the house for ever: *but* the Son
abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore
shall make you free, ye shall be free in-
deed. 37 I know that ye are Abraham's
seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my
word hath no place in you. 38 I speak
that which I have seen with my Father:
and ye do that which ye have seen with
your father. 39 They answered and said
unto him, Abraham is our father. Je-
sus saith unto them, If ye were Abra-
ham's children, ye would do the works
of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill
me, a man that hath told you the truth,
which I have heard of God: this did

not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of
your father. Then said they to him,
We be not born of fornication; we
have one Father, *even* God. 42 Jesus said
unto them, If God were your Father, ye
would love me: for I proceeded forth
and came from God; neither came I of
myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye
not understand my speech? *even* be-
cause ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye
are of *your* father the devil, and the
lusts of your father ye will do. He was
a murderer from the beginning, and
abode not in the truth, because there
is no truth in him. When he speaketh
a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he

is a liar, and the father of it.* 45 And
because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe
me not. 46 Which of you convinceth
me of sin? And if I say the truth, why
do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of
God heareth God's words: ye there-
fore hear *them* not, because ye are not
of God. 48 Then answered the Jews,
and said unto him, Say we not well that
thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?
49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but
I honour my Father, and ye do dis-
honour me. 50 And I seek not mine
own glory: there is one that seeketh

8.44. of his own: or, from his own will or disposition.

and judgeth. 51 Verily, verily, I say unto
you, If a man keep my saying, he shall
never see death. 52 Then said the Jews
unto him, Now we know that thou
hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and
the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man
keep my saying, he shall never taste of
death. 53 Art thou greater than our fa-
ther Abraham, which is dead? and
the prophets are dead: whom mak-
est thou thyself? 54 Jesus answered, If
I honour myself, my honour is noth-
ing: it is my Father that honoureth
me; of whom ye say, that he is your
God: 55 Yet ye have not known him;
but I know him: and if I should say,

I know him not, I shall be a liar like
unto you: but I know him, and keep
his saying. 56 Your father Abraham re-
joiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and
was glad. 57 Then said the Jews unto
him, Thou art not yet fifty years old,
and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Je-
sus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say
unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.
59 Then took they up stones to cast at
him: but Jesus hid himself, and went
out of the temple, going through the
midst of them, and so passed by.

9 And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a
man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying,
Master, who did sin, this man, or his
parents, that he was born blind? 3 Je-
sus answered, Neither hath this man
sinned, nor his parents: but that the
works of God should be made mani-
fest in him. 4 I must work the works
of him that sent me, while it is day:
the night cometh, when no man can
work. 5 As long as I am in the world,
I am the light of the world. 6 When
he had thus spoken, he spat on the
ground, and made clay of the spittle,
and he anointed the eyes of the blind
man with the clay,* 7 And said unto

9.6. anointed...: or, spread the clay upon the eyes

him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,
(which is by interpretation, Sent.) He
went his way therefore, and washed,
and came seeing. 8 The neighbours
therefore, and they which before had
seen him that he was blind, said, Is not
this he that sat and begged? 9 Some
said, This is he: others *said*, He is like
him: *but* he said, I am *he*. 10 Therefore
said they unto him, How were thine
eyes opened? 11 He answered and said,
A man that is called Jesus made clay,
and anointed mine eyes, and said unto
me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and
wash: and I went and washed, and I

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of the blind man.

received sight. 12 Then said they unto
him, Where is he? He said, I know not.
13 They brought to the Pharisees him
that aforetime was blind. 14 And it was
the sabbath day when Jesus made the
clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Then again
the Pharisees also asked him how he
had received his sight. He said unto
them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and
I washed, and do see. 16 Therefore said
some of the Pharisees, This man is not
of God, because he keepeth not the
sabbath day. Others said, How can a
man that is a sinner do such miracles?
And there was a division among them.
17 They say unto the blind man again,

What sayest thou of him, that he hath
opened thine eyes? He said, He is a
prophet. 18 But the Jews did not be-
lieve concerning him, that he had been
blind, and received his sight, until they
called the parents of him that had re-
ceived his sight. 19 And they asked
them, saying, Is this your son, who ye
say was born blind? how then doth he
now see? 20 His parents answered them
and said, We know that this is our son,
and that he was born blind: 21 But by
what means he now seeth, we know
not; or who hath opened his eyes, we
know not: he is of age; ask him: he
shall speak for himself. 22 These *words*

spake his parents, because they feared
the Jews: for the Jews had agreed al-
ready, that if any man did confess that
he was Christ, he should be put out
of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his
parents, He is of age; ask him. 24 Then
again called they the man that was
blind, and said unto him, Give God
the praise: we know that this man
is a sinner. 25 He answered and said,
Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know
not: one thing I know, that, whereas I
was blind, now I see. 26 Then said they
to him again, What did he to thee?
how opened he thine eyes? 27 He an-
swered them, I have told you already,

and ye did not hear: wherefore would
ye hear *it* again? will ye also be his dis-
ciples? [28] Then they reviled him, and
said, Thou art his disciple; but we are
Moses' disciples. [29] We know that God
spake unto Moses: *as for* this *fellow*, we
know not from whence he is. [30] The
man answered and said unto them,
Why herein is a marvellous thing, that
ye know not from whence he is, and
yet he hath opened mine eyes. [31] Now
we know that God heareth not sin-
ners: but if any man be a worship-
per of God, and doeth his will, him he
heareth. [32] Since the world began was
it not heard that any man opened the

eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If
this man were not of God, he could
do nothing. 34 They answered and said
unto him, Thou wast altogether born
in sins, and dost thou teach us? And
they cast him out.* 35 Jesus heard that
they had cast him out; and when he
had found him, he said unto him, Dost
thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He
answered and said, Who is he, Lord,
that I might believe on him? 37 And
Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both
seen him, and it is he that talketh with
thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe.
And he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus

34. cast...: or, excommunicated him.

said, For judgment I am come into this
world, that they which see not might
see; and that they which see might
be made blind. 40 And *some* of the
Pharisees which were with him heard
these words, and said unto him, Are
we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them,
If ye were blind, ye should have no sin:
but now ye say, We see; therefore your
sin remaineth.

10 Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that entereth not by the door into
the sheepfold, but climbeth up some
other way, the same is a thief and a
robber. 2 But he that entereth in by
the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the
sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his
own sheep by name, and leadeth them
out. 4 And when he putteth forth his
own sheep, he goeth before them, and
the sheep follow him: for they know
his voice. 5 And a stranger will they
not follow, but will flee from him: for
they know not the voice of strangers.
6 This parable spake Jesus unto them:
but they understood not what things
they were which he spake unto them.
7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Ver-
ily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door
of the sheep. 8 All that ever came be-
fore me are thieves and robbers: but

the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am
the door: by me if any man enter
in, he shall be saved, and shall go in
and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief
cometh not, but for to steal, and to
kill, and to destroy: I am come that
they might have life, and that they
might have *it* more abundantly. 11 I
am the good shepherd: the good shep-
herd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But
he that is an hireling, and not the shep-
herd, whose own the sheep are not,
seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the
sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catch-
eth them, and scattereth the sheep.
13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an

hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd, and know
my *sheep*, and am known of mine. 15 As
the Father knoweth me, even so know
I the Father: and I lay down my life for
the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have,
which are not of this fold: them also
I must bring, and they shall hear my
voice; and there shall be one fold, *and*
one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my
Father love me, because I lay down my
life, that I might take it again. 18 No
man taketh it from me, but I lay it
down of myself. I have power to lay
it down, and I have power to take it
again. This commandment have I re-

ceived of my Father. [19] There was a division therefore again among the Jews
for these sayings. [20] And many of them
said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why
hear ye him? [21] Others said, These
are not the words of him that hath a
devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the
blind? [22] And it was at Jerusalem the
feast of the dedication, and it was win-
ter. [23] And Jesus walked in the temple
in Solomon's porch. [24] Then came the
Jews round about him, and said unto
him, How long dost thou make us to
doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us
plainly.* [25] Jesus answered them, I told

10.24. make...: or, hold us in suspense.

you, and ye believed not: the works
that I do in my Father's name, they
bear witness of me. [26] But ye believe
not, because ye are not of my sheep, as
I said unto you. [27] My sheep hear my
voice, and I know them, and they fol-
low me: [28] And I give unto them eter-
nal life; and they shall never perish,
neither shall any *man* pluck them out
of my hand. [29] My Father, which gave
them me, is greater than all; and no
man is able to pluck *them* out of my Fa-
ther's hand. [30] I and *my* Father are one.
[31] Then the Jews took up stones again
to stone him. [32] Jesus answered them,
Many good works have I shewed you

from my Father; for which of those
works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews an-
swered him, saying, For a good work
we stone thee not; but for blasphemy;
and because that thou, being a man,
makest thyself God. 34 Jesus answered
them, Is it not written in your law, I
said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them
gods, unto whom the word of God
came, and the scripture cannot be bro-
ken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Fa-
ther hath sanctified, and sent into the
world, Thou blasphemest; because I
said, I am the Son of God? 37 If I do
not the works of my Father, believe
me not. 38 But if I do, though ye be-

lieve not me, believe the works: that
ye may know, and believe, that the Fa-
ther *is* in me, and I in him. 39 Therefore
they sought again to take him: but
he escaped out of their hand, 40 And
went away again beyond Jordan into
the place where John at first baptized;
and there he abode. 41 And many re-
sorted unto him, and said, John did no
miracle: but all things that John spake
of this man were true. 42 And many be-
lieved on him there.

11 Now a certain *man* was sick,
named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town
of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (It
was *that* Mary which anointed the

Lord with ointment, and wiped his
feet with her hair, whose brother La-
zarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters
sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold,
he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 When
Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness
is not unto death, but for the glory of
God, that the Son of God might be
glorified thereby. 5 Now Jesus loved
Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
6 When he had heard therefore that he
was sick, he abode two days still in the
same place where he was. 7 Then af-
ter that saith he to *his* disciples, Let
us go into Judaea again. 8 *His* disci-
ples say unto him, Master, the Jews of

late sought to stone thee; and goest
thou thither again? 9 Jesus answered,
Are there not twelve hours in the day?
If any man walk in the day, he stum-
bleth not, because he seeth the light
of this world. 10 But if a man walk
in the night, he stumbleth, because
there is no light in him. 11 These things
said he: and after that he saith unto
them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth;
but I go, that I may awake him out of
sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord,
if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 How-
beit Jesus spake of his death: but they
thought that he had spoken of tak-
ing of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Je-

sus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I
was not there, to the intent ye may
believe; nevertheless let us go unto
him. 16 Then said Thomas, which is
called Didymus, unto his fellowdisci-
ples, Let us also go, that we may die
with him. 17 Then when Jesus came,
he found that he had *lain* in the grave
four days already. 18 Now Bethany was
nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen fur-
longs off:* 19 And many of the Jews
came to Martha and Mary, to com-
fort them concerning their brother.
20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard

11.18. about...: that is, about two miles.

that Jesus was coming, went and met
him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.
21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if
thou hadst been here, my brother had
not died. 22 But I know, that even now,
whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God
will give *it* thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her,
Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha
saith unto him, I know that he shall
rise again in the resurrection at the last
day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the
resurrection, and the life: he that be-
lieveth in me, though he were dead, yet
shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth
and believeth in me shall never die.
Believest thou this? 27 She saith unto

him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou
art the Christ, the Son of God, which
should come into the world. 28 And
when she had so said, she went her
way, and called Mary her sister se-
cretly, saying, The Master is come, and
calleth for thee. 29 As soon as she heard
that, she arose quickly, and came unto
him. 30 Now Jesus was not yet come
into the town, but was in that place
where Martha met him. 31 The Jews
then which were with her in the house,
and comforted her, when they saw
Mary, that she rose up hastily and went
out, followed her, saying, She goeth
unto the grave to weep there. 32 Then

when Mary was come where Jesus was,
and saw him, she fell down at his feet,
saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst
been here, my brother had not died.
33 When Jesus therefore saw her weep-
ing, and the Jews also weeping which
came with her, he groaned in the spirit,
and was troubled,* 34 And said, Where
have ye laid him? They said unto him,
Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept.
36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he
loved him! 37 And some of them said,
Could not this man, which opened the
eyes of the blind, have caused that even
this man should not have died? 38 Je-

33. was troubled: Gr. he troubled himself.

sus therefore again groaning in him-
self cometh to the grave. It was a cave,
and a stone lay upon it. [39] Jesus said,
Take ye away the stone. Martha, the
sister of him that was dead, saith unto
him, Lord, by this time he stinketh:
for he hath been *dead* four days. [40] Je-
sus saith unto her, Said I not unto
thee, that, if thou wouldest believe,
thou shouldest see the glory of God?
[41] Then they took away the stone *from
the place* where the dead was laid. And
Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father,
I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
[42] And I knew that thou hearest me al-
ways: but because of the people which

stand by I said *it*, that they may believe
that thou hast sent me. 43 And when he
thus had spoken, he cried with a loud
voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And
he that was dead came forth, bound
hand and foot with graveclothes: and
his face was bound about with a nap-
kin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him,
and let him go. 45 Then many of the
Jews which came to Mary, and had
seen the things which Jesus did, be-
lieved on him. 46 But some of them
went their ways to the Pharisees, and
told them what things Jesus had done.
47 Then gathered the chief priests and
the Pharisees a council, and said, What

do we? for this man doeth many mir-
acles. [48] If we let him thus alone, all
men will believe on him: and the Ro-
mans shall come and take away both
our place and nation. [49] And one of
them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high
priest that same year, said unto them,
Ye know nothing at all, [50] Nor consider
that it is expedient for us, that one man
should die for the people, and that
the whole nation perish not. [51] And
this spake he not of himself: but be-
ing high priest that year, he prophe-
sied that Jesus should die for that na-
tion; [52] And not for that nation only,
but that also he should gather together

in one the children of God that were
scattered abroad. 53 Then from that
day forth they took counsel together
for to put him to death. 54 Jesus there-
fore walked no more openly among
the Jews; but went thence unto a coun-
try near to the wilderness, into a city
called Ephraim, and there continued
with his disciples. 55 And the Jews'
passover was nigh at hand: and many
went out of the country up to Jeru-
salem before the passover, to purify
themselves. 56 Then sought they for Je-
sus, and spake among themselves, as
they stood in the temple, What think
ye, that he will not come to the feast?

57 Now both the chief priests and the
Pharisees had given a commandment,
that, if any man knew where he were,
he should shew *it*, that they might take
him.

12 Then Jesus six days before the
passover came to Bethany, where La-
zarus was which had been dead, whom
he raised from the dead. 2 There
they made him a supper; and Martha
served: but Lazarus was one of them
that sat at the table with him. 3 Then
took Mary a pound of ointment of
spikenard, very costly, and anointed
the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet
with her hair: and the house was

filled with the odour of the ointment.
4 Then saith one of his disciples, Ju-
das Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should
betray him, 5 Why was not this oint-
ment sold for three hundred pence,
and given to the poor? 6 This he said,
not that he cared for the poor; but be-
cause he was a thief, and had the bag,
and bare what was put therein. 7 Then
said Jesus, Let her alone: against the
day of my burying hath she kept this.
8 For the poor always ye have with you;
but me ye have not always. 9 Much
people of the Jews therefore knew that
he was there: and they came not for
Jesus' sake only, but that they might

see Lazarus also, whom he had raised
from the dead. [10] But the chief priests
consulted that they might put Laza-
rus also to death; [11] Because that by
reason of him many of the Jews went
away, and believed on Jesus. [12] On
the next day much people that were
come to the feast, when they heard
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
[13] Took branches of palm trees, and
went forth to meet him, and cried,
Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Is-
rael that cometh in the name of the
Lord. [14] And Jesus, when he had found
a young ass, sat thereon; as it is writ-
ten, [15] Fear not, daughter of Sion: be-

hold, thy King cometh, sitting on an
ass's colt. [16] These things understood
not his disciples at the first: but when
Jesus was glorified, then remembered
they that these things were written of
him, and *that* they had done these
things unto him. [17] The people there-
fore that was with him when he called
Lazarus out of his grave, and raised
him from the dead, bare record. [18] For
this cause the people also met him, for
that they heard that he had done this
miracle. [19] The Pharisees therefore said
among themselves, Perceive ye how ye
prevail nothing? behold, the world is
gone after him. [20] And there were cer-

tain Greeks among them that came up
to worship at the feast: [21] The same
came therefore to Philip, which was
of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired
him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.
[22] Philip cometh and telleth Andrew:
and again Andrew and Philip tell Je-
sus. [23] And Jesus answered them, say-
ing, The hour is come, that the Son of
man should be glorified. [24] Verily, ver-
ily, I say unto you, Except a corn of
wheat fall into the ground and die, it
abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth
forth much fruit. [25] He that loveth his
life shall lose it; and he that hateth
his life in this world shall keep it unto

life eternal. [26] If any man serve me,
let him follow me; and where I am,
there shall also my servant be: if any
man serve me, him will *my* Father hon-
our. [27] Now is my soul troubled; and
what shall I say? Father, save me from
this hour: but for this cause came I
unto this hour. [28] Father, glorify thy
name. Then came there a voice from
heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*,
and will glorify *it* again. [29] The people
therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*,
said that it thundered: others said, An
angel spake to him. [30] Jesus answered
and said, This voice came not because
of me, but for your sakes. [31] Now is

the judgment of this world: now shall
the prince of this world be cast out.
32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
will draw all *men* unto me. 33 This he
said, signifying what death he should
die. 34 The people answered him, We
have heard out of the law that Christ
abideth for ever: and how sayest thou,
The Son of man must be lifted up?
who is this Son of man? 35 Then Jesus
said unto them, Yet a little while is the
light with you. Walk while ye have the
light, lest darkness come upon you: for
he that walketh in darkness knoweth
not whither he goeth. 36 While ye
have light, believe in the light, that ye

may be the children of light. These
things spake Jesus, and departed, and
did hide himself from them. 37 But
though he had done so many miracles
before them, yet they believed not on
him: 38 That the saying of Esaias the
prophet might be fulfilled, which he
spake, Lord, who hath believed our re-
port? and to whom hath the arm of
the Lord been revealed? 39 Therefore
they could not believe, because that
Esaias said again, 40 He hath blinded
their eyes, and hardened their heart;
that they should not see with *their*
eyes, nor understand with *their* heart,
and be converted, and I should heal

them. [41] These things said Esaias, when
he saw his glory, and spake of him.
[42] Nevertheless among the chief rulers
also many believed on him; but be-
cause of the Pharisees they did not
confess *him*, lest they should be put
out of the synagogue: [43] For they loved
the praise of men more than the praise
of God. [44] Jesus cried and said, He that
believeth on me, believeth not on me,
but on him that sent me. [45] And he
that seeth me seeth him that sent me.
[46] I am come a light into the world, that
whosoever believeth on me should not
abide in darkness. [47] And if any man
hear my words, and believe not, I judge

him not: for I came not to judge the
world, but to save the world. 48 He
that rejecteth me, and receiveth not
my words, hath one that judgeth him:
the word that I have spoken, the same
shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I
have not spoken of myself; but the Fa-
ther which sent me, he gave me a com-
mandment, what I should say, and
what I should speak. 50 And I know
that his commandment is life everlast-
ing: whatsoever I speak therefore, even
as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

13 Now before the feast of the
passover, when Jesus knew that his

hour was come that he should depart
out of this world unto the Father, hav-
ing loved his own which were in the
world, he loved them unto the end.
2 And supper being ended, the devil
having now put into the heart of Judas
Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him;
3 Jesus knowing that the Father had
given all things into his hands, and
that he was come from God, and went
to God; 4 He riseth from supper, and
laid aside his garments; and took a
towel, and girded himself. 5 After that
he poureth water into a bason, and be-
gan to wash the disciples' feet, and to
wipe *them* with the towel wherewith

he was girded. 6 Then cometh he to Si-
mon Peter: and Peter saith unto him,
Lord, dost thou wash my feet?* 7 Jesus
answered and said unto him, What I
do thou knowest not now; but thou
shalt know hereafter. 8 Peter saith
unto him, Thou shalt never wash my
feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee
not, thou hast no part with me. 9 Si-
mon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not
my feet only, but also *my* hands and
my head. 10 Jesus saith to him, He that
is washed needeth not save to wash *his*
feet, but is clean every whit: and ye
are clean, but not all. 11 For he knew

13.6. Peter saith: Gr. he saith.

who should betray him; therefore said
he, Ye are not all clean. 12 So after he
had washed their feet, and had taken
his garments, and was set down again,
he said unto them, Know ye what I
have done to you? 13 Ye call me Mas-
ter and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I
am. 14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master,
have washed your feet; ye also ought
to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have
given you an example, that ye should
do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, ver-
ily, I say unto you, The servant is not
greater than his lord; neither he that is
sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If
ye know these things, happy are ye if

ye do them. [18] I speak not of you all:
I know whom I have chosen: but that
the scripture may be fulfilled, He that
eateth bread with me hath lifted up
his heel against me. [19] Now I tell you
before it come, that, when it is come
to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*.*
[20] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that
receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth
me; and he that receiveth me receiveth
him that sent me. [21] When Jesus had
thus said, he was troubled in spirit,
and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I
say unto you, that one of you shall be-
tray me. [22] Then the disciples looked

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19. Now: or, From henceforth.

one on another, doubting of whom he
spake. [23] Now there was leaning on Je-
sus' bosom one of his disciples, whom
Jesus loved. [24] Simon Peter therefore
beckoned to him, that he should ask
who it should be of whom he spake.
[25] He then lying on Jesus' breast saith
unto him, Lord, who is it? [26] Jesus an-
swered, He it is, to whom I shall give
a sop, when I have dipped *it*. And
when he had dipped the sop, he gave
it to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon.*
[27] And after the sop Satan entered into
him. Then said Jesus unto him, That
thou doest, do quickly. [28] Now no

26. sop: or, morsel.

man at the table knew for what in-
tent he spake this unto him. [29] For
some *of them* thought, because Judas
had the bag, that Jesus had said unto
him, Buy *those things* that we have need
of against the feast; or, that he should
give something to the poor. [30] He then
having received the sop went immedi-
ately out: and it was night. [31] There-
fore, when he was gone out, Jesus said,
Now is the Son of man glorified, and
God is glorified in him. [32] If God be
glorified in him, God shall also glo-
rify him in himself, and shall straight-
way glorify him. [33] Little children, yet
a little while I am with you. Ye shall

seek me: and as I said unto the Jews,
Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now
I say to you. 34 A new commandment
I give unto you, That ye love one an-
other; as I have loved you, that ye also
love one another. 35 By this shall all
men know that ye are my disciples, if ye
have love one to another. 36 Simon Pe-
ter said unto him, Lord, whither goest
thou? Jesus answered him, Whither
I go, thou canst not follow me now;
but thou shalt follow me afterwards.
37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why can-
not I follow thee now? I will lay down
my life for thy sake. 38 Jesus answered
him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for

my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
The cock shall not crow, till thou hast
denied me thrice.

14 Let not your heart be troubled:
ye believe in God, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house are many man-
sions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have
told you. I go to prepare a place for
you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again, and receive
you unto myself; that where I am, *there*
ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye
know, and the way ye know. 5 Thomas
saith unto him, Lord, we know not
whither thou goest; and how can we
know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him,

I am the way, the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father, but
by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should
have known my Father also: and from
henceforth ye know him, and have
seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him,
Lord, shew us the Father, and it suf-
ficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have
I been so long time with you, and yet
hast thou not known me, Philip? he
that hath seen me hath seen the Fa-
ther; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew
us the Father? 10 Believest thou not
that I am in the Father, and the Fa-
ther in me? the words that I speak
unto you I speak not of myself: but the

Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth
the works. [11] Believe me that I *am*
in the Father, and the Father in me:
or else believe me for the very works'
sake. [12] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He
that believeth on me, the works that I
do shall he do also; and greater *works*
than these shall he do; because I go
unto my Father. [13] And whatsoever ye
shall ask in my name, that will I do,
that the Father may be glorified in the
Son. [14] If ye shall ask any thing in my
name, I will do *it*. [15] If ye love me, keep
my commandments. [16] And I will pray
the Father, and he shall give you an-
other Comforter, that he may abide

with you for ever; [17] *Even* the Spirit
of truth; whom the world cannot re-
ceive, because it seeth him not, neither
knoweth him: but ye know him; for
he dwelleth with you, and shall be in
you. [18] I will not leave you comfort-
less: I will come to you.* [19] Yet a lit-
tle while, and the world seeth me no
more; but ye see me: because I live, ye
shall live also. [20] At that day ye shall
know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in
me, and I in you. [21] He that hath my
commandments, and keepeth them,
he it is that loveth me: and he that
loveth me shall be loved of my Father,

14.18. comfortless: or, orphans.

and I will love him, and will mani-
fest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto
him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that
thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and
not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered
and said unto him, If a man love me,
he will keep my words: and my Fa-
ther will love him, and we will come
unto him, and make our abode with
him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth
not my sayings: and the word which
ye hear is not mine, but the Father's
which sent me. 25 These things have
I spoken unto you, being *yet* present
with you. 26 But the Comforter, *which
is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father

will send in my name, he shall teach
you all things, and bring all things to
your remembrance, whatsoever I have
said unto you. [27] Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you: not as the
world giveth, give I unto you. Let not
your heart be troubled, neither let it be
afraid. [28] Ye have heard how I said unto
you, I go away, and come *again* unto
you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice,
because I said, I go unto the Father:
for my Father is greater than I. [29] And
now I have told you before it come to
pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye
might believe. [30] Hereafter I will not
talk much with you: for the prince of

this world cometh, and hath nothing
in me. [31] But that the world may know
that I love the Father; and as the Father
gave me commandment, even so I do.
Arise, let us go hence.

15 I am the true vine, and my
Father is the husbandman. [2] Every
branch in me that beareth not fruit
he taketh away: and every *branch* that
beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it
may bring forth more fruit. [3] Now
ye are clean through the word which
I have spoken unto you. [4] Abide in
me, and I in you. As the branch can-
not bear fruit of itself, except it abide

in the vine; no more can ye, except
ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye
are the branches: He that abideth in
me, and I in him, the same bringeth
forth much fruit: for without me ye
can do nothing.* 6 If a man abide not
in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and
is withered; and men gather them, and
cast *them* into the fire, and they are
burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my
words abide in you, ye shall ask what
ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye
bear much fruit; so shall ye be my dis-
ciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me,

15.5. without me: or, severed from me.

so have I loved you: continue ye in
my love. [10] If ye keep my command-
ments, ye shall abide in my love; even
as I have kept my Father's command-
ments, and abide in his love. [11] These
things have I spoken unto you, that
my joy might remain in you, and *that*
your joy might be full. [12] This is my
commandment, That ye love one an-
other, as I have loved you. [13] Greater
love hath no man than this, that a man
lay down his life for his friends. [14] Ye are
my friends, if ye do whatsoever I com-
mand you. [15] Henceforth I call you not
servants; for the servant knoweth not
what his lord doeth: but I have called

you friends; for all things that I have
heard of my Father I have made known
unto you. [16] Ye have not chosen me,
but I have chosen you, and ordained
you, that ye should go and bring forth
fruit, and *that* your fruit should re-
main: that whatsoever ye shall ask of
the Father in my name, he may give
it you. [17] These things I command you,
that ye love one another. [18] If the world
hate you, ye know that it hated me
before *it hated* you. [19] If ye were of
the world, the world would love his
own: but because ye are not of the
world, but I have chosen you out of
the world, therefore the world hateth

you. [20] Remember the word that I said
unto you, The servant is not greater
than his lord. If they have persecuted
me, they will also persecute you; if they
have kept my saying, they will keep
yours also. [21] But all these things will
they do unto you for my name's sake,
because they know not him that sent
me. [22] If I had not come and spoken
unto them, they had not had sin: but
now they have no cloke for their sin.*
[23] He that hateth me hateth my Father
also. [24] If I had not done among them
the works which none other man did,
they had not had sin: but now have

22. cloke: or, excuse.

they both seen and hated both me and
my Father. [25] But *this cometh to pass*,
that the word might be fulfilled that
is written in their law, They hated me
without a cause. [26] But when the Com-
forter is come, whom I will send unto
you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of
truth, which proceedeth from the Fa-
ther, he shall testify of me: [27] And ye
also shall bear witness, because ye have
been with me from the beginning.

16 These things have I spoken unto
you, that ye should not be offended.*
[2] They shall put you out of the syn-

16.1. offended: scandalized or, made to stumble.

agogues: yea, the time cometh, that
whosoever killeth you will think that
he doeth God service. 3 And these
things will they do unto you, because
they have not known the Father, nor
me. 4 But these things have I told
you, that when the time shall come, ye
may remember that I told you of them.
And these things I said not unto you
at the beginning, because I was with
you. 5 But now I go my way to him
that sent me; and none of you asketh
me, Whither goest thou? 6 But be-
cause I have said these things unto you,
sorrow hath filled your heart. 7 Nev-
ertheless I tell you the truth; It is ex-

pedient for you that I go away: for
if I go not away, the Comforter will
not come unto you; but if I depart, I
will send him unto you. 8 And when
he is come, he will reprove the world
of sin, and of righteousness, and of
judgment:* 9 Of sin, because they be-
lieve not on me; 10 Of righteousness,
because I go to my Father, and ye see
me no more; 11 Of judgment, because
the prince of this world is judged. 12 I
have yet many things to say unto you,
but ye cannot bear them now. 13 How-
beit when he, the Spirit of truth, is
come, he will guide you into all truth:

8. reprove: or, convince.

for he shall not speak of himself; but
whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he
speak: and he will shew you things to
come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he
shall receive of mine, and shall shew
it unto you. 15 All things that the Fa-
ther hath are mine: therefore said I,
that he shall take of mine, and shall
shew *it* unto you. 16 A little while, and
ye shall not see me: and again, a little
while, and ye shall see me, because I
go to the Father. 17 Then said *some* of
his disciples among themselves, What
is this that he saith unto us, A little
while, and ye shall not see me: and
again, a little while, and ye shall see

me: and, Because I go to the Father?
18 They said therefore, What is this that
he saith, A little while? we cannot
tell what he saith. 19 Now Jesus knew
that they were desirous to ask him, and
said unto them, Do ye enquire among
yourselves of that I said, A little while,
and ye shall not see me: and again,
a little while, and ye shall see me?
20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye
shall weep and lament, but the world
shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful,
but your sorrow shall be turned into
joy. 21 A woman when she is in travail
hath sorrow, because her hour is come:
but as soon as she is delivered of the

child, she remembereth no more the
anguish, for joy that a man is born into
the world. 22 And ye now therefore
have sorrow: but I will see you again,
and your heart shall rejoice, and your
joy no man taketh from you. 23 And
in that day ye shall ask me nothing.
Verily, verily, I say unto you, What-
soever ye shall ask the Father in my
name, he will give *it* you. 24 Hitherto
have ye asked nothing in my name:
ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy
may be full. 25 These things have I spo-
ken unto you in proverbs: but the time
cometh, when I shall no more speak
unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew

you plainly of the Father.* [26] At that
day ye shall ask in my name: and I say
not unto you, that I will pray the Fa-
ther for you: [27] For the Father himself
loveth you, because ye have loved me,
and have believed that I came out from
God. [28] I came forth from the Father,
and am come into the world: again,
I leave the world, and go to the Fa-
ther. [29] His disciples said unto him, Lo,
now speakest thou plainly, and speak-
est no proverb.* [30] Now are we sure that
thou knowest all things, and needest
not that any man should ask thee: by

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25. proverbs: or, parables.
29. proverb: or, parable.

this we believe that thou camest forth
from God. 31 Jesus answered them, Do
ye now believe? 32 Behold, the hour
cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall
be scattered, every man to his own,
and shall leave me alone: and yet I am
not alone, because the Father is with
me.* 33 These things I have spoken unto
you, that in me ye might have peace.
In the world ye shall have tribulation:
but be of good cheer; I have overcome
the world.

17 These words spake Jesus, and
lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,

32. his own: or, his own home.

Father, the hour is come; glorify thy
Son, that thy Son also may glorify
thee: 2 As thou hast given him power
over all flesh, that he should give eter-
nal life to as many as thou hast given
him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they
might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
4 I have glorified thee on the earth:
I have finished the work which thou
gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father,
glorify thou me with thine own self
with the glory which I had with thee
before the world was. 6 I have mani-
fested thy name unto the men which
thou gavest me out of the world: thine

they were, and thou gavest them me;
and they have kept thy word. 7 Now
they have known that all things what-
soever thou hast given me are of thee.
8 For I have given unto them the words
which thou gavest me; and they have
received *them*, and have known surely
that I came out from thee, and they
have believed that thou didst send me.
9 I pray for them: I pray not for the
world, but for them which thou hast
given me; for they are thine. 10 And
all mine are thine, and thine are mine;
and I am glorified in them. 11 And
now I am no more in the world, but
these are in the world, and I come

to thee. Holy Father, keep through
thine own name those whom thou
hast given me, that they may be one,
as we *are*. 12 While I was with them in
the world, I kept them in thy name:
those that thou gavest me I have kept,
and none of them is lost, but the son
of perdition; that the scripture might
be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee;
and these things I speak in the world,
that they might have my joy fulfilled
in themselves. 14 I have given them thy
word; and the world hath hated them,
because they are not of the world, even
as I am not of the world. 15 I pray
not that thou shouldest take them out

of the world, but that thou shouldest
keep them from the evil. [16] They are
not of the world, even as I am not of
the world. [17] Sanctify them through
thy truth: thy word is truth. [18] As thou
hast sent me into the world, even so
have I also sent them into the world.
[19] And for their sakes I sanctify my-
self, that they also might be sancti-
fied through the truth.* [20] Neither pray
I for these alone, but for them also
which shall believe on me through
their word; [21] That they all may be one;
as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee,
that they also may be one in us: that

17.19. sanctified...: or, truly sanctified.

the world may believe that thou hast
sent me. [22] And the glory which thou
gavest me I have given them; that they
may be one, even as we are one: [23] I in
them, and thou in me, that they may
be made perfect in one; and that the
world may know that thou hast sent
me, and hast loved them, as thou hast
loved me. [24] Father, I will that they also,
whom thou hast given me, be with me
where I am; that they may behold my
glory, which thou hast given me: for
thou lovedst me before the founda-
tion of the world. [25] O righteous Fa-
ther, the world hath not known thee:
but I have known thee, and these have

known that thou hast sent me. [26] And
I have declared unto them thy name,
and will declare *it*: that the love where-
with thou hast loved me may be in
them, and I in them.

18 When Jesus had spoken these
words, he went forth with his disci-
ples over the brook Cedron, where was
a garden, into the which he entered,
and his disciples. [2] And Judas also,
which betrayed him, knew the place:
for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with
his disciples. [3] Judas then, having re-
ceived a band *of men* and officers from
the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh

thither with lanterns and torches and
weapons. 4 Jesus therefore, know-
ing all things that should come upon
him, went forth, and said unto them,
Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him,
Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto
them, I am *he*. And Judas also, which
betrayed him, stood with them. 6 As
soon then as he had said unto them,
I am *he*, they went backward, and fell
to the ground. 7 Then asked he them
again, Whom seek ye? And they said,
Jesus of Nazareth. 8 Jesus answered, I
have told you that I am *he*: if there-
fore ye seek me, let these go their way:
9 That the saying might be fulfilled,

which he spake, Of them which thou
gavest me have I lost none. 10 Then
Simon Peter having a sword drew it,
and smote the high priest's servant,
and cut off his right ear. The servant's
name was Malchus. 11 Then said Jesus
unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the
sheath: the cup which my Father hath
given me, shall I not drink it? 12 Then
the band and the captain and officers
of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him,
13 And led him away to Annas first;
for he was father in law to Caiaphas,
which was the high priest that same
year.* 14 Now Caiaphas was he, which

18.13. year: year. And Annas sent Christ bound

gave counsel to the Jews, that it was
expedient that one man should die for
the people. 15 And Simon Peter fol-
lowed Jesus, and *so did* another dis-
ciple: that disciple was known unto
the high priest, and went in with Je-
sus into the palace of the high priest.
16 But Peter stood at the door with-
out. Then went out that other disciple,
which was known unto the high priest,
and spake unto her that kept the door,
and brought in Peter. 17 Then saith the
damsel that kept the door unto Peter,
Art not thou also *one* of this man's dis-
ciples? He saith, I am not. 18 And the

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unto Caiaphas the high priest.

servants and officers stood there, who
had made a fire of coals; for it was cold:
and they warmed themselves: and Pe-
ter stood with them, and warmed him-
self. 19 The high priest then asked Je-
sus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.
20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly
to the world; I ever taught in the syn-
agogue, and in the temple, whither
the Jews always resort; and in secret
have I said nothing. 21 Why askest thou
me? ask them which heard me, what
I have said unto them: behold, they
know what I said. 22 And when he
had thus spoken, one of the officers
which stood by struck Jesus with the

palm of his hand, saying, Answerest
thou the high priest so?* [23] Jesus an-
swered him, If I have spoken evil, bear
witness of the evil: but if well, why
smitest thou me? [24] Now Annas had
sent him bound unto Caiaphas the
high priest. [25] And Simon Peter stood
and warmed himself. They said there-
fore unto him, Art not thou also *one*
of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said,
I am not. [26] One of the servants of the
high priest, being *his* kinsman whose
ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see
thee in the garden with him? [27] Peter
then denied again: and immediately

22. with...: or, with a rod.

the cock crew. [28] Then led they Jesus
from Caiaphas unto the hall of judg-
ment: and it was early; and they them-
selves went not into the judgment hall,
lest they should be defiled; but that
they might eat the passover.* [29] Pilate
then went out unto them, and said,
What accusation bring ye against this
man? [30] They answered and said unto
him, If he were not a malefactor, we
would not have delivered him up unto
thee. [31] Then said Pilate unto them,
Take ye him, and judge him according
to your law. The Jews therefore said
unto him, It is not lawful for us to put

28. the hall...: or, house of Pilate.

any man to death: 32 That the saying
of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he
spake, signifying what death he should
die. 33 Then Pilate entered into the
judgment hall again, and called Jesus,
and said unto him, Art thou the King
of the Jews? 34 Jesus answered him,
Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or
did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate
answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own
nation and the chief priests have de-
livered thee unto me: what hast thou
done? 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom
is not of this world: if my kingdom
were of this world, then would my ser-
vants fight, that I should not be deliv-

ered to the Jews: but now is my king-
dom not from hence. 37 Pilate there-
fore said unto him, Art thou a king
then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that
I am a king. To this end was I born, and
for this cause came I into the world,
that I should bear witness unto the
truth. Every one that is of the truth
heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto
him, What is truth? And when he had
said this, he went out again unto the
Jews, and saith unto them, I find in
him no fault *at all*. 39 But ye have a cus-
tom, that I should release unto you one
at the passover: will ye therefore that I
release unto you the King of the Jews?

40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not
this man, but Barabbas. Now Barab-
bas was a robber.

19 Then Pilate therefore took Je-
sus, and scourged *him*. 2 And the sol-
diers platted a crown of thorns, and
put *it* on his head, and they put on him
a purple robe, 3 And said, Hail, King
of the Jews! and they smote him with
their hands. 4 Pilate therefore went
forth again, and saith unto them, Be-
hold, I bring him forth to you, that
ye may know that I find no fault in
him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wear-
ing the crown of thorns, and the pur-

ple robe. And *Pilate* saith unto them,
Behold the man! 6 When the chief
priests therefore and officers saw him,
they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*,
crucify *him*. Pilate saith unto them,
Take ye him, and crucify *him*: for I
find no fault in him. 7 The Jews an-
swered him, We have a law, and by our
law he ought to die, because he made
himself the Son of God. 8 When Pi-
late therefore heard that saying, he was
the more afraid; 9 And went again into
the judgment hall, and saith unto Je-
sus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave
him no answer. 10 Then saith Pilate
unto him, Speakest thou not unto me?

knowest thou not that I have power to
crucify thee, and have power to release
thee? [11] Jesus answered, Thou couldest
have no power *at all* against me, ex-
cept it were given thee from above:
therefore he that delivered me unto
thee hath the greater sin. [12] And from
thenceforth Pilate sought to release
him: but the Jews cried out, saying,
If thou let this man go, thou art not
Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh
himself a king speaketh against Cae-
sar. [13] When Pilate therefore heard
that saying, he brought Jesus forth,
and sat down in the judgment seat in a
place that is called the Pavement, but

in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 And it
was the preparation of the passover,
and about the sixth hour: and he
saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!
15 But they cried out, Away with *him*,
away with *him*, crucify him. Pilate
saith unto them, Shall I crucify your
King? The chief priests answered, We
have no king but Caesar. 16 Then deliv-
ered he him therefore unto them to be
crucified. And they took Jesus, and led
him away. 17 And he bearing his cross
went forth into a place called *the place*
of a skull, which is called in the He-
brew Golgotha: 18 Where they cruci-
fied him, and two other with him, on

either side one, and Jesus in the midst.
19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it*
on the cross. And the writing was, JE-
SUS OF NAZARETH THE KING
OF THE JEWS. 20 This title then read
many of the Jews: for the place where
Jesus was crucified was nigh to the
city: and it was written in Hebrew,
and Greek, *and* Latin. 21 Then said
the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate,
Write not, The King of the Jews; but
that he said, I am King of the Jews.
22 Pilate answered, What I have writ-
ten I have written. 23 Then the soldiers,
when they had crucified Jesus, took his
garments, and made four parts, to ev-

ery soldier a part; and also *his* coat:
now the coat was without seam, wo-
ven from the top throughout.* 24 They
said therefore among themselves, Let
us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose
it shall be: that the scripture might be
fulfilled, which saith, They parted my
raiment among them, and for my ves-
ture they did cast lots. These things
therefore the soldiers did. 25 Now
there stood by the cross of Jesus his
mother, and his mother's sister, Mary
the *wife* of Cleophas, and Mary Mag-
dalene.* 26 When Jesus therefore saw

19.23. woven: or, wrought.
25. Cleophas: or, Clopas.

his mother, and the disciple stand-
ing by, whom he loved, he saith unto
his mother, Woman, behold thy son!
27 Then saith he to the disciple, Be-
hold thy mother! And from that
hour that disciple took her unto his
own *home*. 28 After this, Jesus know-
ing that all things were now accom-
plished, that the scripture might be
fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 29 Now there
was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they
filled a spunge with vinegar, and put *it*
upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.
30 When Jesus therefore had received
the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and
he bowed his head, and gave up the

ghost. [31] The Jews therefore, because
it was the preparation, that the bod-
ies should not remain upon the cross
on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath
day was an high day,) besought Pilate
that their legs might be broken, and
that they might be taken away. [32] Then
came the soldiers, and brake the legs
of the first, and of the other which was
crucified with him. [33] But when they
came to Jesus, and saw that he was
dead already, they brake not his legs:
[34] But one of the soldiers with a spear
pierced his side, and forthwith came
there out blood and water. [35] And he
that saw *it* bare record, and his re-

cord is true: and he knoweth that he
saith true, that ye might believe. 36 For
these things were done, that the scrip-
ture should be fulfilled, A bone of him
shall not be broken. 37 And again an-
other scripture saith, They shall look
on him whom they pierced. 38 And
after this Joseph of Arimathaea, be-
ing a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for
fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that
he might take away the body of Jesus:
and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came
therefore, and took the body of Je-
sus. 39 And there came also Nicode-
mus, which at the first came to Je-
sus by night, and brought a mixture

of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred
pound *weight*. [40] Then took they the
body of Jesus, and wound it in linen
clothes with the spices, as the man-
ner of the Jews is to bury. [41] Now in
the place where he was crucified there
was a garden; and in the garden a new
sepulchre, wherein was never man yet
laid. [42] There laid they Jesus therefore
because of the Jews' preparation *day*;
for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

20 The first *day* of the week
cometh Mary Magdalene early, when
it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and
seeth the stone taken away from the

sepulchre. 2 Then she runneth, and
cometh to Simon Peter, and to the
other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and
saith unto them, They have taken away
the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we
know not where they have laid him.
3 Peter therefore went forth, and that
other disciple, and came to the sepul-
chre. 4 So they ran both together: and
the other disciple did outrun Peter,
and came first to the sepulchre. 5 And
he stooping down, *and looking in*, saw
the linen clothes lying; yet went he not
in. 6 Then cometh Simon Peter fol-
lowing him, and went into the sepul-
chre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

7 And the napkin, that was about his
head, not lying with the linen clothes,
but wrapped together in a place by it-
self. 8 Then went in also that other
disciple, which came first to the sepul-
chre, and he saw, and believed. 9 For
as yet they knew not the scripture,
that he must rise again from the dead.
10 Then the disciples went away again
unto their own home. 11 But Mary
stood without at the sepulchre weep-
ing: and as she wept, she stooped
down, *and looked* into the sepulchre,
12 And seeth two angels in white sit-
ting, the one at the head, and the other
at the feet, where the body of Jesus had

lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith
unto them, Because they have taken
away my Lord, and I know not where
they have laid him. 14 And when she
had thus said, she turned herself back,
and saw Jesus standing, and knew not
that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus saith unto her,
Woman, why weepest thou? whom
seekest thou? She, supposing him to
be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir,
if thou have borne him hence, tell me
where thou hast laid him, and I will
take him away. 16 Jesus saith unto her,
Mary. She turned herself, and saith
unto him, Rabboni; which is to say,

Master. [17] Jesus saith unto her, Touch
me not; for I am not yet ascended
to my Father: but go to my breth-
ren, and say unto them, I ascend unto
my Father, and your Father; and *to* my
God, and your God. [18] Mary Magda-
lene came and told the disciples that
she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had
spoken these things unto her. [19] Then
the same day at evening, being the first
day of the week, when the doors were
shut where the disciples were assem-
bled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus
and stood in the midst, and saith unto
them, Peace *be* unto you. [20] And when
he had so said, he shewed unto them

his hands and his side. Then were the
disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace
be unto you: as *my* Father hath sent
me, even so send I you. 22 And when
he had said this, he breathed on *them*,
and saith unto them, Receive ye the
Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye
remit, they are remitted unto them;
and whose soever *sins* ye retain, they
are retained. 24 But Thomas, one of the
twelve, called Didymus, was not with
them when Jesus came. 25 The other
disciples therefore said unto him, We
have seen the Lord. But he said unto
them, Except I shall see in his hands

the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. [26] And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. [27] Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. [28] And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. [29] Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed:

blessed *are* they that have not seen, and
yet have believed. [30] And many other
signs truly did Jesus in the presence
of his disciples, which are not written
in this book: [31] But these are written,
that ye might believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God; and that be-
lieving ye might have life through his
name.

21 After these things Jesus shewed
himself again to the disciples at the sea
of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he
himself. [2] There were together Simon
Peter, and Thomas called Didymus,
and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and
the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other

of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter saith
unto them, I go a fishing. They say
unto him, We also go with thee. They
went forth, and entered into a ship im-
mediately; and that night they caught
nothing. 4 But when the morning was
now come, Jesus stood on the shore:
but the disciples knew not that it was
Jesus. 5 Then Jesus saith unto them,
Children, have ye any meat? They an-
swered him, No.* 6 And he said unto
them, Cast the net on the right side of
the ship, and ye shall find. They cast
therefore, and now they were not able
to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

21.5. Children: or, Sirs.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus
loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord.
Now when Simon Peter heard that it
was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat
unto him, (for he was naked,) and did
cast himself into the sea. 8 And the
other disciples came in a little ship;
(for they were not far from land, but
as it were two hundred cubits,) drag-
ging the net with fishes. 9 As soon
then as they were come to land, they
saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid
thereon, and bread. 10 Jesus saith unto
them, Bring of the fish which ye have
now caught. 11 Simon Peter went up,
and drew the net to land full of great

fishes, an hundred and fifty and three:
and for all there were so many, yet
was not the net broken. 12 Jesus saith
unto them, Come *and* dine. And none
of the disciples durst ask him, Who
art thou? knowing that it was the
Lord. 13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh
bread, and giveth them, and fish like-
wise. 14 This is now the third time that
Jesus shewed himself to his disciples,
after that he was risen from the dead.
15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith
to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas,
lovest thou me more than these? He
saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou know-
est that I love thee. He saith unto

him, Feed my lambs. [16] He saith to
him again the second time, Simon, *son*
of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith
unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest
that I love thee. He saith unto him,
Feed my sheep. [17] He saith unto him
the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas,
lovest thou me? Peter was grieved be-
cause he said unto him the third time,
Lovest thou me? And he said unto
him, Lord, thou knowest all things;
thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus
saith unto him, Feed my sheep. [18] Ver-
ily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou
wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and
walkedst whither thou wouldest: but

when thou shalt be old, thou shalt
stretch forth thy hands, and another
shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither
thou wouldest not. [19] This spake he,
signifying by what death he should
glorify God. And when he had spo-
ken this, he saith unto him, Follow
me. [20] Then Peter, turning about, seeth
the disciple whom Jesus loved follow-
ing; which also leaned on his breast
at supper, and said, Lord, which is he
that betrayeth thee? [21] Peter seeing him
saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this
man *do*? [22] Jesus saith unto him, If I will
that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to
thee? follow thou me. [23] Then went

this saying abroad among the breth-
ren, that that disciple should not die:
yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall
not die; but, If I will that he tarry till
I come, what *is that* to thee? [24] This
is the disciple which testifieth of these
things, and wrote these things: and we
know that his testimony is true. [25] And
there are also many other things which
Jesus did, the which, if they should be
written every one, I suppose that even
the world itself could not contain the
books that should be written. Amen.

THE
ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

The former treatise have I made,
O Theophilus, of all that Je-
sus began both to do and
teach, [2] Until the day in which he
was taken up, after that he through
the Holy Ghost had given command-
ments unto the apostles whom he had
chosen: [3] To whom also he shewed
himself alive after his passion by many
infallible proofs, being seen of them
forty days, and speaking of the things

pertaining to the kingdom of God:
4 And, being assembled together with
them, commanded them that they
should not depart from Jerusalem, but
wait for the promise of the Father,
which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.*
5 For John truly baptized with water;
but ye shall be baptized with the Holy
Ghost not many days hence. 6 When
they therefore were come together,
they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt
thou at this time restore again the
kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto
them, It is not for you to know the
times or the seasons, which the Fa-

1.4. being...: or, eating together.

ther hath put in his own power. 8 But
ye shall receive power, after that the
Holy Ghost is come upon you: and
ye shall be witnesses unto me both in
Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in
Samaria, and unto the uttermost part
of the earth.* 9 And when he had spo-
ken these things, while they beheld, he
was taken up; and a cloud received him
out of their sight. 10 And while they
looked stedfastly toward heaven as he
went up, behold, two men stood by
them in white apparel; 11 Which also
said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye

8. power...: or, the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you.

gazing up into heaven? this same Je-
sus, which is taken up from you into
heaven, shall so come in like manner
as ye have seen him go into heaven.
12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem
from the mount called Olivet, which
is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's jour-
ney. 13 And when they were come in,
they went up into an upper room,
where abode both Peter, and James,
and John, and Andrew, Philip, and
Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew,
James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon
Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James.
14 These all continued with one accord
in prayer and supplication, with the

women, and Mary the mother of Je-
sus, and with his brethren. [15] And
in those days Peter stood up in the
midst of the disciples, and said, (the
number of names together were about
an hundred and twenty,) [16] Men *and*
brethren, this scripture must needs
have been fulfilled, which the Holy
Ghost by the mouth of David spake
before concerning Judas, which was
guide to them that took Jesus. [17] For
he was numbered with us, and had ob-
tained part of this ministry. [18] Now
this man purchased a field with the re-
ward of iniquity; and falling headlong,
he burst asunder in the midst, and all

his bowels gushed out. [19] And it was
known unto all the dwellers at Jerusa-
lem; insomuch as that field is called in
their proper tongue, Aceldama, that
is to say, The field of blood. [20] For
it is written in the book of Psalms,
Let his habitation be desolate, and let
no man dwell therein: and his bish-
oprick let another take.* [21] Wherefore
of these men which have companied
with us all the time that the Lord Je-
sus went in and out among us, [22] Be-
ginning from the baptism of John,
unto that same day that he was taken
up from us, must one be ordained

20. bishoprick: or, office, or, charge.

to be a witness with us of his resur-
rection. [23] And they appointed two,
Joseph called Barsabas, who was sur-
named Justus, and Matthias. [24] And
they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord,
which knowest the hearts of all *men*,
shew whether of these two thou hast
chosen, [25] That he may take part of
this ministry and apostleship, from
which Judas by transgression fell, that
he might go to his own place. [26] And
they gave forth their lots; and the lot
fell upon Matthias; and he was num-
bered with the eleven apostles.

2 And when the day of Pentecost

was fully come, they were all with
one accord in one place. [2] And sud-
denly there came a sound from heaven
as of a rushing mighty wind, and it
filled all the house where they were sit-
ting. [3] And there appeared unto them
cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat
upon each of them. [4] And they were
all filled with the Holy Ghost, and be-
gan to speak with other tongues, as
the Spirit gave them utterance. [5] And
there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews,
devout men, out of every nation under
heaven. [6] Now when this was noised
abroad, the multitude came together,
and were confounded, because that ev-

ery man heard them speak in his own
language.* 7 And they were all amazed
and marvelled, saying one to another,
Behold, are not all these which speak
Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every
man in our own tongue, wherein we
were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes,
and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mes-
opotamia, and in Judaea, and Cap-
padocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phry-
gia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in
the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and
strangers of Rome, Jews and prose-
lytes, 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do

2.6. was...: Gr. voice was made confounded: or, troubled in mind.

hear them speak in our tongues the
wonderful works of God. 12 And they
were all amazed, and were in doubt,
saying one to another, What meaneth
this? 13 Others mocking said, These
men are full of new wine. 14 But Peter,
standing up with the eleven, lifted up
his voice, and said unto them, Ye men
of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Je-
rusalem, be this known unto you, and
hearken to my words: 15 For these are
not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it
is *but* the third hour of the day. 16 But
this is that which was spoken by the
prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to
pass in the last days, saith God, I will

pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:
and your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy, and your young men shall
see visions, and your old men shall
dream dreams: [18] And on my servants
and on my handmaidens I will pour
out in those days of my Spirit; and
they shall prophesy: [19] And I will shew
wonders in heaven above, and signs in
the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and
vapour of smoke: [20] The sun shall be
turned into darkness, and the moon
into blood, before that great and no-
table day of the Lord come: [21] And
it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever
shall call on the name of the Lord shall

be saved. [22] Ye men of Israel, hear these
words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man ap-
proved of God among you by mir-
acles and wonders and signs, which
God did by him in the midst of you,
as ye yourselves also know: [23] Him, be-
ing delivered by the determinate coun-
sel and foreknowledge of God, ye have
taken, and by wicked hands have cru-
cified and slain: [24] Whom God hath
raised up, having loosed the pains of
death: because it was not possible that
he should be holden of it. [25] For David
speaketh concerning him, I foresaw
the Lord always before my face, for
he is on my right hand, that I should

not be moved: [26] Therefore did my
heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad;
moreover also my flesh shall rest in
hope: [27] Because thou wilt not leave
my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suf-
fer thine Holy One to see corruption.
[28] Thou hast made known to me the
ways of life; thou shalt make me full
of joy with thy countenance. [29] Men
and brethren, let me freely speak unto
you of the patriarch David, that he is
both dead and buried, and his sepul-
chre is with us unto this day.* [30] There-
fore being a prophet, and knowing
that God had sworn with an oath to

29. let me: or, I may.

him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up
Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing
this before spake of the resurrection
of Christ, that his soul was not left in
hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up,
whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God
exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost,
he hath shed forth this, which ye now
see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith
himself, The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I

make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know
assuredly, that God hath made that
same Jesus, whom ye have crucified,
both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when
they heard *this*, they were pricked in
their heart, and said unto Peter and
to the rest of the apostles, Men *and*
brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then
Peter said unto them, Repent, and be
baptized every one of you in the name
of Jesus Christ for the remission of
sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the
Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto
you, and to your children, and to all
that are afar off, *even* as many as the

Lord our God shall call. 40 And with
many other words did he testify and
exhort, saying, Save yourselves from
this untoward generation. 41 Then they
that gladly received his word were bap-
tized: and the same day there were
added *unto them* about three thousand
souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly
in the apostles' doctrine and fellow-
ship, and in breaking of bread, and
in prayers. 43 And fear came upon ev-
ery soul: and many wonders and signs
were done by the apostles. 44 And all
that believed were together, and had
all things common; 45 And sold their
possessions and goods, and parted

them to all *men*, as every man had
need. 46 And they, continuing daily
with one accord in the temple, and
breaking bread from house to house,
did eat their meat with gladness and
singleness of heart,* 47 Praising God,
and having favour with all the peo-
ple. And the Lord added to the church
daily such as should be saved.

3 Now Peter and John went up to-
gether into the temple at the hour of
prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. 2 And a
certain man lame from his mother's
womb was carried, whom they laid

46. from...: or, at home.

daily at the gate of the temple which
is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them
that entered into the temple; 3 Who
seeing Peter and John about to go into
the temple asked an alms. 4 And Pe-
ter, fastening his eyes upon him with
John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave
heed unto them, expecting to receive
something of them. 6 Then Peter said,
Silver and gold have I none; but such
as I have give I thee: In the name of
Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and
walk. 7 And he took him by the right
hand, and lifted *him* up: and immedi-
ately his feet and ankle bones received
strength. 8 And he leaping up stood,

and walked, and entered with them
into the temple, walking, and leaping,
and praising God. 9 And all the peo-
ple saw him walking and praising God:
10 And they knew that it was he which
sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of
the temple: and they were filled with
wonder and amazement at that which
had happened unto him. 11 And as the
lame man which was healed held Pe-
ter and John, all the people ran to-
gether unto them in the porch that
is called Solomon's, greatly wonder-
ing. 12 And when Peter saw *it*, he an-
swered unto the people, Ye men of Is-
rael, why marvel ye at this? or why

look ye so earnestly on us, as though
by our own power or holiness we had
made this man to walk? 13 The God
of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Ja-
cob, the God of our fathers, hath glo-
rified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered
up, and denied him in the presence of
Pilate, when he was determined to let
him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One
and the Just, and desired a murderer
to be granted unto you; 15 And killed
the Prince of life, whom God hath
raised from the dead; whereof we are
witnesses.* 16 And his name through
faith in his name hath made this man

3.15. Prince: or, Author.

strong, whom ye see and know: yea,
the faith which is by him hath given
him this perfect soundness in the pres-
ence of you all. 17 And now, brethren,
I wot that through ignorance ye did
it, as *did* also your rulers. 18 But those
things, which God before had shewed
by the mouth of all his prophets, that
Christ should suffer, he hath so ful-
filled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and be
converted, that your sins may be blot-
ted out, when the times of refreshing
shall come from the presence of the
Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ,
which before was preached unto you:
21 Whom the heaven must receive un-

til the times of restitution of all things,
which God hath spoken by the mouth
of all his holy prophets since the world
began. [22] For Moses truly said unto the
fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your
God raise up unto you of your breth-
ren, like unto me; him shall ye hear
in all things whatsoever he shall say
unto you. [23] And it shall come to pass,
that every soul, which will not hear
that prophet, shall be destroyed from
among the people. [24] Yea, and all the
prophets from Samuel and those that
follow after, as many as have spoken,
have likewise foretold of these days.
[25] Ye are the children of the prophets,

and of the covenant which God made
with our fathers, saying unto Abra-
ham, And in thy seed shall all the kin-
dreds of the earth be blessed. [26] Unto
you first God, having raised up his Son
Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning
away every one of you from his iniqui-
ties.

4 And as they spake unto the
people, the priests, and the captain
of the temple, and the Sadducees,
came upon them,* [2] Being grieved that
they taught the people, and preached
through Jesus the resurrection from

4.1. captain: or, ruler.

the dead. 3 And they laid hands on
them, and put *them* in hold unto the
next day: for it was now eventide.
4 Howbeit many of them which heard
the word believed; and the number
of the men was about five thousand.
5 And it came to pass on the mor-
row, that their rulers, and elders, and
scribes, 6 And Annas the high priest,
and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexan-
der, and as many as were of the kin-
dred of the high priest, were gathered
together at Jerusalem. 7 And when
they had set them in the midst, they
asked, By what power, or by what
name, have ye done this? 8 Then Pe-

ter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said
unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and
elders of Israel, 9 If we this day be ex-
amined of the good deed done to the
impotent man, by what means he is
made whole; 10 Be it known unto you
all, and to all the people of Israel, that
by the name of Jesus Christ of Naza-
reth, whom ye crucified, whom God
raised from the dead, *even* by him doth
this man stand here before you whole.
11 This is the stone which was set at
nought of you builders, which is be-
come the head of the corner. 12 Nei-
ther is there salvation in any other: for
there is none other name under heaven

given among men, whereby we must
be saved. 13 Now when they saw the
boldness of Peter and John, and per-
ceived that they were unlearned and
ignorant men, they marvelled; and
they took knowledge of them, that
they had been with Jesus. 14 And be-
holding the man which was healed
standing with them, they could say
nothing against it. 15 But when they
had commanded them to go aside out
of the council, they conferred among
themselves, 16 Saying, What shall we
do to these men? for that indeed a no-
table miracle hath been done by them
is manifest to all them that dwell in Je-

rusalem; and we cannot deny *it*. [17] But
that it spread no further among the
people, let us straitly threaten them,
that they speak henceforth to no man
in this name. [18] And they called them,
and commanded them not to speak
at all nor teach in the name of Je-
sus. [19] But Peter and John answered
and said unto them, Whether it be
right in the sight of God to hear-
ken unto you more than unto God,
judge ye. [20] For we cannot but speak
the things which we have seen and
heard. [21] So when they had further
threatened them, they let them go,
finding nothing how they might pun-

ish them, because of the people: for
all *men* glorified God for that which
was done. 22 For the man was above
forty years old, on whom this mir-
acle of healing was shewed. 23 And
being let go, they went to their own
company, and reported all that the
chief priests and elders had said unto
them. 24 And when they heard that,
they lifted up their voice to God with
one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art*
God, which hast made heaven, and
earth, and the sea, and all that in them
is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy ser-
vant David hast said, Why did the hea-
then rage, and the people imagine vain

things? [26] The kings of the earth stood
up, and the rulers were gathered to-
gether against the Lord, and against
his Christ. [27] For of a truth against
thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast
anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pi-
late, with the Gentiles, and the peo-
ple of Israel, were gathered together,
[28] For to do whatsoever thy hand and
thy counsel determined before to be
done. [29] And now, Lord, behold their
threatenings: and grant unto thy ser-
vants, that with all boldness they may
speak thy word, [30] By stretching forth
thine hand to heal; and that signs and
wonders may be done by the name

of thy holy child Jesus. [31] And when
they had prayed, the place was shaken
where they were assembled together;
and they were all filled with the Holy
Ghost, and they spake the word of
God with boldness. [32] And the mul-
titude of them that believed were of
one heart and of one soul: neither said
any *of them* that ought of the things
which he possessed was his own; but
they had all things common. [33] And
with great power gave the apostles wit-
ness of the resurrection of the Lord Je-
sus: and great grace was upon them all.
[34] Neither was there any among them
that lacked: for as many as were pos-

sessors of lands or houses sold them,
and brought the prices of the things
that were sold, 35 And laid *them* down
at the apostles' feet: and distribution
was made unto every man according
as he had need. 36 And Joses, who
by the apostles was surnamed Barn-
abas, (which is, being interpreted, The
son of consolation,) a Levite, *and* of
the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land,
sold *it*, and brought the money, and
laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man named Ana-
nias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a pos-
session, 2 And kept back *part* of the

price, his wife also being privy *to it*,
and brought a certain part, and laid
it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter
said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled
thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost,
and to keep back *part* of the price of
the land?* 4 Whiles it remained, was it
not thine own? and after it was sold,
was it not in thine own power? why
hast thou conceived this thing in thine
heart? thou hast not lied unto men,
but unto God. 5 And Ananias hear-
ing these words fell down, and gave up
the ghost: and great fear came on all
them that heard these things. 6 And

5.3. to lie to: or, to deceive.

the young men arose, wound him up,
and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.
7 And it was about the space of three
hours after, when his wife, not know-
ing what was done, came in. 8 And
Peter answered unto her, Tell me whe-
ther ye sold the land for so much? And
she said, Yea, for so much. 9 Then Pe-
ter said unto her, How is it that ye have
agreed together to tempt the Spirit of
the Lord? behold, the feet of them
which have buried thy husband *are*
at the door, and shall carry thee out.
10 Then fell she down straightway at his
feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the
young men came in, and found her

dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried
her by her husband. [11] And great fear
came upon all the church, and upon as
many as heard these things. [12] And by
the hands of the apostles were many
signs and wonders wrought among
the people; (and they were all with one
accord in Solomon's porch. [13] And of
the rest durst no man join himself to
them: but the people magnified them.
[14] And believers were the more added
to the Lord, multitudes both of men
and women.) [15] Insomuch that they
brought forth the sick into the streets,
and laid *them* on beds and couches,
that at the least the shadow of Peter

passing by might overshadow some of
them.* 16 There came also a multitude
out of the cities round about unto Je-
rusalem, bringing sick folks, and them
which were vexed with unclean spir-
its: and they were healed every one.
17 Then the high priest rose up, and
all they that were with him, (which is
the sect of the Sadducees,) and were
filled with indignation,* 18 And laid
their hands on the apostles, and put
them in the common prison. 19 But
the angel of the Lord by night opened
the prison doors, and brought them

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15. into...: or, in every street.
17. indignation: or, envy.

forth, and said, [20] Go, stand and speak
in the temple to the people all the
words of this life. [21] And when they
heard *that*, they entered into the tem-
ple early in the morning, and taught.
But the high priest came, and they that
were with him, and called the council
together, and all the senate of the chil-
dren of Israel, and sent to the prison
to have them brought. [22] But when
the officers came, and found them
not in the prison, they returned, and
told, [23] Saying, The prison truly found
we shut with all safety, and the keep-
ers standing without before the doors:
but when we had opened, we found

no man within. [24] Now when the high
priest and the captain of the tem-
ple and the chief priests heard these
things, they doubted of them where-
unto this would grow. [25] Then came
one and told them, saying, Behold, the
men whom ye put in prison are stand-
ing in the temple, and teaching the
people. [26] Then went the captain with
the officers, and brought them with-
out violence: for they feared the peo-
ple, lest they should have been stoned.
[27] And when they had brought them,
they set *them* before the council: and
the high priest asked them, [28] Saying,
Did not we straitly command you that

ye should not teach in this name? and,
behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with
your doctrine, and intend to bring this
man's blood upon us. [29] Then Peter
and the *other* apostles answered and
said, We ought to obey God rather
than men. [30] The God of our fathers
raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and
hanged on a tree. [31] Him hath God
exalted with his right hand *to be* a
Prince and a Saviour, for to give re-
pentance to Israel, and forgiveness of
sins. [32] And we are his witnesses of
these things; and *so is* also the Holy
Ghost, whom God hath given to them
that obey him. [33] When they heard

that, they were cut *to the heart*, and
took counsel to slay them. [34] Then
stood there up one in the council, a
Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of
the law, had in reputation among all
the people, and commanded to put
the apostles forth a little space; [35] And
said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take
heed to yourselves what ye intend to
do as touching these men. [36] For before
these days rose up Theudas, boasting
himself to be somebody; to whom a
number of men, about four hundred,
joined themselves: who was slain; and
all, as many as obeyed him, were scat-

tered, and brought to nought.* 37 After
this man rose up Judas of Ga-
lilee in the days of the taxing, and
drew away much people after him: he
also perished; and all, *even* as many
as obeyed him, were dispersed.* 38 And
now I say unto you, Refrain from these
men, and let them alone: for if this
counsel or this work be of men, it
will come to nought: 39 But if it be
of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest
haply ye be found even to fight against
God. 40 And to him they agreed: and
when they had called the apostles, and

36. obeyed: or, believed.
37. obeyed: or, believed.

beaten *them*, they commanded that
they should not speak in the name of
Jesus, and let them go. [41] And they de-
parted from the presence of the coun-
cil, rejoicing that they were counted
worthy to suffer shame for his name.
[42] And daily in the temple, and in every
house, they ceased not to teach and
preach Jesus Christ.

6 And in those days, when the
number of the disciples was multi-
plied, there arose a murmuring of the
Grecians against the Hebrews, be-
cause their widows were neglected in
the daily ministration. [2] Then the

twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of

Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the
apostles: and when they had prayed,
they laid *their* hands on them. 7 And
the word of God increased; and the
number of the disciples multiplied in
Jerusalem greatly; and a great com-
pany of the priests were obedient to
the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of faith
and power, did great wonders and mir-
acles among the people. 9 Then there
arose certain of the synagogue, which
is called *the synagogue* of the Lib-
ertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexan-
drians, and of them of Cilicia and of
Asia, disputing with Stephen. 10 And
they were not able to resist the wis-

dom and the spirit by which he spake.
11 Then they suborned men, which
said, We have heard him speak blas-
phemous words against Moses, and
against God. 12 And they stirred up the
people, and the elders, and the scribes,
and came upon *him*, and caught him,
and brought *him* to the council, 13 And
set up false witnesses, which said, This
man ceaseth not to speak blasphe-
mous words against this holy place,
and the law: 14 For we have heard him
say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall de-
stroy this place, and shall change the
customs which Moses delivered us.*

6.14. customs: or, rites.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

7 Then said the high priest, Are these things so? 2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, 3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. 4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence,

when his father was dead, he removed
him into this land, wherein ye now
dwell. 5 And he gave him none in-
heritance in it, no, not *so much as* to
set his foot on: yet he promised that
he would give it to him for a posses-
sion, and to his seed after him, when *as*
yet he had no child. 6 And God spake
on this wise, That his seed should so-
journ in a strange land; and that they
should bring them into bondage, and
entreat *them* evil four hundred years.
7 And the nation to whom they shall
be in bondage will I judge, said God:
and after that shall they come forth,
and serve me in this place. 8 And

he gave him the covenant of circum-
cision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac,
and circumcised him the eighth day;
and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat*
the twelve patriarchs. 9 And the pa-
triarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph
into Egypt: but God was with him,
10 And delivered him out of all his af-
flictions, and gave him favour and wis-
dom in the sight of Pharaoh king of
Egypt; and he made him governor
over Egypt and all his house. 11 Now
there came a dearth over all the land
of Egypt and Chanaan, and great af-
fliction: and our fathers found no sus-
tenance. 12 But when Jacob heard that

there was corn in Egypt, he sent out
our fathers first. 13 And at the sec-
ond *time* Joseph was made known to
his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was
made known unto Pharaoh. 14 Then
sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob
to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore
and fifteen souls. 15 So Jacob went
down into Egypt, and died, he, and
our fathers, 16 And were carried over
into Sychem, and laid in the sepul-
chre that Abraham bought for a sum
of money of the sons of Emmor *the fa-
ther* of Sychem. 17 But when the time
of the promise drew nigh, which God
had sworn to Abraham, the people

grew and multiplied in Egypt, 18 Till
another king arose, which knew not
Joseph. 19 The same dealt subtilly with
our kindred, and evil entreated our fa-
thers, so that they cast out their young
children, to the end they might not
live. 20 In which time Moses was born,
and was exceeding fair, and nourished
up in his father's house three months:*
21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's
daughter took him up, and nourished
him for her own son. 22 And Moses
was learned in all the wisdom of the
Egyptians, and was mighty in words
and in deeds. 23 And when he was full

7.20. exceeding fair: or, fair to God.

forty years old, it came into his heart
to visit his brethren the children of Is-
rael. 24 And seeing one *of them* suffer
wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged
him that was oppressed, and smote the
Egyptian: 25 For he supposed his breth-
ren would have understood how that
God by his hand would deliver them:
but they understood not.* 26 And the
next day he shewed himself unto them
as they strove, and would have set
them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are
brethren; why do ye wrong one to an-
other? 27 But he that did his neighbour
wrong thrust him away, saying, Who

25. For: or, Now.

made thee a ruler and a judge over us?
28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest
the Egyptian yesterday? 29 Then fled
Moses at this saying, and was a stranger
in the land of Midian, where he begat
two sons. 30 And when forty years were
expired, there appeared to him in the
wilderness of mount Sina an angel of
the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
31 When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at
the sight: and as he drew near to be-
hold *it*, the voice of the Lord came
unto him, 32 *Saying*, I *am* the God of
thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and
the God of Isaac, and the God of Ja-
cob. Then Moses trembled, and durst

not behold. 33 Then said the Lord to
him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet:
for the place where thou standest is
holy ground. 34 I have seen, I have seen
the affliction of my people which is in
Egypt, and I have heard their groan-
ing, and am come down to deliver
them. And now come, I will send thee
into Egypt. 35 This Moses whom they
refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler
and a judge? the same did God send *to*
be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand
of the angel which appeared to him in
the bush. 36 He brought them out, af-
ter that he had shewed wonders and
signs in the land of Egypt, and in the

Red sea, and in the wilderness forty
years. [37] This is that Moses, which said
unto the children of Israel, A prophet
shall the Lord your God raise up unto
you of your brethren, like unto me;
him shall ye hear.* [38] This is he, that
was in the church in the wilderness
with the angel which spake to him
in the mount Sina, and *with* our fa-
thers: who received the lively oracles
to give unto us: [39] To whom our fa-
thers would not obey, but thrust *him*
from them, and in their hearts turned
back again into Egypt, [40] Saying unto
Aaron, Make us gods to go before us:

37. like...: or, as myself.

for *as for* this Moses, which brought us
out of the land of Egypt, we wot not
what is become of him. [41] And they
made a calf in those days, and offered
sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in
the works of their own hands. [42] Then
God turned, and gave them up to wor-
ship the host of heaven; as it is writ-
ten in the book of the prophets, O ye
house of Israel, have ye offered to me
slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of*
forty years in the wilderness? [43] Yea, ye
took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and
the star of your god Remphan, figures
which ye made to worship them: and
I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of
witness in the wilderness, as he had ap-
pointed, speaking unto Moses, that he
should make it according to the fash-
ion that he had seen.* 45 Which also
our fathers that came after brought in
with Jesus into the possession of the
Gentiles, whom God drave out before
the face of our fathers, unto the days
of David;* 46 Who found favour before
God, and desired to find a taberna-
cle for the God of Jacob. 47 But So-
lomon built him an house. 48 How-
beit the most High dwelleth not in

44. speaking: or, who spake.
45. that...: or, having received.

temples made with hands; as saith
the prophet, [49] Heaven *is* my throne,
and earth *is* my footstool: what house
will ye build me? saith the Lord: or
what *is* the place of my rest? [50] Hath
not my hand made all these things?
[51] Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in
heart and ears, ye do always resist the
Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do*
ye. [52] Which of the prophets have not
your fathers persecuted? and they have
slain them which shewed before of the
coming of the Just One; of whom ye
have been now the betrayers and mur-
derers: [53] Who have received the law
by the disposition of angels, and have

not kept *it*. 54 When they heard these
things, they were cut to the heart, and
they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.
55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost,
looked up stedfastly into heaven, and
saw the glory of God, and Jesus stand-
ing on the right hand of God, 56 And
said, Behold, I see the heavens opened,
and the Son of man standing on the
right hand of God. 57 Then they cried
out with a loud voice, and stopped
their ears, and ran upon him with one
accord, 58 And cast *him* out of the city,
and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid
down their clothes at a young man's
feet, whose name was Saul. 59 And they

stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and
saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
60 And he kneeled down, and cried with
a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to
their charge. And when he had said
this, he fell asleep.

8 And Saul was consenting unto
his death. And at that time there was
a great persecution against the church
which was at Jerusalem; and they were
all scattered abroad throughout the
regions of Judaea and Samaria, except
the apostles. 2 And devout men car-
ried Stephen *to his burial*, and made
great lamentation over him. 3 As for

Saul, he made havock of the church,
entering into every house, and hal-
ing men and women committed *them*
to prison. 4 Therefore they that were
scattered abroad went every where
preaching the word. 5 Then Philip
went down to the city of Samaria, and
preached Christ unto them. 6 And
the people with one accord gave heed
unto those things which Philip spake,
hearing and seeing the miracles which
he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying
with loud voice, came out of many
that were possessed *with them*: and
many taken with palsies, and that were
lame, were healed. 8 And there was

great joy in that city. 9 But there was a
certain man, called Simon, which be-
foretime in the same city used sorcery,
and bewitched the people of Samaria,
giving out that himself was some great
one: 10 To whom they all gave heed,
from the least to the greatest, saying,
This man is the great power of God.
11 And to him they had regard, be-
cause that of long time he had be-
witched them with sorceries. 12 But
when they believed Philip preaching
the things concerning the kingdom of
God, and the name of Jesus Christ,
they were baptized, both men and
women. 13 Then Simon himself be-

lieved also: and when he was bap-
tized, he continued with Philip, and
wondered, beholding the miracles and
signs which were done.* 14 Now when
the apostles which were at Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had received the
word of God, they sent unto them Pe-
ter and John: 15 Who, when they were
come down, prayed for them, that
they might receive the Holy Ghost:
16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of
them: only they were baptized in the
name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid
they *their* hands on them, and they re-
ceived the Holy Ghost. 18 And when

8.13. miracles...: Gr. signs and great miracles.

Simon saw that through laying on of
the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost
was given, he offered them money,
19 Saying, Give me also this power, that
on whomsoever I lay hands, he may
receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter
said unto him, Thy money perish with
thee, because thou hast thought that
the gift of God may be purchased with
money. 21 Thou hast neither part nor
lot in this matter: for thy heart is not
right in the sight of God. 22 Repent
therefore of this thy wickedness, and
pray God, if perhaps the thought of
thine heart may be forgiven thee. 23 For
I perceive that thou art in the gall of

bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.
24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray
ye to the Lord for me, that none of
these things which ye have spoken
come upon me. 25 And they, when they
had testified and preached the word of
the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and
preached the gospel in many villages of
the Samaritans. 26 And the angel of the
Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise,
and go toward the south unto the
way that goeth down from Jerusalem
unto Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he
arose and went: and, behold, a man of
Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority
under Candace queen of the Ethiopi-

ans, who had the charge of all her trea-
sure, and had come to Jerusalem for to
worship, [28] Was returning, and sitting
in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.
[29] Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go
near, and join thyself to this char-
iot. [30] And Philip ran thither to *him*,
and heard him read the prophet Esa-
ias, and said, Understandest thou what
thou readest? [31] And he said, How can
I, except some man should guide me?
And he desired Philip that he would
come up and sit with him. [32] The place
of the scripture which he read was this,
He was led as a sheep to the slaugh-
ter; and like a lamb dumb before his

shearer, so opened he not his mouth:
33 In his humiliation his judgment was
taken away: and who shall declare his
generation? for his life is taken from
the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered
Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom
speaketh the prophet this? of him-
self, or of some other man? 35 Then
Philip opened his mouth, and began
at the same scripture, and preached
unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went
on *their* way, they came unto a certain
water: and the eunuch said, See, *here
is* water; what doth hinder me to be
baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou
believest with all thine heart, thou

mayest. And he answered and said,
I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son
of God. 38 And he commanded the
chariot to stand still: and they went
down both into the water, both Philip
and the eunuch; and he baptized him.
39 And when they were come up out
of the water, the Spirit of the Lord
caught away Philip, that the eunuch
saw him no more: and he went on his
way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found
at Azotus: and passing through he
preached in all the cities, till he came
to Caesarea.

9 And Saul, yet breathing out

threatenings and slaughter against the
disciples of the Lord, went unto the
high priest, 2 And desired of him let-
ters to Damascus to the synagogues,
that if he found any of this way, whe-
ther they were men or women, he
might bring them bound unto Jerusa-
lem.* 3 And as he journeyed, he came
near Damascus: and suddenly there
shined round about him a light from
heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth,
and heard a voice saying unto him,
Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord?
And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom

9.2. of this way: Gr. of the way.

thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee
to kick against the pricks. 6 And he
trembling and astonished said, Lord,
what wilt thou have me to do? And
the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and
go into the city, and it shall be told
thee what thou must do. 7 And the
men which journeyed with him stood
speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing
no man. 8 And Saul arose from the
earth; and when his eyes were opened,
he saw no man: but they led him by
the hand, and brought *him* into Dam-
ascus. 9 And he was three days without
sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
10 And there was a certain disciple at

Damascus, named Ananias; and to
him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias.
And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.
11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise,
and go into the street which is called
Straight, and enquire in the house of
Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus:
for, behold, he prayeth, 12 And hath
seen in a vision a man named Ana-
nias coming in, and putting *his* hand
on him, that he might receive his sight.
13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have
heard by many of this man, how much
evil he hath done to thy saints at Je-
rusalem: 14 And here he hath author-
ity from the chief priests to bind all

that call on thy name. 15 But the Lord
said unto him, Go thy way: for he is
a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my
name before the Gentiles, and kings,
and the children of Israel: 16 For I will
shew him how great things he must
suffer for my name's sake. 17 And Ana-
nias went his way, and entered into
the house; and putting his hands on
him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even*
Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the
way as thou camest, hath sent me, that
thou mightest receive thy sight, and
be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And
immediately there fell from his eyes
as it had been scales: and he received

sight forthwith, and arose, and was
baptized. 19 And when he had received
meat, he was strengthened. Then
was Saul certain days with the disci-
ples which were at Damascus. 20 And
straightway he preached Christ in the
synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
21 But all that heard *him* were amazed,
and said; Is not this he that destroyed
them which called on this name in Je-
rusalem, and came hither for that in-
tent, that he might bring them bound
unto the chief priests? 22 But Saul
increased the more in strength, and
confounded the Jews which dwelt at
Damascus, proving that this is very

Christ. [23] And after that many days
were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel
to kill him: [24] But their laying await
was known of Saul. And they watched
the gates day and night to kill him.
[25] Then the disciples took him by night,
and let *him* down by the wall in a
basket. [26] And when Saul was come
to Jerusalem, he assayed to join him-
self to the disciples: but they were all
afraid of him, and believed not that
he was a disciple. [27] But Barnabas took
him, and brought *him* to the apostles,
and declared unto them how he had
seen the Lord in the way, and that
he had spoken to him, and how he

had preached boldly at Damascus in
the name of Jesus. [28] And he was with
them coming in and going out at Je-
rusalem. [29] And he spake boldly in
the name of the Lord Jesus, and dis-
puted against the Grecians: but they
went about to slay him. [30] *Which* when
the brethren knew, they brought him
down to Caesarea, and sent him forth
to Tarsus. [31] Then had the churches
rest throughout all Judaea and Gali-
lee and Samaria, and were edified; and
walking in the fear of the Lord, and in
the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were
multiplied. [32] And it came to pass, as
Peter passed throughout all *quarters*,

he came down also to the saints which
dwelt at Lydda. 33 And there he found
a certain man named Aeneas, which
had kept his bed eight years, and was
sick of the palsy. 34 And Peter said unto
him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee
whole: arise, and make thy bed. And
he arose immediately. 35 And all that
dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him,
and turned to the Lord. 36 Now there
was at Joppa a certain disciple named
Tabitha, which by interpretation is
called Dorcas: this woman was full
of good works and almsdeeds which
she did.* 37 And it came to pass in

36. Dorcas: or, Doe, or, Roe.

those days, that she was sick, and died:
whom when they had washed, they
laid *her* in an upper chamber. 38 And
forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa,
and the disciples had heard that Pe-
ter was there, they sent unto him two
men, desiring *him* that he would not
delay to come to them.* 39 Then Peter
arose and went with them. When he
was come, they brought him into the
upper chamber: and all the widows
stood by him weeping, and shewing
the coats and garments which Dorcas
made, while she was with them. 40 But
Peter put them all forth, and kneeled

38. delay: or, be grieved.

down, and prayed; and turning *him* to
the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she
opened her eyes: and when she saw Pe-
ter, she sat up. 41 And he gave her *his*
hand, and lifted her up, and when he
had called the saints and widows, pre-
sented her alive. 42 And it was known
throughout all Joppa; and many be-
lieved in the Lord. 43 And it came
to pass, that he tarried many days in
Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

10 There was a certain man in Cae-
sarea called Cornelius, a centurion of
the band called the Italian *band*, 2 *A*
devout *man*, and one that feared God

with all his house, which gave much
alms to the people, and prayed to God
alway. 3 He saw in a vision evidently
about the ninth hour of the day an an-
gel of God coming in to him, and say-
ing unto him, Cornelius. 4 And when
he looked on him, he was afraid, and
said, What is it, Lord? And he said
unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms
are come up for a memorial before
God. 5 And now send men to Joppa,
and call for *one* Simon, whose surname
is Peter: 6 He lodgeth with one Si-
mon a tanner, whose house is by the
sea side: he shall tell thee what thou
oughtest to do. 7 And when the angel

which spake unto Cornelius was de-
parted, he called two of his household
servants, and a devout soldier of them
that waited on him continually; 8 And
when he had declared all *these* things
unto them, he sent them to Joppa.
9 On the morrow, as they went on
their journey, and drew nigh unto the
city, Peter went up upon the housetop
to pray about the sixth hour: 10 And he
became very hungry, and would have
eaten: but while they made ready, he
fell into a trance, 11 And saw heaven
opened, and a certain vessel descend-
ing unto him, as it had been a great
sheet knit at the four corners, and let

down to the earth: [12] Wherein were
all manner of fourfooted beasts of the
earth, and wild beasts, and creeping
things, and fowls of the air. [13] And
there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter;
kill, and eat. [14] But Peter said, Not so,
Lord; for I have never eaten any thing
that is common or unclean. [15] And the
voice *spake* unto him again the sec-
ond time, What God hath cleansed,
that call not thou common. [16] This
was done thrice: and the vessel was re-
ceived up again into heaven. [17] Now
while Peter doubted in himself what
this vision which he had seen should
mean, behold, the men which were

sent from Cornelius had made en-
quiry for Simon's house, and stood be-
fore the gate, [18] And called, and asked
whether Simon, which was surnamed
Peter, were lodged there. [19] While Pe-
ter thought on the vision, the Spirit
said unto him, Behold, three men seek
thee. [20] Arise therefore, and get thee
down, and go with them, doubting
nothing: for I have sent them. [21] Then
Peter went down to the men which
were sent unto him from Cornelius;
and said, Behold, I am he whom ye
seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye
are come? [22] And they said, Cornelius
the centurion, a just man, and one

that feareth God, and of good report
among all the nation of the Jews, was
warned from God by an holy angel to
send for thee into his house, and to
hear words of thee. 23 Then called he
them in, and lodged *them*. And on the
morrow Peter went away with them,
and certain brethren from Joppa ac-
companied him. 24 And the morrow
after they entered into Caesarea. And
Cornelius waited for them, and had
called together his kinsmen and near
friends. 25 And as Peter was coming in,
Cornelius met him, and fell down at
his feet, and worshipped *him*. 26 But
Peter took him up, saying, Stand up;

I myself also am a man. [27] And as he
talked with him, he went in, and found
many that were come together. [28] And
he said unto them, Ye know how that
it is an unlawful thing for a man that is
a Jew to keep company, or come unto
one of another nation; but God hath
shewed me that I should not call any
man common or unclean. [29] Therefore
came I *unto you* without gainsaying,
as soon as I was sent for: I ask there-
fore for what intent ye have sent for
me? [30] And Cornelius said, Four days
ago I was fasting until this hour; and at
the ninth hour I prayed in my house,
and, behold, a man stood before me

in bright clothing, [31] And said, Cor-
nelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine
alms are had in remembrance in the
sight of God. [32] Send therefore to
Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose
surname is Peter; he is lodged in the
house of *one* Simon a tanner by the
sea side: who, when he cometh, shall
speak unto thee. [33] Immediately there-
fore I sent to thee; and thou hast well
done that thou art come. Now there-
fore are we all here present before God,
to hear all things that are commanded
thee of God. [34] Then Peter opened *his*
mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive
that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth
him, and worketh righteousness, is ac-
cepted with him. 36 The word which
God sent unto the children of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he
is Lord of all:) 37 That word, *I say*, ye
know, which was published through-
out all Judaea, and began from Ga-
lilee, after the baptism which John
preached; 38 How God anointed Je-
sus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
and with power: who went about do-
ing good, and healing all that were
oppressed of the devil; for God was
with him. 39 And we are witnesses of
all things which he did both in the

land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem;
whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40 Him God raised up the third day,
and shewed him openly; 41 Not to all
the people, but unto witnesses chosen
before of God, *even* to us, who did eat
and drink with him after he rose from
the dead. 42 And he commanded us
to preach unto the people, and to tes-
tify that it is he which was ordained of
God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.
43 To him give all the prophets witness,
that through his name whosoever be-
lieveth in him shall receive remission
of sins. 44 While Peter yet spake these
words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them

which heard the word. [45] And they of
the circumcision which believed were
astonished, as many as came with Pe-
ter, because that on the Gentiles also
was poured out the gift of the Holy
Ghost. [46] For they heard them speak
with tongues, and magnify God. Then
answered Peter, [47] Can any man forbid
water, that these should not be bap-
tized, which have received the Holy
Ghost as well as we? [48] And he com-
manded them to be baptized in the
name of the Lord. Then prayed they
him to tarry certain days.

11 And the apostles and breth-

ren that were in Judaea heard that the
Gentiles had also received the word of
God. 2 And when Peter was come up
to Jerusalem, they that were of the cir-
cumcision contended with him, 3 Say-
ing, Thou wentest in to men uncir-
cumcised, and didst eat with them.
4 But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from
the beginning, and expounded *it* by
order unto them, saying, 5 I was in
the city of Joppa praying: and in a
trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel
descend, as it had been a great sheet,
let down from heaven by four corners;
and it came even to me: 6 Upon the
which when I had fastened mine eyes, I

considered, and saw fourfooted beasts
of the earth, and wild beasts, and
creeping things, and fowls of the air.
7 And I heard a voice saying unto me,
Arise, Peter; slay and eat. 8 But I said,
Not so, Lord: for nothing common
or unclean hath at any time entered
into my mouth. 9 But the voice an-
swered me again from heaven, What
God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou
common. 10 And this was done three
times: and all were drawn up again
into heaven. 11 And, behold, imme-
diately there were three men already
come unto the house where I was, sent
from Caesarea unto me. 12 And the

Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six
brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: 13 And
he shewed us how he had seen an
angel in his house, which stood and
said unto him, Send men to Joppa,
and call for Simon, whose surname
is Peter; 14 Who shall tell thee words,
whereby thou and all thy house shall
be saved. 15 And as I began to speak,
the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on
us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that
he said, John indeed baptized with
water; but ye shall be baptized with

the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then
as God gave them the like gift as *he*
did unto us, who believed on the Lord
Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could
withstand God? 18 When they heard
these things, they held their peace,
and glorified God, saying, Then hath
God also to the Gentiles granted re-
pentance unto life. 19 Now they which
were scattered abroad upon the perse-
cution that arose about Stephen trav-
elled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus,
and Antioch, preaching the word to
none but unto the Jews only. 20 And
some of them were men of Cyprus and
Cyrene, which, when they were come

to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians,
preaching the Lord Jesus. [21] And the
hand of the Lord was with them: and
a great number believed, and turned
unto the Lord. [22] Then tidings of
these things came unto the ears of
the church which was in Jerusalem:
and they sent forth Barnabas, that he
should go as far as Antioch. [23] Who,
when he came, and had seen the grace
of God, was glad, and exhorted them
all, that with purpose of heart they
would cleave unto the Lord. [24] For he
was a good man, and full of the Holy
Ghost and of faith: and much people
was added unto the Lord. [25] Then de-

parted Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek
Saul: [26] And when he had found him,
he brought him unto Antioch. And it
came to pass, that a whole year they as-
sembled themselves with the church,
and taught much people. And the dis-
ciples were called Christians first in
Antioch.* [27] And in these days came
prophets from Jerusalem unto Anti-
och. [28] And there stood up one of them
named Agabus, and signified by the
Spirit that there should be great dearth
throughout all the world: which came
to pass in the days of Claudius Cae-
sar. [29] Then the disciples, every man

11.26. with...: or, in the church.

according to his ability, determined to
send relief unto the brethren which
dwelt in Judaea: 30 Which also they
did, and sent it to the elders by the
hands of Barnabas and Saul.

12 Now about that time Herod
the king stretched forth *his* hands
to vex certain of the church.* 2 And
he killed James the brother of John
with the sword. 3 And because he
saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded
further to take Peter also. (Then
were the days of unleavened bread.)
4 And when he had apprehended him,

12.1. stretched...: or, began.

he put *him* in prison, and delivered
him to four quaternions of soldiers to
keep him; intending after Easter to
bring him forth to the people.* 5 Pe-
ter therefore was kept in prison: but
prayer was made without ceasing of
the church unto God for him.* 6 And
when Herod would have brought him
forth, the same night Peter was sleep-
ing between two soldiers, bound with
two chains: and the keepers before the
door kept the prison. 7 And, behold,
the angel of the Lord came upon *him*,

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4. Easter: Gr. Passover. quaternions: a file of four soldiers.

5. prayer...: or, instant and earnest prayer was made.

and a light shined in the prison: and he
smote Peter on the side, and raised him
up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his
chains fell off from *his* hands. 8 And
the angel said unto him, Gird thyself,
and bind on thy sandals. And so he
did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy
garment about thee, and follow me.
9 And he went out, and followed him;
and wist not that it was true which
was done by the angel; but thought
he saw a vision. 10 When they were
past the first and the second ward, they
came unto the iron gate that leadeth
unto the city; which opened to them
of his own accord: and they went

out, and passed on through one street;
and forthwith the angel departed from
him. [11] And when Peter was come to
himself, he said, Now I know of a
surety, that the Lord hath sent his an-
gel, and hath delivered me out of the
hand of Herod, and *from* all the expec-
tation of the people of the Jews. [12] And
when he had considered *the thing*, he
came to the house of Mary the mother
of John, whose surname was Mark;
where many were gathered together
praying. [13] And as Peter knocked at
the door of the gate, a damsel came to
hearken, named Rhoda.* [14] And when

13. to hearken: or, to ask who was there.

she knew Peter's voice, she opened not
the gate for gladness, but ran in, and
told how Peter stood before the gate.
15 And they said unto her, Thou art
mad. But she constantly affirmed that
it was even so. Then said they, It is his
angel. 16 But Peter continued knock-
ing: and when they had opened *the*
door, and saw him, they were aston-
ished. 17 But he, beckoning unto them
with the hand to hold their peace, de-
clared unto them how the Lord had
brought him out of the prison. And
he said, Go shew these things unto
James, and to the brethren. And he
departed, and went into another place.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was
no small stir among the soldiers, what
was become of Peter. 19 And when
Herod had sought for him, and found
him not, he examined the keepers, and
commanded that *they* should be put
to death. And he went down from
Judaea to Caesarea, and *there* abode.
20 And Herod was highly displeased
with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they
came with one accord to him, and,
having made Blastus the king's cham-
berlain their friend, desired peace; be-
cause their country was nourished by
the king's *country*.* 21 And upon a set

20. was highly...: or, bare an hostile mind, intend-

day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat
upon his throne, and made an oration
unto them. 22 And the people gave a
shout, *saying, It is* the voice of a god,
and not of a man. 23 And immediately
the angel of the Lord smote him, be-
cause he gave not God the glory: and
he was eaten of worms, and gave up the
ghost. 24 But the word of God grew
and multiplied. 25 And Barnabas and
Saul returned from Jerusalem, when
they had fulfilled *their* ministry, and
took with them John, whose surname

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ing war. the king's chamberlain: Gr. that was over the king's bedchamber.

was Mark.*

13 Now there were in the church
that was at Antioch certain proph-
ets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Si-
meon that was called Niger, and Lu-
cius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which
had been brought up with Herod the
tetrarch, and Saul.* 2 As they minis-
tered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy
Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and
Saul for the work whereunto I have
called them. 3 And when they had
fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands
on them, they sent *them* away. 4 So

25. ministry: or, charge.
13.1. which...: or, Herod's foster brother.

they, being sent forth by the Holy
Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and
from thence they sailed to Cyprus.
5 And when they were at Salamis, they
preached the word of God in the syn-
agogues of the Jews: and they had also
John to *their* minister. 6 And when
they had gone through the isle unto
Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer,
a false prophet, a Jew, whose name
was Barjesus: 7 Which was with the
deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus,
a prudent man; who called for Barn-
abas and Saul, and desired to hear the
word of God. 8 But Elymas the sor-
cerer (for so is his name by interpre-

tation) withstood them, seeking to
turn away the deputy from the faith.
9 Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,)
filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes
on him, 10 And said, O full of all sub-
tilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the
devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness,
wilt thou not cease to pervert the right
ways of the Lord? 11 And now, behold,
the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee,
and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the
sun for a season. And immediately
there fell on him a mist and a dark-
ness; and he went about seeking some
to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the
deputy, when he saw what was done,

believed, being astonished at the doc-
trine of the Lord. 13 Now when Paul
and his company loosed from Paphos,
they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and
John departing from them returned
to Jerusalem. 14 But when they de-
parted from Perga, they came to An-
tioch in Pisidia, and went into the
synagogue on the sabbath day, and
sat down. 15 And after the reading of
the law and the prophets the rulers
of the synagogue sent unto them, say-
ing, *Ye* men *and* brethren, if ye have
any word of exhortation for the peo-
ple, say on. 16 Then Paul stood up, and
beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of

Israel, and ye that fear God, give audi-
ence. [17] The God of this people of Is-
rael chose our fathers, and exalted the
people when they dwelt as strangers in
the land of Egypt, and with an high
arm brought he them out of it. [18] And
about the time of forty years suffered
he their manners in the wilderness.*
[19] And when he had destroyed seven
nations in the land of Chanaan, he di-
vided their land to them by lot. [20] And
after that he gave *unto them* judges
about the space of four hundred and
fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

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18. suffered...: or bore, or fed them as a nurse beareth, or feedeth, her child.

21 And afterward they desired a king:
and God gave unto them Saul the son
of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin,
by the space of forty years. 22 And
when he had removed him, he raised
up unto them David to be their king;
to whom also he gave testimony, and
said, I have found David the *son* of
Jesse, a man after mine own heart,
which shall fulfil all my will. 23 Of this
man's seed hath God according to *his*
promise raised unto Israel a Saviour,
Jesus: 24 When John had first preached
before his coming the baptism of re-
pentance to all the people of Israel.
25 And as John fulfilled his course, he

said, Whom think ye that I am? I
am not *he*. But, behold, there cometh
one after me, whose shoes of *his* feet
I am not worthy to loose. [26] Men
and brethren, children of the stock of
Abraham, and whosoever among you
feareth God, to you is the word of this
salvation sent. [27] For they that dwell
at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because
they knew him not, nor yet the voices
of the prophets which are read every
sabbath day, they have fulfilled *them*
in condemning *him*. [28] And though
they found no cause of death *in him*,
yet desired they Pilate that he should
be slain. [29] And when they had ful-

filled all that was written of him, they
took *him* down from the tree, and laid
him in a sepulchre. 30 But God raised
him from the dead: 31 And he was seen
many days of them which came up
with him from Galilee to Jerusalem,
who are his witnesses unto the people.
32 And we declare unto you glad tid-
ings, how that the promise which was
made unto the fathers, 33 God hath ful-
filled the same unto us their children,
in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as
it is also written in the second psalm,
Thou art my Son, this day have I be-
gotten thee. 34 And as concerning that
he raised him up from the dead, *now*

no more to return to corruption, he
said on this wise, I will give you the
sure mercies of David.* [35] Wherefore
he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou
shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see
corruption. [36] For David, after he had
served his own generation by the will
of God, fell on sleep, and was laid
unto his fathers, and saw corruption:*
[37] But he, whom God raised again, saw
no corruption. [38] Be it known unto
you therefore, men *and* brethren, that

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34. mercies: Gr. holy, or just things: which word the Septuagint in many places, uses for that which is in the Hebrew, mercies.

36. after...: or, after he had in his own age served the will of God.

through this man is preached unto you
the forgiveness of sins: [39] And by him
all that believe are justified from all
things, from which ye could not be
justified by the law of Moses. [40] Be-
ware therefore, lest that come upon
you, which is spoken of in the proph-
ets; [41] Behold, ye despisers, and won-
der, and perish: for I work a work
in your days, a work which ye shall
in no wise believe, though a man de-
clare it unto you. [42] And when the Jews
were gone out of the synagogue, the
Gentiles besought that these words
might be preached to them the next

sabbath.* [43] Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews
and religious proselytes followed Paul
and Barnabas: who, speaking to them,
persuaded them to continue in the
grace of God. [44] And the next sabbath
day came almost the whole city to-
gether to hear the word of God. [45] But
when the Jews saw the multitudes,
they were filled with envy, and spake
against those things which were spo-
ken by Paul, contradicting and blas-
pheming. [46] Then Paul and Barnabas
waxed bold, and said, It was necessary

42. the next...: Gr. in the week between, or, in the sabbath between.

that the word of God should first have
been spoken to you: but seeing ye put
it from you, and judge yourselves un-
worthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn
to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the
Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set
thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that
thou shouldest be for salvation unto
the ends of the earth. 48 And when
the Gentiles heard this, they were glad,
and glorified the word of the Lord:
and as many as were ordained to eter-
nal life believed. 49 And the word of
the Lord was published throughout
all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred
up the devout and honourable wo-

men, and the chief men of the city,
and raised persecution against Paul
and Barnabas, and expelled them out
of their coasts. 51 But they shook off
the dust of their feet against them, and
came unto Iconium. 52 And the disci-
ples were filled with joy, and with the
Holy Ghost.

14 And it came to pass in Ico-
nium, that they went both together
into the synagogue of the Jews, and
so spake, that a great multitude both
of the Jews and also of the Greeks
believed. 2 But the unbelieving Jews
stirred up the Gentiles, and made their

minds evil affected against the breth-
ren. 3 Long time therefore abode they
speaking boldly in the Lord, which
gave testimony unto the word of his
grace, and granted signs and wonders
to be done by their hands. 4 But the
multitude of the city was divided: and
part held with the Jews, and part with
the apostles. 5 And when there was
an assault made both of the Gentiles,
and also of the Jews with their rulers,
to use *them* despitefully, and to stone
them, 6 They were ware of *it*, and fled
unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Ly-
caonia, and unto the region that li-
eth round about: 7 And there they

preached the gospel. 8 And there sat a
certain man at Lystra, impotent in his
feet, being a cripple from his mother's
womb, who never had walked: 9 The
same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly
beholding him, and perceiving that he
had faith to be healed, 10 Said with a
loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet.
And he leaped and walked. 11 And
when the people saw what Paul had
done, they lifted up their voices, say-
ing in the speech of Lycaonia, The
gods are come down to us in the like-
ness of men. 12 And they called Barn-
abas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, be-
cause he was the chief speaker. 13 Then

the priest of Jupiter, which was before
their city, brought oxen and garlands
unto the gates, and would have done
sacrifice with the people. 14 *Which*
when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul,
heard *of*, they rent their clothes, and
ran in among the people, crying out,
15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these
things? We also are men of like pas-
sions with you, and preach unto you
that ye should turn from these vani-
ties unto the living God, which made
heaven, and earth, and the sea, and
all things that are therein: 16 Who in
times past suffered all nations to walk
in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless he

left not himself without witness, in
that he did good, and gave us rain
from heaven, and fruitful seasons, fill-
ing our hearts with food and gladness.
18 And with these sayings scarce re-
strained they the people, that they had
not done sacrifice unto them. 19 And
there came thither *certain* Jews from
Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded
the people, and, having stoned Paul,
drew *him* out of the city, supposing he
had been dead. 20 Howbeit, as the dis-
ciples stood round about him, he rose
up, and came into the city: and the
next day he departed with Barnabas to
Derbe. 21 And when they had preached

the gospel to that city, and had taught
many, they returned again to Lystra,
and *to* Iconium, and Antioch,* [22] Con-
firming the souls of the disciples, *and*
exhorting them to continue in the
faith, and that we must through much
tribulation enter into the kingdom of
God. [23] And when they had ordained
them elders in every church, and had
prayed with fasting, they commended
them to the Lord, on whom they be-
lieved. [24] And after they had passed
throughout Pisidia, they came to Pam-
phylia. [25] And when they had preached

14.21. had taught many: Gr. had made many disciples.

the word in Perga, they went down
into Attalia: [26] And thence sailed to
Antioch, from whence they had been
recommended to the grace of God for
the work which they fulfilled. [27] And
when they were come, and had gath-
ered the church together, they re-
hearsed all that God had done with
them, and how he had opened the
door of faith unto the Gentiles. [28] And
there they abode long time with the
disciples.

15 And certain men which came
down from Judaea taught the breth-
ren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised

after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. [2] When therefore Paul
and Barnabas had no small dissension
and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and
certain other of them, should go up
to Jerusalem unto the apostles and
elders about this question. [3] And
being brought on their way by the
church, they passed through Phenice
and Samaria, declaring the conversion
of the Gentiles: and they caused great
joy unto all the brethren. [4] And when
they were come to Jerusalem, they
were received of the church, and *of*
the apostles and elders, and they de-

clared all things that God had done
with them. 5 But there rose up cer-
tain of the sect of the Pharisees which
believed, saying, That it was needful
to circumcise them, and to command
them to keep the law of Moses.* 6 And
the apostles and elders came together
for to consider of this matter. 7 And
when there had been much disput-
ing, Peter rose up, and said unto them,
Men *and* brethren, ye know how that
a good while ago God made choice
among us, that the Gentiles by my
mouth should hear the word of the
gospel, and believe. 8 And God, which

15.5. rose...: or, rose up, said they, certain.

knoweth the hearts, bare them wit-
ness, giving them the Holy Ghost,
even as *he did* unto us; 9 And put no
difference between us and them, pu-
rifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now
therefore why tempt ye God, to put
a yoke upon the neck of the disci-
ples, which neither our fathers nor we
were able to bear? 11 But we believe
that through the grace of the Lord Je-
sus Christ we shall be saved, even as
they. 12 Then all the multitude kept
silence, and gave audience to Barn-
abas and Paul, declaring what mira-
cles and wonders God had wrought
among the Gentiles by them. 13 And

after they had held their peace, James
answered, saying, Men *and* brethren,
hearken unto me: [14] Simeon hath de-
clared how God at the first did visit
the Gentiles, to take out of them a
people for his name. [15] And to this
agree the words of the prophets; as
it is written, [16] After this I will return,
and will build again the tabernacle of
David, which is fallen down; and I
will build again the ruins thereof, and
I will set it up: [17] That the residue of
men might seek after the Lord, and
all the Gentiles, upon whom my name
is called, saith the Lord, who doeth
all these things. [18] Known unto God

are all his works from the beginning
of the world. [19] Wherefore my sen-
tence is, that we trouble not them,
which from among the Gentiles are
turned to God: [20] But that we write
unto them, that they abstain from pol-
lutions of idols, and *from* fornication,
and *from* things strangled, and *from*
blood. [21] For Moses of old time hath in
every city them that preach him, being
read in the synagogues every sabbath
day. [22] Then pleased it the apostles and
elders, with the whole church, to send
chosen men of their own company
to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas;
namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and

Silas, chief men among the brethren:
23 And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:
24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment: 25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 Men that have hazarded

their lives for the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ. [27] We have sent there-
fore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell
you the same things by mouth.* [28] For
it seemed good to the Holy Ghost,
and to us, to lay upon you no greater
burden than these necessary things;
[29] That ye abstain from meats offered
to idols, and from blood, and from
things strangled, and from fornica-
tion: from which if ye keep your-
selves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.
[30] So when they were dismissed, they
came to Antioch: and when they had
gathered the multitude together, they

27. mouth: Gr. word.

delivered the epistle: [31] *Which* when
they had read, they rejoiced for the
consolation.* [32] And Judas and Silas,
being prophets also themselves, ex-
horted the brethren with many words,
and confirmed *them*. [33] And after they
had tarried *there* a space, they were let
go in peace from the brethren unto
the apostles. [34] Notwithstanding it
pleased Silas to abide there still. [35] Paul
also and Barnabas continued in Anti-
och, teaching and preaching the word
of the Lord, with many others also.
[36] And some days after Paul said unto
Barnabas, Let us go again and visit

31. consolation: or, exhortation.

our brethren in every city where we
have preached the word of the Lord,
and see how they do. 37 And Barnabas
determined to take with them John,
whose surname was Mark. 38 But Paul
thought not good to take him with
them, who departed from them from
Pamphylia, and went not with them
to the work. 39 And the contention
was so sharp between them, that they
departed asunder one from the other:
and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed
unto Cyprus; 40 And Paul chose Silas,
and departed, being recommended by
the brethren unto the grace of God.
41 And he went through Syria and Cili-

cia, confirming the churches.

16 Then came he to Derbe and
Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple
was there, named Timotheus, the son
of a certain woman, which was a Jew-
ess, and believed; but his father *was*
a Greek: 2 Which was well reported
of by the brethren that were at Lystra
and Iconium. 3 Him would Paul have
to go forth with him; and took and
circumcised him because of the Jews
which were in those quarters: for they
knew all that his father was a Greek.
4 And as they went through the cities,
they delivered them the decrees for to

keep, that were ordained of the apos-
tles and elders which were at Jerusa-
lem. 5 And so were the churches es-
tablished in the faith, and increased in
number daily. 6 Now when they had
gone throughout Phrygia and the re-
gion of Galatia, and were forbidden of
the Holy Ghost to preach the word in
Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia,
they assayed to go into Bithynia: but
the Spirit suffered them not. 8 And
they passing by Mysia came down to
Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul
in the night; There stood a man of
Macedonia, and prayed him, saying,
Come over into Macedonia, and help

us. [10] And after he had seen the vi-
sion, immediately we endeavoured to
go into Macedonia, assuredly gather-
ing that the Lord had called us for to
preach the gospel unto them. [11] There-
fore loosing from Troas, we came
with a straight course to Samothra-
cia, and the next *day* to Neapolis;
[12] And from thence to Philippi, which
is the chief city of that part of Mace-
donia, *and* a colony: and we were in
that city abiding certain days.* [13] And
on the sabbath we went out of the
city by a river side, where prayer was
wont to be made; and we sat down,

16.12. the chief: or, the first.

and spake unto the women which re-
sorted *thither*.* 14 And a certain wo-
man named Lydia, a seller of purple,
of the city of Thyatira, which wor-
shipped God, heard *us*: whose heart
the Lord opened, that she attended
unto the things which were spoken of
Paul. 15 And when she was baptized,
and her household, she besought *us*,
saying, If ye have judged me to be faith-
ful to the Lord, come into my house,
and abide *there*. And she constrained
us. 16 And it came to pass, as we
went to prayer, a certain damsel pos-
sessed with a spirit of divination met

13. sabbath: Gr. sabbath day.

us, which brought her masters much
gain by soothsaying:* 17 The same fol-
lowed Paul and us, and cried, say-
ing, These men are the servants of
the most high God, which shew unto
us the way of salvation. 18 And this
did she many days. But Paul, being
grieved, turned and said to the spirit,
I command thee in the name of Je-
sus Christ to come out of her. And
he came out the same hour. 19 And
when her masters saw that the hope
of their gains was gone, they caught
Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the

16. of divination: or, of Python.

marketplace unto the rulers,* [20] And
brought them to the magistrates, sa-
ing, These men, being Jews, do exceed-
ingly trouble our city, [21] And teach
customs, which are not lawful for us
to receive, neither to observe, being
Romans. [22] And the multitude rose up
together against them: and the magis-
trates rent off their clothes, and com-
manded to beat *them*. [23] And when
they had laid many stripes upon them,
they cast *them* into prison, charging
the jailor to keep them safely: [24] Who,
having received such a charge, thrust
them into the inner prison, and made

19. marketplace: or, court.

their feet fast in the stocks. [25] And at
midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and
sang praises unto God: and the pris-
oners heard them. [26] And suddenly
there was a great earthquake, so that
the foundations of the prison were
shaken: and immediately all the doors
were opened, and every one's bands
were loosed. [27] And the keeper of the
prison awaking out of his sleep, and
seeing the prison doors open, he drew
out his sword, and would have killed
himself, supposing that the prisoners
had been fled. [28] But Paul cried with a
loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm:
for we are all here. [29] Then he called for

a light, and sprang in, and came trem-
bling, and fell down before Paul and
Silas, 30 And brought them out, and
said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
31 And they said, Believe on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,
and thy house. 32 And they spake unto
him the word of the Lord, and to all
that were in his house. 33 And he took
them the same hour of the night, and
washed *their* stripes; and was baptized,
he and all his, straightway. 34 And
when he had brought them into his
house, he set meat before them, and
rejoiced, believing in God with all his
house. 35 And when it was day, the

magistrates sent the serjeants, saying,
Let those men go. 36 And the keeper of
the prison told this saying to Paul, The
magistrates have sent to let you go:
now therefore depart, and go in peace.
37 But Paul said unto them, They have
beaten us openly uncondemned, being
Romans, and have cast *us* into prison;
and now do they thrust us out privily?
nay verily; but let them come them-
selves and fetch us out. 38 And the ser-
jeants told these words unto the mag-
istrates: and they feared, when they
heard that they were Romans. 39 And
they came and besought them, and
brought *them* out, and desired *them*

to depart out of the city. 40 And they
went out of the prison, and entered
into *the house of* Lydia: and when they
had seen the brethren, they comforted
them, and departed.

17 Now when they had passed
through Amphipolis and Apollonia,
they came to Thessalonica, where was
a synagogue of the Jews: 2 And Paul,
as his manner was, went in unto them,
and three sabbath days reasoned with
them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening
and alleging, that Christ must needs
have suffered, and risen again from
the dead; and that this Jesus, whom

I preach unto you, is Christ.* 4 And
some of them believed, and consorted
with Paul and Silas; and of the de-
vout Greeks a great multitude, and of
the chief women not a few. 5 But the
Jews which believed not, moved with
envy, took unto them certain lewd fel-
lows of the baser sort, and gathered
a company, and set all the city on an
uproar, and assaulted the house of Ja-
son, and sought to bring them out to
the people. 6 And when they found
them not, they drew Jason and certain
brethren unto the rulers of the city,
crying, These that have turned the

17.3. whom...: or, whom, said he, I preach.

world upside down are come hither
also; 7 Whom Jason hath received:
and these all do contrary to the de-
crees of Caesar, saying that there is
another king, *one* Jesus. 8 And they
troubled the people and the rulers of
the city, when they heard these things.
9 And when they had taken security
of Jason, and of the other, they let
them go. 10 And the brethren imme-
diately sent away Paul and Silas by
night unto Berea: who coming *thither*
went into the synagogue of the Jews.
11 These were more noble than those
in Thessalonica, in that they received
the word with all readiness of mind,

and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. [12] Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few. [13] But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people. [14] And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. [15] And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him

with all speed, they departed. [16] Now
while Paul waited for them at Athens,
his spirit was stirred in him, when he
saw the city wholly given to idolatry.*
[17] Therefore disputed he in the syna-
gogue with the Jews, and with the de-
vout persons, and in the market daily
with them that met with him. [18] Then
certain philosophers of the Epicure-
ans, and of the Stoicks, encountered
him. And some said, What will this
babbler say? other some, He seemeth
to be a setter forth of strange gods:
because he preached unto them Jesus,

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16. wholly...: or, full of idols.

and the resurrection.* 19 And they took
him, and brought him unto Areopa-
gus, saying, May we know what this
new doctrine, whereof thou speakest,
is? 20 For thou bringest certain strange
things to our ears: we would know
therefore what these things mean.*
21 (For all the Athenians and strangers
which were there spent their time in
nothing else, but either to tell, or to
hear some new thing.) 22 Then Paul
stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and
said, *Ye* men of Athens, I perceive that

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18. babbler: or, base fellow.

20. Areopagus: or, Mars' hill: it was the highest court in Athens.

in all things ye are too superstitious.*
23 For as I passed by, and beheld your
devotions, I found an altar with this
inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN
GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly
worship, him declare I unto you.*
24 God that made the world and all
things therein, seeing that he is Lord
of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in
temples made with hands; 25 Neither
is worshipped with men's hands, as
though he needed any thing, seeing he
giveth to all life, and breath, and all
things; 26 And hath made of one blood

22. Mars' hill: or, the court of the Areopagites.
23. devotions: or, gods that ye worship.

all nations of men for to dwell on all
the face of the earth, and hath de-
termined the times before appointed,
and the bounds of their habitation;
27 That they should seek the Lord, if
haply they might feel after him, and
find him, though he be not far from
every one of us: 28 For in him we live,
and move, and have our being; as cer-
tain also of your own poets have said,
For we are also his offspring. 29 Foras-
much then as we are the offspring of
God, we ought not to think that the
Godhead is like unto gold, or silver,
or stone, graven by art and man's de-
vice. 30 And the times of this ignorance

God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
31 Because he hath appointed a day,
in the which he will judge the world
in righteousness by *that* man whom
he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath
given assurance unto all *men*, in that
he hath raised him from the dead.*
32 And when they heard of the resur-
rection of the dead, some mocked:
and others said, We will hear thee
again of this *matter*. 33 So Paul de-
parted from among them. 34 How-
beit certain men clave unto him,
and believed: among the which *was*

31. hath given...: or, offered faith.

Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

18 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded

the Jews and the Greeks. 5 And when
Silas and Timotheus were come from
Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the
spirit, and testified to the Jews *that* Je-
sus *was* Christ.* 6 And when they op-
posed themselves, and blasphemed, he
shook *his* raiment, and said unto them,
Your blood *be* upon your own heads;
I *am* clean: from henceforth I will
go unto the Gentiles. 7 And he de-
parted thence, and entered into a cer-
tain *man's* house, named Justus, *one*
that worshipped God, whose house
joined hard to the synagogue. 8 And
Crispus, the chief ruler of the syna-

18.5. was Christ: or, is the Christ.

gogue, believed on the Lord with all
his house; and many of the Corinthi-
ans hearing believed, and were bap-
tized. 9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in
the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but
speak, and hold not thy peace: 10 For I
am with thee, and no man shall set on
thee to hurt thee: for I have much peo-
ple in this city. 11 And he continued
there a year and six months, teaching
the word of God among them.* 12 And
when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia,
the Jews made insurrection with one
accord against Paul, and brought him
to the judgment seat, 13 Saying, This *fel-*

11. continued there: Gr. sat there.

low persuadeth men to worship God
contrary to the law. 14 And when Paul
was now about to open *his* mouth,
Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a
matter of wrong or wicked lewdness,
O *ye* Jews, reason would that I should
bear with you: 15 But if it be a ques-
tion of words and names, and *of* your
law, look ye *to it*; for I will be no judge
of such *matters*. 16 And he drave them
from the judgment seat. 17 Then all the
Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler
of the synagogue, and beat *him* before
the judgment seat. And Gallio cared
for none of those things. 18 And Paul
after this tarried *there* yet a good while,

and then took his leave of the breth-
ren, and sailed thence into Syria, and
with him Priscilla and Aquila; having
shorn *his* head in Cenchrea: for he
had a vow. [19] And he came to Eph-
esus, and left them there: but he him-
self entered into the synagogue, and
reasoned with the Jews. [20] When they
desired *him* to tarry longer time with
them, he consented not; [21] But bade
them farewell, saying, I must by all
means keep this feast that cometh in
Jerusalem: but I will return again unto
you, if God will. And he sailed from
Ephesus. [22] And when he had landed
at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted

the church, he went down to Anti-
och. [23] And after he had spent some
time *there*, he departed, and went over
all the country of Galatia and Phry-
gia in order, strengthening all the dis-
ciples. [24] And a certain Jew named
Apollos, born at Alexandria, an elo-
quent man, *and* mighty in the scrip-
tures, came to Ephesus. [25] This man
was instructed in the way of the Lord;
and being fervent in the spirit, he spake
and taught diligently the things of the
Lord, knowing only the baptism of
John. [26] And he began to speak boldly
in the synagogue: whom when Aquila
and Priscilla had heard, they took him

unto *them*, and expounded unto him
the way of God more perfectly. [27] And
when he was disposed to pass into
Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhort-
ing the disciples to receive him: who,
when he was come, helped them much
which had believed through grace:
[28] For he mightily convinced the Jews,
and that publickly, shewing by the
scriptures that Jesus was Christ.*

19 And it came to pass, that, while
Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having
passed through the upper coasts came
to Ephesus: and finding certain dis-

28. Christ: or, is the Christ.

ciples, 2 He said unto them, Have
ye received the Holy Ghost since ye
believed? And they said unto him,
We have not so much as heard whe-
ther there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And
he said unto them, Unto what then
were ye baptized? And they said,
Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul,
John verily baptized with the baptism
of repentance, saying unto the peo-
ple, that they should believe on him
which should come after him, that is,
on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard
this, they were baptized in the name
of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul
had laid *his* hands upon them, the

Holy Ghost came on them; and they
spake with tongues, and prophesied.
7 And all the men were about twelve.
8 And he went into the synagogue,
and spake boldly for the space of
three months, disputing and persuad-
ing the things concerning the king-
dom of God. 9 But when divers were
hardened, and believed not, but spake
evil of that way before the multitude,
he departed from them, and separated
the disciples, disputing daily in the
school of one Tyrannus. 10 And this
continued by the space of two years;
so that all they which dwelt in Asia
heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both

Jews and Greeks. 11 And God wrought
special miracles by the hands of Paul:
12 So that from his body were brought
unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons,
and the diseases departed from them,
and the evil spirits went out of them.
13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews,
exorcists, took upon them to call over
them which had evil spirits the name
of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure
you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.
14 And there were seven sons of *one*
Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests,
which did so. 15 And the evil spirit
answered and said, Jesus I know, and
Paul I know; but who are ye? 16 And

the man in whom the evil spirit was
leaped on them, and overcame them,
and prevailed against them, so that
they fled out of that house naked and
wounded. 17 And this was known to
all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling
at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all,
and the name of the Lord Jesus was
magnified. 18 And many that believed
came, and confessed, and shewed their
deeds. 19 Many of them also which
used curious arts brought their books
together, and burned them before all
men: and they counted the price of
them, and found *it* fifty thousand
pieces of silver. 20 So mightily grew

the word of God and prevailed. [21] After
these things were ended, Paul pur-
posed in the spirit, when he had passed
through Macedonia and Achaia, to
go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have
been there, I must also see Rome.
[22] So he sent into Macedonia two of
them that ministered unto him, Tim-
otheus and Erastus; but he himself
stayed in Asia for a season. [23] And
the same time there arose no small
stir about that way. [24] For a certain
man named Demetrius, a silversmith,
which made silver shrines for Diana,
brought no small gain unto the crafts-
men; [25] Whom he called together with

the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. [26] Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: [27] So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.* [28] And when they heard *these*

19.27. set at nought: or, brought into disrepute, or,

sayings, they were full of wrath, and
cried out, saying, Great *is* Diana of
the Ephesians. [29] And the whole city
was filled with confusion: and having
caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men
of Macedonia, Paul's companions in
travel, they rushed with one accord
into the theatre. [30] And when Paul
would have entered in unto the people,
the disciples suffered him not. [31] And
certain of the chief of Asia, which
were his friends, sent unto him, de-
siring *him* that he would not adven-
ture himself into the theatre. [32] Some
therefore cried one thing, and some

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contempt.

another: for the assembly was con-
fused; and the more part knew not
wherefore they were come together.
33 And they drew Alexander out of the
multitude, the Jews putting him for-
ward. And Alexander beckoned with
the hand, and would have made his
defence unto the people. 34 But when
they knew that he was a Jew, all with
one voice about the space of two hours
cried out, Great *is* Diana of the Eph-
esians. 35 And when the townclerk
had appeased the people, he said, *Ye*
men of Ephesus, what man is there
that knoweth not how that the city
of the Ephesians is a worshipper of

the great goddess Diana, and of the
image which fell down from Jupiter?*
36 Seeing then that these things can-
not be spoken against, ye ought to be
quiet, and to do nothing rashly. 37 For
ye have brought hither these men,
which are neither robbers of churches,
nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.
38 Wherefore if Demetrius, and the
craftsmen which are with him, have
a matter against any man, the law is
open, and there are deputies: let them
implead one another.* 39 But if ye en-
quire any thing concerning other mat-

35. a worshipper: Gr. the temple keeper.
38. the law...: or, the court days are kept.

ters, it shall be determined in a law-
ful assembly.* 40 For we are in danger
to be called in question for this day's
uproar, there being no cause whereby
we may give an account of this con-
course. 41 And when he had thus spo-
ken, he dismissed the assembly.

20 And after the uproar was
ceased, Paul called unto *him* the dis-
ciples, and embraced *them*, and de-
parted for to go into Macedonia.
2 And when he had gone over those
parts, and had given them much ex-
hortation, he came into Greece, 3 And

39. lawful: or, ordinary.

there abode three months. And when
the Jews laid wait for him, as he
was about to sail into Syria, he pur-
posed to return through Macedonia.
4 And there accompanied him into
Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thes-
salonians, Aristarchus and Secundus;
and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus;
and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.
5 These going before tarried for us at
Troas. 6 And we sailed away from
Philippi after the days of unleavened
bread, and came unto them to Troas in
five days; where we abode seven days.
7 And upon the first *day* of the week,
when the disciples came together to

break bread, Paul preached unto them,
ready to depart on the morrow; and
continued his speech until midnight.
8 And there were many lights in the
upper chamber, where they were gath-
ered together. 9 And there sat in a win-
dow a certain young man named Eu-
tychus, being fallen into a deep sleep:
and as Paul was long preaching, he
sunk down with sleep, and fell down
from the third loft, and was taken up
dead. 10 And Paul went down, and
fell on him, and embracing *him* said,
Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in
him. 11 When he therefore was come
up again, and had broken bread, and

eaten, and talked a long while, even till
break of day, so he departed. 12 And
they brought the young man alive, and
were not a little comforted. 13 And we
went before to ship, and sailed unto
Assos, there intending to take in Paul:
for so had he appointed, minding him-
self to go afoot. 14 And when he met
with us at Assos, we took him in, and
came to Mitylene. 15 And we sailed
thence, and came the next *day* over
against Chios; and the next *day* we
arrived at Samos, and tarried at Tro-
gyllium; and the next *day* we came to
Miletus. 16 For Paul had determined to
sail by Ephesus, because he would not

spend the time in Asia: for he hasted,
if it were possible for him, to be at Je-
rusalem the day of Pentecost. 17 And
from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and
called the elders of the church. 18 And
when they were come to him, he said
unto them, Ye know, from the first day
that I came into Asia, after what man-
ner I have been with you at all seasons,
19 Serving the Lord with all humility of
mind, and with many tears, and temp-
tations, which befell me by the lying
in wait of the Jews: 20 *And* how I kept
back nothing that was profitable *unto
you*, but have shewed you, and have
taught you publickly, and from house

to house, [21] Testifying both to the Jews,
and also to the Greeks, repentance to-
ward God, and faith toward our Lord
Jesus Christ. [22] And now, behold, I
go bound in the spirit unto Jerusa-
lem, not knowing the things that shall
befall me there: [23] Save that the Holy
Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying
that bonds and afflictions abide me.*
[24] But none of these things move me,
neither count I my life dear unto my-
self, so that I might finish my course
with joy, and the ministry, which I
have received of the Lord Jesus, to tes-
tify the gospel of the grace of God.

20.23. abide me: or, wait for me.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all,
among whom I have gone preaching
the kingdom of God, shall see my face
no more. 26 Wherefore I take you to
record this day, that I *am* pure from
the blood of all *men*. 27 For I have not
shunned to declare unto you all the
counsel of God. 28 Take heed there-
fore unto yourselves, and to all the
flock, over the which the Holy Ghost
hath made you overseers, to feed the
church of God, which he hath pur-
chased with his own blood. 29 For
I know this, that after my departing
shall grievous wolves enter in among
you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of

your own selves shall men arise, speak-
ing perverse things, to draw away dis-
ciples after them. 31 Therefore watch,
and remember, that by the space of
three years I ceased not to warn every
one night and day with tears. 32 And
now, brethren, I commend you to
God, and to the word of his grace,
which is able to build you up, and
to give you an inheritance among all
them which are sanctified. 33 I have
coveted no man's silver, or gold, or ap-
parel. 34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that
these hands have ministered unto my
necessities, and to them that were with
me. 35 I have shewed you all things,

how that so labouring ye ought to sup-
port the weak, and to remember the
words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It
is more blessed to give than to receive.
36 And when he had thus spoken, he
kneeled down, and prayed with them
all. 37 And they all wept sore, and fell
on Paul's neck, and kissed him, 38 Sor-
rowing most of all for the words which
he spake, that they should see his face
no more. And they accompanied him
unto the ship.

21 And it came to pass, that af-
ter we were gotten from them, and
had launched, we came with a straight

course unto Coos, and the *day* fol-
lowing unto Rhodes, and from thence
unto Patara: [2] And finding a ship
sailing over unto Phenicia, we went
aboard, and set forth. [3] Now when
we had discovered Cyprus, we left it
on the left hand, and sailed into Syria,
and landed at Tyre: for there the ship
was to unlade her burden. [4] And find-
ing disciples, we tarried there seven
days: who said to Paul through the
Spirit, that he should not go up to Je-
rusalem. [5] And when we had accom-
plished those days, we departed and
went our way; and they all brought
us on our way, with wives and chil-

dren, till *we were* out of the city: and
we kneeled down on the shore, and
prayed. 6 And when we had taken
our leave one of another, we took
ship; and they returned home again.
7 And when we had finished *our* course
from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and
saluted the brethren, and abode with
them one day. 8 And the next *day*
we that were of Paul's company de-
parted, and came unto Caesarea: and
we entered into the house of Philip
the evangelist, which was *one* of the
seven; and abode with him. 9 And
the same man had four daughters, vir-
gins, which did prophesy. 10 And as

we tarried *there* many days, there came
down from Judaea a certain prophet,
named Agabus. [11] And when he was
come unto us, he took Paul's girdle,
and bound his own hands and feet,
and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost,
So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind
the man that owneth this girdle, and
shall deliver *him* into the hands of
the Gentiles. [12] And when we heard
these things, both we, and they of
that place, besought him not to go up
to Jerusalem. [13] Then Paul answered,
What mean ye to weep and to break
mine heart? for I am ready not to
be bound only, but also to die at Je-

rusalem for the name of the Lord Je-
sus. 14 And when he would not be per-
suaded, we ceased, saying, The will of
the Lord be done. 15 And after those
days we took up our carriages, and
went up to Jerusalem. 16 There went
with us also *certain* of the disciples
of Caesarea, and brought with them
one Mnason of Cyprus, an old dis-
ciple, with whom we should lodge.
17 And when we were come to Jerusa-
lem, the brethren received us gladly.
18 And the *day* following Paul went in
with us unto James; and all the el-
ders were present. 19 And when he
had saluted them, he declared partic-

ularly what things God had wrought
among the Gentiles by his ministry.
20 And when they heard *it*, they glori-
fied the Lord, and said unto him, Thou
seest, brother, how many thousands
of Jews there are which believe; and
they are all zealous of the law: 21 And
they are informed of thee, that thou
teachest all the Jews which are among
the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying
that they ought not to circumcise *their*
children, neither to walk after the cus-
toms. 22 What is it therefore? the
multitude must needs come together:
for they will hear that thou art come.
23 Do therefore this that we say to thee:

We have four men which have a vow
on them; [24] Them take, and purify thy-
self with them, and be at charges with
them, that they may shave *their* heads:
and all may know that those things,
whereof they were informed concern-
ing thee, are nothing; but *that* thou
thyself also walkest orderly, and keep-
est the law. [25] As touching the Gentiles
which believe, we have written *and*
concluded that they observe no such
thing, save only that they keep them-
selves from *things* offered to idols, and
from blood, and from strangled, and
from fornication. [26] Then Paul took
the men, and the next day purifying

himself with them entered into the
temple, to signify the accomplishment
of the days of purification, until that
an offering should be offered for ev-
ery one of them. 27 And when the
seven days were almost ended, the Jews
which were of Asia, when they saw
him in the temple, stirred up all the
people, and laid hands on him, 28 Cry-
ing out, Men of Israel, help: This is
the man, that teacheth all *men* every
where against the people, and the law,
and this place: and further brought
Greeks also into the temple, and hath
polluted this holy place. 29 (For they
had seen before with him in the city

Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they
supposed that Paul had brought into
the temple.) 30 And all the city was
moved, and the people ran together:
and they took Paul, and drew him out
of the temple: and forthwith the doors
were shut. 31 And as they went about to
kill him, tidings came unto the chief
captain of the band, that all Jerusalem
was in an uproar. 32 Who immediately
took soldiers and centurions, and ran
down unto them: and when they saw
the chief captain and the soldiers, they
left beating of Paul. 33 Then the chief
captain came near, and took him, and
commanded *him* to be bound with

two chains; and demanded who he
was, and what he had done. 34 And
some cried one thing, some another,
among the multitude: and when he
could not know the certainty for the
tumult, he commanded him to be
carried into the castle. 35 And when
he came upon the stairs, so it was,
that he was borne of the soldiers for
the violence of the people. 36 For the
multitude of the people followed af-
ter, crying, Away with him. 37 And
as Paul was to be led into the castle,
he said unto the chief captain, May
I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst
thou speak Greek? 38 Art not thou

that Egyptian, which before these days
madest an uproar, and leddest out into
the wilderness four thousand men that
were murderers? 39 But Paul said, I am a
man *which am* a Jew of Tarsus, *a city* in
Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and,
I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto
the people. 40 And when he had given
him licence, Paul stood on the stairs,
and beckoned with the hand unto the
people. And when there was made a
great silence, he spake unto *them* in the
Hebrew tongue, saying,

22 Men, brethren, and fathers,
hear ye my defence *which I make* now

unto you. [2] (And when they heard
that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to
them, they kept the more silence: and
he saith,) [3] I am verily a man *which am*
a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia,
yet brought up in this city at the feet
of Gamaliel, *and* taught according to
the perfect manner of the law of the
fathers, and was zealous toward God,
as ye all are this day. [4] And I perse-
cuted this way unto the death, bind-
ing and delivering into prisons both
men and women. [5] As also the high
priest doth bear me witness, and all
the estate of the elders: from whom
also I received letters unto the breth-

ren, and went to Damascus, to bring
them which were there bound unto Je-
rusalem, for to be punished. 6 And it
came to pass, that, as I made my jour-
ney, and was come nigh unto Damas-
cus about noon, suddenly there shone
from heaven a great light round about
me. 7 And I fell unto the ground, and
heard a voice saying unto me, Saul,
Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8 And
I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And
he said unto me, I am Jesus of Naza-
reth, whom thou persecutest. 9 And
they that were with me saw indeed the
light, and were afraid; but they heard
not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord?
And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and
go into Damascus; and there it shall
be told thee of all things which are ap-
pointed for thee to do. 11 And when
I could not see for the glory of that
light, being led by the hand of them
that were with me, I came into Damas-
cus. 12 And one Ananias, a devout man
according to the law, having a good re-
port of all the Jews which dwelt *there*,
13 Came unto me, and stood, and said
unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy
sight. And the same hour I looked up
upon him. 14 And he said, The God
of our fathers hath chosen thee, that

thou shouldest know his will, and see
that Just One, and shouldest hear the
voice of his mouth. 15 For thou shalt
be his witness unto all men of what
thou hast seen and heard. 16 And now
why tarriest thou? arise, and be bap-
tized, and wash away thy sins, calling
on the name of the Lord. 17 And it
came to pass, that, when I was come
again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed
in the temple, I was in a trance; 18 And
saw him saying unto me, Make haste,
and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem:
for they will not receive thy testimony
concerning me. 19 And I said, Lord,
they know that I imprisoned and beat

in every synagogue them that believed
on thee: 20 And when the blood of thy
martyr Stephen was shed, I also was
standing by, and consenting unto his
death, and kept the raiment of them
that slew him. 21 And he said unto
me, Depart: for I will send thee far
hence unto the Gentiles. 22 And they
gave him audience unto this word,
and *then* lifted up their voices, and
said, Away with such a *fellow* from the
earth: for it is not fit that he should
live. 23 And as they cried out, and
cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust
into the air, 24 The chief captain com-
manded him to be brought into the

castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him. [25] And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? [26] When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman. [27] Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea. [28] And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And

Paul said, But I was *free* born. [29] Then
straightway they departed from him
which should have examined him: and
the chief captain also was afraid, af-
ter he knew that he was a Roman,
and because he had bound him.* [30] On
the morrow, because he would have
known the certainty wherefore he was
accused of the Jews, he loosed him
from *his* bands, and commanded the
chief priests and all their council to ap-
pear, and brought Paul down, and set
him before them.

23 And Paul, earnestly beholding

22.29. examined him: or, tortured him.

the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I
have lived in all good conscience be-
fore God until this day. 2 And the
high priest Ananias commanded them
that stood by him to smite him on the
mouth. 3 Then said Paul unto him,
God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall:
for sittest thou to judge me after the
law, and commandest me to be smit-
ten contrary to the law? 4 And they
that stood by said, Revilest thou God's
high priest? 5 Then said Paul, I wist
not, brethren, that he was the high
priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not
speak evil of the ruler of thy people.
6 But when Paul perceived that the one

part were Sadducees, and the other
Pharisees, he cried out in the council,
Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the
son of a Pharisee: of the hope and res-
urrection of the dead I am called in
question. 7 And when he had so said,
there arose a dissension between the
Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the
multitude was divided. 8 For the Sad-
ducees say that there is no resurrec-
tion, neither angel, nor spirit: but the
Pharisees confess both. 9 And there
arose a great cry: and the scribes *that*
were of the Pharisees' part arose, and
strove, saying, We find no evil in this
man: but if a spirit or an angel hath

spoken to him, let us not fight against
God. [10] And when there arose a great
dissension, the chief captain, fearing
lest Paul should have been pulled in
pieces of them, commanded the sol-
diers to go down, and to take him by
force from among them, and to bring
him into the castle. [11] And the night
following the Lord stood by him, and
said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as
thou hast testified of me in Jerusa-
lem, so must thou bear witness also at
Rome. [12] And when it was day, cer-
tain of the Jews banded together, and
bound themselves under a curse, say-
ing that they would neither eat nor

drink till they had killed Paul.* 13 And
they were more than forty which had
made this conspiracy. 14 And they
came to the chief priests and elders,
and said, We have bound ourselves un-
der a great curse, that we will eat noth-
ing until we have slain Paul. 15 Now
therefore ye with the council signify
to the chief captain that he bring him
down unto you to morrow, as though
ye would enquire something more per-
fectly concerning him: and we, or ever
he come near, are ready to kill him.
16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of
their lying in wait, he went and en-

23.12. under a curse: or, with an oath of execration.

tered into the castle, and told Paul.
17 Then Paul called one of the centu-
rions unto *him*, and said, Bring this
young man unto the chief captain: for
he hath a certain thing to tell him. 18 So
he took him, and brought *him* to the
chief captain, and said, Paul the pris-
oner called me unto *him*, and prayed
me to bring this young man unto
thee, who hath something to say unto
thee. 19 Then the chief captain took
him by the hand, and went *with him*
aside privately, and asked *him*, What
is that thou hast to tell me? 20 And
he said, The Jews have agreed to desire
thee that thou wouldest bring down

Paul to morrow into the council, as
though they would enquire somewhat
of him more perfectly. [21] But do not
thou yield unto them: for there lie
in wait for him of them more than
forty men, which have bound them-
selves with an oath, that they will nei-
ther eat nor drink till they have killed
him: and now are they ready, looking
for a promise from thee. [22] So the chief
captain *then* let the young man depart,
and charged *him, See thou* tell no man
that thou hast shewed these things to
me. [23] And he called unto *him* two
centurions, saying, Make ready two
hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea,

and horsemen threescore and ten, and
spearmen two hundred, at the third
hour of the night; [24] And provide *them*
beasts, that they may set Paul on, and
bring *him* safe unto Felix the governor.
[25] And he wrote a letter after this man-
ner: [26] Claudius Lysias unto the most
excellent governor Felix *sendeth* greet-
ing. [27] This man was taken of the Jews,
and should have been killed of them:
then came I with an army, and rescued
him, having understood that he was
a Roman. [28] And when I would have
known the cause wherefore they ac-
cused him, I brought him forth into
their council: [29] Whom I perceived to

be accused of questions of their law,
but to have nothing laid to his charge
worthy of death or of bonds. [30] And
when it was told me how that the Jews
laid wait for the man, I sent straight-
way to thee, and gave commandment
to his accusers also to say before thee
what *they had* against him. Farewell.
[31] Then the soldiers, as it was com-
manded them, took Paul, and brought
him by night to Antipatris. [32] On the
morrow they left the horsemen to go
with him, and returned to the castle:
[33] Who, when they came to Caesarea,
and delivered the epistle to the gov-
ernor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when the governor had read *the*
letter, he asked of what province he
was. And when he understood that *he*
was of Cilicia; 35 I will hear thee, said
he, when thine accusers are also come.
And he commanded him to be kept in
Herod's judgment hall.

24 And after five days Ananias
the high priest descended with the el-
ders, and *with* a certain orator *named*
Tertullus, who informed the governor
against Paul. 2 And when he was called
forth, Tertullus began to accuse *him*,
saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy
great quietness, and that very worthy

deeds are done unto this nation by thy
providence, 3 We accept *it* always, and
in all places, most noble Felix, with
all thankfulness. 4 Notwithstanding,
that I be not further tedious unto thee,
I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us
of thy clemency a few words. 5 For
we have found this man *a* pestilent *fel-*
low, and a mover of sedition among all
the Jews throughout the world, and a
ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:
6 Who also hath gone about to pro-
fane the temple: whom we took, and
would have judged according to our
law. 7 But the chief captain Lysias
came *upon us*, and with great vio-

lence took *him* away out of our hands,
8 Commanding his accusers to come
unto thee: by examining of whom
thyself mayest take knowledge of all
these things, whereof we accuse him.
9 And the Jews also assented, saying
that these things were so. 10 Then Paul,
after that the governor had beckoned
unto him to speak, answered, Foras-
much as I know that thou hast been of
many years a judge unto this nation, I
do the more cheerfully answer for my-
self: 11 Because that thou mayest un-
derstand, that there are yet but twelve
days since I went up to Jerusalem for to
worship. 12 And they neither found me

in the temple disputing with any man,
neither raising up the people, neither
in the synagogues, nor in the city:
13 Neither can they prove the things
whereof they now accuse me. 14 But
this I confess unto thee, that after the
way which they call heresy, so worship
I the God of my fathers, believing all
things which are written in the law and
in the prophets: 15 And have hope to-
ward God, which they themselves also
allow, that there shall be a resurrection
of the dead, both of the just and un-
just. 16 And herein do I exercise my-
self, to have always a conscience void
of offence toward God, and *toward*

men. [17] Now after many years I came
to bring alms to my nation, and offer-
ings. [18] Whereupon certain Jews from
Asia found me purified in the tem-
ple, neither with multitude, nor with
tumult. [19] Who ought to have been
here before thee, and object, if they
had ought against me. [20] Or else let
these same *here* say, if they have found
any evil doing in me, while I stood be-
fore the council, [21] Except it be for this
one voice, that I cried standing among
them, Touching the resurrection of
the dead I am called in question by you
this day. [22] And when Felix heard these
things, having more perfect knowl-

edge of *that* way, he deferred them,
and said, When Lysias the chief cap-
tain shall come down, I will know the
uttermost of your matter. 23 And he
commanded a centurion to keep Paul,
and to let *him* have liberty, and that
he should forbid none of his acquain-
tance to minister or come unto him.
24 And after certain days, when Felix
came with his wife Drusilla, which was
a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard
him concerning the faith in Christ.
25 And as he reasoned of righteousness,
temperance, and judgment to come,
Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy
way for this time; when I have a conve-

nient season, I will call for thee. [26] He
hoped also that money should have
been given him of Paul, that he might
loose him: wherefore he sent for him
the oftener, and communed with him.
[27] But after two years Porcius Festus
came into Felix' room: and Felix, will-
ing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left
Paul bound.

25 Now when Festus was come
into the province, after three days he
ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.
[2] Then the high priest and the chief of
the Jews informed him against Paul,
and besought him, [3] And desired fa-

vour against him, that he would send
for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in
the way to kill him. 4 But Festus an-
swered, that Paul should be kept at
Caesarea, and that he himself would
depart shortly *thither*. 5 Let them
therefore, said he, which among you
are able, go down with *me*, and ac-
cuse this man, if there be any wicked-
ness in him. 6 And when he had
tarried among them more than ten
days, he went down unto Caesarea;
and the next day sitting on the judg-
ment seat commanded Paul to be
brought.* 7 And when he was come,

25.6. more...: or, as some copies read, no more than

the Jews which came down from Je-
rusalem stood round about, and laid
many and grievous complaints against
Paul, which they could not prove.
8 While he answered for himself, Nei-
ther against the law of the Jews, nei-
ther against the temple, nor yet against
Caesar, have I offended any thing at
all. 9 But Festus, willing to do the
Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and
said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and
there be judged of these things before
me? 10 Then said Paul, I stand at Cae-
sar's judgment seat, where I ought to
be judged: to the Jews have I done

eight or ten days.

no wrong, as thou very well know-
est. 11 For if I be an offender, or have
committed any thing worthy of death,
I refuse not to die: but if there be
none of these things whereof these ac-
cuse me, no man may deliver me unto
them. I appeal unto Caesar. 12 Then
Festus, when he had conferred with
the council, answered, Hast thou ap-
pealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt
thou go. 13 And after certain days king
Agrippa and Bernice came unto Cae-
sarea to salute Festus. 14 And when
they had been there many days, Fes-
tus declared Paul's cause unto the king,
saying, There is a certain man left in

bonds by Felix: 15 About whom, when
I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests
and the elders of the Jews informed
me, desiring *to have* judgment against
him. 16 To whom I answered, It is
not the manner of the Romans to de-
liver any man to die, before that he
which is accused have the accusers
face to face, and have licence to an-
swer for himself concerning the crime
laid against him. 17 Therefore, when
they were come hither, without any
delay on the morrow I sat on the
judgment seat, and commanded the
man to be brought forth. 18 Against
whom when the accusers stood up,

they brought none accusation of such
things as I supposed: [19] But had cer-
tain questions against him of their
own superstition, and of one Jesus,
which was dead, whom Paul affirmed
to be alive. [20] And because I doubted
of such manner of questions, I asked
him whether he would go to Jerusa-
lem, and there be judged of these mat-
ters.* [21] But when Paul had appealed to
be reserved unto the hearing of Augus-
tus, I commanded him to be kept till
I might send him to Caesar.* [22] Then

20. I doubted...: or, I was doubtful how to enquire hereof.
21. hearing: or, judgment.

Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also
hear the man myself. To morrow,
said he, thou shalt hear him. 23 And
on the morrow, when Agrippa was
come, and Bernice, with great pomp,
and was entered into the place of hear-
ing, with the chief captains, and prin-
cipal men of the city, at Festus' com-
mandment Paul was brought forth.
24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and
all men which are here present with us,
ye see this man, about whom all the
multitude of the Jews have dealt with
me, both at Jerusalem, and *also* here,
crying that he ought not to live any
longer. 25 But when I found that he had

committed nothing worthy of death,
and that he himself hath appealed to
Augustus, I have determined to send
him. [26] Of whom I have no certain
thing to write unto my lord. Where-
fore I have brought him forth before
you, and specially before thee, O king
Agrippa, that, after examination had, I
might have somewhat to write. [27] For it
seemeth to me unreasonable to send a
prisoner, and not withal to signify the
crimes *laid* against him.

26 Then Agrippa said unto Paul,
Thou art permitted to speak for thy-
self. Then Paul stretched forth the

hand, and answered for himself: [2] I
think myself happy, king Agrippa, be-
cause I shall answer for myself this
day before thee touching all the things
whereof I am accused of the Jews:
[3] Especially *because I know* thee to be
expert in all customs and questions
which are among the Jews: where-
fore I beseech thee to hear me pa-
tiently. [4] My manner of life from my
youth, which was at the first among
mine own nation at Jerusalem, know
all the Jews; [5] Which knew me from
the beginning, if they would testify,
that after the most straitest sect of
our religion I lived a Pharisee. [6] And

now I stand and am judged for the
hope of the promise made of God
unto our fathers: 7 Unto which *prom-*
ise our twelve tribes, instantly serving
God day and night, hope to come.
For which hope's sake, king Agrippa,
I am accused of the Jews.* 8 Why
should it be thought a thing incred-
ible with you, that God should raise
the dead? 9 I verily thought with my-
self, that I ought to do many things
contrary to the name of Jesus of Na-
zareth. 10 Which thing I also did in Je-
rusalem: and many of the saints did
I shut up in prison, having received

26.7. day and night: Gr. night and day.

authority from the chief priests; and
when they were put to death, I gave my
voice against *them*. [11] And I punished
them oft in every synagogue, and com-
pelled *them* to blaspheme; and being
exceedingly mad against them, I per-
secuted *them* even unto strange cities.
[12] Whereupon as I went to Damascus
with authority and commission from
the chief priests, [13] At midday, O king,
I saw in the way a light from heaven,
above the brightness of the sun, shin-
ing round about me and them which
journeyed with me. [14] And when we
were all fallen to the earth, I heard a
voice speaking unto me, and saying in

the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why
persecutest thou me? *it is* hard for thee
to kick against the pricks. [15] And I said,
Who art thou, Lord? And he said,
I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
[16] But rise, and stand upon thy feet:
for I have appeared unto thee for this
purpose, to make thee a minister and
a witness both of these things which
thou hast seen, and of those things
in the which I will appear unto thee;
[17] Delivering thee from the people, and
from the Gentiles, unto whom now I
send thee, [18] To open their eyes, *and*
to turn *them* from darkness to light,
and *from* the power of Satan unto

God, that they may receive forgiveness
of sins, and inheritance among them
which are sanctified by faith that is in
me. 19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa,
I was not disobedient unto the heav-
enly vision: 20 But shewed first unto
them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem,
and throughout all the coasts of Ju-
daea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that
they should repent and turn to God,
and do works meet for repentance.
21 For these causes the Jews caught me
in the temple, and went about to kill
me. 22 Having therefore obtained help
of God, I continue unto this day, wit-
nessing both to small and great, saying

none other things than those which
the prophets and Moses did say should
come: 23 That Christ should suffer, *and*
that he should be the first that should
rise from the dead, and should shew
light unto the people, and to the Gen-
tiles. 24 And as he thus spake for him-
self, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul,
thou art beside thyself; much learn-
ing doth make thee mad. 25 But he
said, I am not mad, most noble Festus;
but speak forth the words of truth and
soberness. 26 For the king knoweth of
these things, before whom also I speak
freely: for I am persuaded that none
of these things are hidden from him;

for this thing was not done in a cor-
ner. [27] King Agrippa, believest thou
the prophets? I know that thou be-
lievest. [28] Then Agrippa said unto Paul,
Almost thou persuadest me to be a
Christian. [29] And Paul said, I would
to God, that not only thou, but also
all that hear me this day, were both al-
most, and altogether such as I am, ex-
cept these bonds. [30] And when he had
thus spoken, the king rose up, and the
governor, and Bernice, and they that
sat with them: [31] And when they were
gone aside, they talked between them-
selves, saying, This man doeth nothing
worthy of death or of bonds. [32] Then

said Agrippa unto Festus, This man
might have been set at liberty, if he had
not appealed unto Caesar.

27 And when it was determined
that we should sail into Italy, they de-
livered Paul and certain other prison-
ers unto *one* named Julius, a centu-
rion of Augustus' band. 2 And enter-
ing into a ship of Adramyttium, we
launched, meaning to sail by the coasts
of Asia; *one* Aristarchus, a Macedo-
nian of Thessalonica, being with us.
3 And the next *day* we touched at
Sidon. And Julius courteously en-
treated Paul, and gave *him* liberty to

go unto his friends to refresh himself.
4 And when we had launched from
thence, we sailed under Cyprus, be-
cause the winds were contrary. 5 And
when we had sailed over the sea of
Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to
Myra, *a city* of Lycia. 6 And there
the centurion found a ship of Alexan-
dria sailing into Italy; and he put us
therein. 7 And when we had sailed
slowly many days, and scarce were
come over against Cnidus, the wind
not suffering us, we sailed under Crete,
over against Salmone;* 8 And, hardly
passing it, came unto a place which is

27.7. Crete: or, Candy.

called The fair havens; nigh whereunto
was the city *of* Lasea. 9 Now when
much time was spent, and when sail-
ing was now dangerous, because the
fast was now already past, Paul admon-
ished *them*,* 10 And said unto them,
Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will
be with hurt and much damage, not
only of the lading and ship, but also
of our lives.* 11 Nevertheless the cen-
turion believed the master and the
owner of the ship, more than those
things which were spoken by Paul.

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9. the fast: the fast was on the tenth day of the seventh month.

10. hurt: or, injury.

12 And because the haven was not com-
modious to winter in, the more part
advised to depart thence also, if by any
means they might attain to Phenice,
and there to winter; *which is* an haven
of Crete, and lieth toward the south
west and north west. 13 And when
the south wind blew softly, suppos-
ing that they had obtained *their* pur-
pose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close
by Crete. 14 But not long after there
arose against it a tempestuous wind,
called Euroclydon.* 15 And when the
ship was caught, and could not bear up
into the wind, we let *her* drive. 16 And

14. arose: or, beat.

running under a certain island which is
called Clauda, we had much work to
come by the boat: 17 Which when they
had taken up, they used helps, under-
girding the ship; and, fearing lest they
should fall into the quicksands, strake
sail, and so were driven. 18 And we
being exceedingly tossed with a tem-
pest, the next *day* they lightened the
ship; 19 And the third *day* we cast out
with our own hands the tackling of the
ship. 20 And when neither sun nor stars
in many days appeared, and no small
tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we
should be saved was then taken away.
21 But after long abstinence Paul stood

forth in the midst of them, and said,
Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto
me, and not have loosed from Crete,
and to have gained this harm and loss.
22 And now I exhort you to be of good
cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any*
man's life among you, but of the ship.
23 For there stood by me this night the
angel of God, whose I am, and whom
I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou
must be brought before Caesar: and,
lo, God hath given thee all them that
sail with thee. 25 Wherefore, sirs, be of
good cheer: for I believe God, that it
shall be even as it was told me. 26 How-
beit we must be cast upon a certain is-

land. [27] But when the fourteenth night
was come, as we were driven up and
down in Adria, about midnight the
shipmen deemed that they drew near
to some country; [28] And sounded, and
found *it* twenty fathoms: and when
they had gone a little further, they
sounded again, and found *it* fifteen
fathoms. [29] Then fearing lest we should
have fallen upon rocks, they cast four
anchors out of the stern, and wished
for the day. [30] And as the shipmen were
about to flee out of the ship, when they
had let down the boat into the sea, un-
der colour as though they would have
cast anchors out of the foreship, [31] Paul

said to the centurion and to the sol-
diers, Except these abide in the ship,
ye cannot be saved. 32 Then the sol-
diers cut off the ropes of the boat, and
let her fall off. 33 And while the day
was coming on, Paul besought *them*
all to take meat, saying, This day is the
fourteenth day that ye have tarried and
continued fasting, having taken noth-
ing. 34 Wherefore I pray you to take
some meat: for this is for your health:
for there shall not an hair fall from
the head of any of you. 35 And when
he had thus spoken, he took bread,
and gave thanks to God in presence
of them all: and when he had bro-

ken *it*, he began to eat. [36] Then were
they all of good cheer, and they also
took *some* meat. [37] And we were in
all in the ship two hundred threescore
and sixteen souls. [38] And when they
had eaten enough, they lightened the
ship, and cast out the wheat into the
sea. [39] And when it was day, they knew
not the land: but they discovered a
certain creek with a shore, into the
which they were minded, if it were
possible, to thrust in the ship. [40] And
when they had taken up the anchors,
they committed *themselves* unto the
sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and
hoised up the mainsail to the wind,

and made toward shore.* [41] And falling
into a place where two seas met, they
ran the ship aground; and the forepart
stuck fast, and remained unmoveable,
but the hinder part was broken with
the violence of the waves. [42] And the
soldiers' counsel was to kill the prison-
ers, lest any of them should swim out,
and escape. [43] But the centurion, will-
ing to save Paul, kept them from *their*
purpose; and commanded that they
which could swim should cast *them-
selves* first *into the sea*, and get to land:
[44] And the rest, some on boards, and

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40. taken...: or, cut the anchors, they left them in the sea.

some on *broken pieces* of the ship. And
so it came to pass, that they escaped all
safe to land.
28 And when they were escaped,
then they knew that the island was
called Melita. 2 And the barbarous
people shewed us no little kindness:
for they kindled a fire, and received us
every one, because of the present rain,
and because of the cold. 3 And when
Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks,
and laid *them* on the fire, there came
a viper out of the heat, and fastened
on his hand. 4 And when the bar-
barians saw the *venomous* beast hang
on his hand, they said among them-

selves, No doubt this man is a mur-
derer, whom, though he hath escaped
the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to
live. 5 And he shook off the beast into
the fire, and felt no harm. 6 How-
beit they looked when he should have
swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly:
but after they had looked a great while,
and saw no harm come to him, they
changed their minds, and said that
he was a god. 7 In the same quar-
ters were possessions of the chief man
of the island, whose name was Pub-
lius; who received us, and lodged us
three days courteously. 8 And it came
to pass, that the father of Publius lay

sick of a fever and of a bloody flux:
to whom Paul entered in, and prayed,
and laid his hands on him, and healed
him. 9 So when this was done, oth-
ers also, which had diseases in the is-
land, came, and were healed: 10 Who
also honoured us with many honours;
and when we departed, they laded *us*
with such things as were necessary.
11 And after three months we departed
in a ship of Alexandria, which had
wintered in the isle, whose sign was
Castor and Pollux. 12 And landing at
Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.
13 And from thence we fetched a com-
pass, and came to Rhegium: and after

one day the south wind blew, and we
came the next day to Puteoli: 14 Where
we found brethren, and were desired
to tarry with them seven days: and so
we went toward Rome. 15 And from
thence, when the brethren heard of us,
they came to meet us as far as Appii
forum, and The three taverns: whom
when Paul saw, he thanked God, and
took courage. 16 And when we came
to Rome, the centurion delivered the
prisoners to the captain of the guard:
but Paul was suffered to dwell by him-
self with a soldier that kept him. 17 And
it came to pass, that after three days
Paul called the chief of the Jews to-

gether: and when they were come to-
gether, he said unto them, Men *and*
brethren, though I have committed
nothing against the people, or cus-
toms of our fathers, yet was I deliv-
ered prisoner from Jerusalem into the
hands of the Romans. 18 Who, when
they had examined me, would have
let *me* go, because there was no cause
of death in me. 19 But when the Jews
spake against *it*, I was constrained to
appeal unto Caesar; not that I had
ought to accuse my nation of. 20 For
this cause therefore have I called for
you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*:
because that for the hope of Israel I

am bound with this chain. [21] And they
said unto him, We neither received
letters out of Judaea concerning thee,
neither any of the brethren that came
shewed or spake any harm of thee.
[22] But we desire to hear of thee what
thou thinkest: for as concerning this
sect, we know that every where it is
spoken against. [23] And when they had
appointed him a day, there came many
to him into *his* lodging; to whom he
expounded and testified the kingdom
of God, persuading them concerning
Jesus, both out of the law of Moses,
and *out of* the prophets, from morning
till evening. [24] And some believed the

things which were spoken, and some
believed not. [25] And when they agreed
not among themselves, they departed,
after that Paul had spoken one word,
Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias
the prophet unto our fathers, [26] Saying,
Go unto this people, and say, Hear-
ing ye shall hear, and shall not under-
stand; and seeing ye shall see, and not
perceive: [27] For the heart of this people
is waxed gross, and their ears are dull
of hearing, and their eyes have they
closed; lest they should see with *their*
eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and un-
derstand with *their* heart, and should
be converted, and I should heal them.

[28] Be it known therefore unto you, that
the salvation of God is sent unto the
Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it.
[29] And when he had said these words,
the Jews departed, and had great rea-
soning among themselves. [30] And Paul
dwelt two whole years in his own hired
house, and received all that came in
unto him, [31] Preaching the kingdom of
God, and teaching those things which
concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all
confidence, no man forbidding him.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

ROMANS

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,
called *to be* an apostle, sepa-
rated unto the gospel of God,
2 (Which he had promised afore by
his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord, which was made of the seed of
David according to the flesh; 4 And
declared *to be* the Son of God with
power, according to the spirit of ho-
liness, by the resurrection from the

dead:* 5 By whom we have received
grace and apostleship, for obedience
to the faith among all nations, for his
name:* 6 Among whom are ye also the
called of Jesus Christ: 7 To all that
be in Rome, beloved of God, called
to be saints: Grace to you and peace
from God our Father, and the Lord
Jesus Christ. 8 First, I thank my God
through Jesus Christ for you all, that
your faith is spoken of throughout the
whole world. 9 For God is my wit-
ness, whom I serve with my spirit in
the gospel of his Son, that without

1.4. declared: Gr. determined.

5. for obedience...: or, to the obedience of faith.

ceasing I make mention of you always
in my prayers;* 10 Making request, if
by any means now at length I might
have a prosperous journey by the will
of God to come unto you. 11 For I
long to see you, that I may impart unto
you some spiritual gift, to the end ye
may be established; 12 That is, that I
may be comforted together with you
by the mutual faith both of you and
me.* 13 Now I would not have you igno-
rant, brethren, that oftentimes I pur-
posed to come unto you, (but was let
hitherto,) that I might have some fruit

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9. with: or, in.
12. with: or, in.

among you also, even as among other
Gentiles.* 14 I am debtor both to the
Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both
to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So,
as much as in me is, I am ready to
preach the gospel to you that are at
Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed
of the gospel of Christ: for it is the
power of God unto salvation to ev-
ery one that believeth; to the Jew first,
and also to the Greek. 17 For therein
is the righteousness of God revealed
from faith to faith: as it is written,
The just shall live by faith. 18 For
the wrath of God is revealed from

13. among: or, in.

heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the
truth in unrighteousness; [19] Because
that which may be known of God
is manifest in them; for God hath
shewed *it* unto them.* [20] For the invis-
ible things of him from the creation
of the world are clearly seen, being un-
derstood by the things that are made,
even his eternal power and Godhead;
so that they are without excuse:* [21] Be-
cause that, when they knew God, they
glorified *him* not as God, neither were
thankful; but became vain in their

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19. in them: or, to them.

20. so...: or, that they may be.

imaginations, and their foolish heart
was darkened. 22 Professing them-
selves to be wise, they became fools,
23 And changed the glory of the un-
corruptible God into an image made
like to corruptible man, and to birds,
and fourfooted beasts, and creeping
things. 24 Wherefore God also gave
them up to uncleanness through the
lusts of their own hearts, to dishon-
our their own bodies between them-
selves: 25 Who changed the truth of
God into a lie, and worshipped and
served the creature more than the Cre-
ator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

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25. more: or, rather.

[26] For this cause God gave them up
unto vile affections: for even their wo-
men did change the natural use into
that which is against nature: [27] And
likewise also the men, leaving the nat-
ural use of the woman, burned in
their lust one toward another; men
with men working that which is un-
seemly, and receiving in themselves
that recompence of their error which
was meet. [28] And even as they did not
like to retain God in *their* knowledge,
God gave them over to a reprobate
mind, to do those things which are
not convenient;* [29] Being filled with all

28. to retain: or, to acknowledge. a reprobate...: or,

unrighteousness, fornication, wicked-
ness, covetousness, maliciousness; full
of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malig-
nity; whisperers, [30] Backbiters, haters
of God, despiteful, proud, boasters,
inventors of evil things, disobedi-
ent to parents, [31] Without understand-
ing, covenantbreakers, without natu-
ral affection, implacable, unmerciful:*
[32] Who knowing the judgment of God,
that they which commit such things
are worthy of death, not only do the
same, but have pleasure in them that

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a mind void of judgment or, an unapproving mind.
31. without natural...: or unsociable.

do them.*

2 Therefore thou art inexcusable,
O man, whosoever thou art that
judgest: for wherein thou judgest an-
other, thou condemnest thyself; for
thou that judgest doest the same
things. 2 But we are sure that the judg-
ment of God is according to truth
against them which commit such
things. 3 And thinkest thou this, O
man, that judgest them which do such
things, and doest the same, that thou
shalt escape the judgment of God?
4 Or despisest thou the riches of his

32. have...: or, consent with.

goodness and forbearance and long-
suffering; not knowing that the good-
ness of God leadeth thee to repen-
tance? 5 But after thy hardness and
impenitent heart treasurest up unto
thyself wrath against the day of wrath
and revelation of the righteous judg-
ment of God; 6 Who will render to ev-
ery man according to his deeds: 7 To
them who by patient continuance in
well doing seek for glory and honour
and immortality, eternal life: 8 But
unto them that are contentious, and
do not obey the truth, but obey un-
righteousness, indignation and wrath,
9 Tribulation and anguish, upon ev-

ery soul of man that doeth evil, of
the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;*
10 But glory, honour, and peace, to ev-
ery man that worketh good, to the Jew
first, and also to the Gentile:* 11 For
there is no respect of persons with
God. 12 For as many as have sinned
without law shall also perish without
law: and as many as have sinned in
the law shall be judged by the law;
13 (For not the hearers of the law *are*
just before God, but the doers of the
law shall be justified. 14 For when the
Gentiles, which have not the law, do

2.9. Gentile: Gr. Greek.
10. Gentile: Gr. Greek.

by nature the things contained in the
law, these, having not the law, are a law
unto themselves: [15] Which shew the
work of the law written in their hearts,
their conscience also bearing witness,
and *their* thoughts the mean while ac-
cusing or else excusing one another;)*
[16] In the day when God shall judge the
secrets of men by Jesus Christ accord-
ing to my gospel. [17] Behold, thou art
called a Jew, and restest in the law,
and makest thy boast of God, [18] And
knowest *his* will, and approvest the
things that are more excellent, be-

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15. their conscience...: or, the conscience witnessing with them. the mean...: or, between themselves.

ing instructed out of the law;* [19] And
art confident that thou thyself art a
guide of the blind, a light of them
which are in darkness, [20] An instruc-
tor of the foolish, a teacher of babes,
which hast the form of knowledge and
of the truth in the law. [21] Thou there-
fore which teachest another, teachest
thou not thyself? thou that preach-
est a man should not steal, dost thou
steal? [22] Thou that sayest a man should
not commit adultery, dost thou com-
mit adultery? thou that abhorrest
idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?
[23] Thou that makest thy boast of the

18. approvest...: or, triest the things that differ.

law, through breaking the law dishon-
ourest thou God? 24 For the name of
God is blasphemed among the Gen-
tiles through you, as it is written. 25 For
circumcision verily profiteth, if thou
keep the law: but if thou be a breaker
of the law, thy circumcision is made
uncircumcision. 26 Therefore if the un-
circumcision keep the righteousness
of the law, shall not his uncircum-
cision be counted for circumcision?
27 And shall not uncircumcision which
is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge
thee, who by the letter and circumci-
sion dost transgress the law? 28 For he
is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;

neither *is that* circumcision, which is
outward in the flesh: [29] But he *is* a Jew,
which is one inwardly; and circumci-
sion *is that* of the heart, in the spirit,
and not in the letter; whose praise *is*
not of men, but of God.

3 What advantage then hath the
Jew? or what profit *is there* of circum-
cision? [2] Much every way: chiefly, be-
cause that unto them were commit-
ted the oracles of God. [3] For what if
some did not believe? shall their un-
belief make the faith of God without
effect? [4] God forbid: yea, let God
be true, but every man a liar; as it is

written, That thou mightest be justi-
fied in thy sayings, and mightest over-
come when thou art judged. 5 But
if our unrighteousness commend the
righteousness of God, what shall we
say? *Is* God unrighteous who taketh
vengeance? (I speak as a man) 6 God
forbid: for then how shall God judge
the world? 7 For if the truth of God
hath more abounded through my lie
unto his glory; why yet am I also
judged as a sinner? 8 And not *rather*,
(as we be slanderously reported, and
as some affirm that we say,) Let us
do evil, that good may come? whose
damnation is just. 9 What then? are

we better *than they*? No, in no wise:
for we have before proved both Jews
and Gentiles, that they are all un-
der sin;* 10 As it is written, There is
none righteous, no, not one: 11 There
is none that understandeth, there is
none that seeketh after God. 12 They
are all gone out of the way, they are to-
gether become unprofitable; there is
none that doeth good, no, not one.
13 Their throat *is* an open sepulchre;
with their tongues they have used de-
ceit; the poison of asps *is* under their
lips: 14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing
and bitterness: 15 Their feet *are* swift

3.9. proved: Gr. charged.

to shed blood: [16] Destruction and mis-
ery *are* in their ways: [17] And the way of
peace have they not known: [18] There
is no fear of God before their eyes.
[19] Now we know that what things so-
ever the law saith, it saith to them who
are under the law: that every mouth
may be stopped, and all the world may
become guilty before God.* [20] There-
fore by the deeds of the law there shall
no flesh be justified in his sight: for
by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.
[21] But now the righteousness of God
without the law is manifested, being
witnessed by the law and the proph-

19. guilty...: or, subject to the judgment of God.

ets; [22] Even the righteousness of God
which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto
all and upon all them that believe: for
there is no difference: [23] For all have
sinned, and come short of the glory
of God; [24] Being justified freely by his
grace through the redemption that is
in Christ Jesus: [25] Whom God hath
set forth *to be* a propitiation through
faith in his blood, to declare his righ-
teousness for the remission of sins that
are past, through the forbearance of
God;* [26] To declare, *I say*, at this time
his righteousness: that he might be

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25. set forth: or, foreordained. remission: or, passing over.

just, and the justifier of him which be-
lieveth in Jesus. [27] Where *is* boasting
then? It is excluded. By what law?
of works? Nay: but by the law of
faith. [28] Therefore we conclude that a
man is justified by faith without the
deeds of the law. [29] *Is he* the God of
the Jews only? *is he* not also of the
Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:
[30] Seeing *it is* one God, which shall jus-
tify the circumcision by faith, and un-
circumcision through faith. [31] Do we
then make void the law through faith?
God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

4 What shall we say then that

Abraham our father, as pertaining to
the flesh, hath found? 2 For if Abra-
ham were justified by works, he hath
whereof to glory; but not before God.
3 For what saith the scripture? Abra-
ham believed God, and it was counted
unto him for righteousness. 4 Now
to him that worketh is the reward
not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
5 But to him that worketh not, but be-
lieveth on him that justifieth the un-
godly, his faith is counted for righ-
teousness. 6 Even as David also de-
scribeth the blessedness of the man,
unto whom God imputeth righteous-
ness without works, 7 *Saying*, Blessed

are they whose iniquities are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed
is the man to whom the Lord will not
impute sin. 9 *Cometh* this blessedness
then upon the circumcision *only*, or
upon the uncircumcision also? for we
say that faith was reckoned to Abra-
ham for righteousness. 10 How was it
then reckoned? when he was in cir-
cumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not
in circumcision, but in uncircumci-
sion. 11 And he received the sign of
circumcision, a seal of the righteous-
ness of the faith which *he had yet* be-
ing uncircumcised: that he might be
the father of all them that believe,

though they be not circumcised; that
righteousness might be imputed unto
them also: [12] And the father of cir-
cumcision to them who are not of
the circumcision only, but who also
walk in the steps of that faith of our
father Abraham, which *he had* being
yet uncircumcised. [13] For the prom-
ise, that he should be the heir of the
world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his
seed, through the law, but through the
righteousness of faith. [14] For if they
which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is
made void, and the promise made of
none effect: [15] Because the law wor-
keth wrath: for where no law is, *there*

is no transgression. [16] Therefore *it is*
of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to
the end the promise might be sure to
all the seed; not to that only which is
of the law, but to that also which is
of the faith of Abraham; who is the
father of us all, [17] (As it is written, I
have made thee a father of many na-
tions,) before him whom he believed,
even God, who quickeneth the dead,
and calleth those things which be not
as though they were.* [18] Who against
hope believed in hope, that he might
become the father of many nations,
according to that which was spoken,

4.17. before him: or, like unto him.

So shall thy seed be. [19] And being not
weak in faith, he considered not his
own body now dead, when he was
about an hundred years old, neither
yet the deadness of Sara's womb: [20] He
staggered not at the promise of God
through unbelief; but was strong in
faith, giving glory to God; [21] And be-
ing fully persuaded that, what he had
promised, he was able also to perform.
[22] And therefore it was imputed to him
for righteousness. [23] Now it was not
written for his sake alone, that it was
imputed to him; [24] But for us also, to
whom it shall be imputed, if we be-
lieve on him that raised up Jesus our

Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is

shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy
Ghost which is given unto us. 6 For
when we were yet without strength, in
due time Christ died for the ungodly.*
7 For scarcely for a righteous man will
one die: yet peradventure for a good
man some would even dare to die.
8 But God commendeth his love to-
ward us, in that, while we were yet sin-
ners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more
then, being now justified by his blood,
we shall be saved from wrath through
him. 10 For if, when we were ene-
mies, we were reconciled to God by
the death of his Son, much more, be-

5.6. in due time: or, according to the time.

ing reconciled, we shall be saved by his
life. [11] And not only *so*, but we also joy
in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom we have now received the
atonement.* [12] Wherefore, as by one
man sin entered into the world, and
death by sin; and so death passed upon
all men, for that all have sinned:* [13] (For
until the law sin was in the world:
but sin is not imputed when there is
no law. [14] Nevertheless death reigned
from Adam to Moses, even over them
that had not sinned after the simili-
tude of Adam's transgression, who is

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11. atonement: or, reconciliation.
12. for that: or, in whom.

the figure of him that was to come.
15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the
free gift. For if through the offence
of one many be dead, much more the
grace of God, and the gift by grace,
which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath
abounded unto many. 16 And not as
it was by one that sinned, *so is* the
gift: for the judgment *was* by one to
condemnation, but the free gift *is* of
many offences unto justification. 17 For
if by one man's offence death reigned
by one; much more they which re-
ceive abundance of grace and of the
gift of righteousness shall reign in life

by one, Jesus Christ.)* [18] Therefore as
by the offence of one *judgment came*
upon all men to condemnation; even
so by the righteousness of one *the free*
gift came upon all men unto justifica-
tion of life.* [19] For as by one man's dis-
obedience many were made sinners, so
by the obedience of one shall many
be made righteous. [20] Moreover the
law entered, that the offence might
abound. But where sin abounded,
grace did much more abound: [21] That
as sin hath reigned unto death, even so

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17. by one man's...: or, by one offence.

18. by the offence...: or, by one offence. by the righteousness...: or, by one righteousness.

might grace reign through righteous-
ness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ
our Lord.

6 What shall we say then? Shall
we continue in sin, that grace may
abound? 2 God forbid. How shall
we, that are dead to sin, live any longer
therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many
of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ
were baptized into his death?* 4 There-
fore we are buried with him by bap-
tism into death: that like as Christ
was raised up from the dead by the
glory of the Father, even so we also

6.3. were: or, are.

should walk in newness of life. 5 For
if we have been planted together in
the likeness of his death, we shall be
also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:
6 Knowing this, that our old man is
crucified with *him*, that the body of sin
might be destroyed, that henceforth
we should not serve sin. 7 For he that
is dead is freed from sin.* 8 Now if we
be dead with Christ, we believe that
we shall also live with him: 9 Know-
ing that Christ being raised from the
dead dieth no more; death hath no
more dominion over him. 10 For in
that he died, he died unto sin once:

7. freed: Gr. justified.

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto
God. [11] Likewise reckon ye also your-
selves to be dead indeed unto sin, but
alive unto God through Jesus Christ
our Lord. [12] Let not sin therefore reign
in your mortal body, that ye should
obey it in the lusts thereof. [13] Neither
yield ye your members *as* instruments
of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield
yourselves unto God, as those that are
alive from the dead, and your mem-
bers *as* instruments of righteousness
unto God.* [14] For sin shall not have do-
minion over you: for ye are not un-
der the law, but under grace. [15] What

13. instruments: Gr. arms, or, weapons.

then? shall we sin, because we are
not under the law, but under grace?
God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to
whom ye yield yourselves servants to
obey, his servants ye are to whom ye
obey; whether of sin unto death, or of
obedience unto righteousness? 17 But
God be thanked, that ye were the ser-
vants of sin, but ye have obeyed from
the heart that form of doctrine which
was delivered you.* 18 Being then made
free from sin, ye became the servants of
righteousness. 19 I speak after the man-
ner of men because of the infirmity of
your flesh: for as ye have yielded your

17. which...: Gr. whereto ye were delivered.

members servants to uncleanness and
to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now
yield your members servants to righ-
teousness unto holiness. [20] For when
ye were the servants of sin, ye were free
from righteousness.* [21] What fruit had
ye then in those things whereof ye are
now ashamed? for the end of those
things *is* death. [22] But now being made
free from sin, and become servants to
God, ye have your fruit unto holiness,
and the end everlasting life. [23] For the
wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of
God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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20. from...: Gr. to righteousness.

7 Know ye not, brethren, (for I
speak to them that know the law,)
how that the law hath dominion over a
man as long as he liveth? 2 For the wo-
man which hath an husband is bound
by the law to *her* husband so long as
he liveth; but if the husband be dead,
she is loosed from the law of *her* hus-
band. 3 So then if, while *her* husband
liveth, she be married to another man,
she shall be called an adulteress: but if
her husband be dead, she is free from
that law; so that she is no adulter-
ess, though she be married to another
man. 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye

also are become dead to the law by
the body of Christ; that ye should be
married to another, *even* to him who
is raised from the dead, that we should
bring forth fruit unto God. 5 For
when we were in the flesh, the motions
of sins, which were by the law, did
work in our members to bring forth
fruit unto death.* 6 But now we are de-
livered from the law, that being dead
wherein we were held; that we should
serve in newness of spirit, and not *in*
the oldness of the letter.* 7 What shall
we say then? *Is* the law sin? God for-

7.5. motions: Gr. passions.
6. that being...: or, being dead to that.

bid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by
the law: for I had not known lust, ex-
cept the law had said, Thou shalt not
covet.* 8 But sin, taking occasion by
the commandment, wrought in me all
manner of concupiscence. For with-
out the law sin *was* dead. 9 For I was
alive without the law once: but when
the commandment came, sin revived,
and I died. 10 And the commandment,
which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be*
unto death. 11 For sin, taking occasion
by the commandment, deceived me,
and by it slew *me*. 12 Wherefore the law
is holy, and the commandment holy,

7. lust: or, concupiscence.

and just, and good. [13] Was then that
which is good made death unto me?
God forbid. But sin, that it might ap-
pear sin, working death in me by that
which is good; that sin by the com-
mandment might become exceeding
sinful. [14] For we know that the law is
spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under
sin. [15] For that which I do I allow not:
for what I would, that do I not; but
what I hate, that do I.* [16] If then I do
that which I would not, I consent unto
the law that *it is* good. [17] Now then it
is no more I that do it, but sin that
dwelleth in me. [18] For I know that in

15. allow: Gr. know.

me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no
good thing: for to will is present with
me; but *how* to perform that which is
good I find not. [19] For the good that
I would I do not: but the evil which
I would not, that I do. [20] Now if I do
that I would not, it is no more I that
do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. [21] I
find then a law, that, when I would do
good, evil is present with me. [22] For
I delight in the law of God after the
inward man: [23] But I see another law
in my members, warring against the
law of my mind, and bringing me into
captivity to the law of sin which is in
my members. [24] O wretched man that

I am! who shall deliver me from the
body of this death?* 25 I thank God
through Jesus Christ our Lord. So
then with the mind I myself serve the
law of God; but with the flesh the law
of sin.

8 *There is* therefore now no con-
demnation to them which are in
Christ Jesus, who walk not after the
flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the
law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
hath made me free from the law of sin
and death. 3 For what the law could
not do, in that it was weak through

24. the body...: or, this body of death.

the flesh, God sending his own Son in
the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin,
condemned sin in the flesh:* 4 That
the righteousness of the law might be
fulfilled in us, who walk not after the
flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they
that are after the flesh do mind the
things of the flesh; but they that are
after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
6 For to be carnally minded *is* death;
but to be spiritually minded *is* life and
peace.* 7 Because the carnal mind *is*
enmity against God: for it is not sub-

8.3. for sin: or, by a sacrifice for sin.
6. to be carnally...: Gr. the minding of the flesh. to be spiritually...: Gr. the minding of the Spirit.

ject to the law of God, neither indeed
can be.* 8 So then they that are in the
flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are
not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if
so be that the Spirit of God dwell
in you. Now if any man have not
the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is*
dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is*
life because of righteousness. 11 But if
the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus
from the dead dwell in you, he that
raised up Christ from the dead shall
also quicken your mortal bodies by his

7. the carnal...: Gr. the minding of the flesh.

Spirit that dwelleth in you.* [12] Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to
the flesh, to live after the flesh. [13] For
if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:
but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall
live. [14] For as many as are led by the
Spirit of God, they are the sons of
God. [15] For ye have not received the
spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye
have received the Spirit of adoption,
whereby we cry, Abba, Father. [16] The
Spirit itself beareth witness with our
spirit, that we are the children of God:
[17] And if children, then heirs; heirs of

11. by: or, because of.

God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if
so be that we suffer with *him*, that we
may be also glorified together. [18] For I
reckon that the sufferings of this pre-
sent time *are* not worthy *to be com-
pared* with the glory which shall be
revealed in us. [19] For the earnest ex-
pectation of the creature waiteth for
the manifestation of the sons of God.
[20] For the creature was made subject to
vanity, not willingly, but by reason of
him who hath subjected *the same* in
hope, [21] Because the creature itself also
shall be delivered from the bondage of
corruption into the glorious liberty of
the children of God. [22] For we know

that the whole creation groaneth and
travaileth in pain together until now.*
23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also,
which have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
even we ourselves groan within our-
selves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*,
the redemption of our body. 24 For we
are saved by hope: but hope that is
seen is not hope: for what a man seeth,
why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we
hope for that we see not, *then* do we
with patience wait for *it*. 26 Likewise
the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities:
for we know not what we should pray
for as we ought: but the Spirit itself

22. the...: or, every creature.

maketh intercession for us with groan-
ings which cannot be uttered. [27] And
he that searcheth the hearts knoweth
what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because
he maketh intercession for the saints
according to *the will of* God.* [28] And
we know that all things work together
for good to them that love God, to
them who are the called according to
his purpose. [29] For whom he did fore-
know, he also did predestinate *to be*
conformed to the image of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn among
many brethren. [30] Moreover whom he
did predestinate, them he also called:

27. because: or, that.

and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he
also glorified. 31 What shall we then say
to these things? If God *be* for us, who
can be against us? 32 He that spared not
his own Son, but delivered him up for
us all, how shall he not with him also
freely give us all things? 33 Who shall
lay any thing to the charge of God's
elect? *It is* God that justifieth. 34 Who
is he that condemneth? *It is* Christ
that died, yea rather, that is risen again,
who is even at the right hand of God,
who also maketh intercession for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the love
of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress,

or persecution, or famine, or naked-
ness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is writ-
ten, For thy sake we are killed all the
day long; we are accounted as sheep
for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these
things we are more than conquerors
through him that loved us. 38 For I
am persuaded, that neither death, nor
life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor
powers, nor things present, nor things
to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor
any other creature, shall be able to sep-
arate us from the love of God, which
is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not,

my conscience also bearing me wit-
ness in the Holy Ghost, [2] That I have
great heaviness and continual sorrow
in my heart. [3] For I could wish that
myself were accursed from Christ for
my brethren, my kinsmen according
to the flesh:* [4] Who are Israelites; to
whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and
the glory, and the covenants, and the
giving of the law, and the service *of*
God, and the promises;* [5] Whose *are*
the fathers, and of whom as concern-
ing the flesh Christ *came*, who is over
all, God blessed for ever. Amen. [6] Not

9.3. accursed: or, separated.
4. covenants: or, testaments.

as though the word of God hath taken
none effect. For they *are* not all Israel,
which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because
they are the seed of Abraham, *are they*
all children: but, In Isaac shall thy
seed be called. 8 That is, They which
are the children of the flesh, these
are not the children of God: but the
children of the promise are counted
for the seed. 9 For this *is* the word
of promise, At this time will I come,
and Sara shall have a son. 10 And not
only *this*; but when Rebecca also had
conceived by one, *even* by our father
Isaac; 11 (For *the children* being not yet
born, neither having done any good

or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not
of works, but of him that calleth;) 12 It
was said unto her, The elder shall serve
the younger.* 13 As it is written, Jacob
have I loved, but Esau have I hated.
14 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
15 For he saith to Moses, I will have
mercy on whom I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom
I will have compassion. 16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him
that runneth, but of God that sheweth
mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto

12. elder: or, greater. younger: or, lesser.

Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose
have I raised thee up, that I might shew
my power in thee, and that my name
might be declared throughout all the
earth. [18] Therefore hath he mercy on
whom he will *have mercy*, and whom
he will he hardeneth. [19] Thou wilt
say then unto me, Why doth he yet
find fault? For who hath resisted his
will? [20] Nay but, O man, who art thou
that repliest against God? Shall the
thing formed say to him that formed
it, Why hast thou made me thus?*
[21] Hath not the potter power over the

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20. repliest...: or, answerest again, or, disputest with God?.

clay, of the same lump to make one
vessel unto honour, and another unto
dishonour? [22] *What* if God, willing to
shew *his* wrath, and to make his power
known, endured with much longsuf-
fering the vessels of wrath fitted to de-
struction:* [23] And that he might make
known the riches of his glory on the
vessels of mercy, which he had afore
prepared unto glory, [24] Even us, whom
he hath called, not of the Jews only,
but also of the Gentiles? [25] As he saith
also in Osee, I will call them my peo-
ple, which were not my people; and
her beloved, which was not beloved.

22. fitted: or, made up.

[26] And it shall come to pass, *that* in the
place where it was said unto them, Ye
are not my people; there shall they be
called the children of the living God.
[27] Esaias also crieth concerning Israel,
Though the number of the children of
Israel be as the sand of the sea, a rem-
nant shall be saved: [28] For he will fin-
ish the work, and cut *it* short in righ-
teousness: because a short work will
the Lord make upon the earth.* [29] And
as Esaias said before, Except the Lord
of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had
been as Sodoma, and been made like
unto Gomorrha. [30] What shall we say

28. the work: or, the account.

then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. 31 But Israel, which followed after the law of
righteousness, hath not attained to the
law of righteousness. 32 Wherefore?
Because *they sought it* not by faith, but
as it were by the works of the law. For
they stumbled at that stumblingstone;
33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion
a stumblingstone and rock of offence:
and whosoever believeth on him shall
not be ashamed.*

33. ashamed: or confounded.

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and
prayer to God for Israel is, that they
might be saved. 2 For I bear them re-
cord that they have a zeal of God, but
not according to knowledge. 3 For
they being ignorant of God's righ-
teousness, and going about to estab-
lish their own righteousness, have not
submitted themselves unto the righ-
teousness of God. 4 For Christ *is* the
end of the law for righteousness to ev-
ery one that believeth. 5 For Moses
describeth the righteousness which is
of the law, That the man which doeth
those things shall live by them. 6 But

the righteousness which is of faith
speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine
heart, Who shall ascend into heaven?
(that is, to bring Christ down *from*
above:) 7 Or, Who shall descend into
the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ
again from the dead.) 8 But what saith
it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in
thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is,
the word of faith, which we preach;
9 That if thou shalt confess with thy
mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt be-
lieve in thine heart that God hath
raised him from the dead, thou shalt
be saved. 10 For with the heart man be-
lieveth unto righteousness; and with

the mouth confession is made unto
salvation. 11 For the scripture saith,
Whosoever believeth on him shall not
be ashamed. 12 For there is no differ-
ence between the Jew and the Greek:
for the same Lord over all is rich unto
all that call upon him. 13 For whoso-
ever shall call upon the name of the
Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall
they call on him in whom they have
not believed? and how shall they be-
lieve in him of whom they have not
heard? and how shall they hear with-
out a preacher? 15 And how shall they
preach, except they be sent? as it is
written, How beautiful are the feet of

them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!
16 But they have not all obeyed the
gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who
hath believed our report?* 17 So then
faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing
by the word of God. 18 But I say, Have
they not heard? Yes verily, their sound
went into all the earth, and their words
unto the ends of the world. 19 But I
say, Did not Israel know? First Moses
saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by
them that are no people, *and* by a fool-
ish nation I will anger you. 20 But Esa-

10.16. our report: Gr. the hearing of us?. report: or, preaching?.

ias is very bold, and saith, I was found
of them that sought me not; I was
made manifest unto them that asked
not after me. [21] But to Israel he saith,
All day long I have stretched forth my
hands unto a disobedient and gainsay-
ing people.

11 I say then, Hath God cast
away his people? God forbid. For
I also am an Israelite, of the seed of
Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin.
[2] God hath not cast away his people
which he foreknew. Wot ye not what
the scripture saith of Elias? how he
maketh intercession to God against Is-

rael, saying,* 3 Lord, they have killed
thy prophets, and digged down thine
altars; and I am left alone, and they
seek my life. 4 But what saith the an-
swer of God unto him? I have reserved
to myself seven thousand men, who
have not bowed the knee to *the image
of* Baal. 5 Even so then at this present
time also there is a remnant accord-
ing to the election of grace. 6 And if
by grace, then *is it* no more of works:
otherwise grace is no more grace. But
if *it be* of works, then is it no more
grace: otherwise work is no more
work. 7 What then? Israel hath not

11.2. of Elias: Gr. in Elias?.

obtained that which he seeketh for;
but the election hath obtained it, and
the rest were blinded* 8 (According as
it is written, God hath given them the
spirit of slumber, eyes that they should
not see, and ears that they should not
hear;) unto this day.* 9 And David
saith, Let their table be made a snare,
and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and
a recompence unto them: 10 Let their
eyes be darkened, that they may not
see, and bow down their back alway.
11 I say then, Have they stumbled that
they should fall? God forbid: but

7. blinded: or, hardened.
8. slumber: or, remorse.

rather through their fall salvation *is*
come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke
them to jealousy. 12 Now if the fall of
them *be* the riches of the world, and
the diminishing of them the riches of
the Gentiles; how much more their
fulness?* 13 For I speak to you Gentiles,
inasmuch as I am the apostle of the
Gentiles, I magnify mine office: 14 If
by any means I may provoke to em-
ulation *them which are* my flesh, and
might save some of them. 15 For if the
casting away of them *be* the reconcil-
ing of the world, what *shall* the receiv-
ing *of them be*, but life from the dead?

12. diminishing: or, decay, or, loss.

16 For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the lump
is also *holy*: and if the root *be* holy,
so *are* the branches. 17 And if some of
the branches be broken off, and thou,
being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in
among them, and with them partak-
est of the root and fatness of the olive
tree;* 18 Boast not against the branches.
But if thou boast, thou bearest not the
root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wilt
say then, The branches were broken
off, that I might be graffed in. 20 Well;
because of unbelief they were broken
off, and thou standest by faith. Be not
highminded, but fear: 21 For if God

17. among them: or, for them.

spared not the natural branches, *take*
heed lest he also spare not thee. [22] Be-
hold therefore the goodness and sever-
ity of God: on them which fell, sever-
ity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou
continue in *his* goodness: otherwise
thou also shalt be cut off. [23] And they
also, if they abide not still in unbelief,
shall be graffed in: for God is able
to graff them in again. [24] For if thou
wert cut out of the olive tree which is
wild by nature, and wert graffed con-
trary to nature into a good olive tree:
how much more shall these, which be
the natural *branches*, be graffed into
their own olive tree? [25] For I would

not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.* [26] And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: [27] For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. [28] As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes. [29] For the gifts and call-

25. blindness: or, hardness.

ing of God *are* without repentance.
30 For as ye in times past have not be-
lieved God, yet have now obtained
mercy through their unbelief:* 31 Even
so have these also now not believed,
that through your mercy they also may
obtain mercy.* 32 For God hath con-
cluded them all in unbelief, that he
might have mercy upon all.* 33 O the
depth of the riches both of the wis-
dom and knowledge of God! how un-
searchable *are* his judgments, and his
ways past finding out! 34 For who hath

30. believed: or, obeyed.
31. believed: or, obeyed.
32. concluded...: or, shut them all up together.

known the mind of the Lord? or who
hath been his counsellor? [35] Or who
hath first given to him, and it shall be
recompensed unto him again? [36] For of
him, and through him, and to him, *are*
all things: to whom *be* glory for ever.
Amen.*

12 I beseech you therefore, breth-
ren, by the mercies of God, that ye
present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, *which is*
your reasonable service. [2] And be not
conformed to this world: but be ye
transformed by the renewing of your

36. whom: Gr. him.

mind, that ye may prove what *is* that
good, and acceptable, and perfect, will
of God. 3 For I say, through the
grace given unto me, to every man
that is among you, not to think *of*
himself more highly than he ought to
think; but to think soberly, accord-
ing as God hath dealt to every man
the measure of faith.* 4 For as we have
many members in one body, and all
members have not the same office:
5 So we, *being* many, are one body in
Christ, and every one members one
of another. 6 Having then gifts dif-
fering according to the grace that is

12.3. soberly: Gr. to sobriety.

given to us, whether prophecy, *let us*
prophesy according to the proportion
of faith; 7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on
our ministering: or he that teacheth,
on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth,
on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him*
do it with simplicity; he that ruleth,
with diligence; he that sheweth mercy,
with cheerfulness.* 9 *Let* love be with-
out dissimulation. Abhor that which
is evil; cleave to that which is good.
10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another
with brotherly love; in honour pre-

8. giveth: or, imparteth. with simplicity: or, liberally.

ferring one another;* [11] Not slothful
in business; fervent in spirit; serving
the Lord; [12] Rejoicing in hope; patient
in tribulation; continuing instant in
prayer; [13] Distributing to the necessity
of saints; given to hospitality. [14] Bless
them which persecute you: bless, and
curse not. [15] Rejoice with them that
do rejoice, and weep with them that
weep. [16] *Be* of the same mind one to-
ward another. Mind not high things,
but condescend to men of low es-
tate. Be not wise in your own con-
ceits.* [17] Recompense to no man evil

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10. with...: or, in the love of the brethren.

16. condescend...: or, be contented with mean

for evil. Provide things honest in the
sight of all men. [18] If it be possible,
as much as lieth in you, live peace-
ably with all men. [19] Dearly beloved,
avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give
place unto wrath: for it is written,
Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith
the Lord. [20] Therefore if thine enemy
hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him
drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap
coals of fire on his head. [21] Be not over-
come of evil, but overcome evil with
good.

13 Let every soul be subject unto

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things.

the higher powers. For there is no
power but of God: the powers that
be are ordained of God.* 2 Whoso-
ever therefore resisteth the power, re-
sisteth the ordinance of God: and they
that resist shall receive to themselves
damnation. 3 For rulers are not a ter-
ror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt
thou then not be afraid of the power?
do that which is good, and thou shalt
have praise of the same: 4 For he is
the minister of God to thee for good.
But if thou do that which is evil, be
afraid; for he beareth not the sword
in vain: for he is the minister of God,

13.1. ordained: or, ordered.

a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him
that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore *ye* must
needs be subject, not only for wrath,
but also for conscience sake. 6 For for
this cause pay ye tribute also: for they
are God's ministers, attending contin-
ually upon this very thing. 7 Ren-
der therefore to all their dues: trib-
ute to whom tribute *is due*; custom
to whom custom; fear to whom fear;
honour to whom honour. 8 Owe no
man any thing, but to love one an-
other: for he that loveth another hath
fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt
not commit adultery, Thou shalt not
kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt

not bear false witness, Thou shalt not
covet; and if *there be* any other com-
mandment, it is briefly comprehended
in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love
thy neighbour as thyself. [10] Love wor-
keth no ill to his neighbour: therefore
love *is* the fulfilling of the law. [11] And
that, knowing the time, that now *it is*
high time to awake out of sleep: for
now *is* our salvation nearer than when
we believed. [12] The night is far spent,
the day is at hand: let us therefore cast
off the works of darkness, and let us
put on the armour of light. [13] Let us
walk honestly, as in the day; not in ri-
oting and drunkenness, not in cham-

bering and wantonness, not in strife
and envying.* 14 But put ye on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and make not provision
for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

14 Him that is weak in the faith re-
ceive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputa-
tions.* 2 For one believeth that he may
eat all things: another, who is weak,
eateth herbs. 3 Let not him that eateth
despise him that eateth not; and let
not him which eateth not judge him
that eateth: for God hath received
him. 4 Who art thou that judgest an-

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13. honestly: or, decently.

14.1. not...: or, not to judge his doubtful thoughts.

other man's servant? to his own master
he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be
holden up: for God is able to make
him stand. 5 One man esteemeth one
day above another: another esteemeth
every day *alike*. Let every man be fully
persuaded in his own mind.* 6 He that
regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto
the Lord; and he that regardeth not
the day, to the Lord he doth not regard
it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord,
for he giveth God thanks; and he that
eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not,
and giveth God thanks.* 7 For none of

5. fully persuaded: or, fully assured.
6. regardeth: or, observeth.

us liveth to himself, and no man di-
eth to himself. 8 For whether we live,
we live unto the Lord; and whether
we die, we die unto the Lord: whe-
ther we live therefore, or die, we are
the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ
both died, and rose, and revived, that
he might be Lord both of the dead
and living. 10 But why dost thou judge
thy brother? or why dost thou set
at nought thy brother? for we shall
all stand before the judgment seat of
Christ. 11 For it is written, *As* I live,
saith the Lord, every knee shall bow
to me, and every tongue shall confess
to God. 12 So then every one of us

shall give account of himself to God.
13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.
14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.* 15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.*
16 Let not then your good be evil spo-

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14. unclean: Gr. common.
15. charitably: Gr. according to charity.

ken of: [17] For the kingdom of God is
not meat and drink; but righteousness,
and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
[18] For he that in these things serveth
Christ *is* acceptable to God, and ap-
proved of men. [19] Let us therefore fol-
low after the things which make for
peace, and things wherewith one may
edify another. [20] For meat destroy not
the work of God. All things indeed *are*
pure; but *it is* evil for that man who
eateth with offence. [21] *It is* good nei-
ther to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor
any thing whereby thy brother stum-
bleth, or is offended, or is made weak.
[22] Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself be-

fore God. Happy *is* he that condem-
neth not himself in that thing which
he alloweth. 23 And he that doubteth
is damned if he eat, because *he eateth*
not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of
faith is sin.*

15 We then that are strong ought
to bear the infirmities of the weak, and
not to please ourselves. 2 Let every
one of us please *his* neighbour for *his*
good to edification. 3 For even Christ
pleased not himself; but, as it is writ-
ten, The reproaches of them that re-

23. doubteth: or, discerneth and putteth a difference between meats. damned: or, condemned, or liable to punishment.

proached thee fell on me. 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. 5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:* 6 That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the

15.5. according to: or, after the example of.

truth of God, to confirm the promises
made unto the fathers: 9 And that
the Gentiles might glorify God for *his*
mercy; as it is written, For this cause
I will confess to thee among the Gen-
tiles, and sing unto thy name. 10 And
again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles,
with his people. 11 And again, Praise
the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud
him, all ye people. 12 And again, Esa-
ias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse,
and he that shall rise to reign over
the Gentiles; in him shall the Gen-
tiles trust. 13 Now the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in be-
lieving, that ye may abound in hope,

through the power of the Holy Ghost.
14 And I myself also am persuaded of
you, my brethren, that ye also are full
of goodness, filled with all knowledge,
able also to admonish one another.
15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have writ-
ten the more boldly unto you in some
sort, as putting you in mind, because
of the grace that is given to me of God,
16 That I should be the minister of Je-
sus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering
the gospel of God, that the offering up
of the Gentiles might be acceptable,
being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*
17 I have therefore whereof I may glory

16. offering up: or, sacrificing.

through Jesus Christ in those things
which pertain to God. 18 For I will not
dare to speak of any of those things
which Christ hath not wrought by
me, to make the Gentiles obedient,
by word and deed, 19 Through mighty
signs and wonders, by the power of the
Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem,
and round about unto Illyricum, I have
fully preached the gospel of Christ.
20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the
gospel, not where Christ was named,
lest I should build upon another man's
foundation: 21 But as it is written, To
whom he was not spoken of, they shall
see: and they that have not heard shall

understand. [22] For which cause also I
have been much hindered from com-
ing to you.* [23] But now having no more
place in these parts, and having a great
desire these many years to come unto
you; [24] Whensoever I take my journey
into Spain, I will come to you: for I
trust to see you in my journey, and to
be brought on my way thitherward by
you, if first I be somewhat filled with
your *company*.* [25] But now I go unto
Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.
[26] For it hath pleased them of Macedo-
nia and Achaia to make a certain con-

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22. much: or, many ways, or oftentimes.
24. with...: Gr. with you.

tribution for the poor saints which are
at Jerusalem. [27] It hath pleased them
verily; and their debtors they are. For
if the Gentiles have been made par-
takers of their spiritual things, their
duty is also to minister unto them
in carnal things. [28] When therefore I
have performed this, and have sealed
to them this fruit, I will come by you
into Spain. [29] And I am sure that, when
I come unto you, I shall come in the
fulness of the blessing of the gospel of
Christ. [30] Now I beseech you, breth-
ren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
and for the love of the Spirit, that ye
strive together with me in *your* prayers

to God for me; [31] That I may be de-
livered from them that do not believe
in Judaea; and that my service which
I have for Jerusalem may be accepted
of the saints;* [32] That I may come unto
you with joy by the will of God, and
may with you be refreshed. [33] Now the
God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

16 I commend unto you Phebe our
sister, which is a servant of the church
which is at Cenchrea: [2] That ye re-
ceive her in the Lord, as becometh
saints, and that ye assist her in what-
soever business she hath need of you:

31. do not...: or, are disobedient.

for she hath been a succourer of many,
and of myself also. 3 Greet Priscilla
and Aquila my helpers in Christ Je-
sus: 4 Who have for my life laid
down their own necks: unto whom
not only I give thanks, but also all
the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Like-
wise *greet* the church that is in their
house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaene-
tus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia
unto Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who be-
stowed much labour on us. 7 Salute
Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen,
and my fellowprisoners, who are of
note among the apostles, who also
were in Christ before me. 8 Greet Am-

plias my beloved in the Lord. 9 Salute
Urbane, our helper in Christ, and
Stachys my beloved. 10 Salute Apelles
approved in Christ. Salute them
which are of Aristobulus' *household*.*
11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet
them that be of the *household* of Nar-
cissus, which are in the Lord.* 12 Salute
Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour
in the Lord. Salute the beloved Per-
sis, which laboured much in the Lord.
13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and
his mother and mine. 14 Salute Asyn-
critus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas,

16.10. household: or, friends.
11. household: or, friends.

Hermes, and the brethren which are
with them. [15] Salute Philologus, and
Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olym-
pas, and all the saints which are with
them. [16] Salute one another with an
holy kiss. The churches of Christ
salute you. [17] Now I beseech you,
brethren, mark them which cause di-
visions and offences contrary to the
doctrine which ye have learned; and
avoid them. [18] For they that are such
serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but
their own belly; and by good words
and fair speeches deceive the hearts
of the simple. [19] For your obedience
is come abroad unto all *men*. I am

glad therefore on your behalf: but yet
I would have you wise unto that which
is good, and simple concerning evil.*
20 And the God of peace shall bruise
Satan under your feet shortly. The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with
you. Amen.* 21 Timotheus my work-
fellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and
Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. 22 I
Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, salute
you in the Lord. 23 Gaius mine host,
and of the whole church, saluteth you.
Erastus the chamberlain of the city
saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.

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19. simple: or, harmless.
20. bruise: or, tread.

24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all. Amen. 25 Now to him
that is of power to stablish you accord-
ing to my gospel, and the preaching of
Jesus Christ, according to the revela-
tion of the mystery, which was kept se-
cret since the world began, 26 But now
is made manifest, and by the scrip-
tures of the prophets, according to
the commandment of the everlasting
God, made known to all nations for
the obedience of faith: 27 To God only
wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for
ever. Amen. Written to the Romans
from Corinthus, *and sent* by Phebe ser-
vant of the church at Cenchrea.

THE
FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL
THE APOSTLE
TO THE
CORINTHIANS

Paul, called *to be* an apostle of
Jesus Christ through the will
of God, and Sosthenes *our*
brother, [2] Unto the church of God
which is at Corinth, to them that are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be*
saints, with all that in every place call
upon the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord, both theirs and ours: [3] Grace

be unto you, and peace, from God our
Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I thank my God always on your be-
half, for the grace of God which is
given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in
every thing ye are enriched by him,
in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge;
6 Even as the testimony of Christ was
confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come
behind in no gift; waiting for the com-
ing of our Lord Jesus Christ:* 8 Who
shall also confirm you unto the end,
that ye may be blameless in the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God *is* faith-
ful, by whom ye were called unto the

1.7. coming: Gr. revelation.

fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord. [10] Now I beseech you, brethren,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that ye all speak the same thing, and
that there be no divisions among you;
but *that* ye be perfectly joined to-
gether in the same mind and in the
same judgment.* [11] For it hath been de-
clared unto me of you, my brethren, by
them *which are of the house* of Chloe,
that there are contentions among you.
[12] Now this I say, that every one of you
saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos;
and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. [13] Is
Christ divided? was Paul crucified for

10. divisions: Gr. schisms.

you? or were ye baptized in the name
of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized
none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;
15 Lest any should say that I had bap-
tized in mine own name. 16 And I bap-
tized also the household of Stephanas:
besides, I know not whether I baptized
any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to
baptize, but to preach the gospel: not
with wisdom of words, lest the cross of
Christ should be made of none effect.*
18 For the preaching of the cross is to
them that perish foolishness; but unto
us which are saved it is the power of
God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy

17. words: or, speech.

the wisdom of the wise, and will bring
to nothing the understanding of the
prudent. [20] Where *is* the wise? where *is*
the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this
world? hath not God made foolish
the wisdom of this world? [21] For after
that in the wisdom of God the world
by wisdom knew not God, it pleased
God by the foolishness of preaching
to save them that believe. [22] For the
Jews require a sign, and the Greeks
seek after wisdom: [23] But we preach
Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stum-
blingblock, and unto the Greeks fool-
ishness; [24] But unto them which are
called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ

the power of God, and the wisdom
of God. [25] Because the foolishness of
God is wiser than men; and the weak-
ness of God is stronger than men.
[26] For ye see your calling, brethren, how
that not many wise men after the flesh,
not many mighty, not many noble,
are called: [27] But God hath chosen the
foolish things of the world to con-
found the wise; and God hath chosen
the weak things of the world to con-
found the things which are mighty;
[28] And base things of the world, and
things which are despised, hath God
chosen, *yea*, and things which are not,
to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his pres-
ence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ
Jesus, who of God is made unto us
wisdom, and righteousness, and sanc-
tification, and redemption: 31 That, ac-
cording as it is written, He that glori-
eth, let him glory in the Lord.

2 And I, brethren, when I came
to you, came not with excellency of
speech or of wisdom, declaring unto
you the testimony of God. 2 For I
determined not to know any thing
among you, save Jesus Christ, and him
crucified. 3 And I was with you in
weakness, and in fear, and in much

trembling. 4 And my speech and my
preaching *was* not with enticing words
of man's wisdom, but in demonstra-
tion of the Spirit and of power:* 5 That
your faith should not stand in the wis-
dom of men, but in the power of God.*
6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among
them that are perfect: yet not the wis-
dom of this world, nor of the princes
of this world, that come to nought:
7 But we speak the wisdom of God
in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*,
which God ordained before the world
unto our glory: 8 Which none of the

2.4. enticing: or, persuasible.
5. stand: Gr. be.

princes of this world knew: for had
they known *it*, they would not have
crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it
is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear
heard, neither have entered into the
heart of man, the things which God
hath prepared for them that love him.
10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us
by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth
all things, yea, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knoweth the things of
a man, save the spirit of man which
is in him? even so the things of God
knoweth no man, but the Spirit of
God. 12 Now we have received, not
the spirit of the world, but the spirit

which is of God; that we might know
the things that are freely given to us of
God. 13 Which things also we speak,
not in the words which man's wis-
dom teacheth, but which the Holy
Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual
things with spiritual. 14 But the nat-
ural man receiveth not the things of
the Spirit of God: for they are foolish-
ness unto him: neither can he know
them, because they are spiritually dis-
cerned. 15 But he that is spiritual jud-
geth all things, yet he himself is judged
of no man.* 16 For who hath known the
mind of the Lord, that he may instruct

15. judgeth: or, discerneth. judged: or, discerned.

him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

3 And I, brethren, could not speak
unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto
carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. 2 I
have fed you with milk, and not with
meat: for hitherto ye were not able
to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.
3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas
there is among you envying, and strife,
and divisions, are ye not carnal, and
walk as men?* 4 For while one saith, I
am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apol-
los; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is

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16. may: Gr. shall.

3.3. divisions: or, factions. as men: Gr. according to man?.

Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers
by whom ye believed, even as the Lord
gave to every man? 6 I have planted,
Apollos watered; but God gave the in-
crease. 7 So then neither is he that
planteth any thing, neither he that wa-
tereth; but God that giveth the in-
crease. 8 Now he that planteth and he
that watereth are one: and every man
shall receive his own reward accord-
ing to his own labour. 9 For we are
labourers together with God: ye are
God's husbandry, *ye are* God's build-
ing.* 10 According to the grace of God
which is given unto me, as a wise mas-

9. husbandry: or, tillage.

terbuilder, I have laid the foundation,
and another buildeth thereon. But let
every man take heed how he buildeth
thereupon. 11 For other foundation
can no man lay than that is laid, which
is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build
upon this foundation gold, silver, pre-
cious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Ev-
ery man's work shall be made mani-
fest: for the day shall declare it, be-
cause it shall be revealed by fire; and
the fire shall try every man's work of
what sort it is.* 14 If any man's work
abide which he hath built thereupon,
he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's

13. it shall be: Gr. it is.

work shall be burned, he shall suffer
loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet
so as by fire. 16 Know ye not that ye
are the temple of God, and *that* the
Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If
any man defile the temple of God,
him shall God destroy; for the temple
of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.*
18 Let no man deceive himself. If any
man among you seemeth to be wise
in this world, let him become a fool,
that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom
of this world is foolishness with God.
For it is written, He taketh the wise
in their own craftiness. 20 And again,

17. defile: or, destroy.

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the
wise, that they are vain. [21] Therefore let
no man glory in men. For all things are
yours; [22] Whether Paul, or Apollos, or
Cephas, or the world, or life, or death,
or things present, or things to come;
all are yours; [23] And ye are Christ's; and
Christ *is* God's.

4 Let a man so account of us, as
of the ministers of Christ, and stew-
ards of the mysteries of God. [2] More-
over it is required in stewards, that a
man be found faithful. [3] But with me
it is a very small thing that I should
be judged of you, or of man's judg-

ment: yea, I judge not mine own self.*
4 For I know nothing by myself; yet
am I not hereby justified: but he that
judgeth me is the Lord.* 5 Therefore
judge nothing before the time, until
the Lord come, who both will bring
to light the hidden things of dark-
ness, and will make manifest the coun-
sels of the hearts: and then shall ev-
ery man have praise of God. 6 And
these things, brethren, I have in a fig-
ure transferred to myself and *to* Apol-
los for your sakes; that ye might learn
in us not to think *of men* above that

4.3. judgment: Gr. day.
4. know: or, I am not conscious of any fault.

which is written, that no one of you
be puffed up for one against another.
7 For who maketh thee to differ *from*
another? and what hast thou that thou
didst not receive? now if thou didst re-
ceive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou
hadst not received *it*?* 8 Now ye are
full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned
as kings without us: and I would to
God ye did reign, that we also might
reign with you. 9 For I think that
God hath set forth us the apostles
last, as it were appointed to death:
for we are made a spectacle unto the

7. maketh...: Gr. distinguisheth thee.

world, and to angels, and to men.*
10 We *are* fools for Christ's sake, but ye
are wise in Christ; we *are* weak, but
ye *are* strong; ye *are* honourable, but
we *are* despised. 11 Even unto this pre-
sent hour we both hunger, and thirst,
and are naked, and are buffeted, and
have no certain dwellingplace; 12 And
labour, working with our own hands:
being reviled, we bless; being perse-
cuted, we suffer it: 13 Being defamed,
we intreat: we are made as the filth
of the world, *and are* the offscouring
of all things unto this day. 14 I write

9. us...: or, us the last apostles. spectacle: Gr. theatre.

not these things to shame you, but
as my beloved sons I warn *you*. [15] For
though ye have ten thousand instruc-
tors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fa-
thers: for in Christ Jesus I have begot-
ten you through the gospel. [16] Where-
fore I beseech you, be ye followers of
me. [17] For this cause have I sent unto
you Timotheus, who is my beloved
son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall
bring you into remembrance of my
ways which be in Christ, as I teach
every where in every church. [18] Now
some are puffed up, as though I would
not come to you. [19] But I will come to
you shortly, if the Lord will, and will

know, not the speech of them which
are puffed up, but the power. [20] For the
kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in
power. [21] What will ye? shall I come
unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in*
the spirit of meekness?

5 It is reported commonly *that*
there is fornication among you, and
such fornication as is not so much as
named among the Gentiles, that one
should have his father's wife. [2] And
ye are puffed up, and have not rather
mourned, that he that hath done this
deed might be taken away from among
you. [3] For I verily, as absent in body,

but present in spirit, have judged al-
ready, as though I were present, *con-*
cerning him that hath so done this
deed,* 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, when ye are gathered together,
and my spirit, with the power of our
Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an
one unto Satan for the destruction of
the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in
the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glo-
rying *is* not good. Know ye not that a
little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?
7 Purge out therefore the old leaven,
that ye may be a new lump, as ye are
unleavened. For even Christ our pass-

5.3. judged: or, determined.

over is sacrificed for us:* 8 Therefore let
us keep the feast, not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and
wickedness; but with the unleavened
bread of sincerity and truth.* 9 I wrote
unto you in an epistle not to company
with fornicators: 10 Yet not altogether
with the fornicators of this world, or
with the covetous, or extortioners, or
with idolaters; for then must ye needs
go out of the world. 11 But now I have
written unto you not to keep com-
pany, if any man that is called a brother
be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idol-

7. is sacrificed; or, is slain.
8. the feast: or, holyday.

ater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an
extortioner; with such an one no not
to eat. 12 For what have I to do to judge
them also that are without? do not
ye judge them that are within?* 13 But
them that are without God judgeth.
Therefore put away from among your-
selves that wicked person.

6 Dare any of you, having a mat-
ter against another, go to law before
the unjust, and not before the saints?
2 Do ye not know that the saints shall
judge the world? and if the world shall
be judged by you, are ye unworthy to

12. expedient: or, profitable.

judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye
not that we shall judge angels? how
much more things that pertain to this
life? 4 If then ye have judgments of
things pertaining to this life, set them
to judge who are least esteemed in the
church. 5 I speak to your shame. Is
it so, that there is not a wise man
among you? no, not one that shall
be able to judge between his breth-
ren? 6 But brother goeth to law with
brother, and that before the unbeliev-
ers. 7 Now therefore there is utterly
a fault among you, because ye go to
law one with another. Why do ye
not rather take wrong? why do ye not

rather *suffer yourselves to* be defrauded?
8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and
that *your* brethren. 9 Know ye not
that the unrighteous shall not inherit
the kingdom of God? Be not de-
ceived: neither fornicators, nor idol-
aters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate,
nor abusers of themselves with man-
kind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor
drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortion-
ers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
11 And such were some of you: but ye
are washed, but ye are sanctified, but
ye are justified in the name of the Lord
Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.
12 All things are lawful unto me, but all

things are not expedient: all things are
lawful for me, but I will not be brought
under the power of any. [13] Meats for
the belly, and the belly for meats: but
God shall destroy both it and them.
Now the body *is* not for fornication,
but for the Lord; and the Lord for the
body.* [14] And God hath both raised
up the Lord, and will also raise up us
by his own power. [15] Know ye not
that your bodies are the members of
Christ? shall I then take the members
of Christ, and make *them* the members
of an harlot? God forbid. [16] What?
know ye not that he which is joined to

6.13. Meats: not flesh only, but food of any kind.

an harlot is one body? for two, saith
he, shall be one flesh. [17] But he that
is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
[18] Flee fornication. Every sin that a
man doeth is without the body; but he
that committeth fornication sinneth
against his own body. [19] What? know
ye not that your body is the temple of
the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which
ye have of God, and ye are not your
own? [20] For ye are bought with a price:
therefore glorify God in your body,
and in your spirit, which are God's.

7 Now concerning the things
whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is* good

for a man not to touch a woman.
2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let
every man have his own wife, and let
every woman have her own husband.
3 Let the husband render unto the wife
due benevolence: and likewise also the
wife unto the husband. 4 The wife
hath not power of her own body, but
the husband: and likewise also the
husband hath not power of his own
body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not
one the other, except *it be* with con-
sent for a time, that ye may give your-
selves to fasting and prayer; and come
together again, that Satan tempt you
not for your incontinency. 6 But I

speak this by permission, *and* not of
commandment. 7 For I would that all
men were even as I myself. But ev-
ery man hath his proper gift of God,
one after this manner, and another af-
ter that. 8 I say therefore to the un-
married and widows, It is good for
them if they abide even as I. 9 But if
they cannot contain, let them marry:
for it is better to marry than to burn.
10 And unto the married I command,
yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife
depart from *her* husband: 11 But and
if she depart, let her remain unmar-
ried, or be reconciled to *her* husband:
and let not the husband put away *his*

wife. [12] But to the rest speak I, not the
Lord: If any brother hath a wife that
believeth not, and she be pleased to
dwell with him, let him not put her
away. [13] And the woman which hath
an husband that believeth not, and if
he be pleased to dwell with her, let her
not leave him. [14] For the unbelieving
husband is sanctified by the wife, and
the unbelieving wife is sanctified by
the husband: else were your children
unclean; but now are they holy. [15] But
if the unbelieving depart, let him de-
part. A brother or a sister is not under
bondage in such *cases*: but God hath

called us to peace.* 16 For what knowest
thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save
thy husband? or how knowest thou,
O man, whether thou shalt save *thy*
wife?* 17 But as God hath distributed
to every man, as the Lord hath called
every one, so let him walk. And so
ordain I in all churches. 18 Is any man
called being circumcised? let him not
become uncircumcised. Is any called
in uncircumcision? let him not be cir-
cumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing,
and uncircumcision is nothing, but
the keeping of the commandments of

7.15. to peace: Gr. in peace.
16. how: Gr. what.

God. [20] Let every man abide in the
same calling wherein he was called.
[21] Art thou called *being* a servant? care
not for it: but if thou mayest be made
free, use *it* rather. [22] For he that is
called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is
the Lord's freeman: likewise also he
that is called, *being* free, is Christ's ser-
vant.* [23] Ye are bought with a price; be
not ye the servants of men. [24] Breth-
ren, let every man, wherein he is called,
therein abide with God. [25] Now con-
cerning virgins I have no command-
ment of the Lord: yet I give my judg-
ment, as one that hath obtained mercy

22. freeman: Gr. made free.

of the Lord to be faithful. [26] I suppose
therefore that this is good for the pre-
sent distress, *I say*, that *it is* good for a
man so to be.* [27] Art thou bound unto
a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou
loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.
[28] But and if thou marry, thou hast not
sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath
not sinned. Nevertheless such shall
have trouble in the flesh: but I spare
you. [29] But this I say, brethren, the
time *is* short: it remaineth, that both
they that have wives be as though they
had none; [30] And they that weep, as
though they wept not; and they that

26. distress: or, necessity.

rejoice, as though they rejoiced not;
and they that buy, as though they pos-
sessed not; 31 And they that use this
world, as not abusing *it*: for the fash-
ion of this world passeth away. 32 But
I would have you without carefulness.
He that is unmarried careth for the
things that belong to the Lord, how
he may please the Lord:* 33 But he that
is married careth for the things that
are of the world, how he may please *his*
wife. 34 There is difference *also* between
a wife and a virgin. The unmarried wo-
man careth for the things of the Lord,
that she may be holy both in body and

32. that belong...: Gr. of the Lord.

in spirit: but she that is married careth
for the things of the world, how she
may please *her* husband. [35] And this
I speak for your own profit; not that
I may cast a snare upon you, but for
that which is comely, and that ye may
attend upon the Lord without distrac-
tion. [36] But if any man think that he be-
haveth himself uncomely toward his
virgin, if she pass the flower of *her* age,
and need so require, let him do what he
will, he sinneth not: let them marry.
[37] Nevertheless he that standeth sted-
fast in his heart, having no necessity,
but hath power over his own will, and
hath so decreed in his heart that he

will keep his virgin, doeth well. [38] So
then he that giveth *her* in marriage
doeth well; but he that giveth *her* not
in marriage doeth better. [39] The wife
is bound by the law as long as her
husband liveth; but if her husband be
dead, she is at liberty to be married to
whom she will; only in the Lord. [40] But
she is happier if she so abide, after my
judgment: and I think also that I have
the Spirit of God.

8 Now as touching things offered
unto idols, we know that we all have
knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up,
but charity edifieth. [2] And if any man

think that he knoweth any thing, he
knoweth nothing yet as he ought to
know. 3 But if any man love God,
the same is known of him. 4 As con-
cerning therefore the eating of those
things that are offered in sacrifice unto
idols, we know that an idol *is* noth-
ing in the world, and that *there is* none
other God but one. 5 For though
there be that are called gods, whe-
ther in heaven or in earth, (as there
be gods many, and lords many,) 6 But
to us *there is but* one God, the Fa-
ther, of whom *are* all things, and we
in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom *are* all things, and we by

him.* 7 Howbeit *there is* not in every
man that knowledge: for some with
conscience of the idol unto this hour
eat *it* as a thing offered unto an idol;
and their conscience being weak is de-
filed. 8 But meat commendeth us not
to God: for neither, if we eat, are we
the better; neither, if we eat not, are
we the worse.* 9 But take heed lest by
any means this liberty of yours be-
come a stumblingblock to them that
are weak.* 10 For if any man see thee

8.6. in: or, for.

8. are we the better: or, have we the more. are we the worse: or, have we the less.

9. liberty: or, power.

which hast knowledge sit at meat in
the idol's temple, shall not the con-
science of him which is weak be em-
boldened to eat those things which are
offered to idols;* 11 And through thy
knowledge shall the weak brother per-
ish, for whom Christ died? 12 But when
ye sin so against the brethren, and
wound their weak conscience, ye sin
against Christ. 13 Wherefore, if meat
make my brother to offend, I will eat
no flesh while the world standeth, lest
I make my brother to offend.

9 Am I not an apostle? am I not

10. emboldened: Gr. edified.

free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our
Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?
2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet
doubtless I am to you: for the seal of
mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.
3 Mine answer to them that do exam-
ine me is this, 4 Have we not power
to eat and to drink? 5 Have we not
power to lead about a sister, a wife,
as well as other apostles, and *as* the
brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?*
6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not
we power to forbear working? 7 Who
goeth a warfare any time at his own
charges? who planteth a vineyard, and

9.5. wife: or, woman.

eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who
feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the
milk of the flock? 8 Say I these things
as a man? or saith not the law the
same also? 9 For it is written in the
law of Moses, Thou shalt not muz-
zle the mouth of the ox that treadeth
out the corn. Doth God take care for
oxen? 10 Or saith he *it* altogether for
our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt,
this is written: that he that ploweth
should plow in hope; and that he that
thresheth in hope should be partaker
of his hope. 11 If we have sown unto
you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing
if we shall reap your carnal things? 12 If

others be partakers of *this* power over
you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless
we have not used this power; but suf-
fer all things, lest we should hinder the
gospel of Christ. 13 Do ye not know
that they which minister about holy
things live *of the things* of the tem-
ple? and they which wait at the altar
are partakers with the altar?* 14 Even
so hath the Lord ordained that they
which preach the gospel should live
of the gospel. 15 But I have used none
of these things: neither have I writ-
ten these things, that it should be so
done unto me: for *it were* better for

13. live: or, feed.

me to die, than that any man should
make my glorying void. 16 For though
I preach the gospel, I have nothing to
glory of: for necessity is laid upon me;
yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the
gospel! 17 For if I do this thing will-
ingly, I have a reward: but if against
my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is
committed unto me. 18 What is my re-
ward then? *Verily* that, when I preach
the gospel, I may make the gospel of
Christ without charge, that I abuse
not my power in the gospel. 19 For
though I be free from all *men*, yet have
I made myself servant unto all, that I
might gain the more. 20 And unto the

Jews I became as a Jew, that I might
gain the Jews; to them that are under
the law, as under the law, that I might
gain them that are under the law; [21] To
them that are without law, as without
law, (being not without law to God,
but under the law to Christ,) that I
might gain them that are without law.
[22] To the weak became I as weak, that
I might gain the weak: I am made all
things to all *men*, that I might by all
means save some. [23] And this I do for
the gospel's sake, that I might be par-
taker thereof with *you*. [24] Know ye not
that they which run in a race run all,
but one receiveth the prize? So run,

that ye may obtain. [25] And every man
that striveth for the mastery is tem-
perate in all things. Now they *do it*
to obtain a corruptible crown; but we
an incorruptible. [26] I therefore so run,
not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one
that beateth the air: [27] But I keep under
my body, and bring *it* into subjection:
lest that by any means, when I have
preached to others, I myself should be
a castaway.

10 Moreover, brethren, I would
not that ye should be ignorant, how
that all our fathers were under the
cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in
the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all
eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did
all drink the same spiritual drink: for
they drank of that spiritual Rock that
followed them: and that Rock was
Christ.* 5 But with many of them God
was not well pleased: for they were
overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now
these things were our examples, to the
intent we should not lust after evil
things, as they also lusted.* 7 Neither
be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them;
as it is written, The people sat down

10.4. followed...: or, went with them.
6. our...: Gr. our figures.

to eat and drink, and rose up to play.
8 Neither let us commit fornication, as
some of them committed, and fell in
one day three and twenty thousand.
9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some
of them also tempted, and were de-
stroyed of serpents. 10 Neither mur-
mur ye, as some of them also mur-
mured, and were destroyed of the de-
stroyer. 11 Now all these things hap-
pened unto them for ensamples: and
they are written for our admonition,
upon whom the ends of the world are
come.* 12 Wherefore let him that think-
eth he standeth take heed lest he fall.

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11. ensamples: or, types.

13 There hath no temptation taken you
but such as is common to man: but
God *is* faithful, who will not suffer
you to be tempted above that ye are
able; but will with the temptation also
make a way to escape, that ye may be
able to bear *it*.* 14 Wherefore, my dearly
beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak
as to wise men; judge ye what I say.
16 The cup of blessing which we bless,
is it not the communion of the blood
of Christ? The bread which we break,
is it not the communion of the body
of Christ? 17 For we *being* many are one
bread, *and* one body: for we are all par-

13. common...: or, moderate.

takers of that one bread. 18 Behold Is-
rael after the flesh: are not they which
eat of the sacrifices partakers of the al-
tar? 19 What say I then? that the idol
is any thing, or that which is offered
in sacrifice to idols is any thing? 20 But
I *say*, that the things which the Gen-
tiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils,
and not to God: and I would not that
ye should have fellowship with dev-
ils. 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the
Lord, and the cup of devils: ye can-
not be partakers of the Lord's table,
and of the table of devils. 22 Do we
provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we
stronger than he? 23 All things are law-

ful for me, but all things are not ex-
pedient: all things are lawful for me,
but all things edify not. [24] Let no man
seek his own, but every man another's
wealth. [25] Whatsoever is sold in the
shambles, *that* eat, asking no question
for conscience sake: [26] For the earth *is*
the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. [27] If
any of them that believe not bid you
to a feast, and ye be disposed to go;
whatsoever is set before you, eat, ask-
ing no question for conscience sake.
[28] But if any man say unto you, This is
offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not
for his sake that shewed it, and for con-
science sake: for the earth *is* the Lord's,

and the fulness thereof: 29 Conscience,
I say, not thine own, but of the other:
for why is my liberty judged of another
man's conscience? 30 For if I by grace
be a partaker, why am I evil spoken
of for that for which I give thanks?*
31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink,
or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory
of God. 32 Give none offence, neither
to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to
the church of God:* 33 Even as I please
all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine
own profit, but the *profit* of many, that
they may be saved.

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30. grace: or, thanksgiving.
32. Gentiles: Gr. Greeks.

11 Be ye followers of me, even as I
also *am* of Christ. 2 Now I praise you,
brethren, that ye remember me in all
things, and keep the ordinances, as I
delivered *them* to you.* 3 But I would
have you know, that the head of ev-
ery man is Christ; and the head of the
woman *is* the man; and the head of
Christ *is* God. 4 Every man praying
or prophesying, having *his* head cov-
ered, dishonoureth his head. 5 But ev-
ery woman that prayeth or prophesi-
eth with *her* head uncovered dishon-
oureth her head: for that is even all

11.2. ordinances: or, traditions.

one as if she were shaven. 6 For if the
woman be not covered, let her also be
shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman
to be shorn or shaven, let her be cov-
ered. 7 For a man indeed ought not
to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is
the image and glory of God: but the
woman is the glory of the man. 8 For
the man is not of the woman; but the
woman of the man. 9 Neither was the
man created for the woman; but the
woman for the man. 10 For this cause
ought the woman to have power on
her head because of the angels.* 11 Nev-

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10. power: that is a covering in sign that she is under the power of her husband.

ertheless neither is the man without
the woman, neither the woman with-
out the man, in the Lord. 12 For as the
woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the
man also by the woman; but all things
of God. 13 Judge in yourselves: is it
comely that a woman pray unto God
uncovered? 14 Doth not even nature it-
self teach you, that, if a man have long
hair, it is a shame unto him? 15 But if
a woman have long hair, it is a glory
to her: for *her* hair is given her for a
covering.* 16 But if any man seem to be
contentious, we have no such custom,
neither the churches of God. 17 Now

15. covering: or, veil.

in this that I declare *unto you* I praise
you not, that ye come together not for
the better, but for the worse. 18 For
first of all, when ye come together in
the church, I hear that there be divi-
sions among you; and I partly believe
it.* 19 For there must be also heresies
among you, that they which are ap-
proved may be made manifest among
you.* 20 When ye come together there-
fore into one place, *this* is not to eat
the Lord's supper.* 21 For in eating ev-
ery one taketh before *other* his own

18. divisions: or, schisms.
19. heresies: or, sects.
20. this...: or, ye cannot eat.

supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. [22] What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.* [23] For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: [24] And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

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22. have not: or, are poor?.
24. in...: or, for a remembrance.

[25] After the same manner also *he took*
the cup, when he had supped, saying,
This cup is the new testament in my
blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in
remembrance of me. [26] For as often as
ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye
do shew the Lord's death till he come.*
[27] Wherefore whosoever shall eat this
bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord,
unworthily, shall be guilty of the body
and blood of the Lord. [28] But let a man
examine himself, and so let him eat
of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.
[29] For he that eateth and drinketh un-
worthily, eateth and drinketh damna-

26. ye do...: or, shew ye.

tion to himself, not discerning the
Lord's body.* 30 For this cause many *are*
weak and sickly among you, and many
sleep. 31 For if we would judge our-
selves, we should not be judged. 32 But
when we are judged, we are chastened
of the Lord, that we should not be
condemned with the world. 33 Where-
fore, my brethren, when ye come to-
gether to eat, tarry one for another.
34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at
home; that ye come not together unto
condemnation. And the rest will I set
in order when I come.*

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29. damnation: or, judgment.
34. condemnation: or, judgment.

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*,
brethren, I would not have you igno-
rant. 2 Ye know that ye were Gen-
tiles, carried away unto these dumb
idols, even as ye were led. 3 Where-
fore I give you to understand, that no
man speaking by the Spirit of God cal-
leth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man
can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by
the Holy Ghost.* 4 Now there are di-
versities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 And there are differences of admin-
istrations, but the same Lord.* 6 And

12.3. accursed: or, anathema.
5. administrations: or, ministries.

there are diversities of operations, but
it is the same God which worketh all
in all. 7 But the manifestation of the
Spirit is given to every man to pro-
fit withal. 8 For to one is given by
the Spirit the word of wisdom; to an-
other the word of knowledge by the
same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the
same Spirit; to another the gifts of
healing by the same Spirit; 10 To an-
other the working of miracles; to an-
other prophecy; to another discern-
ing of spirits; to another *divers* kinds
of tongues; to another the interpreta-
tion of tongues: 11 But all these wor-
keth that one and the selfsame Spirit,

dividing to every man severally as he
will. [12] For as the body is one, and
hath many members, and all the mem-
bers of that one body, being many, are
one body: so also *is* Christ. [13] For by
one Spirit are we all baptized into one
body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles,
whether *we be* bond or free; and have
been all made to drink into one Spirit.*
[14] For the body is not one member, but
many. [15] If the foot shall say, Because I
am not the hand, I am not of the body;
is it therefore not of the body? [16] And if
the ear shall say, Because I am not the
eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore

13. Gentiles: Gr. Greeks.

not of the body? [17] If the whole body
were an eye, where *were* the hearing?
If the whole *were* hearing, where *were*
the smelling? [18] But now hath God set
the members every one of them in the
body, as it hath pleased him. [19] And if
they were all one member, where *were*
the body? [20] But now *are they* many
members, yet but one body. [21] And
the eye cannot say unto the hand, I
have no need of thee: nor again the
head to the feet, I have no need of you.
[22] Nay, much more those members of
the body, which seem to be more fee-
ble, are necessary: [23] And those *mem-
bers* of the body, which we think to

be less honourable, upon these we be-
stow more abundant honour; and our
uncomely *parts* have more abundant
comeliness.* [24] For our comely *parts*
have no need: but God hath tem-
pered the body together, having given
more abundant honour to that *part*
which lacked: [25] That there should be
no schism in the body; but *that* the
members should have the same care
one for another.* [26] And whether one
member suffer, all the members suffer
with it; or one member be honoured,
all the members rejoice with it. [27] Now

23. bestow: or, put on.
25. schism: or, division.

ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. [28] And God hath
set some in the church, first apostles,
secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers,
after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of
tongues.* [29] *Are* all apostles? *are* all
prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all
workers of miracles?* [30] Have all the
gifts of healing? do all speak with
tongues? do all interpret? [31] But covet
earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I
unto you a more excellent way.

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28. diversities: or, kinds.
29. workers...: or, powers?.

13 Though I speak with the
tongues of men and of angels, and have
not charity, I am become *as* sound-
ing brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And
though I have *the gift of* prophecy,
and understand all mysteries, and all
knowledge; and though I have all
faith, so that I could remove moun-
tains, and have not charity, I am noth-
ing. 3 And though I bestow all my
goods to feed *the poor*, and though I
give my body to be burned, and have
not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind;
charity envieth not; charity vaunteth

not itself, is not puffed up,* 5 Doth not
behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her
own, is not easily provoked, thinketh
no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but
rejoiceth in the truth;* 7 Beareth all
things, believeth all things, hopeth all
things, endureth all things. 8 Char-
ity never faileth: but whether *there*
be prophecies, they shall fail; whether
there be tongues, they shall cease; whe-
ther *there be* knowledge, it shall van-
ish away.* 9 For we know in part, and
we prophesy in part. 10 But when that

13.4. vaunteth...: or, is not rash.
6. in the truth: or, with the truth.
8. fail: Gr. vanish away.

which is perfect is come, then that
which is in part shall be done away.*
11 When I was a child, I spake as a child,
I understood as a child, I thought as a
child: but when I became a man, I put
away childish things.* 12 For now we see
through a glass, darkly; but then face
to face: now I know in part; but then
shall I know even as also I am known.*
13 And now abideth faith, hope, char-
ity, these three; but the greatest of
these *is* charity.

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10. done away: Gr. vanish away.

11. thought: or, reasoned. put away: Gr. vanish away.

12. darkly: Gr. in a riddle.

14 Follow after charity, and desire
spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may
prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in
an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto
men, but unto God: for no man un-
derstandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit
he speaketh mysteries.* 3 But he that
prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* ed-
ification, and exhortation, and com-
fort. 4 He that speaketh in an *unknown*
tongue edifieth himself; but he that
prophesieth edifieth the church. 5 I
would that ye all spake with tongues,
but rather that ye prophesied: for

14.2. understandeth: Gr. heareth.

greater *is* he that prophesieth than
he that speaketh with tongues, except
he interpret, that the church may re-
ceive edifying. 6 Now, brethren, if I
come unto you speaking with tongues,
what shall I profit you, except I shall
speak to you either by revelation, or
by knowledge, or by prophesying, or
by doctrine? 7 And even things with-
out life giving sound, whether pipe
or harp, except they give a distinc-
tion in the sounds, how shall it be
known what is piped or harped?* 8 For
if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,
who shall prepare himself to the bat-

7. sounds: or, tunes.

tle? 9 So likewise ye, except ye utter
by the tongue words easy to be under-
stood, how shall it be known what is
spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.*
10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of
voices in the world, and none of them
is without signification. 11 Therefore if
I know not the meaning of the voice, I
shall be unto him that speaketh a bar-
barian, and he that speaketh *shall be*
a barbarian unto me. 12 Even so ye,
forasmuch as ye are zealous of spir-
itual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to
the edifying of the church.* 13 Where-

9. easy...: Gr. significant.
12. of spiritual gifts: Gr. of spirits.

fore let him that speaketh in an *un-*
known tongue pray that he may inter-
pret. [14] For if I pray in an *unknown*
tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my un-
derstanding is unfruitful. [15] What is it
then? I will pray with the spirit, and I
will pray with the understanding also:
I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing
with the understanding also. [16] Else
when thou shalt bless with the spirit,
how shall he that occupieth the room
of the unlearned say Amen at thy giv-
ing of thanks, seeing he understandeth
not what thou sayest? [17] For thou verily
givest thanks well, but the other is not
edified. [18] I thank my God, I speak with

tongues more than ye all: [19] Yet in the
church I had rather speak five words
with my understanding, that *by my*
voice I might teach others also, than
ten thousand words in an *unknown*
tongue. [20] Brethren, be not children in
understanding: howbeit in malice be
ye children, but in understanding be
men.* [21] In the law it is written, With
men of other tongues and other lips
will I speak unto this people; and yet
for all that will they not hear me, saith
the Lord. [22] Wherefore tongues are for
a sign, not to them that believe, but to
them that believe not: but prophesy-

20. men: Gr. perfect, or, of a ripe age.

ing *serveth* not for them that believe
not, but for them which believe. [23] If
therefore the whole church be come
together into one place, and all speak
with tongues, and there come in *those*
that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will
they not say that ye are mad? [24] But
if all prophesy, and there come in one
that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he
is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
[25] And thus are the secrets of his heart
made manifest; and so falling down
on *his* face he will worship God, and
report that God is in you of a truth.
[26] How is it then, brethren? when ye
come together, every one of you hath a

psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue,
hath a revelation, hath an interpreta-
tion. Let all things be done unto ed-
ifying. [27] If any man speak in an *un-*
known tongue, *let it be* by two, or at
the most *by* three, and *that* by course;
and let one interpret.* [28] But if there be
no interpreter, let him keep silence in
the church; and let him speak to him-
self, and to God. [29] Let the prophets
speak two or three, and let the other
judge. [30] If *any thing* be revealed to an-
other that sitteth by, let the first hold
his peace. [31] For ye may all prophesy
one by one, that all may learn, and all

27. two...: by two or three sentences separately.

may be comforted. 32 And the spir-
its of the prophets are subject to the
prophets. 33 For God is not *the au-*
thor of confusion, but of peace, as in
all churches of the saints.* 34 Let your
women keep silence in the churches:
for it is not permitted unto them to
speak; but *they are commanded* to be
under obedience, as also saith the law.
35 And if they will learn any thing, let
them ask their husbands at home: for
it is a shame for women to speak in
the church. 36 What? came the word
of God out from you? or came it unto
you only? 37 If any man think himself

33. confusion: Gr. tumult, or, unquietness.

to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him ac-
knowledge that the things that I write
unto you are the commandments of
the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant,
let him be ignorant. 39 Wherefore,
brethren, covet to prophesy, and for-
bid not to speak with tongues. 40 Let
all things be done decently and in or-
der.

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare
unto you the gospel which I preached
unto you, which also ye have received,
and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also
ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what
I preached unto you, unless ye have be-

lieved in vain.* 3 For I delivered unto
you first of all that which I also re-
ceived, how that Christ died for our
sins according to the scriptures; 4 And
that he was buried, and that he rose
again the third day according to the
scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of
Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After
that, he was seen of above five hun-
dred brethren at once; of whom the
greater part remain unto this present,
but some are fallen asleep. 7 After
that, he was seen of James; then of
all the apostles. 8 And last of all he

15.2. keep...: or, hold fast. what: Gr. by what speech.

was seen of me also, as of one born
out of due time.* 9 For I am the least
of the apostles, that am not meet to
be called an apostle, because I perse-
cuted the church of God. 10 But by
the grace of God I am what I am: and
his grace which *was bestowed* upon me
was not in vain; but I laboured more
abundantly than they all: yet not I, but
the grace of God which was with me.
11 Therefore whether *it were* I or they, so
we preach, and so ye believed. 12 Now
if Christ be preached that he rose from
the dead, how say some among you
that there is no resurrection of the

8. one...: or, an abortive.

dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection
of the dead, then is Christ not risen:
14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is*
our preaching vain, and your faith *is*
also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false
witnesses of God; because we have tes-
tified of God that he raised up Christ:
whom he raised not up, if so be that
the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise
not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if
Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain;
ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also
which are fallen asleep in Christ are
perished. 19 If in this life only we have
hope in Christ, we are of all men most
miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen

from the dead, *and* become the first-
fruits of them that slept. [21] For since
by man *came* death, by man *came* also
the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as
in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall
all be made alive. [23] But every man in
his own order: Christ the firstfruits;
afterward they that are Christ's at his
coming. [24] Then *cometh* the end, when
he shall have delivered up the kingdom
to God, even the Father; when he shall
have put down all rule and all author-
ity and power. [25] For he must reign,
till he hath put all enemies under his
feet. [26] The last enemy *that* shall be
destroyed *is* death. [27] For he hath put

all things under his feet. But when he
saith all things are put under *him, it is*
manifest that he is excepted, which did
put all things under him. [28] And when
all things shall be subdued unto him,
then shall the Son also himself be sub-
ject unto him that put all things under
him, that God may be all in all. [29] Else
what shall they do which are baptized
for the dead, if the dead rise not at
all? why are they then baptized for the
dead? [30] And why stand we in jeopardy
every hour? [31] I protest by your rejoic-
ing which I have in Christ Jesus our
Lord, I die daily.* [32] If after the man-

31. your: some read our.

ner of men I have fought with beasts
at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if
the dead rise not? let us eat and drink;
for to morrow we die.* [33] Be not de-
ceived: evil communications corrupt
good manners. [34] Awake to righteous-
ness, and sin not; for some have not the
knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your
shame. [35] But some *man* will say, How
are the dead raised up? and with what
body do they come? [36] *Thou* fool, that
which thou sowest is not quickened,
except it die: [37] And that which thou
sowest, thou sowest not that body that
shall be, but bare grain, it may chance

32. after...: or, to speak after the manner of men.

of wheat, or of some other *grain*: [38] But
God giveth it a body as it hath pleased
him, and to every seed his own body.
[39] All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but
there is one *kind of* flesh of men, an-
other flesh of beasts, another of fishes,
and another of birds. [40] *There are* also
celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial:
but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and
the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.
[41] *There is* one glory of the sun, and an-
other glory of the moon, and another
glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth
from *another* star in glory. [42] So also *is*
the resurrection of the dead. It is sown
in corruption; it is raised in incorrup-

tion: [43] It is sown in dishonour; it is
raised in glory: it is sown in weakness;
it is raised in power: [44] It is sown a nat-
ural body; it is raised a spiritual body.
There is a natural body, and there is a
spiritual body. [45] And so it is written,
The first man Adam was made a living
soul; the last Adam *was made* a quick-
ening spirit. [46] Howbeit that *was* not
first which is spiritual, but that which
is natural; and afterward that which
is spiritual. [47] The first man *is* of the
earth, earthy: the second man *is* the
Lord from heaven. [48] As *is* the earthy,
such *are* they also that are earthy: and
as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also

that are heavenly. [49] And as we have
borne the image of the earthy, we shall
also bear the image of the heavenly.
[50] Now this I say, brethren, that flesh
and blood cannot inherit the kingdom
of God; neither doth corruption in-
herit incorruption. [51] Behold, I shew
you a mystery; We shall not all sleep,
but we shall all be changed, [52] In a mo-
ment, in the twinkling of an eye, at
the last trump: for the trumpet shall
sound, and the dead shall be raised in-
corruptible, and we shall be changed.
[53] For this corruptible must put on in-
corruption, and this mortal *must* put
on immortality. [54] So when this cor-

ruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. [55] O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?* [56] The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. [57] But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. [58] Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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55. grave: or, hell.

16 Now concerning the collection
for the saints, as I have given order
to the churches of Galatia, even so
do ye. 2 Upon the first *day* of the
week let every one of you lay by him
in store, as *God* hath prospered him,
that there be no gatherings when I
come. 3 And when I come, whomso-
ever ye shall approve by *your* letters,
them will I send to bring your liberal-
ity unto Jerusalem.* 4 And if it be meet
that I go also, they shall go with me.
5 Now I will come unto you, when I
shall pass through Macedonia: for I

16.3. liberality: Gr. gift.

do pass through Macedonia. 6 And
it may be that I will abide, yea, and
winter with you, that ye may bring
me on my journey whithersoever I go.
7 For I will not see you now by the
way; but I trust to tarry a while with
you, if the Lord permit. 8 But I will
tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. 9 For
a great door and effectual is opened
unto me, and *there are* many adver-
saries. 10 Now if Timotheus come, see
that he may be with you without fear:
for he worketh the work of the Lord,
as I also *do*. 11 Let no man therefore
despise him: but conduct him forth
in peace, that he may come unto me:

for I look for him with the brethren.
12 As touching *our* brother Apollos, I
greatly desired him to come unto you
with the brethren: but his will was
not at all to come at this time; but
he will come when he shall have con-
venient time. 13 Watch ye, stand fast
in the faith, quit you like men, be
strong. 14 Let all your things be done
with charity. 15 I beseech you, breth-
ren, (ye know the house of Stephanas,
that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and
that they have addicted themselves to
the ministry of the saints,) 16 That ye
submit yourselves unto such, and to
every one that helpeth with *us*, and

labouretH. 17 I am glad of the com-
ing of Stephanas and Fortunatus and
Achaicus: for that which was lack-
ing on your part they have supplied.
18 For they have refreshed my spirit and
yours: therefore acknowledge ye them
that are such. 19 The churches of Asia
salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute
you much in the Lord, with the church
that is in their house. 20 All the breth-
ren greet you. Greet ye one another
with an holy kiss. 21 The salutation of
me Paul with mine own hand. 22 If any
man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let
him be Anathema Maranatha. 23 The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with

you. [24]My love *be* with you all in
Christ Jesus. Amen. The first *epistle*
to the Corinthians was written from
Philippi by Stephanas and Fortunatus
and Achaicus and Timotheus.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the will of God, and Timothy
our brother, unto the church of
God which is at Corinth, with all the
saints which are in all Achaia: 2 Grace
be to you and peace from God our Fa-
ther, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of

mercies, and the God of all comfort;
4 Who comforteth us in all our tribu-
lation, that we may be able to comfort
them which are in any trouble, by the
comfort wherewith we ourselves are
comforted of God. 5 For as the suf-
ferings of Christ abound in us, so our
consolation also aboundeth by Christ.
6 And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for
your consolation and salvation, which
is effectual in the enduring of the same
sufferings which we also suffer: or
whether we be comforted, *it is* for your
consolation and salvation.* 7 And our
hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that

1.6. is effectual: or, is wrought.

as ye are partakers of the sufferings,
so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.
8 For we would not, brethren, have you
ignorant of our trouble which came
to us in Asia, that we were pressed
out of measure, above strength, inso-
much that we despaired even of life:
9 But we had the sentence of death in
ourselves, that we should not trust in
ourselves, but in God which raiseth
the dead:* 10 Who delivered us from
so great a death, and doth deliver: in
whom we trust that he will yet de-
liver *us*; 11 Ye also helping together by
prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed*

9. sentence: or, answer.

upon us by the means of many per-
sons thanks may be given by many on
our behalf. [12] For our rejoicing is this,
the testimony of our conscience, that
in simplicity and godly sincerity, not
with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace
of God, we have had our conversation
in the world, and more abundantly to
you-ward. [13] For we write none other
things unto you, than what ye read or
acknowledge; and I trust ye shall ac-
knowledge even to the end; [14] As also
ye have acknowledged us in part, that
we are your rejoicing, even as ye also
are ours in the day of the Lord Je-
sus. [15] And in this confidence I was

minded to come unto you before, that
ye might have a second benefit;* 16 And
to pass by you into Macedonia, and
to come again out of Macedonia unto
you, and of you to be brought on my
way toward Judaea. 17 When I there-
fore was thus minded, did I use light-
ness? or the things that I purpose, do
I purpose according to the flesh, that
with me there should be yea yea, and
nay nay? 18 But *as* God *is* true, our word
toward you was not yea and nay.* 19 For
the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was
preached among you by us, *even* by me

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15. benefit: or, grace.
18. word: or, preaching.

and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not
yea and nay, but in him was yea. [20] For
all the promises of God in him *are*
yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory
of God by us. [21] Now he which stab-
lisheth us with you in Christ, and hath
anointed us, *is* God; [22] Who hath also
sealed us, and given the earnest of the
Spirit in our hearts. [23] Moreover I call
God for a record upon my soul, that
to spare you I came not as yet unto
Corinth. [24] Not for that we have do-
minion over your faith, but are helpers
of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

2 But I determined this with my-

self, that I would not come again to
you in heaviness. 2 For if I make you
sorry, who is he then that maketh me
glad, but the same which is made sorry
by me? 3 And I wrote this same unto
you, lest, when I came, I should have
sorrow from them of whom I ought
to rejoice; having confidence in you
all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all.
4 For out of much affliction and an-
guish of heart I wrote unto you with
many tears; not that ye should be
grieved, but that ye might know the
love which I have more abundantly
unto you. 5 But if any have caused
grief, he hath not grieved me, but

in part: that I may not overcharge
you all. 6 Sufficient to such a man *is*
this punishment, which *was inflicted* of
many.* 7 So that contrariwise ye *ought*
rather to forgive *him*, and comfort
him, lest perhaps such a one should
be swallowed up with overmuch sor-
row. 8 Wherefore I beseech you that
ye would confirm *your* love toward
him. 9 For to this end also did I write,
that I might know the proof of you,
whether ye be obedient in all things.
10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *for-
give* also: for if I forgave any thing,
to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes

2.6. punishment: or, censure.

forgave I it in the person of Christ;*
11 Lest Satan should get an advantage
of us: for we are not ignorant of his de-
vices. 12 Furthermore, when I came to
Troas to *preach* Christ's gospel, and a
door was opened unto me of the Lord,
13 I had no rest in my spirit, because
I found not Titus my brother: but
taking my leave of them, I went from
thence into Macedonia. 14 Now thanks
be unto God, which always causeth
us to triumph in Christ, and maketh
manifest the savour of his knowledge
by us in every place. 15 For we are unto
God a sweet savour of Christ, in them

10. person: or, sight.

that are saved, and in them that per-
ish: [16] To the one *we are* the savour of
death unto death; and to the other the
savour of life unto life. And who *is* suf-
ficient for these things? [17] For we are
not as many, which corrupt the word
of God: but as of sincerity, but as of
God, in the sight of God speak we in
Christ.*

3 Do we begin again to com-
mend ourselves? or need we, as some
others, epistles of commendation to
you, or *letters* of commendation from
you? [2] Ye are our epistle written in

17. corrupt: or, deal deceitfully with. in Christ: or, of Christ.

our hearts, known and read of all men:
3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly de-
clared to be the epistle of Christ min-
istered by us, written not with ink, but
with the Spirit of the living God; not
in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables
of the heart. 4 And such trust have we
through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not
that we are sufficient of ourselves to
think any thing as of ourselves; but our
sufficiency *is* of God; 6 Who also hath
made us able ministers of the new tes-
tament; not of the letter, but of the
spirit: for the letter killeth, but the
spirit giveth life.* 7 But if the ministra-

3.6. giveth life: or, quickeneth.

tion of death, written *and* engraven in
stones, was glorious, so that the chil-
dren of Israel could not stedfastly be-
hold the face of Moses for the glory
of his countenance; which *glory* was
to be done away: 8 How shall not the
ministration of the spirit be rather glo-
rious? 9 For if the ministration of con-
demnation *be* glory, much more doth
the ministration of righteousness ex-
ceed in glory. 10 For even that which
was made glorious had no glory in this
respect, by reason of the glory that ex-
celleth. 11 For if that which is done
away *was* glorious, much more that
which remaineth *is* glorious. 12 Seeing

then that we have such hope, we use
great plainness of speech:* 13 And not
as Moses, *which* put a vail over his face,
that the children of Israel could not
stedfastly look to the end of that which
is abolished: 14 But their minds were
blinded: for until this day remaineth
the same vail untaken away in the read-
ing of the old testament; which *vail*
is done away in Christ. 15 But even
unto this day, when Moses is read, the
vail is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless
when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail
shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is
that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the

12. plainness: or, boldness.

Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. [18] But we all,
with open face beholding as in a glass
the glory of the Lord, are changed into
the same image from glory to glory,
even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

4 Therefore seeing we have this
ministry, as we have received mercy,
we faint not; [2] But have renounced
the hidden things of dishonesty, not
walking in craftiness, nor handling the
word of God deceitfully; but by man-
ifestation of the truth commending
ourselves to every man's conscience in

18. by the...: or, of the Lord the Spirit.

the sight of God.* 3 But if our gospel
be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:
4 In whom the god of this world hath
blinded the minds of them which be-
lieve not, lest the light of the glorious
gospel of Christ, who is the image of
God, should shine unto them. 5 For
we preach not ourselves, but Christ Je-
sus the Lord; and ourselves your ser-
vants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who
commanded the light to shine out of
darkness, hath shined in our hearts,
to *give* the light of the knowledge of
the glory of God in the face of Jesus

4.2. dishonesty: Gr. shame.

Christ.* 7 But we have this treasure in
earthen vessels, that the excellency of
the power may be of God, and not of
us. 8 *We are* troubled on every side,
yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed,
but not in despair;* 9 Persecuted, but
not forsaken; cast down, but not de-
stroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the
body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that
the life also of Jesus might be made
manifest in our body. 11 For we which
live are alway delivered unto death for
Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus

6. hath: Gr. is he who hath.
8. in despair: or, altogether without help, or, means.

might be made manifest in our mor-
tal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in
us, but life in you. 13 We having the
same spirit of faith, according as it is
written, I believed, and therefore have
I spoken; we also believe, and therefore
speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised
up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also
by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you.
15 For all things *are* for your sakes, that
the abundant grace might through the
thanksgiving of many redound to the
glory of God. 16 For which cause we
faint not; but though our outward
man perish, yet the inward *man* is re-
newed day by day. 17 For our light af-

fliction, which is but for a moment,
worketh for us a far more exceeding
and eternal weight of glory; [18] While
we look not at the things which are
seen, but at the things which are not
seen: for the things which are seen *are*
temporal; but the things which are not
seen *are* eternal.

5 For we know that if our earthly
house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved,
we have a building of God, an house
not made with hands, eternal in the
heavens. [2] For in this we groan,
earnestly desiring to be clothed upon
with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall
not be found naked. 4 For we that are
in *this* tabernacle do groan, being bur-
dened: not for that we would be un-
clothed, but clothed upon, that mor-
tality might be swallowed up of life.
5 Now he that hath wrought us for
the selfsame thing *is* God, who also
hath given unto us the earnest of the
Spirit. 6 Therefore *we are* always con-
fident, knowing that, whilst we are at
home in the body, we are absent from
the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not
by sight:) 8 We are confident, *I say*,
and willing rather to be absent from
the body, and to be present with the

Lord. [9] Wherefore we labour, that,
whether present or absent, we may
be accepted of him.* [10] For we must
all appear before the judgment seat of
Christ; that every one may receive the
things *done* in *his* body, according to
that he hath done, whether *it be* good
or bad. [11] Knowing therefore the ter-
ror of the Lord, we persuade men; but
we are made manifest unto God; and
I trust also are made manifest in your
consciences. [12] For we commend not
ourselves again unto you, but give you
occasion to glory on our behalf, that
ye may have somewhat to *answer* them

5.9. labour: or, endeavour.

which glory in appearance, and not in
heart.* 13 For whether we be beside our-
selves, *it is* to God: or whether we be
sober, *it is* for your cause. 14 For the
love of Christ constraineth us; because
we thus judge, that if one died for all,
then were all dead: 15 And *that* he died
for all, that they which live should not
henceforth live unto themselves, but
unto him which died for them, and
rose again. 16 Wherefore henceforth
know we no man after the flesh: yea,
though we have known Christ after
the flesh, yet now henceforth know
we *him* no more. 17 Therefore if any

12. in appearance: Gr. in the face.

man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature:
old things are passed away; behold,
all things are become new.* [18] And all
things *are* of God, who hath recon-
ciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and
hath given to us the ministry of rec-
onciliation; [19] To wit, that God was
in Christ, reconciling the world unto
himself, not imputing their trespasses
unto them; and hath committed unto
us the word of reconciliation.* [20] Now
then we are ambassadors for Christ, as
though God did beseech *you* by us: we
pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye recon-

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17. he is: or, let him be.

19. committed...: Gr. put in us.

ciled to God. [21] For he hath made him
to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that
we might be made the righteousness
of God in him.
6 We then, *as* workers together
with him, beseech *you* also that ye re-
ceive not the grace of God in vain.
[2] (For he saith, I have heard thee in a
time accepted, and in the day of sal-
vation have I succoured thee: behold,
now *is* the accepted time; behold, now
is the day of salvation.) [3] Giving no
offence in any thing, that the min-
istry be not blamed: [4] But in all *things*
approving ourselves as the ministers
of God, in much patience, in afflic-

tions, in necessities, in distresses,* 5 In
stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults,
in labours, in watchings, in fastings;*
6 By pureness, by knowledge, by long-
suffering, by kindness, by the Holy
Ghost, by love unfeigned, 7 By the
word of truth, by the power of God,
by the armour of righteousness on the
right hand and on the left, 8 By hon-
our and dishonour, by evil report and
good report: as deceivers, and *yet* true;
9 As unknown, and *yet* well known; as
dying, and, behold, we live; as chas-
tened, and not killed; 10 As sorrow-

6.4. approving: Gr. commending.
5. in tumults: or, in tossings to and fro.

ful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet
making many rich; as having nothing,
and *yet* possessing all things. [11] O *ye*
Corinthians, our mouth is open unto
you, our heart is enlarged. [12] Ye are
not straitened in us, but ye are strait-
ened in your own bowels. [13] Now for
a recompence in the same, (I speak as
unto *my* children,) be ye also enlarged.
[14] Be ye not unequally yoked together
with unbelievers: for what fellowship
hath righteousness with unrighteous-
ness? and what communion hath light
with darkness? [15] And what concord
hath Christ with Belial? or what part
hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the
temple of the living God; as God hath
said, I will dwell in them, and walk in
them; and I will be their God, and they
shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come
out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the
unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,
18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye
shall be my sons and daughters, saith
the Lord Almighty.

7 Having therefore these promises,
dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves
from all filthiness of the flesh and

spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of
God. [2] Receive us; we have wronged
no man, we have corrupted no man,
we have defrauded no man. [3] I speak
not *this* to condemn *you*: for I have
said before, that ye are in our hearts
to die and live with *you*. [4] Great *is* my
boldness of speech toward you, great
is my glorying of you: I am filled with
comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all
our tribulation. [5] For, when we were
come into Macedonia, our flesh had
no rest, but we were troubled on every
side; without *were* fightings, within
were fears. [6] Nevertheless God, that
comforteth those that are cast down,

comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7 And not by his coming only,
but by the consolation wherewith he
was comforted in you, when he told
us your earnest desire, your mourning,
your fervent mind toward me; so that
I rejoiced the more. 8 For though I
made you sorry with a letter, I do not
repent, though I did repent: for I per-
ceive that the same epistle hath made
you sorry, though *it were* but for a sea-
son. 9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were
made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to re-
pentance: for ye were made sorry after
a godly manner, that ye might receive

damage by us in nothing.* [10] For godly
sorrow worketh repentance to salva-
tion not to be repented of: but the sor-
row of the world worketh death. [11] For
behold this selfsame thing, that ye sor-
rowed after a godly sort, what careful-
ness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clear-
ing of yourselves, yea, *what* indigna-
tion, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehe-
ment desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what*
revenge! In all *things* ye have approved
yourselves to be clear in this matter.
[12] Wherefore, though I wrote unto you,
I did it not for his cause that had done
the wrong, nor for his cause that suf-

7.9. after...: or, according to God.

fered wrong, but that our care for you
in the sight of God might appear unto
you. 13 Therefore we were comforted
in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly
the more joyed we for the joy of Titus,
because his spirit was refreshed by you
all. 14 For if I have boasted any thing
to him of you, I am not ashamed; but
as we spake all things to you in truth,
even so our boasting, which *I made* be-
fore Titus, is found a truth. 15 And his
inward affection is more abundant to-
ward you, whilst he remembereth the
obedience of you all, how with fear
and trembling ye received him.* 16 I re-

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15. inward...: Gr. bowels.

joice therefore that I have confidence
in you in all *things*.

8 Moreover, brethren, we do you
to wit of the grace of God bestowed
on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How
that in a great trial of affliction the
abundance of their joy and their deep
poverty abounded unto the riches of
their liberality.* 3 For to *their* power,
I bear record, yea, and beyond *their*
power *they were* willing of themselves;
4 Praying us with much intreaty that
we would receive the gift, and *take*
upon us the fellowship of the minister-

8.2. liberality: Gr. simplicity.

ing to the saints. 5 And *this they did*,
not as we hoped, but first gave their
own selves to the Lord, and unto us
by the will of God. 6 Insomuch that
we desired Titus, that as he had be-
gun, so he would also finish in you
the same grace also.* 7 Therefore, as
ye abound in every *thing, in* faith, and
utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all
diligence, and *in* your love to us, *see*
that ye abound in this grace also. 8 I
speak not by commandment, but by
occasion of the forwardness of others,
and to prove the sincerity of your love.
9 For ye know the grace of our Lord

6. grace: or, gift.

Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor, that
ye through his poverty might be rich.
10 And herein I give *my* advice: for this
is expedient for you, who have begun
before, not only to do, but also to
be forward a year ago.* 11 Now there-
fore perform the doing *of it*; that as
there was a readiness to will, so *there*
may be a performance also out of that
which ye have. 12 For if there be first a
willing mind, *it is* accepted according
to that a man hath, *and* not accord-
ing to that he hath not. 13 For *I mean*
not that other men be eased, and ye

10. forward: Gr. willing.

burdened: 14 But by an equality, *that*
now at this time your abundance *may*
be a supply for their want, that their
abundance also may be *a supply* for
your want: that there may be equal-
ity: 15 As it is written, He that *had*
gathered much had nothing over; and
he that *had gathered* little had no lack.
16 But thanks *be* to God, which put the
same earnest care into the heart of Ti-
tus for you. 17 For indeed he accepted
the exhortation; but being more for-
ward, of his own accord he went unto
you. 18 And we have sent with him the
brother, whose praise *is* in the gospel
throughout all the churches; 19 And

not *that* only, but who was also cho-
sen of the churches to travel with us
with this grace, which is administered
by us to the glory of the same Lord,
and *declaration of* your ready mind:*
20 Avoiding this, that no man should
blame us in this abundance which is
administered by us: 21 Providing for
honest things, not only in the sight
of the Lord, but also in the sight of
men. 22 And we have sent with them
our brother, whom we have often-
times proved diligent in many things,
but now much more diligent, upon
the great confidence which *I have* in

19. grace: or, gift.

you.* 23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper
concerning you: or our brethren *be en-*
quired of, they are the messengers of
the churches, *and* the glory of Christ.
24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and be-
fore the churches, the proof of your
love, and of our boasting on your be-
half.

9 For as touching the ministering
to the saints, it is superfluous for me
to write to you: 2 For I know the for-
wardness of your mind, for which I
boast of you to them of Macedonia,

22. I have: or, he hath.

that Achaia was ready a year ago; and
your zeal hath provoked very many.
3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our
boasting of you should be in vain in
this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be
ready: 4 Lest haply if they of Mace-
donia come with me, and find you
unprepared, we (that we say not, ye)
should be ashamed in this same confi-
dent boasting. 5 Therefore I thought
it necessary to exhort the brethren,
that they would go before unto you,
and make up beforehand your bounty,
whereof ye had notice before, that the
same might be ready, as *a matter of*

bounty, and not as *of* covetousness.*
6 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he
which soweth bountifully shall reap
also bountifully. 7 Every man accord-
ing as he purposeth in his heart, *so let
him give*; not grudgingly, or of neces-
sity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
8 And God *is* able to make all grace
abound toward you; that ye, always
having all sufficiency in all *things*, may
abound to every good work: 9 (As it
is written, He hath dispersed abroad;
he hath given to the poor: his righ-

9.5. bounty: Gr. blessing. whereof...: or, which hath been so much spoken of before.

teousness remaineth for ever. [10] Now
he that ministereth seed to the sower
both minister bread for *your* food, and
multiply your seed sown, and increase
the fruits of your righteousness;) [11] Be-
ing enriched in every thing to all boun-
tifulness, which causeth through us
thanksgiving to God.* [12] For the ad-
ministration of this service not only
supplieth the want of the saints, but is
abundant also by many thanksgivings
unto God; [13] Whiles by the experiment
of this ministration they glorify God
for your professed subjection unto the
gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal

11. bountifulness: or, liberality: Gr. simplicity.

distribution unto them, and unto all
men; [14] And by their prayer for you,
which long after you for the exceed-
ing grace of God in you. [15] Thanks *be*
unto God for his unspeakable gift.

10 Now I Paul myself beseech
you by the meekness and gentleness
of Christ, who in presence *am* base
among you, but being absent am bold
toward you:* [2] But I beseech *you*, that
I may not be bold when I am pre-
sent with that confidence, wherewith
I think to be bold against some, which
think of us as if we walked accord-

10.1. in presence: or, in outward appearance.

ing to the flesh.* 3 For though we
walk in the flesh, we do not war af-
ter the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of
our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty
through God to the pulling down of
strong holds;)* 5 Casting down imagi-
nations, and every high thing that ex-
alteth itself against the knowledge of
God, and bringing into captivity every
thought to the obedience of Christ;*
6 And having in a readiness to revenge
all disobedience, when your obedi-
ence is fulfilled. 7 Do ye look on

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2. think: or, reckon.
4. through God: or, to God.
5. imaginations: or, reasonings.

things after the outward appearance?
If any man trust to himself that he is
Christ's, let him of himself think this
again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so
are we Christ's. 8 For though I should
boast somewhat more of our author-
ity, which the Lord hath given us for
edification, and not for your destruc-
tion, I should not be ashamed: 9 That
I may not seem as if I would terrify
you by letters. 10 For *his* letters, say
they, *are* weighty and powerful; but
his bodily presence *is* weak, and *his*
speech contemptible.* 11 Let such an
one think this, that, such as we are in

10. say they: Gr. saith he.

word by letters when we are absent,
such *will we be* also in deed when we
are present. 12 For we dare not make
ourselves of the number, or compare
ourselves with some that commend
themselves: but they measuring them-
selves by themselves, and comparing
themselves among themselves, are not
wise.* 13 But we will not boast of things
without *our* measure, but according to
the measure of the rule which God
hath distributed to us, a measure to
reach even unto you.* 14 For we stretch
not ourselves beyond *our measure*, as

12. are...: or, understand it not.
13. rule: or, line.

though we reached not unto you: for
we are come as far as to you also in
preaching the gospel of Christ: [15] Not
boasting of things without *our* mea-
sure, *that is*, of other men's labours;
but having hope, when your faith is
increased, that we shall be enlarged
by you according to our rule abun-
dantly,* [16] To preach the gospel in the
regions beyond you, *and* not to boast
in another man's line of things made
ready to our hand.* [17] But he that glo-
rieth, let him glory in the Lord. [18] For
not he that commendeth himself is

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15. enlarged...: or, magnified in you.
16. line: or, rule.

approved, but whom the Lord com-
mendeth.

11 Would to God ye could bear
with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed
bear with me.* 2 For I am jealous over
you with godly jealousy: for I have
espoused you to one husband, that I
may present *you as* a chaste virgin to
Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means,
as the serpent beguiled Eve through
his subtilty, so your minds should be
corrupted from the simplicity that is
in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh
preacheth another Jesus, whom we

11.1. indeed bear...: or, indeed ye do bear with me.

have not preached, or *if* ye receive
another spirit, which ye have not re-
ceived, or another gospel, which ye
have not accepted, ye might well bear
with *him*.* 5 For I suppose I was not a
whit behind the very chiefest apostles.
6 But though *I be* rude in speech, yet
not in knowledge; but we have been
throughly made manifest among you
in all things. 7 Have I committed an
offence in abasing myself that ye might
be exalted, because I have preached
to you the gospel of God freely? 8 I
robbed other churches, taking wages
of them, to do you service. 9 And when

4. with him: or, with me.

I was present with you, and wanted,
I was chargeable to no man: for that
which was lacking to me the breth-
ren which came from Macedonia sup-
plied: and in all *things* I have kept
myself from being burdensome unto
you, and *so* will I keep *myself*. [10] As the
truth of Christ is in me, no man shall
stop me of this boasting in the regions
of Achaia.* [11] Wherefore? because I
love you not? God knoweth. [12] But
what I do, that I will do, that I may
cut off occasion from them which de-
sire occasion; that wherein they glory,

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10. no man...: Gr. this boasting shall not bo stopped in me.

they may be found even as we. 13 For
such *are* false apostles, deceitful work-
ers, transforming themselves into the
apostles of Christ. 14 And no mar-
vel; for Satan himself is transformed
into an angel of light. 15 Therefore *it is*
no great thing if his ministers also be
transformed as the ministers of righ-
teousness; whose end shall be accord-
ing to their works. 16 I say again, Let no
man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet
as a fool receive me, that I may boast
myself a little.* 17 That which I speak,
I speak *it* not after the Lord, but as
it were foolishly, in this confidence of

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16. receive: or, suffer.

boasting. [18] Seeing that many glory af-
ter the flesh, I will glory also. [19] For
ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *your-*
selves are wise. [20] For ye suffer, if a man
bring you into bondage, if a man de-
vour *you*, if a man take *of you*, if a man
exalt himself, if a man smite you on
the face. [21] I speak as concerning re-
proach, as though we had been weak.
Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I
speak foolishly,) I am bold also. [22] Are
they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Is-
raelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of
Abraham? so *am* I. [23] Are they min-
isters of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I
am more; in labours more abundant,

in stripes above measure, in prisons
more frequent, in deaths oft. [24] Of the
Jews five times received I forty *stripes*
save one. [25] Thrice was I beaten with
rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suf-
fered shipwreck, a night and a day I
have been in the deep; [26] *In* journey-
ings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* per-
ils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own*
countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen,
in perils in the city, *in* perils in the
wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils
among false brethren; [27] In weariness
and painfulness, in watchings often, in
hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in
cold and nakedness. [28] Beside those

things that are without, that which
cometh upon me daily, the care of all
the churches. [29] Who is weak, and I am
not weak? who is offended, and I burn
not? [30] If I must needs glory, I will glory
of the things which concern mine in-
firmities. [31] The God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for
evermore, knoweth that I lie not. [32] In
Damascus the governor under Aretas
the king kept the city of the Dama-
scenes with a garrison, desirous to ap-
prehend me: [33] And through a window
in a basket was I let down by the wall,
and escaped his hands.

12 It is not expedient for me
doubtless to glory. I will come to vi-
sions and revelations of the Lord.* 2 I
knew a man in Christ above fourteen
years ago, (whether in the body, I can-
not tell; or whether out of the body,
I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such
an one caught up to the third heaven.
3 And I knew such a man, (whether in
the body, or out of the body, I can-
not tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that
he was caught up into paradise, and
heard unspeakable words, which it is

12.1. I will come: Gr. For I will come.

not lawful for a man to utter.* 5 Of
such an one will I glory: yet of my-
self I will not glory, but in mine in-
firmities. 6 For though I would desire
to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I
will say the truth: but *now* I forbear,
lest any man should think of me above
that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that*
he heareth of me. 7 And lest I should
be exalted above measure through the
abundance of the revelations, there
was given to me a thorn in the flesh,
the messenger of Satan to buffet me,
lest I should be exalted above measure.
8 For this thing I besought the Lord

4. lawful: or, possible.

thrice, that it might depart from me.
9 And he said unto me, My grace is
sufficient for thee: for my strength is
made perfect in weakness. Most gladly
therefore will I rather glory in my in-
firmities, that the power of Christ may
rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take plea-
sure in infirmities, in reproaches, in ne-
cessities, in persecutions, in distresses
for Christ's sake: for when I am weak,
then am I strong. 11 I am become a
fool in glorying; ye have compelled
me: for I ought to have been com-
mended of you: for in nothing am I be-
hind the very chiefest apostles, though
I be nothing. 12 Truly the signs of an

apostle were wrought among you in
all patience, in signs, and wonders, and
mighty deeds. 13 For what is it wherein
ye were inferior to other churches, ex-
cept *it be* that I myself was not burden-
some to you? forgive me this wrong.
14 Behold, the third time I am ready to
come to you; and I will not be burden-
some to you: for I seek not yours, but
you: for the children ought not to lay
up for the parents, but the parents for
the children. 15 And I will very gladly
spend and be spent for you; though
the more abundantly I love you, the
less I be loved.* 16 But be it so, I did not

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15. for you: Gr. for your souls.

burden you: nevertheless, being crafty,
I caught you with guile. [17] Did I make
a gain of you by any of them whom I
sent unto you? [18] I desired Titus, and
with *him* I sent a brother. Did Titus
make a gain of you? walked we not in
the same spirit? *walked we* not in the
same steps? [19] Again, think ye that we
excuse ourselves unto you? we speak
before God in Christ: but *we do* all
things, dearly beloved, for your edify-
ing. [20] For I fear, lest, when I come,
I shall not find you such as I would,
and *that* I shall be found unto you such
as ye would not: lest *there be* debates,
envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings,

whisperings, swellings, tumults: [21] *And*
lest, when I come again, my God will
humble me among you, and *that* I
shall bewail many which have sinned
already, and have not repented of the
uncleanness and fornication and las-
civiousness which they have commit-
ted.

13 This *is* the third *time* I am com-
ing to you. In the mouth of two or
three witnesses shall every word be es-
tablished. [2] I told you before, and
foretell you, as if I were present, the
second time; and being absent now I
write to them which heretofore have

sinned, and to all other, that, if I come
again, I will not spare: 3 Since ye seek a
proof of Christ speaking in me, which
to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty
in you. 4 For though he was crucified
through weakness, yet he liveth by the
power of God. For we also are weak
in him, but we shall live with him by
the power of God toward you.* 5 Ex-
amine yourselves, whether ye be in the
faith; prove your own selves. Know
ye not your own selves, how that Jesus
Christ is in you, except ye be repro-
bates? 6 But I trust that ye shall know
that we are not reprobates. 7 Now I

13.4. in him: or, with him.

pray to God that ye do no evil; not
that we should appear approved, but
that ye should do that which is honest,
though we be as reprobates. 8 For we
can do nothing against the truth, but
for the truth. 9 For we are glad, when
we are weak, and ye are strong: and this
also we wish, *even* your perfection.*
10 Therefore I write these things be-
ing absent, lest being present I should
use sharpness, according to the power
which the Lord hath given me to edi-
fication, and not to destruction. 11 Fi-
nally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect,
be of good comfort, be of one mind,

9. perfection: or, reformation, or, restoration.

live in peace; and the God of love
and peace shall be with you. [12] Greet
one another with an holy kiss. [13] All
the saints salute you. [14] The grace of
the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the communion of the Holy
Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen. The
second *epistle* to the Corinthians was
written from Philippi, *a city* of Mace-
donia, by Titus and Lucas.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

GALATIANS

Paul, an apostle, (not of men,
neither by man, but by Jesus
Christ, and God the Father,
who raised him from the dead;) 2 And
all the brethren which are with me,
unto the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace
be to you and peace from God the Fa-
ther, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,
4 Who gave himself for our sins, that
he might deliver us from this present
evil world, according to the will of

God and our Father: [5] To whom *be*
glory for ever and ever. Amen. [6] I mar-
vel that ye are so soon removed from
him that called you into the grace of
Christ unto another gospel: [7] Which
is not another; but there be some that
trouble you, and would pervert the
gospel of Christ. [8] But though we,
or an angel from heaven, preach any
other gospel unto you than that which
we have preached unto you, let him
be accursed. [9] As we said before, so
say I now again, If any *man* preach
any other gospel unto you than that
ye have received, let him be accursed.
[10] For do I now persuade men, or God?

or do I seek to please men? for if I
yet pleased men, I should not be the
servant of Christ. 11 But I certify you,
brethren, that the gospel which was
preached of me is not after man. 12 For
I neither received it of man, neither
was I taught *it*, but by the revelation
of Jesus Christ. 13 For ye have heard
of my conversation in time past in the
Jews' religion, how that beyond mea-
sure I persecuted the church of God,
and wasted it: 14 And profited in the
Jews' religion above many my equals in
mine own nation, being more exceed-
ingly zealous of the traditions of my

fathers.* [15] But when it pleased God,
who separated me from my mother's
womb, and called *me* by his grace,
[16] To reveal his Son in me, that I might
preach him among the heathen; im-
mediately I conferred not with flesh
and blood: [17] Neither went I up to Jeru-
salem to them which were apostles be-
fore me; but I went into Arabia, and re-
turned again unto Damascus. [18] Then
after three years I went up to Jerusa-
lem to see Peter, and abode with him
fifteen days.* [19] But other of the apos-
tles saw I none, save James the Lord's

1.14. equals: Gr. equals in years.
18. went up: or, returned.

brother. [20] Now the things which I
write unto you, behold, before God,
I lie not. [21] Afterwards I came into the
regions of Syria and Cilicia; [22] And was
unknown by face unto the churches
of Judaea which were in Christ: [23] But
they had heard only, That he which
persecuted us in times past now prea-
cheth the faith which once he de-
stroyed. [24] And they glorified God in
me.

2 Then fourteen years after I went
up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas,
and took Titus with *me* also. [2] And
I went up by revelation, and commu-
nicated unto them that gospel which

I preach among the Gentiles, but pri-
vately to them which were of reputa-
tion, lest by any means I should run, or
had run, in vain.* 3 But neither Titus,
who was with me, being a Greek, was
compelled to be circumcised: 4 And
that because of false brethren un-
awares brought in, who came in priv-
ily to spy out our liberty which we
have in Christ Jesus, that they might
bring us into bondage: 5 To whom we
gave place by subjection, no, not for
an hour; that the truth of the gospel
might continue with you. 6 But of
these who seemed to be somewhat,

2.2. privately: or, severally.

(whatsoever they were, it maketh no
matter to me: God accepteth no man's
person:) for they who seemed *to be*
somewhat in conference added noth-
ing to me: 7 But contrariwise, when
they saw that the gospel of the uncir-
cumcision was committed unto me, as
the gospel of the circumcision *was* unto
Peter; 8 (For he that wrought effectu-
ally in Peter to the apostleship of the
circumcision, the same was mighty in
me toward the Gentiles:) 9 And when
James, Cephas, and John, who seemed
to be pillars, perceived the grace that
was given unto me, they gave to me
and Barnabas the right hands of fel-

lowship; that we *should go* unto the
heathen, and they unto the circumci-
sion. [10] Only *they would* that we should
remember the poor; the same which I
also was forward to do. [11] But when
Peter was come to Antioch, I with-
stood him to the face, because he was
to be blamed. [12] For before that certain
came from James, he did eat with the
Gentiles: but when they were come,
he withdrew and separated himself,
fearing them which were of the cir-
cumcision. [13] And the other Jews dis-
sembled likewise with him; insomuch
that Barnabas also was carried away
with their dissimulation. [14] But when

I saw that they walked not uprightly
according to the truth of the gospel, I
said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou,
being a Jew, livest after the manner of
Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why
compellest thou the Gentiles to live as
do the Jews? 15 We *who are* Jews by na-
ture, and not sinners of the Gentiles,
16 Knowing that a man is not justified
by the works of the law, but by the
faith of Jesus Christ, even we have be-
lieved in Jesus Christ, that we might
be justified by the faith of Christ, and
not by the works of the law: for by
the works of the law shall no flesh be
justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be

justified by Christ, we ourselves also
are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ
the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For
if I build again the things which I de-
stroyed, I make myself a transgressor.
19 For I through the law am dead to the
law, that I might live unto God. 20 I
am crucified with Christ: nevertheless
I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in
me: and the life which I now live in
the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of
God, who loved me, and gave himself
for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of
God: for if righteousness *come* by the
law, then Christ is dead in vain.

3 O foolish Galatians, who hath
bewitched you, that ye should not
obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus
Christ hath been evidently set forth,
crucified among you? 2 This only
would I learn of you, Received ye the
Spirit by the works of the law, or by
the hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so fool-
ish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye
now made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have
ye suffered so many things in vain? if
it be yet in vain.* 5 He therefore that
ministereth to you the Spirit, and wor-
keth miracles among you, *doeth he it*

3.4. so many: or, so great.

by the works of the law, or by the
hearing of faith? 6 Even as Abraham
believed God, and it was accounted
to him for righteousness.* 7 Know ye
therefore that they which are of faith,
the same are the children of Abra-
ham. 8 And the scripture, foresee-
ing that God would justify the hea-
then through faith, preached before
the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In
thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So
then they which be of faith are blessed
with faithful Abraham. 10 For as many
as are of the works of the law are un-
der the curse: for it is written, Cursed

6. accounted: or, imputed.

is every one that continueth not in all
things which are written in the book
of the law to do them. [11] But that
no man is justified by the law in the
sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The
just shall live by faith. [12] And the law
is not of faith: but, The man that
doeth them shall live in them. [13] Christ
hath redeemed us from the curse of
the law, being made a curse for us: for
it is written, Cursed *is* every one that
hangeth on a tree: [14] That the bless-
ing of Abraham might come on the
Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we
might receive the promise of the Spirit
through faith. [15] Brethren, I speak af-

ter the manner of men; Though *it be*
but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* con-
firmed, no man disannulleth, or ad-
deth thereto.* [16] Now to Abraham and
his seed were the promises made. He
saith not, And to seeds, as of many;
but as of one, And to thy seed, which
is Christ. [17] And this I say, *that* the
covenant, that was confirmed before
of God in Christ, the law, which was
four hundred and thirty years after,
cannot disannul, that it should make
the promise of none effect. [18] For if
the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no
more of promise: but God gave *it* to

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15. covenant: or, testament.

Abraham by promise. [19] Wherefore
then *serveth* the law? It was added be-
cause of transgressions, till the seed
should come to whom the promise
was made; *and it was* ordained by an-
gels in the hand of a mediator. [20] Now
a mediator is not *a mediator* of one,
but God is one. [21] *Is* the law then
against the promises of God? God
forbid: for if there had been a law given
which could have given life, verily righ-
teousness should have been by the law.
[22] But the scripture hath concluded all
under sin, that the promise by faith of
Jesus Christ might be given to them
that believe. [23] But before faith came,

we were kept under the law, shut up
unto the faith which should after-
wards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the
law was our schoolmaster *to bring us*
unto Christ, that we might be justified
by faith. 25 But after that faith is come,
we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
26 For ye are all the children of God by
faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of
you as have been baptized into Christ
have put on Christ. 28 There is neither
Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond
nor free, there is neither male nor fe-
male: for ye are all one in Christ Je-
sus. 29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye
Abraham's seed, and heirs according

to the promise.

4 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long
as he is a child, differeth nothing from
a servant, though he be lord of all;
2 But is under tutors and governors
until the time appointed of the father.
3 Even so we, when we were children,
were in bondage under the elements of
the world:* 4 But when the fulness of
the time was come, God sent forth his
Son, made of a woman, made under
the law, 5 To redeem them that were
under the law, that we might receive
the adoption of sons. 6 And because

4.3. elements: or, rudiments.

ye are sons, God hath sent forth the
Spirit of his Son into your hearts, cry-
ing, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou
art no more a servant, but a son; and
if a son, then an heir of God through
Christ. 8 Howbeit then, when ye
knew not God, ye did service unto
them which by nature are no gods.
9 But now, after that ye have known
God, or rather are known of God, how
turn ye again to the weak and beggarly
elements, whereunto ye desire again
to be in bondage?* 10 Ye observe days,
and months, and times, and years. 11 I

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9. turn ye again: or, turn ye back. elements: or, rudiments.

am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed
upon you labour in vain. 12 Brethren, I
beseech you, be as I *am*; for I *am* as ye
are: ye have not injured me at all. 13 Ye
know how through infirmity of the
flesh I preached the gospel unto you at
the first. 14 And my temptation which
was in my flesh ye despised not, nor re-
jected; but received me as an angel of
God, *even* as Christ Jesus. 15 Where is
then the blessedness ye spake of? for I
bear you record, that, if *it had been* pos-
sible, ye would have plucked out your
own eyes, and have given them to me.*
16 Am I therefore become your enemy,

15. Where...: or, What was then.

because I tell you the truth? [17] They
zealously affect you, *but* not well; yea,
they would exclude you, that ye might
affect them.* [18] But *it is* good to be zeal-
ously affected always in *a* good *thing*,
and not only when I am present with
you. [19] My little children, of whom I
travail in birth again until Christ be
formed in you, [20] I desire to be pre-
sent with you now, and to change my
voice; for I stand in doubt of you.*
[21] Tell me, ye that desire to be under
the law, do ye not hear the law? [22] For
it is written, that Abraham had two

17. exclude you: or, exclude us.
20. I stand...: or, I am perplexed for you.

sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other
by a freewoman. [23] But he *who was*
of the bondwoman was born after the
flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by
promise. [24] Which things are an alle-
gory: for these are the two covenants;
the one from the mount Sinai, which
gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.*
[25] For this Agar is mount Sinai in Ara-
bia, and answereth to Jerusalem which
now is, and is in bondage with her chil-
dren.* [26] But Jerusalem which is above
is free, which is the mother of us all.
[27] For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren

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24. covenants: or, testaments. Sinai: Gr. Sina.
25. answereth to: or, is in the same rank with.

that bearest not; break forth and cry,
thou that travailest not: for the deso-
late hath many more children than she
which hath an husband. [28] Now we,
brethren, as Isaac was, are the children
of promise. [29] But as then he that was
born after the flesh persecuted him
that was born after the Spirit, even so *it*
is now. [30] Nevertheless what saith the
scripture? Cast out the bondwoman
and her son: for the son of the bond-
woman shall not be heir with the son
of the freewoman. [31] So then, breth-
ren, we are not children of the bond-
woman, but of the free.

5 Stand fast therefore in the lib-
erty wherewith Christ hath made us
free, and be not entangled again with
the yoke of bondage. 2 Behold, I Paul
say unto you, that if ye be circumcised,
Christ shall profit you nothing. 3 For
I testify again to every man that is cir-
cumcised, that he is a debtor to do the
whole law. 4 Christ is become of no
effect unto you, whosoever of you are
justified by the law; ye are fallen from
grace. 5 For we through the Spirit wait
for the hope of righteousness by faith.
6 For in Jesus Christ neither circum-
cision availeth any thing, nor uncir-

cumcision; but faith which worketh
by love. 7 Ye did run well; who did
hinder you that ye should not obey
the truth?* 8 This persuasion *cometh*
not of him that calleth you. 9 A lit-
tle leaven leaveneth the whole lump.
10 I have confidence in you through the
Lord, that ye will be none otherwise
minded: but he that troubleth you
shall bear his judgment, whosoever he
be. 11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach
circumcision, why do I yet suffer perse-
cution? then is the offence of the cross
ceased. 12 I would they were even cut
off which trouble you. 13 For, brethren,

5.7. hinder you: or, drive you back.

ye have been called unto liberty; only
use not liberty for an occasion to the
flesh, but by love serve one another.
14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word,
even in this; Thou shalt love thy neigh-
bour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and
devour one another, take heed that
ye be not consumed one of another.
16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit,
and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the
flesh.* 17 For the flesh lusteth against
the Spirit, and the Spirit against the
flesh: and these are contrary the one
to the other: so that ye cannot do the
things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led

16. ye...: or, fulfil not.

of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are man-
ifest, which are *these*; Adultery, for-
nication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance,
emulations, wrath, strife, seditions,
heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunk-
enness, revellings, and such like: of
the which I tell you before, as I have
also told *you* in time past, that they
which do such things shall not inherit
the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit
of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-
suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such
there is no law. 24 And they that are

Christ's have crucified the flesh with
the affections and lusts.* [25] If we live in
the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
[26] Let us not be desirous of vain glory,
provoking one another, envying one
another.

6 Brethren, if a man be overtaken
in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore
such an one in the spirit of meekness;
considering thyself, lest thou also be
tempted.* [2] Bear ye one another's bur-
dens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
[3] For if a man think himself to be
something, when he is nothing, he de-

24. affections: or, passions.
6.1. If: or, although.

ceiveth himself. 4 But let every man
prove his own work, and then shall
he have rejoicing in himself alone, and
not in another. 5 For every man shall
bear his own burden. 6 Let him that
is taught in the word communicate
unto him that teacheth in all good
things. 7 Be not deceived; God is
not mocked: for whatsoever a man
soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For
he that soweth to his flesh shall of
the flesh reap corruption; but he that
soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit
reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not
be weary in well doing: for in due sea-
son we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As

we have therefore opportunity, let us
do good unto all *men*, especially unto
them who are of the household of
faith. [11] Ye see how large a letter I have
written unto you with mine own hand.
[12] As many as desire to make a fair shew
in the flesh, they constrain you to be
circumcised; only lest they should suf-
fer persecution for the cross of Christ.
[13] For neither they themselves who are
circumcised keep the law; but desire to
have you circumcised, that they may
glory in your flesh. [14] But God forbid
that I should glory, save in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the
world is crucified unto me, and I unto

the world.* 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing,
nor uncircumcision, but a new crea-
ture. 16 And as many as walk accord-
ing to this rule, peace *be* on them, and
mercy, and upon the Israel of God.
17 From henceforth let no man trouble
me: for I bear in my body the marks of
the Lord Jesus. 18 Brethren, the grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your
spirit. Amen. To *the* Galatians written
from Rome.

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14. by whom: or, whereby.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

EPHESIANS

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the will of God, to the saints
which are at Ephesus, and to
the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace *be*
to you, and peace, from God our Fa-
ther, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us
with all spiritual blessings in heavenly
places in Christ:* 4 According as he

1.3. places: or, things.

hath chosen us in him before the foun-
dation of the world, that we should
be holy and without blame before
him in love: 5 Having predestinated
us unto the adoption of children by
Jesus Christ to himself, according to
the good pleasure of his will, 6 To
the praise of the glory of his grace,
wherein he hath made us accepted
in the beloved. 7 In whom we have
redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of sins, according to the
riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath
abounded toward us in all wisdom
and prudence; 9 Having made known
unto us the mystery of his will, ac-

cording to his good pleasure which
he hath purposed in himself: [10] That
in the dispensation of the fulness of
times he might gather together in one
all things in Christ, both which are in
heaven, and which are on earth; *even*
in him:* [11] In whom also we have ob-
tained an inheritance, being predesti-
nated according to the purpose of him
who worketh all things after the coun-
sel of his own will: [12] That we should
be to the praise of his glory, who first
trusted in Christ.* [13] In whom ye also
trusted, after that ye heard the word

10. heaven: Gr. the heavens.
12. trusted: or, hoped.

of truth, the gospel of your salvation:
in whom also after that ye believed,
ye were sealed with that holy Spirit
of promise, 14 Which is the earnest
of our inheritance until the redemp-
tion of the purchased possession, unto
the praise of his glory. 15 Wherefore
I also, after I heard of your faith in
the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the
saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for
you, making mention of you in my
prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may
give unto you the spirit of wisdom and
revelation in the knowledge of him:*

17. in...: or, for the acknowledgement.

18 The eyes of your understanding be-
ing enlightened; that ye may know
what is the hope of his calling, and
what the riches of the glory of his in-
heritance in the saints, 19 And what *is*
the exceeding greatness of his power
to us-ward who believe, according to
the working of his mighty power,*
20 Which he wrought in Christ, when
he raised him from the dead, and set
him at his own right hand in the heav-
enly *places*, 21 Far above all principal-
ity, and power, and might, and do-
minion, and every name that is named,
not only in this world, but also in that

19. his mighty power: Gr. the might of his power.

which is to come: 22 And hath put all
things under his feet, and gave him *to be*
the head over all *things* to the church,
23 Which is his body, the fulness of him
that filleth all in all.

2 And you *hath he quickened*,
who were dead in trespasses and sins;
2 Wherein in time past ye walked ac-
cording to the course of this world,
according to the prince of the power
of the air, the spirit that now wor-
keth in the children of disobedience:
3 Among whom also we all had our
conversation in times past in the lusts
of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of
the flesh and of the mind; and were

by nature the children of wrath, even
as others.* 4 But God, who is rich in
mercy, for his great love wherewith he
loved us, 5 Even when we were dead
in sins, hath quickened us together
with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*
6 And hath raised *us* up together, and
made *us* sit together in heavenly *places*
in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to
come he might shew the exceeding
riches of his grace in *his* kindness to-
ward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For
by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: *it is* the

2.3. desires: Gr. wills.
5. by...: or, by whose grace.

gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any
man should boast. 10 For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
unto good works, which God hath
before ordained that we should walk
in them.* 11 Wherefore remember, that
ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the
flesh, who are called Uncircumcision
by that which is called the Circum-
cision in the flesh made by hands;
12 That at that time ye were without
Christ, being aliens from the com-
monwealth of Israel, and strangers
from the covenants of promise, hav-
ing no hope, and without God in the

10. ordained: or, prepared.

world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye
who sometimes were far off are made
nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For
he is our peace, who hath made both
one, and hath broken down the mid-
dle wall of partition *between us*; 15 Hav-
ing abolished in his flesh the enmity,
even the law of commandments *con-
tained* in ordinances; for to make in
himself of twain one new man, *so* mak-
ing peace; 16 And that he might rec-
oncile both unto God in one body
by the cross, having slain the enmity
thereby:* 17 And came and preached
peace to you which were afar off, and

16. thereby: or, in himself.

to them that were nigh. [18] For through
him we both have access by one Spirit
unto the Father. [19] Now therefore ye
are no more strangers and foreigners,
but fellowcitizens with the saints, and
of the household of God; [20] And are
built upon the foundation of the apos-
tles and prophets, Jesus Christ him-
self being the chief corner *stone*; [21] In
whom all the building fitly framed to-
gether groweth unto an holy temple
in the Lord: [22] In whom ye also are
builded together for an habitation of
God through the Spirit.

3 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner

of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If
ye have heard of the dispensation of
the grace of God which is given me
to you-ward: 3 How that by revela-
tion he made known unto me the mys-
tery; (as I wrote afore in few words,*
4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may un-
derstand my knowledge in the mys-
tery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages
was not made known unto the sons
of men, as it is now revealed unto
his holy apostles and prophets by the
Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be
fellowheirs, and of the same body, and
partakers of his promise in Christ by

3.3. afore...: or, a little before.

the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a
minister, according to the gift of the
grace of God given unto me by the ef-
fectual working of his power. 8 Unto
me, who am less than the least of all
saints, is this grace given, that I should
preach among the Gentiles the un-
searchable riches of Christ; 9 And to
make all *men* see what *is* the fellow-
ship of the mystery, which from the
beginning of the world hath been hid
in God, who created all things by Je-
sus Christ: 10 To the intent that now
unto the principalities and powers in
heavenly *places* might be known by
the church the manifold wisdom of

God, [11] According to the eternal pur-
pose which he purposed in Christ Je-
sus our Lord: [12] In whom we have
boldness and access with confidence
by the faith of him. [13] Wherefore I de-
sire that ye faint not at my tribulations
for you, which is your glory. [14] For this
cause I bow my knees unto the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] Of whom
the whole family in heaven and earth
is named, [16] That he would grant you,
according to the riches of his glory,
to be strengthened with might by his
Spirit in the inner man; [17] That Christ
may dwell in your hearts by faith;
that ye, being rooted and grounded

in love, [18] May be able to comprehend
with all saints what *is* the breadth, and
length, and depth, and height; [19] And
to know the love of Christ, which pas-
seth knowledge, that ye might be filled
with all the fulness of God. [20] Now
unto him that is able to do exceed-
ing abundantly above all that we ask
or think, according to the power that
worketh in us, [21] Unto him *be* glory in
the church by Christ Jesus throughout
all ages, world without end. Amen.

4 I therefore, the prisoner of the
Lord, beseech you that ye walk wor-
thy of the vocation wherewith ye are

called,* 2 With all lowliness and meek-
ness, with longsuffering, forbearing
one another in love; 3 Endeavouring
to keep the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace. 4 *There is* one body,
and one Spirit, even as ye are called
in one hope of your calling; 5 One
Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One
God and Father of all, who *is* above all,
and through all, and in you all. 7 But
unto every one of us is given grace ac-
cording to the measure of the gift of
Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When
he ascended up on high, he led captiv-

4.1. of the Lord: or, in the Lord.

ity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*
9 (Now that he ascended, what is it
but that he also descended first into
the lower parts of the earth? 10 He
that descended is the same also that
ascended up far above all heavens, that
he might fill all things.)* 11 And he gave
some, apostles; and some, prophets;
and some, evangelists; and some, pas-
tors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting
of the saints, for the work of the min-
istry, for the edifying of the body of
Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity
of the faith, and of the knowledge of

8. captivity...: or, a multitude of captives.
10. fill: or, fulfil.

the Son of God, unto a perfect man,
unto the measure of the stature of the
fulness of Christ:* 14 That we *henceforth*
be no more children, tossed to and fro,
and carried about with every wind of
doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and*
cunning craftiness, whereby they lie
in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the
truth in love, may grow up into him
in all things, which is the head, *even*
Christ:* 16 From whom the whole body
fitly joined together and compacted
by that which every joint supplieth,
according to the effectual working in

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13. in: or, into. stature: or, age.

15. speaking...: or, being sincere.

the measure of every part, maketh in-
crease of the body unto the edifying of
itself in love. 17 This I say therefore, and
testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth
walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the
vanity of their mind, 18 Having the un-
derstanding darkened, being alienated
from the life of God through the ig-
norance that is in them, because of the
blindness of their heart:* 19 Who be-
ing past feeling have given themselves
over unto lasciviousness, to work all
uncleanness with greediness. 20 But
ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so
be that ye have heard him, and have

18. blindness: or, hardness.

been taught by him, as the truth is
in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning
the former conversation the old man,
which is corrupt according to the de-
ceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the
spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put
on the new man, which after God is
created in righteousness and true ho-
liness.* 25 Wherefore putting away ly-
ing, speak every man truth with his
neighbour: for we are members one
of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin
not: let not the sun go down upon
your wrath: 27 Neither give place to
the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no

24. true...: or, holiness of truth.

more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which
is good, that he may have to give to
him that needeth.* [29] Let no corrupt
communication proceed out of your
mouth, but that which is good to the
use of edifying, that it may minister
grace unto the hearers.* [30] And grieve
not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye
are sealed unto the day of redemption.
[31] Let all bitterness, and wrath, and
anger, and clamour, and evil speaking,
be put away from you, with all mal-
ice: [32] And be ye kind one to another,

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28. to give: or, to distribute.
29. to...: or, to edify profitably.

tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ's sake hath for-
given you.

5 Be ye therefore followers of God,
as dear children; 2 And walk in love,
as Christ also hath loved us, and hath
given himself for us an offering and a
sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling
savour. 3 But fornication, and all un-
cleanness, or covetousness, let it not be
once named among you, as becometh
saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish
talking, nor jesting, which are not con-
venient: but rather giving of thanks.
5 For this ye know, that no whoremon-

ger, nor unclean person, nor covetous
man, who is an idolater, hath any in-
heritance in the kingdom of Christ
and of God. 6 Let no man deceive
you with vain words: for because of
these things cometh the wrath of God
upon the children of disobedience.*
7 Be not ye therefore partakers with
them. 8 For ye were sometimes dark-
ness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord:
walk as children of light: 9 (For the
fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness
and righteousness and truth;) 10 Prov-
ing what is acceptable unto the Lord.
11 And have no fellowship with the un-

5.6. disobedience: or, unbelief.

fruitful works of darkness, but rather
reprove *them*. 12 For it is a shame
even to speak of those things which
are done of them in secret. 13 But
all things that are reproved are made
manifest by the light: for whatsoever
doth make manifest is light.* 14 Where-
fore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest,
and arise from the dead, and Christ
shall give thee light.* 15 See then that ye
walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as
wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because
the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye
not unwise, but understanding what

13. reproved: or, discovered.
14. he: or, it.

the will of the Lord *is*. [18] And be not
drunk with wine, wherein is excess;
but be filled with the Spirit; [19] Speak-
ing to yourselves in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing and mak-
ing melody in your heart to the Lord;
[20] Giving thanks always for all things
unto God and the Father in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ; [21] Submitting
yourselves one to another in the fear
of God. [22] Wives, submit yourselves
unto your own husbands, as unto the
Lord. [23] For the husband is the head
of the wife, even as Christ is the head
of the church: and he is the saviour of
the body. [24] Therefore as the church is

subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be*
to their own husbands in every thing.
25 Husbands, love your wives, even as
Christ also loved the church, and gave
himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify
and cleanse it with the washing of wa-
ter by the word, 27 That he might pre-
sent it to himself a glorious church,
not having spot, or wrinkle, or any
such thing; but that it should be holy
and without blemish. 28 So ought men
to love their wives as their own bodies.
He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
29 For no man ever yet hated his own
flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it,
even as the Lord the church: 30 For we

are members of his body, of his flesh,
and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall
a man leave his father and mother,
and shall be joined unto his wife, and
they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is
a great mystery: but I speak concern-
ing Christ and the church. 33 Never-
theless let every one of you in partic-
ular so love his wife even as himself;
and the wife *see* that she reverence *her*
husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in
the Lord: for this is right. 2 Ho-
nour thy father and mother; (which
is the first commandment with prom-
ise;) 3 That it may be well with thee,

and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your
children to wrath: but bring them up
in the nurture and admonition of the
Lord. 5 Servants, be obedient to them
that are *your* masters according to the
flesh, with fear and trembling, in sin-
gleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers;
but as the servants of Christ, doing the
will of God from the heart; 7 With
good will doing service, as to the Lord,
and not to men: 8 Knowing that what-
soever good thing any man doeth, the
same shall he receive of the Lord, whe-
ther *he be* bond or free. 9 And, ye mas-

ters, do the same things unto them,
forbearing threatening: knowing that
your Master also is in heaven; neither
is there respect of persons with him.*
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the
Lord, and in the power of his might.
11 Put on the whole armour of God,
that ye may be able to stand against
the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wres-
tle not against flesh and blood, but
against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of
this world, against spiritual wicked-

6.9. forbearing: or, moderating. your...: some read both your and their Master.

ness in high *places*.* [13] Wherefore take
unto you the whole armour of God,
that ye may be able to withstand in
the evil day, and having done all, to
stand.* [14] Stand therefore, having your
loins girt about with truth, and having
on the breastplate of righteousness;
[15] And your feet shod with the prepara-
tion of the gospel of peace; [16] Above all,
taking the shield of faith, wherewith
ye shall be able to quench all the fiery
darts of the wicked. [17] And take the
helmet of salvation, and the sword of

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12. flesh...: Gr. blood and flesh. spiritual...: or, wicked spirits. high: or, heavenly.

13. having...: or, having overcome all.

the Spirit, which is the word of God:
18 Praying always with all prayer and
supplication in the Spirit, and watch-
ing thereunto with all perseverance
and supplication for all saints; 19 And
for me, that utterance may be given
unto me, that I may open my mouth
boldly, to make known the mystery
of the gospel, 20 For which I am an
ambassador in bonds: that therein I
may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*
21 But that ye also may know my affairs,
and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved
brother and faithful minister in the
Lord, shall make known to you all

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20. in bonds: or, in a chain. therein: or, thereof.

things: [22] Whom I have sent unto you
for the same purpose, that ye might
know our affairs, and *that* he might
comfort your hearts. [23] Peace *be* to
the brethren, and love with faith, from
God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ. [24] Grace *be* with all them that
love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.
Amen. To *the* Ephesians written from
Rome, by Tychicus.*

24. in sincerity: or, with incorruption.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

PHILIPPIANS

Paul and Timotheus, the servants
of Jesus Christ, to all the saints
in Christ Jesus which are at Phi-
lippi, with the bishops and deacons:
2 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from
God our Father, and *from* the Lord Je-
sus Christ. 3 I thank my God upon ev-
ery remembrance of you,* 4 Always in
every prayer of mine for you all mak-
ing request with joy, 5 For your fel-

1.3. remembrance: or, mention.

lowship in the gospel from the first
day until now; 6 Being confident of
this very thing, that he which hath
begun a good work in you will per-
form *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:*
7 Even as it is meet for me to think
this of you all, because I have you in
my heart; inasmuch as both in my
bonds, and in the defence and confir-
mation of the gospel, ye all are partak-
ers of my grace.* 8 For God is my re-
cord, how greatly I long after you all
in the bowels of Jesus Christ. 9 And

6. perform: or, finish.
7. I have...: or, ye have me in your heart. of my...: or, with me of grace.

this I pray, that your love may abound
yet more and more in knowledge and
in all judgment;* [10] That ye may ap-
prove things that are excellent; that
ye may be sincere and without of-
fence till the day of Christ;* [11] Being
filled with the fruits of righteousness,
which are by Jesus Christ, unto the
glory and praise of God. [12] But I would
ye should understand, brethren, that
the things *which happened* unto me
have fallen out rather unto the fur-
therance of the gospel; [13] So that my
bonds in Christ are manifest in all the

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9. judgment: or, sense.
10. approve: or, try. are...: or, differ.

palace, and in all other *places*;* [14] And
many of the brethren in the Lord, wax-
ing confident by my bonds, are much
more bold to speak the word with-
out fear. [15] Some indeed preach Christ
even of envy and strife; and some also
of good will: [16] The one preach Christ
of contention, not sincerely, suppos-
ing to add affliction to my bonds:
[17] But the other of love, knowing that
I am set for the defence of the gospel.
[18] What then? notwithstanding, every
way, whether in pretence, or in truth,
Christ is preached; and I therein do

13. in Christ: or, for Christ. the palace: or, Caesar's court. in all other...: or, to all others.

rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. [19] For I
know that this shall turn to my salva-
tion through your prayer, and the sup-
ply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, [20] Ac-
cording to my earnest expectation and
my hope, that in nothing I shall be
ashamed, but *that* with all boldness,
as always, *so* now also Christ shall be
magnified in my body, whether *it be*
by life, or by death. [21] For to me to live
is Christ, and to die *is* gain. [22] But if I
live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my
labour: yet what I shall choose I wot
not. [23] For I am in a strait betwixt two,
having a desire to depart, and to be
with Christ; which is far better: [24] Nev-

ertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more
needful for you. [25] And having this
confidence, I know that I shall abide
and continue with you all for your fur-
therance and joy of faith; [26] That your
rejoicing may be more abundant in Je-
sus Christ for me by my coming to
you again. [27] Only let your conversa-
tion be as it becometh the gospel of
Christ: that whether I come and see
you, or else be absent, I may hear of
your affairs, that ye stand fast in one
spirit, with one mind striving together
for the faith of the gospel; [28] And in
nothing terrified by your adversaries:
which is to them an evident token of

perdition, but to you of salvation, and
that of God. [29] For unto you it is given
in the behalf of Christ, not only to
believe on him, but also to suffer for
his sake; [30] Having the same conflict
which ye saw in me, and now hear *to*
be in me.

2 If *there be* therefore any consola-
tion in Christ, if any comfort of love,
if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any
bowels and mercies, [2] Fulfil ye my joy,
that ye be likeminded, having the same
love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
[3] *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or
vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let
each esteem other better than them-

selves. [4] Look not every man on his
own things, but every man also on the
things of others. [5] Let this mind be
in you, which was also in Christ Je-
sus: [6] Who, being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be equal
with God: [7] But made himself of no
reputation, and took upon him the
form of a servant, and was made in the
likeness of men: [8] And being found
in fashion as a man, he humbled him-
self, and became obedient unto death,
even the death of the cross.* [9] Where-
fore God also hath highly exalted him,
and given him a name which is above

2.8. fashion: or habit.

every name: [10] That at the name of Je-
sus every knee should bow, of *things*
in heaven, and *things* in earth, and
things under the earth; [11] And *that* ev-
ery tongue should confess that Jesus
Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the
Father. [12] Wherefore, my beloved, as
ye have always obeyed, not as in my
presence only, but now much more in
my absence, work out your own sal-
vation with fear and trembling. [13] For
it is God which worketh in you both
to will and to do of *his* good plea-
sure. [14] Do all things without mur-
murings and disputings: [15] That ye may
be blameless and harmless, the sons of

God, without rebuke, in the midst of
a crooked and perverse nation, among
whom ye shine as lights in the world;*
16 Holding forth the word of life; that I
may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I
have not run in vain, neither laboured
in vain. 17 Yea, and if I be offered upon
the sacrifice and service of your faith,
I joy, and rejoice with you all.* 18 For
the same cause also do ye joy, and re-
joice with me. 19 But I trust in the Lord
Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto
you, that I also may be of good com-

15. harmless: or, sincere. ye shine: or, shine ye.
17. offered: Gr. poured forth.

fort, when I know your state.* [20] For
I have no man likeminded, who will
naturally care for your state.* [21] For all
seek their own, not the things which
are Jesus Christ's. [22] But ye know the
proof of him, that, as a son with the
father, he hath served with me in the
gospel. [23] Him therefore I hope to
send presently, so soon as I shall see
how it will go with me. [24] But I trust
in the Lord that I also myself shall
come shortly. [25] Yet I supposed it nec-
essary to send to you Epaphroditus,
my brother, and companion in labour,

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19. But: or, Moreover.
20. likeminded: or, so dear unto me.

and fellowsoldier, but your messenger,
and he that ministered to my wants.
26 For he longed after you all, and was
full of heaviness, because that ye had
heard that he had been sick. 27 For
indeed he was sick nigh unto death:
but God had mercy on him; and not
on him only, but on me also, lest I
should have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I
sent him therefore the more carefully,
that, when ye see him again, ye may
rejoice, and that I may be the less sor-
rowful.* 29 Receive him therefore in the
Lord with all gladness; and hold such

28. speedily: or, with more anxious care.

in reputation:* 30 Because for the work
of Christ he was nigh unto death, not
regarding his life, to supply your lack
of service toward me.

3 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in
the Lord. To write the same things
to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous,
but for you *it is* safe. 2 Beware of
dogs, beware of evil workers, beware
of the concision. 3 For we are the
circumcision, which worship God in
the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus,
and have no confidence in the flesh.
4 Though I might also have confidence

29. hold...: or, honour such.

in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: [5] Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; [6] Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. [7] But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. [8] Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung,

that I may win Christ, 9 And be found
in him, not having mine own righ-
teousness, which is of the law, but that
which is through the faith of Christ,
the righteousness which is of God by
faith: 10 That I may know him, and the
power of his resurrection, and the fel-
lowship of his sufferings, being made
conformable unto his death; 11 If by
any means I might attain unto the res-
urrection of the dead. 12 Not as though
I had already attained, either were al-
ready perfect: but I follow after, if
that I may apprehend that for which
also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
13 Brethren, I count not myself to have

apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*,
forgetting those things which are be-
hind, and reaching forth unto those
things which are before, 14 I press to-
ward the mark for the prize of the high
calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let
us therefore, as many as be perfect, be
thus minded: and if in any thing ye
be otherwise minded, God shall reveal
even this unto you. 16 Nevertheless,
whereto we have already attained, let
us walk by the same rule, let us mind
the same thing. 17 Brethren, be follow-
ers together of me, and mark them
which walk so as ye have us for an en-
sample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I

have told you often, and now tell you
even weeping, *that they are* the enemies
of the cross of Christ: [19] Whose end *is*
destruction, whose God *is their* belly,
and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who
mind earthly things.) [20] For our con-
versation is in heaven; from whence
also we look for the Saviour, the Lord
Jesus Christ:* [21] Who shall change our
vile body, that it may be fashioned like
unto his glorious body, according to
the working whereby he is able even to
subdue all things unto himself.

3.20. conversation...: or, we live or conduct ourselves as citizens of heaven, or, for obtaining heaven.

4 Therefore, my brethren dearly
beloved and longed for, my joy and
crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my*
dearly beloved. 2 I beseech Euodias,
and beseech Syntyche, that they be of
the same mind in the Lord. 3 And I
intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help
those women which laboured with me
in the gospel, with Clement also, and
with other my fellowlabourers, whose
names *are* in the book of life. 4 Re-
joice in the Lord alway: *and* again I
say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be
known unto all men. The Lord *is* at
hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in

every thing by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known unto God. 7 And the
peace of God, which passeth all under-
standing, shall keep your hearts and
minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally,
brethren, whatsoever things are true,
whatsoever things *are* honest, whatso-
ever things *are* just, whatsoever things
are pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely,
whatsoever things *are* of good report;
if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any
praise, think on these things.* 9 Those
things, which ye have both learned,
and received, and heard, and seen in

4.8. honest: or, venerable.

me, do: and the God of peace shall be
with you. [10] But I rejoiced in the Lord
greatly, that now at the last your care of
me hath flourished again; wherein ye
were also careful, but ye lacked oppor-
tunity.* [11] Not that I speak in respect
of want: for I have learned, in whatso-
ever state I am, *therewith* to be content.
[12] I know both how to be abased, and
I know how to abound: every where
and in all things I am instructed both
to be full and to be hungry, both to
abound and to suffer need. [13] I can
do all things through Christ which
strengtheneth me. [14] Notwithstanding

10. hath...: or, is revived.

ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. [15] Now ye
Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed
from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving
and receiving, but ye only. [16] For even
in Thessalonica ye sent once and again
unto my necessity. [17] Not because I
desire a gift: but I desire fruit that
may abound to your account. [18] But I
have all, and abound: I am full, having
received of Epaphroditus the things
which were sent from you, an odour
of a sweet smell, a sacrifice accept-

able, wellpleasing to God.* [19] But my
God shall supply all your need accord-
ing to his riches in glory by Christ
Jesus. [20] Now unto God and our Fa-
ther *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.
[21] Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The
brethren which are with me greet you.
[22] All the saints salute you, chiefly they
that are of Caesar's household. [23] The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with
you all. Amen. To *the* Philippians
written from Rome, by Epaphrodi-
tus.

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18. I have all: or, I have received all.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

COLOSSIANS

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ
by the will of God, and Tim-
otheus *our* brother, 2 To the
saints and faithful brethren in Christ
which are at Colosse: Grace *be* unto
you, and peace, from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We give
thanks to God and the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for
you, 4 Since we heard of your faith in
Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye*

have to all the saints, 5 For the hope
which is laid up for you in heaven,
whereof ye heard before in the word
of the truth of the gospel; 6 Which
is come unto you, as *it is* in all the
world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it*
doth also in you, since the day ye heard
of it, and knew the grace of God in
truth: 7 As ye also learned of Epa-
phras our dear fellowservant, who is
for you a faithful minister of Christ;
8 Who also declared unto us your love
in the Spirit. 9 For this cause we also,
since the day we heard *it*, do not cease
to pray for you, and to desire that ye
might be filled with the knowledge

of his will in all wisdom and spiritual
understanding; [10] That ye might walk
worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing,
being fruitful in every good work, and
increasing in the knowledge of God;
[11] Strengthened with all might, accord-
ing to his glorious power, unto all pa-
tience and longsuffering with joyful-
ness; [12] Giving thanks unto the Father,
which hath made us meet to be par-
takers of the inheritance of the saints
in light: [13] Who hath delivered us from
the power of darkness, and hath trans-
lated *us* into the kingdom of his dear
Son:* [14] In whom we have redemption

1.13. his...: Gr. the Son of his love.

through his blood, *even* the forgive-
ness of sins: [15] Who is the image of
the invisible God, the firstborn of ev-
ery creature: [16] For by him were all
things created, that are in heaven, and
that are in earth, visible and invisible,
whether *they be* thrones, or domin-
ions, or principalities, or powers: all
things were created by him, and for
him: [17] And he is before all things, and
by him all things consist. [18] And he is
the head of the body, the church: who
is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead; that in all *things* he might
have the preeminence.* [19] For it pleased

18. in...: or, among all.

the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; [20] And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.* [21] And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled* [22] In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: [23] If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from

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20. having...: or, making.
21. in...: or, by your mind in.

the hope of the gospel, which ye have
heard, *and* which was preached to ev-
ery creature which is under heaven;
whereof I Paul am made a minister;
24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings
for you, and fill up that which is be-
hind of the afflictions of Christ in my
flesh for his body's sake, which is the
church: 25 Whereof I am made a min-
ister, according to the dispensation of
God which is given to me for you,
to fulfil the word of God;* 26 *Even* the
mystery which hath been hid from
ages and from generations, but now
is made manifest to his saints: 27 To

25. to fulfil...: or, fully to preach the word.

whom God would make known what
is the riches of the glory of this mystery
among the Gentiles; which is Christ
in you, the hope of glory:* [28] Whom
we preach, warning every man, and
teaching every man in all wisdom;
that we may present every man perfect
in Christ Jesus: [29] Whereunto I also
labour, striving according to his work-
ing, which worketh in me mightily.

2 For I would that ye knew what
great conflict I have for you, and *for*
them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as
have not seen my face in the flesh;*

27. in: or, among.
2.1. conflict: or, fear, or, care.

2 That their hearts might be com-
forted, being knit together in love, and
unto all riches of the full assurance of
understanding, to the acknowledge-
ment of the mystery of God, and of
the Father, and of Christ; 3 In whom
are hid all the treasures of wisdom and
knowledge.* 4 And this I say, lest any
man should beguile you with entic-
ing words. 5 For though I be absent
in the flesh, yet am I with you in the
spirit, joying and beholding your or-
der, and the stedfastness of your faith
in Christ. 6 As ye have therefore re-
ceived Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye

3. In whom: or, Wherein.

in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him,
and stablished in the faith, as ye have
been taught, abounding therein with
thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man
spoil you through philosophy and vain
deceit, after the tradition of men, af-
ter the rudiments of the world, and
not after Christ.* 9 For in him dwelleth
all the fulness of the Godhead bod-
ily. 10 And ye are complete in him,
which is the head of all principality
and power: 11 In whom also ye are cir-
cumcised with the circumcision made
without hands, in putting off the body

8. rudiments: or, elements. make a prey: or, seduce you, or, lead you astray.

of the sins of the flesh by the circum-
cision of Christ: [12] Buried with him in
baptism, wherein also ye are risen with
him through the faith of the operation
of God, who hath raised him from the
dead. [13] And you, being dead in your
sins and the uncircumcision of your
flesh, hath he quickened together with
him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
[14] Blotting out the handwriting of or-
dinances that was against us, which
was contrary to us, and took it out of
the way, nailing it to his cross; [15] *And*
having spoiled principalities and pow-
ers, he made a shew of them openly,

triumphing over them in it.* [16] Let no
man therefore judge you in meat, or in
drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of
the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:*
[17] Which are a shadow of things to
come; but the body *is* of Christ. [18] Let
no man beguile you of your reward
in a voluntary humility and worship-
ping of angels, intruding into those
things which he hath not seen, vainly
puffed up by his fleshly mind,* [19] And
not holding the Head, from which

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15. in it: or, in himself.

16. in meat...: or, for eating and drinking. respect: or, part.

18. beguile...: or, judge against you. in a...: Gr. being a voluntary in humility.

all the body by joints and bands hav-
ing nourishment ministered, and knit
together, increaseth with the increase
of God. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead
with Christ from the rudiments of the
world, why, as though living in the
world, are ye subject to ordinances,*
21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;
22 Which all are to perish with the us-
ing;) after the commandments and
doctrines of men? 23 Which things
have indeed a shew of wisdom in will
worship, and humility, and neglecting
of the body; not in any honour to the

20. rudiments: or, elements.

satisfying of the flesh.*

3 If ye then be risen with Christ,
seek those things which are above,
where Christ sitteth on the right hand
of God. 2 Set your affection on things
above, not on things on the earth.*
3 For ye are dead, and your life is
hid with Christ in God. 4 When
Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear,
then shall ye also appear with him in
glory. 5 Mortify therefore your mem-
bers which are upon the earth; for-
nication, uncleanness, inordinate af-

23. neglecting: or, punishing, or, not sparing.
3.2. affection: or, mind.

fection, evil concupiscence, and cov-
etousness, which is idolatry: 6 For
which things' sake the wrath of God
cometh on the children of disobedi-
ence: 7 In the which ye also walked
some time, when ye lived in them.
8 But now ye also put off all these;
anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy
communication out of your mouth.
9 Lie not one to another, seeing that
ye have put off the old man with his
deeds; 10 And have put on the new
man, which is renewed in knowledge
after the image of him that created
him: 11 Where there is neither Greek
nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircum-

cision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor*
free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.
12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God,
holy and beloved, bowels of mercies,
kindness, humbleness of mind, meek-
ness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one
another, and forgiving one another, if
any man have a quarrel against any:
even as Christ forgave you, so also *do*
ye.* 14 And above all these things *put on*
charity, which is the bond of perfect-
ness. 15 And let the peace of God rule
in your hearts, to the which also ye are
called in one body; and be ye thank-
ful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in

13. quarrel: or, complaint.

you richly in all wisdom; teaching and
admonishing one another in psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs, singing
with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatsoever ye do in word or
deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God and the
Father by him. 18 Wives, submit your-
selves unto your own husbands, as it
is fit in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love
your wives, and be not bitter against
them. 20 Children, obey *your* parents in
all things: for this is well pleasing unto
the Lord. 21 Fathers, provoke not your
children *to anger*, lest they be discour-
aged. 22 Servants, obey in all things

your masters according to the flesh;
not with eyeservice, as menpleasers;
but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heart-
ily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall
receive the reward of the inheritance:
for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he
that doeth wrong shall receive for the
wrong which he hath done: and there
is no respect of persons.

4 Masters, give unto *your* servants
that which is just and equal; knowing
that ye also have a Master in heaven.
2 Continue in prayer, and watch in

the same with thanksgiving; 3 Withal
praying also for us, that God would
open unto us a door of utterance, to
speak the mystery of Christ, for which
I am also in bonds: 4 That I may
make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward them that
are without, redeeming the time. 6 Let
your speech *be* alway with grace, sea-
soned with salt, that ye may know
how ye ought to answer every man.
7 All my state shall Tychicus declare
unto you, *who is* a beloved brother,
and a faithful minister and fellowser-
vant in the Lord: 8 Whom I have sent
unto you for the same purpose, that

he might know your estate, and com-
fort your hearts; 9 With Onesimus, a
faithful and beloved brother, who is
one of you. They shall make known
unto you all things which *are done*
here. 10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner
saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son
to Barnabas, (touching whom ye re-
ceived commandments: if he come
unto you, receive him;) 11 And Jesus,
which is called Justus, who are of
the circumcision. These only *are my*
fellowworkers unto the kingdom of
God, which have been a comfort unto
me. 12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a
servant of Christ, saluteth you, always

labouring fervently for you in prayers,
that ye may stand perfect and com-
plete in all the will of God.* 13 For I bear
him record, that he hath a great zeal
for you, and them *that are* in Laodicea,
and them in Hierapolis. 14 Luke, the
beloved physician, and Demas, greet
you. 15 Salute the brethren which are
in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the
church which is in his house. 16 And
when this epistle is read among you,
cause that it be read also in the church
of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise
read the *epistle* from Laodicea. 17 And
say to Archippus, Take heed to the

4.12. labouring...: or, striving. complete: or, filled.

ministry which thou hast received in
the Lord, that thou fulfil it. [18] The salu-
tation by the hand of me Paul. Re-
member my bonds. Grace *be* with you.
Amen. Written from Rome to Colos-
sians by Tychicus and Onesimus.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. [2] We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; [3] Remember-

ing without ceasing your work of faith,
and labour of love, and patience of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the
sight of God and our Father; 4 Know-
ing, brethren beloved, your election of
God.* 5 For our gospel came not unto
you in word only, but also in power,
and in the Holy Ghost, and in much
assurance; as ye know what manner of
men we were among you for your sake.
6 And ye became followers of us, and
of the Lord, having received the word
in much affliction, with joy of the
Holy Ghost: 7 So that ye were ensam-
ples to all that believe in Macedonia

1.4. beloved...: or, beloved of God, your election.

and Achaia. 8 For from you sounded
out the word of the Lord not only in
Macedonia and Achaia, but also in ev-
ery place your faith to God-ward is
spread abroad; so that we need not
to speak any thing. 9 For they them-
selves shew of us what manner of en-
tering in we had unto you, and how ye
turned to God from idols to serve the
living and true God; 10 And to wait for
his Son from heaven, whom he raised
from the dead, *even* Jesus, which deliv-
ered us from the wrath to come.

2 For yourselves, brethren, know
our entrance in unto you, that it was
not in vain: 2 But even after that we

had suffered before, and were shame-
fully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi,
we were bold in our God to speak unto
you the gospel of God with much con-
tention. 3 For our exhortation *was* not
of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in
guile: 4 But as we were allowed of God
to be put in trust with the gospel, even
so we speak; not as pleasing men, but
God, which trieth our hearts. 5 For
neither at any time used we flattering
words, as ye know, nor a cloke of cov-
etousness; God *is* witness: 6 Nor of
men sought we glory, neither of you,
nor *yet* of others, when we might have
been burdensome, as the apostles of

Christ.* 7 But we were gentle among
you, even as a nurse cherisheth her
children: 8 So being affectionately de-
sirous of you, we were willing to have
imparted unto you, not the gospel of
God only, but also our own souls, be-
cause ye were dear unto us. 9 For ye
remember, brethren, our labour and
travail: for labouring night and day,
because we would not be chargeable
unto any of you, we preached unto
you the gospel of God. 10 Ye *are* wit-
nesses, and God *also*, how holily and
justly and unblameably we behaved
ourselves among you that believe: 11 As

2.6. been...: or, used authority.

ye know how we exhorted and com-
forted and charged every one of you,
as a father *doth* his children, [12] That
ye would walk worthy of God, who
hath called you unto his kingdom and
glory. [13] For this cause also thank we
God without ceasing, because, when
ye received the word of God which ye
heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the
word of men, but as it is in truth, the
word of God, which effectually wor-
keth also in you that believe. [14] For
ye, brethren, became followers of the
churches of God which in Judaea are
in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suf-
fered like things of your own coun-

trymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:
15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and
their own prophets, and have perse-
cuted us; and they please not God, and
are contrary to all men:* 16 Forbidding
us to speak to the Gentiles that they
might be saved, to fill up their sins al-
way: for the wrath is come upon them
to the uttermost. 17 But we, breth-
ren, being taken from you for a short
time in presence, not in heart, endeav-
oured the more abundantly to see your
face with great desire. 18 Wherefore
we would have come unto you, even
I Paul, once and again; but Satan hin-

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15. persecuted us: or, chased us out.

dered us. [19] For what *is* our hope, or joy,
or crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even
ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus
Christ at his coming?* [20] For ye are our
glory and joy.

3 Wherefore when we could no
longer forbear, we thought it good to
be left at Athens alone; [2] And sent
Timotheus, our brother, and minis-
ter of God, and our fellowlabourer
in the gospel of Christ, to establish
you, and to comfort you concerning
your faith: [3] That no man should be
moved by these afflictions: for your-

19. rejoicing: or, glorying.

selves know that we are appointed
thereunto.* 4 For verily, when we were
with you, we told you before that we
should suffer tribulation; even as it
came to pass, and ye know. 5 For this
cause, when I could no longer forbear,
I sent to know your faith, lest by some
means the tempter have tempted you,
and our labour be in vain. 6 But now
when Timotheus came from you unto
us, and brought us good tidings of
your faith and charity, and that ye have
good remembrance of us always, de-
siring greatly to see us, as we also *to
see* you: 7 Therefore, brethren, we were

3.3. there unto: or, to sufferings, or, to persecution.

comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: 8 For
now we live, if ye stand fast in the
Lord. 9 For what thanks can we ren-
der to God again for you, for all the joy
wherewith we joy for your sakes before
our God; 10 Night and day praying ex-
ceedingly that we might see your face,
and might perfect that which is lack-
ing in your faith? 11 Now God him-
self and our Father, and our Lord Je-
sus Christ, direct our way unto you.*
12 And the Lord make you to increase
and abound in love one toward an-
other, and toward all *men*, even as we

11. direct: or, guide.

do toward you: [13] To the end he may
stablish your hearts unblameable in
holiness before God, even our Father,
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
with all his saints.*

4 Furthermore then we beseech
you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the
Lord Jesus, that as ye have received
of us how ye ought to walk and to
please God, *so* ye would abound more
and more.* [2] For ye know what com-
mandments we gave you by the Lord
Jesus. [3] For this is the will of God,
even your sanctification, that ye should

13. saints: or, holy ones, or, angels.
4.1. beseech: or, request. exhort: or, beseech.

abstain from fornication: [4] That every one of you should know how to
possess his vessel in sanctification and
honour; [5] Not in the lust of concu-
piscence, even as the Gentiles which
know not God: [6] That no *man* go be-
yond and defraud his brother in *any*
matter: because that the Lord *is* the
avenger of all such, as we also have
forewarned you and testified.* [7] For
God hath not called us unto unclean-
ness, but unto holiness. [8] He therefore
that despiseth, despiseth not man, but
God, who hath also given unto us his

6. defraud: or, oppress, or, overreach. in...: or, in the matter.

holy Spirit.* 9 But as touching broth-
erly love ye need not that I write unto
you: for ye yourselves are taught of
God to love one another. 10 And in-
deed ye do it toward all the brethren
which are in all Macedonia: but we
beseech you, brethren, that ye increase
more and more; 11 And that ye study to
be quiet, and to do your own business,
and to work with your own hands, as
we commanded you; 12 That ye may
walk honestly toward them that are
without, and *that* ye may have lack of
nothing.* 13 But I would not have you

8. despiseth: or, rejecteth.
12. of...: or, of no man.

to be ignorant, brethren, concerning
them which are asleep, that ye sor-
row not, even as others which have
no hope. [14] For if we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so them also
which sleep in Jesus will God bring
with him. [15] For this we say unto you
by the word of the Lord, that we which
are alive *and* remain unto the com-
ing of the Lord shall not prevent them
which are asleep.* [16] For the Lord him-
self shall descend from heaven with a
shout, with the voice of the archangel,
and with the trump of God: and the

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15. prevent: or, come before, or, anticipate, or, precede.

dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then
we which are alive *and* remain shall
be caught up together with them in
the clouds, to meet the Lord in the
air: and so shall we ever be with the
Lord. [18] Wherefore comfort one an-
other with these words.*

5 But of the times and the sea-
sons, brethren, ye have no need that
I write unto you. [2] For yourselves
know perfectly that the day of the
Lord so cometh as a thief in the
night. [3] For when they shall say, Peace
and safety; then sudden destruction

18. comfort: or, exhort.

cometh upon them, as travail upon a
woman with child; and they shall not
escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in
darkness, that that day should over-
take you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the
children of light, and the children of
the day: we are not of the night, nor of
darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep,
as *do* others; but let us watch and be
sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the
night; and they that be drunken are
drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who
are of the day, be sober, putting on the
breastplate of faith and love; and for
an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For
God hath not appointed us to wrath,

but to obtain salvation by our Lord
Jesus Christ, [10] Who died for us, that,
whether we wake or sleep, we should
live together with him. [11] Wherefore
comfort yourselves together, and ed-
ify one another, even as also ye do.*
[12] And we beseech you, brethren, to
know them which labour among you,
and are over you in the Lord, and ad-
monish you; [13] And to esteem them
very highly in love for their work's
sake. *And* be at peace among your-
selves. [14] Now we exhort you, brethren,
warn them that are unruly, comfort
the feebleminded, support the weak,

5.11. comfort: or, exhort.

be patient toward all *men*.* [15] See that
none render evil for evil unto any *man*;
but ever follow that which is good,
both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
[16] Rejoice evermore. [17] Pray without
ceasing. [18] In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus concerning you. [19] Quench not
the Spirit. [20] Despise not prophesy-
ings. [21] Prove all things; hold fast that
which is good. [22] Abstain from all ap-
pearance of evil. [23] And the very God
of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I*
pray God your whole spirit and soul
and body be preserved blameless unto

14. exhort: or, beseech. unruly: or, disorderly.

the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who
also will do *it*. 25 Brethren, pray for us.
26 Greet all the brethren with an holy
kiss. 27 I charge you by the Lord that
this epistle be read unto all the holy
brethren.* 28 The grace of our Lord Je-
sus Christ *be* with you. Amen. The
first *epistle* to the Thessalonians was
written from Athens.

27. charge: or, adjure.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth ex-

ceedingly, and the charity of every one
of you all toward each other abound-
eth; 4 So that we ourselves glory in
you in the churches of God for your
patience and faith in all your perse-
cutions and tribulations that ye en-
dure: 5 *Which is* a manifest token of
the righteous judgment of God, that
ye may be counted worthy of the king-
dom of God, for which ye also suf-
fer: 6 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing
with God to recompense tribulation
to them that trouble you; 7 And to you
who are troubled rest with us, when
the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from

heaven with his mighty angels,* 8 In
flaming fire taking vengeance on them
that know not God, and that obey not
the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*
9 Who shall be punished with ever-
lasting destruction from the presence
of the Lord, and from the glory of
his power; 10 When he shall come to
be glorified in his saints, and to be
admired in all them that believe (be-
cause our testimony among you was
believed) in that day. 11 Wherefore
also we pray always for you, that our
God would count you worthy of *this*

1.7. his...: Gr. the angels of his power.
8. taking: or, yielding.

calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure
of *his* goodness, and the work of faith
with power:* 12 That the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in
you, and ye in him, according to the
grace of our God and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

2 Now we beseech you, breth-
ren, by the coming of our Lord Je-
sus Christ, and *by* our gathering to-
gether unto him,* 2 That ye be not
soon shaken in mind, or be troubled,
neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by
letter as from us, as that the day of

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11. count: or, vouchsafe.
2.1. unto him: or, around him.

Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive
you by any means: for *that day shall not*
come, except there come a falling away
first, and that man of sin be revealed,
the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth
and exalteth himself above all that is
called God, or that is worshipped; so
that he as God sitteth in the temple of
God, shewing himself that he is God.
5 Remember ye not, that, when I was
yet with you, I told you these things?
6 And now ye know what withholdeth
that he might be revealed in his time.*
7 For the mystery of iniquity doth al-
ready work: only he who now letteth

6. withholdeth: or, holdeth.

will let, until he be taken out of the
way. 8 And then shall that Wicked
be revealed, whom the Lord shall con-
sume with the spirit of his mouth, and
shall destroy with the brightness of his
coming: 9 *Even him*, whose coming
is after the working of Satan with all
power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of un-
righteousness in them that perish; be-
cause they received not the love of the
truth, that they might be saved. 11 And
for this cause God shall send them
strong delusion, that they should be-
lieve a lie: 12 That they all might be
damned who believed not the truth,

but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
13 But we are bound to give thanks al-
way to God for you, brethren beloved
of the Lord, because God hath from
the beginning chosen you to salvation
through sanctification of the Spirit
and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto
he called you by our gospel, to the ob-
taining of the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren, stand
fast, and hold the traditions which ye
have been taught, whether by word,
or our epistle. 16 Now our Lord Jesus
Christ himself, and God, even our Fa-
ther, which hath loved us, and hath
given *us* everlasting consolation and

good hope through grace, [17] Comfort
your hearts, and stablish you in every
good word and work.

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us,
that the word of the Lord may have
free course, and be glorified, even as *it*
is with you:* [2] And that we may be de-
livered from unreasonable and wicked
men: for all *men* have not faith.* [3] But
the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish
you, and keep *you* from evil. [4] And
we have confidence in the Lord touch-
ing you, that ye both do and will do

3.1. have...: Gr. run.
2. unreasonable: Gr. absurd.

the things which we command you.
5 And the Lord direct your hearts into
the love of God, and into the patient
waiting for Christ.* 6 Now we com-
mand you, brethren, in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye with-
draw yourselves from every brother
that walketh disorderly, and not after
the tradition which he received of us.
7 For yourselves know how ye ought
to follow us: for we behaved not our-
selves disorderly among you; 8 Neither
did we eat any man's bread for nought;
but wrought with labour and travail
night and day, that we might not be

5. patient...: or, patience of Christ.

chargeable to any of you: 9 Not be-
cause we have not power, but to make
ourselves an ensample unto you to fol-
low us. 10 For even when we were with
you, this we commanded you, that if
any would not work, neither should
he eat. 11 For we hear that there are
some which walk among you disor-
derly, working not at all, but are busy-
bodies. 12 Now them that are such we
command and exhort by our Lord Je-
sus Christ, that with quietness they
work, and eat their own bread. 13 But
ye, brethren, be not weary in well do-
ing.* 14 And if any man obey not our

13. be...: or, faint not.

word by this epistle, note that man,
and have no company with him, that
he may be ashamed.* 15 Yet count *him*
not as an enemy, but admonish *him*
as a brother. 16 Now the Lord of
peace himself give you peace always
by all means. The Lord *be* with you
all. 17 The salutation of Paul with mine
own hand, which is the token in ev-
ery epistle: so I write. 18 The grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all.
Amen. The second *epistle* to the Thes-
salonians was written from Athens.

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14. by...: or, signify that man by an epistle.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the commandment of God our
Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ,
which is our hope; 2 Unto Timothy,
my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy,
and peace, from God our Father and
Jesus Christ our Lord. 3 As I be-
sought thee to abide still at Ephesus,
when I went into Macedonia, that

thou mightest charge some that they
teach no other doctrine, 4 Neither give
heed to fables and endless genealogies,
which minister questions, rather than
godly edifying which is in faith: *so*
do. 5 Now the end of the command-
ment is charity out of a pure heart,
and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith
unfeigned: 6 From which some hav-
ing swerved have turned aside unto
vain jangling;* 7 Desiring to be teach-
ers of the law; understanding neither
what they say, nor whereof they af-
firm. 8 But we know that the law *is*
good, if a man use it lawfully; 9 Know-

1.6. having...: or, not aiming at.

ing this, that the law is not made for
a righteous man, but for the lawless
and disobedient, for the ungodly and
for sinners, for unholy and profane,
for murderers of fathers and murder-
ers of mothers, for manslayers, [10] For
whoremongers, for them that defile
themselves with mankind, for men-
stealers, for liars, for perjured persons,
and if there be any other thing that
is contrary to sound doctrine; [11] Ac-
cording to the glorious gospel of the
blessed God, which was committed to
my trust. [12] And I thank Christ Jesus
our Lord, who hath enabled me, for
that he counted me faithful, putting

me into the ministry; [13] Who was be-
fore a blasphemer, and a persecutor,
and injurious: but I obtained mercy,
because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.
[14] And the grace of our Lord was ex-
ceeding abundant with faith and love
which is in Christ Jesus. [15] This *is* a
faithful saying, and worthy of all ac-
ceptation, that Christ Jesus came into
the world to save sinners; of whom
I am chief. [16] Howbeit for this cause
I obtained mercy, that in me first Je-
sus Christ might shew forth all long-
suffering, for a pattern to them which
should hereafter believe on him to life
everlasting. [17] Now unto the King eter-

nal, immortal, invisible, the only wise
God, *be* honour and glory for ever and
ever. Amen. [18] This charge I commit
unto thee, son Timothy, according to
the prophecies which went before on
thee, that thou by them mightest war
a good warfare; [19] Holding faith, and a
good conscience; which some having
put away concerning faith have made
shipwreck: [20] Of whom is Hymenaeus
and Alexander; whom I have delivered
unto Satan, that they may learn not to
blaspheme.

2 I exhort therefore, that, first
of all, supplications, prayers, interces-

sions, *and* giving of thanks, be made
for all men;* 2 For kings, and *for* all
that are in authority; that we may lead
a quiet and peaceable life in all godli-
ness and honesty.* 3 For this *is* good
and acceptable in the sight of God
our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men
to be saved, and to come unto the
knowledge of the truth. 5 For *there is*
one God, and one mediator between
God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
6 Who gave himself a ransom for all,
to be testified in due time.* 7 Where-

2.1. exhort: or, desire.
2. authority: or, eminent place.
6. to...: or, a testimony.

unto I am ordained a preacher, and an
apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ,
and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles
in faith and verity. 8 I will therefore
that men pray every where, lifting up
holy hands, without wrath and doubt-
ing. 9 In like manner also, that wo-
men adorn themselves in modest ap-
parel, with shamefacedness and sobri-
ety; not with broided hair, or gold, or
pearls, or costly array;* 10 But (which
becometh women professing godli-
ness) with good works. 11 Let the wo-
man learn in silence with all subjec-
tion. 12 But I suffer not a woman to

9. broided: or, plaited.

teach, nor to usurp authority over the
man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam
was first formed, then Eve. 14 And
Adam was not deceived, but the wo-
man being deceived was in the trans-
gression. 15 Notwithstanding she shall
be saved in childbearing, if they con-
tinue in faith and charity and holiness
with sobriety.

3 This *is* a true saying, If a man
desire the office of a bishop, he de-
sireth a good work. 2 A bishop then
must be blameless, the husband of
one wife, vigilant, sober, of good be-
haviour, given to hospitality, apt to

teach;* 3 Not given to wine, no striker,
not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient,
not a brawler, not covetous;* 4 One
that ruleth well his own house, hav-
ing his children in subjection with
all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not
how to rule his own house, how shall
he take care of the church of God?)
6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with
pride he fall into the condemnation of
the devil.* 7 Moreover he must have a
good report of them which are with-

3.2. of good...: or, modest.

3. given...: or, ready to quarrel, and offer wrong, as one in wine.

6. a novice: or, one newly come to the faith.

out; lest he fall into reproach and the
snare of the devil. 8 Likewise *must* the
deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued,
not given to much wine, not greedy of
filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of
the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And
let these also first be proved; then let
them use the office of a deacon, being
found blameless. 11 Even so *must their*
wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober,
faithful in all things. 12 Let the deacons
be the husbands of one wife, ruling
their children and their own houses
well. 13 For they that have used the of-
fice of a deacon well purchase to them-
selves a good degree, and great bold-

ness in the faith which is in Christ Je-
sus.* 14 These things write I unto thee,
hoping to come unto thee shortly:
15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest
know how thou oughtest to behave
thyself in the house of God, which is
the church of the living God, the pil-
lar and ground of the truth.* 16 And
without controversy great is the mys-
tery of godliness: God was manifest
in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen
of angels, preached unto the Gentiles,
believed on in the world, received up
into glory.

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13. used...: or, ministered.
15. ground: or, stay.

4 Now the Spirit speaketh ex-
pressly, that in the latter times some
shall depart from the faith, giving heed
to seducing spirits, and doctrines of
devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy;
having their conscience seared with a
hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, *and*
commanding to abstain from meats,
which God hath created to be received
with thanksgiving of them which be-
lieve and know the truth. 4 For every
creature of God *is* good, and nothing
to be refused, if it be received with
thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by
the word of God and prayer. 6 If thou

put the brethren in remembrance of
these things, thou shalt be a good min-
ister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in
the words of faith and of good doc-
trine, whereunto thou hast attained.
7 But refuse profane and old wives' fa-
bles, and exercise thyself *rather* unto
godliness. 8 For bodily exercise prof-
iteth little: but godliness is profitable
unto all things, having promise of the
life that now is, and of that which is
to come.* 9 This *is* a faithful saying
and worthy of all acceptation. 10 For
therefore we both labour and suffer re-
proach, because we trust in the living

4.8. little: or, for a little time.

God, who is the Saviour of all men,
specially of those that believe. 11 These
things command and teach. 12 Let no
man despise thy youth; but be thou
an example of the believers, in word,
in conversation, in charity, in spirit,
in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give
attendance to reading, to exhortation,
to doctrine. 14 Neglect not the gift that
is in thee, which was given thee by
prophecy, with the laying on of the
hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate
upon these things; give thyself wholly
to them; that thy profiting may appear
to all.* 16 Take heed unto thyself, and

15. to all: or, in all things.

unto the doctrine; continue in them:
for in doing this thou shalt both save
thyself, and them that hear thee.

5 Rebuke not an elder, but in-
treat *him* as a father; *and* the younger
men as brethren; 2 The elder women
as mothers; the younger as sisters,
with all purity. 3 Honour widows
that are widows indeed. 4 But if any
widow have children or nephews, let
them learn first to shew piety at home,
and to requite their parents: for that
is good and acceptable before God.*
5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and

5.4. piety: or, kindness.

desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers
night and day. 6 But she that liveth
in pleasure is dead while she liveth.*
7 And these things give in charge, that
they may be blameless. 8 But if any
provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he
hath denied the faith, and is worse
than an infidel.* 9 Let not a widow be
taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife
of one man,* 10 Well reported of for

6. in...: or, delicately.
8. house: or, kindred.
9. taken...: or, chosen.

good works; if she have brought up
children, if she have lodged strangers,
if she have washed the saints' feet, if she
have relieved the afflicted, if she have
diligently followed every good work.
11 But the younger widows refuse: for
when they have begun to wax wanton
against Christ, they will marry; 12 Hav-
ing damnation, because they have cast
off their first faith. 13 And withal they
learn *to be* idle, wandering about from
house to house; and not only idle, but
tattlers also and busybodies, speak-
ing things which they ought not. 14 I
will therefore that the younger women
marry, bear children, guide the house,

give none occasion to the adversary to
speak reproachfully.* 15 For some are
already turned aside after Satan. 16 If
any man or woman that believeth have
widows, let them relieve them, and
let not the church be charged; that it
may relieve them that are widows in-
deed. 17 Let the elders that rule well
be counted worthy of double hon-
our, especially they who labour in the
word and doctrine. 18 For the scrip-
ture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the
ox that treadeth out the corn. And,
The labourer *is* worthy of his reward.
19 Against an elder receive not an ac-

14. to speak...: Gr. for their railing.

cusation, but before two or three wit-
nesses.* [20] Them that sin rebuke before
all, that others also may fear. [21] I charge
thee before God, and the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the elect angels, that thou
observe these things without prefer-
ring one before another, doing noth-
ing by partiality.* [22] Lay hands sud-
denly on no man, neither be partaker
of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.
[23] Drink no longer water, but use a little
wine for thy stomach's sake and thine
often infirmities. [24] Some men's sins
are open beforehand, going before to

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19. before: or, under.

21. preferring...: or, prejudice.

judgment; and some *men* they follow
after. [25] Likewise also the good works
of some are manifest beforehand; and
they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

6 Let as many servants as are un-
der the yoke count their own masters
worthy of all honour, that the name
of God and *his* doctrine be not blas-
phemed. [2] And they that have believ-
ing masters, let them not despise *them*,
because they are brethren; but rather
do *them* service, because they are faith-
ful and beloved, partakers of the ben-
efit. These things teach and exhort.*

6.2. faithful: or, believing.

3 If any man teach otherwise, and con-
sent not to wholesome words, *even*
the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to the doctrine which is accord-
ing to godliness; 4 He is proud, know-
ing nothing, but doting about ques-
tions and strifes of words, whereof
cometh envy, strife, railings, evil sur-
misings,* 5 Perverse disputings of men
of corrupt minds, and destitute of
the truth, supposing that gain is god-
liness: from such withdraw thyself.*
6 But godliness with contentment is
great gain. 7 For we brought nothing

4. proud: or, a fool. doting: or, sick.
5. Perverse...: or, Gallings one of another.

into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can
carry nothing out. 8 And having food
and raiment let us be therewith con-
tent. 9 But they that will be rich fall
into temptation and a snare, and *into*
many foolish and hurtful lusts, which
drown men in destruction and perdi-
tion. 10 For the love of money is the
root of all evil: which while some cov-
eted after, they have erred from the
faith, and pierced themselves through
with many sorrows.* 11 But thou, O
man of God, flee these things; and
follow after righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight

10. erred: or, been seduced.

the good fight of faith, lay hold on
eternal life, whereunto thou art also
called, and hast professed a good pro-
fession before many witnesses. 13 I
give thee charge in the sight of God,
who quickeneth all things, and *be-*
fore Christ Jesus, who before Pontius
Pilate witnessed a good confession;*
14 That thou keep *this* commandment
without spot, unrebukeable, until the
appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
15 Which in his times he shall shew,
who is the blessed and only Potentate,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
16 Who only hath immortality, dwell-

13. confession: or, profession.

ing in the light which no man can ap-
proach unto; whom no man hath seen,
nor can see: to whom *be* honour and
power everlasting. Amen. [17] Charge
them that are rich in this world, that
they be not highminded, nor trust
in uncertain riches, but in the living
God, who giveth us richly all things
to enjoy;* [18] That they do good, that
they be rich in good works, ready to
distribute, willing to communicate;*
[19] Laying up in store for themselves a
good foundation against the time to
come, that they may lay hold on eter-

17. uncertain...: Gr. uncertainty of riches.
18. willing...: or, sociable.

nal life. [20] O Timothy, keep that which
is committed to thy trust, avoiding
profane *and* vain babblings, and op-
positions of science falsely so called:*
[21] Which some professing have erred
concerning the faith. Grace *be* with
thee. Amen. The first to Timothy was
written from Laodicea, which is the
chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.

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20. science: Gr. knowledge.

THE
SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE
TO
TIMOTHY

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by
the will of God, according to
the promise of life which is in
Christ Jesus, [2] To Timothy, *my* dearly
beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace,
from God the Father and Christ Jesus
our Lord. [3] I thank God, whom I serve
from *my* forefathers with pure con-
science, that without ceasing I have

remembrance of thee in my prayers
night and day; 4 Greatly desiring to see
thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I
may be filled with joy;* 5 When I call
to remembrance the unfeigned faith
that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy
grandmother Lois, and thy mother
Eunice; and I am persuaded that in
thee also. 6 Wherefore I put thee in
remembrance that thou stir up the
gift of God, which is in thee by the
putting on of my hands. 7 For God
hath not given us the spirit of fear;
but of power, and of love, and of a

1.4. Greatly...: or, remembering thy tears, I greatly desire to see thee that.

sound mind. [8] Be not thou there-
fore ashamed of the testimony of our
Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be
thou partaker of the afflictions of the
gospel according to the power of God;
[9] Who hath saved us, and called *us*
with an holy calling, not according to
our works, but according to his own
purpose and grace, which was given
us in Christ Jesus before the world be-
gan, [10] But is now made manifest by the
appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who hath abolished death, and hath
brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel: [11] Whereunto I am
appointed a preacher, and an apostle,

and a teacher of the Gentiles. [12] For the
which cause I also suffer these things:
nevertheless I am not ashamed: for
I know whom I have believed, and
am persuaded that he is able to keep
that which I have committed unto
him against that day.* [13] Hold fast the
form of sound words, which thou hast
heard of me, in faith and love which
is in Christ Jesus. [14] That good thing
which was committed unto thee keep
by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in
us. [15] This thou knowest, that all they
which are in Asia be turned away from
me; of whom are Phygellus and Her-

12. believed: or, trusted.

mogenes. [16] The Lord give mercy unto
the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft
refreshed me, and was not ashamed
of my chain: [17] But, when he was in
Rome, he sought me out very dili-
gently, and found *me*. [18] The Lord
grant unto him that he may find mercy
of the Lord in that day: and in how
many things he ministered unto me at
Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

2 Thou therefore, my son, be
strong in the grace that is in Christ
Jesus. [2] And the things that thou
hast heard of me among many wit-
nesses, the same commit thou to faith-

ful men, who shall be able to teach
others also.* 3 Thou therefore endure
hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus
Christ. 4 No man that warreth en-
tangleth himself with the affairs of
this life; that he may please him who
hath chosen him to be a soldier.
5 And if a man also strive for mas-
teries, *yet* is he not crowned, except
he strive lawfully. 6 The husbandman
that laboureth must be first partaker
of the fruits.* 7 Consider what I say;
and the Lord give thee understanding

2.2. among: or, by.
6. that...: or, labouring first, must be partaker of the fruits.

in all things. [8] Remember that Jesus
Christ of the seed of David was raised
from the dead according to my gospel:
[9] Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil
doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word
of God is not bound. [10] Therefore I
endure all things for the elect's sakes,
that they may also obtain the salvation
which is in Christ Jesus with eternal
glory. [11] *It is* a faithful saying: For if
we be dead with *him*, we shall also live
with *him*: [12] If we suffer, we shall also
reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also
will deny us: [13] If we believe not, *yet* he
abideth faithful: he cannot deny him-
self. [14] Of these things put *them* in re-

membrance, charging *them* before the
Lord that they strive not about words
to no profit, *but* to the subverting of
the hearers. [15] Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a workman that
needeth not to be ashamed, rightly di-
viding the word of truth. [16] But shun
profane *and* vain babblings: for they
will increase unto more ungodliness.
[17] And their word will eat as doth a
canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and
Philetus;* [18] Who concerning the truth
have erred, saying that the resurrection
is past already; and overthrow the faith
of some. [19] Nevertheless the founda-

17. canker: or, gangrene.

tion of God standeth sure, having this
seal, The Lord knoweth them that are
his. And, Let every one that nameth
the name of Christ depart from iniq-
uity.* [20] But in a great house there are
not only vessels of gold and of silver,
but also of wood and of earth; and
some to honour, and some to dishon-
our. [21] If a man therefore purge himself
from these, he shall be a vessel unto
honour, sanctified, and meet for the
master's use, *and* prepared unto ev-
ery good work. [22] Flee also youthful
lusts: but follow righteousness, faith,
charity, peace, with them that call on

19. sure: or, steady.

the Lord out of a pure heart. [23] But
foolish and unlearned questions avoid,
knowing that they do gender strifes.
[24] And the servant of the Lord must
not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*,
apt to teach, patient,* [25] In meekness
instructing those that oppose them-
selves; if God peradventure will give
them repentance to the acknowledg-
ing of the truth; [26] And *that* they may
recover themselves out of the snare of
the devil, who are taken captive by him
at his will.*

3 This know also, that in the

24. patient: or, forbearing.
26. recover...: Gr. awake. taken...: Gr. taken alive.

last days perilous times shall come.
2 For men shall be lovers of their
own selves, covetous, boasters, proud,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natu-
ral affection, trucebreakers, false ac-
cusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of
those that are good,* 4 Traitors, heady,
highminded, lovers of pleasures more
than lovers of God; 5 Having a form
of godliness, but denying the power
thereof: from such turn away. 6 For
of this sort are they which creep into
houses, and lead captive silly women
laden with sins, led away with divers

3.3. false...: or, one who foments strife.

lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to
come to the knowledge of the truth.
8 Now as Jannes and Jambres with-
stood Moses, so do these also resist the
truth: men of corrupt minds, repro-
bate concerning the faith.* 9 But they
shall proceed no further: for their folly
shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs
also was. 10 But thou hast fully known
my doctrine, manner of life, purpose,
faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,*
11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came
unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at
Lystra; what persecutions I endured:

8. reprobate: or, of no judgment.
10. fully...: or, been a diligent follower of.

but out of *them* all the Lord delivered
me. [12] Yea, and all that will live godly
in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
[13] But evil men and seducers shall wax
worse and worse, deceiving, and be-
ing deceived. [14] But continue thou in
the things which thou hast learned
and hast been assured of, knowing of
whom thou hast learned *them*; [15] And
that from a child thou hast known the
holy scriptures, which are able to make
thee wise unto salvation through faith
which is in Christ Jesus. [16] All scrip-
ture *is* given by inspiration of God, and
is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in righ-

teousness: [17] That the man of God may
be perfect, throughly furnished unto
all good works.*

4 I charge *thee* therefore before
God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who
shall judge the quick and the dead
at his appearing and his kingdom;
[2] Preach the word; be instant in sea-
son, out of season; reprove, rebuke,
exhort with all longsuffering and doc-
trine. [3] For the time will come when
they will not endure sound doctrine;
but after their own lusts shall they
heap to themselves teachers, having

17. throughly...: or, perfected.

itching ears; [4] And they shall turn
away *their* ears from the truth, and
shall be turned unto fables. [5] But
watch thou in all things, endure af-
flictions, do the work of an evange-
list, make full proof of thy ministry.*
[6] For I am now ready to be offered,
and the time of my departure is at
hand. [7] I have fought a good fight, I
have finished *my* course, I have kept
the faith: [8] Henceforth there is laid
up for me a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day: and not to
me only, but unto all them also that

4.5. make...; or, fulfil.

love his appearing. 9 Do thy diligence
to come shortly unto me: 10 For De-
mas hath forsaken me, having loved
this present world, and is departed
unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Gala-
tia, Titus unto Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke
is with me. Take Mark, and bring
him with thee: for he is profitable
to me for the ministry. 12 And Ty-
chicus have I sent to Ephesus. 13 The
cloke that I left at Troas with Car-
pus, when thou comest, bring *with
thee*, and the books, *but* especially the
parchments. 14 Alexander the copper-
smith did me much evil: the Lord
reward him according to his works:

15 Of whom be thou ware also; for
he hath greatly withstood our words.*
16 At my first answer no man stood
with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I*
pray God that it may not be laid to
their charge. 17 Notwithstanding the
Lord stood with me, and strengthened
me; that by me the preaching might be
fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles
might hear: and I was delivered out of
the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord
shall deliver me from every evil work,
and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly
kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever
and ever. Amen. 19 Salute Prisca and

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15. our words: or, our preachings.

Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. [20] Erastus abode at Corinth:
but Trophimus have I left at Miletum
sick. [21] Do thy diligence to come be-
fore winter. Eubulus greeteth thee,
and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia,
and all the brethren. [22] The Lord Je-
sus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace
be with you. Amen. The second *epis-*
tle unto Timotheus, ordained the first
bishop of the church of the Ephesians,
was written from Rome, when Paul
was brought before Nero the second
time.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO
TITUS

Paul, a servant of God, and an
apostle of Jesus Christ, accord-
ing to the faith of God's elect,
and the acknowledging of the truth
which is after godliness; 2 In hope of
eternal life, which God, that cannot
lie, promised before the world began;*
3 But hath in due times manifested
his word through preaching, which is
committed unto me according to the
commandment of God our Saviour;
4 To Titus, *mine* own son after the

1.2. In: or, For.

common faith: Grace, mercy, *and*
peace, from God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. 5 For
this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou
shouldest set in order the things that
are wanting, and ordain elders in every
city, as I had appointed thee:* 6 If any
be blameless, the husband of one wife,
having faithful children not accused of
riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be
blameless, as the steward of God; not
selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to
wine, no striker, not given to filthy lu-
cre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover
of good men, sober, just, holy, temper-

5. wanting: or, left undone.

ate;* 9 Holding fast the faithful word
as he hath been taught, that he may
be able by sound doctrine both to ex-
hort and to convince the gainsayers.*
10 For there are many unruly and vain
talkers and deceivers, specially they of
the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths
must be stopped, who subvert whole
houses, teaching things which they
ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. 12 One
of themselves, *even* a prophet of their
own, said, The Cretians *are* alway liars,
evil beasts, slow bellies. 13 This wit-
ness is true. Wherefore rebuke them

8. men: or, things.
9. as...: or, in teaching.

sharply, that they may be sound in the
faith; [14] Not giving heed to Jewish fa-
bles, and commandments of men, that
turn from the truth. [15] Unto the pure
all things *are* pure: but unto them that
are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing
pure; but even their mind and con-
science is defiled. [16] They profess that
they know God; but in works they
deny *him*, being abominable, and dis-
obedient, and unto every good work
reprobate.*

2 But speak thou the things which
become sound doctrine: [2] That the

16. reprobate: or, void of judgment.

aged men be sober, grave, temperate,
sound in faith, in charity, in patience.*
3 The aged women likewise, that *they*
be in behaviour as becometh holiness,
not false accusers, not given to much
wine, teachers of good things;* 4 That
they may teach the young women to
be sober, to love their husbands, to
love their children,* 5 *To be* discreet,
chaste, keepers at home, good, obe-
dient to their own husbands, that
the word of God be not blasphemed.

2.2. sober: or, vigilant.
3. holiness: or, holy women. false...: or, one who foments strife.
4. sober: or, wise.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be
sober minded.* 7 In all things shew-
ing thyself a pattern of good works: in
doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, grav-
ity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that
cannot be condemned; that he that is
of the contrary part may be ashamed,
having no evil thing to say of you.
9 *Exhort* servants to be obedient unto
their own masters, *and* to please *them*
well in all *things*; not answering again;*
10 Not purloining, but shewing all good
fidelity; that they may adorn the doc-
trine of God our Saviour in all things.

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6. sober...: or, discreet.
9. answering...: or, gainsaying.

11 For the grace of God that bringeth
salvation hath appeared to all men,*
12 Teaching us that, denying ungod-
liness and worldly lusts, we should
live soberly, righteously, and godly, in
this present world; 13 Looking for that
blessed hope, and the glorious appear-
ing of the great God and our Saviour
Jesus Christ;* 14 Who gave himself for
us, that he might redeem us from all
iniquity, and purify unto himself a pe-
culiar people, zealous of good works.
15 These things speak, and exhort, and

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11. hath...: or, to all men, hath appeared.

13. glorious...: Gr. the appearance of the glory of the great God, and of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

rebuke with all authority. Let no man
despise thee.

3 Put them in mind to be subject
to principalities and powers, to obey
magistrates, to be ready to every good
work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to
be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing
all meekness unto all men. 3 For we
ourselves also were sometimes foolish,
disobedient, deceived, serving divers
lusts and pleasures, living in malice and
envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.
4 But after that the kindness and love
of God our Saviour toward man ap-

peared,* 5 Not by works of righteous-
ness which we have done, but accord-
ing to his mercy he saved us, by the
washing of regeneration, and renew-
ing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he
shed on us abundantly through Jesus
Christ our Saviour;* 7 That being jus-
tified by his grace, we should be made
heirs according to the hope of eter-
nal life. 8 *This is* a faithful saying,
and these things I will that thou af-
firm constantly, that they which have
believed in God might be careful to
maintain good works. These things

3.4. love: or, pity.
6. abundantly: Gr. richly.

are good and profitable unto men.
9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.
10 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;
11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.
12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.
13 Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.
14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary

uses, that they be not unfruitful.* 15 All
that are with me salute thee. Greet
them that love us in the faith. Grace *be*
with you all. Amen. It was written to
Titus, ordained the first bishop of the
church of the Cretians, from Nicopo-
lis of Macedonia.

14. maintain...: or, profess honest trades.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO
PHILEMON

Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ,
and Timothy *our* brother, unto
Philemon our dearly beloved,
and fellowlabourer, 2 And to *our*
beloved Apphia, and Archippus our
fellowsoldier, and to the church in
thy house: 3 Grace to you, and peace,
from God our Father and the Lord Je-
sus Christ. 4 I thank my God, making
mention of thee always in my prayers,
5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which
thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and
toward all saints; 6 That the commu-

nication of thy faith may become ef-
fectual by the acknowledging of every
good thing which is in you in Christ
Jesus. 7 For we have great joy and
consolation in thy love, because the
bowels of the saints are refreshed by
thee, brother. 8 Wherefore, though
I might be much bold in Christ to
enjoin thee that which is convenient,
9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech
thee, being such an one as Paul the
aged, and now also a prisoner of Je-
sus Christ. 10 I beseech thee for my
son Onesimus, whom I have begot-
ten in my bonds: 11 Which in time
past was to thee unprofitable, but now

profitable to thee and to me: 12 Whom
I have sent again: thou therefore re-
ceive him, that is, mine own bowels:
13 Whom I would have retained with
me, that in thy stead he might have
ministered unto me in the bonds of
the gospel: 14 But without thy mind
would I do nothing; that thy benefit
should not be as it were of necessity,
but willingly. 15 For perhaps he there-
fore departed for a season, that thou
shouldest receive him for ever; 16 Not
now as a servant, but above a servant, a
brother beloved, specially to me, but
how much more unto thee, both in
the flesh, and in the Lord? 17 If thou

count me therefore a partner, receive
him as myself. [18] If he hath wronged
thee, or oweth *thee* ought, put that on
mine account; [19] I Paul have written *it*
with mine own hand, I will repay *it*:
albeit I do not say to thee how thou
owest unto me even thine own self be-
sides. [20] Yea, brother, let me have joy
of thee in the Lord: refresh my bow-
els in the Lord. [21] Having confidence
in thy obedience I wrote unto thee,
knowing that thou wilt also do more
than I say. [22] But withal prepare me
also a lodging: for I trust that through
your prayers I shall be given unto you.
[23] There salute thee Epaphras, my fel-

lowprisoner in Christ Jesus; [24] Marcus,
Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fel-
lowlabourers. [25] The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.
Written from Rome to Philemon, by
Onesimus a servant.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

HEBREWS

God, who at sundry times and
in divers manners spake in
time past unto the fathers by
the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days
spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom
he hath appointed heir of all things,
by whom also he made the worlds;
3 Who being the brightness of *his*
glory, and the express image of his
person, and upholding all things by
the word of his power, when he had

by himself purged our sins, sat down
on the right hand of the Majesty on
high; 4 Being made so much better
than the angels, as he hath by in-
heritance obtained a more excellent
name than they. 5 For unto which of
the angels said he at any time, Thou
art my Son, this day have I begotten
thee? And again, I will be to him a
Father, and he shall be to me a Son?
6 And again, when he bringeth in the
firstbegotten into the world, he saith,
And let all the angels of God wor-
ship him.* 7 And of the angels he saith,
Who maketh his angels spirits, and

1.6. again...: or, when he bringeth again.

his ministers a flame of fire.* 8 But
unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne,
O God, *is* for ever and ever: a scep-
tre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of
thy kingdom.* 9 Thou hast loved righ-
teousness, and hated iniquity; there-
fore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed
thee with the oil of gladness above thy
fellows. 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the be-
ginning hast laid the foundation of the
earth; and the heavens are the works
of thine hands: 11 They shall perish;
but thou remainest; and they all shall
wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as

7. And of: Gr. And unto.
8. righteousness: Gr. rightness, or, straightness.

a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and
they shall be changed: but thou art
the same, and thy years shall not fail.
13 But to which of the angels said he at
any time, Sit on my right hand, un-
til I make thine enemies thy footstool?
14 Are they not all ministering spirits,
sent forth to minister for them who
shall be heirs of salvation?

2 Therefore we ought to give the
more earnest heed to the things which
we have heard, lest at any time we
should let *them* slip.* 2 For if the word
spoken by angels was stedfast, and ev-

2.1. let...: Gr. run out as leaking vessels.

ery transgression and disobedience re-
ceived a just recompence of reward;
3 How shall we escape, if we neglect
so great salvation; which at the first
began to be spoken by the Lord, and
was confirmed unto us by them that
heard *him*; 4 God also bearing *them*
witness, both with signs and wonders,
and with divers miracles, and gifts of
the Holy Ghost, according to his own
will?* 5 For unto the angels hath he not
put in subjection the world to come,
whereof we speak. 6 But one in a cer-
tain place testified, saying, What is
man, that thou art mindful of him? or

4. gifts: or, distributions.

the son of man, that thou visitest him?
7 Thou madest him a little lower than
the angels; thou crownedst him with
glory and honour, and didst set him
over the works of thy hands:* 8 Thou
hast put all things in subjection un-
der his feet. For in that he put all in
subjection under him, he left noth-
ing *that is* not put under him. But
now we see not yet all things put un-
der him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was
made a little lower than the angels for
the suffering of death, crowned with
glory and honour; that he by the grace
of God should taste death for every

7. lower...: or, while inferior to.

man.* [10] For it became him, for whom
are all things, and by whom *are* all
things, in bringing many sons unto
glory, to make the captain of their
salvation perfect through sufferings.
[11] For both he that sanctifieth and they
who are sanctified *are* all of one: for
which cause he is not ashamed to call
them brethren, [12] Saying, I will declare
thy name unto my brethren, in the
midst of the church will I sing praise
unto thee. [13] And again, I will put my
trust in him. And again, Behold I and
the children which God hath given
me. [14] Forasmuch then as the children

9. for the: or, by the.

are partakers of flesh and blood, he
also himself likewise took part of the
same; that through death he might
destroy him that had the power of
death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver
them who through fear of death were
all their lifetime subject to bondage.
16 For verily he took not on *him the na-*
ture of angels; but he took on *him* the
seed of Abraham.* 17 Wherefore in all
things it behoved him to be made like
unto *his* brethren, that he might be
a merciful and faithful high priest in
things *pertaining* to God, to make rec-

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16. took not...: Gr. taketh not hold of angels, but of the seed of Abraham he taketh hold.

onciliation for the sins of the people.
18 For in that he himself hath suffered
being tempted, he is able to succour
them that are tempted.

3 Wherefore, holy brethren, par-
takers of the heavenly calling, consider
the Apostle and High Priest of our
profession, Christ Jesus; 2 Who was
faithful to him that appointed him,
as also Moses *was faithful* in all his
house.* 3 For this *man* was counted
worthy of more glory than Moses,
inasmuch as he who hath builded the
house hath more honour than the

3.2. appointed: Gr. made.

house. 4 For every house is builded by
some *man*; but he that built all things
is God. 5 And Moses verily *was* faith-
ful in all his house, as a servant, for a
testimony of those things which were
to be spoken after; 6 But Christ as a
son over his own house; whose house
are we, if we hold fast the confidence
and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto
the end. 7 Wherefore (as the Holy
Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his
voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in
the provocation, in the day of temp-
tation in the wilderness: 9 When your
fathers tempted me, proved me, and
saw my works forty years. 10 Where-

fore I was grieved with that generation,
and said, They do alway err in *their*
heart; and they have not known my
ways. [11] So I sware in my wrath, They
shall not enter into my rest.)* [12] Take
heed, brethren, lest there be in any of
you an evil heart of unbelief, in de-
parting from the living God. [13] But
exhort one another daily, while it is
called To day; lest any of you be hard-
ened through the deceitfulness of sin.
[14] For we are made partakers of Christ,
if we hold the beginning of our confi-
dence stedfast unto the end; [15] While
it is said, To day if ye will hear his

11. They...: Gr. If they shall enter.

voice, harden not your hearts, as in
the provocation. [16] For some, when
they had heard, did provoke: how-
beit not all that came out of Egypt
by Moses. [17] But with whom was he
grieved forty years? *was it* not with
them that had sinned, whose carcases
fell in the wilderness? [18] And to whom
sware he that they should not enter
into his rest, but to them that believed
not? [19] So we see that they could not
enter in because of unbelief.

4 Let us therefore fear, lest, a
promise being left *us* of entering into
his rest, any of you should seem to
come short of it. [2] For unto us was the

gospel preached, as well as unto them:
but the word preached did not pro-
fit them, not being mixed with faith
in them that heard *it*.* 3 For we which
have believed do enter into rest, as he
said, As I have sworn in my wrath,
if they shall enter into my rest: al-
though the works were finished from
the foundation of the world. 4 For
he spake in a certain place of the sev-
enth *day* on this wise, And God did
rest the seventh day from all his works.
5 And in this *place* again, If they shall

4.2. the word...: Gr. the word of hearing. not being...: or, because they were not united by faith to.

enter into my rest. 6 Seeing there-
fore it remaineth that some must en-
ter therein, and they to whom it was
first preached entered not in because
of unbelief:* 7 Again, he limiteth a cer-
tain day, saying in David, To day, af-
ter so long a time; as it is said, To
day if ye will hear his voice, harden
not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had
given them rest, then would he not af-
terward have spoken of another day.*
9 There remaineth therefore a rest to
the people of God.* 10 For he that is en-

6. it was: or, the gospel was.
8. Jesus: that is, Joshua.
9. rest: or, keeping of a sabbath.

tered into his rest, he also hath ceased
from his own works, as God *did* from
his. [11] Let us labour therefore to enter
into that rest, lest any man fall after
the same example of unbelief.* [12] For
the word of God *is* quick, and pow-
erful, and sharper than any twoedged
sword, piercing even to the dividing
asunder of soul and spirit, and of the
joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of
the thoughts and intents of the heart.
[13] Neither is there any creature that is
not manifest in his sight: but all things
are naked and opened unto the eyes
of him with whom we have to do.

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11. unbelief: or, disobedience.

14 Seeing then that we have a great high
priest, that is passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast
our profession. 15 For we have not an
high priest which cannot be touched
with the feeling of our infirmities; but
was in all points tempted like as *we*
are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore
come boldly unto the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy, and find
grace to help in time of need.

5 For every high priest taken from
among men is ordained for men in
things *pertaining* to God, that he may
offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

2 Who can have compassion on the ig-
norant, and on them that are out of the
way; for that he himself also is com-
passed with infirmity.* 3 And by rea-
son hereof he ought, as for the peo-
ple, so also for himself, to offer for sins.
4 And no man taketh this honour unto
himself, but he that is called of God, as
was Aaron. 5 So also Christ glorified
not himself to be made an high priest;
but he that said unto him, Thou art my
Son, to day have I begotten thee. 6 As
he saith also in another *place*, Thou
art a priest for ever after the order of
Melchisedec. 7 Who in the days of his

5.2. can...: or, can reasonably bear with.

flesh, when he had offered up prayers
and supplications with strong crying
and tears unto him that was able to
save him from death, and was heard
in that he feared;* 8 Though he were a
Son, yet learned he obedience by the
things which he suffered; 9 And being
made perfect, he became the author
of eternal salvation unto all them that
obey him; 10 Called of God an high
priest after the order of Melchisedec.
11 Of whom we have many things to
say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye
are dull of hearing. 12 For when for the
time ye ought to be teachers, ye have

7. in that...: or, for his piety.

need that one teach you again which
be the first principles of the oracles
of God; and are become such as have
need of milk, and not of strong meat.
13 For every one that useth milk *is* un-
skilful in the word of righteousness:
for he is a babe.* 14 But strong meat be-
longeth to them that are of full age,
even those who by reason of use have
their senses exercised to discern both
good and evil.*

6 Therefore leaving the principles
of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on

13. is skillful: Gr. hath no experience.
14. of full age: or, perfect. use: or, an habit, or, perfection.

unto perfection; not laying again the
foundation of repentance from dead
works, and of faith toward God,* 2 Of
the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying
on of hands, and of resurrection of the
dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And
this will we do, if God permit. 4 For
it is impossible for those who were
once enlightened, and have tasted of
the heavenly gift, and were made par-
takers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have
tasted the good word of God, and the
powers of the world to come, 6 If they
shall fall away, to renew them again
unto repentance; seeing they crucify

6.1. principles...: or, word of the beginning of.

to themselves the Son of God afresh,
and put *him* to an open shame. 7 For
the earth which drinketh in the rain
that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth
forth herbs meet for them by whom
it is dressed, receiveth blessing from
God:* 8 But that which beareth thorns
and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto
cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.
9 But, beloved, we are persuaded bet-
ter things of you, and things that ac-
company salvation, though we thus
speak. 10 For God *is* not unrighteous
to forget your work and labour of
love, which ye have shewed toward his

7. by: or, for.

name, in that ye have ministered to
the saints, and do minister. 11 And we
desire that every one of you do shew
the same diligence to the full assur-
ance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye
be not slothful, but followers of them
who through faith and patience in-
herit the promises. 13 For when God
made promise to Abraham, because
he could swear by no greater, he sware
by himself, 14 Saying, Surely blessing
I will bless thee, and multiplying I
will multiply thee. 15 And so, after
he had patiently endured, he obtained
the promise. 16 For men verily swear
by the greater: and an oath for confir-

mation *is* to them an end of all strife.
17 Wherein God, willing more abun-
dantly to shew unto the heirs of prom-
ise the immutability of his counsel,
confirmed *it* by an oath:* 18 That by
two immutable things, in which *it was*
impossible for God to lie, we might
have a strong consolation, who have
fled for refuge to lay hold upon the
hope set before us: 19 Which *hope* we
have as an anchor of the soul, both
sure and stedfast, and which entereth
into that within the veil; 20 Whither
the forerunner is for us entered, *even*
Jesus, made an high priest for ever af-

17. confirmed...: Gr. interposed himself by.

ter the order of Melchisedec.

7 For this Melchisedec, king of
Salem, priest of the most high God,
who met Abraham returning from the
slaughter of the kings, and blessed
him; 2 To whom also Abraham gave
a tenth part of all; first being by inter-
pretation King of righteousness, and
after that also King of Salem, which is,
King of peace; 3 Without father, with-
out mother, without descent, having
neither beginning of days, nor end
of life; but made like unto the Son
of God; abideth a priest continu-

ally.* 4 Now consider how great this
man *was*, unto whom even the patri-
arch Abraham gave the tenth of the
spoils. 5 And verily they that are of
the sons of Levi, who receive the of-
fice of the priesthood, have a com-
mandment to take tithes of the peo-
ple according to the law, that is, of
their brethren, though they come out
of the loins of Abraham: 6 But he
whose descent is not counted from
them received tithes of Abraham, and
blessed him that had the promises.*
7 And without all contradiction the

7.3. without descent: Gr. without pedigree.
6. descent: or, pedigree.

less is blessed of the better. 8 And
here men that die receive tithes; but
there he *receiveth them*, of whom it is
witnessed that he liveth. 9 And as I
may so say, Levi also, who receiveth
tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. 10 For
he was yet in the loins of his father,
when Melchisedec met him. 11 If there-
fore perfection were by the Levitical
priesthood, (for under it the people
received the law,) what further need
was there that another priest should
rise after the order of Melchisedec, and
not be called after the order of Aaron?
12 For the priesthood being changed,
there is made of necessity a change

also of the law. [13] For he of whom
these things are spoken pertaineth to
another tribe, of which no man gave
attendance at the altar. [14] For *it is* evi-
dent that our Lord sprang out of Juda;
of which tribe Moses spake nothing
concerning priesthood. [15] And it is
yet far more evident: for that after
the similitude of Melchisedec there
ariseth another priest, [16] Who is made,
not after the law of a carnal com-
mandment, but after the power of an
endless life. [17] For he testifieth, Thou
art a priest for ever after the order of
Melchisedec. [18] For there is verily a dis-
annulling of the commandment go-

ing before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. [19] For the law
made nothing perfect, but the bring-
ing in of a better hope *did*; by the
which we draw nigh unto God.* [20] And
inasmuch as not without an oath *he*
was made priest: [21] (For those priests
were made without an oath; but this
with an oath by him that said unto
him, The Lord sware and will not re-
pent, Thou *art* a priest for ever af-
ter the order of Melchisedec:)* [22] By
so much was Jesus made a surety of
a better testament. [23] And they truly

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19. the bringing...: or, it was the bringing in.
21. without...: or, without swearing of an oath.

were many priests, because they were
not suffered to continue by reason
of death: [24] But this *man*, because he
continueth ever, hath an unchange-
able priesthood.* [25] Wherefore he is
able also to save them to the utter-
most that come unto God by him,
seeing he ever liveth to make inter-
cession for them.* [26] For such an high
priest became us, *who is* holy, harm-
less, undefiled, separate from sinners,
and made higher than the heavens;
[27] Who needeth not daily, as those high

24. an...: or, which passeth not from one to another.
25. to the...: or, evermore.

priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for
his own sins, and then for the people's:
for this he did once, when he offered
up himself. 28 For the law maketh men
high priests which have infirmity; but
the word of the oath, which was since
the law, *maketh* the Son, who is conse-
crated for evermore.*

8 Now of the things which we
have spoken *this is* the sum: We have
such an high priest, who is set on
the right hand of the throne of the
Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minis-
ter of the sanctuary, and of the true

28. consecrated: Gr. perfected.

tabernacle, which the Lord pitched,
and not man.* 3 For every high priest
is ordained to offer gifts and sacri-
fices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that
this man have somewhat also to offer.
4 For if he were on earth, he should not
be a priest, seeing that there are priests
that offer gifts according to the law:*
5 Who serve unto the example and
shadow of heavenly things, as Moses
was admonished of God when he was
about to make the tabernacle: for, See,
saith he, *that* thou make all things ac-
cording to the pattern shewed to thee

8.2. of the sanctuary: or, of holy things.
4. there...: or, they are priests.

in the mount. 6 But now hath he ob-
tained a more excellent ministry, by
how much also he is the mediator of
a better covenant, which was estab-
lished upon better promises.* 7 For if
that first *covenant* had been faultless,
then should no place have been sought
for the second. 8 For finding fault with
them, he saith, Behold, the days come,
saith the Lord, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and
with the house of Judah: 9 Not ac-
cording to the covenant that I made
with their fathers in the day when I
took them by the hand to lead them

6. covenant: or, testament.

out of the land of Egypt; because they
continued not in my covenant, and
I regarded them not, saith the Lord.
10 For this *is* the covenant that I will
make with the house of Israel after
those days, saith the Lord; I will put
my laws into their mind, and write
them in their hearts: and I will be to
them a God, and they shall be to me a
people:* 11 And they shall not teach ev-
ery man his neighbour, and every man
his brother, saying, Know the Lord:
for all shall know me, from the least
to the greatest. 12 For I will be merci-
ful to their unrighteousness, and their

10. put: Gr. give. in: or, upon.

sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

9 Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.* 2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.* 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest

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9.1. ordinances: or, ceremonies.
2. the sanctuary: or, holy.

of all; [4] Which had the golden censer,
and the ark of the covenant overlaid
round about with gold, wherein *was*
the golden pot that had manna, and
Aaron's rod that budded, and the ta-
bles of the covenant; [5] And over it
the cherubims of glory shadowing the
mercyseat; of which we cannot now
speak particularly. [6] Now when these
things were thus ordained, the priests
went always into the first taberna-
cle, accomplishing the service *of God*.
[7] But into the second *went* the high
priest alone once every year, not with-
out blood, which he offered for him-
self, and *for* the errors of the people:

8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that
the way into the holiest of all was not
yet made manifest, while as the first
tabernacle was yet standing: 9 Which
was a figure for the time then present,
in which were offered both gifts and
sacrifices, that could not make him
that did the service perfect, as pertain-
ing to the conscience; 10 *Which stood*
only in meats and drinks, and divers
washings, and carnal ordinances, im-
posed *on them* until the time of refor-
mation.* 11 But Christ being come an
high priest of good things to come,
by a greater and more perfect taber-

10. ordinances: or, rites, or, ceremonies.

nacle, not made with hands, that is
to say, not of this building; [12] Neither
by the blood of goats and calves, but
by his own blood he entered in once
into the holy place, having obtained
eternal redemption *for us*. [13] For if the
blood of bulls and of goats, and the
ashes of an heifer sprinkling the un-
clean, sanctifieth to the purifying of
the flesh: [14] How much more shall the
blood of Christ, who through the eter-
nal Spirit offered himself without spot
to God, purge your conscience from
dead works to serve the living God?*
[15] And for this cause he is the mediator

14. spot: or, fault.

of the new testament, that by means of
death, for the redemption of the trans-
gressions *that were* under the first tes-
tament, they which are called might
receive the promise of eternal inheri-
tance. [16] For where a testament *is*, there
must also of necessity be the death of
the testator.* [17] For a testament *is* of
force after men are dead: otherwise it
is of no strength at all while the tes-
tator liveth. [18] Whereupon neither the
first *testament* was dedicated without
blood.* [19] For when Moses had spoken
every precept to all the people accord-

16. be: or, be brought in.
18. dedicated: or, purified.

ing to the law, he took the blood of
calves and of goats, with water, and
scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprin-
kled both the book, and all the peo-
ple,* [20] Saying, This *is* the blood of
the testament which God hath en-
joined unto you. [21] Moreover he sprin-
kled with blood both the tabernacle,
and all the vessels of the ministry.
[22] And almost all things are by the law
purged with blood; and without shed-
ding of blood is no remission. [23] *It*
was therefore necessary that the pat-
terns of things in the heavens should
be purified with these; but the heav-

19. scarlet: or, purple.

enly things themselves with better sac-
rifices than these. [24] For Christ is not
entered into the holy places made with
hands, *which are* the figures of the true;
but into heaven itself, now to appear in
the presence of God for us: [25] Nor yet
that he should offer himself often, as
the high priest entereth into the holy
place every year with blood of others;
[26] For then must he often have suffered
since the foundation of the world: but
now once in the end of the world hath
he appeared to put away sin by the
sacrifice of himself. [27] And as it is ap-
pointed unto men once to die, but af-
ter this the judgment: [28] So Christ was

once offered to bear the sins of many;
and unto them that look for him shall
he appear the second time without sin
unto salvation.

10 For the law having a shadow
of good things to come, *and* not the
very image of the things, can never
with those sacrifices which they of-
fered year by year continually make
the comers thereunto perfect. [2] For
then would they not have ceased to be
offered? because that the worshippers
once purged should have had no more
conscience of sins.* [3] But in those *sac-*

10.2. would...: or, they would have ceased to be offered, because, etc..

rifices there is a remembrance again
made of sins every year. 4 For *it is* not
possible that the blood of bulls and of
goats should take away sins. 5 Where-
fore when he cometh into the world,
he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou
wouldest not, but a body hast thou
prepared me:* 6 In burnt offerings and
sacrifices for sin thou hast had no plea-
sure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in
the volume of the book it is written of
me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above
when he said, Sacrifice and offering
and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin
thou wouldest not, neither hadst plea-

5. hast...: or, thou hast fitted me.

sure *therein*; which are offered by the
law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do
thy will, O God. He taketh away the
first, that he may establish the second.
10 By the which will we are sanctified
through the offering of the body of Je-
sus Christ once *for all*. 11 And every
priest standeth daily ministering and
offering oftentimes the same sacrifices,
which can never take away sins: 12 But
this man, after he had offered one sac-
rifice for sins for ever, sat down on the
right hand of God; 13 From henceforth
expecting till his enemies be made
his footstool. 14 For by one offering
he hath perfected for ever them that

are sanctified. [15] *Whereof* the Holy
Ghost also is a witness to us: for af-
ter that he had said before, [16] This *is*
the covenant that I will make with
them after those days, saith the Lord,
I will put my laws into their hearts,
and in their minds will I write them;
[17] And their sins and iniquities will I re-
member no more.* [18] Now where re-
mission of these *is, there is* no more
offering for sin. [19] Having therefore,
brethren, boldness to enter into the
holiest by the blood of Jesus,* [20] By a

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17. And their: some copies have, Then he said, And their.

19. boldness: or, liberty.

new and living way, which he hath
consecrated for us, through the veil,
that is to say, his flesh;* 21 And *hav-*
ing an high priest over the house of
God; 22 Let us draw near with a true
heart in full assurance of faith, having
our hearts sprinkled from an evil con-
science, and our bodies washed with
pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the
profession of *our* faith without waver-
ing; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)
24 And let us consider one another to
provoke unto love and to good works:
25 Not forsaking the assembling of our-
selves together, as the manner of some

20. consecrated: or, new made.

is; but exhorting *one another*: and so
much the more, as ye see the day ap-
proaching. [26] For if we sin wilfully after
that we have received the knowledge
of the truth, there remaineth no more
sacrifice for sins, [27] But a certain fearful
looking for of judgment and fiery in-
dignation, which shall devour the ad-
versaries. [28] He that despised Moses'
law died without mercy under two or
three witnesses: [29] Of how much sorer
punishment, suppose ye, shall he be
thought worthy, who hath trodden
under foot the Son of God, and hath
counted the blood of the covenant,
wherewith he was sanctified, an un-

holy thing, and hath done despite unto
the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him
that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth*
unto me, I will recompense, saith the
Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge
his people. 31 *It is* a fearful thing to
fall into the hands of the living God.
32 But call to remembrance the former
days, in which, after ye were illumi-
nated, ye endured a great fight of af-
flictions; 33 Partly, whilst ye were made
a gazingstock both by reproaches and
afflictions; and partly, whilst ye be-
came companions of them that were
so used. 34 For ye had compassion of
me in my bonds, and took joyfully

the spoiling of your goods, knowing
in yourselves that ye have in heaven
a better and an enduring substance.*
35 Cast not away therefore your confi-
dence, which hath great recompence
of reward. 36 For ye have need of pa-
tience, that, after ye have done the will
of God, ye might receive the promise.
37 For yet a little while, and he that shall
come will come, and will not tarry.
38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if
any man draw back, my soul shall have
no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of
them who draw back unto perdition;

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34. in yourselves...: or, that ye have in *or, for* yourselves.

but of them that believe to the saving
of the soul.

11 Now faith is the substance of
things hoped for, the evidence of
things not seen.* 2 For by it the elders
obtained a good report. 3 Through
faith we understand that the worlds
were framed by the word of God, so
that things which are seen were not
made of things which do appear. 4 By
faith Abel offered unto God a more
excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which
he obtained witness that he was righ-
teous, God testifying of his gifts: and

11.1. substance: or, ground, or, confidence.

by it he being dead yet speaketh.* 5 By
faith Enoch was translated that he
should not see death; and was not
found, because God had translated
him: for before his translation he had
this testimony, that he pleased God.
6 But without faith *it is* impossible to
please *him*: for he that cometh to God
must believe that he is, and *that* he is
a rewarder of them that diligently seek
him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned of
God of things not seen as yet, moved
with fear, prepared an ark to the sav-
ing of his house; by the which he
condemned the world, and became

4. yet...: or, is yet spoken of.

heir of the righteousness which is by
faith.* 8 By faith Abraham, when he
was called to go out into a place which
he should after receive for an inheri-
tance, obeyed; and he went out, not
knowing whither he went. 9 By faith
he sojourned in the land of promise, as
in a strange country, dwelling in taber-
nacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs
with him of the same promise: 10 For
he looked for a city which hath foun-
dations, whose builder and maker *is*
God. 11 Through faith also Sara her-
self received strength to conceive seed,
and was delivered of a child when she

7. moved...: or, being wary.

was past age, because she judged him
faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him
as good as dead, *so many* as the stars
of the sky in multitude, and as the
sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13 These all died in faith, not
having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*,
and confessed that they were strangers
and pilgrims on the earth.* 14 For they
that say such things declare plainly
that they seek a country. 15 And truly,
if they had been mindful of that *coun-*

13. in faith: Gr. according to faith.

try from whence they came out, they
might have had opportunity to have
returned. [16] But now they desire a bet-
ter *country*, that is, an heavenly: where-
fore God is not ashamed to be called
their God: for he hath prepared for
them a city. [17] By faith Abraham, when
he was tried, offered up Isaac: and
he that had received the promises of-
fered up his only begotten *son*, [18] Of
whom it was said, That in Isaac shall
thy seed be called:* [19] Accounting that
God *was* able to raise *him* up, even
from the dead; from whence also he
received him in a figure. [20] By faith

18. of: or, to.

Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. [21] By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff. [22] By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.* [23] By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. [24] By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be

22. made...: or, remembered.

called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction
with the people of God, than to enjoy
the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Es-
teeming the reproach of Christ greater
riches than the treasures in Egypt: for
he had respect unto the recompence
of the reward.* 27 By faith he forsook
Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the
king: for he endured, as seeing him
who is invisible. 28 Through faith he
kept the passover, and the sprinkling
of blood, lest he that destroyed the
firstborn should touch them. 29 By
faith they passed through the Red sea

26. of Christ: or, for Christ.

as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians
assaying to do were drowned. 30 By
faith the walls of Jericho fell down, af-
ter they were compassed about seven
days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab
perished not with them that believed
not, when she had received the spies
with peace.* 32 And what shall I more
say? for the time would fail me
to tell of Gedeon, and *of* Barak,
and *of* Samson, and *of* Jephthae; *of*
David also, and Samuel, and *of* the
prophets: 33 Who through faith sub-
dued kingdoms, wrought righteous-
ness, obtained promises, stopped the

31. that...: or, that were disobedient.

mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the vio-
lence of fire, escaped the edge of the
sword, out of weakness were made
strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned
to flight the armies of the aliens.
35 Women received their dead raised to
life again: and others were tortured,
not accepting deliverance; that they
might obtain a better resurrection:
36 And others had trial of *cruel* mock-
ings and scourgings, yea, moreover
of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They
were stoned, they were sawn asun-
der, were tempted, were slain with the
sword: they wandered about in sheep-
skins and goatskins; being destitute,

afflicted, tormented; [38] (Of whom the
world was not worthy:) they wan-
dered in deserts, and *in* mountains,
and *in* dens and caves of the earth.
[39] And these all, having obtained a
good report through faith, received
not the promise: [40] God having pro-
vided some better thing for us, that
they without us should not be made
perfect.*

12 Wherefore seeing we also are
compassed about with so great a cloud
of witnesses, let us lay aside every
weight, and the sin which doth so eas-

40. provided: or, foreseen.

ily beset *us*, and let us run with pa-
tience the race that is set before us,
2 Looking unto Jesus the author and
finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy
that was set before him endured the
cross, despising the shame, and is set
down at the right hand of the throne
of God.* 3 For consider him that en-
dured such contradiction of sinners
against himself, lest ye be wearied and
faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet
resisted unto blood, striving against
sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the ex-
hortation which speaketh unto you as
unto children, My son, despise not

12.2. author: or, beginner.

thou the chastening of the Lord, nor
faint when thou art rebuked of him:
6 For whom the Lord loveth he chas-
teneth, and scourgeth every son whom
he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening,
God dealeth with you as with sons;
for what son is he whom the father
chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be with-
out chastisement, whereof all are par-
takers, then are ye bastards, and not
sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fa-
thers of our flesh which corrected *us*,
and we gave *them* reverence: shall we
not much rather be in subjection unto
the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For
they verily for a few days chastened

us after their own pleasure; but he for
our profit, that *we* might be partakers
of his holiness.* 11 Now no chastening
for the present seemeth to be joyous,
but grievous: nevertheless afterward
it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righ-
teousness unto them which are exer-
cised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the
hands which hang down, and the fee-
ble knees; 13 And make straight paths
for your feet, lest that which is lame
be turned out of the way; but let it
rather be healed.* 14 Follow peace with
all *men*, and holiness, without which

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10. after...: or, as seemed good, or, meet to them.
13. straight: or, even.

no man shall see the Lord: [15] Looking diligently lest any man fail of the
grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and
thereby many be defiled;* [16] Lest there
be any fornicator, or profane person,
as Esau, who for one morsel of meat
sold his birthright. [17] For ye know
how that afterward, when he would
have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully
with tears.* [18] For ye are not come unto
the mount that might be touched,

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15. fail...; or, fall from.

17. place...: or, way to change his mind.

and that burned with fire, nor unto
blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
19 And the sound of a trumpet, and
the voice of words; which *voice* they
that heard intreated that the word
should not be spoken to them any
more: 20 (For they could not endure
that which was commanded, And if so
much as a beast touch the mountain, it
shall be stoned, or thrust through with
a dart: 21 And so terrible was the sight,
that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and
quake:) 22 But ye are come unto mount
Sion, and unto the city of the living
God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to
an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church
of the firstborn, which are written in
heaven, and to God the Judge of all,
and to the spirits of just men made per-
fect,* 24 And to Jesus the mediator of
the new covenant, and to the blood of
sprinkling, that speaketh better things
than *that of* Abel.* 25 See that ye refuse
not him that speaketh. For if they es-
caped not who refused him that spake
on earth, much more *shall not* we *es-
cape*, if we turn away from him that
speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose voice
then shook the earth: but now he

23. written: or, enrolled.
24. covenant: or, testament.

hath promised, saying, Yet once more
I shake not the earth only, but also
heaven. [27] And this *word*, Yet once
more, signifieth the removing of those
things that are shaken, as of things that
are made, that those things which can-
not be shaken may remain.* [28] Where-
fore we receiving a kingdom which
cannot be moved, let us have grace,
whereby we may serve God acceptably
with reverence and godly fear:* [29] For
our God *is* a consuming fire.

13 Let brotherly love continue.

27. are shaken: or, may be shaken.
28. let...: or, let us hold fast.

2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers:
for thereby some have entertained an-
gels unawares. 3 Remember them that
are in bonds, as bound with them; *and*
them which suffer adversity, as being
yourselves also in the body. 4 Marriage
is honourable in all, and the bed unde-
filed: but whoremongers and adulter-
ers God will judge. 5 *Let your* conver-
sation *be* without covetousness; *and be*
content with such things as ye have:
for he hath said, I will never leave thee,
nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may
boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and
I will not fear what man shall do unto
me. 7 Remember them which have the

rule over you, who have spoken unto
you the word of God: whose faith
follow, considering the end of *their*
conversation.* 8 Jesus Christ the same
yesterday, and to day, and for ever.
9 Be not carried about with divers and
strange doctrines. For *it is* a good
thing that the heart be established
with grace; not with meats, which
have not profited them that have been
occupied therein. 10 We have an al-
tar, whereof they have no right to eat
which serve the tabernacle. 11 For the
bodies of those beasts, whose blood
is brought into the sanctuary by the

13.7. have the rule: or, are the guides.

high priest for sin, are burned with-
out the camp. 12 Wherefore Jesus also,
that he might sanctify the people with
his own blood, suffered without the
gate. 13 Let us go forth therefore unto
him without the camp, bearing his re-
proach. 14 For here have we no con-
tinuing city, but we seek one to come.
15 By him therefore let us offer the sacri-
fice of praise to God continually, that
is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks
to his name.* 16 But to do good and
to communicate forget not: for with
such sacrifices God is well pleased.
17 Obey them that have the rule over

15. giving...: Gr. confessing to.

you, and submit yourselves: for they
watch for your souls, as they that must
give account, that they may do it with
joy, and not with grief: for that *is* un-
profitable for you.* [18] Pray for us: for
we trust we have a good conscience,
in all things willing to live honestly.
[19] But I beseech *you* the rather to do
this, that I may be restored to you the
sooner. [20] Now the God of peace, that
brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting
covenant,* [21] Make you perfect in ev-

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17. have...: or, guide.
20. covenant: or, testament.

ery good work to do his will, working
in you that which is wellpleasing in his
sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom
be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*
22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer
the word of exhortation: for I have
written a letter unto you in few words.
23 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy
is set at liberty; with whom, if he
come shortly, I will see you. 24 Salute
all them that have the rule over you,
and all the saints. They of Italy salute
you. 25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen.
Written to the Hebrews from Italy, by
Timothy.

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21. working: or, doing.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF

JAMES

James, a servant of God and of the
Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve
tribes which are scattered abroad,
greeting. 2 My brethren, count it all
joy when ye fall into divers tempta-
tions;* 3 Knowing *this*, that the trying
of your faith worketh patience. 4 But
let patience have *her* perfect work, that
ye may be perfect and entire, wanting
nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom,
let him ask of God, that giveth to all
men liberally, and upbraideth not; and

1.2. temptation: or, trials.

it shall be given him. 6 But let him
ask in faith, nothing wavering. For
he that wavereth is like a wave of the
sea driven with the wind and tossed.
7 For let not that man think that he
shall receive any thing of the Lord.
8 A double minded man *is* unstable in
all his ways. 9 Let the brother of low
degree rejoice in that he is exalted:*
10 But the rich, in that he is made low:
because as the flower of the grass he
shall pass away. 11 For the sun is no
sooner risen with a burning heat, but
it withereth the grass, and the flower
thereof falleth, and the grace of the

9. rejoice: or, glory.

fashion of it perisheth: so also shall
the rich man fade away in his ways.
12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth
temptation: for when he is tried, he
shall receive the crown of life, which
the Lord hath promised to them that
love him. 13 Let no man say when he
is tempted, I am tempted of God: for
God cannot be tempted with evil, nei-
ther tempteth he any man:* 14 But ev-
ery man is tempted, when he is drawn
away of his own lust, and enticed.
15 Then when lust hath conceived, it
bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it
is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do

13. evil: or, evils.

not err, my beloved brethren. [17] Every good gift and every perfect gift is
from above, and cometh down from
the Father of lights, with whom is no
variableness, neither shadow of turning. [18] Of his own will begat he us
with the word of truth, that we should
be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
[19] Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let
every man be swift to hear, slow to
speak, slow to wrath: [20] For the wrath
of man worketh not the righteousness of God. [21] Wherefore lay apart
all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the
engrafted word, which is able to save

your souls. [22] But be ye doers of the
word, and not hearers only, deceiving
your own selves. [23] For if any be a hearer
of the word, and not a doer, he is like
unto a man beholding his natural face
in a glass: [24] For he beholdeth him-
self, and goeth his way, and straight-
way forgetteth what manner of man
he was. [25] But whoso looketh into the
perfect law of liberty, and continueth
therein, he being not a forgetful hearer,
but a doer of the work, this man shall
be blessed in his deed.* [26] If any man
among you seem to be religious, and
bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth

25. deed: or, doing.

his own heart, this man's religion *is*
vain. [27] Pure religion and undefiled be-
fore God and the Father is this, To visit
the fatherless and widows in their af-
fliction, *and* to keep himself unspot-
ted from the world.

2 My brethren, have not the faith
of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of
glory, with respect of persons. [2] For
if there come unto your assembly a
man with a gold ring, in goodly ap-
parel, and there come in also a poor
man in vile raiment;* [3] And ye have
respect to him that weareth the gay

2.2. assembly: Gr. synagogue.

clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou
here in a good place; and say to the
poor, Stand thou there, or sit here un-
der my footstool:* 4 Are ye not then
partial in yourselves, and are become
judges of evil thoughts? 5 Hearken,
my beloved brethren, Hath not God
chosen the poor of this world rich in
faith, and heirs of the kingdom which
he hath promised to them that love
him?* 6 But ye have despised the poor.
Do not rich men oppress you, and
draw you before the judgment seats?
7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy

3. in...: or, well, or, seemly.
5. of the: or, of that.

name by the which ye are called?* 8 If
ye fulfil the royal law according to the
scripture, Thou shalt love thy neigh-
bour as thyself, ye do well: 9 But if ye
have respect to persons, ye commit sin,
and are convinced of the law as trans-
gressors. 10 For whosoever shall keep
the whole law, and yet offend in one
point, he is guilty of all. 11 For he that
said, Do not commit adultery, said
also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit
no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art
become a transgressor of the law.* 12 So
speak ye, and so do, as they that shall

7. blaspheme: or, revile, or, slander.
11. he that: or, that law which.

be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For
he shall have judgment without mercy,
that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy
rejoiceth against judgment.* 14 What
doth it profit, my brethren, though a
man say he hath faith, and have not
works? can faith save him? 15 If a
brother or sister be naked, and desti-
tute of daily food, 16 And one of you
say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye*
warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye
give them not those things which are
needful to the body; what *doth it* pro-
fit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works,

13. rejoiceth: or, glorieth.

is dead, being alone.* 18 Yea, a man may
say, Thou hast faith, and I have works:
shew me thy faith without thy works,
and I will shew thee my faith by my
works.* 19 Thou believest that there is
one God; thou doest well: the dev-
ils also believe, and tremble. 20 But
wilt thou know, O vain man, that
faith without works is dead? 21 Was
not Abraham our father justified by
works, when he had offered Isaac his
son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how
faith wrought with his works, and by

17. alone: Gr. by itself.
18. without: some copies read, by.

works was faith made perfect?* [23] And
the scripture was fulfilled which saith,
Abraham believed God, and it was im-
puted unto him for righteousness: and
he was called the Friend of God. [24] Ye
see then how that by works a man is
justified, and not by faith only. [25] Like-
wise also was not Rahab the harlot jus-
tified by works, when she had received
the messengers, and had sent *them* out
another way? [26] For as the body with-
out the spirit is dead, so faith without
works is dead also.*

3 My brethren, be not many mas-

22. Seest...: or, Thou seest.
26. spirit: or, breath.

ters, knowing that we shall receive the
greater condemnation.* 2 For in many
things we offend all. If any man of-
fend not in word, the same *is* a perfect
man, *and* able also to bridle the whole
body. 3 Behold, we put bits in the
horses' mouths, that they may obey us;
and we turn about their whole body.
4 Behold also the ships, which though
they be so great, and *are* driven of fierce
winds, yet are they turned about with
a very small helm, whithersoever the
governor listeth. 5 Even so the tongue
is a little member, and boasteth great
things. Behold, how great a matter a

3.1. condemnation: or, judgment.

little fire kindleth!* 6 And the tongue
is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the
tongue among our members, that it
defileth the whole body, and setteth
on fire the course of nature; and it is
set on fire of hell.* 7 For every kind of
beasts, and of birds, and of serpents,
and of things in the sea, is tamed, and
hath been tamed of mankind:* 8 But
the tongue can no man tame; *it is*
an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
9 Therewith bless we God, even the
Father; and therewith curse we men,

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5. a matter: or, wood.
6. course: Gr. wheel.
7. kind: Gr. nature. mankind: Gr. nature of man.

which are made after the similitude
of God. 10 Out of the same mouth
proceedeth blessing and cursing. My
brethren, these things ought not so to
be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at
the same place sweet *water* and bit-
ter?* 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren,
bear olive berries? either a vine, figs?
so *can* no fountain both yield salt wa-
ter and fresh. 13 Who *is* a wise man
and endued with knowledge among
you? let him shew out of a good con-
versation his works with meekness of
wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envy-
ing and strife in your hearts, glory not,

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11. place: or, hole.

and lie not against the truth. [15] This
wisdom descendeth not from above,
but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.* [16] For
where envying and strife *is*, there *is*
confusion and every evil work.* [17] But
the wisdom that is from above is first
pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy
to be intreated, full of mercy and good
fruits, without partiality, and without
hypocrisy.* [18] And the fruit of righ-
teousness is sown in peace of them
that make peace.

4 From whence *come* wars and

15. sensual: or, natural.
16. confusion: Gr. tumult, unquietness.
17. partiality: or, wrangling.

fightings among you? *come they* not
hence, *even* of your lusts that war in
your members?* 2 Ye lust, and have
not: ye kill, and desire to have, and
cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye
have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask,
and receive not, because ye ask amiss,
that ye may consume *it* upon your
lusts.* 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses,
know ye not that the friendship of the
world is enmity with God? whosoever
therefore will be a friend of the world is
the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that
the scripture saith in vain, The spirit

4.1. fightings: or, brawlings. lusts: or, pleasures.
3. lusts: or, pleasures.

that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?*
6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore
he saith, God resisteth the proud, but
giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Sub-
mit yourselves therefore to God. Re-
sist the devil, and he will flee from
you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will
draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands,
ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye*
double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and
mourn, and weep: let your laughter
be turned to mourning, and *your* joy
to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in
the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift
you up. 11 Speak not evil one of an-

5. to envy: or, enviously.

other, brethren. He that speaketh evil
of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother,
speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth
the law: but if thou judge the law, thou
art not a doer of the law, but a judge.
12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to
save and to destroy: who art thou that
judgest another? 13 Go to now, ye that
say, To day or to morrow we will go
into such a city, and continue there a
year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be*
on the morrow. For what *is* your life?
It is even a vapour, that appeareth for
a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

14. It...: or, For it is.

15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord
will, we shall live, and do this, or that.
16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings:
all such rejoicing is evil. 17 Therefore
to him that knoweth to do good, and
doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

5 Go to now, *ye* rich men, weep
and howl for your miseries that shall
come upon *you*. 2 Your riches are
corrupted, and your garments are
motheaten. 3 Your gold and silver is
cankered; and the rust of them shall
be a witness against you, and shall
eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have
heaped treasure together for the last

days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labour-
ers who have reaped down your fields,
which is of you kept back by fraud, cri-
eth: and the cries of them which have
reaped are entered into the ears of the
Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in
pleasure on the earth, and been wan-
ton; ye have nourished your hearts, as
in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have con-
demned *and* killed the just; *and* he
doth not resist you. 7 Be patient there-
fore, brethren, unto the coming of the
Lord. Behold, the husbandman wait-
eth for the precious fruit of the earth,
and hath long patience for it, until he

receive the early and latter rain.* 8 Be
ye also patient; stablish your hearts:
for the coming of the Lord draweth
nigh. 9 Grudge not one against an-
other, brethren, lest ye be condemned:
behold, the judge standeth before the
door.* 10 Take, my brethren, the proph-
ets, who have spoken in the name of
the Lord, for an example of suffering
affliction, and of patience. 11 Behold,
we count them happy which endure.
Ye have heard of the patience of Job,
and have seen the end of the Lord;

5.7. Be...: or, Be long patient, or, Suffer with long patience.

9. Grudge not: or, Groan, or, Grieve not.

that the Lord is very pitiful, and of ten-
der mercy. 12 But above all things, my
brethren, swear not, neither by heaven,
neither by the earth, neither by any
other oath: but let your yea be yea; and
your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condem-
nation. 13 Is any among you afflicted?
let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing
psalms. 14 Is any sick among you? let
him call for the elders of the church;
and let them pray over him, anoint-
ing him with oil in the name of the
Lord: 15 And the prayer of faith shall
save the sick, and the Lord shall raise
him up; and if he have committed sins,
they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess

your faults one to another, and pray
one for another, that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righ-
teous man availeth much. [17] Elias was a
man subject to like passions as we are,
and he prayed earnestly that it might
not rain: and it rained not on the
earth by the space of three years and
six months.* [18] And he prayed again,
and the heaven gave rain, and the earth
brought forth her fruit. [19] Brethren, if
any of you do err from the truth, and
one convert him; [20] Let him know, that
he which converteth the sinner from

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17. earnestly: or, in his prayer. subject...: of the same nature, that is, a fellow mortal.

the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
to the strangers scattered throug
out Pontus, Galatia, Cappado-
cia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect accord-
ing to the foreknowledge of God the
Father, through sanctification of the
Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling
of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace
unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, which accord-
ing to his abundant mercy hath begot-
ten us again unto a lively hope by the

resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead,* 4 To an inheritance incorrupt-
ible, and undefiled, and that fadeth
not away, reserved in heaven for you,*
5 Who are kept by the power of God
through faith unto salvation ready to
be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein
ye greatly rejoice, though now for a
season, if need be, ye are in heavi-
ness through manifold temptations:
7 That the trial of your faith, being
much more precious than of gold that
perisheth, though it be tried with fire,
might be found unto praise and hon-

1.3. abundant: Gr. much.
4. for you: or, for us.

our and glory at the appearing of Jesus
Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye
love; in whom, though now ye see *him*
not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy
unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Re-
ceiving the end of your faith, *even* the
salvation of *your* souls. 10 Of which sal-
vation the prophets have enquired and
searched diligently, who prophesied of
the grace *that should come* unto you:
11 Searching what, or what manner of
time the Spirit of Christ which was in
them did signify, when it testified be-
forehand the sufferings of Christ, and
the glory that should follow. 12 Unto
whom it was revealed, that not unto

themselves, but unto us they did min-
ister the things, which are now re-
ported unto you by them that have
preached the gospel unto you with the
Holy Ghost sent down from heaven;
which things the angels desire to look
into. 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of
your mind, be sober, and hope to the
end for the grace that is to be brought
unto you at the revelation of Jesus
Christ;* 14 As obedient children, not
fashioning yourselves according to the
former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But
as he which hath called you is holy, so
be ye holy in all manner of conversa-

13. to the end: Gr. perfectly.

tion; [16] Because it is written, Be ye holy;
for I am holy. [17] And if ye call on the
Father, who without respect of per-
sons judgeth according to every man's
work, pass the time of your sojourn-
ing *here* in fear: [18] Forasmuch as ye
know that ye were not redeemed with
corruptible things, *as* silver and gold,
from your vain conversation *received*
by tradition from your fathers; [19] But
with the precious blood of Christ, as
of a lamb without blemish and with-
out spot: [20] Who verily was foreor-
dained before the foundation of the
world, but was manifest in these last
times for you, [21] Who by him do be-

lieve in God, that raised him up from
the dead, and gave him glory; that
your faith and hope might be in God.
22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in
obeying the truth through the Spirit
unto unfeigned love of the brethren,
see that ye love one another with a pure
heart fervently: 23 Being born again,
not of corruptible seed, but of incor-
ruptible, by the word of God, which
liveth and abideth for ever. 24 For all
flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of
man as the flower of grass. The grass
withereth, and the flower thereof fall-
eth away:* 25 But the word of the Lord

24. For: or, For that.

endureth for ever. And this is the word
which by the gospel is preached unto
you.

2 Wherefore laying aside all mal-
ice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and
envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As
newborn babes, desire the sincere milk
of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is*
gracious. 4 To whom coming, *as unto* a
living stone, disallowed indeed of men,
but chosen of God, *and* precious, 5 Ye
also, as lively stones, are built up a
spiritual house, an holy priesthood,
to offer up spiritual sacrifices, accept-

able to God by Jesus Christ.* 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,* 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But

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2.5. are: or, be ye.
7. precious: or, an honour.

ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal
priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar
people; that ye should shew forth the
praises of him who hath called you out
of darkness into his marvellous light:*
10 Which in time past *were* not a peo-
ple, but *are* now the people of God:
which had not obtained mercy, but
now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly
beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and
pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts,
which war against the soul; 12 Hav-
ing your conversation honest among
the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak
against you as evildoers, they may by

9. peculiar: or, purchased. praises: or, virtues.

your good works, which they shall be-
hold, glorify God in the day of visi-
tation.* 13 Submit yourselves to every
ordinance of man for the Lord's sake:
whether it be to the king, as supreme;
14 Or unto governors, as unto them
that are sent by him for the punish-
ment of evildoers, and for the praise
of them that do well. 15 For so is the
will of God, that with well doing ye
may put to silence the ignorance of
foolish men: 16 As free, and not us-
ing *your* liberty for a cloke of mali-
ciousness, but as the servants of God.*

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12. whereas: or, wherein.
16. using: Gr. having.

17 Honour all *men*. Love the brother-
hood. Fear God. Honour the king.*
18 Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters
with all fear; not only to the good and
gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For
this *is* thankworthy, if a man for con-
science toward God endure grief, suf-
fering wrongfully.* 20 For what glory *is*
it, if, when ye be buffeted for your
faults, ye shall take it patiently? but
if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*,
ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable
with God.* 21 For even hereunto were

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17. Honour all: or, Esteem all.
19. thankworthy: or, thank.
20. acceptable: or, thank.

ye called: because Christ also suffered
for us, leaving us an example, that ye
should follow his steps:* 22 Who did
no sin, neither was guile found in his
mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled,
reviled not again; when he suffered, he
threatened not; but committed *him-
self* to him that judgeth righteously:*
24 Who his own self bare our sins in
his own body on the tree, that we, be-
ing dead to sins, should live unto righ-
teousness: by whose stripes ye were
healed.* 25 For ye were as sheep going

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21. for us: some read, for you.
23. himself: or, his cause.
24. on: or, to.

astray; but are now returned unto the
Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

3 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjec-
tion to your own husbands; that, if any
obey not the word, they also may with-
out the word be won by the conver-
sation of the wives; 2 While they be-
hold your chaste conversation *coupled*
with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not
be that outward *adorning* of plaiting
the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of
putting on of apparel; 4 But *let it be* the
hidden man of the heart, in that which
is not corruptible, *even the ornament*
of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in

the sight of God of great price. 5 For
after this manner in the old time the
holy women also, who trusted in God,
adorned themselves, being in subjec-
tion unto their own husbands: 6 Even
as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him
lord: whose daughters ye are, as long
as ye do well, and are not afraid with
any amazement.* 7 Likewise, ye hus-
bands, dwell with *them* according to
knowledge, giving honour unto the
wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and
as being heirs together of the grace of
life; that your prayers be not hindered.
8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, hav-

3.6. daughters: Gr. children.

ing compassion one of another, love
as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:*
9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing
for railing: but contrariwise blessing;
knowing that ye are thereunto called,
that ye should inherit a blessing. 10 For
he that will love life, and see good days,
let him refrain his tongue from evil,
and his lips that they speak no guile:
11 Let him eschew evil, and do good;
let him seek peace, and ensue it. 12 For
the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righ-
teous, and his ears *are open* unto their
prayers: but the face of the Lord *is*

8. love as: or, loving to the.

against them that do evil.* 13 And who
is he that will harm you, if ye be fol-
lowers of that which is good? 14 But
and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake,
happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of their
terror, neither be troubled; 15 But sanc-
tify the Lord God in your hearts: and
be ready always to *give* an answer to ev-
ery man that asketh you a reason of
the hope that is in you with meek-
ness and fear:* 16 Having a good con-
science; that, whereas they speak evil
of you, as of evildoers, they may be
ashamed that falsely accuse your good

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12. against: Gr. upon.
15. fear: or, reverence.

conversation in Christ. [17] For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye
suffer for well doing, than for evil do-
ing. [18] For Christ also hath once suf-
fered for sins, the just for the unjust,
that he might bring us to God, being
put to death in the flesh, but quick-
ened by the Spirit: [19] By which also he
went and preached unto the spirits in
prison; [20] Which sometime were dis-
obedient, when once the longsuffering
of God waited in the days of Noah,
while the ark was a preparing, wherein
few, that is, eight souls were saved by
water. [21] The like figure whereunto
even baptism doth also now save us

(not the putting away of the filth of
the flesh, but the answer of a good
conscience toward God,) by the resur-
rection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone
into heaven, and is on the right hand of
God; angels and authorities and pow-
ers being made subject unto him.

4 Forasmuch then as Christ hath
suffered for us in the flesh, arm your-
selves likewise with the same mind:
for he that hath suffered in the flesh
hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no
longer should live the rest of *his* time
in the flesh to the lusts of men, but
to the will of God. 3 For the time

past of *our* life may suffice us to have
wrought the will of the Gentiles, when
we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, ex-
cess of wine, revellings, banquetings,
and abominable idolatries: 4 Wherein
they think it strange that ye run not
with *them* to the same excess of riot,
speaking evil of *you*: 5 Who shall give
account to him that is ready to judge
the quick and the dead. 6 For for this
cause was the gospel preached also to
them that are dead, that they might be
judged according to men in the flesh,
but live according to God in the spirit.
7 But the end of all things is at hand:
be ye therefore sober, and watch unto

prayer. 8 And above all things have
fervent charity among yourselves: for
charity shall cover the multitude of
sins.* 9 Use hospitality one to another
without grudging. 10 As every man
hath received the gift, *even so* minister
the same one to another, as good stew-
ards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If
any man speak, *let him speak* as the
oracles of God; if any man minister,
let him do it as of the ability which
God giveth: that God in all things
may be glorified through Jesus Christ,
to whom be praise and dominion for
ever and ever. Amen. 12 Beloved,

4.8. shall: or, will.

think it not strange concerning the
fiery trial which is to try you, as though
some strange thing happened unto
you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are
partakers of Christ's sufferings; that,
when his glory shall be revealed, ye
may be glad also with exceeding joy.
14 If ye be reproached for the name of
Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of
glory and of God resteth upon you:
on their part he is evil spoken of, but
on your part he is glorified. 15 But let
none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as*
a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busy-
body in other men's matters. 16 Yet if
any man suffer as a Christian, let him

not be ashamed; but let him glorify
God on this behalf. [17] For the time *is*
come that judgment must begin at the
house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at
us, what shall the end *be* of them that
obey not the gospel of God? [18] And if
the righteous scarcely be saved, where
shall the ungodly and the sinner ap-
pear? [19] Wherefore let them that suffer
according to the will of God commit
the keeping of their souls *to him* in well
doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

5 The elders which are among you
I exhort, who am also an elder, and
a witness of the sufferings of Christ,

and also a partaker of the glory that
shall be revealed: [2] Feed the flock of
God which is among you, taking the
oversight *thereof*, not by constraint,
but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but
of a ready mind;* [3] Neither as being
lords over *God's* heritage, but being en-
samples to the flock.* [4] And when the
chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall
receive a crown of glory that fadeth
not away. [5] Likewise, ye younger, sub-
mit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all
of you be subject one to another, and
be clothed with humility: for God

5.2. which...: or, as much as in you is.
3. being lords over: or, overruling.

resisteth the proud, and giveth grace
to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves
therefore under the mighty hand of
God, that he may exalt you in due
time: 7 Casting all your care upon
him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober,
be vigilant; because your adversary
the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh
about, seeking whom he may devour:
9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith,
knowing that the same afflictions are
accomplished in your brethren that
are in the world. 10 But the God of all
grace, who hath called us unto his eter-
nal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye
have suffered a while, make you per-

fect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.
11 To him *be* glory and dominion for
ever and ever. Amen. 12 By Silvanus,
a faithful brother unto you, as I sup-
pose, I have written briefly, exhort-
ing, and testifying that this is the true
grace of God wherein ye stand. 13 The
church that is at Babylon, elected to-
gether with *you*, saluteth you; and *so*
doth Marcus my son. 14 Greet ye one
another with a kiss of charity. Peace
be with you all that are in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF

PETER

Simon Peter, a servant and an
apostle of Jesus Christ, to them
that have obtained like precious
faith with us through the righteous-
ness of God and our Saviour Jesus
Christ:* 2 Grace and peace be multi-
plied unto you through the knowl-
edge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
3 According as his divine power hath
given unto us all things that *pertain*

1.1. Simon: or, Symeon. God...: Gr. of our God and Saviour.

unto life and godliness, through the
knowledge of him that hath called us
to glory and virtue:* 4 Whereby are
given unto us exceeding great and pre-
cious promises: that by these ye might
be partakers of the divine nature, hav-
ing escaped the corruption that is in
the world through lust. 5 And beside
this, giving all diligence, add to your
faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
6 And to knowledge temperance; and
to temperance patience; and to pa-
tience godliness; 7 And to godliness
brotherly kindness; and to brotherly
kindness charity. 8 For if these things

3. to: or, by.

be in you, and abound, they make *you*
that ye shall neither *be* barren nor un-
fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ.* 9 But he that lacketh
these things is blind, and cannot see
afar off, and hath forgotten that he was
purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore
the rather, brethren, give diligence to
make your calling and election sure:
for if ye do these things, ye shall never
fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be min-
istered unto you abundantly into the
everlasting kingdom of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 Wherefore I
will not be negligent to put you al-

8. barren: Gr. idle.

ways in remembrance of these things,
though ye know *them*, and be estab-
lished in the present truth. 13 Yea, I
think it meet, as long as I am in this
tabernacle, to stir you up by putting
you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that
shortly I must put off *this* my taber-
nacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ
hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will en-
deavour that ye may be able after my
decease to have these things always in
remembrance. 16 For we have not fol-
lowed cunningly devised fables, when
we made known unto you the power
and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father
honour and glory, when there came
such a voice to him from the excel-
lent glory, This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased. 18 And
this voice which came from heaven we
heard, when we were with him in the
holy mount. 19 We have also a more
sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye
do well that ye take heed, as unto a
light that shineth in a dark place, until
the day dawn, and the day star arise
in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first,
that no prophecy of the scripture is of
any private interpretation. 21 For the
prophecy came not in old time by the

will of man: but holy men of God
spake *as they were* moved by the Holy
Ghost.*

2 But there were false prophets
also among the people, even as there
shall be false teachers among you,
who privily shall bring in damnable
heresies, even denying the Lord that
bought them, and bring upon them-
selves swift destruction. 2 And many
shall follow their pernicious ways; by
reason of whom the way of truth
shall be evil spoken of.* 3 And through

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21. in old time: or, at any time.

2.2. pernicious ways: or, lascivious ways, as some copies read.

covetousness shall they with feigned
words make merchandise of you:
whose judgment now of a long time
lingereth not, and their damnation
slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared
not the angels that sinned, but cast
them down to hell, and delivered *them*
into chains of darkness, to be re-
served unto judgment; 5 And spared
not the old world, but saved Noah
the eighth *person*, a preacher of righ-
teousness, bringing in the flood upon
the world of the ungodly; 6 And turn-
ing the cities of Sodom and Gomor-
rha into ashes condemned *them* with
an overthrow, making *them* an en-

sample unto those that after should
live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot,
vexed with the filthy conversation of
the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man
dwelling among them, in seeing and
hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from
day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)
9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver
the godly out of temptations, and to
reserve the unjust unto the day of judg-
ment to be punished: 10 But chiefly
them that walk after the flesh in the
lust of uncleanness, and despise gov-
ernment. Presumptuous *are they*, self-
willed, they are not afraid to speak evil

of dignities.* 11 Whereas angels, which
are greater in power and might, bring
not railing accusation against them
before the Lord.* 12 But these, as nat-
ural brute beasts, made to be taken
and destroyed, speak evil of the things
that they understand not; and shall
utterly perish in their own corrup-
tion; 13 And shall receive the reward
of unrighteousness, *as* they that count
it pleasure to riot in the day time.
Spots *they are* and blemishes, sport-
ing themselves with their own deceiv-
ings while they feast with you; 14 Hav-

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10. government: or, dominion.
11. them: some read, themselves.

ing eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:* 15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 For

14. adultery: Gr. an adulteress.

when they speak great swelling *words*
of vanity, they allure through the lusts
of the flesh, *through much* wanton-
ness, those that were clean escaped
from them who live in error.* [19] While
they promise them liberty, they them-
selves are the servants of corruption:
for of whom a man is overcome, of
the same is he brought in bondage.
[20] For if after they have escaped the
pollutions of the world through the
knowledge of the Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ, they are again entangled
therein, and overcome, the latter end
is worse with them than the begin-

18. clean: or, for a little, or, a while, as some read.

ning. [21] For it had been better for them
not to have known the way of righ-
teousness, than, after they have known
it, to turn from the holy command-
ment delivered unto them. [22] But it is
happened unto them according to the
true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his
own vomit again; and the sow that was
washed to her wallowing in the mire.

3 This second epistle, beloved, I
now write unto you; in *both* which I
stir up your pure minds by way of re-
membrance: [2] That ye may be mind-
ful of the words which were spoken
before by the holy prophets, and of

the commandment of us the apostles
of the Lord and Saviour: 3 Knowing
this first, that there shall come in the
last days scoffers, walking after their
own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the
promise of his coming? for since the
fathers fell asleep, all things continue
as *they were* from the beginning of the
creation. 5 For this they willingly are
ignorant of, that by the word of God
the heavens were of old, and the earth
standing out of the water and in the
water:* 6 Whereby the world that then
was, being overflowed with water, per-
ished: 7 But the heavens and the earth,

3.5. standing: Gr. consisting.

which are now, by the same word are
kept in store, reserved unto fire against
the day of judgment and perdition of
ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, be not
ignorant of this one thing, that one day
is with the Lord as a thousand years,
and a thousand years as one day. 9 The
Lord is not slack concerning his prom-
ise, as some men count slackness; but
is longsuffering to us-ward, not will-
ing that any should perish, but that all
should come to repentance. 10 But the
day of the Lord will come as a thief
in the night; in the which the heavens
shall pass away with a great noise, and
the elements shall melt with fervent

heat, the earth also and the works that
are therein shall be burned up. [11] *Seeing*
then *that* all these things shall be dis-
solved, what manner *of persons* ought
ye to be in *all* holy conversation and
godliness, [12] Looking for and hasting
unto the coming of the day of God,
wherein the heavens being on fire shall
be dissolved, and the elements shall
melt with fervent heat?* [13] Nevertheless
we, according to his promise, look for
new heavens and a new earth, wherein
dwelleth righteousness. [14] Wherefore,
beloved, seeing that ye look for such
things, be diligent that ye may be

12. hasting...: or, hasting the coming.

found of him in peace, without spot,
and blameless. [15] And account *that*
the longsuffering of our Lord *is* sal-
vation; even as our beloved brother
Paul also according to the wisdom
given unto him hath written unto you;
[16] As also in all *his* epistles, speaking
in them of these things; in which are
some things hard to be understood,
which they that are unlearned and un-
stable wrest, as *they do* also the other
scriptures, unto their own destruction.
[17] Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know
these things before, beware lest ye also,
being led away with the error of the
wicked, fall from your own stedfast-

ness. [18] But grow in grace, and *in* the
knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Je-
sus Christ. To him *be* glory both now
and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF JOHN

That which was from the be-
ginning, which we have heard,
which we have seen with our
eyes, which we have looked upon, and
our hands have handled, of the Word
of life; 2 (For the life was manifested,
and we have seen *it*, and bear witness,
and shew unto you that eternal life,
which was with the Father, and was
manifested unto us;) 3 That which we
have seen and heard declare we unto
you, that ye also may have fellowship
with us: and truly our fellowship *is*

with the Father, and with his Son Je-
sus Christ. 4 And these things write
we unto you, that your joy may be full.
5 This then is the message which we
have heard of him, and declare unto
you, that God is light, and in him is no
darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have
fellowship with him, and walk in dark-
ness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But
if we walk in the light, as he is in the
light, we have fellowship one with an-
other, and the blood of Jesus Christ his
Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we
say that we have no sin, we deceive our-
selves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we
confess our sins, he is faithful and just

to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say
that we have not sinned, we make him
a liar, and his word is not in us.*

2 My little children, these things
write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if
any man sin, we have an advocate with
the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
[2] And he is the propitiation for our
sins: and not for ours only, but also
for *the sins of* the whole world. [3] And
hereby we do know that we know him,
if we keep his commandments. [4] He
that saith, I know him, and keepeth

1.10. occasion...: Gr. scandal.

not his commandments, is a liar, and
the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso
keepeth his word, in him verily is the
love of God perfected: hereby know
we that we are in him. 6 He that
saith he abideth in him ought him-
self also so to walk, even as he walked.
7 Brethren, I write no new command-
ment unto you, but an old command-
ment which ye had from the begin-
ning. The old commandment is the
word which ye have heard from the
beginning. 8 Again, a new command-
ment I write unto you, which thing
is true in him and in you: because
the darkness is past, and the true light

now shineth. 9 He that saith he is in
the light, and hateth his brother, is in
darkness even until now. 10 He that
loveth his brother abideth in the light,
and there is none occasion of stum-
bling in him. 11 But he that hateth
his brother is in darkness, and walketh
in darkness, and knoweth not whither
he goeth, because that darkness hath
blinded his eyes. 12 I write unto you,
little children, because your sins are
forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I
write unto you, fathers, because ye
have known him *that is* from the be-
ginning. I write unto you, young men,
because ye have overcome the wicked

one. I write unto you, little chil-
dren, because ye have known the Fa-
ther. [14] I have written unto you, fa-
thers, because ye have known him *that*
is from the beginning. I have written
unto you, young men, because ye are
strong, and the word of God abideth
in you, and ye have overcome the
wicked one. [15] Love not the world, nei-
ther the things *that are* in the world.
If any man love the world, the love of
the Father is not in him. [16] For all that
is in the world, the lust of the flesh,
and the lust of the eyes, and the pride
of life, is not of the Father, but is of
the world. [17] And the world passeth

away, and the lust thereof: but he that
doeth the will of God abideth for ever.
18 Little children, it is the last time: and
as ye have heard that antichrist shall
come, even now are there many an-
tichrists; whereby we know that it is
the last time. 19 They went out from
us, but they were not of us; for if they
had been of us, they would *no doubt*
have continued with us: but *they went*
out, that they might be made manifest
that they were not all of us. 20 But ye
have an unction from the Holy One,
and ye know all things. 21 I have not
written unto you because ye know not
the truth, but because ye know it, and

that no lie is of the truth. [22] Who is
a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is
the Christ? He is antichrist, that deni-
eth the Father and the Son. [23] Whoso-
ever denieth the Son, the same hath
not the Father: *(but) he that acknowl-
edgeth the Son hath the Father also*. [24] Let
that therefore abide in you, which ye
have heard from the beginning. If that
which ye have heard from the begin-
ning shall remain in you, ye also shall
continue in the Son, and in the Father.
[25] And this is the promise that he hath
promised us, *even* eternal life. [26] These
things have I written unto you con-
cerning them that seduce you. [27] But

the anointing which ye have received
of him abideth in you, and ye need
not that any man teach you: but as
the same anointing teacheth you of
all things, and is truth, and is no lie,
and even as it hath taught you, ye shall
abide in him.* 28 And now, little chil-
dren, abide in him; that, when he shall
appear, we may have confidence, and
not be ashamed before him at his com-
ing. 29 If ye know that he is righteous,
ye know that every one that doeth
righteousness is born of him.*

2.27. in him: or, in it.

29. ye know that every: or, know ye etc.. is born: or, has been born.

3 Behold, what manner of love the
Father hath bestowed upon us, that
we should be called the sons of God:
therefore the world knoweth us not,
because it knew him not. 2 Beloved,
now are we the sons of God, and it
doth not yet appear what we shall be:
but we know that, when he shall ap-
pear, we shall be like him; for we shall
see him as he is. 3 And every man
that hath this hope in him purifieth
himself, even as he is pure. 4 Whoso-
ever committeth sin transgresseth also
the law: for sin is the transgression
of the law. 5 And ye know that he

was manifested to take away our sins;
and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever
abideth in him sinneth not: whoso-
ever sinneth hath not seen him, nei-
ther known him. 7 Little children, let
no man deceive you: he that doeth
righteousness is righteous, even as he
is righteous. 8 He that committeth
sin is of the devil; for the devil sin-
neth from the beginning. For this pur-
pose the Son of God was manifested,
that he might destroy the works of the
devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God
doth not commit sin; for his seed re-
maineth in him: and he cannot sin,

because he is born of God.* [10] In this
the children of God are manifest, and
the children of the devil: whosoever
doeth not righteousness is not of God,
neither he that loveth not his brother.
[11] For this is the message that ye heard
from the beginning, that we should
love one another.* [12] Not as Cain, *who*
was of that wicked one, and slew his
brother. And wherefore slew he him?
Because his own works were evil, and
his brother's righteous. [13] Marvel not,
my brethren, if the world hate you.
[14] We know that we have passed from

3.9. is born: or, has been born.

11. message: or, commandment.

death unto life, because we love the
brethren. He that loveth not *his*
brother abideth in death. 15 Whoso-
ever hateth his brother is a murderer:
and ye know that no murderer hath
eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby
perceive we the love *of God*, because he
laid down his life for us: and we ought
to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.
17 But whoso hath this world's good,
and seeth his brother have need, and
shutteth up his bowels *of compassion*
from him, how dwelleth the love of
God in him? 18 My little children, let
us not love in word, neither in tongue;
but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby

we know that we are of the truth, and
shall assure our hearts before him.*
20 For if our heart condemn us, God is
greater than our heart, and knoweth
all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart
condemn us not, *then* have we con-
fidence toward God. 22 And whatso-
ever we ask, we receive of him, because
we keep his commandments, and do
those things that are pleasing in his
sight. 23 And this is his command-
ment, That we should believe on the
name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love
one another, as he gave us command-
ment. 24 And he that keepeth his com-

19. assure: Gr. persuade.

mandments dwelleth in him, and he
in him. And hereby we know that he
abideth in us, by the Spirit which he
hath given us.

4 Beloved, believe not every spirit,
but try the spirits whether they are of
God: because many false prophets are
gone out into the world. 2 Hereby
know ye the Spirit of God: Every
spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ
is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And
every spirit that confesseth not that Je-
sus Christ is come in the flesh is not
of God: and this is that *spirit* of an-
tichrist, whereof ye have heard that it

should come; and even now already is
it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, lit-
tle children, and have overcome them:
because greater is he that is in you,
than he that is in the world. 5 They
are of the world: therefore speak they
of the world, and the world heareth
them. 6 We are of God: he that
knoweth God heareth us; he that is
not of God heareth not us. Hereby
know we the spirit of truth, and the
spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love
one another: for love is of God; and
every one that loveth is born of God,
and knoweth God.* 8 He that loveth

4.7. is born: or, has been born.

not knoweth not God; for God is
love. 9 In this was manifested the love
of God toward us, because that God
sent his only begotten Son into the
world, that we might live through him.
10 Herein is love, not that we loved
God, but that he loved us, and sent his
Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought
also to love one another. 12 No man
hath seen God at any time. If we love
one another, God dwelleth in us, and
his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby
know we that we dwell in him, and he
in us, because he hath given us of his
Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do tes-

tify that the Father sent the Son *to be*
the Saviour of the world. [15] Whoso-
ever shall confess that Jesus is the Son
of God, God dwelleth in him, and he
in God. [16] And we have known and
believed the love that God hath to
us. God is love; and he that dwelleth
in love dwelleth in God, and God in
him. [17] Herein is our love made per-
fect, that we may have boldness in the
day of judgment: because as he is, so
are we in this world.* [18] There is no fear
in love; but perfect love casteth out
fear: because fear hath torment. He
that feareth is not made perfect in love.

17. our love: Gr. love with us.

19 We love him, because he first loved
us. 20 If a man say, I love God, and
hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he
that loveth not his brother whom he
hath seen, how can he love God whom
he hath not seen? 21 And this com-
mandment have we from him, That he
who loveth God love his brother also.

5 Whosoever believeth that Jesus
is the Christ is born of God: and every
one that loveth him that begat loveth
him also that is begotten of him.* 2 By
this we know that we love the children
of God, when we love God, and keep

5.1. is born: or, has been born.

his commandments. 3 For this is the
love of God, that we keep his com-
mandments: and his commandments
are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is
born of God overcometh the world:
and this is the victory that overcometh
the world, *even* our faith. 5 Who is
he that overcometh the world, but he
that believeth that Jesus is the Son of
God? 6 This is he that came by wa-
ter and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not
by water only, but by water and blood.
And it is the Spirit that beareth wit-
ness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For
there are three that bear record in
heaven, the Father, the Word, and the

Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
8 And there are three that bear witness
in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and
the blood: and these three agree in
one. 9 If we receive the witness of men,
the witness of God is greater: for this is
the witness of God which he hath tes-
tified of his Son. 10 He that believeth
on the Son of God hath the witness
in himself: he that believeth not God
hath made him a liar; because he be-
lieveth not the record that God gave
of his Son. 11 And this is the record,
that God hath given to us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son. 12 He that
hath the Son hath life; *and* he that

hath not the Son of God hath not life.
13 These things have I written unto you
that believe on the name of the Son of
God; that ye may know that ye have
eternal life, and that ye may believe on
the name of the Son of God. 14 And
this is the confidence that we have in
him, that, if we ask any thing accord-
ing to his will, he heareth us:* 15 And
if we know that he hear us, whatso-
ever we ask, we know that we have the
petitions that we desired of him. 16 If
any man see his brother sin a sin *which
is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he
shall give him life for them that sin not

14. in: or, concerning.

unto death. There is a sin unto death:
I do not say that he shall pray for it.
17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there
is a sin not unto death. 18 We know that
whosoever is born of God sinneth not;
but he that is begotten of God keepeth
himself, and that wicked one toucheth
him not. 19 *And* we know that we are
of God, and the whole world lieth in
wickedness. 20 And we know that the
Son of God is come, and hath given us
an understanding, that we may know
him that is true, and we are in him that
is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ.
This is the true God, and eternal life.
21 Little children, keep yourselves from

idols. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF
JOHN

The elder unto the elect lady and
her children, whom I love in
the truth; and not I only, but
also all they that have known the
truth; 2 For the truth's sake, which
dwelleth in us, and shall be with us
for ever. 3 Grace be with you, mercy,
and peace, from God the Father, and
from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of
the Father, in truth and love.* 4 I re-
joiced greatly that I found of thy chil-
dren walking in truth, as we have re-

1.3. be: Gr. shall be.

ceived a commandment from the Father. 5 And now I beseech thee, lady,
not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which
we had from the beginning, that we
love one another. 6 And this is love,
that we walk after his commandments.
This is the commandment, That, as
ye have heard from the beginning, ye
should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers
are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in
the flesh. This is a deceiver and an
antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that
we lose not those things which we
have wrought, but that we receive a

full reward.* 9 Whosoever transgres-
seth, and abideth not in the doctrine
of Christ, hath not God. He that
abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he
hath both the Father and the Son.
10 If there come any unto you, and
bring not this doctrine, receive him
not into *your* house, neither bid him
God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him
God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.
12 Having many things to write unto
you, I would not *write* with paper and
ink: but I trust to come unto you, and
speak face to face, that our joy may be

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8. wrought: or, gained, some copies read, ye have gained, but that ye, etc..

full.* 13 The children of thy elect sister
greet thee. Amen.

12. face to...: Gr. mouth to mouth. our: or, your.

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF
JOHN

The elder unto the wellbeloved
Gaius, whom I love in the
truth.* 2 Beloved, I wish above
all things that thou mayest prosper
and be in health, even as thy soul pros-
pereth.* 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when
the brethren came and testified of the
truth that is in thee, even as thou walk-
est in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy
than to hear that my children walk in
truth. 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully

1.1. in...: or, truly.
2. wish: or, pray.

whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; 6 Which have
borne witness of thy charity before
the church: whom if thou bring for-
ward on their journey after a godly
sort, thou shalt do well:* 7 Because
that for his name's sake they went
forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receive such,
that we might be fellowhelpers to the
truth.* 9 I wrote unto the church: but
Diotrephes, who loveth to have the
preeminence among them, receiveth
us not. 10 Wherefore, if I come, I

6. after...: Gr. worthy of God.
8. fellowhelpers: or, joint-labourers.

will remember his deeds which he
doeth, prating against us with mali-
cious words: and not content there-
with, neither doth he himself receive
the brethren, and forbiddeth them
that would, and casteth *them* out of
the church. [11] Beloved, follow not that
which is evil, but that which is good.
He that doeth good is of God: but
he that doeth evil hath not seen God.
[12] Demetrius hath good report of all
men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we
also bear record; and ye know that our
record is true. [13] I had many things to
write, but I will not with ink and pen
write unto thee: [14] But I trust I shall

shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.*

14. face to...: Gr. mouth to mouth.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF

JUDE

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and
brother of James, to them that are
sanctified by God the Father, and
preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:
2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love,
be multiplied. 3 Beloved, when I gave
all diligence to write unto you of the
common salvation, it was needful for
me to write unto you, and exhort *you*
that ye should earnestly contend for
the faith which was once delivered
unto the saints. 4 For there are cer-
tain men crept in unawares, who were

before of old ordained to this con-
demnation, ungodly men, turning the
grace of our God into lasciviousness,
and denying the only Lord God, and
our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 I will there-
fore put you in remembrance, though
ye once knew this, how that the Lord,
having saved the people out of the
land of Egypt, afterward destroyed
them that believed not. 6 And the
angels which kept not their first es-
tate, but left their own habitation, he
hath reserved in everlasting chains un-
der darkness unto the judgment of the
great day.* 7 Even as Sodom and Gom-

1.6. first estate: or, principality.

orrha, and the cities about them in like
manner, giving themselves over to for-
nication, and going after strange flesh,
are set forth for an example, suffering
the vengeance of eternal fire.* 8 Like-
wise also these *filthy* dreamers defile
the flesh, despise dominion, and speak
evil of dignities. 9 Yet Michael the
archangel, when contending with the
devil he disputed about the body of
Moses, durst not bring against him a
railing accusation, but said, The Lord
rebuke thee. 10 But these speak evil
of those things which they know not:
but what they know naturally, as brute

7. strange: Gr. other.

beasts, in those things they corrupt
themselves. [11] Woe unto them! for
they have gone in the way of Cain, and
ran greedily after the error of Balaam
for reward, and perished in the gain-
saying of Core. [12] These are spots in
your feasts of charity, when they feast
with you, feeding themselves without
fear: clouds *they are* without water,
carried about of winds; trees whose
fruit withereth, without fruit, twice
dead, plucked up by the roots; [13] Rag-
ing waves of the sea, foaming out their
own shame; wandering stars, to whom
is reserved the blackness of darkness
for ever. [14] And Enoch also, the sev-

enth from Adam, prophesied of these,
saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with
ten thousands of his saints, [15] To ex-
ecute judgment upon all, and to con-
vince all that are ungodly among them
of all their ungodly deeds which they
have ungodly committed, and of all
their hard *speeches* which ungodly sin-
ners have spoken against him. [16] These
are murmurers, complainers, walking
after their own lusts; and their mouth
speaketh great swelling *words*, having
men's persons in admiration because
of advantage. [17] But, beloved, remem-
ber ye the words which were spoken
before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus

Christ; 18 How that they told you there
should be mockers in the last time,
who should walk after their own un-
godly lusts. 19 These be they who sep-
arate themselves, sensual, having not
the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, building
up yourselves on your most holy faith,
praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep
yourselves in the love of God, look-
ing for the mercy of our Lord Jesus
Christ unto eternal life. 22 And of some
have compassion, making a difference:
23 And others save with fear, pulling
them out of the fire; hating even the
garment spotted by the flesh. 24 Now
unto him that is able to keep you from

falling, and to present *you* faultless be-
fore the presence of his glory with ex-
ceeding joy, [25] To the only wise God
our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, do-
minion and power, both now and ever.
Amen.

THE REVELATION

OF

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John: [2] Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. [3] Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep

those things which are written therein:
for the time *is* at hand. 4 John to
the seven churches which are in Asia:
Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from
him which is, and which was, and
which is to come; and from the seven
Spirits which are before his throne;
5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the
faithful witness, *and* the first begotten
of the dead, and the prince of the kings
of the earth. Unto him that loved us,
and washed us from our sins in his own
blood, 6 And hath made us kings and
priests unto God and his Father; to
him *be* glory and dominion for ever
and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he cometh

with clouds; and every eye shall see
him, and they *also* which pierced him:
and all kindreds of the earth shall wail
because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I
am Alpha and Omega, the beginning
and the ending, saith the Lord, which
is, and which was, and which is to
come, the Almighty. 9 I John, who
also am your brother, and compan-
ion in tribulation, and in the king-
dom and patience of Jesus Christ, was
in the isle that is called Patmos, for
the word of God, and for the testi-
mony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the
Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard be-
hind me a great voice, as of a trum-

pet, [11] Saying, I am Alpha and Omega,
the first and the last: and, What thou
seest, write in a book, and send *it*
unto the seven churches which are in
Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna,
and unto Pergamos, and unto Thy-
atira, and unto Sardis, and unto Phi-
ladelphia, and unto Laodicea. [12] And
I turned to see the voice that spake
with me. And being turned, I saw
seven golden candlesticks; [13] And in
the midst of the seven candlesticks *one*
like unto the Son of man, clothed with
a garment down to the foot, and girt
about the paps with a golden girdle.
[14] His head and *his* hairs *were* white like

wool, as white as snow; and his eyes
were as a flame of fire; [15] And his feet
like unto fine brass, as if they burned
in a furnace; and his voice as the sound
of many waters. [16] And he had in his
right hand seven stars: and out of his
mouth went a sharp twoedged sword:
and his countenance *was* as the sun
shineth in his strength. [17] And when
I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.
And he laid his right hand upon me,
saying unto me, Fear not; I am the
first and the last: [18] I *am* he that liveth,
and was dead; and, behold, I am alive
for evermore, Amen; and have the
keys of hell and of death. [19] Write the

things which thou hast seen, and the
things which are, and the things which
shall be hereafter; 20 The mystery of the
seven stars which thou sawest in my
right hand, and the seven golden can-
dlesticks. The seven stars are the an-
gels of the seven churches: and the
seven candlesticks which thou sawest
are the seven churches.

2 Unto the angel of the church of
Ephesus write; These things saith he
that holdeth the seven stars in his right
hand, who walketh in the midst of the
seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know
thy works, and thy labour, and thy pa-
tience, and how thou canst not bear

them which are evil: and thou hast
tried them which say they are apostles,
and are not, and hast found them liars:
3 And hast borne, and hast patience,
and for my name's sake hast laboured,
and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless
I have *somewhat* against thee, because
thou hast left thy first love. 5 Re-
member therefore from whence thou
art fallen, and repent, and do the first
works; or else I will come unto thee
quickly, and will remove thy candle-
stick out of his place, except thou re-
pent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou
hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans,
which I also hate. 7 He that hath an

ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
unto the churches; To him that over-
cometh will I give to eat of the tree
of life, which is in the midst of the
paradise of God. 8 And unto the an-
gel of the church in Smyrna write;
These things saith the first and the last,
which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know
thy works, and tribulation, and pov-
erty, (but thou art rich) and *I know*
the blasphemy of them which say they
are Jews, and are not, but *are* the syna-
gogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those
things which thou shalt suffer: be-
hold, the devil shall cast *some* of you
into prison, that ye may be tried; and

ye shall have tribulation ten days: be
thou faithful unto death, and I will
give thee a crown of life. 11 He that
hath an ear, let him hear what the
Spirit saith unto the churches; He that
overcometh shall not be hurt of the
second death. 12 And to the angel of
the church in Pergamos write; These
things saith he which hath the sharp
sword with two edges; 13 I know thy
works, and where thou dwellest, *even*
where Satan's seat *is*: and thou hold-
est fast my name, and hast not denied
my faith, even in those days wherein
Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who
was slain among you, where Satan

dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things
against thee, because thou hast there
them that hold the doctrine of Bal-
aam, who taught Balac to cast a stum-
blingblock before the children of Is-
rael, to eat things sacrificed unto idols,
and to commit fornication. 15 So hast
thou also them that hold the doctrine
of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee
quickly, and will fight against them
with the sword of my mouth. 17 He
that hath an ear, let him hear what the
Spirit saith unto the churches; To him
that overcometh will I give to eat of
the hidden manna, and will give him

a white stone, and in the stone a new
name written, which no man knoweth
saving he that receiveth *it*. [18] And unto
the angel of the church in Thyatira
write; These things saith the Son of
God, who hath his eyes like unto a
flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine
brass; [19] I know thy works, and char-
ity, and service, and faith, and thy pa-
tience, and thy works; and the last *to*
be more than the first. [20] Notwith-
standing I have a few things against
thee, because thou sufferest that wo-
man Jezebel, which calleth herself a
prophetess, to teach and to seduce my
servants to commit fornication, and to

eat things sacrificed unto idols. [21] And
I gave her space to repent of her forni-
cation; and she repented not. [22] Be-
hold, I will cast her into a bed, and
them that commit adultery with her
into great tribulation, except they re-
pent of their deeds. [23] And I will
kill her children with death; and all
the churches shall know that I am he
which searcheth the reins and hearts:
and I will give unto every one of you
according to your works. [24] But unto
you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira,
as many as have not this doctrine, and
which have not known the depths of
Satan, as they speak; I will put upon

you none other burden. [25] But that
which ye have *already* hold fast till I
come. [26] And he that overcometh, and
keepeth my works unto the end, to
him will I give power over the nations:
[27] And he shall rule them with a rod of
iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they
be broken to shivers: even as I received
of my Father. [28] And I will give him the
morning star. [29] He that hath an ear,
let him hear what the Spirit saith unto
the churches.

3 And unto the angel of the church
in Sardis write; These things saith he
that hath the seven Spirits of God,

and the seven stars; I know thy works,
that thou hast a name that thou livest,
and art dead. [2] Be watchful, and
strengthen the things which remain,
that are ready to die: for I have not
found thy works perfect before God.
[3] Remember therefore how thou hast
received and heard, and hold fast, and
repent. If therefore thou shalt not
watch, I will come on thee as a thief,
and thou shalt not know what hour I
will come upon thee. [4] Thou hast a
few names even in Sardis which have
not defiled their garments; and they
shall walk with me in white: for they
are worthy. [5] He that overcometh,

the same shall be clothed in white rai-
ment; and I will not blot out his name
out of the book of life, but I will con-
fess his name before my Father, and
before his angels. 6 He that hath an
ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith
unto the churches. 7 And to the an-
gel of the church in Philadelphia write;
These things saith he that is holy, he
that is true, he that hath the key of
David, he that openeth, and no man
shutteth; and shutteth, and no man
openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold,
I have set before thee an open door,
and no man can shut it: for thou hast a
little strength, and hast kept my word,

and hast not denied my name. 9 Be-
hold, I will make them of the syn-
agogue of Satan, which say they are
Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold,
I will make them to come and wor-
ship before thy feet, and to know that
I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast
kept the word of my patience, I also
will keep thee from the hour of temp-
tation, which shall come upon all the
world, to try them that dwell upon
the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly:
hold that fast which thou hast, that
no man take thy crown. 12 Him that
overcometh will I make a pillar in the
temple of my God, and he shall go no

more out: and I will write upon him
the name of my God, and the name
of the city of my God, *which is* new
Jerusalem, which cometh down out
of heaven from my God: and *I will*
write upon him my new name. 13 He
that hath an ear, let him hear what the
Spirit saith unto the churches. 14 And
unto the angel of the church of the
Laodiceans write; These things saith
the Amen, the faithful and true wit-
ness, the beginning of the creation of
God;* 15 I know thy works, that thou
art neither cold nor hot: I would thou
wert cold or hot. 16 So then because

3.14. of the Laodiceans: or, in Laodicea.

thou art lukewarm, and neither cold
nor hot, I will spue thee out of my
mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am
rich, and increased with goods, and
have need of nothing; and knowest
not that thou art wretched, and miser-
able, and poor, and blind, and naked:
18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold
tried in the fire, that thou mayest be
rich; and white raiment, that thou
mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame
of thy nakedness do not appear; and
anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that
thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I
rebuke and chasten: be zealous there-
fore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at

the door, and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door, I will
come in to him, and will sup with him,
and he with me. [21] To him that over-
cometh will I grant to sit with me in
my throne, even as I also overcame,
and am set down with my Father in
his throne. [22] He that hath an ear, let
him hear what the Spirit saith unto the
churches.

4 After this I looked, and, behold,
a door *was* opened in heaven: and
the first voice which I heard *was* as
it were of a trumpet talking with me;
which said, Come up hither, and I will
shew thee things which must be here-

after. 2 And immediately I was in the
spirit: and, behold, a throne was set
in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.
3 And he that sat was to look upon like
a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there*
was a rainbow round about the throne,
in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And
round about the throne *were* four and
twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw
four and twenty elders sitting, clothed
in white raiment; and they had on
their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out
of the throne proceeded lightnings
and thunderings and voices: and *there*
were seven lamps of fire burning before
the throne, which are the seven Spir-

its of God. 6 And before the throne
there was a sea of glass like unto crys-
tal: and in the midst of the throne,
and round about the throne, *were* four
beasts full of eyes before and behind.
7 And the first beast *was* like a lion,
and the second beast like a calf, and
the third beast had a face as a man,
and the fourth beast *was* like a flying
eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each
of them six wings about *him*; and *they*
were full of eyes within: and they rest
not day and night, saying, Holy, holy,
holy, Lord God Almighty, which was,
and is, and is to come.* 9 And when

4.8. rest...: Gr. have no rest.

those beasts give glory and honour
and thanks to him that sat on the
throne, who liveth for ever and ever,
10 The four and twenty elders fall down
before him that sat on the throne, and
worship him that liveth for ever and
ever, and cast their crowns before the
throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O
Lord, to receive glory and honour and
power: for thou hast created all things,
and for thy pleasure they are and were
created.

5 And I saw in the right hand of
him that sat on the throne a book writ-
ten within and on the backside, sealed

with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong
angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
Who is worthy to open the book, and
to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no
man in heaven, nor in earth, neither
under the earth, was able to open the
book, neither to look thereon. 4 And
I wept much, because no man was
found worthy to open and to read the
book, neither to look thereon. 5 And
one of the elders saith unto me, Weep
not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of
Juda, the Root of David, hath pre-
vailed to open the book, and to loose
the seven seals thereof. 6 And I beheld,
and, lo, in the midst of the throne and

of the four beasts, and in the midst
of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had
been slain, having seven horns and
seven eyes, which are the seven Spir-
its of God sent forth into all the earth.
7 And he came and took the book out
of the right hand of him that sat upon
the throne. 8 And when he had taken
the book, the four beasts and four
and twenty elders fell down before the
Lamb, having every one of them harps,
and golden vials full of odours, which
are the prayers of saints.* 9 And they
sung a new song, saying, Thou art wor-
thy to take the book, and to open the

5.8. odours: or, incense.

seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and
hast redeemed us to God by thy blood
out of every kindred, and tongue, and
people, and nation; [10] And hast made
us unto our God kings and priests:
and we shall reign on the earth. [11] And
I beheld, and I heard the voice of many
angels round about the throne and the
beasts and the elders: and the num-
ber of them was ten thousand times
ten thousand, and thousands of thou-
sands; [12] Saying with a loud voice, Wor-
thy is the Lamb that was slain to re-
ceive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honour, and glory,
and blessing. [13] And every creature

which is in heaven, and on the earth,
and under the earth, and such as are
in the sea, and all that are in them,
heard I saying, Blessing, and honour,
and glory, and power, *be* unto him that
sitteth upon the throne, and unto the
Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the
four beasts said, Amen. And the four
and twenty elders fell down and wor-
shipped him that liveth for ever and
ever.

6 And I saw when the Lamb
opened one of the seals, and I heard,
as it were the noise of thunder, one
of the four beasts saying, Come and
see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white

horse: and he that sat on him had a
bow; and a crown was given unto him:
and he went forth conquering, and to
conquer. 3 And when he had opened
the second seal, I heard the second
beast say, Come and see. 4 And there
went out another horse *that was* red:
and *power* was given to him that sat
thereon to take peace from the earth,
and that they should kill one another:
and there was given unto him a great
sword. 5 And when he had opened
the third seal, I heard the third beast
say, Come and see. And I beheld, and
lo a black horse; and he that sat on
him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of
the four beasts say, A measure of wheat
for a penny, and three measures of bar-
ley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not
the oil and the wine.* 7 And when he
had opened the fourth seal, I heard the
voice of the fourth beast say, Come
and see. 8 And I looked, and behold
a pale horse: and his name that sat
on him was Death, and Hell followed
with him. And power was given unto
them over the fourth part of the earth,
to kill with sword, and with hunger,

6.6. A measure: the word choenix signifieth a measure containing one wine quart, and the twelfth part of a quart.

and with death, and with the beasts of
the earth.* 9 And when he had opened
the fifth seal, I saw under the altar
the souls of them that were slain for
the word of God, and for the testi-
mony which they held: 10 And they
cried with a loud voice, saying, How
long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou
not judge and avenge our blood on
them that dwell on the earth? 11 And
white robes were given unto every one
of them; and it was said unto them,
that they should rest yet for a lit-
tle season, until their fellowservants
also and their brethren, that should

8. unto them: or, to him.

be killed as they *were*, should be ful-
filled. [12] And I beheld when he had
opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there
was a great earthquake; and the sun
became black as sackcloth of hair, and
the moon became as blood; [13] And the
stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even
as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs,
when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*
[14] And the heaven departed as a scroll
when it is rolled together; and every
mountain and island were moved out
of their places. [15] And the kings of the
earth, and the great men, and the rich
men, and the chief captains, and the

13. untimely figs: or, green figs.

mighty men, and every bondman, and
every free man, hid themselves in the
dens and in the rocks of the moun-
tains; [16] And said to the mountains and
rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the
face of him that sitteth on the throne,
and from the wrath of the Lamb: [17] For
the great day of his wrath is come; and
who shall be able to stand?

7 And after these things I saw
four angels standing on the four cor-
ners of the earth, holding the four
winds of the earth, that the wind
should not blow on the earth, nor
on the sea, nor on any tree. [2] And

I saw another angel ascending from
the east, having the seal of the liv-
ing God: and he cried with a loud
voice to the four angels, to whom it
was given to hurt the earth and the
sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, nei-
ther the sea, nor the trees, till we have
sealed the servants of our God in their
foreheads. 4 And I heard the num-
ber of them which were sealed: *and*
there were sealed an hundred *and* forty
and four thousand of all the tribes of
the children of Israel. 5 Of the tribe
of Juda *were* sealed twelve thousand.
Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed
twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad

were sealed twelve thousand. [6] Of
the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve
thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim
were sealed twelve thousand. Of the
tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve
thousand. [7] Of the tribe of Simeon
were sealed twelve thousand. Of the
tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thou-
sand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were*
sealed twelve thousand. [8] Of the tribe
of Zabulon *were* sealed twelve thou-
sand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were*
sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe
of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thou-
sand. [9] After this I beheld, and, lo, a
great multitude, which no man could

number, of all nations, and kindreds,
and people, and tongues, stood be-
fore the throne, and before the Lamb,
clothed with white robes, and palms in
their hands; [10] And cried with a loud
voice, saying, Salvation to our God
which sitteth upon the throne, and
unto the Lamb. [11] And all the angels
stood round about the throne, and
about the elders and the four beasts,
and fell before the throne on their
faces, and worshipped God, [12] Saying,
Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wis-
dom, and thanksgiving, and honour,
and power, and might, *be* unto our
God for ever and ever. Amen. [13] And

one of the elders answered, saying unto
me, What are these which are arrayed
in white robes? and whence came
they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou
knowest. And he said to me, These are
they which came out of great tribula-
tion, and have washed their robes, and
made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the
throne of God, and serve him day and
night in his temple: and he that sit-
teth on the throne shall dwell among
them. 16 They shall hunger no more,
neither thirst any more; neither shall
the sun light on them, nor any heat.
17 For the Lamb which is in the midst

of the throne shall feed them, and shall
lead them unto living fountains of wa-
ters: and God shall wipe away all tears
from their eyes.

8 And when he had opened the
seventh seal, there was silence in
heaven about the space of half an hour.
2 And I saw the seven angels which
stood before God; and to them were
given seven trumpets. 3 And another
angel came and stood at the altar, hav-
ing a golden censer; and there was
given unto him much incense, that
he should offer *it* with the prayers
of all saints upon the golden altar

which was before the throne.* 4 And
the smoke of the incense, *which came*
with the prayers of the saints, ascended
up before God out of the angel's hand.
5 And the angel took the censer, and
filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it*
into the earth: and there were voices,
and thunderings, and lightnings, and
an earthquake.* 6 And the seven an-
gels which had the seven trumpets pre-
pared themselves to sound. 7 The first
angel sounded, and there followed hail
and fire mingled with blood, and they
were cast upon the earth: and the third

8.3. offer...: or, add it to the prayers.
5. into: or, upon.

part of trees was burnt up, and all green
grass was burnt up. 8 And the sec-
ond angel sounded, and as it were a
great mountain burning with fire was
cast into the sea: and the third part
of the sea became blood; 9 And the
third part of the creatures which were
in the sea, and had life, died; and the
third part of the ships were destroyed.
10 And the third angel sounded, and
there fell a great star from heaven,
burning as it were a lamp, and it fell
upon the third part of the rivers, and
upon the fountains of waters; 11 And
the name of the star is called Worm-
wood: and the third part of the wa-

ters became wormwood; and many
men died of the waters, because they
were made bitter. 12 And the fourth
angel sounded, and the third part of
the sun was smitten, and the third part
of the moon, and the third part of the
stars; so as the third part of them was
darkened, and the day shone not for a
third part of it, and the night likewise.
13 And I beheld, and heard an angel fly-
ing through the midst of heaven, say-
ing with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe,
to the inhabiters of the earth by rea-
son of the other voices of the trumpet
of the three angels, which are yet to
sound!

9 And the fifth angel sounded, and
I saw a star fall from heaven unto the
earth: and to him was given the key of
the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened
the bottomless pit; and there arose a
smoke out of the pit, as the smoke
of a great furnace; and the sun and
the air were darkened by reason of
the smoke of the pit. 3 And there
came out of the smoke locusts upon
the earth: and unto them was given
power, as the scorpions of the earth
have power. 4 And it was commanded
them that they should not hurt the
grass of the earth, neither any green

thing, neither any tree; but only those
men which have not the seal of God
in their foreheads. 5 And to them it
was given that they should not kill
them, but that they should be tor-
mented five months: and their tor-
ment *was* as the torment of a scor-
pion, when he striketh a man. 6 And
in those days shall men seek death, and
shall not find it; and shall desire to die,
and death shall flee from them. 7 And
the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto
horses prepared unto battle; and on
their heads *were* as it were crowns like
gold, and their faces *were* as the faces
of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair

of women, and their teeth were as *the*
teeth of lions. 9 And they had breast-
plates, as it were breastplates of iron;
and the sound of their wings *was* as
the sound of chariots of many horses
running to battle. 10 And they had tails
like unto scorpions, and there were
stings in their tails: and their power
was to hurt men five months. 11 And
they had a king over them, *which is*
the angel of the bottomless pit, whose
name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abad-
don, but in the Greek tongue hath *his*
name Apollyon.* 12 One woe is past;
and, behold, there come two woes

9.11. Apollyon: that is to say, A destroyer.

more hereafter. [13] And the sixth angel
sounded, and I heard a voice from the
four horns of the golden altar which
is before God, [14] Saying to the sixth
angel which had the trumpet, Loose
the four angels which are bound in the
great river Euphrates. [15] And the four
angels were loosed, which were pre-
pared for an hour, and a day, and a
month, and a year, for to slay the third
part of men.* [16] And the number of the
army of the horsemen *were* two hun-
dred thousand thousand: and I heard
the number of them. [17] And thus I saw
the horses in the vision, and them that

15. for an hour: or, at an hour.

sat on them, having breastplates of fire,
and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the
heads of the horses *were* as the heads of
lions; and out of their mouths issued
fire and smoke and brimstone. [18] By
these three was the third part of men
killed, by the fire, and by the smoke,
and by the brimstone, which issued
out of their mouths. [19] For their power
is in their mouth, and in their tails:
for their tails *were* like unto serpents,
and had heads, and with them they do
hurt. [20] And the rest of the men which
were not killed by these plagues yet re-
pented not of the works of their hands,
that they should not worship devils,

and idols of gold, and silver, and brass,
and stone, and of wood: which nei-
ther can see, nor hear, nor walk: [21] Nei-
ther repented they of their murders,
nor of their sorceries, nor of their for-
nication, nor of their thefts.

10 And I saw another mighty an-
gel come down from heaven, clothed
with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon
his head, and his face *was* as it were
the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
[2] And he had in his hand a little book
open: and he set his right foot upon
the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth,
[3] And cried with a loud voice, as *when*

a lion roareth: and when he had cried,
seven thunders uttered their voices.
4 And when the seven thunders had
uttered their voices, I was about to
write: and I heard a voice from heaven
saying unto me, Seal up those things
which the seven thunders uttered, and
write them not. 5 And the angel which
I saw stand upon the sea and upon
the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
6 And sware by him that liveth for ever
and ever, who created heaven, and the
things that therein are, and the earth,
and the things that therein are, and the
sea, and the things which are therein,
that there should be time no longer:

7 But in the days of the voice of the
seventh angel, when he shall begin to
sound, the mystery of God should be
finished, as he hath declared to his ser-
vants the prophets. 8 And the voice
which I heard from heaven spake unto
me again, and said, Go *and* take the
little book which is open in the hand
of the angel which standeth upon the
sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went
unto the angel, and said unto him,
Give me the little book. And he said
unto me, Take *it*, and eat it up; and it
shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall
be in thy mouth sweet as honey. 10 And
I took the little book out of the an-

gel's hand, and ate it up; and it was
in my mouth sweet as honey: and as
soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bit-
ter. [11] And he said unto me, Thou must
prophesy again before many peoples,
and nations, and tongues, and kings.

11 And there was given me a reed
like unto a rod: and the angel stood,
saying, Rise, and measure the tem-
ple of God, and the altar, and them
that worship therein. [2] But the court
which is without the temple leave out,
and measure it not; for it is given
unto the Gentiles: and the holy city
shall they tread under foot forty *and*

two months.* 3 And I will give *power*
unto my two witnesses, and they shall
prophesy a thousand two hundred
and threescore days, clothed in sack-
cloth.* 4 These are the two olive trees,
and the two candlesticks standing be-
fore the God of the earth. 5 And
if any man will hurt them, fire pro-
ceedeth out of their mouth, and de-
voureth their enemies: and if any man
will hurt them, he must in this manner
be killed. 6 These have power to shut
heaven, that it rain not in the days of

11.2. leave out: Gr. cast out.

3. I will give...: or, I will give unto my two witnesses that they may prophesy.

their prophecy: and have power over
waters to turn them to blood, and to
smite the earth with all plagues, as of-
ten as they will. 7 And when they
shall have finished their testimony, the
beast that ascendeth out of the bot-
tomless pit shall make war against
them, and shall overcome them, and
kill them. 8 And their dead bodies
shall lie in the street of the great city,
which spiritually is called Sodom and
Egypt, where also our Lord was cruci-
fied. 9 And they of the people and kin-
dreds and tongues and nations shall
see their dead bodies three days and
an half, and shall not suffer their dead

bodies to be put in graves. 10 And
they that dwell upon the earth shall
rejoice over them, and make merry,
and shall send gifts one to another; be-
cause these two prophets tormented
them that dwelt on the earth. 11 And
after three days and an half the Spirit
of life from God entered into them,
and they stood upon their feet; and
great fear fell upon them which saw
them. 12 And they heard a great voice
from heaven saying unto them, Come
up hither. And they ascended up to
heaven in a cloud; and their enemies
beheld them. 13 And the same hour
was there a great earthquake, and the

tenth part of the city fell, and in the
earthquake were slain of men seven
thousand: and the remnant were af-
frighted, and gave glory to the God of
heaven.* 14 The second woe is past; *and*,
behold, the third woe cometh quickly.
15 And the seventh angel sounded; and
there were great voices in heaven, say-
ing, The kingdoms of this world are
become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and
of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever
and ever. 16 And the four and twenty
elders, which sat before God on their
seats, fell upon their faces, and wor-
shipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee

13. of men: Gr. names of men.

thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which
art, and wast, and art to come; be-
cause thou hast taken to thee thy great
power, and hast reigned. 18 And the
nations were angry, and thy wrath is
come, and the time of the dead, that
they should be judged, and that thou
shouldest give reward unto thy ser-
vants the prophets, and to the saints,
and them that fear thy name, small
and great; and shouldest destroy them
which destroy the earth.* 19 And the
temple of God was opened in heaven,
and there was seen in his temple the
ark of his testament: and there were

18. destroy the earth: or, corrupt the earth.

lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

12 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed
with the sun, and the moon under
her feet, and upon her head a crown
of twelve stars:* 2 And she being with
child cried, travailing in birth, and
pained to be delivered. 3 And there
appeared another wonder in heaven;
and behold a great red dragon, having
seven heads and ten horns, and seven
crowns upon his heads.* 4 And his tail

12.1. wonder: or, sign.
3. wonder: or, sign.

drew the third part of the stars of
heaven, and did cast them to the earth:
and the dragon stood before the wo-
man which was ready to be delivered,
for to devour her child as soon as it was
born. 5 And she brought forth a man
child, who was to rule all nations with
a rod of iron: and her child was caught
up unto God, and *to* his throne. 6 And
the woman fled into the wilderness,
where she hath a place prepared of
God, that they should feed her there a
thousand two hundred *and* threescore
days. 7 And there was war in heaven:
Michael and his angels fought against
the dragon; and the dragon fought

and his angels, 8 And prevailed not;
neither was their place found any more
in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was
cast out, that old serpent, called the
Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the
whole world: he was cast out into the
earth, and his angels were cast out with
him. 10 And I heard a loud voice say-
ing in heaven, Now is come salvation,
and strength, and the kingdom of our
God, and the power of his Christ:
for the accuser of our brethren is cast
down, which accused them before our
God day and night. 11 And they over-
came him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by the word of their testimony;

and they loved not their lives unto the
death. 12 Therefore rejoice, *ye* heav-
ens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe
to the inhabiters of the earth and of
the sea! for the devil is come down
unto you, having great wrath, because
he knoweth that he hath but a short
time. 13 And when the dragon saw that
he was cast unto the earth, he perse-
cuted the woman which brought forth
the man *child*. 14 And to the woman
were given two wings of a great eagle,
that she might fly into the wilderness,
into her place, where she is nourished
for a time, and times, and half a time,
from the face of the serpent. 15 And the

serpent cast out of his mouth water as
a flood after the woman, that he might
cause her to be carried away of the
flood. [16] And the earth helped the wo-
man, and the earth opened her mouth,
and swallowed up the flood which the
dragon cast out of his mouth. [17] And
the dragon was wroth with the wo-
man, and went to make war with the
remnant of her seed, which keep the
commandments of God, and have the
testimony of Jesus Christ.

13 And I stood upon the sand of
the sea, and saw a beast rise up out
of the sea, having seven heads and

ten horns, and upon his horns ten
crowns, and upon his heads the name
of blasphemy.* 2 And the beast which
I saw was like unto a leopard, and his
feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his
mouth as the mouth of a lion: and
the dragon gave him his power, and his
seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw
one of his heads as it were wounded
to death; and his deadly wound was
healed: and all the world wondered af-
ter the beast.* 4 And they worshipped
the dragon which gave power unto
the beast: and they worshipped the

13.1. name: or, names.
3. wounded: Gr. slain.

beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the
beast? who is able to make war with
him? 5 And there was given unto
him a mouth speaking great things
and blasphemies; and power was given
unto him to continue forty *and* two
months.* 6 And he opened his mouth
in blasphemy against God, to blas-
pheme his name, and his taberna-
cle, and them that dwell in heaven.
7 And it was given unto him to make
war with the saints, and to overcome
them: and power was given him over
all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
8 And all that dwell upon the earth

5. to continue: or, to make war.

shall worship him, whose names are
not written in the book of life of the
Lamb slain from the foundation of the
world. 9 If any man have an ear, let
him hear. 10 He that leadeth into cap-
tivity shall go into captivity: he that
killeth with the sword must be killed
with the sword. Here is the patience
and the faith of the saints. 11 And I be-
held another beast coming up out of
the earth; and he had two horns like a
lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And
he exerciseth all the power of the
first beast before him, and causeth the
earth and them which dwell therein to
worship the first beast, whose deadly

wound was healed. [13] And he doeth
great wonders, so that he maketh fire
come down from heaven on the earth
in the sight of men, [14] And deceiveth
them that dwell on the earth by *the*
means of those miracles which he had
power to do in the sight of the beast;
saying to them that dwell on the earth,
that they should make an image to
the beast, which had the wound by
a sword, and did live. [15] And he had
power to give life unto the image of
the beast, that the image of the beast
should both speak, and cause that as
many as would not worship the image

of the beast should be killed.* [16] And
he causeth all, both small and great,
rich and poor, free and bond, to re-
ceive a mark in their right hand, or in
their foreheads:* [17] And that no man
might buy or sell, save he that had the
mark, or the name of the beast, or the
number of his name. [18] Here is wis-
dom. Let him that hath understand-
ing count the number of the beast: for
it is the number of a man; and his num-
ber *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six.

14 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb
stood on the mount Sion, and with

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15. life: Gr. breath.

16. to receive: Gr. to give them.

him an hundred forty *and* four thou-
sand, having his Father's name writ-
ten in their foreheads. 2 And I heard
a voice from heaven, as the voice of
many waters, and as the voice of a
great thunder: and I heard the voice
of harpers harping with their harps:
3 And they sung as it were a new song
before the throne, and before the four
beasts, and the elders: and no man
could learn that song but the hun-
dred *and* forty *and* four thousand,
which were redeemed from the earth.
4 These are they which were not de-
filed with women; for they are virgins.
These are they which follow the Lamb

whithersoever he goeth. These were
redeemed from among men, *being* the
firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*
5 And in their mouth was found no
guile: for they are without fault before
the throne of God. 6 And I saw an-
other angel fly in the midst of heaven,
having the everlasting gospel to preach
unto them that dwell on the earth,
and to every nation, and kindred, and
tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a
loud voice, Fear God, and give glory
to him; for the hour of his judgment
is come: and worship him that made
heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the

14.4. redeemed: Gr. bought.

fountains of waters. 8 And there fol-
lowed another angel, saying, Babylon
is fallen, is fallen, that great city, be-
cause she made all nations drink of
the wine of the wrath of her fornica-
tion. 9 And the third angel followed
them, saying with a loud voice, If any
man worship the beast and his image,
and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or
in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of
the wine of the wrath of God, which is
poured out without mixture into the
cup of his indignation; and he shall be
tormented with fire and brimstone in
the presence of the holy angels, and in
the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the

smoke of their torment ascendeth up
for ever and ever: and they have no
rest day nor night, who worship the
beast and his image, and whosoever re-
ceiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here
is the patience of the saints: here *are*
they that keep the commandments of
God, and the faith of Jesus. 13 And I
heard a voice from heaven saying unto
me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which
die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea,
saith the Spirit, that they may rest
from their labours; and their works
do follow them.* 14 And I looked, and

13. from henceforth...: or, from henceforth saith the Spirit, Yea.

behold a white cloud, and upon the
cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man,
having on his head a golden crown,
and in his hand a sharp sickle. [15] And
another angel came out of the temple,
crying with a loud voice to him that
sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle,
and reap: for the time is come for thee
to reap; for the harvest of the earth is
ripe.* [16] And he that sat on the cloud
thrust in his sickle on the earth; and
the earth was reaped. [17] And another
angel came out of the temple which is
in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
[18] And another angel came out from

15. ripe: or, dried.

the altar, which had power over fire;
and cried with a loud cry to him that
had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in
thy sharp sickle, and gather the clus-
ters of the vine of the earth; for her
grapes are fully ripe. [19] And the angel
thrust in his sickle into the earth, and
gathered the vine of the earth, and cast
it into the great winepress of the wrath
of God. [20] And the winepress was trod-
den without the city, and blood came
out of the winepress, even unto the
horse bridles, by the space of a thou-
sand *and* six hundred furlongs.

15 And I saw another sign in

heaven, great and marvellous, seven
angels having the seven last plagues;
for in them is filled up the wrath of
God. 2 And I saw as it were a sea
of glass mingled with fire: and them
that had gotten the victory over the
beast, and over his image, and over
his mark, *and* over the number of his
name, stand on the sea of glass, hav-
ing the harps of God. 3 And they
sing the song of Moses the servant
of God, and the song of the Lamb,
saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy
works, Lord God Almighty; just and
true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.*

15.3. saints: or, nations, or, ages.

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord,
and glorify thy name? for *thou* only
art holy: for all nations shall come
and worship before thee; for thy judg-
ments are made manifest. 5 And after
that I looked, and, behold, the temple
of the tabernacle of the testimony in
heaven was opened: 6 And the seven
angels came out of the temple, having
the seven plagues, clothed in pure and
white linen, and having their breasts
girded with golden girdles. 7 And one
of the four beasts gave unto the seven
angels seven golden vials full of the
wrath of God, who liveth for ever and
ever. 8 And the temple was filled with

smoke from the glory of God, and
from his power; and no man was able
to enter into the temple, till the seven
plagues of the seven angels were ful-
filled.

16 And I heard a great voice out of
the temple saying to the seven angels,
Go your ways, and pour out the vials
of the wrath of God upon the earth.
2 And the first went, and poured out
his vial upon the earth; and there fell
a noisome and grievous sore upon the
men which had the mark of the beast,
and *upon* them which worshipped his
image. 3 And the second angel poured
out his vial upon the sea; and it be-

came as the blood of a dead *man*: and
every living soul died in the sea. 4 And
the third angel poured out his vial
upon the rivers and fountains of wa-
ters; and they became blood. 5 And
I heard the angel of the waters say,
Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art,
and wast, and shalt be, because thou
hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed
the blood of saints and prophets, and
thou hast given them blood to drink;
for they are worthy. 7 And I heard
another out of the altar say, Even so,
Lord God Almighty, true and righ-
teous *are* thy judgments. 8 And the
fourth angel poured out his vial upon

the sun; and power was given unto him
to scorch men with fire. 9 And men
were scorched with great heat, and
blasphemed the name of God, which
hath power over these plagues: and
they repented not to give him glory.*
10 And the fifth angel poured out his
vial upon the seat of the beast; and
his kingdom was full of darkness; and
they gnawed their tongues for pain,
11 And blasphemed the God of heaven
because of their pains and their sores,
and repented not of their deeds. 12 And
the sixth angel poured out his vial
upon the great river Euphrates; and

16.9. scorched: or, burned.

the water thereof was dried up, that
the way of the kings of the east might
be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean
spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth
of the dragon, and out of the mouth of
the beast, and out of the mouth of the
false prophet. 14 For they are the spir-
its of devils, working miracles, *which*
go forth unto the kings of the earth
and of the whole world, to gather
them to the battle of that great day
of God Almighty. 15 Behold, I come
as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watch-
eth, and keepeth his garments, lest he
walk naked, and they see his shame.
16 And he gathered them together into

a place called in the Hebrew tongue
Armageddon. 17 And the seventh an-
gel poured out his vial into the air;
and there came a great voice out of
the temple of heaven, from the throne,
saying, It is done. 18 And there were
voices, and thunders, and lightnings;
and there was a great earthquake, such
as was not since men were upon the
earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and*
so great. 19 And the great city was di-
vided into three parts, and the cities
of the nations fell: and great Babylon
came in remembrance before God, to
give unto her the cup of the wine of
the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And ev-

ery island fled away, and the mountains were not found. [21] And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

17 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: [2] With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the in-

habitants of the earth have been made
drunk with the wine of her fornica-
tion. 3 So he carried me away in the
spirit into the wilderness: and I saw
a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured
beast, full of names of blasphemy,
having seven heads and ten horns.
4 And the woman was arrayed in pur-
ple and scarlet colour, and decked
with gold and precious stones and
pearls, having a golden cup in her hand
full of abominations and filthiness
of her fornication:* 5 And upon her
forehead *was* a name written, MYS-
TERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,

17.4. decked: Gr. gilded.

THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE
EARTH.* 6 And I saw the woman
drunken with the blood of the saints,
and with the blood of the martyrs of
Jesus: and when I saw her, I won-
dered with great admiration. 7 And
the angel said unto me, Wherefore
didst thou marvel? I will tell thee
the mystery of the woman, and of the
beast that carrieth her, which hath
the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The
beast that thou sawest was, and is not;
and shall ascend out of the bottom-
less pit, and go into perdition: and

5. harlots: or, fornications.

they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in
the book of life from the foundation
of the world, when they behold the
beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
9 And here *is* the mind which hath
wisdom. The seven heads are seven
mountains, on which the woman sit-
teth. 10 And there are seven kings: five
are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is
not yet come; and when he cometh,
he must continue a short space. 11 And
the beast that was, and is not, even
he is the eighth, and is of the seven,
and goeth into perdition. 12 And the
ten horns which thou sawest are ten

kings, which have received no king-
dom as yet; but receive power as kings
one hour with the beast. 13 These have
one mind, and shall give their power
and strength unto the beast. 14 These
shall make war with the Lamb, and
the Lamb shall overcome them: for
he is Lord of lords, and King of kings:
and they that are with him *are* called,
and chosen, and faithful. 15 And he
saith unto me, The waters which thou
sawest, where the whore sitteth, are
peoples, and multitudes, and nations,
and tongues. 16 And the ten horns
which thou sawest upon the beast,
these shall hate the whore, and shall

make her desolate and naked, and shall
eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
17 For God hath put in their hearts to
fulfil his will, and to agree, and give
their kingdom unto the beast, until
the words of God shall be fulfilled.
18 And the woman which thou sawest
is that great city, which reigneth over
the kings of the earth.

18 And after these things I saw an-
other angel come down from heaven,
having great power; and the earth
was lightened with his glory. 2 And
he cried mightily with a strong voice,
saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is

fallen, and is become the habitation of
devils, and the hold of every foul spirit,
and a cage of every unclean and hate-
ful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk
of the wine of the wrath of her for-
nication, and the kings of the earth
have committed fornication with her,
and the merchants of the earth are
waxed rich through the abundance of
her delicacies.* 4 And I heard another
voice from heaven, saying, Come out
of her, my people, that ye be not par-
takers of her sins, and that ye receive
not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have
reached unto heaven, and God hath

18.3. abundance: or, power.

remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward
her even as she rewarded you, and dou-
ble unto her double according to her
works: in the cup which she hath filled
fill to her double. 7 How much she
hath glorified herself, and lived deli-
ciously, so much torment and sorrow
give her: for she saith in her heart, I
sit a queen, and am no widow, and
shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall
her plagues come in one day, death,
and mourning, and famine; and she
shall be utterly burned with fire: for
strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth
her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who
have committed fornication and lived

deliciously with her, shall bewail her,
and lament for her, when they shall see
the smoke of her burning, [10] Standing
afar off for the fear of her torment, say-
ing, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon,
that mighty city! for in one hour is thy
judgment come. [11] And the merchants
of the earth shall weep and mourn
over her; for no man buyeth their mer-
chandise any more: [12] The merchan-
dise of gold, and silver, and precious
stones, and of pearls, and fine linen,
and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and
all thyine wood, and all manner ves-
sels of ivory, and all manner vessels
of most precious wood, and of brass,

and iron, and marble,* [13] And cinna-
mon, and odours, and ointments, and
frankincense, and wine, and oil, and
fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and
sheep, and horses, and chariots, and
slaves, and souls of men.* [14] And the
fruits that thy soul lusted after are de-
parted from thee, and all things which
were dainty and goodly are departed
from thee, and thou shalt find them no
more at all. [15] The merchants of these
things, which were made rich by her,
shall stand afar off for the fear of her
torment, weeping and wailing, [16] And

12. thyine: or, sweet.
13. slaves: or, bodies.

saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that
was clothed in fine linen, and purple,
and scarlet, and decked with gold, and
precious stones, and pearls! 17 For in
one hour so great riches is come to
nought. And every shipmaster, and all
the company in ships, and sailors, and
as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,
18 And cried when they saw the smoke
of her burning, saying, What *city is* like
unto this great city! 19 And they cast
dust on their heads, and cried, weep-
ing and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that
great city, wherein were made rich all
that had ships in the sea by reason
of her costliness! for in one hour is

she made desolate. [20] Rejoice over her,
thou heaven, and *ye* holy apostles and
prophets; for God hath avenged you
on her. [21] And a mighty angel took up a
stone like a great millstone, and cast *it*
into the sea, saying, Thus with violence
shall that great city Babylon be thrown
down, and shall be found no more at
all. [22] And the voice of harpers, and
musicians, and of pipers, and trum-
peters, shall be heard no more at all in
thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever
craft *he be*, shall be found any more
in thee; and the sound of a millstone
shall be heard no more at all in thee;
[23] And the light of a candle shall shine

no more at all in thee; and the voice
of the bridegroom and of the bride
shall be heard no more at all in thee:
for thy merchants were the great men
of the earth; for by thy sorceries were
all nations deceived. 24 And in her was
found the blood of prophets, and of
saints, and of all that were slain upon
the earth.

19 And after these things I heard a
great voice of much people in heaven,
saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory,
and honour, and power, unto the Lord
our God: 2 For true and righteous *are*
his judgments: for he hath judged the

great whore, which did corrupt the
earth with her fornication, and hath
avenged the blood of his servants at
her hand. 3 And again they said, Al-
leluia. And her smoke rose up for ever
and ever. 4 And the four and twenty
elders and the four beasts fell down
and worshipped God that sat on the
throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. 5 And
a voice came out of the throne, say-
ing, Praise our God, all ye his ser-
vants, and ye that fear him, both small
and great. 6 And I heard as it were
the voice of a great multitude, and as
the voice of many waters, and as the
voice of mighty thunderings, saying,

Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipo-
tent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and re-
joice, and give honour to him: for the
marriage of the Lamb is come, and his
wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to
her was granted that she should be ar-
rayed in fine linen, clean and white: for
the fine linen is the righteousness of
saints.* 9 And he saith unto me, Write,
Blessed *are* they which are called unto
the marriage supper of the Lamb. And
he saith unto me, These are the true
sayings of God. 10 And I fell at his feet
to worship him. And he said unto
me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fel-

19.8. white: or, bright.

lowservant, and of thy brethren that
have the testimony of Jesus: worship
God: for the testimony of Jesus is the
spirit of prophecy. 11 And I saw heaven
opened, and behold a white horse; and
he that sat upon him *was* called Faith-
ful and True, and in righteousness he
doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes
were as a flame of fire, and on his head
were many crowns; and he had a name
written, that no man knew, but he
himself. 13 And he *was* clothed with a
vesture dipped in blood: and his name
is called The Word of God. 14 And
the armies *which were* in heaven fol-
lowed him upon white horses, clothed

in fine linen, white and clean. [15] And
out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,
that with it he should smite the na-
tions: and he shall rule them with a
rod of iron: and he treadeth the wine-
press of the fierceness and wrath of Al-
mighty God. [16] And he hath on *his* ves-
ture and on his thigh a name written,
KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF
LORDS. [17] And I saw an angel stand-
ing in the sun; and he cried with a loud
voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in
the midst of heaven, Come and gather
yourselves together unto the supper of
the great God; [18] That ye may eat the
flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains,

and the flesh of mighty men, and the
flesh of horses, and of them that sit
on them, and the flesh of all *men, both*
free and bond, both small and great.
19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of
the earth, and their armies, gathered
together to make war against him that
sat on the horse, and against his army.
20 And the beast was taken, and with
him the false prophet that wrought
miracles before him, with which he
deceived them that had received the
mark of the beast, and them that wor-
shipped his image. These both were
cast alive into a lake of fire burning
with brimstone. 21 And the remnant

were slain with the sword of him that
sat upon the horse, which *sword* pro-
ceeded out of his mouth: and all the
fowls were filled with their flesh.

20 And I saw an angel come down
from heaven, having the key of the
bottomless pit and a great chain in
his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the
dragon, that old serpent, which is the
Devil, and Satan, and bound him a
thousand years, 3 And cast him into
the bottomless pit, and shut him up,
and set a seal upon him, that he should
deceive the nations no more, till the
thousand years should be fulfilled: and
after that he must be loosed a little sea-

son. [4] And I saw thrones, and they sat
upon them, and judgment was given
unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them
that were beheaded for the witness of
Jesus, and for the word of God, and
which had not worshipped the beast,
neither his image, neither had received
his mark upon their foreheads, or in
their hands; and they lived and reigned
with Christ a thousand years. [5] But
the rest of the dead lived not again un-
til the thousand years were finished.
This *is* the first resurrection. [6] Blessed
and holy *is* he that hath part in the
first resurrection: on such the second
death hath no power, but they shall

be priests of God and of Christ, and
shall reign with him a thousand years.
7 And when the thousand years are
expired, Satan shall be loosed out of
his prison, 8 And shall go out to de-
ceive the nations which are in the four
quarters of the earth, Gog and Ma-
gog, to gather them together to bat-
tle: the number of whom *is* as the
sand of the sea. 9 And they went up
on the breadth of the earth, and com-
passed the camp of the saints about,
and the beloved city: and fire came
down from God out of heaven, and
devoured them. 10 And the devil that
deceived them was cast into the lake

of fire and brimstone, where the beast
and the false prophet *are*, and shall
be tormented day and night for ever
and ever. [11] And I saw a great white
throne, and him that sat on it, from
whose face the earth and the heaven
fled away; and there was found no
place for them. [12] And I saw the dead,
small and great, stand before God; and
the books were opened: and another
book was opened, which is *the book*
of life: and the dead were judged out
of those things which were written in
the books, according to their works.
[13] And the sea gave up the dead which
were in it; and death and hell delivered

up the dead which were in them: and
they were judged every man according
to their works.* 14 And death and hell
were cast into the lake of fire. This is
the second death. 15 And whosoever
was not found written in the book of
life was cast into the lake of fire.

21 And I saw a new heaven and a
new earth: for the first heaven and the
first earth were passed away; and there
was no more sea. 2 And I John saw
the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming
down from God out of heaven, pre-
pared as a bride adorned for her hus-

20.13. hell: or, the grave.

band. 3 And I heard a great voice out
of heaven saying, Behold, the taberna-
cle of God *is* with men, and he will
dwell with them, and they shall be his
people, and God himself shall be with
them, *and be* their God. 4 And God
shall wipe away all tears from their
eyes; and there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying, neither
shall there be any more pain: for the
former things are passed away. 5 And
he that sat upon the throne said, Be-
hold, I make all things new. And he
said unto me, Write: for these words
are true and faithful. 6 And he said
unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and

Omega, the beginning and the end.
I will give unto him that is athirst of
the fountain of the water of life freely.
7 He that overcometh shall inherit all
things; and I will be his God, and
he shall be my son.* 8 But the fear-
ful, and unbelieving, and the abom-
inable, and murderers, and whore-
mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters,
and all liars, shall have their part in
the lake which burneth with fire and
brimstone: which is the second death.
9 And there came unto me one of
the seven angels which had the seven
vials full of the seven last plagues, and

21.7. all things: or, these things.

talked with me, saying, Come hither,
I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's
wife. [10] And he carried me away in the
spirit to a great and high mountain,
and shewed me that great city, the holy
Jerusalem, descending out of heaven
from God, [11] Having the glory of God:
and her light *was* like unto a stone
most precious, even like a jasper stone,
clear as crystal; [12] And had a wall great
and high, *and* had twelve gates, and
at the gates twelve angels, and names
written thereon, which are *the names*
of the twelve tribes of the children of
Israel: [13] On the east three gates; on the
north three gates; on the south three

gates; and on the west three gates.
14 And the wall of the city had twelve
foundations, and in them the names
of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15 And he that talked with me had a
golden reed to measure the city, and
the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
16 And the city lieth foursquare, and
the length is as large as the breadth:
and he measured the city with the
reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The
length and the breadth and the height
of it are equal. 17 And he measured the
wall thereof, an hundred *and* forty *and*
four cubits, *according to* the measure of
a man, that is, of the angel. 18 And the

building of the wall of it was *of* jasper:
and the city *was* pure gold, like unto
clear glass. [19] And the foundations of
the wall of the city *were* garnished with
all manner of precious stones. The
first foundation *was* jasper; the sec-
ond, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony;
the fourth, an emerald; [20] The fifth, sar-
donyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh,
chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth,
a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the
eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an
amethyst. [21] And the twelve gates *were*
twelve pearls; every several gate was of
one pearl: and the street of the city
was pure gold, as it were transparent

glass. [22] And I saw no temple therein:
for the Lord God Almighty and the
Lamb are the temple of it. [23] And the
city had no need of the sun, neither of
the moon, to shine in it: for the glory
of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is*
the light thereof. [24] And the nations of
them which are saved shall walk in the
light of it: and the kings of the earth
do bring their glory and honour into
it. [25] And the gates of it shall not be
shut at all by day: for there shall be
no night there. [26] And they shall bring
the glory and honour of the nations
into it. [27] And there shall in no wise
enter into it any thing that defileth,

neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which
are written in the Lamb's book of life.
22 And he shewed me a pure river
of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God
and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of
the street of it, and on either side of
the river, *was there* the tree of life,
which bare twelve *manner of* fruits,
and yielded her fruit every month: and
the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall
be no more curse: but the throne of
God and of the Lamb shall be in it;
and his servants shall serve him: 4 And

they shall see his face; and his name
shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there
shall be no night there; and they need
no candle, neither light of the sun;
for the Lord God giveth them light:
and they shall reign for ever and ever.
6 And he said unto me, These sayings
are faithful and true: and the Lord
God of the holy prophets sent his an-
gel to shew unto his servants the things
which must shortly be done. 7 Be-
hold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that
keepeth the sayings of the prophecy
of this book. 8 And I John saw these
things, and heard *them*. And when I
had heard and seen, I fell down to wor-

ship before the feet of the angel which
shewed me these things. 9 Then saith
he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I
am thy fellowservant, and of thy breth-
ren the prophets, and of them which
keep the sayings of this book: wor-
ship God. 10 And he saith unto me,
Seal not the sayings of the prophecy
of this book: for the time is at hand.
11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust
still: and he which is filthy, let him be
filthy still: and he that is righteous, let
him be righteous still: and he that is
holy, let him be holy still. 12 And, be-
hold, I come quickly; and my reward
is with me, to give every man accord-

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pha and Omega, the beginning and
the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed
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say, Come. And let him that is athirst
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